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STUDENT ARMY :

Comment on University Draft Development Plan

The Student Army has commented on the Draft Development Plan for the University to 1990.

The comments, submitted by Mr. Greg Butler, a Civil Engineering student, refer specifically to paragraph 10.6.5 of Section 10 which is headed, Specific Proposals for Future Development---The Built Environment. The paragraph in question reads:

"The scale of plantings and the size of open spaces must be appropriate to the scale of surrounding buildings and to the density of use of these open spaces."

"The planning team has given much consideration to the arguments advanced for the preservation of the large open space between the Library, the engineering precinct, the Union, and the existing line of buildings on its northern boundary. It is our opinion that this space is too large to enable the achievement of the desirable plot ratio unless surrounded by high rise buildings and too large to provide "intimacy" and "enclosure". The pleasing size and scale of the "square" at the centre of the engineering precinct has been remarked on. This area is less than a quarter of the size of the existing central open space which has only three storey buildings on two sides and lower buildings on the remainder."

The Student Army comments on this paragraph are:

1. The plot ratio will not be changed by altering relative building densities in specific zones and counterbalancing in other zones, i.e. putting the buildings somewhere else.
2. What members of the university need is not "intimacy" and "enclosure" - we get enough of that in crowded lectures and in the Library - but an area of open space large enough to give a feeling of freedom.
3. The "square" at the centre of the Engineering precinct is far too small and plant-cluttered to act as a grassed central open space.
4. Such an open area is unique to our University. Other Universities have what has been suggested for us, and these spaces are quite inadequate from an aesthetic and psychological point of view. In a world where people crowd more and more every year, the destruction of such assets is only to be viewed with horror. The projected population on campus of 5000 by the turn of the century (more probably, 10,000) needs this open space. Trees should be confined to the edges, as should paths, and the remainder grassed. The east-west footpath should be removed. City mentality, for buildings evenly spread, should not override country mentality, for open spaces. The conclusions drawn by the planners are not the optimum solution here.

The Student Army has also pointed out the following differences between its draft plan and the "official" draft plan (refer to drawings):

1. The Army plan provides for a major bus terminal adjacent building 30, the new Administration building, which is not mentioned in the "official" plan.
2. The so-called "centre" buildings of the "official" plan, where they are placed to fill up the large, open space in front of the Library, have been re-sited in the Army plan (Buildings 33, 50, 60, 61, 62, 64). The child-care centre, in the distance of the "official" plan, is moved nearer to the University in the Army plan (Building 72).
3. There are minor differences in the layout of the car parks between the two plans.
4. The vehicular access to the groundsmen's store is different on the two plans (Building 5).

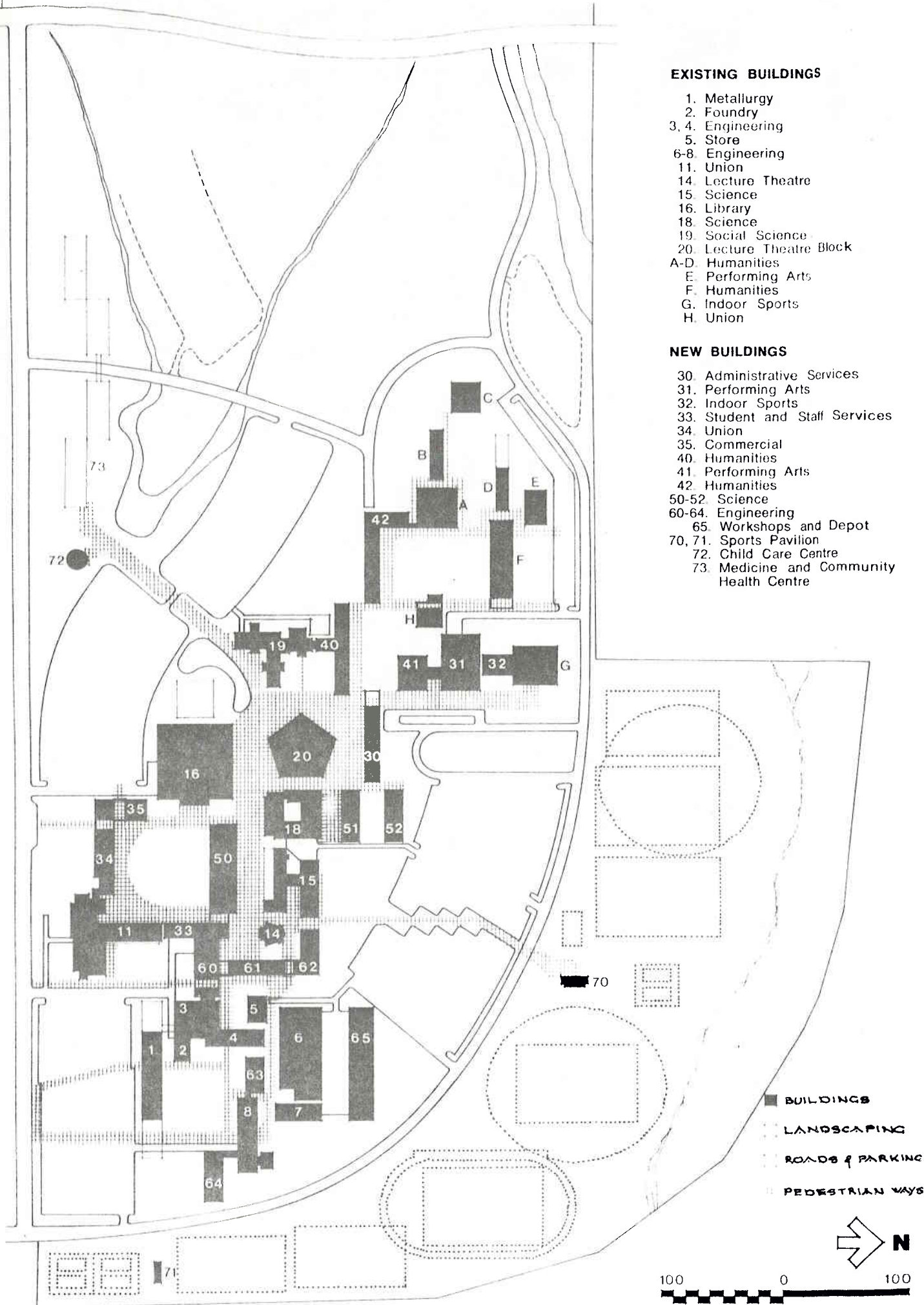
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EXISTING BUILDINGS

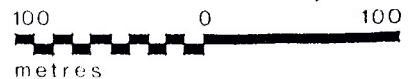
- 1. Metallurgy
- 2. Foundry
- 3, 4. Engineering
- 5. Store
- 6-8. Engineering
- 11. Union
- 14. Lecture Theatre
- 15. Science
- 16. Library
- 18. Science
- 19. Social Science
- 20. Lecture Theatre Block
- A-D. Humanities
- E. Performing Arts
- F. Humanities
- G. Indoor Sports
- H. Union

NEW BUILDINGS

- 30. Administrative Services
- 31. Performing Arts
- 32. Indoor Sports
- 33. Student and Staff Services
- 34. Union
- 35. Commercial
- 40. Humanities
- 41. Performing Arts
- 42. Humanities
- 50-52. Science
- 60-64. Engineering
- 65. Workshops and Depot
- 70, 71. Sports Pavilion
- 72. Child Care Centre
- 73. Medicine and Community Health Centre



- BUILDINGS
- ⋯ LANDSCAPING
- - - ROADS & PARKING
- - - PEDESTRIAN WAYS



DEVELOPMENT PLAN

ROBSONS RD.



Scale 4000 = 1

NORTHFIELD AVE.

73

C

42

41

31

32

G

30

20

51

52

50

35

34

11

12

33

70

42

65

IRVINE ST.

77

1

2

3

4

5

63

6

7

8

64

60

61

ELECTIONS :

• Students' Representative Council

Nominations for election to the Students' Representative Council are open until Wednesday, April 16. All nominations must be returned to the S.R.C. Office no later than 5 p.m. that day.

For a nomination to be valid, the nominee, nominator and seconder must all be eligible to vote. Nomination forms must be obtained from the S.R.C. Office and, once completed, should be placed in the nominations box in the office.

Voting will take place on Monday, April 21, and Tuesday, April 22, between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. on both days. The Wentworth Room and Reading Room will be used for the casting of votes. Positions to be filled are:

President
Vice-President
Hon. Secretary
Hon. Treasurer
A.U.S. Secretary
Faculty Representatives
4 General Representatives
1 Post-Graduate Representative

All students are urged to vote at the elections. Any interested or semi-interested people are invited to nominate. The non-executive positions require only a small amount of work if people pull their weight. The S.R.C. this year will have an income from fees upwards of \$30,000. If students want a say in how this money is spent and in S.R.C. policies, then vote; better still, nominate. (Article submitted by S.R.C. Executive)

• Academic — Second Series

Nominations for the second series of elections to academic units will close with the Registrar at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15. Voting will be on April 22 and 23.

The academic units involved are:

eight members by and from among the Academic Assembly to the Academic Senate;

six members by and from among the Assembly to the Academic Planning Committee;

four members by the Assembly from among the academic staff members of the Assembly to the Buildings and Site Committee;

- .one member from each faculty to Library Committee;
- .one member from each faculty to the Timetables Committee;
- .one member from each faculty to the Audio-Visual Policy and Equipment Committee

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR ACADEMIC SENATE

Last month three students were elected to the Academic Senate - the University's supreme academic advisory body - which will meet for the first time in May. The students are: Glenn Mitchell, Rob Pedersen and Jo Anne Symes.

Rob Pedersen, 22, of Mangerton, is a first-year, part-time, Arts student. Apart from his election to the Academic Senate, he was also elected to the Academic Assembly, which comprises all members of the academic staff, the Librarian, and twenty students. Rob is vice-president of the S.R.C., a member of the Union Board of Management, and student representative to the Faculty of Humanities. His main concerns are student welfare and the environment. He hopes to re-spark student interest in ENVAC (Wollongong Students' Environment Action Group) of which he is an executive member.

Glenn Mitchell, 25, of Warilla, has a B.A. (Hons) and a Dip.Ed. from the University of Wollongong. He is a full-time M.A. (Hons) student in the Department of History and is working on the topic, "Attitudes to Pollution in Wollongong, 1900-1970". He is also a part-time research assistant in the Department. Last year he was Departmental and Faculty of Social Science representative for Diploma in Education Students. This was the first time students in the Diploma in Education course were able to be represented on Faculty. He is also collecting material for a possible book of interviews on rock musicians or a social history of rock music.

Jo Anne Symes, 26, of Wollongong, has a Bachelor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Sydney. This year she is enrolled in the Diploma in Education at Wollongong. This is her first representative position. Jo Anne's husband, Doug, graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce degree at Wollongong last year. She is interested in student health, the provision of child-minding facilities on campus, student accommodation, and student participation in deciding their modes of assessment. Jo Anne was also elected to the Academic Assembly.

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TOUCH FOOTBALL

The Rugby League Club is organising a seven-a-side touch football competition to be played at lunchtime on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Teams are limited to ten players and team lists may be left at the S.R.C. Office. Entry fee is 20¢ per player.

CONCERTS

Coming S.R.C. Concerts include:

- .The Paul Pulati Show - a continuous concert of country-rock, bluegrass and folk on Tuesday, April 29, at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$1.50 for students.
- .The Don Burrows Jazz Quintet - two hours of jazz in the Union Hall on Tuesday, May 27, from 8 p.m. Tickets will be from \$2 for students and \$3 for non-students. Meadowband will also be playing.

SUPPORT THE VIETNAMESE WAR REFUGEES

A dinner in aid of the Vietnamese War Refugees will be held on Saturday, April 19, at 6.30 p.m. at International House. Tickets are \$5 and available from International House and the S.R.C. Office. The function is being organised by the Vietnamese Student Organisation in Wollongong in conjunction with the Overseas Student Association.