

CAMPUS NEWS



Outstanding contributions recognised on University Day

University Day, held on Monday 10 May, celebrated the foundation of a university college in Wollongong in 1961.

This occasion has also become an opportunity to pay tribute to those people who have made outstanding contributions to the development of the University.

A variety of awards has been established to recognise these contributions:

- The Ethel Hayton Trophy Award is presented to a person or University

unit who has initiated a notable activity or activities which enhance community support for the University.

This award consists of a sculpture which symbolises the figtrees which were once a focal point on the University Campus. The late Ethel Hayton, a valued supporter of the University, commissioned Gino Sanguineti to create this sculpture, which, after a recommendation from the Friends of the University, became known as the Ethel Hayton Trophy.

- 25-year Awards for members of

staff who have served the University for 25 years.

- Vice-Chancellor's award for General Staff for Outstanding Service. Up to six awards for members of the General Staff each valued at \$1000.

- Vice-Chancellor's Award for Outstanding teaching. The award scheme was introduced in 1991 to encourage and reward outstandingly high quality performance in teaching by academic staff of the University. Up to four awards may be made in any one year, each valued at \$2,000.

Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Teaching

Mr Damien Considine, Faculty of Law

Before joining the University in 1986, Damien Considine was a solicitor practising in Sydney.

He began his academic career at the University in 1986 as a teaching fellow in the Department of Legal Studies in the Faculty of Commerce.

He became a lecturer in 1988 and in 1990 transferred, with his department, to the new Faculty of Law.

As a teacher he has devised imaginative solutions to the problem of teaching Law to classes of LLB and non-LLB students, who have divergent levels of motivation, interest and sometimes, skills.

Because of this diversity in his target audience he has had to experiment with assessment and presentation and develop a willingness to amend and adapt his methods.

His main teaching strategy is to focus student attention on something familiar or topical and then to relate this to a body of legal rules and principles.

His attitude to students is exacting; he regards it as his role to provoke and inspire.

While tough on poor expression

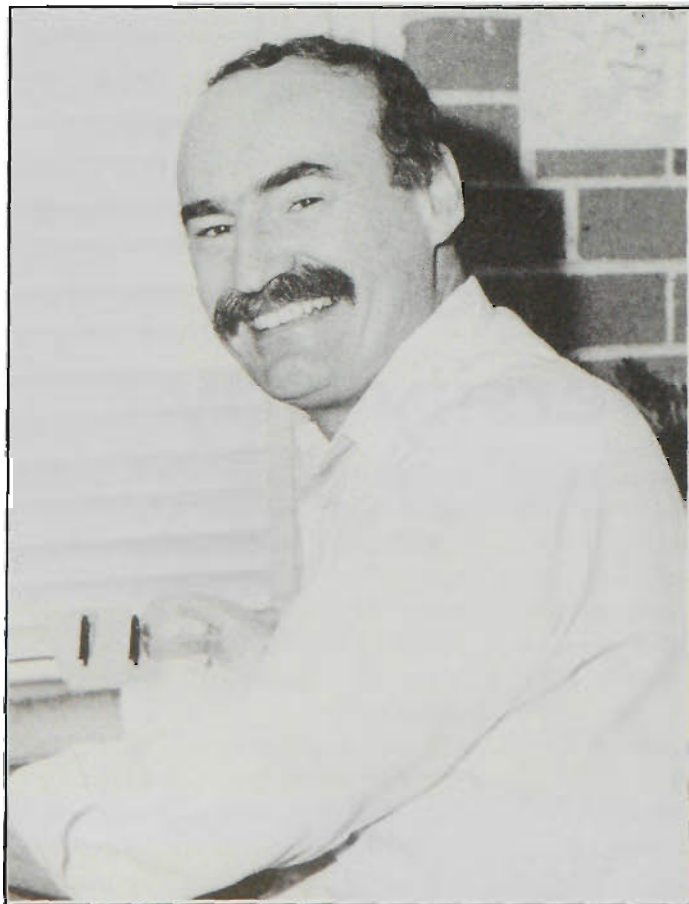


Damien Considine

and sloppy thinking, he remains approachable and available to students for consultation.

He has played a major role within

the Faculty in encouraging staff to reflect upon their teaching practice and in promoting their education in new techniques of teaching.



Dr John McQuilton

Dr John McQuilton, Department of History and Politics

Dr John McQuilton has been with the Department of History and Politics for two and a half years.

In a comparatively short time he has developed an enviable reputation among staff and students.

His positive impact on his students is attested by his extraordinarily good teaching evaluations and by numerous glowing appraisals from individual students.

His nomination for the award came from three first year students, who found his lectures genuinely inspiring and the subject as a whole the highlight of their degree.

Within the Department he has been a positive and inspiring influence. He has made a major contribution to the reshaping of all departmental offerings in particular the major in Australian History.

He has reshaped the 100 level Australian course to articulate more precisely with the 200 and 300 level offerings and has designed new subjects at 300 and postgraduate levels, which add appreciably to the Australian strand and are based at the 'cutting edge' of his own highly regarded research in Australian History – Ned Kelly and Australians at War.

His genuine enthusiasm and love of the discipline of history is a continuing inspiration to his students and colleagues.

Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Teaching



Julie Steele

Ms Julie Steele, Department of Biomedical Science

Ms Julie Steele joined the University as a lecturer in Education in 1983 and transferred to what is now known as the Department of Biomedical Science in 1985.

Her personal philosophy of teaching centres on the understanding of and application of theory in biomechanics, an area which is traditionally regarded as difficult for students.

To this end she motivates students to want to understand how the biomechanical principles of motion can be applied to their intended occupation and in their daily life.

Her colleagues attest to her competence and dedication and to her enthusiasm which inspires her students.

Her contributions to her discipline and to policy making are also highly regarded and flow from her successes in teaching large numbers of service courses for 'conscripts'.

Her success as a teacher comes from situating learning experiences outside the laboratory and in the real world.

She has also promoted in an innovative way the use of peer support groups to assist students having difficulties.

Associate Professor Rob Whelan, Department of Biology

Associate Professor Whelan joined the University as a Lecturer in Biology in 1982.

From the first he proved an able teacher and has attracted substantial numbers of undergraduates to Honours and postgraduate work in his special area of ecology, while maintaining a major commitment to other areas such as genetics and general botany and zoology.

His philosophy of teaching centres on the close integration of hands-on activities and theory and he makes extensive use of field work to provide a context and exploit the natural interest of his students.

Material is presented as questions for investigation in the field which promotes interests and demands an active response from the student.

His willingness to innovate and explore new methods is evident in his commitment some years ago to developing the new degree in environmental science.

He now devotes considerable energy to its improvement and appraisal. His commitment to his students is well known and appreciated.



Associate Professor Rob Whelan

Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Outstanding Service



Fred Zylstra (left) and Robert Slater

Robert Slater and Fred Zylstra, Buildings and Grounds

Bob and Fred are the University's Building Supervisor and Project Controller respectively.

They are responsible for the co-ordination of the construction programs within the University.

This involves projects extending from such buildings as the Keira View

Building, the Union Arcade, the Tavern Bar development and completion of Stage six of the Union right down to small building alterations.

Building development on Campus has been highly successful due to the efforts of these two men.

They have continually demonstrated outstanding performance and a willingness to provide high quality service to clients both external to, and within the University.

They have also demonstrated an outstanding ability to consult with, and ascertain the needs of many user groups across Campus, as well as to work with the building trades and construction workers to maximise efficiency and meet deadlines.

Their efforts and continual insistence on high standards and value for money, have a very visible and definable benefit to the University.

John Korth, Department of Chemistry

John is the Chemistry Department's Laboratory Manager, and is also regarded by many of this colleagues as an outstanding research scientist.

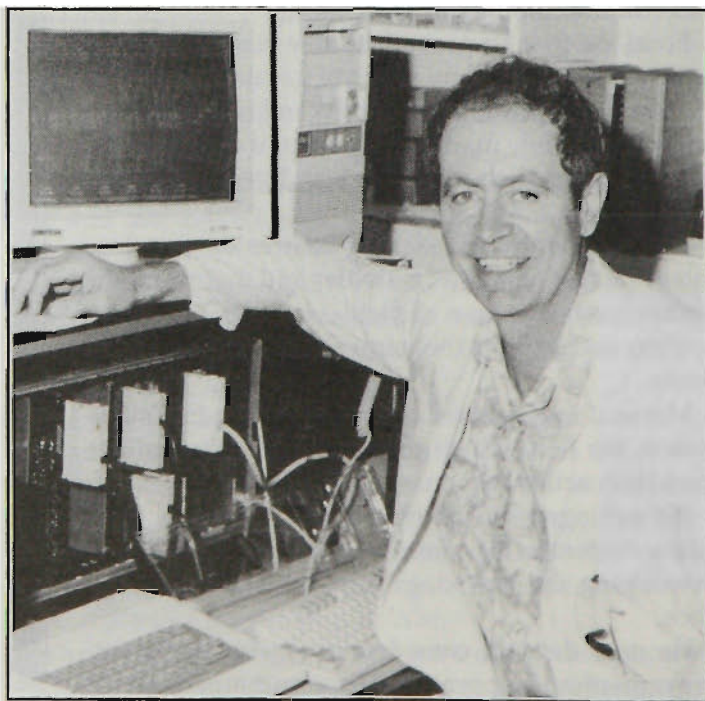
He has several responsibilities far beyond the normal expectations of the position.

John has earned almost \$200,000 consulting for the Department by employing his expertise in mass spectrometry and gas chromatography.

His work in these and other areas has led to the development of links both internal and external to the University.

He has also made major contributions to safety procedures and standards within the Department of Chemistry, including producing an upgraded Departmental Safety Manual encompassing all recent regulations.

In the last year, John has also played a crucial role in training and supporting one of the Chinese Visiting Fellows as part of an IDP-sponsored program on environmental protection. His input is central to the \$150,000 grant project.



John Korth

Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Outstanding Service

Doris Pengelley, Personnel Services Branch

Doris works as a Salaries and Benefits Officer with the Personnel Services Branch.

She has been employed by the University for just over 12 months, yet in this time she has demonstrated an extraordinarily high level of customer service.

Doris handles much of the casual employment part-time teaching payments and enquiries.

This large group of staff are often considered the 'third' group of staff within the University, and as such do not have as significant a voice as the Academic and General staff groups.

Doris demonstrates a unique ability to treat each client as an individual, never to 'blindly' process such matters.

She is also able to handle many complicated and difficult enquiries which require patience and time which she is only too willing to give.

All of Doris' nominators speak of her competence and professionalism and her ability to meet and often exceed the needs of employees and supervisors.



Doris Pengelley



Lorraine Denny

Lorraine Denny, University Library

Lorraine is employed in the Library as the Government Publications Officer.

She is undertaking an Associate Diploma of Business in Human Resources Development, which has a strong training and development component.

Lorraine is undertaking this course entirely in her own time with no study benefits, and has on her own initiative and in addition to her current duties, offered to use her skills to design, prepare and implement training programs of relevance to Library staff.

Lorraine is also a member of the Library's Staff Training and Development Committee as well as the University's Advisory Committee on Staff Development.

In the last 12 months, Lorraine has devised, developed,

documented and implemented short programs on Quality Customer Service, Improving Reading Skills and Procedure Writing.

She is also leading a longer program entitled Effective Group Functioning designed for the Serials team.

Lorraine has also recently designed and administered a staff development questionnaire to determine staff evaluation of programs offered in 1992 and to establish training needs for 1993.

The benefits of Lorraine's initiatives are enhanced performance, more effective service to Library users and improved productivity.

As a consequence of Lorraine's writing workshop, staff has been stimulated to examine their own work practices and work flows to ensure procedures are concise, clear and relevant.

Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Outstanding Service

Maree Fryer, Department of Electrical and Computing Engineering

Maree is employed as an Administrative Officer in the Department of Electrical and Computing Engineering.

In the last 12 months, Maree has been involved in a variety of initiatives, which have a demonstrated benefit to the Department.

Maree undertook a review of the administrative structure of the Department, which is not a part of her normal duties.

Her review involved many hours of interviews as well as a comprehensive report which has resulted in many improvements.

Maree has also created, defined and structured a new course (ELEC 170) within the Department, which provides formal training in communication and presentation skills to undergraduate students.

For years, Academic staff have wrestled with how to provide this type of training to engineering students.

This course introduced a substantially new teaching philosophy into a conventional engineering course, and has been highly successful.

In addition, similar courses will be run for second year students in 1993.

Maree has also continued to develop and maintain relations with external clients to the University, particu-



Maree Fryer

larly BHP. Maree has demonstrated considerable initiative and ingenuity in resolving complaints and improving and developing this vital relationship.

The Committee was pleasantly surprised to receive Maree's nomination as it indicates that the recognition of merit is beginning to gain real support even from strong union members.



Sue Visser

Sue Visser, Buildings and Grounds

Sue worked as one of the University's gate-keepers. Since her nomination she has been successful in obtaining a position with the University's security staff.

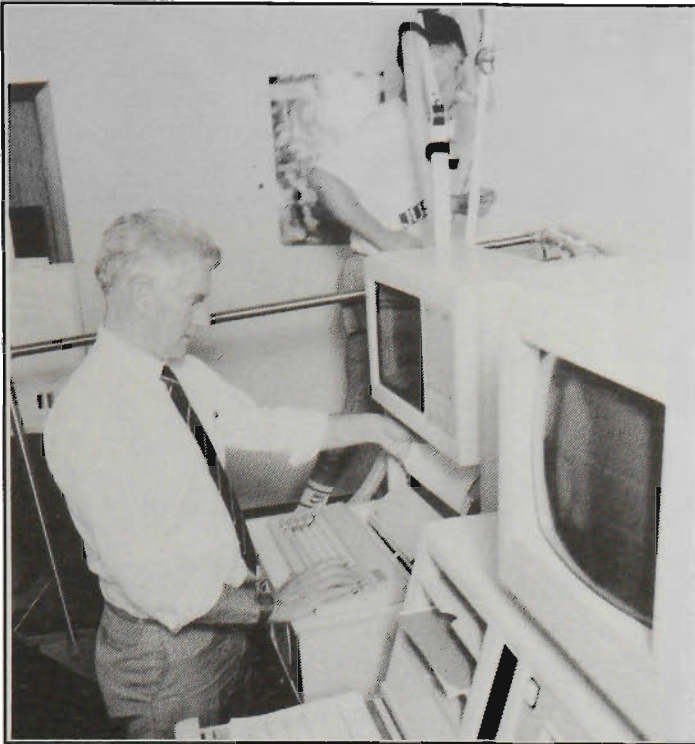
Sue was often the first point of contact for visitors to the University. Despite what many may regard as a uninteresting job, Sue always provided a high profile for the University, with a helpful and friendly disposition.

Positive feedback has been received by many visitors to the University, one VIP once commented: 'Where can we hire a person such as this for our entry gates?'

Sue has also taken the initiative to prepare personal messages such as wishing students well for exams, or reminding people to turn off their lights on rainy days.

These messages provide a human face to the University, which might otherwise be perceived as uncaring or bureaucratic. Sue has the ability to handle many difficult clients and leave them smiling, and can diffuse what might otherwise be a frustrating introduction to the University.

Her presence on the gate has contributed greatly to the University's image and reputation.



Harry Fuller

Ron Wilcox, Lecturer, Faculty of Education

Entered on duty 30 January 1968 as Lecturer in Mathematics with the Institute of Education.

Ron grew up in Newcastle, graduating in 1963 from what was then the Newcastle College of the University of NSW.

After completing a Dip.Ed in 1964 he began his teaching career in 1965 at Canterbury Boys High School.

After three years he was given a choice of teaching at Fort Street Boys High School or coming to Wollongong Teachers College to lecture in Mathematics.

He chose Wollongong and at that stage only Primary School and Physical Education students were being trained.

But after about five years a course for training teachers of Secondary School Mathematics was introduced and Ron took up much of the initial work in this area.

In the meantime, he had completed thesis work for an M.Sc and had taken up an interest in canoeing, leading groups of students on river trips.

His next involvement was that of preparing and running an external studies course in religious studies as part of the conversion course offered to teachers who wished to upgrade their qualifications and Ron spent many years working in this area, as well as being involved from time to time with student groups within the University, meeting because of their Christian affiliation.

He was also involved in establishing one of the first Christian schools in the Wollongong area.

Ron has been involved over recent times in the University's Gateway program where he enjoys working with people who, in the main, have much reservation about doing mathematics, but who leave the course with gratitude for having been able to develop a more positive attitude towards themselves and towards the subject, so much so that they have more confidence in themselves to do further study at University level.

Harry Fuller, Lecturer, Biomedical Sciences

Entered on duty 30 January 1968 as Lecturer in Physical Education with the Institute of Education.

Harry Fuller is regarded by many as one of the most thorough teachers in any University.

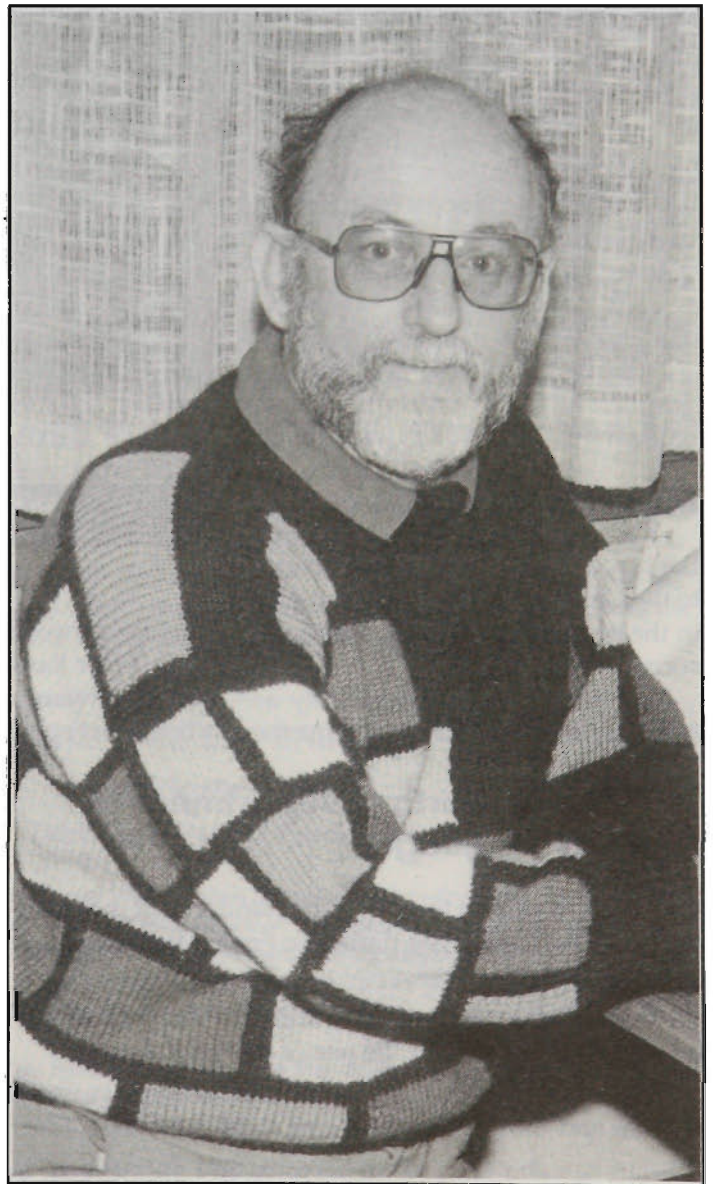
His attention to detail, the quality of his lecture material, the thoroughness of his laboratory classes, and his interest in and time given to the students are legendary.

This effort was highly regarded by the students.

This quality of teaching has come from his complete conviction in his subject area (Exercise Physiology). He believed in what he was teaching. He could relate the theory to everyday examples that the students could identify with.

Harry was also an exceptional sportsperson. He finished sixth in the World Archery Championships and he is a legendary fisherman and a national champion in casting (both accuracy and distance).

He received a research grant from the Australian Sports Commission and has patents pending on sports equipment he has developed for the disabled. He conducted a national survey on fishing participation patterns.



Ron Wilcox

Ethel Hayton Trophy



Ethel Hayton Award winner Peter Bannister outside the Soccer Sports Building

Mr Peter Bannister

For his long-standing unpaid service to the University and the community in the promotion of sport, especially soccer.

As a player and subsequently as Manager and now President for the

Winner

past 12 years of the University Soccer Club, Peter has encouraged community involvement in soccer through donations, sponsorships and by en-

couraging young players.

One of his most outstanding achievements has been the construction, on a personal and voluntary basis, of the Soccer Sports Building at the Koolabong Sporting Complex which is a resource for the whole community.

Dr Brian McCarthy, Department of Modern Languages

For his contribution to raising the standards of the teaching of modern languages, particular French, in high schools and universities.

He has developed extensive software to promote language learning through the use of computers.

This software is being marketed widely and is in use in schools and universities here and abroad.

Brian has shown great generosity and enthusiasm in this innovative enterprise.

Nominated

The Faculty of Engineering

For its initiative in offering the first Girls in Engineering Summer School.

This special residential summer school for high school girls successfully met a community need, helped to change entrenched attitudes and opened up opportunities for this group to use their largely untapped potential to the benefit of the profession and the community at large.

Seventy four girls attended the school and the response was extremely favourable.

Video for isolated schools will help students



The launch of a video for isolated schools: (from left) Professional Officer with the Secondary Schools Link Program, Patricia Young, Kylie Ann Snow, Elica Stojcevski, Neil Trivett, Libby Hoggan, and program co-ordinator, Dr Ted Booth

During the latter part of 1992 the University of Wollongong allocated funds to produce a video for remote and isolated schools.

This has allowed the production of a 20-minute video which was released on the 23 April.

The video will be available free of charge to 80 selected schools throughout NSW in the isolated/remote category and will be available at a cost of \$10 (posted) to all other schools.

It has been produced by the Secondary Schools Link Program which is funded by DEET and coordinated within the Faculty of Education at the University of Wollongong.

The program aims to demonstrate to students, particularly disadvantaged students, that tertiary education is a viable option for them after completing school.

During 1989 this program was piloted in 11 targeted high schools in Southern Wollongong, Nowra, Moss Vale and Bowral.

Twenty university students were carefully selected as Student Role Models.

Above all these students were presenting the image to school students that if 'we can do it, so can you' thus stimulating school students to con-

sider tertiary studies, whether it be at university, TAFE or other tertiary institutions.

The video is based on the concept of the "Link" Program and portrays Student Role Models several of whom are from country areas.

The emphasis is on encouraging and motivating students to consider some form of tertiary studies, whether it be university, TAFE or a specialist college.

The Student Role Models attempt to demystify tertiary study and to allay the fears a school student may have of leaving home and attempting

such courses.

This may be a daunting prospect to many students whose family may have limited experience of it. Aspects of tertiary lifestyle, study, finance and accommodation are presented.

Although filmed on Wollongong University campus, the video presents a general view of campus life which would be applicable to most university/TAFE campuses.

Supporting material for Careers Advisers will accompany the video. This will be assembled with the assistance of Careers Advisers from the South Coast Region.

THE CHAPEL PERILOUS

by Dorothy Hewett

Third Year Student Production

The Chapel Perilous, written in 1971, is often regarded as Dorothy Hewett's definitive work. Based on a diary that she kept between the ages of 16 and 19 years, *The Chapel Perilous* celebrates the life of an emerging female writer as she contends with the forces of convention that surround her. In her inimitable style Dorothy Hewett fills this play with zestful theatricality and provocative songs.

Dates: 26 May 8pm, 27 May 8pm, 28 May 8pm, 29 May 2pm and 8pm
Venue: The Performance Space, University of Wollongong
Admission: Adult \$14. Concession \$6.

Bookings (042) 21 4214

Start the day...

at 9.00am with a

Continental Breakfast and Music



Gleniffer Brae Courtyard
Sunday Morning
16th May 1993

Bring your friends and enjoy a pleasant hour of entertainment by Conservatorium students and staff in the idyllic surrounds of *Gleniffer Brae* gardens and courtyard. The fresh early morning autumn air along with a Continental breakfast should heighten the appeal and start to the day.

Entry will be by gold coin donation to *Friends of the Conservatorium*. Informal seating will be available; elderly and disabled passengers will be able to be driven to the Manor House.

IndiSpence-able humour



Rob Spence back in Wollongong

After dragging his outrageous characters around the world for the last four years, comedian Rob Spence has brought them back for a show in Wollongong.

There's the Neanderthal dentist armed with a chainsaw. The matador who, with only a cape and sword to protect himself, fearlessly faces a marauding sheep. The Aussie cowboy, taming the outback astride his faithful kangaroo. The Automatic Teller that transports its users into a surreal extra dimension...

Spence's alter egos have been making people laugh in a variety of different languages all over the planet.

From the MTV Mega-gala comedy show in the US to Montreal's Just for Laughs comedy festival to TV spots and festivals across Europe, Spence has won a truly international audience.

His one-man show is now performed in French, German and Italian, as well as its native English.

The characters and situations that make up Rob's current show, *In Suspence*, have their roots in his time spent at the University of Wollongong as a Creative Arts student.

Four years of acting, directing, mime and French language study carried him irresistibly towards a life of jetset humour.

At first it didn't work. Although he had designs on Europe, language barriers confined his performances to England.

It took endless months of tuning his act to different languages and shades of humour before he could successfully work in Europe.

Busking brought the direct experience he needed. Festival appearances followed, then TV.

By 1992 he was invited to the world's biggest comedy festivals, including Just for Laughs in Montreal, Montreaux in France, Chattanooga in America, Piacenza in Italy and the Olympic Games in Barcelona.

Now he picks up new languages as easily as he adopts new characters for his act.

Over half-a-million people have laughed at his deft combination of mime, dance, stand-up comedy, song and circus.

It's only after they have wiped their eyes and stopped laughing that they appreciate the prodigious talents welded together to produce this unique form of humour.

Rob Spence is bringing his controlled mayhem to the Hope Theatre on May 21. Tickets are available from the School of Creative Arts, ext. on 4214 or phone 21 4214.

Department of Management seminars

The Department of Management has arranged a series of seminars during Autumn Session on topics of interest to the general business community.

Visitors are welcome to attend the seminars which will be held on Fridays from 12.30-2pm in Building 40, Room 130.

The program includes:

14 May: Mr Phil Scott (University of Wollongong). Analysis of Education Demands of Past Commerce Graduates.

21 May: Mr Paul McCulloch (BHP-Sheet and Coil Products Division). Voluntary Redundancy: Its Effect on Patterns of Employee Turnover.

28 May: Professor Graeme Galt (University of Wollongong). Business Sport and the Arts-Different but the same!

4 June: Associate Professor Trevor Williams and Mr Michael Zanko (University of Wollongong). Mandatory and Voluntary Inter-organisational Relations in Public Regulation.

11 June: Mr Les Kirchmajer (University of Wollongong). Venture Creation and Entrepreneurship Training: An Overview of the Enterprise Workshop Program.

Inquiries to: Dr Muayyad Jabri, phone (042) 21 3647 or ext. 3647.

Department of Economics seminars

The Department of Economics, in association with its various research programs and groups, has arranged a series of seminars during the Autumn Session on several topics.

Visitors are welcome to attend the seminars, which will be held on Wednesday from 11.30am-1pm in Building 40, Room 124. The program includes:

19 May: Mr D McKay (University of Wollongong). Regional impacts of overseas students studying at the University of Wollongong.

26 May: Associate Professor M Metwally (University of Wollongong). An investigation of advertising rivalry in the Australian banking industry.

2 June: Dr S Dowrick (Australian National University). Title to be announced.

Inquiries to: Ms Nadia Verrucci, phone (042) 21 3666 or ext. 3666.

HOPE THEATRE

Bookings phone 21 4214
Western Entrance, Northfields Avenue.

26-29 May, **The Chapel Perilous**, Janice Haynes. 30 May: **Illawarra Choral Society Performance**, 5-9pm. 5-7 June: **Regional Poets Co-op Conference**, 9am-10.30pm, Ron Pretty.

LONG GALLERY

Until 23 May: Exhibition of works by Diana Wood Conroy, Dimity Figner and tapestries by Tass Mavrogordato.
28 May-20 June: 'Them and Us'. Environmental exhibition, "Aquarelle" watercolours by Jelle van den Berg and visual poetry exhibition.
28 May-2 June: *Crossing Cultures* An exhibition of works by International Students. (Also exhibiting at the Illawarra Technology Centre from 11-25 June)

ART OF LUNCH

Music auditorium 12.30pm.

13 May: Poets' Choice. Ron Pretty and Joanne Burns read from their favourite literature.
18 May: Artists Talks. Film *A Man is Not a Woman*. Introduced by Sue Rowley.

What's On

20 May: Duo Alessio Bacci (flute) and Massimo Caselli (piano) collaborate in works by Messiaen and Schultz.
25 May: Artists Talks. Presented by Lesley Goldacre.
27 May: Scottish concert pianist Roy Howat in a return recital.

GENERAL

Illawarra Committee for Overseas Students events for this year are: 31 July and 7 August, Snowy Mountains; 18 September, Blue Mountains; 26 and 27 September, Canberra; 16 October, Sydney Aquarium and harbour cruise; 4 December, Australia's Wonderland. Tickets and details are available from ICOS office, 3rd Floor, Union Retail Centre on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.30am to 2pm or phone 21 3158.

19 May: The Recreation and Aquatic Centre in conjunction with the Royal Blind Society will hold a two-hour **Aerobathon** from 4.40pm-6.40pm in the Sports Hall. A donation will be re-

quired. (No multi-visit cards accepted for this class).

Considering further study or just some recreational reading? Visit the **University Graduates bookshop and gallery book sale** at Campus East, Fairy Meadow. The stock of used books covers: Science & Engineering, Social Sciences, Arts & Music, Education, Fiction & Non-Fiction, Young Readers' Stories & Classics. Open every fourth Saturday and Sunday from 1-5pm, the bookshop is located at Cowper Street, Fairy Meadow (opposite the Science Centre). Your donations of any material are invited. These may be left any weekend afternoon at the Science Centre (Please mark "Booksale"), or The Library or Students Enquiry Desk during the week.

Animal Experimentation Ethics Committee meeting dates, with agenda deadlines in brackets, are: 24 May (14 May); 9 August (30 July); 22 November (12 November).

Human Experimentation Ethics Committee meeting dates with agenda deadlines in brackets are: 25 May (11 May); 13 July (29 June); 24 August (10 August); 5 October (21 September); 16 November (2 November); 21 December (7 December).

Submission of papers for the **Undergraduate Studies Committee** must be given to Trevor James by 5pm, on the following dates: 29 June, 1 September and 26 October.

The University Centre in Sydney has a display on **Communications and Social Science** from the University of Wollongong. The next display scheduled to open on 14 June is Education and Health. Ideas for displays are always welcome. If academic staff would like to suggest ideas and contribute material they should contact David Fuller, Planning and Marketing

The Annual University Service

Due to matters beyond the control of the Chaplain, Canon Raymond Heslehurst, the Annual University Service which is normally held at the end of May graduations is

POSTPONED

until

Sunday 10 October 1993

(after October graduations)

at 7pm at St John's Anglican Church,
Eastern St, Gwynneville

Stop Press

Minerals and fossils sale

Willyama Minerals will be holding a display and sale of minerals and fossils on Thursday 13 May from noon to 2pm in Building 41 (the new Science Building) in Room 104.

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