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THE ETHEL HAYTON AWARD

Awarded for a notable contribution to enhancing the relationship between the University and the community. The Vice-Chancellor will announce the names of the nominees and the 1998 recipient. The Chancellor will present the certificates and the Ethel Hayton Trophy. The Trophy, sculptured in bronze, depicts one of the ancient fig trees which were a feature of the Wollongong campus. It is held by the recipient until the 1999 Presentation of Awards. Nominated for the 1998 Award are:

The Michael Birt Library Staff

The University's Michael Birt Library Staff has been nominated for their commitment to build on the Library's 1996 "achievement in business excellence award" which has resulted in an outstanding library service offered to staff, students and the community and for their dedication in providing information and encouragement to organisations in the community to pursue quality standards.

Jane Innes, Senior Lecturer in Law

Ms Jane Innes, has worked to inform the community, including school populations, of matters concerning the Australian constitution and the environment, stimulating discussion and recognition of the probable need for constitutional change as Australia enters the third millennium.

Bruce Power, University Aquatic Centre Manager

Mr Bruce Power has achieved outstanding success as a program organiser and coach. His community programs include Adult Learn to Swim and Swim for Fitness, hydrotherapy and aquatic rehabilitation for injured

people, Summer Learn-to-Swim classes for 500 children, water polo, and underwater hockey.

Elizabeth Hilton, University Course Adviser.

Since her appointment in 1987, Liz Hilton has led the way in encouraging potential students, their families and friends to learn how they can benefit from involvement with the University. Liz has developed an unrivalled knowledge of the University's courses and in 1997 used this to prepare the UniAdvice student information data base to give up-to-date advice to external callers.

Max Morris, Science Centre Coordinator of Special Programs and Volunteers

The Science Centre at Campus East has been one of the University's most successful initiatives in involving the community, largely due to the efforts of a large and dedicated band of volunteers. In 1997 Max Morris undertook the role of managing the program for recruitment and training of all volunteers, and he developed programs for mature aged visitors which have allowed the Science Centre to extend its activities into this important new area.

The first part of the book deals with the early years of the nation, from the time of the first settlers to the end of the Revolutionary War. It covers the period of the early colonial period, the struggle for independence, and the establishment of the new government.

The second part of the book deals with the period of the early republic, from the end of the Revolutionary War to the beginning of the Civil War. It covers the period of the early republic, the struggle for a stronger central government, and the expansion of the nation.

The third part of the book deals with the period of the Civil War and Reconstruction, from the beginning of the Civil War to the end of Reconstruction. It covers the period of the Civil War, the struggle for Reconstruction, and the establishment of the new government.

The fourth part of the book deals with the period of the late republic, from the end of Reconstruction to the beginning of the Civil War. It covers the period of the late republic, the struggle for a stronger central government, and the expansion of the nation.

The fifth part of the book deals with the period of the Civil War and Reconstruction, from the beginning of the Civil War to the end of Reconstruction. It covers the period of the Civil War, the struggle for Reconstruction, and the establishment of the new government.

The sixth part of the book deals with the period of the late republic, from the end of Reconstruction to the beginning of the Civil War. It covers the period of the late republic, the struggle for a stronger central government, and the expansion of the nation.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS FOR GENERAL STAFF

The Outstanding Service Awards are presented each year to members of the general staff who have achieved an exceptional success, given outstanding service or shown recognised initiative in their work. Each recipient or group of recipients will receive a certificate and a cheque for \$1000 or a contribution to the value of \$1000 towards attendance at courses or conferences of their choice. This year's recipients are:

Sonia Jennings, Administrative Officer, School of Information Technology and Computer Science.

As Coordinator of the Australian Information Technology Spring Schools since their inception in 1994, Sonia Jennings has achieved an expansion in numbers, scope and profile. She has obtained the cooperation of prominent speakers, obtained sponsorship and developed a computer-based evaluation for students as well as increasing the female intake.

The Economics Team: Sophie Abercrombie, Administrative Assistant; Wolfgang Brodesser, Professional Officer; Julie Chin, Administrative Assistant; Rob Hood, Publications Officer.

This team award recognises outstanding performance in developing flexible and innovative working practices. Each member of the team has developed their computer and desk top publishing skills to achieve an increase in the Department's publications. They have worked successfully towards adapting software to the department's teaching and research needs, and have improved services to students.

Traci Rice, Library Acquisitions Coordinator.

Traci Rice was awarded a grant from the Australian Library and Information Council to benchmark aspects of acquisitions processes with other libraries. The outcome of this project should benefit all library clients and have system-wide application for other libraries. Traci has been involved in coordinating the quality and service excellence program within her team and library-wide.

The Microcomputer Laboratory Team: Cathy Nicastrì, Supervisor; Louie Athanasiadis, Computer Systems Officer; Diniz Darocha, Computer Systems Officer.

This team was responsible for the development, design and implementation of the tutorial preference system in the Faculty of Commerce. Their system enables students to register their tutorial times through the World Wide Web from anywhere in the world instead of wasting time in queues.

The first part of the book is devoted to a general survey of the history of the United States from the discovery of the continent to the present time. It is divided into three main periods: the colonial period, the revolutionary period, and the federal period.

The colonial period is characterized by the struggle for independence from Great Britain.

The revolutionary period is marked by the American Revolution, which resulted in the establishment of the United States as an independent nation.

The federal period is characterized by the growth of the United States as a powerful nation.

The second part of the book is devoted to a detailed account of the American Revolution, from the outbreak of hostilities in 1775 to the signing of the Treaty of Paris in 1783.

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SPECIAL AWARD FOR DEDICATION TO DUTY IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

The Buildings and Grounds Team: Ellis Davenport, Colin Hogan, Sue Visser, Graham Parsons, David Anderson, Jaako Laajoki OAM.

This special award recognises the outstanding manner in which the Buildings and Grounds team handled an extremely dangerous and volatile situation.

In July last year, a visitor to the campus threatened to set alight a can of petrol that he was carrying and behaved in a serious life threatening manner towards a number of people.

The University's locksmiths Ellis Davenport and Colin Hogan alerted Security and kept watch. The visitor was eventually

approached by David Anderson, Security Manager, who managed to convince him to move out of the area where he had spread the fuel. At this stage, he was tackled and restrained by David Anderson, Colin Hogan, Ellis Davenport and Jaako Laajoki (electrician). While this was happening, Security Staff (Graham Parsons and Sue Visser) maintained crowd control.

The people involved in this incident displayed excellent judgement and presence of mind in resolving this potentially serious situation. In doing so, they enhanced the University's public image. They are worthy recipients of this Special award for Dedication to Duty in Exceptional Circumstances.

Pamela Manns, Faculty Purchasing Officer, Faculty of Science

Pamela Manns made a substantial contribution to cost savings in purchasing equipment by negotiating the highest discounts on glassware and chemicals of any university in New South Wales. She has implemented a computerised version of the University's quick order system resulting in much less paperwork and improving access to information about orders and purchases.

Leah Roulstone, Staff Development Officer, Career Development Unit

Leah Roulstone has designed nine new staff development programs requiring careful analysis of staff needs. The quality of her delivery is reflected in the excellent course evaluation statistics. She also provides consultancy services to her clients by identifying specific training needs in a faculty or unit and working with her clients to customise a training program.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS

The recipients are recommended to the Vice-Chancellor by a special Committee which considers nominations from colleagues and students. Each Award is in the form of a certificate and a cheque for \$2000. Receiving the Vice-Chancellor's Award for outstanding performance as teachers are:

Dr Gordon Waitt, Senior Lecturer in the School of Geosciences

Gordon Waitt is a dynamic and committed teacher, inspiring students and setting their minds along inquisitive paths. He has devised subject innovations across a broad range of fields. As a research supervisor, Gordon has been an outstanding motivator, who gives very generously of his time. Gordon is highly regarded by his colleagues for his contributions to curriculum development. His development of materials, interactive web pages, video and workbooks is an exemplar of the way our educational practices must change in the new tertiary environment.

Dr Will Rifkin, Senior Lecturer Department of Management

For Will Rifkin the class room is very much an interactive environment of experiential learning, supplemented by more traditional materials and methods. He introduces deceptively simple concepts and guides students to question, discuss, act and reflect in a shared experience. Students describe this as challenging, but thought-provoking and real-world orientated. Will is renowned for innovations such as mid-semester exams which students complete as small teams, and students being asked to draft their own exam papers.

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THE 25 YEAR STAFF AWARDS

Awards are presented each year to members of academic and general staff who have served the University for 25 years. Recipients of the 25 Year Awards receive commemorative plaques. This year's Awards are presented to:

Robin Chowdhury, Department of Civil, Mining and Environmental Engineering

Professor Robin Chowdhury joined Wollongong University College in 1972 as a Lecturer. He has been the Head of the Department of Civil, Mining and Environmental Engineering since 1994 and the Director of a Research Centre since 1989. He has published widely in the field of geomechanics and in particular, slope stability and risk assessment.

Keith Gaymer, Librarian.

Mr Keith Gaymer came to the University in 1973 as a librarian in monographs acquisitions. Later he was in charge of the Library's special collection which includes audio-visual items, archives, rare books, music and maps. He organised the Australian Map Circle conference on a number of occasions. In 1995 Keith was appointed to his present position of Faculty Librarian - Education.

Jenny Rallings, Faculty of Creative Arts

In 1973 Jenny Rallings joined the then Institute of Education as a typist. Her duties included preparing the Institute's practise teaching program. In recent years, Jenny has worked in the Faculty of Creative Arts as Faculty Financial Officer and is also the Administrative Assistant to the Sub Dean.

Denis Montgomery, Department of Civil, Mining and Environmental Engineering

Associate Professor Denis Montgomery joined the University of Wollongong as a Lecturer in Civil Engineering, and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1992 and Sub-Dean in 1997. His research interests are in the field of civil engineering materials including reusing waste materials. His work has led to close relationships with industry and many invitations to present papers overseas.

Frank Prokop, Department of Mathematics

In his first 12 years in the Department of Mathematics, Dr Frank Prokop was coordinator of first year mathematics. In 1986 Frank was promoted to senior lecturer. Frank's detailed analysis of Maths 1A results during the 1980's received high praise in the University Senate.

Beverly Walker, Faculty of Arts.

Associate Professor Beverly Walker was originally appointed as Lecturer in Psychology. She has taught in the areas of individual differences, personality, psychology and women, life span development and personal construct psychology. She set up the first life span development course in Australia and was involved in setting up Women's Studies at the University.

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1998 PRESENTATION OF STAFF AWARDS PROGRAM

**Master of Ceremonies,
Vice-Principal (Administration) Mr David Rome**

**Welcome by the Chancellor,
Mr Michael Codd, AC**

Musical Interlude

Presentation of Awards
Recipients will be introduced by the Vice-Chancellor,
Professor Gerard Sutton

**The Ethel Hayton Award
The 25 Year Staff Awards**

Musical Interlude

**The Vice-Chancellor's Outstanding Service Awards for General Staff
The Vice-Chancellor's Excellence in Teaching Awards
Special Award for Dedication to Duty in Exceptional Circumstances**

Closure
The Chancellor, Mr Michael Codd, AC



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