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ach year UNSW students celebrate Foundation Day, commemorating the establishment of their university on 1 July 1949. Traditionally, the main activities of the day include fundraising for selected charities, a scavenger hunt and stunts.

The first Foundation Day celebrations were held on Tuesday, 4 July 1961. Students had instituted the day to raise the profile of UNSW because they felt that there was little public awareness of the new university. They wanted to impress on the general public that there universities in Sydney and were chose the concept of Foundation Day for that reason. The idea of having celebrations similar to the University of Sydney's Commemoration Day had first been raised within the student body in 1955-56 and was passionately debated in the ensuing years. In mid-1960 Basser College students orchestrated a number of small pranks, including a world record in scooter-pushing, and urged the Students' Union Council to take a lead in establishing a Foundation Day tradition at UNSW. In November 1960 the Students' Union Council for d

 the bag as they took the alligator through the turnstiles and back to the university. The kidnappers then called the Zoo to demand a ran



In this edition of we look at one of the largest and most comprehensive collections of private papers held within the University Archives, the papers of the distinguished ophthalmologist and humanitarian, Professor Fred Hollows. During his life-time, and even in death, Professor Hollows was honoured for his contribution to overcoming preventable eye-disease in Australia, especially in indigenous communities, and also in parts of the developing world. In 1990 he was chosen as Australian of the Year; in

2004 he was inducted into the Hall of Fame at the inaugural New South Wales Aboriginal Health Awards; in 2006 he was named by the *B.* as one of the 100 most influential Australians of all time.

Most of the Hollows papers date from 1965, when the eye-specialist, who was born and raised in New Zealand, accepted an appointment as founding associate professor of Ophthalmology at UNSW and chairman of the division (later department) of Ophthalmology at Prince Henry and Prince of Wales Hospitals. They cover key aspects of his distinguished career from then until shortly before his death in 1993.

One of the enduring legends about Professor Hollows is that he showed little interest in administrative detajETBT/33(n)-14(t)-14dente. Tsn32-17(n)-4(t)taH3pk19(s d)-23(n N)-p-26i

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