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Inspect The University Centre

The University Centre in Sydney

The University Centre is a joint initiative by Charles Sturt University, The University of New England, and the University of Wollongong to provide the highest quality promotional, administrative, conference and meeting facilities in the Sydney CBD for all staff and students at the partner institutions.

The three institutions have combined resources and taken advantage of a favourable rental market to obtain a highly accessible address in Clarence St near the Queen Victoria Building.

The University Centre is now operational.

There are four floors in a new building and the latest high-tech facilities - from phone and data networks to video conference and presentation equipment.

It will be formally opened on 9 June by the Vice-Chancellors from the three institutions.

Those who have visited the Centre are universal in their praise of the building, the interior design and the support equipment.

There are no room charges to partner Universities for normal university academic or administrative activities. For partner based commercial activities a minimum charge applies.

The presence in the Centre of three universities will provide a critical mass which will foster co-operation and collaboration in meeting the Centre's objectives, which include:

Information Objectives:

- Provision of course and enrolment advice including promotions and specific displays;
- Provision of career information and graduate advice;
- Assistance with overseas student recruitment and reception;
- Provision of user-friendly, client-oriented services to prospective and

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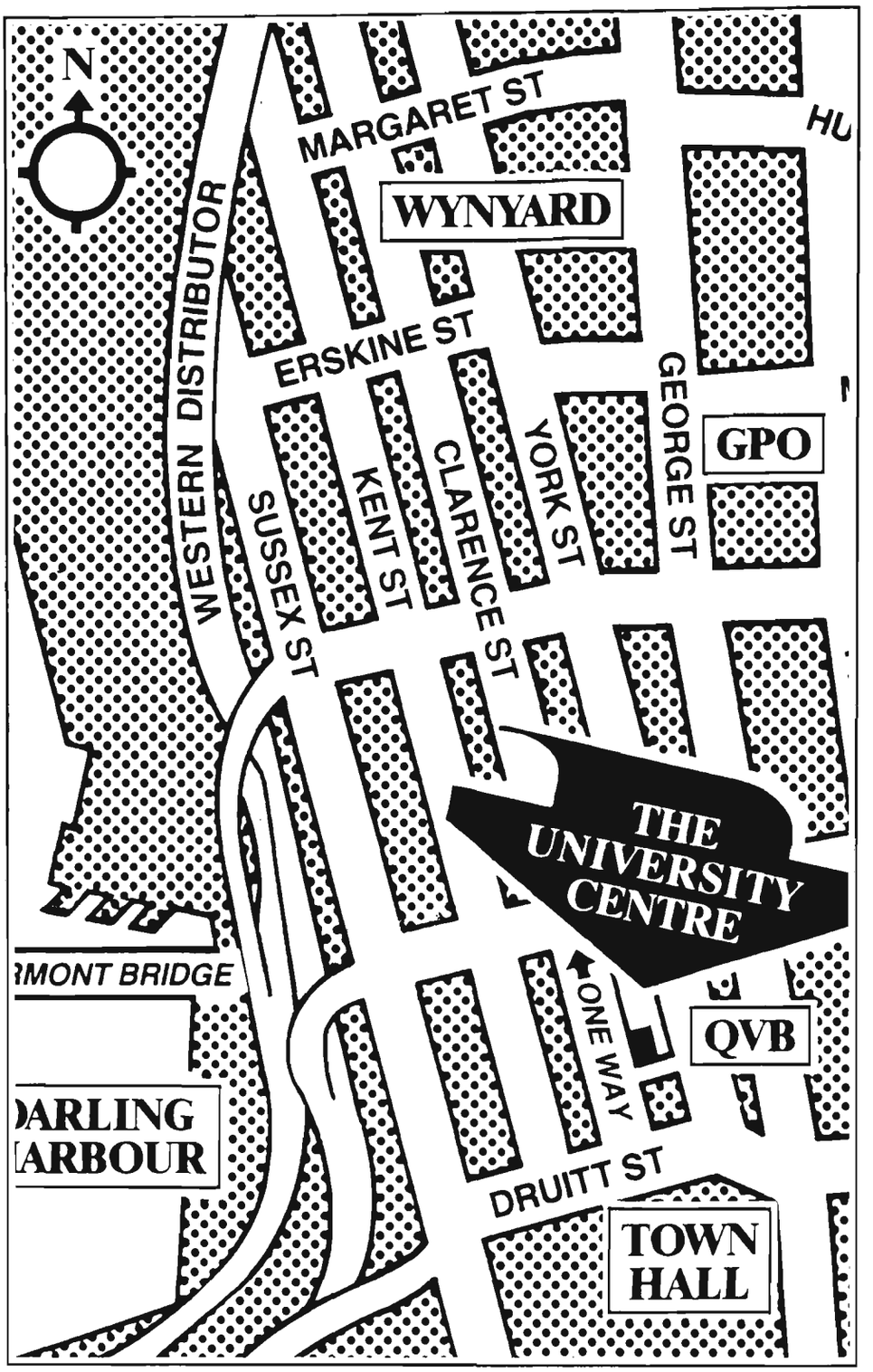
present students including:
- library catalogue, text exchange and other data-bases via computer networks;
- touch screen accessible in-house data-bases for course advice, sample learning models, etc;
- "hot line" telephone, facsimile and E-Mail access to home institutions.

Education Objectives:

- Delivery of courses of study for:
  - award/non-award;
  - fee paying, including training programs in collaboration with industry;
  - continuing education/extension, especially rural-urban links.
- Provision of services for distance education including:
  - application and admission processing;
  - orientation;
  - study facilities, including computer access, assignment processing, correspondence, weekend schools, tutorials and other student group meetings;
  - examinations.
- Provision of open learning and co-operative education programs;
- Teaching at a distance and presentations by specialists including visitors from overseas;
- Enhanced provision for articulation between programs;
- Provision of collaborative and remote research interaction including participation in person or by video or tele-conference of visitors from overseas, and the ability to network by computer.

External Relations Objectives:

- Enhanced relations with:
  - governments, industry, commerce and employers through the Sydney presence and the creation of a critical mass of expertise;
- Enhanced opportunities to secure consultancies and to deliver findings;
- Improved interaction and collaboration between participating institutions in:
  - teaching;
  - consultancy;
  - community service;
  - administration, including possible economies of scale;
  - promotional activities.
- Enhanced outreach opportunities for:
  - alumni activities;
  - fund raising.



Further details about The University Centre is on the Administrative File Server in the Bulletin Board folder called Notices University of Wollongong.

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Inspection tours for University of Wollongong staff have been arranged for 11 June 2pm-4pm contact Gloria Ext 3248 by 4 June to book in.

The University Centre. 210 Clarence St Sydney Ray Hand, Manager. Dawn Lang, Promotions Officer. Lisa Kelly, Secretary. For bookings and further information Telephone 02 3706600 Fax 02 370 6670.

Chatting in the EEO office about their experiences are (from left) seated Patricia Goldsworthy, Peter Goldsworthy, Linda Casey, EEO co-ordinator Peg Macleod, Tony Peisley. Looking on are: Essential Personnel Job Co-ordinators Terry Talbot and Lisa MacLeod, and Keith Jamieson.

Cleaners break new ground for the disadvantaged

This issue of *Campus News* introduces four new cleaning staff employees who have come to the University under a path-breaking industrial scheme negotiated through Essential Personnel and the FMWU.

The workers are Anthony Peisley and Patricia Goldsworthy, who have been working in the Library since last September, and Linda Casey in Building 42 and Peter Goldsworthy in the Gymnasium, who have been with us since early February.

These staff members have learning disabilities and have experienced considerable workplace disadvantage before coming to the University.

They are all delighted to be here and wanted to share their stories with the rest of the University community.

Tony Peisley lives in a unit he bought four years ago in Coniston.

Before being retrenched because of restructuring, Tony worked for 19 years at Dairy Farmers, so he is used to getting up early for his 5.30am start at the University and has had little difficulty adjusting to this schedule.

He is so keen on his new job, he tells us he would stay all day, if he could.

Patricia Goldsworthy, our other Library staff member, on the other hand sometimes wishes she could sleep in, but really enjoys the people she works with and the friendly atmosphere the cleaning staff have created and has found her co-workers and the crew chiefs especially helpful.

Neverthess, she is quite happy to go home at 9.00am and spend the rest of the day on her craft hobbies.

Patricia and Tony both feel the job has contributed immeasurably to their personal independence.

Although both are still entitled to pension subsidies as they are only employed 15 hours a week, they have foregone this, preferring to be self-supporting.

They quickly earned the respect of the other Library cleaning staff who threw them a welcome party soon after their arrival.

Peter Goldsworthy is Patricia's brother and it is part of his role to drive them both to work in the early hours of the morning.

He also found the early morning start took some adjustment but believes that having this opportunity makes it all worthwhile.

Peter has earned himself a nickname since coming to the University.

He has been known as The Flash since he ran afoul of a faulty vacuum cleaner in April. Peter enjoys watercolour and oil painting in his spare time.

Linda Casey thinks working at the

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Answering some of the needs of rural doctors

Dr Mark Craig, Dr Peter Annetts, Dr John Barnett and Ms Mary Sinclair with Professor Robert Hodge at the rural doctors program

The Graduate School of Medical Sciences at the University of Wollongong organised an outreach program on the weekend of 22-24 May at the University to attempt to answer some of the special needs of the rural doctor in the area of on-going professional education.

Rural doctors frequently have little access to sophisticated investigative or therapeutic services.

They are required to have a higher degree of responsibility for the management of their patients than metropolitan doctors.

The increasing demand of rural doctors for different types of medical education led Professor Robert Hodge and others at the University to instigate a rural doctor's advisory group to design a program specifically to meet these needs.

Input was sought from rural doctors from Queensland, NSW, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia.

Fifty rural GPs attended the workshop and considered methods of making appropriate courses available, including Sky Channel, interactive link-up sessions using a 008 number and videos.

Their discussions concentrated on further education programs in the cardio-vascular area including heart attack, high blood pressure and raised blood cholesterol.

Professor Hodge said that the rural doctor was in a unique position to influence the public to adopt a healthy lifestyle.

They participate in the life of the community and can, for example, encourage the local butcher to also stock fish and the local grocer to keep salt and fat reduced products.

Applications called for AIDS research grants

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The Australian National Council on AIDS is inviting applications for research training awards under the Commonwealth AIDS Research Grants (CARG) Program for research relating to HIV infection and its prevention.

These awards are allocated on a competitive basis similar to National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) awards. The criteria used for assessing applications will be:

- Relevance to HIV/AIDS;
- Academic merit;
- Academic potential of the applicant; and
- Quality of supervision and/or sponsorship.

The purpose of the awards is to increase the number and expertise of researchers working in the area of HIV infection and its prevention in Australia.

Applications will be considered in a wide range of research areas relevant to HIV/AIDS.

These include: virology, immunology, clinical medicine, politics, psychology, anthropology, psychiatry, dentistry, education, sociology, public health, nursing, law, molecular biology and epidemiology

These awards are of four types: postgraduate scholarships, postdoctoral fellowships, research traineeships and training development.

Closing date for applications is 24 June. More information and application forms can be obtained from Kim Roser, Research Office, ext. 3079.

Peg MacLeod
EO Co-ordinator, Ext. 3917

Post boxes available

Post boxes have been installed in the Post Office in the Union Retail Centre.

Persons interested in acquiring a Post Box should contact Diane Choice or Rod Gray, tel. 29 7833, or ext. 3781.

Upcoming Staff Development workshops

The Centre for Staff Development is offering the following workshops in June and July.

15 June: 9am-12.30pm, Methods of Student Assessment, Dr John Panter.

15 June: 1.30-5pm, Higher Education and The Law, Professor John Goldring, Mr Damien Considine, Associate Professor Ken Hale and Ms Sandra Mercado.

16 June: 9am-12.30pm, Supervising Postgraduate Students, Professor Bill Lovegrove.

17 and 18 June: 9am-4pm, Selection Techniques for Academic Staff, Dr Peg MacLeod, Mr Ross Walker and Mr Peter Maywald.

22 and 25 June: 9.30am-12.30pm, Cross-Cultural Communication, Dr Mary Kalantzis, Mr Charles Khoo.

23 June: 9am-12.30pm, Small Group Teaching, Mr Barry Russell.

23 and 24 June: 2-5pm, 9.30am-4pm, Pre-Retirement Planning, Mr Barry Russell.

26 and 29 June: 9.30am-12.30pm, Presentation Skills for Teaching Staff whose First Language is Not English, Ms Liz Ellis.

30 June: 9-12am, Getting Your Paper Published (Humanities), Professor Stephen Hill.

30 June: 1.30-5pm, Lecturing in the Hope and Other Large Theatres, Mr Jeff Kevin, Mr Ian McGrath, Dr John Panter, Mr Barry Robson.

2 July: 9.30am-12.30pm, Using Video Conferencing in Distance Education, Mr Richard Caladine and Mr Brian O'Neill.

If you require further information after reading the workshop outlines, contact Staff Development Officer, Liz Ellis, on ext. 4101.

Ground breaking cleaners

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University is great and the money she earns is helping pay off her home in Unanderra.

She likes working as a member of a team and enjoys the activity her new job demands.

Previously she was employed for 15 years at Mercury Footwear.

Now that she has got into the routine, she doesn't mind the early start anymore and finds she has more time to indulge in her passion of putting jigsaw puzzles together.

We are very happy to welcome these new staff members and hope their stay with the University is long and enjoyable.

The Seymour Group presents

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VOICINGS
for flute, piano, percussion, trombone & tape

SHININGS
for flute, clarinet, piano, viola, percussion and double bass.
World Premiere

Lyndon Terracini in

BONY ANDERSON
Direction/Design John Senczuk

Barry Conyngham's output and influence have been central to Australian music for the last two decades. His style melds the gentleness and luxuriance of an Asian-inflected aesthetic with Australian subjects. The small-scale music theatre work, BONY ANDERSON, recounts a pitiful and desperate case of isolation.

His new ensemble piece, SHININGS, and his work VOICINGS, attest to Conyngham's love and constant exploration of instrumental sonorities.

FRIDAY JUNE 5 8.15 PM

THE HOPE THEATRE
University of Wollongong, Northfields Avenue

Bookings (042) 21 4214
Tickets $14, $10 (conc), $5 (student rush)

Demand for Uni places still strong

Demand for an undergraduate place at an Australian university is still running strongly, the Australian Vice-Chancellor's Committee has announced, despite the Federal Government funding about 5,000 additional places in 1992.

Issuing its 1992 *Survey of Applicants for Undergraduate Higher Education Courses* today, AVCC President, Professor Ken McKinnon, said it had been estimated that between 34,000 and 49,700 eligible applicants failed to gain a place at university.

In 1992, the range was 19,700 and 29,100 which was an increase of more than 40 per cent in the 'unmet demand' figure of 1990.

'Demand continues to grow,' Professor McKinnon said.

'This is a result of more students aspiring to a university education, tight economic circumstances making university education more attractive to increase later employability and a downturn in the number of first-year places available in 1992, due to the 1991 over-enrolment pipeline effect and increased retention rates in later university years.'

Professor McKinnon said the AVCC was not calling on the Federal Government to fund places for all applicants.

'The AVCC believes that the Australian university system should be allowed to continue to grow at a steady rate.

'It would be impossible to meet all unmet demand without creating additional universities, which in turn would require massive capital investment – unlikely in the current economic situation.'

Professor McKinnon said the AVCC was sympathetic to those who have missed out on a place at university this year, particularly those who have repeated courses after failing to gain places in previous years.

'Competition for places has increased markedly recently, with higher entrance scores being demanded by many universities,' he said.

'It is unlikely this situation will ease in the short term as the over-enrolment of 1991 has yet to work its way out of the system.

'However, the Federal Government has enhanced the Technical and Further Education sector, and the AVCC supports this provided it is not to the detriment of the Australian university system.

'Many students who missed out on university this year will find their vocation through TAFE.'

Professor McKinnon said the AVCC survey methodology was endorsed by the Department of Employment, Education and Training and had been conducted annually for many years.

The data was collected from tertiary admission centres and institutions and covered all rounds of offers of places made by the end of March 1992.

The survey was conservatively based, with strong discounting for factors such as multi-State applications by some students and elimination of 'narrow' applications, where students applied only for a specific course at a particular institution.

Professor McKinnon said that on a State basis 'unmet demand' was greatest in Victoria (13,000 to 18,700) and Queensland (9,700 to 14,200), consistent with 1991 results.

In Victoria, between 22.2 per cent and 32 per cent of eligible applicants failed to gain a place. In Queensland, the range was between 17.1 per cent and 25.1 per cent.

All States registered increases in the absolute number of eligible applications and those not receiving an offer.

New names for campus buildings

Several buildings on campus were recently renamed, with suggestions being sought from the campus community.

The name changes are:

Currently Used Name	Ratified As
Metallurgy 2	Engineering A
Civil Engineering	Engineering B
Engineering	Engineering C
Building 5 Classrooms	Eastern Classrooms
Building 6 Workshop	Engineering Laboratories
Old Admin	Mechanical Engineering
Computing Science	Computer Science
Lecture Theatre	Central Lecture Theatre
Science	Chemistry/Physics
Social Science	Arts and Health Sciences
Advanced Education	Education: Laboratories
Teacher Education	Journalism/Education Resource Centre
Arts West	Education Building
Arts East	Creative Arts Building
Residence 1 (Directors)	Aboriginal Education Unit
Residence 2 (Caretaker)	Centre For Research Policy
Service Complex	Printery
	Central Store
	Landscaping Services
Building 35 North Wing	Biology
Building 35 South Wing	Informatics
Commerce	Commerce Building/Hope Theatre
General Science	The New Science Building
Science Teaching Lab	The Science Annex
Eastern Student Comp Lab	Eastern Student Computer Laboratory

Recruitment steps into video age

Graduate recruitment took a new direction on 22 May, with the use of video-conferencing to link interviews in Sydney with students at the Bathurst and Wagga campuses of Charles Sturt University.

Recruitment officers from the Australian National Audit Office were invited by Charles Sturt Careers Adviser, Lim Hodgson, to use video conferencing facilities at The University Centre in Sydney, instead of visiting the campuses.

'Many government bodies and private companies are finding it difficult to conduct their normal campus recruitment visits because of financial cutbacks,' Lim said.

'Charles Sturt University is determined to ensure our students are in no way disadvantaged by being of non-metropolitan campuses.

'Maintaining excellent services for our students is also one of the main reasons for entering into a partnership with the University of Wollongong and the University of New England to establish a base in Sydney at The University Centre.

'Charles Sturt University subsidised costs of the video-conferencing interviews and we are grateful to the Australian National Audit Office for being willing to take up the challenge.'

Interviewers and students were introduced to the technology the day before the interviews to ensure all participants were relaxed.

Sarah Major, Director, Professional Development, Australian National Audit Office, said this was her first experience with video-conferencing and she found it very good.

'There was less opportunity to read body language, but this was not a problem since our interview format also involves practical application of accounting principles rather than being simply a fireside chat,' she said.

'We had no difficulty in assessing the students.'

Interviewer Grant Caine, an auditor from Sydney, had participated in the campus interview procedure as a student.

'The difference I found was that we could focus on the students' ability, rather than their skill in selling themselves,' he said.

One of the students, Shane Jubb, said he was very pleased with the saving of time and money by using video-conferencing.

'My study schedule has not been interrupted by needing to visit the city and I learned a lot from the experience,' he said.

'We were nervous at first, but after the run through we felt much more relaxed. It offers a real alternative to country students.'

If any students are required for second interviews these will be conducted face to face, but as a process for initial screening, video-conferencing proved very successful.

Other major employers have expressed interest in using video-conferencing in graduate recruitment and will no doubt be encouraged by the Charles Sturt University experience.

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Impact of a bill of rights in Canada

On Wednesday, 20 May Visiting Professor in the Faculty of Law, Professor Bruce Ziff, presented a lecture on the impact of Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The Charter – a type of bill of rights – was enacted as an integral part of Canada's Constitution in 1982. After 10 years it is clear that its effect on Canada's laws has been profound.

The Charter has also produced some significant side-effects. It has radically changed the political process in Canada, the study and practice of law, and the way in which judges resolve cases.

Charter litigation over the meaning of the constitutional rights has also produced some surprising winners and losers, leading some to question whether a bill of rights is the best means to protect fundamental values.

These were the issues addressed in Professor's Ziff talk.

The Canadian experience adds an important element to the debate in Australia about the adoption of a bill of rights.

In 1988, a Commonwealth Commission recommended such a measure and in the course of doing so drew heavily on the terms of the Canadian Charter.

No action has yet been taken. For many Australians, the question remains important yet unresolved.

Bruce Ziff is an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Alberta.

He is a graduate of Carleton University, University of Ottawa and Oxford. Professor Ziff teaches and writes in the areas of property, family law and constitutional law.

New exhibit at Science Centre

The Science Centre at Fairy Meadow is extending its exhibits into the areas of energy, environment and communication.

Visitors will now be able to walk through a spectacular corridor which shows the source and uses of electrical energy and talk to other people from around the world.

The electrical exhibit has been provided by Elcom and the new communication exhibit by the Illawarra Amateur Radio Society.

The radio exhibit allows visitors to see at first hand the fascinating world of short wave radio communication.

Not only does this exhibit show visitors the technology involved for professional purposes but gives insight into the fascinating hobby of amateur radio.

The exhibit is open as part of the regular Science Centre exhibits between 1pm and 5pm each Saturday and Sunday. The Science Centre is located on Cowper Street Fairy Meadow.

• The **School of Creative Arts** is presenting the following exhibitions in the Long Gallery (Building 25): Until June 19: 'The Last Crown Prince'. Exhibition of work by Sung-Sook Hwang (MCA candidate). Sung-Sook's embroidered and dyed silk-screened calico robes depict a twofold story of the Japanese occupation of Korea: one through the eyes of the Crown Price, taken hostage, and one through the eyes of Sung-Sook's grandmother who lost her son.

• The **Seymour Group** presents Barry Conyngham's Shinings and Voicings at the Hope Theatre on Friday 5 June at 8.15pm. Barry's output and influence have been central to Australian music for the last two decades. His style melds the gentleness and luxuriance of an Asian-inflected aesthetic with Australian subjects. Bookings (042) 21 4214. Tickets $14, $10 (conc), $5 (student rush)

• 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

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Closing dates approaching

The closing date for applications for 1993 ARC Collaborative Research Grants is approaching.

Contact Aapo Skorulis in the Research Office, ext. 3386, for more details.

What's On

• 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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