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NEW VICE CHANCELLOR FOR WOLLONGONG

The Chancellor, Mr. Justice Hope, has announced the appointment of Dr. Ken McKinnon as Vice-Chancellor of The University of Wollongong in succession to Professor Michael Birt.

Dr. McKinnon, until recently was Chairman of the Australian Schools Commission, is fifty years old; he gained a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Queensland in 1956 and 1959 respectively. In 1965 he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Education from Harvard University.

Dr. McKinnon's distinguished career has involved him in all levels of the education system. At the university level he has taught at Harvard University. As Director of Education in Papua New Guinea, Dr. McKinnon was deeply involved in the founding and early years of two universities in that country.

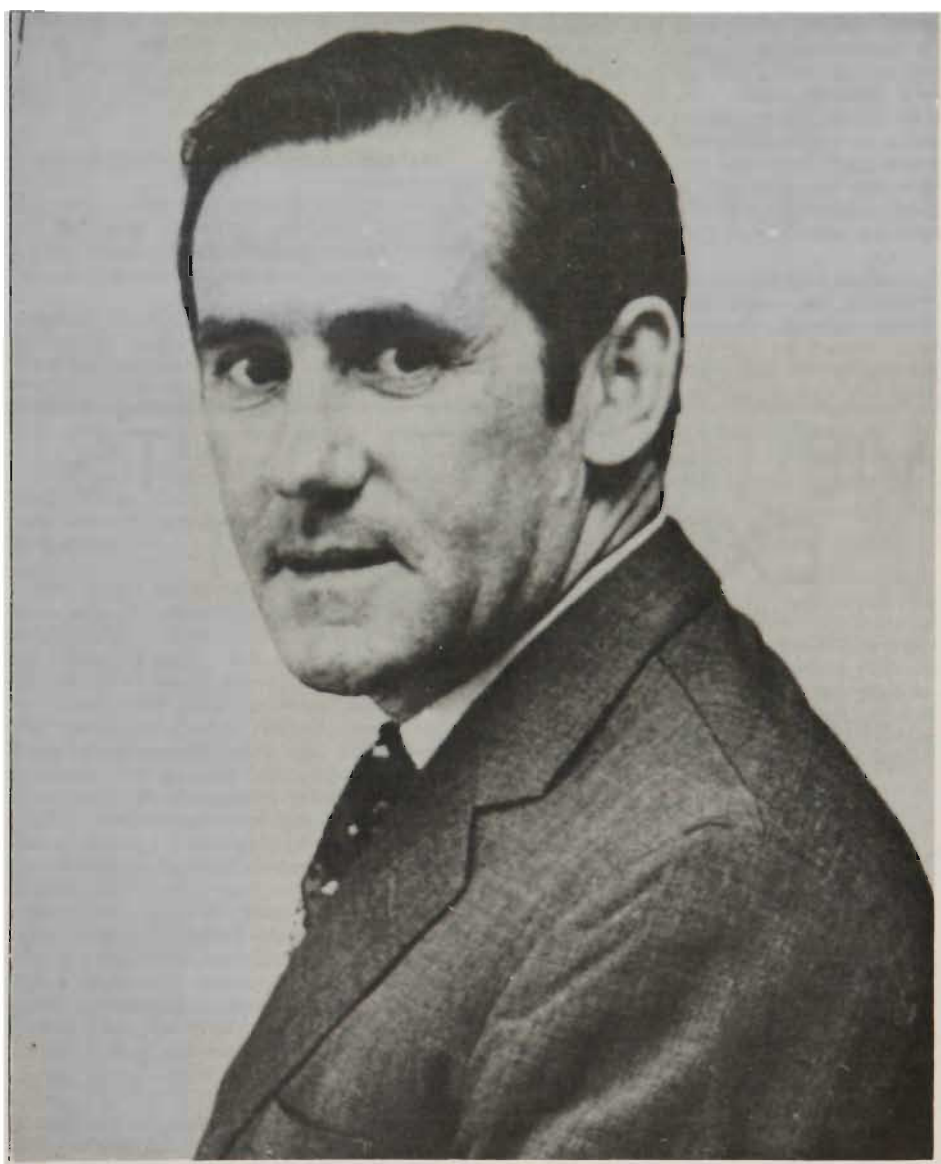
Between 1974 and 1981 he was the founding Chairman of the Australian Schools Commission, in which capacity he established the Commonwealth Government's program of grants to government and non-government schools including programs for disadvantaged schools, special education, migrant and multicultural education and innovations. He has been responsible for several major reports and documents on Australian education.

In an earlier phase of his career Dr. McKinnon was Director of Education for Papua New Guinea for seven years.

Dr. McKinnon has been prominently associated with the arts. He was a member of the Australia Council 1974-78 and was its Deputy Chairman for some time. He has chaired national enquiries into education and the arts, the future of opera in Australia and Australia's international arts commitments.

He has also been a Harkness Fellow, a Carnegie Fellow and a Consultant to the Ford Foundation.

Dr. McKinnon expects to take up duties as Vice-Chancellor of The University of Wollongong on the 4th August, 1981.



THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG'S NEW VICE-CHANCELLOR,
DR. KEN MCKINNON

Amalgamation 'best for all'

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wollongong, Professor L. Michael Birt, and the Director of the Wollongong Institute of Education, Dr. Peter Rousch, have announced that the Councils of the University and the Institute had agreed to recommend to the N.S.W. Minister for Education, the Hon. Mr. P. Landa that the University and the Institute come together as the federated University of Wollongong.

After lengthy consideration of the relationship between the University and the Institute the two Councils have agreed that the best interests of higher education and the community, in the region, will be achieved by the federation of the University and the Institute under the control of a single governing body.

In the context of the recommendations, federation means, firstly that the University (which continues as the University of Wollongong) will be under the control of a single enlarged Council which will be responsible for both advanced education and university education in the region; and, secondly that all of the staff from the University and the Institute will be employed, on conditions no less favourable than those in force immediately before the federation of the two institutions.

Discussions have been proceeding since the early 1970's on ways of developing the relationship between the University and the Institute. The pace of the discussions increased after Dr. Rousch was appointed to the

Institute in January, 1980. During 1980 Professor Birt and Dr. Rousch developed a series of proposals which have been extensively discussed in the University and the Institute since October, 1980 culminating in the meetings of the two Councils in June, 1981.

It should be noted that these discussions had commenced well before the Government's decisions on the Review of Commonwealth Functions (the 'Razor Gang') recommendations were commenced or the Commonwealth Minister for Education's Statement on Commonwealth Education Policy on 4th June, 1981. Of course the statement on Education Policy will have a direct influence on the Institute because it is listed as one of the institutions which has to amalgamate with another institution. However, the point is that the discussions between the University and the Institute have not been in response to external pressure.

The features of the federated University are as follows:

- (a) (i) the size of the region (about 300,000 people), its relatively deprived (in socio/economic terms) population, and its dependence on heavy industry, and
- (ii) the desirability of regional provision for advanced education (currently the only provision for advanced ed-

ucation is in teacher education, and an associate diploma in metallurgy offered by the Wollongong TAFE College).

- (b) To preserve and develop both university and advanced education through appropriate institutional structures and staffing policies.
- (c) One Council, with membership fitting it to oversee and to control the conduct and co-ordinated development of university and advanced education activities within one institution (which remains as the University of Wollongong under the University of Wollongong Act, amended to include advanced education as one of the university's functions and a reconstituted Council).
- (d) A bifurcated academic structure to ensure the healthy development and regulation of both university and advanced education activities in the region and to facilitate the transfer of resources from in-service teacher education to other areas such as '... the technologies and business studies' where this is appropriate.
- (e) Appropriate arrangements (particularly for funding and course accreditation and approval) to be agreed on with the Commonwealth and State Governments to provide support for the university and advanced education programmes of the federated University.
- (f) Rationalisation of site development, service facilities (such as Library, Computer, Class-rooms, Laboratories, Catering, Maintenance) and central administration.
- (g) Employment of all staff - academic and general - from the University and the Institute on conditions no less favourable than those in force prior to the federation.
- (h) Achievement of a size which will provide a more effective base and greater flexibility in responding to educational needs and possible fluctuations in Government Funding.

All of the interest groups (professional associations, unions and other organisations) in both the University and the Institute have been consulted during the discussions, as well as representatives from other Universities, and Federal and State Governments and Funding Authorities.

The Commonwealth T.E.C. has taken a great interest in the Wollongong proposal and we were pleased to see the statement from the Universities Council of the Tertiary Education Commission which caught the spirit of our proposal.

"The principal aims of any rationalisation in tertiary education should be to increase and improve educational opportunity for the students, and to make more effective use of existing academic resources".

Both the University and the Institute wait now for Mr. Landa's response to the recommendations.

VISITING STUDENTS EXPLORE LAST FRONTIER

By Dr. David Dillon-Smith
(General Studies Co-ordinator)

At the end of their stay in Wollongong, the visiting American students were given a farewell and an opportunity to explore the last frontier.

Students and staff involved in the Australian Studies course which some of the visitors had taken, entertained them at an Australian evening. Besides the wine and cheese (Australian variety of Moselle and Gouda no doubt) there was real Australian 'damper', nicely baked by the kitchen staff of the Union, though the advertised 'cookies joy' turned out to be honey or strawberry jam.

The Bulli Bush Band, also by courtesy of the Union, provided a lively musical background and Jim Wieland, one of the lecturers

in the course, read three brackets of Australian ballads and poems. The American students showed particular interest in the band and their fine array of instruments, ranging from violin, concertina, banjo and guitars to tin whistle and the stick and bottle tops.

Items by the band reflected the history of the colony from early times and each piece was introduced and supplied with its historical background by the leader. The American visitors were intrigued by these aspects of our colonial development and also eagerly inspected some of the musical instruments.

General Studies was glad to be able to offer this recognition of the exchange visit by the students from New Jersey and also wishes to thank Dr. Mitchell for arranging the evening and the University Union for providing the Bush Band.

THEATRE

'Playboy' going strong

Theatre South are currently playing the great classic of the Irish theatre: **The Playboy of The Western World** by John Millington Synge.

It is the mainstage production by the company this year in their premiere season as the first professional theatre company for the southern region.

The play, written in 1907, caused riots at its first performances in Dublin's Abbey Theatre. The rowdy audiences protested about the immorality of the play, as well as objecting to its blasphemies and indecencies. A further cause for disturbance was the claim that the play discredited the Irish peasantry. Never ones to do things by halves, the audiences caused so much disturbance that even the arrival of the constabulary did little to quell the confusion. Meanwhile, the actors played on as if in dumb-show, while in the midst of the yelling and fighting sat the author, his face pale and sunken.

Similar riots occurred when the play opened in New York where vegetables hurtled from the auditorium to litter the stage. In Philadelphia, the entire cast were arrested for presenting "immoral and indecent plays".

The play has become a classic, because it is still capable of speaking directly to all who see it. Its themes maintain their significance for the world of today: we can readily understand the tensions that exist between the respect for authority and the love of the larrikin, the violence and tenderness of both love and hatred, the narrow vision and hypocrisies that everywhere curb the imagination of the artist.

And above all, it is a rousing yarn in the best traditions of the Irish tale. It is full of good humour and memorable characters. Director Des Davis has assembled a strong cast in which Paul Hunt plays Christy Mahon, the Playboy himself, while Pegeen, the object of his eye, is played by Katherine Thomson. The lusty Widow Quin, also with her eye on Christy, is Faye Montgomery. Geoff Morrell as the foolish Shawn Keogh and Gordon Streek as the crazy Old Mahon complete the casting from the core company of professional actors. Theatre South is fortunate in having a number of talented amateur actors as the supporting cast; Alex Holland, Ray Hendley, Bill Waterhouse, Megan McKell, Lois Walker, Robbie Collins and Louise Fantinel.

Distinguished visitor

One of Poland's most distinguished young intellectuals is to visit the University of Wollongong on Friday July 17th.

He is Dr. Wojciek Sadurski (pronounced Voy-chek Sed-urski), a Lecturer in the History of Ideas and Jurisprudence in the Faculty of Law, University of Warsaw.

Dr. Sadurski is currently a visiting lecturer in the Department of Jurisprudence in the University of Sydney, where he is also attached to the University's St. Andrew's College.

While in Wollongong Dr. Sadurski will lecture on 'Equality in Law', and it is expect-

ed that his visit will attract interest from the local legal profession as well as the academic community.

Dr. Sadurski's visit to Wollongong is sponsored by the University's Philosophy Department. Announcing his visit Departmental Chairman Professor Lauchlan Chipman described Dr. Sadurski as an example of the intellectual vitality that is thriving in modern Poland despite its political troubles. Professor Chipman claimed that there were already good channels of communication between the Universities of Wollongong and Warsaw in such fields as engineering. He said he hoped that they could be extended further in the humanities, and that Dr. Sadurski's visit would contribute to a closer relationship between Wollongong and Warsaw.

The design is again by William Pritchard: he has created a richly-textured set, complete with straw and thatched roof, while his costumes are evocative of the peasant lives. The effect is rather like an Irish version of Breughel, with the occasional touch of Hogarth.

Season: Wollongong Technical College Theatre. Wednesday to Saturday till August 1st.

Bookings: Theatre South, Room 1109, Social Science Building, The University of Wollongong. Tickets \$7. Students \$4. Generous Party concessions available: Phone Liz Montgomery 923 or 282.923.

Theatre South has also announced that it will be touring to the Southern Highlands at the end of its first season in home-town Wollongong.

The tour, which will last one week, begins with six performances of the school shows, the participation plays "Norse Saga" and "First People", and culminates with two performances of "Might As Well Talk To Yourself" by Alan Ayckbourn (adapted from **Confusions** with added music by David Vance) in Clubbe Hall, Mittagong, on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th August.

The tour will act as a pilot for future regional tours that are part of the Theatre South Policy as the first professional theatre company for the Southern region.

Des Davis, Artistic Director of Theatre South, outlined the policy: "We propose a touring scheme in which the company will spend at least a week in the secondary regional centres of the area. Included in that itinerary could be Mittagong, Goulburn, Nowra, Bega, Campbelltown and even Cooma. During that period in residence the company would play its theatre-in-education program in schools, give two or three performances of its mainstage production, offer workshops to local groups and high schools, give promotional talks and interviews, and generally be a vital presence in the community."

Friends farewell lecturer

Fifty friends and colleagues of Ian and Ivy Dunn gathered at 20 Cedar Grove, Keiraville, on Friday 12 June to wish Ian and Ivy happiness for the future on the occasion of Ian's retirement as Senior Lecturer in Commercial Law, Department of Accountancy.

Ian and Ivy migrated to Australia in 1964, Ian taking up the position of Secretary/Manager of the Union at the University of New England. In 1969 he joined the Wollongong University College as Secretary/Manager of the Union and Secretary of the Sports Association. Following five years part-time lecturing and tutoring in commercial law the move to the position of Senior Lecturer, Department of Accountancy came naturally.

On the occasion of Ian's resignation from the Union and Sports Association, both of those bodies saw fit to honour him with Honorary Life membership. Many accountancy students will remember Ian for his great love of the law, and for the high standards he expected of them.

Helen Ryan presented Ivy with a bouquet of flowers and Mrs. Pauline MacKay presented Ian with a figurine of a barrister. Ian commented that they were delighted by the figurine and that he could think of no more pleasurable gift. He also commented that he was very glad to have played some part in the development of the Department and that he hoped to remain close enough to it to see the successful culmination of plans for its future.



TAKE NOTE

Items for "Take Note" should be forwarded to the Development and Planning Office, Room G08 The Hut (ext.955).

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, GRANTS

WOMAN GRADUATE OF THE YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS - awarded by Caltex. \$16,000 over two years for postgraduate studies for Australian women. One scholarship awarded in each State. Applications close September 30, 1981. For more details contact Public Relations Unit, Ground Floor, Admin. Building, Ext. 962.

A.V.C.C. VISTING FELLOWSHIPS 1982. Applications should be lodged by 1.10.81 with Ross Walker, Staff Office, from whom further details are available.

CSIRO POSTDOCTORAL AWARDS - Following a review by the Organisation's Studentship Review Committee, the Executive decided that certain changes would be made to the CSIRO Postdoctoral Studentship Scheme. The one-year Postdoctoral Studentships have been replaced by a series of Postdoctoral Awards of two years' duration. About 10 such awards will be made each year, principally on the basis of academic excellence. For further details about the 1982 Awards contact the Public Relations Unit, Ground Floor, Admin. Building, Ext. 962.

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE - CAMBRIDGE. Facilities for Senior Research Scholars 1982-83. Details available from Ross Walker, Staff Office.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY OVERSEAS BURSARIES - Cambridge offers a number of overseas bursaries tenable for up to three years to graduate students accepted for admission by the Board of Graduate Studies. The purpose of the bursaries is to provide financial assistance to students for overseas, who, having regard to level of fees, could not now afford to study in Cambridge. Applications and enquiries should be made to the Board of Graduate Studies, 4 Mill Lane, Cambridge, CB2 1RZ.

COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN 1982 - Awards tenable in the U.K., Canada, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Malaysia, Malta, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uganda. Closing date for applications with the Department of Education is December 1, 1981. All papers, including six copies of referee's reports and academic transcript, are required by that date.

HAROLD WRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP AND SARAH AND WILLIAM HOLMES SCHOLARSHIP - available to undergraduates or graduates of Australian or New Zealand universities or to other persons deemed by the selection committee to be of sufficient scholarly standard. The scholarships are valued at approx. 1750 sterling and 1500 sterling respectively to cover board and lodging and any other necessary living expenses in London for a period of 12

months. They will allow the holder to study prints at the British Museum for one year. For further details contact Assistant Registrar (Arts), University of Melbourne, Parville, Victoria, 3052.

COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN - MEDICAL AWARDS TENABLE IN THE U.K. - for further details contact Federal Department of Education. Applications must reach the Dept. by November 30, 1981.

ANNA LODEWYCKX SCHOLARSHIP - Applications for a suitably qualified candidates are invited for the Anna Lodewyckx Icelandic Scholarships. Major and minor awards to the value of \$3000 and \$1000 respectively are available to graduates of an Australian University who have a knowledge of old or modern Icelandic. Successful candidates will be required to undertake a course of study at the University of Iceland. Applications must reach the University of Melbourne by August 14. For further details contact Public Relations Unit, Ext. 962.

AUSTRALIAN WOOL CORPORATION POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS - Applications are invited for the award of new Postgraduate Scholarships to commence during the 1982 academic year for students not already supported with Wool Research Trust Fund projects. Closing date for applications September 4, 1981. Details Public Relations Unit, Ext. 962.

OPSM RESEARCH AND CHARITABLE FOUNDATION LTD. - Applications are invited for grants in 1982 to support research projects in relation to the human eye and like fields. Grants will be made available to applicants working in Australia. Particular consideration given to postgraduate students seeking funding for research associated with the attainment of their Ph.Ds. Closing date for applications August 28, 1981. Details from Public Relations Unit, Ext. 962.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, SYMPOSIA

Details of the following items are available from the Public Relations Unit, Ground Floor, Administration Building, Ext. 962.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF TERTIARY EDUCATION ADMINISTRATORS - Fifth National Conference, August 14 - 16 at Sydney Teachers College, University of Sydney grounds, Sydney. Conference theme is "Planning for Excellence v. The Survival Syndrome."

SOLAR ENERGY CONFERENCE - September 28 - 30. Organised by the Northern Territory Department of Mines and Energy in conjunction with the Australian Institute of Energy, Department of National Develop-

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

ment and Energy, and International Solar Energy Society. Conference theme, "Energy for the Outback". To be held at Alice Springs.

12TH ANNUAL AUSTRALIAN CAE COMPUTER CONFERENCE - to be held in Perth, August 25 - 28. Theme, "The Challenge to Education of Changing Technology". Seminars and workshops. Venue, the Western Australian Institute of Technology. **AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF PHILOSOPHY** - Annual conference (Australian Division) - August 23 - 28 at the University of Newcastle.

A.A.H.P.S.S.S. (History and Philosophy of Science) annual conference to be held concurrently with the A.A.P. conference - August 24 - 26. Same venue.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE on "Health Care in Crisis - a Bioethical Perspective". Organised by The Committee in Postgraduate Medical Education of the University of N.S.W. and the Catholic Health Association of N.S.W. To be held at the University of N.S.W.

INTERNATIONAL GUITAR CONGRESS - September 14 - 20 - in Ronda (Malaga), Spain. Organising Committee welcomes all people and associations connected with this instrument.

SEMINAR - Department of Philosophy, Friday, July 17. Dr. Wojcieh Sadurski (Warsaw and Sydney) to speak on "Equality in Law". 10.30 a.m. In Philosophy Seminar Room (1016), North Wing, Social Sciences building.

FURTHER SEMINARS - PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

July 24 - Prof. E. Kamenka (ANU) - "The Sociology of Justice" (joint seminar with Dept. of Sociology). Commences at 11 a.m. venue as above.

July 31 - Prof. D. MacCormick (Edinburgh and Sydney). Title to be announced. 10.30 a.m.

August 21 - Dr. D.H. Mellor (Cambridge) - "The Now-ness of Experience". 10.30 a.m. (Professors Sadurski and MacCormick are Distinguished Visitors at Sydney University Law School, Professor Kamenka is one of Australia's most noted scholars, at present in the History of Ideas Unit at the ANU, and Dr. Mellor is an eminent Philosopher of Science who will be visiting Australia for several weeks. All staff and students welcome to seminars).

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