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CITATION DELIVERED BY MR. BRIAN SOMERVILLE GILLET, BACHELOR OF ARTS, DIPLOMA OF EDUCATION (SYDNEY), AND MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG, ON THE OCCASION OF THE ADMISSION OF WALTER PIKE, BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS), DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, MASTER OF ARTS (LONDON), DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION, TO THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LETTERS, HONORIS CAUSA, 2ND MAY, 1980.

Chancellor, I present to you Walter Pike, Bachelor of Arts Honours, Diploma in Public Administration and Master of Arts, University of London, Diploma in Education, Member of the Australian College of Education and Associate Fellow, Australian Institute of Management. Walter Pike has served with distinction for many years as a teacher, academic and administrator in schools and teachers' colleges.

Following graduation, Walter Pike began work as a school teacher in England in 1939. His career was interrupted by the outbreak of World War II. Walter volunteered for service and served with distinction in His Majesty's Army till 1946. He then returned to teaching till 1953 when the Pike family decided to settle in Australia. Here he accepted an appointment at North Sydney Technical High School with the New South Wales Education Department.



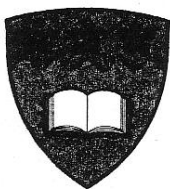
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Subsequently in 1956, he was selected as a Lecturer in History at Armidale Teachers' College. He transferred after nearly twelve years of service at Armidale to the Sydney Teachers' College.

In July, 1969 he was appointed Vice-Principal of the Wollongong Teachers' College and subsequently, with the change in status of the Wollongong Teachers' College, Walter Pike was appointed Deputy Director of the Wollongong Institute of Education.

Fittingly, in August 1978, Walter Pike was appointed as Director of the Institute. He held that position till his retirement on 22nd January, 1980.

Walter Pike's connection with this University and its predecessor the Wollongong University College, began shortly after his appointment to the Wollongong Teachers' College. He contributed to the University College's Diploma in Education programme as a lecturer in the "Methods" component of the course. He also served on the Wollongong University College Council and subsequently on the Council of the University of Wollongong. During this long term of office, Walter Pike involved himself deeply with the development of both the Wollongong Institute of Education and the University of Wollongong. He gave freely of his time serving on standing committees of the University Council and other committees in the University.



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Walter Pike has contributed significantly to the establishment of closer working relationships between the University and the Institute of Education. In a sense, he has had divided loyalties but he always took up a position based on the best interests of both institutions. Serving the two institutions has been a challenging task but one which Walter Pike effected with great diligence, diplomacy and tact.

It is also appropriate that the University, in this the hundredth anniversary of the enactment of the Public Instruction Act in New South Wales should honour a person who has served the cause of education not only in this region but in the entire State. The University demonstrates its recognition and appreciation of Walter Pike's services to education by awarding him the highest degree it can bestow.

Chancellor, it is my pleasure and privilege, on behalf of the University, to present Walter Pike for admission to the degree of Doctor of Letters Honoris Causa.