

Dr Tsamenyi appointed Natural Resources Law professor

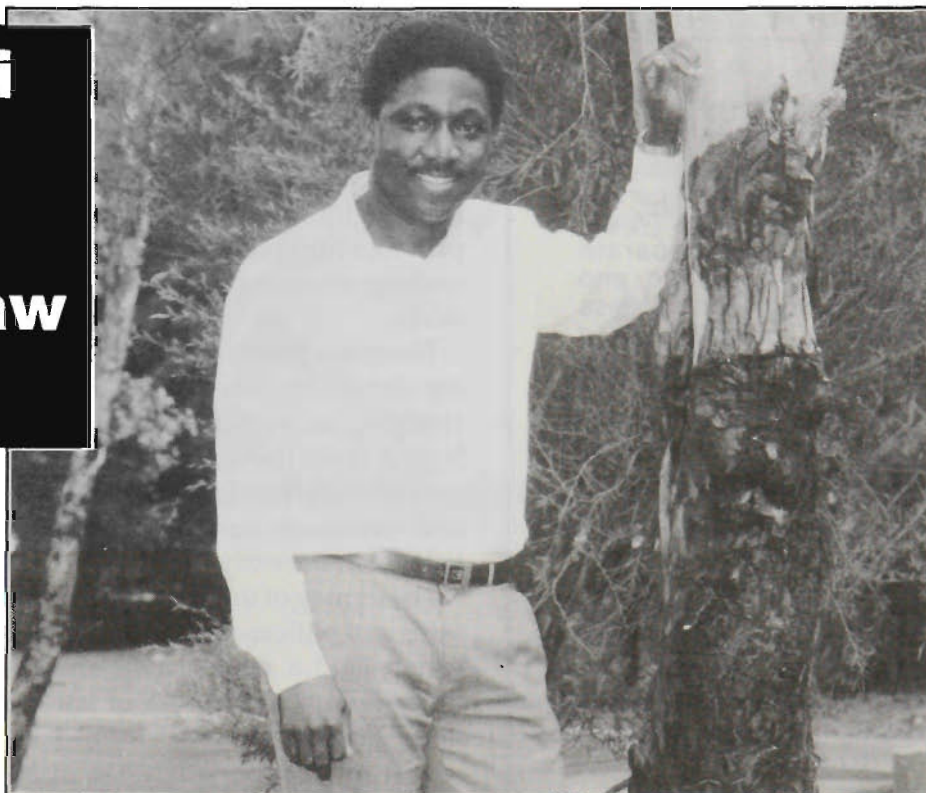
Dr Martin Tsamenyi has taken up an appointment as the fourth professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Wollongong.

Dr Tsamenyi was born in Ghana. After completing a law degree at the University of Ghana, he was awarded a postgraduate scholarship to the Australian National University, where he completed Master's and Doctoral degrees in International Law, with a focus on fisheries law and international aspects of resources law.

He has taught at the Universities of Papua New Guinea and Tasmania, and was Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Tasmania from 1990 until resigning to take up the appointment at Wollongong.

Professor Tsamenyi has been a consultant to governments on fisheries, forestry and mining law and policy.

Most recently he advised the Tas-



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manian government on a review of its mining legislation, and the South Pacific Forum Fisheries on fisheries legislation in the Pacific.

He has also recently been an AIDAB-funded consultant to the government of Namibia on diplomatic training.

He has a special interest in the law of the sea, particularly fisheries law in the South Pacific and will be collaborating actively with Professor Wolfers, Department of History and

Politics, in the International Relations program developing research and consultancy projects in marine related issues from an Australian and South Pacific perspective.

He will also be developing research projects in natural resources and environmental law through collaboration with other departments in the University, industry and the legal profession

He is located in Room 40.G06; ext. 4120.

On Monday 7 December the Vice-Chancellor Professor Ken McKinnon welcomed students undertaking Summer Session courses.

In 1982 the University of Wollongong pioneered, in Australia, the teaching of credit courses over the traditional Summer Recess.

This was to maximise the use of facilities and resources and to give students the opportunity to 'fast-track' their degrees, repeat courses or take extra courses that would be useful for their career ambitions.

Each year since 1982 there has been an increase in the numbers of students enrolling and subjects on offer.

First day of Summer Session

This year 1700 students are enrolled compared to 1400 last year. There are 82 subjects on offer compared to 61 last year.

A feature of Summer Sessions in recent years has been the interest shown by students from other universities.

Nearly all NSW and ACT universities are represented this year and there are some interstate students including one from the Northern Territory.

These students can apply to their own university to have Wollongong Summer Session courses credited towards their degrees.

In keeping with the strategy of developing flexible articulation agreements with international institutions, the University has signed a formal exchange agreement with Uppsala University, Sweden.

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Founded in 1477, Uppsala University is the oldest university in Scandinavia.

Several famous scholars, including Carl von Linne and Anders Celsius, have worked at the University and five Uppsala scientists have been awarded the Nobel Prize.

Research of high international quality is carried out in theology, law, medicine, humanities, social and behavioural sciences, economics, mathematics, natural sciences, pharmacy and engineering. The agreement provides for a reciprocal exchange of undergraduate or postgraduate students.

There has been considerable interest shown by Swedish students in studying at Wollongong and it is hoped that the wide selection of courses taught in English at Uppsala will encourage our students to participate in the exchange.

The signing of the agreement represents a significant coup for the University and a further step towards diversifying our network of international linkages.

Staff or students interested in obtaining information on Uppsala University are invited to contact the International Office, ext. 3170.

The 20 volumes of the Oxford English Dictionary are now available on CD-ROM.

At its meeting on 25 November 1992, the Academic Senate considered the following matters and has made recommendations which are being forwarded to Council at its meeting on 11 December.

- 1) Review of the Department of Materials Engineering;
- 2) Review of the Department of Human Movement Science;
- 3) Joint Management Committee of the Departments of Geography and Geology (part of the follow-up from a joint review of the two Departments);
- 4) Amendments to delegations in postgraduate matters;
- 5) Conditions for the awarding of

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Researchers at the University have been successful in obtaining funding for research from:

NH&MRC

Medical Research Grant: Dr Mark Walker, Biology, \$45,800, 'The Development of a Recombinant Anti-Pertussis Toxin Vaccine'.

Public Health Research Project Grant, Professor CEwan, Mr DWilson and Professor D Calvert, Public Health and Nutrition, \$66,493 for two years, Community Perceptions of Environmental Health Risk - Lead as a Case Study'.

Cancer Council

Dr Mark Baker, Biology, \$50,276, 'Radiolabelled Serine Protease Inhibitors in the Imaging and Therapy of Malignancy'.

During the summer session, students of Japanese will be working on a project to produce a Japanese language videotape introduction to the University of Wollongong for students from Japan.

If students seek help for this project, spare some time to help them.

Identity crisis? Mrs Karen P Taylor, Information Technology Services Trainee will be moving to the Centre for Information Technology Research (CITR) as of Monday 7 December.

She will be working with Ms Karen Taylor, Project Co-ordinator at CITR.

Academic Senate

the Bachelor of Commerce with merit in Legal Studies and Marketing specialisations;

6) A change to the last date for withdrawal from double and triple session subjects (allowing an extra week);

7) A proposal for an Australian Consortium of Higher Education in Malaysia; and

8) A revision of the Bachelor of Nursing programs for 1993.

Any enquiries concerning these items can be directed to Trevor Cuthbertson, ext. 3928.

Mental health and rural areas



Video conference link-up with the University Centre in Sydney. Teaching Fellow Brian O'Neill, Professor Ken McKinnon and Co-Ordinator Paul O'Hallorin, Department of Public Health and Nutrition, at the centre table.

At the beginning of this year the University of Wollongong introduced post-graduate training in mental health designed particularly for rural health workers.

The course has been welcomed by health workers as filling an urgent need in the community.

Students attend sites in Albury, Goulburn, Orange and Lismore from rural and remote workplaces as far afield as Broken Hill and Victoria.

On Monday 7 December these students met together for the first time at the University. Until now they have been communicating through video conferencing.

They were welcomed by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ken McKinnon, then participated in a video conference from the University Centre in Sydney with Dr Alan Rosen, senior staff specialist in psychiatry and Director of the Royal North Shore Hospital Community Health Services (Mental Health), who is also a part-time casual lecturer at this university.

Rural Australia has suffered population decline and cyclic economic problems since the second World War.

The present crisis in rural towns and industries is the most recent and probably the most severe downturn to be experienced.

As a result stress has become a greater problem for some rural dwellers with an inevitable increase in demand for health

services. Approximately one in three teenage suicides occur in rural areas.

Rural-based health workers – doctors, nurses and allied health workers – are highly motivated and are highly valued members of the community.

Increased workload has put this workforce at risk of themselves moving to a more anonymous and perhaps easier urban practice.

By and large the rural health workforce is not trained to deal with a range of mental health problems.

In addition, people who suffer from serious mental illness are now more frequently returned to their homes for care.

This process of dehospitalisation is an irreversible, world-wide phenomenon that has been gathering momentum in Australia for the past decade. In rural areas the burden of care falls on families and rural health care workers.

Families who have the care of a seriously mentally ill person are themselves subject to increased risk of illness and stress.

Federal and state governments are addressing the problem of how to recruit and retain rural health workers.

Training is required for flexible responses which utilise a wide range of community and institutional resources and which employ self management approaches wherever possible.

The Mental Health Services Branch, NSW Department of Health considers

continuing education of mental health care providers of utmost importance and has contributed funding for the development of relevant post graduate education programs through the University of Wollongong.

This is a unique education program within Australia in that it is industry specific, postgraduate and multidisciplinary.

Mental health workers in rural and remote areas are frequently deprived of access to such continuing education programs and have limited access to relevant in-service courses.

The full range of health workers including nurses, general practitioners, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, occupational therapists and welfare officers has need for continuing education in skills for mental health services.

The Illawarra Area Health Services, Psychiatric Services, has collaborated closely with the University in the development of this project, which has received kick-start funding from the Education and Training Foundation of NSW.

Other industry partners in this venture include the Mental Health Services in four rural Health Regions, the North Coast Region (Lismore), the Central Western Region (Orange), South Eastern Region (Goulburn), and South Western Region (Albury).

Presentations of nutrition research



Students from the second year of the MSc(Nutrition and Dietetics) course presented the results of their major project studies at the Union Function centre on 26 November.

Concurrent sessions covered many topics including community nutrition, school nutrition promotion, clinical dietetics, nutrition for special groups and sports nutrition.

The presentation day was well attended by members of the local and professional community, including dietitian-nutritionists from Sydney, Newcastle and the Illawarra area.

The event provided an opportunity for the University to thank the clinical supervisors within the health services for their support in the practical placement of students, and for the supervisors to appreciate the mutual benefits of working co-operatively with students in research.

The following Sunday, Jennifer Kennedy joined a colleague from the

University of Sydney in winning the Woodhill Prize for Excellence in Research, awarded by the Dietitians Association of Australia for the best research project in a recognised professional course.

The awards were presented at a function for new graduates at the Ensemble Theatre, Milsons Point.

This year's students, and abbreviated titles of their research are (as shown on the photo from left):

Shane Whittaker (The Use of Supplements in Elite Athletes); Savita Balgovind (Dietary Intakes and Home Science in High School); Michelle Mason (Dietary Patterns and School Canteen Policies); Elizabeth Robinson (Dietary Patterns and Treatment for Bulimia); Cathy Baldari (Eating Disorders in Elite Female Athletes); Ruth Nielson (Dietary Habits following Gestational Diabetes); Judy Wellins (A Study of Ethnis Meals on Wheels); Marianne Marsh (Dietary Intakes of Haemodialysis Patients); Angela O'Sullivan (Community Nutrition in the Wentworth Area); Susan Lee (Access to Nutritious Foods in the Shelharbour LGA); Lynne Raynor (Food Intake of Rugby Players); Emma Patterson (Dietary Assessment of Geriatric Clients); Jennifer Kennedy (Food Attitudes and Behaviours in High School); Colette Murray (Nutrition in the '89-90 National Health Survey); Margot Tibbs (Dietary Patterns of Geriatric (GAT) Clients); Nicole Senior (Sugar Consumption of Cringila Schoolchildren); Debra Langridge (Use of Diabetes Education Services by people from Non-English speaking backgrounds).

What's On

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8-11 Feb: **International Conference on Environmental Management - geowater and engineering aspects.** This conference will be very useful to young professionals and experienced decision-makers in the civil, mining and environmental engineering industry. For further information contact Dr Siva Sivakumar, tel. (042) 21 3055.

GENERAL

Call for presentations: Education for a Global Society. International conference 4-9 July 1993. The University of Western Australia. This conference will focus on the development of teacher training programs which provide teachers with a global perspective, a universal value orientation and competence in evaluating curriculum materials. any one who would like to participate write to Dr Majorie Tidman, PO Box 1044, Carnarvon WA 6701.

To all pool users: The pool will close on Saturday 19 December at 5pm and will re-open on Monday 11 January 1993 (weather permitting and pending retiling completion).

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Correction

In the issue of the 2 December, P7 in the story headed Centre for Research Policy opens its doors, there was the following statement: '(The Centre) was founded in 1991 by the present director, Professor Stephen Hill'. This should have read 'by the present director Professor Stephen Hill and Professor Ron Johnston who has gone on to found the Centre for Innovation and International Competitiveness at Sydney University'.