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Townsville

Dr and Mrs Back escort the Prime Minister, Mr Harold Holt and Mrs Zara Holt around the University Hall building site.

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YEAR OF 1966
THE LATE RONALD PATRICK KENNY

Ron Kenny was appointed Lecturer, Department of Zoology on 15 February 1961 and was promoted to Associate Professor on 1 January 1973, acting as Head of Department of Zoology and as Head of the School of Biological Sciences on many occasions. He was a member of the University Council from 13 April 1971 to 2 October 1975 (elected by the permanent academic staff).

Ron also served the University as Honorary Curator of the James Cook University Art Collection, building up a valuable collection of paintings and artefacts. He was also virtually permanent chairman of the University's Ceremonial Committee.

Due to ill health, Ron took early retirement on 12 January 1987. He passed away on 24 August. Ron will be remembered with affection not only by the staff and students of 1967, but of all the years from 1961 up to the present day.

Wholly set up and printed within the University

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The Editorial Committee wishes to thank those contributors who produced material and provided original photographs for inclusion in this publication, including the staff members who first took up duty and the "freshers" who enrolled during 1966. Despite a great deal of "coaxing" on our part we were not able to extract material from a number of people in both those groups. However, the quality of the material submitted by those who did respond, more than made up for the lack of response from the others and the St Raphael's freshers rather saved the day for us, even though we were somewhat late in contacting them.

Our special thanks to Patricia Back (who was on earlier editorial committees) for her continuing interest even though she has now left Townsville, to John Penbrook who has now researched two Library articles for the "Year of . . ." series, Jim Martin (The John Flynn College), John Mayo (University Hall) and Nigel Pennington, who provided the material on the Student Union from their files.

The two articles by Max Robley, who was the Architect for the first academic building on the new campus and The John Flynn College, deserves special mention. We asked Brian Pump, one of the University's photographers, to take a photograph of the Humanities I Building, as it is now called, from the appropriate angle (not as easy as you might think with the way trees have grown up around it in the interim) and you will see how closely the building today resembles the architect's sketch.

We have made use of material produced in 1966, including an article printed in the University of Queensland Gazette by the Warden, Dr Ken Back, which even he had forgotten he had written; also an account by Martin Tait, the then Vice-President of the Union, of the Union's participation in a drive for additional enrolments during that year. Each year we refer to John Marshall's copy of the College Handbook for the appropriate year and to copies of Magnus Taurus where we have been able to locate them — the 1966 copies were originally owned by Tom Hopkins.

Our thanks also to the photographers who produced the originals of the work reproduced in this book, particularly to "Mick" Lamont who was the official University photographer and to Alex Trotter who also covered many University events at that time. Sometimes it is difficult to ascertain who took which photograph so long ago.

Finally, the Committee wishes to acknowledge the assistance and support of Ron Kenny who retired due to ill health at the end of 1986 and who had indicated that he would be prepared to write the Foreword to this edition. Ron joined the staff in 1961 and served until 1986. We were encouraged that his health had improved during early 1987 to the extent that he was working on the design of a Mace for the University and had begun getting information to write the foreword for the Year of 1966. His untimely death on 24 August 1987 occurred before he could complete either project and the Committee would like to dedicate this issue to him.
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR
Sir George Kneipp

When I first became Chancellor in May 1974, the James Cook University of North Queensland had been autonomous for just a little over four years and all but two departments were already established on the "Douglas" campus. Only the Graduate School of Tropical Veterinary Science and the Department of Electrical & Electronic Engineering, plus a few service sections including Photography, Stores and the Printery, still remained at the Pimlico Campus, which had been established in 1961 and which had already outgrown the limited area available by 1965.

During 1966 building commenced on the new campus and, although "freshers" of the day, and even many of the students who had been studying at the University College of Townsville for a number of years, may not have been aware of it at the time, those new buildings were really the most significant development of the year. In 1967 the significance of the new buildings would become more apparent to them, because by that time, students would be living and studying on the new campus.

It is also interesting to note that during 1966 the Advisory Council welcomed the news that the Department of Education had approved the establishment of a Teachers College in Townsville for a number of years, may not have been aware of it at the time, those new buildings were really the most significant development of the year. In 1967 the significance of the new buildings would become more apparent to them, because by that time, students would be living and studying on the new campus.

An aerial view of construction on the University Hall building (left) and Humanities I building (right) on Douglas Campus in early 1966, with Angus Smith Drive, the western suburbs of Townsville and Magnetic Island in the background. The photograph was taken by "Mick" Lamont from a light aircraft piloted by Bill Kiernan.

The year of 1966 has, therefore, this second significance in that it saw the beginning of a sequence of events which would culminate sixteen years later in the amalgamation of two fine institutions.
MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR
Professor R.M. Golding

Since 1966 we have seen a remarkable growth from a student enrolment of about 550 at the University College to our present numbers of 4100. The student population has increased by some 20% over the last two years and we expect this growth pattern to continue.

This year we established a teaching presence in Cairns and some 110 students are studying a range of first-year subjects from university staff based in Cairns. It is the beginning of a development of a multi-campus concept aimed to bring to the community of North Queensland a more effective interaction with the University in all its facets, namely teaching, research and consultancies.

Over the years the teaching program, although covering the same broad areas as at other universities, has developed in such a way to give a student ample opportunities to study topics of special relevance to the North, and indeed the tropics in general. This is not only true in such areas as Tropical Veterinary Science, Tropical Marine Science and Geology, but it is also true in those less obvious disciplines, such as History and the Behavioural Sciences where students can draw on local material for their research projects.

It is in research that the University is most able to bring its Northern character to the fore. The local region provides a wealth of research opportunities not available elsewhere. A great deal remains to be discovered about the northern third of Australia and James Cook staff and students are helping to fill in the many gaps in our knowledge. The seas, land and the air above us are being investigated by our biologists, geologists, physicists, chemists and others.

The history, culture, social welfare, education and health of people in the North are being studied by our archaeologists, anthropologists, historians, geographers, behavioural scientists and educationalists. Northern industry and commerce are benefiting from the research of our veterinary scientists, engineers, economists and commerce people. I mention these examples of our research to give an indication of the scope of what is being done.

Consultancy is another means by which the University can be of service to the community. The expertise of our staff is a valuable resource in the North and is being put to use by government and the private sector. Many of our staff undertake consultancies with overseas and international organisations.

The growth of the University since 1966 has been most impressive and I believe the 1966 students can take pride in the way the University has developed over the years into an effective organisation playing a major, ever expanding role in North Queensland.

Model of the new campus
INTRODUCTION
By the Chairman of Convocation
Mrs Bronwyn Walker

In 1981, Convocation took on something of a challenge when it decided to produce the “Year of 1961”. Obviously, with the sixth publication in the series about to go to press, the idea has been a successful one.

The publications were intended merely to capture the essence or spirit of each year, without attempting to provide a complete historical record of the Townsville University College. Over the years, the series has achieved its aim, with contributions from staff, students and community members who were involved with the establishment of the College. It is always a difficult task to obtain these contributions after the passage of so many years and it is a great credit to the Publication Committee — Frank Daveson, Anne Deane, Joan Hopkins and Kay Martinez — that they have managed to excel under these circumstances. Convocation is indebted to them all for their work, and particularly to Frank Daveson, for his coordination of the project.

It might have been expected that the interest and enthusiasm generated by the series would wane after the first few publications covering the early establishment years. This has not been so, and the people who participated in the College’s development in 1966 can still convey a sense of the excitement and novelty which must have been inherent in that year — either in the personalities or in the activities which occurred.

It is a great pleasure to see that the pioneering spirit of staff and students which we saw in such abundance in the early years of the College was still very much in existence in 1966 and it is inspiring to see the dedication of academic and administrative staff to the students of the time. As we look back now from the stand point of those who have been involved with the University in more recent years, we have every reason to be grateful for the firm foundations which were established by the staff, some of whom are still at James Cook today. The 1966 students have clearly benefited from their time at the Townsville University College and have continued to prosper as they have pursued their various lifestyles.

1966 was undoubtedly a particularly productive year in the College’s history and while the earlier years saw a number of milestones being reached, 1966 was perhaps the year when much of the more tangible activity commenced. The beginning of construction on the permanent site would have been an inspiration for those who gave so much of their time to the establishment of the new university — the church and community leaders who were heavily involved in raising the required funds, and the staff and students who had such a close interest in all the developments in those early years. 1966 was definitely a “happening” year when so many of the early plans came to fruition.

The “bricks and mortar” of 1966 provide an appropriate memorial to the community members in the Townsville and wider North Queensland region, who gave so much of their time, energy and expertise to the establishment of the University College. These people had unerring faith in the future of North Queensland and were determined to develop a tertiary institution which would do credit to the north and serve the educational needs and aspirations of generations of North Queenslanders.

Now, more than twenty years later, we can look back on their endeavours with appreciation.
THE YEAR OF 1966

1966 was the year of:

- the attendance of Prince Charles at "Timbertop", Geelong Grammar
- the first "soft landing" of a space probe on the moon
- the introduction of decimal currency
- the appointment of Sir Alan Mansfield as Governor to replace Sir Henry Abel-Smith
- the trebling (to 4500) of Australia's force in Viet Nam
- the $2139.49 Holden
- the $32.60 per week basic wage
- the opening and naming of Lavarack Barracks by the Prime Minister, Mr Harold Holt.

College highlights included:

- the growth of enrolments to 550, including 210 freshers
- the launch of building appeals by St Mark's and the John Flynn College
- the inauguration of the Foundation for Australian Literary Studies
- the laying of the University Hall foundation stone by the Prime Minister, Mr Harold Holt
- the donation of $120,000 by Mt Isa Mines Ltd towards the Residential Colleges Joint Appeal
- the visit to Townsville and the College by President Johnston and Ladybird Johnston
- the contribution of a total of $212,100 to the Joint appeal by the end of the year
- the completion of the University Hall and Humanities I buildings on the new campus.

Sources:

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COLLEGE

In January 1957, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Queensland, Mr J.D. Story, drew attention to the need for establishing some form of regional university institutions outside the Brisbane metropolitan area. In Townsville, an organization of local citizens, the Townsville and District University Society, began to press for the establishment of a university centre in the north, and on 18 May 1959, at a Cabinet meeting in Cairns, it was announced that the Government would proceed with the establishment of a University College in Townsville.

The University College of Townsville was formally established on 19 May 1960, by proclamation of the Governor-in-Council as the first university institution in Queensland outside the City of Brisbane. The foundation stone was laid by the Minister for Education, the Honourable J.C.A. Pizzey, on 21 May 1960, and the College was officially opened by the Premier of Queensland, the Honourable G.F.R. Nicklin, on 27 February 1961.

As an integral part of the University of Queensland, the University College of Townsville was governed by the Senate of the University under the Warden, who was responsible to the Senate for the College's direction and control. The first Warden, Dr F.J. Olsen, was appointed on 1 January 1961. Dr K.J.C. Back succeeded Dr. Olsen as Warden in January 1963. The Warden had an Advisory Council and a number of specialist committees, including an Academic Board, to assist him.

Students in the University College received most of the educational advantages of studying at the University in Brisbane together with certain others which an undergraduate at a large university could not hope to enjoy. Classes in Townsville were small and the rapport between lecturer and student close.

The original College was situated on a 14 hectare site at the corner of Hugh Street and Fulham Road, Pimlico, now occupied by the College of T.A.F.E. Through the generosity of the Townsville City Council, the University College had made available to it a new 260 hectare site on the Ross River plains at the base of Mt Stuart (now known as Douglas). A master plan for the new site's development was prepared in consultation with Professor G. Stephenson of the University of Western Australia, a recognized world authority on university planning. The plan envisaged the development of the site to accommodate 3,000 to 3,500 students in the first stage and an ultimate student population of approximately 10,000.

By the end of 1966 approximately £750,000 had been spent on development of this new site. The first buildings, commenced during 1966 for occupation early in 1967, were an academic building (now known as Humanities I Building) for the Departments of Education, English, French, Geography, and History and the first stage of a hall of residence to accommodate approximately 90 students (University Hall).
The Students' Union

In addition to formal courses of study there were opportunities for students to be active in cultural, social, religious and political groups — students proceeding to a degree were required to become members of the Townsville University College Union (T.U.C.U.).

The Students' Union afforded a means of communication between the students and the various other sections of the University, promoted the welfare of the student body in social life and sport, encouraged and actively supported student clubs and societies, published *Magnus Taurus* and provided some amenities for leisure time activities including a refectory. The Townsville University College Union was affiliated with the National Union of Australian University Students.

Residential Colleges

The North Queensland University Association, through an appeal to the people of North Queensland, established in 1961 two Halls of Residence for men and women students, *Duncragan* in Cleveland Terrace, Melton Hill with accommodation for twenty-two women and *Stuart House* in Stuart Drive, Wulguru with accommodation for sixty-six men. A third Hall of Residence, *Olsen House*, was subsequently established in West End, with accommodation for thirty-eight men.

Two affiliated Colleges, St Mark's (Anglican) for men and St. Raphael's (Catholic) for women, provided accommodation for students off campus. Planning was already proceeding at that time for these Colleges, and the John Flynn (Presbyterian and Methodist) and St Paul's (Catholic) Colleges, to build on the new Douglas site.

*(Based on the 1966 Handbook of the University College of Townsville)*
TOWNSVILLE AND DISTRICT UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The Townsville and District University Society was still functioning during the year of 1966, still pursuing its objectives of linking Town and Gown and of showing interest in the welfare of students. The membership was still about 180 and in September, at the 8th Annual General Meeting, a new committee was elected.

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The first function of the year was the Cocktail Party costing $3 per head in the new decimal currency. Dr Back told of his recent tour overseas to look at other universities. Three 2nd year students were presented with book bursaries of value $50 which were awarded on the results of the annual 1st year exams in 1965. The winners were:

- Arts — Gunhild Ammerlain
- Science — Bill Blyth
- Engineering — Ian Smith

The Annual Dinner held in August, a formal black tie event, cost only $5 per head, unbelievable 20 years later. The Guest Speaker was the Commonwealth Treasurer, Sir William McMahon.

The number of Film Group members dropped a little during the year. Dr Dickson, originator of the group, and Mr Hooper in his Annual report both felt that it was now catering for connoisseur rather than popular audiences and early in 1967 it was decided by mutual consent that the Film Group should dissociate from the University Society.

The Society suggested to the University College that a Students' Health Scheme for the next Triennium would be useful and that a part-time doctor should be appointed.

Representatives of the Student Union were invited to attend a meeting and discuss vacation employment. As a result of this discussion it was decided that the Society should continue to advertise and that prospective employers should contact the Students' Union.

The final event of the year, a Barbeque or Bangers and Beer evening to quote the secretary David Pearse, was again held very successfully at the CSIRO laboratory.
The present atmosphere of confidence and vitality can be readily understood when an examination is made of the progress of the building programme and the academic structure during the last few years. This article, then, sets down the major events and reviews briefly the anticipated development during the next few years.

The 35 acre Pimlico site, on which the University College was founded in 1961, may now be considered, as far as the University is concerned, fully developed. The attractively designed buildings have served the College well during its formative years, but almost from the outset it was recognised that their capacity would be exceeded within the first five or six years of life of the College. The College’s advisers, and the Townsville City Council, anticipated the need for a much larger permanent campus and, mainly by gift from the City Council, a magnificent 650 acre site was acquired. This is ideally situated on the Ross River plains at the foothills of the Mount Stuart Range.

Although accommodation at Pimlico became critical, especially in 1966, making necessary the erection of an increasing number of temporary prefabricated buildings, the benefits resulting from an accelerated programme for the Ross River campus are now becoming evident. A major step towards the transfer from Pimlico will be taken during 1967-69, to be completed in 1970-72.

Friday, 29 July 1966, was a historic day for Townsville. In the morning, the Prime Minister of Australia (The Right Honourable Harold E. Holt), in the presence of the Premier of Queensland, the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Queensland, and a large gathering of distinguished guests, laid the Foundation Stone of the Hall of Residence. In the afternoon, he officially named the massive Army development, recently commenced, "Lavarack Barracks". It was clear, from the remarks made at these ceremonies, that Townsville was entering a period of unprecedented expansion and that, as an integral part of this progress, the University College was rapidly approaching autonomy.
will be 70. The appointment of professorial staff has given a tremendous impetus to the postgraduate and research activities of the College, and this year in Chemistry alone there are 6 honours (fourth year) students and 7 candidates for higher degrees. The pressing needs for specialized laboratory space for research and senior student courses in Engineering, Physics, and Chemistry have been met by the erection of cheaply constructed, but surprisingly effective, prefabricated buildings.

Administratively, too, great strides have been taken, especially in 1966. Greater powers have been delegated to the Advisory Council by the Senate. By 1967, the College will have practically full responsibility for all expenditure (including payroll), enrolments, fees collection, examinations, and staff appointments and promotions. The necessary procedures have been thoroughly tested during 1966 and, wherever possible, computer methods have been employed. It is planned to move the bulk of the administration personnel to the new campus in 1967, thus emphasizing the fact that the main campus of the University is at the Ross River site.

The College now faces the coming triennium with a spirit of optimism. Students commencing their university studies at Townsville in 1967 can proceed through to degrees in Arts, Education, Science, or Civil Engineering, with honours courses, and study for higher degrees, available in a wide range of disciplines. Special courses and research in marine science, tropical veterinary science, and tropical agriculture will be introduced during the triennium, and all indications are that these developments will be especially important in bringing fame and distinction to the University in the North.
On 7th August 1964 I was invited to submit an application for consideration as Architect for the first academic building on the site now known as the James Cook University campus.

This application was successful and after intense planning and documentation tenders were called. On 5 January 1966 I recommended to the Department of the Co-ordinator General of Public Works that the tender of Civil and Civic Pty Ltd amounting to £224,319.00 be accepted for the project.

At this time I think that only Jim Birrell’s residential building was under construction at the site.

The only completed structure on the Campus was the curved concrete sculpture bearing the plaque dedicating the site. This item was constructed in the carport of my residence at 9 Batt Street, Hyde Park and was built at no cost to the University by John McIntyre’s staff and mine. It stands today in good condition and appearance.

The Co-ordinator General approved acceptance of the Civil and Civic tender. On 15 February 1966 we held the first site meeting. This was the actual starting day of work on this very important building.

It seems incredible to me now that this building could have been priced at £225,000. The cost today would be millions.

Normal construction problems arose and completion was a little prolonged but the result in my opinion is a fine building of good finish, particularly considering the Co-ordinator General’s rigid requirements on budget adherence.

(MAX ROBLEY)
PATRICIA BACK

I remember the year 1966 as the beginning of the "new era" with the commencement of the first building on the new site, still known then as the Ross River site. As the foundations of University Hall emerged from the dusty surroundings the vision of the by now well-known Master Plan turning into a reality seemed an exciting possibility at last. Even more excitement was generated when the Prime Minister, Harold Holt, agreed to attend an "opening" ceremony in July. At the same time, activity was stirring on other fronts, as the Churches started to plan the other residential colleges which were to be grouped together on the outer side of the Ring Road.

On February 1, we attended a function at the Hotel Allen, when Doug Murray launched the Anglican church’s appeal for St Mark’s. Later in the year, on October 2, the site for John Flynn College was dedicated. A frequent visitor to our home was the architect Jim Birrell, who was to design several major buildings on the campus starting with University Hall. I remember clearly the day, while lunching at our weekender at Nelly Bay, he casually sketched his ideas for the future Library; the roof lines, featuring copper, were to follow the shape of the Mt Stuart range in the background.

There was obviously a lot to look forward to on the new campus. Due to the enthusiasm and vision of Colin Roderick, another imaginative idea came to reality with the launching of the Foundation for Australian Literary Studies. This dinner was held at the Hotel Allen, where Rohan Rivett was the first of a long line of illustrious guest speakers: the occasion was quite a dashing affair, notable for the witty speeches and starting a tradition which was to be sustained over the years. Later we entertained Rohan and his wife Nan to a cocktail party and dinner at which he charmed everyone with his zest for story-telling. His series of lectures that week was deservedly popular.

On July 29 we had our big day of the year when Harold and Zara Holt came to the campus and the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone which is beside the front door to the dining-room at University Hall. It was definitely a makeshift set-up for the guest speakers on the "stage" which was part of the present kitchen! It was an impressive line-up of speakers, including Harold Holt, the Premier Frank Nicklin, Queensland Governor Sir Alan Mansfield (University of Queensland Chancellor) Sir Fred Schonell and Vice-Chancellor, Mayor Angus Smith and Ken Back as Warden of the College. I was very proud of Ken’s speech.

The area for the guests was very dusty, and rather uncomfortable, the builders’ inevitable mess having been swept out of the way as much as possible. Despite the discomforts, the Academic procession managed to maintain its dignity. The students’ prank for the day was a success: the Prime Minister laughed heartily when a person in skindivers’ gear appeared with a sash saying ‘All the Way to Bingil Bay’. This of course was a reference to the Holt’s holiday retreat, and to his recent commitment to the American President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Later that day the Prime Minister dedicated the stone at the entrance to Lavarack Barracks, so it was a memorable day for Townsville. I enjoyed meeting with and talking to the Holts, who lacked pomposity and seemed genuinely enthusiastic about meeting people and about everything they saw. There was indeed a personal touch as far as I was concerned; the following week a print of one of the Press photographs in which I featured, was sent to me from the PM’s office, with a note signed by Harold Holt himself.
That night, Sir Fred Schonell stayed in our house, and there was an excursion the next day on the 'Eveley' to Cape Cleveland where we all climbed to the Lighthouse. It was enjoyable to be in Sir Fred's company while he relaxed on the boat trip: he was a very special person who had a great rapport with children.

At some point during 1966, Moira Trollope suggested that the University wives might host a wine and cheese party for friends in the town who were involved with or interested in the University. The party was held in the Pimlico Refectory on May 14 when 110 people attended. It was gratifying that after a great deal of planning and preparation, the evening was voted a huge success. We wives had worked very hard buying and preparing cheese and cheese-cakes, etc. and we had an extensive range of wines for 'tasting'. It proved a good-fun night with many off-campus friends saying they could not wait for the next one! Indeed it proved to be the forerunner of many such happy evenings.

During the year our staff continued to expand, with two more Chairs being filled. The new staff were:

Mr K.R. Adam  
Dr P.P. Courtenay  
Mr N.L. Goldsack  
Mr T.E. Jeston  
Mr N.E. Milward  
Mr J.L. Nicol  
Professor C.A. Roderick  
Mr R.W. Smythe  
Dr R.G. Taylor

and the following, appointed during 1966 but who did not take up their appointment until early 1967:

Dr P.F. Brownell  
Professor B.J. Dalton  
Dr R.B. Taylor

The Academic community was growing and providing a wider circle of friends for those of us who had already settled happily in the North.
UNIVERSITY HALL

On 29th July 1966 the then Prime Minister the late Harold Holt, laid the foundation stone of the first Hall of Residence (and the first building on the new Douglas Campus of the then Townsville University College).

University Hall was the successor to the University College's three residential "houses" — Stuart and Duncragan (begun in 1961) and Olsen (1964).

Throughout 1966 work continued on construction of the A Wing of the Hall and of the Hall's Facilities Building (the top floor of the latter was to be occupied by the whole of the University Administration for several years). In 1967 the first male students in residence on the Douglas Campus moved in to the A Wing, while work proceeded that year on the B Wing to be occupied by females in 1968.

1966 was the last year of two of University Hall's predecessors Stuart House and Olsen House. The Principal of Stuart, Mr Moles, was to become first Principal of University Hall, and the Principal of Olsen, Mr Richardson, became Assistant Principal at the Hall, a position he was to occupy for the next 17 years.

(Information provided by Dr J.L. Mayo, the present Warden of University Hall)

On the following pages are reproduced some photographs of the construction of University Hall and the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone by the Prime Minister on 29 July 1966.
Soon after the decision to establish a University College of the University of Queensland in Townsville, Ministers and Members of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches in Townsville identified the prospective need for accommodation assistance to students from outlying areas. Both Churches had a long tradition of the provision of University Colleges in Australian Universities.

The early housing needs of the University were met by the opening of Duncragan, Stuart House and Olsen House. As the need for the development of an alternative site emerged, the separate proposals of the Methodists and the Presbyterians for the provision of housing merged into a joint enterprise.

In November 1965, the Constitution of the John Flynn College was approved. The first task of the newly formed Council was to seek the incorporation of the College under the Religious, Educational and Charitable Institutions Act, which took place on 20th January 1966. Thereafter, the Council wasted no time in selecting a site and commissioning Mr Max Robley as the College Architect. The construction story is told elsewhere in the words of Mr Robley.

In the meantime, the Council set about raising the necessary funds to provide the 25% share of the construction costs, which it had to guarantee. This fund raising took place in two directions. An Appeal was conducted throughout the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations from Mackay northward. The other venue of funding was the creation of the Joint Colleges' Appeal which, on behalf of all the Church Colleges affiliated with James Cook, approached leaders of business, industry, community and agriculture. The story of the Joint Appeal is another exciting story in the growth of the James Cook University.

(JIM MARTIN)
THE JOHN FLYNN COLLEGE — CONSTRUCTION

In 1966 I was operating in private practice as an Architect under the name Maxwell H. Robley, ASTC, ARAIA. I accepted a commission from the John Flynn College Committee to design three buildings on a very attractive site on what is now the James Cook University Campus.

The buildings were:
- a mens' residential building
- a women's residential building
- a general facilities building.

The designs of the two residential buildings were almost entirely my conception, however, Ray Hall (now a partner) had very considerable influence in the design of the facilities building.

The secretary of the John Flynn College Committee was Mr Bob Gregson, a delightful person dedicated to bringing the buildings into operation. Mr John Saint-Smith (Copper Refineries) was also quite involved and the Committee worked very well together.

I clearly remember being afraid of making an error in the layout of so many similar bedrooms so, with Mr Tinsley's assistance, we completed one bedroom at the earliest opportunity.

All committee members inspected and re-inspected this room. The furniture was shifted an untold number of times, lights changed etc. The final solution was very similar to the original layout.

Professional Consultants were:
- John McIntyre — Structural Engineer, now McIntyre & Associates, Townsville
- Bruce Sheridan — Quantity Surveyor now in the Brisbane region.

The following contracts were signed after months of planning and documentation.
- 7th March 1967 — Mens' residential building — $224,609.37
  Builder — L. Tinsley Pty. Ltd.
  Date for Completion — 6th November 1967
- 29th June 1967 — Women's residential building — $127,374.28
  Builder — L. Tinsley Pty. Ltd.
  Date for Completion — 18 December 1967
- 4th October 1967 — General facilities building — $124,261.00
  Builder — L. Tinsley Pty. Ltd.
  Date for Completion — 4th March 1968

All three jobs progressed well and were completed reasonably on time.

Les Tinsley was an incredibly hard worker and most sincere in endeavouring to produce good work. His foremen were Les Johnson and Dick Dean.

I remember attending the official opening at which Sir Alan Mansfield, Governor of Queensland, with the Rev Kenneth Stevens, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, officiated.

In 1970 I was elected a Fellow of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects and I like to think that the University buildings were part of the reason.

In 1975 I formed a partnership with two young men, both of whom had served their apprenticeship with me. Both Ray Hall and John Dunlop were of great assistance in all stages of the University project.

Our firm survives today under the name of Robley, Hall and Dunlop, Architects.

(MAX ROBLEY)
STAFF
(Appointments as at 1st November 1966)

Warden
Kenneth John Campbell Back, MSc Syd., PhD Qld.

Botany

Lecturers
William Robert Birch, MA BSc Oxon., DipAgSc Camb.
Peter Ferguson Brownell, BAgSc PhD Adel., RDA (from March 1967)

Senior demonstrator
Raymond Leaty Correll, BSc Adel.

Technical staff
Montague James Devereux

Chemistry

Nevitt professor
Geoffrey Norman Richards, PhD DSc Birm., FRIC, FRACI

Senior lecturers
Joseph Thomas Baker, MSc Qld., ARACI, FCS, MACS
Ernest Senogles, BSc PhD Birm., ARACI

Lecturers
Leslie Frederick Power, BCom BSc AAUQ Qld., AASA, ARACI
Francis George Thomas, MSc PhD Melb.
Robert John Wells, BSc PhD Exeter
Kenneth Russell Adam, BSc Qld.

Demonstrators
Peter Frank Rolfe, BSc Melb.
Robert Sidney Smythe, BSc Qld

Laboratory staff
Bruce Robert Arthur Knight
Thomas Culie Jeston
John Francis Johnson

Education

Senior Lecturer
Edward Scott, BA PhD Syd., AAPsS, MACE

Lecturer
Kenneth Royce Orr, BA MEd Melb., MACE

Engineering

Professor (Civil Engineering)
David Hugh Trollope, MSc Wales, PhD Melb., MIEAust, MAmSocCE

Senior lecturer
Kevin Percy Stark, BE BEcon Qld., AMIEAust

Lecturers
Baden Suttor Best, BE Qld., AMIEAust
David Matthew Fleming Orr, MA PhD Dub.
Edwin Thomas Brown, BE MEngSc Melb.

Senior demonstrator
Noel Richard Baker, DipMEE

Demonstrator
Lester Owen Stanley, BE Qld.

Technical Staff
Anthony Michael Rogers, DipMEE
Herbert James McCullagh
Ronald Douglas Robertson
Ronald Arthur James
William Deacon
Roderick Donald Matheson
Eric Victor Wilkie

English

Professor
Colin Arthur Roderick, CBE, MA PhD Qld., MEd Melb., FRAHS

Lecturers
Ross Stanley Smith, BA Qld.
John Mathwin Heuzenroeder, BA DipEd Adel.

Tutor
Donatus Gallagher, BA Qld.

French

Senior lecturer
Rex Keith Moss, BA DipEd Melb., DHELF Grenoble, MACE

Lecturers
Simone Birch, LenD Bordeaux, LesL DES Paris
Sydney Leonard Chamberlain, MA DipEd Oxon.
George Eugene Brouwer, BA LLB Melb.
Geography

Senior lecturer
Percy Phillip Courtenay, BA PhD Lond., CertEd Camb., FRGS

Lecturer
David Hopley, MA Manc.

Geology and Mineralogy

Senior lecturer
Philip Jon Stephenson, PhD DIC Lond., BSc Qld.

Lecturers
Walter Sugden, BSc ARSM Lond.
Roger Grahame Taylor, BSc Leic., PhD DIC Lond.

Senior demonstrators
William Richard Morgan, MSc Nott.
Robert Kingsley Jull, MSc Alta., PhD Qld.

Technical Staff
Ernest Oates
Angas John Hopkins

History

Professor
Brian James Dalton, MA N.Z., DPhil Oxon. (from January 1967)

Senior lecturer
Ian Newton Moles, MA Qld.

Lecturer
Henry Reynolds, MA Tas.

Senior tutor
Dorothy Jean Farnfield, MA Oxon.

Mathematics

Professor
Basil Cameron Rennie, MA PhD Camb.

Senior lecturer
Bill Bateup Newman, BEd MSc Qld.

Lecturers
John Frederick Hunter, BA Oxon.
Arthur Rosser, BSc Qld.

Zoology

Senior lecturer
Ronald Patrick Kenny, BSc W.Aust., MSc Qld.

Lecturers
Donald Raymond Fielder, BSc PhD Adel.
Norman Edward Milward, MSc W.Aust.

Senior demonstrator
Helen Grigg, BSc DipEd N.E.

Technical staff
Michael Pitcairn Hines
Michael Richard Dowd

Library

University college librarian
Milton George Simms, BA BEd W.Aust., ALAA
Librarian
Beverley Ann Walker, BA DipLib N.S.W.

Graduate library assistant
Margaret Greenwood, BA Adel., DipEd Qld.

Clerical staff
Cynthia Lyons
Christine Lynne Williams
George Beikoff
David Shavin

Computer Centre

Lecturer
Ian McGregor Hunter, BSc Glas., AMIEAust, AMIMechE, AMIEE

Administration

Assistant registrar
Richard John Barnett, BA DipEd Qld.

Staff architect
Anthony Peter Murray Cobley, ARIBA, ARAIA

Administrative officer
John William Marshall

Administrative assistants
Robin Blyth (Accounts)
Geoffrey Thane Duce (Staff, salaries)
Norman Lester Goldsack (Buildings, equipment)

Graduate assistant
Jean Harvey, BA Syd. (Enrolments, student information)

Clerical staff
Marilyn Kay Allan
Dianne Faye Brennan
Doris Eva Coleman
Roger Terence Patrick Degiovanni
Dale Una Govan
Lynette Ellen Griffin
Jennifer Florence Hall
Margaret Hastings
Isabel Hawes
James Kenneth Hunt
Stanley Burton McCarthy
Joyce McClumpha
Aline Margaret Melvin
Jan Colette Pavey

Barbara Ann Philp
Helen Jean Robinson
Susan Mary Rolfe
Rex Secombe
Lilla Trojan
John Wellington

General staff (technical)
Henry Thomas James Bedford (Workshop)
Henry Lionel James Lamont (Photography)

General staff (other)
George Dennis
Crucifissa Fenech
Victor Fenech
Peter Koch
Charles Stuart McEntyre
Peter McGovern
Holly Dorothy McKay
William Charles Rowe

Testing a "Horn" antenna.
PHILIP COURTenAY

Arrival in Townsville in January 1966, after 3 weeks' first class travel on the P & O liner 'Oriana', was a traumatic experience. A hot, unscreened house in the, then, wilds of Currajong, and an office in a demountable were almost sufficient to send us scuttling back to Southampton — but the die was cast, and we couldn't afford the return fare anyway! Purchase of our own home in Mundingburra helped improve the domestic scene — until our furniture arrived from Liverpool (there was a direct sea freight service in those days). Somewhere (on Liverpool docks we suspected) water had got into the crate, and carpets and mattresses were rotted, books ruined, and furniture all had to be repolished. Townsville was certainly not our favourite place in early 1966!

Things improved, however, as the year advanced and we experienced our first north Queensland winter — amazed that people felt chilly at June barbecues. Incredible that within a few years we had bought an electric blanket. Climatization does occur! Even the office was more bearable as plans went ahead to move over to the "Ross River Plains" as the Douglas Campus was then known.

Nominally, the geography department was headed by Professor Dick Greenwood at the University of Queensland, but we were left alone and built up our own programme, gradually adapting Queensland's courses to suit our own interests and environment. The devising of a special Townsville third year subject, based on tropical geomorphology and the geography of the developing world, set the department onto its major academic specializations that have been the basis of most of its work ever since, though they have broadened into wider tropical environmental and human studies.

Being responsible for the department threw me into the round of meetings and administrative activities that grew exponentially as the University College expanded and approached autonomy. Many students were part-timers, teachers especially, seeking to complete degrees begun under the one-year University/one-year teacher training programme that supposedly prepared them for a high school teaching career. We graduated a number, many now senior in the profession (In 1966 there was only one graduate geographer teaching north of the tropic!).

Our photo album for 1966 reveals how much of North Queensland we managed to see — from the Town Common to the Tablelands to Port Douglas, on roads that were hard to believe in a supposedly "developed" country. (They have improved). Like most years, 1966 is one of mixed memories — helping build (literally!) the Western Suburbs Kindergarten, listening to ABC recitals in the old Wintergarden, travelling west to lecture to 3 people and a dog in Julia Creek as part of the University's public relations activities. Townsville was interesting, but, as an urbanite rather than pioneer at heart, I prefer it now!
NORMAN LESTER GOLDSACK

Having procrastinated for as long as possible, the Secretary to Convocation has finally presented me with an ultimatum, produce — or else! Not being entirely sure what he means by 'or else', and fearful of putting it to a test, I have (a) gathered my thoughts for "Year of 1966", (b) produced (as ordered) both a 1966 vintage and a current photograph (Oh Norm — what happened?), and now launch myself upon an unsuspecting audience.

In March 1966 I left the Queensland Public Service, where as Secretary to the Townsville Apprenticeship Advisory Committee I had spent almost five years dealing with the indenturing of trade apprentices and associated industrial matters, and entered the administrative ranks of the University College, taking up a position as assistant to John Marshall. I little thought then that this was going to be 'a job for life' but in fact this has turned out to be the case and this year I face formal retirement in December.

As one who normally shuns retrospection other than to perhaps recall some humorous event, I shall firmly resist any temptation to recall the personalities and happenings of 1966. All involved in that year will I'm sure have their own cherished memories and I would hate to become involved in a discussion which begins 'Did it really happen that way? I remember that ...

One feature of those early days perhaps worth mentioning is the rapport which existed, not only between staff, at all levels, but also between them and the small but active student body, a number of whom are still around locally, under various guises, while others have scattered around the world. The priorities for staff were unequivocal — first the progress and well-being of the students, then social activity. (I recall some great Wine and Cheese evenings in the Refectory at Pimlico, and who could forget the trauma of attending the annual Bluewater picnic? Certainly not those who were responsible for the organisation!).

With the passage of time and the growth of the University, dating I suppose from 1967 with the advent of the first buildings on the Douglas campus, a regrettable but almost inevitable consequence for the university community has been the loss for many of the opportunity for day to day contact with others. Indeed, for some, contact just does not take place, and thus minor irritations, which plague us all from time to time, tend to become festering sores that can only be resolved by "official" action. I have perhaps been more fortunate than some, in that my position within the Administration has enabled me to resolve many issues through the personal contacts that have been established over the years, and for this I have been grateful.

Fortunately although over the years student numbers have increased proportionately and the relationship between students and staff has changed accordingly, becoming a little more impersonal — a situation forced upon us by sheer weight of numbers, the University continues to produce an "end product" which is equal to if not better, than that produced by our competitors. Long may it remain so.

TOM JESTON

Back in July 1966 when I heard of a likely position for a Scientific Glass Blower at the University College of Townsville, I thought it would be a very good opportunity for me and my family (Elaine and Stephen — then two years old) to move to Townsville, as I had always wanted to live in Queensland, although not necessarily this far north.

Professor Richards interviewed me at the University of New South Wales where I was classified as a Laboratory Craftsman, their classification for a Scientific Glass Blower and, after much bargaining and promises, which were never kept, I came to Townsville. When the time came to show me where I would be working, "Wow!", a large tin shed which was being used as a gardener's shed.
Two other people were working in that shed with me, Harry Bedford and Jim Wilkinson. Fitters, they worked on one side of the shed and I was on the other. As the weather warmed up, so did our shed. The remarks I used to get each day were “Turn that bloody burner down. It’s too hot in here”. So my answer would be, “Okay, I will light a candle and do my work with that”. But we used to get on well really, even though it was hard to work under those conditions.

As that year rolled on some money became available and we obtained some equipment. Today, 21 years later, I am still using the same equipment.

Money has always been a major problem as far as equipment and materials are concerned. Compared with Glass Blowers at other Universities, here in the North, we have to survive on the poorest equipment available. Maybe someday in the future (not in my time) someone will see the need for finance for scientific glass blowing at this University.

When I look back over the years, life has been pretty good in North Queensland. The Townsville weather you can’t match anywhere, and I have travelled a lot, both overseas and around Australia. The fishing is particularly good. As Stephen and I are very keen on fishing, we both belong to numerous fishing Clubs, both reef and estuary. Stephen is also a very keen member of the Townsville Game Fishing Club. He is at present doing his degree in Commerce part-time at James Cook University and is employed by Barclays Finance, where he has worked for the past 4 years.

Elaine leads a very active life, she plays social tennis and has been connected with tennis fixtures in past years. She is a very active member of St Matthews church where she has been a church Warden for the past 3 years and is very dedicated in her association with St Matthews Parish.

I will conclude in saying Townsville is a good place to live and bring up children, and James Cook is a pretty good place to work today.
tion to trial a prototype of an antenna design he had earlier developed while at the RAAF Academy in Melbourne University, for use by outstations in radio networks such as that of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. My first research assignment involved field testing of the antenna at the Weir radio research station which the department shared with the Ionospheric Prediction Service near what is now the junction of Thuringowa Drive and Ross River Road. Later it required the erection of a trial array at Mr Bob Murphy's Gregory Springs Station, north of Hughenden which was selected on the recommendation of the RFDs radio operator at Charters Towers, Mr Vernor Kerr, himself a pioneer of the Flying Doctor Service. My only contribution to the project, if any, lay simply in assisting with the logistics of this operation in May of that year. However, that exercise directed my major efforts and those of others in the department in the field of radio Physics for several years and in a small way continues to do so. Since those early days, the work of the Department has diversified and matured and its life has been seasoned by new challenges and by the arrival of new members of staff. Its growth in research and teaching activities has continued to provide stimulation to its students and to develop in several branches of Physics an international reputation of which the University and North Queensland can be justly proud.

Our life in Townsville has been a very happy one. Our three children are now men and over the years we have watched what often appears to be imperceptible change to the structure and character of the City and this institution. However, in those 21 years, progress has brought enormous improvements both to our environment in Townsville and to that small education facility which has now become James Cook University of North Queensland. I am sure those pioneers referred to above would smile approvingly.

COLIN RODERICK, C.B.E.

LIKE Mr Dick, the late Tom Priestley, chairman of the College Advisory Council, had his King Charles's head. It was: "Once you've crossed the Burdekin, you'll always come back." Well, sometimes. Having known North Queensland in peace and war, some stronger inducement than Anona muricata was needed to move one at the heart of literary affairs in Sydney to make the crossing. As strong as any was my long struggle to promote the study of Australian literature. A. & R. had published a dozen of my books. Lt-Gen. Sir John Northcott, Governor of New South Wales, had lent his authority to my campaign to establish the Chair of Australian literature at Sydney, and the unfettered opportunity to break virgin ground here was attractive. On the principle that "where The MacFarshon sits is the head of the table", and with my old chief Col. J.K. Murray's conviction that the Northern community had demonstrated its breadth of interest in the Townsville University Society, I moved to the lower latitudes. But not before the then Warden of the College had pledged his support — at a luncheon in Sydney with Sir Norman Cowper (Chairman of A. & R.), my senior colleague Mr George Ferguson, C.B.E. (Managing Director), Kenneth Slessor, Douglas Stewart, and myself — should I establish a Foundation within the Department to supplement a meagre recurrent budget. In the event I brought a commendatory letter from the Lord Mayor, Mr Harry Jensen, to the Mayor of Townsville, Mr Angus Smith, O.B.E., who in July 1966 presided over the inaugural dinner of the Foundation for Australian Literary Studies. Assoc.-Prof. Don Gallagher was the first to call on me — in Sydney.

On my preliminary survey in August 1965 Mr Barnett (Deputy Registrar) and Mr Ross Smith (English) welcomed me. Mr George Roberts, C.B.E. (Deputy Mayor) — who has done two men's work over 30 years for the University — guided me in the purchase of a residence.

At the outset the offerings of a department limited to three people, including Mr John Heuzenroeder, precluded honours; but in 1967 — before we could afford the present Anglo-Saxon specialist, Mr John Gray — with the approval of Sir Fred Schonell (Vice-Chancellor) and Prof. Ken Hamilton (English), honours began, the initial course in Anglo-Saxon falling to myself. In due time a student of that class, Miss Jan Perry, took the University Medal and had first choice of overseas scholarships with a first in classical honours English.
Australian literature had not then established itself as a full course earning a year's credit for a degree, but in 1967 we dared damnation — and two years later, after a heavily-attended Foundation seminar on the subject opened by the second Patron, Sir Paul Hasluck, every university had adopted the idea, for as practised here it did not breach the landmarks of English studies. In fact, to keep it in the context of the development of European civilisation in this country, I had, to the bewilderment of my colleagues on the Selection Committee, recommended the early appointment of a Melbourne honours graduate in German, Dr Noel Macainsh, happily still active. He happened also to be a respected poet and an erudite literary critic.

The Foundation's reputation had begun to grow with another seminar on "The Education and Training of Journalists," opened by Lord Casey, first Patron of the Foundation, and presided over by Mr Justice Rae Else-Mitchell, C.M.G. The roll-call of the Foundation's visiting lecturers epitomizes the development of an appreciation of the place of literature in the evolution of a community. Its annual award for the best Australian book brings the country's leading authors into contact with the students and members. Its publications, assisted notably by Mr E.S. Martel, take its name throughout the country.

Interest in the Foundation was high enough for the Hon. Nigel Bowen, then Minister for Foreign Affairs, to approve of my intention when on study leave to see how European students might be encouraged to pursue Australian studies. With Professors Melchiori (Rome), Lagarde (Toulouse), and Leclaire (Caen) a suitable plan evolved, and a year later the Australian-European Awards Programme began. It brought first-class M. Litt. students to James Cook from Sweden, Denmark, Germany, France, Austria, and Belgium and has borne fruit in those countries.

Most members of the staff appointed during the first ten years had to be competent over a wide range of English studies, for any English department worth its salt in reality comprises two departments, since honours students must be proficient in Anglo-Saxon if they are to be justly served in the pursuit of excellence in a learned livelihood. As the man responsible for steering the inaugural motion to establish this institution through Cabinet, the Hon. J.C.A. Pizzey, used to say, "Excellence is the hallmark of a University." The pursuit of excellence in this University is Jack Pizzey's sole memorial, not a visible one, it is true, but one to animate the minds of its members and to maintain in its annals.
There was a very active public lecture program in 1966. Following is a list of lectures delivered during the year. It is interesting to note that lecturers, some of whom were from St Lucia, visited quite isolated centres.

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Prof GN Richards "Everyday Uses of Chemicals from Plants" Cairns
Prof Yoshida "Chemical Engineering Developments in Japan" Cooktown

Professor D.H. Trollope and Dr Ernie Senogles with two visitors to the College.
Professor Trollope retired from the James Cook University on 3 July 1987 having joined the staff of the University College as its first Professor on 16 May 1964. Dr Senogles continues to serve as Senior Lecturer in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at James Cook.
Although a full page photograph of the College Library's reading area appeared in the 1966 College Handbook, and is reproduced here, the College administration of the day apparently did not deem it opportune to include a description of the available library facilities on the Pimlico campus. Perhaps the totally inadequate library facilities of a rapidly growing tertiary institution could not be mentioned in detail. Nevertheless, the seemingly deliberate omission of this important facility, essential to every tertiary course, was most curious.

The condition of the library as described in last year's issue of this series had not improved markedly. The expectations for the future growth of the College, as put forward by the original planners, remained highly optimistic. The prognosis given for the first stage development of the college indicated a student enrolment of 3,500 and an ultimate student population of 10,000. These somewhat fanciful figures were not borne out by actual enrolments or by the necessary funds, at least not during the first decade of the College's existence. Sufficient funds might have stimulated much larger enrolments. Although half a library building eventuated in 1968, the funds required to create a relevant book collection eluded the library for many years to come. This grim financial situation had not changed noticeably at the end of 1966, although an amount of $1,600,000 had been spent on the initial development of the new college. This amount had allowed for the new humanities building and the first stage of a hall of residence on the new 650 acre Ross River Plains site. Despite an increase in the percentage allocated for library purposes from the College budget from 5% in 1964 to 7% in 1966, the funds required to really establish a good library collection remained chimerical.

The estimated College expenditure as submitted to A.U.C. for 1967 was $1,046,000 with a recommended book vote of 14%. Three major problems confronted the satisfactory development of the library:

- Physical accommodation
- Increasing the acquisition vote
- Balancing book and staff expenditure.

The necessary preparations and drawings for a new building reached the tendering stage towards the end of the year. The librarian reported that very much due to his visits to all major Australian universities the new library building would be extremely attractive and workable. Preparations were in an advanced stage of completion to transfer some of the bookstock to a temporary library at Douglas early in 1967.

On the Pimlico campus, the library had extended its area slightly by moving into the former first year drawing office, which resulted in an increase of the library's seating capacity to 65. The ratio for full-time students stood now at 1:6.

The Library Committee at its first meeting (5th April, 1966) was once more reminded by the librarian of the urgent necessity for a library establishment grant. He again emphasized that the original concept for the College had been overtaken by radically modified aims of all College departments. That the library collection should cater for only those students in their initial undergraduate courses, had become an outdated premise, as could be verified from the new developments affecting teaching and research.

In September the Warden had received a letter from the President of the Townsville University College Union expressing alarm with regard to the paucity of the library collection. The letter put forward a number of suggestions to improve the situation as soon as possible. The lack of the necessary reference tools was illustrated by the fact that of the 200 books recommended for a second term history assignment Townsville students had access only to 70.

The librarian continued to investigate ways and means of improving library facilities even without the availability of funds. As early as 1966 he advocated the importance of switching to E.D.P. in most library routines, to save money and staff. He advised the Library Committee that he had started pilot projects to discover cost and efficiency of these methods. The book vote for 1966 amounted to $38,000, salaries $21,300. The number of volumes in the library had reached 17,955. Donations received stood at approximately 6,000 volumes. Cash donations amounted to $16,040. Cost of cataloguing a title was 90 cents, which compared most favourably with $1.51 for Melbourne University.

Library hours, due to an increase in staff numbers, had been extended during the year from 8.30 am—10.00 pm on week days and from 1.00 pm—5.00 pm on Saturdays.

Staffing problems remained acute even with an increase in staff numbers to three full-time and two part-time positions. The position of cataloguer was still vacant which had resulted in a backlog of 1,720 volumes and which was growing rapidly. The ratio between staff costs and book expenditure did not improve. Apart from the College librarian none of the full-time staff had both library qualifications and extensive experience. Consequently far too much time had to be committed to staff training.
Library staff employed as at November 1966: M.G. Simms — College Librarian; B.A. Walker — Librarian; M.A. Greenwood — Graduate Assistant; C. Lyons — Clerk; D. Shavin — Clerk; C.L. Williams — Clerk and G. Beikoff — Attendant.

During the year Desley Smith, a library clerk resigned. Her resignation was considered a sad loss as she had been the only member of staff fully conversant with all library routines and as such she had carried responsibilities far in excess of those normally undertaken by a library clerk.

Bev Walker became the first T.U.C.U. representative on the Library Committee. Reference staff commenced to give tutorials in library use which made students far more confident in locating library materials required for assignments and postgraduate work.

An interesting debate developed between members of the Library Committee on the subject of the establishment of departmental libraries. Professors Jim Ward and Geoff Richards argued eloquently in favour of such a development. Fortunately, under the able chairmanship of Professor Colin Roderick, the majority of Library Committee members became duly convinced of the traps inherent to such a move. He reiterated at these meetings the value of a strong and versatile central library collection supported by experienced and professional reference staff. Cost wise the creation of multiple departmental collections would have been calamitous.

Several generous and excellent gifts were received by the Library in 1966, e.g.:
- 84 volumes on art, music and literature, donated by the British Council.
- *The Townsville Evening Star, 1889-1940.*
- 109 volumes of Australiana were purchased from Monsignor Kelly at a much reduced price in order that the books be retained in North Queensland.

(JOHN F. PENBROOK)
SIR ALAN MANSFIELD VISITS THE COLLEGE

Dr Ken Back shows Sir Allan a portfolio of development of the University College before presenting it to him.

Sir Alan accepts the Portfolio. In the background is Professor Colin Roderick who had just received the CBE, awarded in the 1966 Queen's Birthday Honours, from Sir Alan Mansfield.

SOME LIGHTER MOMENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE COLLEGE

The Pimlico Refectory was a popular venue for Townsville social activities, both Town and Gown.

The WUS Ball
Dr Ken Back congratulates Miss University, 1966—Marie Melville, while Dale Gowan (Miss WUS), Barbara Mays (see p. 76), Lyn Griffin, Penny Denbowitz and Darian Mant applaud. (Sister Marie Melville is now Principal of St Patrick’s School in Townsville.)
Cheryl Blaze (nee Henry)

My years at the Townsville University College seem light years away to me now. However, I have an overall recollection of an extremely pleasant time, with a very friendly and supportive group of people.

I arrived to stay at St. Raphael’s, where Miss Merrick, Ruth, and Joan looked after everyone with very watchful eyes. They created a very homely atmosphere, but of course we had to behave ourselves.

On the campus, I really enjoyed the rapport between students and staff, and the ease with which we could mingle with each other.

One thing which stands out in my mind is the attacks by those neurotic magpies every morning on the football field, as I walked to lectures.

Our class used to spend Friday afternoons with a local veterinary surgeon.

Mr. John Aubrey, going on farm calls or “helping” in his practice. This was always the highlight of my week and he was a wonderful person, who taught us so well, and opened his doors to us at any time we wanted to visit his practice.

I continued my Veterinary studies at St. Lucia but became disenchanted in third year and dropped out for a while. During that time, I went to Kelvin Grove Teachers College and then taught at various Brisbane High Schools for several years. I married George, a cabinet maker, in 1969 and, a couple of years later, returned to finish my Vet degree. I was in private practice for a year in Brisbane and then went to England for two years, while I studied for the Diploma in Veterinary Anaesthesia. After obtaining this, we...
went to Melbourne, where I was a lecturer in Vet. Anaesthesia at the Vet School for two and a half years. From there, we went to Michigan State University, where I have spent the last five years doing anaesthesia in the large animal clinic, lecturing and doing research into lung function during anaesthesia. I work mostly with horses and cattle and, occasionally, companion animals but I go to the Detroit Zoo every few months to do anaesthesia on some of their animals, usually the tigers. In fact, as I write this, I am preparing tomorrow's trip to do a giraffe.

We bought our first house only 4 years ago, after 14 years of marriage, so we plan to stay here awhile to make the most of it.

GILL GREGORY (NEE EAMES)

When I went to Townsville University College I stayed at St Raphaels which was then in Hermit Park. There were about sixteen students there, mostly freshers. We had to share a room and I was lucky because I was able to share with a school friend, Margaret Turner. We were like a big family under the watchful eye of Miss Merrick. We had restrictions on going out and had to sign a book whenever we went out at night. There were some tutorials run at the College. I remember the French ones with George Brouwer. None of us owned a car, we all walked to Uni, which took about twenty minutes. We used to cross the park near the Uni very quickly with our brief cases over our heads because of magpie attacks! Needless to say, all lifts were gratefully accepted. Several of us used to pile into Sue Cork's Austin after geography tutorials.

In commem. week there was a swimming carnival where spectators ended up in the pool. I thought I'd be safe as I had a broken collar bone. Not so — I was lowered in gently.

I have very happy memories of my three years at Townsville University College. It was a friendly place where everyone knew each other, at least by sight. I never felt the same about Queensland Uni where I did my DipEd in 1969.

Since leaving Uni I have been in Gordonvale. I taught at the local high school until mid 1978. Now I am a supply teacher, still at Gordonvale High. I married my husband, Paul, in 1973. We have a son (9) and two daughters (7 and 6).

Gill points out that the transport referred to in Bev Haigh's article (p. 68) was not purchased until 1968 when timetabling and attendance at the new site forced her to become more "mobile".

CHRISTINE GUNN (NEE LAND)

Notes from a letter from Christine to Kay Martinez.

A letter from Christine Gunn (nee Land) reports that she is now living in Kingaroy where she works as an advertising/publicity person for Pioneer Hi-Bred Australia, a large hybrid seed producing and marketing company. Her eldest daughter, 20 year old Belinda is in her final year of a Fine Arts Degree at Seven Hills College in Brisbane, April (18) started nursing training at Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane, and 15 year old Fleur attends the Kingaroy High School.

Christine then and now
SOME PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE PARTY CHRIS ORGANIZED FOR RENAGI LOHIA'S 21ST BIRTHDAY

Chris, Ron Rumble and Carmel Ariotti

Guest of Honour — Renagi Lohia
Now with the PNG Diplomatic Corps in the U.S.

Lee Duffield
(see Year of 1965)

Cutting the cake

Bill Spencer, Kay King, Chris Martinez

Libby Gregson, Peter Gopal
Michael Eleanor

Studied. Did a full time year. Don't know how any of us survived.

Went to England for 6 weeks for a wedding. Travelling with a 4 year old and a 2 year old was not easy. I finished my degree and Mike started his!

Mike now studying for a degree in AppSc with C.LA.E.

Mike studying. I did relief teaching from Kindergarten to Year 12. That made for some interesting days. One day I'd be on the floor with the play dough and the next explaining Milton Friedman to Grade 12.

Mike finished his degree and we took 4 months off to roam Europe with the kids. Great.

BEV HAIGH (NEE BYRNE)

It seems to be the "thing" to dig up old sins. I have recently been contacted by my old school for 25 years since Junior. Oh well it is nice to come out of our staid middle years and remember we were once young and even then as "stupid" as we are now. A quick run down:

1966 Failed Professor Rennie's Maths (not unusual) and Joe Baker's Organic Chemistry. Did supers and got the Organic.

1967 Went to work for Department of Works as a Wages Clerk and tried to regain the Maths at night. Didn't make it.

1968 Well after the year had started I asked the Education Department if I could begin a teachers training course. It was the time of the Eight Week Wonders. Do you remember? If you had a degree they trained you for 8 weeks and threw you on an unsuspecting group of kids. I didn't do the 8 weeks—but the remainder of the year.

1969 First year teacher at Gordonvale State High (a couple of weeks) then transferred to Cairns State High.

1970 Stayed at Cairns State High till June. Flirted with Skydiving (13 jumps) and Pistol Shooting then decided to wander. Spent from June to December wandering Europe and the U.K. Did most of it on my own. Arrived home broke but engaged to an Engineer Officer on P & O Orsova. Met on board, of course!!! Mother had a FIT.

1971 Started teaching at Gordonvale and transferred to Innisfail. This was the last straw for someone trying to conduct a romance over a vast distance with a moving target!

1971 Moved to Sydney to be near the "moving target" each time the ship docked. They were Pacific Cruising. Taught at North Ryde High.

1972 Married in February and joined Mike on Orsova as a paying passenger. That is a story in itself and very funny because P & O Officers weren't allowed to have their wives on board. He had just got 24 hours off during which time we got married.

1972 - Spent the time in England mostly with Mike's parents while Mike July 1973 remained at sea. We had been married almost 12 months before we got a flat together. Everyone said it wasn't going to last.

July 1973 Migrated to Australia — yes me too! Mike and I lived with my parents in Cairns for 6 weeks while Mike worked at Gordonvale Sugar Mill and I went back to teaching at Cairns State High.

Oct 1973 Mike got a job as a Power Station Operator at Collinsville. I joined him there in December after school finished. Now comes the "boring" bit.

1974 Taught till August 1974 at Collinsville High Top. Threatened to miscarry so gave up work. Started on finishing a degree externally through University of Queensland.


1976 Studied and worked as a housewife.


1978 Studied. Did ½ of a full time year. Don't know how any of us survived.

1979 Went to England for 6 weeks for a wedding. Travelling with a 4 year old and a 2 year old was not easy. I finished my degree and Mike started his!

1980 Mike now studying for a degree in AppSc with C.I.A.E.

1981 - Mike studying. I did relief teaching from Kindergarten to Year 12.

1984 That made for some interesting days. One day I'd be on the floor with the play dough and the next explaining Milton Friedman to Grade 12.

1985 Mike finished his degree and we took 4 months off to roam Europe with the kids. Great.
1986  Decided to go back to work full time after 8 years off. Taught for 3 weeks at Collinsville State High (brand new school) when Mike got his present job as Experimental Scientist with C.S.I.R.O. Division of Textiles. Rented a grotty house and began a temporary teaching job at Sacred Heart College (1000 teenage girls — imagine it!) for 8 weeks. That turned into the rest of the year which turned into a permanent job this year.

I hope all this hasn't bored you to death. We are now a solidly middle class working couple with a huge mortgage at a time when others are probably getting their houses paid off. Our kids are great people (most of the time) who are just coming up to their teenage years. Michael (Jnr) has just started High School. We've become Victorians a bit in that I can probably name a dozen VFL teams and even a player or two. We think 19°C is getting hot and that a drive of a few hours is getting to be a bit of a bind!! We love the house we have built and just moved into (in Belmont, about 80km south of Melbourne) and our marriage that no-one expected to get past 1 year is into its 16th. That's nothing to compare with my parents who have just celebrated their 50th and still live in my old home in Cairns.

From here we watch Joh's antics with amusement and think the people from the "Deep North" are a different breed.

KAY MARTINEZ (NEE KING)

I commenced full-time tutoring at James Cook Uni this year and will work mainly with the freshers of 1987. This will form a timely comparison for this enforced contemplation of my own fresher year at the Pimlico campus in 1966. I approached Uni with awe and anticipation of giant intellectual freedoms and awakenings, radicals at every corner, lecturers who resided in ivory academic towers or lecherous smoky dens and who never noticed if students were present, absent or stages in between.

Instead, I encountered buildings that looked a lot like high school and a group of friendly country types who were more interested in the time-honoured mating rites of orientation. Remember the scene: "worldly" third-year engineers inspecting the fresherettes at dances, boat trips, Magnetic Island. Jenny Barnes and Darien Mant's beauty certainly didn't go unnoticed.

And so to lecturers . . . . There was no freedom about attending or not, because the relevant staff member was likely as not to inquire about your health in the refec the following day — so much for anonymity. Even the social events — hayrides, smokos, a very un-French Bastille Day cabaret were marked by simple, fairly wholesome good fun.

I must admit the Maths I lectures with the new Prof afforded us some anonymity, in that his philosophical level was so far removed from ours that he failed for
three very smelly days to even notice the dead fish that a couple of the more lively lads had tied between the sliding black-boards in the lecture theatre.

I guess Ross Smith's sniggeringly funny lecture on the sexual references in Romeo and Juliet was more like my expectations. Chris Land and I could hardly contain our giggles during the lecture and just made it back to the refec for the mandatory smoke, coffee and more laughter.

Donat Gallagher wore brown and sandals in that year, but was still all accepting and encouraging of his first years in our stammering forays into language and literature.

We were stunned by the contrasting attitude of the new English prof whose introductory lectures to a series on Pope and Dryden consisted of himself on tape reading from the great works. I must confess to not knowing how the series middled or ended! The same gent afforded us many a giggle as he marched in safari gear, smoking his cigar, across the campus to the wilds of the Kokoda pool. For me the most exciting of the lecturers was John Heuzenroeder who would arrive in his noisy VW and enter the lecture room smelling of tobacco, drinking coffee, wearing dishevelled khaki trousers and rubber thongs. That wasn't the exciting bit — his worldliness and thorough love of literature were the thrill. He introduced me to a world of culture that, as a young north Queenslander, I had never known existed. It was not until six years later when my husband Paul and I were living in England and tasting some of what they call culture over there, that I became truly aware of what John had awakened. It is one of the regrets of my life that I didn't have the opportunity to thank him. When we returned to Australia in 1973 I was truly grieved to learn of his death.

Townsville College of course also meant positives for us, because it was so small. I was given the opportunity to fly to Melbourne for a national conference as the WUS representative. It was my very first trip in a plane! You might imagine how sophisticated I felt, ordering the de rigeur scotch and dry. You might also imagine my excitement, wonder and naivete amongst a much more worldly group in Melbourne.

It was all a long way from the sound lounge and Angus Smith Bookstore where weekend and holiday work supported my studies.

Commem week was memorable that year too. The procession had its share of flour bombs and water fights, but there was also tomato sauce on the anti-Vietnam float and this foreshadowed the protests that characterized my following years at St Lucia. Generally we were not politically aware or concerned on campus, to the chagrin of Lee Duffield, the Magnus editor. For my part, getting through exams and having a good time in the process were the order of the day. Hence any political significance of the Commem parade disappeared under the hair dryer in preparation for the bee-hive hair-do for the ball, or purchasing the new invention — pantyhose.

There was one other feature of Commem that year — the "raid" on the N.Z. warship called, I think, the Taranaki. My memory of the plans are hazy, but they seemed to involve a football game in the afternoon with lots of drinks after for the sailors. All this was the diversionary tactic while the rest of us visited the boat.
I’ve lost memory of what we intended doing. What I do know is that the crew of the ship did not want us around and pelted us with rotten vegetables etc and even turned their fire hoses onto some of the more advanced members of our expedition. We headed for the mattresses!

The year ended in the adrenalin-producing swot vac. Di Breinl, Nev Smith, Lindsay Jue Sue and I did many all night round-table stints broken by swims at the Pallarenda enclosure and early morning trips to Regal Bakery.

All in all it was a happy transition year from secondary school to the St Lucia campus, where I finished by BA DipEd. I went on to thoroughly enjoy teaching in secondary schools here and in England, to marry and have two wonderful daughters now aged 12 and 10. I returned to part-time work at JCU Education six years ago and am now there as Tutor and half-way through my Masters. The wheel has turned and I am well pleased with all its aspects.

BRUCE MONAHAN

Bruce never did get around to giving us a final version of his recollections for printing but the following extract from his letter to Kay Martinez contains some detail which may be of interest to other 1966 Freshers:

How nice to hear from you after all these years. I am sure there have been many changes in all our lives since Pimlico campus was in full swing.

I recently moved into a unit in Sydney and found it necessary to be ruthless with much of my treasured memories — unfortunately my records of Townsville University College were casualties of this cleanout.

Since receiving your letter, I have been reflecting on 1966 and the people at the college. A few names come to mind — John Joyce and Tony Barber — both in Dentistry.

For my part, I now manage a Rubber manufacturing plant that is wholly foreign owned by TOYO TIRE of Japan. This connection takes me overseas fairly regularly (mainly to Japan). I occasionally visit Townsville on business — the next time I do I will contact you.

I have enclosed a photo which you may notice has more wrinkles visible than the last time you saw me.

I’m not sure if you want “personal details” but I have 2 boys Timothy (10) and Scott (7). I am presently separated and leading the bachelor life in Sydney.

BRUCE D MOORE

Attending first year university at Townsville University College 1966 was undoubtedly an advantage for me. The student numbers were small and close knit, life fairly casual, and most social events involved the entire student population. Most faces were familiar — if not belonging to close friends or acquaintances. For some the year was primarily of social interest, others pursued particular goals/careers, while for some, academic endeavours were stimulated by a desire to avoid or defer conscription.

Apart from the College Refectory, the “halls of residence” were the most popular meeting places — St Marks, Duncragan, Stuart House and Olsen House. I remember Keith Stringer’s beautifully restored Citroen as far more impressive than the majority of student vehicles.

There were about fourteen of us enrolled in Medicine I. Naturally we found ourselves at lectures with Science, Engineering and Arts students (until we were advised not to continue attending History lectures) and experienced little in terms of “medical” exposure. First aid, and being blood typed were the limits of our clinical adventures — and one person remembers the embarrassment of fainting when the finger was gently pricked to permit the latter.

Inevitably the examinations loomed — without the forewarning of blossoming jacarandas as marks the threat down south. Swot vac saw many combined sessions and I recall receiving great assistance from Mike Mansfield and Libby Gregson (physics and chemistry I think). Mike, Geoff Strutton, Steve Bianchi, Ross Harrington, Neville Lutton, John Sing and I moved on to Medicine II in Brisbane — and to a much larger complex. It seemed our Med II year numbers about equalled the sum total of full time students at T.U.C. — quite a contrast.

After completing the Medicine course, I worked in Brisbane hospitals (and some country areas on rotation) for four years, followed by six years in New Zealand, training in Ear, Nose and Throat surgery. Since 1982 I’ve been in E.N.T. practice on the Sunshine Coast.
As (Margaret) Joan Carmichael I arrived at St Raphael’s College as a fresher in February 1966. There were only the two women’s colleges, Raphs and Duncragan, I think our college had about 18 resident women. Thoughts from those years now fall readily into the “Do you remember?” category.

Do you remember?
- Wearing our black academic gowns to every meal? and those sleeves . . .
- Cynthia Murray in a suit and stockings training us to sing (in our black gowns of course) Gaudeamus Igitur for the graduation ceremony?
- The Geography field trip to Thornton Gap?
- Henry Reynolds tutoring us in Europe to 1815?
- The compulsory mid-year test (unheard of in those days) for all History I students to see if we had read Religion and the Rise of Capitalism! (I’m sure it revealed that most of us had not) — we did manage to write quite eloquently on the final question “Comment on the style of this book”.
- The lectures on Pope and Dryden where our esteemed Professor locked the door so latecomers took the lecture with heads through the windows of the upstairs lecture room.
- Don Gallagher’s lectures which were punctuated at regular intervals with exhortations for us to read Evelyn Waugh. I’m sure he would be gratified to know that during my Christmas holidays 1984 (18 years later) I did read Evelyn Waugh — as many novels as I could fit into 6 weeks — and, most surprisingly, I enjoyed them!
- The stork which appeared in the tree outside Raphs and the red light on the steps — compliments, I think, of Stuart House.
- The great “At Home” we had where, instead of inviting our partners, we wrote the names in a list on the noticeboard and we all pretended not to know who had invited whom!
- The Engineers’ Revue — it took days for the older students to explain all the jokes to us — there were many we never did understand.
- The 9.00 pm and 10.00 pm curfews at college. The necessity of always putting a destination in the leave book at college. “Out driving” was definitely a no! no!
- The extra lectures/tutorials/remedial sessions Rex Moss held to teach us French grammar.
- The day we went on STRIKE! No of course not, it was called WORKOUT, and didn’t we feel we were setting the world to rights as we marched door to door with petitions!
- Sitting up all night studying, then sitting for 6 hours of exams without going to sleep! Oh to have such stamina still.

The memories of that first year away from home and the wonderful adventure of University are pleasant ones. I did my teacher training at Kelvin Grove College and completed my BA in 1970.

After several years of teaching, including my country service, of course, for the Queensland Education Department, I married John Neal in 1970 and we have two sons Matthew aged 10 and John, 12. During my eight year spell of “at home” motherhood I completed my Hons in history then my MA at James Cook, with
This year is my fifth year of full time work since the children started school. I am English Co-Ordinator at St Patrick’s and very happy to be Chairperson of the St Raphael’s College Council replacing another ex-Raphaelian, Althea (Wherry) Norton, who retired from the position when she became Principal of St Mary’s, Charters Towers.

BARBARA VINE (NEE MAYS)

1966 was the year of impending change in the life of TUC — the last year of full service for all faculties on the Pimlico campus. Being a fresher in that year and enrolled in the Arts faculty, I was one of those who witnessed the transition from old to new, Pimlico to Mt Stuart.

I started my Uni life full of some frustration at being in Townsville and not enrolled in Physiotherapy in Brisbane. Arts in Townsville had been a compromise between my father and myself. Nonetheless, I settled for pursuing zoology with those aspiring to be teachers, journalists, or those who, like myself, were otherwise uncertain about where a qualification in these subjects would lead. That first year was a strange patchwork of disciplines and personalities, sharing a decaying shark with Bob Weir over a zoology lab, and sharing my intimate “boyfriend” secrets with Narelle Taylor (now Slader) in French grammar classes with Mr Moss. (Mr Moss and I encountered one another in a lift in Canberra some years back — I didn’t feel inclined to ask him if he recalled my inattentiveness!)

History classes with Ian Newton Moles were “spicy”, especially since he desired to make history seem relevant to a bunch of desultory aspiring medics, 1966 being a year of experimentation with “broadening” the base of knowledge-acquisition for those in the Medical Faculty. English was romantically transporting with Don Gallagher leading us into the delights of English balladry, and vulgarly sensual with Mr Smith attempting to shock the freshers into a new grasp on Shakespeare’s view of the world.

I can recall a French tutor, George Brewer, a Dutch Indonesian, who treated me like “teacher’s pet” — it may not have improved my social standing in the French class, but it did have the virtue of ultimately teaching me some French — something I was grateful for eleven years later when I found myself in Paris!

My romantic and social life was complicated by dating Ron Fraley, but at the same time, holding an affection for Jim Vine (both in the Engineering Faculty, though 2 years apart). I remember a great embarrassment in my life when, after the 1966 exams were just over, I was chased across the quadrangle by an aggressive magpie, dress flying, in full view of the Engineering boys!

1967 saw the move to the new and primitive premises at Mt Stuart for the Arts Faculty and those who would reside at University Hall. Conditions were difficult at first, complicated by the tyranny of distance (to travel, from shops, etc.) but at last we saw facilities for buying coffee and food on campus. I see that now the premises of the first “eatery” are merely a hollowed out, messy shell. The Library was a cramped, stuffy room where we all squashed in to study. I remember often falling asleep from lack of good ventilation — or was it from study anxiety?

By 1968, we had grown more accustomed to the new surroundings. I remember enjoying watching the kangaroos feed at dusk (probably while I was supposed to be acquiring knowledge on Chaucer from Professor Roderick, or on James Joyce from John Heuzenroeder (now sadly deceased). An evening TAA flight always transgressed the path of sunset lectures, as well.

1969 saw me “in the world”, clutching my new-founded sense of being “a graduate”, and struggling to impress 14 year olds with it, teaching at the Townsville Grammar School. I had decided to marry Jim Vine, but messed up communicating this to Jim, and he had set off for Western Australia with a new bride. Consequently, I consolod myself with more study — in Educational Psychology, and in 1970, left Townsville behind to enrol in library studies at the University of New South Wales.

Canberra was to become my home after this, with a job at the National Library of Australia and, for the want of a husband, librarianship was to become my career over the next fourteen years. My career would lead me into some controversial pathways — the corridors of “power” in our land — legal, political, governmental and even criminal! I narrowly escaped being caught up in a controversy which made the National Times (being party to “secret” information) — thereby proving that libraries are more than just places where you read books!

In 1982, a miracle would occur in my life which was to redirect it back to Townsville. God was to place me on the same beach at Magnetic Island as Jim Vine. Four months later, I had packed my bags, left my job and house and friends
and moved to Townsville, later to marry Jim. That was to be the first of many miraculous happenings, the pinnacle being in 1985 when the smartest thing I have ever done in my life was to abandon my educated understanding, in order to humble myself in child-like simplicity of faith, and accept Jesus Christ as both my Lord and my Saviour. The brief two and one half years since have seen "out-of-this world" healings and restorations both in myself and my family, which now stretches to 3 beautiful daughters — Gail 16, Jenny 13, Tara 6. Today, I enjoy life — I love to look forward to tomorrow — it has a purpose. I feel privileged now to work part-time in the University which was part of my life’s tableaux. I bid all those who remember me "hello" in the name of Jesus, and my current address is 783 Ross River Road, Condon, Qld 4815 for any who would like to know more! May God bless your life, as He has done mine.

Barbara and Jim Vine

Barbara with Gail, Jenny and Tara

1966 GRADUATES

A graduation ceremony was held on Monday 28 February 1966 for conferring degrees in Arts, Science and Civil Engineering. The Graduation Address was presented by the Vice-Chancellor (Emeritus Professor Sir Fred Schonell).

Following are the names of the graduates on whom degrees were conferred:

Bachelor of Arts, Pass Degree

Guy, Annette Margaret
Marland, Percy Wilson
O’Dea, Valma Lorraine
O’Shea, Mary Therese
Pender, Glenda Jill
Smith, Kenneth John
Truss, Janet Hazel
Tassell, Barbara Lee

Bachelor of Science, Pass Degree

Beasley, Warren Frederick
Blockey, Francis George
Borsatto, Vilma
Geddes, Marie Therese
Gillman, Kevin Francis
Johnson, Janice Ann
Mousamas, Arthur George
Murphy, Peter Thomas
Pang Way, Christopher
Sheehan, Gregory William
Skerman, Leila Rosemary
Tait, Andrew Martin
Taylor, Allan Francis

Bachelor of Science With Second Class Honours — Division A

Hawes, Geoffrey Brill (Chemistry)
Jones, Raymond David George (Chemistry)
Kemball, Patricia Anne (Chemistry)

Bachelor of Engineering, Pass Degree

Ford, Lyall Robert (Civil)
Froyland, Rodney Harold (Civil)
Hatfield, Alfred Paul (Civil)
Menzies, Ian Alexander (Civil)

The Exhortation was presented by the Warden (Dr K.J.C. Back).

The Graduation Ceremony was immediately followed by a Matriculation Ceremony at which students were presented in the Faculties of Arts, Education, Commerce and Economics (by Professor C.A. Roderick), Science and Applied Science (by Professor G.N. Richards), Engineering (by Professor D.H. Trollope),
Chemistry Staff and Graduates

The four Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) graduates - Lyall Ford, Ian Menzie, Rod Froyland, Alf (Paul) Hatfield

Arts Graduates - Annette Guy, Barbara Tassell, Therese O'Shea, Valma O'Dea, Jill Pender and Janet Truss

Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy (by Professor B.C. Rennie) and Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Science (by Professor J.F. Ward).

Following the presentation of Matriculants, the Exhortation was presented by Professor D.H. Trollope.
1966 was the year of the Sixth Union Council of the James Cook University. The President in that year was Mr. J. Sullivan, the Vice-President Mr. A.M. Tait. The Annual General Report of that Sixth Union Council highlighted particularly the change and the opportunities presented by the move to the Douglas campus. It also noted the difficulties of operating from split campuses, in those days referred to, tongue in cheek, as “campi”. Other features of the Union Report still echo through the now much larger Union facilities. The Treasurer commented on the difficulties of working with a less than adequate budget and the Union Editor called for more contributions from students to assist with putting out his Union newspaper. The Refectory had just been built and the Union prided itself on the low prices at which it was able to offer meals. However the difficulty in providing adequate services to part-time students was noted.

In the sporting arena, the University Rugby League Club had successes with the Junior side winning the Junior Grand Premiership and the side competing in the local competition, then known as the “President’s Cup Grade” was, at last report, going to enter the semi-finals in a leading position. The contribution of a well-known University figure, Mr. Joe Baker (now Dr. Joe Baker, Head of A.I.M.S.) was noted in the Annual Report. There were many other active sporting clubs—Squash Club, Tennis Club, Table Tennis Club, Hockey, Basketball and Athletics. Perhaps most note-worthy was that the Water Ski Club folded because there were no boats to hire and the club could not afford to buy one. The Union Water Ski Club in 1987, of course, has a splendid new ski boat.

Politically, the Union was active in a major national education campaign encouraging reforms and improvements in education at all levels. This activity took the form of a “work out” and boycott of lectures which gained somewhat sympathetic coverage in the local press. The local press was however much less supportive in its coverage of events such as the Annual Commemoration Day Parade, where it was suggested among other things, that “students were too pre-occupied with sex rather than with affairs that most affect the community”. The Townsville Daily Bulletin commented very favourably on a prank where the New Zealand Navy was successful in defending its ship against an attempt by university students to paint the symbol of the Saint on the boat. However when this was successfully done on a British Royal Navy Submarine, it was seen as an occasion for disapproval and disgust. It is also noteworthy that 1966 was the beginning of opposition to the involvement of Australia in the Vietnam War, a campaign which of course was ultimately successful in 1972. However, whilst an anti-War position was much less popular or accepted in 1966, groups of students from James Cook University were involved in moratorium campaigns and marches.

(NIGEL PENNINGTON)
REPORT ON SCHOOL TOURS

The Union was keen to support the College's drive for enrolments in the north and organised its own visits to High Schools. Following is an extract from the report on those tours submitted by the Vice-President, Martin Tait.

"Every Secondary institution catering for Sub Seniors and Seniors from Mackay north to the Tablelands and west to Mt Isa was visited during 1966. The initial idea was to send representatives on the tour in the last week of the August vacation. As this week coincided with the Secondary School holidays, the tour took place in the first and second weeks of our third term and, all told, 45 schools were visited. On all but the Mt Isa trip the representatives travelling by car, often talking to three schools in one day.

The response from the students was excellent. This was gauged by the fact that the representatives often talked for well over an hour and by the type and variety of questions asked by the students. More interest centred on Scholarships available, courses and facilities offered and accommodation and transport. In all but a few schools the absence of literature on University life was apparent. The Union feels this should be remedied by sending enough relevant information and booklets on all aspects of University education and possible careers well before the students matriculate.

The Union is extremely confident that all students visited have been given enough food for thought and that those students who were uncertain about continuing on to Tertiary Education have been supplied with enough information to start them thinking of attending University, which we hope will be at Townsville. A general survey showed that about 200 students had thought of attending University here. No doubt this figure will rise as more students make up their minds.

During the visit to Home Hill our two representatives for the southern area were Guest Speakers at the local Rotary Club, and received as much attention and interest as they did at the school. The Union feels that the idea of talking to parents as well as the students is well worth following up and next year we hope to be able to talk to various interested service clubs in the centres visited. We also plan to extend the Tour to Rockhampton.

The trip to Mt Isa was financed wholly by Mt Isa Mines Ltd; the representatives being treated as official visitors. The Management was extremely interested in the idea of 'Students talking to students' and the representatives spent a lot of their time discussing ideas for future tours. We are extremely indebted to Mt Isa Mines Ltd for their generous support and they have already been adequately thanked.

The Tour received quite good publicity, with articles appearing in the Townsville Daily Bulletin and The Age in Mt Isa. The A.B.C. radio and T.V. gave us headline news on two occasions and also recorded a half hour interview with four of the representatives for the programme 'Points of Interest'.

In closing, on behalf of the Union, I would like to sincerely thank the University College for their support and interest."