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This work was included in the recent exhibition of the University's collections "Ilawarra Visions: Collections of the University of Wollongong". Since 1998 the University of Wollongong Art Collection has had a full time curator, a position held by alumnus Glenn Barkley. Glenn, who graduated in 1993 with a BCA from the Faculty of Creative Arts, was the co-founder and co-director of Project Contemporary Art Space in Wollongong. He is currently completing a Masters in Museum Studies.

The art collection of the University of Wollongong is recognised nationally as one of the largest and most important University Art Collections. It includes works by former students of the University as well as works by renowned national and international artists. It has a number of important loan collections and encourages gifts and donations from individuals and companies through the Federal Government's Taxation Incentive Scheme for the Arts.
The University of Wollongong has again been named the Good Universities Guides 'University of the Year' - an unprecedented two years in a row. For 1999-2000, UOW jointly won this prestigious award for "Outstanding Research and Development Partnerships". For 2000-2001, UOW is joint winner for "Preparing graduates for the e-world".

Asiaweek magazine listed UOW among the top 10 universities in Australia. The Hong Kong based Asiaweek is one of the foremost magazines in the Asia Pacific region and its results involved a range of quantifiable categories such as student selectivity, faculty resources and research output as well as peer assessment. UOW, which entered the survey for the first time last year, improved its position in virtually all the listed categories in the latest survey.

UOW is currently recognised as one of the largest sites of information technology, multimedia and telecommunications research in the Southern Hemisphere. In June, Nortel Networks opened its new $A4 million Technology Centre on campus and has committed to investing $A150 million in Australian export, research and development initiatives.

This win caps off a very successful year for the University:

- UOW received the highest number of star ratings in The Good Universities Guide (2001 edition) for the overall educational experience for students and outcomes for graduates. According to The Sydney Morning Herald, this "was the most outstanding all-round performance" of any Australian university. Dean Ashenden, co-author of the Guide said that "during the last decade Wollongong University had achieved outstanding success, primarily due to strong and consistent leadership".

- The Graduate Careers Council of Australia has rated UOW ahead of all other universities in first full-time employment for its graduates. 92.6% of UOW graduates entering the workforce find full time employment compared to the national average of 80.8%. UOW was also listed as equal second for average starting salaries for first full-time employment graduates, despite the fact that the University does not have a medical school. The average starting salary for a UOW graduate is $34,000.

University of the Year
Again!

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Gerard Sutton following the presentation of the University of the Year (2000-2001) award by the Prime Minister, John Howard.
The recent focus by politicians and heads of state on globalisation has thrown up a range of opportunities for positive changes in today's world. Peacemaking, economic opportunities and the sharing of resources can impact favourably on global markets and peoples. The dark side of globalisation however has a number of negative outcomes including the emergence of new security threats and transnational crimes of alarming proportions. Drug trafficking, cyberspace crime, money laundering, people smuggling and political terrorism are just some of the problems in a shrinking world where traditional borders are increasingly irrelevant.

Governments worldwide recognise that transnational crime has become a major threat to both domestic and global security. The complexity and multi-faceted nature of transnational crimes as well as the sophisticated tactics used by criminals pose new challenges for governments and other organisations involved in its detection and prevention.

A number of government agencies have been established worldwide to tackle global crime with the University of Wollongong breaking new ground in setting up the education based Centre for Transnational Crime Prevention. The Coordinator of the Centre, Doug MacKinnon says that "the increasing sophistication of multi-jurisdictional crime requires at least as sophisticated a response employing new knowledge, skills, technology, mandates and lines of communication." It is to this end that the Centre has been established. The Centre is strongly supported by Federal and State authorities in Australia as well as the corporate sector. International support for the Centre is also strong and has resulted in the establishment of an international advisory committee with representatives from ten countries.

Situated in the Law Faculty, the Centre is as multi-disciplinary as transnational crime itself, and firmly rooted in reality. Experts from a variety of disciplines in areas such as Computer Security, Forensic Accounting and International Criminal Law will create a dynamic environment for the study of transnational crime prevention and investigation. From 2001, the Centre will offer both a Master of Transnational Crime Prevention and Graduate Certificate in Transnational Crime Prevention attracting students nationally and internationally from law enforcement agencies including police, customs, immigration and anti-corruption as well as from banking, finance and accounting.

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- Drug production and trafficking
- Environmental crime
- Extortion, including protection rackets
- Fraud: credit card, banking, insurance, passports, visas, documentation
- Illegal gambling
- Illegal immigration
- Intellectual property and copyright violations
- International corporate and white collar crime
- Maritime crime: piracy, cargo deviations, phantom ships, marine pollution
- Money laundering
- Organised crime
- Paedophile activities
- Prostitution: sex slavery
- Smuggling: raw materials, antiques, artefacts, art, alcohol, cigarettes, radioactive materials, gold and precious stones/jewels
- Technology crimes: the illicit use of telephones, cyber crime, defamation on the internet, internet crime, theft over the internet
Chatting with Professor Bob Barry, Head of Psychology, is an enlightening and enjoyable experience. Sitting in his office overlooking the duck pond, he is more than happy to explain the difference between Psychology and Psychiatry, and patiently listen to speculative theories about thought waves and collective memory.

About 250 students are accepted into Psychology programs each year at UOW and the UA (University Admission Index) is very high, particularly for the flagship Bachelor of Psychology degree. This degree has one of the highest entry requirements for such degrees of any Australian university, and is in high demand.

Psychology departments have been in Australian universities for about 75 years and at UOW for more than 30 – initially as part of the UNSW College. The trends of the past mean that most appointments are male, particularly so for Professorial positions, and UOW is no different in this regard. Unlike past trends however, there is now a higher number of female students overall, although the proportion still reduces in postgraduate courses.

Professor Barry was not a pioneer in the Department’s initial formation but his work over the past eight years has ensured that both course work and research are dynamic and innovative. The result of his team’s dedication is a national and international reputation as an outstanding Department with quality staff and exceptional facilities.

Today’s psychologist researches and offers assistance in such areas as brain functioning, memory, learning, psychological development and all forms of psychological problems. As well as working in hospitals, clinics and rehabilitation centres, there is now an increasing demand for psychologists in commercial organisations and industry.

Four-year trained Psych graduates must undertake industry-based supervised training, actually working with the public, before they can gain state registration as Psychologists. Many go on to specialise with fifth and sixth year studies in Clinical Psychology. The Department’s Northfields Clinic, now in new premises on campus, serves as a public clinic and also as a training centre for these students.

The research side of the Department is also impressive. Professor Barry oversees the Brain and Behaviour Research Institute (BBRI), which includes academics not only from Psychology but also from Biomedical Sciences and Marketing. BBRI is researching brain functions underlying many aspects of our thinking and motivation, and is particularly interested in understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). The Department also includes the Illawarra Institute for Mental Health, which links with the Illawarra Area Health Service in more clinically-oriented research projects.

Professor Barry is now turning the Department’s attention towards reaching out to explore the needs of its graduates, and involving graduates more in the life of the Department. He hopes that through a Psychology Chapter, graduates can be supported and contacts maintained. If you would like to be involved in the Psychology Chapter email the alumni office at alumni@uow.edu.au

And what is the difference between psychologists and psychiatrists? Psychologists study human behaviour intensively for at least 4 years in their first degree and often follow that with 2-4 years of Masters/PhD work. Psychiatrists have studied general medicine for 5-6 years, followed by a specialisation in Psychiatry. This focuses on medical aspects of abnormal behaviour, usually emphasising drug treatment.
Professor Rob Castle
Dean of Commerce and Director of International Programs

Five years old at Katoomba where the family would holiday annually.

1968 Graduating with a Bachelor of Economics from Sydney Uni, Rob then went on to complete his Masters. He came to UOW as a tutor in Economics in 1970 and climbed the academic ladder by becoming a lecturer in '73, senior lecturer in '77, Head of the Economics Department and Associate Professor in '91. (You wouldn’t have thought he’d get so far wearing those glasses!)

1961 It was through Geography classes at Manly Boys' High School that Rob began to develop his keen interest and knowledge of international affairs. He has a strong interest in the welfare of the University’s international students and the University's international reputation. Rob is currently the Director of International Programs, a position he has held since 1998. He is also the recently appointed Dean of Commerce.

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The University has appointed Australia's first female professor of Chemistry. Professor Margaret Shell (pictured) is currently working in mass spectrometry, an enabling technology underpinning a better understanding of the molecular processes involved in the onset and treatment of a variety of diseases. Her lab is currently leading the field in studies on drug-DNA interactions, which may in the long term contribute to better treatments for cancer.

Through her appointment, Professor Shell hopes to attract more young women to science. To avert what she believes will be a crisis in science education, Professor Shell is raising the profile of Science, particularly Chemistry and Physics - "It's important to get more young people into science to create that level of excitement that was there in the space age."

Dr Evelyn Scott, Chairperson of the National Aboriginal Reconciliation Council (centre), with Mr Bill Harrison (left), Head of the Aboriginal Education Centre and members of the University community. The Aboriginal flag flies permanently on campus as a symbol of the University's commitment to Reconciliation.

The changing face of UOW:
A number of exciting projects are currently underway:

- The UniCentre bar has been demolished and is being replaced by a UniBar offering all that the old one did (including the famous chip rolls) and more. Terraced areas with courtyards and indoor/outdoor spaces overlooking the duck pond will make that after-lectures-drink and alfresco dining much more enjoyable. The new work is scheduled for completion by Easter next year.

Congratulations to Michelle Jones, Dip. Teaching 1990, and Susan Hobson, Dip. Health and Physical Education 1980, who both represented Australia at the Sydney Olympics. Michelle won Australia's first medal - the silver, for her outstanding performance in the Women's Triathlon; Susan was placed 35th in the Women's Marathon with an outstanding time of 2:38:44. This was Susan's 3rd Olympics having competed in the 10,000 metres in Atlanta and Barcelona. Susan has also represented Australia in the 1990 and 1994 Commonwealth Games. She was the first woman over the line at this year's City to Surf, an annual Sydney race attracting national and international competitors.

And despite being a dual Olympian and Commonwealth Games rower, retired Dean of Education, David Anderson, finally participated in an Olympic Opening Ceremony at the Sydney Games. Because rowing was always a Day 1 event, the rowers had to be fresh for competition and therefore unable to march with the Australian Team. At the Sydney Olympics however, David was able to march as the Olympic Committee Assistant escorting the Malawi contingent which David found "a truly marvellous experience". He also carried the torch in Wollongong proudly handing it over to his daughter Wendy Laidlaw, a basketball Olympian at the Los Angeles games. As a member of the coxless fours, David won Olympic bronze and Commonwealth Games gold and bronze medals. (For full story, see http://www.uow.edu.au/alumni/newsboard.html)
Building 18 is undergoing major refurbishment primarily in the creation of new teaching and research labs. The building will be used solely by the Chemistry department. The Physics department which shared Building 18 has moved to Building 15 and is now part of the Engineering Faculty.

A new building is being constructed at the western end of the campus, adjoining the existing Business School (Building 38). This building will accommodate the Aboriginal Education Centre, incorporate a new entry and reception area for the Business School and provide facilities for the Wollongong University College. Landscaped parking will also be included in the project and all stages of the work are due for completion by October 2001.

Dubai Campus: The NSW Treasurer Michael Egan recently opened the new premises of the University's Dubai campus and Professor James Wieland (formerly Dean of Arts at UOW) has been appointed Dean of Studies. The University of Wollongong is the first foreign university in the United Arab Emirates to be licensed by the UAE Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. The University teaches the same degree programs in Dubai as are taught at the Wollongong campus with exams set by Wollongong academics. Dubai students' results are moderated against those of Wollongong students.

The Shoalhaven Campus of the University was opened in Nowra earlier this year in addition to centres at Batemans Bay and Bega on the south coast. At present, each campus offers a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Arts (Community and the Environment) as well as first and second year studies towards a Bachelor of Commerce. In 2001, subjects will also be taught at the Shoalhaven campus towards a Bachelor of Engineering, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Information Technology.

A number of initiatives have been taking place in the Alumni Office in order to better support you, our graduates in your professional lives.

Our new website, www.uow.edu.au/alumni provides a range of employment opportunities and career updates. A Graduate Newsboard lets you see what fellow graduates are up to while the News section lets you catch up on the latest from the University and activities from the Chapters. Brief, informative and entertaining newsletters are emailed to our graduates monthly and other exciting and innovative programs are currently being planned.

To ensure that you receive information on the services which will benefit you, please send us your email address. An easy to fill in electronic form can be found at www.uow.edu.au/alumni/contactus.html or just fill in the form on the back of the flysheet that came with this magazine.

A large number of alumni volunteers work hard to support the University, its graduates and current students. The work of these Chapter members is outstanding and has been recognised nationally with Lenore Armour from the Education Chapter recently winning the AUAC (Australian Universities Alumni Council) Distinguished Service Award. This award was open to all alumni from each of the 37 Australian universities.

Lenore has been tireless and dedicated in her work for the University community. Among her countless enterprises is the instigation and organisation of the highly successful Mentoring program where alumni who are Principals or Assistant Principals mock interview each final year student in preparation for actual employment interviews. Lenore also organises annual seminars and forums for alumni and the community on wide-appeal educational topics; she has established partnerships between alumni in schools, TAFE and community agencies and organises the process for the selection and presentation of an annual prize to a Bachelor of Education (Honours) student. Lenore promotes the University and its graduates at every opportunity through a variety of avenues including the media. Lenore's generous philosophy of giving something back to the University she loves is inspirational. We congratulate her wholeheartedly on this fantastic achievement.
Anne Hawke 1966-2000
Labour economist

UOW graduate: B.Commerce (Honours) 1988; recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award (Commerce Chapter) 1998.

As family, friends and colleagues gathered to pay tribute to Anne Hawke in September, the full breadth of her achievements and rich contribution to so many fields of endeavour emerged. Tributes flooded in from around Australia and from all over the world. Her enthusiasm, sense of justice and keen intellect were great gifts and it was clear that she shared them abundantly. Hers was an inspiring life cut suddenly short by a cerebral thrombosis.

Anne was recognised for her contribution to the field of economics. She was an innovative thinker and an engaging speaker. She completed her doctorate at ANU in 1992 on "Full and part time work and wages: an application to two countries" which identified factors contributing to work outcomes particularly for women in Australia and the US. She went on to provide further insights into the factors affecting work and labour in Australia, being awarded several fellowships, scholarships and commendations.

Anne was a driving force behind the establishment of the Centre for Applied Economics, School of International Business at the University of South Australia in 1999 and had begun to diversify beyond labour economics to the general field of harm minimisation and organisational reform. In this way, Anne was a leading contributor to the debate on gambling in South Australia and the recent Productivity Commission Inquiry. Anne had also focused on the impact of globalisation on regional development and improved economic outcomes for indigenous people. She received national and international commendation for her innovative approach to these and a variety of other economic policy issues and was a frequent media commentator on labour and industrial relations matters. She had a knack for distilling and making relevant the often dry rational economic concepts that underpin government and organisational policies. By the time of her death, she had published over 70 articles and conference papers.

Anne was as attentive to her personal life as she was to her professional one. She constantly challenged herself and searched for new adventures, chalking up achievements in a variety of fields. She was a scuba dive master, had an air pilot's and boat driver's licence, was accomplished in fencing and karate and won more than 30 prizes for organ and piano performances. She was a keen traveller backpacking through Africa, Europe and North America and later visiting Asia and the South Pacific. Her informal and playful approach to life endeared her to many people. Visitors to the University of South Australia recall lively discussions with Anne over a counter lunch at the local pub the "Worldsend", despite the fact that Anne didn't drink. Her favourite dress code was jeans and tee shirt but she kept a formal jacket behind her office door for 'emergencies'. She was an advocate for public transport and at graduation time, it was no surprise to see Anne and close colleagues climbing out of the bus in full academic regalia.

On Australia Day this year, Anne married Andrew Parrott and together they spent many weekends on their bushland block in the Adelaide hills designing their retreat and replanting native flora. She was intensely family oriented and had a close relationship with her parents, parents-in-law, her brothers and their children.

To quote Nan Stone, editor of The Harvard Business Review, and a supporter of Anne's application for a Fulbright senior fellowship award in 2001 for research in the US, "her record of achievement would be a remarkable legacy for someone twice her age. The fact that she is not able to continue to convert her dreams and passions into actions diminishes all of us - as her friends and, equally, as citizens of one world."

Anne lived by the credo emblazoned above her office computer: "Why let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past or the future: by living your life one day at a time, you live all the days of your life."

Looking Back

1978 - an exciting and eventful year in our history!

Notorious student demonstrations took place to ban, of all things, the duck pond outside the library. Professor John Panter, now at Trinity College Dublin, was in the thick of it and explains why the students definitely didn’t want the ducks.

Things were rather different in 1978. The university was small and struggling to maintain its independence. Physically, the campus would be unrecognisable to students today with the newly-built Library, Pentagon and Science Building clustered at the end of a large empty space which could easily have been used as a sports field.

At the time, I was both Head of the Department of History and Philosophy of Science (HPS) and Chair of the Buildings and Site Committee. In the latter role, my major task was to preside over fierce fights concerning room allocations - a process which severely shook my faith in the rationality of academic behaviour. It was somewhat of a relief, therefore, when the Committee was asked to ratify proposals to construct a large pond outside the Library and to undertake a massive tree planting program in the ‘Green Square’. As funding for the project was coming from reserves which could not be used for academic purposes, we were more than happy to agree.

Coincidentally, my faith in academic behaviour was also being tried by attacks on HPS which had been going on since before my arrival in 1972. By 1978, the fate of the Department was very much in the balance, despite (or perhaps because of) its success attracting and retaining students. Not being entirely stupid, I kept those students well-informed about the attacks but was somewhat taken aback to find that they saw the problem as a choice between funding the pond and funding the Department.

I did point out that the pond funds could not be used for academic purposes but the students, bless their hearts, decided to ignore this piece of information. Thus arose the notorious duck pond demonstrations which attracted a good deal of media attention and even a question or two in the Senate. The SRC joined in with gusto and many students who had never graced an HPS classroom took part.

In the end, all went well. The Department survived and expanded, the Green Square disappeared under the trees and ducks flocked to the new pond. And I acquired an undeserved reputation for machiavellianism.
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