



# UNIVERSITY HEADS FOR NEW HORIZONS

The University of Wollongong's new Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Ken McKinnon, has positive ideas on the development of the University.



VICE-CHANCELLOR,  
DR. KEN MCKINNON

At his first meeting with the Wollongong press last week he talked about his strong interest in the development of continuing education, service to the region, university research, amalgamation between the University and the Institute of Education, student activities on campus and the problems associated with the reintroduction of students' fees.

Dr. McKinnon expressed the following views:

- He would like to see expansion of continuing education for professionals.
- He was interested in the possibility of a summer session. It would, for example, enable people who had not studied for some time to try one course in a concentrated way. Dr. McKinnon said he had a special interest in mature age students, especially women who had raised a family and wished to continue their education.

"A Summer School would be of great help to these people; it would help many of them realise they could do it," he said.

- On service to the region Dr. McKinnon would like to continue the emphasis on University research and its usefulness to the region. He hopes to see the University increase its participation in finding solutions to the problems in this area. There was no reason why such research should not throw light on problems of world importance.
- On amalgamation he is committed by decisions of the Council to support the proposed federation, but in any case is in favour of achieving the rationalisation of higher education sought by govern-

ments "on our own terms". He sees one of the primary tasks as that of calming fears among both University and Institute people.

"There is a sensible basis to the amalgamation but obviously there is a good deal of nervousness. It is in all our interests to work to overcome these natural fears, to realise that people have dearly held values which they do not want to see ignored", he said.

- Where students are concerned, the Vice-Chancellor has an "open door policy". He wants to see the students gain as much as possible from their education. He would like to see students involved and committed both to their work and the University.

"If there's genuine, even heated debate on campus, I'm not concerned. That's really what a university is all about. Lively, vigorous, controversial discussion is the life blood of a university."

"It has been one of the shortcomings of Australian education that many students leave feeling apathetic. A good university will give students a vigorous commitment to participation, whatever the problems, making life an enriched and more intense experience."

"Life should not pass students by because they are 'too tired to get up in the morning'," Dr. McKinnon said.

- On the reintroduction of post-graduate students' fees, Dr. McKinnon said the University would have to try to overcome the effects of fees being imposed, with as much financial support as possible being given to students affected. He said some people in the community, such as the Illawarra Credit Union, had already shown how intelligent local enterprise can support education by providing funds to give part-time work to students within the University.

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# Cambridge visitor

The Department of Philosophy is pleased to be able to welcome an eminent scholar, Dr. D.H. Mellor who will be a Distinguished Visitor to the University of Wollongong from August 19-21 this year.

Dr. Mellor, from the University of Cambridge, has a distinguished list of publications and many other academic honours to his credit. His book, *The Matter of Chance*, has been widely discussed and his forthcoming book on time is eagerly awaited by those working in this field.

While in Wollongong Dr. Mellor will present two papers. They are:

**Thursday, August 20, at 3.30 p.m.** "The Reduction of Society". This paper concerns the relation between Sociology and Psychology and members of these Departments will be especially welcome.

**Friday, August 21 at 10.30 a.m.** "The Now-ness of Experience".

Both sessions will be held in the Seminar Room (19.1016), the Department of Philosophy. The Department invites the support and participation of all colleagues for Dr. Mellor's visit.

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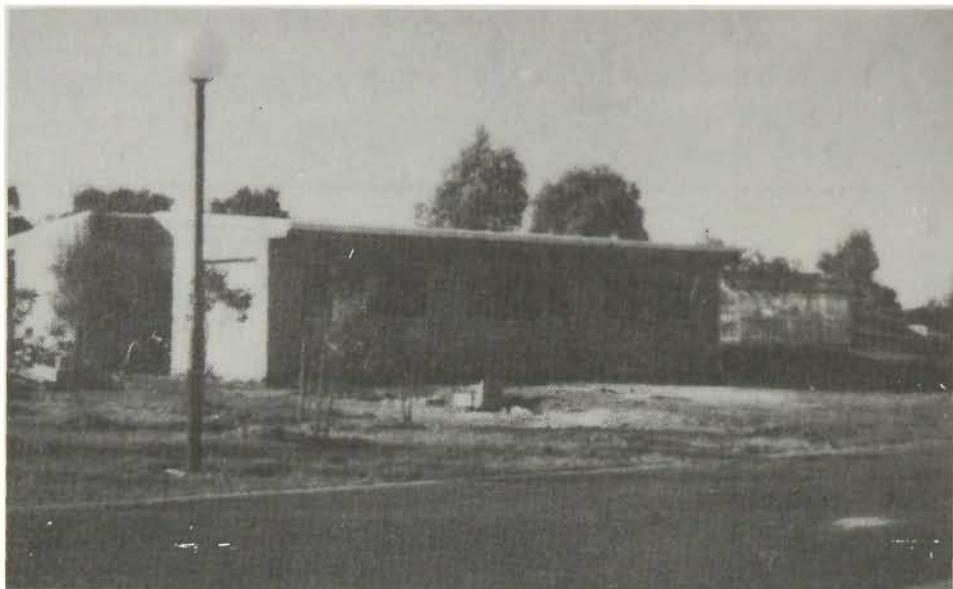
"It is imperative for the future of the University that we encourage and strengthen the post-graduate area. Excellent students from everywhere must be encouraged to choose this University."

Dr. McKinnon said he had been saddened to see the general move towards diminishing the importance of education and that the current moves of the Federal Government in that area were not forward-looking. "The present approach is very short-sighted. There is a 100 years of evidence to show that those countries who invested heavily in education of the right kind have made the most progress."

He said that, as the figures show a participation rate in higher education for young people in Wollongong of only half the New South Wales average, it would be wrong to curtail growth until the opportunities in the region could be compared with the conditions in other parts of Australia.

Where the future is concerned, Dr. McKinnon believes "we can only grow". He felt that Professor Michael Birt was a "hard act to follow" but said he looked forward to making a substantial contribution to the growth of the University.

# AN INSIDE JOB...



**The new Geology annexe has been growing steadily during the past two months and the completion date is scheduled for this month.**

The brick annexe is situated on the northern side of the A.C.S. building.

Projects Supervisor Mr. Peter McNamara said that by making the construction of the annexe an "internal job" the University had made a saving in cost of \$15,000.

He said allowing the University to con-

struct the annexe on a project management basis instead of calling for tenders was a decision based on the successful completion of Kids' Uni last year using the same method.

"That building was completed on schedule and this one will be as well," Mr. McNamara said.

He said he was delighted with the quality of the work being done and with the conscientiousness of the sub-contractors.

**PICTURED: The Geology annexe - almost at completion stage.**

**The University's 1981 Careers Week will be held from Monday, August 17 to Friday, August 21.**

The aim of the week is to put final year students seeking employment in touch with potential employers.

The programme has not yet been finalised but it is anticipated that 14 or 15 employers from the public and private sectors will be visiting the campus during that week.

Whereas in previous years Careers Week was conducted by the Counselling Centre, arrangements are now being made by the Student Placement and Public Relations Unit (formerly the Student Enquiries Office).

Students completing their studies this year who wish to participate in Careers Week are asked to contact Tom Moore or Marilyn Johnson at the new Unit, Ground

# Careers week

Floor, Administration Building. Students seeking employment next year are asked to note the following:

1. Applications for many Commonwealth Public Service positions close on Friday, August 14. Application forms for vacancies with Commonwealth Departments are available from the Student Placement and Public Relations Unit.
2. The 1981 Sydney University Careers Week will be held August 10-14. Wollongong students wishing to take part must contact Sydney University and book by August 4. (Late bookings can be made).

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More than 100 people from all over Australia will be attending the Women's Studies Conference to be held at Wollongong University from August 28th to 30th.

This will be the first academic conference held on Women's Studies in Australia.

It will offer the chance to examine both teaching and research on women from a feminist perspective, including discussions on methodology and theory in Humanities and Social Sciences. There will be a half-day session on **Women and Schools**.

Dale Spender will be the guest speaker at the Conference. Dale is the founding editor of **Women's Studies International Quarterly**, author of **Man Made Language**, and co-editor of **Learning to Lose: Sexism and Education** and **Men's Studies Modified: The Impact of Feminism on the Academic**

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# Focus on Women's Studies

**Disciplines.** Originally from Wollongong, Dale now lives in Britain, where she has been involved in many feminist activities.

In addition to Dale's paper, some 35 papers, seminars and workshops will be given.

The Conference is being organised by the Women's Studies Group.

The Women in Society course at Wollongong

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University was first introduced in 1976, as the first General Studies subject. It is a 200-level course, which has consistently attracted students. It is an interdisciplinary course with staff involved from History, HPS, English, Psychology, Education, Economics and in previous years, Sociology.

Members of the University and the community are welcome to attend the Conference, and may attend single sessions if they wish.

The Registration fee is \$20, or \$5 for unemployed people; the fee for single sessions (½ day) is \$4 or \$1. Lunch and childcare will be provided and a number of social activities have been organised.

Contact Sue Rowley through General Studies or Beverly Walker in Psychology or Dorothy Jones in English for further information.

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## Unit handles public relations

The establishment of the Public Relations Unit has been one of the changes brought about by the re-organisation of the central administration at the University.

The full title of the new section is Student Placement and Public Relations Unit, headed by Assistant Registrar Kevin Turnbull, and situated in the same offices as the former Student Enquiries section.

This section, for the first time, brings together in one unit, all the functions

related to the promotion of the University and the attraction of students.

For example, previously the publication of Campus News, the preparation of the Calendar and advertising campaigns were undertaken in three separate sections. They are now all part of the work of the new section.

The specific functions of the Student Placement and Public Relations Section are:

- \* Community Liaison
- \* Schools Liaison
- \* Public Relations

- \* Media Liaison
- \* Advertising
- \* Publications
  - . Campus News
  - . Unity
  - . Calendar
  - . Introduction to the University of Wollongong
  - . Prospectus
  - . Enrolment Advice Booklet
- \* Assessment of Qualifications
- \* Admission and Enrolment of Students
- \* Enquiry Office

Any enquiries about the work of the SP & PR Section can be raised in the first instance with Kevin Turnbull.

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Graduate Assistant within the University administration, Heather Nash, joined the ranks of writers this month with her first publication entitled "A Short History of the Australian Federation of University Women - N.S.W. Part II, 1920-1980."

Heather worked on the 55-page, 18,000 word monograph during 1980, doing most of her research in the archives sections of the Fisher Library in Sydney and the Australian National University.

Currently Vice-President of the Illawarra Branch of the Federation, Heather decided to write the history after the Federation had a special dinner in 1980 to celebrate the passing of 60 years since its independent foundation.

"I thought it was appropriate that the history of the Federation be brought up to date - the first part went to 1920 only. I volunteered for the job as it was an opport-

unity to do some historical writing - a field in which I have considerable interest," Heather said.

A staunch supporter of the Federation, Heather says although it has not been a well-known organisation in the community, the meetings over the years have been attended by some famous people such as aviatrix Amy Johnson during the 1930s and more recently ACTU advocate Jan Marsh and Commissioner with the Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, Pauline Griffin.

An honours graduate in History from the A.N.U., Heather has been with the Administration at the University of Wollongong since March, 1978. She has worked as a Graduate Assistant in various sections of Administration, having done a good deal of committee and public relations work.

Heather hopes to do some postgraduate work in history and will seek other opportunities to do historical writing. Her other interests include politics, tapestry and embroidery and watching cricket.

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# HISTORY INTEREST LEADS TO WRITING

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## TAKE NOTE

Items for "Take Note" should be forwarded to the Public Relations Unit, Ground Floor, Administration Building, Ext. 962.

### SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, GRANTS

**THE GOWRIE SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND** - Post-tertiary Research Scholarships for two years of \$3500 per annum (2 per annum); Tertiary Scholarships, for duration of course of \$150 per annum (15 per annum). Available to members of Armed Forces who served in a combat area during World War 2, or their descendants. For Post-graduate scholarships apply to the Registrar of university or institute of graduation by October 31, 1981; for Tertiary scholarships apply to Secretary, Gowrie Scholarship Trust Fund, 47 Cherry Street, Warrawee, 2074, N.S.W., by September 30, 1981.

**COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN** - Visiting Fellowships 1982/83 - Australian European Awards Programme. Nominations for distinguished scholars to visit Australia under this plan close on September 30, 1981. Details from Public Relations Unit, Ext. 962.

**JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUSHO) SCHOLARSHIPS 1982** - offered to a limited number of Australian undergraduates and research scholars to study at a Japanese university. Applications must reach Federal Department of Education by September 18, 1981.

**CANNING ART AWARD** - prizes up to \$1500 for works of art in various mediums. Particulars and entry forms available from Management Office, Carousel Shopping Centre, P.O. Box 82, Cannington, 6107. Entries close August 24, 1981. (Some entry forms available at Public Relations Unit, ext. 962).

**RESEARCH ON THE EARLY STAGES OF ALCOHOL ABUSE** - Research workers and groups with appropriate expertise who are interested in undertaking research in this field are invited to present a brief synopsis of resources and skills to The Secretary, National Health and Medical Research Council, P.O. Box 100, Woden, A.C.T. 2606 by August 31, 1981. Selected applicants will then be invited to submit fully documented research proposals.

**COASTAL COUNCIL OF N.S.W.** - Research grants in topics of significance and conservation and management of the coastal regions of N.S.W. available to selected researchers. Applicants must be Australian citizens or have permanent resident status and be living in Australia at the time of application. Closing date, September 1, 1981. Write to The Secretary, Coastal Council of N.S.W., G.P.O. Box 3927, Sydney, N.S.W. 2001.

### CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, SYMPOSIA

**ETHNICITY AND CLASS** - National Conference in Wollongong, August 27, 28, 29, 1981. Attendance by participants only. At the University of Wollongong. Sessions will include topics such as Politics of Ethnicity, Ideology, Culture and Education, Ideology and Social Control, Class Relations at Work, Ethnic Minorities. For further information contact the Centre for Multicultural Studies, 22 Porter Street, North Wollongong, N.S.W.

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENERGY** - Australia's Role in the Pacific Region. November 9-11 in Sydney. The conference will provide a forum to discuss the use of renewable and non-renewable energy forms. For further information contact 1981 Conference Secretary, The Australian Institute of Energy, P.O. Box 230, Wahroonga, N.S.W. 2076.

**AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGIONS** - Sixth annual conference. The Adelaide College of the Arts, August 14-18. Papers and consultations planned for Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Ancient Near Eastern and Classical Religions, Tribal Religions, Religious Education and Religious Arts, as well as for Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology, Philosophy and Phenomenology of Religions. For further information write to Adelaide College of the Arts and Education, Kintore Avenue, Adelaide, S.A. 5000. Tel. 223 8594.

**SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE** - on the Professional Development of Academic Staff in Universities. April 6-20, 1982, at the Prince of Songkla University, Hatyai, Thailand. First conference held in Oxford last year. Senior staff of universities concerned with management or professional development of academic staff are invited to register their interest in submitting papers to the conference. For further inquiries contact the Staff Office, University of Wollongong.

**52ND ANZAAS CONGRESS 1982** - to be held at Macquarie University May 10-14. Theme will be "Australia's Industrial Future". Sessions include the broader aspects of modern communication as well as technological developments. Provisional titles, and if possible, abstracts of proposed papers should be submitted by August 14 to Honorary Secretary, Section 33 ANZAAS, School of English and Linguistics, Macquarie University, North Ryde, N.S.W. 2113.

**AUSTRALIAN READING ASSOCIATION** conference on "Reading from the Top Down" at Darwin, Northern Territory, August 30 to September 2, 1981. Details from D.P.O. Ext 955.

Wollongong and Sydney newspapers and magazines are now available from the Union Shop.

Staff and students are also reminded of the Higher Education supplements in Wednesday's edition of The Australian and in The National Times.

## A welcome arrival

On July 13, the University of Wollongong's Department of European Languages welcomed a recent arrival from Italy, Dr. Maria Giovanna Batzella.

Dr. Batzella, an Italian Government employee now attached to the Sydney Istituto Italiano di Cultura, has been seconded to the Department to assist staff in maintaining the current Italian teaching programme.

Her arrival is an indication of the high regard in which the Department's contribution to Italian Studies in Australia is held.

Dr. Batzella, who was born near Cagliari in Sardinia, completed her doctoral studies at the University of Cagliari. She has studied also at the Cambridgeshire College of Arts and Technology in Cambridge, England, and at the University of Rome.

### ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

In the recent elections of members of the University Council, the following persons were elected and their terms of office shall be:

#### Two Student Members

NIXON, S.A. - two years  
WHITEHEAD, J. - one year

#### Three Convocation Members

HOLLIS, C.P. - three years  
DOMBROSKI, J.W. - two years  
ROBINSON, M.J. - one year

#### Four Academic Staff Members

LEAL, R.B. - three years  
CASTLE, R.G. - three years  
JOHNSTON, R. - two years  
SMITH, B.H. - one year

#### One General Staff Member

HILTON, E.A. - three years (elected unopposed)

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