University Day commemorates the establishment of the University of Wollongong as a college of the University of New South Wales in May 1961. This anniversary is traditionally celebrated on the Monday closest to 8 May - the day on which the Wollongong University College was formally constituted by resolution of the Council of the University of New South Wales. In 1975 Wollongong University College gained autonomy and the University of Wollongong was established.
1996 University Day Awards Program

Welcome by The Chancellor
The Hon Dr Robert M Hope, AC CMG Hon LLD QC

Musical Interlude
Barcarolle Andrew Schultz
Marilyn Meier, piano
Composer and pianist from the Faculty of Creative Arts

Presentation of Awards
The Ethel Hayton Award
The 25 Year Staff Awards
The Vice-Chancellor’s Excellence in Teaching Awards
The Vice-Chancellor’s Outstanding Service Awards for General Staff
The University Day Student Award
(See the following pages for details of all award nominees and recipients)

Report on the Student Year

Musical Interlude
All Fall Down Houston Dunleavy
(from a poem by Ron Pretty)
Jane Parkin, soprano; Marilyn Meier, piano
Composer, poet and artists from the Faculty of Creative Arts

Address by The Premier of New South Wales
The Hon. Mr Bob Carr MP

Appreciation
Professor Gerard Sutton, Vice-Chancellor of the University

Refreshments in Theatre Foyer
THE ETHYL HAYTON AWARD

The Chancellor will announce the 1996 recipient and present the Ethel Hayton Trophy and certificates. Awarded for a notable contribution to enhancing the relationship between the University and the community, 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 next University Day. All nominees will receive inscribed certificates. Nominated for the 1996 Award are:

Cec Bolton, Science Centre
For his dedicated, voluntary service to the Science Centre, a major community and educational resource. He has used his trade skills to refurbish the Centre and construct many of its finest mechanical exhibits. He was a Director of the Illawarra Planetarium Society and, as an amateur astronomer, has lent his own telescopes and supervised the Centre’s astronomy activities.

Philip Laird, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics
For his active role in seeking to improve road safety, rail services and the environment. Philip Laird’s involvement ranges from chairing the Healthy Cities Illawarra Transport and Environment Task Force, which has achieved major improvements in public transport, to the South Coast Conservation Society Cooperative. His work on the Land Freight Transport Energy Project was recognised with an award by the National Committee on Transport, Institution of Engineers Australia.

Marian Martin, Lecturer, Department of Nursing and Coordinator of the Bachelor of Health Science in Indigenous Health
For her outstanding and pioneering achievements in linking the University, the general community and the Koori people in the promotion of Aboriginal education, particularly in the area of indigenous health and nursing. Marian has gained wide interest and community involvement, at many levels, including sporting and service clubs, schools, the Aged Care Industry, the general community and especially from the Koori population.

Gary Wilsmore, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Education
For his consistent work in promoting fitness and participation in sport within the community. As a leading practitioner and coach in a range of sports, pre-eminently hockey, he is a significant role model for young people as someone willing to share his expertise, strive for excellence and serve the community. One notable example of his success in linking the Faculty’s Physical and Health Education program with the community is the annual hockey program for local primary schools’ sports afternoons.
**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:

**Peter Castle, Lecturer,**  
**Department of Computer Science**  
Peter Castle began his association with the University in 1965 as a student in BSc(Hons) - Maths and later graduated with a Master of Science degree. He was first employed as a tutor in Mathematics in 1971, later becoming Principal Tutor and then a lecturer in Computer Science. Mr Castle is well known as the originator of UniMovies and continues to organise this successful event.

**Ray Crawford, Senior Lecturer,**  
**Faculty of Education**  
In 1970 Ray Crawford began teaching at the Mathematics Department of the Wollongong Teachers' College. He was made Senior Lecturer in 1986. Mr Crawford launched a mathematics competition in 1983 which is now known as the University/IMB Junior Mathematics competition. He still runs this competition which attracts around 1500 entrants each year.

**Druce Dunne, Professor,**  
**Department of Materials Engineering**  
Druce Dunne was appointed to the Chair of Materials Engineering in 1992. He has had a significant involvement in the establishment of three major materials-based research initiatives. His vision for the Department is for it to become the national leader in its field for both research and teaching.

**Pat Farrar, Lecturer,**  
**Faculty of Education**  
Pat Farrar was originally employed as a lecturer of English and History to students of Wollongong Teacher's College twenty five years ago. He then went on to teach Language Education and electives to Primary Education students. Over the past twelve years Mr Farrar has acted as the University's unofficial cultural ambassador to Fiji.

**Peter Geekie, Senior Lecturer,**  
**Faculty of Education**  
Peter Geekie currently works within the Faculty of Education as the Primary Education Course Director. In this role he has been responsible for policy development and implementation as well as negotiating with relevant authorities and unions. 1996 saw the largest enrolment ever in the University's Primary Education course.

**Malcolm Harris, Associate Professor,**  
**Faculty of Education**  
Malcolm Harris began as a lecturer in Science Education at the Wollongong Teachers College. In 1988 he became an Associate Professor within the Faculty of Education where he supervised the undergraduate programs as well as finances, staffing and management. In 1990 he was appointed to the position of Director of Teacher Education and in 1995 to Associate Dean.
Michael Hatton, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Education

Michael Hatton has long been established as a leader in health and physical education within the University. He has also contributed widely to both administration and research, holding the position of Chair of the Syllabus Committee for Physical and Health Education for the Department of School Education as well as conducting research supported by the NSW Cancer Council.

Warren Mahoney, Faculty Officer, Faculty of Arts

Beginning his association with the University when it was still a College of UNSW, Warren Mahoney has seen student administration from many perspectives. He has also worked in Academic Services and from there moved to the Faculty of Arts as Faculty Officer, a position he has held for ten years.

Bill Winser, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Education

After coming to Wollongong from Birmingham, Bill Winser specialised in educational and developmental psychology with the former Institute of Education. He is now the Coordinator of the University’s Social Literacy Research Group, specialising in English language development. His recent research is in the area of English language learning in Asian contexts.

Anthony Wright, Associate Professor, School of Geosciences

First appointed to a lectureship in Geology, Tony Wright has held the position of Associate Professor since 1988. He has taught in the areas of fossils and sedimentary sequences and his research has focused on invertebrate fossils. Dr Wright has been an elected member of Senate, the Union Board of Management and the Academic Review Committee.
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:

Mr Brian Ferry, Faculty of Education
For his clearly articulated philosophy of teaching and learning, which challenges students to move out of their “zone of comfort” and take increased responsibility for their own learning. He demands active student engagement in experiences which develop their capabilities as teachers of science. It is clear that students respond favourably to these challenges and rate his teaching highly. Mr Ferry actively seeks feedback from his students and changes his approaches accordingly. He is an active contributor to the educational literature and is noted for his contributions to his profession.

Dr Allison Fox, Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences
For her reflective approach to teaching which actively seeks feedback and applies innovative techniques. She successfully teaches a wide range of subjects in the Department of Psychology and varies her teaching methods accordingly. She is a stimulating supervisor of research students, three of whom nominated her for this award. Dr Fox has an outstanding command of her material, which together with her infectious enthusiasm, leads to excellent results for her students and gains their respect. She is making valued contributions to her discipline and her Department.

Associate Professor Mokhtar Metwally, Faculty of Commerce
For achievements in teaching large compulsory quantitative subjects in the Department of Economics. Professor Metwally has demanded high standards and his students have consistently rated him as one of the best teachers in the University. He is also an inspiring supervisor of postgraduate students and an enthusiastic mentor of younger members of staff. He believes that the learning process should be an enjoyable experience and that teaching techniques should be adapted to the needs of different students.

Dr Audrey Wilson, Faculty of Science
For her outstanding devotion to teaching through her role as Coordinator of all first year Chemistry subjects, where she shows concern for students and their problems. Her innovatory approach has transformed the way in which first year teaching is conducted, particularly in relation to laboratory classes. She has applied new technologies in the context of carefully considered strategies grounded in theories of learning. Dr Wilson pays thorough attention to evaluation at all stages of innovation development. She is committed to chemical education nationally as well as locally and has made significant contributions to her profession.
The Vice-Chancellor's Outstanding Service Awards for General Staff

The Outstanding Service Awards are presented each year to members of general staff who have achieved an exceptional success, given outstanding service or shown recognised initiative in their work. Each recipient and 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:

Irene Burgess, Roger Davey, Michelle Mildenhall, Lyn Politis, Douglas Simpson, Geoffrey Stewart, Concept Implementation Team

For outstanding commitment to the successful implementation of the new Concept Personnel and Payroll system. This very complex task required co-ordination and co-operation of team members across three Branches and very high levels of individual performance within stringent deadlines. Meeting difficult challenges, the team ensured that the Concept system is an effective source of accurate and meaningful data for staff and the management of the University.

Helen Mandl, Informatics Faculty Librarian, Library

For her high level of commitment and quality of service. Helen was successful in obtaining a Teaching Development Grant for a project, The Research Edge - Postgraduate Information Skills, which teaches information literacy skills to postgraduate students. Student evaluation shows a high level of satisfaction and Helen's expertise in technology and her organisational and motivational skills were major contributing factors to this success. As Informatics Faculty Librarian, Helen has also assisted both students and staff to come to terms with ever-changing developments in electronic library resources.

John Marthick, Professional Officer, School of Geosciences

For exemplary service to the Department of Geography (and more recently the School of Geosciences), the University and the region. John has provided advice to students, assisted staff and developed a cooperative working relationship with external bodies such as the Shoalhaven Council Environmental Planning Department. In 1995, John collaborated on an award-winning catchment atlas of the Kiama region and also produced a Geographic Information system of the Illawarra wetlands. Both successful projects have contributed to the University's reputation in local environmental and technological issues.

Lynn Woodley, Senior Administrative Officer, Secretariat, Academic Registrar's Division

For her demonstrated commitment and contribution to excellence at the University. Lynn has distinguished herself as a key facilitator and source of advice and support for many members of the University community. Her outstanding writing skills are appreciated in particular by members of Council, the Academic Senate and other senior committees. She recently played a key role in the preparation of the successful 1995 Quality submission. Lynn's depth of knowledge of the University, her commitment and her particular skills are valuable assets.
THE UNIVERSITY DAY STUDENT AWARD

The Student Award recognises the outstanding achievement of a student in academic and other activities (for example: community service, sport, the arts). The students are nominated by the Deans, Heads of Departments or the President of the Students' Representative Council. The recipient will receive a certificate and a cheque for $1000. The 1996 recipient, selected by a panel chaired by the Deputy Chancellor, is:

Beth Cardier

For outstanding academic results both at the University of Wollongong and the University of California Berkeley, where she was an exchange student for two years, and for her contribution to a large number of publications as a writer, editor and graphic artist. Beth has won the University of California Berkeley, Eisner Prize (Prose Division) and University of Wollongong, Philip Larkin Award for Poetry.