Open Day reflects the growing reputation of the University

More than 8000 visitors came to the University of Wollongong Open Day on 28 August.

Most of these visitors were prospective students and their parents.

They came from the Illawarra, all over Sydney, across NSW including Taree, Parkes, Tumut, Dubbo and Coffs Harbour; and from interstate including the ACT.

Faculty representatives on duty during the day said they were asked searching and informed questions.

Each year students seem to be better informed about their choices and more determined to choose the institution that suits them best in terms of the courses offered, the general environment and the support structures.

The International Office spoke to several international students and answered many enquiries about study abroad opportunities.

The Union reported a 25 percent increase in business over last year’s Open Day.

Comments in the Open Day survey included:

- ‘This is a very impressive institution. The grounds are wonderful and the staff friendly and helpful.’
- ‘Doesn’t need improvement, it’s tops the way it is.’

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Honours Statistics students under the guidance of Dr David Steel accepted the challenge of estimating the number of visitors during the day. They are establishing a formula to help the University have a reliable way of determining the numbers each year.

Traffic counters for the study were provided by the Roads and Traffic Authority.

The Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor Gerard Sutton said that he and the Chancellor were very impressed by the various activities they saw on campus and grateful for all the effort put in by so many people.

Open Day was clearly a success. Thank you to all who participated.

Expenditure of quality grant

Earlier this year, the University of Wollongong was rated by the Federal Government among the top nine universities in the country.

As a result, the University will receive 2.5 percent of its operational grant, or $1,860,000.

In March 1994, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ken McKinnon, circulated a memo to all staff on campus inviting feedback on how the Quality Assurance funds should be expended.

Subsequently, submissions were received and several areas were identified as being of a high priority.

The University was required to advise DEET on proposed expenditure of quality money by 29 April 1994.

The University indicated its intention to spend the funds in the following areas:

- Teaching technology upgrade;
- Library infrastructure;
- Staff development;
- Scholarships;
- Research.

As part of the Planning and Development Committee's deliberations, several sub-committees were formed to provide more detailed input on how funds should be spent in the areas of teaching technology upgrade and library infrastructure.

This would ensure that the proposed expenditure represented proper planning directions which the Committee thought were appropriate.

The Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research) was asked to provide detailed input on how the research funds should be expended.

At its 3 August meeting, the Planning and Development Committee considered and accepted the recommendations proposed by the sub-committees relating to teaching technology upgrade and library infrastructure as well as those regarding research.

It resolved in favour of the following expenditure:

1. Teaching Technology Upgrade
   - Theatre upgrades, $150,000
   - Multi-media labs*, $150,000
   - ITS microwave link*, $200,000

2. Library Infrastructure
   - Acquisition of multiple texts and readings, $100,000
   - Acquisition of non-serial materials, $100,000
   - Databases and associated technology, $200,000

3. Research
   - Three Research Institutes, $296,000
   - Centre for Research Policy, $20,000

4. 1994 Honours Scholarships and additional PhD Scholarship Schemes, $300,000

5. Staff Development, $300,000

* Details to be finalised

The developments made possible by these allocations will be implemented in the remainder of 1994.
The survival of Australian manufacturers depends on the rapid introduction of high-quality products that address consumer needs.

This requires dramatic improvements in 'concurrent engineering' techniques that improve responsiveness and shorten time to market.

Despite widespread knowledge of such techniques there is little understanding of how concurrent engineering can be effectively organised and implemented in Australian manufacturing firms.

As a result, Wollongong University's Management of Integrated Technical and Organisational Change (MITOC) Unit has just been awarded $495,000 by the Cooperative Research Centre on Intelligent Manufacturing Systems and Technologies to develop methodologies and tools to assist in this organisation and implementation process.

The project involves working closely with Hoover Australia (Sydney), and testing and developing methods in Tyree (Mittagong), Farley (Melbourne), ANCA (Melbourne) and Moldflow (Melbourne).

This grant continues MITOC's 100 percent success rate in 11 applications for research funding of approximately $1.7 million.

All this has occurred since the establishment of MITOC as a research unit in the Department of Management in April 1993.

The Director, Associate Professor Richard Badham, said the main reason for MITOC's success was its action research orientation.

'Unlike other research centres in the area, MITOC works closely with industrial partners at their work sites,' he said.

'Eighty percent of the benefits of innovation come from the adaptation and customisation of systems to fit the specific requirements of user firms.'

'It is its success in addressing this area that distinguished MITOC from its competitors.'

Industrial credibility is of central importance to MITOC's strategy.

In the last year, Senior Research Fellow of MITOC, Dr Paul Couchman, has played a key action research role in work in Ford Plastics (Melbourne), Hoover Australia (Sydney) and James Hardie Irrigation (Adelaide).

The success of MITOC in these companies has led not only to the recent grant, but also further grants from the Australian Research Council, APEC, and the Education and Training Foundation for research and training in innovative team based manufacturing systems.

For further information on the research, training, change management and government policy activities of MITOC, contact June Aspley, ext. 4437.
What to do if you find any lost property

The Security Section is responsible on campus for the management of found property and lost property enquiries.

Generally most people are aware of this and make enquiries at the Security Office when they lose an item of personal property or hand in lost property which they have found.

However, found property doesn’t always reach the Security Section.

Sometimes departments/individuals hold on to the property and sometimes send out e-mails.

While it is appreciated that the best endeavours are often being undertaken, Security usually find that some items of found property get locked away and forgotten.

Then some months later the property comes under notice and is brought to Security.

Of the biggest concerns is when property is identifiable and the section has had enquiries about that particular item of property in the past.

Security officers have clear responsibilities to document valuable property and issue receipts to finders.

Security officers must also follow set guidelines when dealing with property that contains monies.

That procedure involves the counting of monies in front of the finder, documenting the amount in their official notebooks (when in the field), having the finder countersign the entry verifying its correctness and later forwarding a receipt to the finder on their return to the security office.

If at the Security office, a receipt will be directly issued to the finder. Having received the property, the Security staff must then make all reasonable enquiries to locate the owner of the property.

If you find or have found property handed to you, please pass it on to Security as soon as practical so that a consistent approach can be maintained.

If you can’t go to the Security office, Security staff can be contacted and they will attend your office or department to collect the property.

If you have lost an item of personal property please ensure that you do check with Security.

Please direct people enquiring about lost items to the Security Office, in Building 11, Union Building, next to the Retail Centre.

Inquiries to Graham Parsons or David Anderson, ext. 4554 or 4556.

Economics International Food Day

The Department of Economics recently held its International Food Day in the new Sports Lounge, Recreation and Aquatic Centre.

This day has been a success over the last four years, where staff and postgraduate students of the Department of Economics each contribute food from their country of origin towards an annual luncheon.

The day is a great success in two ways. Firstly, everyone enjoys food from different cultures and secondly, it is an opportunity for staff and students to interact in an informal atmosphere.

Last year, several students began their studies at the University on that day, and it was a great welcome for them. They were able to talk to supervisors and other students in a very friendly atmosphere.

The event is organised by Administrative Assistants in the Department, Sophie Abercrombie and Julie Chin, and could not take place without their efforts.

Dr Khorshed Chowdhury; Javaid Khalid; Associate Professor Rob Castle; Uraiwan Anukui; Ahmad Ghassemi and Arun Shankar enjoying international delicacies
Visit by Sydney school principals

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ken McKinnon, hosted a visit by 15 principals from government and private schools in Sydney on 23 August.

The visit was organised in recognition of the increasing number of students in Sydney who see Wollongong as an option for tertiary study.

It gave principals the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the campus and developments at the University.

The schools they represented were: St Andrew’s Cathedral School, Endeavour, Engadine, Jannali, Inaburra, Kirrawee, Scots College, Menai, Elderslie, Sutherland Shire Christian School, John Terry Catholic High, Sydney Boys High, Woolooware and Miller Technology.

They met representatives from each faculty and key people involved in admissions so they could establish a network of appropriate people to contact in the future on behalf of their students.

A brief presentation in the Council Room was followed by lunch in the Keira View Private Dining Room. Most visitors then went on tours of the campus and held individual, informal discussions with faculty staff.

Everyone involved was very positive about the exercise.

A further day will be organised next month for those principals who were unable to attend.

Allan Sefton Memorial Lecture
by Professor Roger Kitching,
Professor of Ecology at Griffith University

‘Biodiversity: Buzzword, Bible or Beacon?’

22 September
Union Function Centre 7pm.
Bookings: 214 134.
Thirty-two children from the Conservatorium Youth and Junior Choirs will tour and perform in Adelaide from 16-24 September. They will be accompanied by their director, Margaret May Sharrad.

The choirs' journey to South Australia is a return exchange visit for the Adelaide Junior Treble Chorus which was hosted by Wollongong in 1992.

During the Adelaide trip the choir will sing at schools, a church service and at the Festival Theatre as part of the South Australian Combined Primary Schools Choir Festival on 19 September.

The choristers will be billeted with families in the McLaren Vale area south of Adelaide.

The host choir from Seacliff Primary School is directed by Mr David Jackson of the South Australian Education Department.

Tours of Adelaide and its environs are also being planned.

Choir director Ms. Sharrad said: 'These visits are of immense benefit to both choirs in Wollongong and Adelaide. The choristers have learnt more about the art of choral singing, as well as finding out about each other's home cities.'

There has been a concerted program of fundraising activity in preparation for this visit to Adelaide.

A total of $10,000 has been raised so far through raffles, concerts, stalls, a parent levy and generous assistance with the cost of uniforms and transport being provided by the Illawarra Mercury and the Joint Coal Board.

Members of the choir also busked at the University's Open Day on 28 August in support of the trip to Adelaide.

In appreciation of their supporters in the Illawarra community, a farewell concert was held at Figtree Public School on Sunday, 4 September (Fathers Day).

This expedition to South Australia is the latest adventure in what has been an exciting year for the choir. Several boys from the choir performed to much acclaim in Carmina Burana during the Festival of Creative Arts at the University of Wollongong, the choir having already performed with the RAAF Air Command Band in November 1993.
Textile artists weave links between Australia and Turkey

Dr Mehmet Saclioglu, lecturer in textiles at the Faculty of Fine Arts at Marmara University in Istanbul, is a guest lecturer at the University's Faculty of Creative Arts this month.

Dr Saclioglu is visiting the University of Wollongong as part of an ongoing artistic exchange between the two universities which was initiated by Liz Jeneid during a visit to Turkey earlier this year.

Dr Saclioglu and his wife Fusun, a ceramicist and sculptor who is also a graduate from the Faculty of Fine Arts at Marmara, are staying in Wollongong for a month.

During this time he will conduct workshops in the block-printing techniques of traditional Turkish textiles, known as 'yazma', in the Faculty of Creative Arts.

'I have even brought my own dyes and materials with me for the Australian students to learn how to prepare yazma in the traditional way,' Dr Saclioglu said.

'This exchange is a very big project and it takes a great deal of hard work with little time and money to organise such visits between our two countries.'

An exhibition of Turkish/Australian artists, 'The Journey of the Turquoise', is also on display in the Long Gallery at the Faculty of Creative Arts, together with an exhibition of works by textile students from the Faculty of Fine Arts at Marmara University.

This exhibition was opened on 26 August by the Turkish Consul-General, Mr Yavus Aktas, and will continue until 18 September.

This exhibition features some outstanding decorative and functional works which are well worth viewing.

'The textile industry is Turkey's greatest export, so there is a very large department of 22 academic staff teaching textiles at Marmara,' Dr Saclioglu said.

'There are specialisations in weaving, printing and fashion design. The principles of Marmara's Textile Department are modelled on those of the Bauhaus School in Germany, as is the Ceramics Department, because both practices are functional.'

Turkey's Association of Textile Ex-
General

8 September: Two speakers from USA will present workshops as part of the Bernard van Leer Foundation-sponsored visit. From 10am-12pm, the Deputy Director, Federation of Child Care Centres of Alabama, Jack Guillebeaux, will present the first workshop. The second workshop will be run by Ellen J Wolpert from the Washington-Beech Community Pref-
school, from 1.30-3.30pm. Enquiries: Cecily Boas, ext. 4466 or 3776.

15 September: The Postgraduate Students' Open Day on Thursday in the Union Function Centre will display the range of research across all faculties that is being undertaken by students working towards higher degrees. Presentations by the students will be mostly in the form of posters or other visual displays. There will be four oral presentations each of 15 minutes. Members of the local community, local industry and businesses are invited to attend as well as all staff and students at the University.


30 September: RACI Natural Products Chemistry Group one-day seminar at the University of Wollongong. Speakers: Dr Mary Garson, University of Queensland, 'Marine Molluscs - Biosynthesis and Chemical Ecology', and Dr John Edgar, CSIRO, 'Poisonous Natural Products'. Titles and abstracts for 20-minute presentations are being sought. Enquiries Dr Davis Leach UWS, Hawkesbury (045) 701 434.


Cell and Molecular evening seminars series run by the Department of Biological Sciences. 19 September: Dr Jim Chin (Elizabeth Macarthur Ag. Inst. Camden, NSW Dept. Agriculture) The Gibco seminar on Mucosal Immunology. 10 October: Dr Brad Walsh (Centre for Immunology, St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney) The BioRad seminar on Macrophage Activation & 2D-Electrophoresis. 17 October: Prof Barry Rolfe (Research Centre for Biological Sciences, ANU) The AMRAD/Pharmacia seminar on Plant Biotechnology. 24 October: Prof Peter Reeves (Dept. of Microbiology, University of Sydney) The Bresatec seminar on Prokaryote Evolution. Held at 7.30pm in Building 35, Room 105. Enquiries: Phone: (042) 213 013, Fax (042) 214 135.

City of Wollongong Symphony Orchestra Concerts

26 November: 'Judy Glen's Spaghetti Opera'. Conductor: JWD, Judy Glen, soprano-comedienne. A comedy of arias interspersed with short pieces from the 'classical favourites' repertoire. At IMB Theatre, IPAC, at 8pm. Adults $20, concession $17, family of four $64, student rush $10.

The Art of Lunch

A series of one-hour performances in the Music Auditorium (University Building 24, G01) on Thursdays at 12.30 during session. Admission Free

Long Gallery

Until September 18: The Journey of the Turquoise. Work by Turkish/Australian Artists and textile students from the Faculty of Fine Arts, Marmara University, Istanbul.

22 September-12 October: Postgraduate Show, Leonard Smith, Catherine Kay. 16 October-6 November: Bronzes, Ken Stone, Lynn Brunet. 14 November-7 December: BCA Graduating Exhibition. For further information contact Elizabeth Jeneid at the Faculty of Creative Arts, phone (042) 21 3048.

Winter Whales come to Uni

On Sunday 18 September, the Wollongong Whales Winter Swimming Club will host the Australian Winter Swimming Championships at the University of Wollongong Aquatic Centre, followed by a luncheon in the Basketball Stadium.

The championships will see entries of more than 500 swimmers aged between 25-93 from as far afield as Southport in Queensland and Perth. Especially for the event, as winter swimming is held in cold pools, the heating pump in the University pool will be turned off two days before to get the pool temperature down to approx 19°C.

At 93 years of age, Jo Dillon swimming from the Cronulla Polar Bears is the oldest competitor in this years championships.

Other regular competitors include Keith Little from the Coogee Penguins who at 73 years of age has been beaten only once in 18 years.

Wollongong Whales member Bob Barry, has won numerous masters events and holds the world record for his age group. The Whales' over-60 relay team of Bob Barry, John Hilton, Geoff David and John Dawson is in with a great chance to win a gold medal.

The blue ribbon event of the day will be the 10-man relay with the record held by the Maroubra Seals at 4min 7sec.

Carnival organiser Nev Jolley said the Whales are normally based at the Continental Pools in North Wollongong but they needed a big venue for an event such as the Australian Championships, so the University of Wollongong was chosen.

'The support and assistance we have received from Steve Heslop, Bruce Power and the staff of the Recreation and Sports Centre has been greatly appreciated by all involved,' Mr Jolley said.

One thousand people are expected at the Wollongong Championships after a successful carnival in Sutherland last year. Next year it will be held in Tweed Heads.

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