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THEATRE

WITH CARMEL PASS

THEATRE SOUTH'S first full season will open on March 12 with David Williamson's "comedy of Australian Manners".

With an impressive cast, headed by Brian Blain (Pottinger in Ben Hall) and Faye Montgomery, Director, Gordon Streek is confident of a bright start to the season.

The play has a short and very colourful history. Although it's just two years old, it has already been produced by most of Australia's major theatre companies, and has had a season in London. The "but some of us have seen it" argument just doesn't seem to apply. Obviously - by its 100% success rate - there are still lots of us who haven't; or enjoyed it so much the first time that we want to see it again.

And it certainly is Williamson with a difference: someone seems to have washed his typewriter out with soap, because the best he can do in this one is a couple of "Bloodys". (One critic suggests it is menopause).

The play concerns a love-affair between Frank (a man in his 70s,) and Frances, an attractive woman of 55. They buy a camper-van, leave Frances' two possessive daughters (Frank calls them Regan and Goneril) to their own devices in Melbourne, and go "Travelling North".

It is far more than a love story; the stark contrast Williamson presents - between the lush, tropical Queensland climate and the harsh Melbourne winter - is the backdrop behind his study of Frances, fighting her competing desires: her love for Frank and for her daughters. (Williamson wrote the part of Frank for Frank Wilson, who premiered in the part, with Carole Raye as Frances.)

TRAVELLING NORTH. Theatre, Wollongong Technical College, March 12-April 4. Bookings: Wilson's Record Bar, or through THEATRE SOUTH (internal: ext. 923, or external: 282923).

High quality intake in '81

The average entry mark at the 1980 Higher School Certificate examinations for students entering Wollongong University this year was 309.

Commenting on this the Schools Liaison Officer, Mr. Tom Moore, stated that while the cut-off mark for entry was again 241 this year, most new students had far exceeded this figure. This year's average of 309 is in keeping with last year's average of 310 and represents a sustained increase since 1978 when the average mark was 288.

Mr. Moore pointed out that some degrees have shown a marked upward trend in average entry marks over the last few years. A case in point is the Arts degree. In 1978 the average entry mark was 282. This rose to 289 in 1979 and rose further to 311 in 1980. This year the average mark for Arts is 315.

Commenting on the figures, Mr. Moore stated that Wollongong University is attracting an increasing number of high quality students who are completing their degrees in minimum time. While enrolment numbers

for the current year are not yet final it appears that the University of Wollongong has enrolled over 200 more first year undergraduate students than it did last year.

AVERAGE HSC AGGREGATE PER COURSE PER YEAR FOR STUDENTS ENTERING WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY.

COURSE	YEAR			
	78	79	80	81
B. Arts	282	289	311	315
B. Comm (Accy)	292	276	318	311
B. Comm (Econ)	299	293	298	298
B. Com (Ind.Rel)				394
B. Comm (Man. Stud)				268
B. Eng. (Civil)	292	334	277	303
B. Eng. (Elect)	316	297	306	303
B. Eng. (Mech)	316	313	319	314
B. Eng. (Mine)	287	331	318	312
B. Metal	268	320	310	326
B. Science	277	303	313	281
B. Maths	296	310	296	294
GRAND TOTAL	288	297	310	309

Budding teacher

The University of Wollongong's Landscape Supervisor Mr. Leon Fuller has left the University this year to pursue a teaching career at the Wollongong Technical College.

Leon has been a familiar figure around the University grounds for some years as he has effectively transformed the area from relatively bare "open spaces" to fastgrowing nooks of trees and shrubs.

His plan for the University has been to

create grounds with a majority of Australian native trees and shrubs that would provide as beautiful and natural an environment around the buildings as possible.

His search for native trees that would thrive here led him to take many long bush walks in the area so he has become something of an expert in what can be found in the Illawarra region with regard to plant life. This accidentally-acquired expertise led him in turn to publish his first book last year, "Wollongong Native Trees" the first such record for this area.

Staff movements

APPOINTMENTS

Quinn, Mr. B. G. Lecturer - Mathematics
Broadby, Mr. R. Electrical Fitter Mechanic - Estate
Vann, Mr. P. G. Research Officer - Mathematics.
Francis, Mr. C. M. Professional Officer - Computing Science
Raymond, Miss M. Computer Trainee - Computer Centre.
Mixon, Dr. D. L. Snr. Lecturer - Psychology
Thampadillai, Mr. J. Lecturer - Economics
Er, Mr. M. C. Lecturer - Computing Science
Endres, Mr. A. M. Lecturer - Economics
Jackson, Mr. J. G. Lecturer - Accountancy
Greenwell, Ms. M. M. Half Tutor - Accountancy.
Edgley, Dr. M. Research Associate - Biology
Maderak, Mr. S. Professional Officer - Electrical Engineering.
Miller, Mrs. P. F. Secretary to Deputy Vice-Chancellor
Miller, Miss W. S. Research Assistant - History/Education
Kosaka, Dr. M. P/T Research Associate - Physics.
Hille, Dr. R. F. Lecturer - Computing Science
Mangan, Mr. J. E. Lecturer - Economics
McKerrow, Mr. P. Lecturer - Computing Science.
Funnell, Mr. W. N. Tutor - Accountancy
Alchin, Mr. T. M. Lecturer - Economics
Hiddlestone, Mrs. J. Tutor - Psychology
Palser, Miss J. Asst. Research Officer - CMS
Turner, Miss D. Research Assistant - Sociology
Rajic, Mr. V. Asst. Research Officer - CMS
Cawte, Ms. M.K. - Research Assistant - HPS
Morillas, Mr. A. Technical Officer - Mechanical Engineering.
Tober, Mrs. D. Half Tutor - Chemistry
Trinh, Mr. C. Professional Officer - Accountancy.
Preston, Mrs. C. A. Research Assistant - Psychology
Carmichael, Ms. S. L. Research Assistant - HPS
Duffy, Mr. M. Half Tutor - Electrical Engineering

Platt, Mr. D. Half Tutor - Electrical Engineering.
Fulford, Mr. G. R. Temp. Tutor - Mathematics
Beven, Mr. T. P. Temp. Tutor - Physics
Concannon, Mr. G.R. Lecturer - Accountancy.
Sweeney, Mr. G. C. Attent. Cleaner - Central Services.
Milway, Mr. M. J. Professional Officer - Computing Science
Ronan, Ms. N. J. Half Tutor - Psychology
Pemberton, Mr. J. W. Temp. Tutor - Geology
Newland, Mrs. E. A. P/T Research Asst. - HPS
Buchler, Mr. F. P/T Research Asst. - HPS
Tych, Ms. A. M. Research Asst. - Psychology

RESIGNATIONS

Carling, Mr. M. J. Professional Officer - Accountancy
Hempsall, Miss K. Tutor - Geography
Brewer, Ms. P. A. Lecturer - Sociology
McHoul, Dr. A. W. Lecturer - Education
Flynn, Mr. C. J. Research Assistant - Civil Engineering
Salvadori, Dr. A. Lecturer - Computing Science
Murphy, Mr. P. Research Assistant - HPS
Anderson, Mr. A. Research Assistant - Chemistry
Collins, Mr. J. Research Assistant - Psychology.
Strauh, Miss C. Tutor - Sociology
Tych, Mrs. A. Tutor - Psychology
Hiddlestone, Mrs. J. Tutor - Psychology
Kirkpatrick, Mr. G. Lecturer - Economics
Tominez, Mr. G. Professional Officer - Chemistry
Kantsler, Mr. A. J. Professional Officer - Geology
Crabb, Mr. J. Lecturer - Accountancy
Faulkner, Dr. H. W. Lecturer - Geography
Anthony, Mr. P. Technical Officer - Physics
Pye, Mrs. C. Library Assist. - Library
Fuller, Mr. L. Landscape Supervisor.
Mackinnon, Mr. P. Computer Trainee - Computer Centre.
Cicchinelli, Mr. A. G. General Library Asst.
Berry, Mr. M. Laboratory Asst. - Geography

RETIRED

Black, Mrs. M. Secretary - Education

AVCC NEWS

1. SPECIAL RESEARCH CENTRES

The Prime Minister in his policy speech for the Federal elections, indicated that, if re-elected, his government would provide 'funds for the establishment of Research Centres of Excellence in a number of universities, at a cost of \$1 million in 1981 and a further \$15 million during the 1982-84 triennium'. Subsequently, in a statement prepared for The Australian Higher Education Supplement of 8 October 1980, the Minister for Education pointed out, in referring to the proposed Centres of Excellence, that their establishment was recommended by the Committee of Inquiry into Education and Training, that they "will secure a more concentrated research effort" and that the funds for them will be in addition to the existing level of funding for research.

In 'annexure B' of the TEC Report for the 1979-81 Triennium, Volume 4, Recommendations for 1981, the Universities Council detailed the programme which it considers should be followed for implementing special research centres for universities.

It is not yet clear what procedures the government proposes to adopt in regard to the establishment of special research centres. It has, however, written to the Prime Minister welcoming his and the Minister for Education's announcements and urging that the TEC and the UC have a deep involvement in the establishment of the special research centres.

2. COURSES IN COMMUNITY LANGUAGES

The Prime Minister, in his policy speech for the Federal elections, also stated that the government's new commitments would include 'funds to establish new courses in community languages in universities and/or colleges of advanced education'.

It is expected that, subject to government approval, proposals will be sought from universities in the near future.

3. NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION SCHEME FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

The AVCC has given detailed consideration to the draft of a Trust Deed for a proposed National Superannuation Scheme for University Staff which has been developed jointly by representatives of the AVCC and FAUSA.

AVCC and FAUSA have approved the proposed scheme in principle, and the Draft Trust Deed will now be circulated to universities for comment, and consultations with academic and general staff will commence. If sufficient universities are willing to support the scheme, steps will be taken to have it established.

MUSIC

The University of Wollongong Union in association with the University of Wollongong Musical Society will present Don Burrows and George Golla, Friday, 13th March, 1981 at 8.00 p.m., Union Hall.

Admission: \$3 University Union Members, Students and Pensions and \$5 for Non-members.

Tickets available from Union Office

9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday and at the door on the night (Patrons are advised to book in advance to ensure admission).

Pre-Concert Dinner in the Bistro - voucher available at a cost of \$5 in conjunction with purchase of concert ticket which entitles holder to main course and sweet chosen from menu and coffee. Bistro opens from 5.30 p.m.

Staff gathers to say farewell

About 100 members of the staff of the University of Wollongong attended a farewell for Department of Education secretary Mrs. Mary Black on Friday, February 27th who has retired after 13 years with the University.

Mrs. Black was presented with a cheque, a wallet, jewellery and an enormous cake to celebrate the occasion.

Making a farewell speech on behalf of the Department, Professor Ron King said Mrs. Black had been a most valued member of his department and the University.

"Her departure will be met with sadness in some quarters, and in others there will be empathy for Mary and Malcolm's prospects

for a happy and peaceful retirement.

"But by one person, me, her departure will be met with panic," Professor King said.

He said he had come to rely greatly on Mrs. Black's excellent abilities as a secretary and was a great admirer of her talents as a unionist, in which field she had worked with a clear and balanced understanding of the issues involved.

Mrs. Black said her retirement did not end her interest in and friendship for, the University of Wollongong which she had seen grow from a college catering mainly for part time students, to a fully independent University. She said her participation in the growth of the University would always make her feel a part of it.



Education Department Chairman Professor Ron King presents retiring secretary Mrs Mary Black with a farewell gift.

Travel service available

The University has made an arrangement with T.A.A. Travel Services Pty. Ltd., of Crown Street, Wollongong, whereby that organisation will make all the University's travel arrangements for it, including overseas travel arrangements.

One of the services available is that T.A.A. Travel Services are prepared to

arrange for one of their staff to visit to advise members on travel matters, whether they relate to study leave, other official travel, or personal travel. Any such visits should be arranged by asking Mr. G. E. Dunn, Supply Officer, who will arrange for the visit, which can be in the staff member's office and at a time convenient to the staff member.

A further service which has been arranged relates to study leave assistance grants. Under this arrangement, the University can pay direct to T.A.A. Travel Services out of the staff member's travel grant for travel and related costs. Any member of staff who wishes to make use of this service, is again asked to get in touch with Mr. G. E. Dunn, who will make the necessary arrangements.



Items for "Take Note" should be forwarded to the Development and Planning Office, Room G08 The Hut (ext.955).

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA: APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE RURAL CREDITS DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR 1982 CLOSE 15TH APRIL, 1981.

LATROBE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS: CLOSING DATE, 31ST JULY, 1981.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II FELLOWSHIPS - AWARDED IN THE AREAS OF PHYSICS, BIOLOGY, SCIENCE. CLOSING DATE 27TH MARCH, 1981.

POLAND/UNESCO "COPERNICUS" FELLOWSHIPS 1981-82. Under the sponsorship of UNESCO, the Government of Poland is making available 10 fellowships for the academic year 1980/81. The fellowships are named after the Polish astronomer Nicolas Copernicus. They are intended for post-graduate studies in fields related to the scientific activities of Copernicus, namely, astronomy, physics and mathematics, or related studies in philosophy, sociology and the history of science. All applications to be made on UNESCO Fellowship forms and returned to the Australian National Commission for UNESCO. Applications must reach Paris by March 15, 1981.

CLIVE AND VERA RAMACIOTTI FOUNDATIONS - Applications for grants, payable in 1982, to projects in the field of medical research now invited. Closing date, 30th June, 1981.

Details of the following items are available from the Student Enquiry Office, Ground Floor, Administration Building. Please note closing dates.

APPLICATIONS for research projects for the Barley Industry Research Council (Department of Primary Industry) should be submitted by March 27, 1981. The Council said that due to the late call for applications, submissions that would not be ready by the due date should be submitted later but that notice be given of intention to submit. The BIRC is expected to operate along the same lines as the Wheat Industry Research Council. Full details of the form of the submission etc. are available at the Development and Planning Office.

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BURSARIES FOR STUDY IN NORWAY for students aged 18 years and over are now being made available by the Norwegian Government through the Australian Education Department. The bursaries are tenable from September 1 to June 1 (1981/82) at folk high schools and from August 20 to June 20 at ordinary high schools. Further details from DPO.

ARGC 1982 Research Grants - applications from individuals or research teams for grants in support of research projects are required to reach Finance Office, University of Wollongong by 5 p.m., 8th April, 1981. Applications received after closing date will not be considered. The basic criteria used by the Committee when considering applications the quality of the project and the investigator and the appropriateness of the project to the general facilities available to the applicant.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, SYMPOSIA.

THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ENERGY - International conference on energy ("Australia's Role in the Pacific Region"). Sydney, 9th - 11th November, 1981. Themes for discussion include Non-Renewable Primary Energy, Renewable Sources of Energy, Education Research and Technology, International Energy Trade in the Pacific Region, Trade in High Energy Products, Implications of High Rates of Energy Exports from Australia. For further information contact The Australian Institute of Energy, 1981 Conference Secretary, P. O. Box 230, WAHROONGA, N.S.W. 2076, Australia.

FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HIGHER EDUCATION - Organised by the Institute for Research and Development in Post Compulsory Education, University of Lancaster. Title, "Survival and Revival". From 1st - 4th September, 1981 at the University of Lancaster. Details from Development and Planning Office.

UNIVERSITY SEMINARS.

BIOLOGY - Room 134 Metallurgy Building - Tuesday, April 7 at 12.30p.m. - "Continental Drift in the Australasian Region" by Dr. A. Wright, Geology Dept. Wollongong University. Tuesday, April 28, "Soma Clonal Variation; A Novel Source of Variation for Plant Improvement," by Dr. P. Larkin, CSIRO, Division of Plant Industry, Canberra.

PHILOSOPHY - in Philosophy Seminar Room (1016), North Wing, Social Sciences Building - March 20 - 10.30a.m. - "Origins and Species" by Mr. L. J. Splitter, Phil-

Wollongong and Sydney newspapers and magazines are now available from the Union Shop.

Staff and students are also reminded of the Higher Education supplements in Wednesday's edition of The Australian and in The National Times.

osophy Department, Wollongong University March 27 - 10.30a.m. - "The Sociology of Justices" by Professor E. Kamenka (A.N.U.) (joint seminar with Sociology Department).

PUBLIC QUESTIONS FORUM - Under the figtrees - Thursday, March 12 - "The Military on Campus". Speakers: Rev. Clyde Dominish, Minister of the Uniting Church, Andrew Tootell, President of the Socialist Left Society and two speakers from the Reserve Army.

COMPETITIONS

THE GRENFALL HENRY LAWSON FESTIVAL OF ARTS invites entries in the 1981 competitions in verse, prose and song. Entries must be in by 24th April, 1981 with \$2 fee. Prizes in each section are \$150 and a bronze statuette valued in excess of \$100. For entry forms and conditions contact Development and Planning Office, The Hut, ext. 955.

INTERNATIONAL JUVENILE JOURNALISTIC COMPETITION organised by the Mexican newspaper "Diario de Mexico", the Public Education Ministry, the Cultural Affairs Division of the Mexican Foreign Relations Ministry and the Mexican National Press. Entries close in May 1981. For competition details and writing themes contact the Development and Planning Office, The Hut, ext. 955.

JOB VACANCIES.

The organisations of the United Nations system have been requested to promote and further the role of women in professional and policy making positions. The Secretariat aims to increase the number of women in posts, subject to geographical distribution, to 25 per cent of the total of staff over a four year period. The U.N. has requested the active co-operation of member governments by nominating female professional candidates having the technical and assistance programs. An advanced university degree is normally required for all vacancies as well as several years relevant experience. All nominees will be given careful consideration within the context of current vacancies and should there be no available openings the names will be kept in a roster of potential candidates for a period of two years. Women who are interested in applying can contact the Professional Employment Office, Department of Employment and Youth Affairs in any capital cities.

(Details of other job vacancies in Australian and overseas universities are available at the Development and Planning Office.)