Dr Richards’ worldwide recognition

IN THE last 18 months, Dr Evelleen Richards of the Department of Science and Technology Studies (STS) has received several honours and awards reflecting her high international standing.

A highlight has been her election to the Council of the USA-based Society for Social Studies of Science. Only one other Australian has ever served on the Council — Professor Ron Johnston, also of this University.

Harvard University and the Fidia Research Foundation, in Washington DC, sponsored Dr Richards to attend and present a paper on her researches at the Conference on Ideology and the Life Sciences at Harvard University, April 1989.

The British Society for the History of Science (BSHS) gave Dr Richards a travel award, sponsored by the Royal Society and the British Academy, to feature as the key speaker on Evolution and the Enlightenment at the BSHS Conference at the University of Edinburgh, July 1989.

The Wellcome Trust for the History of Medicine (UK) awarded her a grant for furthering her researches in 19th century British biology and anatomy.

Finally, in March of this year, she was appointed Chairperson of the National Committee for the History and Philosophy of Science, Australian Academy of Science.

Dr Richards, who has just returned from a period as Visiting Scholar at the University of Cambridge, is researching the history of sexual selection in its social and cultural contexts. She chose to take up her Wellcome Trust grant at Cambridge which houses the collected papers and annotated library of Charles Darwin, together with some 4000 pieces of his correspondence.

Dr Richards is also well-known for her contributions to the analysis of contemporary controversies in science and medicine.

She leads an active research programme in controversy analysis in the University, and spent part of her study leave seeing her book — Vitamin C and Cancer: Medicine or Politics? — through its final stages.

The book compares the medical evaluations of vitamin C with those of two conventional cancer treatments.

Dr Richards’ previous publications in the area have engendered considerable medical and media interest.

She has just concluded a review of the Draft Report on the Evaluation of Alternative Cancer Treatments in the United States, which she undertook at the request of the US Office of Technology Assessment.

University phone numbers changing

THE University of Wollongong will change over to a new telephone system in December with access to Integrated Services Digital Network technology.

In the simplest terms this brings voice and data transmission capability to the telephone outlet.

According to Vice-Principal (Administration), Ken Baumber, one of the consequences of using ISDN is the need to change the University’s present 270 prefix.

"We are not absolutely certain yet regarding our new numbering configuration but I hope to be able to announce this by mid-September," he said.

In the meantime exercise appropriate caution in ordering your printing requirements and producing brochures and publications, because your current telephone number will change at the end of the year.

"Subject to demand we will be able to arrange a transition service whereby Telecom will announce our new number to callers and then redirect them automatically to the required extension number."

Mr Baumber said any inquiries should go to Mr Geoff Bailey on ext. 3083.
READERS may have noticed the absence from Campus News of George Wilson’s name as editor.

George has edited Campus News since 1985. Before that he was founding editor of the University Gazette. Hanging up his Campus News hat signals Stage One in George’s plan for a phased return to a world of travel, sailing, reading, opera-going and generally easing the pace.

He has no plans to leave Wollongong, which has become his home, and he will continue to produce many of the other University publications for which he has previously been responsible.

The professional rigour that distinguishes George’s work was learnt a long time ago. He led a Royal Corps of Signals Dispatch Rider troop in North Africa and Italy in World War II. Then in 1947 - a young Scottish freelance whose major interest focused on a career in technical journalism - he took the high road to London to join IPC, one of the world’s major publishers of technical journals. The firm then published some 30 authoritative titles and there, as a technical writer, George became the youngest-ever editor of the mass-circulation news weekly, Motor Cycle.

Many of his analyses of engine design and road-test reports are being reprinted in the nostalgic anthologies mushrooming in Britain today.

He soon started thinking of becoming a publisher. An artist friend designed the stylish little Scottish Lion rampant which became his logo and George set out for sunnier lands.

He moved first to Auckland as executive editor for a publications group and then to Sydney, where he became founding editor of two yachting publications, the Sea Spray Weekly and the Sea Spray Annual.

While still producing the Sea Sprays he had a visit from Dr Desmond Crowley, Head of the Department of Adult Education at the University of Sydney.

Des, ex officio editor of the Current Affairs Bulletin then threatened with extinction, was seeking advice. The upshot of the meeting was that George spent the next 13 years as Executive Editor of CAB.

During that period he also briefly edited Choice magazine.

Then, too, he became (for six years) editor of IPC’s Australian flagship, the Australian Antique Collector, of which he remains a consultant and contributor today. Finally George’s ship berthed in Wollongong.

Did he hope to find calm waters and a haven here, in the groves of academe? Hardly. He designed publications and transformed existing ones with an up-to-the-minute look that marked them instantly as Wollongong University’s.

The University will not allow George’s special expertise to languish. As well as such publications as the Annual Report, Profile and Research Report, George is taking on new challenges for the Illawarra Technology Corporation.

Slainte math, George.

(Campus News will now be produced by Gillian Curtis and Kevin McDonald.)

National University inquiry into teaching of languages

WOLLONGONG University lecturer in Language Education, Beverly Derewianka, has been appointed as NSW consultant to a national inquiry into the supply and training of language teachers.

The inquiry is funded by the National Languages Institute and the Australian Advisory Council for Languages and Multicultural Education.

The research team, including Susan Yates from the Department of Languages, and Phyllis Tibbs, the project research assistant, will consult with employing bodies and tertiary institutions in order to identify future trends in demand for teachers of modern, Asian, and community languages and to discuss ways of providing adequate training for these teachers.

The project team will also survey and interview practising language teachers and undergraduate trainee teachers to ascertain teachers’ professional development needs and their perceptions of the future.
WOLLONGONG University is fertile ground for national leaders in tertiary education. This rich environment has grown four tall poppies this year, and rather than cutting them down in our usual Australian fashion, they have been grafted to improve the vigour of the Canberra stock.

As reported separately in Campus News in previous issues:
• Professor Ken McKinnon will take up the position of President of the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee (AVCC) from January for a two-year term. He will still retain the position of Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wollongong. Professor McKinnon will be the first President of a new, expanded AVCC when the present membership of 25 is increased to some 35 with the amalgamation and restructuring of Colleges of Advanced Education.
• The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Chubb, is off to Canberra this week to take up the position of Chair of the Higher Education Council of the National Board of Employment, Education and Training. (He will be returning on September 21 for a farewell dinner — see Lee-Anne Owen for bookings), and
• Dr Terry Stokes, who was a lecturer in the University’s Department of Science and Technology Studies, is in Canberra in a newly-created position with the National Board of Employment, Education and Training. His main responsibility is to evaluate the effectiveness of the Australian Research Council's policies.

In addition Professor Russell Linke, Dean of the Faculty of Education, who as a Counsellor of the National Board of Education and Training, already had roots in Canberra before he joined the University, has been appointed by the Minister to steer the project investigating academic freedom and institutional autonomy. He is Chairman of the Performance Indicators Research Group, and the Australian representative on the OECD Institutional Management in Higher Education’s project group on performance indicators.

Professor Noel Kennon honoured by Metals Institute

ASSOCIATE Professor Noel Kennon of the Department of Materials Engineering has received an Honorary Fellowship of the Institute of Metals and Materials Australasia (IMMA) for his outstanding contributions to the Institute.

Noel's involvement in the Institute spans 28 years and includes service as Secretary (1966-8) and President (1970-3) of the Port Kembla Branch of the Australian Institute of Metals; Secretary-Treasurer (1981-3) and Membership Panel Chairman (1983-) of the Australian Region of the Institute of Metallurgists (London); President (1986-7) of the Wollongong Branch of IMMA; Chairman of the Membership Panel of IMMA (1986-); and ex-officio member of Federal Council of IMMA from 1986.

Noel played prominent roles in the establishment of the Institute of Metals and Materials in 1986 and in negotiations concerning the planned merger of IMMA with the Institution of Engineers Australia (IEAust).

Aboriginal knowledge helps
Geography Department

FOR the last three years, Dr Lesley Head, from the Department of Geography, has been regularly visiting the Aboriginal community at Marralam Outstation, NT to conduct research into their past and present land-use and resource management practices.

With the recent visit to Wollongong of community leader Biddy Simon, she has had the chance to return the hospitality and show Biddy some of her country.

It has also been a valuable opportunity to provide feedback to the community on what happens to the information that is collected. Biddy sees the research as being important in educating the wider community about Aboriginal lifestyles and their aspirations in relation to land.

Together with the Geography Department’s Toni O’Neill, Lesley has been attempting to examine the impact on the vegetation of Aboriginal hunting and gathering, particularly through the use of fire.

They are using satellite imagery to map Aboriginal and pastoral burns over several years.

Biddy and her community have aided interpretation of this imagery.

Traditional ecological knowledge and high-tech are being combined to address long-standing questions such as the extent to which Australian vegetation patterns are an artefact of human activity.

THE ILLAWARRA Marketing Advisory Group is compiling its directory of all special events for the Wollongong-Shellharbour-Kiama area for 1991.

To gain directory listing, the events must have international, national, state or regional significance.

Notify Karen Chisholm in Planning and Marketing ext 3110 if you want more information.
US scholarship for Wollongong librarian

DEPUTY University Librarian, Felicity McGregor, has been awarded a scholarship to attend the Centre for Creative Leadership in North Carolina.

The scholarship has been funded by the centre and will enable Felicity to attend a Management for Commitment course next month.

The centre awards a limited number of scholarships each year on the basis of management ability and potential.

Established in 1970, the centre was inspired by H Smith Richardson, founder of the Vick Chemical Company.

Richardson believed enterprises failed because management lost the ability to recognise and adjust to new and changing conditions.

The Smith Richardson Foundation has been a continuing supporter of the centre. In addition to training some 15,000 managers each year, the centre pursues aggressive research and publication programs.

As Deputy University Librarian, Felicity is responsible for Library staffing especially staff development.

She has developed performance appraisal mechanisms and has been responsible for the formulation of cohesive staff development programs.

A belief that library managers need to develop a broader aspect and longer view of their roles stimulated Felicity's interest in the activities of the Centre for Creative Leadership.

Recently, Felicity addressed the First World Congress on Action Research and Process Management in Brisbane.

The congress brought together key practitioners and researchers interested in developing new processes and strategies for improving organisational performance. Felicity's paper discussed the use of an action research model to implement change at the University of Wollongong Library.

While in the USA, Felicity will visit several universities that have affiliations with the University of Wollongong, including the Universities of Indiana, Illinois, Massachusetts and North Carolina.

During her visits, Felicity will investigate opportunities for collaborative activities, and, of course, compare Wollongong's library services with those available in the United States.

Namaste! Wollongong Vishwa Vidyalaya Ko Swagat!*

THE INDUSTRIAL and Organisational Unit of the Department of Psychology ran the first of a series of workshops for Water Board employees engaged in data gathering work to support an award restructure on August 10.

The one-day workshop, held at the University, provided basic training in questionnaire administration and interviewing skills.

It was designed and presented by Dr Saroja Srinivasan with the assistance of Ms Christine Davidson.

Dr Srinivasan, a lecturer in the Department of Psychology, worked at the University of Liverpool before coming to Australia and has a wide experience of teaching, research and practice in Clinical Psychology.

A key focus of the workshop was on working with people whose first language is not English.

Introducing the workshop in Hindi she gave the trainees first-hand experience of the helplessness that can be felt by non-English speakers and also of the relief when communication is established.

Dr Srinivasan's "G'day" after her five-minute Hindi introduction is likely to be long remembered in Water Board circles!

The French lunch menu (thanks to a translation of the Bistro menu provided by the Department of Languages) gave the Water Board trainees a further taste of working in a second language.

The success of the workshop well illustrates the value to the community of sharing our expertise.

* Headline translation: Welcome to the University of Wollongong

Awards for study in Commonwealth countries in 1991

THE Department of Employment, Education and Training invites applications from Australians wanting to study in Commonwealth countries next year.

The Department will be selecting candidates to be nominated for awards under the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan (CSFP).

Countries where the 1991 CSFP awards may be available include the United Kingdom, Canada, Hong Kong, India, New Zealand, Nigeria, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Malta, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Barbados.

The awards are primarily for postgraduate study or research. Australian graduates may be considered for a second undergraduate course at Oxford or Cambridge universities in the United Kingdom.

Candidates must be Australian citizens and usually should be under 35 years.

The benefits vary from country to country but they include living allowance, return economy air fares, university fees, a book allowance and expenses to cover internal travel for approved study.

The closing date for applications varies with each Australian university and may be obtained from the Registrar's office in individual universities. The date set by universities is usually some time during September.

Candidates who have never attended an Australian university should submit applications directly to the Department of Employment, Education and Training in Canberra. The closing date for these applicants only is October 5.

For those applying directly to the Department further information and application forms may be obtained from:

Secretary, Australian CSFP Nominations Committee, Asia-Pacific Branch, Department of Employment, Education and Training, GPO Box 9880, Canberra ACT 2601.

HAVE you changed your address recently?

If you have, advise the Personnel Services Branch of your new address and phone number to keep records up to date.
LEADING Japanese computer scientist Professor Yahiko Kambayashi presented a Distinguished Visitor Seminar for the Department of Computer Science last month.

Professor Kambayashi (pictured above) is from the Integrated Media Environment Experimental Laboratory at Kyoto University. He also works in the Department of Computer Science at Kyushu University. He is a member of the Board of Information Processing Society of Japan.

Since 1988 he has been chairman of the Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers of Japan. His Wollongong seminar was entitled 'Database Systems for CAD Applications'.

Japanese scientist runs CAD seminar

THE UNIVERSITY is continuing to reach out to the wider community through the Gateway Program.

First started on July 17, 1989, the second program is currently in progress.

The Gateway concept is an interesting example of a support technique for potential students who would otherwise lack academic opportunities.

The response of the Illawarra region to the combined study skills, literacy and mathematics skills curriculum has been remarkably strong.

The Autumn session examination results provide impressive evidence of why this University of Wollongong/DEET initiative is widely seen as a valuable preparation for university life.

There are 20 Gateway students enrolled at the University.

Of these, one is enrolled in an annual subject, with no mid-year examination. Two students gained high distinction passes, nine distinctions, 20 credits, 12 passes, one pass/terminating and two fail.

It can be seen that 95.66 per cent of all studies undertaken reached a Terminating Pass or better, 93.49 per cent reached Pass level or better, and 67.39% achieved Credit status or better.

Both intakes have been fully supported by the University Administration.

The Pro Vice-Chancellor, Professor Lauchlan Chipman, was at orientation and graduation ceremonies.

Gateway opens the door for achievement

TEACHING Fellow Ian Tait and Dr Rob Whelan of the Australian Flora and Fauna Research Program are researching the effect of burning in different seasons on the structure of a plant community in the sandstone hinterland of Wollongong.

In conducting this study, Ian has been enthusiastically supported by the Balmoral Village Volunteer Bushfire Brigade at his study site near Picton. Brigade Captain, Graham Malone, said Balmoral is typical of a small rural village where people are constantly faced by the fact that the very bushland that is the greatest asset and attraction to the area is also the greatest threat to fire and property.

It is through undertaking fundamental research in plant ecology in collaboration with other land managers that programs can be developed to serve both to protect life and property and also to protect the natural values of an area.

Studies of this type, in the eucalypt woodlands on the urban fringes of Sydney-Wollongong, are particularly important because of the need to protect the human community from wildfires which destroys property and yet protect the natural community from unnatural fire regimes.

Volunteer firefighters Gordon Ibbett and Michelle Peddle clear a firebreak while brigade captain Graham Malone discusses site preparation with Ian Tait.

Plants that store their seed in cones in the canopy and only release them after fire are an important group of plants which could be particularly sensitive to fires at the 'wrong time of the year'.

Plant ecologists work with bushfire brigade on research project
ARTIST makes her own paper

KATHY NIX is the Artist-in-Residence at the School of Creative Arts until September 14.

Kathy, who has used hand-made plant fibre papers for the last 10 years, celebrates nature in her work and recognises how people are an integral part of it.

Choosing to work in a material which she harvests, and which changes with the seasons, the locations and the weather, is a vital aspect of her expression.

Her most recent work has been in a book form, where the tactile nature of the plant papers may be fully exploited.

Kathy writes a regular paper-making column for Textile Fibre Forum, and has run many workshops throughout Australia and New Zealand. She is a part-time Lecturer in paper-making at the Canberra School of Art.

While Kathy is at the University she will be conducting workshops in papermaking and related collage techniques, as well as consulting with students and working on her own paper/arts project.

She will give a seminar presentation on her work at the Art of Lunch on Thursday August 30 in the Music Auditorium Building 24 at 12.35 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and admission is free.

Arts in the Bar a bonus for the Union

THE UNIVERSITY Union and the School of Creative Arts have joined forces to create an evening of fiction, prose and poetry reading plus music and performance to rival the popular Writers in the Park at the Harold Park Hotel in Sydney.

The idea, a brainchild of Ron Pretty, came as a response to the demand of writers living in the Illawarra region to be able to read their work to the public.

Judging from the audience response for the initial presentations there promises to be many more entertaining and interesting sessions in the Common Room of the Union.

Anyone interested in finding out more information about Arts In the Bar phone Leonie Molloy on (042) 270580 or ext. 3580 Dates for the next events are Mondays September 10, October 15 and 19. All start at 7.30pm.

Report shows need for education

THE IMPORTANCE of education for young people seeking jobs has been borne out by a unique survey of the dynamics of the youth labor market.


A copy of the report is available from Karen in Planning and Marketing. Ext 3110.

Japanese grant for Dr Fazel Naghdy

THE AUSTRALIA-Japan Foundation has awarded a grant to Dr Fazel Naghdy to visit Japan from September 2 to 22.

Dr Naghdy will study the state of the art of robotics and mechatronics in Japan.

Dr Naghdy has been invited to visit several universities and research centres, including the Universities of Tokyo, Kyoto, Ritsumeikan, Mie and Tsukuba.

He will present seminars at these universities on the research activities in parallel processing and robotics which are underway in Wollongong.

Tours of industrial and governmental research centres, such as Nippon Seiko, Hitachi Laboratories and the Ministry of Industry and Trading Laboratories, have also been organised.

Possible collaborative research projects between Japanese institutions and the University of Wollongong will form a major part of his agenda during the visit.

PhD student’s Italian scholarship

GIANLUCA Alimeni, a second-year PhD student in the Department of Languages, has been awarded an Italian Government scholarship to enable him to pursue his research in Italy in the academic year 1990-91.

Gianluca is writing a thesis on the subject of ‘Family, friends and neighbours in Boccaccio’s fiction reflects and comments on familial and social relationships in the Florence of his day’.

He is working under the supervision of Professor Brian Moloney.
Harp in the South

A STAGE presentation of Ruth Park's famous novel 'Harp in the South' will be presented in The University of Wollongong Performance Space. Performed by the second year actors from the School of Creative Arts, 'Harp in the South' will run from Wednesday August 29 until Saturday September 1 with performances at 8pm and a matinee on Saturday at 5pm. Bookings can be made with Jenny Stewart tel. (042) 270-987 or ext. 3987. Tickets are $10 and $5 concession, and group bookings over 20 will be $4 per person.

ICOS zoo visit

THE ILLAWARRA Committee for Overseas Students has organised a visit to the Taronga Park Zoo on Saturday September 1. Students and their families make their own way to Circular Quay and ICOS will pay for the ferry and entry free for the Zoo. The cost is $2 for overseas students and $1 for children over three.

Details and tickets are available from ICOS office in the Union Building. Tel. 27 0158 or ext. 3158.

Engineering/Informatics Balls

THE Combined Engineering and Informatics Balls will be held on Friday, September 14 at the City Pacific Ballroom. The night will include a DJ. Tickets to go on sale soon. See your liaison officer.

Help for international women

A GROUP to provide international women at the University with support and to help them integrate into Australian society is being formed. Contact Diana Wong (tel. 27 0173) or Wendy Jabri (tel. 27 0158).

Teaching forum

A PUBLIC forum entitled 'Professionalism of Teaching in the Next Decade' will be held at the Sheraton Wentworth Hotel in Sydney on November 1 from 8.30am to 5.30pm. Further details, contact: Heidi De Coster, (tel. 270118).

Museum seminar

THE Australian Museum is holding a conference on evaluation in scientific and cultural institutions on November 12 and 13. Registration forms are available from Anne Skates, Education Division, Australian Museum, 6-8 College St, Sydney, 2000.

Research Funds

Kobe Steel Postgraduate Scholarship - Oxford

There is one scholarship available for two years' study at St Catherine's College, Oxford, for any postgraduate study. Purpose of the scholarship is to further the relations between Japan, Britain and Australia. The University closing date is October 19.

Australian Meat and Livestock Research and Development Corporation

Awards available include AMLRDC Studentships, postgraduate for two years, AMLRDC Junior Research Fellowships, postgraduate for three years and AMLRDC Study Awards, sabbatical training for professionals for one year.

The University closing date is October 19.

BTR/FCO Scholarships - University of Oxford

Five scholarships are available for one year's postgraduate course study at University of Oxford. These are for Masters by coursework or research in Agricultural Economics, Engineering Science, Law, Management, Modern History and Physical Sciences.

The University closing date is October 31.

The Symons Fellowship

The award is to give major impetus to the completion or launching of a significant piece of academic work in any branch of Commonwealth Studies, as in work relevant to the Commonwealth.

The University closing date is November 16.

Japanese World Exposition Commemorative Fund 1991 Grants

These grants are for projects commemorating the success of the 1970 Japan World Exposition.

The University closing date is September 1.

Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan 1991

These awards are for Australian postgraduate students wishing to study in the United Kingdom, Canada, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Malaysia, Malta, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago. Applicants must apply through the university from which they received their undergraduate degree.

The University closing date is October 1.

The Sydney Lovibond Prize National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC)

The prize is awarded for an essay of 5000 words on research relevant to the treatment of drug or alcohol problems, a review of literature in this area or a critique of theory and/or methodology based on current research in the field. Criteria for entry is the writer should be under 30 at the time of submission.

The University closing date is October 19.

CSIRO PhD Scholarships 1991

Five scholarships are available for PhD study at any Australian University for the CSIRO Institute of Industrial Technologies. These are at a pre-tax level of $21,000.

The University closing date is November 2.

The Lillian Roxon Memorial Asthma Travel Grant

The grant is for up to $2000 towards travel overseas to continue medical research or to present a research communication at a recognised international conference.

The University closing date is September 14.

Previously Advertised Closing Date

The British Council Travel Grants Any Time

Laporte Centenary Scholarship August 17

NHMRC Program Grants August 17

Australian Rotary Health Research Fund August 17

Fenner Conference on the Environment August 17

St John's College, Cambridge, Berlins Fellowship August 18

DEET Visiting Fellows August 24

Nuffield Foundation Fellowship August 31

Harkness Fellowships August 31

AIFSE Research Grants August 31

CSIRO Postdoctoral Awards September 7

Swiss Government Scholarships September 14

ARFI's September 14

Columbian Scholarships September 14

Corpus Christi College Visiting Fellowship September 14

Illawarra Area Health Service Research Grants September 21

1991 Fulbright Awards September 21

French Government Scholarships September 21

Australian Academy of Science Medals September 21

ARC Course Awards September 28

Sir Harry Gibbs Prize (Forensic Science) September 28

OPRA Awards September 29

Menzies Scholarships September 31

Robert McNamara Fellowship October 12

Maxwell Jacobs Forestry Fund October 19

Gowrie Research Scholarship October 19

Rebecca Cooper Research Foundation October 26

APRA Awards October 31

UPRA Awards October 31

Lady Davis Fellowships November 16
Seminars

Department of Accountancy

Anyone interested is most welcome. Seminar will be held in Building 19, Room 2001, between 11 am and 12.15 pm. Enquiries – contact Hai Yap Teoh, Seminar Convenor, ext. 3625.

August 31: Mr Ratnam Alagiah, Thought about thought – Some thoughts on the nature of accounting: Its implications on research methodology.

September 1: Associate Professor Garry Tibbits and Ms Mary Greenwell, Accounting for Good will: Shareholders’ Perceptions

Department of Biology

Seminars are held from in Building 35. G19, on Tuesdays at 12.30 pm.

August 28: Ms Lesley Hughes, Biological Sciences, Macquarie University, Seed dispersal by ants.

September 4: Dr Murray Badger, Research School of Biological Sciences, Australian National University, Molecular approaches to understanding the role of the carboxysome in cyanobacterial photosynthesis.

September 18: Dr Ted Steede, Biology Department, University of Wollongong, Reappraisal of the evidence on the health effects of Agent Orange by the Evatt Royal Commission.

Further information from Dr Rob Whelan, tel. (042) 27 0442 and Associate Professor Ross Lilley, tel. (042) 27 0435.

Department of Business Systems

Thursday September 13 at 12.30 pm in Pentagon 5: Ilana Kaplan, Human Factors Engineer, Unisys, Usability engineering for software interfaces.

Department of Chemistry

Seminars are held in Chemistry Lecture Theatre (Building 18. 206)

Thursday August 30 at 11.30 am: Dr Dale Hurst, Department of Chemistry, University of Wollongong, Tropospheric carbon monoxide.

Department of Economics

Seminars are held on Thursdays from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm in Building 19. 1056.

September 6: Jenny Wilkinson, Research Department, Reserve Bank of Australia, An analysis of determinant of residential investment.

September 13: Perry Sharpio, 1990 Fullbright Scholar, Department of Economics, University of California at Santa Barbara and the Australian National University, Private preference for public education.

September 20: Dennis Mahoner, Research Department, Westpac Banking Corporation, Economic Indicators and Forecasts.

Enquiries to the Convenor, Associate Professor Tran Van Hoa, Office 19.206, fax (042) 27 0477, tel. (042) 27 0659.

Faculty of Education

Equity in Education program

Meetings will be held in Building 21, 104 at 4.30 pm.

The Equity in Education Program is holding regular meetings which will include reports from research projects. These reports will focus on the research process (specific problems, research design and so on) and aim to provide a forum for sharing research experiences and exchanging ideas. They will not be formal presentations – the emphasis will be on interaction and discussion with colleagues. Researchers outside the program are invited to attend to foster interdiscipli-