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# Tenth Annual Report



1976

THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG UNION

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## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT – 1976

(until 21st September, 1976)

Chairman: Mr. D. Lear, BSc. Deputy Chairman: Mr. A. Nutt

Secretary/Manager:  
Mr. I. L. Dunn, LLB, psa, pfc  
(appointed 3-3-69, resigned 25-5-76)

Members:

Mr. J. E. O. Beale	Mr. M. Lowrey, BE, ME, ASTC,
G. W. Butler	MIEAust, MACS (resigned
Mr. J. Chapman, BCom, Dip Ed	25-5-76)
(resigned 24-2-76)	Mr. A. G. McLean, BE
Mr. E. Esterbauer (resigned 20-4-76)	Dr. B. Opie, MA, PhD
Mr. J. Hagger (resigned 17-8-76)	Mr. W. Pike, MA (from 25-5-76)
Mr. K. Kimber, BEc, AASA, ACIS,	Prof. J. B. Ryan, MCom, AASA,
FTIA (from 20-4-76)	ACA, CMA, ACIS
Ms. W. Kon, BA (from 25-5-76)	Dr. A. Wright, BSc, PhD

### 1976-1977

(from 21st September, 1976)

Chairman: Mr. D. Lear, BSc. Deputy Chairman: Ms. W. Kon, BA

Secretary-Manager:  
Mrs. H. Susan Stevenson  
(appointed 4-11-1976)

Members:

Mr. D. Burke	Mr. D. Jamieson
G. W. Butler	Mr. A. G. McLean BE
Prof. J. L. C. Chipman, MA LLB,	Mr. W. Pike, MA
BPhil DPhil	Mr. M. J. Ross, BA
Ms. A. Geary	Dr. A. J. Wright, BSc, PhD
Mr. C. T. Heazlewood, BCom Dip	
Ed, MEc, AASA, AFAIM	

### COMMITTEES FOR 1976

#### *Finance and Development*

Mr. D. Burke (from 21-9-76)	Mr. D. Lear
Mr. I. L. Dunn (until 25-5-76)	Mr. M. Lowrey (until 25-5-76)
Ms. A. Geary (from 21-9-76)	Mr. A. G. McLean
Mr. C. T. Heazlewood (from	Mr. A. Nutt (until 21-9-76)
16-11-76)	Prof. J. B. Ryan (until 16-11-76)
Ms. W. Kon (from 25-5-76)	

Mrs. H. S. Stevenson (from 4-11-76)  
Dr. A. Wright (until 21-9-76)

#### *House*

Mr. D. Burke (from 21-9-76)	Mr. A. G. McLean (until 21-9-76)
Mr. P. Castle (until 21-9-76)	Dr. A. G. Morris
Mr. J. Chapman (until 24-2-76)	Mr. A. Nutt (until 21-9-76)
Mr. I. L. Dunn (until 25-5-76)	Dr. B. Opie (until 21-9-76)
Ms. A. Geary (from 21-9-76)	Mr. S. Reavley (from 21-9-76)
Mr. D. Jamieson	Mr. M. Ross (until 21-9-76)
Ms. L. Keenan	Mrs. H. S. Stevenson (from
Mr. K. Kimber (20-4-76-21-9-76)	4-11-76)
Ms. W. Kon (from 21-9-76)	

#### *Activities*

G. W. Butler (from 20-4-76)	Mr. A. Nutt (until 21-9-76)
Mr. P. Castle (from 21-9-76)	Dr. B. Opie (until 21-9-76)
Mr. J. Chapman (until 24-2-76)	Mr. M. Ross
Mr. I. L. Dunn (until 25-5-76)	Mr. A. Segal (until 21-9-76)
Mr. D. Jamieson	Mrs. H. S. Stevenson (from
Ms. L. Keenan	4-11-76)
Mr. D. Lear (from 21-9-76)	Dr. A. J. Wright (until 21-9-76)

### Clubs and Societies

G. W. Butler  
Mr. I. L. Dunn (until 25-5-76)  
Mr. E. Esterbauer (until 20-4-76)  
Ms. W. Kon (from 25-5-76)

Mr. A. Nutt (until 21-9-76)  
Mr. M. Ross (from 21-9-76)  
Mrs. H. S. Stevenson (from  
4-11-76)

Plus President and Secretary of each affiliated Club:  
Bridge Club, Camera Club, Commerce Society, Drama Society, Film Group,  
Geological Society, History Society, Musical Society, Metallurgical Society  
and Parents' Club.

The Board of Management presents its Tenth Annual Report to the  
University in accordance with clause 12(c) of the Union Constitution.

### BOARD MEETINGS

During the calendar year 1976 there were twelve meetings of the  
Board attended as follows:

	Appointed/Elected by	Meetings	
		Attended	Possible
Beale, Mr. J. E. O.	University Council	8	9
Burke, Mr. D.	Union Members	5	5
Butler, G. W.	Union Members	7	12
Chapman, Mr. J.	Union Members	1	1
Chipman, Prof. J. L. C.	University Council	3	3
Dunn, Mr. I. L.	Ex-officio	4	5
Esterbauer, Mr. E.	Union Members	1	4
Geary, Ms. A.	Union Members	4	5
Hagger, Mr. J.	Union Members	4	6
Heazlewood, Mr. C. T.	University Council	3	3
Jamieson, Mr. D.	Union Members	4	5
Kimber, Mr. K.	Union Members	3	4
Kon, Ms. W.	Union Members	8	8
Lear, Mr. D.	University Council	12	12
Lowrey, Mr. M.	University Council	2	4
McLean, Mr. A. G.	Union Members	12	12
Nutt, Mr. A.	Union Members	7	7
Opie, Dr. B.	Life Members	7	7
Pike, Mr. W.	University Council	7	8
Ross, Mr. M. J.	Life Members	2	5
Ryan, Prof. J. B.	University Council	9	9
Stevenson, Mrs. H. S.	Ex-officio	3	3
Wright, Dr. A.	Life Members	6	12

### MEMBERSHIP

There were 2,268 members of all classes in 1976 compared with 2,209  
in 1975. The total of life members as at the end of 1976 was 267.

### GENERAL MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting of the Union was held in the Common  
Room on Tuesday, 13th April, 1976, at 12.45 p.m. and was attended by  
nineteen members of the Union. The annual report for 1975 containing  
financial statements for 1975 was received. A Special General Meeting was  
held on Tuesday, 15th June, 1976, as a result of which the Board of  
Management set up an Ad Hoc Committee to review the Constitution.  
This Committee made recommendations to the Board which will go before  
the 1977 Annual General Meeting.

## FINANCE

The overall financial result for the year caused the Board considerable anxiety. The large loss (\$38,457) on catering operations during 1976 resulted in the absorption of funds that the Board had intended to use for present and future capital development and clearly if fee levels are not to increase future losses on catering operations must be avoided.

The catering loss was particularly disappointing following the good result in 1975 and it may be helpful to highlight some of the reasons for the poor result.

1. Staffing Levels. The level of staffing, both management and non-management, was too high for the scale of operations. In planning the staffing levels, it had been hoped that, in order to use the Stage III complex to its maximum, all available service points — cafeteria, take-away bar, coffee bar, liquor bar and bistro — could be utilised. It became apparent during the year that, although the sales turnover for 1976 had increased significantly over 1975 levels, it was not sufficient to cover the very large increase in staffing costs resulting from the multiplicity of service points. The level of management staffing had been determined on the basis of a continuing increase in the campus population for a number of years and the consequent expansion of services, operations and facilities. The impact of a steady-state campus population on these assumptions, is such that a full review of management staffing levels was undertaken by the Board towards the end of the year. Some staff resignations and transfers have enabled a good deal more flexibility in these considerations than might have been possible otherwise.

2. Increasing Costs. The continuing increase in the cost of food throughout the year provided another cause for concern. In order to keep down its selling prices the Union often delayed the passing on of cost increases to its members and this resulted in losses in the food service area.

3. Falling Turnover. The annual phenomenon of a fall in sales through the course of the year was even more pronounced in 1976. An examination of enrolment figures showed that there was an abnormally high student "drop-out" rate through 1976 and the consequent reduction in campus population was reflected in food and liquor sales. This is a serious problem as it is often not possible to reduce staffing levels with declining sales turnover.

### THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG UNION BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1976

1975		\$	\$
	<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		
29,527	Balance 31st December, 1975 .....	33,768	
19,241	Add: Surplus from Income and Expenditure	53	
15,000	Less: Provision for Stage III .....	—	33,821
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	<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
4,273	Provision for Long Service .....		6,216
	<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
681	Theatre Fund .....	681	
1,529	Capital Investment A/c .....	2,829	
2,927	Creditors .....	6,638	
950	Accrued Charges .....	1,386	
15,000	Provision for Stage III .....	—	
5,803	Provision for Annual Leave .....	6,945	18,479
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64,931			58,516

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1976

1975		\$	\$
	<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
22,004	Furniture & Fittings at Cost .....	22,940	
15,659	Less: Provision for Depreciation .....	17,953	
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6,345			4,987
20,437	Plant & Equipment at Cost .....	23,463	
9,563	Less: Provision for Depreciation .....	11,909	
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10,874			11,554
3,053	Kitchenware at Cost .....		3,691
6,264	Building Improvements at Cost .....	6,264	
3,279	Less: Provision for Depreciation .....	3,905	
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2,985			2,359
—	Academic Dress at Cost .....	7,137	
—	Less: Provision for Depreciation .....	714	
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23,257			6,423
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			29,014
	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
7,058	Sundry Debtors .....	7,564	
300	Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts .....	1,000	
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6,758			6,564
	<b>STOCKS ON HAND AT COST</b>		
2,780	Catering .....	2,842	
—	Bar .....	4,571	
5,517	Shop .....	8,018	
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8,297			15,431
	<b>CBA LTD.</b>		
681	Theatre Fund A/c .....	681	
1,529	Capital Investment Fund A/c .....	2,829	
23,287	Current A/c .....	1,419	
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25,497			4,929
926	Prepayments .....	2,063	
196	Cash in Hand .....	515	
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1,122			2,578
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64,931			58,516
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We have examined the Books of Account and Vouchers of the University of Wollongong Union for the year ended 31st December, 1976, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion the attached Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of affairs of the Union at the date thereof, and 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.

WOLLONGONG — 10th day of March, 1977.

SMITH, JOHNSON & CO., Chartered Accountants.  
Registered under the Public Accountants' Registration Act, 1945, as amended.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG UNION

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

for the year ended 31st December, 1976

1975 \$		\$	\$	\$
	<b>INCOME</b>			
94,683	Member's fees .....	144,965		
86	Life Members' fees .....	100	145,065	
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4,968	<b>Bar Sales</b> .....		57,243	
	<b>Catering Sales</b>			
38,989	Coffee Bar .....	10,147		
49,649	Servery .....	56,036		
—	Takeaway Bar .....	42,070		
—	Bistro .....	17,278		
6,070	Machine .....	1,913	127,444	
27,479	<b>Function Sales</b> .....		48,282	
25,814	<b>Shop Sales</b> .....		46,959	
	<b>Other Income</b>			
788	Annual Dinner Tickets .....		930	
257	Commissions .....		495	
411	Gown Hire .....		933	
1,394	Interest received .....		956	
4,334	Recoupment of Wages .....		6,077	
22	Donations .....		340	
2,698	Room Hire .....		3,685	
5,960	Sports Association Subvention ...		10,530	
—	Entertainment Machines Revenue		1,166	
—	Public Telephone .....		247	
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263,602				450,352
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
	<b>Bar Expenses</b>			
—	Cost of Goods Sold .....	32,267		
—	Wages .....	18,411		
—	Payroll Tax .....	908		
—	Sundry Expenses .....	12	51,598	
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	<b>Catering Expenses</b>			
56,875	Cost of Goods Sold .....	82,715		
46,731	Wages .....	87,837		
1,538	Payroll Tax .....	5,288		
2,413	Sundry Expenses Overheads .....	10,391		
423	Replacement Kitchenware .....	2,108	188,339	
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	<b>Carried Forward</b> .....			450,352



1975			\$	\$	\$
		<b>Brought Forward</b> .....			450,352
15,623		<b>Function Expenses</b> .....		31,489	
		<b>Shop Expenses</b>			
17,249		Cost of Goods Sold .....	34,031		
5,639		Wages .....	8,812		
186		Payroll Tax .....	414		
70		Sundry Expenses .....	74	43,331	
		<b>General and Administrative Expenses</b>			
		<b>Staff</b>			
69,105		Wages .....	90,585		
2,503		Payroll Tax .....	4,489		
1,638		Provision for Long Service .....	1,943		
1,596		Superannuation .....	681		
235		Uniforms .....	655	98,353	
		<b>Office</b>			
1,163		Telephone .....	2,441		
826		Postage .....	1,188		
2,430		Printing & Stationery .....	4,193	7,822	
		<b>Maintenance</b>			
1,299		Cleaning Materials .....	2,502		
807		Garbage Removal .....	1,616		
1,628		Repairs & Maintenance .....	5,359	9,477	
		<b>Services</b>			
1,547		Annual Dinner Cost .....	1,824		
254		Union Catering .....	859		
308		Newspapers & Periodicals .....	272		
257		Public Telephone .....	—		
75		TV Hire .....	309	3,264	
		<b>Activities</b>			
645		Clubs .....	1,049		
1,605		Programmed .....	3,514	4,563	
		<b>Other Expenditure</b>			
789		Audit Fees .....	1,004		
36		Bad Debts Written Off .....	—		
4,871		Depreciation .....	5,980		
3,280		Insurances .....	2,436		
185		Subscriptions .....	179		
273		Travel Expenses .....	440		
259		Sundry Administrative Expenses ..	1,324		
—		Provision for Doubtful Debts .....	700	12,063	
244,361					450,299
19,241		Surplus transferred to accumulated funds .....			53

## STAGE III EXTENSIONS

The opening of the Stage III complex at the beginning of the year added significantly to the services that the Union provides for its members. While the building has not yet been used to its maximum capacity it has given a good deal more flexibility to the variety of activities and services which can be implemented, and the current year should see an expansion in this area of Union operations. The utilisation of the building for a variety of purposes has direct impact on the trading operations as well as making the Union a more interesting place.

As with most new buildings, there were a number of maintenance and construction problems which became apparent throughout the year. The resolution of these problems occupied a considerable amount of staff time and often caused inconvenience to members and staff of the Union. The Board appreciates the co-operation of all concerned and hopes that most of the difficulties have been overcome.

## POSITION OF SECRETARY/MANAGER

The foundation Secretary/Manager of the Union, Mr. Ian L. Dunn, resigned from the position in the early part of the year to become a senior lecturer in the Department of Accountancy. The Board in recognition of the extensive service rendered to the Union by Mr. Dunn, not the least of which was the realization of the Stage III concept, granted him Honorary Life Membership of the Union. Mr. Dunn thus became the Union's second Honorary Life Member joining its first Chairman, Dr. Frank Mathews. Mrs. H. Susan Stevenson was appointed Secretary/Manager of the Union in November. Mrs. Stevenson, who was Manager of the Union at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, has taken up this position at an important time in the Union's development and the Board wishes her every success.

## UNION ACTIVITIES

During the year a wide range of activities took place in the Union including eighteen recitals arranged by the University Musical Society, and the Board expresses thanks to Mr. Abe Segal, the President of the Musical Society, for his services. There were various exhibitions of art, photography and textiles, the most notable of which were exhibitions of Aboriginal Arts and Craft held in the First and Second Sessions. The full list of activities sponsored is—

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| February<br>24 | Musical programme presented by Vanessa Woodhill (recorder), Keith Baxter (piano), John McDonald (recorder) and Jan Baxter (violin) in conjunction with University Musical Society.             |
| March<br>3     | Piano recital presented by Andrew Snedden in conjunction with University Musical Society.  |
| 11-25          | Seventh Annual Art Exhibition in association with the Royal Art Society of New South Wales. Opened by Mr. Alan D. Baker, F.R.S.A., Vice-President of the Royal Art Society of New South Wales. |

- 17 Piano recital presented by Gabriella Pusner in conjunction with University Musical Society.
- 18 Presentation of "Fiesta of Spanish Dance" by Dos Maravillas.
- 18 Union debate on "That this University should be demolished".
- 19 Commencement of Yoga course by Ms. Jean Yarwood.
- 24 Recital by Marie Driscoll Vocal Quartet in conjunction with University Musica! Society.
- 31 Recital by Andrew Malec (oboe) and Renata Malec (piano) in conjunction with University Musical Society.
- April 2 Opening of Stage III of the Union by Alderman Frank Arkell, Lord Mayor of the City of Wollongong.
- 7 Programme of recorded music: University Musical Society.
- 13 Annual General Meeting of Union members.
- 14 Recital by Helen Mandl (soprano) and Elizabeth Denley (piano) in conjunction with University Musical Society.
- 21 Piano recital by Peter Grunberg in conjunction with University Musical Society.
- 22-14 May "Art of the Western Desert" exhibition arranged jointly with the Wollongong Institute of Education. This exhibition of aboriginal art, sponsored by the Peter Stuyvesant Trust, was opened by the Chairman of the Board, Mr. David Lear.
- April 28 Recital by Susan Blake (cello) and Christine Logan (piano) in conjunction with University Musical Society.
- May 5 Programme of recorded music: University Musical Society.
- 24-28 Exhibition of the Wollongong Hand Weavers and Spinners Group, opened by Mr. John Richardson, Executive Editor, The Illawarra Mercury.
- June 11 Graduation Day 1976 — hire of academic dress — catering — Graduation Ball arrangements.
- 15 Special General Meeting of Union members.
- 16 Piano recital by Jenny Smith in conjunction with University Musical Society.
- July 22 "A Taste of Robert Service" presented by Charles Hayter — a sequence of excerpts connected by narration, often humorous, on the life and times of the poet Robert Service.
- August 4 Piano recital by Ffrangcon Davies in conjunction with University Musical Society.
- 9-20 Student Art Exhibition — sponsored by Union Activities Committee.
- 11 Programme of recorded music: University Musical Society.
- 17 Performance by Martin Harvey, singer/instrumentalist.
- 31-6 Sept. Exhibition of photography by the University Camera Club.

September		Recital by Susan Blake (cello) and Christine Logan (piano) in conjunction with University Musical Society.
1		Union lecture series on the problems of aboriginal Australians: Mr. R. Bellear spoke on "The 1976 Budget and its consequences for Urban Aborigines".
6		Dr. F. Grunseit spoke on "The Health of Aboriginal Children".
7		Dr. P. deLacey and Mr. A. Twomey spoke on "Education and Aboriginal Australians". Mr. Charles Perkins spoke on "The Future of Aborigines in Australia".
8		Exhibition of Aboriginal art and craft in conjunction with the Presbyterian Church Board of Ecumenical Mission and Relations.
6-16		Recital by Keith Johns (piano), Linda Stambul (piano) and Andrew Snedden (piano) — students of the University — in conjunction with the University Musical Society.
8		Union Annual Dinner. Guest speaker: The Hon. F. J. Walker, Attorney-General of N.S.W.
10		Exhibition of paintings and weavings by Kathryn Broadfoot.
10-23		Programme of recorded music: University Musical Society.
15		The Leonard Teale show: "My Country". A programme of Australian verse and bush ballads.
22		Spanish and classical guitar recital by Juhani Hamalainen in conjunction with the University Musical Society.
29		Antarctic Photographical Exhibition by Leon Sawyer — our Union Chef. Following the opening, Mr. Sawyer showed films and slides of the Antarctic region.
October		Recital by Mardi McSullea (flute), Marcia Underwood (oboe), Stephen Stewart (violin), Keith Robinson (bassoon) and Robyn Stokoe (cello) in conjunction with the University Musical Society.
5		Jazz duo formed by Rick Berry (flute, clarinet and saxophone) and Greg Hite (electric guitar) in conjunction with the University Musical Society. The programme included a wide range of jazz from old standards to the jazz-rock of Jethro Tull.
6		Recital by Robyn Cantle (soprano) and Lynne Leake (piano) in conjunction with University Musical Society.
13		"Australia 1976" Exhibition of paintings by Pat Carr.
20		Exhibition of creative textiles by Audrey Bernays, Robin Jeffcoat and Shirley Barton.
18-29		"Flaws of Framing (1)" Exhibition of paintings by Igor C. Lazareff.
November		"Two Points of View" art exhibition by Julie MacLachlan and Michael Brett.
8-18		
19-		
3 Dec.		
December		
6-15		

## PERSONNEL

The full-time staff of the Union in 1976 (which provided services, in addition for the Sports Association) comprised:

Accountant:	Mr. P. Bottele, BCom (7-5-73)
House Manager:	Mr. G. J. Roodenrys, BA (seconded from University, February, 1976)
Catering Manager:	Mr. B. Mielke (15-3-76)
Asst. Catering Manager:	Mr. G. Stuart-Street (9-2-70)
Catering Supervisor:	Mrs. B. Johnson (10-10-70)
Chef:	Mr. L. Sawyer (22-3-76)
Catering Head Assistant:	Mrs. P. Williams (1-3-76)
Secretary:	Miss L. Koetz (21-12-70)
Clerk/typist:	Mrs. M. Harrington (13-2-73)
Clerk/typist:	Mrs. P. Barrett (19-8-74)
Clerk/typist (steno):	Mrs. S. Withers (1-3-76)
Curator:	Mr. W. Mintram (27-4-70 — funded by the University)
Crew Chief:	Mr. A. C. Burling (19-7-71)
Attendant Cleaner:	Mr. S. Bentley (21-5-73)
Attendant cleaner:	Mr. P. Schoupp (31-5-76)

## **AFFILIATED CLUBS**

During the year there were ten clubs and societies affiliated to the Union. The clubs contributed the following brief resumes of their activities:

### **COMMERCE SOCIETY**

Vice-President: Ms. S. Walker

The Commerce Society held two major functions in 1976. In the first session an informal meeting of commerce staff and students was held over refreshments in the Northern Lounge: the night was a great success enjoyed by all participants. The Fourth Annual Garden Party was held in September. To the music of a lively Dutch band, and the ebb of flowing champagne, the "Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves" had a very pleasant afternoon, which was followed by an equally pleasant evening at a Wollongong restaurant where most revellers continued the party. Our society hopes that 1977 will see further successes.

### **GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

Secretary: Mr. J. Pemberton

This year was the 10th anniversary of our formation and, as such, numerous "Celebration" activities were included with our more normal activities. A number of excursions were held to places including Corunna Lakes (south coast); Bungonia; Araluen district; Tumut and the Snowy Mountains. Other social activities included several ski trips; a wine bottling; car rally; several barbecues; and an annual dinner.

A record number of meetings were held culminating in the Presidents night where the subject was the rise and fall of the Dinosaur.

### **BRIDGE CLUB**

Convenor: Dr. A. J. Wright

A Bridge Club was formed in 1976 and was affiliated with the Union at the end of the year. Many members of the University have played Bridge in various rooms in the A.C.S. building in past years, but the need to formalise a Club came with the prospect of Intervarsity Bridge at University of Wollongong in 1977.

### **FILM GROUP**

Executive Member: Mr. P. Castle

The Film Group, with 80 full members and over 3000 associate member attendances in 1976, retained its place as one of the largest clubs on campus. Screenings are now taking place in the Union Hall which offers the Group the capacity of 400 seats. The Group held about 40 screenings, totalling around 70 films, throughout the year, including two film festivals. The executive (Messrs. P. Castle, G. Pallister and I. Piper) performed the task of running the Group on a day-to-day basis and would like to thank the small number of other members who helped out on some of the more popular nights.

### **CAMERA CLUB**

President: Mr. K. Donegan

The Camera Club has just completed a very active year. Photographic competitions were conducted at each meeting and these formed the basis of the annual pointscore. Also a Print and Slide of the Year were selected from the competition entries. During September a very successful exhibition of members' photographs was held in the Southern Lounge of the Union.

A large number of members made use of darkroom facilities provided by the club to develop and print their own pictures. In order to make these facilities available to as many members as possible experienced members instructed beginners in the basics of photographic processing.

The highlight of the club's 1976 activities was the entry into colour processing. Several members have started developing their own colour slides following an introductory course arranged by the executive of the club.

## **METALLURGICAL SOCIETY**

President: Mr. P. Boehme

A record membership of the Society was established this year with approximately 60 members and 10 life members. Functions held during the year received strong support from both staff and student members and wives and friends.

A barbecue held in Session 1 also served as a farewell to Mr. N. Salasoo departing on his sabbatical leave. At a second barbecue in Session 2 the annual Metallurgy Prizes were presented.

Members of the Society were actively involved in both the Aus.I.M. and Aus.I.M.M. student evenings. We were also represented at the Inter-Society soccer match.

Production of a journal made limited progress due to heavy commitments of the editorial committee. However they are still enthusiastic for a journal to be produced and 1977 should see fulfilment of this undertaking.

Two highlights of the year were the 15th Annual Dinner, at which Professor L. Chipman of the Philosophy Department addressed the Society and a lecture by Professor Octave Levenspiel from the University of Ontario, who is the author of one of the Metallurgy texts. Both these occasions were in October.

## **PARENTS' CLUB**

Secretary: Ms. H. Wiltshire

A child care centre was operated on campus from April until November. A total of 27 children were catered for, the maximum at one time being 13 on Tuesday afternoons.

The method of staffing was reciprocal minding by parents, which proved very unsatisfactory as the sole means of staffing because of the lack of continuity and the tremendous pressures which came to bear on those few parents who did the bulk of the child care and associated work.

In October, the Parents' Club became affiliated with the University Union and began to secure financial support from this body. About the same time, a children's picnic was organised to publicise the plight of students with children. The name Kids' Uni was officially adopted for the child care centre.

## **HISTORY SOCIETY**

Acting President: Glenn Mitchell

Acting Secretary/Treasurer: Elizabeth Keenan

In 1976, the History Society was involved with two major pursuits; publication of the Society journal and addresses by visiting speakers.

The second edition of HISTORICAL JOURNAL (Vol. 2 No. 1) contained articles on "Religion and the Industrial Revolution" — F. S. Piggin; "The Victorian Theory of Spinsterhood" — R. Auchmuty; and "Arthur A. Calwell's Clashes with the Australia Press, 1943-45" — C. Kiernan. A new edition of the journal will appear towards the end of 1977.

The History Society, in conjunction with the History Department and the Labour History Society, invited Professor R. Connell, Sociology, Macquarie University and Professor R. Harrison, Centre for the Study of Social History, University of Warwick, England, to address members of the Society, staff and students.

Annual elections will be held in May, 1977.

## **GENERAL**

On behalf of the Board I would like to place on record my appreciation of the service provided by the Union staff during a very difficult year. The opening of the new building, the resignation of the Secretary/Manager, the appointment of two new management staff — Mr. G. J. Roodenrys on secondment from the University and Mr. B. Mielke as Catering Manager, a regularly changing Board of Management composition and the arrival of a new Secretary/Manager towards the end of the year, all provided for the creation of an atmosphere of uncertainty which at times made working conditions very trying indeed. I cannot express too highly my regard for the manner in which the catering and office staff coped with all the changes and problems throughout the course of the year.

On behalf of the Board,

D. LEAR,  
Chairman.

22nd March, 1977