

## *Hair today, gone tomorrow*



It sounded like a good idea at the time, but nursing student Sandra Rutherford wasn't looking so sure when crunch-time came. Sandra was among students and staff who sacrificed their hair to raise nearly \$5000 for cancer research.



Until last month, 22-year-old nursing student Sandra Rutherford had a crop of thick, red hair. Then she and a group of other nursing students decided to sacrifice their locks in aid of cancer research.

The Student Nurses of Tasmania Society (StuNTS) decided to support the 1999 Daffodil Day as its yearly charity project. The choice was appropriate since nurses are often at the front line in the care of cancer patients.

The project was initially planned as a low-

## *Grant win to aid rural health care*

The University has won a grant of more than \$100,000 in the latest round of National Teaching Development Grants announced by the Committee for University Teaching and Staff Development (CUTSD).

Associate Professor Judi Walker, from the University's Department of Rural Health, said that the \$106,573 grant was for the project entitled 'A Multidisciplinary, Staff Development and Support Strategy to Promote High Quality Undergraduate Clinical Teaching and Learning in Rural and Remote Health Care Settings'.

The submission for the project was developed as a Faculty of Health Science initiative involving the Schools of Pharmacy, Nursing and Medicine.

"It reflects the role of the University's Department of Rural Health in bringing together the disciplines and professions in Health Science," Professor Walker said.

Professor Walker, the project leader, said that the project sought to develop and improve the teaching strategies and techniques used by honorary clinician-teachers who provided learning experiences for undergraduate nursing, pharmacy and medical students in a variety of rural and remote health care settings.

"These clinicians have a very important role to play in the clinical training of adequately prepared and

key, grassroots fundraiser, but the response from sponsors and others at the University, including academic and general staff, saw a large crowd gather outside the Bistro to witness the shaving of a dozen heads.

Sandra admitted that although the close encounter with the clippers had left her head feeling "a bit cold", the sacrifice was for a worthy cause.

The group raised nearly \$5000.

committed rural health professionals, of which there is an acute shortage throughout Australia," Professor Walker said.

"However, traditionally, staff development and support for honorary rural and remote clinician-teachers has been beyond the scope of universities. As a result honorary clinician-teachers teach from a wide variety of perspectives, not all of which are consistent with the University's perspective, the licensing bodies of the disciplines involved, and sound educational principles," she said.

Professor Walker said that the project was designed to use pre-existing infrastructure and draw upon the expertise of academic and general staff who possessed a wide range of skills and experience which, when combined, would lead to the successful carriage of the project which would be sustainable beyond the funding period. A major objective is for the project to develop an innovative staff development model, which could be generalised and adopted by other disciplines that have responsibility for professional training in rural and remote settings. The potential outcomes of the project are of great significance nationally.

The University has also been involved as a joint participant in two separate CUTSD 1999 Organisational Grants with Monash and the University of Sydney.

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## Green Paper - the unpacking continues

Many of you will be following the unpacking of the Research Green Paper. The latest information that DETYA have given us is that we stand to lose \$1.2M in research funding. This would come entirely from the Australian Postgraduate Research Student Scheme. Under the proposed mechanism we would retain about the same number of Commonwealth funded scholarships, but lose funding from the Operating Grant. On the Institutional Grants Scheme we would gain a very small amount (approx. \$50,000).



The reasons for this problem lie significantly in the mechanisms the Commonwealth is proposing to use to subsume funding from institutions to fund the two new schemes. The so called Research Training Component is being calculated in a manner that weights RHD students into "low cost" and "high cost" disciplines. Those institutions with a high proportion of "high cost" RHD students will have more money taken away from them.

Similarly, those institutions with a higher than average base cost per WEFTSU will pay more. We have 53% of RHD students in "high cost" areas; this is one of the highest percentages of all universities in the country. Similarly, our average base costs per WEFTSU is \$6612, some \$144 higher than the average \$ per WEFTSU across the whole university sector. The combination of large numbers of "high cost" students and higher than average base cost per WEFTSU means that we provide 2.67% of the total national Research Training Component.

Unfortunately, the proposed mechanisms only take account of weighting in the Institutional Grants Scheme. In the Australian Postgraduate Research Student Scheme no account is taken of whether students are high or low cost.

The other change that will impact on us is the proposal to weight all research income equally. Currently, at the national level, National Competitive Grants attract a weighting of x2 compared with funds from other sources. Since 47% of our income comes from NCG funding, this will impact on us more than institutions that receive significantly smaller percentage of funds from this source.

The University is working on its response to these changes. A draft document has been discussed already by Academic Senate and the Research Committee. Following these discussions, a modified document will be developed and presented to Council. In addition I will make such efforts as I can to feed comment in to DETYA ahead of the formal closing

date for submissions of 1 October.

The Green Paper confirms for me the correctness of the directions for research that we have taken already. The development of the theme area concepts and our consideration of how to resource these areas are important. There is much in our research in which we can take pride. Our challenge in the days ahead will be to ensure that we protect quality research areas and identify more clearly areas that we need to strengthen. We will need to use our resources

to foster these goals. We cannot do everything in research, but we can make a significant difference in some areas.

One area of improvement that will help us in future will be to increase research income. This has shown a significant growth over the last few years (from 13.5M in 1995 to \$18.4M in 1998). Latest data suggest that we will have healthy growth on that figure for 1999. However, when we break down the numbers to the percentage of the national funding in National Competitive Grants, other public sector funding and industry funding, we find that our share of national National Competitive Grants is static at about 2.1%, we have an increasing percentage of other public sector funding (up to 2.8% in 1998) and a four year continuous decline in the percentage of industry funding (down to 1.88% in 1998 - from 2.2% in 1995).

Clearly we need to look at how we deal with industry funding. There are some interesting projects currently under discussion, but we will need to renew our efforts in this area. Increasingly, we will need to look at interstate industry funding not just from Tasmania.

It is likely that forms of consultancy activity that lead to innovation will be counted in future as research income. In addition, consulting activity will provide a means of raising additional income. We need, therefore as an institution, to arrange our consultancy activities in a manner that brings the best possible benefits. Shortly there will be a draft of the new consultancy policy on the Research & Development web page. <http://www.research.utas.edu.au>

Change will be inevitable if we are to address seriously our goal of being one of the "top ten" research universities in Australia. Such change must assist us to preserve excellence and provide us with the flexibility to respond to the future. The challenge is there for all of us and I cannot think of a better place to be to meet the challenge.

I hope that your research goes well. Go well.

- Andrew Glenn,  
Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research)

## Ortus Star shines

Ortus Star, the bridging program helping students prepare for professional life, has received further recognition for its success and innovation.

The Queen's Trust has awarded Ortus Star the Prince of Wales Trophy for the most outstanding community service project in 1999.

Ortus Star was established in 1998 at Christ College, one of the residential colleges at the Sandy Bay campus of the University. The aim of the program is to provide students with the types of extra-curricula skills which employers look for in graduates, above and beyond academic qualifications.

The program provides training in areas such as communication, leadership, together with ethics, culture and public affairs. Students benefit from increased confidence, a greater understanding of workplace expectations, and an appreciation of professional networking and mentoring.

As well as the honour and prestige, the Prince of Wales Trophy awards \$4000. This extra support will enable the program to expand to students at John Fisher College. The award was presented at a ceremony at Government House in Hobart.



Lt. Governor William Cox presents Thomas Shackcloth with the Prince of Wales Trophy.

## Obituary - Gerald Gill Firth (1916-99)

Gerald Firth was one of the best-known Australian economists of the post-WWII era. Renowned as a teacher and policy adviser, he was for more than 30 years Professor of Economics at the University of Tasmania.

Firth was educated at Oundle School and University College London, where he took a degree in Economics. In 1938 Gerald emigrated to Australia to take up a research position at the University of Melbourne under the direction of the famous Tasmanian economist, L.F. Giblin.

Firth left his university post in the early war years under manpower direction and moved to Canberra, where he worked under another eminent Tasmanian economist Roland Wilson, in the Reconstruction Division of the Department of Labour and National Service. He was heavily involved in drafting the White Paper on full employment, which became the centrepiece of the Chifley Government's postwar economic policy.

In 1947 Firth moved to Hobart to become Professor of Economics at the University of Tasmania. He transformed the department, introducing a revolutionary new three-year Bachelor of Economics degree with a strong statistical component, which has since become standard throughout the country. Firth continued to play an active role in the formation of national economic policy and was a consultant to the Menzies' Government's Vernon Enquiry into the Australian economy. He retired in 1978. Firth is survived by his wife, Margaret and three sons.

# TAFI marks first anniversary

The Tasmanian Aquaculture and Fisheries Institute (TAFI) marked its first anniversary last month with the release of a five-year research plan for Tasmanian fisheries and aquaculture.

The Director of the Institute, Professor Colin Buxton, said that the plan was a first for Tasmania and was the result of industry, government, research and the community working together to map out their future beyond the turn of the century.

"As a fledgling organisation an important initial step was to develop a clear vision and goals for the future. We clearly recognised the importance of an industry focus in the development of its research profile," Professor Buxton said.

"To this end we believed that the involvement of our stakeholders in research planning and prioritisation was fundamental to our success and was needed to underpin all of our activities," he said.

This has been achieved through five TAFI Research Advisory Groups (RAGs) namely; Scalefish, Abalone, Crustaceans, Aquaculture and the Marine Environment. Each RAG has representation from industry, government, community interests and research providers, the latter including the University, CSIRO and the Australian Maritime College. The main aim of the RAGs is to identify and prioritise research for sustainable fisheries and aquaculture in Tasmania, taking special note of the needs



From left: Professor Colin Buxton, The Hon David Llewellyn, Minister for Primary Industries, Water and Environment, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don McNicol, and Kim Evans, Chairman, TAFI Board.

of industry and government. Importantly the RAGs adopt a whole of Tasmania view of research needs and a major achievement this year was the publication for the first time of a five-year Tasmanian Fisheries and Aquaculture Plan on behalf of the Tasmanian Fisheries Research Advisory Board (TasFRAB). TAFI's own research mix is a subset of the overall plan for each sector.

"The plan identifies at a glance the needs and priorities of our major industries, what work is being done and the areas that need more work to develop the future of our fishing industries on a sustainable and profitable basis," he said.

Professor Buxton said that such a plan was crucially important in an economic climate which had seen the value of the Tasmanian fishing and aquaculture industries accelerate from less than \$20million 15 years ago to some \$230million

today.

"While crucially important for rural employment, no longer can fishing and aquaculture be seen as local cottage industries. They are keystones of the economy which are developing on the cutting edge of scientific achievement. Their continued success will, in large measure, depend on sound information and appropriate technologies obtained through solid scientific work."

The strategic plan was formally presented at the TAFI Board's anniversary meeting at the Taroona laboratories. It was accepted by the Minister for Primary Industries, Water and Environment, the Hon. David Llewellyn.

## That's the spirit

Two Launceston-based academics have won an international community development award.

Lesley Harrison and Ian Falk have received the innovative program award from the International Community Development Society based in the US.

The award was announced at the society's annual conference in Washington. Two Launceston College teachers attended the conference and brought the award home to present to the University.

The pair won the award for their roles in organising and participating in a community development conference which attracted speakers from throughout the world. The Learning Communities, Regional Sustainability and the Learning Society symposium was held in Launceston last year.



Ian Falk, left, and Lesley Harrison, right, accept the award from Launceston College teachers Sarah Pierce and Dee. Photo courtesy of *The Examiner*.

In the report on the new Bachelor of Social Science (Police Studies) in the August 9 issue (UniTas) are listed a number of subjects in one of the majors 'directly related to Police Studies' and include 'Sociology of Youth and Deviance'. Please tell me this is a misprint and that there should be a comma after Youth! Or is the implication that all (or most) young people are deviants?

The young people I talk to as part of my research constantly complain of the negative images of youth in the media, and of being under constant surveillance in shops and public places and by police, simply because they are young, when they are doing nothing wrong. As Judith Bessant writes in an excellent article in the Journal of the Australian Institute of Family Studies "The contemporary figure of the 'juvenile delinquent' and panics about 'juvenile crime waves' depend heavily on the long-standing discursive traditions constructed by adults, usually professionals and the intellectually trained" (Bessant, 1998, P. 10).

According to some young people the only time they read good things about youth is in the sports section of the newspaper. Let it not be said that the new Bachelor of Social Science (Police Studies) confirms this perspective of youth only as 'threat' and 'problem'.



- Joan Abbott-Chapman,  
Associate Professor in Education, Director, Youth Studies Group

**Robert Hall, Coordinator, Police Studies, School of Government, has provided the following response:** The concern expressed by Associate-Professor Abbott-Chapman has resulted from an error in the Unitas report. There is no unit entitled "Sociology of Youth and Deviance" that is to be part of the new Bachelor of Social Science (Police Studies) degree course. As indicated on page B-43 of the recently published 2000 Course and Unit Handbook, there is a core elective unit 'Sociology of Deviance' in the Police Studies major. There is also an elective unit 'Sociology of Youth' that is part of the program.

A colleague recently showed me the following quote, which I think is very fitting given the current climate of the University: "We trained hard, but it seemed that every time we were beginning to form up into teams we would be reorganised. I was to learn later in life that we tend to meet any new situation by reorganising, and a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while only producing confusion, inefficiency and demoralization." (Petronius Arbiter AD 66)

- Mark Bennett,  
Science & Engineering

## ***GST - threat or opportunity?***

On 1 July next year the new system of Goods and Services Taxation will begin. The University has been following this development and analyzing its possible impacts during the period leading up to its passage as law, which occurred two months ago.

The Australian Vice-Chancellors Committee commissioned Ernst & Young to review the GST implications for Australian universities earlier this year. The review found that, consistent with the Government's stated policy, the education sector would be GST-free. However, the review also revealed that there are many instances where GST will be imposed in the education sector, even within the core sectors of teaching and research.

The University has done further investigation and has determined that the impact of GST is both complex and potentially significant on the core activities in which it is engaged. The legislation is new and involves many variables and uncertainties, particularly pertaining to the education sector. The Ernst & Young review noted that the legislation could potentially impose different treatments for similar activities.

For example, you could have the situation where two students undertaking the same subject, on the same day, in the same class are treated differently for GST purposes (ie one GST free and the other taxable).

There is a real concern that GST may be imposed in certain instances to research activities, particularly contract research activities.

The University is taking the implementation of GST very seriously and has begun preparation now. This is an issue

that is going to cut across the entire University. It will be imperative that all of us have at least a basic understanding of this new tax.

We will need to look at all of our activities and determine the GST effect. By doing so we can turn the implementation of GST into an opportunity. The University will have to pay GST on most goods and services that it purchases. However, in most cases we should be able to claim this back. In some instances, we will also have to incorporate a GST component in some of our revenue generating activities.

The University is in the process of establishing a GST Implementation Project and has appointed Harry Maltby as the Project Manager. A project team will be assembled and announced along with several advisory groups from across the faculties and various activities of the University. It is anticipated that an information web site will be established to promote the flow of information about GST in the University. This web site will need to have the capacity to allow staff to raise potential GST issues to the project team.

As Richard Easter, Director of Financial noted: "The implementation of GST in the University might be the most complex GST implementation of any organisation in Tasmania. At the same time, it provides the University with some real opportunities. There will be very few things that the University does that will not have to be looked at from a different



Harry Maltby

## ***Frankenfood - should we be concerned?***

Two public symposia outlining the impact of molecular genetics on food and health will be held at the University's Sandy Bay campus in Hobart.

Each symposium will feature talks by three experts, followed by open discussion between audience and panel.

The first symposium entitled Genetic Modification of Food will be held on Tuesday, 7 September at 7.30 pm and will cover such aspects as molecular technology, genetically modified food and the environmental impact of genetically modified crops.

Speakers include Dr R. Vaillancourt, Dr J. Peacock, Dr R. Thresher, Professor J. Reid and Mr P. Williams.

The second symposium entitled Genetic Issues and Solutions for Health will be held on Tuesday, 5 October at 7.30 pm and will include topics such as the impact of the human genome project, new insights into genetic diseases and ethical issues in genetic technology.

Speakers include Professor G. Sutherland, Associate Professor D. Mackey and Professor D. Chalmers.

The symposium series will be opened by the Governor and President of the Royal Society, Sir Guy Green. All are welcome and admission is free.

The symposia will be held at the Stanley Burbury Theatre, Sandy Bay campus.

## ***Busy times at rural sites***

Last week was a milestone in Rural Health Teaching and Learning, according to the Director of the University Department of Rural Health, Associate Professor Judi Walker.

"We had Medical and Pharmacy Students living and working in the University Department of Rural Health Teaching Sites at Scottsdale, Smithton, Queenstown, St Marys and Dover," she said.

"Third year medical students have been undertaking four research projects looking at self management and awareness issues in relation to type 2 Diabetes. They were working with patients, community groups and school children.

"Pharmacy students spent the week working in multidisciplinary teams which gave them greater insight into health service provision and population health issues in rural and remote areas," she said.

Professor Walker said that Rural Health Teaching Sites provided a number of unique opportunities, not only for health science students, but also for rural health professionals, by :

- providing different models of health service delivery as rural and remote training environments for undergraduates and post graduates in all health related disciplines;
- establishing a university presence in specific rural and remote areas as a base for teaching, learning and research;
- extending and developing the role of rural health professionals by drawing on their expertise as teachers and researchers;
- providing rural and remote health workers with easy and affordable opportunities for access to training and upskilling programs and continuing professional education; and
- addressing specific population and public health issues through locally-based research and teaching.

### ***Jager accepts positions with world psychiatric group***

Dr Alan D. Jager, Senior Lecturer in Forensic Psychiatry and Clinical Director of Forensic Mental Health services, recently delivered two papers at the XI World Congress of Psychiatry in Hamburg, Germany.

He presented 'An Instrument to Measure Violence', which described the development of a rating scale called the violence checklist, for use in general, psychiatric and forensic populations and also 'Fitness to Stand Trial', describing research undertaken whilst at the University of Calgary in Canada.

At the congress, Dr Jager was elected to two committees of the World Psychiatric Association, namely the forensic division and the committee on psychiatry, law and ethics.

# GRADUATION DAY

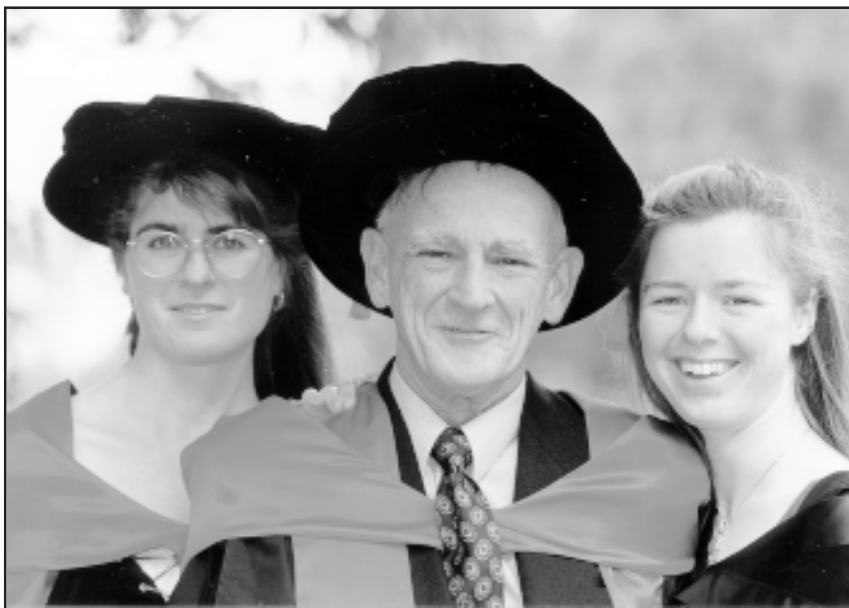


Graduation ceremonies were held at the University Centre, Hobart, last month. A highlight of the ceremonies was the awarding of honorary doctorates to Australian actor and director Robyn Nevin and to author and poet Margaret Scott.

Left: The University awarded an honorary doctorate to Australian actor and director Robyn Nevin. Dr Nevin is the Sydney Theatre Company's artistic director. Dr Nevin, a former Fahan student has won two Logie awards for her television work and has appeared in such films as *The Castle*. She is pictured with the Governor, Sir Guy Green.



Above: Margaret Scott - acclaimed author and poet and a regular guest on *Good News Week* - was awarded an honorary doctorate of letters. Dr Scott obtained a PhD in English at the University 21 years ago and has been an honorary research associate at the Uni since 1990.



Above: Three members of the Allen family, of Exton, graduated in the same ceremony. They were father Neil Allen, 57, eldest daughter Kathryn, 29, and youngest daughter Kim, 22. Mr Allen graduated with a PhD in geology, Kathryn obtained her PhD in geography while Kim graduated with an arts degree. Mr Allen, a former sciences teacher, returned to Uni after retiring in the early 1990s. His thesis was on mineral extraction by the use of magnetic field separation. Kathryn's thesis was on climate change by analysing growth rings in celerytop pine.



Above: A special graduation ceremony was held for Bachelor of Nursing student Gregory Paul Barr, who was unable for health reasons to attend the scheduled ceremony in Hobart. He is pictured with his mother, Mrs June Barr, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don McNicol, and the Deputy Chancellor, Ms Kym Boyer.



Left: Graduates of the Australian Music Examinations Board were included in one of the Hobart ceremonies.

## Women get a place of their own



Brenda Connor, left, watches while Liz Little opens the Womens Room.

Belly-dancing, singing and refreshments all round marked the official opening of the Student Association Womens Room at Launceston campus. The room, on the ground floor of the SA building, provides a safe, women-only space on campus where women can meet and feel comfortable. The opening was part of Blue Stocking Week, which celebrates women in higher education. The room was officially opened by Liz Little, from the Office of the Status of Women.

### **Archbishop to celebrate Academic Mass**

The annual Academic Mass will be celebrated by Most Rev. Adrian Doyle, Archbishop of Hobart, on Friday, 17 September.

The lunchtime Mass, in the Stanley Burbury Theatre of the University Centre, will begin at 1.05 pm. A choir of students and staff is being assembled to sing at the Mass.

The University Catholic Chaplain, Fr Joe Martins, has extended a cordial invitation for the Academic Mass to all current and former students and staff of the University and to their families. Academic dress is welcomed.

This will be the first visit to the campus by Archbishop Doyle since he succeeded Archbishop Eric D'Arcy on 26 July.

If anyone would like to sing in the choir or to receive further information they can contact Fr Martins on ext. 2385 or email Joseph.Martins@utas.edu.au or leave a message at the Chaplaincy office, 38A Alexander Street.

### **Review time for history & classics**

A review is about to be conducted of the School of History & Classics in the Faculty of Arts. This is part of a series of wide-ranging School and course reviews conducted across this Faculty and University.

The terms of reference for reviews are broad, and include the teaching, organisation and administration of the Schools, the current program of research, resource and other issues. Copies of the full terms of reference may be obtained from the Office of the Dean, Faculty of Arts, (03) 6226 1874.

Submissions to the review, addressing any of the terms of reference including any matter of relevance, are invited from interested persons and groups within the University and outside. Submissions should be addressed to: Senior Executive Officer, Faculty of Arts, Box 44, (Hobart), or emailed to: Karen.Patterson@utas.edu.au and should be received by Friday 17 September, 1999.

Late submissions will not be accepted.

### **Law students meet to discuss education issues**

A team of 28 students from the University's Law School hosted more than 300 law students from the Australasian region at the Annual Australian Law Students' Association Asia-Pacific Conference held recently in Hobart.

The Australian Law Students' Association (ALSA) is the peak body of law students and represents all 28 Law Student Societies in Australia. Delegates attended council meetings or competed in one of the four competitions on offer: paper presentation, client interviewing, witness examination and mootings. Delegates also attended seminars on topics such as the Prosecution of Breaches of International Humanitarian Law, Sexual Assault Law Reform and Australia's Prison System.

University of Tasmania student Georgia King-Siem was elected President of Australian Law Students' Association for 1999/2000.

The University also hosted the

Annual Australasian Legal Education Forum (ALEF) in July.

The event provided a forum in which organisations and individuals had the opportunity to discuss and raise various issues concerning legal education.

Participants in the forum included representatives from the Committee of Australian Law Deans, Centre for Legal Education, Law Council of Australia, Law Foundations, Professional Law Societies and Bar Associations, Practical Legal Training providers, judges, representatives from leading law firms and other legal practitioners and students from around Australia.

The forum was organised by the Georgia King-Siem of the University of Tasmania's Law School. Next year's forum will be hosted by Monash University. Queries should be directed to the Australian Law Students' Association on ext. 7560.

### **Cup time!**

Big money is at stake in the 1999 TUU Presidents Cup Run to be contested at the Sandy Bay campus on Thursday, 9 September.

The races will include a 5km run for males, a 3 km race for females and a 1 km event for fancy dress entrants.

The winners of the two main events will receive \$125, while second- and third-placegetters will each receive \$75 and \$50 respectively. The races are open to students, University and TUU staff and others.

And if you aren't a serious runner, then maybe the 1 km fancy dress event is for you. It is open to everyone and there is a host of prizes, including awards for best fancy dress and the fastest three.

The races will be run from the Uni Ovals (Hobart campus) starting at 1.15 pm on Thursday, 9 September.

Runners should gather at the entrance to Sport & Rec between 12.30 and 12.45 pm.

Registrations will be accepted until Wednesday, 8 September. Cost \$2. Forms are available at the TUU Contact Centre and the TUU Sports Office.

### **Book looks at failure**

According to School of Psychology academic Ted Thompson, everyone loves to succeed; no-one likes to fail. Mr Thompson is the author of a recently-released book on Underachieving to Protect Self-worth.

In the book, Mr Thompson examines a range of failure-avoidant strategies by which individuals aim to circumvent the negative implications of failure in terms of conclusions of low ability, humiliation, and damage to self-esteem.

"These strategies may include self-worth protection, self-handicapping, procrastination, impostor fears and defensive pessimism," Mr Thompson said.

"And while these strategies may be effective in the short-term, in the long-term they reinforce unproductive ways of coping with evaluative threat, resulting in increased anxiety, loss of intrinsic motivation, burnout, and ultimately, diminished achievement," he said.

The book provides a range of timely and much-needed strategies to confront these effects and describes how individuals may better cope with situations which forebode failure, creating evaluative threat. For academics and students the book offers a detailed, informative examination of failure-avoidant strategies while for teachers and counsellors specific strategies are advised by which individuals can break out of self-defeating patterns of behaviour in order to achieve at their full potential.

# Acclaimed musicians give Masterclasses

Federal examiner for the Australian Music Examinations Board, Associate Professor David Lockett, will visit Hobart on Saturday, 18 September to examine candidates for the Licentiate in Music Australia Diploma.

A former Director of the Elder Conservatorium, Professor Lockett is currently Associate Dean in charge of learning and teaching at the University of Adelaide. A distinguished pianist, he has performed throughout the world as both soloist and accompanist. His solo repertoire ranges from the works of Bach and Scarlatti to the most recent compositions by today's composers, and he is particularly committed to performing Australian music.

While in Hobart, Professor Lockett will present a Masterclass for piano students from Preliminary Grade to Diploma level in the Recital Hall, Conservatorium of Music, 5 Sandy Bay Road, Hobart on Saturday, 18 September from 2 to 4 pm. To register as a performer, please contact Marita Crothers on ext. 7317 by Friday, 10 September.



David Lockett

The Internationally renowned Skampa Quartet will give a Masterclass to some of the advanced chamber music groups from the Conservatorium on Friday, 10 September at 2.30 pm (admission \$5). The quartet appears courtesy of Musica Viva, who will present them in recital on Saturday 11 September at 8pm at the Stanley Burbury Theatre.

The Skampa Quartet was founded in 1989 at the Prague academy of Music under the guidance of Antonin Kohout and Milan Skampa of the Smetana quartet. Now seasoned world travellers and competition prize winners, their frequent concerts in London have been acclaimed by The Times as "red-letter days in London's chamber music season".

Renowned English virtuoso pianist Victor Sangiorgio will also visit the Tasmanian Conservatorium for a recital and Masterclass. His recital features a program of very popular classical and jazz inspired works.

The Masterclass will be on Saturday, 11 September at 10.30 am (admission \$5) and the recital on Sunday, 12 September at 8 pm (admission \$20/\$15).

## Seminars

A public health seminar will be held in seminar room 1 at the Menzies Centre for Population Health Research, 17 Liverpool St, Hobart, on Wednesday, 29 September from 12.30 to 1.30 pm. The speaker will be Menzies Centre geneologist Maree Ring, who will talk about 'History and Population of Tasmania. The European discovery and exploration of Tasmania, the events that affected the population growth since its settlement in 1804 and reasons for good genealogical research over the past two centuries'. For further information contact Ingrid van der Mei, ext. 7710 or email Ingrid.vanderMei@utas.edu.au

The School of Government will hold a series of seminars in Room A070, Launceston campus, starting at 1 pm. For further information contact Dr Hans Lofgren, ext. 3262.

**8 September:** Tony McCall - 'Call centres in regional Australia: panacea or poor relation of the information economy'.

**22 September:** Dr Elizabeth Shannon - 'Coordinated care trials in Tasmania: the role of policy analysis'

Physics seminars will be held on Thursdays at 2 pm in the Physics Lecture Theatre 3 (Hobart). For further information contact Bob.Delbourgo@utas.edu.au

**16 September:** Mr Stuart Corney (Physics) - 'Two-time physics'

**23 September:** Dr Richard Dodson (Physics) - 'Our friend Joe'

Applied Science seminars on topics including biology, chemistry, geography, physics and electronics will be held between 1 pm and 2pm in Lecture Theatre 7 of the Science Building, Launceston Campus unless otherwise indicated. For more information contact Jack Ryan, ext. 3828 or email Jack.Ryan@utas.edu.au

**10 September:** Dr Joanna Ellison (Applied Science) - 'Environmental assessment of impacts of mining on an estuary'

**17 September:** Professor Alan Bond (Monash University) - 'Title tba.'

**24 September:** Dr Andrew Seen (Applied Science) - 'Ionomer Supported'

The School of Maths and Physics will hold a series of seminars during semester two at 2pm in the Physics Lecture Theatre 3, Physics Building, Hobart campus. For more information contact Michaela Wegman, ext. 2408 (Mondays and Fridays)

**9 September:** Mr David Rayner (Physics) - 'Polarization of active galaxies'

To celebrate their 90th anniversaries, the Schools of Zoology and Plant Science will present a series of symposia for the general

public. All symposia will be held in the Stanley Burbury Theatre, Hobart, from 7.30 to 9.30 pm. For further information contact David Ritz on ext. 2614 or email David.Ritz@utas.edu.au

**16 November:** Biology exposes itself: impacts and achievements of 90 years of biological research.

The School of Asian Languages and Studies Research and Teaching seminars will be held on Fridays at 3 pm in Room 302, Arts Building, Hobart campus.

**17 September:** Camellia Cseko (Hons student) - 'Voices of the colonized: Chinese and Japanese women in Harbin in the 1930s'

**17 September:** Sangeeta Lall (Hons student) - "'Pure" and "impure" literature: new writing by young Japanese women'

**1 October:** Alice Wood (Hons student) - 'Higuchi Ichiyo (1872-1896) stories retold Imai Tadashi's film Nigorie'

The School of Agricultural Science and the Tasmanian Institute of Agricultural Research (University of Tasmania) will run a seminar program in Life Sciences Lecture Theatre 1, Level 1, Life Sciences Building (Hobart). All seminars start at 4 pm. For further comments/information please contact Dr Calum on ext. 2638 (email Calum.Wilson@utas.edu.au) or Sally Jones, ext. 2620 (email Sally.Jones@utas.edu.au)

**10 September:** 4th year presentations

**17 September:** 4th year presentations

**24 September:** 4th year presentations

The School of Chemistry will hold a seminar program during semester 2. All seminars will be presented at 10 am (unless otherwise stated) in Chemistry Lecture Theatre C2 (Hobart). Enquiries to Dr Brian Yates (Brian.Yates@utas.edu.au or ext. 2167). All welcome.

**8 September:** 1999 Pasminco Hobart Lecture in Chemistry: Prof Alan Bond (Monash University) - 'New Possibilities for Studying Important Solid State Redox Reactions via Electrochemical Investigations on Microcrystalline Material'

The Centre for Ore Deposit Research (CODES) will hold its second semester seminar program on Thursdays at 4.10 pm in the CODES conference room (Hobart). For more information contact Jessica.Tyler@utas.edu.au or phone ext. 1863.

**9 September:** Garry Davidson - 'Piggyback convection at Roseberry'

**16 September:** Marc Norman - 'ICP-MS developments at CODES'

**23 September:** Dene Carroll

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## Exhibitions

The University Gallery at Launceston campus is open weekdays from 9 am to 5 pm. For more information phone Belinda Wright on ext. 3902.

**2-24 September:** Gallery A: Configurations - An exhibition of recent mixed media work by Penny Mason in which the artist uses seeds in a variety of configurations as a metaphor for generation and transformation.

**2-24 September:** Gallery B: An exhibition of recent work by Derek O'Connor and Jeff Burgess, visiting artists with the Tasmanian School of Art at Launceston.

The University's Plimsoll Gallery at the Centre for the Arts, Hunter Street, Hobart, is open daily from noon to 5 pm. For further information contact Pat Brassington or Paul Zika on ext. 4309.

~ArtSpace at the University's North-West Centre, Mooreville Rd, Burnie, is open weekdays from 9 am to 5 pm. For further information contact the centre on 6430 4999.

**10-30 September:** The Jack-In-The-Box Show - An exhibition of works from the ceramics and sculpture studios of the Tasmanian School of Art at Launceston.

## Work experience - can you help?

I seek work experience placements for between four and eight grade 10 Brooks High School students for their keyboarding studies. Four of these placements need to be on a Thursday afternoon from 1 pm until 5.30 pm for four consecutive weeks. The remainder of the placements are yet to be negotiated with the students, but will most likely be similar. I would prefer students to be placed in environments where they will have some practical experience. Please contact David O'Neile, at Brooks High School on phone 6326 1033, fax 6326 2293 or email [doneile@postoffice.tased.edu.au](mailto:doneile@postoffice.tased.edu.au) if you can assist.

## Theatresports back in town

The Wapping Theatre Company returns to Hobart's live entertainment scene this month with a new series of Theatresports. If you missed it last time, you shouldn't miss some of Hobart's most talented young actors performing improvised theatre with a comical bent. Theatresports will be held at Backspace Theatre, Theatre Royal, at 9 pm every Friday until 24 September. Admission \$7 and \$5.

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## Concerts

The Tasmanian Conservatorium of Music continues its regular Tuesday and Friday lunchtime performances, as well as a series of upcoming events. All welcome. For further information contact Cathryn Gurrin, ext. 7306 or email [Concert.Manager@music.utas.edu.au](mailto:Concert.Manager@music.utas.edu.au)

Concert updates are available on the Concerts Web Page at <http://www.music.utas.edu.au/concerts.html>. Concert details are regularly published in The Mercury Pulse section (Thursday) and Campus Diary (Tuesday).

### Program

7 September, 1.10 pm, Uni Centre: A recital by post-graduate cellist Zoë Knighton.

10 September, 1.10 pm, Recital Hall: Marina Phillips (violin), Lynette Rayner (violin), Catherine Prideaux (viola) and Maya Bianchi (cello) perform string quartets.

10 September, 2.30 pm, Recital Hall, \$5: A workshop with International group the Skampa Quartet.

11 September, 10.30 am, Recital Hall, \$5: A workshop with international pianist Victor Sangiorgio.

12 September, 8 pm, Recital Hall, \$20/\$15: A recital by international pianist Victor Sangiorgio.

14 September, 1.10 pm, Uni Centre: Post-graduate pianist Karen Smithies gives a recital of Beethoven and Brahms.

15 September, 6 pm, Recital Hall: A post-graduate recital featuring Lynette Rayner (violin) and Isobel Ferrier (violin).

17 September, 1.10 pm, Conservatorium Room G2: Jazz pianist Kelly Ottaway and friends perform.

26 September, 3 pm, Runnymede House, \$5: A recital featuring solos by violinist Rebekah Jacobson, plus chamber music.

21 September, 1.10 pm, Uni Centre: Stuart Collidge (trombone) and friends perform Jazz.

22, 23, 24 and 25 September, 8 pm, Recital Hall, \$20/\$10:

Opera and More. Director Robert Jarman presents Puccini's *Suor Angelica* conducted by Celeste Quinn and Raffaele Marcellino's *The Remedy* conducted by Les Johnston.

## Get ready for more Nunsense

Following the wide-spread acclaim of Nunsense performed during 1998, Centre State Theatre Company will present the sequel production, Nunsense II - The Second Coming, at the Country Club Casino from September 8 to 11 at 8 pm.

With more than 20 song and dance numbers, Nunsense II promises to be a night of quality entertainment full of clever one-liners, laughs and nuns in amusing predicaments.

Nunsense II is being directed by Jeff Hockley and features Kendra Harris, Patsy Marshall, Pearl Treasure, Anna Louisa Edgerton and Margaret Dick. Bookings at Fortunes (6334 3033) or the Centre for Performing Arts, ext. 3599.

Coming soon: Brief Encounters - a series of short one-act plays directed by three Centre for Performing Arts graduates. The plays will be staged at the Earl Arts Centre from 21 to 23 October at 8 pm and include: Run (by Eric Fitzjohn) directed by Darren Willmott; Between Mouthfulls (Alan Ayckbourn) directed by Nathan Geeves; and Krapp's Last Tape (Samuel Beckett) directed by Lucinda Watson.

## Classifieds

### House sitter

Reliable house sitter available from February 2000. Hobart area. Ph. 62296193.

### Wanted to buy

Two to three bedroom house, sunny aspect, open plan living, fenced garden, good order, Hobart inner suburbs, up to \$100,000. Email [Susan.Headley@utas.edu.au](mailto:Susan.Headley@utas.edu.au)

### Accommodation wanted

Accommodation required from Sept 21 - Dec 3 or part thereof, when present house-sit concludes. Near or in Hobart City. Non-smoker, gardens and animals no problem. Phone 0409 387 072 (mobile), or ext. 7700 (work), or 6229 6419 (h), or email [Laura.deWit@utas.edu.au](mailto:Laura.deWit@utas.edu.au)

### Tutor available

Tuition in German from native speaker. Call a.h. 6224 4340.