High-tech lab for Modern Languages

When the University of Wollongong began to teach Japanese in 1991 it was the intention to establish a course that would be distinctive in a number of ways.

The course offers a significantly higher number of hours of tuition than other courses in Japanese and includes intensive Summer Sessions and residence and study in Japan.

It also includes Computer-Assisted Language Learning to supplement and reinforce the class work.

The Department of Modern Languages received support from the Commemorative Association for the Japan World Exposition, which enabled the installation of a 20-place computer laboratory that puts the University on its way to becoming a leading university in computer-assisted language learning.

The Commemorative Association for the Japan World Exposition was established in 1970 after the Osaka World Exposition to help organisations undertake projects appropriate to the theme of the exposition - 'progress and harmony for mankind'.

The Consul-General for Japan, Mr Noguchi, opened the laboratory on 1 May.

During his speech he said he was glad that the fund was being utilised in such meaningful projects as the installation of these computer facilities, and that the Consulate had been able to play the role of a bridge between the University and the Foundation.

He added that there are about 66,000 Australians studying Japanese, and that there was an especially high demand in NSW.

Japan and Australia are expected to play a more important role in the Asia-Pacific area, and in this sense, it is important for us to deepen and strengthen our mutual relations through cultural exchanges in addition to our relations at the political and economic levels,' he said.
Mary Wade scholarship has unique origins

The origins of the Mary Wade Memorial Scholarship are unique. They go back to October 1788 when a girl called Mary Wade, then only 10 years old, was convicted for an offence that the judge directed the jury to regard as robbery.

The court imposed a sentence of death, subsequently commuted to transportation to NSW.

After many months on a hulk in the Thames, Mary Wade sailed from London on the Lady Juliana which was part of the Second Fleet of convicts dispatched to Botany Bay. The Lady Juliana reached Sydney Cove in June 1790.

After a brief stay in Sydney, Mary Wade was transported to Norfolk Island in company with some hundreds of other convicts. She was not yet 12 years old.

At age 15 she gave birth to her first child, and during her life she had numerous sons and daughters who were themselves prolific.

Her life was bound up with the fortunes of two men - Teague Haragan (sometimes spelt Harrigan) and Jonathan Brooker (sometimes spelt Broker).

Mary lived on the Hawkesbury, then at Airds and finally in the Illawarra on a farm close by the site of Tarrawanna Public School.

The history of Mary Wade’s descendants is written in the book Mary Wade to Us, published by the Mary Wade History Association which was formed about 10 years ago by her present descendants.

In 1988 the association generously endowed the University of Wollongong with a sum of money to allow a $500 prize. This year the association has converted the prize to a $3000 scholarship to be awarded to an outstanding student in Australian History.

The Department of History and Politics has awarded the 1992 Mary Wade Memorial Scholarship to Beverley Symons, a mature-age student, who has an outstanding record in History and is currently in her Honours year.

Brief News

Professor of Electrical Engineering and Head of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Professor Johnson, Ian Laird, Avis Depers, Keith Gaymer, Sylvia Huntly-Moore, Des Jamieson, Rosemary Klein, Marion Pain.

Chris Cook, has been invited to join the Australian Electrical Supply Industry Research Board (AESIRB) Power Systems Advisory Panel.

AESIRB is the major Australian provider of research grants in the power systems area, and this appointment reflects the standing, built up over some time, of the power engineering research community at the University of Wollongong.

The State Public Services Federation Workplace group Committee for 1992-1993 is:

Chairperson: Tony Kent; Vice-Chairperson: Ron Parker; Secretary: John Willis; Delegates: Peter Anthony, Maree Fryer, Heather Hill, Jan James, Mark

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Irene Stein wins the Ethel Hayton Award

Ethel Hayton was one of the original group of citizens of the Illawarra who worked for the establishment of the University of Wollongong. She demonstrated her continuing support in many ways until her death in May 1988.

By commissioning Gino Sanguineti, a local sculptor of growing reputation, to commemorate the 10th year of University autonomy, Ethel Hayton created another bond between the University and the community.

The trophy symbolises the grand fig trees that were previously the focal point on campus and around which the University grew.

In 1986 the University’s Vice-Chancellor accepted a recommendation by the Friends of the University that this sculpture be known as the Ethel Hayton Trophy and be awarded annually to the academic unit or member of the academic staff who during the preceding year ‘made a notable contribution to an activity which has enhanced community support for the University’.

Senior representatives of the local media consider nominations and recommend to the Vice-Chancellor the citation for the award of the trophy, which is formally presented on University Day each year.

The initial award was made on 14 August 1987 for activities in 1986. Previous winners have been:

1990 Dr Brian Camboume and Ms Jan Turbill, School of Learning Studies
1989 Glen Moore, Science Centre
1988 Aboriginal Education Unit
1987 Professor John Steinke
1986 Des Davis and David Vance

Nominated for the 1991 Award were:

The Recreation and Sports Association

The staff of the Recreation and Sports Association have been nominated as a team of dedicated and enthusiastic professionals who have added a new dimension to the University and encouraged members of the community to enter the campus. They have worked to provide top-class facilities such as the aquatic centre and the all-weather hockey field by using great initiative to attract sponsorships and funding from major organisations as well as the University.

Mr Owen Curtis

Owen Curtis is a lecturer in the Department of Human Movement Science who has developed and managed Australia’s first multi-disciplinary sports medicine clinic and actively promoted contact between students and the community. He has been instrumental in placing Human Movement Science students out in the community to provide one-to-one preventative medicine; promote health and fitness and support elite sports people. Dr Curtis sees this interaction providing the students themselves with invaluable practical knowledge of their field.

Dr Grahame Morris

Grahame Morris has, for many years, demonstrated a dedication to students on campus as a lecturer and, lately, as the Sub-Dean of the Faculty of Informatics. His reputation as a good teacher has spread to the community where he has enthusiastically taken up the challenge of giving high school students a clearer view of the fields of study open to them, particularly at the the University of Wollongong. His success can be measured by the growth in the number of high quality applicants from the areas he has canvassed.

Associate Professor Peter Shepherd

Peter Shepherd has enjoyed great success in developing the performing arts within the University’s School of Creative Arts and within the wider community. His initiative established the Illawarra Performing Arts Centre’s Guild which has given Wollongong two fine musical comedy and operetta performances each year. As Musical Director, Peter has been able to tap the artistic skills of members of the local community, the University and visiting artists. He is also known for his own art works that have been exhibited locally, interstate and internationally. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Wollongong City Gallery.

Ms Irene Stein

Irene Stein is a lecturer in the Department of Nursing. She has developed a program of nursing training that not only enriches her students’ education but also reaches out to the community in a practical and caring manner. She is the coordinator of the Department’s Gerontology Program which involves students making personal contact with elderly citizens. The rapport thus established has very positive results for the students and the well-being of the elderly who come to trust the students for guidance on a range of problems. Irene has pioneered a parallel program for placing students in Nursing Homes. She also administers the training program for Aboriginal students and aims to prepare them to return to their communities to practise as nurses.

On University Day, 11 May, the Chancellor announced that the recipient for 1991 was Ms Irene Stein.
Vice-Chancellor's 1992 Awards

This prestigious award scheme was introduced in 1991 to encourage and reward outstandingly high quality performance in teaching by academic staff of the University.

Up to four awards may be made in any one year, each valued at $2,000. For this year's awards, there were 13 nominations, all of whom were of very high quality. All Faculties were represented among the nominations.

The following nominations were received:

- Associate Professor R Castle (Economics)
- Mr D Considine (Law)
- Ms K Draisma (SLAC)
- Dr T Horner (Mathematics)
- Mr G Moore (Physics)
- Dr I Pirie (Computer Science)
- Ms S Rice (Education)
- Ms H Yeatman (Public Health and Nutrition)
- Associate Professor R Young (Geography)

Congratulations to all the nominees who should consider it an honour to be so warmly regarded by their peers and students.

Award winners for 1992 are (in alphabetical order) Dr Michael Boyd, Mr John Scott, Ms Roslyn Westbrook, and Associate Professor Robert Wheway.

Dr Michael Boyd
Senior Lecturer, Department of Civil and Mining Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

Michael Boyd joined the staff of the then Wollongong University College in the last year before the establishment of the autonomous University of Wollongong.

In his 18 years of continuous service he has been instrumental in the development, virtually single-handed, of nearly all the hydraulics subjects offered by the Department.

He has also been at the forefront of the imaginative introduction of computer-assisted learning into Civil and Mining Engineering subjects. His contributions in this area are now acknowledged internationally as well as throughout Australia.

Dr Boyd's personal teaching philosophy is to provide each student with a sound knowledge of the relevant parts of basic engineering sciences, together with a rich variety of practical examples and exercises which will develop the student as a skilled professional.

He believes he has an obligation to treat every student with respect, and this is reflected in the excellent rapport he enjoys with his students, and the fact that alumni of many years professional standing still return to seek his advice on professional matters.

Mr John Scott
Lecturer in Writing, School of Creative Arts, Faculty of Arts

John Scott has been with the University for just under three years. In that short time Mr Scott has achieved a remarkable reputation for his capacity to engage students.

His lectures are renowned not only for the wide-ranging knowledge of contemporary writing Mr Scott displays, but for their energy, passion, and wit, qualities which lead his students to describe his lectures as genuinely inspiring.

Mr Scott describes his personal teaching philosophy as one which involves beginning by discovering the individual strengths in each student's personal writing, and assisting the student to build on those strong individual foundations. His long term goal is to maximise the potential within each student.

This involves subjecting them to honest criticism when appropriate, and ensuring that every student is introduced to an individually tailored reading program so that they will all be exposed to the full range of available published writing in their genre.

Mr Scott regards every class as a learning experience for all participants. After each class he asks not only how much have the students learned?, but also, how much have I learned from that class?

Ms Roslyn Westbrook
Lecturer in Physical and Health Education, Faculty of Education

Roslyn Westbrook has been with the University of Wollongong for just over ten years, having first joined on a period
of leave without pay from the NSW Education Department. She has been described by her colleagues as a perfect role model for the future primary and secondary school teachers in Physical and Health Education who make up the bulk of her classes – enthusiastic, stimulating, adaptable, and always open to new thoughts and ideas.

Ms Westbrook’s dedication to her students is shown in her willingness to provide individual students with as much individual assistance and extension work as they need. She regards her role as to assist in the development of all students, whatever their background ability, to the full extent of their capacity.

She does not regard this as “doing extra” but just part of what is involved in dealing professionally with her students.

Ms Westbrook’s personal philosophy of teaching is that students learn most effectively when they participate actively in the design and development of their own learning process.

She sees the development of future teachers as not merely the imparting of knowledge to them, but assisting them in forming their attitudes and values, in ways that build on the previous experience of the individual learner.

**Associate Professor Robert Wheway**

*Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering*

Bob Wheway has been a member of the academic staff, originally of the Wollongong University College, since 1967. He has taken a leading role in the development of the curriculum for the degree in Mechanical Engineering.

More recently he has developed a series of new subjects in Environmental Engineering and Design.

To stimulate the interests of students he introduced and continues to organise the Department of Mechanical Engineering’s First Year Creative Design Competition.

Associate Professor Wheway is recognised by his present and past students, many now eminent in the Engineering profession, as someone who goes out of his way to provide each individual student with all the personal assistance necessary, whether it be a student who is at risk of failure, or a student who is on the verge of achieving an Honours result.

He is a consistent innovator in instructional design, his aim being to stimulate even the least motivated student, while providing opportunities for the keenest students to extend themselves most fully.

He has pioneered the use of case study techniques in experimental and environment-related subjects.

Associate Professor Wheway shares his own ideas and experiences as an effective teacher as widely as possible.

To that end, he has also contributed over 20 publications to the literature on university teaching. In the words of one of his senior colleagues, “I am proud to call myself a colleague of Bob Wheway – he is an example to us all”.
OECD policy expert visits Faculty of Informatics

The Faculty of Informatics was privileged to have as a guest a leading international expert on information technology policy on the 27 and 28 April.

Dr Dieter Kimbel, Head of the Information Technology Policy Unit in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Paris, presented a seminar titled 'Emerging Information Technology and New Economic Opportunities'.

He said that policy and economic considerations were now central to planning the emergence of new computing and telecommunications networks.

Dr Kimbel said he was impressed with the broad range of computing and telecommunications research underway on campus.

He expected the Faculty’s Information Technology and Communication (ITAC) Unit to play an important role in contributing to a better understanding of the social, economic and political dimension of information technology. Apart from meeting with Faculty staff and students, Dr Kimbel met with Professor Chipman, Professor Sid Morris, Professor Jim Falk and Mr Jim Langridge.

Freeway crossing danger

Regrettably instances of pedestrians crossing the Freeway between the University and the TAFE are again on the increase.

These pedestrians include high school students, TAFE students and University staff and students.

In an effort to discourage this, the University has asked the Roads and Traffic Authority to quickly repair the holes that are deliberately made in the safety fences to gain access to cross the Freeway.

The RTA is aware of the problem and will continue to monitor the condition of the fence. Students and staff are reminded that not only is crossing the Freeway dangerous, it is illegal. Don’t do it.

Public lecture on domestic violence

Professor Marina Angel is visiting the Faculty of Law from May 15 to May 29.

The visit is sponsored by a local firm of solicitors, Russell, McLellan and Brown.

Professor Angel, a Professor of Law at Temple University Law School in Philadelphia, is a graduate of Columbia University and the University of Pennsylvania and teaches and writes in the areas of criminal law, juvenile law, employment law and labour law.

During her visit at the University, Professor Angel will be giving a number of seminars on various topics to different interest groups.

One of Professor Angel’s areas of speciality is domestic violence.

A public lecture will be held on this issue on Thursday 28 May at the University, Administration Building, 5.30-6.30pm.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Telephone (042) 21 3456 by 25 May to book in.

THE STOCK-EXCHANGE GAME

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A memorandum on Academic Staff Appointees with Migration Issues has been distributed to Deans of Faculties and Heads of Academic Units.

It provides general information concerning the types of visas that may be applicable to appointees/visitors to the University. The information is also available on the Administration File Server, under Staff Matters, Academic Staff, Migration Regulations.

Refer to subsequent editions of Campus News and to E-Mail for more helpful hints.

### Staff News

**Application for Conversion to a Continuing Appointment**

Reference Documents:
- Academic Conditions Document D - Conversion to a Continuing Appointment
- Academic Conditions Document B - Responsibilities and Duties of Academic Staff.

(These documents are available on the Administration File Server or hard copies can be obtained from Personnel Services Branch).

1. Members of the Academic Staff who hold a Continuing Appointment on Probation and who are eligible to apply to have their appointments converted to a Continuing Appointment should lodge their applications not later than 31 May 1992.

2. Similarly, academic staff who hold a Limited Term - 5 years (convertible) appointment, where that position has been reviewed and reallocated to the same academic unit, should lodge their applications not later than 31 May 1992.

3. **Method of Application**
   - Applications may be lodged in one of the following ways:
     a) by hard copy
     b) by sending the application by Electronic Mail to Ross Walker, or
     c) by bringing the application on disk to Personnel Services. If the disk is IBM, it should be first taken to the Administration Information Services in Administration to have the disk converted.

   Note that the format for applications is set out in the Administration File Server under Administration, Staff Matters, Academic Staff, Assessments Folder, CV Conversion.

   Applications for promotions are not considered at the mid year meetings of the Academic Promotions and Continuing Appointments Committee.

   For further information, contact R.M. Walker, Secretary, Academic Promotions and Continuing Appointments Committee.

   The Academic Conditions of Appoint-ment Documents state, in relation to Recreation Leave:

   ‘Recreation leave is available each year and should be taken as far as possible in vacation times. Annual leave loading is payable. Leave must be taken annually and may not be accumulated.’

   The Academic Staff Conditions of Employment Award does not stipulate an entitlement for recreation leave.

   The University follows the provisions of the NSW annual Holidays Act which provides for 20 working days holiday for a completed year of service.

   This is in addition to this University’s shut down period between Christmas Day and New Year’s Day, and public holidays.

   The Administration does not record details of annual leave accrued and taken by academic staff and Heads of Academic Units are responsible to ensure that leave is taken in accordance with entitlements.

   As a general rule, it is expected that leave will be taken during the major recess periods. It is emphasised that leave must be taken annually and may not be accumulated.

   In respect of academic staff in a Contract Appointment, annual leave accrued during the term of the appointment must be taken before the end of the contract period.

   The information is also found on the Administration File Server, under Staff Matters, Academic Staff, Recreation Leave.
• Long Gallery:
    José Aerts and Ceramic Students until 17 May.

• 1992 Graduation Ceremonies: 12-15 May and 8-9 October.


• The 1992 Bridge Recital Series begins with the Sydney Shanghai String Quartet at the Bridge Theatre, Coniston, on Sunday 17 May. The evening's entertainment will begin at 5pm and conclude at approximately 7pm. The rest of this year's programme is: the Graeme Bell All Stars on 28 June, followed by the multicultural folk fusion group Southern Crossings (20 September) as well as an appearance by the opera diva Amanda Thane (6 September). Tickets for the Sydney Shanghai String Quartet are $18 ($14 concession) of $50 for a family of four. Book with Margaret Sharrad, tel. 28 1843, or Bridge Theatre, tel. 29 6144.

• The University Service will be held on 17 May at 7pm at St John’s Anglican Church, Eastern St, Gwynville.


• Upcoming Illawarra Committee for Overseas Students events are: Gledswood Homestead (sheep shearing): 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 or ext. 3158.

• A special postgraduate seminar will be held at 6.30pm on 27 May in the Union Function Centre. Dr Eveleen Richards, of STS, will present Vitamin C and Cancer: Medicine or Politics?

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

• Agenda deadlines for the 1992 Human Experimentation Ethics Committee meetings are: 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.

• The 11th International Conference on Ground Control in Mining will be held at the University from 7-10 July. It is organised by the University of Wollongong, the University of West Virginia and the Australian Institute of Mining Metallurgy. The keynote address will be given by Mr W Tattersall, Assistant to the Secretary of State for Safety and Health, USA.

• 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.

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**PUBLIC LECTURE**

The Inaugural Faculty of Law Public Lecture, The Impact of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms on Canada's legal culture, presented by Bruce Ziff, Visiting Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Wollongong, will be held on Wednesday 20 May from 5.30-6.30pm in the Music Auditorium, at the University of Wollongong.