NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING OPENED AS PART OF 25TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

The only surprising things about miracles is that they sometimes happen. An apparent near-miracle appeared to have happened on campus on or just before April 3.

There can have been few of those of us who trudged through the muddy approaches to the new Administration Building only a couple of weeks or so ahead of its scheduled opening date who didn't experience a twinge of scepticism. It did appear then that nothing less than a miracle was needed to complete the construction work on time. Adding finishing touches seemed out of the question.

Yet, mirabile dictu, everything went well on the night. After massive efforts by builders and contractors, grounds staffers and landscapers, the mud was suddenly transformed into roadways. Brick pathways appeared almost overnight. Trees were planted and surrounded by bark. Turf was laid to provide instant lawn.

Inside, the building's bare walls were transformed by the School of Creative Arts' John Eveleigh and his assistants who hung at high speed splendid works from the University's collection. (One of those is Guy Warren's Archibald Prize-winning portrait of Bert Flugelman — on loan. There appeared a new Flugelman sculpture, paintings by local artists and a striking wooden carving entitled The Embrace, by Johann Hanepen, a retrenched steelworker who studied at the School of Creative Arts during his enforced retirement.)

The University's policy of allocating up to one per cent of the cost of a building wherever possible to purchase works of art was very much in evidence.

Equally indicative of the effort to meet a deadline, the Registry floor, since the move from the old building covered with two and a half truckloads of files, suddenly showed carpet.

The guest list for the official opening ceremony was limited to around 200. The aim was to have people there who had been involved in the early development of the University. These included members of the Mayoral Appeal Committee established in 1959 to raise funds and works for the establishment of a University College, current

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Before the official opening, with the rear of the new Administration Building in the background, a group of visitors is taken on a conducted tour of the campus

For pictures taken at the opening pp 4,5
COALITION ON EMPLOYMENT

COE is considering establishing a Community Research Register which would contain a list of specific research proposals and general research needs as expressed by community groups in the Illawarra region. COE would send a questionnaire to all the appropriate community groups with which it has links in an effort to gauge what these research needs might be.

Results of the questionnaire would be stored on computer at COE and would be accessible to university staff and students who could use the register as the basis for framing research topics. COE hopes that this register will facilitate communication between community groups with research needs and university staff and students with research resources.

Until the questionnaire is sent to community groups it is difficult to know exactly what their research needs are. However, it would seem likely that the kind of information they would be interested in might be:

- local detailed statistics covering their area of activities;
- detailed case studies from other states and overseas which might be relevant to their own activities;
- information on recent debates on topics in their area of activities;
- detailed background information on particular sub-regions within the Illawarra.

Those interested in being involved in this project are asked to contact Ian Watson, Coalition on Employment, PO Box 419, Wollongong East, 2500 (tel. 272611).

New Administration Building opened

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staff members who were at the University since 1962, and ex-staff members who were there then.

Also invited were first graduates. (The first graduation ceremony took place in 1963. There were 14 graduates then — all male.)

Early Council members were invited. Also present were ex-directors of the Institute of Education, members of the City Council and key city people, Deans of Faculties, Heads of Departments, Council members, Fellows, Friends and Emeritus Professors, Members of Parliament, representatives of industry and commerce, as well as representatives from the firms of architects, consultants and builders involved in the construction of the building.

The official opening and unveiling of a commemorative plaque was by Stewart West MP, federal member for Cunningham and the Minister for Housing and Construction. The choice was wholly appropriate since Mr West's family moved to Wollongong in 1941. He was educated at Wollongong High School.

In his speech Mr West recalled that 25 years ago the then University College had had 300 students and 24 teaching staff, that the college became an autonomous institution — The University of Wollongong — in 1975, and that the University and the Institute of Education amalgamated in 1982.

Today the University has some 8,000 students, 400 academic staff and 500 administrative and support staff, The Minister predicted that by the year 2000 the University's student population could be between 10,000 and 12,000. Completion of the new building, he said, marked the development of the University from a small regional institution into one of national importance.

The themes of other speakers were laced in general by nostalgia, and by reports of achievements past and future aims.

There were speeches by the Chancellor Mr Justice Hope, the Vice-Chancellor Professor Ken McKinnon, the Lord Mayor of Wollongong Mr Frank Arkell. The points were made during these addresses that the new building is a cost-efficient design built to make maximum use of natural light, ventilation and views. Cost of the building, which was borne by the Federal government, was $3.9 million. It was designed by Wollongong architects Graham, Bell and Bowman. It was constructed by local builders and local consultants. And wherever possible local labour, local products and local materials were employed.

Finally, Emeritus Professor Geoffrey Brinson spoke on behalf of the long-serving members of the staff and made a presentation of a ceremonial stave to the University.

 Himself one of the original staff members, Professor Brinson recalled the small group of buildings that first represented the University College, located as they were in the midst of an empty and even desolate expanse of campus. And how, as the procession at the first graduation ceremony moved to the tent in which the ceremony was held, the steelworks band broke into a spirited rendering of You'd be Far Better off in a Home. And how some of the assembly might have managed a wry smile.

It was Emeritus Professor Brinson who on behalf of the staff of 1962 presented the ceremonial stave to the University. Said he: 'I understand that in the past the stave was used to beat a path for the Chancellor through the crowd: it is seldom so used today, I think'.

The stave was made in the University workshops from Tasmanian black bean and the silver ornamentation was crafted by a local jeweller. Said Professor Brinson: 'We see it as commemorating both a landmark in the life of the University, and also our own long and happy association with the University'.

Catering for the ceremony was by the University Union. Food and service were both par excellence.

George Wilson
for 9–11 years ONLY.
Duration: Four (4) half (½) days
Date: Tuesday April 21 — Friday 24
Ages: 6 — 11 years ONLY
Places: Maximum 20 kids per group (40 places)
Cost: $55
Introductory Programming for Kids: This course provides an introduction to programming the personal computer in the popular language BASIC. The examples and programs considered represent problems that are relevant to children of the ages specified.

Three (3) groups available: Day group 9.30 am — 3.30 pm,
Evening group A 4.30 pm — 9.30 pm, Evening group B 4.30 pm — 9.30 pm
Duration: Four (4) days or evenings
Date: Tuesday April 21 — Friday 24
Ages: 10 years and over
Places: Maximum 20 kids per group (60 places)
Cost: $85

Where are these courses? The University of Wollongong, Entrance 2, Building 22, Microcomputer Laboratories, Northfields Avenue, Wollongong.
Inquiries and registration forms: Phone Anna on 270484
9 am — 1 pm daily for details and registration forms.

ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA FIFTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Oral History Association of Australia’s fifth biennial conference entitled ‘Oral History in the 1980’s: Boom or bust?’ will be held at St. John’s College, Sydney University, between May 15 and 17. Keynote speaker will be Professor Patrick O’Farrell from NSW University.

The Saturday sessions will also include speakers critically examining the role of government funding in oral history projects; oral history and aboriginal history, oral history and women’s history and oral history on the screen. A workshop on equipment and how to use it will be run later in the afternoon.

The conference dinner will be in the dining room at St John’s College and the after-dinner speaker will be Associate Professor Peter Spearritt from Macquarie University.

Further information and registration forms from Ruth Thompson, 25 Musgrave Street, Mosman 2088; telephone (02) 9603476.

GLORIA STEINEM ON SEX AND POWER

American feminist, author and journalist, Gloria Steinem, will speak on this topic at the Great Hall, University of Sydney at 6.30 pm on Monday May 25.

Gloria has been an effective and courageous advocate for women in the United States for many years.
She will be in Australia for eight days on a promotional tour for her new book on Marilyn Monroe, the woman behind the legend: Marilyn Monroe: Norma Jean.
This book has been widely acclaimed in Europe and the United States. Gloria agreed to write it provided the proceeds were spent on projects for children.

Great Hall Lecture — free.
Chair: Professor Di Yerbury, Vice-Chancellor, Macquarie University.
Dinner to be held afterwards in the Holme Building at the University with Gloria Steinem as guest of honour — $30 per head.
Cheques to be made to: Gloria Steinem Dinner, Send to EEO Unit, University of Sydney, Sydney, NSW 2060.
Numbers for dinner will be limited.

NEWSLETTER OF RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

‘Innovation Inventory’ is a new monthly newsletter of innovation, invention and research.
It is designed to show industry what Australian innovat-
ors are offering and to promote a cross-flow of information between industry, researchers, and private inventors. It is proposed to devote a fair amount of the newsletter to university-based research.
Submissions from researchers are invited. Copy for publication should be sent to the editor, Jane Richardson, ‘Innovation Inventory’, 3a Dumbarton Street, North Sydney, NSW 2060.

P.S.A. NEWS

At the PSA management committee meeting held on March 26 our area organiser, Alf Whiddett, gave a brief resume of his work in the S.E.A. region. He expressed his interest in helping members of our sub division with any future problems.
A meeting was held in Sydney on March 25 with the Agencies Industrial Officer David Care. Present from the University were Ron Parker and Tony Kent. Some of the matters discussed were the promotional barriers applying to some secretarial staff, the 10/14/17 day dispute and the two tier wage case. Also discussed were problems individuals were having with compensation and other matters.

Ron Parker and Tony Kent also attended the March meeting of the Government Agencies Divisional Council; one of the agenda items was the two tier wage case.

Tony Kent
Hon. Secretary

Concerts, Exhibitions and Entertainment

IN REHEARSAL

In rehearsal at the School of Creative Arts are two productions for performance in May.

Shakespeare’s ‘Twelfth Night’ playing at the Workshop Theatre, Keiraville, from Wednesday April 29 to Saturday May 16 playing Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and at Theatre South ‘Blake’ an Australian play about the English poet performing May 20, 21 and 22 only.

GALA CONCERT – WALTZ WITH JOHANN STRAUSS

Introduction to the Strauss family, slides and music, two well-known overtures and waltzes.

Concert organised and presented by pianist Nadia Kokot together with guest artists Toni Bonetti, violin; Gregory Eiomogliou, cello; Nadia Kokot, piano, courtesy of ABC.

Wollongong Town Hall (Theatre), Friday May 8 at 8 pm.
Tickets from Keyboard Clinic, telephone 280297.
Admission: $10.50, concession $6.50, students $5.

EASTER BREAK

Because of the Easter holidays (April 20 to 26) there will be no issue of Campus News on April 21.
The next issue will therefore appear on April 28.
Deadline for copy for that issue will be Thursday April 16.
The opening ceremony was performed by Stewart West MP, the Member for Cunningham, and Federal Minister for Housing and Construction. On the right above is the engraved brass plaque which Mr West unveiled after his address to the 200 or so guests. Among the guests were members of the original Mayoral Appeal Committee set up in 1959 to raise funds for the establishment of a Wollongong university college.

Fanfare for University's quarter century - and opening of new Administration Building
The speeches over, the Chancellor Mr Justice Hope, the Vice-Chancellor Professor Ken McKinnon and Emeritus Professor Geoffrey Brinson with the presentation ceremonial stave and its box.

Pausing by The Embrace, School of Creative Arts carving in the new building, is Mr R. Parry, Chairman of the New South Wales Higher Education Board.

Among the guests at the opening ceremony was journalist, benefactor and founder member of the Friends of the University of Wollongong, Miss Ethel Hayton, seen here with the Chancellor.

Scene in the Council chamber during the speeches. In the middle foreground will be recognised Deputy Vice- Chancellor (Services and Development) Professor Peter Rousch.

Adding a touch of tropical exotica to the grounds of the new Administration Building is a cluster of cotton palms, uprooted and replanted from a nearby on-campus area.

Pictures on these pages by John Titchen.
The following sources of research funds are now available to members of academic staff. Further information including application forms may be obtained from Annette Read (ext 3386) or Ian Strahan (ext 3079). Intending applicants are reminded that all research applications must be forwarded through the Office of Research and Postgraduate Studies.

OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

The Overseas Telecommunications Commission has invited tenders to undertake a study of the human factors aspects of telemeetings. Closing date with the University is April 27.

NATIONAL ENERGY RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

Applications are invited for grants to conduct energy research, development and demonstration projects. Applications with strong industry involvement will be particularly welcome as will be proposals for collaborative research involving industry. Applications aimed, wholly or in part, at the technology transfer of research results to users are also invited. Closing date with the University is May 11.

RESEARCH INTO MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Applications are invited for grants from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society of Australia for research related to multiple sclerosis. Support is provided for approved clinical, laboratory-based or epidemiological studies. Applications from suitably qualified persons for post-doctoral fellowships will also be considered. Closing date with the University May 20.

PROGRAMMING ASSISTANCE FOR RESEARCHERS

The Board of Research and Postgraduate Studies invites applications from researchers for short-term computer programming assistance during 1987. Applications may be lodged with the Secretary at any time. Inquiries to Annette Read, ext 3386.

NATIONAL HEART FOUNDATION

The National Heart Foundation of Australia has invited applications in the following areas of support: grants-in-aid; fellowships, travel grants; scholarships. Applications close with the University on May 20.

RIKKYO UNIVERSITY, JAPAN FELLOWSHIPS

Rikkyo University in Tokyo, Japan is offering up to four Research Fellowships for three to 12 months in the humanities, social sciences or natural sciences during the 1988/89 academic year. Applications close with the University on May 20.

THE HISTORY OF CULTURE IN AUSTRALIA – PRIZE AND AWARD

As part of its contribution to the Australian Bicentenary, the Australian Academy of the Humanities is offering in 1988 a Prize and an Award for outstanding work on the history of culture in Australia.

For both the prize and the award work will be considered that contributes significantly to the understanding of the arts, or the sciences, institutions, policies, or any other area of culture. Applications close on September 30.

CRIMINOLOGY RESEARCH

Applications are invited for funds to undertake research into the causes, correction and prevention of criminal behaviour, including the dissemination of information and advice and the publication of reports, periodicals, books and papers in connection with criminological research and the results of criminological research. Applications may be lodged at any time.

AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF HUMANITIES TRAVEL GRANTS

The Australian Academy of the Humanities is offering two grants-in-aid for short-term study abroad during 1987-88 to scholars working in the field of the humanities. The grants are normally $1000 each, paid as a contribution to the cost of one return airfare between the applicant’s place of employment in Australia and his/her centre of research abroad.

Applications close on September 30.

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Scholarships and Prizes

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS – SINGAPORE

The National University of Singapore awards Research Scholarships to outstanding local and foreign university graduates for research leading to a master’s or doctor’s degree in various disciplines at the University. The Scholarships are tenable for one year in the first instance and, subject to satisfactory progress, renewable annually for another two years. Application forms may be obtained from The Registrar, National University of Singapore, 10 Kent Ridge Crescent, Singapore 0511, Republic of Singapore.

Requests for application forms should state: (a) the field of research you intend to undertake; and (b) your highest educational qualification.

WHEAT RESEARCH COUNCIL

The Wheat Research Council of the Department of Primary Industries have invited applications for two postgraduate scholarships to undertake wheat research.

Applications close with the University on April 21. Application forms and further information can be obtained from Annette Read, ext 3386.
The following lists the current extension numbers which differ from those in the Internal Telephone Directory. Please amend your copy accordingly.

ACADEMIC SERVICES
Cooper, Ms M. – 3947
McKinnon, Miss S.K. – 3866
Read, Ms A. – 3386
Read, Mrs L. – 3866
Wilson, Mr G. – 3391
Yatrakas, Mrs M. – 3943

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Finance Office
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Davey, Mr R. – 3922
Galleher, Ms S. – 3911/3922
Lamb, Ms A. – 3485

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Mos, Mrs M.J. – 3027
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Hogarth, Mr R. – 3934
Limon, Mrs B. – 3929
Raikes, Ms W. – 3946
Sampson, Mr R. – 3798

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Nunn, Ms V. – 3921
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Sailants, Mrs S. – 3795
Whitehouse, Mrs V. – 3789

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Bernardi, Ms C. – 3084
Jones, Ms L. – 3944
Kikeluk, Ms A. – 3795
Lowe, Mr S. – 3083
Robinson, Ms H. – 3803
Skinner, Ms S. – 3903
Werner, Mrs C. – 3923

EEO
Franklin, Mrs F. – 3030
MacLeod, Ms P. – 3917
Stanman, Mrs J. – 3917

CURRENT VACANCIES
† Administrative Officer, Financial Services, closing date April 16
† Clerk, External Studies, closing date April 16
† Administrative Assistant Grade 1/Graduate Assistant Grade 1, Buildings and Grounds, closing date April 16†
† Administrative Assistant Grade 1/Graduate Assistant Grade 1, Office of Research and Postgraduate Studies, closing date April 16
* Lecturers (several positions) (tenurable or limited term), Human Movement/Sports Science, Health Sciences, closing date April 17
* Lecturer (half-time, limited term), Science and Technology studies, closing date April 21.

Further details: for those vacancies marked †, Gary Graham ext 3935, for those vacancies marked *, Ross Walker ext 3934.

STAFF CHANGES
NEW STARTERS
Mr W. Mantaj, Professional Officer, Biology
Mr H. Gonookusumo, Teaching Fellow, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Ms P.A. Baird, Part-time cleaner, Halls of Residence
Ms J. Barry, Cleaner, Halls of Residence

TRANSFER
Ms O. Pardo, Cleaner, Halls of Residence

ALMOST HUMAN
Third-year student (BCA) in the School of Creative Arts, Niall McPherson, is the first BCA student to have a project show in the Wollongong Art Gallery. The exhibition was previewed on Thursday evening of last week and remains open until May 10. The exhibition comprises 11 works, all acrylic on canvas. The exhibition is entitled Almost Human.

In these paintings strange animals walk and stand in a world where they are comfortable and man is uneasy. He is not the most important and he is not in control of his situation. The paintings are about our world not as it is but as it could be.

Niall also has a painting in the University Collection in the new Administration Building.
STRATEGIES FOR COMMUNICATING WITH THE HEARING IMPAIRED

We recently had an opportunity to meet consultants and hearing-impaired students on campus, in an effort to examine the special problems people with this type of disability encounter during their day-by-day life at university.

Some of the information garnered was so useful we thought it worth sharing. The following points relate to anyone dealing with people with a hearing disability:

1. Be aware that English is a second language for the deaf. Consequently, many deaf people find reading difficult.
2. Always face a deaf person when you speak.
3. Use a lot of body language and facial expression.
4. Link vocabulary with action, materials or equipment. Emphasise words you want the person to know by writing them down. Point to items you are speaking about and act out any sequence of events that is important.
5. Use simple language and short sentences. However, try to help enlarge the deaf person's English vocabulary as in point 4 above.
6. For lecturers, the following may be helpful:

Write your name and the name of the subject you teach on the board when you first teach a class with a deaf student. Write a lesson plan or the topic with sub-headings on the board so the deaf student can follow the progress of the lesson. Point to each sub-heading as you begin to talk about it. If you digress from the lesson plan or give an aside, indicate this to the deaf student.

Use as much visual material linked with language as possible – pictures + words or sentences; diagrams + words or sentences; acting, gesturing, body language, sign language + words; topic headings, lesson plan, posters with labels, labelled equipment.

Write all announcements to the class on the board, such as notice of tests, excursions, room changes, time to return from a break, and particularly, assignments.

It is important to remember there is considerable variation in the range of people who are classified as deaf. Some lipread extremely well, others scarcely do so at all. Some deaf people have almost normal language; in others it is barely functional. (This has nothing to do with the intellectual capacity or motivation of the deaf person, rather it relates to the type of hearing impairment, and the time of onset.)

Most deaf people hear some sounds; very few are totally deaf, but even with efficient hearing aids they will miss out on many of the sounds that we hear, and other sounds will be grossly distorted to them. What sounds they hear depends on whether their dysfunction is in the high or low-frequency range.

Hearing aids amplify background noise as well as speech sounds, and a noisy environment may prevent a deaf person from effectively using what hearing they have. Too much noise can also be extremely tiring and irritating to them.

In certain kinds of deafness, hearing levels fluctuate. A person who hears quite well one day, may have considerable difficulty the next.

If you want more information on this complex subject contact the EEO office and we will obtain it for you, or put you in touch with the consultants who can help.

Peg MacLeod
EEO Co-ordinator

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

Date: Tuesday, April 14 – 4.30pm
Speaker: Dr Mark Dowton, Department of Biology, Deputy Vice-Chancellor's Research Unit, University of Wollongong.

Topic: Neuropeptide metabolism in chicken retina

Date: Tuesday, April 28 – 4.30pm
Speakers: 4.30 pm Mrs G. Thampapillai, Department of Biology, University of Wollongong.
5.00 pm Mr S. Ali, Department of Biology, University of Wollongong.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY – BIOMEDICAL EVENING SEMINARS 1987

Each Seminar will be preceded by a char grill dinner at 6.30 pm in the Union Bistro. Those interested in attending the dinner should contact Dr E.J. Steele before the designated evening so that appropriate bookings can be made. Seminars will begin at 8 pm in Lecture Theatre G.19, Building 35. This series is sponsored by the Department of Biology and the School of Health Sciences. The assistance of Dr Stephen Anderson is acknowledged.

Wednesday April 15 — Professor B. Morris, Department of Immunology, John Curtin School of Medical Research, Canberra
— Experimental Surgery of the Foetus and Embryo.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

Session 1 seminars are to be held on Thursdays in Room 18.206 at 11.30 am.
April 16 — Dr Robert Toia, Department of Organic Chemistry, University of New South Wales

Topic — Insect Chemistry
April 23 — Prof A. Bond, Department of Chemistry, Deakin University

Topic — Electroanalytical Chemistry

SEMINARY/DISCUSSION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

Wednesday April 15 at 12.30 pm, Pentagon Theatre 3.

Ken Livingston: 'Red Ken' or Man of the People?
Ken Livingston became Chairman of the Greater London Council in 1981 – under him the GLC became a highly innovative experimental council concentrating on problem areas and giving support and affirmative action to disadvantaged groups in the community.

Livingston also set up the Greater London Enterprise Board which supported locally based socially useful and environmentally minded industry.

‘Red Ken’ and the Greater London Council became so popular that they more or less became the de facto opposition to Margaret Thatcher to the extent that the GLC was sacked by the Thatcher government. Ken Livingston is now a Labour candidate in the UK.

For more information telephone (042) 270691.

MUSIC ON GOOD FRIDAY

The University Singers, directed by David Vance, will present a concert of sacred music by All Saints Anglican Church, Figtree, on Good Friday April 17 at 8 pm. This concert, which includes music by Bach, Palestrina and Purcell, continues a tradition of Good Friday performances given by the choir at All Saints Church. Admission is by donation at the door.