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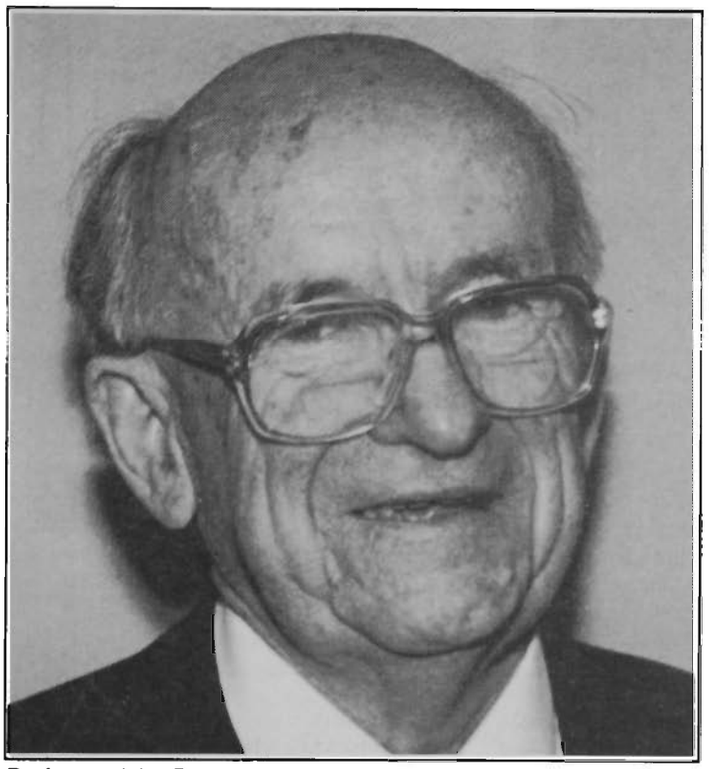
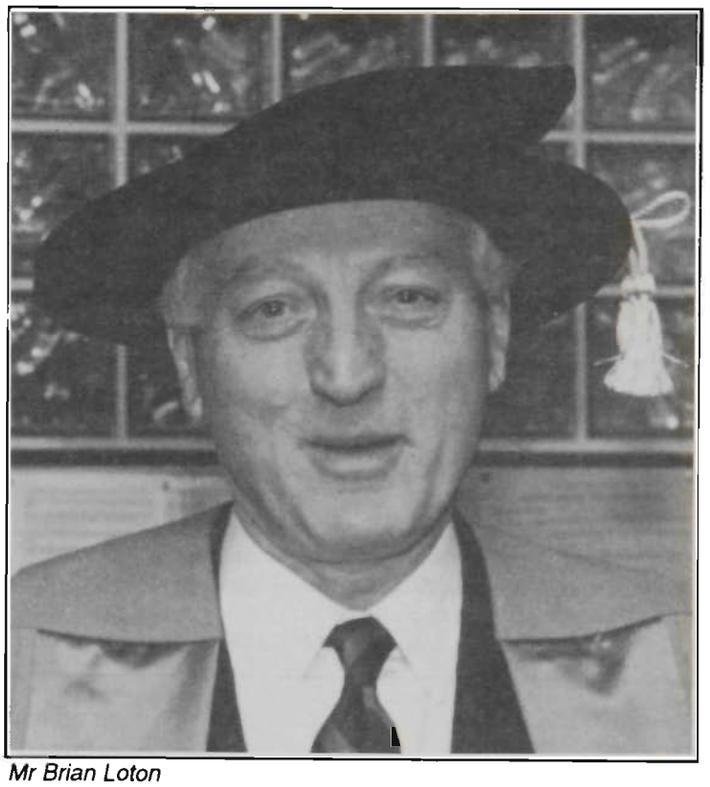


Professor John Passmore



Mr Brian Loton

Two outstanding citizens were awarded honorary degrees at the May graduation ceremonies.

John Arthur Passmore

Professor Passmore is a prominent Australian philosopher and scholar.

He has worked with the great names of philosophy at the world's leading universities and has produced works that remain touchstones for philosophers and educators alike.

He took out first class honours in philosophy in both his undergraduate and Masters degrees at the University of Sydney and won the University Medal.

He lectured at his alma mater, Sydney University, until after the war.

Professor Passmore then travelled abroad where, over the years, he was to take up a succession of important posts.

Professor Passmore earned the 'glittering prizes' of academia by his own creative thinking, his ability to translate difficult concepts into clear and powerful prose and his devotion to teaching.

He lectured in New Zealand and Canada.

He won a Carnegie fellowship to Oxford and worked in London with the renowned Karl Popper.

In 1973, Professor Passmore became visiting fellow at Clare Hall, Cambridge, before moving to the other side of the globe to teach in Japan and in the leading American Universities of Princeton and Rutgers.

In 1955, Professor Passmore became Reader and then Professor of Philosophy at the Australian National University.

In 1965 he was awarded the Mackie Medal for contributions to Philosophy, and was the principal speaker at the World Conferences of Philosophy in 1978, 1983 and 1988.

Professor Passmore is now an Emeritus Professor of the Australian National University where he continues to teach in the History of Ideas Department.

John Passmore once wrote 'The tragedy of New York no-one could forget; that city and its inhabitants should be preserved for eternity in plasticised aspic as a memorial to

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Several members of staff were awarded degrees or diplomas at the graduation ceremonies. The Faculty of Commerce was represented by Sophie Abercrombie, Adminstrative Assistant, Department of Economics, Gaye Herbert, Administrative Assistant, Department of Business Systems who both received an Associate Diploma in Administration and Cathy Nicastri, Supervisor of the Computer Laboratory, Department of Business Systems who received an Associate Diploma in Computer applications.

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the grandeur and the misery of the human condition'.

In 1988, Professor Passmore donated some 1500 books – the substance of his professional library – to the Michael Birt Library at this University.

Most of this treasured collection was even then out of print with some books dating back to the 17th and 18th centuries.

Although he had walked the cloisters of the world's oldest universities, Professor Passmore chose to give his books, 'the fabric of his vision', to be of benefit to the students and scholars of a young philosophy department in a comparatively young University.

By this award, the University of Wollongong recognises the brilliance of Professor Passmore's contribution to his field and his continuing devotion to passing on to others the knowledge he has gathered during his long and distinguished career.

Brian Thorley Loton

After graduating from University in 1953, Mr Loton began his long career with the Broken Hill Propriety Company as a cadet at the Newcastle 'works'.

By 1970 he had become the General Manager of the Newcastle Steelworks.

In 1973, he was appointed Executive General Manager of BHP's Steel Division.

By 1977 he was Chief General Manager, then, in 1984, Chief Executive Officer of BHP.

Mr Loton retired on his 62nd birthday (as required by the Company's Articles of Association), but continued his close involvement with the development of BHP as Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors.

In early May Mr Loton crowned this record of committed and sustained achievement by becoming Chairman of BHP, Australia's largest company.

During the 1980s, a period of unprecedented industry turmoil, Mr Loton's greatest challenge was to preserve the company and yet to respect the dignity of steelworkers and to show them a way to a more secure future.

In 1988, Brian Loton was named Businessman of the Year by the *Business Review Weekly*.

In 1989, he won the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy Medal and, in 1989, was made a Companion of the Order of Australia.

By awarding Mr Loton the degree of Doctor of Science Honoris Causa, the University of Wollongong, recognises Mr Loton's technical ability, his commercial astuteness and his human skills.

Welcome to two new Fellows

The award of Fellow of the University has been established to allow the University to recognise in a public way the contribution of persons to the community and/or to the University.

The contribution may take the form of exceptional service to either the community or the University, significant support for the improvement or development of the community or the University, or activities deemed by the Council to be significant in the development or promotion of the community and/or the University.

A Fellow becomes a member of Convocation, is eligible for membership of the Library, is accorded special guest status at official functions and is able to wear academic dress on ceremonial occasions.

During the May graduation ceremonies two local identities were admitted to the Fellowship.

Cornelius Harris Martin

Con Martin graduated from the prestigious Ballarat School of Mines and, after early experience in the Victorian mines, moved to the gold fields of Western Australia.

He joined the Broken Hill Propriety Company at Kalgoorlie as a metallurgist.

His association with BHP lasted 40 years.

He demonstrated throughout that long career a dedication to the company, a feel for successful ideas and, especially, a concern for the safety of miners and the improvement of mine conditions.

Mr Martin came to the Illawarra in 1960 as Assistant Superintendent of

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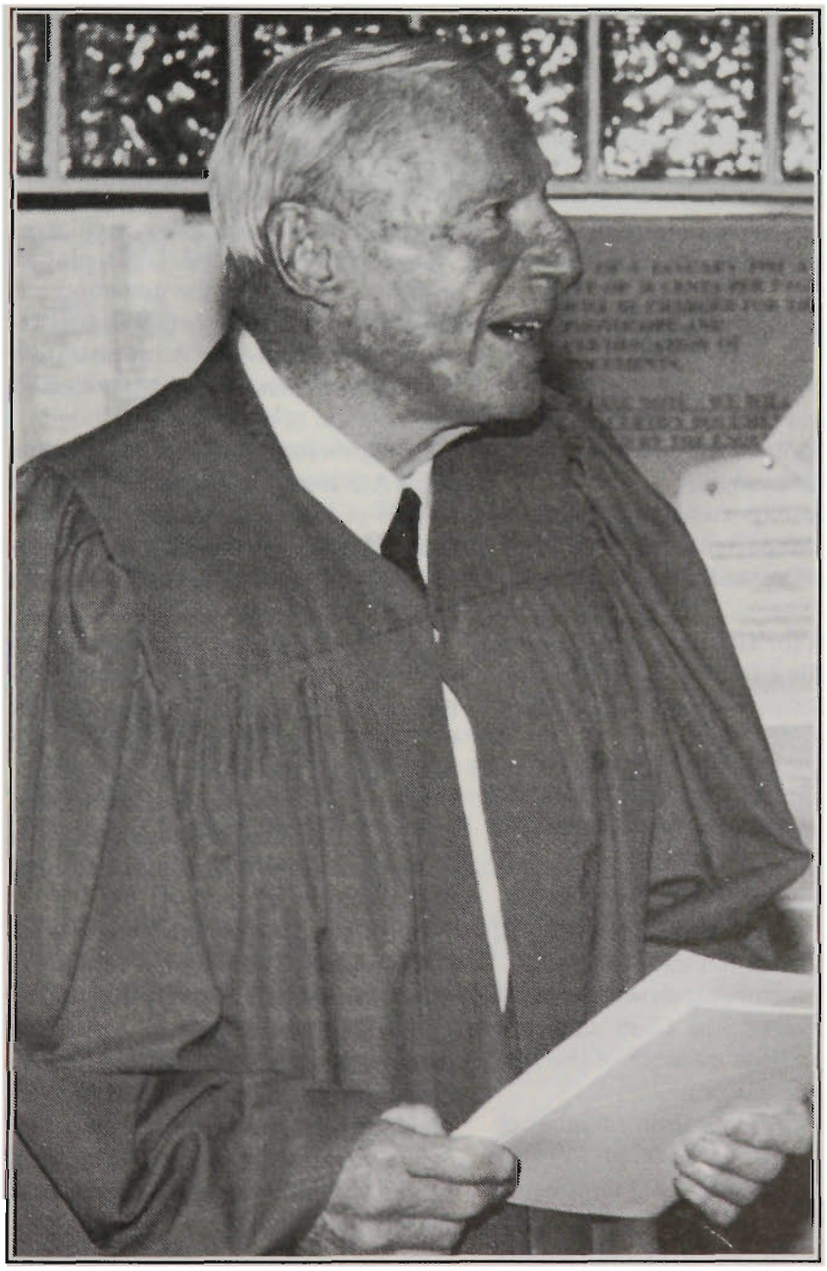

The University's newest Fellows (LEFT) Con Martin and (ABOVE) Ted Tobin

Two Fellowships awarded

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Southern Collieries.

In 1962 he became General Superintendent of BHP and AIS Collieries.

He held that high position until his retirement in 1979.

Con Martin was known throughout his career for his technical competence in his field.

He was receptive to new ideas for improving processes.

He was involved in the introduction of shortwall and longwall mining and instigated the purchase of Australian-made mining equipment.

Con Martin also edited "Australian Coal Mining Practice" – the definitive reference book on the subject.

In these initiatives, he showed a keen awareness of the need for flexibility and for an innovative approach in management.

It followed that he then took an interest in the professional and educational development of mining engineers and managers.

Mr Martin has served as, initially, Councillor and then President of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

He is a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers and Honorary member and past President of the NSW Colliery Managers' Association.

In the mid 1970s, Con Martin actively worked for the introduction of a Mining Engineering course at this University.

He became Chairman of the Advisory Committee in Mining Engineering and was instrumental in implementing many facets of the course.

As President of the Professional Institute, Con Martin naturally ensured that the Wollongong course met the highest standards.

After his retirement, he maintained his working relationship with Mining staff at the University.

Con Martin also has a fine record as an advocate of mine safety and has been President of the Southern Mines Rescue Station.

In this, he has shown a very human concern for the welfare of miners.

He has been quoted expressing his satisfaction at the progress that the mining industry has made in moving away from the primitive conditions of his early days in the mines.

Much of this progress was due to the knowledge, commitment and care of a manager like Con Martin.

In 1987, he was awarded membership of the Order of Australia for services to the mining industry and education.

The University applauds Mr Martin's achievements in his field.

He is an important figure in the development of an industry which has been fundamental to the economic well-being of the Illawarra region.

We are grateful for the way in which he devoted his time and the benefits of his experience to helping to establish a highly respected mining course in the Faculty of Engineering.

The University is honoured to welcome him into its community.

Edward Walter Tobin

Mr Tobin was educated at Wollongong Primary and Wollongong High Schools and joined the workforce as an apprentice at Lysaghts.

His early experiences were thus closely entwined with the places and scenes of an essentially Wollongong childhood.

His talent for and love of sports, especially surfing, found the perfect outlet in the Illawarra with its fine beaches and sporting tradition.

From High School days, Ted Tobin developed his own versatile sporting skills and also his considerable administrative ability.

He represented the Illawarra at junior and senior levels in soccer, cricket, surfing, rugby union and squash.

He is a life member and past President of the Illawarra Surf Club and past President and life member of the Illawarra Leagues Club.

He is also a foundation member of the Wollongong Whales Winter Swimming Club and a life member of the Beaton Park Leisure Centre.

The main hall of the Leisure Centre bears his name in recognition of his tireless support for improved sporting and recreational facilities in the region.

It was natural that Mr Tobin's contact with the University came through a mutual interest in the nurturing of exceptional sporting ability.

In late 1985, the University initiated the establishment of the then Illawarra Institute of Sport.

The Institute (to be later known as the Academy) represented one extreme of a unique health program which the University was planning to introduce.

From the kernel of the Human Movement Science offerings, which continue to have strong links with the Academy, grew the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences which is now a leading Australian centre for preventative health care and the practical promotion of improved health and performance in both the elite sportsperson and the average citizen.

From early days, Ted Tobin played an influential role in the development of the Academy of Sport, first as part-time and then full-time Administrative Director and then, in 1988, as the elected Chairperson of the Board.

The University and the other patrons of the Academy are grateful to have the benefit of Mr Tobin's experience and contacts in the community, his organisational skills and his sheer enthusiasm for the task.

Under his guidance, the Academy has made its own particular contribution to alerting the general community to health issues through initiatives such as the Drugs Offensive Sports Camp.

Mr Tobin's involvement in the life of the Illawarra and, indeed, the wider national community has been a full and varied one.

As a State Operations Manager in the steel industry, he devoted himself to the improvement of safety standards.

He is known as one of Australia's leaders in industrial safety and was President of the South Coast and Tablelands Industrial Safety Group.

In 1979, he addressed a World Safety Organisation Conference on Home and Family Safety.

The first group of graduates from the MSc(Nutrition and Dietetics) course (from left) Susan Alexander, Linda Tapsell, Course Co-ordinator; Heather Yeatman, Lecturer; Barbara Eden, Jennifer McArthur, Lecturer; Karen Jardim, Denise Chapman, Sonia Bradley and Jane Wishart.

First Graduation of MSc(Nutrition and Dietetics)

The first group of graduates from the MSc(Nutrition and Dietetics) course from the University of Wollongong received their degrees at the graduation ceremony for the Faculty of Health Sciences on 12 May.

Wollongong University's first dietitian-nutritionists were all employed in their professional capacity within a few months of completing the course.

Barbara Eden has taken up a lecturer's position in sports nutrition at the University of NSW, while the remaining graduates are employed in hospitals and community health services in the Katoomba, Central Coast, St George and Shoalhaven areas.

The calibre of these Wollongong graduates was professionally recognised at the annual conference of the Dietitians Association of Australia in Canberra this month.

Four of the poster presentations for research projects were accepted for display and Karen Jardim was invited to present her work at one of the major workshops.

The MSc(Nutrition and Dietetics) course is accredited by the Dietitians Association of Australia and consists of two sessions in coursework based on professional competencies, a six month professional practice component under the supervision of dietitians in the field and a major research project .

Entry has become highly competitive over the three years the course has been on offer: this year many more applications made than there were places available.

The first year of graduates has lead the way well and set an enviable standard for others to follow.

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From 1971 to 1983, Ted Tobin served as an alderman of Wollongong City Council.

He was known and greatly respected as a true independent on Council and, in 1977, he received the Queen's Jubilee Medal for services to Local Government.

He is still actively involved in civic matters and in 1991 he was elected Chairperson of the Management Trust for the planned Illawarra Entertainment and Exhibition Centre.

Ted is also a Director of the City Coast Credit Union.

For over 30 years, therefore, Ted Tobin has worked, with little tangible reward, for the people of this region.

He has freely given time to charities such as the Greenacres Disabled Trust, the Cancer Foundation and the Wollongong Hospital Children's' Ward.

If there is an outstanding theme in his career, it is this abiding care for the young and the proper development of their potential.

It is indeed appropriate for a university, which is entrusted with the nurturing of young minds and talents, to give due recognition to such a man and to give him an honoured place in its community.

Vice Chancellor's awards: Last but not least.

Campus News regrets that Mr Ross Walker, one of the recipients of the inaugural Vice-Chancellor's Service Awards for General Staff was omitted in the article in the issue of 20 May.

Mr Walker is the Personnel Officer for Academic Staff in the Personnel Services Branch. Ross is renowned for the consistently high level of service which he provides to his clients. He displays remarkable knowledge and understanding of regulations relating to many aspects of personnel management and is always willing to provide support and advice in a friendly and professional manner.

In particular, over the past twelve months he has worked with the Department of Immigration resolving a number of increasingly complex issues in relation to current staff as well as potential staff and visiting appointees.

He is pictured receiving the award from the Chancellor, the Hon Dr RM Hope.

Seminar on student funding issues

Deputy Secretary in the Department of Employment, Education and Training, Paul Hickey, will run a Distinguished Visitor Seminar entitled Student Funding Issues in Higher Education on 29 May, 12.30-2pm Kemira Room.

The seminar will focus on aspects of student funding in higher education and will explore a range of issues including HECS and its possible variants, vouchers, fees and scholarships, loan schemes and other relevant aspects of student funding and student support.

Mr Hickey has a broad range of expertise in higher education funding and has been directly involved in all major Commonwealth funding initiatives since the mid-80s, including the expansion and restructuring of institutional operating grants, establishment of the National Priority (Reserve) fund, ARC research infrastructure funding, and the introduction of HECS.

Phone ext. 3578 to book in.

Gerry Turcotte's Canadian award

Dr Gerry Turcotte has received one of two Faculty Enrichment Awards made available by the Canadian Government for research into Canadian culture.

The awards, open to academics teaching in Australia and New Zealand, are highly regarded and competitively sought after.

This year, the final judging round included 18 candidates.

Dr Turcotte's award includes a cash component of some $6000, which is meant to fund travel and accommodation expenses for a six-week study trip through Canada.

Dr Turcotte's research project, which involves working with Canada's native Indian and Inuit writers, artists and academics, was considered to fill an important gap in cross-cultural research.

Already actively involved in the Australian Aboriginal community, Dr Turcotte plans to help establish an on-going exchange program between native writers and academics.

His research plan has already initiated efforts by the Canadian High Commission to correct the imbalance in funding to native writers for travelling overseas.

Dr Turcotte's numerous publications have included extensive participation by Aboriginal writers in Australia.

He has recently been awarded the editorship of *Australian-Canadian Studies*, and his Faculty Enrichment Award will be used in part to guarantee extensive participation in that journal by the Canadian indigenous population.

Dr Agnes Grant, one of Canada's leading native academics, has already joined the editorial board of ACS, and will be one of the people Dr Turcotte will meet with when he travels to Canada in January and December.

His itinerary will include crossing Canada from Vancouver to Montreal, where he will meet with native community leaders.

These contacts will then be used to back up his research and to support the teaching of a new post-graduate course on indigenous writing in Australia, New Zealand and Australia, which will be offered in 1993 by the Department of English.

After his trip, the University will also receive a purchasing grant of more than $2000.

Rarely heard cantata for Wollongong

After their acclaimed performance of *Messiah* last Christmas, the Illawarra Choral Society is presenting another large scale sacred Cantata in June.

The choir will again perform with four outstanding soloists under the direction of Robert Smith, Lecturer in Music Education at the University of Wollongong,

The work is Dvorak's *Stabat Mater* which was composed a hundred years after *Messiah* and musical taste had certainly changed.

Also in contrast to *Messiah*, which can be heard in every city (and many small towns) every year, the *Stabat Mater* is a rarely performed work. It was last performed in Wollongong in 1935!

Although it is not well known, audiences will find that the Czech composer's work has an immediate appeal.

The English title is *At the foot of the Cross* and a central theme is the Crucifixion as seen by Jesus' mother.

This sets the scene for the musical expression of a wide range of intense emotions from grief and despair to the exhilaration of the Resurrection and the joys of Paradise.

The female soloists are Patricia Worley-Smith and Angela Quinn, both of whom are BCA graduates from the music strand of the University of Wollongong.

Lindsay Dunstan, the bass soloist, is also a well-known local artist, while Alex Kleyn from Campbelltown. has appeared with the Choral Society several times and will be remembered by many for his tenor lead role in *The Gondoliers* at the IPAC last year.

At the foot of the Cross will be performed on one night only at 8 pm on Monday 1 June at Wesley on the Mall.

Tickets at $10 ($6 concession) are available from Choral Society members or at the door and include supper after the performance.

Staff News

The Taxation Department allows certain dispensations in respect of grants paid to academic staff who proceed on approved study leave.

A Study Leave Assistance Grant may be paid, up to the level of accrued credits, for the cost of travel for the member and accompanying dependants to destinations on the approved study leave programme.

Funds paid as a travel grant for attendance at an overseas conference are treated in the same way as a Study Leave Assistance Grant.

The grant is paid without taxation deductions. The sum paid is shown on the member's group certificate as a travel grant.

Half salary in advance for the period of study leave may be paid, also without taxation deductions.

The sum paid is also shown on the member's group certificate as a travel grant. The remaining half salary, paid fortnightly, is taxed at the appropriate rate.

It is permitted to claim certain deductions against taxation for legitimate expenses incurred by and for the member (not dependants) in connection with the study leave.

Because of the complexities of taxation, and as each academic's personal and financial circumstances differ and are private, the University does not undertake to provide taxation advice in respect of the financial aspects of study leave.

It is recommended that academic staff proceeding on study leave seek professional advice so that they can accurately determine the level of study leave assistance grant desired and whether or not half salary in advance is required.

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■ Upcoming **CD classes** in the Library are: May 27: 11.30 -12.30, AUSTROM; 1.30 - 2.30, Dialog. May 28: 11.30 -12.30, UMI; 1.30 - 2.30, Silverplatter.

■ Future **School of Creative Arts events** are: Until May 30: As You Like It, by William Shakespeare, Directed by Kate Clarkson Venue SCA Performance Space. May 28: Art of Lunch – Selected musical items presented by Ensemble course students. Music Auditorium. May 21- June 19: Long Gallery – Environment Exhibition.

■ A **special postgraduate seminar** will be held at 6.30pm on 27 May in the Union Function Centre. Dr Evelleen Richards, of STS. will present *Vitamin C and Cancer: Medicine or Politics?*

■ The Faculty of Law is holding a seminar, **Sexual Harassment in Employment**, on 27 May in room 19.1017 from 11.30am-1pm. Presented by Visiting Professorial Fellow Marina Angel, the seminar is sponsored by Russell McLelland and Brown Solicitors. RSVP to Maria Agnew by 25 May on ext 3456 or via e-mail.

■ The Faculty of Law is holding a **public lecture** on 28 May entitled Domestic Violence and the Law: Criminal Law issues and Family Law issues. The lecture will be presented by Visiting Professorial Fellow Marina Angel. The lecture, sponsored by Russell McLelland and Brown Solicitors, will be held in the Council Room in the Administration Building, from 5.30-6.30pm. RSVP Maria Agnew by 25 May, tel. (042) 21 3456

Stop Press

The Last Crown Prince
by Sung-Sook Hwang, MCA student.

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What's On

■ A conference, entitled **The Ethics of Health Resources**, on behalf of the Illawarra Area Health Service Ethics Committee, organised by the Department of Philosophy, University of Wollongong, NSW, will be held on 30 May from 10.30am - 3.30pm. Main speakers will be Dr Bernadett Tobin, Dr Paula Boddington and Dr Robert Young. Full conference programme and enquiries: Department of Philosophy, University of Wollongong, NSW. 2500, Enquires and bookings, tel. (042) 21 3615.

■ The **Illawarra Choral Society**, conducted by Bob Smith of the Faculty of Education, will present Dvorak's *At the Foot of the Cross (Stabat Mater)* on Monday 1 June at 8pm in Wesley on the Mall. Tickets are available from society members or at the door $10 ($6 concession) including supper

■ Items for the **UGSC** must be given to secretary Mrs M Evans or minute secretary Mrs S Jennings, both in Student Administration, by 5pm on 2 June, 30 June, 25 August, 10 November.

■ Special schools performances of Expans, which combines **new music and dance theatre**, will be held on 12 June and 28 August, on both days from 10.30am-12.30pm. These performances have been arranged for music and drama students to experience an exciting new combination of music and dance theatre/movement. There will be public performances of both concerts in the evening at 8pm. Bookings: (042) 21 4214. Enquiries: (042) 21 3580

■ The **1992 Bridge Recital Series** continues on 28 June with the Graeme Bell All Stars at the Bridge Theatre, Coniston. The rest of this year's programme is: multicultural folk fusion group Southen Crossings (20 September) as well as an appearance by the opera diva Amanda Thane (6 September). Tickets for the Sydney Shanghai String Quartet are $18 ($14 concession) of $50 for a family of four. Book with Margaret Sharrad, tel. 28 1843, or Bridge Theatre, tel. 29 6144.

■ Agenda deadlines for the 1992 **Human Experimentation Ethics Committee meetings** are: 4 July, 30 August, 24 October, 5 December. It will no longer be possible to table late items. Late applications will be held over until the next meeting.

■ The **11th International Conference on Ground Control in Mining** will be held at Northbeach Parkroyal from 7-10 July. It is organised by the University of Wollongong, the University of West Virginia and the Australian Institute of Mining Metallurgy. The keynote address will be given by Mr W Tattersall, Assistant to the Secretary of State for Safety and Health, USA.

■ **Upcoming Illawarra Committee for Overseas Students** events are: 25 July, Snowy Mountains; 19 September, Canberra; 11 October, Harbour Cruise and Sydney Aquarium; 5 December, Australia's Wonderland. Tickets and details are available from the ICOS office in the Union Building next to the Careers and Appointments Service, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9.30am-2pm. Tel. (042) 21 3158 or ext. 3158.

■ **Open Day**: Sunday, 30 August.

■ **Australian Computer Conference on Information Systems** hosted by the Department of Business Systems 5-8 October at the University of Wollongong. Enquiries to Gaye Herbert (042) 21 3958.

■ **1992 Graduation Ceremony**: 8-9 October.

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