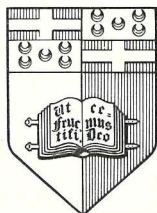


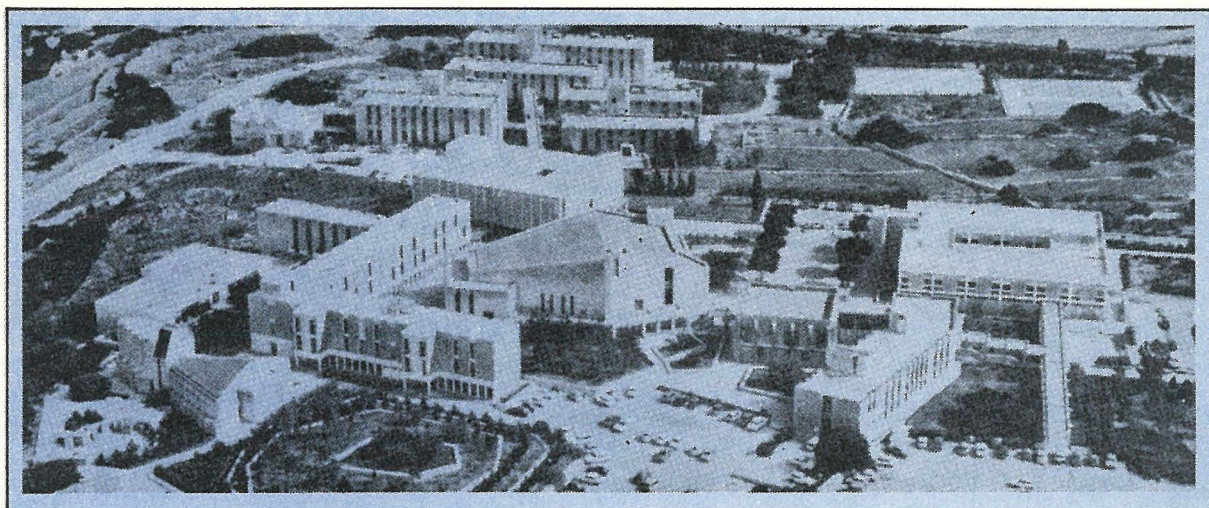
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REINSTATEMENT OF STAFF

FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY

The following members have been reinstated on the staff of the University in terms of the provisions of Article 33.2(m) of the Education Act:

Dr. E.A. Agius	Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Professor J.V. Bannister	Department of Basic Medical Sciences
Professor W.H. Bannister	Department of Basic Medical Sciences
Professor Arthur P. Camilleri	Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Dr. A. Caruana Galizia	Department of Medicine
Professor F.F. Fenech	Department of Medicine
Dr. J.L. Grech	Department of Pathology
Professor V.G. Griffiths	Department of Surgery
Professor A.P. Jaccarini	Department of Pharmacy
Dr. F.X. Micallef	Department of Surgery
Professor J.L. Pace	Department of Anatomy
Dr. J. Rizzo Naudi	Department of Medicine
Dr. P. Vassallo Agius	Department of Medicine
Mr. M. Zarb Adami	Department of Pharmacy

FACULTY OF DENTAL SURGERY

Professor G.E. Camilleri	Department of Dental Surgery
Dr. G. Manara	Department of Dental Surgery
Mr. John M. Portelli	Department of Dental Surgery

FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE AND CIVIL ENGINEERING

Professor Jo Tonna	Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering
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FACULTY OF ARTS

Dr. John Grech	Department of Economics
Mr. V. Riolo	Department of Philosophy
Rev. Professor P. Serracino Inglott	Department of Philosophy

EXTRACT FROM GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES 1988

Following a three-day debate, the House of Representatives approved the University's Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the Year 1988.

The debate was held on 10th, 11th and 16th November, 1987.

The University of Malta

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the Year 1988		
	L m	L m
Income		
Registration and tuition fees	14,000	
Examination fees	35,000	
Miscellaneous receipts	2,000	
Government Allocation	1,700,000	
Refunds	35,000	
Total Income		1,786,000
Expenditure		
Faculties:		
Theology	26,000	
Law	23,000	
Medicine and Surgery	154,300	
Dental Surgery	26,700	
Architecture and Civil Engineering	65,620	
Mechanical and Electrical Engineering	126,280	
Management Studies	93,400	
Education	114,300	
Arts	135,000	
Science	136,400	
Administration	148,000	
Library	186,900	
General Educational Expenditure	197,900	
Student Facilities	51,500	
Maintenance of Premises	216,100	
Miscellaneous	84,600	
Total Expenditure		1,786,000
Excess Income over Expenditure		—
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		350,000(a)

(a) Met out of the Capital Vote for Education in the General Estimates for 1988.

In October 1987 the University implemented the policy pronounced by Government to offer education to as many people as possible. The Faculties of Arts and of Science were re-established and a one-year Foundation Studies Course was introduced.

Following an entry of 282 worker-students in February, 544 students were enrolled in October.

Increased expenditure in this year's estimates will enable the University to meet the commitment required to strengthen the complement of staff. Provision of additional funds for the maintenance and extension of existing facilities will allow the University to overcome persisting difficulties in procuring financial support to preserve buildings and to plan ahead to meet foreseeable commitments. The extension to the Library is long overdue and the University will give priority to this from the limited funds available to it.

In the recent past, the renewal and provision of equipment was not commensurate to current needs. This year's provisions will somehow mitigate the difficulties experienced in this field. The faculties of Medicine and Surgery, Dental Surgery, Science and Electrical and Mechanical Engineering all require modern equipment to enhance their teaching and research programmes and efforts to obtain adequate funds will be maintained.

Research programmes will be encouraged as this vital element of University life would restore the prestige of the Faculties promoting projects in the respective departments.

The number of graduates successfully completing their studies in 1988 will be 306 including: 65 Physicians, 44 Pharmacists, 25 Architects and Civil Engineers, 8 Electrical Engineers, 11 Mechanical Engineers, 71 Teachers, 18 Accountants, 8 Business Managers, 9 Public Administrators and 47 will qualify for the B.A.(Gen.) and B.Sc.(Gen.) degrees.

The integration of these graduates in Maltese society will enrich the Island's development and further the University's contribution to the community that supports it.

CONFERMENT OF THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE (HONORIS CAUSA)

ON

DR. JOHN H. MERCIECA AND PROFESSOR ARTHUR S. PROPHET

On Saturday, 10th October, 1987, the University marked the fiftieth anniversary of the first Graduation in the Course of Dental Surgery with the conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) on Dr. John H. Mercieca D.D.S., Dental Surgeon, Honorary Life President of the Dental Association of Malta and on Professor Arthur S. Prophet C.B.E., D.D.S., Dp.BACT., F.D.S.R.C.S., F.F.D.R.C.S.I., Emeritus Professor of Dental Surgery at the University of London.

The Ceremony, which was held at the University Assembly Hall, was presided by the Acting President of the Republic and University Chancellor, Mr. Paul Xuereb. The degree was conferred by the Rector, Rev. Professor Peter Serracino Inglott in the presence of the Minister of Education, Dr. Ugo Mifsud Bonnici.

A resolution approved by the Council of the University stated that the degree was being conferred on Dr. Mercieca 'in recognition of his contribution to the promotion of professional standards of dental graduates in Malta', while that on Professor Prophet was being conferred 'in recognition of his contribution to the advancement of dental education and to the reputation of the Dental School and Profession in Malta'.

PRIVATE GRADUATION CEREMONY

A private Graduation Ceremony was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday, 15th December, 1987.

The Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery was conferred upon:

Mr Justin AGIUS

Mr Jonastin ZAMMIT

Sponsor: Professor George E. Camilleri

The Degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon:

Mrs Gabrielle TORPIANO

Sponsor: Professor Joseph M. Ganado

MORE UNIVERSITY COURSES

The Faculty of Arts is offering an Evening Course leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in the following areas of studies:

Main Subjects:

Arabic, Classical Culture and Civilisation, Classics, Communication, Contemporary Mediterranean Studies, Economics, English, French, General Linguistics, Greek, History, Italian, Latin, Maltese, Philosophy, Psychology, Applied Social Studies.

Archaeology (Secondary Area of Study)

The duration of these Courses will be over nine consecutive quadrimesters (four and one half years) commencing in January 1988.

The Faculty of Education offered Evening Courses leading to the Diploma in Guidance and Counselling and to the Diploma in Educational Administration and Management.

The Course in Guidance and Counselling is open to experienced and qualified teachers who intend to work as Guidance Teachers/Counsellors in the local education system.

The Course in Educational Administration and Management is intended for teachers holding or aspiring to posts of administrative responsibility in education.

The duration of these Courses will be over four consecutive quadrimesters (two years).

Both courses commenced in January, 1988.

FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL ASPECTS OF HUMAN REPRODUCTION

In the period between 24th to 26th September, 1987, the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at St. Luke's Hospital hosted the Fifth Annual Conference of the European Association for the Study of Social Aspects of Human Reproduction (ESSAR), whose current President is Professor Edwin S. Grech.

The Association mainly focuses on the Social Aspects which may influence reproductive function, in particular those that contribute to obstetric mortality and morbidity. The Conference programme included a Workshop on a W.H.O. document entitled 'Having a Baby in Europe' to which local physicians and midwives participated.

Fifteen foreign delegates from different countries in Europe including several local ones participated in the Conference, which was held at the Conference Hall of the Medical School at Guardamangia.

SUMMER COURSE ON THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

In the period 2nd September to 1st October, 1987, eleven B.Ed.(Hons.) students accompanied by Mr. Charles Calleja, Senior Lecturer in Arts in Education, attended a Summer Course on the teaching of English as a Foreign Language held in the Department of English Studies at the University of Nottingham (U.K.).

This visit proved to be an extremely positive one and should usher in other similar courses in the future for prospective teachers of English as a Foreign Language.

LIBYAN CULTURAL WEEK

During the Libyan Cultural Week, the following lectures were delivered at the University of Malta:

Tuesday, 27th October	Dr. Faud Kabazy	'The Poetry of Dun Karm'
Wednesday, 28th October	Dr. Mahmoud El-Gharraf	'Perspective in Mass Communication Media in the Jamaharija'
Thursday, 29th October	Dr. Habib Wada'a	'The History of Libyan-Arab Struggle'

These lectures were co-ordinated by Dr. M. Hengari.

BOOK DONATION

In November 1987, a book donation consisting of 400 titles and over 1000 copies was made to the University. This donation is a partial implementation of the cultural agreement which was signed on 14th November, 1987 by Malta and the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALESCO). The books were provided by the World Islamic Call Society which has strong ties with ALESCO.

This donation comes within the framework of enriching and supporting the newly established Department of Arabic by availing students of Arabic language and Islamic culture of major reference books as well as a variety of reading material covering such subjects as literature, arts, history and geography.

At the presentation ceremony attended the Hon. Minister of Education, Dr. U. Mifsud Bonnici, the Rector, Rev. Professor P. Serracino Inglott, the Librarian, Dr. P. Xuereb, the General Secretary of the Malta Branch of the World Islamic Call Society, Mr. Muktar Aziz, the representative of the Arab League in Malta, Mr. Ribhi Tari, the General Director of the Department of IFTA' in Lebanon, Dr. Husein Quwatly and by Dr. M. Hengari, lecturer in Arabic at the University.

GENERAL

Dialogue with Students

On Wednesday, 7th October, 1987, the Minister of Education Dr. Ugo Mifsud Bonnici held a dialogue session with University students at the Assembly Hall of the University.

Dun Karm Lecture

On Friday, 23rd October, 1987, Dr. Anthony Bonanno, B.A.(Gen.), B.A.(Hons.), D.Litt.(Palermo), Ph.D.(Lond.) delivered a public lecture on 'L-Arkeologija f'Dun Karm' in the Library of the Foundation for International Studies at the University of Malta, Valletta.

The lecture was sponsored by the Karmen Mikalleg Buhaġar Fund in association with this University.

Public Lectures

On Wednesday, 18th November, 1987, Dr. Peter Vassallo, B.A.(Hons.), M.A.(Malta), M.A.(Oxon.), D.Phil.(Oxon.), Lecturer in the Department of English, delivered a public lecture on 'John Hookham Frere and Angel de Saavedra, Duque de Rivas' in the Library of the Foundation for International Studies at the University of Malta, Valletta.

In November, Professor Muhammad As-Sammak, a journalist and writer from Lebanon, delivered a public lecture on the political situation in Lebanon at the University of Malta. The lecture was made possible by the Malta Branch of the World Islamic Call Society.

On Thursday, 17th December, 1987 Professor David Farley Hills, Professor of English Language and Literature at the University of Wales, delivered a public lecture on 'Transgression and Retribution in the Plays of Christopher Marlowe' at the Humanities Auditorium.

Gužè Galea Lecture

On Thursday, 17th December, 1987, Mr. Manwel Mifsud, B.A.(Hons.) delivered a public lecture on 'Mir-Reżistenza għall-Integrazzjoni: L-Element Mhux-Semitiku fil-Malti' in the Library of the Foundation for International Studies at the University of Malta, Valletta.

This was the eight in the series of lectures established by the late Professor Joseph Galea M.B.E., M.D., D.P.H. (1901-1978).

STUDENT NUMBERS AND THEIR DISTRIBUTION IN THE FACULTIES (as on 1st November 1987)

		Student-Worker Scheme			Students			
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
Year								
<i>Faculty of Laws</i>								
LL.D.	I	8	4	12	47	27	74	
	III	6	7	13	—	—	—	
	V	31	17	48	—	—	—	
		45	28	73	47	27	74	147
L.P.	I	—	—	—	8	6	14	14
Faculty Total		45	28	73	55	33	88	161
<i>Faculty of Medicine and Surgery</i>								
Intermediate M.D.	I	32	17	49	16	4	20	
	II	20	18	38	—	—	—	
Final M.D.	I	18	17	35	—	—	—	
	II	17	19	36	—	—	—	
	III	28	24	52	—	—	—	
		115	95	210	16	4	20	230
B.Pharm.	I	—	—	—	19	19	38	
	II	13	7	20	—	—	—	
	III	4	16	20	—	—	—	
	IV	21	23	44	—	—	—	
		38	46	84	19	19	38	122
Faculty Total								352
<i>Faculty of Dental Surgery</i>								
B.Ch.D.	II	8	2	10	—	—	—	
	III	5	7	12	—	—	—	
Faculty Total		13	9	22	—	—	—	22
<i>Faculty of Architecture and Civil Engineering</i>								
	I	12	1	13	10	—	10	
	III	13	—	13	—	—	—	
	V	14	—	14	—	—	—	
	VI	22	3	25	—	—	—	
	VII	23	2	25	—	—	—	
Faculty Total		84	6	90	10	—	10	100
<i>Faculty of Engineering</i>								
B.Mech.Eng.	I	15	—	15	4	—	4	
	II	7	—	7	—	—	—	
	III	34	2	36	—	—	—	
	IV	12	1	13	—	—	—	
	V	33	1	34	—	—	—	
		101	4	105	4	—	4	109
B.Elec.Eng.	I	14	—	14	7	—	7	
	II	25	3	28	—	—	—	
	III	12	2	14	—	—	—	
	IV	21	—	21	—	—	—	
	V	32	4	36	—	—	—	
		104	9	113	7	—	7	120
Faculty Total								229

		Student-Worker Scheme			Students			
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
Year								
<i>Faculty of Education</i>								
B.Ed.	I	40	53	93	29	45	74	
	II	25	36	61	—	—	—	
	III	17	28	45	—	—	—	
	IV	30	54	84	—	—	—	
	V	26	45	71	—	—	—	
		138	216	354	29	45	74	
Faculty Total								428
<i>Faculty of Management Studies</i>								
B.A. Accountancy	I	15	5	20	20	9	29	
	III	31	7	38	—	—	—	
	IV	13	13	26	—	—	—	
	V	22	7	29	—	—	—	
		81	32	113	20	9	29	142
B.A. Business Management	I	11	—	11	5	3	8	
	II	9	7	16	—	—	—	
	IV	31	14	45	—	—	—	
	V	13	4	17	—	—	—	
		64	25	89	5	3	8	97
B.A. Public Administration	III	16	13	29	—	—	—	
	IV	17	1	18	—	—	—	
	V	15	8	23	—	—	—	
		48	22	70	—	—	—	70
Faculty Total								
<i>Faculty of Arts</i>								
B.A.	I	—	—	—	36	26	62	
	II	—	—	—	10	8	18	
	III	—	—	—	3	4	7	
Faculty Total		—	—	—	49	38	87	87
<i>Faculty of Science</i>								
B.Sc.	I	—	—	—	23	17	40	
Faculty Total		—	—	—	23	17	40	40
<i>Foundation Studies Course</i>								
Arts		—	—	—	23	9	32	
Science		—	—	—	75	32	107	
Course Total		—	—	—	98	41	139	139
Grand Total		831	492	1323	335	209	544	1867

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At the Conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) on Dr. John H. Mercieca and Professor Arthur S. Prophet held on Saturday, 10th October, 1987, Mr. Hector Galea made the following introduction to the Honorary Graduands:

On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the first graduation in Dental Surgery from this University, Council approved the resolution of Senate that the Degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) be conferred on Dr. John H. Mercieca; who graduated in 1937, and on Professor Arthur Shelley Prophet who visited the examinations in Dental Surgery here in 1974, 1985 and also this year.

The Doctorate in Science is being conferred on Dr. John Mercieca, Honorary Life President of the Dental Association of Malta in recognition of his contribution to the promotion of professional standards of dental graduates in Malta and on Arthur Prophet, Emeritus Professor, University of London, in recognition of his contribution to the advancement of Dental Education and to the reputation of the Dental School and Profession in Malta.

The Faculty of Dental Surgery can indeed be proud that two dentists are being honoured on this unique occasion, and this reflects great credit on our profession.

Both these gentlemen have been my examiners and counsellors. I cherish their unfailing good sense and willingness to help, their charm and quiet humour.

1937 must have been a very important year for John Mercieca, it was the year in which he graduated but it was also the year when King George VI granted the designation 'Royal' to the University of Malta.

Dr. Mercieca has many outstanding qualities which have contributed to his success. Not least among these must be his sheer persistence in that over the span of two score years he has regularly served on Examinations and Faculty Boards of the University, and on the Medical Board and Medical Council and the Committee of the Dental Association of Malta since their inception.

Only he can recount the series of important landmarks which have punctuated his career. Those of us who have served with him can bear witness to his determination to weld the profession into a coherent whole in which personal interests are subordinated to the presentation of a united policy. He possesses a shining integrity and honesty which are almost old world in quality.

In his time, dentistry evolved from a craft to a distinguished profession, the Faculty of Dental Surgery replaced the Dental Board; the Degree replaced the Diploma in Dental Surgery.

Although the word 'crisis' is overworked and, therefore, devalued these days, it is fair to say that, in the seventies, dental education in this country went through a period of crisis. Past experience suggests that such upheavals tend to leave their mark, even when they themselves have become memories of the past, and their after-effects are not necessarily malign, and may even be beneficial.

One result of this crisis has been the restructuring of the curriculum with better integration between the preclinical and clinical subjects throughout the Course and the setting of a new pattern in the teaching of Community and Preventive Dentistry and Orthodontics.

Today's graduates are tomorrow's teachers. Are we failing present and future dental practitioners by providing too little time for our students to come to terms with the real dilemmas of diagnosis programme planning and caring, and for them to learn new skills in areas of importance such as periodontology?

Are we providing enough exposure to the study of the basic sciences, to community dentistry and practice management as we should?

Professor Prophet has been a true friend and counsellor who gave encouragement and support in order to ensure that the professional standards of our graduates equate with the level of clinical accountability demanded by our nation, and that they compare well with those of graduates overseas.

A reorganisation of departments, a lengthening of the Course, curricular evaluation and reform, and vocational training can benefit not only the profession but also the public we serve. We should be producing dentists who are versatile, caring individuals capable of meeting the needs of today and the demands of tomorrow.

Arthur Prophet, Emeritus Professor, University of London, Commander of the Order of the British Empire, Diplomate in Bacteriology and Doctor of Dental Surgery, University of Manchester, Fellow in Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, and Fellow of the Faculty of Dentistry of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland has visited the examinations in Dental Surgery here on three occasions. He has also been External Examiner at the Universities of Singapore and Nigeria and Adviser to the University of Malaysia on the establishment of the Dental School.

Professor Prophet was awarded the Preston Prize and Medal for the best all-round performance as an undergraduate dental student. He was a Nuffield Fellow between 1946 and 1948. He became Director of Dental Studies and subsequently Dean of Dental Studies at University College Hospital Medical School, London from 1956 to 1977. He was Dean of the Medical School from 1977 to 1980 and Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Sciences University College London from 1980 to 1982 and Vice-Dean to 1983.

He was Dean, Faculty of Dental Sciences, University of London between 1980 and 1982 and Vice-Dean until 1983.

He has been a representative of the University of London on the General Dental Council of the United Kingdom for twenty years until 1984, an active member of the Faculty Board of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England for seventeen years until 1980, and Vice-Dean in 1972-73. He served on the University Grants Committee between 1968 and 1978, was Consultant Adviser to the Department of Health and Social Security between 1977 and 1983 and to the World Health Organisation in 1966.

Professor Prophet has been given the honour of delivering various memorial lectures at the University of London, Manchester and Belfast, and gave the Charles Tomes Lecture at the Royal College of Surgeons, London in 1977.

Dr. John H. Mercieca and Professor Arthur S. Prophet have contributed generously to the good name and reputation of the dental profession in Malta and the profession owes them an incalculable debt. We would like them to know that they have earned the gratitude, affection and good wishes of us all.

I am indeed honoured and it gives me great pleasure to present Dr. John Mercieca and Professor Arthur Prophet to you in order that the Degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) be conferred upon them.