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**Sixth
Annual Report
and
Balance Sheet**



1972

WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY COLLEGE UNION

Board of Management 1972

Chairman:

Mr. D. Lear, B.Sc.

Deputy Chairman:

Mr. P. Castle, M.Sc.

Secretary/Manager:

Mr. I. L. Dunn, LL.B., p.s.a., p.f.c.
(appointed 3rd March, 1969)

Members:

Mr. N. L. Adams, B.Sc., M.A.Ps.S.	Mr. M. P. McCarney
Mr. J. E. O. Beale	Mr. M. Ross, B.A.
Mr. B. J. Doyle, B.V.Sc.	Mr. R. F. Stewart, B. Com., Dip.Ed.
Miss M. Edmonds (from 1st Nov.)	Mr. B. Dellit, B.A., Dip. Ed. (till 20th June)
Mr. A. Gardener (till 1st Nov.)	
Miss G. Hart, B.A.	

Development Committee:

House & Activities Committee:

Mr. I. L. Dunn (Convenor)
Mr. D. Lear
Mr. N. L. Adams
Miss C. Stewart
Mr. I. Daley
Mr. G. Pallister
Miss G. Hart

Mr. D. Lear (Convenor)
Miss G. Hart
Mr. P. Castle
Mr. I. L. Dunn
Mr. N. L. Adams (representing
Sports Association)
Mr. A. Messina (representing Sports
Association)

Clubs & Societies Committee:

Debates Committee:

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Mr. C. G. Cupit
Mr. D. Lear
Mr. I. L. Dunn
Mr. R. Mason
Mr. G. Pallister
Miss H. Howchin

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* Mr. D. Vance
* Mrs. C. Williams
Mr. P. Castle
* Miss J. Rutherford
* Mr. G. Carr
* Miss B. Jakeman

Finance & Personnel Committee:

Mr. I. L. Dunn (Convenor)	Mr. P. Castle
Mr. D. Lear	Mr. M. Ross

* Not members of the Board of Management.

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

THE BOARD'S PART IN DECISION MAKING ABOUT THE UNION

RESPONSIBILITIES OF UNION BOARD

The Union Board has two main responsibilities. First, it must ensure the continuance of amenity-type services and cultural activities for the College. Second, it is vitally concerned about the provision of social and recreational premises and facilities to meet the needs of the future University of Wollongong. The successful implementation of these duties obviously requires mutual trust and co-operation between the Board and its officers on the one hand and the College Council and its officers on the other. Yet despite many attempts by the Board to establish good relations to that end it seemed, by mid-1972, that its requests for co-operation were not welcome. Since the Board was unable to presume that this state of affairs was acceptable to the College or University Councils it authorised its Chairman to write to the Warden in the terms of the letter printed at Appendix A.

MEETING WITH WARDEN

As a result of this approach the Chairman and Secretary/Manager met the Warden on 5th October 1972; but in view of subsequent occurrences (noted hereunder) it appears as if the letter and the meeting were ineffective.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE UNION

An Ad Hoc Committee (of College Council) on the Union was recently established with wide terms of reference and Union, SRC and Sports Association representatives were invited to attend the first meeting on 29th August, 1972. At that meeting:—

(a) It was agreed to recommend to the College Council that amendments to the Union Constitution (submitted on 7th April 1972 and dealing mainly with the composition of the Union Board) be approved. **At the time of writing, some five months after the meeting, the Board had not been informed of the outcome of this recommendation.**

(b) There was no dissension from the terms of a foreshadowed motion as follows:—

“ That this Committee recommends that College Council accepts as a University responsibility the fulfilling of the aims and the meeting of the objects as detailed on page 3 of the document 'Interim Report of the Joint Working Party on Amenities to the Student Affairs Committee', and recognises the Union, in conjunction with the Sports Association, (governed autonomously by a board of management responsible to Council through its constitution and administered by a university employee) as the organ through which this responsibility is to be discharged.” (See Appendix B).

(c) An Undertaking was given that future meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee would include the invited representatives of the Union, the SRC and the Sports Association. **It is not known whether the foreshadowed motion was ever put; and it is understood that there have been subsequent meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee without the presence of the invited representatives.**

The Board notes (from the College Information Bulletin) that a second committee is now dealing with the affairs of the Union in matters which are the direct concern of the Board. At the time of writing (January 1973) no representative of the Board had been invited to attend its meetings nor had the Board been asked to submit advice to the Committee. It would, of course, gladly do both.

REPUDIATION OF UNION BOARD

Information has been provided that College administrative officials have been in contact with other universities on matters connected with the future planning and development of our Union. It is reported that some of the questions asked were of a most elementary character; the answers to which were well within the competence of our own Union administrators: others, we are told, were of a more philosophical nature calling for assessments based on local knowledge and policies rather than simple answers. When asked on one

occasion why the Secretary/Manager of our own Union was not being consulted a reply to the effect that he was too busy was given: on another occasion the person interviewed reports that he got the clear impression that our own Union Board and its officers were fully informed of, and involved in, the investigations. The converse represents the true situation. It is submitted that this practice evidences an unjustifiable lack of confidence by the College administration in the Board of Management.

UNION BUILDING DEVELOPMENT

For about three years successive Boards attempted without result to secure the co-operation of the College and the University in the production of building and financial plans for future development. The object was quite simply to outline desirable objectives so as to provide some idea of the costs likely to be involved. Eventually, in 1972, the services of the University Architect were obtained and it was agreed that, in the production of preliminary sketch plans, he would liaise as necessary with the appropriate executive officers of the College and Union administrations. In the middle of these normal staff relations the University Architect advised that he had been told that "certain alterations" had been made to the plans he had previously agreed on to meet the Board's requirements and priorities, and that he had been forbidden to discuss the matter further until the plans were presented formally.

In due course the plans were presented to and rejected by the University Planning Committee for Stage III of the Union on the grounds that they did not meet the stated requirements. These proceedings were naturally viewed by the Board with disfavour and caused considerable embarrassment to those concerned.

Concurrently with the efforts made to reach agreement on building plans the Board proposed outline financial plans for the developments envisaged. Despite numerous approaches and submissions aimed at achieving a common approach to and understanding of the problems involved no staff discussions on the subject took place until after the Board had been advised that there was no need to contemplate a bank loan at present; (the way was left open for future discussions on the subject). Subsequent discussions with College administrative officers failed to clarify the position with regard to a bank loan, to other equally important components of the financial plan submitted by the Board on 16th February 1972 or to the Union's share of the Equipment Grant of \$1.16 million recommended for the College as a whole by the Australian Universities Commission.

THE BOARD'S VIEW OF EXISTING RELATIONS

The foregoing examples illustrate an unsatisfactory situation which should be rectified. And, as indicated above, the essential starting point is the establishment of mutual trust and co-operation between the Board and the Council. The Board is of the clear opinion that it is duty bound to make recommendations to the Council which, in the Board's view, affect the interests of the Union and the University; it believes also that it has a right to be heard on all matters affecting its position within the University and that, when decisions are made contrary to the recommendations of the Board, full reasons should be given. The Board is unable to presume that the College and University Councils would take a contrary view.

PAST EFFORTS TO IMPROVE SITUATION

For seasons which will now be obvious there exists little common purpose at the College on those matters affecting the joint interests of the Union and the University. Such uncertainty is not only adversely affecting today's staff and students, it is gravely prejudicing the future. It would thus seem essential for the University to formulate a policy which will command the enthusiastic support of the representatives of those likely to be affected by it. This is quite unlikely to happen if staff and students are not brought fully into the Council's confidence from the beginning.

Those campus organisations concerned with amenities, cultural activities and recreation have long considered that better results in these fields could be achieved. They have, however, refrained from asserting how this should be done because a statement of College purpose was not available. Believing further that they had a duty to assist and advise the College Council in the formulation of appropriate objectives two reports were written to that end: the first in 1969 by a Joint Committee on Amenities; the second, which represents the Board's current thinking on the matter, by a Joint Working Party on Amenities which was sponsored by the Council's Student Affairs Committee.

The report of the widely representative Joint Working Party on Amenities set out, in May 1971 for the consideration of Council, its views on the objectives to be attained; and it recommended that, upon the adoption of an agreed policy (see Appendix B), the Working Party be directed by Council to report to it on the best type of organisational structure for extra-curricular affairs at the University of Wollongong. The Student Affairs Committee of Council recommended that this proposal be endorsed; but, as Council declined to give policy guidance on the suggested objectives, the Working Party lapsed.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board recommends to the College Council:—

“ That it note the reasons for the unsatisfactory relations between the Council and the Board and the efforts which have been made by the Board to improve them.

“ That the May 1971 recommendations of the Joint Working Party on Amenities be adopted.”

BOARD MEETINGS

During the calendar year 1972 there were thirteen meetings of the Board attended as follows:—

Board Member	See Note No.	Appointed/Elected by	Meetings	
			Attended	Possible
Adams, Mr. N. L.		Academic Staff	11	13
Reale, Mr. J. E. O.		University Council	11	13
Castle, Mr. P.		Union Members	12	13
Dellit, Mr. B.		SRC (1971-72)	3	6
Doyle, Mr. B. J.		College Council	3	13
Dunn, Mr. I. L.		University Council	13	13
Edmonds, Miss M.	2	SRC (1972)	2	2
Gardener, Mr. A.	1	SRC (1972)	1	4
Hart, Miss G.		SRC (1971-72)	9	13
Lear, Mr. D.		SRC (1971-72)	13	13
McCarney, Mr. M. P.		College Council	1	13
Ross, Mr. M.		SRC (1971-72)	11	13
Stewart, Mr. R. F.		University Council	11	13

Notes: 1. Mr. Gardener resigned 1st November.

2. Miss Edmonds replaced Mr. Gardener from 1st November.

MEMBERSHIP

There were 1475 members (of all classes) in 1972 compared with 1281 in 1971. The following became Life Members during the year:—

Mr. J. L. Barnes	Mrs. B. J. Hoare	Mr. G. K. G. Moore
Mr. G. Brink	Mr. J. H. Hoffman	Mr. P. Owen
Mr. J. Callender	Mrs. V. J. Hoffman	Mr. C. R. Pidgeon
Mrs. J. Castle	Mr. A. P. Hope	Mr. R. Player
Mr. R. G. Castle	Mrs. J. Irving	Mr. B. Ross
Dr. B. Chauncy	Mr. N. D. Jones	Mr. A. I. Segal
Mr. W. Djuricic	Mr. J. Korth	Mr. G. L. Sefton
Dr. R. A. Facer	Mr. D. Lear	Mr. A. W. Smart
Mr. C. H. Fisher	Mr. J. Lising	Mr. J. Towns
Mr. R. D. Frier	Mr. J. W. Martin	Mr. G. Wailes
Mr. J. Hanes	Mr. D. J. McKeegan	Mr. J. F. White
Mr. J. C. Hazell	Mr. B. J. Meek	Mr. B. Williamson
Mr. F. M. van Helden	Dr. G. M. Mockler	Mr. K. Wilton

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held on 12th April and was attended by 21 members of the Union. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet for 1971 was received.

FINANCE

The audited financial statements of the Union appear elsewhere in this report.

The Board gratefully acknowledges a donation of \$50 from the Commercial Bank of Australia Limited which was used to assist defray expenses in staging an art exhibition. The Board is also indebted to the Reginald Warlow

Studios in Wollongong for the gifts of photographic portraits of Board members which appear in the Union Hall.

Despite the Board's stated intention of trying to make catering receipts balance expenses another large loss was recorded on food services during the year. The deficit was \$5556 compared with a deficit of \$6039 in 1971. There were two main factors contributing to the loss. First, the number of private functions held in the Union fell far short of expectation; and secondly, coffee bar and cafeteria prices were too low to make up for the loss of the budgeted function profit. Since it was not until late in the year that the extent of the function shortfall could be assessed, any increase in coffee bar and cafeteria prices at the time would have had only a very small affect on the year's trading results. It was, therefore, decided to defer price rises until 1973.

The Board continued to have regard, not only to the increased costs of servicing existing Union facilities but to the possibility, in the triennial period 1973-75, of funding additional activities associated with the enlarged Stage III Union buildings, of furnishing and equipping new premises and of contributing toward building costs. Since the 1972 level of student fees would be insufficient to provide for the estimated expenditure the Board considered whether it should, on the one hand, set up a pattern of annual fee increases, the amounts of which would depend on annual calculations of requirements and a series of annual negotiations for the College Council's approval. The alternative, on the other hand, was to forecast requirements for a three-year period (to coincide with the triennial pattern of Australian Universities Commission reports) and to set a new level of fees accordingly. The College Council agreed with the latter proposal: the Entrance fee in 1973 will be \$22 and the Annual fee will be raised to \$37. It is the Board's intention that no further fee increase will be proposed before 1976.

UNION ACTIVITIES

The following activities were sponsored by the Board:—

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| 1st March | —Address by Sergeant A. S. Hammond of the Wollongong Police. |
| 2nd March | —Debate on motion "That the female eunuch is deservedly so". |
| 3rd March | —Address by Senator J. T. Kane. |
| 8th March | —Address by Mr. M. Barratt-Brown, University of Sheffield. |
| 16th March
to | —Art Exhibition, Royal Art Society of N.S.W. opened by Sir Erik Langker, OBE, PRAS, FRSA. |
| 7th April | |
| 28th March | —Address by the Lord Mayor of Wollongong, Alderman J. F. Parker. |
| 4th April | —Address by Mr. R. F. X. Connor, Federal Member for Cunningham. |
| 18th April | —Address by Mr. P. D. Hills, Leader of the Opposition in the N.S.W. State Parliament. |
| 2nd May | —Address by Mr. F. J. Darling, Executive Director, N.S.W. Employers' Federation. |
| 4th May | —Address by Associate Professor I. A. Turner, Monash University. |
| 9th May | —Address by Professor R. May, University of Sydney. |
| 22nd May
to | —Exhibition of photographs lent by the Netherlands Embassy. |
| 7th June | |
| 25th May | —Debate on motion "That this House agrees that one good man is worth any number of blast furnaces". |
| 6th June | —Classical guitar recital by Mr. Philip Moore. |
| 13th June | —Address by Mr. Brian Jackson, Oxford University. |
| 15th June | —Recital by Chilean folksinger Pedro Aravello, Technical University of Chile at La Serena. |
| 25th July | —Address by Sir Philip Baxter. |
| 26th July | —A second recital by Pedro Aravello. |
| 27th July | —Address by Mr. L. Aarons, National Secretary, Communist Party of Australia. |
| 27th July
to | —Exhibition of Prints (Mr. John Edward) and Pottery (Mr. James Hall). |
| 11th August | |

- 3rd August —Debate on motion "That this House agrees that public figures should have private lives".
- 8th August —Address by the Right Reverend Clive Kerle, Bishop of Armidale.
- 10th August —Classical guitar recital by Mr. Gregory Pikler.
- 5th September —Address by Mr. J. W. F. Robinson, Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd.
- 5th September —Debate on motion "That this House affirms that Commemoration Week does more harm than good".
- 6th September —Annual Dinner attended by 202 guests. Guest speaker Sir Leslie Herron, Lieutenant-Governor of New South Wales.
- 12th September —Address by Mrs. Wendy McCarthy, Women's Electoral Lobby.
- 13th September —Team sent to Sydney University to debate motion "That tall men are better than short men".
- 19th September —Address by Mr. E. J. Coffey, Director of N.S.W. State Pollution Commission.
- 3rd October —Address by Professor G. Seddon, University of New South Wales.

ART COLLECTION

The following additions were made to the Union's Art Collection:—
 "Sun Wheel 31", a pottery plaque mounted on wood
 by James Hall, \$45.
 "Birchgrove Houses", an oil painting (15" x 12")
 by A. McMillan, \$85.

FACILITIES

The Union Shop, the Co-operative Bookshop and the CBA Bank continued to operate under difficulties in most inadequate premises. It is not known whether better provisions for these concerns will be made in the Stage III buildings.

In an endeavour to cut down queueing at the coffee bar and cafeteria during peak periods, and to provide an alternative service when they were closed, a bank of four vending machines was installed in the Common Room. In general, the machines were very poorly patronised and it seems likely that the improved service which is claimed for them will not materialise until re-designed buildings become available.

The following major items of plant, equipment and furnishings were purchased during the year:— typewriter, postage franking machine, a two-line (12 extension) telephone switchboard (hired from PMG Dept.), deep-freeze cabinet, mixing machine, cash register, electronic calculator, new curtains for Stage I and for the Union Hall, videotape system, pie oven, deep fat fryer, floor polisher, three filing cabinets, 12 dining tables, 100 chairs, additional crockery and cutlery, three radiators.

The acute shortage of office space necessitated the erection of a temporary partitioned office in the Union Shop for use by the Accountant.

PERSONNEL

Throughout the year 47 casual and part-time workers were employed on catering, clerical and cleaning duties. An extra full-time attendant cleaner was employed during the year bringing the permanent staff of the Union to nine as follows:—

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| House & Catering Manager | —Mr. G. Stuart-Street, ACIA (9th February, 1970). |
| Accountant | —Miss H. Fredericks (4th January, 1971). |
| Secretary | —Miss L. Koetz (21st December, 1970). |
| Catering Supervisor | —Mrs. B. Johnson (19th October, 1970). |
| Typist | —Miss L. Stoddart (15th June, 1971). |
| Crew Chief | —Mr. A. C. Burling (19th July, 1971). |
| Attendant Cleaners | —Mr. J. Krumpos (26th September, 1966). |
| | —Mr. H. Rowbotham (26th October, 1966). |
| | —Mr. B. Dunnett (24th July, 1972). |

**WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY COLLEGE UNION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1972**

	1971		\$	
42,925		Members' Fees	\$	51,241.50
19,169		Catering Sales — Coffee Bar	16,722.93	
13,524		Servery	23,646.86	
1,839		Machines	5,632.21	
2,105		Wines	2,332.73	
8,016		Functions	7,182.57	55,517.30
13,233		Shop Sales		18,276.12
26		Concessions		6.51
861		Hire Charges		676.08
1,184		Interest Received		642.11
205		Subscriptions to Annual Dinner		379.00
630		Donations		50.00
—		Sports Association Subvention		1,500.00
784		Sundry Income		957.36
<u>104,501</u>				<u>129,245.98</u>
		LESS: EXPENDITURE		
		Catering Expenses		
24,400		Cost of Goods Sold	31,769.27	
19,121		Wages & Salaries	22,719.99	
1,500		Sundry Expenses	2,457.35	
5,671		Function Costs	4,126.50	61,073.11
<u>50,692</u>				
		Shop Expenses		
10,810		Cost of Goods Sold	14,037.44	
2,973		Wages & Salaries	3,874.00	
101		Sundry Expenses	98.97	18,010.41
<u>13,884</u>				
		General & Administrative Expenses		
152		Affiliated Clubs	629.99	
300		Audit Fees	450.00	
3,657		Depreciation	4,333.39	
745		Insurances	779.35	
—		Loss on Realisation of Investments	702.20	
166		Loss on Disposal of Assets	—	
686		Office Telephone	854.53	
788		Payroll Tax	1,343.84	
1,034		Printing & Stationery	1,379.53	
520		Programmed Activities	1,196.44	
—		Provision for Doubtful Debts	100.00	
563		Provision for Long Service Leave ..	702.01	
818		Repairs & Maintenance	820.48	
2,267		Services & Supplies	2,520.68	
—		Sundry Building Alterations	950.00	
612		Sundry Expenses	529.75	
935		Superannuation	1,097.81	
1,013		Union Catering	1,554.03	
22,650		Wages & Salaries	29,548.24	49,492.27
<u>36,906</u>				<u>128,575.79</u>
<u>101,482</u>				
<u>\$3,019</u>		SURPLUS TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS		<u>\$670.19</u>

AFFILIATED CLUBS

The Board is disappointed to note that there was no increase in the number of affiliated clubs during the year, despite the fact that there are independent clubs on the campus which might well have been encouraged, by assistance from the Union, to enlarge the scope of their activities. There remain four affiliated clubs: and, during the year, the Board appointed a Clubs and Societies Committee composed of two representatives each of these clubs (plus the Chairman and the Secretary/Manager *ex-officio*) to provide for their needs.

Since no complaints about the Union's club affiliation scheme have been received; and, since the Clubs and Societies Committee believes it is doing a good job for presently affiliated clubs and could undoubtedly help many others, it is interesting to speculate upon the reasons which some clubs may have for not wishing to affiliate. *Independence and the wish to avoid direction* would seem to be at the root of opposition to affiliation. So far as the Board is concerned the only substance it can detect in this regard is the rule that members of affiliated clubs must be members of the Union. The restriction is, of course, quite necessary since the Board has no authority to use the funds entrusted to it for the benefit of non-members of the Union. It does seem, however, that membership difficulties are illusory. Where it is necessary *in the interests of a club* for a person who is not a member of the Union to take part in the club's activities (say, as an instructor) then the way is open for the grant of temporary membership.

Then again, perhaps there is a misunderstanding about the rule requiring the reversion of a club's property to the Union in the event of dissolution. Since, as was explained in last year's report, this provision is inserted to safeguard the continuing interests for which clubs establish themselves the alternative or allowing assets to remain unaccounted for and thus, most likely, to disappear is hardly justified.

Finally, it may be that some clubs have been disheartened to find that the Board will not normally grant monies to its affiliates to be spent on catering or liquor. The Board's view is that club dinners, parties and barbecues etc. are to be encouraged *as personal expenses of members*. Union funds, on the other hand, will readily be granted to assist in the functional aspects of club management such as administration, the provision of equipment, the payment of compulsory subscriptions, travelling, the attendance of speakers, and so on.

The Board would, therefore, like to see an increase in affiliated clubs and, with the possibility of this in mind, has left sufficient reserve in the Clubs and Societies budget for 1973 to accommodate new applications. Obvious possibilities which spring to mind are clubs to suit tastes in chess, music, archery, literature, philately, singing, politics and so on.

Reports by the four clubs affiliated to the Union in 1972 follow:—

W.U.C. COMMERCE SOCIETY

President: **Mr. P. Wilson.**

In 1972 the Wollongong University College Commerce Society ended its third year of existence. In this short period the Society has grown quickly and at present, even though it is the youngest campus society, it boasts the second largest membership. Once again we provided enjoyable and useful activities for our members although study commitments limited the time available to the Executive for organisation. The Society is pleased to have been an inaugural member of the Union's Clubs and Societies Committee: it has considerable potential benefit for its members.

As was the case with other Clubs and Societies, the Commerce Society took part in Orientation Week activities to acquaint interested freshers with members of staff and with what to expect in the year ahead. Information booths were provided and an informal wine and cheese gathering was held.

The Commerce Society is the only society on campus to extend its activities into the senior high school sphere. For three years the Society has attempted, with some measure of success, to broaden the sixth former's concept of the meaning and practice of economics. However, with the formation of a local branch of the Economics Teachers Association in 1972 this community activity will now be transferred as that Association will probably be able to provide a better service.

The Society played a vital role in the inauguration of an annual inter-society Gala Day. On this day the societies on campus competed in a variety of sports for a magnificent trophy. Unfortunately the Engineering Society was lucky enough to win in 1972.

On the academic side the Society was extremely fortunate in having one of the world's foremost authorities on international trade and finance, Professor Murray Kemp, accept an invitation to address a gathering of students. The Annual Dinner, which was held on 13th October, completed the year's programme. That the night was a great success was largely due to the interesting and entertaining address given by Professor Warren Musgrove from the University of New England.

K. Irvine, Honorary Secretary.

W.U.C. DRAMA SOCIETY

President: Mr. D. Vance.

The Executive of the Drama Society is pleased to report that the Society, now in its third year of existence, has had a further year of success. Though a second and intended production was not realised, we remained active throughout the year. Our bank balance at the end of the year was a healthy \$182.11.

The Society was faced with a problem at the beginning of the year, when it was found that no member of the academic staff was available to direct the planned production of *Antigone* by Jean Anouilh. We therefore invited Mr. Arch Millar, drama specialist at the Teacher's College, to assist with the direction of this play, a classic of modern theatre. The production was presented in the Wollongong Technical College auditorium on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of June to small but appreciative audiences. We benefitted greatly from the experience Mr. Millar brought to the production, and we would like to take this opportunity once again to express our gratitude. It is to be regretted that our University has not yet appointed a specialist in drama to its academic staff.

A revue for second semester was scheduled, and rehearsals had in fact begun, but the project was shelved, hopefully till next year. The principal reason for this decision was that insufficient material of suitable quality had been obtained. However, much of the preliminary work towards this revue has not gone to waste: It will be incorporated in the next revue. Several play-readings and a poetry reading were also held in second semester.

Early in the year, the Society affiliated with the College Union. The immediate benefits were readily felt by the Society, and we thank the Union Board for its generous assistance. It is, however, the long term goals of such affiliation that are to be finally reckoned profitable. In contributing to the social and cultural life of students, the Union through its affiliated societies, seeks to educate in areas outside the scope of a university degree. To this end, a Clubs and Societies Committee has been formed, so that affiliated clubs can channel their activities into the most efficient means of contributing to campus life.

It is with great regret that we record the loss of our member Rob Christie. His untimely and tragic death has robbed the Society of a willing and enthusiastic member, and of us each, a good friend. A donation from the Society of \$10 to the Library for the purchase of play-texts was made as a small token of our esteem.

The Society looks forward to a future successful year in 1973.

David Vance, President.

W.U.C. FILM GROUP

President: Mr. P. Castle.

The Film Group entered 1972 as one of the College's most stable clubs. We had 91 full members and 604 associate members. Attendances at screenings exceeded 3000.

Our Film Festival in 1972 was not as successful as in previous years due to a poorer selection of films being available. We hope that, through negotiations with a local cinema, our 1973 Festival will be back to our normal high standard.

1972 saw the introduction of video-tape facilities through the purchase by the Union of a Sony $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch video recorder and camera. Several members of the Film Group have familiarised themselves with this equipment throughout the year by undertaking several projects:—

- (i) A documentary on the College was made for Orientation Week 1972. It was rather rough and may be remade for 1973.
- (ii) A live coverage of the 1972 Graduation ceremony was made and a tape is available for screening: It is hoped that the College will avail itself of the Film Group's services for Graduation 1973 should the need for TV coverage arise.
- (iii) A coverage of 1972 Commem Week was made and a tape of the events is available; it was screened at several of the Group's weekly film nights and the S.R.C. is considering purchase of the tape for a permanent record.
- (iv) Two dramatic productions were undertaken; the first was scrapped due to lack of an adequate script, the second is being edited.

It is anticipated that several dramatic productions will be undertaken in 1973 and we are looking to the Union to assist us financially with props etc.

Co-operation between the Union and the Film Group remains at a high level. We have donated our silk screen printing equipment which the Union may be able to use for making posters and advertising etc. The Board for 1973, has agreed to purchase a 35mm. slide projector which we can use for advertising purposes during screening performances.

Peter Castle, Don Findley, Jeanice Rutherford, Julian Chapman.
Executive 1972.

W.U.C. GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

President: Mr. G. Carr.

The Annual General Meeting was held in April. During the same month Newbold General Refractories sponsored a tour of its grounds for the Geological Society, and later provided a barbeque for sixty people. In April we had an excursion to Kiama led by Mr. Brian Chenhall, who pointed out features of interest in the local latite flows. At our April meeting we were addressed by Mr. John Smith, of CSIRO, on its use of sulphur isotopes in the assessment of ore deposits.

The May meeting was addressed by Professor J. Talent from Macquarie University who, after many years of geological experience in the Himalayas, was able to present a very full account of geological and cultural details of the places he had visited.

In July a barbeque sponsored by Professor and Mrs. Cook was held for the Society. In the same month a meeting was addressed by Mr. Brian Chenhall who discussed the geology of Broken Hill, in preparation for a week's tour of that district which was undertaken by 27 members of the Society from 16th-22nd July. This highlight of the Society's activities during the year was supported financially by the Union to extent of \$300. Various mines were visited and field exposures of particular interest inspected. The trip proved of particular value for those students enrolled in 3rd year Unit D, which is an Economic Geology course.

Dr. A. J. Wright addressed the August meeting on aspects of the geology of Antarctica. He had visited Antarctica a couple of years previously and was able to show very valuable and interesting slides he had taken during the trip.

In September a trip was organised by Mr. J. Louis to the Snowy Mountains. Accommodation was arranged at the Varsity Alpine Club lodge, and the outing was quite successful. The September meeting was addressed by Mr. Cliff Rennie, a geologist with Placer Exploration, who, in the light of his geological experience with that company, discussed factors which should be considered in carrying out geological exploration prior to opening of a mine.

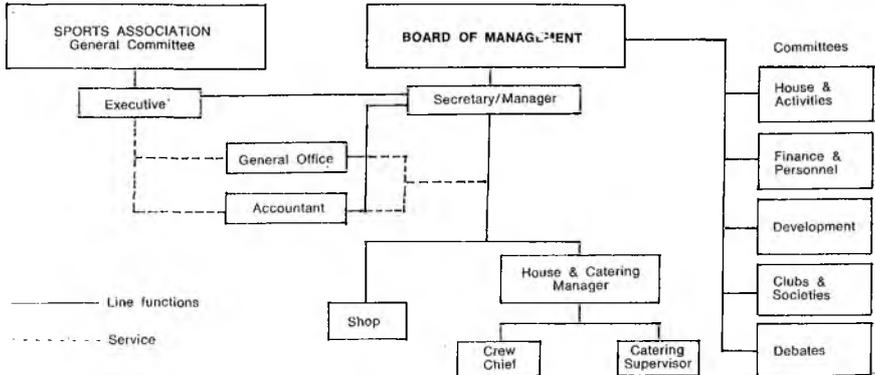
The October meeting was perhaps the most animated of all Geological Society meetings held in 1972. The reason for this was the controversial nature of the address presented by three members of the Joint Coal Board; Mr. Owen Shiels, Mr. John Whitaker and Mr. Phil Savers. Their talk concerned the application of mathematics and computer technology to geology.

In November we were addressed by Mr. Tom Welsh of Pacific Copper Exploration; his topic being the geology of the Cadia orebody.

Barbara Jakeman, Honorary Secretary.

ORGANISATION & COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

During 1972 the organisational structure of the Union was elaborated by the addition of four new committees designed to decentralise the initiation of policy making and to encourage a wider participation of members in Union affairs. These new committees (the members of which are listed on the title sheet of this Report) are the Clubs Societies Committee, the Development Committee, the Debates Committee and the Finance & Personnel Committee. In addition the Board continued to provide administrative services for the Sports Association through the Secretary/Manager who was appointed Executive Secretary of the Sports Association. The Sports Association, which has its own source of income, paid a subvention of \$1500 to the Union for these services during 1972. A diagram of the structure is as follows:—



During 1972, in addition to the 13 Board meetings held, the various committees met on the following number of occasions:—

House & Activities 9; Clubs & Societies 4; Debates 4; Development 4; Finance & Personnel 9. The Secretary/Manager and his staff also provided administrative, clerical and accounting services for 3 meetings of the Executive, 6 meetings of the General Committee of the Sports Association and for its Annual General Meeting.

THE FUTURE

The Australian Universities Commission, in its Fifth Report, recommended grants totalling \$420,000 for new Union buildings (not including equipment) and allotted \$1,160,000 as an Equipment Grant for all College buildings. Despite many requests the Union Board has not yet (January 1973) been informed how much is actually available to finance the Stage III Union buildings and their essential equipment; nor have there been full discussions on the matter. The effect of this lack of knowledge is that the provision of future services, including adequate bookshop and bank premises, cannot be planned. On the other hand an architect has now been appointed to design Stage III and advised that the Board places top priority on the provision of improved (and enlarged) catering facilities, a hall for functions, dances, debates, films, addresses, etc., and two squash courts. It is hoped that the year 1973 will see the completion of plans and that they will be implemented not later than 1974. It is understood, however, that a limiting factor beyond the control of the University is the timing by the governments involved, of the release of money for the project.

New buildings alone do not make a union. Indeed, there is no reason to suppose that there could not be a highly successful union without any buildings of its own. A university union is people with the common purpose of

furthering the interests of the university; but at Wollongong this purpose has been thwarted by the College administration's refusal to co-operate with the Board, on issues of importance to the Union, and seen by it as affecting the interests of the University. The resolution of this problem of human relationships and corporate action is seen by the Board as the most important matter affecting it in the immediate future. And the Board, having outlined the facts of the situation and suggested a remedy (see the recommendation about the Joint Working Party on Amenities at page 5 above), requests a favourable response from the College Council.

On behalf of the Board.

20th February, 1973

D. LEAR, Chairman.

APPENDIX A

Letter from Chairman of Union Board to Warden:—

Dear Professor Gray,

16th August, 1972

In considering the organisation of the Union in a future autonomous University the Board of Management believes the most important single issue will be the establishment of unambiguous channels of communication — both formal and informal — between itself and the University. Since present procedures are unsatisfactory from the Union's point of view the Secretary/Manager and myself would be glad of the opportunity of discussing alternative solutions with you.

The present situation which is having an adverse effect on the management of the Union may be exemplified in the number of matters, often discussed at great length by the Board, which appear to be inconclusively filed away; in other matters decisions are reached without the Board being given the opportunity to comment on their likely effect. Recent examples of the former are proposals to stage a campus open discussion day and recommendations about staggering the timing of the lunch hour: with regard to the latter more serious difficulties have arisen over the Board submissions about fee increases, about constitutional amendment and about requests for consultation on development. Also, a point of particular concern is the uncertain routing of Board submissions which are made to the College Council or to the University Council. Since the Board is constitutionally responsible to these Councils the view is held that there should be no dubiety about the processes of submitting proposals to them.

If the Union is to be an on-going organisation working smoothly, within its proper sphere, to further the interests of an autonomous University you will, no doubt, agree that there should be some clarification of purpose and the establishment of agreed procedures. The Board requests that discussions, as indicated above, be held on the problem.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) **DAVID LEAR**
Chairman.

APPENDIX B

Paragraph 6 of the report of the Joint Working Party on Amenities, which contains the aim and objects referred to, reads as follows:—

“The Working Party believes that the College, and those associated with its development towards autonomy, have an outstanding opportunity of creating wider horizons for future students and of establishing the College as a living force in the social life of the community so as to supplement its academic leadership. It is suggested that there could be closer relations with local government agencies and with district sports, cultural and professional organisations; and new departures might be sponsored such as a museum, a prac-

tising arts centre, workshops, a native plant reserve, radio and TV stations, sports medicine and summer schools, etc. Implied in such long term developments, however, is the concept of a centralised financial policy; and the detailed organisation, so as to safeguard University interests as well as those of individual students and staff, will obviously require examination in depth and detailed discussion over a period. Alternative administrative structures, paying due regard to the particular requirements of the Students' Representative Council and which will suit the needs of the type of extra-curricular federation suggested, must be looked at in the light of experience gained elsewhere so that the best solution for an autonomous university at Wollongong can be evolved. The Working Party has no doubt that a majority of staff and students would welcome an enquiry based on this outlook. In more precise terms a suitable aim to be attained, together with detailed objects for implementation, is submitted for presentation to, and consideration by, the College Council, viz:—

AIM — To provide an organisation for extra-curricular affairs including buildings, services and an administrative backing which will enhance the mental, physical and spiritual well-being of members of the University and encourage them to participate in the social and civic life of the community.

OBJECTS — To provide catering services.
To provide indoor and outdoor recreational facilities.
To maintain the interest and support of University graduates
To provide sporting facilities.
To provide cultural amenities.
To establish and encourage clubs and societies.
To establish and maintain relationships with the City of Wollongong.
To establish and maintain inter-communication on extra-curricular matters.
To establish and maintain relationships with cultural and sporting associations outside the University.
To organise and direct such other activities as may be deemed appropriate for carrying out any of the objects aforesaid."