

## INDUSTRY NEWS

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# Universities find a new place in the sun

**A** RCHITECT Garry Baverstock has been appointed adjunct associate professor of energy studies at Murdoch University.

He will liaise with Curtin and University of WA architecture faculties to set up a masters course on environmentally friendly building.

The appointment coincides with builders seeking to advance passive-solar principles with the GreenSmart program.

Garry said the goal was to set up a collaborative course at the three universities.

It also will be marketed to students in Asia and Europe, possibly even to a US

university with the option of an interchange of students.

Garry says that for the past decade, Murdoch University has been a leader in the development of solar and renewable energy, in related technology and systems.

It has won global recognition in areas of waste management, remote septic systems, permaculture and sustainable agriculture.

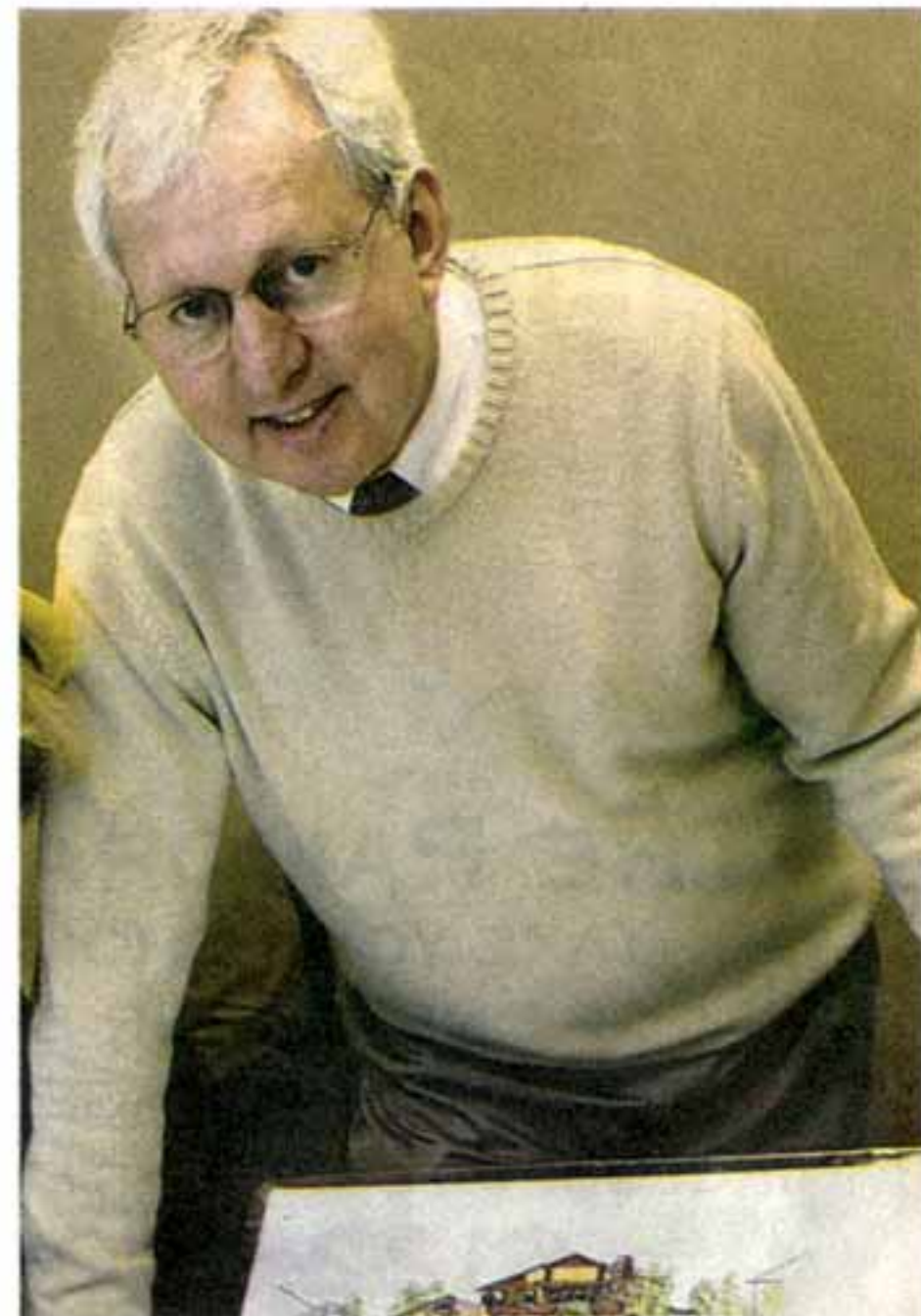
It has a United Nations-recognised faculty, called the Environmental Technology Centre, which also is supported by the State Government.

Garry will work under Professor Philip Jennings, who heads the school of energy studies.

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Some units of the new masters course are scheduled to be functioning next year, with the full course starting in 2006.

The adjunct associate professor title is for professionals outside university faculties. ■



**Garry Baverstock has joined Murdoch's energy studies team.**