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ACCESS & PARTICIPATION IN UNIVERSITIES

by Ms. G.E. Davey

The following is the text of the Education Officer's Report to the 18th Annual Meeting of the Australian University Graduate Conference, held in Wollongong from 10-13 February, 1984.

The 1983 AUGC Education Officer's Report responded to the findings on Australian student access to and participation in higher education established in *Learning and Earning*, a report published by CTEC (The Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission) in 1982, and drew Conference's attention to the need for AUGC to develop policy in this area. A series of motions were proposed which were referred to member organisations to consider during 1983. These motions are now before Conference for debate. It thus seems appropriate for the 1984 Education Officer's Report to continue to focus on the issues of access to and participation in higher education, with particular reference to young people.

Last year's education report outlined Australia's poor record in youth participation in full-time education during the post-compulsory years. It was pointed out that in comparison with leading OECD countries Australia's position is a cause for great concern. In the 15-19 age group in 1980, Australia had the lowest participation with 46.2% of that age group in full-time education. This compares with Japan, which had a participation rate of 79.6%, Finland 75.5% and Italy 63.8%. A similar picture emerges in respect of the 20-24 age group. In 1980 5.7% of Australians aged 20-24 participated in full time education compared with 17.0% of Japanese, 26.0% of Finns and 23.6% of Italians.

As the Report, *Learning and Earning*, points out a major change in the pattern of participation in higher education in Australia from 1967-1982 is the decline in full time male enrolment in universities and female full time enrolment in colleges of advanced education. The numbers of 17 to 19 year old males attending universities fell by 14% and 17 to 19 year old females in CAE's by 17%.

During 1983 important developments have taken place in respect to the findings of the Report *Learning and Earning*. The Report's basic premise of the need to increase access to and participation in higher education was adopted by the Australian Labor Party prior to its election to federal government in March 1983. The Labor Party accepted that places for an additional 25,000 students should be created in higher education by 1990. These places would be additional to the natural growth in the places available to prospective students. According to Senator Ryan, the total increase in student places would be of the order of 45,000 - 50,000 by 1990.

With the advent of a Federal Labor Government and its acceptance of the need to increase the number of student places the focus of debate has shifted. Issues which must now be faced relate to how the overall objective can best be achieved.

A number of crucial questions arise which must be confronted by policy makers and by groups like AUGC which have both a vital interest in the outcome and the potential to influence the direction of education policy in the 1985-87 triennium.

In the first place, it is important to question the basis on which the Government decided that 50,000 new places should be created in 1990. The promise by Labor, when in Opposition, to create 28,000 new places only sought to restore participation rates to 1974-75 levels. However, in an era of rapid technological change demanding a highly skilled workforce it may well be that the current target is inadequate.

Secondly, it is important that attention be directed to improving retention rates in Years 11 and 12 of secondary school. While the Federal Government is committed to increased retention rates questions relating to the implementation of policy arise. There appears to be a need to make institutions and curricula both more interesting and broader. Some educationalists argue that senior colleges should be established for older students. These could provide an environment and courses better suited to the aspirations and needs of 17 and 18 year olds. Models for such colleges already exist, for example, secondary colleges in the ACT. As young people become independent at increasingly early ages questions of financial support arise. Should secondary allowance schemes be expanded? Alternatively, should policy makers address the possibility of introducing, in the long term, a universal "youth allowance" for all young people not engaged in full time employment? The notion of a universal allowance is a radical one, but should not be dismissed.

With respect to student financing which was reviewed in some detail in the 1983 AUGC education officer's report the minimal increase in TEAS granted in the 1983 budget is totally inadequate in terms of improving student living standards and access and participation in higher education. The budget increases of \$1.81 for living at home students and \$2.80 for living away from home and independent students have had the effect of widening the gap between maximum TEAS and the single unemployment benefits by at least \$4.15. The

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budget did liberalise the level of the means test by 6% but this does not take into account the effect of inflation. There is an urgent need for a review of the current level of student financing and consideration given to the indexation of student allowances.

A third critical issue which must be confronted relates to equity. It is one thing to increase the number of students *participating* in higher education; it is quite another to ensure that all sectors of the society have *access* to higher education. In the present scramble to raise the participation rates of young people, there is a risk that the interests of disadvantaged groups will be overlooked. In recent years, as the proportion of young people transferring to higher education declined, institutions sought to maintain enrolments by establishing special entry schemes for persons without matriculation qualifications. This enabled many disadvantaged persons to gain access to higher education. As young people return to the fold, there is a grave danger that these disadvantaged groups will be squeezed out.

More generally, too, there is a need to ensure that young people from all socio-economic groups within society have an equal opportunity to gain access to and participate in higher education. Again this raises questions of student financing and also of the support services required to cater for disadvantaged students.

The paper by Anderson, *Inequalities of Access to Post-Secondary Education*, distributed with this report, raises further questions regarding the relationship of increased provision of higher education places and the reduction of inequalities. This paper suggests that if higher education is to be democratised then the system would need to be expanded far in excess of the proposed additional 25,000 student places by 1990. For as more places are made available these would be picked up by those social groups who are next in the downward line of participation. To gather in the lowest participating groups such as students from working class migrants, and aboriginal families the system would need to be greatly expanded as well as structural changes occurring in the secondary system to ensure that these students reached Year 12 or its equivalent, thus availing themselves of the opportunity to participate in the selection process for entry to higher education. Needless to say current selection processes would also need to be reviewed if equality of access and participation in higher education is to be pursued as a social goal.

The perennial question of institutional funding must also be faced. The effect of cuts in recent years has been to place a great strain on higher education institutions and increase the workload of staff. Early indications suggest that the new Labor Government believes there is still unused capacity in the system. Thus, in providing \$10 million to fund an additional 3000 places in higher education in 1984, CTEC is exhorted to utilize unused capacity before recommending on the allocation of the extra money (Guidelines for Education Funding, 1984). There is little point in expanding participation without funds. Such a move would merely serve to diminish standards.

The points outlined in this paper are not exhaustive. However, they can provide a starting point for debate. AUGC's Annual General Meeting offered a forum for canvassing these and other crucial questions which are central to educational planning for the 1985-87 triennium.

JOHNSTON ADDRESSES VICTORIAN EDUCATIONISTS

The effects of social and technological change on post secondary education came under scrutiny at a seminar organised by the Victorian Post Secondary Education Commission last week.

The seminar entitled 'Aligning Post-Secondary Education with Social and Technical Change', was held at Deakin University from 15 to 17 February.

The chairman of the seminar, Mr. Laurie Bell, introduced the Honourable Robert Fordham, Deputy Premier of Victoria and Minister of Education, opened the proceedings on the evening of Wednesday, 15 February.

Professor Ron Johnston, Professor of History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Wollongong, then delivered the keynote address.

Professor Johnston's address was entitled "Surviving post industrial society - the educational imperatives". In it he said our education institutions remain steadfastly committed to views of the learning process, of the functions of education and of the nature of society, which are appropriate to the nineteenth century, when they emerged.

The paper looked at the imperatives for tertiary education through four sets of issues - the new roles for education in post industrial society; the development of necessary technical skills; the influence of new technology on the institutional form and location of education; and the use of new technology in educational processes.

Other keynote speakers were Mr. Norbert Nimmervoll, Director of the Centre for Innovation Development, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, and Mr. Bruce Hartnett, Director, Policy and Research, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Victorian State Government.

The Honourable Senator John Button, the Federal Minister for Industry and Commerce, gave the after dinner address on Thursday, 16 February.

General Notices

GENERAL STAFF REPRESENTATION ON COUNCIL

The General Staff members of Council, Liz Hilton, Tom Moore and Peter Wood, are available to discuss any relevant matters of business with members of the general staff.

Set out below are the dates on which Council Meetings will be held this year. The General Staff representatives will be available in the week before those meetings to discuss agenda items.

In addition, the three representatives will hold lunch time meetings on the Mondays following Council Meetings to brief general staff on Council discussions and to answer questions.

The Monday meetings will be held in Pentagon I.

1984 Council Meetings Briefing Meetings for General Staff

Friday, February 24	12.30, Monday, February 27
Friday, April 27	12.30, Monday, April 30
Friday, June 29	12.30, Monday, July 2
Friday, August 10	12.30, Monday, August 13
Friday, October 26	12.30, Monday, October 29
Friday, December 7	12.30, Monday, December 10

UNIVERSITY BUS SERVICE

The Keiraville-Gwyneville-Wollongong Bus, Route 10, conducts a half hour service from Wollongong to the University campus during session.

Copies of the timetable, which includes a map of the route, are displayed on campus and are available from the Student Enquiries Office. Attention is particularly drawn to the services which leave from outside the Union Entrance at 5.35 p.m., 7.35 p.m. and 8.35 p.m. Monday to Thursday during session.

Students will note that the service runs in close proximity to North Wollongong Railway Station and International House.

The bus proprietor will again offer a concession to full-time students. This concession is not offered by other bus proprietors in the Wollongong region.

Full-time students may obtain a concession card from the bus driver on production of their Student Identity Card.

GOETHE INSTITUTE

The February Newsletter of the Goethe Institute is displayed on the "Campus News" Notice Board.

CRAWFORD TO REPRESENT UNIVERSITY

Mr. R.J. Crawford of the Faculty of Education has been chosen to represent the University on the South Coast Region Inservice Committee of the State Department of Education.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROJECT

Since the 1980 amendment to the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977, much has been written about Equal Employment Management Plans and what these plans aim to achieve.

The amendment, Part IXA, requires the preparation and implementation of management plans aimed at achieving equal opportunity in employment.

The objectives and strategies of management plans are designed:

- a. to eliminate and ensure the absence of discrimination in employment on the grounds of race, sex or marital status.
- b. to promote equal employment opportunity for women and members of racial minorities.

The University will develop its management plan in the following stages:

1. Preparation of University Policy in regard to E.E.O.
2. Review the Employee Utilisation and Personnel Practices: sources of information include a statistical survey, an examination of personnel practices and conditions of service, interviews and written submissions.

3. Strategies: the development of a set of strategies which the University intends to implement in order to remedy whatever forms of discrimination are identified, in order to promote E.E.O.
4. Implementation of Strategies: by the staff nominated as responsible. As implementation proceeds, objectives can be amended and new ones added. The University will continue to collect statistical information for the purpose of evaluation, and will report annually on the progress of the management plan to the Director of Equal Opportunity in Public Employment.

Copies of the 'Affirmative Action Handbook' by Alison Ziller (Director of Equal Opportunity in Public Employment) may be borrowed from the Project office.

Staff wishing to discuss any aspect of the Project are invited to contact the E.E.O. Co-ordinator, Elizabeth Johnstone, on ext. 3917, or visit the Project Office in room 123, top floor of the Administration building.

Seminars

Details of the Seminars below are displayed on the "Campus News" Notice Board.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTING SCIENCE

Short Course of Lectures:

Title: 'Micro Computers in Physics Education'
Speaker: Prof. Dr. R.U. Sexl
University of Vienna, Austria
Dates: Monday, February 27, 1984
Wednesday, February 29, 1984
Friday, March 2, 1984
Times: 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
Venue: Computing Science Annexe 2 (D17)

PUBLIC LECTURE ON COMMUNITY LANGUAGE MAINTENANCE

A Public Lecture on "Community Language Maintenance" - with particular emphasis on German and Macedonian - will be given by Prof. Michael Clyne, Monash University (author of Multilingual Australia), will be held on Monday, 27th February in the Northern Lounge, Wollongong University Union at 4 p.m.

Enquiries: Centre for Multicultural Studies -
Ph. 270780.

Scholarships and Prizes

Details on the scholarships and prizes below are displayed on the Campus News Notice Board situated at the southern end of the Hut. Application forms are available from the Student Enquiries Office.

American Astro- Prof. Henri Chretien Awards
nomical Society



Campus Community Interface

SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY AT THE UNIVERSITY - THURSDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1984.

The Friends of the University of Wollongong, have arranged the following day for Senior Citizens. All are welcome.

Venue: Union Hall.

- 10.30 a.m. Morning Tea.
- 11.00 a.m. Introduction to the University by Giles Pickford - followed by discussion.
- 12.00 noon Lunch (provided by University)
- 12.30 p.m. Free Lunch Hour Concert organised by David Vance.
- 1.30 p.m. Oral History Project - those Senior Citizens interested will be asked for an interview by Senior History students to build up the region's oral history archives. Anyone with memories going back a long way is specially welcome.
- 1.30 p.m. Concurrently with Oral History, the Department of English Language will interview Senior Citizens about the place names of Wollongong.
- 3.00 p.m. Demonstration of Psychology equipment - sight and hearing tests for those interested.
- 3.45 p.m. Drama entertainment from the English Literature and Drama Department.
- 4.15 p.m. Close.

Note: University Buses will be available for transport to and from the University. Enquiries: Giles Pickford on 270076.

KEIRA GREEN CORRIDOR PROJECT

The next meeting of the Keira Green Corridor Project Committee will be held on Wednesday, 4 April, at 12.30 p.m. in the Town Hall Reception Room. All interested are welcome to attend.

GRADUATES COMMITTEE - NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Graduates Committee will be held on Thursday, 22 March, 1984 at 6.00 p.m. in the Council Room. Items on the agenda include:

- The Friends Graduates Prize
- The AUGC Conference de-briefing
- The Graduation Eve Champagne Reception for new Graduands
- The Graduates Reunion Dinner
- Finances



DID YOU KNOW that the University needs the support of its graduates and that this can be delivered through the Graduates Committee of the Friends of the University?

Membership of the Graduates Committee is open to all members of Convocation for \$10.00 p.a. or \$40 for Life Membership.

Concerts, Exhibitions and Entertainment

WEDNESDAY GALLERY

4/328 Crown Street, Wollongong.

Paintings, pots and paraphernalia.

Open Wednesdays only 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Enquiries to Bev - 28.3853.

CAMBRIDGE FOOTLIGHTS REVUE

Wollongong Town Hall Theatre at 8.00 p.m. on Sunday, 8th and Monday, 9th April, 1984

Members of the Friends and members of the Arts Council have priority - book now.

The Cambridge University Footlights Revue, one of the world's leading comedy/light entertainment companies, is coming to Wollongong for two performances only, direct from its Sydney season.

So don't miss your chance to see this outstanding company and the possible comedy stars of the next decade. Book now before all seats are sold out!

Tickets \$12.50, Arts Council Members \$11, Concessions \$8

from University Union - ring 270782 or ext. 3782.

WOLLONGONG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

March 17 "Beethoven and Whipped Cream"

Our own 'Viennese New-Year' gala with favourite works by Strauss, Lanner, Suppe, Ziehrer and others. And, for good measure, Beethoven's First Piano Concerto with local born pianist Gerard Willems as guest soloist. Conductor: John Wayne Dixon.

Bookings: Jurjens Pianos and Organs - Ph. 292379.

THE LORD MAYOR'S COMMAND PERFORMANCE CHARITY CONCERT

City of Wollongong 150th Anniversary Celebrations.

"A Taste of Opera" - presented by Opera Ensemble on Saturday March 31st 1984 at Wollongong Town Hall at 8.00 p.m.

Featuring excerpts from Faust, Marriage of Figaro, Pirates of Penzance, Showboat and many others.

Tickets available from Town Hall Box Office - 299111; Jurjens - 292379; Palings - 291329; \$8 or \$5 concession.

Don't Miss This Gala Affaire!

ALMA DE GROEN'S VOCATIONS

Theatre South, Wollongong's Professional Theatre Company, opens its 1984 season with Alma de Groen's Vocations, a comedy with its feet firmly planted in the 1980s.

This production has been assisted by a generous sponsorship by Mobil Oil Australia Limited.

The season opens at the Wollongong Technical College Theatre on March 2nd for a four week season, followed by a three week tour of N.S.W.

Season: March 2nd to 24th
Venue: Wollongong Technical College Theatre
Time of Performances: 8.00 p.m.
Preview: for Pensioners and Unemployed - Thursday, March 1st. All Preview Tickets \$2.00
Opening Night: March 2nd (Friday)
Bookings: from Theatre South, on 270705 over the counter at Wilson's Record Bar.

AUDITIONS FOR THE ROCK OPERA

Auditions for "Tommy" will be held 16-19 February. This production commences rehearsal 24th April for a performance season at Port Kembla Leagues Club opening 7th June.

Actors/singers/dancers should be 17 or over.

Musicians also required - guitar, bass, drums, keyboards, synthesizer and trumpet/saxophone.

For information please telephone Liz or Carmel during business hours (042) 270705.

W.U.N.D.A. PRESENTS ANTI-NUCLEAR FILMS

Wollongong University Nuclear Disarmament Association (WUNDA) presents a series of anti-nuclear films.

Tuesday, 28th February - 'The Big If' and 'Backs to the Blast - An Australian Nuclear Story'

Tuesday, 20th March - 'The Day After Trinity'

10th April - Boom and Dark Circle

8th May - Dirt Cheap

5th June - Let There Be Light

All films will be shown at 12.30 - 2.00 p.m. in Pentagon Theatre 1 and 7.30 - 9.00 p.m. in Pentagon Theatre 3.

UNIVERSITY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Now is the time to stop hiding your violin under a bushel and join our new chamber orchestra. If you play an instrument we will be interested. Particularly in demand are oboe, bassoon, horn and (of course) strings.

Please ring Marilyn Yatras in the School of Creative Arts with a view to coming over and playing to us.

THEATRE SOUTH'S '84 SEASON

Wollongong's Professional Theatre Company, Theatre South, has announced its 1984 Sesqui-Centennial season.

The Artistic Director, Mr. Des Davis said that the season would include three major Australian plays and the rock opera 'Tommy' made famous by Elton John.

The season will open on March 2nd with Alma de Groen's contemporary comedy 'Vocations' which is being sponsored by Mobil Oil Australia.

The play will introduce two Sydney actors to Wollongong - George Leppard and Jim Kemp. The female roles will be played by Faye Montgomery and Katherine Thomson.

Following a three week tour of 'Vocations', the company begin rehearsal for the rock opera 'Tommy' which will involve a large cast of local actors and a local rock band.

In August Theatre South will combine with Wollongong Arts Council to bring to Wollongong the Q Theatre production of Peter Kenna's play 'A Hard God'.

August also brings to Wollongong one of Australia's foremost playwrights, Dorothy Hewett who will be writer-in-residence at Wollongong University during that period. Miss Hewett will work with Theatre South during rehearsals for her most popular play, 'The Man From Muckinupin' which will open in September and climax the Theatre South season.

Theatre South also have other projects planned for 1984 but Mr. Davis said, these productions will depend on corporate sponsorships.

BREAD & CIRCUS COMMUNITY THEATRE

In 1984 Bread and Circus offers:

- * A team of 'Jesters' who provide activities for your picnic, festival, fete, party, fair or school. Including: mask making, kite making, face painting, stilt walking, new games, juggling and badge making.
- * Muralists-on-call: Ready to help with your project in any context.

* Theatre in Education programme:

- : Senior High School. "Confessions from the Male" by Murry Oliver et. al. with discussions after focussing on mens attitude towards sexism.
- : Junior High School. "Smash" - a sharp look at violence and vandalism.
- : Infants and Primary. "Whistle and Snap" - an ever changing popular clown show with music and mirth.

Bread and Circus is also interested in cabaret production.

Look out for monthly notices!!!

WOLLONGONG ARTS COUNCIL

Why not support the Arts in your region? Join Wollongong Arts Council - 1984 subscription is only \$6 per person. Members enjoy -

- * participation rights in W.A.C. activities
- * concession rates to W.A.C. events - a big saving over a year!
- * a copy of "Wollongong Arts Diary" mailed to them.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 1984

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apply for membership of the Wollongong Arts Council and enclose remittance of \$ (\$6 per person per year; \$10 per 2 persons at one address).

Cheques payable to: WOLLONGONG ARTS COUNCIL.
Send to: The Secretary, Wollongong Arts Council,
C/- University Union, University of Wollongong,
P.O. Box 1144, WOLLONGONG. 2500.

SPECTRUM THEATRE PRESENTS "URGE"

Venue: Wollongong Workers' Club Theatre Upstairs
Dates: February 24, 25, 26
March 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18
Times: Fridays and Saturdays 8.00 p.m.
Sundays 4.00 p.m.
Tickets: \$6.00 and \$3.00 concessions (students, unemployed, pensioners, children).
\$4.50 each for groups of ten or more.
Bookings: Phone 291067

World War II has scarcely disturbed the serene existence of Mildred Fogarty in her lighthouse somewhere off the English coast in 1944. The sudden appearance of her long absent daughter Daphne, her grand-daughter Monica, Daphne's French lover Pierre, an American undercover agent, two policemen, and the victim of an unspeakable urge, all on the same day, threaten Mildred's plans for surviving the war. But where is Monica, who is Pierre, what is Adele's mission, and is Mildred's husband really Alfred Fogarty, or is Alfred Fogarty really Malcolm Stevenson? And where does Susan Hardcastle fit in?

This comedy-farce by John Scholes is to be published by Samuel French (London) in 1984. It is the most recent of a series of successful plays to be produced by this gifted local writer, and we hope that it will be an entertaining theatrical offering to Wollongong's 150th Anniversary Programme.

Further enquiries please ring Marie Walsh (director) on 291067.

CAMPUS CHOIR

The Campus Choir resumes rehearsals on 29 February from 12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in the Music Auditorium. Staff and students welcome.

Enquiries to David Vance on 3617.

Advertisements

SALE BY TENDER

The University has the following vehicles for sale by tender:

- 1 - Holden Commodore Sedan - MBL.066
- 1 - Holden Commodore Station Sedan - LOY.321
- 1 - Ford Falcon Sedan - MDT.351

The University offers no guarantees on these vehicles.

Terms of sale are cash or bank cheque.

For inspection phone Mr. E. Foster, ext. 3936.

Tenders close 16th March, 1984.

Tenders should be forwarded in a sealed envelope marked "Tender - Motor Vehicles" to the Supply Officer, Administration Building.

Book of the Week

From Chris Wilder, University Co-op Bookshop

INTRODUCING THE CO-OP BOOKSHOP

The Co-op Bookshop is your bookshop on campus. It is owned by and operated for its 300,000 shareholders and its charter is to provide textbooks for courses. During the exams and summer vacation, we order books from lists provided to us by lecturers in time for first and second sessions. We also provide a special order service and can obtain books from anywhere in the world.

As well as being a text bookshop, we aim to provide the kind of back-up reading material you would expect to find in a campus bookshop. We have an expanded reference section which includes dictionaries of most of the disciplines studied in the University as well as foreign language and English dictionaries. We also have additional, non-text reading in Sociology, Political Studies, HPS, and science subjects. We also have comprehensive sections on natural history and womens studies.

One of the features of the bookshop is the computer book section, the largest range of computer books in the Illawarra. We keep books on all the major machines (as well as most of the less well-known ones) languages and systems. We also have books on advanced graphics and microchips.

As well as books, we stock Hewlett-Packard calculators and Casio hand-held computers, all of which are available at a tax-free price to students.

Also, for the first time, we have available 5¼ inch single-sided, double-density data discs fully certified for use on appropriate disc drives for only \$4.00.

Although anyone is welcome to shop at the Co-op there are real advantages in being a shareholder - the most important being discount on book purchases. Membership is \$12 and is refundable on application at any time after 24 months. This year only, while stocks last, new members have the option to buy a \$6.75 Parker pen for 99 cents when they join the Co-op.

Job Vacancies

Details of the following positions are displayed on the Campus News Notice Board situated at the southern end of the Hut.

James Cook	Research Officer and Research Assistant in Civil and Systems Engineering
AVCC	University vacancies in Australia and overseas
Murdoch	Tutor in Biology
