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INDIAN SUMMER

TWO trainee teacher students from the Institute of Education have just returned from India, having won the trip in a State-wide competition.

Elva Sarandis and Matilda Scipione won the competition for the design of a school program aimed at improving Australian-Indian intercultural understanding. The competition was sponsored by the Multicultural Education Action Association in conjunction with Air India.

The prize was the tickets Elva and Matilda used to get there and back.

Their program, a 30-page social science teaching unit for primary school classes, was the outcome of emphasis given to curriculum planning in the teacher training course at the Institute, they said.

All up, the girls spent six weeks touring India with backpacks and rail passes.



Some students settle into the routine quickly

BLACKSMITH FORGES AHEAD

Blacksmith, Wollongong's own literary magazine, last published in 1975, will appear again in July.

The magazine, as before, will be published at the University of Wollongong, but its format will be considerably changed.

The intention is to produce a high-quality magazine, attractive to a wide range of readers, and which will identify substantially with the Illawarra.

Material to be published will include line drawings, cartoons, black and white photography, short stories, articles dealing with issues of significant concern, reviews, local drama and other regional events.

The magazine is expected to act as a stimulus to creative artists, providing a forum for local writers on issues of general

significance, and giving local cultural groups publicity and support.

Contributors will be paid.

Some editions of *Blacksmith* will be substantially (but not wholly) devoted to a single topic. Issues now being considered include nuclear energy, multiculturalism, women, and the performing arts.

People wishing to offer advice or help in the planning, compiling and/or marketing of the magazine are welcome at the next general meeting, to be held on Tuesday, March 30 at 3.30 p.m. in Room 19.1124/25 (Seminar Room, Department of Literature and Drama, University of Wollongong.)

For further information, contact either Ron Pretty at the Institute of Education, or Jim Wieland, Department of Literature and Drama, University of Wollongong.

Contributions to *Blacksmith* should be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and should be sent to:

Ron Pretty,
Blacksmith
Institute of Education,
Northfields Avenue,
Wollongong, 2500.

AVCC FELLOWSHIPS

THE university is rostered to nominate overseas scholars to visit Australia next year. Nominations should reach Mr R. Walker, staff office (from whom further information is available by June 1.



52nd ANZAAS CONGRESS
Macquarie University
10 - 14 May 1982
Australia's Industrial Future

SEVERAL University of Wollongong academics will present important papers at this year's 52nd ANZAAS Congress.

Scientists from throughout Australia, New Zealand, Asia, the US and Europe will gather at Macquarie University from May 10 - 14 to debate the theme of Australia's industrial future.

Given the widely-held view that Australia is in fact de-industrialising, debate should be fairly healthy.

Professor Ron Johnston, from the department of history and philosophy of science, will present a paper on government policies for research and development and innovation.

Professor Johnston also will serve as chairman of talks on policies for intervention in science and technology in the history, philosophy and sociology of science section of the congress.

Associate Professor L.L. Viney will present a paper on the stress of unemployment and its effects on the quality of life in the psychology section.

In the section on women's studies, Dr Bev Walker will act as convenor of a panel discussion on women's studies journals.

The ANZAAS program consists of 44 sections, covering everything from architecture to zoology.

The congress chairman, Mr Fred Lehany, formerly director of the National Measurement Laboratory, CSIRO, believes this year's theme is more specific and potentially more controversial than previous ones.

"It has been chosen in the belief that it is most important and timely," he said.

ALAN Renouf's lecture, Australian Foreign Policy After Afghanistan, delivered at the University of Sydney last year, is now available from the Sydney University Extension Program, price \$3.00 including postage. Please make your cheque payable to Sydney University Extension Program, department of adult education, KO1, University of Sydney, NSW, 2006.



THE university, through the Friends of the University, have arranged a presentation of papers on problems facing the Illawarra.

The papers will be presented on behalf of the Wollongong Chamber of Commerce at the Normandie Motel Inn on April 7.

The theme of the evening, which begins at 6.00 p.m., is *"The future of development of commerce and industry and jobs on the Leisure Coast."*

The only problem is there only will be enough room for 60 guests, so apply now with the Chamber of Commerce, and avoid the last-minute rush.

THE University Wives and the Fairy Meadow Apex Club have agreed to help with the Illawarra Planetarium Society exhibition, planned for May 24 - June 4.

A spokesman for the Friends, Mr Giles Pickford, said the display at the Institute of Education would include some of the most exciting pictures so far taken of distant planets in the solar system.

Exhibits will be auctioned after the display.

For further details, contact the display organiser and president of the Planetarium Society, Mr Glen Moore, of the physics department.

Jobless conference

A national conference on unemployment will be held at the University between July 9 - 11.

The conference is multi-disciplinary and open to all interested parties.

To this point, contributions have been offered by Dr R. Gregory (ANU), Professor S. Encel (UNSW), Professor Viney (Wollongong), and many other well known social scientists.

The conference timetable is designed to

KIDS' OFFICE

FOR those who may have been wondering about the new concreting work being done on the northern end of the Kids' Uni building...

It is the concrete floor of the new admin office.



THE Friends have decided to lend support to the university's desire to mark WIN 4 TV's 20th anniversary of news reporting with a special gift.

Mr Pickford said the gift of a University plant, presented last Friday, was a small gesture of appreciation for the publicity WIN 4 had given the combined campus over the years.

THE Smith Family has agreed to supply Professor Murray Wilson, of the geography department, with 1,500 case records of poverty in the Illawarra.

Professor Wilson says he will analyse the cases, and supply his findings to the Smith Family for further reference and action.

Professor Wilson's co-investigator on the study will be Mr Paul Lelli, also of the geography department. Mr Lelli is the son of well-known Federated Ironworkers' Association official, Mr Nando Lelli.

allow the setting up of information discussion groups, and offers students a rare chance to meet and discuss this important issue with some of the country's leading academics.

Conference fees (which include lunch and morning and afternoon teas) are \$40.00, \$20.00 for students and free for unemployed persons.

Further details and registration forms may be obtained from the economics department.

To date, Kids' Uni officials have had to use a small, makeshift office no smaller than a broom closet.

Happily, though, work on the new office is proceeding on schedule.

Teaching's future

MORE than 100 teachers and educational administrators attended an evening seminar on the future of teacher education in Sydney earlier this month.

This was a combined meeting of the Australian College of Education (NSW chapter), the Joint Council of NSW Professional Teachers' Association, and the Australian Institute of Tertiary Educational Administrators (NSW Branch).

The meeting was addressed by Professor Lauchlan Chipman of the Universities of Wollongong and Sydney (president, Australian Council for Educational Standards), Mr Ron Parry (chairman of the Higher Education Board, NSW) and Mr Brian McGowan MP (chairman of the recent committee of enquiry into the future of the School Certificate).

Opening the seminar, Professor Chipman said the quality of teachers was a critical factor in determining the quality of life generally in Australia.

He reminded the seminar that Australians had a well-deserved reputation as far and away the worst native speakers of English in the world.

He stressed he was not talking about the accent, which was unpleasant enough, but the inability to speak in coherent, well-formed sentences.

North Americans and inhabitants of the British Isles with poor socio-economic backgrounds and less formal education than most Australians could speak far more effectively, Professor Chipman claimed.

He urged that teacher training courses be revised to raise the levels of articulate communication among teachers, which he claimed were abysmal, in the hope that they could help the next generation of Australians to reach a more satisfactory level.

Mr Ron Parry spread some optimism when he predicted that the period of sharply declining funding for education had "bottomed out".

He also predicted that TAFE would slacken in growth rate, but that demand for higher education, particularly in CAEs, would once again rise.

Mr Parry said there were signs of increasing autonomy among CAEs.

He told the seminar that developments in Wollongong should be studied carefully by all involved in higher education, as they were full of significance for higher education generally.

Mr McGowan spoke of the need to widen the curriculum in schools, particularly in the senior secondary area.

He said Professor Chipman and Mr McGowan clashed several times over the desirability of such examinations.

Professor Chipman maintained that the abolition of external examinations at the School Certificate level had already led to a return of "the old school tie" as a hiring principle, while Mr McGowan's suggestion that universities might develop their own entrance examinations would lead to certain "elite" schools "preparing" pupils for these exams to the exclusion of all else.

Robyn back on airwaves

TELEVISION and radio personality, Ms Robyn Slater, can now be heard on Wollongong's first FM radio station.

The community-based station began a series of experimental broadcasts on FM frequency 106.5 last Saturday.

Wollongong is the largest city in Australia with no FM service.

It is not even linked with the ABC national FM service, which is available in much smaller cities, such as Launceston and Ballarat.

Ms Slater has been absent from the airwaves for the last four years, as she concentrated on completing a Bachelor of Arts degree, specialising in history and philosophy of science here at Wollongong University.

She is now enrolled as a postgraduate student in the law faculty of Sydney University.

Ms Slater, who turns 40 later this year, believes it soon will be mandatory for radio and television personalities to achieve higher levels of education, if they are to retain credibility with the public.

"As the community becomes better educated, the least we can do is keep up with it," she said.

Ms Slater is one of the pioneering women of Australian television.

She was one of the first women presenters on ABC television in Sydney, along with Tanya Halesworth, Diana Ward, and Jan Leeming.

"In those days everybody had to do everything - singing, acting, newsreading, the lot," she said.

Ms Slater has also worked on commercial television in Sydney and Melbourne, and was a presenter on British independent television during the mid-sixties.

After a near fatal road accident temporarily interrupted her television career 10 years ago, she joined Wollongong Macquarie radio station 2WL, where she attracted national attention as the first woman in Australia to run a daily talkback program.

Like most of the others associated with Wollongong's new community based FM station, Ms Slater is serving the station in a voluntary capacity.

Preparation pilot

STUDENTS' response to this year's orientation Preparation for University Program was "very enthusiastic", according to campus counsellor, Mr Greg Hampton.

With results from the pilot program having been assessed, Mr Hampton plans to offer it again next year with some minor format changes.

During the three-day program, 240 people made a consistent effort to come to terms with what campus life has in store for new students.

Rather than being presented a series of cut-and-dried talks on university life, the participants took part in a simulation of first session activities.

"The purpose of simulating the first session was to allow any doubts, uncertainties or confusion to surface before the session began, and to provide an opportunity for participants to be dealt with by a group leader within a supportive group of students," Mr. Hampton said.

The group was led by seven senior students and five university staff members.

Most of those who participated said they found the advice on how to study very useful.

They also were glad for the opportunity to mix with other new students and discuss how it felt to be starting out on a university course.

External students

BECAUSE of the shorter than usual print run of last Campus News, many of the Institute of Education's external students may have missed the item on external courses.

For those who did, there is a variety of courses being offered this year, ranging from conversion courses from diploma to degree status, to specialist courses such as teaching English as a second language or secondary mathematics education.

The presentation of material to external students over the years has grown more sophisticated. While much still depends on the written word, the use of audio-visual aids, tele-tutorials, and weekend and vacation schools is helping to overcome any communication problems.

It is hoped the bonds between the Institute and its external students will be strengthened by lecturer visits to outlying centres and the inclusion of external representatives in student councils.

External students are also encouraged to provide items of interest to Campus News.



LAST Friday's Vice-Chancellor's Seminar, *Conservation and progress, are they compatible?*, proved a resounding success.

The day-long series of talks, held in the Pentagon Theatre, attracted many people interested in conservation and the future.

The theme of the seminar was designed to take into consideration the world scene, and not just concentrate on Australia.

The vice-Chancellor, Dr Ken McKinnon, opened the seminar.

Speakers included the chairman of the NSW Heritage Council, Mr Justice Hope, the president of the Australian Conservation Foundation, Mr Murray Wilcox QC, and urban conservationist, Mr Jack Munday, famous for the Green Bans of the heady days of the NSW Builders Labourers Federation.



Who me, a Degree?



The University of Wollongong

Northfields Ave., Wollongong. Phone: (042) 29 7311

The Australian Association for Canadian Studies has been formed this year to further the development of Canadian Studies in Australia and to give support to teaching and research on Canadian matters, not least in the context of comparative studies with Australia.

The Association will also help to reduce the relative isolation in which many Canadianists are working in this country, as well as helping to overcome Australia's ignorance of and lack of interest in Canadian affairs.

The Association plans to hold its first conference on August 23-24th, 1982, at Macquarie University, with the theme 'Theory and Practice in Comparative Studies: Canada and Australia'.

The Association plans to publish a Newsletter twice a year. The annual membership subscription is \$10.00. Full details of the Association, together with membership form, may be obtained from Dr. Peter Crabb, School of Earth Sciences, Macquarie University, North Ryde, New South Wales 2113.

Flood mitigation

DR DODO Thampapillai, of the economics department, has been awarded this year's Crawford H. Monroe Fellowship.

The fellowship, the linch-pin of the Water Research Foundation's funding scheme, is worth \$3,000 to Dr. Thampapillai.

Dr Bob Wheway, of the mechanical engineering department, and one of the water foundation's local committee members, says it is unusual for an economist to win the fellowship.

Dr Thampapillai says his research project will be a study of flood mitigation along the Shoalhaven River.

His economic model, once developed, will enable area planners to better cope with flood problems around Nowra.

He says his work will take about two years to complete, given the funds provided.

"If I could find another \$8,000 I would be able to employ a research assistant, and have the job finished in one year," Dr Thampapillai said.

Various applications for extra funds have been sent out, and Dr Thampapillai is waiting on replies.

Typesetting blow

IT NOW appears the campus could have to wait another year for computer typesetting.

The last meeting of the resources committee rejected the proposal to buy phototypesetting equipment on the basis that there already were too many urgent equipment purchases needed throughout the campus, and not enough money to go around.

While the minutes of the meeting have not been approved, Campus News believes as much as \$50,000 will now be split

between all departments for their most urgent needs.

Any final decision on the phototypesetting question will rest with the recommendations of the campus word processing committee. That committee is due to bring out its final report sometime next month. Some of the advantages listed by the phototypesetting supporters were that such a system could completely update campus printing facilities, allow cost savings on typesetting of academic works and ultimately make room for a university press.

special funding

THE State Minister for Education, Mr. Mulock, has invited parents of severely handicapped children to apply for special education funds offered by the Schools' Commission.

"The commission is allocating \$860,000 for educational programs for severely handicapped children in institutions or in their own homes in NSW," Mr Mulock said.

He said a committee had been established under the chairmanship of the director of guidance and special education of the NSW Department of Education to consider submissions and to distribute the funds.

"The closing date for all submissions is March 26," he said.

The purpose of the programs was to provide funds for projects for severely handicapped children in institutions or private homes for whom education services were not normally available, Mr Mulock said.

Applications and inquiries should be submitted to: The program officer, Severely Handicapped Children's Program, division of guidance and special education, PO Box 415, North Sydney 2060 (Telephone: (02) 9234554).

THE steering committee on the amalgamation of both our campuses has decided that for admission of students next year, we will be half-in, half-out of UCAC.

The present university degrees, plus the associate diploma courses (two more are planned) for the institute will be on the university's admission system.

The bachelor of education degrees for the institute will be on the UCAC system. For more details, see Student Enquiries, Administration Building.

counter disaster directory

THE Australian Counter Disaster College at Mount Macedon, Victoria, is developing a national directory of disaster research workers, and wants our combined campuses' help.

The college research officer, Mr Ian McDermott, says the purposes of starting such a directory are:

- to ensure those involved in counter-disaster research activities are aware of who is doing what, and where,
- to help avoid duplication or overlapping effort in counter-disaster research,
- to identify where further research is deemed to be required, and
- to disseminate other relevant matters, such as information relating to counter-disaster training activities, data, etc., available in Australia.

The directory will contain names, addresses and contract telephone numbers of entrants, as well as a brief abstract of disaster research completed or being undertaken.

It is envisaged it will indicate the wide range of disciplines involved in this research, which will include natural, social and physical sciences.

To help, anyone involved in any aspect of disaster research studies, or who know of such work being conducted by others, should write to Mr McDermott, Australian Counter Disaster College, Macedon, Victoria, 3440, or telephone him on (054) 261205.

ADVISORY OFFICE

BECAUSE of the falling numbers of new and continuing education students associated with the Teacher Education Advisory Office, it has been decided to make the regional office the base for the teacher education adviser as from Monday, March 15.

Mr Wheatly will be available for interviews in the advisory office on the Wednesday only of each week.

Until such time as a central administration is established for the payment of students' allowance cheques, he will be on the campus on student allowance days only.

There will be no diminution of services provided to students or members of staff, and Mr Wheatley will be available for interviews at the regional office or to go to your institution to see members of staff.



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

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.

MISCELLANEOUS

MEDICAL ESSAY

THE Australian Institute of Medical Laboratory Scientists is conducting an annual undergraduate student essay competition with a prize of \$500 and a certificate to be presented to the winner. The competition is open to undergraduate students majoring in a subject or subjects relevant to one or more branches of medical laboratory practice. The essay topic will be chosen each year by the National Council of the AIMLS. This year's topic is *"The value of an active quality control program in monitoring laboratory performance"*. The essay shall not exceed 2,000 words and be typed on A4 paper in double spacing on one side of paper. The closing date will be July 31, and the results will be announced by August 31. Details: The National Secretary, The Australian Institute of Medical Laboratory Scientists, PO Box 450, Toowong. Qld. 4066.

CHINA TRADE

A TOP-level two-day conference on trade with China will be held at the Hilton Hotel, Melbourne, in May. It will be attended by a delegation from the People's Republic of China and a number of international trade experts from Asia, the US and Australia. The conference, scheduled for May 12 and 13, is being sponsored jointly by the Law Council of Australia and the Monash University faculty of law. Topics to be discussed will include: contract negotiation, joint ventures, transfers of technology, financial relations, and contract management.

Details from Professor Allan, Monash Law School, (03) 5410811, ext. 3320; or from Professor Robert Baxt, Dean of Law, Monash University, (03) 5410811, ext. 3300; or Mr David Bailey, c/o Moule, Hamilton and Derham, (03) 6022811.

CAMP COUNSELORS

WHY stay at home when you could spend the winter in the US working as a counselor in an American children's camp. The Inter-

national Camp Counselor Program offers you an inexpensive way to see the real US from the inside. ICCP is for students and youth leaders, aged 20-30 who speak English well enough to take full responsibility for a group of campers, have experience with children, have sports or camping skills, and like simple out doors living. ICCP is for people who would rather be participants than tourists, who want to join with 500 young people from 40 countries in teaching US children that international understanding can best be learned by living together. ICCP offers 9 weeks' placement as a camp counselor, no cost charter flight to the US from Paris or Tokyo, or \$300 towards direct Australia/US fare orientation, health insurance and optional family visit bus tours after camp. Details: International Camp Counselor Program, National Board of YMCA's, 196 Albert Rd., St. Melbourne, 3205. (03) 699 7655.

TEACHER EDUCATION LIAISON OFFICE

TELO office on campus will be downgraded because of lack of new and continuing students on scholarships. The office will only be open on Wednesdays, and allowance payment days. Enquiries at other times are to be made to the regional office in the Crown Central Tower - Frank Wheatley will be based there for most of the time.

FIRST DRAUGHT

FIRST Draught, a magazine of Campus and Illawarra writing. The editors of *First Draught* are calling for poems, short stories and line drawings for the next edition, to be published in May. Submit manuscripts to James Wieland, Rm 1112, department of literature and drama, Social Sciences Building. Closing date, April 9.

GRADUATION NOTES

DETAILS of the 1982 graduation ceremonies:

Thursday, May 6, 2.30 pm - commerce engineering and metallurgy. Occasional address to be given by: The Hon R.J. Mulock, Minister for Education.

Friday, May 7, 10.30 am - arts (honours), arts (A-O) and education. Occasional address to be given by: Dr K.R. McKinnon, vice-chancellor, University of Wollongong.

Friday, May 7, 2.30 pm - arts (P-Z), mathematics and science. Occasional address to be given by: Professor Alice Erh-Soon Tay, professor of Jurisprudence, University of Sydney.

ANZAAS SPEECH

MR DAVID Thomson, Minister for Science and Technology, will speak on Support for science and technology: its role in structural adjustment, at the 52nd ANZAAS Congress, to be held at Macquarie University, 10-14 May. The theme of the Congress is Australia's Industrial Future. More than 2000 scientists from Australia, New Zealand, Asia, the US and Europe, and prominent members of the business and industrial community will discuss many of the issues involved in the industrial future of Australia.

BRITISH HEALTH

FROM October 1, visitors to Britain will be charged for hospital treatment received there, subject to various conditions. An outline of the system is contained on Central File 14/2/1. Further information could be obtained from Department of Health and Social Security, Alexander Fleming House, Elephant and Castle, London SE1 6BY.

The following new files have been created for the two English Departments.

- 24/1/25 Subjects Offered - English Literature and Drama.
- 24/1/26 Subjects Offered - English Language.
- 31/25/1 English Literature and Drama - Departmental Committee.
- 31/25/2 Department of English Literature and Drama - General Correspondence.
- 31/26/1 Department of English Language - Departmental Committee.
- 31/26/2 Department of English Language - General Correspondence.
- 310/3/38 English Literature and Drama - Staff and Staffing.
- 310/3/39 English Language - Staff and Staffing.

IDENTIFICATION cards are now available for distribution to students. Signs have been placed around campus to let students know they are now ready. Sharon has them on the front desk of Student Enquiries, Ground Floor, Administration Building.

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