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Official launch of MOLAB

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ken McKinnon officially launched the University's Multimedia and Open Learning Laboratory (MOLAB) on 25 June.

MOLAB is the first project sponsored by the University's philanthropic foundation.

It will develop and produce interactive learning materials for the domestic and international markets employing combinations of print, video, electronic mail, satellite, CD-Rom, interactive broadcast and audio-visual software.

MOLAB will conduct research and development into the latest technologies that are applicable to education and advise on their implementation.

The aim is to keep the University in the fore-front of national and global competition and to enable it to achieve education goals that may have previously been difficult to accomplish.

In conjunction with the launch of MOLAB a three-day expo of open learning applications and products was held at the Illawarra Technology Centre which included the University's new video conferencing capabilities.



TOP: Mr Harold Hanson, Wollongong solicitor and Chairman of the Board of The Foundation, the University of Wollongong's fundraising organisation, at the launch of MOLAB. ABOVE: Karen Taylor, computer trainee, and Geoff Harner, Business Development Manager for Information Technology Services. Geoff has been coordinating the MOLAB project and Karan organised the MOLAB Expo as a special project

There will be no issues of Campus News on 15 or 22 July during the Autumn Session recess. Material is required by midday 20 July for the issue of 29 July

The National Australia Bank recently made the following staff changes.

The new District Manager is Mr Erol Talbert, who is located at 91 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra. Phone: (06) 2474740. Fax (06) 2485470.

The new University Campus Branch Manager is Mr Kevin Herdegan, who is located in the Union complex, Wollongong campus. Phone: 261927.

Current campus branch manager Paul Lemme has transferred to Canberra and Mr Herdegan will take up his appointment this month.

As notified in previous issues of Campus News, the Vice-Chancellor has initiated a "full" review of the Department of Science and Technology Studies in accordance with the University's Pro-

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cedures for Reviewing Academic Units.

The deadline for confidential submissions to the Review Panel was originally 30 June.

But as the dates for the review have now been finalised as 28-30 September, the submission deadline has been extended. Submissions should now reach Lynn Woodley (Secretary to the Review Panel) in Academic Services by Friday, 14 August 1992.

Enquiries about the Review should be addressed to Lynn Woodley (ext 3360) or Peter Wood (ext 3943).

Students enrolled in undergraduate

courses are required to complete the University's Computer Literacy programme during their first year of study.

The library skills component of this programme applies to all students, including those enrolled in computing subjects.

Students can satisfy this component either by completing a short written test or attending an online catalogue class.

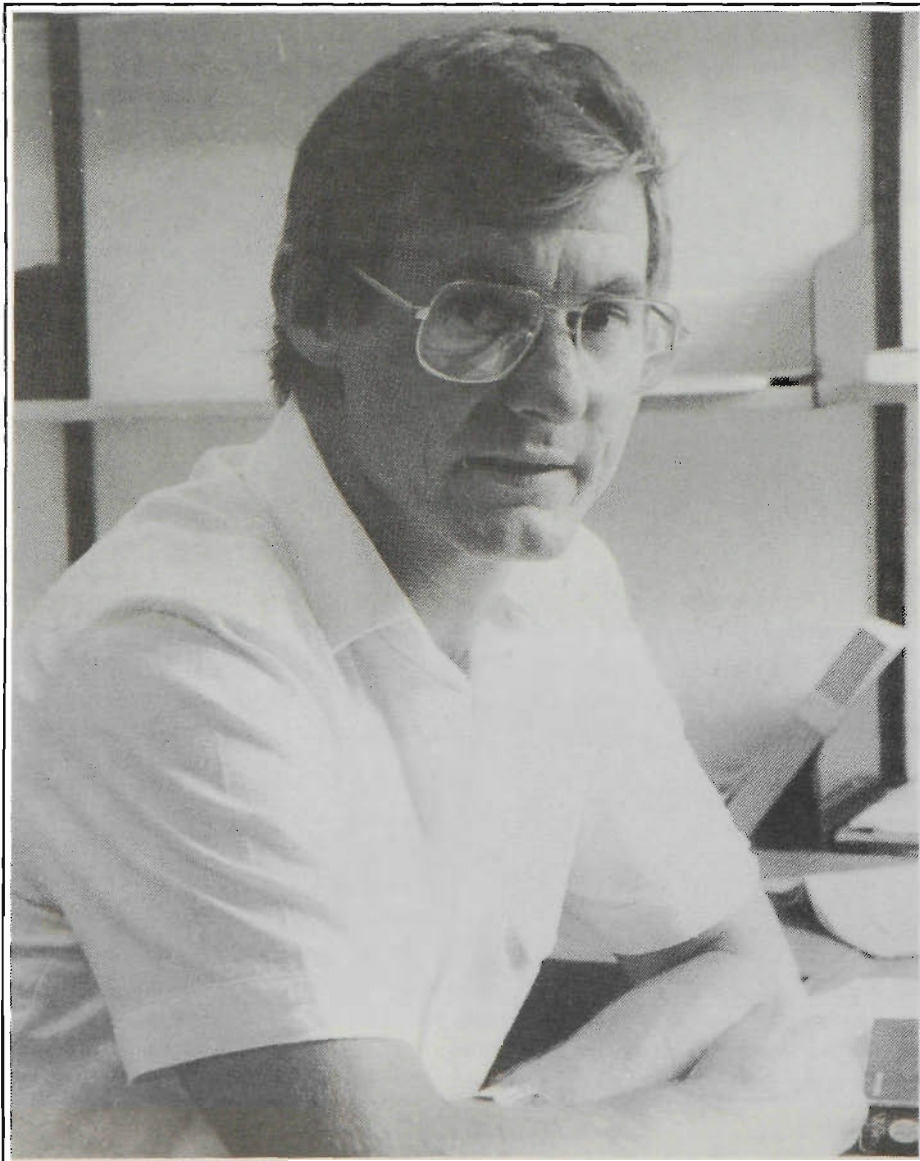
Come to the Information Desk in the Library 15 minutes before the class starts.

Catalogue classes are scheduled for the first two weeks of Session 2 (20-31 July) at the following times:

Monday to Friday 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm.

Evening classes are held at 5.30pm.

The contribution of visual processing in treating dyslexia



Professor Lovegrove

The next seminar in the Graduate Faculty Seminar series is being given by Professor William Lovegrove, Dean of the graduate Faculty and Head of the Department of Psychology.

It will be given in the University Function Centre at 6.30pm on Wednesday 29 July.

The topic is Understanding and Treating Dyslexia: The Contribution of Visual Processing.

The problem of dyslexia can be devastating for individuals and their families.

The seminar will provide answers in terms of contemporary vision research.

Over the last 10 years Professor Lovegrove and his colleagues have revealed interesting differences between dyslexics and normal readers in basic visual processing.

The research has focused on the possible difficulty of processing information presented visually and begins by asking the question: What does the visual system have to do in reading and what mechanisms are involved?

This research shows that many dyslexics have a very specific visual processing difficulty.

Professor Lovegrove intends to attempt to relate the visual processing difficulties to other problems experienced by dyslexics and will consider some preliminary evidence on how the visual processing deficit may be overcome.

Call Lyndal Manton, tel. 21 3201, if you will be attending the seminar.

Cyclone Liz sweeps all along with her

Part of the promotion of the University is through personal contact with potential students and their families.

The major activity is the NSW/ACT Universities 'road show' which is half way through its 1992 season.

Tertiary Days and Rotary Careers Markets give thousands of potential tertiary students a chance to get information on the courses offered at the universities and TAFE.

Some walk over the road to the venue, some travel for hours.

A University of Wollongong team co-ordinated by Course Adviser, Liz Hilton from Planning and Marketing has visited Leeton, Wagga, Albury, Forbes, Dubbo, Orange, Oatley, Sydney's Eastern Region, Liverpool, Campbelltown, Milperra, Manly, St Ives, Blacktown, Narrabri, Tamworth, Armidale, Gosford and Shoalhaven.

The team includes Pat Macquarie (Science), David Muscio (Health Sciences), Graham Ward (Health Sciences), Grahame Morris (Informatics), Karen Chisholm (Planning and Marketing), Marie Lewis (Admissions), Don Lewis (Economics), Max Lowery (Engineering), Bob Wheway (Engineering) and Miranda Baker (Commerce).

All Faculties covered the Wollongong Tertiary Day.

While the 'road show' is underway Stephen Lowe and Therese Douglass from Student Administration keep the home fires burning attending the



Liz Hilton

Year 10/11 days at the local Careers Reference Centre and the Parents Evenings.

Karen Chisholm from Planning and Marketing handles the schools coming on campus.

For the first time Robyn Wilkes, Head of Campus East and University Accommodation Officer, was able to come to six of the country venues to talk about the all-important question of accommodation.

Also for the first time this year, and in recognition of the important role parents play in the decision making process, Liz organised evening sessions for parents in strategic locations.

The number of parents attending was greater than anticipated – the biggest being over 40 in Orange.

Interest in Wollongong continues to increase and staff have been emphasising the importance of inspecting the campus, because as they say: 'You wouldn't buy a used car straight from the Tele Classifieds would you?'

If this has worked the first wave of the invasion will be on Open Day and then over December/early January before the UAC preference change.

A visit to the campus is worth a thousand words.

The reaction from the girls who came to a 'Girls in Engineering' week held early this year was phenomenal. They waxed lyrical about the place and told their friends to talk to us.

An information day for careers advisers in February dispelled a lot of wrong preconceptions about Wollongong.

Assistance has also been received from Alumni who pop up to help as the team travels around the State.

They are always warmly greeted by Liz whose years on the campus pay off since she knows so many.

Wide range of Law Week activities

For the second year the Faculty of Law is providing a range of interesting and entertaining activities for Law Week which runs from 26 July to 1 August:

■ A Law as a Career seminar will be held on Wednesday 29 July at 7.30pm in the Pentagon.

A panel of speakers, drawn from various areas of the legal profession, will address prospective students, careers advisers and other interested persons to give an insight into the profession. Information on courses and admission requirements will also be given.

Bookings are essential and must be made with the Faculty. Contact Maria Agnew on (042) 21-3456.

■ As part of the Open Day at the Wollongong Court House, students of the Faculty of Law and members of the local bar will be performing in the play 'The Trial of Goldilocks' in the Supreme Court.

The play will be held on Sunday 26 July at 2pm and on Thursday 30 July at 7.30pm.

Goldilocks has been charged with breaking and entering, malicious damage and theft. Is she guilty?

The play promises to be entertaining and also informative.

Bookings essential through the Clerk of the Court, phone (042) 29-8111.

■ The Faculty of Law has recently undertaken a survey of the legal profession in the Illawarra to assess the impact of the establishment of the Faculty at the University, and to determine the profession's needs for continuing legal education.

This survey was made possible by a grant from the Law Foundation of NSW. The report of the survey will be launched at a cocktail reception to be held at The Lagoon Restaurant.

Contact Maria Agnew at the Faculty on (042) 21-3456 for more details.

Campus phone upgrade on the cards

The University is upgrading the network of public telephones on campus.

In the next six months most cash-operated machines will be progressively replaced by Telecom Phonecard-only operated machines and the number of installations will be increased.

In stage one, envisaged to be July to September, one each of the cash phones in the Library and the Administration building will be replaced by Phonecard instruments and a new card-phone will be installed in the foyer of the Hope Theatre.

Cards are available for purchase from the Union Bar and the supermarket, and, soon, from the cashier's office in the Administration building.

There are approximately 250 card-operated machines in the Illawarra and that number is likely to increase rapidly.

If you want to try one now there are two in the Union Complex. Please note however that these are Telecom 'Phonecard' instruments and not to the phones operated by various credit cards.

The cards sold at present cost \$2, \$5, \$10 or \$20, with a

\$50 card in the pipeline. All cards deliver a value in calls in excess of their face value, for example the \$2 card grants calls to the value of \$2.10, the \$5 card to the value of \$5.40 and the \$20 card to the value of \$21.

Furthermore card-activated calls have a standard cost of 30 cents and not 40 cents as in the cash machines.

The combination of these two advantages is most significant.

In cash machines \$5 enables 12 calls to be made, whereas in Phonecard machines 18 calls can be made for the same money - a clear benefit for hard-pressed students.

Cards are not just for frequent users and have numerous other advantages for the caller.

A frequently used number can be preprogrammed, a notch on the card guides insertion at night and for the blind, and of course the call can only be correctly charged.

Gone are the days when you had to waste part of a 50 cent or \$1 coin or search around for the correct change, or risk abuse from overworked barstaff at closing time.

The campus map will be modified to show the location of all public phones.

Academic Services Branch and Student Services Branch

From 6 July 1992, the former Academic Services and Student Services Branches were combined to form a single Branch.

The new branch, to be known as the Academic & Student Services Branch, is managed by Mr Peter Wood, the former Manager of the Academic Services Branch.

The rearrangement, foreshadowed in a memo to Heads of Units on 29 April, is a consequence of the retirement of Mr Trevor Brew on 3 July.

Mr Wood has relocated to Mr Brew's former office on the ground floor; his phone number (ext. 3943) is unchanged.

Mrs Marilyn Yatras, Administrative Assistant, has also relocated to the ground floor.

Postgraduate Office and Research Office

During May this year, the former Graduate Office was split into two separate offices - the Postgraduate Office and the Research Office.

The aim of this restructuring is to provide a more efficient and effective administrative service in each of these areas. The Postgraduate Office is

Administrative re-arrangements

now located on the ground floor of the Administration Building behind the Cashier's Office; the Research Office remains in the original location of the Graduate Office (upstairs in the Administration Building).

The split coincided with the appointment of Mr Aapo Skorulis, formerly of The Illawarra Technology Corporation Ltd, as Executive Officer, Research.

Mr Skorulis has responsibility for both the Postgraduate Office and the Research Office.

The staffing of the two offices is as follows: Executive Officer, Research: Mr Aapo Skorulis (ext. 3386); Postgraduate Office: Ms Dianne Reh (ext. 3799) - for Faculties of Arts, Commerce and Law matters; Ms Christine Mason (ext. 4312) - for Faculties of Education, Engineering, Health & Behavioural Sciences, Informatics and Science matters. Research Office: Ms Kim Roser (ext. 3079); Ms Lyndal Manton (ext. 4323).

Study Abroad Office

The Study Abroad unit within the International Office has also been relocated and is now situated next to the Postgraduate Office on the ground floor of the Administration Building behind the Cashier's Office.

The staffing of the Study Abroad Office remains as Ms Trish Tindall (ext. 3955) and Ms Susan Church (ext. 3170).

"Research" Fortnightly News-sheet

In April, a new fortnightly news-sheet was developed for circulation to all academic staff on campus.

The news-sheet sets out details of available research grants and draws attention to other research administration matters such as details and closing dates for internal research grants.

As a result of a large number of very favourable responses during the three month trial, it has been decided to continue the publication for the rest of 1992.

World Bank seminar for small states

Dr Penelope Murphy of the Centre for Research Policy attended a Senior Policy Seminar on Higher Education in Small States, held in Brunei Darussalam from 14-18 June.

Participants in the seminar, sponsored by the World Bank, were heads of institutions from Bahamas, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cyprus, Gambia, Guyana, Lesotho, Malta, Mauritius, Solomon Islands, the University of the South Pacific (USP) and Western Samoa.

Resource persons were from Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Mauritius, USP, and the University of the West Indies.

Dr Murphy was invited by the IDP to serve as a resource person, in recognition of her expertise in higher education planning and policy process.

The seminar formed part of a process in which the World Bank is reviewing its policy in support of higher education, aiming both at assisting developing countries in the formulation of effective strategies for reform and innovation in higher education and at guiding Bank lending for this sub-sector.

Dr Murphy reports that the bank's policy has changed significantly since 1989.

Whereas in the past its support for tertiary education had been institution-specific, future interventions will be anchored in a system-wide perspective.

The bank has also recognised the limitations of basing intra-sectoral resource reallocation on rates of return analyses and unit costs comparisons.

The three levels of education will now be viewed as complementary rather than as competing sub-sectors.

Another shift of emphasis is towards support for postgraduate training and research, perceived by the bank as one of the main channels through which R & D capacities can be strengthened in the productive sectors.

This development is of relevance to the work of the Centre for Research Policy and in particular to Dr Murphy's research.

Its significance is that, in focusing on research funding, the bank's policies will constitute the broader international policy context.

The centre and Dr Murphy will have their study of research funding systems set at national policy level.

The impact of the bank's lending

Implications on demand for postgraduate courses

policies upon the research priorities and activities of universities in less developed countries could have a range of implications for those of the developed countries.

It might, for example, result in changes in demand for postgraduate training opportunities in Australia, and in the overseas market for Australian higher education services in general.



Dr Murphy



THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS SYSTEMS

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Graham Sewell

Manchester School of Management
University of Manchester Institute of Science & Technology

Friday, 17 July 1992
12.30 pm, Board Room
University Union

Someone to Watch Over Me:
Shop Floor Surveillance in a Total Quality Organisation

ABSTRACT

Graham Sewell is a member of CROMTEC, a component of the British PICT research program based at UMIST. He has been researching the changes in manufacturing practice in a British electronics plant following its takeover by Japanese management, and the central role of information technologies in the new regime.

Grant to evaluate community relations

The Centre for Multi-cultural Studies (CMS) has been notified that it has been successful in its tender to evaluate the Community Relations Strategy on behalf of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

This involves evaluating a strategy which encompasses a very wide range of individual projects, from police education to anti-racist school projects.

All are designed with a view to increasing tolerance and understanding among the dozens of ethnic groups in the Australian population.

A sum of \$60,000 will be made available to the centre for the evaluation which will be conducted in all States and Territories in the next nine months by a team consisting of Michael Morrissey, Associate Director of the CMS, Stephen Castles (Director, CMS) and Colleen Mitchell (Research Manager, CMS).

Winning this contract was particularly pleasing for members of the CMS for a number of reasons.

In these hard times competition is particularly fierce and the centre was competing against several very well-regarded management consultants in tendering for the contract.

The centre has contributed a great deal in the past to the establishment and shaping of the community relations strategy and the evaluation process will be a very good opportunity for maintaining a high level of involvement in policy development in this area.

The centre regards the strategy as an enormously important initiative on the part of the Federal Government in that it represents the first planned government intervention in the area of community relations.

It is expected that government efforts in this area will be increased in the future so that winning this contract means that the centre will be very favourably placed to become the major authority in an expanding and exciting enterprise.

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Academic Calendar for 1993-4

The following Calendars have been approved by the University Council.

1993

Summer Session

December 7-20 1992 (2 weeks)

December 21 1992-Jan.3 1993

(recess - 2 weeks)

January 4-February 7 (5 weeks)

February 8-14 (exams - 1 week)

Autumn Session

February 22-28 (Orientation week)

March 1-April 11 (6 weeks)

April 12-18 (recess - 1 week)

April 19-June 13 (8 weeks)

June 14-20 (study recess - 1 week)

June 21-July 4 (exams - 2 weeks)

July 5-18 (recess - 2 weeks)

Spring Session

July 19-September 26 (10 weeks)

September 27-October 10

(recess - 2 weeks)

October 11-November 7 (4 weeks)

November 8-14

(study recess - 1 week)

November 15-December 5

(exams - 3 weeks)

1994

Summer Session

December 6-19 1993 (2 weeks)

December 20 1993-Jan.2 1994

(recess - 2 weeks)

January 3-February 6 (5 weeks)

February 7-13 (exams - 1 week)

Autumn Session

February 21-27 (Orientation week)

February 28-April 3 (5 weeks)

April 4-10 (recess - 1 week)

April 11-June 12 (9 weeks)

June 13-19 (study recess - 1 week)

June 20-July 3 (exams - 2 weeks)

July 4-17 (recess - 2 weeks)

Spring Session

July 18-September 25 (10 weeks)

September 26-October 9 (recess - 2 weeks)

October 10-November 6 (4 weeks)

November 7-13 (study recess - 1 week)

November 14-December 4

(exams - 3 weeks)

- **Interventions:** A conference on craft theory and exhibition organised by Sue Rowley will be held at the School of Creative Arts, University of Wollongong until 9 July. A Curator's Forum will be held on 10 July. Craftwriters and curators will share platforms with well-known speakers from a range of disciplines, practices and backgrounds to address key issues in craft theory, criticism and exhibition. For full program information and registration details contact Sue Rowley, School of Creative Arts, University of Wollongong, tel. (042) 21 3991

- The **11th International Conference on Ground Control in Mining** will be held at Northbeach Parkroyal until 10 July. It is organised by the University of Wollongong, the University of West Virginia and the Australian Institute of Mining Metallurgy. The keynote address will be given by Mr W Tattersall, Assistant to the Secretary of State for Safety and Health, USA.

- **School of Creative Arts events** until 26 July: Hope Theatre *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* - Ian McGrath

- The **22nd Conference of the Illawarra Group, Institution of Engineers, Australia**, will be held at the University of Wollongong, Thursday, 9 July, 1992. Conference theme Total Quality Management - a Tool for Engineering Excellence. The keynote address will be given by Dr Peter Gibson, who has played a key role in the development of an innovative post-graduate program in TQM in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. Conference Patron in Commander Les Renford, Chairperson, Standards Committee QR/8 - Quality System. Enquiries Judy Gordon, IEAust Campus Office, tel. (042) 21 4086.

- The **Illawarra Garden School** is holding a function on Thursday 9 July in the Pentagon Lecture Theatre 1. Cost is \$16 per person for the day. This includes morning tea, a two-course lunch in the dining hall, and four excellent speakers. The speakers are: Stephen Astill, Floral art demo; Harry Churchland, Camelias;

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What's On

Greg Honess, Gardening in pots; Robbie Engall - Citrus trees and roses. Members of the public will be most welcome. Enquiries, by 26 June, to Mrs Merle Moncreiff, tel. 287297.

- AIDAB is holding a seminar, **Development import finance facility** at the Illawarra Technology Corporation on 10 July. The seminar will be opened by the Hon John Kerin, Minister for Trade and Overseas Development. Enquiries: Anne Webb (042) 26 8800.

- **Upcoming Illawarra Committee for Overseas Students** events are: 25 July, Snowy Mountains; 19 September, Canberra; 11 October, Harbour Cruise and Sydney Aquarium; 5 December, Australia's Wonderland. Tickets and details are available from the ICOS office in the Union Building next to the Careers and Appointments Service, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9.30am-2pm. Tel. (042) 21 3158 or ext. 3158.

- The Total Quality Management Institute and the Illawarra Quality Improvement Network are sponsoring a conference on 11-12 August at the Northbeach Parkroyal called **Quality in the Community**. This conference will provide a forum for the exchange of information amongst organisations practising or seeking to implement TQM methods. Speakers include Professor Michael Hough and Professor Lauchlan Chipman. For information contact TQMI tel. (02) 439 8817

- Upcoming functions for the **University of Wollongong Club** include: 14 August, 8pm: Theatre Evening - *Lettice and Lovage* - at the Illawarra Performing Arts Centre. 26 August, 12.30pm: Arts and Informatics Faculties/Financial Services Branch/Club Members Luncheon. September: Possibly another theatre evening. 9 September, 12.30pm: Special General Meeting to consider a change in name to 'The University of Wollongong Social Club'. October: Possibly another Faculties/Admin. Branch/Club Members Luncheon. December: Christmas Function (Details to be provided later.) New members are welcome. For further details contact the Hon. Secretary, Maree Fryer, tel. 21 3065.

- A special schools performance of *Expans*, which combines **new music**

and dance theatre, will be held on 28 August, from 10.30am-12.30pm. This performance has been arranged for music and drama students to experience an exciting new combination of music and dance theatre/movement. There will be public performances of the concert in the evening at 8pm. Bookings: (042) 21 4214. Enquiries: (042) 21 3580

- **Open Day:** Sunday, 30 August.

- Agenda deadlines for the 1992 **Human Experimentation Ethics Committee meetings** are: 30 August, 24 October, 5 December. It will no longer be possible to table late items. Late applications will be held over until the next meeting.

- The **1992 Bridge Recital Series** continues with multicultural folk fusion group Southen Crossings (20 September) as well as an appearance by the opera diva Amanda Thane (6 September). Tickets for the Sydney Shanghai String Quartet are \$18 (\$14 concession) or \$50 for a family of four. Book with Margaret Sharrad, tel. 28 1843, or Bridge Theatre, tel. 29 6144.

- **Australian Computer Conference on Information Systems** hosted by the Department of Business Systems 5-8 October at the University of Wollongong. Enquiries to Gaye Herbert (042) 21 3958.

- **1992 Graduation Ceremony:** 8-9 October.

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Praise for Wollongong

The 1992 Good Universities Guide has selected the University of Wollongong as the best package in Australian higher education.

It cites attitude to teaching, size and fine location.

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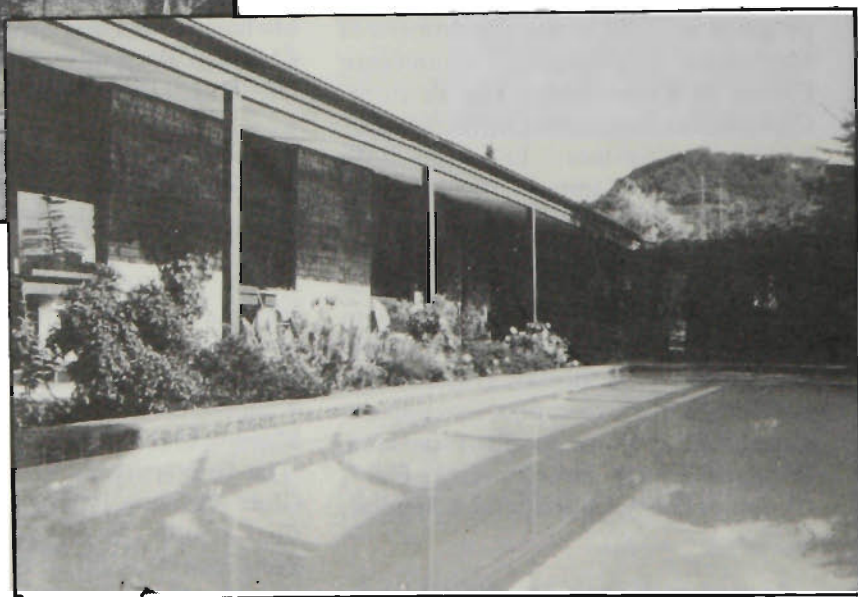
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