Is God left-handed?

MORE than 90 people from the campus and the community attended the first lecture in a public seminar series organised by the Graduate Faculty to highlight important research programs being conducted at the University - particularly those of interest to the lay person.

The University is carefully selecting speakers who can present complex material in an informative and understandable manner to a cross section of people including those with little or no technical background.

Head of the Graduate School of Health and Medical Sciences, Professor Philip Barter, discussed Cholesterol and your heart and differentiated between raised blood cholesterol levels caused by high density lipoprotein (HDL) which was not harmful and that caused by low density lipoprotein (LDL) which greatly increased the risk of heart disease.

The style and content of his lecture stimulated considerable interest in the audience and led to an animated question and answer session.

The next lecture in the series will be presented by Professor Leon Kane-Maguire and is called 'Is God left-handed?'

The title might suggest that Professor Kane-Maguire is from the Department of Philosophy. In fact he took up the Chair of Chemistry at the University of Wollongong in 1983, after 17 years as an active chemical researcher and academic in the United States and the U.K.

He has published some 120 scientific papers, and attracted large grants from outside the University to fund his research.

For the last eight years his major research interest has been the role of handedness in chemistry, and the development of ways to prepare drugs in one hand only.

We are all aware that our left and right hands, although perfect mirror images of each other, are not identical. For example, our left hand will not fit into a right-handed glove.

Left- and right-handedness is widespread in Nature, which has made use of this in a variety of remarkable ways - ranging from the ability of taste buds to distinguish between sweet and sour foods, to the construction of important biochemicals such as proteins.

This lecture surveys the impact of handedness in nature, as well as in our every-day lives including sport.

Are left-handers more or less intelligent than right-handers? Why are important biochemicals such as proteins composed of building blocks all of the one (left) hand, when by the law of averages you would expect an equal number of left- and right-handed components?

The lecture concludes with a discussion of the importance of left- and right-handedness in medicine, with particular emphasis on drugs. Why is the one hand of a drug beneficial, while the other hand may be toxic?

Professor Kane-Maguire will describe his research aimed at preparing drugs in only the one desired hand.

This lecture will be held on Wednesday 31 July at 6.30pm in Pentagon 4. Ring Marilyn Yatras on 213943 if you would like to attend.
A BOARD Meeting of the Friends of the University was held on Wednesday July 3.

The following officers were elected for 1991/2: Chairman - Professor Lauchlan Chipman; Deputy Chairman - Mr J Bell; Secretary - Ms M Foulds.

AS part of its responsibility to advise the Government on research matters, the Australian Research Council conducts visits to higher education institutions to outline its own activities and to learn of the needs and plans of the institutions.

Representatives from the Australian Research Council will visit the University on Monday August 5.

The program for their visit will include:
10am: Meet with Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Dean, Graduate Faculty.
10.30am: Meet with Graduate Faculty.
11.30am: Open meeting with academic staff

The venue was previously advised as the Council Room, Admin. Building, but will now be held in either the Kemira Room or the Union Hall, in the Union Building (depending upon numbers).

This meeting will involve a brief presentation by the ARC, followed by a question and answer session.

This would present an ideal opportunity for researchers to seek clarification of issues or raise any matters of concern to them.

After the meeting (approximately 1pm), there will be a sandwich lunch. Contact Lee-Anne Owen, ext. 3908, if you wish to attend.

THE Library recently conducted a "100 Club" to raise funds to assist Maria Vandenbrink, who lost her daughter.

The winners were:
Monday June 24 No.67 - Carmel Scott (Careers Office).
Tuesday June 25 No.68 - John Shipp (Library).
Wednesday June 26 No.86 - Helen Andrews (Library).
Thursday June 27 No.40 - Leanne Owen (DVC Unit).
Friday June 28 1st No.48 - Janet Bitter (Campus East); 2nd No.45 - Penny Verrall (Library); 3rd No.66 - Chris Hadley (Student Records).

Maria would like to extend her appreciation to her friends and colleagues at the University, for their generosity and expressions of sympathy.

AGENDA deadlines for meetings of the University's ethics committees are: Human Experimentation Ethics Committee: September 1, October 27 and December 7. Animal Experimentation Ethics Committee: June 14. and Biosafety Committee: September 1.

Brief News

A COMMITTEE of Management has been established to oversee the use of the University Theatre (Building 40).

Its responsibilities cover approval of use, internally and externally, and the setting and collection of appropriate fees for other than the University's regular timetabled use.

The committee comprises: Professor J.L.C. Chipman (Chair), Professor Barry Conyngham, Mr Ian McGrath, Ms Susan Smith, Associate Professor John Steinke, Mr Kevin Turnbull.

Staff who are lecturing in the University Theatre in Spring Session are requested to draw the attention of students to the fact that no food or drink may be consumed in the Theatre.

THE publication, *Italians in Australia: The Literary Experience*, is available from the Department of Modern Languages at $12.95.

Edited by Michael Arrighi with an introduction by Gaetano Rando the publication covers proceedings of the conference on The Italians in Australia: The first 200 years, held at the University of Wollongong and Macquarie University August 27-29, 1988.

This bilingual volume on Italian literature is part of a three-volume set constituting the proceedings of the conference.

KATHRYN Orton held a one-person exhibition in Sydney recently.

Kathryn, a former BCA student, is a prolific artist who exhibits widely in the Illawarra in small group exhibitions and in Sydney.

A lecturer at TAFE (Wollongong), she is both a painter and print maker. She is represented with several works in the University permanent collection.

THE Wollongong branch of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute hosted the Regional Illawarra Titration Competition at the University of Wollongong, last month.

More than 70 Year 11 and 12 students competed, representing 24 schools.

Each team member (teams of three) performed titrations on a different unknown. The combined lowest mean deviation from the true molarity, determined the winning teams.

In first place were Jeremy Nanson, Matthew NG and Julia Irwin from Keira High School, Wollongong.

Each received a trophy for their efforts.

Second were David Hastia, Owen McKern and Ryan Weeks from Bulli High School, Wollongong.

Two teams were third: Jane Caffery, Karina Elliot and Louise Duck from Marion College, Goulburn, and Greg Baker, Matthew Gregory and Daniel Keeley from Keira High School, Wollongong.
CELEBRATION for the annual National Aborigines and Islander Week took place last week with members of the University staff and students again being invited to join in.

At the flag-raising ceremony on Monday July 8, Aboriginal students raised the Aboriginal flag on the University flagpole, near to the main entrance.

The School of Creative Arts combined with the Aboriginal Education Unit to present an exhibition of contemporary and traditional Aboriginal art in the Long Gallery.

Aboriginal and Islander Week is of great importance to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians. Celebrations help the University and the community to meet together with a specific focus.

During the week, Aboriginal people remember past events as well as celebrating present achievements.

Each year a theme is chosen to concentrate on changing attitudes and actions of non-Aboriginal communities. For 1991 the theme, SCHOOL + COMMUNITY = ABORIGINAL EDUCATION has specific relevance to this university as we continue to attract and assist Aboriginal students to undertake tertiary studies at Wollongong.

Debbie feels she belongs here

LOCAL Aboriginal TAFE student Debbie Holloway (pictured left) found a variety of activities open to her during her recent work experience at the Aboriginal Education Unit at the University of Wollongong.

Assisting different officers during the week-long exercise, Debbie was introduced to career options in many fields.

Working in consultation with the wider Aboriginal community is a unique feature of the unit.

Debbie was able to interact with different organisations and individuals who are striving to encourage and support Aboriginal people at this University.

After the visit, Debbie sees a future for herself in tertiary studies at this university.

"Having the unit here makes me feel like I belong," she said. "It's like having a home base. That makes Koori students feel more comfortable about coming to a university."
University first aid contacts and procedures

THE University of Wollongong has a first aid service available for the treatment of minor injuries and as a first line emergency service to render aid to staff and students in life threatening situations.

For the treatment of minor injuries the following staff are available:

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In the case of serious injury or illness that is life threatening, the Ambulance Service should be called immediately, then get assistance from a first aid officer.

Security should also be contacted to act as a guide for the Ambulance.

First aid boxes have been placed in a number of areas on Campus. Listed are the minimum contents of these boxes.

Description of Appliance or Requisite | Contents First-Aid Kit
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Adhesive plastic dressing strips, sterile, plackets of 50 | A B C
Adhesive dressing tape, 2.5 cm x 5 cm | 2 1 1
Bags, plastic, for amputated parts: small | 1 1 -
medium | 2 1 1
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Dressing, non-adherent, sterile, 7.5 cm x 7.5 cm | 5 2 -
Eye pads, sterile | 5 2 -
Gauze bandages, 5 cm | 3 1 1
10 cm | 3 1 -
Gloves, disposable, single | 10 4 2
Rescue blanket, silver space | 1 1 -
Safety pins, packets | 1 1 -
Scissors, blunt/short nosed, minimum length 12.5 cm | 1 1 -
Splinter forceps, stainless steel | 1 1 -
Sterile eyewash solution, 10 ml single use ampoules or sachets | 12 6 -
Swabs, prepacked, antiseptic, packs of 10 | 1 1 -
Triangular bandages, minimum 90 cm | 8 4 1
Wound dressings, sterile, non-medicated, large | 10 3 1
First-aid pamphlet | 1 1 1

First-aid kit A: For factories and construction sites where 25 or more persons work and for other places of work at which 100 or more persons work.

First-aid kit B: For factories and construction sites where less than 25 persons work and for other places of work at which less than 100 and more than 10 persons work.

First-aid kit C: For any place of work, other than a factory or construction site, at which 10 or fewer persons work.

When contents of boxes are depleted contact the nearest first aid officer to arrange restocking. Care should be taken when using first aid boxes to ensure that contents do not become contaminated.

One day informatics program enriching

MORE than 120 Year 7 and Year 8 students from South Coast and Southern Tablelands high schools attended a special one-day enrichment program on June 21 organised by the Faculty of Informatics.

The students had been specially selected by their school mathematics subject masters.

Some students had also received invitations on the basis of strong performance in previous Illawarra Primary School Mathematics Competitions conducted by Ray Crawford of the Faculty of Education.

In the morning talks were given by Professor Chris Cook on the electrical and computer engineering profession, Associate Professor Martin Bunder on logic, Peter Castle on computer graphics and Dr Tom Horner on calculation of square roots without calculators.

A mathematical treasure hunt was organised by Dr Philip Laird and Mrs Joanna Goard.

In the afternoon, Professors David Griffiths and Gary Anido gave talks on probability and telecommunications respectively.

Most students said they had enjoyed the day and most indicated their interest in attending ongoing enrichment sessions once a month after school.

These sessions will commence in late August and will include speakers from the Faculty of Informatics and elsewhere.

There will also be a mathematics competition later this year with prizes sponsored by the National Australia Bank.

The Faculty of Informatics is also supporting a Mathematics Association of NSW Conference to be held at Wollongong later this year.

This will include a session to be held at the University on October 1 when our campus will be host to primary and secondary mathematics teachers from throughout the state.
TWO members of the Information Technology and Communication Unit have just returned from Thailand.

While there they conducted a 10-day course on Globalisation in Informatics on behalf of the University of Wollongong and the Technical Information and Access Centre of Bangkok.

The course was coordinated by Dr Pam Scott, Head of the Unit, and presented by newly-appointed lecturer Una Mansfield.

The University's representative in Thailand, Dr Stewart Houston, provided valuable on-the-spot support and presided over the closing session.

Attendance included managers and engineers from the international and domestic telecommunications carriers - the Communications Authority of Thailand (CAT) and the Telephone Organisation of Thailand (TOT), respectively - the Thai regulatory authority (PTT) and the Japanese Nippon Telephone and Telegraph (NTT) organisation.

Participants said they welcomed the opportunity to go beyond their technical expertise and develop an understanding of the economic and social implications of the globalisation of markets for information technology and services.

It is hoped that the Unit will conduct other similar courses in the Asia-Pacific region in the future.

During the two-week stay, Dr Scott also paid promotional visits to three of the leading universities in Thailand - Chulalongkorn, Assumption and Chiang Mai - to strengthen existing ties with Wollongong and to recruit under-graduate and graduate students into the InfoTech degrees.

THE Vice-Chancellor has scheduled a forum on August 14 to discuss equal opportunity and affirmative action issues relating to female staff.

He has invited those interested in this topic to prepare relevant material and circulate it in order to focus discussion at the forum.

I will be holding meetings for all interested female general and academic staff members to discuss issues they would like raised at the forum.

Input is welcomed from all areas of the University, and I invite all interested staff, male or female, to contact me, either in person, by written communication or by telephone, to express their views on ways by which the objectives of the forum may be met.

The Vice-Chancellor is interested in receiving constructive proposals for reform or improvement rather than simply the identification of difficulties.

Copies of a discussion paper prepared by several academic women and men are available from the EEC Unit together with Professor McKinnon's response and may be obtained by telephoning the unit, ext. 3030.

Peg MacLeod, Equal Opportunity Co-ordinator
**Department of Civil and Mining Engineering**

**Postgraduate Research Seminar**

**July 25:** T. Lu, *Damping characteristics of reinforced concrete box beams* Chairman: Associate Professor Loo.

**August 1:** H. Kavooski, *Unconventional composite beams*. Chairman: Dr Wong.

For additional information contact Dr Baafi (ext 3031)

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**Department of Computer Science**

**Postgraduate Seminar**

**July 12:** David Evans, *Identification and Analysis of Acoustic Features in Ultrasonic Echoes*, and Kenneth Fakamuria, *Support for Object-Oriented Specifications Using Distributed Memory Architecture*.

Michael Birt Library, 1st floor, Seminar Room 5, 1pm-2.30pm.

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**Department of Psychology**

**July 19:** Dr Paul Pedersen, Syracuse University, New York, *Issues in cross cultural counselling*. 2.30-4.30pm Building 19, Room G16.

**July 30:** Dr Steve Boutcher, Department of Human Movement Science, *The effects of aerobic training on cardiac reactivity to stress*. 12.30-1.30pm Building 19, Room 1056.

**August 20:** David Roland, Canberra

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**Seminars**

Institute of Arts, Can psychologists help musical performers manage performance anxiety? 12.30-1.30pm Building 19, Room 1056.

**Education Policy Program**

**July 19:** Ms Jan Hall, *Educational policies and strategies for the gifted and talented child*.

**August 16:** Associate Professor Malcolm Harris, *Integration of management and motivation theory*.

**August 30:** Professor Russall Linka, *Performance Indicators in higher education*.

**October 18:** Professor Carla Fasano, *Knowledge, ignorance and epistemic utility: Issues in the construction of indicator-system*.

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**Library CD classes**

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WORKSAFE Australia
National Occupational Health and Safety Commission
Applications are again called for the 1991 research topics in three areas; Occupational Back Pain and Disorders, Noise Induced Hearing Loss and Improving the Communication of Occupational Health and Safety Information.
These were originally advertised with an earlier closing date, this is now extended to August 15. The University closing date is August 9. The external closing date is August 15.

Apex Foundation for Research into Intellectual Disability Limited
Research Grants and Studentships
Applications are called for research grants concerned with the causes, diagnosis, prevention or treatment of intellectual disability.
The studentships are for undergraduates preparing theses as part of their studies (usually honours students).
The main condition for this studentship is that the subject of the thesis must relate to intellectual disability. Research Grants closing date is July 31. Studentships closing date is May 31, 1992

National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)
Training Fellowships 1992
CJ Martin Fellowship - overseas training on specific research project in biomedical sciences. Award cannot be taken up until applicant holds doctorate.
Australian Postdoctoral Fellowships - Australian training on a specific research project in biomedical sciences, again applicants must hold doctorate.
Neil Hamilton Fairley Fellowship - Overseas training in research methods, including social and behavioural sciences. Candidates must hold appropriate qualifications (but not necessarily doctorate).
Australian Applied Health Sciences
Fellowships - Australian training in research methods including social and behavioural sciences. Candidates must hold appropriate qualifications.
University closing date for all of the above is July 26. External closing date is July 31.

Publications Received at the Graduate Office
Australian Energy Research: Energy Research and Development Corporation
June 1991 Newsletter Issue
AIDAB: Australian International Development Assistance Bureau Evaluation Series No’s 8, 9, and 10
Australian Wool Corporation: WRDC Priority Areas for Production Research

Previously Advertised Closing
The British Council Travel Grants Any Time
Australian Academy of Humanities (Publication Subsidies) Any Time
Clive and Vera Ramaciotti Travel Grants Any Time
Criminology Research Grants Any Time
Academy of Science Conference Funds July 19
Asian Fellowship Scheme July 19
Aust. Institute of Agricultural Science Travel Grants August 9
Sir George Murray Prize August 9
Harkness Fellowships (USA) Travel and Study August 16
Multiple Sclerosis Society P/Grad Scholarship August 16
Nuffield Foundation Fellowship 1992 August 30
Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Scholarships (Law and Medicine) August 31
AFUW Queensland Inc Scholarships September 20
Bilateral Science and Technology Collaboration Program September 20
Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (Syd Lovibond Prize) September 20
Postgraduate Research Awards October 31

Advertisements
Due to the increased demand for this section, in future it will be available only to staff and present students. Anyone wishing to advertise must complete a form in Planning and Marketing, Administration Building. This advertisement will be run once. For a repeat it will be necessary to complete another form.

FOR SALE
Kawasaki Z750, 81 model, reliable. Reg 1/92, ZXC 58, 71,200kms. $1200 ono. Tel. 84 5674.

FOR SALE
1976 Holden Kingswood HX station wagon, new motor (12,000km), premier trim, power windows, bucket seats, $4500. Ext 3843.

FOR RENT
Attractive 2 br fully-furnished house in Woonona. August-November. $120 per week with gas and electricity connected. Quiet location, close to all transport including express bus to uni, shops, beach and schools. Tel 84 8238 or ext. 3663.

FOR RENT
Perfect retreat. S/c unfurnished studio flat, private garden, Stanwell Park. Close to beach and transport. $110 per week includes electricity. Tel Barbara Lepani 94 1469 (home) or ext. 3639.
The Library is running short classes until August 9 to provide instruction in the use of the Online Catalogue. Classes are scheduled for: Monday-Thursday: 10.30-11.30am and 2.30-3.30pm. Friday: 10.30-11.30am. 5.30pm classes will be held on Wednesday July 17, Tuesday July 23, Thursday July 25, Monday July 29, Wednesday July 31, Tuesday August 6, Thursday August 8. Those who feel confident with their Online Catalogue skills, yet need to fulfill the Library component of the University's Computer Literacy Requirement, may complete a written test. This is available from the Information Desk in the Library.

The next meeting of the Women's Issues Group will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday July 23 in the Boardroom of the Union Building, Northfields Avenue. Consultant Archaeologist Caryll Sefton will speak on Pre-History of Illawarra Aborigines. Diana Wong will then speak on Anecdotal Experiences of an International Student Adviser. All are welcome. The cost is $2.50 for members and $3.50 for non-members. Enquiries should be made to Moira Bowman, tel. 843741.

Two staff forums to discuss matters important to the development of the University are planned for the next month. The first is on Wednesday July 24, at 12.30pm in Pentagon 1. It will discuss planning objectives. On Wednesday August 14 at 12.30pm another forum will discuss equal opportunity and affirmative action issues relating to female staff.

Representatives of the Australian Institute of Tertiary Education Administrators NSW Branch will visit the University of Wollongong on Friday July 26. The visit is an opportunity to experience another University's operations and approaches to current issues. The focus of the day will be individualised or small group sessions, matching participants' interests with those of staff at Wollongong.

The School of Creative Arts has announced its program for The Art of Lunch for session two. The program includes: July 18: a presentation of readings by School of Creative Arts.

Stop Press

BOOK RELEASE
THIS WEEK

'Universities In Australia' by Steve Lewis, editor higher education section Financial Review.

A guide and assessment which suggests a range of indicators students might use to select a university.

Available newsagents, bookshops or phone 008 25 1949 for $16.95

What's On


The Illawarra Committee for Overseas Students (ICOS) has announced its calendar of events for this year. The events are: July 27: Snowy Mountains (one day) $15 and $10. Tickets and details are available from the ICOS office in the Union Building next to the Careers and Appointments Service, Monday to Friday 9am-2pm. Tel (042) 21 3158 or ext. 3158.

The Illawarra Performing Arts Centre Guild Theatre is preparing for a season of 'Annie'. Directed by Robert Peet, Annie has Peter Shepherd as musical director and Linda Shaw Wilson as choreographer. The season opens Friday July 26 then July 27 (two shows), 28 (two shows), 30, 31, August 1, 2 and 3 (two shows).

Open Day - Sunday August 25.

Postgraduate Open Day 1991 will be held on September 6. The purpose of the day is that members of the University community can learn about the range and quality of research being conducted on campus. Emphasis will be on either poster/display or short oral presentations. It is expected that only 10 oral presentations will be held. For any information contact Denise Stevens in Academic Services.

The Australian and New Zealand History of Education Conference will be held at the University of Wollongong, from October 3-6. All papers will be presented in Kemira Rooms and Union Board Room. The ANZHES Conference invites papers on the theme of biography and autobiography in the history of education. For more information contact Associate Professor N.J. Kyle, ANZHES Conference 1991, PO Box 1144, Wollongong, NSW, Australia 2500.

Graduation Ceremonies - October 10-11.