International law competition comes to Australia...

The University of Wollongong has been nominated as the Australian representative in the 1992 Client Interviewing competition for law students to be held in Portland, Oregon on 29 March.

Wollongong will be the first university in Australia to become involved in this competition. In the past, the International Competition has involved representatives from the United States, England, Scotland and Canada.

Local solicitor Mr Peter Kell has provided the funds to enable the students to travel to Portland.

Later this year, an inaugural Australian competition will be hosted by the University of Wollongong to select a team to compete in the international competition in 1993.

All Australian law schools will be invited to enter one team (comprised of two students). To date 12 law schools have expressed an interest in participating in the competition.

The 1993 competition will be held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada in April.

The Client Interviewing Competition began in the United States approximately 20 years ago.

The original idea was to develop a form of skills training exercise to promote a client-centred form of legal service.

The notion of a competition was borrowed from the conventional moot court exercises which for many years have been common in law schools in the United States and elsewhere.

While moots are primarily designed to focus on appellate advocacy, a form of practice in which only a small element of the profession engages, the client interviewing competition is concerned with an activity which most practising lawyers undertake on a daily basis.

The competition is designed to provide a forum for the development of interviewing and counselling models which can be carried into practice.

The competition runs as follows.

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Peter John Maguire, a PhD student in Physics, is the successfvU nominee for theStGeorge Youth Endeavour Award ing Accountants.

Department of Accountancy, has been continuing his involvement in the Professional Development activities of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants.

Along with Alan Bridges he conducted a day long programme for financial controllers in Sydney in February. The programme was entitled Financial and Professional Control Systems.

In March he conducted a similar workshop with Alan Bridges and John Petty. This workshop was entitled Your Management and Control Systems - Your Survival, and is part of CONGRESS 92. This congress incorporates the National Public Practice Convention and the NSW State Congress of the Australian Society of CPAs.

Larry Blackett, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Accountancy, has been continuing his involvement in the Professional Development activities of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants.

Professor Peter Fisher, Head of the Department of Physics, resigned recently as the President of the Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering (AINSE) which co-ordinates the use of the unique national nuclear facilities at the Lucas Heights Research laboratories.

According to the AINSE newsletter, Professor Fisher can 'justifiably claim much of the credit for AINSE's success in gaining the large ARC Mechanism C Grant. Without his capacity for hard work and his persuasive skill, it would have been difficult to achieve the unanimous support of AINSE's member universities for the ARC proposal and for AINSE entering 1992 with firm commitments from all universities to continue their AINSE membership.'

The Wollongong English Language Centre is seeking the assistance of any member of academic staff, or postgraduate students, who will be traveling to Spain or Portugal in October this year.

Would anyone in this category who would be interested in representation and some fact-finding work on behalf of the Centre, contact: Peter Day, Centre Manager, Wollongong English Language Centre, Illawarra Technology Centre. Tel. 26 8914 or fax 28 9797.

In accordance with the University's procedures for reviewing academic units, the Vice-Chancellor has initiated a review of the Department of Biology following the resignation of the Head of the Department, Professor Helen Garnett.

It is anticipated that the review will take place in June or July this year. The review will be a ‘full review’ as defined in the procedures.

Submissions to the review panel are invited from the academic community. Submissions, which will be treated as in confidence, should be forwarded to Peter Wood, Manager Academic Services, and should reach him no later than 30 April 1992.

A copy of the University's review procedures can be obtained from the Chief Information Officer, Acer Technologies. Refer to Section M of the Management Handbook which is located in the 'Public Information' folder on the Server.

Enquiries in relation to this matter should be addressed to Peter Wood (ext. 3943).

The Federal Government has two schemes for funding collaborative research with industry - the Australian Postgraduate Awards (Industry) and the ARC Collaborative Research Grants schemes.

Although the closing dates for both schemes are not until mid-year, staff interested in making applications under these schemes should start negotiating with relevant industries now, as experience from previous rounds of applications for these schemes tells us that negotiations can take a while.

Details of both schemes have recently been sent to Heads of Departments and Schools - the APA (Industry) on 25 February and the Collaborative Research Grants on 3 March.

If you are interested in applying for these schemes, please contact your Head of Department/School in the first instance.

Draft applications for the Collaborative Scheme should be submitted to Peter Wood, Manager, Academic Services, no later than 30 April.
Dr Steel brings a strong statistics background

Dr David Steel was appointed to the Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Informatics, in January this year as a senior lecturer.

He accepted the position at the University of Wollongong so that he could pursue research and consulting as well as teaching, particularly in the areas of survey design and analysis, analysis of multi-level and aggregate data, small area estimation and geographic information systems, non-sampling errors and quality in statistical collections.

He was previously Assistant Statistician, Industry Division, Australian Bureau of Statistics, Canberra.

In this position he was responsible for a range of economic statistics covering areas such as the retail industry, professional and business services, personal and tourism related services, science and technology (including R&D), small business and economic indicators such as investment, stocks and company profits.

His branch also undertook surveys on topical issues in industry, such as manufacturing technology, waste management, investment and exports.

Before this he was director of the group providing all the mathematical statistical services to the social, labour and demography division within the ABS.

This involved developing the sample design, estimation and analysis procedures for a large range of surveys, including the ABS's main household survey, the monthly labour force survey and the household expenditure survey.

He was also involved in the quality control and evaluation program for the population census.

He has undertaken research into a method of producing estimates from sample surveys for small geographic areas, non-sampling errors in statistical collections, time series methods in the design and estimation of repeated surveys, use of telephone and other methods in sample selection and data collection.

David Steel graduated from the University of Adelaide with an honours degree in mathematical statistics in 1974.

He obtained a MSc in Statistics from ANU in 1978. A Commonwealth Government overseas study award in 1982 enabled him to obtain a PhD in Statistics from the University of Southampton in 1985. His thesis was concerned with analysing individual and aggregate level survey and other data with a hierarchical structure.

He has found that as a statistician you get a wide view of the world.

He has worked on surveys on topics ranging from accountancy to zoological gardens, and with many organisations including the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, the Industries Commission, The National Heart Foundation, the Cultural Ministers Council, the national statistical offices of Thailand, Vietnam and Malaysia.

David Steel can be contacted through the Statistical Consulting Service in the Department of Mathematics.

Bradlow on ARC Collaborative Research Grants Panel

Professor of Computer Engineering within the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Director, NorTel Technology Centre, Professor Hugh Bradlow, has been appointed to the Australian Research Council’s Collaborative Research Grants Panel.

The Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Kim Beazley, has approved Professor Bradlow’s appointment by the National Board of Employment, Education and Training as a member of the panel until 31 December 1994.

Professor Bradlow is the first academic at Wollongong to be appointed to an ARC Committee.

The panel’s role is to assess submissions for Collaborative Research Grants, a new grant scheme instituted this year by the ARC, which is intended to foster collaboration between universities and industry.

The grants are intended to support individual collaborative projects as opposed to an entire program, the latter being the mandate of the Cooperative Research Centre. These grants are available in any discipline.
The City of Wollongong Symphony Orchestra will present its first subscription concert for 1992 on Saturday 11 April.

The programme for this pair of concerts is Viennese music by Mozart sharing the bill with well-loved 19th-century dance music from the waltz kings: Josef Lanner, Johann Strauss (Senior and Junior) and Josef Strauss.

Mozart is represented by the overture from his opera II Seraglio and the Emperor among his piano concertos, the C-major K.503, in which the soloist will be the visiting Scottish pianist Roy Howat.

The orchestra’s Music Director and Lecturer in the School of Creative Arts, John Wayne Dixon, will conduct these concerts.

Tickets are on sale for the Wollongong concert at the booking office, Illawarra Performing Arts Centre.

Ticket prices are: adults $18.50, concession $14.50, family of four $56. Season subscription tickets are still available for the Wollongong concerts and represent a 25 per cent saving on concert-by-concert prices.

All enquiries to the Illawarra Performing Arts Centre, tel. (024) 26 3366.

Co-operation needed to help out Printery

The resources used by the Printery in printing jobs for the various University departments are relatively fixed.

The equipment and staff are considered necessary to provide a high level of service to users at most volume levels.

No jobbing factory can afford to provide the equipment and staff to cater for maximum or peak demands as these additional facilities would be underutilised most of the time.

As has been the trend in recent years, the Printery is experiencing very high work loads at the start of Autumn Session whereas the work loads in December 1991 and January 1992 were considerably lower.

It would obviously be desirable to try to even out the peaks and troughs. This would not only provide a more even work load for Printery staff and equipment but would also provide a better service to users in that the Printery would have a better chance of meeting all date deadlines.

Despite making every effort to cope with the current high work load by using casual staff and considerable overtime, the Manager, Glen Brissett, regrets that on occasions they have been unable to meet some current job deadlines.

While all in the Printery will continue to make every endeavour to provide a high quality efficient service to University users, they suggest that planning printing requirements before a session would benefit all concerned.

Totry to overcome peak workloads Mr Brissett is considering the implementation of a policy that would give priority to jobs received at the Printery by a date well before the start of each session.

For Spring Session the production plan would be as follows:

Print requisitions entering the Printery before 20 June 1992 and that are required for delivery in the first week of the Spring Session will be given priority production time and will be eligible for a five per cent discount.

Print requisitions entering the Printery after the 20 June 1992 for delivery at the beginning of Spring Session will be produced in the order in which they are received at the Printery.

This system will benefit well planned print projects and will not alter the Printery’s goal of providing quality service, economy and flexibility to print users.

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to ascertain the nature of the problem, the various possible legal and non-legal implications, and must begin the process of structuring a solution to the client’s problem.

After the interview, the team reflects on the interview, the nature of the problem and any follow-up work to be done.

The criteria for judging emphasise the process of interviewing, including the use of effective questioning, the ability to elicit relevant information in an efficient way, the ability to ascertain the client’s goals, the structure of the interview, the ability to communicate with the client in a clear and effective fashion, and related matters.

In short, the competition criteria focus on the team’s skill in building a good working relationship.

Bruce Ziff, of the Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta, is visiting at Wollongong until July.

He has been involved in the Canadian program for several years and will be assisting in the organisation of 1993 international competition.

The University of Alberta won the 1990 competition.
Information Technology Purchasing Policy

The Computer Policy Committee has initiated a review of the University’s Information Technology Purchasing Policy (ITPP).

This was prompted by claims that the present policy inhibits sensible and financially prudent purchasing, and causes commitments to servicing arrangements that are of little or no benefit.

These concerns were drawn to the attention of the University Council at its first meeting this year.

Others maintain that the present policy should be reaffirmed as providing the most cost-effective array of services to the University overall.

When the policy was originally approved, copies were sent to Deans, Faculty Officers, Heads of Units, the Library, and Financial Services.

If you do not have a copy or want additional copies, contact the Director of ITS, Greg Naimo.

At its 2 March meeting, the Computer Policy Committee established a working party consisting of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Chair) Associate Professor Greg Doherty, and Mr Naimo, to consider submissions in relation to the present policy, and to report to the next meeting of the Computer Policy Committee, on Monday 13 April.

That meeting will then issue a green paper on its recommendations for future policy should for further discussion within the University and a final recommendation to the Vice-Chancellor.

Accordingly, submissions are invited on the policy.

Mr Naimo and/or his staff are available on request to visit and explain the present policy to units, and to answer any questions.

The closing date for submissions in this first round is Friday 3 April.

The working party will also be initiating visits to selected units and interviews with users who have already voiced considerable interest.

New road to Health Sciences carpark

A new permanent access road is to be constructed linking the Ring Road to the small carpark immediately south of the Health Sciences Building (Building 38) - see plan.

It is expected that the new road will be completed by the end of April. This will then be the only access to the carpark.

The present roadway will be closed to general traffic and used only as an access road for the new Keira View Building construction site.

When the Keira View Building is completed in early 1994, the old road will be removed completely and the area will be landscaped.

Any inconvenience caused during the construction period is regretted.

International House holds its first reunion

After 25 years of operation, first as a YMCA and then as the University’s first hall of residence, International House held its first reunion of former residents earlier this year.

About 120 former residents attended including two from Fiji and New Zealand.

Every year as far back as 1980 was well represented and some former staff members also came along.

Formal activities were kept to a minimum during the weekend to enable plenty of time for catching up with old friends.

On Saturday the International House Alumni Association was inaugurated, with the assistance of the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Professor Lauchlan Chipman, who chaired the meeting.

The Chancellor, The Hon. RM Hope, and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Gerard Sutton, also attended.

Juliet Richardson, the Alumni Officer, welcomed the group to the University’s Alumni Association, and congratulated them on being the first formally constituted chapter of this Association. Elections were then held and 10 office bearers were elected.

A formal dinner followed with entertainment by Don Harper’s Jazz Band and a variety of stories from former residents.

Also attending the dinner were Cynthia Halloran, current Head of International House, who had masterminded the organisation of the reunion weekend, and former manager, Liz Hilton, whose tales of days gone by were enjoyed by all.

Former Warden, Professor Tony Ng, sent greetings from Hong Kong where he lives, and the International House Management Committee was represented by Professor Chris Cook.

Other current and former staff members included Sandra Comerford, Vic and Joanna Cauduro, Jeanette Faulds and Joyce Lewis.

Following the success of this reunion another one is being planned by the International House Alumni Association for early 1994.
Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Gerard Sutton started the ball rolling at a function to welcome 50 international and junior international rugby union players from the University of Buenos Aires. The Lord Mayor, David Campbell, joined in to welcome them to the city. On Wednesday 18 March they played a preliminary match against the University, followed by a match against the Illawarra District side at the Vikings oval. They left Wollongong victorious.

The following academics will be visiting the University of Wollongong during 1992:

Professor Marina Angel, School of Law, Temple University Pennsylvania, 18-29 May, Faculty of Law
Dr Bill Arlander, Max Planck Inst. for Chemistry, Mainz, Germany, April-May, Department of Chemistry
Professor Robert L Bedore, San Diego State University, USA, January 1992-June 1992, Department of Mechanical Engineering
Dr Paula Boddington, University of Bristol, 6 April-30 June 1992, Department of Philosophy
Ms The Hwa Choi, Korean Sculptor, 20 July-28 August, School of Creative Arts
Professor Donald Erb, Composer from The Cleveland Institute of Music, 4 May-17 July, School of Creative Arts
Mr AT Fernando, National Building Research Organisation, Sri Lanka, September-November 1992, Department of Civil and Mining Engineering
Mr W Gao, Institute of Engineering Mechanics, State Seismological Bureau, Harbin, China, February for 18 months, Department of Civil and Mining Engineering
Professor DP Garg, Duke University, USA, 1992-1993, (Specific dates unknown at present), Department of Mechanical Engineering
Professor WJM Geraerts, Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands, Unknown, Department of Mechanical Engineering
Mr Roy Howat, Concert Pianist from Britain, 6 April-9 April, School of Creative Arts
Dr Tom Keenoy, Cardiff Business School, University of Wales, 20 March-20 May, Department of Economics
D Kroeber, Radford University, USA, May-September 1992,

Overseas Visitors

Department of Business Systems
Dr Li Lan, China, Mid July-November, Department of Civil and Mining Engineering
Mr J Marusia, Czech Technical University, Prague, Czechoslovakia, December 1991-December 1992, Department of Civil and Mining Engineering
Susan Metros, University of Tennessee, 5 October to 5 December, Faculty of Education
Dr Anamy Ma.C. Paano, De La Salle University, Manila, 15 April 1992-1 June, Department of Chemistry
J Park, Korea, March-July, Department of Civil and Mining Engineering
Dr S Sairajghet, Shalced Bahnonar University, September 1991-September 1992, Department of Civil and Mining Engineering
Mr Patrick Shannon, Boise State University UK, Unknown, Department of Mechanical Engineering
Alexander Wedderburn, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh (Business School), 25 February 1992 until 30 June 1992, Psychology (Industrial and Organisational Psychology Unit)
Prof G Wray, Loughborough University of Technology, UK, June 1992, Department of Mechanical Engineering
Dr E Yigit, Zonguldak Engineering Faculty of Zonguldak, Turkey, July 1991-June 1992, Department of Civil and Mining Engineering
Mr G Zhu, China, March 1992-March 1993, Department of Civil and Mining Engineering
Professor Bruce H Ziff, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta Canada, July 1991-June 1992, Faculty of Law
Department of Accountancy

3 April: Mrs Kathy Cooper and Mrs Vivienne Coombe, Department of Accountancy, University of Wollongong - Maximising academic and student productivity through digital technology.

10 April: Mr Robert Williams, Department of Accountancy, University of Wollongong - Income tax: discipline or revenue.

Seminars are held in Faculty of Commerce Building 40, Room 124, from 11.30am-1pm. Contact: Assoc Professor Hai Yap Teoh (042) 21 3625

Department of Biology

9 April: Mr Patrick Tap, Fire and invertebrate communities: perceptions and realities.

14 April: Dr Mark Walker, The development of recombinant whooping cough vaccines.

28 April: Associate Professor Tony Hulbert, Oils aint oils: why cats eat meat.
(Advertised last year but not given)

12 May: Dr Glenda Vaughton, Selective abortion in Banksia spinulosa var. neoanglica.

19 May: Associate Professor Ross Lilley, Rubisco oxygenase: a photosynthetic enzyme that emits light.

26 May: Dr Mike Thompson, School of Biological Sciences, University of Sydney, Physiology of reptilian eggs: comparison of contemporary and extinct reptiles.

Seminars are held in Building 35, Lecture Theatre G19, at 12.30pm. Contact: Dr David Ayre (042) 21 3440

Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering

6 April: Dr H W P Beadle, Multimedia communication.

13 April: Dr P Doulai, Power electronics.

27 April: Mr J Lawrence, Modelling of intelligent networks.

4 May: Mr N Kulkarni, Texture analysis using gabor transform.

11 May: Mr D Dejsakulrit, Switching strategies for active power filters.

18 May: Mr N Tabrizi, Parallel processing in real-time systems.

25 May: Mr M Chezelayah, Harmonic management in power systems.

Seminars are held in Room 35/G45 at 12.35pm. Contact: Philip Ogunbona (042) 21 3403

Department of History and Politics

8 April: John McQuilton, Comparative Frontiers

Human resources framework: an Australian perspective.

28 May: Dr Muris Cicic, The changing political economy of Eastern and Central Europe - some predictions and marketing consequences.

Seminars are held in Bld 40, Room 124, from 12.30-2pm. Contact: Dr Muayyad Jabri (042) 21 3647

Department of Mechanical Engineering

8 April: Professor John Blake, Department of Mathematics, University of Birmingham, Catast, jets and toroidal bubbles, 2.30 pm

21 April: Professor Bob Bedore, Visiting Professor, Ultrasound machining on hard materials and reinforced composite, 11.30am.

Seminars in Building 8, Seminar Room Contact: W. K. Soh, ext. 3059.

Department of Nursing

10 April: Professor Carol Morse, Pre-menstrual Syndrome: Troubled Hormones or Troubled Women?

26 May: Associate Professor Robyn Holden, Psychoanalysis and the Death Drive.

Seminars are held at 12.30-1.30 pm in the Nursing Building, No. 38, Room G01

Department of Philosophy

3 April: Fred Kroon, Department of Philosophy, University of Auckland. To be advised

10 April: Robert Dunn, Department of Philosophy, University of Wollongong, attitudes, agency and first-personality.

1 May: Suzanne Unlace, Department of Philosophy, University of Wollongong, 'Peter Singer and nonvoluntary euthanasia': tripping down the slippery slope. Paper co-authored with H J McCloskey.

Seminars are held in Building 19, Room 1034, Level 1, at 2pm. Contact: Karen Barrett (042) 21 3615

Department of Public Health and Nutrition

13 April: Brian O'Neill, Department of Public Health and Nutrition, Videoconferencing as an Educational Medium.

27 April: Linda Tapsell, Department of Public Health and Nutrition, Towards a Theoretical Approach to Community Nutrition Education.

All seminars held in Room 19.2061 12.30-1.30pm.
The Anglican Chaplaincy on campus conducts a service of Holy Communion on campus each Wednesday at 8.40 am during session in the Chaplain's Office, 1st floor Union Building. Campus bible study groups meet on Thursdays 12.30 pm Bld 40, Room 131. Enquiries 213534, or drop in to the Chaplain's Office for a chat.

The Fringe Exhibition featuring works by BCA and Summer School students is running until 11 April 1992.

Upcoming CD classes in the library: April 1: Dialog, 5.30-6.30pm; April 2: UMI, 11.30am-12.30pm; April 6: Dialog, 11.30am-12.30pm; April 7: Austrom, 1.30-2.30pm; April 8: UMI, 11.30am-12.30pm; April 9: Silverplatter, 11.30am-12.30pm; April 13: UMI, 11.30am-12.30pm; April 14: Silverplatter, 11.30am-12.30pm; April 15: Dialog, 5.30-6.30pm; April 16: Austrom, 1.30-2.30pm.

The School of Creative Arts' Art of Lunch features: Marelle Day, Writer-in-residence reads from her recent work: 2 April. Roy Howat, Scottish-born pianist and Artist-in-residence: 9 April. José Aerts in the Inter-Arts project Secret of Black: 16 April. These events are held in the Music Auditorium from 12.35-1.25 pm. Morrie Scott will talk about film maker Stephen Frost and Art Pix (Films about Artists) on 1 April from 12.35pm -1.25pm in the Music Auditorium.

Elizabethan Carnival under the stars. Theatre South, in association with the School of Creative Arts presents The Tragedy of King Richard 111, by William Shakespeare, until 5 April. Logie winner David McCubbin tackles the lead role of Richard in this special outdoor presentation in the grounds of the University (there are alternative arrangements in the event of inclement weather). Bookings: tel. 296144 or 296758

Saturday 4 April at 8.30 am is the date and time for hot breads and coffee at the Conservatorium of Music, Gleniffer Brae. There will be music provided by Conservatorium students and staff. Bring your friends and enjoy a pleasant hour or two of entertainment in the idyllic surroundings of Gleniffer Brae. Informal seating will be available; elderly and disabled passengers will be able to be driven to the Manor House. If you really enjoy the occasion, a donation would be gratefully received by the Friends of the Conservatorium.

'Silly Walk' for Walk against Want. University students will parade their 'Silly Walks' and 'wacky costumes' and lead Community Aid Abroad's annual 'Walk Against Want' on Sunday 5 April starting from Tumblong Park, Darling Harbour. A panel of celebrity judges will select the best acts. To join in call Karina or Elise on (02) 281 6799

'Illawarra Committee for Overseas Students invite all new international students and their families for a picnic lunch as part of the Orientation Programme. The lunch will be held on Saturday 11 April 1992. The cost is $2 adults with children free. The itinerary is Wollongong - Stanwell Tops - Sublime Point - Cordeaux Dam (picnic lunch "BYO") - Mt Keira - Wollongong. Details and tickets are available from ICOS office, 1/F, Union Building on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.30am-1.30pm. Tel. 21 3158 or ext. 3158. Other events for the committee are: Gledswod Homestead (sheep shearing): 20 April, Blue Mountains: 23 May, Snowy Mountains: 25 July, Canberra: 19 September, Harbour Cruise and Sydney Aquarium: 11 October, Australia’s Wonderland: 5 December. Tickets and details are available from the ICOS office in the Union Building next to the Careers and Appointments Service, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9.30am-2pm. Tel. (042) 21 3158.

Agenda deadlines for the 1992 Human Experimentation Ethics Committee meetings are: 14 April, 4 July, 30 August, 24 October, 5 December. It will no longer be possible to table late items. Late applications will be held over until the next meeting.

Professor Fred Hollows will give the annual University Day Address on Monday, 11 May.


Items for the UGSC must be given to acting secretary Mrs M Evans or minute secretary Mrs S Jennings, both in Student Administration, by 5pm on 14 April, 2 June, 30 June, 25 August, 10 November.

Open Day: Sunday, 30 August.

Australian Computer Conference on Information Systems hosted by the Department of Business Systems 5-8 October at the University of Wollongong. Enquiries to Gaye Herbert (042) 21 3958.