WORK BEGINS ON LIBRARY EXTENSION

When construction of Stage IIA of the Library is completed next year existing seating will have been increased by 100 per cent. The amount of book shelving will have been enlarged by 66 per cent.

Specifically, the extensions will mean the raising of the number of seats in the Library from 500 to 1,000 and the expansion of book shelving from space for 180,000 volumes to space for 300,000 volumes.

Due to increased student numbers work areas in the Library have become congested and, as an expedient to relieve the situation until the extension is completed, the number of seats will be increased almost immediately.

The wing of the Library for which foundations are now being provided is the first part of the second stage of a development plan which will ultimately provide three sections. Stage I was completed in 1967. It consisted of three floors, but Stage IIA will embody four floors. The slope of the site has permitted a basement to be included and the university's general store will be located here. The basement affords a larger area for the store than the area available in the Arts/Administration building.

The new wing will be sited on the northern side of the main stairway and will be incorporated, floor by floor, with Stage I. Initially the Faculty of Mathematics will occupy a substantial part of Level II. When a separate building is eventually erected for Mathematics the space vacated on Level II will be occupied by the Library.

The extension will be air-conditioned throughout, like the existing Library.

Level I contains the general store, a garage and loading dock, a workshop and staff amenities.

Level II will provide for extensions to the plant room and Stack and the Faculty of Mathematics. When the new stack area has been occupied the existing Staff Work Room will be enlarged.

Level III is to be subdivided into an extension to the Reference Catalogue, a special area for Reserve Books, a second baggage room, a large Serials Reading Room and a room for the photocopying machines.

Level III will contain an extension to the Monograph Reading Room, an extension to the roof garden and a reading and discussion lounge (without air-conditioning). A second set of stairs will lead to the three levels of Stage IIA.

The University Librarian (Mr. E. Flowers) explained that the new Reserve Book area, with shelving for 11,000 volumes, would be a very useful addition, as would be the informal reading and discussion lounge, with seating for 50 people, and the second baggage room. He said 40 reading places and shelves for 11,000 volumes of encyclopaedias, indices, abstracts, etc. would be added to the Reference Catalogue; alongside this, the second Serials Reading Room would provide for 168 readers and 41,000 volumes; on Level IV, the new Monograph Reading Room would contain 222 places for readers and shelves for 58,000 volumes.
The extension to the Library would also permit a lot of reading material now stored in the Stack to be transferred to shelves where it would be openly accessible to readers.

Mr. Flowers said the Library intended forthwith to ameliorate the shortage of reading places in the existing Library. Within the next month 100 extra seats would be installed on a temporary basis. He requested readers to make allowances for the congestion to be caused by the additional seats. However, they would considerably help matters until Stage IIA was completed, when the seats would be transferred to Stage IIA.

He said the common international standard used to assess the facilities required in a university library was one reading place for every three students enrolled. The tendency in Australia was to use a one-in-four guide and he regarded this as a reasonable basis for the University of Newcastle Library to use. The university's present student numbers meant that the Library should provide approximately 900 places for readers. In recent years the Library had acquired an average of 13,000 monographs and 4,000 volumes of journals and available shelves were virtually filled.

Mr. Flowers estimated that Stage IIA would meet requirements as regards reader places and book shelving for about the next five years. The University planned to build Stage IIB on the north-east side of Stage IIA and a multi-storey tower (Stage III) on the western side of the existing building.

The Library extension is being constructed by R.W. Black Pty. Ltd. The contract price is $703,523 and the target completion date is May, 1972.

STAFF/STUDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

The S.S.C.C. met for the first time this year on Friday, 11th June.

It was decided to call for nominations for student representatives from the six Faculties that had previously failed to nominate.

Students, undergraduate and post-graduate, in the Faculties of Applied Science, Architecture, Economics and Commerce, Engineering, Mathematics, Science are invited to lodge nominations with the Secretary to the University, Room 174, Main Building.

Nomination papers must contain the names of the candidate, the proposer and seconder, together with the written agreement of the candidate to the nomination.

Closing date for the receipt of nominations is noon on 8th July, 1971.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Dr. Eugenia N. Wineman has taken up duties as Lecturer in Psychology. Dr. Wineman holds the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy in U.C.L.A. She was a Lecturer at Loyola University, Los Angeles, and a Consulting Psychologist to the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department before joining the university.

OVERSEAS STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Vice-Principal (Professor B. Newton-John) has been elected Patron of the Overseas Students' Association. A Cultural Night, to be conducted on similar lines to the 1970 function, will be staged by the association at Stewarts and Lloyds Recreation Club on Friday, 23rd July. Mr. Vincent Yu, of the Faculty of Mathematics, is President of the Overseas Students' Association.
HOME AVAILABLE FOR LEASING

Weatherboard home, 17 squares, two bedrooms and sleeping area, tiled bathroom, double garage, large block with sweeping views of Lake Macquarie, established garden, available for leasing for a year, $40 a week. Ring Ext. 368 or 58 2188.

COMING EVENTS

French Club's Molière

Fifteen members of staff and students will form the dramatis personae for Moliere's "Le Borgeois Gentilhomme" ("The Would-be Gentleman") when the play is presented by the French Club at the Cathedral Hall, Church Street, Newcastle, on 1st and 2nd July.

The play will be presented in French and produced by Professor K.R. Dutton, Head of the French Department. A brief English précis will be included in the programme. People who decide to go can arrange to purchase tickets by getting in touch with either Miss T. Cottingham (57 5031) or the Secretary of the French Department (Miss P. Hinchey, Ext. 358). Tickets cost members of the public $1 and students 75 cents.

"Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" is a comédie-ballet, written as a divertissement for King Louis XIV. It was first performed at Versailles in 1670, with accompaniment by Lully.

The cast consists of Professor Dutton, Ian Allan, Michael Taper, Simon Degeling, Nicholas Poznaikoff, Suzanne Braye, Jill Niland, Margaret Lloyd, Joy Sumner, Keith Sivyer, Greg Struck, Stephen Bates, Gary Werren, Janet Gray and Lindy Rodgers. Bob Pullar, a student enrolled in the Faculty of Architecture, has designed and constructed the sets and made the costumes and wigs.

Mathematics Seminar

A seminar will be held in Room G24 on Friday, 25th June, at noon. Miss A. Vogelzang, a fourth year honours student in the Department of Mathematics, will speak on "M/G/1 Queues".

Geological Society

The Hunter Valley Branch of the Geological Society of Australia will meet in room G04, Department of Geology, on Friday, 25th June, at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. M.A. Hindley, Chief Engineer of the Hunter District Water Board, will speak on "Geological aspects of the Grahamstown Scheme, with particular reference to the bentonite slurry cut-off in the main embankment".

Choral Concert

Newcastle University Musical Society will present a concert in the Union Lounge on Wednesday, 7th July, beginning at 8.15 p.m. The programme will consist of the "Flower Songs" of Benjamin Britten, part of Bach's cantata, "Christ Lay in Death's Dark Prison", and shorter terms. Members of the public are welcome. Admission will be free.

Education Conference

Some speakers will come from interstate to participate in the conference on Education being organised by Newcastle University Students' Association. Submissions will be made by, among others, Mr. H. Schoenheimer, Senior Lecturer in Education, La Trobe University, Miss Dany Humphries, Education writer for The Australian, Mr. K. Newcombe, Education Vice-President of A.U.S., Mr. N. Pollock, of the N.S.W. Teachers' Federation, Dr. W. Doneila, Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Newcastle and Mr. A. Svirskis, President of N.U.S.A.
The conference will be held in the Main Lecture Theatre on Saturday, 17th July, from 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. and 2 and 4.30 p.m. The Vice-Principal (Professor B. Newton-John) will open it.

Student From Papua-New Guinea

Mr. Leo Hannett, a student of the University of Papua-New Guinea, is visiting Australia under the auspices of the Australian Student Christian Movement. He will be in Newcastle from Monday, 28th June, to Friday, 2nd July.

The aim of Mr. Hannett's visit is to enable university students in Australia to hear of the situation in Papua-New Guinea from a New Guinean's point of view and experience something of the life within Australian universities.

At the University of Newcastle he will meet informally with representatives of the Student Christian Movement, the Catholic Association, the World University Service and the newly formed group, Students Against Racism, on 28th June.

On 29th June, Mr. Hannett will speak at a conference on Race Relations for Senior High School pupils at Newcastle Girls' High School. The principal speakers will include Dr. A. Campbell, one-time Reader in Comparative Linguistics at the University of Sydney. Speakers at a forum will include Rev. William Brown, of Lambton, who is active in Aboriginal Welfare, and Rev. Dr. Gordon Ocker, a former missionary.

On 30th June, Mr. Hannett will address a meeting in the Union Courtyard at 1 p.m., to be followed by a meeting with Professor I. Stewart and some of the staff and students of the Faculty of Engineering.

He will address members of the Students against Racism on 1st July.

SPORTING NEWS

Squash Courts Ready for Use

Work on the construction of three new squash courts at University Oval has been completed and an office has been established on the first floor of the Pavilion. The courts are now available for use. Mrs. Margaret Heron, of the Sports Union, has begun duties in the office.

The Amenities Officer (Mr. H. Bradford) has supplied information on how the squash courts will be administered.

The hours of play are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day. Initially, attendants will be on duty from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. from Monday to Friday and all players must report to the pavilion office before commencing play. For the first few weeks meters will not be available and fees for court hire must be paid to the attendant. Failure to comply with this rule could result in restrictions being imposed on future bookings.

Advance bookings can be made at the Pavilion Office, or by ringing the office on 68 1179 between 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m., 1.30 and 4 p.m. and 6 and 8 p.m. Phone bookings cannot be made outside these hours. Students may use the telephones in the Sports Union and the Amenities Office to make squash and tennis bookings. Bookings can be made one week in advance. If the player who has booked does not arrive at the prescribed time then the court may be used by other players. If cancellation is not received at the courts four hours before the stipulated time of play, the member who booked the court will not be allowed any further booking until the outstanding court fee is paid.

Permanent bookings must be made by term and are limited to one hour per week per member. Permanent bookings must be paid for in advance and there will be no refund on cancellations. Initially, one court will be used for permanent bookings.
Men must wear white soled sandshoes, socks, shirts, shorts or track suits and women white soled sandshoes, socks, frocks, shorts, blouses or track suits. These standards must be adhered to otherwise the offender will be asked to leave the court by the squash court attendant.

The amended hiring charges are:

- **Court Hire** 30 cents per half hour
- **Squash Racquet** 20 cents per half hour
- **Squash Ball** 10 cents per half hour
- **Towel** 10 cents per half hour
- **Sandshoes** 10 cents per half hour

To be eligible to use the squash courts players must comply with these conditions:

They must be

- a) Students of the University, proceeding to a Degree or Diploma.
- b) Associate members of the Sports Union.
- c) Staff members who have paid their annual membership subscription to the Sporting Facilities Committee.
- d) Life members of the Sports Union, or
- e) Friends of the above categories. This privilege is subject to the following restrictions:
  
  i) Staff members cannot use the courts unless they are eligible under (a) to (d) above.
  
  ii) In each game involving this category, one of the players must be eligible under (a) to (d) above.

**Union Indoor Games Competition**

Entries are now being accepted from Members of the Union for the 1971 Indoor Games Competition to be conducted in Billiards, Snooker, Table Tennis, Chess and (overall) Victor Ludorum. Trophies will be awarded in each section, with a special trophy going to the Victor Ludorum winner.

Entries close for all sections on Friday, 25th June, at 10 p.m. Forms are available at the Union Office, the S.R.C. Office and the Sports Union Office.

The Competition will begin on Tuesday, 29th June. The timetable provides that all first round games must be completed by 11th July and all second round games by 18th July, Mr. K. Colyvas (Chemistry) is the Competition Director.

**Forthcoming Fixtures**

**Rugby Union:** 26th June, University plays Stockton, Townson Oval; 3rd July, plays Hamilton, International Sports Centre; 10th July, plays Mayfield East, Dangar Park.

**Rugby League:** 26th June, University Cup, University plays Alex. Mackie Teachers' College, University Oval.

**Soccer:** 27th June, University plays Barnsley, Barnsley; 4th July, plays Muswellbrook, Muswellbrook; 11th July, plays Edgeworth, Stevenson Park.

**Australian Rules:** 26th June, University plays R.A.A.F., Williamstown; 3rd July, plays Wests, Harker Oval; 10th July, plays City, Hawkins Oval.

**Men's Hockey:** 26th June, University plays Kahibah, Smith Park; 3rd July, plays South Leagues Club, Smith Park; 10th July, bye.
In response to requests from members of staff, the Student Counselling Unit is planning to run a Staff Speed Reading Course aimed at increasing reading speed and improving comprehension.

It is proposed that the course consist of nine sessions each of one and a half hours (three sessions a week for three consecutive weeks), to be held in the latter half of second term or during the August vacation.

As the Unit would like to run the course at times most suitable for the majority of those who wish to participate, would any member of staff who is interested in coming to the course fill in the tear-off slip below and return it to the Student Counselling Unit.

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NAME

DEPARTMENT

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I am interested in attending a Staff Speed Reading Course and would prefer to come to sessions held:

A. 1) [ ] during the day (between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.; and 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.)
   2) [ ] in the lunch-hour (between 12.30 p.m. and 2 p.m.)
   3) [ ] at evening (between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.)

B. 1) [ ] towards the end of second term
   2) [ ] in the August vacation.