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BUILDINGS COMMITTEE – 1958-72, AND GOING STILL STRONGER!

The University's Buildings Committee passed a new milestone this week when it held its 200th meeting.

Since its first meeting on December 20, 1958, the committee has been responsible for the letting of contracts and supervision of a building program almost unparalleled in magnitude – a capital investment of more than \$60 million – and smoothness of operation.

But, far from approaching the end of its life, the committee faces, in 1972, one of its busiest years yet.

Three large projects already under way – the extensions to engineering, physics and chemistry – are scheduled for completion, and a number of new projects worth more than \$5.5 million are expected to begin.

These are:

- * A nine-storey extension to the Menzies Building (project cost, \$2,250,000). This will provide accommodation for geography, language services, linguistics, Islamic studies, classical studies, history, English, music and a new department of visual arts.
- * An extension to Science North for mathematics, information science and the proposed new department of earth sciences (\$1,763,000).
- * A science-zoology extension, mainly for psychology, with additional areas for botany and zoology (\$595,000).
- * An extension to the Education building (\$770,000).
- * A new Sports Field House (\$152,000) and three new squash courts (\$50,000).

After its 200th meeting on Tuesday, the Buildings Committee held a special luncheon to mark the event and to pay tribute to the Buildings Officer, Mr. George Boycott, who will retire later this year after holding the post since September 3, 1962.

NEW CHEMISTRY PROFESSOR NAMED

Dr. William Roy Jackson, at present reader in organic chemistry at Queen's University, Belfast, has been appointed to a new chair of chemistry at Monash.

After graduating B.Sc. with 1st Class Honours from Manchester University in 1955, Dr. Jackson gained his Ph.D. degree at King's College, London, then spent the year 1958-59 as U.S. Ethyl Corporation Postdoctoral Fellow at Oxford University. He joined the staff of Queen's University as assistant lecturer, being promoted lecturer in 1962 and reader in 1970.

Dr. Jackson's research experience and interests include:

- * The stereochemistry of organic and organometallic compounds.
- * A study of the influence of metal bonding in organometallic chemistry on ligand reactivity; the investigation of new catalyst systems.
- * Investigation of the mechanism of addition of organoboron and nitrogen compounds to multiple bonds.

Dr. Jackson was born in Bacup, Lancashire in 1935, and is married, with three children.

BLOODMOBILE HERE NEXT WEEK

The Red Cross mobile blood collection unit will be visiting Monash from Monday, July 24, until Friday, August 4. The unit will be situated in the Union Foyer between the grill room and the garden passage for the first week, July 24 – 28, and in the Fish Bowl for the second week, July 31 – August 4.

It will be open from 9.15 a.m. – 12 noon and 1 p.m. – 3.15 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and will begin at 9.45 a.m. on both Mondays and Thursday, August 3.

Appointments can now be made at the Union Reception Desk.

The Blood Bank plans to return to Monash for the period September 25 – October 6.

PLEASE – NO FOOTBALL ON THE LAWNS!

A number of windows in the Hargrave Library and the first year Physics building have been broken recently by footballs and other objects. As a result, people working in these buildings have been exposed to the risk of injury from flying glass.

Trees, shrubs and lawns have also been damaged, and people enjoying the peace of this and similar landscaped areas inconvenienced through the activities of others playing sports there.

In the interests of safety and the preservation of such landscaped areas, members of the University are requested to play all sports – organised or otherwise – on the fields provided.

NEW SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN LOCKER AREA

Following complaints of theft and damage in the students' locker area in the basement of the Menzies Building, arrangements have been made to secure the area every night from 8.30 p.m. until 8 a.m. the following morning.

Locker-holders are advised that doors fitted at either end of the area will be locked at 8.30 p.m. sharp as from August 4. These precautions conform to the practice observed in other locker areas throughout the University.

DEATH OF MISS MARGARET HURST

All members of the department of anthropology and sociology were shocked by the sudden death of Miss Margaret Hurst on July 6. She was taken ill in the department in the morning and died the same night in hospital.

Miss Hurst joined the clerical staff in the department soon after it opened in 1964.

In a special tribute, members of the department said that, though an asthmatic, Miss Hurst's dedication to her work and to the interests of others before her own made her a tower of strength to staff and students.

The balance of a collection taken up in the Faculty of Arts to buy a wreath has been donated to the Asthma Foundation of Victoria.

BANK LOANS FOR STUDENTS

The Bank of New South Wales has advised that it is offering a new type of loan to university students who have successfully completed the first two years of their course. Repayments need not begin until 12 months after graduation, after which two years are allowed for final clearance of the loan.

Students who begin postgraduate studies immediately after graduation as a bachelor may apply for further assistance of up to \$500 a year, with a maximum for a full postgraduate course of \$1000. Repayments will begin within three years of gaining the first degree, or within 12 months of completing the postgraduate course, whichever comes first.

Loans of up to \$1500 will also be available to graduates who proceed to higher degrees some time after graduation, and who have repaid or partially repaid undergraduate loans (or who have not previously had such a loan). The overall limit, including undergraduate loans, will be \$1750 for any one person.

THREE DAYS OF MUSIC

A program of songs, dances and fashions from Asia will be presented in the Alexander Theatre at 8 p.m. on Friday, July 28, and Sunday, July 30.

The show, called "Asian Kaleidoscope", is being organised by the Malaysian Students' Union and the Colombo Plan and United Nations Students' Association. Proceeds will be forwarded to Community Aid Abroad and the Malaysian Association for the Blind.

Tickets will be: adults \$1, students 80 cents, and children 50 cents. Asian food and refreshments will be available at interval.

The students have also organised a display and sale of Asian handicrafts in the Union from July 26 to 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A religious musical will be held in the Alexander Theatre on July 29, the Saturday between the two performances of "Asian Kaleidoscope." It is called "Natural High – a folk musical about God's Son," and will be presented by the New Generation Singers. The musical, which is being sponsored by the Youth Inter-church Council and the Oakleigh Inter-church Council, will start at 8 p.m.

Robert Blackwood Hall has just organised two public concerts by the All Philadelphia Boys' Choir – a 100 strong choir which will tour Australia and Fiji.

The Monash concerts are on Friday, August 4, at 8 p.m. and on Saturday, August 5, at 2.30 p.m. Prices are \$1 for staff and the general public, 50cents for students and children.