Amnesty International Takes the Cup

The inaugural UniCentre Cup took place on Friday 11th May, 2007. The combined clubs and societies sporting event attracted 21 clubs and societies and over 250 university students from a diverse range of backgrounds, degrees and interests. With the assistance of the staff at the University Recreation and Aquatic Centre, five sports were offered to competitors – Basketball, Badminton, Touch Football, Volleyball and Soccer. The Wollongong Wolves players came out to offer their assistance for the soccer competition and the Wollongong IMB Hawks kept an eye on the Basketball court. All Clubs and Societies made an incredible effort on the day, with outstanding participation, sportsmanship and bright team outfits in support of The Shepard Centre’s “Loud Shirt Day”.

Whilst all the teams performed like champions, there could only be one winner on the day – UOW Amnesty International took home the coveted UniCentre Cup trophy with a perfect competition score. A huge thankyou to all of the organisations that supported this event including Peerless Activewear, Pixles Banners, Wollongong IMB Hawks, Wollongong Wolves and URAC.

UniCentre Cup Prize Winners:
First Place – UOW Amnesty International
Second Place – UOW Taiwanese Students Association
Third Place – UOW Redhead Club
Best Attendance – UOW M Society
Best Dressed – UOW Medieval Society
Sportsmanship Award – UOW The Guild Games

C&S Upcoming Events
25-27 July
UOW Theatre Society presents “Rock Cabaret”

5 August
UOW AUJS 6th Israeli Film Festival

17 August
Off Campus Society hosts “The White Party”
Welcome to the first Clubs and Societies E Newsletter

On behalf of the UniCentre it is my pleasure to welcome you to the very first edition of C&S News! This publication will be released quarterly and will hopefully be a fantastic source for communicating news and acknowledging the amazing things clubs and societies do here at UOW.

Semester 1 2007 has been an exciting semester with the launch of the UniCentre Cup – (A huge thank you goes out to everyone that assisted with and participated in this event) and a huge increase in the number of clubs offered to UOW students.

Semester 2 will see the Duckpond lawn relaunched.

Q&A: Do you think Clubs and Societies are important to the University Community?

The verdict - Yes! In a recent poll conducted around the UniCentre grounds an overwhelming majority thought Clubs and Societies are an asset to uni life. Hear what some had to say...

"Uni isn't just about attending class and sitting exams – C&S is about broadening your horizons in your chosen field and networking" Levi – BCom/LLB

"C&S provides uni students with the opportunity to meet other people with similar interests" Zoe – BA/LLB

"It (C&S) lets people come together from different backgrounds and explore common interests in a safe environment" Nick – B ITC

Welcome to new clubs

There has been an enormous increase in the number of new UniCentre Clubs and Societies in 2007. There are now 52 affiliated C&S – with more on the way! Welcome to the following C&S that affiliated with UniCentre in 2007:

- UOW Bearisters Club
- UOW Chemistry Society
- UOW Civil Engineering
- UOW Football Supporters
- UOW Journalism Society
- UOW Juggling Club
- UOW Latin Club
- UOW Metallurgy Society
- UOW Mechanical Engineering
- UOW Off Campus Society
- UOW Oxfam Club
- UOW Photography Club
- UOW Poker League
- UOW Redhead Club
- The UOW Guild Games
- UOW Theatre Society
- UOW UniChurch
- UOW Campus Christian Movement
- UOW Christian Baking Club
- UOW Japanese Matsuri Society

For a full list of UniCentre Clubs & Societies visit: http://unicentre.uow.edu.au/csd/clubs

HEAPS OF FREE STUFF

Cash discounts on books, food, entertainment & more...

Don’t miss out!

http://unicentre.uow.edu.au/vip

Get inTO it.
Its time to get your creative thinking caps back on! 

Now that semester one is fading into a distant memory, its time to get your club or society ready for Spring Session 2007. As the C&S program grows in profile on the UOW campus, the invitations are streaming in from units all over the university to get the awesome members of Clubs and Socs involved in some major events.

The two major events that C&S will be involved in semester 2 are the Relaunch of the Duckpond Lawn and International Week. The dates for these events are:

**Relaunch the Duckpond**  
Thursday 26th July (Week 1)  
10am – 2pm

**International Week**  
Thursday 16th August (Week 4)  
10am – 4pm

The C&S Office would love to hear any ideas your club may have to make these two events spectacular! Perhaps your club would like to run an activity, invite a guest speaker or have a display … get creative – the options are endless! The deadline for booking a table for your Club or Soc at these events is Friday 20th July – so get moving and get involved!

Nominations are now being accepted for the Clubs and Societies Support Committee 2007/2008. The election will be held at a combined C&S meeting on Thursday 26th July at 4pm. This Committee, comprised of elected members of different clubs and societies, is responsible for allocating funding and assisting the C&S Coordinator in determining the strategic direction of UniCentre C&S. They also assist in the planning and running of the C&S Awards Night and the UniCentre Cup. This is a fantastic opportunity to become directly involved in one of the biggest “student experience” based programs at the UOW. You will gain experience in event management, meeting procedures, budget allocation and strategic planning. If you are interested in nominating yourself, or another member of your club, please email the C&S Coordinator at melissaz@uow.edu.au with your name, the club or society your involved in and your estimated graduation date by Friday 25th July.

The C&S Support Office and UniCentre Management would like to congratulate and thank the dedicated members of the Clubs and Societies Support Committee 2006/2007. The following people were on the board from July 2006 – June 2007:

- Venus Rahmani (B’ahai Society)
- Anna Harris (UniVerse)
- Ben Milligan (Law Students Society)
- Emily Davis (Rotaract)
- Tatiana San Juan (Amnesty International)
- Adam Knobel (Journalism Society)
- Adam Lovannella (M Society)

The UniCentre C&S Calender Spring Session 2007

- **Relaunch the Duckpond Lawn (Clubs Day)**  
  Thursday 26th July (Week 1)  
  10am – 2pm

- **Combined C&S Meeting**  
  Thursday 26th July (Week 1)  
  2.30pm

- **International Week (Clubs Day)**  
  Thursday 16th August (Week 4)  
  10am–4pm

- **Annual C&S Awards Evening (UniHall)**  
  Tuesday 16th October (Week 12)  
  5.30pm
C&S Awards Evening 2007

Last year, the Inaugural UniCentre Clubs and Societies Awards Night “An Evening at the Cinema” was a huge success – recognising C&S achievements in engaging the wider campus community.

This FREE combined C&S event is back again in 2007. The event will be held in the University Hall on Tuesday 16th October, 2007 at 5.30pm. This year there are six (6) prizes to be awarded, including:

- Campus Engagement Award (1st, 2nd & 3rd)
- UniCentre Club or Society of the Year
- UniCentre Club Person of the Year
- Charity Fundraising Club of the Year

Each prize will be awarded based on a set of selection criteria to be published in Week 2 of Spring Semester. For further information about this event please contact the C&S support office or see the C&S Website.

Win tickets to Wollongong’s hottest winter music festival

The Arrive Alive Winter Garden Party presents popular Australian bands Midnight Juggernauts + Blue King Brown. This action packed event features two indoor stages, a karaoke lounge where budding pop-stars can strut their stuff, an outdoor beer garden, there are also reasonably priced drinks and two-and-a half thousand potential new best friends, so be sure to mark Thursday 2nd August in your diary!

Thanks to UniCentre Entertainment, we have 20 tickets (that’s over $600 worth!) up for grabs – reserved especially for UniCentre C&S members. All you need to do is send an email with the subject “Winter Garden Party Giveaway”, to melissaz@uow.edu.au. Make sure you include your name, phone number and the name of the club or society you are involved with. The first 20 people will score the tix - that simple!

Making Every Cup on Campus Count

By Emily Davis (President)

Not even the cold chill of an autumn day could deter the hungry minds of students and staff who were treated to an assortment of cakes, muffins, cookies and fairy bread as part of Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea.

The Rotaract Club hosted the event on Thursday 24 May 2007 to help raise funds to support critical cancer research and support services.

With the support from local businesses including Picasso, Muffin Break Wollongong, Baker’s Delight Wollongong, Nonabel Bakery, Gwynneville Bakery, and Michel's Patisserie Figtree, the club raised almost $700.

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea is the Cancer Council’s largest annual fundraising event.

More than a million people participate in the nation-wide event each year and funds raised are vitally important to the Council’s research initiatives - education programs and support services for those diagnosed with cancer, their families and carers.

To learn more about, or to get involved in Rotaract contact the club uowrotaract@hotmail.com.

Making every cup count: Pictured (l to r) are UOW Rotaract Club members Levi Garry, Alex Wetten, Katherine Firman, Emily Davis, Chris Dockrey and Megan Thompson. Photo Courtesy of Mark Newsham.