HALL OF RESIDENCE PROJECT TO BEGIN

The university has signed a contract with W. Stronach Pty. Ltd. for the construction of Stage A of the Hall of Residence.

The Vice-Chancellor said completion of the Hall of Residence would be a most significant development for the university as there was a pronounced shortage of adequate living accommodation for students whose homes were located outside Newcastle. The college would help to ameliorate this shortage, as well as providing a useful centre of student life.

He said Stage A of the project (two residential blocks and a dining hall) would cost an estimated $1.1-million. It would provide, among other facilities, single rooms for 173 students and flats for four single tutors and three married tutors. The students' rooms would be furnished with beds, study benches and wardrobes and every room would have natural light. On every floor of the two residential blocks a common room and a tutorial room would be provided. The dining hall would consist of a dining room, with an ultimate capacity for 400 people and a large kitchen. The target completion date for Stage A was early 1972.

MR. LAFFAN RESIGNS SECRETARYSHIP

Mr. T. Laffan, the Secretary of Newcastle University Students' Association, resigned at the April meeting of the Council of the Association, stating that pressure of studies left him with no alternative. The Council accepted the resignation with thanks and appointed Mr. G. Brown Acting Secretary until the Council's meeting in May. Nominations for election to the position of Secretary have been called and will close on Wednesday, 28th April at 5 p.m.

Nominations will also be received until that day for one representative of the Faculty of Applied Science. Mr. Brown defeated Mr. E. Lewis in the election of Vice-President to succeed Mr. J.M. O'Brien. Mr. B. Murphy was elected unopposed as Local A.U.S. Secretary.

The Returning Officer has also announced the names of students who were successful in elections for 10 positions. New general representatives on the S.R.C. are Messrs. E. Lewis, D. Lowe, D. McKie, J. Meehan, B. Morrison and J. Pearce. Mr. C. Gordon was elected representative of full-time students and Mr. G. Thomas representative of part-time students. Mr. R. Pullar was elected to represent the Faculty of Architecture and Mr. R. McIver second representative of the Faculty of Engineering. Mr. Laffan was Returning Officer.

The Council is conducting an election for Editors of Opus. Groups which have been nominated as co-Editors are Messrs. J. Beiers, P. Butkus and M. Ryan; Miss J. Lewallyn and Mr. K. Hughes; and Messrs. P. Corbett, P. Fraser and K. Smith. The election will be held from the 15th April to the 20th April and Mr. G. Brown will be Returning Officer.
The S.R.C., at its April meeting, donated $500 towards the meeting of costs incurred in the conversion of the women's Common Room in the Union into a Students' Health Centre. The Council also approved of the changing of Autonomy Day from the 22nd July to the 15th July.

**AMERICAN PROFESSOR VISITS GEOGRAPHY**

Professor Everett H. Bush, Chairman of the Geography Department at Wittenberg University, Ohio, U.S.A., is attached to the Department of Geography for this academic year. He is on sabbatical leave from his university and, as well as reading in, and developing statistical methods in, Economic Geography, is making contacts with members of staff and students. On the 5th April he spoke on "A State Run University versus a Church Run University" in the Union.

Professor Bush has been, for 17 years, a teacher at Wittenberg University, which was granted a charter in 1845 and currently has 2,500 students and 180 full-time members of staff. The university is affiliated with the Lutheran Church and receives no financial support from taxation.

Professor Bush served with the United States Army in Europe in World War II, after which he went to Clark University, Massachusetts, graduating in 1947 and proceeding to Wittenberg University as a teacher. He said that he had been primarily concerned with teaching, though he had carried out some research into regional geography to make him a more efficient teacher. He hoped to develop courses on 'Australian Geography' while he was in this country. He was anxious to see as many parts of Australia as possible and to build up a collection of slides for use in his Geography courses.

Professor Bush and his wife, Beverley, are living at Belmont and have already travelled to the Snowy Mountains. Later, they hope to visit Broken Hill, South Australia, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia. He feels that travelling will benefit him more as a geography teacher than undertaking a formal course of study at a tertiary institution.

**SIXTH SYMPOSIUM FOR GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

The Department of Geology will hold its sixth Newcastle Symposium on "Advances In the Study of the Sydney Basin" at the university on the 30th April, 1st May and 2nd May. More than 100 representatives of universities and private companies are expected to attend.

Technical sessions will be held in the Science Lecture Theatre and informal gatherings will be held in the Department of Geology. On the ground floor of the Geology Building displays of scientific equipment will be given by Carl Zeiss Pty. Ltd. and Wild (Aust.) Pty. Ltd.

The symposium will mainly comprise a keynote address to be given by Dr. T.G. Callcott, Senior Principal Research Officer at the B.H.P. Co.'s Central Research Laboratories, and the reading of 16 papers. On the 30th April, some symposium participants will inspect, from the air, the northern margin of the Sydney Basin and the Carboniferous structures between the margin and the coast. Chairmen for various sessions of the symposium will be Professor B. Nashar, Mr. K. Mosher, Professor J.P. Morgan and Mr. G. Harman.

**HONOUR TO PROFESSOR**

Professor E.O. Hall, Head of the Department of Metallurgy, has been invited to become a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, London.
The Royal Society of Arts is the third oldest of the learned societies in London. Founded in 1754, it included Walpole, Samuel Johnson and Hogarth among its original subscribers. Its headquarters, in one of the remaining blocks of the old Adelphi, were designed by the Adams brothers. Among the early aims of the Society was the application of science to agriculture, but with the coming of the Industrial Revolution, its aims have been broadened considerably and it now acts as a liaison between the practical arts and sciences.

STUDENTS FROM CEYLON JOIN UNIVERSITY

The admission of Sinhalese to the university as students is a rare occurrence, though numerous representatives of other Asian countries have graduated or are enrolled.

Mr. Vidura Sri-nammuni and Mrs. Shriemathie Sri-nammuni, both residents of Colombo, have been admitted to the Faculty of Architecture as third-year students. They previously studied at the University of Ceylon.

SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION FORMED

Recently, an association concerned with the study of the economics, geography, history and politics of India, Pakistan and Ceylon, was formed in Australia. Full membership (which entitles the member to the journal South Asia, due to appear this month) is $6.00. There is a reduced rate of $4.50 for students (without right to the journal).

Further details may be obtained from Dr. D.I. Wright (Room TII, tel. 404), who will welcome enquiries.

STAFF JOURNALS AVAILABLE IN LIBRARY

The Staff Association has presented the following journals to the Library which has added them to its collection:

- **Association of University Teachers - Bulletin** - Nos. 24, 27, 28, 34, 35.
- **Federation of Australian University Staff Associations - Report on Research in Universities** - 1968.

The University Librarian (Mr. E. Flowers) said he understood that future issues of these journals would be forwarded to the library. These journals would be available to members of the Staff Association on the same basis as were other journals held by the library.
Mathematics Seminar
Dr. M.J. Cenfell, of the Mathematics Department at the University of New England, will give a seminar on "Triangulation of Matrices of Continuous Function" in Room G22 on the 23rd April at noon.

On the 30th April at noon, Dr. G.G. Cannon of the Department of Mathematics at the University of Sydney, will give a seminar on "Computational Methods in Group Theory" in Room G24.

Social
The University's Tutors/Demonstrators' Association will hold a Social in the Staff House on Wednesday, 21st April, from 12.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Miss Nona Harvey will give an informal address on "Conditions in German Universities". Members and intending members are welcome.

Drama Workshops
Every Wednesday night between 6 and 8 o'clock, Students interested in learning the rudiments of theatre, including acting, are assisted by members of the Student Players in the Union. The object is to strengthen the Student Players so that a production can be staged in Second Term.

Yoga Classes
Weekly Yoga Classes will begin in the Union on Monday, 19th April, at 5.30 p.m. Attendance at the first class will be free.

Tolkien Society
The first meeting of the Tolkien Society will be held on Tuesday the 27th April, at 1 p.m. in the meeting room of the Union. Officers will be elected and a programme of social events and talks will be proposed. All Hobbitsomanes are welcome. A special invitation is extended to staff members.

Forthcoming Sports Fixtures

RUGBY UNION: 17th April, University plays Hamilton, Marist Park, Shortland; 24th April, University plays Mayfield East, University Oval.

RUGBY LEAGUE: University Cup Competitions, 17th April, University plays Teachers' College, University Oval; 18th April, University plays North Macquarie, Speers Point; 24th April, University plays Alexander Mackie Teachers' College, Clemton Park, Sydney.

SOCCER: 18th April, University plays Cessnock, Cessnock; 25th April, University plays Barnsley, Stevenson Park, Mayfield West.

AUSTRALIAN RULES: 17th April, University plays Newcastle City, Hawkins Oval, Wickham; 24th April, University plays Waratah-Mayfield, Islington.

Athlete in New Zealand
John Hawkins, a member of the University's Athletic Club, gave outstanding performances when he ran for Australian Universities against New Zealand Universities in New Zealand earlier this month. In athletic meetings in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch, Hawkins was first in every 110-metres hurdles event. Later at the Athletic Test in Dunedin, he won the 110-metres hurdles in 14.8 secs. and was a member of the Australian team which set a New Zealand record in the 4 x 100 metres relay. Australia won the Test 29 - 7.