

# CAMPUS NEWS



*Guy Warren admires the works as they are unpacked*

## Major addition to art collection

Through the efforts of the Director, Mr Guy Warren, the University of Wollongong Art Collection has been offered on loan 11 works of art by one of Australia's most eminent artists, the late Tony Tuckson (1921-73).

Born in Egypt, educated in Britain, Tuckson studied art briefly in London pre-war before enlisting in the RAF in 1939 and becoming a Spitfire pilot.

He found himself stationed in Darwin with a squadron of Spitfires sent to help protect our northern extremity.

After marrying an Australian girl and deciding to settle in Australia, Tuckson studied art at East Sydney Technical College (then the only government-funded art college in NSW) under the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme, which offered ex-servicemen and women an opportunity to catch up on studies missed because of war service.

His career subsequently led him to position of Assistant Director of the Art Gallery of NSW.

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The Vice-Chancellor has advised that the Professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Queensland, Professor Ah Chung Tsoi, has accepted the appointment as Professor and Dean, Faculty of Informatics.

Professor Tsoi received a Diploma in Technology from Hong Kong Technical College and a Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Salford, UK.

In 1980, he was awarded a Bachelor

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of Divinity from the University of Otago.

He has held academic positions at the University College of North Wales, Paisley College of Technology, University of Auckland, the University of NSW as well as his current appointment at the University of Queens-

land. His research interests include neural networks, telecommunications networks, EEG signal processing and systolic array.

He has been a consultant to the Department of the Navy and the Health Insurance Commission on

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In 1958-59 he made two trips with Dr Stuart Scougall to Melville Island and Yirrkala to acquire the carved, painted grave posts and bark paintings that were to form the basis of the Art Gallery of NSW's Aboriginal collection.

The travelling exhibition of 1960-61 which he subsequently organised for Australian state galleries was the finest exhibition of Australian Aboriginal art put together in Australia for many years and was sent in modified form to the Biennale de Sao Paulo, Brazil. Mr Warren said that for all his full-time commitment to the Art Gallery of NSW Tuckson never ceased to paint.

'Although hailed now by art curators and art historians as Australia's greatest abstract expressionist, this convenient label only partly describes his art and even tends faintly to diminish his contribution to Australian art,' Mr Warren said.

'It was his sympathy for and interest in Aboriginal art, reflected in his own creative struggles, which led to the simple grandeur of the late paintings done a few years before his death in 1973.

'These, almost always on hardboard panels, seem to owe as much to the directness and sense of physical presence of Aboriginal bark paintings and grave posts (and other Oceanic art) as they do to European and American

art of the post-war abstract expressionist movement.

'The 11 works loaned to this university by his family are all from the '50s and '60s period, mostly on paper and are in various media — oil, watercolour, enamel, gouache, etc.

'They show a serious artist's struggles to come to terms with conflicting pressures of his time and his culture while searching for a personal vision. Without these struggles the late major works would not have been possible.'

His family has requested that they be hung in the University Library. They can be seen on the top floor, near the library administrative offices.

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INC

will be held on

**Saturday 9 March**

**6.00pm-7.30pm**

in Lecture Theatre 104, Level 1, McKinnon Building  
(Bld 67) at the western end of campus

### **GUEST SPEAKER:**

**Dr Dale Spender AM**

*Dale Spender and her sister Lynne both graduated with MA(Hons) in 1972 as the University's first female masters graduates. Dale is now well-known as a researcher, writer, editor, broadcaster and teacher, and will undoubtedly touch on her current interest in the Internet and information technology during her talk.*

**Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Food for Thought Restaurant, also on Level 1 of the McKinnon Building.**

Four of the Alumni Association's Chapters (Campus, Commerce, Education and Engineering) will hold their AGMs at 5.30pm, immediately before the main meeting. Details are being sent to the relevant members.

**If you wish to attend, contact the Alumni Office before Tuesday 5 March.**

Tel: (042) 213 249 or 213 169; Fax: (042) 214 299.

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applications of Artificial Neural Network techniques.

While at the University of NSW, Professor Tsoi was a founding director of the Centre for Information Technology, Research and Development and was invited by the Rector of University College to be the Director of Computing Services, in which role he restructured the administration of the Computer Centre.

He was on the Cognitive Science Priority Panel, Research Grants Committee of the Australian Research Council for four years and was instrumental in several policy developments including policies to foster the growth of research in Cognitive Science in Australia.

He is a member of the Institutional Grants Committee of the Australian research council.

Professor Tsoi will assume his appointment mid-year.



*Michelle Rutkauskas with Robyn Lenn, a representative from the National Council of Jewish Women*

A Bachelor of Environmental Science (Honours) student, Michelle Rutkauskas, has been awarded a National Council of Women Award for her outstanding work and dedication to the environment.

Her strong academic record and her dedication to working with the environment led to this award which was sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women Incorporated.

Michelle hopes to work in agriculture or land management and would like to help farmers understand and adopt sustainable land practices.

An active member and vice-president of the Appin Landcare group,

## Women's Council award for environmental science student

Michelle enjoys her course and is undertaking her honours year.

She says it is very practical and her project is a study of grasses for the Department of Agriculture.

She was presented with her award at a luncheon at Parliament House on

Wednesday 24 January in the presence of the then Governor Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair and his wife, Mrs Sinclair, who is a Patron of the National Council of Women.

Twelve awards were presented to Australian women of achievement who wish to further their education.

The selection criteria for the awards was women of achievement, particularly those in their late undergraduate or postgraduate years; to assist and encourage further studies in the chosen discipline in the honours year or if applicable, specific research; to seek out deserving students, not necessarily the top student in a course; to consider the student who might be disadvantaged by illness, physical disability or financial need, but has demonstrated her ability to achieve good grades throughout her course.

The process of selection was to be carried out by the Faculty of the participating University.

### Tip for bike riders

The correct way to park a bicycle in the bicycle racks is with the rear wheel into the rack.

By doing so the bike will remain upright and be more stable.

In comparison parking with the front wheel into the rack is unstable and a slight bump will cause the incorrectly parked bike and several others so mounted to fall over because the front wheel is connected to the rest of the bike by a flexible joint.

It may be very difficult for students and staff running late for lectures or appointments to stop their bike and reverse into the rack.

Humans like cows and horses do not like reversing.

However it may be more appropriate to have your bike positioned for a quick getaway or ride across to the Union bar on completion of formal activities.

# Places filled, new students welcomed, have a great year

The number of students giving Wollongong their first preference increased this year, contrary to the trend among other NSW universities.

Many factors are believed to be contributing to the University's increasing popularity.

Each year there are more graduates out in the community talking about their experiences at Wollongong.

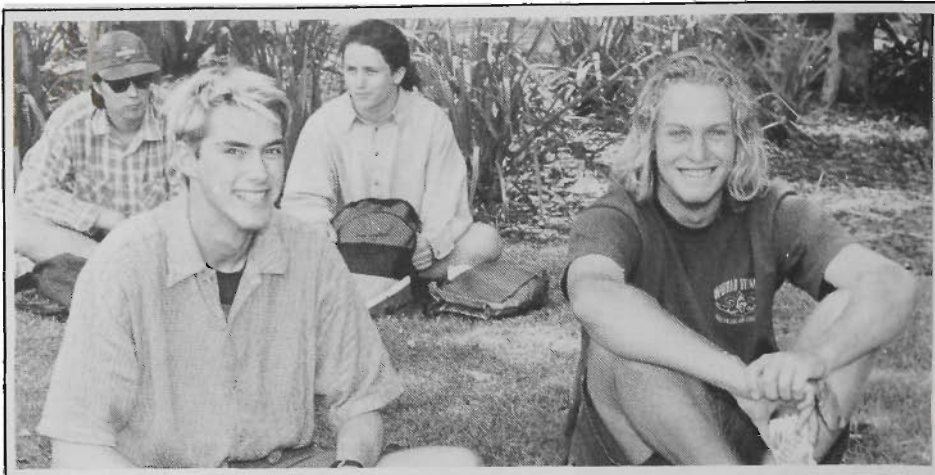
The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Gerard Sutton, said: 'We believe that this word of mouth factor is working in our favour.'

'Rather than undertaking expensive advertising campaigns it is in everyone's interests that we use our energies to ensure that our students have a worthwhile and enjoyable experience during their time here.'

Outstanding results for Wollongong in the Federal Government's Quality Round over the last three years have also raised the status of the University.

Each year we have been placed in the top groupings of Australian universities.

The professional and energetic efforts of the International Office ensure that we enrol more good quality overseas students, who, as well as taking home qualifications they can be proud of and experiences never to be forgotten, contribute so much to



*Andrew Smith, Central Coast (Commerce/Law); Craig Clucas, Central Coast (Commerce/Law)*

the University educationally and culturally.

These students spread our reputation all over the world and are an important part of the word of mouth factor.

During Orientation Week new students had the opportunity to find their way about and settle in.

They were offered a program of social events, faculty welcomes, tea and talk with the Vice-Chancellor and sessions demystifying the Library.

We hope that students found these activities helpful and friendly and that they now know where to get help if it is needed.

Sorry about some queues—you were

all so efficient arriving at the first opportunity to collect such essentials as identity cards that the system got a little choked up. We will do better next year.

If you have any constructive ideas about how we could make Orientation Week more valuable and enjoyable please write a note to the Manager, Academic and Student Services and leave it at the enquiry desk in the Administration Building.

Have a great year and don't hesitate to say hello to the person beside you.

Making new friends is all part of the package at the University of Wollongong.



*Sarah Edwards, Wollongong (Primary Teaching); Gareth Lee Shoy, Gwynneville (Human Movement); Lankhanh Doung, Balgownie (Commerce/Law); Michelle Slater, Mt Ousley (Arts/Health Science); Amanda Protolipac, Balgownie (Law/Science)*

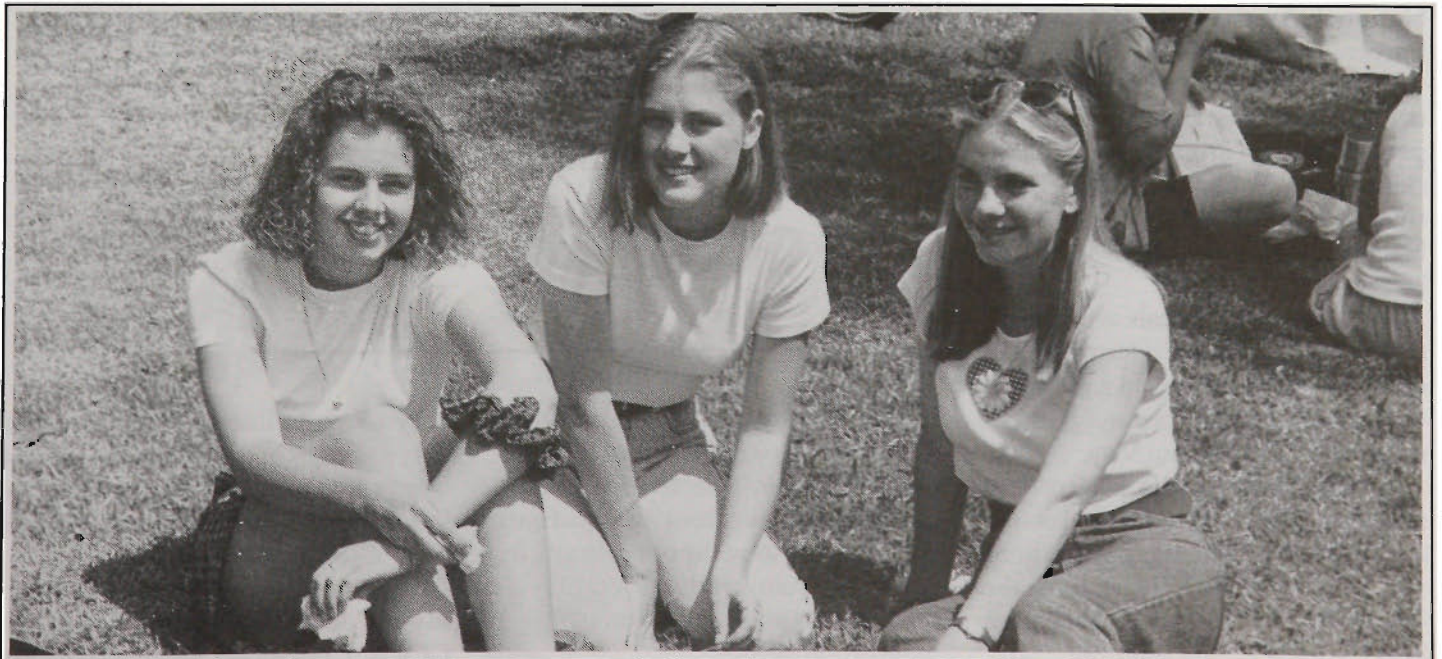
## ORIENTATION WEEK 1996



Jacqui Herbert, Albury, (Arts/Commerce); Kim (Biotechnology) and Zoe (Human Movement) Coates, Queanbeyan; and Chris Bassingthwaight, Dubbo (Civil Engineering).



Sarah Harvey, Lithgow (Nutrition); Simone Keat, Albury (Psychology); Andrew Strode, Moss Vale (PE); Andrew Jordan, Tamworth (Commerce)



Tracy Hogan, Dapto (Primary Teaching); Kirsty Alpen, Dapto (Primary Teaching); Tamara Brophy, Dapto (Primary Teaching)

# First joint Graduate Certificate in Telecommunications with Telstra

On 23 February, the University of Wollongong hosted a farewell dinner for the first group of international telecommunications engineers who have undergone a training program at the University of Wollongong.

The keynote address at the dinner was given by Group Manager, Project and Technology Offshore Support, Telstra, Mr Bruce Barry.

The Graduate Certificate in Telecommunications is a course jointly developed by the University of Wollongong and Telstra Australia.

The Department of Information and Communication Technology at the University of Wollongong won a tender by Telstra to provide the training.

The course, funded by Telstra, is designed to provide international engineers with knowledge of the latest tools and work practices in the Australian telecommunications industry.

Participants have also been given the opportunity to meet and talk with representatives from local manufacturers and equipment suppliers.

The first participants in the program are senior engineers from Pt Telkom in Indonesia and Telecom India.

Coordinator of the program, Robyn Lindley, said: 'The University is known nationally as a leader in the area of telecommunications training.

'The development of joint courses with Telstra could be of strategic significance to the local telecommunications industry as many countries in Asia look to our expertise for the development of their own communications infrastructures.'

## Students get the edge in job applications

The Careers Service at the University of Wollongong recently launched a new resource to assist students to gain a competitive edge when writing job applications.

A video titled 'The Written Edge' was written, produced and presented by Martin Smith, of our Careers Service, with technical production carried out by the television production arm of Educational Media Services.

The video was financially supported by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and endorsed by the Graduate Careers Council of Australia (GCCA) and the National Association of Graduate Careers Advisers (NAGCA).

Professional support for the product was obvious as careers service personnel from around Australia acclaimed the content and timely arrival of the resource at the NAGCA National Industry Visits in Melbourne last week.

The video, which deals with letters, resumés and application forms, will be utilised by students around Australia in the lead-up to the main phase of graduate recruitment in April and May.

In addition, it is the perfect first reference point for anyone interested in improving their job applications and can be viewed by visiting the Career Service Resource Library on Level 3 of the Union Building.

Mr Smith had made a presentation



Part of the cover from the video 'The Written Edge'

to the Australian Association of Graduate Employment (AAGE) seminar on the topic 'Effective use of campus careers services in graduate recruitment', used the opportunity for feedback from graduate employers on the concept of a video on the topic of job applications.

Their comments about content were

very much in line with the underlying messages in the video, and also of the employers interviewed in the video, which was 'keep it concise, professional and focused'.

The video can be purchased through the Careers Service, or through the GCCA. Contact Mr Smith, phone 213 324.

# Biological scientist wins St George award

The overall winners of the 1995 St George Youth Endeavour Awards were announced in December and Darren Saunders, a PhD student in Biological Sciences, was awarded the Tertiary Academic award.

Originally from Engadine, in southern Sydney, Darren began his study at Wollongong in 1991.

He completed the Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in biological sciences and gained First Class Honours.

Now studying for his PhD and working as a part-time tutor, Darren recently was awarded an Australian Postgraduate Award to undertake his research into anti-cancer proteins.

Darren was nominated by his supervisor, Dr Mark Baker, who says Darren could become very successful in the world of science.

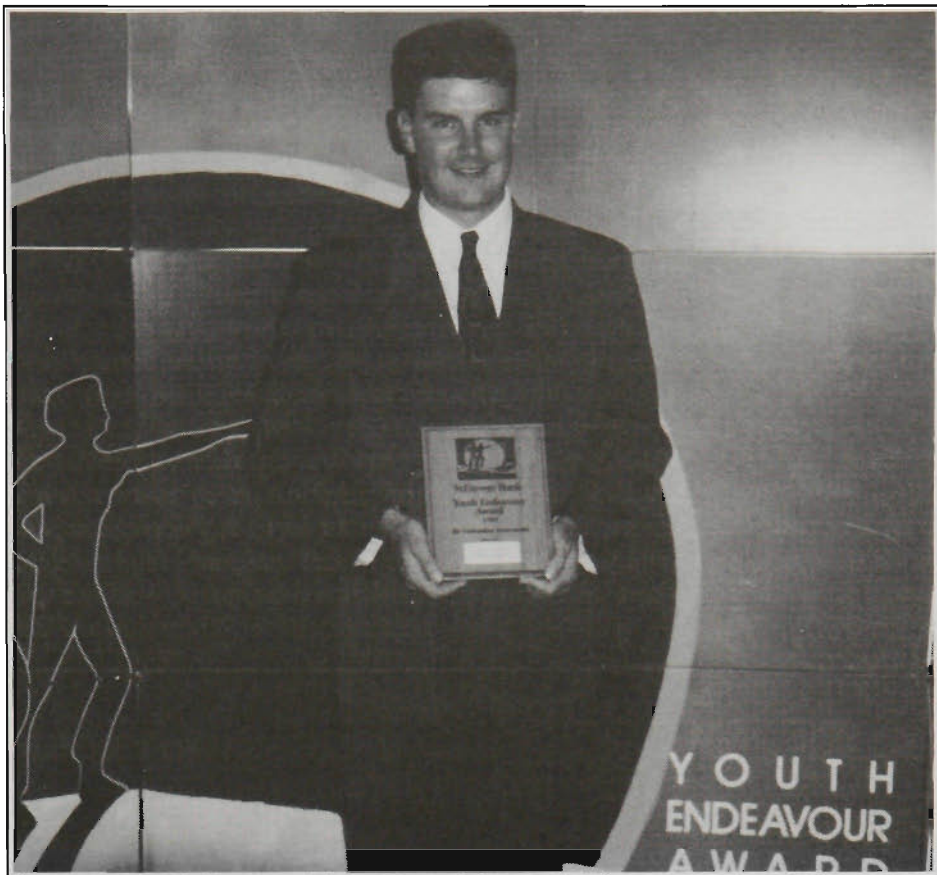
Although she was working overseas at the time, Arts student Anna Budden was named the overall winner of the Community Service Award.

Anna has spent many hours working with the Illawarra School for Autistic Children, the Smith Family, Amnesty International and Jump Rope for Heart.

Anna has completed a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in English and this year is undertaking a Diploma in Education.

The 1995 Visual and Performing Arts award was won by Philip Slater, a graduate of Wollongong University.

Philip's trumpet playing skills have



*Darren Saunders with his St George Youth Endeavour Award*

taken him all over the world and he is undertaking his Masters degree at the Australian National University.

The St George Youth Endeavour Awards are made on a quarterly basis to young men and women aged 16-25 from the Illawarra, Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven.

These quarterly awards are made in the categories of secondary achievement, tertiary academia, business, visual and performing arts, commu-

nity service and special endeavours.

Staff of the University and TAFE can nominate students for the Tertiary Academia and Visual and Performing Arts categories.

If you know of any students who deserve to be recognised for their outstanding work and efforts, nominate them for an award.

The next quarter closes at the end of March. For a nomination form, phone ext. 3027.



## long gallery

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## General

Meeting dates for the Human Research Ethics Committee and the Animal Ethics Committee for this year are: Human Research Ethics Committee: 19 March, 23 April, 21 May, 23 July, 20 August, 22 October, 19 November, 17 December. Animal Ethics Committee: 22 May, 21 August, 20 November. Agenda items are due two weeks before meetings. Enquiries Karen McRae, Office of Research, by email or on ext. 4457 on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

## Creative Arts

### Creative Arts productions '96

Each year students and staff in the Faculty of Creative Arts produce a diverse range of performances. They are presented in numerous venues across the campus depending on the nature of the performance.

Following is the provisional timetable for this year. Watch *Campus News* for confirmation and more details.

'Lion in Winter' - 27-30 March, direc-

## What's On

tor Ian McGrath, Hope Theatre Apron.

'**Music-Theatre**, Lillian Helman's 'Children's Hour' - 15- 18 May, director Houston Dunleavy. Performance Space, north-western end of Campus.

'**Graduation Production**' - 11-14 September, Hope Theatre and 18-21 September, Newtown HSPA, director Janys Hayes, producer Jeff Kevin and assistant producer

Jacqui Clarke.

'**Stretching Exercise**' - 5-8 June, directed by Janys Hayes and/or Jeff Kevin, Black Box Production, Hope Theatre.

'**Classic Production**' (Shakespeare, Marlowe, Jonson etc) - 23-26 October, directed by John Senczuk and Jeff Kevin, Performance Space, Black Box Production.

'**Australian One-Act Plays or excerpts**' - 4- 8 November, Kate Newey, Sharon Bell, Peter Shepherd possibly to direct. Performance Space.

## STUDY ABROAD OFFICE

### STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSIONS

The following information sessions for students interested in the Student Exchange Program will take place at 12.30-1.30pm in the Communications Centre, Building 20, Lecture Theatre 4.

**Thursday 7 March 1996:** University of Exeter, UK; Université d'Orléans, France; Uppsala University, Sweden; Politecnico di Milano, Italy

**Friday 8 March 1996:** Council on International Education Exchange programs:- Argentina, Chile, Belgium, The Netherlands, Spain, Indonesia, Japan, Vietnam

**Monday 11 March 1996:** University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada; University of Kansas, Lawrence, USA; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA; Indiana University, Bloomington, USA

Enquiries: (042) 213 170.

## University of Wollongong Rugby Club

### Rugby Scholarships for 1996

The University of Wollongong Rugby Club is offering a number of rugby scholarships for university and other tertiary students in 1996. These scholarships, ranging in value from \$400 to \$1500, will be used to meet educational expenses.

Applicants should include a copy of their Curriculum Vitae/Playing Record plus the contact details of two referees.

The closing date for applications is 31 March 1996.

Applications should be forwarded to:  
Dr Paul Webb, President,  
University of Wollongong Rugby Club,  
c/- Faculty of Education,  
University of Wollongong  
Northfields Avenue  
WOLLONGONG NSW 2522.

Further details can be obtained from either  
Dr Paul Webb (042) 21 3887 or Canio Fierravanti (042) 268822.

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