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## It's a festive life!



There's no place like home—and later this month the University of Adelaide will become the home of arts and culture in South Australia!

The university will play a prominent role in both the Adelaide Fringe Festival and the Adelaide Festival of Arts—two of the biggest events of their type in the world.

For the Fringe, the university will reprise its 2002 role as host of the FringeHUB. The HUB is the physical and spiritual centre of the Fringe, and will be situated on the lower level of the North Terrace campus.

The Festival of Arts will see the university host major musical and writing events at Elder Hall—including the world premiere of Professor Charles Bodman Rae's *String Quartet No. 2*, performed

by the university's ensemble-in-residence, the Australian String Quartet. Professor Bodman Rae is Elder Professor of Music and Dean of the Elder School of Music.

Vice-Chancellor Professor James McWha said the university's involvement in both festivals showed it was at the centre of cultural and intellectual life in the State.

"We are fortunate to be able play such a large part in these two international events, and in particular the Fringe," he said.

"We welcome the thousands of people who will be coming onto our North Terrace campus to watch the

Two drag queens at the launch of the Fringe program on the Barr Smith lawns  
Photo by Gemma Winter

hundreds of performers and shows, especially those people who may never have been to the university before.

"This is also a fantastic opportunity for our students, who will be starting their 2004 classes as both events are in full swing—they will be immersed in the vibrant world of festival life and I encourage them to embrace it!"

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### Life Impact



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## McWha's Words

### Gaining Momentum

A few weeks' rest over Christmas and the New Year provided me with the opportunity to reflect on the year that was 2003. It was, I think, a year in which a number of solid successes provided the university with the necessary momentum to tackle the many issues that will face us this year.

Thanks mainly to the outstanding commitment of our staff, the university has made significant strides on all fronts. Our first preference applications are up by an extraordinary 32%; higher degree and international student numbers have risen beyond all expectations; research funding has again increased, and we are now working with a budget surplus. Yet with all these signs of growth, 2003 was a challenging year, and 2004 will be no less so.

The passage of new higher education legislation is the precursor to dramatic change to the higher education system. The very strong lobbying of the Group of Eight and the AVCC, coupled with influential contributions by the independent Senators, has delivered workable legislation and engineered a stronger position for the universities, but the fact remains that the implementation of the new legislation in 2005, and the preparations we need to make this year, will be a test of our capacity to move with the times.

Fortunately, there is already abundant evidence that we have what it takes to prosper. We are

already responding to the objectives presented in the Strategic Plan 2004–2008, and are on target to complete our response to the recommendations in last year's Quality Audit.

We have substantially increased our commitment to maintenance of our plant, and have already announced the first of a series of salary rises as part of a raft of improved benefits that we hope will be included in a new Enterprise Agreement. Properly rewarding staff, and providing students and staff with the resources they need, must remain a priority for the University if the high quality that has characterised our education and research is to be maintained and, indeed, improved.

To turn again to the Nelson Review, our presentation to the Senate inquiry into higher education funding generated considerable interest, informed as it was by the university's own Professor Graeme Hugo's research on demographic projections, the distribution of poverty in Australia, and the long history of low participation rates in universities in South Australia.

We were the only university to argue for an increase in the number of new places allocated to a State, and we are assured that the number will be no less than the current overload in the South Australian system. This has been a major achievement on the part of our university. That is not to say, though, that our concerns about

the negative impact of some elements of the reform package do not remain. We still need to increase our revenue, especially through Australian Fee Based Enrolments and other fee-paying programs.

We all go through a process of setting targets as we review our past performance and consider our future needs. Among our targets, then, for 2004, I would highlight:

- Preparation for 2005, when the full force of legislative change will be felt;
- The need to convince Government of the need for and benefits of putting resources into research in the leading research universities. The Group of Eight undertakes over 60% of all the research in Australia, and we are major drivers of economic development.

From what I have come to expect of this community, I am certain that our determination to succeed will serve as the impetus to an undoubtedly exciting year of progress and new achievement. I look forward to working with you.

JAMES A. McWha  
Vice-Chancellor

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## Boumelha reappointed



Professor Penny Boumelha has been appointed to a further five-year term as the University of Adelaide's Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost.

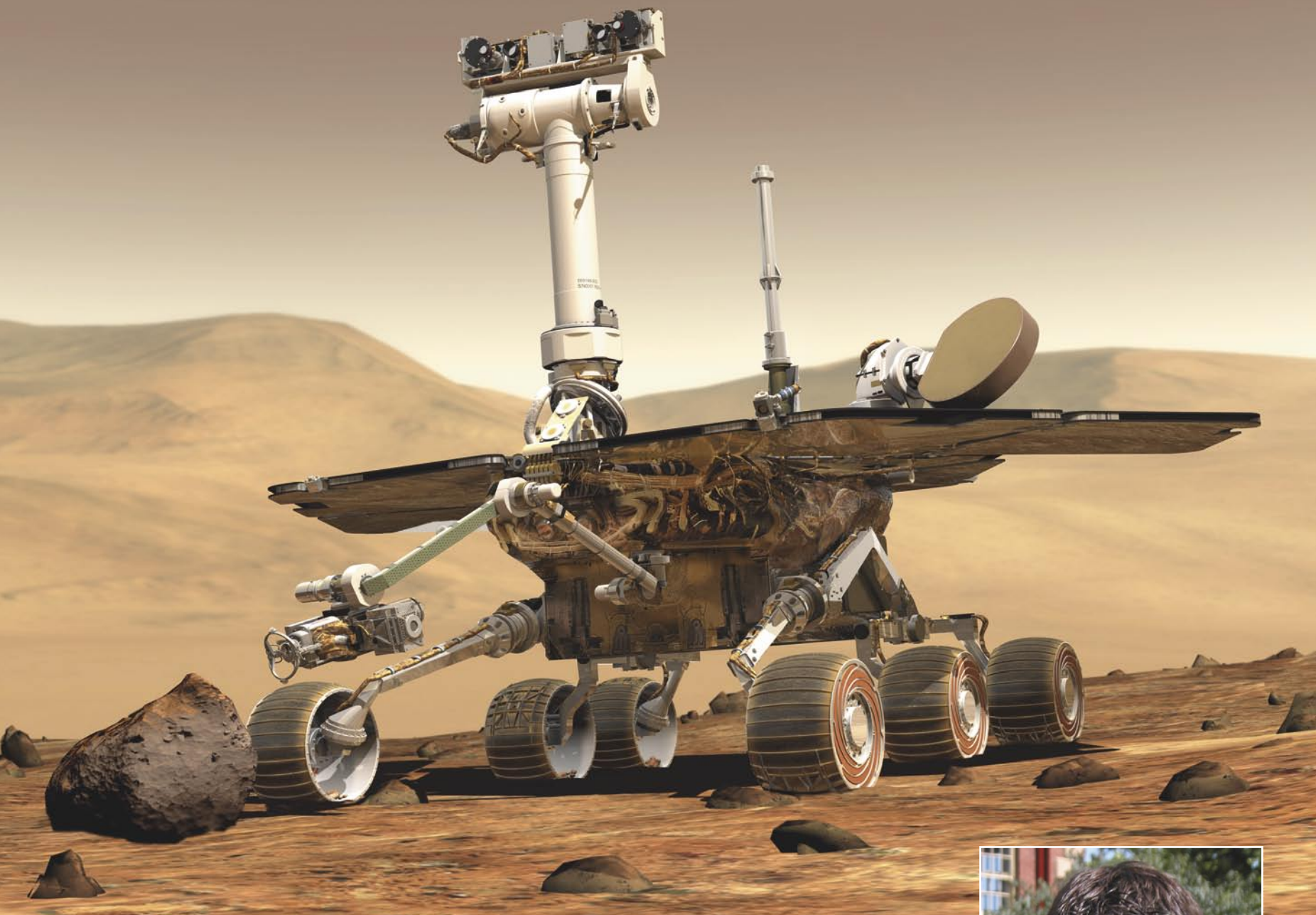
Professor Boumelha was first appointed as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) in March 1999. Formerly the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Professor Boumelha is also the University's Jury Professor of English Language and Literature.

"We are extremely fortunate to be able to retain a senior manager of Professor Boumelha's calibre,"

Vice-Chancellor Professor James McWha said. "Over the past five years, she has played a leading role for the University in education, quality assurance, and academic management. I am very pleased that we can continue to count on her contribution."

"I have enjoyed my role here over the last five years," Professor Boumelha said. "I have great confidence in the future of the University of Adelaide, and I very much look forward to supporting the Vice-Chancellor in the further development of its success."





# Andy Thomas scholar engineers a future in space

Cameron Butter grew up in country South Australia making go-karts go like rockets—and now he is well on the way to actually making the rockets themselves.

Cameron is the latest winner of the University of Adelaide's prestigious Andy Thomas scholarship, awarded for academic excellence to a new student undertaking Mechanical, Mechatronic or Aerospace Engineering. Other criteria include career aspirations, involvement in the community, and leadership qualities.

It is named after one of the university's most distinguished graduates, NASA astronaut Dr Andrew Thomas, and pays for all tuition fees and provides the recipient with an annual allowance of \$5000.

Seventeen-year-old Cameron hails from a small property near Tarlee, itself a diminutive township 90 km north of Adelaide.

He went to Tarlee Primary School and Riverton and District High School, where for Year 12 last year he obtained a Tertiary Entrance Ranking of 98.9.

These results are even more impressive given that he learnt via Open Access for one of his two Year 12 Maths subjects as he was the only student undertaking that topic in his school.

He was also one of just two students in his Year 12 Physics class and one of three in the other Maths class.

He will now commence his studies at the University of Adelaide in the new Aerospace Engineering degree.

"I've always been interested in engineering," Cameron said. "My dad, younger brother and I have spent a bit of time at home working on a couple of go-karts and racing around on them was a welcome break from studying last year.

"I am really excited about coming to Adelaide to do Aerospace



Andy Thomas scholar Cameron Butter is on his way to making spacecraft like the Mars Rover Spirit  
Illustration courtesy of NASA

Engineering. Previously there was only one university in Queensland which offered Aerospace Engineering, so when I learnt that Adelaide was offering it in 2004 I was very keen to do it.

"Receiving the Andy Thomas scholarship was an unexpected bonus and I'm very lucky to get it. I don't have any real desire at the moment to be an astronaut like him but I would like a career in the space industry, and this is the perfect start!"

Story by Ben Osborne



# Students find the right formula in car contest

The University of Adelaide has finished a creditable seventh overall in a major international car designing and racing competition.

The year-long Formula SAE-A competition culminated in December with a trial and race hosted by Mitsubishi Motors at its Tailem Bend testing facility, with teams from 21 universities from Australia, the US, Sweden, Japan and Germany taking part.

The university's Formula SAE coordinator, Dr Colin Kestell, said the fourth-year Mechanical Engineering students who competed for the university did extremely well.

"The competition is more than the race day at the end," he said. "The students have to demonstrate theoretical, organisational and practical skills by designing, financing, building and racing a

formula-style race car and many months of planning go into the final product.

"The team did very well by generating many marketing opportunities by appearing in the press and at a number of exhibitions, including the Adelaide Motor Show, and were successful in attracting financial and in-kind sponsorship from a number of automotive industry companies."

In the Tailem Bend competition the University of Adelaide team performed consistently well in all facets of testing, which included not only the performance and endurance of the car but also whether it met safety and technical requirements.



"We finished as the third best Australian team behind Queensland and Wollongong and were extremely satisfied with our consistency across the weekend," Dr Kestell said. "Unlike some teams, we scored points in every test and check conducted by the scrutineers and judges and completed the 30-lap endurance event."

The successful Formula SAE team  
Photo courtesy of Andre Brummer

"Given that this is only our third year of competing in this event, I am confident we will continue to improve and one of our goals for our 2004 entry is to become the best Australian team."

leigh warren & dancers

## mixed doubles



Mixed Doubles is a sometimes hilarious take on the game of tennis by choreographer Leigh Warren with original score by David Hirschfelder (Shine). With sensational string quartet Tankstream playing live, an ensemble of dancers and a tennis court...it's a perfect match!

Mixed Doubles World Premiere, Elder Hall, University of Adelaide  
20, 21, 24 – 28 Feb 8pm  
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# Percussion a way of life for Paul

Paul Butler subscribes to the notion that if you love what you do, you won't have to work a day in your life.

In the case of this 21-year-old Bachelor of Music graduate (2003), his passion is the drums and percussion. And as he enhances his qualifications, you can add teaching to his list of loves.

"I have always been fascinated by drums. My musical parents tell me it started when I was a baby and the passion has increased over the years," Paul said. "I had my first lessons when I was 10, and I have not looked back."

Paul, who will be working on obtaining his Honours this year, has also been quick to add a number of achievements to his already impressive resume.

He is a recent prizewinner at the David Galliver Memorial Awards and has also the John "Slick" Osborne Prize for percussion. The latter is valued at \$5000 and is in memory of well-known Adelaide drummer

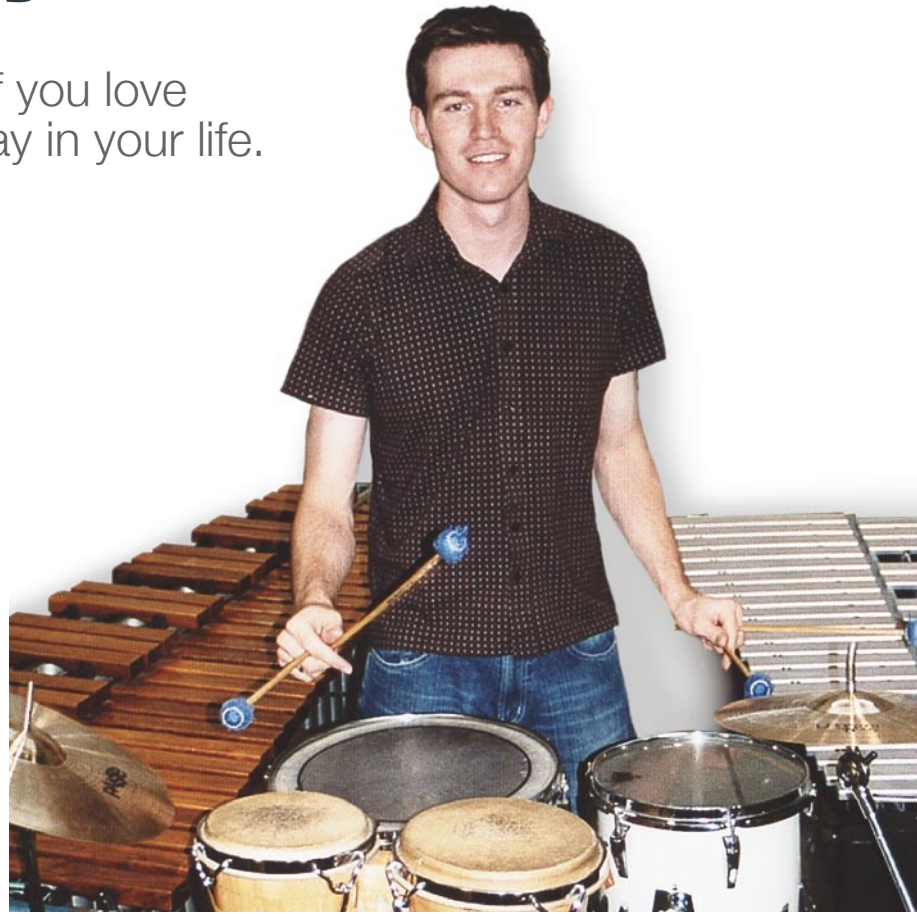
John Osborne who on his death donated his entire estate to the Elder Conservatorium. His prize is awarded annually to the school's top drummer or percussionist.

"These are all great honours and I am truly humbled," Paul said. "I am immensely grateful for the guidance and inspiration I have received from my teachers Steve Staben, Don Crook, and especially my current lecturer at the Conservatorium, Jim Bailey."

As Paul works on preparing for his forthcoming recitals, he will continue his teaching engagements at Temple College, Sienna College, Stirling Studios and at home.

"There is enough to keep me busy. However, I am lucky in that I truly love what I do. Playing is my life and the teaching gives me the stimulation I need. It's a great mix," he said.

Story by Howard Salkow



Paul Butler with the love of his life, the drums  
Photo by Howard Salkow

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## Dowd new Engineering Dean

Professor Peter Dowd has been appointed Executive Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences.

He succeeds Professor Ian Young, who began his tenure as Vice-Chancellor of Swinburne University of Technology in December last year. Professor Dowd, who for the past 10 years has been Professor of Mining Engineering at the University of Leeds, will assume his Adelaide role in July.

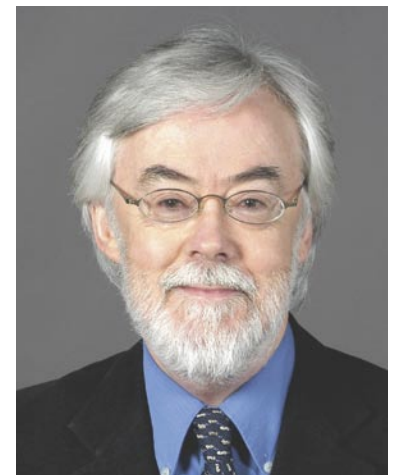
Educated at the University of New England (BSc 1967), University of Montreal (MSc 1974) and the University of Leeds (PhD 1978), Professor Dowd has held positions in Australia, Canada and England.

He began his career as an Operational Research Fellow at the Conzinc Riotinto in Australia,

and from 1972-1975 he was a Research Fellow in the Department of Geological Engineering, Ecole Polytechnique, University of Montreal.

Professor Dowd joined the University of Leeds in 1975, holding a number of different roles in the Department of Mining and Mineral Engineering, before being appointed to his current position in 1993.

"Professor Dowd has a wealth of experience and knowledge in engineering and mathematics and I am confident he will make a major contribution to the University," Vice-Chancellor Professor James McWha said.



"He has not only achieved the highest professional recognition, but has also been active in forging very effective links between academia, industry and the community. We very much look forward to him continuing these activities here for the benefit of the Faculty and the University."

Story by Howard Salkow

# WTO under spotlight at symposium

## Why do we have a World Trade Organisation?

This question will be the feature of a symposium for legal and economic scholars and practitioners at the National Wine Centre on Wednesday, February 25.

The symposium is being organized by the University of Adelaide's Institute for International Business, Economics and Law (IIBEL) and the Sydney Centre for International and Global Law.

"This conference is a chance for lawyers and economists to make presentations to each other and to discuss fundamental questions about the principles that inform the way the WTO legal system does and/or should regulate trade," said IIBEL Executive Director and former Deputy Director General of the WTO Mr Andrew Stoler.

"In the field of world trade regulation, is it a case of lawyers versus economists or do we have a common understanding of the function of the WTO system?"

"Have the traditional economic rationales lost their relevance to the new and complex problems that WTO members now face?"

"Have trade negotiators and politicians lost sight of the lessons of economists and political economy? And is the practice of the law giving effect to the principles?"

The conference has attracted speakers from universities across Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong representatives from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the WTO.



Other topics that will be discussed include:

- Accommodating Non-Economic Objectives in WTO Law;
- Food Safety and GMOs;
- Implementing Contestability;
- Intellectual Property.

To find out more about the symposium, or the special arrangements made for University of Adelaide staff and students to attend, phone Marie Gutsche on +61 8 8303 6944; or email [marie.gutsche@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:marie.gutsche@adelaide.edu.au)

Story by Howard Salkow



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# Oxygen breathes fresh air into fight against cancer

University of Adelaide researchers have made a breakthrough in the understanding of how our body “senses” oxygen.

The discovery, by Dr Daniel Peet and Dr Murray Whitelaw at the university’s Centre for Molecular Genetics of Development, may lead to improvements in the treatment of cancer, stroke, and heart attack.

They have identified a key “oxygen sensor” that determines how the body senses and responds to changes in oxygen levels, most importantly low oxygen.

“To sustain life, mammals have an absolute and continual requirement for oxygen,” said Dr Peet, who is also the W. Bruce Hall Fellow of the Cancer Council of South Australia.

Too much oxygen can be detrimental to our body by producing harmful free radicals which are responsible for aging our tissues, and too little can trigger off cancer, cause stroke or heart attack.

Only low oxygen levels cause “oxygen sensors” to be turned on.

Low oxygen levels in the human body are dangerous. Mountain climbers at high altitudes may experience acute mountain sickness, and excess fluid in the lungs and brain caused by lower amounts of oxygen in the air. If not treated, such syndromes may be fatal.

With cancer, low oxygen at the centre of tumours will stimulate the growth of new blood vessels and encourage tumour growth.

In heart attack and stroke victims, blood clots cause blockages in vessels preventing blood flow and oxygen delivery.

“The identity of oxygen sensors has remained a mystery until now,” Dr Whitelaw said.

“Our research has advanced worldwide knowledge in oxygen sensing and this information may prove important in the therapeutic treatment of cancer, heart attack and stroke.”

Story by Stephanie Agius



# Uni offers leading edge health advice

A new University of Adelaide organisation will use its worldwide knowledge to provide local advice on the latest health technologies.

The Horizon Scanning Unit in the university’s Department of Public Health has become the sole government provider of leading edge advice on health technology in Australia and New Zealand through a new network called the Australian Horizon Scanning Network.

The unit was established in December last year and is directed by the Head of the Department of Public Health Professor Janet Hiller. It provides advice to the Australian Commonwealth, States, Territories and New Zealand Ministry of Health on emerging health technologies, new devices, novel diagnostic tests and procedures.

“It is imperative to evaluate the impact these new and emerging technologies may have on our current health system if introduced,” Professor Hiller said.

“New health technologies, procedures or services are often introduced into the health system without warning or in an uncontrolled manner. This can have serious implications on the public health care system including increased costs to patients, lack of trained professionals, and ethical considerations.

The Horizon Scanning Unit is responsible for preparing documents addressing new and



emerging technological information. In order for staff at the Department of Public Health to have an international perspective on medical technologies, they are constantly scanning a wide range of media outlets such as the World Wide Web, medical articles, licensed agents, or seeking expert opinion from a range of professionals.

The Horizon Scanning Unit provides ‘early warning’ to policy makers of emerging technologies that may have significant impact on the health system. By providing evidence-based briefing documents on technologies, this alerts planners and policy makers in advance of the potential impact in terms of safety, effectiveness,

cost and ethical considerations before being introduced into the health system. “These documents, which are freely available on the Internet, will assist planners and policy makers to monitor and control newly introduced health technologies,” Professor Hiller said. “In addition, we will be able to prioritise and allocate resources, thereby increasing cost efficiency.”

Members of the Horizon Scanning Unit examine technology that measures blood pressure (from left) Adriana Parrella, Professor Janet Hiller, Tracy Merlin and Linda Mundy  
Photo by Howard Salkow

Story by Stephanie Agius

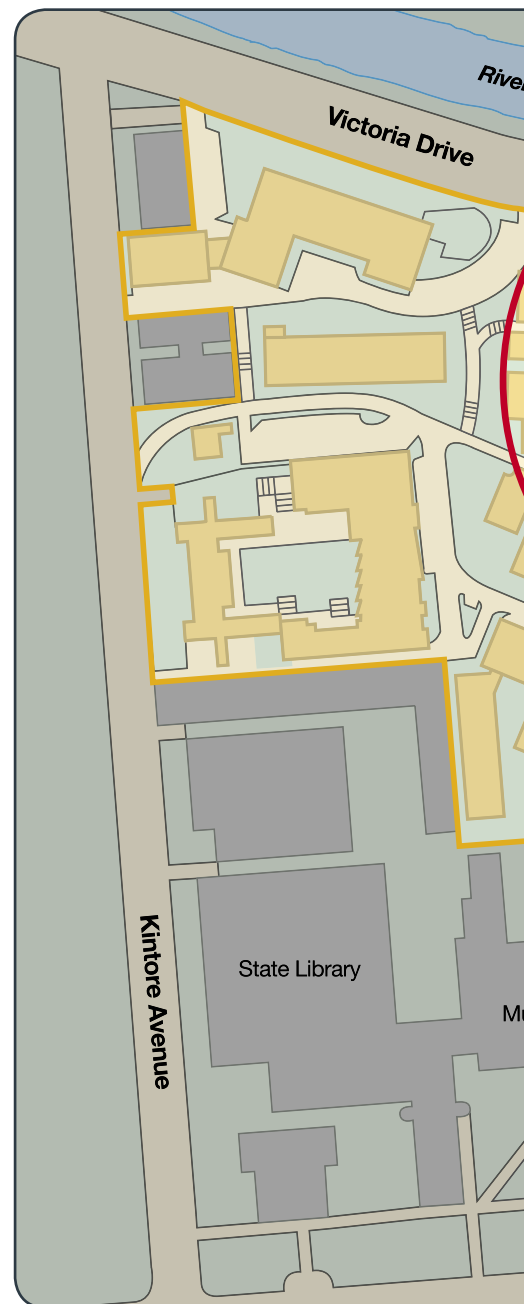


# Adelaide Fringe 2004

20 February - 14 March

## Uni home of where the art is

For all things Fringe, think the University of Adelaide!



### Fringe freebies!

Here's your chance to see a Fringe show for free, thanks to the *Adelaidean*.

Two lucky readers will each win a double pass to the opening night – and world premiere – of *Mixed Doubles* at Elder Hall on Friday, February 20.

Choreographed by Leigh Warren and performed by his acclaimed dance ensemble, *Mixed Doubles* is a cheeky and sometimes hilarious look at the game of tennis.

To win a double pass, be one of the first two people to call *Adelaidean* editor David Ellis on (08) 8303 3173.

*Mixed Doubles* will be performed at Elder Hall on February 20, 21 and 24-28.

The university is repeating its 2002 role at the centre of all the action as the Hub of the Fringe.

The **FringeHUB**, located on the lower level of the North Terrace campus will be home to twelve Fringe venues, more than 60 events and exhibitions, hundreds of artists and thousands of audience members for the three-and-a-half week duration of the Fringe.

The action gets underway on Friday, February 20 with the legendary **Opening Parade** finishing at the university and culminating in the massive **Opening Night Party** on the Barr Smith Lawns.

Everything in the FringeHUB is so easy to get to and take advantage of, you might not want to leave! The HUB contains the **FringeTIX** box office, information booth,

merchandise sales, food and bar facilities, and at its heart, the **FringeLOUNGE**.

A new addition for the 2004 Fringe, the FringeLOUNGE is the centrepiece of the HUB and is best described as the Fringe's brand new lounge room!

Designed by Adelaide-based theatre designer, Kathryn Sproul, the FringeLOUNGE is a custom-built retro/art venue located on the Barr Smith Lawns.

**Beck's Bar** at the FringeLOUNGE will open at 4pm daily, with the art beginning shortly after.

Taking place each night from 6.45pm to 7.30pm is the free **Karka Palti**, which in Kaurna language means "sunset song".

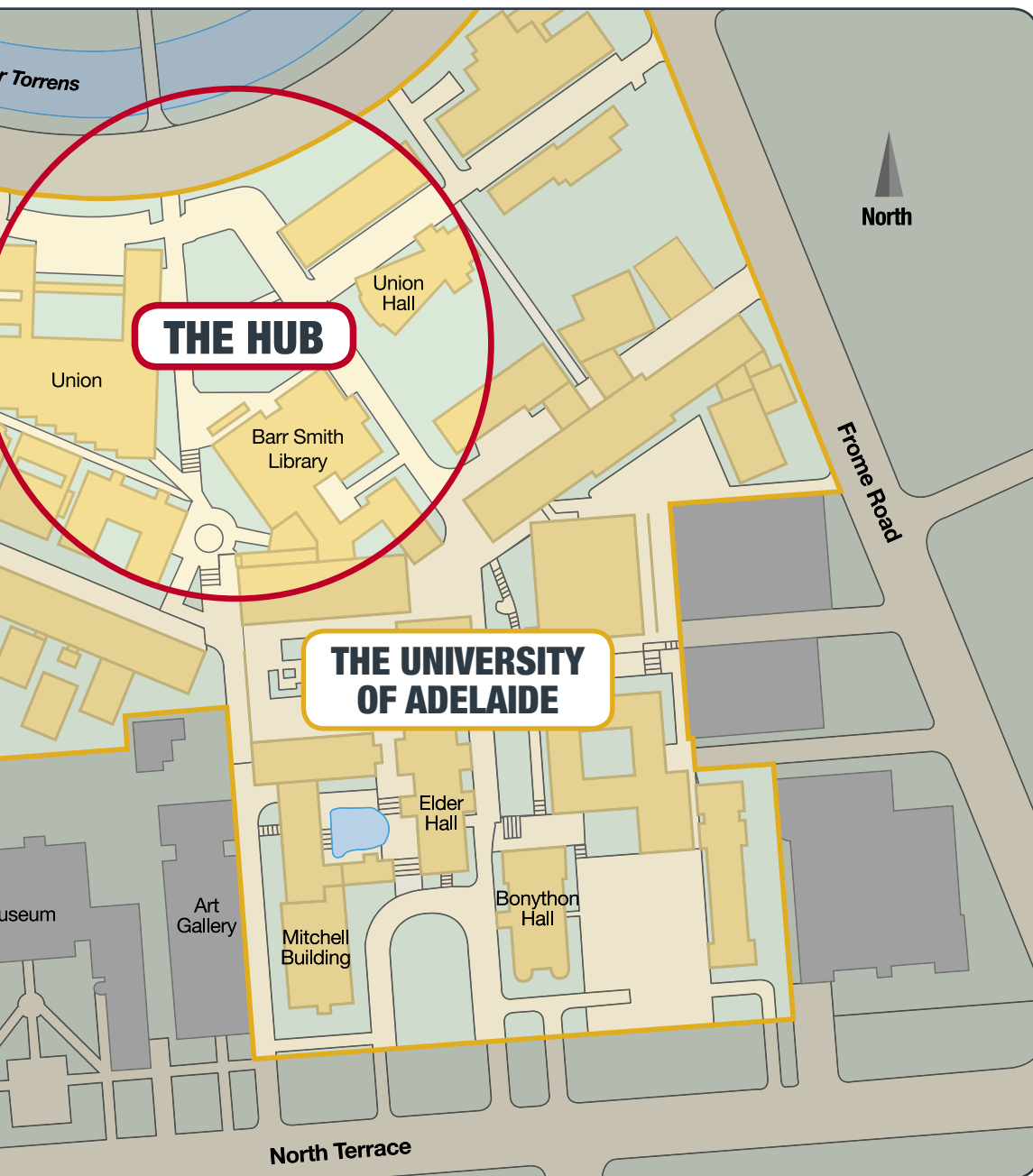
At 8.30pm each evening the FringeLOUNGE will host a lineup of Fringe acts in ticketed shows, including the Ennio Morricone Experience, Geoff Lang, Laugh Yourself Blak! and Liam Gerner.

And then at 10pm, the FringeLOUNGE transforms into the **FringeCLUB**, where Fringe artists, bands and DJs from across the country and around the world will do what they do best well into the small hours!

It all adds up to almost four weeks of exhilarating entertainment, mental stimulation and non-stop activity – so come down to the University of Adelaide and live the Fringe!

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# A Fringe for everyone

The 2004 Fringe is for everyone of all ages and in any situation.

The Fringe Family Day, known as **Tanata Kurta**, will be held at the FringeHUB at the University of Adelaide on Sunday February 29 from 11am to 5pm.

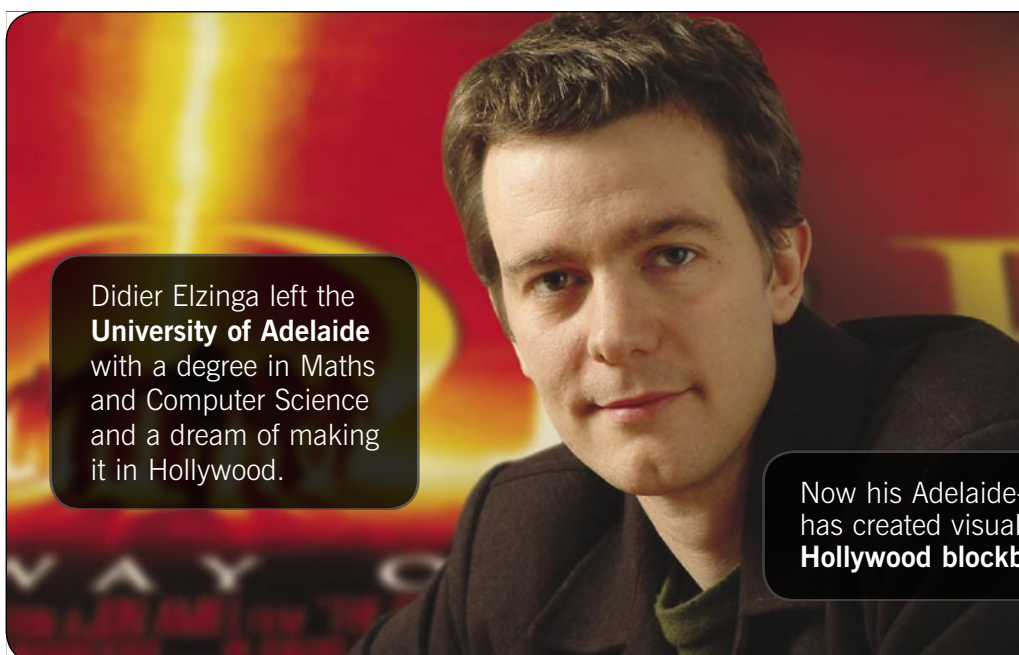
In the Kaurna language, Tanata Kurta means “many places” and this is a particularly apt name for Family Day with the Fringe inviting families from many different places to join the buzz of music activities and workshops for families.

Tanata Kurta is a day of entertainment for children and parents alike. It’s the day to drop the kids off at the Cloisters Courtyard to join in the appropriate Fringe activities and head off to the FringeLOUNGE to relax, have a drink and take in the tapestry of culture and art happening all around.

**Hearsay** is a thought-provoking visual arts installation set outdoors at the Cloisters in the middle of the FringeHUB at the University of Adelaide.

Beginning over six months ago, Hearsay is an arts program created by artists Siv Grava and John Turpie. Working alongside asylum seekers at the Baxter Detention Centre, the artists help and encourage them to create mosaic, clay, paintings, drawings, tapestry and paper casts.

Hearsay speaks from the heart and gives a voice to those in detention, allowing them access to a different kind of Fringe.



Didier Elzinga left the **University of Adelaide** with a degree in Maths and Computer Science and a dream of making it in Hollywood.

Now his Adelaide-based company has created visual effects for the **Hollywood blockbuster *The Core***.

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## Life Impact



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# Twice the success for two Bens

Two top University of Adelaide Law graduates not only share the same name, they have now shared top honours at Oxford University.

In August last year, Ben Allgrove (LLB Hons 2000) and Ben Doyle (LLB Hons 2002) finished first and second respectively in Oxford's Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) exam, among the most prestigious postgraduate coursework law degrees.

But their respective successes started to flow before they entered Oxford's Magdalen College.

A Rhodes Scholar at the end of 2001, Allgrove was a University of Adelaide medallist in 2000; obtained the top First in Law in his year and won all the major prizes for LLB graduates in 2000 after winning a Stow Medal.

Although unsuccessful in his Rhodes Scholarship application, Doyle equalled Allgrove's aforementioned awards at the University of Adelaide and won a Commonwealth Scholarship to attend Oxford. Both went to Magdalen in 2002.

Incidentally, Doyle is the son of John Doyle, Chief Justice of SA and a former Rhodes Scholar who also took the BCL.

Allgrove is still at Oxford and a little uncertain of his future beyond academia.

"At this stage I am just focusing on finishing my M.Phil on the legal implications of artificial intelligence technologies," Allgrove said.

"After that, my plans are somewhat up in the air, although I hope to stay and work in the UK for the time being before returning to Australia."

Doyle, meanwhile, is currently midway through an associateship with the Chief Justice Gleeson in the High Court.

"It is a fantastic job and will hopefully be a good transition from study into practice. As for 2005, I am looking forward to moving from the slightly unreal atmosphere of Oxford and the High Court to the very real business of day-to-day legal work," Doyle said.

For Allgrove and Doyle, they will long remember their Oxford experience.

"Oxford has been, and continues to be, a fantastic experience for me. As one might expect, the academic

The two Bens: Ben Doyle (left) and Ben Allgrove  
Photo courtesy Ben Allgrove



standards set in the BCL are the highest I have experienced," Allgrove said.

"Undertaking the BCL at Oxford was an extremely satisfying academic experience. It was at times terrifying to look around a class and see the calibre of the other students from all over the common law world," Doyle said.

Allgrove is clearly honoured to be part of the Rhodes Scholarship family and has formed strong bonds with many of his peers.

"The Rhodes community is an incredible one. Each year, 91 scholars arrive from around the

world and the breadth of their experiences is mind-blowing," he said.

Doyle still relishes the experience of living in an Oxford college (especially one as historic and beautiful as Magdalen) and mixing with such a wide range of people from different countries and in different academic disciplines.

"A social highlight of the year was playing in the Oxford Aussie Rules football side that trounced Cambridge on their own turf," he said.

Story by Howard Salkow

# Law and conflict on conference agenda



Titled *The Challenge of Conflict, International Law Responds*, the conference takes place from February 26-29 at the Novotel Adelaide.

Jointly organised by Adelaide and Flinders universities, the conference is designed to bring together academics, lawyers, judges, activists

A Canadian Supreme Court Justice heads a list of distinguished speakers at an International Law Conference held in Adelaide this month.

and researchers to consider the catastrophic consequences of deadly armed conflict.

"In spite of decades of efforts to address the underlying causes of conflict and to prevent their occurrence, the impact of conflict can be seen in all regions of the world," says Ms Wendy Lacey, deputy chair of the organising committee and a lecturer at the University of Adelaide's Law School.

"The conference is also designed to facilitate interdisciplinary dialogue on one of the major dilemmas currently facing the international community."

Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Alexander Downer will open the conference

that features speakers from across Australia, New Zealand, Japan, England, Bangladesh and Wales.

"The speakers are drawn from the United Nations and its agencies, key non-governmental organisations, world-class academic circles, senior members of government, leading human rights lawyers and judges with experience in international criminal law," says Ms Lacey.

Canadian Supreme Court Justice Louise Arbour, who is a former UN Security Council-appointed Prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, will also give the Howard Zelling Lecture that precedes the law conference.

The lecture will be hosted by the Speaker of the South Australian Parliament, the Honourable Peter Lewis, MP and will be held on Wednesday February 25 at 6:00pm in the Chamber of the House of Assembly at Parliament House.

The Howard Zelling Lecture Trust was established in 1988 to bring eminent individuals from overseas to give public lectures on topics of jurisprudence, law and law reform.

For more conference information, phone (08) 8354 2285; email [ilaw@aomevents.com](mailto:ilaw@aomevents.com) or visit [www.aomevents.com/conferences/ilaw](http://www.aomevents.com/conferences/ilaw)

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# Graduates have TV impact

Two of the stars of the university's historic television advertising campaign also featured in December's graduation ceremonies.

Phil Killicoat and Sarah Callaghan graduated with a Bachelor of Economics (Honours) and a Bachelor of Law (Honours) respectively.

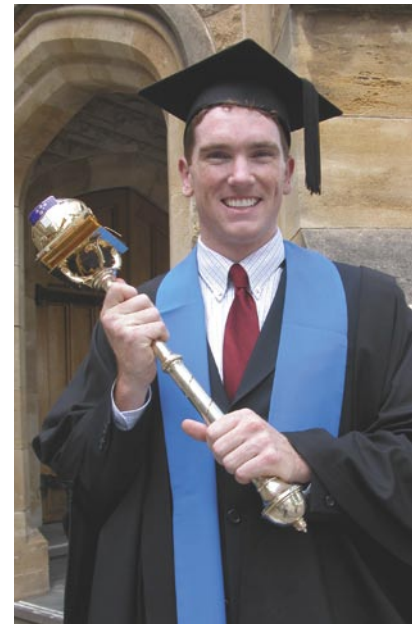
They are two of five past and present university students who have appeared in the first series of TV commercials produced by the university, as part of its successful Life Impact campaign.

The five advertisements began screening in January on all three major free-to-air commercial stations (Seven, Nine, and Ten), and featured each student talking about how the University of Adelaide had made an impact not only on their education and career, but also their life.

Phil is now heading to Oxford University as a 2004 Rhodes Scholar after completing his Economics (Honours) and Arts (International Studies) degrees, while Sarah is working for the South Australian Attorney-General's office but is keen to return to Africa to help refugee groups.



Law graduate Sarah Callaghan (centre) with her mother Marie (left) and sister Kate



Phil Killicoat had the prestigious honour of macebearer for his graduation ceremony

*The other three people featured in the commercials were:*

- 2003 Australian Young Winemaker of the Year Briony Hoare (Agriculture—Oenology, 1997);
- Head of Visual Effects at Adelaide-based company Rising Sun Pictures Didier Elzinga (Mathematical & Computer Sciences, 1996)
- Medicine student, international aid worker and Young South Australian of the Year Matthew Hutchinson.

**To view the TV commercials, visit [www.adelaide.edu.au](http://www.adelaide.edu.au) and click on Life Impact**

# Rachel makes it a Rhodes double for 2004

University of Adelaide student Rachel Swift has beaten tough national competition to win one of three Rhodes Scholarships for Australia at Large.

Rachel, 23, from Urrbrae, was the second Adelaide student to win a Rhodes Scholarship in 2003, enabling her to study at Oxford University this year.

The Rhodes is one of the world's most prestigious scholarships and is offered annually in every State in Australia, plus three for Australia at Large. Bordertown's Phillip Killicoat was announced in October 2003 as the South Australian Rhodes Scholar for 2004.

It is the second year in a row that University of Adelaide students have won both the Rhodes Scholarship for South Australia and for Australia at Large, and Rachel is now the university's 98th Rhodes Scholar over the 100 years of the Rhodes.

"Rachel represents the very best in Australia, not just because of her academic excellence but also because she has a well-rounded experience across many different fields, such as in sport and in community service," Vice-Chancellor Professor James McWha said.

"The University of Adelaide is proud to have played an important part in Rachel's development, and she is one of the ultimate examples of the kind of graduate our university aims to produce."

Rachel is a Science/Arts double-degree student at the University of Adelaide. She already completed her Bachelor of Science (Molecular Biology) degree in 2002, and last year received First Class Honours



Rachel Swift  
Photo by David Ellis

A past Vice-President of the Student Union, Rachel works as a volunteer for Community Aid Abroad and is President of the University of Adelaide Sports Association. She is a talented volleyball player, with other sporting interests including scuba diving, swimming, water polo and ultimate frisbee.

Rachel said her student experience at the University of Adelaide had made a real impact on her life, providing excellent opportunities to develop a range of skills and interests.

"The University of Adelaide provides leading research environments competitive not just in Australia but around the world," Rachel said. "As a student and a researcher, you get the benefit of working with outstanding teachers and mentors, which plays an important role in enriching university study."

Story by David Ellis





Dr Said Al-Sarawi was presented with the prestigious Postgraduate Alumni University Medal as part of December graduations. Sponsored by the Alumni Association and the Alumni, Community Relations and Development office, the award recognises and rewards the outstanding achievements and extraordinary efforts of one postgraduate student each year from across the University. Dr Said graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy in the Faculty of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences in August 2003, and obtained his PhD as a mature student under extraordinarily tough circumstances, and in the process producing a world-class thesis, 30 refereed publications and two patents.



Indigenous student Olivia O'Donoghue graduated with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery



University of Adelaide Chancellor Mr Robert Champion de Crespigny (left) and Vice-Chancellor Professor James McWha in their new graduation gowns generously donated by Melbourne company P. Blashki and Sons



Award-winning author Rebekah Clarkson graduated with a Master of Creative Writing, and celebrated with her family





Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery graduates Alice Robinson, Kate Ferris and Genevieve Curran



University of Adelaide Chancellor Mr Robert Champion de Crespigny (left) and his wife Alice Robinson share a memorable moment with their son Stuart James who was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Laws with Honours

## Graduation time

A burst of hot weather wasn't enough to deter thousands of new University of Adelaide graduates from celebrating their achievement with family and friends in December.

More than 3100 students graduated across 10 ceremonies held in the majestic surrounds of Bonython Hall.

An annual highlight on the university calendar, graduation ceremonies this year will be held in March (three off-shore graduations in Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and Hong Kong), August and December (Bonython Hall).



Graduating with Honours for the Bachelor of Food Technology and Management were (from left) Marilena Vozzo, Joanna Dunn, Dragana Gavrilovic and Lucy Hancock



## Alexander Cuthbert Castles (1933-2003)

Alex Castles was a highly regarded academic who, as a writer on legal and other topics and a commentator and broadcaster on public affairs, made an impact in public life.

He was born into a working class family and was educated at Auburn South State School and Scotch College, both in Melbourne, and at the universities of Melbourne and Chicago. He taught in universities in the United States and Australia and joined the University of Adelaide Law School in 1958. At Adelaide he was appointed Professor in 1967 and held the position of Bonython Professor of Laws from 1982 until his early retirement in 1994.

Few academics can claim, as Alex could, to have created an academic subject. He was virtually the father of Australian legal history, which is now widely taught in Australian universities. His publications in this field are numerous and span four decades. Even in retirement he continued to be very active, with his most recent book, *A Source*

*Book on Malaysian Constitutional Law* (2003), launched recently in Sarawak, East Malaysia.

The improvement, democratisation and modernisation of Australia's legal system were one of Alex's main concerns as shown by his membership of the Australian Law Reform Commission from 1975-1981. To him, the law was just one aspect of wider public affairs in which he also took a lively and very active interest.

At various times and in various capacities he was a member of the SA Committee on Discrimination in Employment and Occupation, contributed to a review of the ABC in the early 1980s, and was a member of the Australian Institute of International Affairs and the SA Division of the United Nations Association of Australia.

Politics and particularly elections held great fascination; he acted for many years as one of Australia's most recognisable broadcasters on State



and Federal elections. The Labor Party and the Liberal Party shared his affections, although a liberal politician needed a small "l" to be found attractive by Alex.

The media, which he considered one of the most fundamentally important institutions in any democracy, was a lifelong interest. Alex was a regular commentator on constitutional and electoral issues, at different times anchoring and providing expert

election commentary for Channels 2 and 9, providing commentary to the Adelaide print media and at one time contributing a regular column for the Sunday Mail. He also taught media law in the Adelaide Law School for a number of years.

Alex made great contributions to the life of the University of Adelaide, serving as an elected member of the University Council for 18 years, as Dean of the Law Faculty and Chair of the Department of Law (the first to be elected by staff), and as President of the Staff Association.

He chaired the Board of Adult Education in the 1970s and remained a member of the Board and its successor for many years. He was also the first Chair of the Board for Radio 5UV (now Radio Adelaide).

Alex is survived by his wife, Florence, by his children, Margaret, Jennifer, Kathryn and Alan and by his granddaughters, Ellen and Alex. A short memorial service was held in the Napier Forecourt at the University of Adelaide on December 13, 2003.

Contributed by Emeritus Professor Horst Lucke and Dr John Keeler

# New high-speed networks

The University of Adelaide will share in funding worth \$7.2 million for the development of high-speed computer networks in the metropolitan area.

As a member of the South Australian Consortium for Information Technology and Telecommunications (SACITT), the university will benefit from a \$3.8 million injection towards the network from the Australian Research and Education Network Advisory Committee.

The funding was received jointly by a collaboration of SACITT, State Government, DSTO and CSIRO.

The network will overcome areas of deficiency with respect to broadband services for South Australian research and education purposes.

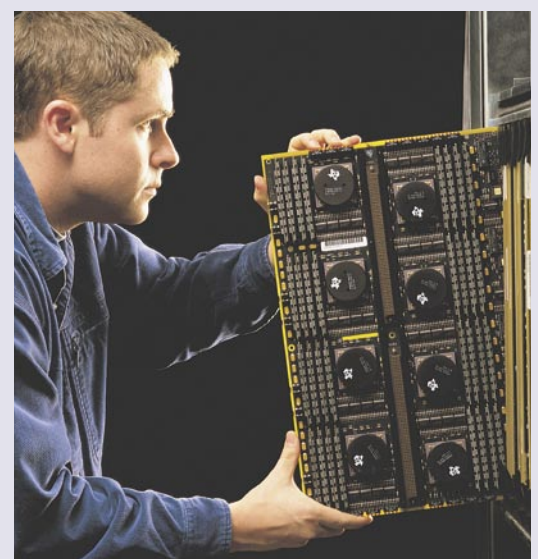
"The funding will allow the establishment of a North-South optic fibre network. The network, which incorporates the North Terrace-Waite link, will complete the interconnection of the

three major University of Adelaide campuses, including all teaching hospitals with the exception of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital," Vice-Chancellor Professor James McWha said.

In addition, the State Government is providing \$1.4 million towards the network.

In yet another boost for South Australia's universities, the University of Adelaide has attracted \$2 million from a Capital Development Project application. This funding will be used to build an Adelaide East-West high-speed communication network.

Together, the networks will enable all South Australian universities to connect to their range of campuses and facilities.



For the University of Adelaide, the East-West network will allow interconnection with Adelaide University Research Park (Thebarton Campus), the National Wine Centre and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Story by Howard Salkow



# New scheme to help young refugees

Up to five eligible young refugees will be able to study at the University of Adelaide through a new scheme designed to give them a chance to pursue their career ambitions.

The Temporary Protection Visa Access Scheme has been established by the university to provide a pathway into study for academically able school leavers who are also recognised refugees.

Asylum seekers who are granted Temporary Protection Visas may live in Australia for up to three years (in the first instance).

Executive Director of Student and Staff Services Ms Susan MacIntosh said Temporary Protection Visa holders are not precluded from studying at Australian universities, but must enrol as fee-paying international students.

“For many, the fees are beyond their means,” she said. “For those young TPV holders who have qualified for university through the Australian school system, this barrier is particularly frustrating.

The Winter 2002 edition of *Lumen* explored the impact of federal policy on asylum seekers, and drew strong responses from the university community. The university has now started a scheme to help eligible young refugees study at a tertiary level in Australia.

“By providing fee-free places for up to five TPV school leavers the university can harness the academic abilities of promising young students who would otherwise miss out on the opportunity to build on their high school achievements and pursue their career ambitions.”

Applicants will need to fulfil the entry requirements for admission to programs. For further details about applying to this



scheme, please contact Adrienne Eccles in the Prospective Students Office on (08) 8303 5235.

The University is also keen to establish mechanisms to support the TPV Access Scheme, including financial support, mentoring or opportunities for part-time employment. If you are interested in offering your support for this program in any way, please contact the Director of Alumni, Community Relations and Development Anne Gribbin on (08) 8303 4275.



## Alumni News

### Reunions

ACRD will be hosting the following reunions in 2004 on behalf of the Alumni Association:

**20 Year Reunion**  
for graduates of 1984 – August

**30 Year Reunion**  
for graduates of 1974 – September

**50 Year Golden Jubilee Reunion**  
for graduates of 1954 – October

Last year marked the inaugural 30 year reunion and this year we are pleased to add the 20 year reunion to our program. Further details will appear in the *Adelaidean* and on the following website in the coming months:

[www.adelaide.edu.au/alumni/ne/reunions/](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/alumni/ne/reunions/)

### Postgraduate Travel Grants

Postgraduate students have the opportunity to share in \$6500 of funding to help with travel expenses through two Alumni Association schemes.

Up to two Mutual Community Postgraduate Travel Grants of up to \$2500 each and one AUGU/RC Hedde Award of up to \$1500 are available to assist doctoral candidates enrolled at the University of Adelaide. The funding is to be used by the recipient to travel

to a conference or similar gathering to present their work, or to travel to another institution to learn a particular method essential to their own work.

Applications are now available for the May round, and can be downloaded from the Alumni, Community Relations and Development website: [www.adelaide.edu.au/alumni/scholarships/awards.html](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/alumni/scholarships/awards.html)

The deadline for applications is 5pm, March 5 2004.

### Distinguished Alumni Award

Nominations are now being called for the University of Adelaide Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Awards.

Each year the Alumni Association formally recognises its outstanding alumni by bestowing up to three Distinguished Alumni Awards. These awards recognise outstanding service to the University of Adelaide and/or the Alumni Association, and outstanding service to the community or outstanding contribution in their chosen fields.

For further information on Alumni Association travel grants and awards please contact Nada Racki on +61 8 8303 6356 or email: [nada.racki@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:nada.racki@adelaide.edu.au)

## 04 Alumni Events

### Commerce Graduates Networking BBQ

Friday, February 6

Are you a recent Commerce Graduate? Do you want to develop your career prospects and meet other professionals? The Commerce Chapter's Networking BBQ is an opportunity to create connections, share knowledge and get to know fellow graduates.

Barr Smith Lawns (University of Adelaide) at 6.30pm.

Registered Members \$5, Non-Members \$10 (includes BBQ and drinks)—pay at the event.

RSVP by Tuesday, February 3 to the Alumni, Community Relations and Development Office via [alison.wood@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:alison.wood@adelaide.edu.au) or phone 8303 5800.

<http://www.commerce.adelaide.edu.au/alumni/>

### David Malouf and the Friends of the Library

Thursday, February 26

Malouf is one of Australia's most widely acclaimed authors. His award-winning works include the profound and deeply memorable *An Imaginary Life* and *Remembering Babylon*. David will speak and read from his works.

Ira Raymond Exhibition Room, Barr Smith Library at 6 for 6.30pm.

Entry is free.

RSVP by Tuesday, February 24 to Patricia Hawke via [patricia.hawke@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:patricia.hawke@adelaide.edu.au) or phone 8303 4064.

[http://www.adelaide.edu.au/alumni/chapters/library\\_chap.html](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/alumni/chapters/library_chap.html)

# Festival of Arts comes “home”

The University of Adelaide’s renowned Elder Hall will take centre stage during the Adelaide Festival of Arts.

By hosting major music, writing and cultural events it heralds the resumption of close relations between the university and the festival, which is fitting considering the festival was jointly founded in 1960 by Professor John Bishop, the fourth Elder Professor of Music and for the first three festivals its artistic director.

Current Elder Professor of Music and Dean of the Elder School of Music Professor Charles Bodman Rae said an outstanding music program will be performed at Elder Hall for two weeks of the Festival.

The **Beethoven Songline Series** includes 10 concerts taking place at 1pm each business day from Monday March 1, and feature two of Australia’s leading chamber ensembles, the university’s own ensemble-in-residence Australian String Quartet, and the Macquarie Trio.

They will showcase some of Beethoven’s most popular chamber works alongside new works by local composers Charles Bodman Rae, Mary Finsterer, Andrew Ford and Georges Lentz.

“The close relationship is highlighted by the involvement of the ASQ, our internationally acclaimed ensemble-in-residence,” Professor Bodman Rae said. “The ASQ will perform four concerts with each containing a world premiere, making for a special series of national significance.”

Internationally regarded pianists Boris Berman and Gerard Willems will also perform separate recitals during the two weeks. Sydney-based Willems will play and, along with piano maker Wayne Stuart, talk about the famous Stuart & Sons piano.



The interior of an acclaimed Stuart & Sons piano  
Photo by Carl Crossin

Pre-concert forums will be held before each concert, with all concerts and forums recorded and broadcast (some live to air) by ABC Classic FM.

Elder Hall will also host two important events for **Adelaide Writers Week**.

Two evening sessions featuring some of the world’s best-known writers talking about their work will take place at 8pm on March 1 and 2.

The March 1 session features visiting writers Margaret Atwood, Christian Bok, Jenny Uglow and Reginald Hill, while the March 2 session (which has sold out) showcases Isabel Allende, Clive James, Ruth Rendell and Jeanette Winterson.

On February 29 from 4pm, Elder Hall will hold the **Sacred Symposium**, a major indigenous arts and cultural forum consisting of high-profile indigenous arts and cultural experts as well as social commentators.

Among those participating are Marcia Langton, Banduk Marika, Stephen Page, Rachel Perkins, Djon Mundine, Mundaway Yunupingu, Terri Janke, Senator Aden Ridgeway and Ningali Lawford.

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[www.adelaidefestival.com.au](http://www.adelaidefestival.com.au)



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