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New study reveals chronic GP shortage

A NEW STUDY by the South Australian Centre for Rural and Remote Health (SACRRH) has shown some country areas of South Australia are chronically lacking in GPs, compared to the relatively well-served metropolitan area of Adelaide.

SACRRH, based at the University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia, has published the results of the study in its first Workforce Discussion Paper, released this month.

The study shows that there are 582 people for each GP in Adelaide. But in all other parts of the State, many more people have to share each GP. Indeed, in the Murray Lands as many as 1468 people share each GP: more than twice as many people per GP as in Adelaide.

The SACRRH study also attempts to assess how many GPs are needed in each area. The centre uses the death rate in each area as an estimate of need, and from this calculation a "Robin Hood Index" has been created

to measure how fairly resources are distributed.

According to the index, Adelaide is over-endowed with GPs, with the Yorke Peninsula, Lower North, Murray Lands and Northern areas most poorly served.

The study, using data provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics from the 1996 Census, found that 1860—or 85%—of South Australia's 2188 GPs work in Adelaide.

In contrast, only 73% of the population lives in Adelaide and residents of Adelaide tend to be healthier than people living in the country.

Professor David Wilkinson, the Director of SACRRH, said 253 or 11% of GPs would have to move to establish a fairer distribution of GPs across South Australia.

"Areas outside Adelaide have greater health needs than the capital and yet they share fewer GPs than the metropolitan area," he said.

"It's clear more resources need to be dedicated to country areas of the State. It should be noted that health workers and services other than GPs—such as pharmacists, nurses and allied health workers—are also needed to ensure a healthy community and SACRRH is studying distribution of these groups."

Professor Wilkinson stressed that the ABS data is limited in that it does not include information such as type and duration of service provided, and this may vary in the city and the country. He said more accurate GP workforce data was needed to make a firm proposal for what the actual levels of GP service should be in the city or country.

SACRRH, based in Whyalla, was established last year with Federal Government funds. It has already made an impact in a number of areas including vastly expanding rural placements for students of a range of medical courses and postgraduate

education awards to the value of \$50,000.

SACRRH, in its own right, is helping to improve clinical services for rural people. For example, the centre facilitated the development of public dental practices in Port Augusta and Whyalla and is a partner in a project to provide support and relief to the pharmacists working on the Eyre peninsula.

In the area of public health, SACRRH has established projects to study key aspects of mental health, rural injury, nutrition and youth needs in Whyalla.

In Aboriginal health, SACRRH has sourced \$500,000 to support capital works at Pika Wiya Health Service.

SACRRH has established a wide network of contacts within the state and nationally, and is now starting to publish reports and peer-reviewed articles.

—David Washington

Chancellor's portrait unveiled



ANOTHER FINE PORTRAIT by artist Robert Hannaford is to grace the walls of Bonython Hall. The portrait of the Chancellor, Mr Bruce Webb, was unveiled last week.

It is the seventh portrait commissioned by the University from Mr Hannaford.

'ALEX' model wins Eureka Prize

THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE'S Professor Hugh Possingham and Dr David Lindenmayer of ANU have won the POL Eureka Prize for Environmental Research for their application of an ecological model to conserve one of Australia's most controversial threatened species—Leadbeater's Possum.

Professor Possingham, the Professor of Environmental Science, and his colleague, Dr David Lindenmayer, from the ANU Centre for Resource Environmental Studies, were chosen for their application of a computer model developed by Professor Possingham in 1990.

The researchers developed the model called ALEX (Analysis of the Likelihood of Extinction) to try and save the Leadbeater's possum. The model predicts population growth and decline, based on variables such as infant mortality and the capacity of available resources to sustain the population.

"We have always had one major objective and that was to deliver practical outcomes that can assist in resolving environmental problems," Professor Possingham said.

"We combined our mathematical modelling skills with field and

ecological skills to develop a conservation plan for what is one of Australia's most controversial forest species."

Organisers of the Eureka Prize said the pair's work was "outstanding both scientifically and through its impact on global resource use".

Dr Lindenmayer and Professor Possingham are now considered world authorities on this largely American form of conservation analysis—Population Viability Analysis (PVA). They have been asked to write book chapters and present keynote addresses all over the world on their use of PVA to solve conservation management problems.

Professor Possingham has just returned from California where ALEX is being used by the California Fish and Wildlife Service to help save the threatened kit fox of the San Joaquin valley. The tiny desert fox is an icon for endangered species in the area.

The model has been embraced by government agencies and environmental organisations to evaluate the prospects of a variety of species. It is more user friendly than similar programs, works faster, models catastrophes such as fire, and can track several populations at once.



COMMENTARY

1999 INTERNATIONAL POSTGRADUATES UP AND RUNNING

It's been an interesting start to the academic year. In 1998 the media were predicting that the Asian economic crisis was going to cause huge holes in the International Programs of Australian universities. Here at the Integrated Bridging Program (IBP) we found ourselves scrambling for extra part-time staff to manage the surprise influx of overseas students. Numbers continued to swell, lecturers were crammed into already crowded offices, and the Resource Room was converted into a makeshift office for the last recruit.

It was a hive of activity. As the Intensive Phase of the program got under way at the beginning of February, there seemed to be a permanent queue of students at the front desk, and arguing in the classrooms. Lunch breaks were filled with tales of new students who seemed literally to have run from the airport, rather than miss any of their pre-semester classes with the IBP. We wondered what we'd done to enjoy such popularity.

For those unfamiliar with the work of the IBP, it is an innovative, language-based academic program for international postgraduate students. It was devised and is taught by academic staff from the Advisory Centre for University Education.

Introduced to the University in 1995, the program is designed to meet the

special needs of international postgraduate students as they make the transition to study in an Australian institution. In addition to running weekly workshops on core academic English skills, IBP lecturers regularly consult with individual students and collaborate with staff in the students' faculties. Strongly committed to a student-centred model, the IBP encourages students to direct their own learning, using their individual research interests as the basis for all language development.

In this context, English is not an additional subject to fit in between "real" classes, but the framework for research.

It is this emphasis on "integration" which differentiates the IBP from other pre-enrolment study skills programs or courses. Students' research is integrated with ongoing English language development, within the particular environment of university postgraduate study, and in the broader context of Australian culture. Other "bridging" courses tend to focus on the attainment of minimum English language proficiency scores and generic academic skills. Central to the philosophy of the IBP is the recognition that such a score is a starting point only, and that cultural exchange with international students

by
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demands a two-way relationship, which involves complex cross-cultural learning.

Last year the IBP was shortlisted for a prestigious Australian Award for University Teaching, in the category of "Support for the Special Needs of International Students". Recently, Margaret Cargill, the initiator of the program and winner of a 1997 Stephen Cole the Elder Prize for University Teaching, was invited to present IBP-based research in the UK. She spoke to staff at the Centre for English Language Education at Nottingham University, and at project "SMILE" (Strategies for the Management of Independent Learning Environments) at the University of Hull.

As coordinator of the IBP, I was delighted to accept an invitation last month from Professor John Swales, an internationally acclaimed expert in the field of genre theory and Director of the English Language Institute of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, to speak to his staff at the Institute. In particular, Professor Swales was interested in the structure, implementation, curriculum and pedagogy of the IBP here at the University of Adelaide.

The successful development of the IBP's student-directed and negotiated curriculum has also attracted

widespread interest from a number of other interstate and international institutions, several of whom are now trying to initiate similar programs. Following my presentations at the University of Michigan and at the International TESOL Conference in New York, collaborative work in the development of English Language Programs for international students is now under discussion.

Continued research is vital to the ongoing development of the Integrated Bridging Program. As more international students choose the University of Adelaide for postgraduate research, it will become increasingly important for the IBP to have a core of full-time staff to pursue research and professional development, in addition to the labour-intensive tasks of lecturing, consulting with students and collaborating with other University members.

The high levels of satisfaction expressed by students and staff, coupled with academic success, suggest that it would be valuable if the benefits of the IBP were made available to all incoming international students, including undergraduates. As an internationally recognised and applauded program, the IBP provides strong insurance that the University can count on the continuation of a strong and successful overseas student community.

Celebrating 
125 years

FROM NEAR AND FAR

Rev. Nevin Vawser graduated BEng (Electrical) in 1948. He was employed by the Electricity Trust of SA from 1947-54, which included special leave for graduate experience in England with the English Electric Co (1950-52). He did theological training at Ormond College in Melbourne (1955-57) and served in Presbyterian and Uniting Church parishes in Victoria, Tasmania, Northern Territory and Queensland from 1958-91. He was superintendent of Mowanjum Aboriginal Mission near Derby 1961-66, and Kimberley Regional Coordinator 1983-86. He now lives in Queensland.

The major thought which comes when one thinks about engineering courses done in the 40s is the incredible increase in knowledge and skills which has taken place since then and has to be coped with today. One significant difference in approach then was that in each of the branches of engineering, specialisation began much later in the course than today. As an electrical engineering student I experienced electronics introduced briefly in the final year.

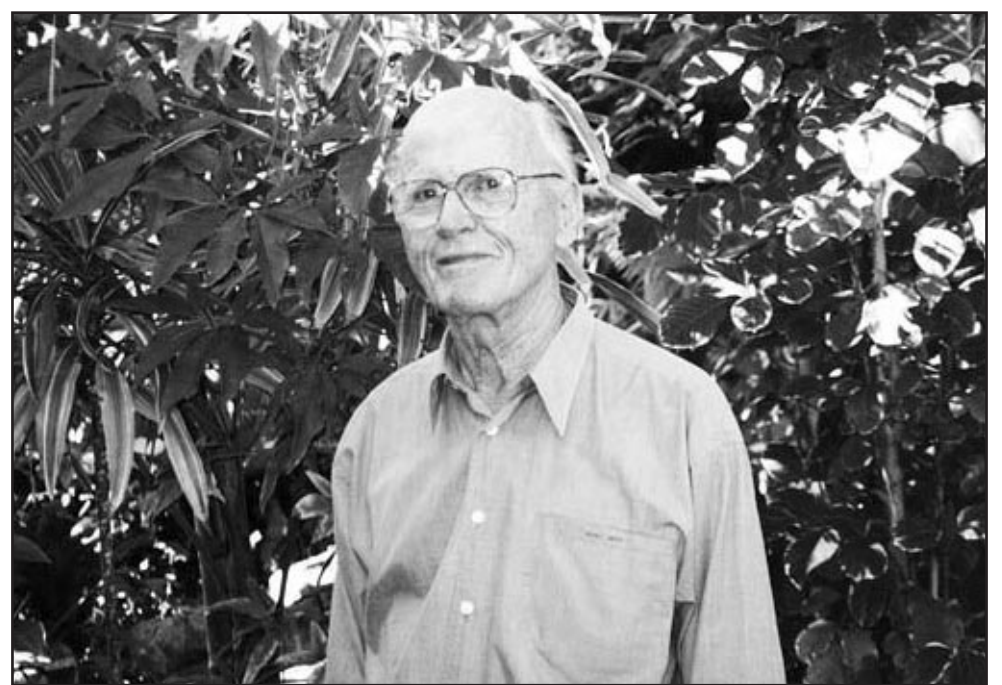
When I began in 1942 the course had been reduced from four years to three because of World War II, with the expectation that earlier graduation would make qualified engineers available to the forces sooner. Shorter vacations and longer lecture periods certainly brought greater pressure on the students, making it harder to cope for some such as myself.

The course included lectures at the University and at the School of Mines, so that when the course was completed a double recognition was received with the presentation of certificates from both establishments—which was nice for the ego!

One of the surprises I experienced during the course was to meet two young women students doing engineering. Typical of the times, I understood that engineering was a male occupation so it was quite a shock to meet up with two females. As I think back, it was the beginning for me of changing my attitude to accept generally that women are entitled to become involved in any occupation they prefer.

While the reality of the war was kept alive to some degree by coverage in the daily newspapers, the fact that the fighting was taking place in far distant places kept the war from our daily experiences. This changed, however, for me when a student appeared among us who was a repatriated soldier who had been severely injured in North Africa by an explosion close in front of him. The scarring on his face and hands made it clear how amazing it had been that he had survived. Working together in a laboratory, we would watch with sympathy as he rubbed a lump on his skin and extracted a piece of gravel which had been blasted into his body.

A very valuable experience for me was to be an active member of the Student Christian Movement. Adding to the experience from my local church, it was important for me to be able to



Rev. Nevin Vawser—from engineering to a church ministry. Photo courtesy of Nevin Vawser.

share discussions about the Christian faith with well educated and highly educated students from various faculties. Also, I was greatly impressed by the willingness of Emeritus Professor Charles Birch, retired from Sydney University, who was a lecturer at Adelaide University at the time, to share in and lead discussion groups of the SCM. It meant a great deal to me that such a philosophical and scientific person could have such a commitment to the Christian faith. One further great benefit granted by the SCM was that

by attending the first national conference after the war, held in Mittagong in NSW, I met a young woman named Betty Holdsworth from the Melbourne University SCM, whom I later married and with whom I will celebrate a golden wedding anniversary in the year 2000.

Aware of the privilege that was mine in attending the University of Adelaide, my hope is that systems of acceptance will enable as many South Australian students as possible to attend the University of Adelaide in the future.

Library's 2,000,000th item revealed

A SPECIAL publisher's edition of Geoffrey Dutton's final book of poems, *New York Nowhere*, has been revealed as the two millionth item acquired by the University's Barr Smith Library.

A beautifully hand-crafted limited edition, the book was the product of a collaboration between the publisher, Robert Littlewood of The Lytlewood Press in Victoria, painter John Olsen and Geoffrey Dutton.

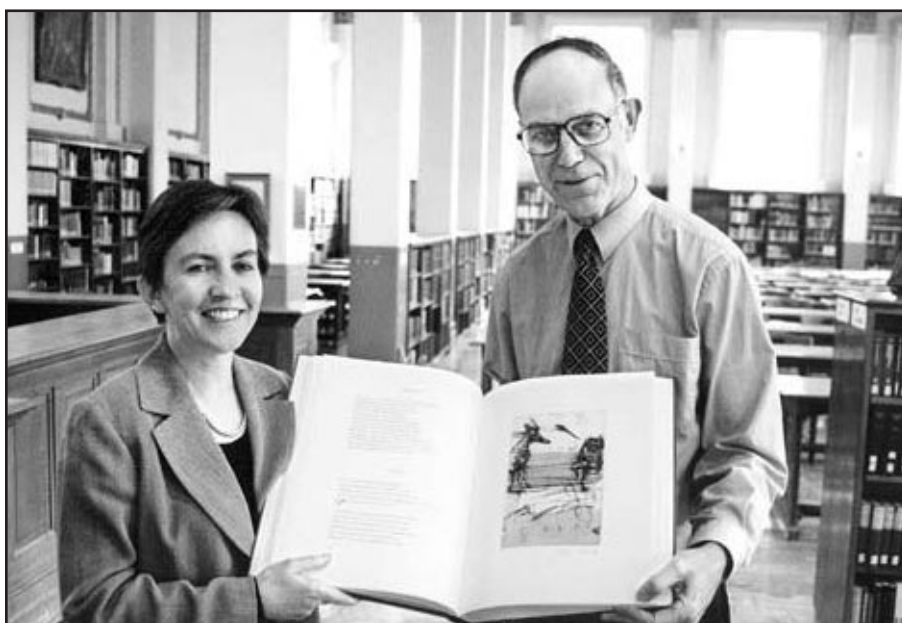
It includes 10 signed etchings by Olsen, photographs of the collaborators, and a CD recording of Dutton reading his poems.

Dutton, an Adelaide University graduate, was a member of the University's English Department from 1955 to 1962. The Barr Smith Library has a complete set of his publications in Special Collections.

At a celebration of the two millionth item, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Mary O'Kane, presented the special edition of *New York Nowhere* to Librarian Mr Ray Choate.

Professor O'Kane spoke about the Library being the "heart" of the University and noted that "a great library is integral to all great universities".

The celebration of the Library's collections was a fitting part of the University's 125th anniversary activities, she said.



Vice-Chancellor Professor Mary O'Kane and Librarian Mr Ray Choate with the special edition of Geoffrey Dutton's "New York Nowhere". Photo by David Ellis.

Also at the Celebration, Emeritus Librarian Ira Raymond recounted the experience of the Library achieving its 500,000th and one-millionth items during his tenure as University Librarian.

These items, a facsimile copy of the Gutenberg Bible (acquired in 1969) and a first edition of Galileo's *Discorsi e Dimostrazioni Matematiche* (acquired in 1979), are now

joined by the special edition of Geoffrey Dutton's work.

Mr Choate said the occasion of the two millionth acquisition was an opportunity to honour the previous acquisitions and to speculate on their value, in an intellectual sense, to successive generations of students, staff and other users of the Library over more than 120 years.

Sixth KL graduation is very special

THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE will conduct its sixth Graduation Celebration in Malaysia on Sunday, 23 May—and it's special for several reasons.

First, the ceremony will witness the largest-ever contingent of graduates crossing the stage in the Grand Ballroom at Kuala Lumpur's Hotel Nikko to receive their parchments from the Chancellor, Mr Bruce Webb AM.

139 new graduates will be present—more than double the number of recent years.

Second, the ceremony marks the

graduation of the first major cohort to have travelled to Adelaide from the University's twinning program with Sepang Institute of Technology at Klang. Of the 139 students, 89 completed their degrees in Adelaide under the twinning program, with the majority graduating in the School of Commerce.

Mr Martin Markovic, the Associate Dean, International, for the School of Commerce, said the School has been delighted with the performance of the first large group of SIT students who completed their studies in Adelaide last year.

"They have performed remarkably

well, in the sense that the vast majority will be graduating," he said. "The feedback we have received from students has been incredibly positive."

The third reason why tomorrow's ceremony is so special is that it's the first to be conducted under a generous five-year joint sponsorship by Clipsal Manufacturing (M) Sdn Bhd and Clipsal Malaysia Sdn Bhd.

Guest speaker for the occasion is the Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Putra Malaysia, Professor Tan Sri Dato' Dr Syed Jalaludin Syed Salim.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Making Kenneth Stirling proud



Dr Jeff Langdon's review of recent achievements by workers at 5UV (*Adelaidean* 19/4/99) prompts me to recall the donor who gave \$100,000 to the University of Adelaide with the wish that an educational radio station be set up as an extension of the University's face-to-face program in continuing education.

Almost 30 years ago Kenneth Stirling, an economics graduate of the University, who had worked in the mining industry and had keen interests in Australian history and in conservation, gave the money

anonymously. 5UV began transmitting in 1972 and the sad occasion for publishing the donor's name was his death in 1973.

Though the donation in today's money would be worth much more, the limited funds for production staff at 5UV affected the range of educational courses which it offered. However, imaginative staff members found sources of outside grants for general adult education and vocational courses, and air time was also sold, in the 1970s, to Flinders University, the Adelaide College of Advanced Education, the Department of Technical and Further Education and the WEA.

The early problem of extending

broadcast hours was solved by enlisting the help of enthusiastic volunteer presenters of many kinds of music; and the community was further helped by granting access time to university students, ethnic groups, the print handicapped, and older persons.

I hope Kenneth Stirling would have been pleased with what 5UV has achieved, particularly in providing high standard training for future workers in radio, and the initial experience for staff of other public stations such as 5EBI, 5RPH and the Aboriginal station 5NPY.

Colin Lawton
Lower Mitcham



It's Good News Week

Last week was Science Week. As a University deservedly well known for its achievements in Science we were at the centre of a series of events promoting Science to the public, but most importantly, to the very young public. They will be the ones to undertake the practice and management of Science in the 21st Century when no doubt it will play an even more central role in our society than in this Century. Congratulations to Sarah Farrelly, Chris Daniels and the Faculty of Science for organising a super celebration of Science in the form of three major public lectures which were a great hit with the younger general public. Mike Tyler, David Paton and Mike Kokkinn (University of South Australia) spoke on Monday about "When Friends Become Pests—Cats, Koalas, Frogs and Mosquitoes". On Wednesday, Lou Rendina and Dennis Taylor risked their lives in "The Lou and Dennis Explosive Chemistry Show", and on Friday by popular demand Chris Daniels, Rob Saint and Ben McHenry (South Australian Museum) staged a repeat of their captivating lecture "Hollywood Dinosaurs—Truth is Stranger Than Fiction", a great idea originally developed by Gerald Butfield. Also on Friday our Inaugural Lecture series featured Professor Peter Langridge speaking on "Genes for food, food for thought", a very wide-ranging and informative lecture on genetically modified organisms.

The week was also marked by other celebrations. Congratulations are due to Professor Hugh Possingham, of our Department of Applied and Molecular Ecology, who won the POL Eureka Prize for Environmental Research, with Dr David Lindenmayer from the Australian National University. The award recognises their outstanding collaborative work on population modelling for the conservation of Australia's forest fauna, and in particular for the development of a conservation plan for Leadbeater's possum. The Prize was presented at an award ceremony held at the Australian Museum on Tuesday night. Then on Thursday night the Australian Technology Awards were announced. Camtech (SA) Pty Ltd was a finalist in the category "Excellence in the development of electronic commerce and internet technology"; and we were thrilled that PhD student and entrepreneur Vladimir Petrovic's company, DADANCO Pty Ltd—a tenant on our Thebarton Campus—won the Australian Technology Award for Excellence in the Development of Technology from an organisation employing less than 50 people. DADANCO's godfather is, of course, Sam Luxton. This year DADANCO has been selected as a finalist in the Australia Day Council of SA Business Awards, Vladimir won the Ernst and Young South Australian Entrepreneur of the Year Award, and Sam has been named a "Hero of Science" at the annual Clunies Ross National Science and Technology Awards—an impressive record indeed. So congratulations all! And now I must race off at the behest of the Students' Association, to launch Sex Week.

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Asia-Pacific mobility

THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE has become the only university in South Australia to be awarded University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific (UMAP) grants by the Federal Government this year.

The grants enable students to participate in exchange programs with other universities in the Asia-Pacific region. They also supply funding for Australian university staff to pursue further exchange opportunities abroad.

All study undertaken in an overseas country under the UMAP scheme is counted towards the Australian students' degrees. Students also gain wider and invaluable experience from having lived and studied in another country, opening up both personal and professional development opportunities.

The Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs, Dr David Kemp, announced the line-up of UMAP grants in March this year. Of the those awarded in South Australia, all were given to the University of Adelaide.

They include:

- grants for six undergraduate students in the School of Architecture to undertake a 12-week in-country program at the University of Indonesia, and a subsidised visit by a School of Architecture staff member to negotiate arrangements for student exchanges;

- a subsidised visit by a staff member in the Faculty of Engineering to negotiate student exchanges with the University of Hong Kong, City University of Hong Kong, and the Hong Kong University of Science & Technology; and

- two subsidised visits by a staff member to the Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Technology to negotiate arrangements for a student exchange in Mechatronic Engineering.

The Dean of Architecture, Professor Tony Radford, said the student exchanges to Indonesia would be delayed until at least next year because of political instability in that country.

Cole Prizes for our top teachers



Di Schwerdt

OUTSTANDING teaching efforts by three University of Adelaide staff members have been rewarded with this year's Stephen Cole the Elder Prizes for Excellence in Teaching.

The prizes, presented during the Commemoration Ceremonies in April, were awarded to Dr Derek Abbott (Electrical & Electronic Engineering), Dr Judith Raftery (Public Health), and Dr Dianne Schwerdt (English).

The Stephen Cole the Elder Prizes are nominated by colleagues and students.

Dr Derek Abbott, who completed his PhD in Electronic Engineering at the University of Adelaide, joined the department in 1987.

His teaching responsibilities have included teaching electronics to engineering students in courses where electronics is not the main focus. The principal challenge has been to demonstrate the relevance of the subject to students and to stimulate their interest and generate enthusiasm.

Dr Abbott's success in achieving these aims is testified to by his colleagues and students who speak of his enthusiasm for his subject and for teaching.

One student who wrote in support of Dr Abbott's nomination noted that electronics was a difficult subject which could often lead to a somewhat dry teaching style, but: "Dr Abbott avoids this with his interactive style of lecturing, and gives continuous encouragement to attend to the material."

Dr Abbott introduced an innovative level of interaction with students, answering any question they had about their topic and providing feedback to questions via email. He



Derek Abbott

also offered cash prizes (whatever he had in his wallet at the time) to the student who asked the best question of the day.

Students expressed their appreciation of his accessibility, friendliness, genuine concern and, importantly, his sense of humour.

Dr Judith Raftery was first appointed to the Department of Public Health in 1989 as a Senior Teaching Fellow, and then promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1998. She is currently convener of the Master of Public Health.

In defining the goals of the Master of Public Health program, Dr Raftery states that "we encourage open-ended reflection and debate on what makes for a healthy society and aim to equip students to become reflective and critical—as health practitioners, as advocates for the health of the public, and as citizens".

Dr Raftery's colleagues speak of her clear-sighted leadership of the Master of Public Health program, her outstanding ability in the design and delivery of education programs, her enthusiasm for teaching and her desire to promote student learning.

Her postgraduate students spoke about her genuine warmth and concern, her capacity to deal sensitively and insightfully with situations affecting students' learning, and her generosity with time and resources. She possessed an ability "to motivate and stimulate and also to question and criticise in a way which does not diminish [students'] self-confidence but extends them to their intellectual limits".

Dr Raftery has also been prominent in the development of teaching in the



Judith Raftery

area of Aboriginal health, which is now included in various Faculty of Health Sciences courses.

Dr Dianne Schwerdt holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Master of Arts and PhD degrees from the University of Adelaide. In 1991 she joined the Department of English.

Dr Schwerdt states that a teacher who strives for excellence is one "who combines a thorough and extensive knowledge of the field with a passionate desire to share this with others... who has soundly developed communicative and interpersonal skills and is skilled at promoting an effective learning environment for students... whose teaching is innovative and challenging, providing ample opportunity for the intellectual development of students in an environment that encourages individuals to challenge their interactions with text, subject matter, personal opinion and experience".

Of her visit to the University of Connecticut, one of her international colleagues wrote: "She impressed... not only as an expert, but as a teacher genuinely pursuing new ideas and conscientiously seeking to augment an already impressive array of teaching strategies. We learned much from her."

One of her students, writing in support of her nomination, said she "is sensitive to the interests of her students, maintaining the delicate balance between discipline and flexibility.

"Each person was encouraged to participate both as a student and as an individual, and Di brought us together in a supportive environment that allows us to explore the texts within our own frames of reference."

—David Ellis

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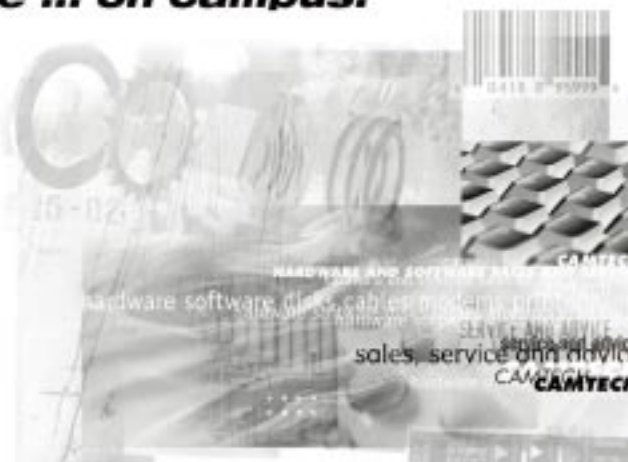
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Jared Thomas - a "Flash Red Ford" in Africa

JARED THOMAS might not be a household name in his home city of Adelaide, but he's already carved a name for himself in the African nations of Uganda and Kenya.

The 23-year-old writer's first play, *Flash Red Ford*, has been staged several times in both countries, to critical and popular success.

Flash Red Ford is a satire based on the true story of Mr Thomas's grandfather, Alex Thomas, a Nukunu Aboriginal man from Port Augusta who won the Stawell Gift foot race in the 1920s. Alex Thomas was accused of cheating because he ran the race barefoot; he later suffered reprisals when he tried to use his winnings to buy land.

A two-time University of Adelaide graduate (BA majoring in Drama, 1997, and a Graduate Diploma in Creative Writing, 1999), Jared Thomas, himself a Nukunu man, is also a Student Support Officer with the University's Aboriginal Programs Unit, Wilto Yerlo.

He began writing *Flash Red Ford* at the age of 18 while studying for his Arts degree.

"That was the first time I'd really committed myself to writing a full-length play," Mr Thomas explained.

"When I started doing the research for the play, I spent a lot of time delving into the history of Port Augusta, which has been racially divided over the years. Most of the characters are either based on people I've had experience with or people I've read about in the history books," he said.

Those characters not only include the young Alex Thomas, who fought for his right to own land, but also a racist and corrupt mayor, an equally corrupt police constable, a well-meaning but misguided missionary, and a woman journalist trying to survive in a man's world. The "Flash Red Ford" of the title is a new Model-T Ford which the mayor has his heart set on, the image of which plays a key role throughout the play.

Mr Thomas said he originally spent about a year rewriting and seeking the advice of both prominent indigenous and non-indigenous Australian and African writers and directors. His aim was to increase the relevance of the play in an East African context while maintaining its distinct Australian flavour.

"The first version of the play was much more realistic, based around the real story. But as I met with different writers and directors, the general message was: 'don't let the truth get in the way of a good story'. So the message is still there, it's still pretty personal, but there are more fictional elements now."

His interest in having the play produced in Africa stemmed from his love of West African literature.

"When studying African literature, immediately I noticed the similarities between their experiences and ours, in terms of colonisation and culture. I wanted to see what their response would be to the play and I also wanted to talk to black Africans about Aboriginal culture," he said.

At the 1997 Young International Playwrights Conference, Mr Thomas met directors from Uganda and Kenya who were interested in staging *Flash Red Ford*.

It was finally staged in Uganda—at packed theatres—in December last year, and 16 performances followed in Uganda and Kenya in March this year.

"The response was very positive, very overwhelming," said Mr Thomas, who was treated especially well by the Ugandans and was even introduced to the country's President, Yoweri Museveni.

"Because the race relations issue in those countries is not as relevant as it is in Australia at the moment, what the audiences responded to most were the issues of government corruption and the emancipation of women.

"It was also really good to speak to them about the cultural issues. What I found was that a lot of people in Africa didn't even know that there are black people in Australia. If I showed them photos, they'd say: 'These people are African'. I'd say: 'No they're not—they're Australians'. And they'd say: 'When did they leave Africa?'"

The prevalence of HIV/AIDS in Africa was one of the aspects of life on the continent that Mr Thomas found most devastating. In Uganda, one in five people is infected.

"A lot of the people I was in contact with regularly had lost family members or friends to AIDS. One had lost both her parents, another had lost two brothers, others had lost children—everyone had been affected in some way.

"On my first day in Uganda I visited a man who had acted in the December performance of my play. He was in hospital—well, I thought it was a hospital, until I got there and found it was an AIDS clinic. The man was in a devastating condition and the state of the clinic was appalling. So the problem there is beyond comprehension—it debilitates people physically, emotionally and economically," he said.

Mr Thomas, who not only writes plays but also poetry and short fiction, said he would continue making minor rewrites to *Flash Red Ford* based on the performances in Africa.

"I've taken a lot of notes and hours of video footage, so I'll be referring to those records and amending the script accordingly," he said.

"I'd like to have *Flash Red Ford* produced in Australia sometime in the near future, so I'll look into that as soon as I can. I guess I've already done all the hard work on it overseas, so now it's just a matter of getting it done here."

Meantime, Mr Thomas—whose work



Noah Katongale (centre) played Alex Thomas in "Flash Red Ford" at The Institute of Teacher Education Kyambogo Golden Jubilee Celebrations in Kampala, Uganda. Photo by Jared Thomas.



Jared Thomas. Photo by David Ellis

has been supported by the Federal Government through the Arts Council of Australia and the State Government through ArtsSA—is working on a new play with the Junction Theatre Company and a feature film with

assistance from the SA Film Corporation. One of his short stories was published last year in an anthology by ABC Books, *Across Country: Stories From Aboriginal Australia*.

—David Ellis

National Science Week success

MORE THAN 1000 South Australians were exposed to the exciting and sometimes unpredictable nature of Science during National Science Week at the University of Adelaide this month.

Three very diverse and informative presentations were hosted by the Faculty of Science, which were open free of charge to people of all ages, backgrounds and interests.

Due to overwhelming demand from the public, all presentations were moved from their original advertised location to Union Hall, which seats over 400 people.

Monday night's presentation ("When Friends Become Pests - Cats, Koalas, Frogs and Mosquitoes", 3 May) had in excess of 250 people, and also attracted the interest of the ABC, which filmed the presentation for television viewing.

Wednesday night's presentation ("The Lou and Dennis Explosive Chemistry Show", 5 May) went out with an enthralling bang to an audience of over 420 people, while Friday night's presentation ("Hollywood Dinosaurs - Fact Is Stranger Than Fiction", 7 May) also exceeded booking capacity.

"Would you please pass on my thanks for an entertaining

and enjoyable show," commented one member of the public. "My two kids and myself were enthralled by the demonstrations, and the presenters."

Another said: "Thoroughly enjoyed the Lou and Dennis show last night - most entertaining. Could you reserve me two seats for Friday's dinosaur show?"

"The demand and response to these shows has illustrated a real interest and excitement for Science from an enormous array of people, ranging in age from seven to 70," said Miss Sarah Farrelly, Academic Services Officer in the Faculty of Science and co-organiser of the National Science Week events, with Dr Chris Daniels from the Department of Environmental Biology.

"Each presentation was designed to be multi-authored and used multimedia to deliver the message that science is intriguing and fun, and to de-myth the age-old conception that all scientists are old men in white lab coats.

"A great deal of time and effort from staff, students and invited guests was involved in bringing these presentations to the public, and we're very pleased about the huge attendances and positive response to each of the shows."

Profile: Riding the crest of a wave to Adelaide

PROFESSOR IAN YOUNG came to the University of Adelaide to take up the position of Executive Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences, after having occupied several senior positions at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) in Canberra, which he left in January this year.

During his undergraduate years, he attended James Cook University in Townsville to study civil engineering, going on to complete a PhD there in 1984 in coastal engineering and oceanography. He then carried out post-doctoral research for two years at the Max Plank Institute in Germany into meteorology and ocean waves, looking particularly at the use of radar to collect wave measurements for numerical modelling.

In 1986 he returned to James Cook University as a senior tutor, during which time he won a Queensland Fellowship for the study of marine science. Three years later, he took up a lecturing post in civil engineering at ADFA. He was appointed Associate Professor in 1994 and continued his rise through the ranks to the position of Acting Rector in 1998.

Curiously, much of his work at ADFA was financed by the US Navy—a driving force in oceanographic research worldwide. During the Cold War, a large part of its research centred on keeping track of the Soviet fleet in the deep oceans, but after the USSR's demise, its concerns shifted towards getting troops safely ashore



Professor Ian Young—interest in cross-over between disciplines. Photo: David Ellis

during peacekeeping missions.

Professor Young, as an eminent researcher on coastal oceanography worldwide, was an obvious candidate for support. He, in turn, has found the US Navy suitably beneficent because it is willing to support long-term exploratory research along with short-term problem-solving projects. He was funded to conduct large-scale research into wind-generated waves which he carried out from his home base hundreds of kilometres inland using

the shallow waters of nearby Lake George. The Australian Research Council also contributed significantly to this project.

Another of Professor Young's research projects involves gathering information about global wave patterns via satellite remote sensing technology, working with the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena USA. The data collected forms the basis of a computer model which can predict wave patterns in

any part of the globe.

This information is available on CD to shipping companies wanting to accurately predict the most economical courses for ships as well as navigation times between ports, and for coastal engineers engaged in designing new port and coastal facilities.

In taking up his current position at the University of Adelaide, Ian Young brings with him valuable administrative experience gained during his years at the smaller and more integrated ADFA community where there was considerable intermingling between engineering, sciences and the humanities.

While he notes that the disciplines of engineering, mathematics and computer science at his new posting have produced outstanding research efforts over the years, he sees scope, via a little cross fertilisation, for them to work more cohesively and thereby produce even better outcomes. Under his guidance, the rigour of computing and mathematics would inform the more practically oriented approach of engineering, and vice versa.

It was this potential cross-over between disciplines which particularly attracted him to the position of Executive Dean in the first place because it matches closely with his own strengths and interests as a researcher. He looks forward to a long and exciting tenure at the University of Adelaide during which to explore these possibilities.

—Tony Cox

UPCOMING INAUGURAL LECTURES

• Friday 21 May

Professor Peter Rathjen (Biochemistry): "Embryonic cell differentiation: the basis for a new medicine".

• Friday 28 May

Professor Robert Norman (Obstetrics & Gynaecology): "Assisted Reproductive Technology in the 21st Century: Is Nature Getting too Slow?"

Lecture Theatre 102, Napier Building at 1.15pm.

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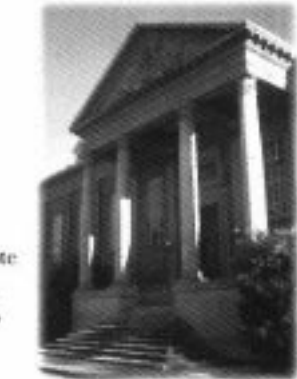
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Technology aims to teach politeness to mobile phones

A SOLUTION to the nuisance of mobile phones ringing inappropriately in public has been developed by research engineers at the Centre for Telecommunications Information Networking (CTIN) at the University of Adelaide's Thebarton Campus.

This major development is expected to be welcomed by mobile phone users and others annoyed or upset by mobile phones ringing in restaurants, cinemas, theatres, conferences and other public places.

A more sophisticated development than the simplistic jamming devices that have been recently promoted as solving the problem of unwanted mobile calls, the CTIN Politeness solution proposes to use BLUETOOTH™ wireless technology, an initiative of a consortium made up of Ericsson, Nokia, IBM, Intel Corporation and Toshiba.

"Our approach has been driven by a desire to build politeness into the technology without punishing other users of mobile telephones in the same geographic area," CTIN Research Engineer Mr John Leske said.

Using BLUETOOTH™ wireless technology, it will be possible to set up a 'politeness' zone where mobile telephones will automatically switch to silent mode. Other functions of the telephone will not be affected, so users will still be able to use the non-audible call alert and make calls if necessary.

Mr Leske said most mobile phone users would prefer the telephone to automatically

act with a 'conscience' and turn to silent mode where appropriate.

Professor Reg Coutts, Director of CTIN, said the use of BLUETOOTH™ technology was a superior technical solution to what is effectively a social problem.

"The problem is that human beings don't always remember to turn off their phones in the appropriate location or at the appropriate time. Unfortunately the use of jamming devices is an extreme way of solving the problem and creates technical difficulties for other mobile telephone users in the vicinity of the device, but out of the designated jamming zone," Prof Coutts said.

For example, jamming devices prevent people from making emergency calls, and the jamming signal effects the signal from other phones in and around the geographic area where it is applied.

With BLUETOOTH™ technology, mobile phone users outside of the politeness zone will not experience any disruption to service, Professor Coutts said.

It is also cheaper than jamming devices, which typically cost between \$1,000-\$2,000. By comparison, a Politeness zone module for a restaurant would only cost about \$40.

Professor Coutts said the CTIN proposal had already generated a high level of interest from mobile phone operators and manufacturers.

Collette Snowden

PhD graduate world's oldest—it's official!

WHEN HE GRADUATED with his PhD in Economics back in 1997, the *Adelaidean* speculated that Dr Ernest Easton, then 87 years of age, might have been the oldest PhD graduate in the world.

That speculation has now given way to confirmation—from none other than the Guinness Book of World Records.

Having conducted detailed research, Guinness is convinced that Dr Easton holds the world record as the oldest PhD graduate in history.

Dr Easton, who lives at Carrickalinga south of Adelaide, received a letter and a certificate from the Guinness Book of World Records in March.

He said it was both a surprise and an honour to receive the formal notification.

"My reaction has been a combination of being thrilled and amused by all this," Dr Easton said.

"The Guinness Book of World Records has obviously taken it very seriously and researched it deeply. They asked me for proof of my age and proof of my qualifications, and then I didn't hear anything from them for a long time, until this.

"It's an unusual but pleasant honour."

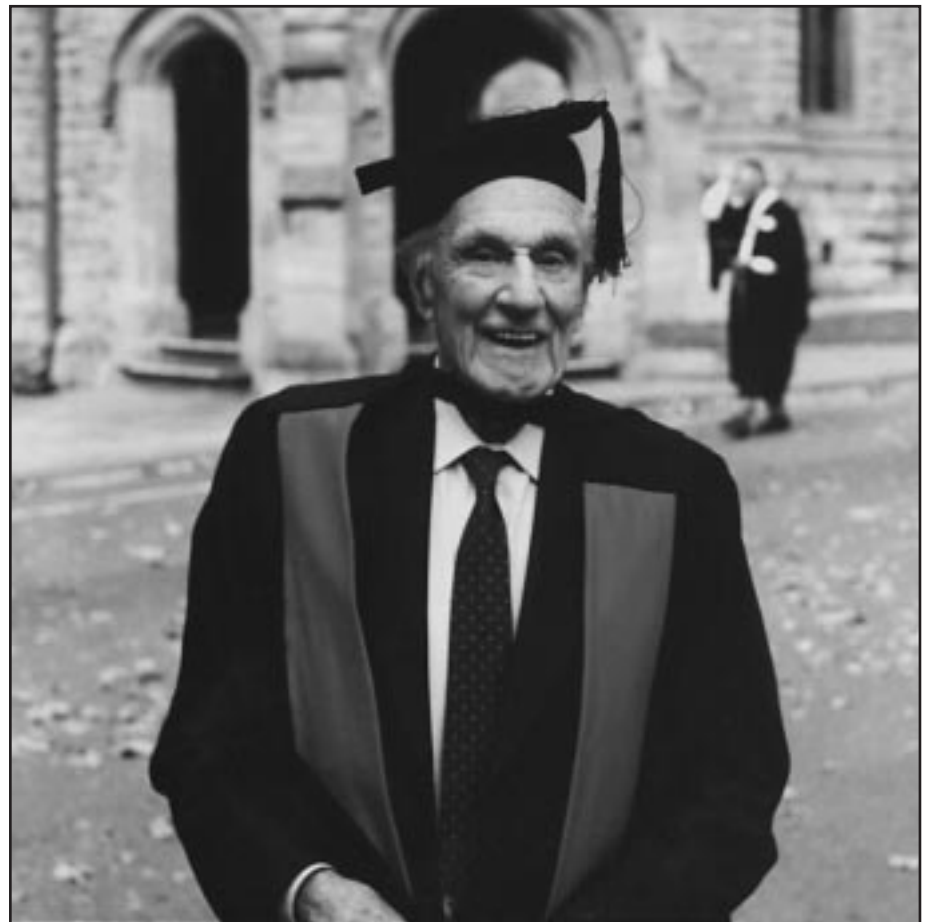
Dr Easton received his PhD in Economics at the University of Adelaide in April 1997, having completed a 190-page thesis which dealt with the impact of the cost of rail freight on Australia's coal mining industry.

He has worked as a transport consultant to the mining industry since 1978, and specifically with the coal mining industry since 1984, with major Australian and multinational companies.

Even today, at age 89, Dr Easton is actively engaged in his profession. His thesis, which concluded that the coal mining industry was being charged too much for rail freight, thereby reducing its ability to compete on the export market, has generated a great deal of discussion in industry circles about the issue.

Dr Easton said his PhD, which was the first degree he had undertaken since earning his Master of Arts back in 1946, was proof that "you're never too old to learn".

—David Ellis



Dr Easton on his graduation on 28 April, 1997. Photo: David Ellis.

Deputy-Chancellor resigns

MS JANINE HAINES has resigned after six years as a member of University Council and two years as Deputy Chancellor.

The Council this month expressed its deep appreciation of Ms Haines' contribution to the University.

She was a member of Council elected by the University Senate and an election will be held on 19 July, 1999. The Acting Council Secretary, Mr Rex Hanney, has been appointed returning officer. Advertisements calling for nominations will appear in *The Advertiser* soon.

Council members are expected to elect a new Deputy Chancellor at the Council meeting on 28 June.

Annual General Meeting

In accordance with clause 20.1.2 of the Constitution of the University of Adelaide Alumni Association notice is given to members that the 1999 Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Thursday 24 June 1999 at 7.30pm in Napier Lecture Theatre 102, Napier Building, North Terrace Campus.

In accordance with clause 20.1.3 of the Constitution members are advised that any proposed amendments to the Constitution and any motions or items of other business to be considered at the Annual General Meeting must be received by the Executive Secretary not later than 5.00pm on Friday 4 June 1999.

GEOFFREY SAUER
Executive Secretary



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Books in My Life

THE NEXT in the Friends of the State Library's "Wednesdays at One" series will be held on 2 June in the Institute Building, North Terrace. The speaker is Elizabeth Silsbury, who will discuss the books which have shaped her life.

An Adelaide Arts and Music graduate (BA 1956, MusBac 1959), Elizabeth Silsbury is a Visiting Scholar at Flinders University and is currently engaged in writing a definitive history of the State Opera of SA.

Elizabeth Silsbury has been music director for the Adelaide Chorus, a member of the original Music Board of the Australia Council, and founder of the music course at the then Sturt CAE. She assisted in establishing State Opera, and held a Churchill Fellowship—among a wide range of activities which in 1985 saw her receive the OAM for services to music and music education.

Admission \$5/\$3. Time: 1.00pm.

Corrigendum

An article which appeared in the *Adelaidean* on 19 April 1999, page 7: *Harry Lander—natural gift for lateral thinking*, stated that Dr Lander died on 30 December 1998, aged 79. Dr Lander was actually 70 years old when he passed away.

JOHN EDGE
Editor



Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Hon. Neil Andrew, with his wife Carolyn and daughter Kathryn after the Law graduation ceremony on Wednesday 28 April, at which Mr Andrew delivered the Occasional Address and his daughter graduated LLB.

What makes a Masterpiece?

THE FIRST symposium ever organised by Ausdance in South Australia, What Makes a Masterpiece?, will be held in the Institute Building on Saturday 5 June.

Convened by dance critic Alan Brissenden and sponsored by Friends of the Australian Ballet (SA), Arts SA, the State Library and the Australian Dance Council-Ausdance (SA) Inc, the symposium has been planned to coincide with the program *Masterpieces of the 20th Century* by Leigh Warren and Dancers at the Optima Playhouse from 2-5 June.

Among those presenting papers on historical, present and future perspectives on dance are Marilyn Rowe, Director of the Australian Ballet School, American choreologist Bronwen Curry, Susan Street, Professor of Dance at Queensland University of Technology, Dr Anita Donaldson from the Elder Conservatorium School of Performing Arts, Sydney dance historian Amanda Card and dance critics Celia Brissenden, Robin Grove and Jill Sykes.

• 9.30am - 5pm, Saturday 5 June. Lecture Room, Institute Building, North Terrace. Information & bookings: Mardi Jennings, tel 08 8231 9407, fax 08 8212 5699, email <ausdance@camtech.net.au>.

“..ISM” explores theatrical genres

A NEW SEASON for the University of Adelaide Theatre Guild gets under way on Saturday 22 May with a triple-bill at the Bakehouse Theatre in Angas Street.

At a time for reflection on the developments achieved on stage from this century, the Theatre Guild has chosen to showcase several “isms”—Expressionism with Georg Büchner’s *Woyzeck*, Absurdism with David Campton’s *Out of the Flying Pan*, and Epic Theatre with Howard Brenton’s *The Education Of Skinny Spew*.

Directed by former University of Adelaide drama students Sasha Zahra, Liz Follett and Andrew Garsden, “..ISM” also marks the Theatre Guild’s first venture to the Bakehouse Theatre (formerly the Red Shed), which is fast becoming an established venue for Adelaide’s smaller companies.

“*Out Of The Flying Pan* directly parallels the absurd political environment we are experiencing—negotiations that go nowhere, diplomats incapable of communicating. This play is a brief burst of hilarious double talking confusion,” says director Liz Follett, who loves the “..ISM” concept.



“It’s a perfect opportunity for audiences to experience samples of major 20th century theatrical styles in the one evening,” she said.

The Education of Skinny Spew is a viciously amusing story of the upbringing of a difficult child.

“Skinny is a hard child to cope with; even in the womb he has an attitude,” says director Andrew Garsden. “This play criticises upbringing of children and the adverse effect that institutions can have.”

The third play for the evening, *Woyzeck*, is an early expressionistic piece which follows the story of its eponymous anti-hero, a rolling stone wandering Germany in the 1790s looking for work, who through no lack of initiative continues to meet

misfortune. As his mental state deteriorates, and he complains of hearing ‘voices’, we are faced with the tragic results of humiliation built up over years of tribulation.

The Bakehouse will also be the venue for the Theatre Guild’s second production in August, Ben Jonson’s classic comedy of greed, *Volpone*, to be directed by Adelaide graduate Gina Tsikouras.

The company moves back to campus and the Little Theatre for its final production in October, a home-grown comedy finale to the 1990s called, *It’s a Bug Baby!*

The Little Theatre will also be the venue in July and September for one-off, Sunday afternoon moved readings of “Classic Curiosities”—Ben Jonson’s *Sejanus* and Percy Bysshe Shelley’s *The Cenci*, directed by Tim Mares and Alex Kirk respectively.

• “..ISM” is at The Bakehouse Theatre, 22 May to 5 June, at 7.30pm. Tickets \$15/\$10 (\$7 Guild members). Bookings/enquiries: Morag Skinner at the Theatre Guild, 8303 5999.

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News

Since the departure of former Station Manager, Jeff Langdon, to take up a public service appointment in Melbourne, an interim team has been put in place. Laine Langridge has moved into the position of Acting Station Manager and Deb Welch has been appointed Acting Program Manager.

Although in a transition period, nothing is standing still at 5UV. Continuing its innovative use of the World Wide Web for broadcasting, the AW Jones Lecture given by Vice Chancellor, Professor Mary O’Kane, on Friday, 7 May was broadcast locally and simultaneously live round the world. The lecture is also still available on 5UV’s audio-on-demand facility.

The big new programming leap is back into the saddle with a new drivetime show called “The Range”. From 4pm to 6pm weekdays beginning 31 May. You’ll hear more about this in the next *Adelaidean*.

Laine Langridge, Acting Station Manager

Journey of Healing Day

THE NATIONAL SORRY DAY COMMITTEE has invited the whole Australian community to join with them in a Journey of Healing to be launched on 26 May, the first anniversary of Sorry Day.

The Journey of Healing is an invitation to all who want to help the healing process—the healing of the stolen generations, the healing of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, the healing of the non-Aboriginal peoples and the healing of relationships between us all.

At the University of Adelaide, this Day will be commemorated with a special Journey of Healing organised by UANTaR (University of Adelaide for Native Title and Reconciliation). The Journey will begin at 12noon at the Peace Pole, Wills Court, with a brief introductory ceremony featuring

a “Welcome to Country” and a performance by the CASM (Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music) Choir. It will then proceed through the central campus area to the Barr Smith Lawns, where the event will continue until 2pm with additional speeches, music provided by CASM, and a barbecue courtesy of the Postgraduate Students’ Association.

Speakers will include the Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith; the Director of Wilto Yerlo, Mr Roger Thomas; and Mr Che Cockatoo-Collins and other indigenous students at the University of Adelaide. All staff and students are warmly invited to participate.

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9.00am Social Inquiry: Gender Studies Level 1 & 2 students: Situated Knowledge and Feminist Epistemology by Professor Dorothy Smith (OISE, Toronto, Canada). Venue: Contact Social Inquiry - 8303 3715.

12noon Child Health Research Institute Seminar: Ethanol, Zinc and the Foetus by Dr Allan Rofe (Clinical Chemistry, IMVS). Seminar Room, 7th Floor, Rieger Building, WCH.

1.10pm Anatomical Sciences Seminar: Cell cycle control of DNA replication by Dr S Dalton (Biochemistry). Rm S127, Medical School South.

3.15pm Anthropology Seminar: Puleeta: Iconic Representations of the Inner and Outer Cosmos by Arthur Saniotis. Room 722, 7th Floor, Napier.

WEDNESDAY 19 MAY

11.00am Social Inquiry Seminar: Pay Equity in North America by Prof M Hallock (Uni of Oregon). Seminar Rm, 3rd Floor, 10 Pulteney St.

1.00pm Open Forum: A presentation on the University's financial position by Tony Siebert (Executive Director, Finance & Infrastructure). Kerr Grant Lecture Theatre, Physics Building. Time will be allowed for questions and answers - all staff invited.

1.10pm Geology & Geophysics Seminar: Crustal Stress in the Next Millennium by Dr Richard Hillis (Geology & Geophysics). Mawson Lecture Theatre, Mawson Laboratories.

1.10pm Horticulture, Viticulture & Oenology Seminar: Formation of mousy off-odour in wine by lactic acid bacteria by Dr Peter Costello (Australian Wine Research Institute). Plant Research Centre Auditorium, Waite.

1.10pm Genetics Seminar: CreC, CreB and genomic walking in *Aspergillus nidulans* by Dr Robin Lockington. Seminar Room, Ground Floor (southern entrance) Fisher Building.

1.10pm Student Workshop: Making Friends by Sue Barnard. Counselling Centre, Ground Floor, Horace Lamb Building.

4.00pm Physiology Seminar: Autoimmune diseases affecting ion channels by Dr Sally Waterman (Physiology). Room N416-N417, Medical School North. Sponsored by Powerlab/AD Instruments.

4.30pm Environmental Biology Seminar: Why is the snail *Littoraria phyllotha* an annual within large patches of mangroves, but a perennial on isolated trees only 10-15m away by Dr Steve McKillup (University of Central Queensland). Benham Lecture Theatre, Ground Floor, Benham Building.

6.00pm AFUW Postgraduate Seminar: Grounded Theory in Management Research by Rowena Holloway. Gender Issues in Expatriate Management: by Barbara Anderson (School of International Business, UniSA). Margaret Murray Room, Level 5, Union Building. Drinks and nibbles provided.

COMING EVENTS

May 18th — May 28th

THURSDAY 20 MAY

12noon HCCR/IMVS Seminar: Caspases and Cell Death by Dr Sharad Kumar (Division of Haematology). Verco Theatre, IMVS.

12.05pm Psychology Seminar: Primary school teachers' judgements of reading achievement by Dr Ted Nettelbeck (Psychology). Room 527, Hughes Building.

1.10pm Physics & Mathematical Physics Seminar: Connecting Lattice QCD to the real world: the role of dynamical symmetry breaking by Professor Tony Thomas. Kerr Grant Lecture Theatre, Physics Building.

FRIDAY 21 MAY

12.45pm Research Centre for Gender Studies Postgraduate Seminar: Current work and Doing Research by Prof Dorothy Smith (OISE, Toronto, Canada). Room H205, Amy Wheaton Bldg, Magill Campus, UniSA.

12.45pm Dentistry: PhD research proposal by Dr Dimi Lekkas. Lecture Theatre 1, 6th Floor, Adelaide Dental Hospital.

1.10pm Elder Conservatorium Lunch Hour Concert: David Shephard - clarinet, Semyon Kobets - violin, Tanya Kobets - violin, Anna Zietara - viola, Janis Laurs - cello. Elder Hall. Admission \$2.

1.10pm Asian Studies Seminar: Will the Economic Crisis Hit China in 1999 by Noel Tracy (Politics, Flinders University). Room 518, Ligertwood Building.

1.15pm Inaugural Lecture Series: Embryonic cell differentiation: the basis for a new medicine by Professor Peter Rathjen (Biochemistry). Lecture Theatre 102, Napier Building.

4.00pm Economics Seminar: Ageing and Optimal Saving in Australia by Prof Ian McDonald (University of Melbourne). Room LG14, Napier.

4.00pm Obstetrics & Gynaecology Seminar: Actions of calcitonin in the bone and elsewhere by Associate Professor David Findlay (Orthopaedics & Trauma). Seminar Room, 6th Floor, Medical School North.

MONDAY 24 MAY

12noon Plant Science Seminar: Epidemiology of Australian grapevine phytoplasmas by Fiona Constable (PhD student). Screening for zinc efficiency in barley by Yusuf Genc (PhD student). PS Seminar Room, Waite Campus.

1.00pm Microbiology & Immunology Seminar: Applications of Insulin-like growth factors in aquaculture by Dr Helena Ward (CRC Tissue Growth & Repair, Flinders University). Departmental Library, 5th

Floor, Medical School South.

1.00pm Clinical & Experimental Pharmacology Seminar: Relationships between primaquine genotoxicity CYP 1A1 induction and oxidative stress in hepatic cells by Dr Frank Fontaine. Seminar Room, 6th Floor, Medical School North.

1.00pm Law School: Intention in Law & Philosophy Seminar Series: Good legislative intentions by Professor Tom Campbell (ANU). Room 216, Ligertwood Building.

1.10pm Geographical & Environmental Studies Seminar: The climate change industry by Professor Sonja Boehmer-Christiansen (Geography, University of Hull). Room 104, Environmental Studies Building.

1.10pm History Staff/Postgraduate Seminar: Rations, Co-existence and the Colonisation of Aboriginal Labour by Dr Robert Foster (History). Common Room 420, 4th Floor, Napier Building.

1.10pm Student Workshop: Learn deep relaxation by Mark O'Donoghue. Counselling Centre, Ground Floor, Horace Lamb Building.

2.00pm English Seminar: The Sins of the Father? A South-African Perspective on Male Homosexuality by Paul Woods. Violence in Renaissance Texts by Patrick Niehus. Room 618, Napier Building.

4.00pm Centre for Applied Modelling in Water Engineering Seminar: Quantitative Health Risk Assessment - How Did We Get Here? by Professor Steve Hrudny (University of Alberta, Canada). Room N132, Engineering North.

4.00pm Applied & Molecular Ecology Seminar: Invertebrates in mound springs: results of a systematic survey between Marree and Oodnadatta by Dr Patrick Tap. Charles Hawker Conference Centre, Waite Campus.

6.00pm Centre for Intercultural Studies & Multicultural Education: Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of Alexander Pushkin in Words and Song by Nellie Mitchell (Chairperson, Pushkin Festival Organising Committee). Council Room, 7th Floor, Hughes Building. Refreshments 5.30pm.

8.00pm Classical Association of SA: The Churches of Constantinople in the Fourth Century: how they were viewed and used by Wendy Mayer. Room 723, Hughes Building.

TUESDAY 25 MAY

3.15pm Anthropology Seminar: The Field of the Arts in Adelaide by Tony Whiting (Anthropology). Room 722, 7th Floor, Napier Building.

WEDNESDAY 26 MAY

10.10am Electrical & Electronic Engineering Seminar: Motion

Estimation and Compensation in Digital Video Compression by Nariman Habibi (Postgraduate). Lecture Room S112, Engineering South.

1.10pm Genetics Seminar: Going forward on Going in Backwards. Targetting of carboxy-terminal anchored proteins by Dr Binks Wattenberg. Seminar Room, Ground Floor, southern entrance, Fisher Building.

1.10pm Geology & Geophysics Seminar: Australian Palaeoclimates by Professor Eric Barron (Pennsylvania State University) & Prof Larry Frakes (Geology & Geophysics). Mawson Lecture Theatre, Mawson Laboratories.

4.00pm Physiology Seminar: Cellular actions of Insulin-like growth factor binding protein-3 (IGFBP-3) by Prof Rob Baxter (Kolling Institute, University of Sydney). Room N416-417, Medical School North. Sponsored by Powerlab/AD Instruments.

4.30pm Environmental Biology Seminar: The Incorporation of Macroinvertebrates (and Chordates) into Microbial Food Webs by Dr Adele Pile (Flinders Uni). Benham Lecture Theatre, Ground Flr, Benham Building.

THURSDAY 27 MAY

12noon HCCR/IMVS Seminar: Beyond deconstructing Immunology: from Cells to Systems by Dr Bruce Lyons (Division of Pathology, University of Tasmania). Verco Theatre, IMVS.

12.05pm Psychology Seminar: Management in policing by Dr Karen Beck (National Police Research Unit). Room 527, Hughes Building.

1.10pm Physics & Mathematical Physics Seminar: Atmospheric Waves and their role in the Equatorial Atmosphere by Dr RA Vincent. Kerr Grant Lecture Theatre.

FRIDAY 28 MAY

12.45pm Dentistry Seminar: The proatlas of the koala by Dr Ikuko Tomo. Lecture Theatre 1, 6th Floor, Adelaide Dental Hospital.

1.10pm Asian Studies Seminar: Taiwan's International Relations after the Cold War by Greg O'Leary (Politics). Room 518, Ligertwood Building.

1.10pm Elder Conservatorium Lunch Hour Concert: Niall Brown - cello, Isabelle Trüb - piano. Sonatas by Richard Strauss & Gabriel Faure. Elder Hall. Admission \$2.

1.15pm Inaugural Lecture Series: Assisted Reproductive Technology in the 21st Century: Is Nature Getting too Slow? by Prof Robert Norman (Obstetrics & Gynaecology). Lecture Theatre 102, Napier Building.

4.00pm Obstetrics & Gynaecology Seminar: Hepatocyte growth factor in early life by Dr Richard Couper (Paediatrics, WCH). Seminar Room, 6th Floor, Medical School North.

6.00pm CISME Seminar: Human Rights and the Future of Vietnam by Professor Doan Viet Hoat (Educator & former Prisoner of Conscience). Council Rm, 7th Floor, Hughes Bldg.

SITUATIONS

VACANT

Applications for the following vacancy will be considered only from members of the staff of the University**

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (ACTING)

(Ref: 4535)

University Library

Salary HEO3: \$26,725 - \$30,467

To provide routine administrative support in staffing matters generally, including compiling and maintaining personnel files and a database of records relating to all library staff positions.

Duties include providing secretarial and general administrative support in the University Librarian's Office.

You should have:

- experience in providing a range of administrative support functions
- ability to exercise judgement and observe confidentiality
- proven successful interpersonal skills
- demonstrated competence in word processing, preferably Microsoft Word.

The position is available for twelve months as a replacement for a staff member on leave. Further information concerning the duties of this position may be obtained from Jim Anderson, telephone: 8303 5223.

The selection criteria and duty statement may be obtained from Toni Luppino, tel: 8303 5370.

*APPLICATIONS should include names and addresses of two referees, to the University Librarian, Barr Smith Library, University of Adelaide, Australia 5005 by 24 May 1999.

** includes only those persons who hold current written contracts of appointment with the University.

Applications for the following vacancies are not restricted to members of the University.

LECTURER A IN ANTHROPOLOGY

(Ref. 1137) (Limited-Term)

Department of Anthropology
Salary: \$42,864 - \$46,013

The appointee will work on a specific project to develop, implement and review a new medical anthropology module in a planned Master by coursework degree in Applied Anthropology commencing in 2001.

The appointee will also contribute to the teaching, research and administrative activities of the Department. The appointee will be responsible for coordinating and teaching one of the Department's Level II undergraduate subjects and a Level III subject in the area of his/her expertise. It is also desirable for the appointee to be able to contribute to one of the other two modules of the coursework MA in Applied Anthropology - Aboriginal Native Title and The Anthropology of the Environment.

The appointee may also participate in honours teaching and supervision.

You should have:

- a PhD in Anthropology
- active ethnographic research in the areas of medical anthropology and either Aboriginal Native Title or Environmental Anthropology is also desirable
- active ethnographic research in South Asian, Southeast Asian or Australian Aboriginal society
- appropriate teaching ability and experience.

The position is available from 1 January 2000 for a period of five years.

Further information including the selection criteria may be obtained from Dr John Gray tel: 8303 5735 or fax: 8303 5733.

*APPLICATIONS to the General Manager, Human Resources, University of Adelaide, Australia 5005, by 28 May 1999.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

(Ref: 3710)

Full-time Salary HEO 5/6:
\$31,803 - \$41,959

and

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (Ref: 3240)

Full-time Salary HEO 3: \$26,725 - \$30,467

Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

The Maternal Perinatal Clinical Trials Unit is involved in conducting several multi-centred randomised clinical trials in maternal and perinatal medicine.

The above two part-time positions have become available in the Unit.

Duties will include recruitment of patients, assisting in the daily running of research trials in a hospital environment, data collection, compilation and preparation of study materials.

You should have:

- high level verbal and written communications skills
- high level of organisational and operational skills
- demonstrated experience in computer skills, including word processing, spreadsheets, databases and desktop publishing.

Both positions are available immediately on a part-time basis, hours negotiable up to 30 hours per week, for one year in the first instance, with the possibility of renewal.

Further information may be obtained from Associate Professor C Crowther, tel: 8204 7647.

Intending applicants must obtain a copy of the duty statement and selection criteria, by telephoning Sue Gibbons on 8204 7647, and address the relevant selection criteria in their application, identifying which of the positions they are applying for.

*APPLICATIONS IN TRIPLICATE to Associate Professor C Crowther, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Adelaide, Women's and Children's Hospital, 72 King William Road, North Adelaide, South Australia, 5006, by 21 May 1999.

PROJECT OFFICER

(Ref 4204)

Department of General Practice
Full-time Salary HEO5/6:
\$31,803 - \$41,959

To work on a number of projects within the Department including the coordination of a national diabetes audit for general practitioners. Other duties will include providing advice and support to general practitioners about database development and data retrieval.

You should have:

- a Bachelor of Health Science or related degree
- experience in project management
- a sound knowledge of Microsoft Office and the creation and servicing of Access and Excel databases
- proven record in report writing.

The position is available immediately for one year in the first instance. Consideration will be given to people who want to work .8 or full-time. Further information may be obtained from Dr Justin Beilby, telephone: 8303 3536. The duty statement and selection criteria may be obtained from Sue Eaton, tel: 8303 3453.

*APPLICATIONS to Dr J Beilby, Department of General Practice, University of Adelaide, Australia 5005 by 21 May 1999.

TECHNICAL OFFICER

(Ref: 2870)

Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering

Salary HEO4: \$30,736 - \$33,808

To support the growing commitment for teaching, research and commercial activity of the Department. You will be expected to contribute to the improvement in the efficiency of the laboratories, through enthusiasm for the type of work required, and provision of a diversity of skills. You will be required to assist in the conduct of major experiments and research programmes, and in setting up equipment for a range of experimental investigations.

You should have:

- a trade qualification as a Fitter and Turner
- experience in engineering practice
- good communication skills with an ability to work in a team environment
- an awareness of OH&S issues
- a forklift licence and a Class 1 driver's licence.

The position is available immediately, for twelve months. Further information, including the duty statement and selection criteria are available from Bernice Colledge, telephone: 8303 5451 or fax: 8303 4359.

*APPLICATIONS to the Head, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Adelaide, Australia 5005 by 31 May 1999.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

(Ref: 4271)

Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering

Full-time Salary HEO3: \$26,725 - \$30,467

To assist with the smooth running of the busy Departmental Office. Duties include reception, typing teaching materials, research papers and reports and accessing the student administration system. You will also assist the Departmental Administrator with administration of accounts.

You should have:

- excellent oral communication and interpersonal skills
- experience with using MS Word
- ability to work effectively in a team environment
- experience with various office machines
- experience with payment of accounts.

The position is available immediately on a 36.75 hours per fortnight basis for twelve months, in the first instance. Further information including the duty statement and selection criteria are available from Bernice Colledge, tel: 8303 5451 or fax: 8303 4359.

*APPLICATIONS to the Head, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Adelaide, Australia 5005 by 24 May 1999.

ANIMAL CARE OFFICER/MAINTENANCE OFFICER

(Ref: 4532)

Laboratory Animal Services

Full-time Salary HEO3: \$26,725 - \$30,467

(Junior rates apply to those persons 20 years of age and under)

Laboratory Animal Services supports the University of Adelaide's biomedical research community through the delivery of best practice animal husbandry.

You should have tertiary qualifications in animal husbandry or a willingness to undertake study, experience in animal handling procedures, specifically sheep and smaller laboratory animals in a research environment, an understanding of barrier facility techniques and implications for facility integrity and current driver's licence.

The position is available on a 58.8 hours per fortnight basis until 31 December 1999, in the first instance. For further information, including the duty statement and selection criteria, telephone Julie Goldfinch, Facility Manager, on 8303 3846.

Please send applications (in duplicate) addressing the selection criteria, and including names and addresses of three referees to Mr A Bartlett, Acting Director, Laboratory Animal Services, University of Adelaide, Australia 5005 by 19 May 1999.

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

*APPLICATIONS, IN DUPLICATE, addressing the selection criteria and quoting the relevant reference number should include names and full addresses of three referees. The address for applications is C/- the Department or Officer named in the advertisement. Selection criteria and applicable duty statement may be obtained from the contact officer named in the advertisement.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS: Applicants for all positions should retain the relevant reference number and watch the "Notice to Applicants" column in the *Adelaidean* for advice about the filling of the position.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS: The University notifies applicants that the following vacancies for Higher Education Officers (HEO) with the reference numbers as stated have been filled and thanks them for their interest: 2053 HEO5,

Graduate School of Management; 3934 Research Assistant, Social Inquiry; 1037 HEO4, Electrical & Electronic Engineering; 2471 HEO4, Obstetrics & Gynaecology; 3942 HEO8, Information Technology Services; 8920 HEO4, Economics; 3955 Research Assistant, Physiology; 4020 Research Assistant/Postdoctoral Fellow, Environmental Biology.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEADLINES FOR ADELAIDEAN

For the *Adelaidean* of 14 June, advertising paper work must be to Human Resources by 28 May.

For the *Adelaidean* of 28 June, advertising paper work must be to Human Resources by 11 June.

HR WEB PAGE for advertised positions
<<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/HR/advpos.htm>>.

GENERAL NOTICES

Job Advertisements on the Web

Since late last year all University positions vacant have been advertised on the world wide web, as part of the University's Human Resources website.

This has been a resounding success, judging from the statistics on who is visiting the site. Approximately 1000 visitors view the site every month, with around 43 hits each day. Overall, 67% of our hits are from Australia. It seems that the most popular time to view job vacancies on our site is between 5-6pm, and Tuesday is the most popular day.

Human Resources will continue to develop and improve the site. If you have any feedback about improvements to the site, please direct it to Michelle Radford in Human Resources, email: <michelle.radford@adelaide.edu.au>.

Job vacancies will continue to appear in the *Adelaidean* as well as on the web. From June, job advertisements in the *Adelaidean* will contain minimal information, and will direct readers to the departmental contact person from whom selection criteria and duty statements can be obtained and to further information on the website. The site is at <<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/HR/advpos.htm>>.

STEVE DAYSH
Human Resources

Y2K Contingency Planning

Property Services Branch is preparing a contingency plan for each Campus to deal with issues arising from the failure of utilities and systems associated with the "Millennium Bug".

We are well advanced in our auditing and testing program for buildings and infrastructure and the plan will assist us to meet any unforeseen circumstances.

We have engaged the services of Bassett Consulting (Electrical Engineers) to provide advice and assistance with infrastructure and planning matters.

The contact people involved at this stage are:

Property Services Branch

Barry Michels, ext 34243, fax 8303 6215, email: <barry.michels@adelaide.edu.au>.

Greg Badger, ext 34245, fax 8232 6590, email: <gregory.badger@adelaide.edu.au>.

Graham Smith, ext 35761, fax 8232 6590, email: <graham.smith@adelaide.edu.au>.

Bassett Consulting Engineers

Bruce Hatwell, tel 8363 1000, fax 8363 0110, email: <Adelaide@bassett.com.au>.

Peter Anderson, ext 36310, fax 8303 6215, email: <peter.anderson@adelaide.edu.au>.

We will be asking Departments to identify critical areas, equipment or experiments and advise us of their concerns. We will be sending out questionnaires by mid May to assist in this process.

The University Y2K Web Site <www.adelaide.edu.au/ITD/y2k> will provide regular updates on the status of the Y2K Contingency Plan. This Y2K planning will be used to enhance the University's Emergency Plan.

BARRY MICHELS
Property Services Branch

Academic Women's Forum

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Mary O'Kane will speak at a lunchtime meeting (12.30-2pm) of the Academic Women's Forum on Thursday 3 June in the Ira Raymond Room, Barr Smith Library. Professor O'Kane will discuss "Empowerment of Staff in Modern Universities". Refreshments served. RSVP by 28 May to <Nalini.Joshi@adelaide.edu.au>.

Grants of \$2,000

Once again grants totalling \$2,000 are being offered in open competition to persons wishing to undertake projects based in South Australian Museum and related to the State Collections of Natural History and Anthropology. Projects can also be carried out in education and communications. Grants are intended to encourage people with a potential interest in Museum related disciplines to pursue a Museum based project.

Application forms and advice are available from the: Hon Secretary, FOSAM, SA Museum, North Terrace, Adelaide, 5000. Tel: (08) 8207 7389 or fax: (08) 8207 7222. **Applications close 30 June 1999.**

Open Forum

Wednesday 19 May - 1.00pm:

A presentation on the University's financial position by Tony Siebert (Executive Director, Finance & Infrastructure). Kerr Grant Lecture Theatre, Physics Building. Time will be allowed for questions and answers - all staff invited.

ST MARK'S COLLEGE

(Affiliated to the University of Adelaide as a residential College for men and women students)

THE COLLEGE COUNCIL INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF:

College Head

St Mark's College was established in 1925 and is close to the University of Adelaide. It now accommodates more than 200 undergraduates and graduates.

In succession to Mr CR Ashwin MA(Oxon.), who is now retiring next December, applications are invited from men and women seeking either appointment as full time College Head, or a part time appointment in conjunction with academic or other duties elsewhere.

The appointment will start, if possible, from 1 January 2000. A fine private house on site is provided. Remuneration will be in accordance with qualifications and experience.

Further information is available on request from the:

Bursar
St Mark's College Inc
PO Box 422
Unley, SA 5061

Tel: (08) 8373 0202
Fax: (08) 8373 0036
Email: <semail@shearer-elliss.com.au>

Application, marked "Strictly Confidential", should be sent to the Bursar at the above address not later than 30 June 1999.

Dental treatment for staff and students

Emergency and routine treatment is available at the University's Colgate Australian Clinical Dental Research Centre.

Concessions are available for holders of University Cards.

Set fee first appointments.

For appointments ring - 8303 3436.

Address: 2nd Floor, Adelaide Dental Hospital, Frome Road, Adelaide 5000 (next to Medical School)

Barr Smith Library tours

Join a free 30 minute guided tour on the first Thursday of every month.

Ideal for staff, postgraduates or honours students unfamiliar with the layout, collections, resources and services of the Barr Smith Library.

And you receive a Library Information Kit to keep!

RSVP to Jennifer Osborn (Reference Services). Maximum of 12 per group.

Tel. 8303 3706 Email: <josborn@library.adelaide.edu.au>.



THE UNIVERSITY
OF ADELAIDE
LIBRARY

Special Event

Valmai Hankel PSM, well-known wine judge and Rare Books Librarian at the State Library, will present a special South Australian wine tasting at the Hilton Adelaide on Thursday 9 June, 6.00pm - 8.15pm, with a focus on the history behind the wine.

Presented by the South Australian Centre for Australian Studies, you can book a ticket (\$25 members / \$35 non members) by calling Karen Gordon 8201 3200.

Law Week 1999

The School of Law is holding the following event as part of its contribution to Law Week 1999

A Career in Law — How? What? Where?

Wednesday 19 May, 5.30 - 6.30pm, Lecture Theatre 2, Law School

The session will provide information on requirements for entry to law, the study of law and career opportunities following graduation. Speakers: Dr John Williams (Lecturer, Adelaide University); Ms Catherine Gooley (President, Law Students' Society); Mr Mark Griffin (Barrister).

Further details: Linda Lambie, Law School Office, 8303 4020.

LUMINIS SNAPSHOTS

Dr Sarah Robertson progresses with Swedish IVF Researchers



In the May 3rd edition of the *Adelaidean*, an article covering Luminis' role with commercial partners for inventions and research projects attracted considerable interest.

One project reported on was the collaboration between a Scandinavian IVF group and Dr Sarah Robertson from the University of Adelaide's Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology.

In conjunction with FertilitesCentrum AB, a Swedish reproductive medicine research institute, she has discovered a method for increasing the success rate for the implantation of human embryos.

Director of FertilitesCentrum, Professor Matts Wikland, visited Adelaide last week for discussions with Dr Robertson and Luminis Pty Ltd.

Dr Robertson and Professor Wikland are jointly supervising PhD student Cecilia Sjoblom in the research into this treatment. (Pictured, from left, are Dr Robertson, Ms Sjoblom and Professor Wikland).

It is hoped that in the very near future an agreement will be reached between the collaborators to conduct the final tests in preparation for the commercialisation of what is regarded as a revolutionary and cost effective technique.

Professor Wikland hopes to conduct some of the clinical trials in collaboration with Repromed Pty Ltd, the University of Adelaide's own reproductive medicine enterprise.

For global distribution of its products and methods, FertilitesCentrum has a strategic alliance with Scandinavian IVF AB, one of the world's largest producers of IVF and organ transplant media.

For further information about commercialisation options at the University of Adelaide, contact Paul Szuster or Andrew Cecil at Luminis Pty Ltd on (08) 8303 5020.

—Paul Szuster
Business Development Manager
Luminis

ARC SMALL GRANTS SCHEME 2000

Applications are invited for initial funding under the ARC Small Grants Scheme for 2000. Grants under the scheme are for a minimum of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$19,999 or \$29,999 depending on the discipline. Clinical medicine or dentistry projects are not eligible for funding. It is expected that the application form, the University's guidelines and other information will be available from 17 May on the Research Branch website at: <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/RB/formslist.html>.

INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR APPLICANTS

- Thursday 20 May, 1.00pm - 2.00pm, Council Room, Level 7, Wills Building, North Terrace Campus.
- Friday 21 May, 1.00pm - 2.00pm, Charles Hawker Conference Centre, Waite Campus.

The Sessions will be presented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research). Current and recent Panel Chairs and members of the Research Branch will also be present and there will be ample time for questions. **ALL WELCOME. Applications close 16 August 1999. Late applications will not be accepted. Enquiries: Research Branch, ext 35137**

Promotion of the University's Research

The University Research Committee has decided to establish a Working Group to identify better ways of promoting the University's research strengths and achievements. Anyone who has suggestions in this regard or who is interested in joining the Group is invited to contact Janet Dibb-Smith, Director of Research Policy and Support by email janet.dibbsmith@adelaide.edu.au or eliza.chui@adelaide.edu.au by 31 May 1999. Those who responded to the earlier call do not need to respond again.

Research Branch Update**ARC SMALL GRANTS SCHEME 2000**

It is expected that the guidelines and application forms for ARC Small Grants Scheme (SGS) funding in 2000 will be available on the Research Branch web site shortly. Applications will close on 16 August 1999.

Expressions of interest for appointment to Discipline Panels

Expressions of interest are invited for appointment to the four Discipline Panels for the 2000 funding round of the ARC Small Grants Scheme, applications for which will be invited shortly and will close on Monday 16 August. Discipline Panels are responsible for assessing and ranking applications in their particular disciplinary area.

The four Panels are:

- Biological Sciences;
- Chemical, Mathematical and Physical Sciences;
- Engineering, Earth and Applied Sciences; and
- Humanities and Social Sciences.

Each Panel will normally comprise no more than eight members including, if possible, established

researchers with experience in ARC grant scheme procedures and practices, a member of the University Research Committee, and other established researchers. Panel members are appointed by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) in consultation with the relevant Panel Chair for a term of three years with no more than half the members retiring in any one year.

Those eligible to serve as Panel members are all members of the University who are eligible to apply for grants under the Small Grants Scheme as first-named investigators. Further details concerning eligibility and a form to be used to lodge an expression of interest may be found on the Research Branch web site at <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/RB/formslist.html> or can be obtained from the Research Branch, extension 35137. Expressions of interest close on FRIDAY 28 MAY.

Members who served on panels in 1998 are not required to submit expressions of interest but staff who unsuccessfully expressed interest in 1998 will need to nominate again.

Further information from Cyril Brown (extn 33534).

ARC INDIGENOUS RESEARCHERS DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

The key objective of this scheme is to develop the research expertise of Indigenous researchers to a level at which they can compete in open competition for mainstream research funding. Applications are accepted only from Indigenous researchers and all Chief Investigators must meet this criterion. However, as the scheme aims to develop the research expertise of successful applicants, it is strongly recommended that a mentor (who does not need to be an Indigenous person) is associated with the proposal to provide specific expert advice on the subject of the research.

Application forms and guidelines are available on the Research Branch website and further information may be obtained from Vada Osborn on extension 33387. Applications close with the Research Branch on Friday 18 June.

Research Branch web site: <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/RB/>.

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER FUNDING SCHEMES

Research Grants & Fellowships

The following is a list of grant, fellowship and other research funding schemes currently available for application. A more detailed electronic version of this listing (Update: Research), together with guidelines and application forms for some of the major schemes, are available at: <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/RB/>.

For hard copy application forms and guidelines for any of the funding schemes listed below, contact the Research Branch, ext 35137; or email louise.moore@adelaide.edu.au.

Sponsored Programs Information Network (SPIN): SPIN Australia - A database containing current and comprehensive information on over 2,600 government and private funding opportunities. The SPIN web site is accessible via the Research Branch web site.

Industry, Science & Resources; Dept of (DISR) - Technology Diffusion Program (TDP): This Program has three integrated components: Technology Alliances; Technology Transfer; and Online Business. Further information about the TDP is available from the AusIndustry web site: <http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/tdp>. U19/98

National Centre for Research Resources (NCRR), USA: Novel Approaches to Enhance Stem Cell Research: Internal closing dates: 18 May, 17 September 1999 and 18 January 2000. U8/99. Further information: <http://www.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-99-086.html>. Grant application form (PHS 398): <http://www.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm>.

Land & Water Resources Research & Development Corporation (LWRRDC): National Program for Irrigation Research and Development (NPIRD) - Call for Research Proposals: Internal closing date (2-page preliminary proposals): 21 May 1999. U8/99. Web site: www.lwrrdc.gov.au.

National Council for the Centenary of Federation - History and Education Program - Round 2: Internal closing date: 21 May 1999. U6/99

Violence Prevention Awards Secretariat, c/o Australian Institute of Criminology: Australian Violence

Prevention Awards 1999: Internal closing date: 21 May 1999. U5/99. Web site: <http://www.aic.gov.au>.

Heart Foundation

- Career Research Fellowship
- Clinical and Overseas Research Fellowships
- Postdoctoral Research Fellowships
- Senior Research Fellowship in Nutrition
- Warren McDonald International Fellowship

Internal closing date: 24 May 1999. U4/99

Australian Spinal Research Foundation - Research Grants: Internal closing date: 24 May 1999. U8/99

Westcare Incorporated: The Australian Tuberculosis Research Group - Tuberculosis Research Grants: Internal closing date: 24 May 1999. U8/99

Natural Heritage Trust: Coasts & Clean Seas - Funding for Environmental Projects for 1999-2000: Internal closing date: 25 May 1999. U4/99. Web site: http://www.environment.gov.au/marine/clean_seas/info.html.

ORPHAN Australia / Gastroenterological Society of Australia: Travel Grant to attend the Basel Liver Week, Falk Symposia No 114-116, 20-25 October 1999, Basel, Switzerland: Internal closing date: 28 May 1999. U8/99

National Centre for Vocational Education Research: Vocational Education and Training Research Projects - Calls for Expressions of Interest for Research & Evaluation Projects: Internal closing date: 28 May 1999. U8/99. Web site: <http://www.ncver.edu.au/tenders.htm>.

Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Australia - Innovative Grants: Internal closing dates: 1 June, 1 September and 1 December 1999 and 1 March 2000 (Copy of first two pages of application) 17 June & 17 September and 17 December 1999 and 17 March 2000 (Completed full applications). U7/99

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research - Collaborative Oral Health Research Planning Grant: Internal closing date: 2 June 1999. U7/99. Details are available from: <http://www.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DE-99-002.html>. Grant application form (PHS 398) is available from: <http://www.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm>.

Criminology Research Council - Research Grants: Internal closing dates: 11 June & 8 October 1999. U1/99

Brain Foundation (SA) - Elizabeth Penfold Simpson Prize: Internal closing date: 11 June 1999. U8/99

AZA Research - 2000 Research Grant Programme: Internal closing date: 11 June 1999. U8/99

Arthritis Foundation of Australia: Domestic Fellowships, Overseas Fellowships, Specific Purpose Grants & Grants-In-Aid for 2000: Internal closing date: 11 June 1999. U8/99

University of Cambridge - Smuts Visiting Fellowship in Commonwealth Studies 2000-2001: Internal closing date: 16 June 1999. U1/99

New South Wales Police Service: Policing Research Grants - Sir Maurice Byers Fellowship: Internal closing date: 18 June 1999. U8/99

Scholarships

Unless otherwise stated, information and application forms for the following scholarships are available from the Registrar, Scholarships, or the Scholarships Officer, Graduate Studies and Scholarships Branch, Level 7, Wills Building, ext 35697/33044. Lodge all applications with the Scholarships Office unless otherwise stated.

Canadian Studies Awards: ACSANZ Postgraduate Awards: Grants of up to \$A2,800 for Masters or Doctoral candidates engaged in research into Canadian studies to undertake research trips to Canada for up to six months. Closing: 30 September. ICCS Graduate Student Thesis/Dissertation Scholarship: \$CAN3,500 for Masters or Doctoral candidates to undertake thesis-related research on Canada at a Canadian university for 4-6 weeks. Closing: 15 November. Further details from ACSANZ Web Site: <http://www.uq.edu.au/~entkhoo/index.html>. Applications and guidelines from Canadian High Commission, Academic and Public Affairs Section, Commonwealth Avenue, Canberra ACT 2600, ph: (02) 6273 3844, fax: (02) 6270 4083, email: eva.zarka@cnbra01.x400.gc.ca.

Chiquita Brands South Pacific Scholarship in Horticulture: Open to full-time honours students or research Masters or PhD students in horticulture at the University of Adelaide. In the case of postgraduates, applicants must be in receipt of a major scholarship to be eligible. Value: \$500. Closing: 29 May (Scholarships).

Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine: Andre Dorfman Fellowship in Mining for PhD research in mining engineering or mineral technology. Candidate should hold good first degree in relevant discipline. Tenable for up to three years. Value: tuition fees, subsistence and research expenses. Details available from The Senior Assistant Registrar (Admissions), Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, London SW7 2AZ, UK.

Menzies Research Scholarship in the Allied Health Sciences: Tenable in Australia to full-time PhD students undertaking research in one of the allied health sciences. Available for two years to students who have completed the first stage of their program. Value: \$24,000pa. Closing: 23 June (Scholarships).

Monbusho Scholarships to Japan: Available at undergraduate and postgraduate level. Details available on request, however, applications only available from the Japanese Embassy (02) 6273 3244. Closing: 24 June (Canberra).

Multiple Sclerosis Australia - Postgraduate Research and Summer Vacation Scholarships: Postgraduate scholarships open to registered medical graduates or appropriately qualified science graduates or health professionals. Vacation scholarships intended for currently enrolled undergraduates completing three or four years of a full-time course leading to an honours degree in medicine, health science or science. Applications for vacation scholarships may be sent directly to the funding body by 31 August 1999. Closing: 23 August-Postgraduate Scholarships (Scholarships).

Turkish Government Scholarships 1999: Higher Education Scholarships open to year 12 graduates who would like to study in Turkish universities. Details from the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey, 60 Mugga Way, Red Hill, ACT, 2603, ph: (02) 6295 0227; fax: (02) 6239 6592. Closing: 15 July (Higher Education Scholarships).