Multicultural Studies finds a new home

The University of Wollongong's Centre for Multicultural Studies moved closer to home late last year when it became established in its new premises at 22 Porter Street, North Wollongong.

Centre Chairman Dr. Andrew Jakubowicz said all members of the University (students and staff) had an open invitation to visit and admire the pleasant and spacious accommodation.

“We are spending a civilised summer instead of one in the ‘coke ovens’,” Dr. Jakubowicz said, referring to previous offices occupied by the centre at inner city building.

“Unfortunately” the offices had glass on the east and west sides so the heat could be unbearable - but at Porter Street all facilities are better. We’re closer to the University, very near to the railway station and have plenty of car parking space available.”

The premises consists of a house that has been converted to offices.
A minor role will soon change to major

MUSIC
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Singers seek new talent

The Wollongong University Singers, formed in 1978, look forward to another year of choral activities, both on and off campus.

Two major performances will be given at the University in the Union Hall. The first will be held in mid-July, and will feature both choral and instrumental music. The second will be the Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 8. In addition, the choir will perform at the Heritage Week celebrations on Friday, March 27, as well as at the Graduation ceremonies.

Two further performances are planned. The choir has been invited to sing for the Marian Congress in June, to be held at St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral; and it will be providing part of the program for the Illawarra Music Club on July 4th.

The choir rehearses weekly on Tuesday evenings from 7 - 9.30pm. There are presently vacancies for new singers, and anyone who is interested is invited to contact the conductor, David Vance, in the English Department, Monday - Thursday, Ext. 430. The choir is open to all members of the University, and to the public. Entrance is by audition, since the choir is limited to no more than twenty members.

Traditionally music plays an important role in the life of a University. In some cases the emphasis is on rigorous study and research, while in others, musical performances are the major involvement.

Where does the University of Wollongong now stand as a centre for the advancement and practice of music?

As this University is one of the youngest on the world scene, it is not surprising that music occupies a relatively minor role, both as a field of study and as a performing art.

However, we can boast of a small number of significant events and initiatives that will contribute towards a growing recognition at both national and international level of the fact that Wollongong is bound to become a major centre in the world of music.

At this point it will suffice to list some of the areas in which this University has a musical involvement, and in later articles I will elaborate on the aspects mentioned.

Firstly, the Department of European Languages course in Italian Opera now in its third year, is a study of Italian opera from its beginning, with emphasis on the relationship between literature and libretto, and also other art forms.

Secondly, the Department of Physics has an involvement in musical acoustics and can boast of a highly successful International Conference last July that attracted some of the world's leading experts from U.S.A., Japan, Yugoslavia, Belgium, Sweden, New Zealand, U.K. and several Australian states. One of the highlights of this Conference was the manner in which science, art and craftsmanship were neatly integrated into a whole picture of the field of stringed musical instruments.

This year we can look forward to the inauguration of the subject, The Science and Art of Music, to be presented by the Department of General Studies with help from the Departments of Physics and English. This will be essentially interdisciplinary in character, embracing music-making, music in society and musical acoustics.

At present the major music-making activities in this University revolve around David Vance's University Singers and concerts arranged by the University of Wollongong Musical Society, which is affiliated with the Union.

Our Union Hall with seating for about 600, and a fine grand piano, will figure prominently in future musical events in Wollongong. This year we can look forward to a regular series of lunch-hour concerts and a number of evening concerts, which will serve both members of the University and the outside community.

There are signs that while music will become increasingly important in this University along with traditional lines, it will also follow new paths, contributing to some of the features which give the University of Wollongong its character of uniqueness and excellence.

FOOTNOTE: Brilliant young Wollongong violinist Richard Tognetti recently was awarded First Prize in the National Youth Concerto Competition held in Brisbane on Saturday, 25th October. Richard performed Mozart's Concerto No. 3 in G Major with the Queensland Youth Orchestra, conducted by John Curro. On the day after the competition, Frederic Rogers wrote in the Sunday Mail "... Fifteen-year-old Richard Tognetti, who took the prize, not only played like a sensitive professional, but also looked the part in his poised and absorbed approach ...." The competition was judged by members of the Sydney String Quartet. The value of the prize was $750. Richard is the son of Dr. Keith Tognetti of the Mathematics Department at the University of Wollongong.

Library directory

The Wollongong City Library, with the New South Wales Board of Adult Education, is compiling a directory of classes, course and leisure activities available for adults in the region.

To assist in the task the City Library asks for the assistance of teachers, instructors and group leaders of adult classes, courses and leisure activities in the City to contact the Community Information Service on 28 3411 or the City Reference Library on 29 9111 Extension 311 with details.
Commonwealth Education Minister Mr. Wal Fife has announced that the means test for the dependent spouse allowance under the TEAS scheme would be eased for 1981.

The maximum rate of the dependent spouse allowance for 1981 under the scheme was increased from $30.40 to $42.70 a week in the 1980/81 Budget.

For 1981 the full allowance would be payable for any week in which the dependent spouse did not earn in excess of $30 from any source except the family allowance, Mr. Fife said.

The current limitations are $10 a week from employment and $1000 annually from interest or dividends.

The dependent spouse allowance is not payable where the spouse receives a pension from the Departments of Veterans' Affairs or Social Security, excepting the family allowance.

Mr. Fife said the changes for 1981 would also apply to the Postgraduate Awards Scheme and the Adult Secondary Education Assistant Scheme.

Fellows elected

The President, Professor A.G.L. Shaw has announced that six scholars have been elected Fellows of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia. The newly elected fellows are:

Mr. Harrison Bryan, Director-General, National Library of Australia.
Dr. A. J. Hagger, Reader in Economics, University of Tasmania.
Professor E. J. Hannan, Statistics, Australian National University.
Professor J. W. McCarty, Economic History, Monash University.
Dr. Carole Pateman, Reader in Government, University of Sydney.
Professor J. G. Wallace, Education, Deakin University.

Library guide draws praise

Judges in the 1980 Library Public Relations award noted that the University of Wollongong Library had submitted an introductory guide videotape and commented that it had interesting originality in presentation through a personal storyline, Librarian Mr. Jeff Hazell reported.

He said 31 entries had been submitted for the award, which was sponsored by the Australian Library Promotion Council. The entries included 12 from universities and colleges, six from schools and one from a State library.

"Of some significance to the city of Wollongong was the fact that the Wollongong City Library won the national award for its film "Alice in Library Land", being the outstanding creation in library promotion submitted for 1980," Mr. Hazell said.

The film was on 16mm, and aimed for the under 10 audience. The Judges commented that "its pace, music score, storyline and costume characters are certain to appeal and hold attention.

Collection grows

The University's collection of monographs and serials should total 200,000 volumes by this year.

This will be a significant resource for the Illawarra although small compared with major university libraries in Australia.

More than 20,000 volumes were added to the collection in 1979, according to the library's recently-released annual report.

The Resources Division committed $539,980 for monographs, serials and binding. The university matched the earmarked Grants which were available from 1976-78.

The Cataloguing Division progressed satisfactorily and, within the Retrospective Cataloguing Project, 21,744 volumes had been processed by the end of 1980. The project should be completed by the end of this year.

The Information Services Division again relied heavily on part-time students for night and weekend openings.

Loans of monographs and serials increased by 2.2%.

Inter-library loans requested by libraries outside Wollongong increased by 13.7% which reflects the growing value of the collection.

The number of over-the-counter loans in April last year was 20% higher than April 1979.

OVERSEAS NEWS

The sixteenth International Course in European Integration, sponsored by the University of Amsterdam and the Netherlands Universities Foundation for International Co-operation (NUFFIC), will be held from 10 September 1981 to 30 April 1982. Participation is open to young graduates in law and economics. For further information contact the Registrar, NUFFIC, P.O. Box 90734, 2509 LS The Hague, The Netherlands.
SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, GRANTS

Details of the following items are available from the Student Enquiry Office, Ground Floor, Administration Building. Closing dates are in brackets.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY, Evan Lewis-Thomas Law Studentships and Scholarships, (March 1, 1981)

CAMBRIDGE COLLEGE RESEARCH STUDENTSHIPS, (March 1, 1981).

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT GRANTS.


AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, Scientific Exchanges with Japan.

AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF HUMANITIES, TRAVEL GRANTS, (June 30, 1981).


FRENCH GOVERNMENT SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS 1982.


ENGLISH SPEAKING UNION (N.S.W. BRANCH) SCHOLARSHIP FOR 1981.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - International Course on Rural Extension in the Netherlands, 1981.

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY, Wheat Industry Research Council (March 2, 1981)

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY, Oliseeds Research Committee Grants 1981/82.

AUSTRALIAN MARINE SCIENCES ASSOCIATION, Junior Travel Prize and Student Prize (6 and 27 March, 1981).

AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF HEALTH SERVICE ADMINISTRATIONS, Administrative Training Programme.

ANZAAS ESSO ENERGY AWARD (end February 1981)

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY, Richard Claude Mankin Scholarship in water conservation (February 27, 1981)

AINSE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS (February 28 and August 31, 1981).


JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY OF NORTH QUEENSLAND, Programs in Special Education.

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN, Georgia Sweet Fellowship. (July 31, 1981).


HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS 1981/82 (May 22, 1981)


CONFERENCE, SEMINARS, SYMPOSIA

Details of the following items are available from the Development and Planning Office, Room G09, The Hut (ext. 955).

SYMPOSIUM AND PHOTOMICROGRAPHIC COMPETITION, "Quantitative Microscopy", Macquarie University, 18 - 20 May, 1981.

WORKSHOP ON RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Townsville, July 13 - 16, 1981.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIAL STUDIES LEADERS, Macquarie University, 9 - 12 July, 1981.


RESIDENTIAL WORKSHOP - EDUCATION OF DISABLED ADULTS IN COUNTRY AREAS, Armidale, February 20 - 22, 1981.


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