1984 SUMMER SESSION A WINNER!

By Peter Wood

Over 600 participants enrolled in credit and non-credit subjects as part of the 1984 Summer Session. The session, the second conducted by the University, has been an outstanding success.

The majority of participants were students already enrolled at the University who took the opportunity to complete additional subjects towards their degrees. Indeed, some students were able to complete requirements for their degrees during the session and will now be able to graduate at the forthcoming Graduation Ceremonies.

Fifty five of the enrolments in the Credit Subjects were from people who had not previously enrolled at the University.

The Summer Session is obviously fulfilling its major aims, namely:
- to provide students already enrolled at the University with the opportunity to undertake extra subjects towards their degrees;
- to open the campus to the community and to give people who may not otherwise do so the opportunity to undertake University level and other subjects.

Enquiries were being received for the Summer Session well before the session was advertised indicating the acceptance of the session within the student population as well as in the community outside.

SUMMER SESSION REVIEW

A Committee has been formed by the Academic Senate to review the 1984 Summer Session. The Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chairman of the Academic Senate, Professor King, and with representation from each of the Faculties will be meeting towards the end of March.

The Committee would welcome comments on the Summer Session, its courses, its organisation and its effectiveness as well as suggestions and proposals for improving future Summer Sessions.

Students and staff are invited to submit comments for presentation to the Committee to Peter Wood, Room 119, Administration Building or to Professor King no later than 16 March, 1984.

STUDENT ELECTIONS

Nominations are called from students enrolled at the University for student positions on the following University Committees:
- the Academic Senate - five students
- the Faculty of Commerce - eight students
- the Faculty of Education - four students
- the Faculty of Engineering - eight students
- the Faculty of Humanities - fourteen students
- the Faculty of Mathematical Sciences - four students
- the Faculty of Science - eight students
- the Faculty of Social Sciences - six students
- the School of Creative Arts and Community Studies - three students
- the Board of Studies of the School of Creative Arts and Community Studies - two students
- the School of Industrial and Administrative Studies - three students
- the Board of Studies of the School of Industrial and Administrative Studies - two students
- the General Studies Committee - one student
- the Physical Facilities Committee - two students
- the Library Committee - two students.

The closing date for nominations is the 19th March, 1984.

FULL DETAILS ON ELECTION NOTICES ON UNIVERSITY NOTICE BOARDS.

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. Featuring “The Relative Band” with Colin Denley and 9 internationally acclaimed artists from Poland, U.K., Holland, Japan and Australia.
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.
3.30 p.m. Drama entertainment from the English Literature and Drama Department.
4.15 p.m. Close.

Note: University Busses 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

“Campus News” wishes to publish regular news about the movements of our graduates.

News would be welcome from readers who know of our graduates’ whereabouts.

MANAGER NEEDED FOR UNIADVICE

A suitably qualified person is sought for the position of Manager of Uniadvice.

Uniadvice is the academic consulting arm of the Friends of the University and is a member of the Australian Tertiary Institutions Consulting Companies Association; Uniadvice was established less than 2½ years ago but has already attracted and developed a substantial and wide range of consultancy contracts in engineering, metallurgy, testing and many other areas. We are now expanding Uniadvice as part of the University’s contribution to the community.

The Manager will be appointed to the staff of the University. Applicants should possess a University degree or possess extensive relevant experience.

Salary: A salary in the vicinity of $24,000 per annum is envisaged but a higher rate may be negotiated if a suitable applicant is forthcoming.

Equality of employment opportunity is University policy.

Enquiries to Mr. B.J. Meek, Secretary/Manager of the Friends (telephone 270082).

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR’S 150TH ANNIVERSARY HERITAGE WEEK SEMINAR

“Education: Can We Help The Disadvantaged”

6 and 7 April 1984, Union Hall, University of Wollongong.

Who are the disadvantaged? What are their problems? What can we do about them?

Friday 6 April, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. - A panel discussion on “Who are the disadvantaged?”
Chairman: Dr. Ken McKinnon, Vice-Chancellor
Speakers:
* Mrs. Jean Blackburn AO (previously of the Education Commission)
* Professor Lauchlan Chipman (Professor of Philosophy at the University of Wollongong and Visiting Professor of Jurisprudence at the University of Sydney)
* Mr. Patrick Eltridge (student)
* Sr. Rita Hayes, Principal of St. Mary’s College.

Refreshments at 9 p.m.

Saturday morning 7 April, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

“Problems of the Disadvantaged”
* Aborigines: Bob Morgan (NSW Education Comm.)
* Migrants: Mike Morrissey (Centre for Multicultural Studies)
* Women: Cathy Bloch (T.A.F.E.)
* Unemployed/Retrenchment: Ken McCarthy (Principal of Warrawong High School)
* Independent Schools: Sr. Rita Hayes (Principal of St. Mary’s College)
* Education: An Environmental/evolutionary perspective: Dr. Tony Hulbert (Biologist)

Lunch (no charge) 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday afternoon 7 April, 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

“What Can Be Done”
Chairman: Professor Ron King (Professor of Education and Chairman of Academic Senate)
Several people will summarize from their own perspectives, including:

Professor Ron Johnston - Professor History and Philosophy of Science.
Mr. John Maguire - Regional Director of Education.
Professor Chipman and Mrs. Jean Blackburn AO will reply and the Vice-Chancellor will close the Seminar, which may resolve on future courses of action.

ALL WELCOME: PLEASE COME.

Letters

Sir,

The Biology Department runs a 200-level subject entitled “Evolution and Ecology of Man”. Recently the two staff members responsible for this subject proposed that the name be changed to “Human Evolution and Ecology” in order to remove what might be seen as a sexist bias in the title. I was not willing to approve the change for reasons set out below. The issue was discussed at some length by our academic staff and it turned out that we were equally divided on the question. At first sight this might seem a trivial matter for departmental discussion but the ramifications of both the proposal and the decision not to implement it are extensive. I consider that the matter needs airing within the University and for that reason I bring it to your attention.

The argument for the change of title took the following line. The word “man” can be ambiguous; in some contexts it can have sexist implications that might give offence and help perpetuate discrimination against women. That could possibly be true of “Evolution and Ecology of Man” so why not change the title to one that adequately describes the course but does not give offence? The proponents of this point of view were motivated by a more positive and sincere attitude to the problem than this brief summary can suggest. They felt strongly that our language should change in keeping with changing social attitudes and indeed that we should encourage change in language in an attempt to bring about desirable shifts in attitudes. This is essentially the position taken in a FAUSA document circulated within the University last year (B. Davies, “Towards Non-Sexist Language”).

We were in complete agreement that there was discrimination, that it was deeply rooted in our history and reflected in our language, especially in that part of the vocabulary derived from the word “man”. Furthermore, there was reasonable agreement that “Human Evolution and Ecology” described the course almost as well as the original title and there was no serious reason for rejecting the proposal on the basis of its intrinsic meaning. (There are some semantic arguments in favour of the old title but they are minor and, in themselves, not worth worrying about.)

So what are the problems? The word “man” has two meanings that are distinct and quite specific. It is also frequently given a third use that is less specific. Thus, in common with many words in any language, it is ambiguous and depends on context for resolution of the ambiguity. The two specific meanings are: (1) the species Homo sapiens sapiens (the so-called generic meaning) and, when qualified by a suitable adjective e.g. Neanderthal, Peking etc, a closely related species; (2) the adult human male. The third use is responsible for much of the confusion. “Man” is sometimes used as the equivalent of “person” as, for example, in the famous quotation from Thomas Jefferson cited by Davies, “All men are created equal”.

If these uses are clearly understood, there can be no serious challenge to the first two. Both the species and its male demonstrably exist and must be called something. I doubt if even the most ardent feminist would disagree with that. A major problem in attempting to deny the generic use of “man” is that it is the only common noun in English for H. sapiens sapiens. In a strict sense, that is also true for its use as “male”.

A change in the title of “Evolution and Ecology of Man” for the reasons given, therefore, would have amounted to a declaration that this Biology Department, in its official transactions, will not use the only noun available for our species because its use and interpretation are sometimes misunderstood. By implication it would also mean that we are willing to see this fundamentally important word deleted from our language when there is no alternative noun to replace it. I cannot agree to this.

Our responsibility as educators is to ensure that our terminology is accurate and precise and, to the best of our ability, ensure that our meaning is understood by those whom we address. Our role is not to facilitate or encourage misdirected linguistic surgery because a critically important word is misunderstood and misused in some quarters.

Davies, in the FAUSA document, cites various examples of confusing uses of “man” or “men” that can quite fairly be labelled sexist. In each case the English is sloppy and can be criticised on semantic grounds. The quotation from Jefferson already cited is apparently an example of the third, imprecise use of “men” to mean people. (One must assume that Jefferson did not intend the precise meaning of “males”. “Man”, the species, does not and cannot have a plural.) It can be assumed that whenever “man” is used in this way, the user has not thought much about what he really intended to say. (If I were to follow a recommendation by Davies, I should have phrased the preceding sentence “... the user has not thought much about what they really intended to say.” I am not going to do that either.)

Our language would be none the worse for the abandonment of this third use of “man” but it would be seriously impoverished by the loss of either of the other two. Would anthropologists, for example, really be expected to talk about “Neanderthal person”? They would probably prefer to delete him from the records and pretend she never existed. “Man” is also used as a verb, of course, but it could be unwise to attack that. I am far from convinced that the order “staff the pumps!” would find immediate acceptance.

One does not have to be either a psychologist or a political scientist to recognize that one of the major problems of human relations over the whole spectrum from individuals to nations is the misunderstanding that can arise from inadequate communication, an inherent part of which stems from uncertainties in the use of language. The antidiscrimination lobby has done a service by bringing to general attention many of the inadequacies and ambiguities in English and reminding us of the effects, sometime subtle, sometime blunt, that these can have on our social attitudes. If, in turn, this reminder leads to both a lessening of discrimination and more thoughtful and precise channels of communication, then much will have been gained. If, on the other hand, the result is a dismemberment and distortion of English, then we will all lose something and I doubt very much if anyone will benefit.

A.D. Brown, Dept. of Biology 29 February 1984

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Dear Faculty and Staff,

My warmest greetings from a fellow American. My name is Jerry R. Moody from the state of Florida in south United States. Currently I am in the U.S. Navy on a seven month Mediterranean Sea deployment. Being at sea enables myself to visit many countries, but unfortunately not Australia. I have heard many wonderful things about your country and I've always wanted to visit. A friend of mine on my ship also has the same aspiration to visit this place of paradise, so he and I have made plans to attend college upon completion of our naval enlistment. To better prepare myself for such a venture, I was hoping you could arrange a few student pen pals from your university whom I may contact, I am greatly interested in learning of your country's styles and cultures, and I believe someone of my interest and age would be better in helping myself develop a basic idea of Australian life styles and customs. In return I would gladly give students of interest information regarding the U.S. in any applicable areas that could be provided. Also if desired, I will send your students a brief autobiography of myself to better know my interest and personality. In closing I would like to add that I am very sincere towards my professional and educational goals and assistance you may provide will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

OMSN J.R. Moody,
USS Detroit AOE-4,
FPO New York, N.Y. U.S.A.
Navigation Dept. 09567.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY
19th March, 4 p.m., Room G25 Metallurgy Department.
"Thyroid Function in reptiles and mammals" - Tony Hulbert, University of Wollongong.

26th March, Room G25 Metallurgy Department.
"Bats" - Sue Churchill, Australian National University.

ENGINEERING AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
Bundeena, Sydney, 6 - 8 April, 1984.

CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC
11th and 18th March, 5.30 - 7.30 p.m.
Linda Vogt, well known authority on posture and breathing techniques will speak on "Understanding Breath, and the Importance of Balanced Posture".

13th March, 7 p.m.
Schubert Piano Recital by Raisa Dobrinsky.

18th March, 2.30 p.m.
A recital for flute and voice by Peta Blyth, Prue Page and Patricia Williams.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LITERATURE AND DRAMA
The African Writer, Bessie Head, who has been attending Writers' Week at the Adelaide Festival, will speak on living and writing in rural Botswana at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 15th March, in the Union Common Room.

General Notices

ADMISSIONS CENTRE — NEW NUMBERS
Following the re-organisation of staff in the Admissions, Enrolment, Postgraduate and related matters section, the internal telephone directory should be amended as follows:

Marie Patterson 3796 Post-graduate
Cathy Bernardi 3796 Matters
Sylvia Huntley-Moore 3794 Undergraduate Admissions and Enrolments
Barbara Smith 3789 Enquiries, undergraduate scholarships, exchange programs
Susan Sallans 3924 Secretary

ARGS & MARINE SCIENCE APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE
The 1985 ARGS Applications are now available from the Finance Office and the closing date for these is 4th April, 1984.

The 1985 Marine Science and Technologies Applications are also available from the Finance Office and the closing date for these is 11th April, 1984.

AUIDP NEWSLETTER
The Newsletter of the Australian Universities’ International Development Programme is displayed on the "Campus News" Notice Board.
UTAH FOUNDATION

The Annual Report of the Utah Foundation is available in the Friends office. This University has yet to attract a grant from Utah.

SECURITY

A number of petty thefts from offices, workshops and laboratories have occurred over the vacation.

Staff are asked to be aware of these thefts and to take adequate precaution in the protection of University and personal property.

Staff are also asked to report any theft immediately to the Patrol Supervisor, Evan Foster, by phoning ext. 3936.

PLEASE CO-OPERATE

As the signs indicate, you are parked in a ‘No Parking’ area.

Please co-operate by not parking in such areas.

Your impeding of the traffic flow can only inconvenience other users of the Campus.

If the main car parks are full, you will probably find parking space in the Northern Car Park (near the Sports Pavilion), or in the Eastern Car Park (the grassed area east of Administration Building and towards the Freeway).

Your co-operation would be appreciated by all.

1984 GRADUATION CEREMONIES

Ceremony Details:

There will be six Graduation Ceremonies in 1984, all in the University Union Hall, with details as follows:

10.30 a.m., Wednesday, 2nd May:
- Engineering, Mathematical Sciences and Metallurgy.
2.30 p.m., Wednesday, 2nd May:
- Commerce and Science
10.30 a.m., Thursday, 3rd May:
- Arts: BA and BA(Hons) (surnames A-M); Diplomas, MA(Hons) and PhD.
2.30 p.m., Thursday, 3rd May:
- Arts: BA and BA(Hons) (surnames N-Z); Education (Faculties sector); DipEd, MStudEd and MEd(Hons)
10.30 a.m., Friday, 4th May:
- Education (all Institute courses by internal study)
2.30 p.m., Friday, 4th May:
- Education (all Institute courses by external study) and Creative Arts.

GOETHE INSTITUTE

The Newsletter of the Goethe Institute is displayed on the “Campus News” Notice Board.

EARTHWATCH

The Journal of the Earthwatch Expedition is available in the Friends Office. Earthwatch is calling for volunteer workers in the 1984 Earthwatch Expedition.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROJECT

The Project Office has an expanding library of books and pamphlets relating to Equal Employment Opportunity. Titles include:

- Labumore: Elsie Roughsey. An Aboriginal Mother ... Penguin.

In addition, there are pamphlets relating to employment and welfare, maternity leave, sexual harassment, and issues concerning Aborigines, together with copies of the Affirmative Action Handbook by Alison Ziller.

This list of titles is a sample of literature which is available for all staff members to borrow. Additional titles will be printed in forthcoming issues of Campus News.

Staff wishing to borrow any of the above material may do so by visiting the Project Office in room 123, top floor of the Administration building, or by telephone ext. 3917.

Copies of the Affirmative Action Handbook may also be borrowed from the Library.

INSURANCE

All insurance matters are now the responsibility of the Planning and Development Section. The responsible officer is the Finance Officer, Mr. Hugh Brandon, and all insurance matters, including claims, should be referred to him.

Where claims affect ‘Plant and Equipment’ or losses are a security matter, the Buildings and Grounds Section should also be notified.

SCARP CALLING

A call for submissions of creative writing and graphics by students and staff to the May issue of SCARP, Wollongong University’s creative writing magazine.

Please send copies of your work by either:

a) Mailing it to James Wieland, Dept. of English Literature and Drama, Wollongong University, P.O. Box 1144, Wollongong, 2500., or

b) Leaving it with the Secretary of the Dept. of English Literature and Drama.

If you want your work returned, enclose a stamped self addressed envelope.
Concerts, Exhibitions and Entertainment

WEDNESDAY GALLERY

4/328 Crown Street, Wollongong.

Paintings, pots and paraphernalia.

Open Wednesdays only 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Enquiries to Bev - Phone 283853.

March Special Feature - Paintings by Peter Krak.

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 Feust, 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.
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.

Department of Science and Technology
1984 Kalinga Prize for the Popularization of Science

Consulate General of Italy
XXVIII Competition for admission to "Scuola Superior Enrico Materi"

ANU
Davidson Awards for Pacific Islanders and Niuginians

Dept. of Education and Youth Affairs
Scholarships and Travel Grants for study in West Germany

Job Vacancies

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

Wollongong
Secretary - Department of Business Policy and Operations
Manager - UniAdvoc

NSW
Professor of Government - Duntroon

Murdoch
Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Cell Biology of Plant Physiology

Northern Land Council
Research Officer in Anthropology

James Cook
Snr. Tutor (Aboriginal Education)

ANU
Research Fellows in Applied Mathematics, Nuclear Physics, Biological Nitrogen Fixation

United Nations
Various Posts

Illawarra Ethnic Council
Welfare Worker

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.

WANTED TO RENT

Furnished waterfront cottage Huskisson/Vincentia areas of Jervis Bay, for occasional weekends/holidays. Please contact Elizabeth Johnstone, E.E.O. Project, ext. 3917.

WANTED

A second-hand bicycle to suit a 4-6 years old. Please contact ext. 3923.

UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC SOCIETY

The Catholic Society holds Mass at 12.40 p.m. each Thursday during term time in the Union Common Room or the Northern Lounge where appropriate. Fr. Clem Hill, Catholic Chaplain, tel. 284941.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

To all those academic and support staff who assisted in the busiest enrolment and re-enrolment period ever, thank you. Without your co-operation and help, the Student Administration staff would have found these last few months even more difficult. Planning has already begun to improve the operation for next year and any constructive suggestions would be appreciated. Again, thank you.

Trevor Brew,
Senior Assistant Secretary,
Academic and Student Services.