

#### COURT ACTION SEEKS "FREEZING" OF M.A.S. FUNDS

An action seeking to prevent the university from paying money to the Monash Association of Students has been launched in the Supreme Court.

Defendants named in writs served at the weekend are the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Matheson; the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Professor Swan; chairman of the Finance Committee of Council, Mr. J.G. Wilson; the Comptroller, Mr. Johnson; Warden of the Union, Mr. Sweeney; treasurer of the Union, Mr. Murphy; and the University.

The plaintiffs, Mark Telford La Pirow and Keith Young Harvey, are seeking:

1. A declaration that the Monash Association of Students (hereafter referred to as "M.A.S.") is not a students' representative council for the purposes of the Monash University Act and the statutes and regulations made thereunder.
2. A declaration that the payment of moneys by the defendant Monash University to M.A.S. or for the purposes of or at the order or request of M.A.S. is ultra vires and invalid and not within the lawful purposes and objects of the said University.
3. An injunction restraining the defendants by themselves their servants and agents and otherwise from paying or applying moneys or property of the said University to or for the purposes of or at the order or request of M.A.S. and from paying moneys to the Union Board of the said University to be paid by the said Board to or applied at the order or request of M.A.S.
4. An order requiring the defendants other than the said University to repay to the said University the amounts of payments from the funds of the said University invalidly made by reason of their being made to M.A.S. or for the purposes or at the order or request of M.A.S.
5. Accounts and damages.
6. Such other order or orders as to the Court seems fit.

The action seeks trial by judge alone.

At its meeting yesterday, the University Council heard legal opinion and decided that: "In view of the present procedures adopted by the University for the payment of debts incurred by M.A.S., the service of the Writ does not necessitate any change in the existing arrangements and that it is quite in order to continue to allow funds to M.A.S. until such time as any order to the contrary is made by the Supreme Court."

Earlier, Council was told that M.A.S. had still not submitted its proposed Constitution as requested by Council in October, 1971. Ratification of the constitution by the Council is necessary so that suitable provision can be made in the University's legislation to confirm Council's recognition of M.A.S. as the principal body representing students.

#### SALARY RISES FOR SOME

Council yesterday approved a salary increase of 9% to staff in the following categories:

Administrative Officers and Administrative Assistants whose salaries are not related to academic salaries; Clerks, Office Supervisors; Typists, Stenographers and Secretaries; Telephonists; Accounting Machinists and Comptometrists; General Duties staff; Drivers; Foreman Cleaner; Storemen (other than those operating under Awards); Stores/Purchasing Officer; Attendants; Duplicator Operators.

The new rates will be retrospective to February 1, 1972, and the new salary and back pay will be paid with the March salary payment on Friday, March 24. Salaries of staff paid from grants will be subject to specific authority in individual cases. Fortnightly paid staff in Central Services who are affected will be dealt with in the fortnightly pay on March 23.

The increased rates are being paid to those staff in the service of the University on March 20, 1972.

Council also agreed that, following increases in the salaries of library attendants in the Victorian State Public Library, the salaries of Monash library attendants should be increased from February 1, 1972 as follows:

	LIBRARY ATTENDANT	SENIOR LIBRARY ATTENDANT
Present Scale	\$3493/3587/3674/3724	\$3782/3880
Proposed Scale	\$3802/3911/4004/4060	\$4120/4235

#### SIR MICHAEL CHAMBERLIN

The death of Sir Michael Chamberlin at the age of 80 brings to an end a life which, to a remarkable degree, was devoted to helping people. In his work as executive officer of a trustee company he had the duty of carrying out the wishes of donors and testators and the opportunity, which he used to the full, of lending a hand to those in need of help or advice.



He gave time and energy to many good causes, especially those connected with the Catholic Church, of which he was a devout member, and those concerned with education. From 1958 onwards a great deal of these interests were focussed on this University which he regarded as a wonderful opportunity to bring beneficent influences to bear upon succeeding generations of young people. Certainly he spared no effort to help the new university in every possible way and we are deeply in his debt.

At its meeting yesterday, Council passed the following resolution:

Sir Michael Chamberlin was a foundation member of the Interim Council and was later appointed to the Council when it was constituted in 1961.

He was elected Deputy Chancellor in that year and served until his resignation in 1968. He was a member of several Council Standing Committees, notably the Finance and Staff Committees, and of many sub- and ad hoc committees.

He played a great part in the Appeals for Robert Blackwood Hall and the Religious Centre and he was very influential in the discussions, negotiations and fund-raising activities that eventually led to the establishment of Mannix College, a project that was very dear to his heart.

This brief summary of his work in and for Monash University conceals the immense amount of time and energy that he gave to our affairs, and it conveys nothing of his generosity and the warmth of his personality which had such an influence on all with whom he worked.

He was a very religious man, of strong principles and high ideals, and he had a tremendous faith in the importance of education which found expression in his work for this University and for Mannix College and in the help and encouragement he gave to a great many individuals.

Council records its sorrow at his passing, its abiding gratitude for all that he did for Monash, and sends its deepest sympathy to Lady Chamberlin.

J. A. L. Matheson  
Vice-Chancellor.

### BLACKWOOD HALL CONCERT A TRIUMPH

Robert Blackwood Hall underwent its first major test as the venue for orchestral concerts on Friday, March 10, when the Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Field string group played before a capacity audience.

The concert surpassed all expectations. The Academy's leader, Neville Marriner, said the acoustics of the hall were superior to any he'd encountered in Australia, and John Sinclair, music critic of The Herald, wrote:

"Just three simple things must be said about the Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Field's farewell concert in Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University, on Friday night.

"The playing was superb. The hall in terms of both comfort and acoustics is the finest in Melbourne. And the large audience that was present on Friday showed that if the music is good enough then the public will go to Monash to hear it."

An equally significant event will be the first performance in Robert Blackwood Hall of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra on Thursday, March 23.

In the second of the 1972 series of free lunchtime concerts, the orchestra will perform works by Mozart, Debussy, Corelli, Charles Ives, and Gustav Holst.

**FOOTNOTE:** While these concerts are officially billed as "lunchtime concerts", the management regrets that NO food can be taken into the hall.

So — let music be the food . . . . .

### COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST HERE TOMORROW

Professor Donald MacKay, head of the department of communication, University of Keele, Staffordshire, will address two meetings at Monash this week.

On Wednesday, March 22, he will take part in a combined research seminar on an aspect of his work on vision with graduate students and staff of the departments of physiology, psychology and electrical engineering.

The seminar will be held in engineering lecture theatre E3 at 4.30 p.m.

On Thursday, March 23, at 1.00 p.m., Professor MacKay will address the Evangelical Union in R3 on the problem of freewill and determinism.

Professor MacKay was trained as a physicist and has published widely in journals devoted to information theory and cybernetics. He is keenly interested in semantic theory of communication and related philosophical problems, including the relation of mind to brain and the relation between science and religion.

At Keele, he heads a brain research department with special interests in sensory mechanisms and speech. In it he employs mathematicians, physicists, engineers, psychologists, physiologists and medical graduates to contribute their different skills to the understanding of the functioning of the brain.

Professor MacKay is in Australia as a Visiting Fellow under the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan.