

COUNCIL ADOPTS MAS CONSTITUTION

The University Council held its last meeting for 1972 on Monday, December 11. A major item of business was the final consideration of the Constitution of the Monash Association of Students.

On the motion of the Vice-Chancellor, Council:

- * MADE Statute 2.10 - "The Monash Association of Students", establishing MAS as the legal body representing students of the University.
- * ADOPTED as Regulations the Constitution proposed by the administrative executive of MAS.
- * ADOPTED regulations governing the funds of MAS in the terms proposed by MAS.

Council had received legal opinion that all of the proposals contained in the MAS submission are intra vires.

Council also made regulations amending the constitution of the University Union to alter the structure of the Union Board (see SOUND No.97).

COUNCIL TRIBUTES TO THREE PROFESSORS

Council has recorded tributes to three professors who leave Monash this month to take up posts in other universities.

Professor H.A.F. Dudley, foundation professor of surgery, has left (after a characteristic parting broadcast on the ABC) to take up the chair of surgery at St. Mary's Hospital, London. He had been professor of surgery at Alfred Hospital since 1963.

The Council minute records:

"Over the years he has been intimately concerned with the establishment of a curriculum which has taken its place amongst the more forward looking of those in this country and which, indeed, in large measure anticipated the 1967 Recommendations of the General Medical Council of Great Britain.

"With the Foundation Professor of Medicine, Professor Hudson, he made notable contributions to the problems of evaluation and assessment in medicine; their work has had a considerable effect in other Australian medical schools especially in the increasing use of multiple choice questions."

Professor F.H.G. Gruen has resigned from the chair of agricultural economics in the faculty of economics and politics to take up a chair of economics in the School of Social Sciences at the Australian National University.

Council recorded:

"During his nine years at Monash, Fred Gruen has made an outstanding contribution to the work and reputation of the Department of Economics. A stimulating teacher, a productive research worker and a lively member of many committees, he played an active and constructive part in the many facets of the life of the Department during a period of rapid growth and development. He also took his full share of Professorial Board activities and participated in public debates on important economic questions."

Professor H.D. Rankin, foundation professor of classical studies at Monash, has been appointed to the chair of classics at the University of Southampton.

The Council minute noted:

"Herbert David Rankin.....will be remembered by his colleagues for the vigour with which he so successfully met the challenge of establishing the classics here at a time when in the schools Greek had almost disappeared and Latin was in decline; for his loyalty to his colleagues, both as a departmental Chairman and as president of the Staff Association; for his unwavering respect for the individual, whether staff or student, for his contempt for bureaucracy and, not least, for his powers of persuasion.

"His pupils speak of his teaching with enthusiasm, and in the world of classical scholarship he has made Monash known both by the extent of his own publications and by the encouragement he has given to research work in his department, which now produces two classical journals of high standing."

It was also reported to Council that Dr. L.B. Geffen, reader in physiology at Monash, had been appointed to the chair of human biology at Flinders University. This is the second of three foundation chairs in the Flinders School of Medicine.

PHYSICISTS GAIN EDUCATION GRANT

Three members of the physics department have been awarded a grant of \$5565 for 1973 from the Australian Advisory Committee for Research and Development in Education (the Partridge Committee).

They are Dr. J.A. McDonnell, Dr. Logan Francey and Dr. Robert Fleming. The project is entitled "Objectives of laboratory work in undergraduate physics courses."

ANOTHER PRIZE TO DR. A.G. SERLE

Dr. Geoffrey Serle, reader in history at Monash, has been awarded one of two Ernest Scott Prizes in History for 1970-71 for his book *The Rush to be Rich*. The other prize went to the Governor-General, Sir Paul Hasluck, for his book *The Government and the People 1942-45*.

The Ernest Scott Prize, worth \$500 to each recipient, was endowed by the late Lady Scott in memory of her husband, Sir Ernest Scott, professor of history in the University of Melbourne from 1914 to 1936.

This is the second time Dr. Serle has won the Ernest Scott Prize: he shared the 1962-3 prize with Professor Manning Clark.

A JOURNAL ON THE COMMONWEALTH

The Comptroller has received a letter from The Royal Commonwealth Society drawing attention to the society's journal on Commonwealth affairs.

The letter says the purpose of the journal, "Commonwealth", is to inform and stimulate, not to indoctrinate. The journal "fulfils a most valuable role by keeping its readers in touch with many aspects of Commonwealth affairs, including little-published work, below the political level, of functional co-operation among specialised organisations in a wide range of professional and academic fields."

The journal is published six times a year at a cost of £2 including postage. Correspondence should be addressed to "Commonwealth", The Royal Commonwealth Society, Northumberland Ave., London, WC2N 5BJ.

POISONS INFORMATION CENTRE

The telephone number of the Poisons Information Centre, Royal Children's Hospital, has been changed to 347-5522. All holders of Monash Emergency Procedures are asked to amend their copies accordingly.

The Centre provides an information service on emergency treatment in the event of accidental poisoning. It holds a directory of all known poisons, including proprietary brands and trade names.

THIRD MONASH PANTOMIME

The Alexander Theatre will stage the pantomime, "The Glass Slipper", during the coming holiday season from January 3 to 27.

"The Glass Slipper", based on the story of Cinderella, was written by brother and sister, Herbert and Eleanor Farjeon. It was first produced in 1944.

The part of Cinderella will be played by Geraldene Morrow, who has had many major roles in productions for J.C. Williamson's, Garnet H. Carroll, Williamson and Edgley and the St. Martin's Theatre. Most recently she played the part of Charlie in "Charlie Girl" and the part of Ann Shepherd in the St. Martin's production of "Caroline".

The set designer for "The Glass Slipper" is Laurie Lane, the stage manager in Melbourne for "Godspell". The pantomime will be produced by Marie Cumisky, who has produced the last two Monash Christmas pantomimes, "Peter Pan" and "Pinocchio".

FLATS FOR VISITORS AT CAMBRIDGE

Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, has set aside four flats in 1973-74 for the use of Visiting Scholars who wish to spend the year - or at least one term - at the university.

The flats are at Leckhampton, 20 minutes' walk from the college, and are fully furnished and centrally heated. They are suitable for either single persons or married couples. The accommodation charge ranges from £10 - £14 (\$23.50 - \$32.90) a week.

Applications should be sent to the Master, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge CB2 1RH, before January 31, 1973.

Further details may be obtained from the Information Office, extension 2087.

SOUND HITS THE CENTURY

SOUND was started by the Vice-Chancellor in the dark days of 1970, when the campus was flooded with broadsheets of doubtful provenance and malicious unreliability. The idea was to produce a broadsheet which people would come to regard as reliable and accurate. The tone was set by the opening par:

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