Stephen Hill to Head UNESCO's Regional Office

Director of the University of Wollongong's Centre for Research Policy, Professor Stephen Hill, has been appointed by UNESCO as Director of the Jakarta-based Regional Office for South-East Asia.

Professor Hill took up his appointment as Regional Director in Jakarta on 12 June.

Wollongong's Centre for Research Policy, under Professor Hill's direction, has played a leading role in the last four years in Australian science policy.

As a Special Research Centre of the Australian Research Council from 1991-1994, the Centre produced major reports for the universities, the Australian Research Council and CSIRO.

These reports were, for example, on university infrastructure support; the CRC program; new organisation of research in the 1990s; university-industry links; quantitative indicators of research performance; ecologically-sustainable development research; and socio-economic links of basic research.

They charted the new directions of global science and Australia's role within it.

The Centre has also played a strong role in supporting Australia's move into scientific relations with Asia.

Professor Hill and the Centre's staff founded the UNESCO-based Science and Technology Policy Asian Network (STEPAN), an organisation that boasts more than 20 member states, and significant multilateral and country programs that upgrade scientific management and policy throughout the region.

He also founded the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum's (APEC) industrial technology and human resource programs and networks (HURDIT), and has been centrally involved in APEC's human resource strategies.

Among Professor Hill's most recent commissions, he was requested by the previous President of the United Nations, Perez de Cueller, to deliver the keynote address to the Asian consultations of the prestigious Global Commission on Culture and Development in Manila late last year.

In April he completed the Chapter on Asia for the UNESCO 1996 World Science Report; and has just completed a commission from Australia's Minister Assisting the Minister for Science, Senator Cook, reviewing Australia's science and technology links with Asia.

Professor Hill observed that these have been invaluable experiences for taking over an executive role in the UN's activities in science, education, culture and communication throughout the region.

Professor Hill said that the Asian region now confronted real challenges for its future.

High levels of growth were also accompanied by real barriers to sustainable living and continuing growth. These were cultural, educational and physical, directly the mandates of UNESCO.

He saw his role as working in partnership with the member states across Asia to develop multidisciplinary programs to promote sustainable development of Asia by addressing the strains that development was now causing, socially and physically.
World Wide Web under scrutiny

Five Year 11 students from Keira Technology High School had a taste of the real world of computing recently when they became the Enterprise Team as part of a community project between the high school and the University.

Organised by the Australian Quality Council and the University Continuous Improvement Project Team, the idea originated as a practical and useful avenue for work experience.

Working in the University's Administration Information Services Branch, the student team conducted an evaluation of the University's World Wide Web Server, and through surveys and research they looked at the ease of access to information on the server.

AIS Senior Computer Operator, Harry DeBruin, worked with the students and said it was a lot of fun because it is enjoyable to teach students about an area that they are not only interested in but involved with.

At the end of the week they presented their findings and improvement proposals to the University and this information will be used by the soon to be appointed Campus Wide Information Service (CWIS) Coordinator.

Greenpeace appointment
Head of the Department of Science and Technology Studies and Chair of the Academic Senate, Professor Jim Falk, has been appointed to the Chair of Greenpeace Australia. He was previously the organisation's Deputy Chairperson.

Marriage celebrant on campus
The University has a wide range of facilities and services available on campus. To this list we can now add a civil marriage celebrant.

A Teaching Fellow and postgraduate student in Sociology, Trish Vezgoff, has been officially sanctioned as a civil marriage celebrant and is authorised to perform marriages, baby naming and reaffirmation of vows.

Ms Vezgoff, who lives in Austinmer, completed her undergraduate degree here in 1984 after several years teaching experience.

She can be contacted on 672 305 or ext. 4055.

History of the University

Award for McKinnon
Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wollongong from 1981-1995, Emeritus Professor Ken McKinnon, has been recognised in this year's Queen's Birthday honours for service to education, the community and the arts. He has been made an Officer in the General Division (AO).
Some students make their point

Around 150 students held a rally outside the Administration Building on 9 June, to make their objections to the appointment of the Rev. Fred Nile to the University Council clear to the Council meeting that was about to begin in the building.

The Chancellor, Dr Robert Hope, and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Gerard Sutton, went outside to the Amphitheatre to discuss the matter with the group.

The Rev. Nile has been appointed as the NSW Legislative Council member representative.

He was not present at the meeting owing to parliamentary duties.

Council agreed to convey to the President of the Legislative Council the concerns of this group of students about the appointment of the Rev. Fred Nile; noting that the Council was not expressing its own view but relaying that of the meeting of students.

University of Wollongong
Conservatorium of Music
presents
The Business & Professional
Women's Club of Wollongong

Lunchtime Concerts
Bruce Gordon Theatre, Illawarra Performing Arts Centre
12.30-1.30pm

Friday 28 July
Liesa Adlington (guitar), Rita Woolhouse (cello)
Works by Bach, Carrega, Morel, Pass and Ellis

Friday 4 August
Wollongong Conservatorium Trio: Emma Knott (flute), Penelope Chapple (oboe) and Marilyn Meier (piano), with Vera Troitsky (soprano)
Works by Telemann, Leigh and Rachmaninov

Friday 13 October
Philiida Green (piano), Elizabeth Green (piano)
Works by Gershwin and Rachmaninov

FREE ADMISSION
(Unreserved seating)
The following quotation came from an article entitled 'Libraries in the Spotlight' published in the Association of Commonwealth Universities Bulletin, April 1995:

'The future of the library and information services and the computing service are closely linked and all universities should therefore prepare an information strategy covering both areas. An excellent model was that written by the University of Wollongong Library, Prospect 2001, in 1991.'

Help for students in the examination period
Loans staff have volunteered to staff the Reserve Collection from 8.30am Monday-Friday during the exam weeks - 19 June to 30 June. We hope the extra half hour helps!

The shelf-check is on again
On Wednesday 21 June, all Library staff will again participate in the biannual shelf-check.

This process involves ensuring that all items are in correct Dewey order, as well as a general tidying of the shelves.

This time, the Library is also checking the serials shelves, with the aim of improving 'hit rates' in locating serials.

As all staff will be involved, it would be appreciated if any business with Library staff, other than the return or borrowing of items, could be avoided on that day.

However, all service points will remain open throughout the day.

Information package for library liaison officers (LLOs)
As part of the Library's Quality and Service Excellence Program, discussions have been held with departmental library liaison officers about their role in the process of selecting library materials and ways in which the Library can help them in this role.

LLOs are responsible for:
• liaising with the Library, particularly on requests for purchase;
• ensuring that sufficient orders are sent to the Library in time to meet course requirements and ensure full expenditure of departmental allocations;
• ensuring that requests for library materials are relevant to current teaching and research.

Acquisitions staff have compiled a package of information which includes information sheets such as: How to place an order; Calendar of dates (for submitting requests, reserve lists and so on) and Policies on purchasing.

The folder also includes general information sheets which are also available in the Library foyers.

The Library Information Package has been distributed to deans and heads of departments as well as library liaison officers.

If you would like a copy or any of the information sheets, contact Barbara McGuire, ext. 4276.

Innovative in the Library
Now six months old, the Library's new catalogue - Innopac - is proving its worth.

The software is supplied by Innovative Interfaces and has been acquired by several Australian universities including Sydney, Newcastle, Melbourne, Deakin, Queensland and Western Australia.

Immediately apparent features of Innopac are its speed and ease of use.

Response to enquiries is very rapid and the system has an easy-to-use, menu-based interface with online help.

Users are able to place requests for books on loan to be reserved for them and check their own borrowing details.

A new feature which enables suggestions to be e-mailed to Library staff is gaining in use and popularity.

As the database is kept up to date in real time it is now possible to include details of items which are on order and to provide full cataloguing records as soon as the items are received.

The previous system relied on loading tapes of new records at three-monthly intervals.

In the next few months, additional features will be added to the system.

Authority records (those very helpful See Also pointers to the correct search terms used in the card catalogues of old) will be introduced.

A Gateway module will allow easy access to other information resources on the Internet.

The ATM-style patron self-charge machines which were a feature of the previous system are being revamped.

The new equipment will provide a much more reliable self-serve facility and speed the borrowing process.

A great deal of work has been done in critically evaluating internal processes to ensure that the best possible use is made of the new software.

Further fine-tuning will occur constantly as part of the commitment to delivering reliable and efficient services.

To search the Innopac Catalogue, telnet to library.uow.edu.au. (IP number is 130.130.68.7).

Log in with the username library.

The catalogue introductory screen shows the menu options available for searching. Simply select the appropriate character for the search you require (e.g. for a search by author, press A; for a general keyword search, type W).

Enter the terms you wish to search for, and choose from the titles listed on the screen.

To return to the main menu, press N for New Search, then Q to Quit. All available commands are listed and described at the bottom of each screen.

Should you have difficulties accessing the system, or would like to provide comments and suggestions, contact the Library Information Desk, ext. 3548.
President of the University Social Club, Jim McKee, and the Secretary of the Club, Julie Gray, welcomed Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Peter Robinson, and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Gerard Sutton, to the 'Rumpole of the Bailey Luncheon'.

An invitation to join . . .

Next functions:
27 June 5.30pm Wine tasting/competition
11 July Christmas in July Luncheon

Have you ever felt that there must be many interesting people on campus outside your own working environment who you would like to get to know and spend some relaxing time with?

As the University has grown it has become more difficult to do this, but the University of Wollongong Social Club is bridging the gap.

It is bringing together academic and general staff and postgraduate students from all sections of the campus for a range of functions in a convivial atmosphere.

At a recent 'Rumpole of the Bailey' luncheon, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Gerard Sutton, said that from the perspective of the University an operation such as the University Club, which stimulates such an interaction between academic and general staff, made an enormous difference to the spirit of the University.

At this function Professor Sutton introduced the newly-appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Robinson.

The University of Wollongong Social Club hosts and subsidises various functions, including monthly luncheons, discount theatre bookings to performances at local theatres and wine tastings.

There is a club lounge located next to the upstairs bar in the Union Building which is designed to provide a pleasant area for conversation, dining and reading.

The lounge may be booked for functions, such as research group meetings, receptions for visitors or staff farewells.

The club is inviting applications for membership, which is available to all categories of University Staff as well as to postgraduate staff, members of Convocation, the University Council and the Friends Organisation.

The fees range from $30 to $50 annually.

Manager Administrative Information Services, Jim McKee, is the President and Julie Gray in the Department of Biological Sciences is the Secretary.

Mr McKee or Ms Gray can give you more information about the club and membership application forms.
"RAISE THE ROOF" at Historic Hillcrest House Stanwell Park.
AFTERNOON TEA and SONGS SUNDAY 25th JUNE at 2.00p.m.

FEATURING:
* WOLLONGONG CONSERVATORIUM YOUTH CHOIR
* THE HARMONY CHORUS

WITH SOLOISTS:
* MARY GANSL
* BETHANY COOK

TICKETS $10.00 EACH FROM THE CONSERVATORIUM OFFICE OR AT THE DOOR.
RESERVATIONS 281122.
Wollongong contribution to landmark book on Papua New Guinea

His Excellency Sir Wiwa Korowi, Dr Kristina Mattes and Professor Ted Wolfers at the book launch.

To mark the 20th anniversary of the independence of Papua New Guinea this year, the Governor-General of Papua New Guinea, Sir Wiwa Korowi, launched a book which is a testimony to the rich cultures and traditions of Papua New Guinea’s way of life as well as aspects of its national development.

The Governor-General said in his speech, that other authors may choose to produce books full of political statements and photographs of official ceremonies, but this book projects ordinary people as the principal players which is its strength and the reason why it will have a greater meaning and significance to the people themselves.

The book is a visual survey of Papua New Guinea by photographer and academic Dr Kristina Mattes.

Head of the Department of History and Politics at this university, Professor Ted Wolfers, wrote an introduction to the book.

Statistics preparation course

The Learning Development Centre will offer an eight-week, 90 minutes per week preparation course for students and staff who would like to:

- Prepare themselves for the Statistics course that they must take;
- Upgrade their knowledge base in the area of Statistics; or
- Experience alternative Statistics teaching methodology.

The course involves non-traditional teaching methodology.

Participants will be involved in activities that generate and allow them to experience fundamental statistical concepts.

Participants will be given the opportunity to develop their language in the Statistics domain and finally participants will develop a readiness for their encounter with statistical formulae.

The course will begin in week two in Spring Session, on 28 July, from 9-10.30am and run until week nine.

A booking and materials fee of $10 will apply, refundable if cancellation is made before the course.

Bookings may be made at the Learning Development Centre’s front office or through Anne Porter, ext. 4058.

Ted Wolfers on UN panel

Head, Department of History and Politics, Professor Ted Wolfers, served on a United Nations panel in May with a panel of experts to consider ‘opportunity and participation with special reference to the economies of the developing countries’ in order to prepare a comprehensive report for consideration by the 50th anniversary session of the United Nations General Assembly later this year.

Members of the panel are required by the UN to be distinguished, expert and experienced persons, broadly representative of the international community.

They include members of the UN Committee for Development Planning, individual experts of diverse disciplinary and professional backgrounds, and senior officials of about 20 other international organisations.

Professor Wolfers was the only Australian on the panel.
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.

Long Gallery

Exhibition program for 1995:

3-27 August: Artist Made Furniture.
1-24 September: Postgraduate Works – Eileen Dillon Smith, Marcie McConville, Enis Tan, Taskin Gencag, Hue

Award winners (from left) Jenny Griffiths, Paula Iannitti and Michael Kelso (far right) were congratulated by their Professor and Head of Department, John Bremner.

Students excel in Chemistry

After a recent lecture by Dr Robert Baker from the University of Sydney on sophisticated developments in synthetic organic chemistry, the Head of the Department of Chemistry, John Bremner, spoke of one of the most satisfying and rewarding processes in his work, that is, seeing students do outstandingly well in their studies, especially when they beat their teachers!

He went on to present prizes to three outstanding Chemistry students based on results achieved in 1994.

The Incitec GW Daniels Memorial Prize for the best performance in second year Chemistry was awarded to Michael Kelso, a Medicinal Chemistry student.
The Peter Beckman Memorial Prize for the best performance in third year chemistry was presented to Jenny Griffiths.
Jenny also won the RACI Student Prize for best overall performance in the undergraduate chemistry program.
Professor Bremner said Jenny has already completed an arts degree and is completing an honours degree in Chemistry, as well as a Dip Ed, in order to become a science teacher.
Paula Iannitti won the Bert Halpem prize for the best first class Honours in Chemistry for her research into the interaction of ligands with DNA.

Cell and Molecular Evening Seminar Series

Conducted by the Department of Biological Sciences and Biological Macromolecules Research Centre.
7 August: Professor Rolland SkoUay (Centenary Institute), The Life Technologies seminar on T cell immunology.
14 August: Dr Simon Easterbrook Smith (University of Sydney), The BioRad seminar on complement regulation.
11 September: Professor Adrian Gibbs (Australian National University), The Bresatec seminar on virus evolution.
Held on Mondays from 6pm in the Department of Biological Sciences, University of Wollongong, Building 35, Room 105.
Inquiries, phone: (042) 213 013, fax: (042) 214 135.

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As part of National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Week, there will be a significant exhibition in the Long Gallery in the Faculty of Creative Arts.
It will be opened on June 29 by the principal of the Yirrkala Community School, Nalwarri Ngurrwuthun, who is making the long journey south to open this important exhibition.