1985 SEES UPSURGE IN ABORIGINAL INTAKE

By Arthur Smith, Lecturer, Education.

During Orientation Week staff of the Faculty of Education were delighted to welcome 10 new Aboriginal students. Most of the students are in teacher education. For some time Faculty members have been keen to increase Aboriginal access to the field of teaching.

Recent publications such as the National Aboriginal Education Committee Report: Aborigines and Tertiary Education (1984) and the Australian Vice-Chancellors’ Committee response (November, 1984) support Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission challenges to improve Aboriginal student access. The July 1983 Guidelines for the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission (CTEC) identified Aboriginals as the group in Australian society: “most starkly under-represented across courses, institutions, and sectors within tertiary education ... and (as with other disadvantaged groups), they have been deprived of much that their society offers and society has been deprived of the contribution they could make.”

The need for more Aboriginal teachers at all levels of education has been cited by a succession of national reports as urgent. The present Government has been challenged by the NAEC to produce 1,000 Aboriginal teachers by 1990. At present, of approximately 60,000 teachers in N.S.W. only 47 are Aboriginal. Mr. Robert Morgan, President of the N.S.W. Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) and Commissioner for Education, noted in 1981 that: “Since a quarter of Australia’s Aboriginal population lives in N.S.W., this would mean 250 Aboriginal teachers in N.S.W. by 1990.”

The University of Wollongong is at least attempting to assist the NAEC and AECG in reaching this important goal. Admission records at the University indicate that 16 Aboriginal students are presently enrolled. This figure represents an encouraging increase on last years Aboriginal student enrolment.

Although the NAEC Report referred to above identifies “the training of Aboriginal teachers” as “the priority field for the 1985-87 Triennium” other fields in urgent need of graduates (as listed by Aboriginal people) included: law, medicine, nursing, management and administration, linguistics, anthropology, communications, social work, economics, politics, environmental science, education apart from teaching (e.g. administration, curriculum development).

Present Aboriginal students are distributed by School and Faculty as follows:-

Aboriginal students at an Orientation Week function

| School of Nursing                  | 1  |
| School of Creative & Performing Arts | 1  |
| School of Industrial & Administrative Studies | 1  |
| Faculty of Education              | 13 |

At a meeting of the Wollongong Branch of the N.S.W. Aboriginal Education Consultative Group last week Mrs. Linda Davis, Manager of the Aboriginal Community Centre, said that the Aboriginal community was extremely pleased about increased Aboriginal enrolments at the University. She said they were pleased, also, with the level of Aboriginal staff involvement and the positive role models and opportunities being communicated to Aboriginal young people.

There may well be other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled who have not identified themselves as such, or have not yet contacted Aboriginal support and counseling staff working at the University.

Any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student who has not already done so is cordially invited to meet with staff and students as soon as possible at the Aboriginal Education Unit (Building D10, Ext. 3776). Any other staff member or student who wishes to visit the Unit is also most welcome.
LEAL ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE ASSOCIATION

At the recent Congress of the Australasian Universities Language and Literature Association held in Melbourne, Professor Barry Leal of the Department of European Languages was elected Chairman of the Standing Committee for the next two years.

Founded in 1950, AULLA is the oldest and largest association of its kind in Australia and New Zealand. It currently has over 800 members, the majority being drawn from the 28 Australian and New Zealand universities, but there are also members in Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Hong Kong, North America and the United Kingdom.. AULLA is affiliated to over a dozen institutions and learned bodies active in language and literature in Australia and New Zealand. Overseas, the Association is represented on the executive of the International Federation for Modern Languages and Literature, which in turn is linked with UNESCO.

AULLA exists in order to advance study and research in all fields of language and literature, both classical and modern, in the universities and tertiary institutions of Australia and New Zealand. Within the limits imposed by distance and resources it also seeks to give help and support to colleagues working in the Asia-Pacific region. AULLA publishes a scholarly journal, AUMLA, which appears twice a year and enjoys wide circulation abroad.

As Chairman of AULLA Professor Leal has as specific aims to increase the membership of the Association and to pursue, on its behalf, certain of the recommendations of the recently released Senate Report on a National Language Policy.

General Notices

12TH WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL — MOSCOW

A local group of citizens is organizing for a Wollongong delegation of four of our youth to join the 40 member delegation attending the 12th World Youth Festival in Moscow on 27th July - 3rd August, 1985.

They are conducting the local part of the National Poster Competition for school students on the theme of "Peace and International Friendship". The first prize in the competition is a return air fare to Moscow.

The competition closes on 8 May and entries should be sent to the National Support Committee, 289 Sussex Street, Sydney, N.S.W. 2000.

IRERC CONFERENCE ON LITERACY

The Illawarra Region Educational Research Council is holding a conference on Literacy on Saturday, 10 August. Professionals working in the areas of psychology, reading, politics and education will present papers, with opportunity for participants to respond and ask questions, according to the established pattern of IRERC conferences. Problems of literacy applying to children, adults, immigrants and other groups will be addressed. Further details are available from Mr. Graham Hendry, Secretary, or Dr. de Lacey, Chairman, on 3728.

COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Mr. Trevor Brew, Senior Assistant Secretary (Academic and Student Services) is keen to gather together colour slides and photographs for use in University public relations projects.

To this end he is offering $50 in prizes for the best colour slides and photographs of the campus. First prize is $25, second prize $15 and third prize is $10.

Any photographer who wishes to compete should submit a print and negative together with the entry form below before 15 March 1985. There is no limit to the number of entries that a photographer can make. The members of the judging panel will be announced later.

Colour Photograph Competition Entry Form.

Name...........................................................

Address...........................................................

Telephone......................................................

I hereby agree to hand over copyright of the enclosed photograph(s) to the University of Wollongong.

Signature...........................................................

Date..........................................................

ASSERTION TRAINING by Beth Urwin

Many women find that their interaction with others, both at work and in their personal lives, is a source of considerable stress and difficulty. To be able to express your needs and opinions clearly while being aware of your own rights and the rights of others in part of developing your own personal power.

To this end, an Assertion Training Group for women will be conducted at the University Counselling Centre by Beth Urwin. The group will operate probably on one evening per week (although day time could also be possible) for 2 hours over 8 weeks. It will focus on:

1. discriminating between non-assertive, assertive and aggressive behaviours.

2. identifying and developing a belief system of personal rights and the rights of others.

THE GREENERY

"The Greenery" (formerly Institute Canteen) has re-opened and will operate as a great new eating place offering not only a traditional range of cafeteria snacks but also a major service of vegetarian meals and health foods.

The Greenery is located on the edge of the Institute Hockey field, just 100 metres north west of the Pentagon and is within easy walking distance of the entire campus. Just look for the palm trees.

Opening hours — Monday to Thursday from 8.45 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. Fridays from 8.45 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT ASSOCIATION

WUNDA meetings are held every second Thursday at 12.30 p.m. in the Private Meeting Room. Dates for first session are:

21st March, 11th April, 9th May, 23rd May, 6th June, 20th June, 4th July.

All members and interested people are invited to attend.

UNION WORKSHOPS

Vacancies still exist in the following Union Workshops—

Photography with David Brooks
Further your knowledge in this interesting and stimulating art form. Classes start 18th March Mondays 7 - 9 p.m. Only $25 for 6-week course - all materials supplied.

Nutrition with Garry Dawson
Learn the art of survival - How to buy, cook and eat on today's budget. Your body and budget can only benefit. Classes start 11th March Mondays 12 - 1.30 p.m. Just $24 for 10-week course.

Spinning and Weaving with Grazyna Speer,
Enjoy this popular creative art. A free introductory class Monday 18th March 5.30 - 8.30 p.m. But book - limited numbers. Then start your 6-week course for only $24.

Today, Friday 8 March the overseas students will be taken on a guided tour of Wollongong including the City Gallery and the Town Hall. The tour buses will leave the front of the Union Building at 3.00 p.m. At the end of the tour the buses will take the students to a BBQ at the top of Mt. Keira (starting at 6.30 p.m.) and the Friends are also invited to this event. If the weather is bad, or if there is a fire ban, the BBQ will be held in the Sports Pavilion starting at 6.30 p.m.

Could any member of the Friends who is interested in this project ring Giles Pickford on 270073.

SENIOR CITIZENS DAY AT UNIVERSITY

About 80 senior citizens are expected to attend at the Union Hall on Thursday, 21 March, for an event that has now become a regular feature of Senior Citizens Week.

The programme for Senior Citizens Day at the University is set out below:

10.30 am Morning Tea
11.00 am Professor Ron King, Chairman of the Academic Senate, will introduce Emeritus Professor Geoffrey Brinson who will address the audience on the concept of a stimulating intellectual life for retired people, as exemplified in the College for Seniors (Australia) Elderhostel (USA) and the University of the Third Age (France).
11.30 am A short play by Bread and Circus
12.30 pm Concert by the Palm Court Ensemble
1.00 pm Free lunch and an opportunity to speak to Miss Doreen Gillam and Mr. Rod McConchie of the Department of English Language on Wollongong Place Names
2.00 pm Dr. Winifred Mitchell will speak on the continuation of the Oral History Project which will be taken one step further during Heritage Week, 15-21 April 1985
2.30 pm "Lost in Space" a talk by Glen Moore of the Planetarium Society
3.00 pm "Disabled People" a talk by Lyn Gow of the Faculty of Education
3.40 pm "Disabled People" a talk by Lyn Gow of the Faculty of Education
4.00 pm Close

Further details about the seminars are shown on the 'Campus News' noticeboard.

MATHEMATICS SEMINARS

Thursdays, 1.30 p.m., Room 204 Austin Keane Building

March 21
Dr. V.C. Drastik,
Department of Mathematics, Wollongong University

March 28
Dr. Graham Williams,
Department of Mathematics, Wollongong University

April 18
Dr. Chris Coleman,
Department of Mathematics, Wollongong University
Letters

The Editor,
Campus News.

Dear Sir,

Dr. de Lacey's recent letters in Campus News constitute a valuable contribution to the equal employment opportunity (EEO) debate in universities. He raises a number of issues which have not been debated satisfactorily in our universities. The paucity, and at times, rejection of a frank debate on the desirability of the introduction of EEO programs is a sad commentary on the propensity for critical appraisal that universities have not bothered to offer in this debate. Dr. de Lacey argues that the introduction of EEO programs, involving the setting of 'targets' erodes the traditional merit selection criteria, which concentrate on personal achievement. His views have been criticised sharply by a number of his fellow academics. Nevertheless, his criticism fails to appreciate that the setting of a 'target', test it be a meaningless and redundant concept, pressures equal employment opportunity coordinators into designing minimum qualifications, justified by business necessity, which are necessary for the successful performance of an academic function. Indeed, if it can be proved that insistence on a high occupational qualification has a disparate impact on women because, statistically, more men than women possess this qualification, then this proof will usually be followed by a demand to exclude it from the job description, EEO coordinators, in their zeal to achieve the 'target', deny that universities have opened-ended degrees of excellence and are instrumental in promoting the fallacious idea that all applicants who meet the academic job description are equally well qualified. My argument that the setting of a 'target' leads to a constant weakening of the concept of 'business necessity' is underscored by a recent article entitled 'Affirmative Action in Academia' (Australian Quarterly, vol. 56).

The writer of that article suggests that research competition should not be considered as a genuine occupational qualification because "it constitutes a form of indirect discrimination against women." This discrimination, using the language of that writer, stems from the 'fact' that "the concentration on published works ignores or accords little weight to women's generally greater involvement with teaching, running of courses and pastoral care of students." For the reasons explained above, Dr. de Lacey's warning that the setting of 'targets' may result in the appointment of some persons who are not as able as others to contribute to and to profit from their involvement with the role of a university, is eminently reasonable.

Dr. Gabriel Moens

Staff Changes and Movements

APPOINTMENTS FROM 1.2.85 to 25.2.85

Mr. L. Duncan, Lecturer II, School of Creative Arts
Mr. J. Langridge, Deputy Uni. Secretary, Uni. Secretary's Division
Dr. C.J. Coleman, Lecturer, Mathematics

Mr. P.L. Dawes, Lecturer, Business Policy and Operations
Dr. L.A. Maciaszek, Lecturer, Computing Science
Mr. R.T. Harper, Lecturer I, School of Creative Arts
Dr. A.J. Boeg, Lecturer II, School of Health Sciences
Dr. J.B. Gross, Lecturer I, School of Health Sciences
Mr. B.A. Moore, Lecturer, Mechanical Engineering
Dr. P.W. Wypych, Lecturer, Mechanical Engineering
Dr. S.G. Pyne, Lecturer, Chemistry
Dr. L. Jayamanne, Lecturer, English Literature & Drama
Mr. M.D. Bray, Lecturer, Economics
Mr. J. Netherton, Lecturer, Accountancy & Legal Studies
Ms. S.E. Hopkins, Teaching Fellow, Economics
Dr. V.K. Wan, Lecturer, Accountancy & Legal Studies
Dr. P.R. Nickolas, Lecturer, Computing Science
Ms. M.A. Lees, Lecturer, Business Policy & Operations
Ms. G. McMurtrie, Secretary, Chemistry
Mrs. S. Lewis, Clerk, Planning and Development
Mrs. L.M. Morris, Professional Officer, Mathematics
Mr. J. Whitehead, Teaching Fellow, Mathematics
Ms. L. Scott-Murphy, Lecturer II, School of Creative Arts
Mr. R.P. Handley, Lecturer, Accountancy & Legal Studies
Mr. E.D. Moore, Visiting Teaching Fellow, Accountancy and Legal Studies
Mrs. K. Cooper, Teaching Fellow, Accountancy and Legal Studies
Mr. M. Er, Teaching Fellow, Accountancy and Legal Studies
Mr. D. Platt, Lecturer, Electrical & Computer Eng.
Miss M. Miller, Secretary, Technology Centre
Ms. J. Sheridan, Secretary, Economics
Mr. E. Walker, Operations Supervisor, Computer Centre
Mr. R.B. Swift, Lecturer, Teaching Fellow, Mathematics
Dr. M. Guilhalls, Lecturer, Chemistry
Dr. J.C. Ianitzi, Research Associate, European Languages
Mr. L.M. Farnell, Lecturer I, School of Health Sciences
Mr. D.W. Stone, Computer Trainee, Computer Centre
Ms. F.A. Martin, P/T Technical Officer, Chemistry
Mr. P. Bezzina, Computer Operator, Computer Centre
Dr. W.S. Bowie, Lecturer, Computing Science
Dr. E.J. Steele, Lecturer, Biology

DEPARTURES

Mr. B. Howland, Operations Supervisor, Computer Centre
Dr. R.A. Witton, Head, Centre for Multicultural Studies
Mrs. M.Y. Whitton, Secretary, Chemistry
Mrs. L.A. Stothard, Library Technician, Library
Mr. M. Dean, Lecturer, Sociology
Mr. C. Colella, Teaching Fellow, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Mr. G. Stonehouse, Lecturer II, School of Creative Arts
Mr. L. Fantinel, Tutor, Psychology
Dr. N. Smith, Lecturer, Electrical & Computer Eng.

Sport

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

A knockout championship tournament for men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles will be held in 1985. The tournament is open to all students, academic and general staff of the University.

Players interested are advised to keep an eye open for entry sheets which will be posted on various notice boards around the University campus.

Further enquiries to Keith Baxter ext. 3792 or 287541 (home).
Research Grants

Enquiries to Trevor Smith on ext. 3079.

GRANTS IN THE AREA OF AUTISM

The Apex Foundation’s Autism Trust seeks applications for projects promising to advance the knowledge, treatment or prevention of autism or to promote the health, welfare or general well being of autistic persons. Application forms and information are available from the: National Secretary, Federation of Autistic Children’s Association of Aust., P.O. Box 56, Canterbury, Vic. 3126.

Closing date for applications is definitely 30th April, ’85.

ARGC 1986 GRANTS

Applications are now being called for Australian Research Grants Scheme Projects for 1986. Forms can be obtained by telephoning extension 3079, and whilst the closing date is 10th April, 1985, they must be returned to Trevor Smith, Planning and Development Section, by 1st April, to allow for internal processing and forwarding.

Concerts, Exhibitions

and Entertainment

TALENT ROUNDPUP

Kris Morgan, the Union’s Cultural and Activities Officer, needs talented people in the fields of music, art and design to help in entertainment happenings throughout 1985. She will be auditioning in the Southern Lounge and people who are interested should ring now.

The talent quest nights will be:

- 21st March — 8.00 - 11.00 p.m.
- 18th April — 6.30 - 9.30 p.m.
- 6th June — 6.30 - 9.30 p.m.

To audition contact Kris Morgan, Union Office, Tuesday to Friday or phone ext. 3781 a.s.a.p. Don’t miss out.

CITY OF WOLLONGONG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Wollongong Town Hall — 8 p.m.

March 9
- Angela Stender, Alexandra Stender, violin;
- Vanessa Woodhill, Michael Scriven, recorders;
- Glenda Snyder, organ; University Singers; David Vance, guest conductor.

Bach - Concerto in D Minor for two violins
Brandenburg Concerto No.4 in G
Handel - Organ Concerto in B Flat Op.7 No.3 ‘Hallelujah’
Bach - Cantata No.80 ‘Ein Feste Burg’

1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR CONCERT

Free 1985 International Youth Year Lunchtime Concert
Tuesday 19th March from 12.40 - 1.20 p.m. same venue — Edmund Rice College Band.

Edmund Rice College Band has been in existence for 16 years under the School Bandmaster, John Flynn.

The Band is a regular competitor in State and National Compositions, and held the Australian Junior Championship in 1974.

The Band also attends the State Secondary Schools Competition and Festival at Sydney Boys’ and Girls’ High Schools, annually.

During the year the City of Wollongong sees the Band in the Town Hall, as well as visits to other Junior and Senior schools, for performances.

Students of the Edmund Rice College Band progress to the Wollongong Miners’ Federation Silver Band, which is a City Band sponsored by the Coal Miners of the Southern Coal Field, and is an extremely active band presenting concerts throughout Wollongong and the Sydney area.

The Edmund Rice College Band will be competing in the Australian Band Championships in Melbourne during Easter 1985.

Organised by the University Union.

SCHOOL OF CREATIVE ARTS — ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH 1985

Entrance 4 University of Wollongong All Welcome

Concerts — 8.30 p.m. — Music Centre

Friday, March 29th — SCAW Ensemble - Conductor Andrew Ford. Mozart/Ravel/Haubenstock-Ramati.

Exhibitions — Long Gallery

Monday, March 25th to Sunday, April 14th
John Baily A.M., Retrospective. Open to public — 10.00 to 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday.
Saturday and Sunday 2.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

History of Art Lectures Music Centre 9.30 Mondays

March 11 - Richard Wagner - ‘Revolutionary Hedonism’, Andrew Ford
March 18 - Claude Debussy - ‘Sound for sound’s sake’, Andrew Ford
March 25 - Claude Monet - ‘Waiting for the Light’, John Eveleigh

Fine Arts Theory Lectures Music Centre 8.30 Tuesdays

March 12 - Sociology and the Visual Arts. Richard Hook
March 19 - Criticism (open forum). Andrew Ford
March 26 - Style and Idea I. Professor Edward Cowie.

Poetry and Prose Reading — Drama Hut

Tuesday March 26 — 8.00 p.m. Members of the Writers’ Club will read their own works. Visitors, if they wish, may also read their works.
BASKETRY WORKSHOP


Learn how to make a basket from your own backyard.

The Wollongong Arts Council is supporting a two-day workshop in basketry for people interested in learning more about this ancient craft.

A two day workshop is being held by Robin Jeffcoat at the Mt. Keira Demonstration School and the cost is $24 for the weekend.

Numbers are strictly limited to 15 places so please book early by phoning: Robyn O'Brien, 270567; Lesley Sullivan, 294286.

Materials will be supplied and will include familiar natural plants such as Watsonia, bulrush, grapevine etc.

FOR SALE

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Job Vacancies

Details of the following positions are displayed on the Campus News Notice Board situated at 49 Northfields Avenue.

Massey, N.Z. Chair in Mathematics
Newcastle Lecturer in Electrical and Computer Engineering Chair of Drama
Wollongong Programmer, Microcomputer Centre
Macquarie Chair of Mathematics Chair of Education Canadian Visiting Fellowship 1986 Postdoctoral Fellowship - Mathematics Tutor in English Research Assistants in Biology
Flinders Research Associate in Harmonic Analysis of Particular Lie Groups
RMIT Records Manager
Adelaide Research Fellow in Chemical Eng. Snr. Teaching Fellow in Chemistry Administrative Officer Gr. 1

Advertisements

Advertisements in "Campus News" are repeated each week until withdrawn, OR, until new advertisements push the old ones off the end of the column, whichever occurs first.

FOR SALE

Corolla CS 1981 car. 61,000 km. $5,800. 4 door manual sedan. Radio/cassette. Feb. 1986 registration. Phone 3639 or 613161 (home).

FOR SALE

Vegetable seedlings, 80 cents per punnet. Lettuce, Silver Beet, Brussels Sprouts, Broccoli, Cabbage and Cauliflower available now. Contact Sue on 270023.

HOLIDAY HOME FOR RENT

Talbingo, NSW — close to skiing at Mt. Selwyn, water sports and fishing all year round. Lakeside cottage, 3 bedrooms, sleeps 8, fully equipped kitchen. Reasonable rates. For information phone 71-1998. Ideal for family holidays.

FOR SALE (CAR)

Datsun 120Y Auto. (May 1978 registration), one owner, only 40,000 km., service book, $3,150. Telephone ext. 3510 or 286021 (home).

FOR SALE

1982 Datsun King Cab Ute. White, 5 speed, tow bar, radio/cassette, 24500 km. LSM798 — $6,800. Will O'Neill (ISON) 270976 (Home) 717525.

WANTED

Old cameras, magic lanterns, stereo cards and viewers - anything related to the history of photography. Please contact Peter Pavlik, Dept. of Chemistry on 270513 or 841247 (private).

TO LET

Oceanfront Woonona — large 2 bedroom fully furnished, carpeted flat including colour TV and auto, washing machine. References required. $95 p.w. Contact 270693 (bus. hours).

HOLIDAY HOUSE FOR RENT

Batemans Bay - modern comfortable cottage, 2 bathrooms, accom. 5/6, bush setting, minutes from beaches, golf club and town. Enquiries: Tel. 291380 a.h.

LOST

1 package containing a box of Sartorius filter separators. A package containing 2 rolls of red and 20 rolls of orange, 2.5 cm wide plastic tape. If you have seen it, please ring Ann Lee ext. 3905.

HOUSE FOR RENT


HOUSE FOR SALE

Mount Ousley - 10 minutes walk to University, 3 bedrooms, double garage, quiet neighbourhood - located in Ramah Avenue. $67,500 or nearest offer. More information at 273410 - after business hours.

HAVE YOU ASKED UNIADVICE TO HELP ORGANIZE YOUR CONFERENCES AND SPECIAL SHORT COURSES?

ENQUIRIES TO PETER SOPHIOS — 270076