

CAMPUS NEWS

High profile visit from Canada



Canadian visit: (from left) Dr Gerry Turcotte, Mr Alan Virtue, Mr Brian Schumacher, Professor Rowland Smith, Professor Peter Robinson and Mr Gardiner Wilson.

Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Robinson, hosted a visit by the High Commissioner for Canada, His Excellency, Mr Brian Schumacher, on 21 March.

Also in the party were Deputy High Commissioner for Canada, Mr Gardiner Wilson; Canadian Consul General, Mr Alan Virtue; Academic Relations Officer, Canadian High Commission, Ms Paulette Montaigne; Vice-President, Wilfrid Laurier University, Professor Rowland Smith; Canadian Visiting Fellow, Macquarie University, Professor Jim Friederes; Director, Centre for Canadian Studies, University of Western Sydney, Associate Professor Warwick Wilson; Secretary/Treasurer, Association for Canadian Studies in Australia and New Zealand (ACSANZ) (Macquarie University), Dr Mark Hutchinson; and Assistant Vice-President, Research and Development Australia, NorTel, Dr Peter Cashin.

These visitors were on campus through the initiative of Dr Gerry Turcotte, from the Department of English, who is involved in discussions with the Canadian Government and members of the University of Western Sydney and Macquarie University about combining the Canadian Studies work they each undertake.

The Canadian Government's Academic Relations Programme was established in Australia and New Zealand in the early 1980s.

Its aim is to develop a better knowledge and understanding of Canada by providing support for the development of teaching, research and publication in Australia and New Zealand universities.

The Canadian Government has acknowledged that the University of Wollongong has been particularly active in the field of Canadian Studies.

As Vice-President of the Association for Canadian Studies in Australia and New Zealand (ACSANZ) and co-editor of its journal ('Australian-Canadian Studies'), Dr Turcotte has positioned the Department of English to play a key role in the development of future government and industry-related initiatives for Canadian Studies in Australia.

Dr Turcotte is keen to build on the resources of other Departments and Faculties and to see the University's involvement in Canadian Studies become more comprehensive and better coordinated. He would welcome queries from across the campus about funding programs that are available.

During the visit, Professor Smith gave an informal talk on University Government Funding Policy in Canada and the lessons Australian universities can draw from the Canadian experience.

On Sunday 14 April an open seminar will be held by local historical groups involved in writing a history of Wollongong.

The project is funded by the Wollongong City Council, and the research and writing is being co-ordinated by the Labour History Research Centre at the University of Wollongong.

Other groups involved are the Illawarra Branch of the Australian Society for the Study of Labour History and the Illawarra Historical Society.

The history takes a chronological and thematic approach to the city's history.

It examines Aboriginal and European history in the region.

Diverse themes are taken up, including the economic history of the region, the history of health, the environment, education, work, leisure, culture, immigration and multiculturalism, local government, politics, the labour movement and

Public seminar on history of Wollongong project

the impact of war on the region.

The public seminar is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about the project, or who may have information that might assist the research of the project.

One of the project coordinators, Associate Professor Andrew Wells, said: 'We are encouraging the attendance at the seminar of all people with an interest in Wollongong's history, not only amateur and professional historians.'

At the seminar, several of the authors will outline the progress and issues involved in the project, and staff will be on hand to record details of anyone who has information of historical interest.

Professor Wells said 'a variety of types of information might be of use in the history'.

'Newspapers are reasonably easily available, but other types of documents, such as personal diaries, correspondence, company and union records and photographs, are very valuable,' he said.

'We are also interested in oral sources.'

The history will be published as a book in 1997 to coincide with the half century of the incorporation of the City of Wollongong in 1947.

The public seminar will be held on Sunday 14 April at 2.15pm in the Old Dining Room at the Master Builders' Club, 61 Church St, Wollongong.

Valuable contributions to Electronics from visiting professor

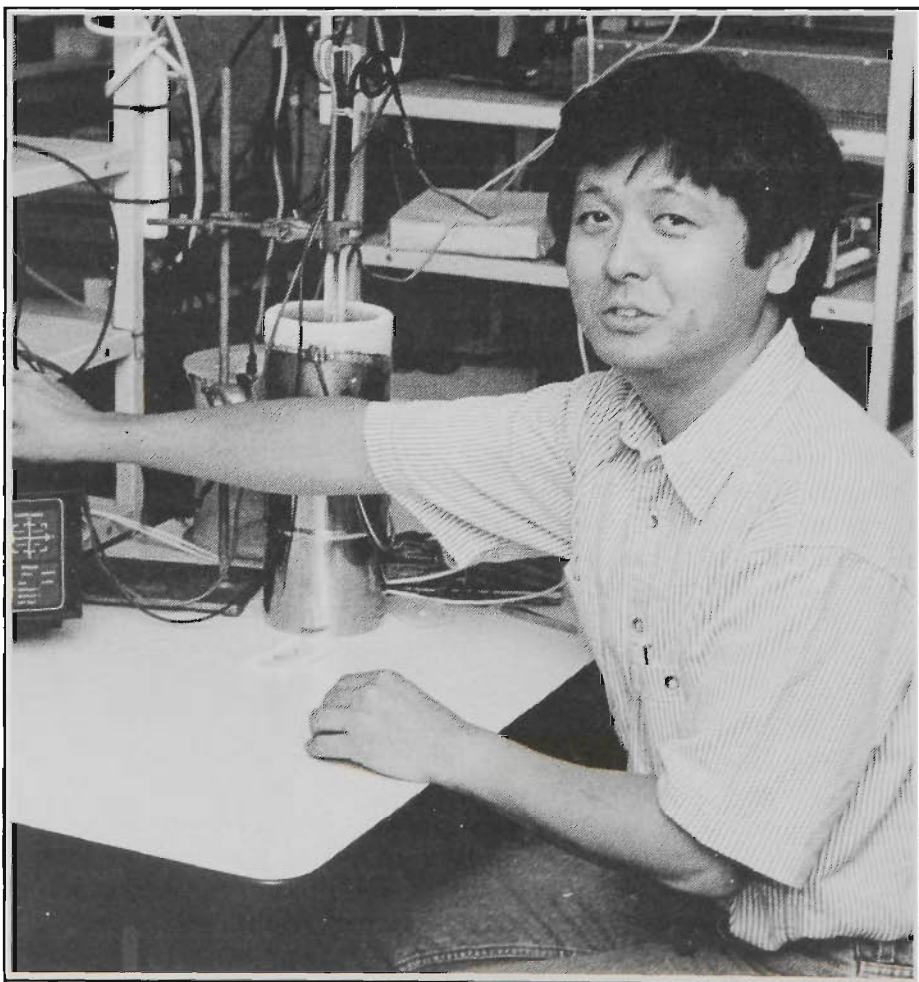
Associate Professor from the Department of Electronics and Information, Faculty of Engineering, Yamagata University, Japan, Professor Shiro Kambe, recently visited the Centre for Superconducting and Electronic Materials.

Professor Kambe has been working at the Centre for Superconducting and Electronic Materials, for six months on an exchange program which is supported by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) and the Australian Academy of Science.

Associate Professor Hua Kun Liu from the Centre said: 'During his time with the Superconducting group, Professor Shiro Kambe made significant contributions to the science of high temperature superconductors.'

'He impressed the staff and fellow colleagues with his pleasant and courteous personality and outstanding research work.'

'The future collaboration between Yamagata University and Wollongong University will continue through Professor Kambe and Professor Dou.'



Professor Shiro Kambe who recently visited the Centre for Superconducting and Electronic Materials.

On-campus clinic to provide rehabilitation for injured staff

An on-campus clinic designed to improve the quality of the service provided for University staff with musculoskeletal injury has been established.

The ageing of the Australian workforce has resulted in a gradual increase in the costs of workers' compensation, and the Exercise Science and Rehabilitation Clinic will provide support for injured staff while containing these spiralling costs.

The clinic, located on the first floor in the Recreation and Sports Association complex, provides the exercise component of musculoskeletal rehabilitation.

The clinic is the first of its kind in Australia and has been established through financial support, both from within the University and from outside organisations.

Dr Mark Brown and Mr Owen Curtis have obtained a Challenge Grant from the Vice-Chancellor Professor Gerard Sutton.

The Dean of the Faculty of Health and Behavioral Science, Professor Charles Watson, has also supported the clinic by funding specific equipment.

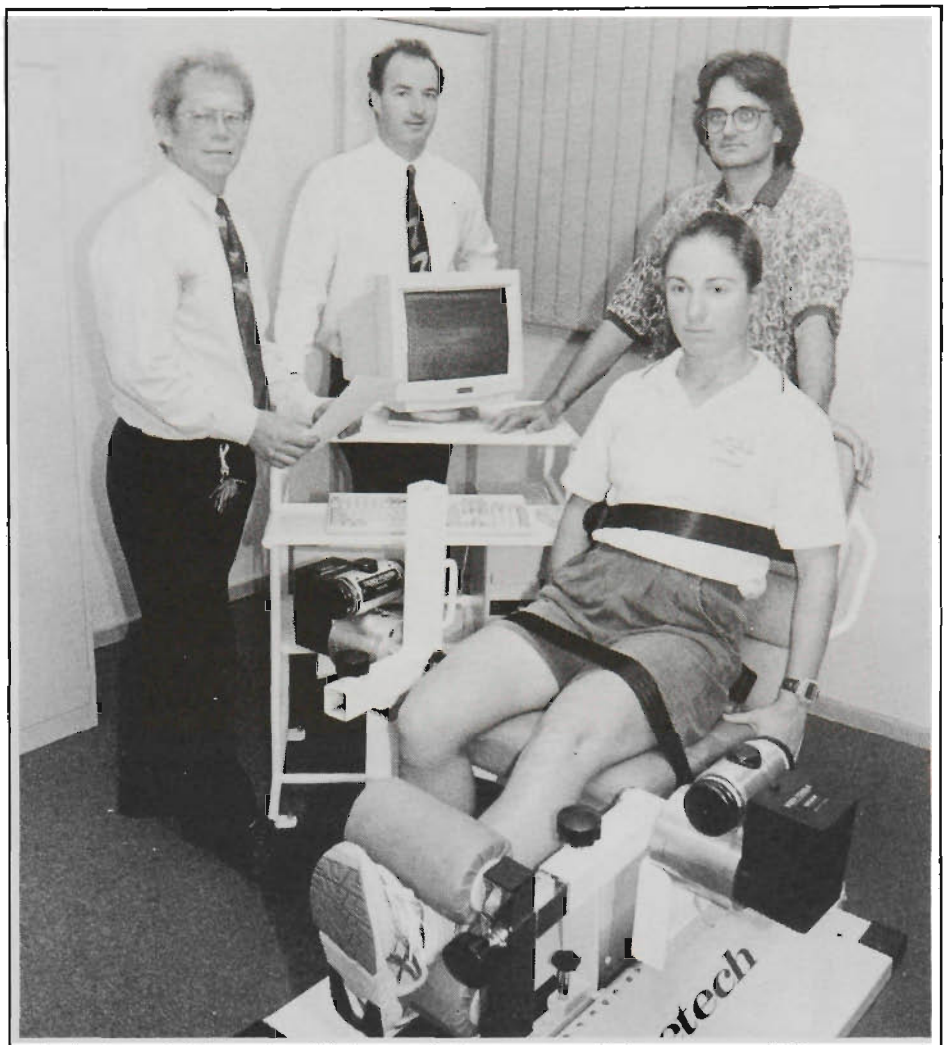
The Department of Biomedical Science has appointed an academic, Mr Herb Groeller, who will have major responsibilities in managing the protocols to be used within the clinic.

The University's insurer QBE Insurance has also donated funds to help with equipment.

It is anticipated that a series of educational initiatives targeting University staff will reduce the risk, frequency and severity of musculoskeletal injury.

This program has been supported by funding from the Administration of the University. The clinic has obtained sophisticated equipment that will allow determination of functional fitness of muscles involved in a range of work-related tasks.

A specific program will be designed, on the basis of the results, and managed by clinic staff using either water-based exercise or exercises utilising the wide range of equipment available in the Recreation and Sports As-



Fourth year Exercise Science student, Lorraine Davis, demonstrated the Kineteck equipment the clinic will use for assessment prior to developing an individual's exercise program. Assisting are Owen Curtis, who will supervise the program; Director of Exercise Science, Mark Brown; and Manager of the clinic, Herb Groeller.

sociation complex. Injured employees of the University will benefit through referral to the clinic.

Employees will be able to obtain advice about injury prevention and exercise interventions on campus, without the time lost in attending off-campus treatments.

Furthermore, it is expected the rehabilitation process will be improved through the design of appropriate exercise interventions based on sound medical advice and objective evidence of current functional fitness.

Valuable research into the effectiveness of various interventions will be conducted through the clinic.

The clinic will also provide the opportunity for essential professional

training required by final year students of Exercise Science in the Department of Biomedical Science.

It is expected that the clinic will also attract a client base from outside organisations such as the Illawarra Area Health Service.

The increased customer base will provide access to much-needed data about the effectiveness of selected protocols, both in rehabilitation of particular injuries and also in prevention of work-based injuries.

Assessment and rehabilitation programming is by appointment only.

Enquiries: Mr Groeller, ext. 3461, Mr Curtis, ext. 3493, or the Department of Biomedical Science, ext. 3881

Getting together through art



Nicole Salmon (left) and Nicole Musclow (right) from Ontario gained practical experience at Austinmer Public School towards their Diploma in Education. They are part of a group of 36 graduates from Canada studying at the University of Wollongong.

Austinmer Public School held a Visual Arts Curriculum Day on 25 March which brought together current and past students and staff from the Faculty of Education, school teachers, pupils, parents and grandparents.

The main focus of the day was promoting the Visual Arts Key Learning Area in the curriculum and the school as a community, emphasising the

importance of fun and cooperative learning.

This was also 'Grandparents Day' at the school. Parents, grandparents and friends came to watch the varied arts activities.

The whole school participated making 29 groups, each comprising eight children from kinder to sixth class.

Activities ranged from drawing,

mask making, ceramics, painting and printing to soap decorating, folk art and hand puppets.

The four primary practice teachers at the school led workshops as well as five of last year's students and one current Fourth Year Bachelor of Education student.

Two students from a group of Canadian graduates here to undertake a Diploma in Education led workshops in batik and candle making.

Other workshops were held by staff of the school and the Head, Stan Warren, who was a staff member of the Faculty of Education for many years.

Stan is the recipient of a faculty scholarship and is completing his Education Doctorate.

Assistance needed at May graduation ceremonies

The Academic Registrar's division is looking for ushers and academic dressers to assist at the nine ceremonies to be held on 8, 9, 10, 15 and 16 May.

If you think you might be available on any of those days and if you would like to, and have the time to, assist in these important events, contact Marilyn Yatras, ext. 3943.

A roster will be prepared working around your availability.

Fiji book project with Air Pacific

Faculty of Education staff Ros Westbrook, Pat Farrar and Ted Booth have been working with several local primary schools to recycle surplus and superceded books to Fiji.

The books were checked for relevance by Ros and Pat and boxed for shipment to be distributed to 10 primary schools and Ba Provincial Secondary School in the western division of Fiji.

The Fiji schools have been regularly involved in the University's Fiji Practicum Program.

The annual practice teaching program began in 1982 and has enabled 200 preservice students from the Faculty of Education to have a four-week teaching and cross-cultural experience in the Lautoka area of Fiji.

Air Pacific transported the 320kg of books free to Fiji.

Air Pacific's Regional Manager, Ms Robyn Barden, and the NSW Cargo Sales Manager, Ms Vicki Hughes, approved and ensured the transfer of the 70 boxes of books to Fiji.

Divisional Education Officer, Mr Meli Tauvoli, has acknowledged the support provided by the donors.

The books have arrived and have been distributed to the 11 schools.

A good team effort between the Faculty of Education and the carrier of the Fiji Prac team! Our thanks to Air Pacific.



Books for Fiji schools: Air Pacific's NSW Cargo Sales Manager, Ms Vicki Hughes, checks the load.

Further changes to Administration

Campus News last week reported the establishment of an External Relations Division headed by Mr Eric Meadows.

Further changes in Administration have been approved.

Academic and Student Services has been renamed Academic Registrar's Division and the Head of this division, Mr Peter Wood, will have the title Academic Registrar.

The reason for this is the relocation of Careers and Counselling from Academic and Student Services to a new Student Services Unit headed by Dr Greg Hampton (reporting to the Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Christine Ewan).

Academic and Students Services has been renamed to avoid confusion. There are no other changes to Mr Wood's responsibilities.

As well, to ensure some uniformity, all Administrative branches will be now known as divisions and all managers will have the title of director (with the exception of the Academic Registrar).

The previous Manager of Buildings and Grounds, Mr Kevin Turnbull, has retired from the position.

Mr Bob Slater will act in the position until further notice.

The five divisions that make up the Central Administration are:

Academic Registrar's Division: Academic Registrar (Peter Wood)

Financial Services Division: Director, Financial Services (Susan Smith)

Personnel Services Division: Director, Personnel Services (Chris Grange)

External Relations Division: Director, External Relations (Eric Meadows)

Buildings and Grounds Division: Acting Director, Buildings and Grounds (Bob Slater).

With the resignation of the Vice-Principal (Administration), Mr Ken Baumber, to take up the position as Registrar at the Queensland University of Technology, this position will be advertised in the next fortnight.

Gordon Graham - writer-in-residence in Creative Arts

Well known playwright, Gordon Graham, has begun his 10 week session as writer-in-residence in the Faculty of Creative Arts.

Gordon is a playwright of considerable standing.

His credits include:

Innocent Bystanders 1995;

Freaks 1978;

Demolition Job: AWGIE Award, best play of 1981;

Hanging Together: Finalist, 1985 Premier's Award;

Damages: Runner-up, Bicentennial play competition, 1988;

The Boys: AWGIE Award, best play of 1982. Published by Currency Press 1994.

He has written episodes for television of *Cop Shop*, *Patrol Boat*, *Rafferty's Rules* and *GP*; and has worked as sub-editor for Australian Consolidated Press, and as Deputy Editor, *Best Car* magazine, 1990-92.

Gordon will be available for consultations on Mondays and Wednesday mornings, and at other times for workshops as organised.

He can be contacted through Ron Pretty, ext. 3867

AVCC Career Development Programs

The Career Development Unit is co-ordinating nominations for the following AVCC programs.

Details of these programs are listed below. If you require a registration form or further information, please respond by return e-mail, or contact Pam Piela on ext. 4712.

The Career Development Unit has some funding assistance available.

AVCC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE MANAGERS

18-23 August 1996

The Hotel Lawson, Sydney

Cost: \$2,500 per participant (includes all course and accommodation costs).

Closing date for registration is: 8 April 1996

AVCC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR HEW LEVELS 5-7

29 July - 2 August 1996

The Management Centre, Deakin University, Geelong

Cost: \$1,800 per participant (includes all course and accommodation costs).

Closing date for registration is: 8 April 1996.

Course Theme - Developing a Career in Universities: An Introduction to Higher Education

1996 AVCC WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

21-24 May 1996

The Management Centre, Deakin University, Geelong

Cost: \$1,460 (single) or \$1,355 (twin share) per participant, includes all course and accommodation costs.

Closing date: 29 March 1996.

NOTE: Travel and other costs for each course are the responsibility of the nominating university.

Corrimal Woonona air pollution study

During the next two months, the Illawarra Environmental Health Unit will be conducting a study in parts of Woonona and Corrimal into the possible health effects on residents by industrial activities and traffic.

During the week commencing 1 April, researchers will distribute information relating to the study to the households in the areas concerned.

This will be followed by a door-to-door survey some two weeks later.

The Health Unit wants all residents who are contacted to participate in the study.

All information obtained will be kept completely confidential, but will assist the researchers in determining whether health complaints are related to air pollution.

Inquiries: Illawarra Environmental Health Unit, phone (042) 214 449.

Evaluation of Introduction to Tertiary Teaching

A sub-committee of the Academic Staff Development Advisory Committee will evaluate the regulation, management and curriculum of the subject Introduction to Tertiary Teaching.

The sub-committee must report findings to the Academic Staff Development Advisory Committee at its meeting in late April.

Academic Senate has also asked the sub-committee to consider the issue of when new academic staff should be exempt from the requirement that they complete the subject.

The sub-committee would appreciate any comments or suggestions, to be received by its secretary, Jill Jones, at ADS, no later than Monday 15 April.

'Magnificent Voyages' exhibition finishes this week



University Archivist Michael Organ, Commodore Sam Bateman and Library Executive Neil Cairns at the opening of 'Magnificent Voyages'

As part of Heritage Week celebrations in the Illawarra, which this year adopted a Maritime Heritage theme, the Library has mounted a display highlighting two recent acquisitions to its Rare Book collection.

The display, called 'Magnificent Voyages', features Charles Wilkes'

Narrative of the US Exploring Expedition 1838-1842 and Karl Scherzer's Narrative of the Circumnavigation of the Globe by the Austrian Frigate Novara 1857-59.

Members of both expeditions visited the Illawarra. The exhibition features these rare works and associated

books and artworks, including drawings and watercolours by Joseph Selleny.

The exhibition was officially opened by Commodore Sam Bateman of the University's Centre for Maritime Policy and will remain on display until 5 April.

It was the beginning of the year, and spirits were high in Theatre Strand.

Everybody had had at least a small holiday to help them forget how they swore they wouldn't ever get involved with theatre ever ever again.

Everyone was eager to assist with the first production this year 'The Lion in Winter'.

I betook myself to the wardrobe department and waited for instructions.

But alack! Alas! We struck a problem even before the designs were approved! For we had no sewing machines!

This is, of course, an exaggeration.

We had two sewing machines and an overlocker, two of which did not work, and one of which worked, but had a tendency to mildly electrocute the user intermittently.

Anyone with even the most tenuous grip on the concept of costume construction can see that we had a problem.

Theatre Technology tutor and trouble shooter extraordinaire, John James ('JJ') Hamilton, was approached.

Theatre students say 'thanks'

Being a man of stout heart and not inconsiderable brain power, JJ put out an e-mail to all Wollongong University staff members, and appealed to their higher selves in usual Theatre Strand fashion. He bribed them with tickets.

One has only to look in the sculpture yard to see that this is a faculty which doesn't throw anything away.

We beg, borrow and bribe our way through every production, and as there are usually between five and 10 shows put on in Theatre Strand every year, that's a lot of begging.

On this occasion our begging paid off, with seven machines and one adjustable dressmaker's dummy being donated by wonderful, fabulous staff members.

This means that we can now hold costume-making classes, and the machines were invaluable not only to the 'Lion in Winter' wardrobe crew, but will also make things a little easier for

those idealistic little students who will come here in the future wanting to be part of magic-making.

A big thank you from us to Mr and Mrs R. Smith, Professor David Griffiths, Dr Naj Aziz, Professor Carla Fasano, Lyn Robinson, Marie Wallace and Diedre Armstrong.

All Creative Arts events are publicised within the University and local newspapers.

It costs a mere \$4 for student rush tickets, and let's face it, we need you to enjoy it before we can enjoy it ourselves.

The theatre has a strange symbiotic relationship with its audience. We make the magic, but we make it for you.

Our next production is 'The Children's Hour' by Lillian Hellman on 15-18 May, Performance Space 8pm. Bookings: 214 214.

(Edited from an article by Delia Fetter)

General

Meeting dates for the Human Research Ethics Committee and the Animal Ethics Committee for this year are: Human Research Ethics Committee: 23 April, 21 May, 23 July, 20 August, 22 October, 19 November, 17 December. Animal Ethics Committee: 22 May, 21 August, 20 November. Agenda items are due two weeks before meetings. Enquiries Karen McRae, Office of Research, by email or on ext. 4457 on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Until 5 April: Heritage Week, 'Magnificent Voyages', an exhibition of rare books and images to commemorate the visits to the Illawarra by members of the US Exploring Expedition 1839-1840 and the Austrian Novara Scientific Expedition 1858. The University of Wollongong Library

Creative Arts

13 April: Poetry Workshop. Readings by Adrian Wiggins, Meg Dunne, Ron Pretty and Ali Smith. Wollongong City Library. 12.30-3.30 pm. Enquiries: 21 3867.

Creative Arts productions '96

Each year students and staff in the Faculty of Creative Arts produce a diverse range of performances. They are presented in numerous venues

What's On

across the campus depending on the nature of the performance.

Following is the provisional timetable for this year. Watch *Campus News* for confirmation and more details.

'**Music-Theatre**, Lillian Helman's 'Children's Hour' - 15-18 May, director Houston Dunleavy. Performance Space, north-western end of Campus.

'**Graduation Production**' - 11-14 September, Hope Theatre and 18-21 September, Newtown HSPA, director Janys Hayes, producer Jeff Kevin and assistant producer Jacqui Clarke.

'**Stretching Exercise**' - 5-8 June, directed by Janys Hayes and/or Jeff Kevin, Black Box Production, Hope Theatre.

'**Classic Production**' (Shakespeare, Marlowe, Jonson etc) - 23-26 October, directed by John Senczuk and Jeff Kevin, Performance Space, Black Box Production.

'**Australian One-Act Plays or excerpts**' - 4- 8 November, Kate Newey, Sharon Bell, Peter Shepherd possibly to direct. Performance Space.

Art of Lunch

4 April: Sydney-based performer and doctoral student, Jeanelle Carrigan,

performs works by Prokofiev, Edwards and Lentz. Hope Theatre. 12.30-1.30pm. Enquiries: 21 3990.

18 April: Distinguished Australian composer and Associate Dean, Andrew Schultz, presents a selection of his compositions through recordings and live performance by staff and students. Music Auditorium. 12.30-1.30pm. Enquiries: 21 3990. Every Thursday during session, from 12.35pm-1.25pm.

Venues are the Hope Theatre, Union Hall Foyer and Faculty of Creative Arts Music Auditorium. Brochures and information are available from Marilyn Meier, ext. 3990, and Jenny Fullerton, ext. 3996.

Long Gallery

Until 21 April: Simon Tognetti 'Ceramics', Pam Johnston Dahl Helm 'The Land of our Mother', Lynn Brunet 'Tooth & Claw', Richard Hook 'Recent Prints'.

University Social Club

Become a member and enjoy a variety of social events. A chance to meet others across the campus. Contact Jim McKee by email or ext. 3376.

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People aged 30-65 who would like to take part in a study of the way some of the fats we eat may protect us against developing diabetes and heart disease

Research in the Medical Research Unit focuses on the changes that may be associated with overweight or obesity, and to possible consequences such as diabetes and heart disease.

This year the unit will study the effect in the body of various fats that are a part of the normal diet.

They are looking for a range of people aged 30-65 who may be of normal weight or moderately overweight, who are healthy, and who would like to take part in an international study on the effect of dietary changes on metabolism.

People taking part would control the fat intake of their diet for three months (they will be helped to do this) and have several tests that would check their body fat, and any tendency to develop either diabetes or heart disease.

The unit would welcome enquiries from anyone thinking of taking part. Mrs Elaine Knight can send a description of the study, and Professor of Medicine and Public Health, Professor Dennis Calvert, can ring you to discuss the program or any details. Enquiries: Mrs Knight, phone (042) 266 594.

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