

### KING ABDULAZIZ UNIVERSITY, JEDDAH

The University was founded in 1387/88 AH (1967/68AD) by a group of Jeddah businessmen as a private university, the first such in the Western Province of Saudi Arabia. The first teaching facilities were in the Faculty of Economics and Administration: there were initially sixty male and thirty female students. Eight full-time and four part-time instructors formed the faculty at that time, together with the five ladies of the administrative staff. In 1389/90 AH (1969/70 AD) the University was expanded by the opening of the Department of English, the nucleus of the Faculty of Arts. Twenty-nine Saudi postgraduate students had been trained abroad as teaching staff for the new Department.

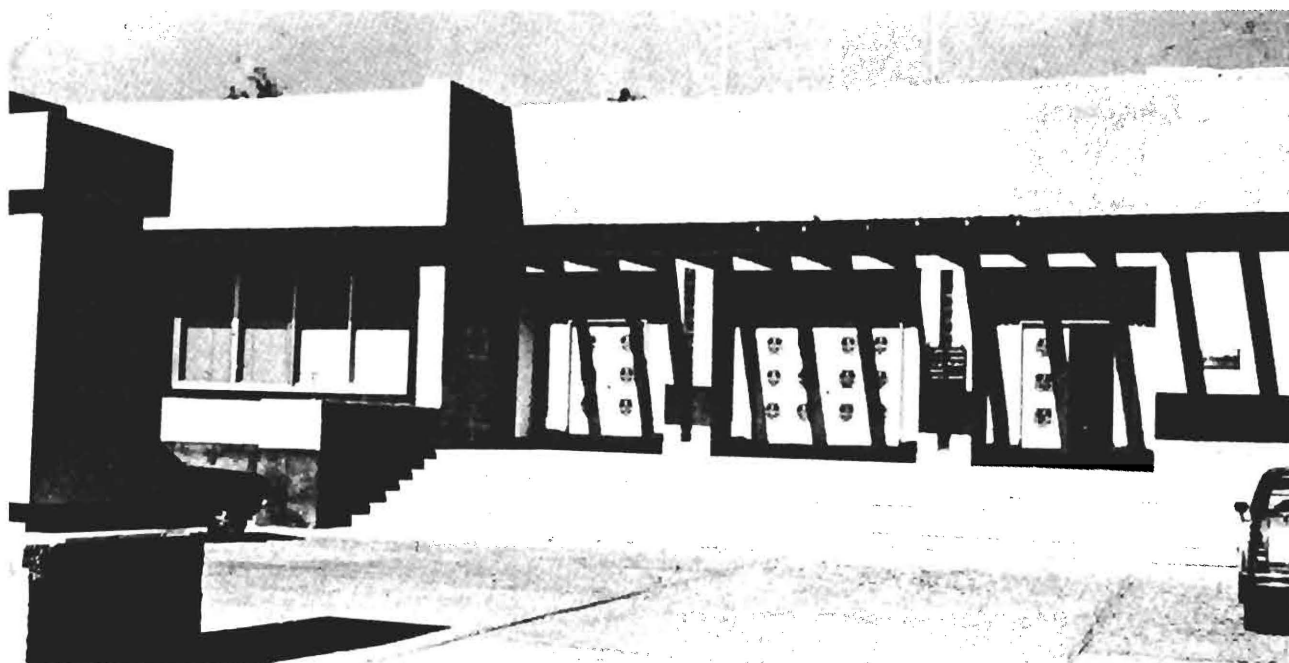
At this time it became apparent to the Saudi Government that the University was in need of financial support and that its contribution to the welfare and development of the province and the country warranted such provision. The Government, through the Council of Ministers, accordingly incorporated the University under the name 'King Abdulaziz

University' (Decision 150 of 4/2/1391). The existing facilities and staff at Jeddah were retained and the colleges of Education and Sharia (Islamic Jurisprudence) at Mecca were united with the University.

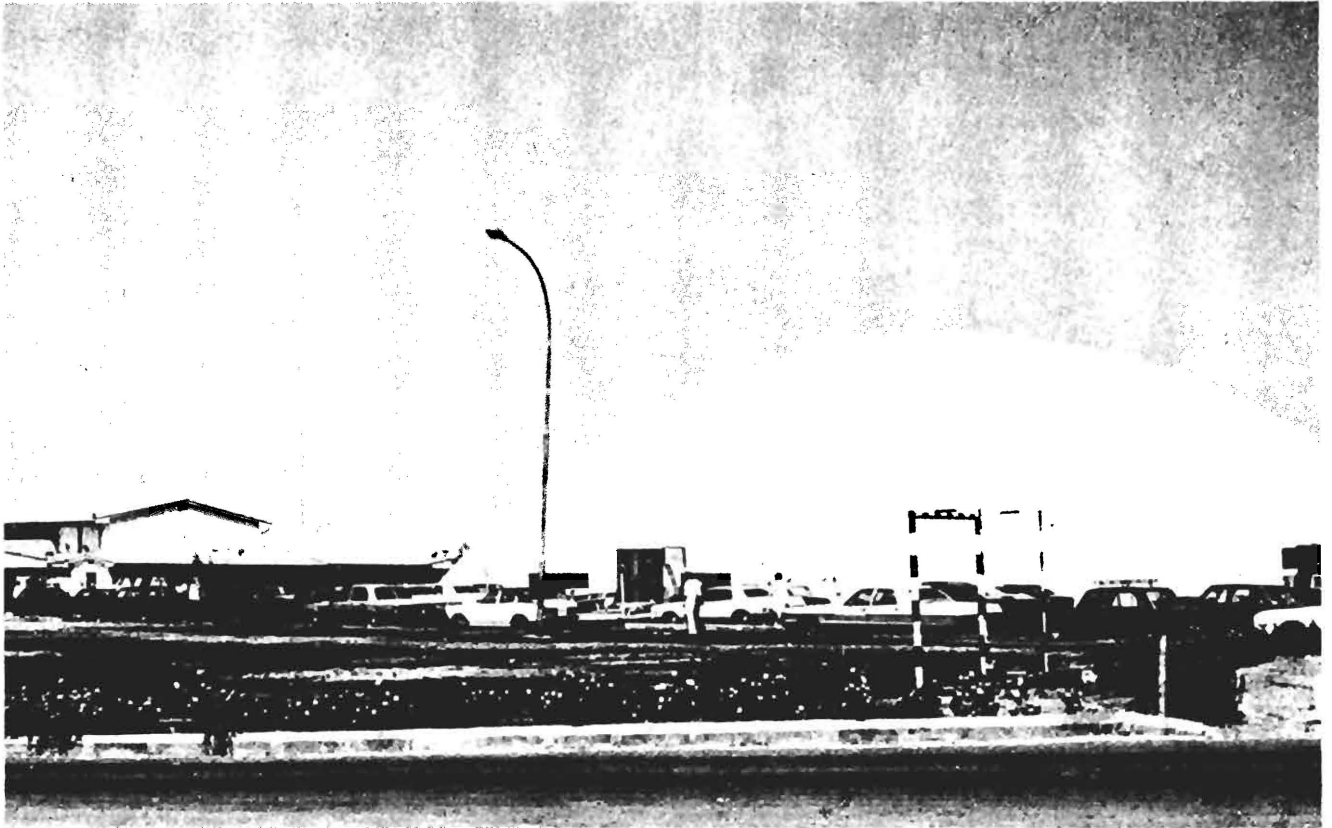
Since then, King Abdulaziz University has continued to grow. The Faculty of Science opened in 1393/94 (1973/74) with the enrollment of 238 students. By the same year the Faculty of Education included six departments. This Faculty enrolled its first post-graduate students, in the Department of Psychology and Education, the following year.

Academic research is now an established part of graduate instruction. In addition, applied research projects are undertaken, usually in specialist laboratories.

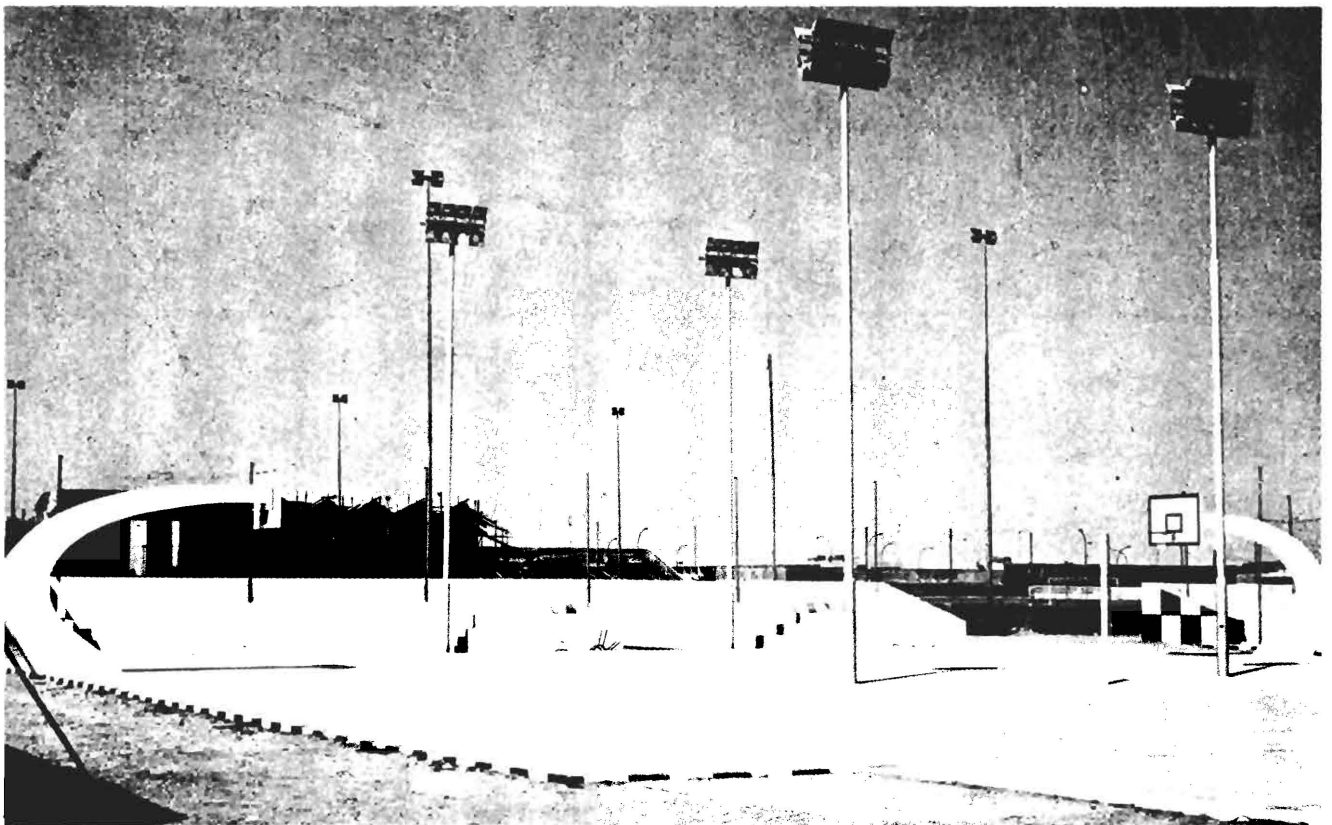
The current enrollment of students totals 5543 (4466 men and 1077 women) while the faculty, including graduate assistants, numbers 1607, of whom 688 are Saudi nationals and 919 are from other countries.

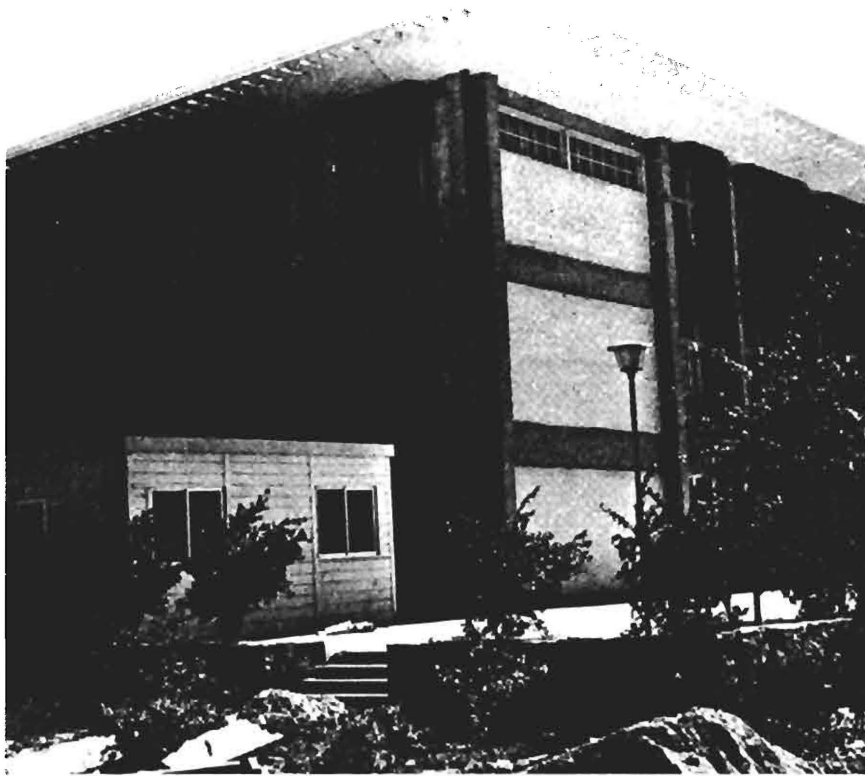


*School of Economics and Administration*



*Student Sports Facilities. Above: The Inflatable building, known as 'the balloon' is used for social gatherings. Below: the basketball court.*





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*Medical Center, King Abdulaziz University*

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