Visit by Chief of Naval Staff

The Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral R.G. Taylor, AO RAN, visited the University of Wollongong on 5 May. During the visit, Admiral Taylor had discussions with the Vice Chancellor, Professor Gerard Sutton, on Navy/University relations, and launched the first publication of the Centre for Maritime Policy.

The publication titled "Oceans Management Policy: The Strategic Dimension" is co-edited by the Centre's manager, Sam Bateman, and Commander Dick Sherwood, RAN (former Visiting Naval Fellow at the Centre and now Commanding Officer HMAS Kanimbla).

The Admiral also met the three serving Naval Personnel studying and researching at the University.

Admiral Taylor said he was pleased with the close relationship the Navy is developing with Wollongong University.

'In many respects the outlook of the University and the Navy are based on similar goals,' he said. 'We are both keen to develop relations with our friends in the region. 'In the Navy, we have been conducting regional exercises and training programs for many years and I was pleased to note that here at Wollongong 13 percent of the students come from overseas and that offshore campuses have been established in Singapore and Indonesia. 'It is important that we continue to stress the importance of a program of regional engagement. 'We in Australia have much to offer our regional neighbours, and much to learn from them.'

During discussions with the Vice-Chancellor, Vice-Admiral Taylor undertook a continuing commitment of support by the Navy for the University's Centre for Maritime Policy.
The Vietnam Project: Conservation of Biodiversity

As in many western countries, including Australia, the conservation of biodiversity is an issue receiving political, scientific, and public attention in Vietnam.

This attention is well warranted, because environmental degradation has been extensive and continues at an alarming rate.

As a forested tropical country, Vietnam would be expected to support substantial levels of biodiversity.

However, since 1943, the forest cover has declined from 44 percent of land area to 7.8 million hectares (23 percent of land area).

Deforestation continues at about 600 hectares per day, with illegal logging and shifting agriculture being major contributors. Forty percent of the country (13 million hectares) is currently classed as 'bare land'.

In this context, three activities are crucial:

• assessment of the remaining natural resources,
• development of an adequate reserve network and
• a program of land reclamation.

The survey work is being carried out predominantly by the Forest Inventory and Planning Institute (FIPI). They have established more than 3000 sample plots arranged in an 8km grid over the whole country.

Teams of foresters from the regions will visit each plot annually, principally to assess forest tree resources, but other features as well, such as insect damage, soils and natural regeneration.

The development of an adequate reserve network appears more problematic.

The oldest national park - Cúc Phương - was established in 1962. There are six other major national parks and 87 smaller reserves.

Most of these smaller reserves were established in 1985 after the 'International Year of Forestry'.

Many of the national parks and reserves are small in area and isolated from large tracts of native vegetation. Moreover, management of these reserves poses substantial problems.

Displaced villagers continue to collect firewood from their area, within the parks; poaching of wildlife appears to be even more intense inside the parks than outside; and shifting agriculture continues to increase in intensity as population increases.

Assessment of the adequacy of the reserve system for fauna conservation is hampered by lack of knowledge of the distributions and abundances of even the large mammal species.

Given the alarming magnitude and continuing rates of forest clearance, revegetation is an important issue.

Unknown factors inhibit natural revegetation in some areas, and exotic tree species such as Casuarina, Eucalyptus and Melaleuca have been favoured in revegetation programs.

The University of Wollongong delegation to Hanoi identified several areas of potential cooperation.

Firstly, land managers, and academics teaching environmental science, could benefit from Australian case studies in nature reserve design and conservation of endangered flora and fauna.

Secondly, our experience in devising experimental management programs to enhance natural reforestation of disturbed land could be beneficial. Thirdly, the increased interest, in Australia, in using local indigenous timber species for farm forestry projects involves establishing processes for selecting and propagating appropriate species that could be useful in Vietnamese land restoration projects.

The success of applying any of these possibilities in Vietnam clearly depends on a thorough understanding of the local Vietnamese conditions, and social and political constraints.

Consequently, there is great benefit to be gained from scientific exchanges.

The opportunities for postgraduate research projects in applied ecology, using Vietnamese systems, are enormous.
On Monday 8 May, the University celebrated University Day which commemorates the establishment of the University of Wollongong as a College of the University of NSW, 34 years ago, in May 1961.

The University’s anniversary is traditionally celebrated on the Monday closest to 8 May — the day on which the Wollongong University College was formally constituted in 1961 by resolution of the Council of the University of NSW.

Each year the University marks its anniversary by inviting a distinguished speaker to deliver the University Day Address on a topical subject and by acknowledging the achievements of its staff members.

The 1995 Address, entitled ‘Internationalisation of the Illawarra Region’, was delivered jointly by Group Manager, BHP Sheet and Coil Products Division, Mr Ian McMaster, and Vice-Chancellor of the University Professor Gerard Sutton.

Campus News has copies of the addresses. Phone Gillian Curtis, (042) 213 926 if you would like them.

As part of the program, the Chancellor presented the following awards to members of the University:

The University Day Student Award

The University Council has recently established an award to recognise the outstanding achievement of a student in academic and other activities (for example: community service, sport, the arts).

The students may be nominated by the Deans and Heads of Departments and the President of the Students’ Representative Council. The recipient is selected by a panel chaired by the Deputy Chancellor.

Two students were selected to receive awards in 1995:

Kathryn Goldie: Kathryn was nominated for her outstanding academic ability as well as her contribution to the University of Wollongong student newspaper ‘Tertangala’.

She received the 1992 Meritorious Student’s Scholarship and has appeared on the Dean’s Merit List for the Faculty of Arts in both 1992 and 1993.

She has held various positions on the Student Representative Council including Vice-President and Media Officer. She is also a member of the Fellowship of Australian Writers, NSW Poet’s Union, University Writer’s Group and a Board Member of the Illawarra Writers Group.

Kathryn’s commitment to the student body in the last three years has been exemplary.

Gail Sharrman: Gail has achieved excellent academic results in her nursing studies while making an outstanding contribution to the Aboriginal community both on and off the campus.

She is involved in a support service which provides interim accommodation for children of fellow Aboriginal students who are having difficulty in preparing for assessments.

In addition, Gail has initiated independent study groups on campus for fellow Aboriginal students and has provided mentoring and leadership.

As a member of the Aboriginal Education Consultative group, Gail has contributed to liaison between the Aboriginal community and the Department of School Education.

The recipients received a certificate and a cheque for $1000.

The Ethel Hayton Award

Awarded for a notable contribution towards enhancing the relationship between the University and the community. Nominated for the 1995 Award were:

Damien Considine, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law and the 1995 winner of the award

For his far-reaching voluntary programs which give disadvantaged people access to the law and its agencies and especially as Chairperson and later a member of the Illawarra Community Legal Centre.

By involving his students in the programs, he has given them a valuable and mutually rewarding learning experience. Through his dedication, he has succeeded in providing an opportunity for the University and its Law students to help in
meeting an extensive deep need in the community.

Dr Ian McGrath, Lecturer, Faculty of Creative Arts (note: Dr McGrath was inadvertently omitted from the details of the award in the program)

In 1994 Dr McGrath became the producer of the first Festival of Creative Arts for the University of Wollongong. His belief in artistic collaboration became the driving force for an expansive project that reached far beyond the university community.

Among the many sizeable successes of the festival several need highlighting as possibilities that became actualised only through Dr McGrath’s dedication, energy and sense of direction.

The Prodigal Son, a sculpture by the late Guy Boyd, was donated to the University by the Boyd Family. Representing our links with the Boyds and the Bundanon Trust, it is an $85,000 gift to the permanent collection.

The single performance of Carmina Burana by Carl Orff, presented by the RAAF Air Command Band with more than 150 singers and musicians in the union hall became a sell-out concert for the Illawarra with more than 750 attending.

Performances by The One Extra Dance Company, The Song Company, The SBS Youth Orchestra, as well as an exhibition of artworks from the Bundanon Collection were all major publicity generating events for the university.

The organisational requirements for all these events were orchestrated by Dr McGrath.

Barry Harper and John Hedberg, Associate Professors, Faculty of Education
For their development of highly-acclaimed, award-winning teaching programs using interactive Multimedia and CD-ROM technology.

Through these innovative programs, the impact of the University teaching reaches many community levels with ongoing benefit to children, adults and to issues of national and global concern, particularly the environment and health care.

Michael Hough, Professor, Department of Management
For his initiative in developing the Wollongong Graduate Certificate in Management which has enhanced the education and training opportunities for members of the community and heightened public awareness of the role of the University.

First offered in 1994, the course is being delivered through TAFE colleges and enrolments have already grown to more than 100 in sites all over Australia with interest being shown in Singapore.

Dianna Wong, International Student Adviser, Counselling Services
For her contribution as a founding member of the Illawarra Committee for International Students (ICS), a voluntary community organisation which assists international students to assimilate into, and contribute to the Australian community. In over 10 years of voluntary service, she has made special efforts to assist individual students at times of great personal stress.

Jeff Wragg, Senior Lecturer, Department of Psychology
For his initiative in developing the Learning and Behavioural Support Unit which has linked community needs with clinical experience requirements for post-graduate students and has become a major referral point for children and adolescents within the Illawarra and Shoalhaven community.

Dr Wragg also set up, and still supervises, a Drug and Alcohol Treatment program at Kadesh House.

The 25 Year Staff Awards
Awards are presented each year to members of academic and general staff who have served the University for 25 years. This year’s awards are presented to:

Rob Castle, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Economics
An admired academic and teacher, Associate Professor Castle was appointed as a tutor in the Department of Economics in 1970 and is now Head of the Department. Professor Castle has served as a member of University Council, Council’s Administrative Committees, and Senate Standing Committee as well as President and Secretary of the Academic Staff Association.

Philip de Lacey, Associate Professor, Faculty of Education
One of the founding members of the then Department of Education at Wollongong University College, Associate Professor de Lacey helped to develop postgraduate courses in education, especially the Dip. Ed. He continues to be program director of an experimental pre-school and researches culture, language and English writing problems in universities.

Glen Moore, Senior Lecturer, Department of Physics
Dr Moore joined the University as a tutor in 1970 and is presently a Senior Lecturer in the Physics Department. He has a special interest in astronomy, science for non-science majors, and public science education. His lasting achievement was the establishment of the highly successful Science Centre and Planetarium at Campus East in 1989. He has won the Ethel Hayton Award for Community Involvement (in 1989) and the Australian College of Education Prize for Excellence in Education (in 1991).

Ron Parker, Senior Technical Officer, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Mr Parker joined the University College staff in September 1970 as a laboratory technician and is now Senior Technical Officer in the Department of Electrical and Computing Engineering. He has served as the general staff member of the University Council and has played a strong role in supporting fellow staff, especially in industrial matters.
Brian Rogers, Lecturer, Faculty of Education

Mr Rogers joined the Wollongong Institute of Education in 1969. He dedicated his career to teacher education and his enthusiastic research interest in Australian colonial history which produced a detailed and respected study of salt mining in Victoria.

Eric Young, Maintenance Supervisor, Buildings and Grounds Branch

Mr Young was first employed with the Wollongong University College as a laboratory craftsman on 28 July 1969. He started work in what was then called the Workshop under the control of the Department of Mechanical, Civil and Mining Engineering. In late 1974, he moved to the new Maintenance Department and, in July 1977, was reclassified as a Senior Mechanical Craftsman. Eric was appointed Working Foreman (Mechanical) in July 1979 and as Maintenance Supervisor in February 1984.

Recipients of the 25 Year Awards received commemorative plaques.

The Vice-Chancellor’s Excellence in Teaching Awards

Receiving the Vice-Chancellor’s Award for outstanding performance as teachers were:

Joshua Poh Onn Fan, Lecturer, Department of Business Systems

For his exceptional talent for linking philosophy and method in teaching practice within his discipline. Joshua Fan’s teaching methods cover a range of techniques and he was one of the pioneers in developing new technology to assist teaching practice. He has also presented papers on his teaching experience to national conferences. Joshua shows a genuine interest in his students’ progress and the success of his teaching is reflected in the fact that three of his nominees were students.

Robyn Lindley, Associate Lecturer, Department of Information and Communication Technology

For the enthusiasm, breadth and diversity of her teaching. Ms Lindley teaches a full undergraduate load, has been instrumental in the development of three new subjects, and supervised 18 honours and masters students. She has a clear sense of subject objectives and teaching strategies and has built into her teaching a regular system of student feedback. She also uses her own research in her teaching which puts her students at the cutting edge in their field of study.

Kamel Micheal, Associate Lecturer, Department of Management

For the extraordinary academic versatility in his teaching in four different departments in the last 18 months. Mr Micheal uses a variety of techniques to encourage and reward his students. Availability for student consultation is an integral part of his teaching. His subject outlines reflect careful planning, clearly stating subject objectives and subject requirements. He has also shared his approach to, and enthusiasm for, teaching with the broader University community through workshops conducted by the Centre for Staff Development.

Glenn Mitchell, Lecturer, Department of Science and Technology Studies

For the enthusiasm he brings to his subject and his rare ability to enthuse his students. Dr Mitchell has taught across four departments in three faculties. In each department his teaching earned the praise of both colleagues and students. This was most clearly reflected in the student survey responses for one of the service courses he teaches for the Science Faculty. It is rare indeed that any service course taught to a large body of students achieves such high ratings. Dr Mitchell shows a commendable sensitivity to student needs, often offering help with writing essays beyond the normal call of duty.

The recipients were recommended to the Vice-Chancellor by a special committee which considered nominations from colleagues and students. Each award is in the form of a certificate and a cheque for $2000.

The Vice-Chancellor’s Outstanding Service Awards for General Staff

The Outstanding Service Awards are presented each year to members of general staff who have achieved an exceptional success, given outstanding service or shown recognised initiative in their work.

This year’s recipients are:

Tony Chancellor, Timetabling Officer, Academic & Student Services

For his exceptional performance in a very challenging customer service role in which needs of clients often tend to be in conflict. In his dealings with clients Mr Chancellor has shown unfailing tolerance, good humour and a nimble wit. The changes which Tony introduced to the process of timetabling and room allocation for 1995 resulted in a more equitable needs-based distribution of resources. His professionalism, his willingness to listen and to adapt to changes and his innovations have had a very positive impact on the wider University community.

Pam Epe, Research Services Librarian, Michael Birt Library

For the quality of advice she provides for reference librarians, academic staff and postgraduate students and many other users seeking to come to terms with the ever-changing developments in electronic library resources. By other initiatives such as a shelf tidying/checking collection day, Ms Epe has also helped to build team spirit and morale in the Library. Pam has participated in the Library’s Quality and Service Excellence Program and organised a trial series of information sessions for academic staff on Library data bases. She is a real asset to the Library’s customer service initiatives.

Warwick Grace, Gardener/Tradesperson, Buildings and Grounds

For his vision and initiative in applying for and success-
fully obtaining a grant from the Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation Trust to undertake bush regeneration on campus and his continuing commitment to improving the natural environment. Mr Grace uses the University bushland as an educational resource and has strengthened ties between the University and the community by his participation in the Keira Green Corridor and the assistance he has given to local residents and students interested in bush preservation/regeneration. He provides an excellent example to other staff.

Marina McGlinn, Professional Officer, Environmental Science

For her part in the great success of the 1994 Honours Projects in the Bachelor of Environmental Science degree. Ms McGlinn performed an important intermediary role between the students, university supervisors, external organisation supervisors and managers. She did much to enable some students to complete their project and graduate and her nomination for this award had strong student support. The success of the project exposed the University to a broad range of potential markets and her coordination reflected extremely well on the Unit and the University.

Catriona McGurk, Faculty of Arts Librarian, Michael Birt Library

For her effective and professional service to Library clients and to enhancing Information Literacy. Following completion of the Introduction to Tertiary Teaching subject, Ms McGurk applied her teaching skills in the Library Skills Instruction programs and in a successful In-Service course for Faculty Librarians. She has been influential in the development of a new subject for Arts students - ARTS 101, Library Skills and Information Literacy. This is the first time that Library Skills instruction has attracted credit points at this University (and indeed at most universities in Australia).

Andrew Scobie, Ron Kinnell, Jose Gonzales, Mechanical Workshop and Bob DeJong, Albert Bulf, Electrical Workshop, a group nomination from the Department of Materials Engineering

For their initiative and success in 1994 in the construction of a Filtered Arc Deposition System for the Department. The demands on the abilities of the staff were extraordinary and they rose to the challenge to complete the project at a substantial cost saving to the University. They designed, manufactured and commissioned a very sophisticated and complicated system (air lock) that would have cost more than $100,000 to purchase. The standard of work, the dedication and the professionalism of the technical staff was outstanding. Albert, Bob, Jose, Ron and Andrew have been recognised by academic staff for the quality of their work and their commitment. The research and academic activities of the Department is underpinned by the strength of the Mechanical and Electrical Workshop Staff.

Each recipient and group of recipients will receive a certificate and a cheque for $1000 or a contribution to the value of $1000 towards attendance at courses or conferences of their choice.
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THE TRIAL OF THE MAN FROM SNOWY RIVER

SUNDAY, 21 MAY, 2pm
(Repeat Performance: THURSDAY, 25 MAY, 7pm)

COURT HOUSE, WOLLONGONG

Students of the Faculty of Law and local barristers will be performing the play 'The Trial of The Man From Snowy River' in the Supreme Court. A jolly swagman has been seriously injured when he was ridden down by a horse that the Man From Snowy River was riding. The Man From Snowy River has been charged with causing grievous bodily harm by a negligent act. Is he guilty or innocent?

The play will be entertaining and also informative.

BOOKINGS
DON'T MISS OUT - PREVIOUS YEAR'S PLAYS HAVE BEEN RUNAWAY SUCCESSES
Bookings are essential through the Clerk of the Court, phone (042) 23 3610.

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG
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‘LAW AS A CAREER’ SEMINAR

MONDAY, 22 MAY 7pm

Career Information
Course Details
Admission Requirements

SPEAKERS
• Practising Lawyers
• University Staff

WHERE
• Union Function Rooms, University of Wollongong
  Northfields Avenue
  Wollongong

WHO SHOULD ATTEND
• Prospective students
• Careers Advisers
• School leavers
• Mature age students
• Other interested persons

BOOKINGS
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• Phone: Shelley Johnson (042) 21 3456
• Fax: (042) 21 3198

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‘AN EVENING WITH CONSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

TUESDAY, 23 MAY 1995 7.30 pm

Do you know how the Law can affect your everyday life?

Students and teachers of secondary schools, and students and staff of the Faculty of Law have combined to bring 'An Evening of Constitutional Relations'. The evening is aimed at giving members of the public an insight into how law can affect their everyday lives.

Venue: School Hall, Edmund Rice College, Mt Keira Road, West Wollongong

Bookings: Ms Shelley Johnson, phone: (042) 213 456.

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG
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LAW STUDENTS MOOTING COMPETITION

FRIDAY, 26 MAY
4.30pm and 6.30pm

COME AND SEE LAW STUDENTS IN ACTION

This is the first round of the Wollongong University Law Students' Society Mooting Competition. Students from their first to fifth year of the Law course will be competing. The finalists of the competition will be representing the Law Faculty at the ALSA Representative Council (a national competition) and at the Butterworths Mooting Competition.

Venue: Moot Court, Faculty of Law, Building 67 (McKinnon) University of Wollongong, Northfields Ave, Wollongong

All are welcome to attend!!
Union Activities
All members of the Union, students and staff are invited to attend.
25 May: Band Competition Heat 3, Uni Tavern.
27 July: Band Competition Final.
7 August: Union Art Award.
4-8 September: Union Week.
8 September: Union Dinner.

General
The Campus Alumni Bookshop will open on the second and fourth weekends of each month. Come and browse through a wide selection of preloved textbooks and fiction. Campus East, Cowper Street, Fairy Meadow (opposite Science Centre). All proceeds directed towards Campus projects. Donations of material are invited. Enquiries to Alumni Office, phone 213 249 or 291 951 (anytime).

Long Gallery
Exhibition program for 1995:
Until 28 May: Print Show - 5 School Exchange Portfolio. University of Wollongong; University of Florida, Gainesville; West Virginia University; Indiana University; Purdue School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Cambodian Textiles from the collection of Neil Manton. Monoprints: Jane Hall.
29 June-30 July: NAIDOC Exhibition - Works by Aboriginal artists.
3-27 August: Artist Made Furniture.

What's On
13 November-10 December: BCA Graduating Exhibition.
AIDS Prevention Awareness Week
22 May: 12.30pm Official opening, Union Common Room, by Jackie Braw, ACON, and Jo Kowalyzck, President, SRC. 12.40pm, Union Common Room, Performance of ‘All My Honey Sunsets’, a play by Vanessa Badham.
10am, Function Room Two, Occupational Health and Safety - information session presented by Suzanne Punton-Butler for general staff on preventing needlestick injuries and safe practices in preventing disease transmission in the workplace. Registration, phone Pam Piel, ext. 4876.
23 May: 12.30-1.30pm, Duckpond, Forum ‘Myths of AIDS’, SRC public issue debate.
12.30pm, Union Common Room, ‘All My Honey Sunsets’. 6pm, Union Bistro, opening of exhibition by Sue Barnett. Opening address by Lyn Brunet.
24 May: 11.30am-3.30pm, Union Bistro, exhibition by Sue Barnett. 12.30-1.30pm, Hope Theatre, Hypothetical – Chair Professor Goldring, Dean, Faculty of Law – ‘Safe Sex. Whose Problem? Whose Responsibility?’
12.30pm, Amphitheatre, ‘All My Honey Sunsets’. 4.30pm, Union Bistro, video ‘Stories from the Quilt’ for staff. Wine and cheese afterwards.
25 May: 11.30am-1.30pm, Union Bistro, exhibition by Sue Barnett. 12.30-1.30pm, Market Day, organised by Union. 1.30pm and 3.30pm, Union Bistro, ‘Stories from the Quilt’ for students. 12.30pm, Union Hall, Film ‘Philadelphia’, free, sponsored by Uni Movies. 12.35pm, Creative Arts Music Auditorium, Art of Lunch, ‘All My Honey Sunsets’.
26 May: 12.30pm, Union Common Room, ‘All My Honey Sunsets’. 11.30-3.30pm, Union Bistro, exhibition by Sue Barnett. All week:
- Information pamphlets available in Union outside Caf-The Fish Bowl.
- Library display of ACON and HIV prevention posters.
- Library lunchtime workshops – CD ROM screenings on ‘Spreading AIDS’. Registration necessary. Book in advance at the Information Desk. 30 students/staff per session.
- Everywhere ‘Wandering Condominiums’ collecting money for Illawarra AIDS Task Force for people living with AIDS in the Illawarra region.

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