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A vision on Macquarie University

When I arrived at Macquarie it was possible to imagine the future institution as a possible equal to all but the great universities of the world. All that was required was vision on the part of the administration. Alas, for many years my hopes were sorely threatened by different policies, already embedded in the political undergrowth. The education establishment quickly demonstrated its dominance on the basic structure of the institution, and very nearly succeeded in monopolizing the control of admission policies and standards. The first indication of this was an extraordinary proliferation of courses offered by the schools of education and psychology.

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At the end of the fourth or fifth year after starting from scratch, we had undergraduate degree courses running [in physics] that I considered second to none in Australia.

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A B.Sc. degree was announced... We had now neutralized the education establishment, and for ever altered the future of Macquarie, no small achievement.