Visitors appreciate our ‘intellectual village’

THE UNIVERSITY of Wollongong held another successful Open Day last week with all areas reporting increases in the number of visitors.

The forums for intending students were very popular with the Pentagon lecture rooms full to overflowing for each session.

Chairman of the Open Day Committee, Professor Lewis Schmidt, said staff handled a record number of enquiries at the Course Information Centre.

Visitors came from all over NSW, the ACT and some from interstate.

Comments were encouraging.

A visitor who had been on campus several years ago remarked that there was now an air of sophistication and confidence at this university that started at the main entrance with the Illawarra Technology Centre and flowed through the whole campus.

An apprentice carpenter, who had no intention of doing a university course, said he had come because he had heard it was a good day out and that he was surprised at the variety of things to see.

He said he had thought campus was just all lecture rooms.

A visitor from Sydney said: ‘You drive down Mt Ousley and find this intellectual village’.

His friend said, after visiting the Nortel and Telecom research establishments that he had no idea that ‘so much research and effort went on to develop products and technology that we take for granted’.

Other comments were:

'The range of activities is amazing.'

'I was unsure of coming here, but now I would love to attend Wollongong Uni as there is so much of a range here and the campus is a really pleasant environment.'

'It is much nicer looking and much more efficient and organised than I thought.'
SIXTY-FIVE postgraduate students presented research projects at an open day on August 24.

The day was opened by the Dean of the Graduate Faculty, Professor Bill Lovegrove. The University’s Research Report was released at the same time.

The prize for the best PhD thesis was awarded to Dianne Snow from the School of Learning Studies. The title of her thesis was ‘The State, Youth and Schooling: The Social Construction of Studenthood in NSW 1788-1948’.

Gary Caitcheon, from the Department of Geology, won the best honours Masters thesis prize for ‘Sedimentation in Lake Albert, Wagga Wagga, NSW’.

The prize for the best seminar went to John Best (Maths) and the best poster prize went to Kathleen Hastings (Geography).
**Graduates Group booksale draws the crowds**

THE GRADUATES Group of the Friends of the University held a highly successful secondhand booksale in the Greenery on Open Day.

A constant stream of bargain hunters and book lovers kept the volunteers busy all day and by the end the tables looked quite bare.

The Graduates Group would like to thank all those who donated books, both those on campus and members of the public.

A big thank-you must also go to all who participated in the preparations for the booksale — a dedicated team of workers from the Graduates Group gave an enormous amount of time and energy to the collecting, sorting and pricing of books and magazines in the weeks preceding Open Day.

Their hard work was vindicated by the interest shown in the booksale on the day. Look out in future issues of *Campus News* for details of further book sales by the Graduates Group.

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**Kiama High almost scoops the pool in BHP Schools' Competition**

KIAMA High School was the big winner in this year's $14,000 BHP Steel Collieries Division Illawarra Secondary Schools' Competition.

The winners were announced at the University of Wollongong Open Day on August 26.

Co-sponsored by BHP Steel Collieries Division and Ansett in association with the 'Key Centre for Mines' University of Wollongong Division, this year's competition attracted a record 363 entries from six schools, a 500 per cent increase on 1989.

By submitting more than 220 entries, which included posters, models and essays on a range of subjects related to coal, Kiama High School won the special $2000 computer equipment award, 10 individual student category book prizes and major student and teacher prizes.

Last year's leading school, Keira Technology High School, was again a top performer gaining seven of the 20 individual student book prizes.

Major winners this year were: posters Kylie Rowe (Kiama High); models Masha Elhage and Marina Yastreboff (St Mary's College, Wollongong) and essays Rebecca Wilson (Kiama High).

Teachers to win major awards included Ralph Faulkner and Gary Baxter (Kiama High) and Peter Coleman (St Mary's College).

Dr Jim Lewis, Group General Manager, BHP Steel Collieries Division, said: 'Considering the outstanding response by students, and the very high standard of entries in this year's competition, our aim of fostering a better understanding of the Australian coal industry and its importance to the Illawarra and the nation has been achieved.'

As one of five judges of the competition Professor Charles Gerrard, Director of the 'Key Centre for Mines', said: 'The standard of entries in this year's competition was high in the model and poster sections, but unfortunately tailed off a little in the essays'.

On September 24 all major winners and their teachers will begin a five-day tour of BHP's coal mining activities in the Illawarra and Central Queensland.

The tour will begin with a two-day excursion of the Illawarra including the inspection of BHP Steel's Cordeaux Colliery, the BHP Port Kembla Steel Works and Coated Products Division and the Port Kembla Coal Terminal.

They will then depart for Queensland where they will spend three days inspecting BHP-Utah's open-cut coal mining operations and the Mackay Coal Loader and two days relaxing on South Mole Island in the Whitsundays before returning home.
Nony Salasoo, a former lecturer in the Department of Metallurgy (now Materials Engineering), died on August 19 after a long illness.

Nony, born in Estonia in 1928, came to Australia as a refugee from war-torn Europe in the first wave of post-war immigrants.

He became an active member of Australia’s Estonian community, supporting the preservation of the Estonian heritage and culture in Australia.

He worked for the NSW Railways for seven years after his arrival in Australia, before joining the then NSW University of Technology (now the University of NSW) as a laboratory attendant in 1955.

He studied for a BSc part-time, and was appointed an acting lecturer at the Wollongong University College in 1964.

Nony completed an MSc at the University of Pittsburgh in 1972, and was appointed Lecturer at the Wollongong University College in 1973.

Ill-health forced Nony to retire early in 1986.

In his long period of association he made many friends within the University and in industry.

He is very fondly remembered by Engineering graduates as a popular and dedicated teacher. The University extends its sympathy to Nony’s family and loved ones.

Robert Middleton, mineralogist at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, is on his fourth visit to the University of Wollongong’s Geology Department to further collaborate with Dr Paul Carr and Associate Professor Brian Jones on research dealing with the visit of the eminent American geologist James Dwight Dana to Australia in 1839-40.

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Dana’s contributions to Australian science is the subject of a book being written by Middleton, Carr and Jones to be published by the University of Arizona Press. One aspect of the book will deal with the authors’ recognition of the climatic significance of one of the minerals (subsequently named glendonite) described by Dana from the Wollongong Harbour area and other parts of the Illawarra and Hunter Valley regions.

Glendonite is the replacement product of a mineral which forms under marine conditions only at temperatures of less than 5°C.

The distribution of glendonite in the Illawarra and Hunter Valley regions reflects advances and retreats of the major glacial episode which affected southeastern Australia between approximately 290 and 250 million years ago while the sediments along the coast between Durras and Wollongong were being deposited.

Similar alternating episodes of freezing and thawing and the associated changes in sea level have been, and continue to be, an integral part of the Earth’s history.

Dr Ed Purdy, the 1990 Esso Distinguished lecturer for the Earth Resources Foundation, the University of Sydney, gave two lectures at the University of Wollongong recently. Dr Purdy addressed the Department of Geography on The Coral Reef Problem and the Department of Geology on Carbonate Source Rocks for Petroleum.

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IN KEEPING with the development of the Department of Accountancy as a major contributor in the emergent field of studies in accounting, the Department had Dr Richard Laughlin visit for three weeks.

Dr Laughlin, the Grant Thornton Reader in Accounting and Financial Management at the University of Sheffield, has extensive international publications in critical studies in accounting.

One of the few accounting academics to have applied the framework in empirical studies, he was kept busy in the department.

Several members of the department, either enrolled as or about to enrol as doctoral students, had extensive and continuing discussions with Dr Laughlin.

Dr Laughlin also presented two staff seminars, as well as having been a major contributor to the recent Department of Accountancy Doctoral Consortium.

Accounting – and you thought it was all done with figures!
BHP Steel officially presented the BHP Youth Orchestra with a sponsorship cheque at the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music recently. Pro Vice-Chancellor, Professor Lauchlan Chipman (left), is pictured above with Orchestra member Lauren O'Mullane and Group General Manager of BHP Steel's Slab and Plate Products Division, Mr Grahame Parker. BELOW: The BHP Youth Orchestra

**Christmas-New Year period working schedule**

The Personnel Office has released the following details of working arrangements over the Christmas/New Year holiday period:

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The Concessional Days are granted in accordance with the agreements between the University and the General Staff Unions, which provide that the days falling between Christmas Day and New Year’s Day which are not gazetted as Public Holidays in NSW are granted as University Concessional Holidays.

Staff who are required to work on those days granted as University Concessional Days will be granted the same period off duty at a mutually convenient time within the ensuing two months.

Staff required to work on those days gazetted as public holidays (December 25 and 26, and January 1) will be paid at penalty rates.

**Higher degree for information industry professionals**

The University of Wollongong has announced the first non-technical postgraduate programme in Australia specifically designed for professionals and managers in the information industries.

The Master of Information Technology and Communication degree is designed to extend the skills and insights of professionals wanting to progress to higher levels of responsibility or broaden their career opportunities in the information technology and telecommunications industries.

Candidates should have a degree with a major in either computer science, computer engineering, business systems, or other degree approved by the Head of the Unit.

In addition, candidates must have at least one year of relevant professional experience in information technology or telecommunications.

Commenting on the new degree, Head of the Information Technology and Communication Unit at the University of Wollongong, Dr Pam Scott, said: The convergence of the technologies of computing and telecommunications has had a pervasive effect on commercial, industrial and government organisations world-wide.

'The technical challenges of putting together systems and networks that enhance productivity are formidable.'

The University has several research centres in information technology located on campus, including the Telecom Australia Customised Software Solutions Centre, the NorTel Technology Centre and the Centre for Information Technology Research.

The pass masters degree of 48 credit points may be studied full-time over one year or part-time equivalent. The honours masters degree requires two years’ full-time study or part-time equivalent.

Courses will be held in the evening, and depending on demand, some courses may be available at the University of Wollongong’s Sydney location near Central Railway station.

For further details contact the programme coordinator, Dr Pam Scott, Faculty of Informatics, University of Wollongong, PO Box 1144, Wollongong NSW 2500. Tel. (042) 270606 Fax (042) 297768.
What’s on

Combined ball

THE Combined Engineering and Informatics Balls will be held on Friday, September 14 at the City Pacific Ballroom.

The night will include a DJ. See your liaison officer for tickets.

Help for international women

A GROUP to provide international women with support and to help them integrate into Australian society is being formed at the University.

The group looking at providing day-time trips for women and children arranging guest speakers and organising various demonstrations.

If you have any other ideas contact Diana Wong, tel. (042) 27 0173 or Wendy Jabri, tel. (042) 27 0158. The ICOS office is in the Union Building, next to the Careers and Appointments Service.

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.

The forum will tackle the following topics:

- The Educational Reform Process — USA and Australia; Teaching as a Profession; Restructuring Schools; governance, leadership and organisation; Preparing and Judging the Beginning Teacher; What will Teachers do in the next 10 years?; Recognising and Rewarding Outstanding Teachers; and Gate-keeping for the Profession.

- Leading commentators from Australia and the USA will attend the forum. Further details, contact: Heidi De Coster, tel. (042) 270118.

Museum conference

THE Australian Museum is holding a conference on evaluation in scientific and cultural institutions on November 12 and 13.

The focus will be on evaluating performance in the public program areas of exhibitions and education and in research and collections functions.

Registration forms are available from Anne Skates, Education Division, Australian Museum, 6-8 College St, Sydney, 2000.

Vice-Chancellors say higher education Budget good and bad

THE Australian Vice-Chancellors’ Committee has mixed feelings about this year’s Federal Budget and its impact on higher education.

It applauds the additional growth in student places for 1993, increased postgraduate research scholarships and alterations to Austudy conditions. The AVCC also welcomes the renewed commitment to the rolling triennium which allows universities to plan with greater certainty.

However, it is critical of changes to the Higher Education Contribution Scheme and unrealistic levels of capital funding for institutions.

The Government’s decision to increase the rate at which students repay the graduate tax could stall the hard-won momentum for a better-educated country, according to the AVCC.

AVCC Chairman, Professor Brian Wilson, acknowledges, however, that the additional growth in 1993 would have been difficult to achieve without accelerated Higher Education Contribution Scheme repayments.

Professor Wilson said accelerating repayments could be a disincentive for people wanting to participate in higher education, particularly those in the lower socio-economic groups and part-time students.

It also was a complete breach of faith with students who had begun studying and would be faced with increased rate of payments in a time of economic stringency.

‘Increasing repayments for all income brackets flies in the face of equity,’ Professor Wilson said.

‘For a single-income family on $25,469 gross per year, the level at which repayments commence, the jump from $4.54 per week to $9.80 may just prove too much.

‘People have enrolled in the expectation that they would repay their fees at a lower rate and planned their budgets accordingly.’

Postgraduate teaching and research will be major growth areas in 1993 according to the Budget figures.

The Government has agreed to fund 3000 more student places in higher education institutions in three years, many in postgraduate areas. In 1991, 4800 new places will be provided and 4000 in 1992.

THE FIRST performances of a new music theatre piece, Parabola, will be presented at 6pm and 8pm on September 7 in the Music Auditorium at the School of Creative Arts.

Parabola is based on the story of Icarus, the boy who flew too close to the sun, his wax wings melting, leaving him to plummet to the earth. The legend of Icarus has been dealt with through the centuries by painters, poets and composers.

In this new work, poet Barbara Blackman and composer Andrew Ford have created a study that is magical and frightening, lyrical and dramatic.

Parabola was commissioned by Richard Moore with financial assistance from the Literature and Performing Arts Board of the Australia Council.

It is dedicated to Peter Sculthorpe, who has his own special fascination with the sun, on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

The performers appearing in the show are: Richard Moore (voice), Annette Tesoriero (voice), Bronwen Jones (bass clarinet), Lisa Moore (piano), Daryl Pratt (percussion). Tickets are $8 and $5 concession. Bookings are essential, tel. (042) 27-0996
The sources of research funds given below are available to members of academic staff. Further information, including application forms, may be obtained from Lyndal Manton (ext. 3201). Intending applicants are reminded that all research applications must be forwarded through the Office of Postgraduate Studies.

The Research Funds

1991 ATERB Scholarships in Telecommunications
These are for students undertaking full-time PhD or Masters by Research work. They must be Australian citizens and have gained first class honors or equivalent in a pertinent discipline. University closing date is October 19.

ALS Motor Neurone Disease Research Institute
Grants-in-aid Applications are called for grants in aid of the cause and cure of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Motor Neurone Disease). University closing date is September 28.

Australian-American Educational Foundation
Fulbright Symposia Proposals are invited for the inaugural Fulbright Symposium in a discipline specific area or interdisciplinary issue which is of importance in the context of the American-Australian relationship. University closing date is November 2.

Canadian Government Awards
Canada Australia Bicentennial Institutional Research Award (CABIRA) This award is for a major team research under the direction of a principal researcher about Canada or Australian-Canadian relations. University closing date is October 19.

Bilateral Science and Technology Collaboration Program
Proposals are called for the DITAC collaboration program for research projects or seminars done in conjunction with an overseas partner. University closing date is September 21.

Dept of Community Services and Health
Public Health Research & Development Committee (PHRDC) has funds available to establish short courses in Public Health. Topic areas to be supported are Health Economics, Social Sciences, Environmental Health and Demography. University closing date is September 14.

National Housing Strategy
The Strategy is commissioning research on particular demographic, social and economic factors influencing housing, housing affordability, special housing needs, housing finance, and other areas. University closing date is September 7 for expressions of interest.

The Marten Bequest
In 1991 scholarships will be offered in Singing, Instrumental Music, Painting, Sculpture and Architecture. Applicants must be born in Australia and be between the ages of 21 and 35. University closing date is October 19.

Previously Advertised Closing Date
British Council Travel Grants Any Time
September 13 at 12.30 pm in Pentagon 5: Ilana Kaplan, Human Factors Engineer, Unisys, Usability testing for software interfaces.

CSIRO Postdoctoral Awards
September 7
Lillian Roxon Travel Grant
September 14
Swiss Government Scholarships
September 14
ARFs
September 14
Columbian Scholarships
September 14
Corpus Christi College Visiting Fellowship
September 14
Illawarra Area Health Service Research Grants
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
OFRA Awards
September 29
Menzies Scholarships
September 31
Commonwealth & Fellowship Plan
October 1
Robert McNamara Fellowship
October 12
Syd Lovibond Prize
October 19
Kobe Steel Scholarship - Oxford
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Meat & Livestock R & D Maxwell Jacobs Forestry Fund
October 19
Gowrie Research Scholarship
October 19
Rebecca Cooper Research Foundation
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BTR/FCO Oxford Scholarship
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APRA Awards
October 31
UPRA Awards
October 31
CSIRO PhD Scholarship
November 2
Symons Fellowship
November 16
Lady Davis Fellowships
November 16

Seminars

Department of Accountancy
Anyone interested is most welcome. Seminars will be held in Building 19, Room 2001, between 11 am and 12.15 pm. Inquiries – contact Hai Yap Teoh, Seminar Convenor, ext. 3625.
September 14: Associate Professor Garry Tibbits and Ms Mary Greenwell, Accounting for Goodwill: Shareholders' Perceptions.
Department of Biology
Seminars are held in Building 35 G19, on Tuesdays at 12.30 pm.
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 Steele, Biology Department, University of Wollongong, Reappraisal of the evidence on the health effects of Agent Orange by the Esso Royal Commission.
October 16: Dr Gordon Wallace, Chemistry Department, University of Wollongong, Biologically active polymers.
October 23: Mr Stuart Thompson, BHP, Central Research Laboratory, Renovation of industrial sites.
October 30: Dr Marcia Byrne, Biological Sciences, Sydney University, Starfish dispersal (title tba).
Further information from Dr Rob Whelan, tel. (042) 27 0442 and Associate Professor Ross Lilley, tel. (042) 27 0431.

Department of Business Systems
September 13 at 12.30 pm in Pentagon 5: Ilana Kaplan, Human Factors Engineer, Unisys, Usability testing for software interfaces.

Department of Computer Science
September 7: Dr Peter Nickolas, Lecturer, Department of Computer Science, University of Wollongong, Functional Logic and Its Completeness: 2.30pm-3.30pm Room 15.204.

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, Analysis of the determinants of imports.
September 18: Perry Shapiro, 1990 Fulbright Scholar, Department of Economics, University of California at Santa Barbara and the Australian National University, Private preference for public education.
October 11: K Kailraj, Department of
Economics, Australian National University, A testing of causality between technical and allocative efficiency

October 18: A Levy, Department of Economics, University of Wollongong, The external debts of the developing countries.

October 25: Michael Bittman, Department of Sociology, University of New South Wales (joint seminar with the Department of Sociology), Gender equity and the future of Australian households.

Enquiries to the Convenor, Associate Professor Tran Van Hao, Office 19.2069, fax (042) 27 0477, tel. (042) 27 0659.

Faculty of Education

Education Policy Program

September 7: Associate Professor Malcolm Harris, Professional Development of Teachers.

September 21: Professor Carla Fasano, Information Technology in Education for Sense-making Paradigms.

Seminars will be held in the SPATS Lab (21.101) from 12.30 pm. Enquiries to Ian Brown ext. 3590.

Equity in Education program

Meetings will be held in Building 21.104 at 4.30 pm.

September 7: Pat Farrar and Bob Colvin, Write for kids.

October 12: Noeline Kyle, Jan Wright, Peg MacLeod, Jan James and Alison Elliott, Women and entry to higher degrees at the University of Wollongong.

October 26: Anna Tait and Noeline Kyle, Award restructuring and women teachers.

Enquiries to Associate Professor Noeline Kyle, tel. (042) 27 0374 or Ms Jan James (042) 27 0078. Coffee/tea provided.

School of Learning Studies

Seminars are held on Wednesdays at 12.30 pm in Building 21.104.

September 12: Dr Colin Lankshear, University of Auckland, NZ, Literacy and Revolution.

October 17: Dr Jennifer Jones and Josie Castle, Women's Studies, University of California, Berkeley, Women and Revolution.

October 26: One-day conference Women and higher education.

October 26*: Anna Tait and Noeline Kyle, Award Restructuring and Women Teachers.

*Seminars offered jointly by the Gender and Education Unit and the NSW Branch of the Australian and New Zealand History of Education Society.

Contact Sheree Anshel, ext. 3499.

Department of Mathematics

September 6 from 1.30 pm in Room 15.204 (Austin Keane Building): John P Best, Materials Research Laboratory – DSTO Melbourne and Department of Mathematics, University of Wollongong, On the theory of Geometrical Shock Dynamics.

Visitors wishing to park on the University grounds will be charged as $1 parking fee. This will be reimbursed by the department.

Department of Public Health and Nutrition

Seminars are held in Building 5.203 between 12.30 and 1.30 pm on the dates given. Anyone who is interested is cordially invited.

Wednesday September 5: Mr Paul O'Halloran, Training in mental health.

Wednesday October 31, Ms Heather Yeatman, Healthy cities – nutrition.

Enquiries to Ms Linda TapseU, Lecturer, Department of Public Health and Nutrition, tel. (042) 27 0152 or ext. 3152.

Department of Psychology

Staff and postgraduate series

Seminars are held on Tuesdays from 12.30 to 1.30 pm in the Department of Psychology, Room 19/1056.

September 4: Dr Peter Smith, Department of Psychology, the University of Wollongong, Wellbeing and organisational change.

School of Creative Arts

Postgraduate series seminars, which are held in the Music Auditorium, Building 24, from 4.30 to 6.30 pm, are open to the public and admission is free.

September 6: Identity and difference in Australian arts 2, Needle-point artist Narelle Jubelin will discuss her work which touches on issues of appropriation and questions images of Australian identity.

October 25: Subjectivity in history, Paul Carter, author of The Road to Botany Bay and editor of The Age Monthly Review, will discuss his own creative work as the writer of several radio plays.

Enquiries to Dr Andrew Schultz, Director, Postgraduate Studies, School of Creative Arts, tel. (042) 27 0985.

Social and Psychological Health Research Program

All seminars are held on Tuesdays in Building 19.1056 from 12.30 to 1.30 pm.

September 4: Peter Smith, Well-being and organisational change.

October 9: Beverley Walker, Exploring dependency.

Contact Sheree Anshel, ext. 3499.