1983 was another successful year for the Union marked by very heavy usage of Union facilities and services and by high levels of participation by members in the wide range of activities promoted by the Union.

Although the economic position in the local region remained gloomy the Union was able to produce good trading results in both its member-services and its functions catering. As a result of its good financial performance the Union was able to allocate funds towards the first stage of a series of building improvements designed to alleviate some of the problems of overcrowding in its dining areas. However, the financial reserves of the Union are not sufficient to allow further stages of expansion to be undertaken without some form of assistance from the University and discussions are to be held early in 1984 concerning this issue.

The year was also one of expansion for the Union both on campus and in the local community. 1983 was the first full year of operation of the arrangements governing federation between the University and the Institute of Education. The Union not only took over responsibility for running the Institute Canteen but also worked to establish the Institute Students Association as an effective body within the Union structure providing traditional social activities for students of the Institute sector. In addition all students - whether Faculties or Institute sector - were encouraged to participate in all Union activities, although this resulted in the problems of overcrowding in the Union building often became critical.

The Union’s catering service for private functions continued to strengthen links with the local community by bringing several thousand visitors to the campus during the year, the second 2WL “Lifestyles” Expo held at the Union in October in conjunction with University Open Day was attended by over 40,000 people while various local groups - as diverse as the South Coast Blood Bank, Rotary, Toastmasters, Gideons and Womens Aglow Fellowship - regularly utilised Union facilities for their activities. In addition the Union undertook a wider role in the community through its involvement with Wollongong Arts Council, Musica Viva (Wollongong), the National Migrant Heritage Centre Project and its Migrant Health Information job-creation project.
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 1983 - 84
(from 20th September 1983)

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Geoffrey A. Williams BA Cert.Ed

Deputy Chairperson:
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Don Beale

Stephen Brown

John Gonzalez

Sylvia Huntley-Moore

Des Jamieson

Ben Meek
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P. Bottele
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G.A. Williams

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J. Gonzalez
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J. Jones
T. Moore
J. Panter
J. Whitehead
G.A. Williams
J. Yeo

ACTIVITIES
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K. Green
D. Jamieson
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K. Middlebrook
M. Miller
J. Munive
S. Nixon (Chairperson)
M. Scott
J. Whitehead
G.A. Williams
M. Williams

MEMBERSHIP
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J. Munive (Chairperson)
W. Mitchell
T. Moore
M. Scott
G.A. Williams

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Vice-President:
Secretary:
Cultural Secretary:
Treasurer:
J. Yeo
J. Robertson
L. Clarke
K. Green
J. Ferry
MEMBERSHIP

In 1983 there were 4,035 student members (3,271 in 1982) and 850 staff members (557 in 1982). The large increase in membership resulted from the federation of the University and the Wollongong Institute of Education.

The total of life members at the end of 1983 was 801.

The Union membership subscription for 1983 was $82.00.

During the year the Union Board of Management examined in detail the question of whether to establish a differential membership subscription for part-time students. The Board recommended to University Council that there should be no change in the existing fee structure. The issue will, however, remain under review in 1984.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Dr. Winifred Mitchell became the fifth person to be granted Honorary Life Membership in recognition of her outstanding services to the Union since she joined the University in 1976. The Life Membership presentation was made at a special dinner in the Union Hall in July organised by the Union to mark Winifred's official retirement from the academic staff.

During the year the Union was saddened to learn of the death of its first Honorary Life Member - Dr. F.M. Matthews.

The Union's other Honorary Life Members are: Ian Dunn, Susan Stevenson and Gerry Stuart-Street.
As a result of a major increase in students and staff using the Union as their central social base on campus the Union Building began to experience significant overcrowding in 1983. Consequently the Board of Management commissioned detailed plans for an expansion of facilities, and towards the end of 1983 the first part of this planned development - the redesign of the Cafeteria service-area and the slight extension northwards of the Dining Room - was commenced with a view to completion in readiness for the start of the 1984 academic year.

Other improvements completed during 1983 included the refurbishment of the Bar, upgrading of the Union Hall (including the installation of a permanent cinema-screen by the Film Group, together with screen curtains and a fixed stage) and construction of a canopy over the loading dock. A further enhancement to amenities resulted from the purchase of a large-screen video unit for the Southern Lounge.

An addition to the northern wing of the Union Building was completed by the University early in the year with the construction of new premises for the Counselling Centre and an extension to the Co-operative Bookshop.
AUDITOR’S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG UNION

We have been unable to ascertain that the Members’ fees received or receivable by the Union for the year ended 31st December, 1983 represents the total fees collected by the University of Wollongong on the Union’s behalf.

Apart from this the accompanying accounts being the Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure of the University of Wollongong Union are, in our opinion, properly drawn up under the historical cost convention stated in Note 1, and so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the University of Wollongong Union as at 31st December, 1983 and of the result for the year then ended in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, as amended.

PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO.
Chartered Accountants

ALBERT J. CACHIA
Partner

5th Level,
111-113 Crown Street,
WOLLONGONG, N.S.W. 2500.

1st March 1984

THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG UNION

STATEMENT BY
THE UNION BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

In the opinion of The University of Wollongong Union Board of Management the accompanying Balance Sheet is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Union as at 31st December, 1983 and the accompanying Statement of Income and Expenditure is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the Union for the year ended 31st December, 1983.

G. A. Williams
Secretary/Manager

1st March 1984
**ACCUMULATED FUNDS**
Balance as at 1st January, 1983
Add: Surplus /(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure
170,393.90
112,850.18
12,543.72
$265,830.50

**RESERVES**
Amount transferred from Wollongong Institute of Education Students' Association
Add: Amount transferred from Income and Expenditure Account
37,018.96
927.58
37,946.54

**TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS & RESERVES**
$321,190.62

**Represented by:**

**FIXED ASSETS**
Building Improvements - at cost
34,509.64
17,125
9,751.36
8,850
24,844.28
8,285

Plant and Equipment - at cost
87,530.34
74,457
41,358.26
35,591
45,172.08
38,866

Furniture and Fittings - at cost
75,030.03
56,888
32,375.91
28,592
42,654.12
28,296
6,846.14
6,846

**TOTAL FIXED ASSETS**
119,516.62
82,233

**INVESTMENTS**
Cash on Deposit
Westpac Banking Corporation
- Investment Account
- Theatre Fund Account
- Capital Investment Account
National Australia Bank
- Institute Capital Development Fund
Illawarra Mutual Building Society
88,275.08
1,474.78
37,946.54
5,551.64
5,100

**TOTAL INVESTMENTS**
133,248.14
26,535

**CURRENT ASSETS**
Stock on Hand - at cost (Note 1(b), 3)
Sundry Debtors
Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts
Prepayments
Cash at Bank
- Westpac Banking Corporation
- National Australia Bank
Cash on Hand
202,687.45
28,296
2,600.00
28,878
127,118
236,946

**LESS LIABILITIES**

**NON–CURRENT LIABILITIES**
Provision for Long Service Leave (Note 1(e))
15,191

**CURRENT LIABILITIES**
Sundry Creditors
Accrued Charges
Provision for Annual Leave
Provision for Long Service Leave (Note 1(e))
18,874
7,257
12,119
12,112
50,362
65,553

**EXCESS OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES**
$321,190.62
$170,394

The accompanying Notes form part of these accounts.
### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1983

#### INCOME

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<td>Donations and Sundry Income</td>
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<td>4,670.00</td>
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<td>Sports Association Subvention (Note 2)</td>
<td>47,540.00</td>
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<td>3,200.00</td>
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<td>8,962.00</td>
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<td>33,978.00</td>
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<td><strong>316,033.00</strong></td>
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#### LESS EXPENDITURE

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<td><strong>242,929.00</strong></td>
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| Maintenance                                                                 |            |            |
| Security                                                                    | 1,370.00   | 2,800.00   |
| Cleaning                                                                    | 6,288.22   | 4,288.00   |
| Garbage                                                                    | 10,290.00  | 10,100.00  |
| Repairs and Maintenance                                                     | 21,194.77  | 13,765.00  |
| **TOTAL LESS EXPENDITURE**                                                  | **39,132.99** | **30,954.00** |

| Services                                                                    |            |            |
| Union Catering                                                             | 1,746.80   | 954.00     |
| Newspapers and Periodicals                                                | 66.76      | 461.00     |
| T.V. Hire                                                                   | 276.00     | 275.00     |
| **TOTAL LESS EXPENDITURE**                                                  | **2,087.55** | **1,670.00** |

| Activities                                                                 |            |            |
| Clubs and Societies                                                        | 2,025.34   | 728.00     |
| Programmed Activities                                                       | 13,486.64  | 10,332.00  |
| Institute Students' Association Grant                                      | 14,274.00  |             |
| **TOTAL LESS EXPENDITURE**                                                  | **29,767.98** | **11,060.00** |

| Other Expenditure                                                          |            |            |
| Public Telephone                                                           | 104.33     | 34.00      |
| Audit Fees                                                                 | 2,900.00   | 2,700.00   |
| Depreciation                                                              | 11,520.00  | 11,389.00  |
| Insurance                                                                  | 1,363.50   | 935.00     |
| Subscriptions                                                              | 923.83     | 774.00     |
| Travel Expenses                                                            | 1,472.00   | 1,881.00   |
| Sundry Administration Expenses                                             | 1,817.19   | 875.00     |
| Child Care Expenses Allocation                                             | 2,400.00   | 2,200.00   |
| Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets                                           | 917.89     | 1,047.00   |
| Architects Fees re Proposed Future Extensions                              | 10,726.00  |             |
| **TOTAL LESS EXPENDITURE**                                                  | **34,146.65** | **21,835.00** |

| TOTAL EXPENDITURE                                                          | 413,495.66 | 318,781.00 |

| EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE                                          | 113,777.76 | (3,248.00) |

The accompanying Notes form part of these Accounts.
### 1. CATERING SERVICES

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<td><strong>Food Services Trading</strong></td>
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<td>Takeaway</td>
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<td>Bistro</td>
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<td>Machines</td>
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<td><strong>Cost of Goods Sold</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Gross Profit</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Institute Services Trading</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Surplus on Institute Trading</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total Profit from Catering Services</strong></td>
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<td>Sundries</td>
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<td>59,302.04</td>
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### 2. SHOP TRADING

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<td>$13,974.23</td>
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1. Statement of Accounting Methods

The accounting methods adopted by the Union are in accord with the accounting standards required by the Australian accounting bodies and/or by law. The accounts have been prepared primarily on the basis of historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Non-current assets have been written down to replacement value where required.

Set out below is a summary of the significant accounting methods adopted by the Union and, in particular, the accounting method adopted where there exists a choice between two or more acceptable methods.

a) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all fixed assets so as to write off the assets progressively over their estimated economic life. The straight line method of depreciation has been used.

b) Stock Valuations

Stock has been valued at cost. Cost is based on the first-in first-out principle and includes expenditure incurred in acquiring the stock and bringing it to the existing condition and location.

These bases of valuation are consistent with those of previous years.

c) Members' Fees

Members' fees are brought to account in the year to which the fees relate, and not necessarily the year in which the University of Wollongong, which collects those fees on behalf of the Union, remits them to the Union.

This is a change to the method adopted in the previous year, where members' fees were brought to account in the year in which the University of Wollongong remitted those fees. This change in accounting method resulted in $21,385 being brought to account in this financial year which related to the 1982 year.

Entrance fees are included in members' fees.

d) Interest Income

Interest income is brought to account on an accrual basis.

This is a change to the method adopted in previous years where such income was brought to account when received. This change had the effect of bringing to account as income this year $15,318.28 which would otherwise have been brought to account next year.

e) Provision for Long Service Leave

Long Service Leave is provided for all employees, including part-time employees.

This is a change to the method adopted in previous years where part-time employees were not provided for. This change had the effect of bringing to account a provision of $8,178.00 as at 1st January, 1983 in respect of those part-time employees, thereby decreasing the profit for the year by $8,178.

2. Sports Association and Students' Representative Council Subvention

The Union charges the Sports Association and the Students' Representative Council an annual fee to cover costs incurred by the Union in the administration of those bodies.
3. Stock

Stock on Hand comprises:

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<td>$60,391.12</td>
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4. Wollongong Institute of Education

As from 1st January, 1983, the former Wollongong Institute of Education came under the administration of the University of Wollongong. This resulted in the receipt of additional fees by the Union from the former Institute students, these fees amounting to approximately $64,000 in the 1983 year.

The agreement relating to the transfer of the assets of the Wollongong Institute of Education Students’ Association resulted in an amount of $37,018.96 being invested by the Union in an account titled “Institute Capital Development Fund”. This money, and interest earned thereon, can be used for any development project on campus approved by the Union Board of Management after the Board has considered a recommendation by the Institute Students’ Association for such use.

5. Capital Commitments

Amounts contracted for but unpaid as at 31st December, 1983 for building renovations amounts to $57,000.00.
One new permanent staffing position was established during 1983 - that of Development Officer, a post created to enable the Union to develop new trading activities and community links, as well as to expand existing services.

As a consequence of this appointment the Union was granted a job-creation project under the Wage Pause Scheme concerned with promotion of awareness of health services amongst the local migrant community. The Project Co-ordinator commenced duties in November 1983, and five further staff will commence work in January 1984.

The full-time staff of the Union in 1983 (which in addition provided services to the Sports Association) comprised:

- Assistant Secretary-Manager
- Recreation and Activities Officer
- Development Officer
- Secretary
- Accounts Clerk
- General Office Assistant
- Receptionist/Typist

Institute Students Office Secretary
Catering and Functions Officer
Chef
Assistant Chef

Catering Clerk
Head Catering Assistant
Bar Supervisor
Barman/Cellarman
Crew Chief
Attendant/Cleaner

Migrant Health Project Co-ordinator

In addition to its full-time establishment the Union provided employment for over 100 part-time casual staff throughout the year, of whom more than 30 were students.

New Appointments in 1983

Elena Caruso
Jill Jones
Adriano Lemme
ACTIVITIES

1983 was another highly successful year for the Union’s activities programme.

ENTERTAINMENT BANDS

Free dances and concerts featuring top Sydney and local bands on Thursday evenings continued to be highly popular social events. A number of lunch-time concerts were also held. Especially successful events included the concert by Mike McClellan and the Bush Night with "Goldrush".

Mike McClellan in concert Southern Lounge

FILMS

The Film Group once again presented top movies every Wednesday in the Union Hall which continued to draw good crowds. A number of Saturday evening shows were also arranged, mainly of films receiving their first screening in Wollongong such as "Fitzcarraldo" and "The Boat". A series of free lunch-time films was presented in each session by the Film Group in association with the Activities Committee.

ANNUAL DINNER

The guest speaker at the 1983 Annual Dinner was Prof. Ron King who presented a thought-provoking address to an audience of 180 people. The Union also organised an excellent Heritage Week Dinner in April at which Prof. Ken Ingliss presented a stimulating lecture on "The Cult of ANZAC".

ART EXHIBITIONS

Art exhibitions staged during the year included the second "Three Potters" exhibition, featuring the work of Ann Payne, Barbara Crakenthorp and Ann Webb, "Recent Works" by Robert Liddicoat and Tony Hull, a display of Polish embroideries organised by Eurotapestry and a sale of posters and prints by Imaginus.

The Camera Club staged its Annual Photographic Exhibition, and the Union Hall was also used as the venue for an exhibition and sale of Persian Carpets organised by the City of Wollongong Symphony Orchestra.
PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Public Questions Forum programme of current affairs debates was once again administered by the Union. Topics included Equal Opportunities, the Tasmanian Dams issue and Local Government Elections. The Fifth R.F.X. Connor Memorial Lecture was organised by the Historical Society featuring Dr. Bob Brown of the Tasmanian Wilderness Society who reviewed the 'No Dams' campaign only days before the announcement of the High Court decision.

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Union Clubs and Societies continued to add significantly to the range of activities available on campus.

Three new groups affiliated to the Union during the year - the Nuclear Disarmament Association, the Simulation Games Society and the Women's Collective (the latter two having been previously affiliated to the S.R.C.). Other active clubs and societies, additional to those mentioned elsewhere, included the Catholic Society, the Italian Club, the French Club, the Geological Society, the Amateur Radio Club, the Wine Appreciation Society and the Literature Society.

INSTITUTE SECTOR ACTIVITIES

During the year the Union’s Institute Students Association organised a number of activities which had been a traditional part of the Institute social scene, including the Mad Hatters Ball, the Talent Quest, Grammy Ball and Melbourne Cup Lunch.
RECREATION CLASSES

A wide range of recreation classes was offered as part of the Union’s programme of activities. Courses included Yoga, Tai Chi, Typing, Jazz Fitness, Bridge, Basic Drawing, Swedish Massage and Guitar.

A Jazz Fitness class in the Common Room

CONCERTS

A series of free lunch-time recitals was again staged in 1983. Artists included the Peking Piano Trio, the Petra String Quartet, POSH and other outstanding performers from both Sydney and the local area. The University Singers under the direction of David Vance, held a number of concerts in the Union Hall and several other evening concerts were also staged in this venue, including the Semi-Final of the Illawarra Music Club’s 1983 National Aria Competition.

MUSICA VIVA CONCERTS

In 1983 the Union assumed responsibility for the administration of Musica Viva’s concert series in Wollongong. Four concerts were staged at Wollongong City Gallery - featuring the James Bowman Ensemble, the Endellion Quartet, the Sydney String Quartet and the Canberra Wind Soloists - and a special concert was held at Wollongong Town Hall featuring the innovative Sydney group Sirocco.

WOLLONGONG ARTS COUNCIL

The Union provided administrative assistance to the newly-formed Wollongong Arts Council in 1983. Several Wollongong Arts Council events were held at the Union including John Derum in “More Than a Sentimental Bloke”, the Australian Marionette Theatre production of “The Magic Pudding” and a performance by the Kinetic Energy Dance Co.
LIAISON WITH THE S.R.C.

In 1983 the Union continued to provide accountancy services to the Students’ Representative Council. During the year a joint Union - S.R.C. - Sports Association Working Party examined the possibility of developing an integrated guild structure, but no firm agreement was reached.

FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY

The Union remained a member of the Friends of the University of Wollongong and during the year a number of events organised by the Friends were held at the Union, including the Annual General Meeting of the Friends, the Graduation Eve Reception, a Graduates’ Reunion Dinner and the Christmas Party.

CHILDCARE CENTRE

The University Childcare Centre ("Kids' Uni") is administered by the Parents’ Club which is an affiliated society of the Union, responsible to the Board of Management. In 1983 care was provided for a total of 152 children from 118 families.

The staff of the Childcare Centre for 1983 comprised:

Supervisor: Jillian Hardy
Assistant Teacher: Trudy Ruiz
P/T Nurses: Jean McNeilly, Ellen Norris, Marie Bourke
P/T General Assistants: Doreen Wilson, Susan Cochrane, Kim Robson, Lisa Crittenden

Greg Hampton completed an important year as President of the Parents’ Club in October and Sue Rowley was elected as his successor following the Club’s A.G.M.

During the year the University decided to proceed with the development of Stage II of the Childcare Centre and construction commenced in November with a view to completion in time for the start of the 1984 academic year. This will increase the number of places available at Kids' Uni. from 25 to 50.
The new Co-operative Bookshop extension.

An informal social gathering in the Union Bar.

A wedding reception in the Union Dining Room.