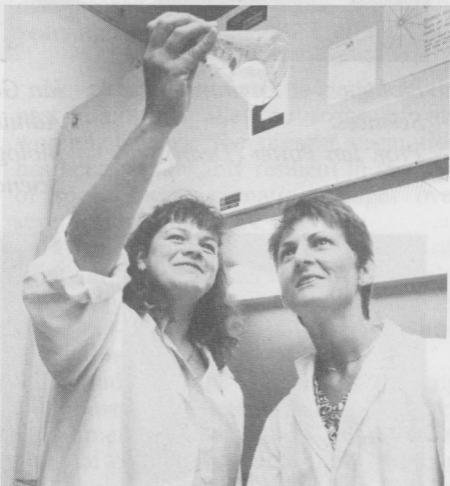


STUDENTS SEIZE STUDY CHANCE IN HOLIDAYS

Murdoch University attracted nearly half the eleven scholarship winners in the annual ANZAAS-Hamersley Iron Laboratory Experience Scheme.

Five student scholarship winners gave up part of their summer holidays for the chance to work on current research projects being conducted by Murdoch's scientists.



*Above: Donna-Ann Haste, of Forrestfield Senior High School (left) and her laboratory experience supervisor, Dr Eileen Gosling, examine a specimen of the fungus *phytophthora cinnamomi* being grown in nutrient solution as part of research into jarrah dieback.*

The other students and their projects:

* Jeremy Liew, of Duncraig (Duncraig Senior High School) Measuring windshear at Perth airports. Supervisor, Dr Tom Lyons, Senior Lecturer in Atmospheric Science.

* Jurgen Konig, of Willetton (Willetton SHS) Interfacing a computer with physics experiments. Supervisor, Dr John Cornish, Senior Lecturer in Physics.

* Rosemary Preston, of Morley (Perth College) Recovering gold using activated carbon. Supervisors, Dr Steve La Brooy, of Murdoch, and Dr Jim Avraamides, of the W.A. Government Chemical Laboratories.

* Anne Smyth, of Karrinyup (Iona Presentation College) Binding of copper by carbohydrates. Supervisor, David Ralph, of Murdoch's School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences.

The University has been a strong supporter of the Scheme sponsored by the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science and Hamersley Iron.

Over several years students have worked with Murdoch University biotechnologists, biologists, psychologists, chemists, physicists and environmental scientists on major research projects — ranging from a study of water stress in jarrah trees to classroom communication techniques for the deaf.