

"GO-AHEAD" FOR MONASH HOSPITAL

The Victorian Government has decided to go ahead with the planning of a teaching hospital at Monash — though on a reduced scale compared with the original concept of a 800-bed-plus institution.

The Minister of Health, Mr. J. F. Rossiter, issued a statement yesterday saying that State Cabinet had approved his plan for a modern Medical Services Complex to be developed to serve the Clayton-Oakleigh-Moorabbin area.

Mr. Rossiter said he had:

- (i) Authorised the Hospitals and Charities Commission and Monash University to re-commence planning of a sophisticated teaching hospital to be located on the Monash University campus.
- (ii) Authorised the Hospitals and Charities Commission and the "Moorabbin Committee" to plan the construction as soon as possible of a "satellite" hospital of 200 beds (the first of several to be distributed strategically among the centres of population), to be located at Centre Road, Moorabbin.
- (iii) Authorised the Hospitals and Charities Commission to enlarge facilities at the Kingston Geriatric Centre to provide increased services for the aged in the area.
- (iv) Authorised the Hospitals and Charities Commission, in association with Monash University, to prepare a Master Plan for further health components and centres to serve the area and provide increased diagnostic, therapeutic, and paramedical services.

The Minister added: "The Medical Services Complex will be developed to serve the community needs and will provide the Clayton - Oakleigh - Moorabbin area with medical services 'second to none' in the world."

GENERAL MEETING OF UNION MEMBERS

The resolutions passed at a general meeting of members of the Union on Thursday, March 16, 1972 were considered by the Union Board that evening. The principal issue, the composition of the Union Board, will be discussed again at another general meeting called by the Union Board for 1.00 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 1972.

All students and members of staff are members of the Union and will be asked to vote in a postal referendum to be conducted by the Union Board in April. The referendum will seek your opinion on the relative merits of three different proposals for membership of the Board. Those who attend the meeting on Monday will be able to hear and contribute to debate on this issue.

Since overall figures relating to Union finances were published in Sound No. 70 some interest has been expressed about the large volume of business conducted by the Union. The following figures provide more detail:

STATISTICAL DATA

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Investment of Public Funds (Government Grants) at

31 December 1971

— Union Buildings	1,420,000	
— Sports Buildings	140,000	
— Furniture	68,000	1,628,000

Additions funded from the Union Development Fund

to 31 December 1971

— Union Building	642,000	
— Sports Buildings (inc. Alpine Lodge)	255,000	
— Bodley Street land	197,000	
— Furniture and Equipment	101,000	1,195,000
		<u>\$2,823,000</u>

ESTIMATED TURNOVER 1972

Union Fees — for recurrent purposes	426,000	
— Development Fund	<u>147,000</u>	573,000
Catering Sales		690,000
Union Services — Shop, Book Exchange, P.O. etc.		206,000
Recreational Services		45,000
Balls, Concerts, etc.		30,000
Tuition and Summer Schools		21,000
Rent Received from commercial premises		44,000
University contributions		16,500
Funds carried forward for use in 1972		26,000
Sundry services, eg. duplicating, hire of rooms etc.		18,500
		<u>\$1,670,000</u>

NEW APPOINTMENTS IN GERMAN

Council this week approved the appointment of two associate professors in the department of German. They are Dr. M. G. Clyne and Dr. W. Veit who were both previously senior lecturers in the department.

Dr. Clyne, 32, was appointed to Monash in 1962 as a teaching fellow and he gained his PhD from the University in 1965. He is currently treasurer of the Australian and New Zealand Association of University Teachers of German and a member of the editorial board of ITL, an international applied linguistics journal published in Belgium. He is working on a research project on migrant German and migrant Dutch in Australia and recently organised the three-month English course held at Monash for 80 professional migrants.

Dr. Veit, 36, joined Monash in 1967 as a lecturer. Prior to this he was a teacher at the University of Ceylon from 1963 to 1965 and at the College for Foreign Students of the University of Aachen (Aix-la-Chapelle) from 1965 to 1967. He has been deeply involved in the establishment at Monash of the Centre of General and Comparative Literature.

PARKING OFFENCES AND SPEEDING

A number of motorists in the University have still not obtained parking permits; these people along with other offenders against the parking rules are depriving members of the University who have acquired permits of the parking space to which they are entitled.

The 'period of grace' which the University extends in respect of the Traffic and Parking Rules at the start of each academic year in order to enable new students and members of staff to familiarize themselves with the campus and the parking system has now ended, and as from 27 March 1972, action will be taken against offenders.

The safety of pedestrians has been causing concern to the University's Parking and Safety Committees — accordingly, particular attention will be paid to those who exceed the 25 m.p.h. speed limit.

NEXT CONCERT ON MARCH 27

The third lunchtime concert will be held in the Robert Blackwood Hall at 1.10 p.m. on Monday, March 27. It will feature soprano, Loris Synan, and pianist, Margaret Schofield with a program including works by Messiaen and Pizzetti.

HALLS OF RESIDENCE COMMITTEE

The agenda of the Halls of Residence Committee meeting to be held on March 28 has been forwarded to the Library. The meeting will be at 3 p.m. in the senior common room at Deakin Hall.

FREE CHINESE LESSONS

An experimental course in "Beginning Chinese" will be offered *free* to students and staff from early April. All members of the university are eligible and welcome. Times will be arranged to suit the majority of applicants.

For further information and bookings, contact the secretary, Language Services, room 304, Menzies Building (ext. 2220) between 12 noon and 1 p.m., Monday to Friday.