GENERAL COMMENTS

In the middle of the year, after many delays, the Department moved into the A.D. Hope Building, and for the first time all members were under one roof. The provision of staff rooms, laboratories and seminar rooms is, for the moment, sufficient, but we shall need further accommodation, when the final phase of building is complete.

Teaching in Prehistory reached its fourth year, and the first group of Prehistory Honours students completed their degrees with very satisfactory results. Anthropology offered four semester units for second year students, a rather restricted choice due to staff shortages, but sufficient for Honours and other interested students to take a double major.

Both Prehistory and Anthropology have adopted the semester unit for teaching after the first year introductory courses. This system allows greater flexibility for staff and a greater choice for students. It also helps to make a wider range of subjects available with the restricted number of staff at present appointed.

Emeritus Professor W.E.H. Stanner took up his Visiting Fellowship during the year, at the start of what we hope is a long association with this Department. He gave some lectures on Aboriginal religion in the second semester. Two further lecturers in Anthropology took up their appointments in the middle of the year, and gave courses in the second semester.

The Department sponsored the introduction of a major in Aboriginal Studies. Students can now take a set of courses on Aborigines from different disciplines as a single major. The courses initially included are from Anthropology, Prehistory, Sociology and History, plus Linguistics for those with the necessary preliminary training. It is intended to add further courses, if student response indicates sufficient interest. Dr. Nicolas Peterson of this Department is the Convener of the Aboriginal Studies courses.

COURSES

Prehistory offered four advanced semester units in 1975 instead of second and third year whole units. Prehistory IV Honours was also offered for the first time.

In Anthropology, there was a heavy demand for second year units, and four advanced semester units were offered: Kinship and Marriage,
Political Anthropology, Anthropology of Australian Aborigines and Primate Ecology and Behaviour. In addition, a second year Honours course in Anthropology was offered for the first time.

For Prehistory, the move to the A.D. Hope Building permitted the beginning of laboratory-type practical instruction in such matters as illustration, photography and osteological and geological identification of excavated materials. Honours students were also able to work on the processing, classification and analysis of stone tools.

Staff shortage did not permit the introduction of units designed to appeal to students of both disciplines during 1975. However, the Aboriginal Studies course and linked courses, such as those on the Prehistory and Anthropology of Art, will go some way to meet this need in 1976.

ENROLMENTS AND EXAMINATION RESULTS

Prehistory enrolments appear to have stabilised, with a first year entry of around 100 students. There was a disappointingly high withdrawal rate in first year, and failures were accentuated by the fact that six candidates absented themselves from the examination.

Results in later year Prehistory units reflected the high interest, commented upon last year. Of the four candidates in Final Honours, one was awarded First Class Honours, two achieved 2A level and the fourth 2B level.

During the year research continued at Mungo, under an A.I.A.S. grant, and a high proportion of later year students' participation. Around 400 man-days of work were involved. Other local field activities were also undertaken. A three-day coach tour of archaeological sites by second year students has become a feature of Departmental activities. The informal contact between staff and students on these field excursions, and the opportunities offered for students to get to know their fellows, is an important factor in the high performance rate of students in later year units.

Anthropology enrolments for the first year approached 200, but there was a higher rate of early withdrawals; nevertheless, the final number sitting was about 20% more than in 1974. The results continue to be encouraging with over half getting Credit or better. In the advanced year units, enrolments were at a high level, averaging 40 over the four semester units, and the results reflect the enthusiasm of many of the students.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

A Departmental Committee was established with student representatives from each year in each subject. This structure gives about equal representation to staff and students, a representative of the non-academic staff is also a member of the Committee.
In each unit at least one session is devoted to the discussion of the course content and means of assessment. The results of such discussions are then reported to the Departmental Committee. This results in some variation in means of assessment within the Department, but the procedure and its results are regarded by both staff and students as satisfactory, and virtually no complaints about content or assessment were made during the year.

The move to the A.D. Hope Building provided a Departmental Centre, where staff, graduate and Honours students can and do meet informally, and where Departmental Committee meetings are held. This facility is much appreciated and has helped maintain the already excellent staff-student relationship in the Department.

The Prehistory and Anthropology Students Society continued to flourish, holding a series of lunchtime meetings with invited speakers. Students of the Department were also very active in the Canberra Archaeological Society.

**WORK OF GRADUATE STUDENTS**

The Department maintains close co-operation with the departments of Prehistory and Anthropology in the RSPacS. During the year, graduate seminars in both Prehistory and Anthropology were held about weekly. In addition, a joint seminar with the Department of Linguistics, SGS, on "Meaning in Anthropology and Linguistics" in the third term attracted many staff and students. In addition, there was a weekly teaching seminar for MA and MAQ students in Anthropology.

In Prehistory, one PhD thesis was submitted, one MA awarded, and two candidates passed their Masters Qualifying course. Two further PhDs in Prehistory are in progress.

In Anthropology, one Masters Qualifying student completed his course and has proceeded on fieldwork for his MA in Western Australia. One PhD scholar is on fieldwork in Papua New Guinea, and another is about to leave.

Three Masters Qualifying students and one MA by coursework and thesis passed their coursework component at high levels.

**STAFF**

Head of Department and Professor of Anthropology  
J.A.W. Forge, MA (Canterbury.)

Professor of Prehistory  
D.J. Mulvaney, MA(Melb.), MA PhD (Canterbury.), FAHA

Senior Lecturers in Prehistory  
I. McBryde, MA (Melb.), PhD (NE), Dip.Prehist.Archaeol. (Canterbury.), FRAI  
F.W. Shawcross, MA (Canterbury.)
Lecturer in Prehistory (Senior Lecturer 1976): P.S. Bellwood, MA (Cantab.).

Lecturers in Anthropology: C.P. Groves, BSc PhD (Lond.)
A.A.F. Gell, BA (Cantab.), PhD (Lond.)

from July: C Ifeke, MA PhD (Lond.)
from July: N. Peterson, BA (Cantab.), PhD (Syd.)

Temporary Lecturer in Anthropology: March to July R.B. Davis, BA (Virginia, U.S.A.), PhD (Syd.).

Senior Tutor in Prehistory (Lecturer 1976): A. Rosenfeld, BSc (Brist.), PhD (Lond.).

Part-time Tutors in Anthropology: D.E. Barwick, BA (Brit.Col.), PhD (ANU)
A. Haiman, BA (Mass.)
H. Morphy, BSc (Lond.), MPhil (Lond.).

Research Assistants: till May A.L. Watchman, BSc (Adel.)
Teaching Assistant in Anthropology, part-time Sept. to Dec. A.A.E. Stucki

VISITORS

Emeritus Professor W.E.H. Stanner took up his Visiting Fellowship in June.

Professor Axel Steensberg, of the Copenhagen National Museum and the International Secretariat for Research on the History of Agricultural Implements, paid a brief visit in October. He gave a seminar and a lecture in the Department.

Dr. Thomas M. Kiefer, of Brown University and the Harvard Law School, came as Visiting Fellow in Anthropology (July to September). During the course of his visit, he gave seminars, showed films and lectured in Introductory Anthropology and Political Anthropology.

David McKnight, of the London School of Economics and Political Science, visited the Department briefly in December on his return from fieldwork on Mornington Island. He gave a seminar paper and held talks with members of the Department.

Various other scholars paid brief visits, mainly to give papers in research seminars. A major effort was the symposium on "Archaeology and the Media" jointly sponsored with the Department of Prehistory, RSPacS.
STAFF MOVEMENTS

Professor Mulvaney spent February visiting overseas museums, as a member of the Committee of Inquiry on Museums and National Collections. In November, both Professor Mulvaney and Dr. McBryde presented papers and chaired sessions at a symposium at Melbourne University on the Prehistory of Victoria. In April, Professor Mulvaney attended a workshop on Building Materials Conservation in Hobart.

Professor Mulvaney lectured at four different centres during the year, including a lecture on Australian Prehistory at the Black Theatre Cultural Centre, Redfern.

During August, Dr. A. Rosenfeld acted as Advisor on site recording and the survey of rock art sites by the Western Australian Museum, in the Dampier-Port Hedland area.

Dr. I. McBryde gave a seminar at C.S.I.R.O., Division of Entomology.

Mr. Bellwood participated in a symposium on dating metal artefacts at the Art Gallery of Victoria.

Mr. Bellwood (Secretary) and Professor Mulvaney (Chairman) planned Section 25A (Archaeology) of the 46th ANZAAS Congress. Together with Dr. McBryde, they arranged a symposium of the Australian Archaeological Association, following ANZAAS, where a number of Aboriginal speakers commented on the problems, as they saw them, raised by archaeological activities. This meeting proved important in assisting mutual understanding. Mr. A.G. Thorne, Prehistory, RSPacS, was a co-organiser of the meeting.

Dr. McBryde and Mr. Shawcross gave a paper on the continuing work at Mungo, and Dr. McBryde gave another paper, with Mr. Alan Watchman, on her research into stone quarries. Dr. McBryde, Mr. Shawcross and Mr. Bellwood chaired sessions.

Mr. Bellwood and Ms B. Meehan also gave papers in Section 25A of ANZAAS.

In Section 25 (Anthropology), Professor Forge and Dr. A. Gell gave papers, and Professor Forge chaired a session.

Professor Forge visited the Department of Anthropology, University of Adelaide, in September to give lectures and seminars. In October, he went to Port Moresby to give a paper in a Symposium on Third World Art.

Dr. Gell went to India in November to conduct a pilot survey for his proposed research to take place in 1976.

Dr. Peterson joined the Department in July, after spending a semester as Visiting Professor in the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque. He attended a Darwin meeting of the Bilingual Education Consultative Committee in August.

Dr. Groves was on research leave during the second semester, travelling in Eastern Indonesia, with a grant from the A.R.G.C.
RESEARCH

Mr. Shawcross and Dr. McBryde continued field research in the Willandra Lakes area. Field investigation of Pleistocene camp sites and middens in the lunette of Outer Arumpo continued in 1975 with the excavation of two 'midden' sites, each with an antiquity of over 30,000 years, one of them associated with open camp site locations which were recorded and mapped in detail with the excavation of hearth deposits. Excavations continued at Lake Mungo. Material from these excavations should add greatly to our knowledge of the early adaptation to the lacustrine environment and its resources during the period when the Willandra Lakes formed an active water system.

Dr. McBryde continued her A.R.G.C. funded project on the distribution of axes from Victorian 'greenstone' quarries. This included fieldwork in Victoria during May and June. She also conducted two salvage surveys and excavations, one at Lake Bathurst in an area being quarried, and another at Lake Jindabyne, where Aboriginal sites have subsequently gone underwater. Honours students assisted and are analysing results, while thermoluminescent dating of hearths at Jindabyne is in progress.

Dr. Rosenfeld spent a total of seven weeks excavating and recording art sites in the Laura area, Cape York, under A.I.A.S. funding. Important results included a minimal date of 13,000 B.P. for rock engravings.

Mr. Bellwood completed the text of a major book on the Prehistory of the Pacific, and is well advanced with the analysis of material excavated in Indonesia during 1974.

Dr. Groves travelled to Sulawesi, visiting Ujung Pandang, Maiwa, Manado, the Tangkoko-Batuangas Nature Reserve, Kotamobagu, Imandi, Gorontalo, Palu, Kebun Kopi, Parigi and other places, to study macaques and the problem of their speciation. Of the seven recognised taxa on Sulawesi, he saw five, both in the wild and in captivity, and was able to discover two instances of reproductive isolation, and two of intergradation. This enables him to redefine species and subspecies, and point to some factors important in promoting differentiation within Sulawesi. Dr. Groves' research was financed by the A.R.G.C.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Report of the Committee of Inquiry on Museums and National Collections was tabled in Parliament in November. Professor Mulvaney, who was a member of that Committee, also chaired the Planning Committee on the Gallery of Aboriginal Australia, whose report was also tabled. He continued as Deputy-Chairman of Council of the A.I.A.S., and served on other committees of that Institute. He is a member of the Project Co-ordinating Committee on Historical Archaeology, set up by the Interim Committee on the National Estate.

Dr. McBryde was re-appointed for a second term to the N.S.W. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Aboriginal Relics Advisory Committee. She is a member of the A.I.A.S. Prehistory Advisory Committee.
Professor Forge was appointed Chairman of the Publications Committee of the A.I.A.S. and as such is a member of Council. Dr. Peterson is an elected member of the A.I.A.S. Council and also a member of the Executive Committee, and the Social Anthropology and Cape York Ecology Committees. Dr. Barwick is also a member of the Social Anthropology Committee. Dr. Rosenfeld is a member of the Cape York Ecology Committee.

Dr. Peterson has been appointed to membership of the Aboriginal Housing Panel. He is also Senior Research Associate in Oceanic Anthropology and Ethnology in the Department of History, University of Melbourne. As such he has been advising the University on the cataloguing of the Donald Thomson collection, and is preparing Thomson manuscripts for publication.

Mr. H. Morphy, research scholar, made an extensive submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Environment and the Arts, on bark painting at Yirrkala.

Professor Forge organised an exhibition of Contemporary Papua New Guinea Art to coincide with the Independence celebrations in September. The Exhibition was opened by Mr. Oala Oala-Rarua, the High Commissioner of Papua New Guinea, and the Vice-Chancellor proposed a toast to the newly independent country. The Exhibition attracted a great deal of attention, and virtually all the works were sold. Graduate and Honours students in Anthropology and the non-academic staff of the Department all helped greatly in the success of the Exhibition.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF PREHISTORY AND ANTHROPOLOGY ANALYSIS OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE

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**PhD (Anthropology)**

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