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# MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

FIRST GRADUATION CEREMONY

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THE CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS

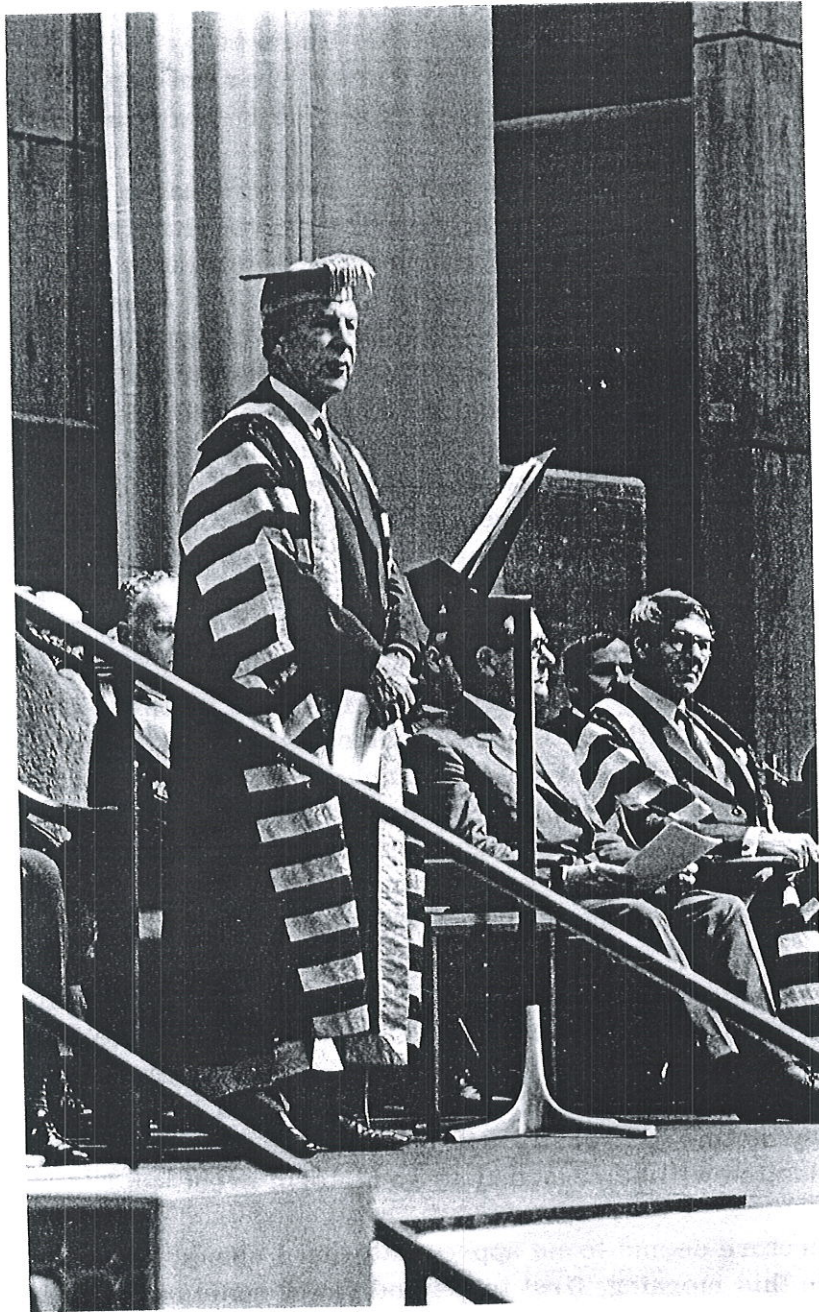
Occasional Address given by the Chancellor,  
The Right Hon. Sir Garfield Barwick,  
G.C.M.G., Q.C., at the First Ceremony  
for the Conferring of Degrees, 21 March 1970.

This University received its first undergraduates in February 1967. Today I have admitted to their several degrees its first graduates. Before the University began teaching its undergraduate members, a tremendous amount of intense thought and work had been expended by a very devoted group of people — the members of the Interim Council who became under the University's statute the First Council of the University and those they called on for advice and counsel. Their original thinking and willingness to follow new paths and to adopt novel expedients set the pattern of teaching in this University to which I wish this morning to make some reference. As the Vice-Chancellor has well said elsewhere, "The University will always be in the debt of the members of the First Council".

On 31 May 1967 the University held its first major ceremony in this place, "a ceremony to mark the beginning of teaching in the University". His Excellency the Governor of this State attended, and as well as addressing us, unveiled a commemorative plaque which may be seen on the wall to my left in this courtyard. I remember stressing in the remarks I made on that occasion that this University is to teach and that for this purpose it would gather together distinguished scholars devoted to teaching as the fulfilment of their scholarship.

Today we see the first fruits of the endeavours of those teaching scholars over the intervening three years. Before me are this University's first graduates and whilst at the moment we may not gather the full impact of the day's events, I am sure that in later years, as the history of this University unfolds itself in due perspective, this first graduation will be regarded as an historic event.

It therefore seems to me appropriate that I should detain you for a brief while this morning, first to remind you of some of the distinctive features of our pattern of teaching and then to relate the achievements of these graduates to that pattern, for they represent a fulfilment of some of the educational aims and the pattern of teaching, which the University has pursued and applied during the years they were undergraduates.



The Chancellor delivers the Occasional  
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