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MR. BRIAN SOUTHWELL APPOINTED LIBRARIAN

The University Council on Monday appointed Mr. Brian Southwell University Librarian to succeed the late Mr. Ernest Clark.

Mr. Southwell had been deputy librarian since 1967 and acting librarian since October 1971. A graduate of the University of Sydney, he served several years in the Fisher Library at that university, leaving in 1960 to become a director of Angus and Robertson Ltd. In 1961, he was appointed chief reference officer at Monash.

In his new post, Mr. Southwell will be in charge of Australia's fastest-growing library complex. In addition to the main library, there are three specialised branches — the Biomedical library, the Hargrave (engineering and sciences) library and the Law library — with sub-branches and affiliated facilities at three teaching hospitals, as well as music and statistics libraries.

The library has a stock of 524,000 volumes and the current acquisition rate exceeds 60,000 books a year. Total value of the collection is about \$6 million and the library this year has a budget of nearly \$2 million.

Mr. Southwell, 48, will control a staff of 170.

M.A.S. CONSTITUTION PUT BEFORE COUNCIL

Council at its meeting on Monday discussed at length the report of a committee set up to consider the constitution of the Monash Association of Students.

The Committee, under the chairmanship of Professor J.M. Swan, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, consists of Mr. B.A. Grant, Professor J.D. Legge, Mr. O. Rozenbes, Mr. L.M. Schafe and Mr. J.E. Varley. It has held four meetings, three of which were attended by Mr. C.W. Porritt, chairman of the Administrative Executive of M.A.S., as an observer with power to speak.

Council agreed to a recommendation of the committee that it "should affirm its view that, as a general principle, it wishes the student body to have the greatest possible control of its own affairs".

It also adopted the following committee recommendations:

- (1) That Council recognise that amendments to the Constitution may come forward from time to time and notes, in particular, that it could not relinquish its own control over any part of its grant to M.A.S. without amendments designed to establish specific safeguards to ensure that expenditure shall be in accordance with the Act;
- (2) that pending such amendments Council approve the Constitution under which student self-government is currently conducted, subject to the proviso that, in approving the Constitution, Council is not committing itself to approving amendments to the Constitution made under Section 11(a) thereof, and that it retain for the time being the existing procedures governing the authorisation of expenditure by M.A.S.;
- (3) that the Committee remain in existence to be available for consultation with M.A.S. during the latter's own deliberations on the questions of possible changes to the M.A.S. Constitution and any consequential changes to the University's legislation, and also to consider any other representations made to it.

Council received a number of documents submitted by the Administrative Executive of M.A.S. These included a proposed draft M.A.S. Statute, the Constitution of M.A.S. and other relevant papers. Mr. Clive Porritt, chairman of M.A.S. was present by invitation and spoke to these documents.

The following resolution was passed:

"Council welcomes the initiative of the A.E. of MAS in submitting these documents to Council; it agrees that the enactment of an MAS statute under which an MAS constitution could be made as regulations is probably the best way to proceed. It notes with interest the first draft of an MAS statute accompanying the documents and suggests that this draft be a basis for further discussion, to be undertaken by the present committee concerned with the MAS constitution. The committee should continue to admit Mr. Porritt to its meetings as an observer."

NEW HONOR FOR MONASH CHEMIST

Professor R.D. Brown, whose role in the discovery of a new molecule in interstellar space made world headlines last month, has been elected Vice-President of Physical Sciences in the Australian Academy of Science.

He has also been appointed a member of UNESCO's Australian National Advisory Committee's specialist Committee for Natural Sciences.

HOCKEY PLAYERS TAKE A BOW!

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Matheson, has received the following letter from Dr. Richard J. Bawden, Master of Drummond College, University of New England:

Dear Dr. Matheson,

As you may be aware Drummond College hosted the Inter-Varsity Women's Hockey Carnival.

It is my pleasure to report to you that the behaviour of the representatives of the University of Monash was exemplary throughout their sojourn at Drummond. I am recording this because all too often I-V carnivals seem to do nothing but denigrate the image of Universities.

The University of Monash could have had no better ambassadors than the members of the women's hockey team.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Bawden.

CLASSICS LECTURE: "OLIGARCHY AT ROME"

Sir Ronald Syme, former Camden Professor of Ancient History at Oxford University, will speak at Monash on Tuesday, June 27, on "Oligarchy at Rome".

The lecture, organised by the department of classical studies, will be given in R7 at 12 noon and will be open to all members of the university.

Sir Ronald Syme is the author of many books, including The Roman Revolution, Tacitus, Ammianus and The Historia Augusta, Emperors and Biography, and Sallust.

NEW "SUPER" SCHEME STARTS ON JULY 1

In December 1971, the University Council approved in principle the introduction of a new superannuation scheme for those members of staff not eligible for membership of the A scheme. An advance outline of the scheme was circulated early in 1972 to members of the B and C schemes and other eligible permanent staff not members of either of these schemes.

At its meeting this week, Council formally approved the Trust Deed and Rules for the new scheme, which will begin on July 1, 1972. A booklet containing the Trust Deed and Rules is now being printed and will be circulated, together with a Form of Election, as soon as practicable.

Members of the B and C schemes will have the option of transferring to the new scheme with full recognition of their period of membership. Those who do not wish to do so may continue as members of the old schemes. Other eligible staff may if they wish apply for membership of the scheme.

U.K. CLASSICS CHAIR FOR PROFESSOR RANKIN

Professor H.D. Rankin, professor of classical studies at Monash since February 1, 1965, has resigned to take up an appointment as professor of classics in the University of Southampton.

His resignation, to take effect from December 31, 1972, was reported to Council on Monday.

The following appointments were also reported to Council:

Professor D. Bradley as chairman of the department of English, from May 22, 1972.

Professor D.G. Lampard as chairman of the department of electrical engineering, from June 10, 1972, to June 30, 1973.

NEW CHAIR FOR PROF. SELBY SMITH

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tasmania, Sir George Cartland, announced this week that Mr. R. Selby Smith, Principal of the Tasmanian College of Advanced Education, and former Dean of the Faculty of Education at Monash, had accepted an invitation to a new chair in the University of Tasmania's Faculty of Education.

Sir George Cartland said that the invitation to Mr. Selby Smith had been issued with the knowledge of an in consultation with the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the Council of the College of Advanced Education. Mr. Selby Smith was expected to take up the appointment at the beginning of 1973.

Before taking up his appointment with the College of Advanced Education, Dick Selby Smith was for six years foundation Professor of Education and Dean of the Faculty of Education at Monash.

Authorised by K.W. Bennetts, Information Officer.