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Folksinger brings legends of Australia to UNLV

By Valerie Miller
Staff News Writer

Folksinger and writer Martyn Wyndham-Read brought his songs and stories of the Australian outback to UNLV last week.

Wyndham-Read performed before an enthusiastic crowd at the Marjorie Barrick Museum of Natural History Monday night as part of the Spring 1998 UNLV University Forum Lecture Series.

In the lecture and recital, titled "Folksong and Lore of Australia," Wyndham-Read told of his expe-

riences as a young Englishman on an Australian sheep ranch, or "station" as they are called down under.

He also recited legends passed down for generations in Australia, through both songs and tales. Wyndham-Read delighted the audience with a style of folk singing that could be likened to an "Australian Bob Dylan." For some of his tunes he sang without music, while for others he accompanied it with his acoustic guitar.

During his performance, Wyndham-Read told the audience

of the struggles the country of Australia has gone through in its 200-year history, after starting out as a British penal colony.

Originally, the majority of those convicted of crimes and sent to Australia were from Ireland, and because of this, he said, Australian music and poetry strongly resembles Irish folklore.

Many of the early Australian songs and tales were about the convicts, and although they are very popular in Australia today, the lore was once frowned upon, according to Wyndham-Read.

"Before 1900, it was illegal to sing songs about the convicts in Australia," he said. "You could be imprisoned for just singing them."

The majority of the early folksongs about the settlers of Australia are very depressing in nature because of the hard lives they had to endure, Wyndham-Read said, but some represented rebellion.

"You could be sent to the penal colony in Australia for something as small as stealing a loaf of bread, so many of the songs have a defeatist attitude to them," Wyndham-Read explained. "Some songs, though, like 'Jim Jones at Botany Bay' have defiance in them, which is the Australian spirit."



Martyn Wyndham-Read

During the performance, Wyndham-Read, dressed casually in a buttoned-down shirt, blue jeans and tennis shoes, encouraged

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Rebelpalooza rocked UNLV



by Erik Thompson / The Rebel Yell

Jon Pebsworth, the lead singer of Buck-O-Nine, led the Rebelpalooza to an exciting close Friday night at the North Field.

Salary series continues

The Rebel Yell

The Rebel Yell's series on faculty and professional salaries at UNLV continues with the deans of the various colleges, along with other department and research center heads who did not fit into other categories.

As in the other segments of this series, the listed data is for the 1997-98 academic year and is accurate as of April 26. Some of the person's actual salaries may be different from what is listed because the individual may not have been in the listed job for the entire academic year. Also, non-cash compensation, some bonuses and other payments are not included in the listed salary.

This series will conclude on Thursday with a look at the UNLV athletic department.

Joyce Nelson-Leaf
Dir, Ed Equity Rsc

37,000

Engineering

William Wells
Dean 134,286
Walter Vodrazka
Assoc Dean 92,929

Fine and Performing Arts

Jeffrey Koep
Dean 107,500
Robert Tracy
Assoc Dean 56,733
Jerry Schefcik
Dir, Fine Art Gallery 41,161

Health Sciences

Carolyn Sabo
Dean 110,000

Hotel Administration

David Christianson
Dean 114,258
Kathleen Bell
Coordinator, Advising 43,949

Liberal Arts

James Frey
Dean 108,717
Michael Bowers
Assoc Dean 86,612
Gerhard Hartig
Dir, Lang Res Center 41,000

Lea Sexton
Dir, Wilson Advising Ctr 45,385

Ellen Rose
Dir, Womens Studies 83,500

Susan Thompson
Dir, Int'l Studies 57,760

Science and Mathematics

Raymond Alden
Dean 104,500
Peter Starkweather
Assoc Dean Sciences 70,625

Graduate College

Ronald Smith
Dean 116,153

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Boyd School of Law

Richard Morgan
Dean \$137,500
Christine Smith
Assoc Dean 67,614
Kory Staheli
Assoc Dir of Law Library 24,166

Frank Durand
Assis Dean, Admissions and Financial Aid 24,621

Business and Economics

Elvin Lashbrooke
Dean 129,500
Sharolyn Craft
Dir, NV Small Business Dev Ctr 30,788

Raymond Schwer
Dir, Center for Bus & Econ Rsc 89,860

Rennae Daneshvary
Assis Dir, Center for Bus & Econ Rsc 47,380

Education

John Readence
Dean 107,000
Teresa Jordan
Assoc Dean 68,809
Catherine Lyons
Dir, Preschool 36,000
George Moore
Dir, Advising & Field Placement 41,749

Honors Convocation tomorrow

By Royal Hopper III
Staff News Writer

Selected students, faculty and three people from the community will be honored for their academic achievement and contributions to the university and community at Artemus Ham Hall, Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

Over 700 students and 30 members of the faculty have been invited to the Honors Convocation which is co-sponsored by the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society and the office of the university president.

Five students have been singled

out for particular recognition and will be seated in a place of honor next to University President Carol Harter and Provost Douglas Ferraro during the ceremony.

Shannon L. Siciliano, the Centennial Medallion award winner for the highest grade point average of 1997, will be honored as will Board of Regents Scholarship winners Stacy R. Devald (undergraduate) and John C. Kerrigan (Phd. graduate student). Also among this highly honored group will be juniors Jennifer Fabbi and Yu - Kwan Chan, who will be honored as the juniors

with the highest grade point average last year.

This year, for the first time, three members of the community will be honored for their contributions. Dr. Marjorie Barrick, who is responsible for the Barrick lecture series and Marjorie Barrick Museum, Stan Fulton, who is responsible for the Honors scholarships and for the building that houses the International Gaming Institution and Stephanie Smith, who is the founder of the EXCELL program for senior citizens attending UNLV, will be honored at the ceremony.

Among the awards presented to faculty will be five UNLV teaching awards, the Spanos Distinguished Teacher Award, various research awards and an award for the outstanding professional staff for non-teaching faculty members.

"It is one of the two most important academic ceremonies conducted by the university every year," Assistant University President Dr. Stephen Fry said. "It is dedicated to celebrating academic achievement and contributions, both by students and faculty, and to set goals for the next year."

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