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Griffith University is committed to preparing people for society and the workforce, not just for tomorrow but for the future. We understand that the workplace of the 21st century is defined by rapid change and that many careers that will exist in 20 years haven't been imagined yet.

This is a challenge Griffith has always met head on.

Thirty years ago when Griffith started, it offered programs that other universities weren't offering, in the areas of Environmental Sciences and Asian Studies. These are now recognised as core issues for the current generation and Griffith still leads the way in these fields.

Griffith is now the largest teaching and research centre for Asian Studies in the region. Our Faculty of Environmental Sciences boasts the largest group of environmental professionals in any university in Australia – and is among the largest in the world. It is also a world leader in the training of environmental professionals and related natural and social science research.

Today, Griffith maintains its commitment to educating for the future through its focus on areas such as animation, digital technology, drug discovery and stem cell research.

Another distinctive feature which gives Griffith students the edge is our multidisciplinary approach to both learning and research. It is an approach which allows students to tailor their study to match their interests, helping them gain an edge in specialised industries or broaden their career options.

Excellence

Despite our record of learning excellence, Griffith is committed to enhancing the quality of learning and teaching; to improve student learning experiences and outcomes. One way we

are addressing this is through our current learning strategy which is implementing work integrated learning in nearly all programs.

Work integrated learning actively engages students in practical work placements and can take many forms, including: internships, guided industry projects, clinical placements, mentoring, or a combination of these workplace-orientated activities. It also includes "sandwich" courses where students spend an extended period of time working in industry or the professions between periods of study.

Work integrated learning provides opportunities to put theory into practice and develop an understanding of workplace culture while earning formal credit towards a degree.

By 2010 nearly all Griffith programs will have embedded opportunities for work integrated learning. We have taken this proactive approach to help our students meet a growing need for employees to be industry-ready, innovative thinkers and creative problem solvers.

This smarter approach to teaching and learning is delivering a whole new student experience and is producing graduates who are leaders in a changing world.

This continues our great tradition of innovation which has formed many great leaders.

I have been Vice Chancellor for the last 18 months and I keep meeting Griffith alumni who are leading lights on the world stage.

These include:

- Arts graduate Clinton Dines, who is now Chief Executive Officer at BHP in China;
- Asian and International Studies graduate Tony Sheldon, who has set up World Assist – an international charity working on issues of human security in Aceh, Indonesia;
- Science graduate Dr Peter Scammells; a research scientist with 64 publications and patents in medicinal chemistry;
- Dr Helen Stacy, who received a PhD in Laws, is now Director of Stanford University's Centre on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law in the United States;
- Biomedical Science graduate Rosemary Nyabadza is the first Griffith student to be accepted to Oxford University with a Rhodes Scholarship.

Professor Ned Pankhurst has been appointed Pro Vice Chancellor (Science and Technology), effective September 25. He will join Griffith from James Cook University, where he is currently Pro Vice Chancellor (Science, Engineering and IT). Professor Pankhurst has a long and distinguished career in the research and teaching of aquaculture and marine biology. His external activities include membership of the Australian Institute of Marine Science Council.



Professor Leanne Aitken has been appointed Queensland's first Chair in Critical Care Nursing. The joint position between Griffith and the Princess Alexandra Hospital will allow Professor Aitken to advance clinical research with particular focus on the specialities: intensive care, coronary care and trauma high dependency. Professor Aitken has spent the last two years as senior research fellow with the Queensland Trauma Registry and sits on the working group responsible for Queensland's state-wide trauma plan.

Mr Clyde Cosentino, Griffith Law School Adjunct lecturer, is one of five Australians to have been awarded the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA) Award for Excellence this year. Mr Cosentino received his award for his work on humanitarian/protection visas.

Ms Anne Gribbin has been appointed inaugural Director of Development and Alumni Relations. Ms Gribbin is an experienced leader of strategic fundraising, planning and development within Australia and overseas and to date, has raised in excess of \$80 million. Formerly the Director of Development and Alumni at the University of Adelaide, she has worked on both sides of philanthropy: in the private Smorgon Family Foundation distributing funds, and for major public institutions such as the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne and the St James Ethics Centre. Ms Gribbin is undertaking PhD studies examining alumni support of Australian universities. She is a Fellow of the Fundraising Institute – Australia and a member of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

The School of Dentistry and Oral Health has achieved a ground-breaking agreement with pharmaceutical giant Pfizer Australia to support its teaching and research in periodontal diseases. Their support has led to the appointment of

Professor Saso Ivanovski as Griffith's inaugural Listerine Chair of Periodontology. He will join Griffith from the University of Queensland and lead research including cutting-edge cell biology and tissue engineering to prevent the loss of bone and attachment of teeth to the jaws; repair damaged tooth support; and improve the replacement of missing teeth with new generation dental implants.

The Honourable Debra Mullins, Supreme Court of Queensland, has been appointed an Adjunct Professor with the Griffith Law School. She will advise on the development and maintenance of close relations between the Law School, the legal and other professions, and assist in identifying trends in legal practice and more generally in the external environment which are relevant to the activities of the Law School.

Adjunct Professor Steve Noakes (CRC for Sustainable Tourism) has accepted a one-year extension of his current term as Chair of the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Sustainable Tourism Committee. Founded in 1953, the Bangkok-based PATA is the leading public and private sector association for tourism in the Asia-Pacific region.



Professor Don Stewart has joined Griffith's School of Public Health as the inaugural Professor of Health Promotion. He will advance and develop the new Bachelor of Health Promotion degree, and the existing Master of Public Health degree. Professor Stewart has worked as a consultant to the World Health Organisation in the Asia-Pacific region on school-based programs targeting communicable and non-communicable diseases. His background includes extensive experience in the mental health field and he is also interested in the role of music in health promotion, believing there are opportunities for modern and classical music to develop belonging, connectedness and social capital.

Emeritus Professor Patrick Troy AO has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate by Griffith University, recognising his contribution to urban and regional development in Australia and research in major new fields such as social justice and environmental studies. Professor Troy was appointed an Adjunct Professor to Griffith University in 2003 and has made a significant contribution to Griffith's Urban Research Program.



Professor **Alan Mackay-Sim** heads a research team that last year grew adult stem cells from the olfactory mucosa (the organ of smell in the nose) into many different types of cells including heart, muscle, liver, kidney and blood cells. Possible clinical applications include development of treatments for brain diseases such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease and schizophrenia. Deputy Director of Griffith's Eskitis Institute for Cell and Molecular Therapies, Alan will be instrumental in the development of the new Adult Stem Cell Research Centre, to be established at Griffith with a \$22 million federal grant awarded in May 2006. See full story, page 5.

Professor **Michelle Barker** of the Department of Management, Griffith Business School, loves teaching and it shows. Michelle was 2005 winner of the Individual Teacher award in the 'Law, Economics, Business and related studies' category of the prestigious Australian Awards for University Teaching (AAUT). In 2003, Michelle won for Griffith University the 'Innovation across the Institution' award in the AAUT for her intercultural skills training program.

Undergraduate **Damian Istria** is juggling the demands of study and training as an elite gymnast thanks to the support of the Griffith Sports College. Now in his second year of a Bachelor of Commerce degree, Damian managed to collect a gold and two silver medals at this year's Commonwealth Games, while still retaining a Grade Point Average of 6. Damian also represented Australia in the Sydney Olympics, has competed in two world championships and has been invited to train for three months from 31 July with Cirque Du Soleil in Canada.

Postgraduate **Dennis Nona** is widely regarded as one of the most important indigenous artists, with works acquired by state and national public collections in Australia and overseas. Currently completing a Master of Arts degree in Visual Arts at Queensland College of Art, Griffith University, Dennis pioneered the development of highly intricate linocut prints unique to the Torres Strait islands. His linocuts, etchings and sculptures derive from his wood-carving experiences growing up on Badu Island. His current touring exhibition, *Australia: The Young Man and the Sea. The Engraved Works of Dennis Nona*, was recently staged in Paris and will open in London later this year.



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125 years of creative connections

This year the Queensland College of Art (QCA), Griffith University celebrates its 125th anniversary.

Established in Brisbane in 1881, the QCA is one of Australia's longest-running art and design colleges and is Queensland's oldest tertiary institution.

The QCA student community comprises over 1000 artists, designers, animators, photographers and filmmakers from throughout Australia and 25 other countries.

QCA Director Professor Mostyn Bramley-Moore said the college was responsible for producing some of Australia's finest artistic talent including, amongst contemporary figures, Archibald prize-winners Davida Allen and William Robinson, artists Tracey Moffatt, Gordon Bennett, Joe Furlonger and Michael Zavros, designer Marc Harrison and filmmakers Peter Hegadus, Frarmarz K-Rahber, Jason Lynch and Marc Harrison.

"QCA is a venerable institution in the context of Australian art, design and film education," Professor Bramley-Moore said.

"For 125 years, through good times and tough, it has been a portal for aspiring individuals who wished to explore creative disciplines and build careers.

"Some people who studied here stayed close to home and enriched our local scene, while others studied for a while and then moved on to stellar trajectories in other cities, states and countries.

"In 2006, QCA is still a feature of Queensland's cultural landscape. Comfortable and respected as a division of Griffith University, and located at Brisbane's South Bank in outstanding new facilities, it presents opportunities for all ambitious students.

"It has been wonderful for staff and students to see the exceptional strides that have unfolded in recent years. We are here at an amazing time."

The college offers one of the widest ranges of visual art and design studies in the country including animation, contemporary Australian indigenous art, design studies, graphic design, interior design, 3D design, fine art, gold and silver-smithing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, photography, creative advertising photography, photographic art practice, photojournalism, film and screen media.

QCA offers programs on two of Griffith's five

campuses. The College's main campus, including the Film School, is located at South Bank in the cultural heart of the city. The Gold Coast campus houses the newly-amalgamated Bachelor of Visual Media, launched in 2005.

125 years of teaching art

1881: Joseph Augustus Clarke conducts first drawing class to 22 students at the Brisbane School of Arts in Ann Street.

1884: Purpose-built drawing studio was added and classes in clay-modelling, woodcarving, oil and watercolour painting introduced.

1890s: Classes transferred to the new Brisbane Technical College building in Ann Street, and day art and design classes introduced.

1909: The Brisbane Technical College amalgamated with the South Brisbane and West End technical colleges to form the Central Technical College.

1914: The amalgamated college moved into the new Central Technical College buildings in George Street.

1932: Annual exhibitions of student work began and continue today.

1957: Photography was introduced.

1970s: The Art Branch of the Central Technical College became a College of Art and was relocated to Seven Hills. Courses in printmaking, metal smithing, animation and film and television introduced.

1980s: The QCA Gallery and Liveworm Design Studio open and Bachelor of Arts and Graduate Diploma in Arts courses introduced.

1990s: QCA joined Griffith University in 1992. The 1990s also saw the introduction of Masters and Doctoral degrees, a contemporary Indigenous Australian Art degree, and the offering of Design and Fine Art on Griffith's Gold Coast campus.

2001: QCA relocated to new purpose-built facilities at South Bank.

2004: Griffith Film School established – Australia's biggest film school, with about 300 students undertaking courses in film, animation, television, broadcasting, web casting, screen production, scriptwriting and creative writing. ■



Since graduating with a Bachelor of Film and Television with Honours in 2000, filmmaker Peter Hegadus' star is rising. His documentary, *Inheritance, A Fisherman's Story*, won eight international awards and was short-listed for the 2004 Academy Awards. His short film *Hole in the Wall* premiered at the Brisbane International Film Festival in 2005 and was accepted into the US Cleveland International Film Festival and St Kilda Film Festival. He is currently working on a one-hour documentary called *The Lawrences* for the ABC, and working on a feature-length documentary *My America* on American society for his PhD dissertation.



Davida Allen achieved national attention in the 1980s when her work was selected for the major contemporary art exhibitions, the Biennale of Sydney and the Australian Perspecta. In 1986, she became one of the few women – and the first Queensland woman – to win the Archibald Prize, for a portrait of her father-in-law. In a career spanning 30 years, Allan has held numerous solo exhibitions in Australia and her work has been shown in Europe, the United States and Japan. She is represented in the Australian National Gallery, the major Australian state galleries and the Museum of Modern Art, New York.



Cassandra Mathie won the \$15,000 Citigroup Private Bank Australian Photographic Portrait Prize as part of the 2005 Archibald prize awards for her portrait *Ali and Rhama*. The portrait is from a larger body of work called *Elhigrah* (Arabic for 'migration') which documents the stories of Sudanese refugees who have resettled in Brisbane. She is currently in Beirut on a two-year AusAID-funded project to develop a photography program for marginalised Palestinian refugees.



Alexander Lotersztain's design career has taken him all around the world – from Europe and Japan where he networked with some of the world's leading designers, to humanitarian work in South Africa. Lotersztain, who completed his Griffith degree in 1999, has returned to Brisbane where he continues his work in design.

Be a part of the celebrations

To celebrate its 125th year, Griffith is planning a smorgasbord of exhibitions, staff and student events and VIP functions

Exhibition dates and venues include:

10 June-16 July: *Colonial to Contemporary (1881 – mid 1970s)*, DELL Gallery @ QCA

22 July-27 August: *Colonial to Contemporary (Post mid 1970s)*, DELL Gallery @ QCA

26 July-27 August: *Satellite Exhibition – featuring self-portraiture by current college staff*, College Gallery, Tribune Street, South Bank.

31 August-28 September: View films from some of Griffith Film School's graduate filmmakers. For more information phone: 07 3735 6145

lifelessons

Griffith University will host a new annual lecture series on the Gold Coast which will be delivered by Nobel Prize winners from around the world.



The first lecture is to be held on Wednesday June 28 and will be delivered by Professor Peter Doherty, winner of the 1996 Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1996.

Professor Doherty shared the Nobel Prize in 1996 with Swiss colleague Rolf Zinkernagel, for their

discovery of how the immune system recognises the virus-infected cells.

He was named Australian of the Year in 1997 and has since been commuting between St Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis and the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Melbourne.

Today, his research is mainly in the area of defence against viruses. He regularly devotes times to delivering public lectures, writing articles for newspapers and magazines and participating in radio discussions.

Professor Doherty graduated from the

About the Nobel Prize

- The Nobel Prize is an international award given yearly since 1901, honouring founder Alfred Nobel.
- Prize recipients are announced in October.
- The nominations remain confidential for 50 years.
- Seven Australians have won a Nobel Prize.

University of Queensland in Veterinary Science and became a veterinary officer.

Moving to Scotland, he received his PhD from the University of Edinburgh Medical School.

He is the first person with a veterinary qualification to win a Nobel Prize.

Vice Chancellor Professor Ian O'Connor said he was delighted that Professor Doherty had accepted the invitation to give the inaugural lecture.

"The Nobel Prize is coveted recognition of outstanding achievements in chemistry, literature, physics, physiology, medicine and peace as well as the economic sciences, and it will be inspirational to hear first-hand from recipients about their life's work and their personal journeys.

"Having just launched his book *The Beginner's Guide to Winning the Nobel Prize*, Nobel Laureate Professor Doherty is the perfect speaker to inaugurate the Griffith University Lecture series." ■



DNAjustice— trial...anderror

Where do you turn if you are jailed for a crime you didn't commit? Forensic DNA evidence has been pivotal in achieving many rightful "guilty" verdicts. But what happens when convicted appellants cannot access their own DNA? **Shamira Barr reports.**

A landmark forum staged by the Griffith Law School Innocence Project in July could potentially influence policy debates on the use of DNA evidence in Queensland's criminal justice system.

The free public event, entitled *DNA: Changing the Face of the Criminal Justice System – Convicting the guilty, freeing the innocent*, will discuss issues related to whether citizens should have the right to access their DNA post-conviction.

Director of the Griffith Innocence Project, Ms Lynne Weathered, said DNA technology has already significantly impacted upon the criminal justice system, highlighting that innocent people are wrongly convicted.

"At present we have no legal provisions to preserve crime scene evidence which could later be subjected to DNA testing, or for a convicted person to access existing DNA evidence in order to have a DNA innocence test," Ms Weathered said.

"This is an area requiring urgent reform in Australia.

"With the advent of DNA, the problem of wrongful conviction has become more apparent worldwide.

"Over the last decade, 176 DNA exonerations have taken place in the United States alone. Between them, these people have spent more than 2,000 years in prison."

Overtured

In comparison, Queensland's Frank Button remains Australia's first and only DNA exoneree. His conviction was overturned in 2001 when DNA evidence presented during his appeal cleared him of a rape he didn't commit.

"But other potentially innocent people remain in prison. If you can't access DNA evidence, you can't be exonerated by it," Ms Weathered said.

"...nobody wins by having an innocent person in prison. Not only does the real perpetrator of the crime go unpunished, he may go on to commit further crimes."

Lynne Weathered, Director, Griffith Innocence Project.

Since it was formed five years ago, the Griffith Innocence Project has received over 300 requests for assistance in its role as a body of last resort for applicants claiming wrongful conviction.

"There is an urgent need for national law reform to bring Australia in line with international legislation so that convicted people have access to potentially exonerating DNA evidence, thereby promoting greater accuracy and confidence in Queensland's and Australia's criminal justice systems," Ms Weathered said.

"It is important to remember that nobody wins by having an innocent person in prison. Not only does the real perpetrator of the crime go unpunished, he may go on to commit further crimes."

Queensland luminaries appearing at the panel discussion include Queensland Police Commissioner Bob Atkinson, Queensland Attorney General the Honourable Linda Lavarch, MP, and Gold Coast-based criminal lawyer and Griffith Innocence Project co-founder Chris Nyst. ■

DNA: Changing the Face of the Criminal Justice System

Friday 7 July, 4.30 – 6.30pm

Lecture Theatre 1.07, Clinical Sciences 2 Building (G16)

Griffith University Gold Coast campus

To register, call 3735 5483 or email Katy.Smith@griffith.edu.au

opinion

By Professor Leesa Wheelahan

Should you go to TAFE or university? This can be a difficult decision to make.

There are so many options to choose from but not much information about how they differ and the kinds of jobs that they lead to.

We hear lots from the Commonwealth and State governments about skill shortages as they try to encourage more young people to take up the traditional trades – which tend to mean combining on-the-job-training with TAFE studies.

We also hear about shortages in medicine, nursing, teaching, accounting, and engineering; professions that require a university qualification and almost certainly on-the-job training.

But what if you don't want to be an electrician, doctor or accountant?

Perhaps you'd rather be a sculptor, novelist, poet or philosopher?

Or, if you don't have a particular occupation in mind but want to expand your horizons, knowledge and options – what should you do then?

The answer is straightforward and clear: you should do what you are good at and what you like doing, and not what the government, your family, or friends think you should do.

Prospective students often play it safe, choosing a program that will lead to a 'good' job, even if they have absolutely no interest in the area. This is a recipe for disaster.

A budding philosopher of the Ancient Greeks will not do well in an accounting degree. Similarly, someone with a passion for computers, who thinks computer codes are a

beautiful thing to behold, is likely to be utterly miserable studying medieval history or early childhood development.

You can follow your dreams in TAFE and university, and there are many ways you can do so. Many people start their studies in TAFE, and then go to university to advance their studies and job opportunities in their field.

Most universities and TAFEs have agreements to provide TAFE students with credit for their studies towards their university degree. Sometimes students go to university first, and then to TAFE to do a short, vocationally-specific qualification. Pathways between TAFEs and universities mean that students have many more opportunities than ever before, particularly if they didn't get into the university program of their choice.

The trick is to get the information you need to make your decisions.

Leesa Wheelahan is a senior lecturer in the School of Vocational, Technology and Arts Education at Griffith University and is a regular public commentator on tertiary education policy.

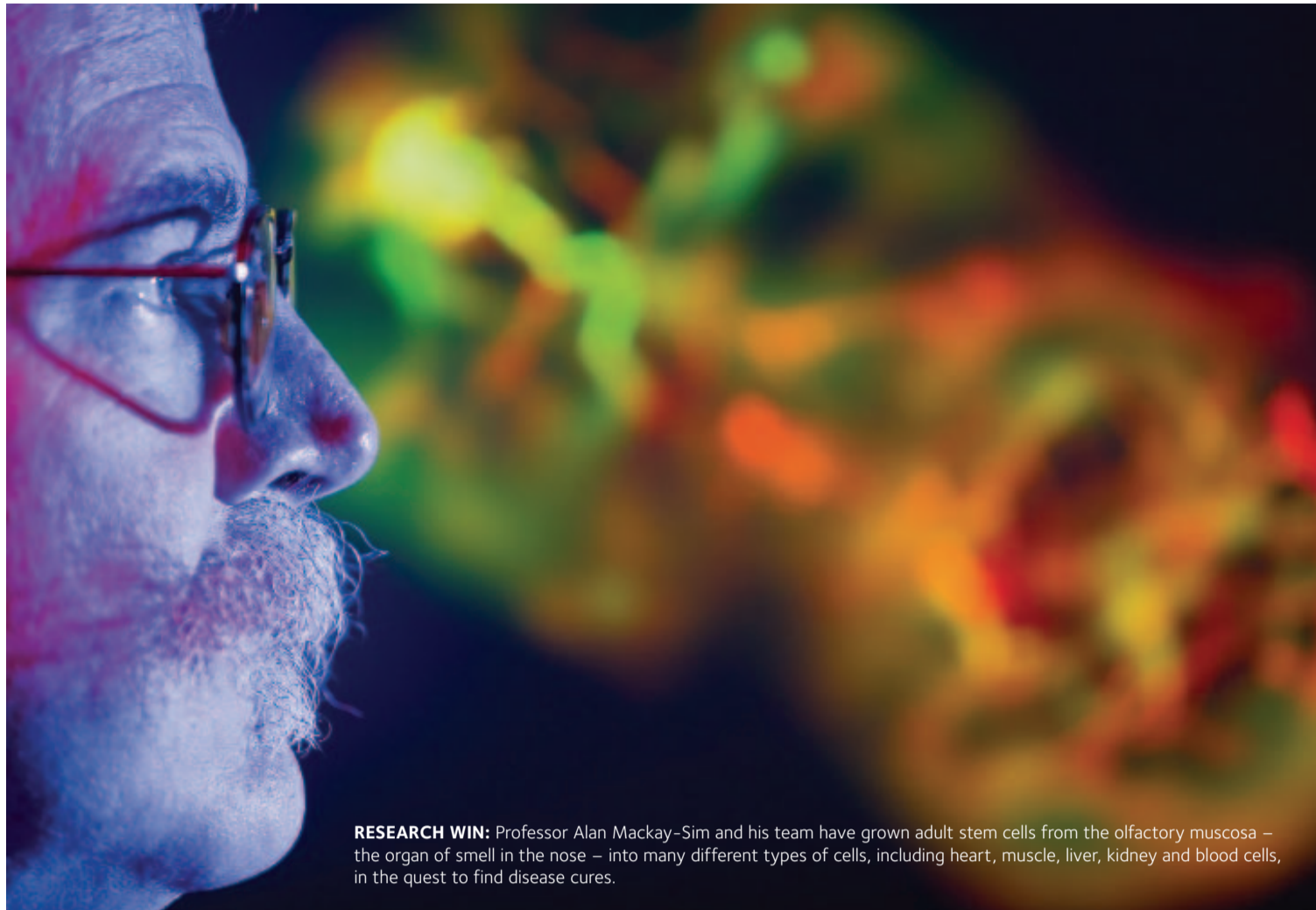
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Alternatively, contact Griffith's Credit Transfer Manager, Mary Hassard on (07) 3735 3871 or by email: tafe-credit@griffith.edu.au for more information.

Opinion provides Griffith academics with an avenue to express their views on current issues. The content in this article reflects the opinion of the author and does not necessarily reflect the views of the editor or the university.

stem cell pioneers

Patients living with some of the most debilitating diseases now have new hope, thanks to the creation of a world-class centre dedicated to adult stem cell research. **Rhys Stacker** considers the implications.



RESEARCH WIN: Professor Alan Mackay-Sim and his team have grown adult stem cells from the olfactory mucosa – the organ of smell in the nose – into many different types of cells, including heart, muscle, liver, kidney and blood cells, in the quest to find disease cures.

Paraplegia, Parkinson's, motor neurone or heart disease can be among the most distressing diagnoses a doctor can give to a patient.

But for people living with these and a host of other conditions, the news that Griffith University has received a federal grant of \$22 million to establish its new Adult Stem Cell Research Centre is a major step in the battle towards finding the cures.

The Centre is expected to position Griffith University and Australia as world leaders in adult stem cell research.

It will also help Griffith scientists develop collaborative links throughout the country with other leading adult stem cell researchers.

The centre will be headed by Professor Alan Mackay-Sim, Deputy Director of Griffith's Eskitis Institute for Cell and Molecular Therapies.

Last year Professor Mackay-Sim and his team showed that adult stem cells from the olfactory mucosa – the organ of smell in the nose – could be grown in the laboratory into many different types of cells, including heart, muscle, liver, kidney and blood cells.

These adult stem cells have potential clinical

application in stem cell transplantation therapies, and will be used to understand and ultimately develop treatments for brain diseases such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease and schizophrenia.

Queenslander of the Year in 2003, Professor Mackay-Sim said the centre would improve the ability to treat diseases by growing stem cells and identifying the cellular and genetic causes of disease. This will lead to new targets for drug discovery.

"The centre will also supply specific cells for human cell transplantation and tissue reconstruction," Professor Mackay-Sim added.

Senator for Queensland Ron Boswell said the funding recognised the quality research conducted by Griffith.

"It is welcome recognition of the fine work done by Queensland scientists in the field of adult stem cell research. It will enable them to take their research further in collaboration with other Australian and international adult stem cell scientists."

The Adult Stem Cell Research Centre will be located within the new Eskitis facility, currently under construction in the Brisbane Innovation Park, Nathan campus. ■

Celebrating 21 years of deaf support

Story Deborah Marshall



SIGNS OF SUCCESS: project officers Julie Lyons and James Kerwin.



Griffith's Deaf Students' Support Program has come of age and celebrated its 21st birthday at the Queensland Conservatorium.

The university pioneered educational support programs for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people and has become a model for similar university programs throughout Australia. Support includes sign language interpreting, tutorials, note-taking, and technological aids as well as access to all general services of the university.

"Past and current Deaf and Hard of Hearing students from all over Australia and overseas, as well as staff, sign language interpreters and academics gathered to celebrate this milestone achievement," said leading expert in Deaf Studies and program founder Emeritus Professor Des Power.

He said Griffith was instrumental in providing education and training programs which have helped change public perceptions of the Deaf community to that of a minority linguistic and cultural community capable of high achievement.

"In the last 35 years or so, many commentators have moved from a medical model where Deafness was considered a disease, a condition or a disability to it being seen as a social, linguistic and cultural lifestyle for signing members of the deaf community."

Celebrations included a keynote address by Carol-Lee Aquiline, former General Secretary, World Federation of the Deaf, and a presentation by Griffith's first Deaf PhD graduate, Breda Carty, an authority on the history of the Deaf community in Australia.

Breda is now working at the Renwick College of the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children and the University of Newcastle and is one of just a handful of Deaf lecturers in Australia.

A new DVD *Signs of Success* was also previewed. It will be used to promote the availability of university education to Deaf and Hard of Hearing people via supportive programs like Griffith's.

Project Officer for the DVD and Griffith graduate Julie Lyons added that the DVD was aimed at young Deaf and Hard of Hearing people, school students and the general Deaf community.

She said: "It will help young Deaf people realise they too have a potential to study at a tertiary level." ■

science friction

Osteoporosis is now more common than high cholesterol, according to Osteoporosis Australia. **Mardi Chapman unravels the science behind this “silent disease”.**

Ground-breaking research into a little-known cell responsible for bone resorption and calcium balance – which could have implications for osteoporosis sufferers – is being conducted at Griffith’s School of Medical Science.

Dr Nigel Morrison leads a team of doctoral students examining the cell biology and regulation of osteoclasts, and aims to expand the scientific base from which osteoporosis treatments could be developed.

These large, multinucleated cells resorb bone to maintain calcium levels within a narrow normal range.

However, over-activity of osteoclasts can lead to abnormal destruction of bone and increase the risk of fractures.

PhD student Tina Selinger has identified three of the genes involved in regulation of osteoclast activity.

She has also adapted a useful molecular biology technique, known as RNA interference, to “switch off” each gene in turn and determine how that affects osteoclast formation and function.

“These genes make proteins which could potentially be targets for new drug treatments to shut down osteoclast activity,” she said.

Fellow PhD student Rouha Granfar has funding from Osteoporosis Australia to study the effect of molecules such as interleukins and colony stimulating factors

on human osteoclasts.

Collectively known as cytokines, these molecules are increased during inflammatory conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis, and serve to stimulate osteoclast activity.

She said: “Cytokines interact with the precursors of osteoclasts and influence their development, as well as with mature osteoclasts, thereby affecting their function.”

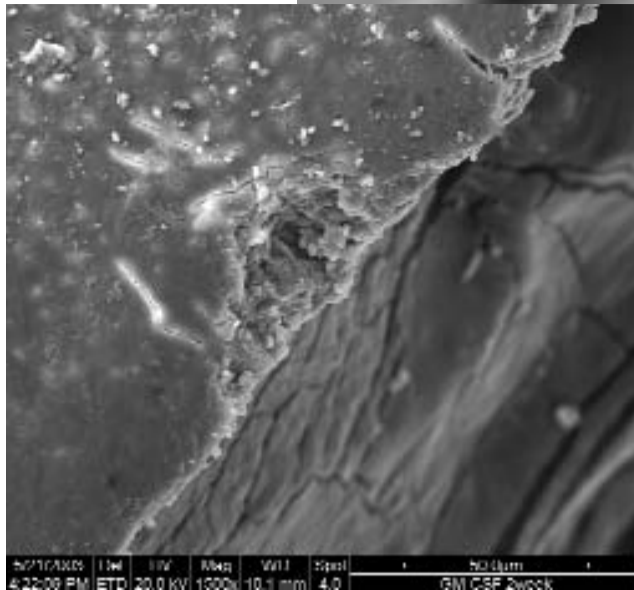
“By looking at the role these factors play in the complex and highly-regulated process of bone maintenance, we can expand our knowledge about general cell biology and the inflammatory process in disease conditions.”

Sébastien Stephens is also researching some of the genes and pathways which affect osteoclast formation and differentiation. His work is conducted at both Griffith and the National Centre for Scientific Research in Montpellier, France.

Mr Stephens is Griffith’s first Cotutelle student – an arrangement which allows participants to earn a joint doctoral degree with French institutions.

He explained: “I’m concentrating on about 20 enzymes known as RhoGTPases to see how important they are in pathways associated with osteoclast formation.”

“Ultimately we are all working to further understand these cells and there is the



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potential to identify osteoclast specific targets which may be of pharmacological interest.”

Mr Stephens, who has just returned from his second trip to France, said spanning his work over two laboratories in two continents had enriched his research experience.

“Collaboration is the way of science and the Cotutelle agreement gives me the opportunity to acquire knowledge from two different supervisors with their own particular areas of expertise in different methodologies.”

Dr Morrison’s research group has mentored doctoral students whose exceptionally high standards of scientific achievement have attracted honours such as: a Queensland Government Smart State Fellowship, an invited postdoctoral position at Yale University in the USA, 18 external travel grants to attend international scientific meetings, and three prestigious Young Investigator prizes. ■

What is osteoporosis?

- Osteoporosis is a condition in which the bones become fragile and brittle, leading to a higher risk of breaks or cracks than normal bone.
- It occurs when bones lose minerals such as calcium, and the body cannot replace these minerals fast enough to keep the bones healthy. As a result, bones become thinner and less dense.
- Any bone can be affected by osteoporosis, but the most common sites are bones in the hip, spine, wrist, ribs, pelvis and upper arm.
- Osteoporosis has no signs or symptoms usually until a fracture occurs – this is why osteoporosis is often called the “silent disease.”

valuedconnections

Griffith graduates can be found working at the highest levels in diverse industries throughout Australia and across the world.

Our alumni boasts captains of industry, politicians, doctors, lawyers, teachers, film-makers, award-winning scientists, journalists, IT specialists, among many others, who are nationally and internationally renowned in their fields.

Nurturing the leading lights of the future fundamentally begins with our relationships with high schools.

In recognition of this important association, the University has officially launched its Griffith Connect – Valued Partners Program.

So far, a total of 45 schools have signed up, with 30 more expected to follow by the end of 2006.

Membership of the program is by invitation with preference given to schools located within close proximity of Griffith’s Gold Coast, Logan, Mount Gravatt, and Nathan campuses.

Mark Rickard, Principal of Benowa State High School on the Gold Coast, said the program would widen students’ horizons.

He said: “We encourage our school community to explore university programs that empower students as global citizens.”

“Griffith Connect offers an exceptional opportunity for our students and staff to access world-class programs – and we look forward to fostering partnerships with Griffith that will engage and extend our

school community.”

Guidance teacher for Springwood State High Bronwyn Fossey, added: “Our students have been privileged to enjoy a continuing alliance with Griffith for some years.

“The Griffith Connect program cements this relationship and ensures that students planning a university pathway are able to make decisions based on first-hand experience.”

Lee Callum, Director of Upper Coomera State College, added: “We requested to be part of this initiative as we recognise that this will give our students new ways of accessing learning programs that are of benefit in secondary school – and beyond.”

The Principal of AB Paterson College in Arundel, Dawn Lang said the partnership was already a proven success.

“We are pleased with the outcomes for students who have gone on to study at Griffith, and welcome the opportunity to provide a link to that career path,” she said.

“The partnership gives our students a connection to our local university and motivation to pursue higher education, rather than be content with a career that might be a little less challenging.”

Griffith University Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) Professor John Dewar, said:

“Participating schools will enjoy a strong working relationship with Griffith, benefiting in direct proportion to their own level of involvement.

“We recognise that it is only through listening to our partners that we will be able to continue to create new and valuable services and opportunities for teachers and students.” ■



Griffith Law School’s new Legal Practice Centre will provide expert support to the profession as it responds to the standardisation of legal practitioner admission requirements across Australia.

With the traditional “articles of clerkship” model now replaced with a “traineeship”, the Practical Legal Training (PLT) program offers flexible options for graduates to complete their pre-admission legal training.

Those completing a traineeship with a firm will benefit from a Graduate Certificate program introduced this year and offered through the new centre. It allows trainees to meet the required 90 hours of training and supplement areas of training not offered by their firms.

Legal Practice Centre director Ms Janine McMaster-Kirkwood said aspiring lawyers opting for institutional training can choose to study full time at Griffith’s South Bank campus, or part-time online.

Gold Coast-based law graduates can look forward to some form of Practical Legal Training by 2007.

Other expansions in the pipeline include tapping into the growing demand for continuing legal education (CLE) along the South Bank-Gold Coast corridor.

“The Logan area has a number of law firms that are under-resourced in this area. As an accredited provider, we’re focusing on developing short CLE programs for them. We intend to leverage on facilities at the Logan campus to ensure easy access for practitioners,” Ms McMaster-Kirkwood said.

Under new requirements introduced last year, lawyers have to fulfil 10 hours of continuing legal education each year as a pre-condition for renewing their practising certificates.

The Legal Practice Centre is also offering a range of post-graduate options to lawyers, including the new Certificate in Migration Law and Practice. The program has already attracted 25 candidates for its inaugural intake.

“As the sole Queensland provider of this program, which all migration agents must complete in order to practise, Griffith is poised to help advance standards in the migration advice profession,” Ms McMaster-Kirkwood added.

The launch of the Legal Practice Centre coincides with the Practical Legal Training program’s celebration of its fifth anniversary in July. ■

collaboration

with the best of China *Story* Alison Brown

The manicured lawn, distinctive Oriental façade and delicately carved gate with bilingual signs are the first clues to the new facility in the heart of Griffith's Nathan campus.

The Peking University-Griffith University Research and Learning Centre formalises a new alliance between Griffith and Peking University and marks a new era of cooperation and collaboration between the two universities.

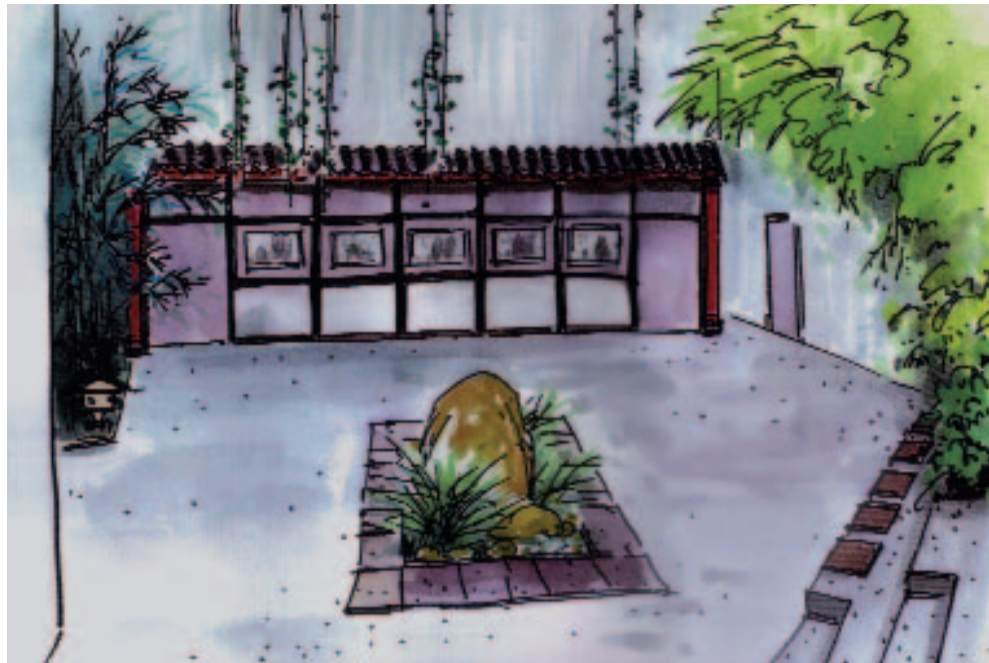
The launch of the Centre also marks the establishment of the International Collaborating Centre for Development, Environment and Population Health (IcDEPH) by the Institute of Population Research of Peking University and Griffith's Centre for Environment and Population Health.

Based at the Environment 2 building, the Centre welcomed its first staff, students and visitors when it was officially opened by Griffith University Vice Chancellor and President, Professor Ian O'Connor, and Professor Xu Zhihong, President of Peking University.

"This joint centre draws on the complementary strengths of both our universities and aims to become an international leader in the fields of Environment and Population Health, Biosecurity and Applied Linguistics," Professor Ian O'Connor said.

The two universities plan to exchange students and researchers at all levels, carry out joint studies and research and identify best practice in the three main areas of collaboration.

Peking University is ranked the number one university in China and was positioned at number 17 in the world's top 100 universities by the UK-based Times Higher Education Supplement.



AUSTRALIA-CHINA CONNECT: Artist's impression of the site.

"Our relationship with Peking University is unique and long-established, and I am confident the Centre signifies a new milestone in partnership and friendship between our two universities," Griffith's Vice Chancellor added.

Professor Xu Zhihong said he believed the new Centre would contribute to the academic development of both universities and

strengthen their relationship.

"The Institute of Population Research at Peking University and the Centre for Environment and Population Health at Griffith University are leading academic institutions in this field and are highly reputed in their respective countries," he said. ■



The Achilles tendon is the largest in the human body. Its vulnerability to injury is well-known. Now, injured athletes will be among the beneficiaries of pioneering research at the new Primary Health Care Research Unit. **Mardi Chapman reports.**

Achilles-related injuries are believed to account for 5-10% of all athletic injuries and are a major problem in sports such as running, tennis and basketball.

Repetitive trauma, strain and inflammation to the Achilles tendon are known to cause Achilles tendinitis, as many of our top athletes and sports stars will attest.

If left untreated, this painful condition can develop into Achilles tendinosis; a condition with a marked degenerative change in the tendon from repetitive microtrauma.

The research team at Griffith's new Primary Health Care Research Unit in the School of Medicine at Logan campus hopes to find new ways of treating conditions such as these in the course of pioneering research.

Inaugural research fellows include a general practitioner specialising in musculoskeletal medicine, a physiotherapist, a podiatrist and a health promotion officer.

One of the first projects to be undertaken aims to offer new hope to sportspeople troubled by chronic pain and stiffness in their Achilles tendons.

It will compare an established exercise-based treatment for Achilles tendinosis with a promising injection treatment called prolotherapy; and a combination of both treatments will also be monitored for results.

The unit will receive almost \$1 million over the next four years



attacking the achilles heel

through the federal Health Department's Primary Health Care Research, Evaluation and Development (PHCRED) strategy.

Primary health care is the first level of health care for most people in the community and includes clinical care providers such as GPs, retail pharmacists, community-based nurses and physiotherapists as well as preventative health programs and services.

Associate Professor in Primary Health Care, Michael Yelland, said the unit was funded to build research capacity in primary health care.

"The establishment of the unit is a real boost to the efforts by the Griffith Medical School to engage in primary health research that has the potential to make a difference to the health of people in the community," he said.

"It will encourage early and mid-career health and medical researchers by providing them with basic skills, protected time and supervision for their research - research that benefits the community by informing primary health care practice and policy."

He added that the new unit will work collaboratively with similar units at the University of Queensland and Bond University to support research networks among primary health care practitioners in south-east Queensland. ■

Adults who have had Achilles tendon pain with physical activity for more than three months and are interested in participating in the trial can contact the School of Medicine on 07 3382 1337 or email m.yelland@griffith.edu.au.

listening to the listeners

Australia's first qualitative audience study of community radio has found the medium is a vital link to the outside world for many people, especially those in rural and regional areas.

Researcher and journalism lecturer Associate Professor Michael Meadows said the project followed on from an earlier quantitative study of 5,000 people which showed that 45% of respondents listened to community radio in the month the survey was held.

"We wanted to learn about the relationship between community groups and their local radio, and why people listen," Associate Professor Meadows said.

A series of 45 focus groups were conducted throughout Australia representing general community audiences and special interest audiences such as indigenous and ethnic communities in urban, regional and remote areas.

Translators were used when English was the second language of the group surveyed.

"Our overwhelming finding was that people who listen to community radio see it not only as part of their own community but as an intimate part of their own lives.

"In almost every focus group conducted, people described their local radio station as a friend."

The study found that community radio played a vital role in providing people with specific information when a disaster occurred such as the recent flood in Katherine, bushfires or cyclones.

"In Katherine, one local radio announcer actually left the office while a song was playing to check the rising level of the river and then returned to report on what he had found. It goes beyond the level of what a mainstream station can do," Associate Professor Meadows said.

He said the study also showed that broader media could be used to build and sustain communities rather than divide or fracture them.

The findings will help inform the current House of Representatives Community Broadcasting Enquiry.

The research team, which also included Dr Jacqui Ewart, Dr Susan Ford, Kerrie Foxwell, Heather Anderson and Derek Flucker, was funded by a \$455,000 ARC Linkage Grant. ■



For Anne-Marie Hryckiewicz and Tendayi Nyeke, the producer and director of award-winning documentary, *Nameless Stranger*, making a great film means not being afraid to take risks.

The second-year Griffith Film School students, pictured above whose 10-minute film about the life of a Brisbane prostitute won the Queensland New Filmmakers award for best documentary production, said they had learnt to trust their instincts when getting a project off the ground.

"We developed this film to challenge the taboo nature of prostitution in society. We wanted to strip back the physical elements of the profession and deconstruct the story of one of the workers," Anne-Marie said.

As part of their research, the students met many people in the sex industry and became friends with the state manager of Self Health for Queensland Workers in the Sex Industry, Cheryl Matthews.

"Cheryl was kind enough to tell us about her experiences in the sex industry and over time, allowed us to focus entirely on her story.

"The choice to make a documentary on prostitution was an attempt to demystify social myths. We wanted to discover the person behind the face and gain an understanding of why one would choose this path.

"As female filmmakers under the age of 25, we have learnt to take risks and believe that you have to be in love with your concept before it can succeed."

The film was co-directed by David Franjic and edited by Steven Bishop.

Griffith students and graduates won 12 awards at the annual event. Griffith Film School acting head Associate Professor Andi Spark said the awards were a testament to the calibre of graduates and students at the Film School.

"We are immensely proud of our students' and graduates' achievements, particularly in gaining recognition at a highly competitive industry level," she said.

"Awards such as these encourage excellence in their individual work, future Griffith Film School productions, and consolidate our position as the most dynamic and thriving film school in the state." ■

beachforecast

PhD student Darrell Strauss is taking his research under the waves in a bid to better understand how beaches are affected by storms and large swell events.

Mr Strauss is using submersible tide and wave data loggers to study the shape of underwater sandbanks off Gold Coast beaches.

Using this data, combined with images taken from beach web-cams, he hopes to develop a model that will allow authorities to predict the state of a beach days or weeks in advance.

This information could help lifesavers warn swimmers of unstable or rip-prone beaches and could also be a valuable tool for the management of south-east Queensland's coastal areas.

Mr Strauss' research is part of the Beach Condition Index project, a major three-year study being conducted by the Griffith Centre for Coastal Management and the School of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in conjunction with the Gold Coast City Council and Coastalwatch.

To record the contours of the sandbanks with the data loggers, Mr Strauss is trialling an instrumented sled for surveying the sea floor with help from Gold Coast City Council lifeguards.

"The sled is designed to be easily towed out on a lifeguard's jet-ski beyond the surf zone and then hauled ashore to map the submerged beach profile," Mr Strauss said.

"The information will help to validate a numerical model of the area that could contribute to forecasting beach state changes which occur during large swell events." ■

studentlife

Stepping into the cut and thrust of university life fresh out of school is a challenge for even the most confident and self-assured student.

As a "fresher" the first week can blur to become a long line of terrifying "firsts": the first trip to the book shop, the first assignment from the course lecturer and the first tentative "hello" to fellow flatmates.

But Griffith University Student Services in collaboration with other campus support services, has found a way to help new students overcome their fears – with its annual First Year BBQ.

The BBQ takes place during weeks three and four and is described by Neela Jayakody of Student Services as "the ultimate ice-breaker".

Not only can students enjoy a free chargrilled snag or veggie burger, but they get the chance to mingle with academics, peers and support staff, share their concerns and forge new friendships.

Neela told the Gazette: "Around one-third of all new students attended the BBQs at our five campuses last year. This was an increase in numbers compared to 2005.

"We aim to make the whole experience relaxing and laid-back. We arranged for interactive stalls and activities from the likes of a caricaturist, DJ, a photo stall and peace and harmony stall.

"It's also a chance for staff and specially-trained students to mix with our new students and for asking how they are going and if they have any questions." ■

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Story Shamira Barr

Partnerships with overseas institutions are expanding international opportunities for Griffith students including those from the business and law schools.

Eight undergraduates from the Griffith Business School returned from Germany earlier this year after completing work experience with firms in the industrial Ruhr Valley.

Some course participants returned with offers of employment from their host firms.

Bachelor of International Relations student Zoe White, on assignment with German consulting company Kerkhoff Consulting, has been invited to join the company when it expands into the Asia Pacific region.

"The experience was invaluable to me both professionally and personally. The exposure to international work I gained has helped me take the step from my degree into international business," Ms White said.

Her achievement parallels that of International Relations student Alan Trevitho from last year's inaugural group of interns. Upon graduation, Alan intends to take up a job offer with chemical company BRENNTAG AG, his internship placement in 2005.

A joint initiative of Griffith and Germany's Duisburg-Essen University, the Ruhr Valley Internship program has hosted 13 Griffith students over the last two years.

Eligible students spend the Australian summer semester in Germany studying the language for three weeks and then six to seven weeks gaining work experience with leading German and international firms.

Meanwhile, three budding lawyers from the Griffith Law School recently returned from competing in the prestigious Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna as part of their studies.

The moot involves a gathering of 1,000 students from 50 countries, and over 500 lawyers, law professors and other arbitration practitioners.

Law undergraduate Michael Coe described the experience as the single most challenging yet rewarding moment of his university life.

"My participation in the Vienna Moot



GUTEN TAG: Participants of this year's GBS Ruhr Valley Internship program

afforded me the opportunity to see, compete against and learn invaluable advocacy skills from some of the top law schools around the world," he said.

Deputy Director (Learning and Teaching) Professor Jeff Giddings said Griffith Law School ranked among the top 22 per cent of participating schools this year and had ten years' expertise in preparing its top minds for competition against other leading law schools.

"From my observation, students who have been involved in these competitions have

benefited from having a chance to develop their skills. Often, they are snapped up by major law firms," Professor Giddings said.

"We've also taken those experiences and used them in developing exercises and approaches to teaching skills in mooting, interviewing and negotiating to all our students."

"The approach to students learning about legal skills that developed out of the major curriculum review last year was very much informed by the insights gained from working with students in these competitions." ■

prescription forsuccess

Story Mardi Chapman

The finest young minds in pharmacy are preparing to hang up their lab coats and move into industry when they graduate in August.

Griffith's first cohort of Master of Pharmacy students will graduate on the Gold Coast in August after spending much of their final semester working on group research projects in the lab and in the community.

A range of topics – from the effect of herbal medicines on the gut to pharmacy dispensing patterns and the physiological effects of energy drinks – have passed under the graduates' microscopes.

Course convenor Dr Evelin Tiralongo, said research skills were an important part of a pharmacist's professional life, allowing them to evaluate new evidence and critically review drug and disease related information.

Graduates Fiona Farmer, Daniel O'Connell and Brendon Tidd found their project offered practical insights into the pharmacology of herbal medicines.

The group tested the effect of herbal extracts such as chamomile, dandelion, peppermint, fennel, turmeric, ginger and aloe on the small intestine.

While the products are sold as traditional remedies for conditions such as colic in infants, most had no direct effects on the muscle.

Ms Farmer said: "I am interested in herbal medicines because there is so little evidence yet community pharmacists get asked constantly for their recommendations.

"Fennel extract did reduce electrically stimulated contractions in the smooth muscle, suggesting there is some effect on neurotransmitters."

Christian Ibraheem, Dimitri Costi, Andrew Argyrou and Phil Hung said they had no trouble recruiting volunteers for their study into energy drinks.

ENERGISED: Christian Ibraheem, Dimitri Costi, Andrew Argyrou and Phil Hung celebrate their Matser of Pharmacy Research project



The group measured vital signs, muscle strength and fatigue, reaction time, memory and concentration – before and after consumption of a standard quantity of water or energy drink.

Mr Ibraheem said: "We found the product significantly increased systolic blood pressure and reduced muscle fatigue. However, there was no significant effect on reaction time, memory or concentration."

As pharmacists have a duty to assist customers to make an informed choice the group stressed the importance of establishing scientific evidence for the rational use of energy drinks which contain stimulants such as guarana and caffeine.

Meanwhile, fellow graduates Donna Clarke, Justin Kathage and Rochelle Naylor opted for research into pharmacy practice rather than a lab-based project.

They evaluated data from around 30 Gold Coast pharmacies which had dispensed antiviral medications Tamiflu and Relenza between January 2004 and March 2006.

"Both products are available to prevent and treat influenza but we were interested in

whether or not the media hype about bird flu may have influenced dispensing patterns," Ms Clarke said.

"Not surprisingly there was a noticeable increase in dispensing between September and December 2005 which ties in with the fairly high profile of bird flu in the media at the time. It could also tie in with Christmas travel and people travelling overseas to Asia where avian influenza was most prevalent."

The study also found that both products were in short supply and pharmacists were unable to meet the demand.

Mr Kathage added: "It is useful to get the full picture which may help inform manufacturers and health professionals in drawing up plans in the event of a pandemic in the future." ■

Fifty students have completed Griffith's unique articulated program – the Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science followed by the Master of Pharmacy – and are now moving into pre-registration placements with community and hospital pharmacies on the Gold Coast and elsewhere.

students scoop national awards

Griffith IT students have come away winners for the second year in a row after being awarded the Tertiary category prize at this year's iAwards, Australia's premier IT awards night.

Five final year students from the School of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) were recognised for the innovative program they developed for the Kingston East Neighbourhood Group, a community service organisation based in Logan.

Students Toni Collier, John Jackson, Tim Flesser, Siu Wan Lee and David Cain developed a secure but easy to use interface to replace an ageing paper filing system.

Bachelor of IT student John Jackson said the year-long project proved challenging for the team.

"But it's been rewarding because we have provided a practical solution for the people involved. Prior to this database, it took the staff half a day to create a roster. Now it's a split second," Mr Jackson said.

School of ICT lecturer Dr Pat Halloran, who accompanied the students to Sydney for the iAwards event, said the accolade recognised the professional way the student team approached the project.

"Working outside the classroom with a real client gives Griffith IT students valuable experience – and not just in technical skills like programming. They also develop broader skills including project management, client interaction and public speaking," Dr Halloran said. ■

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Griffith theatre students and graduates put their comedic talents to good use when they performed at the 2006 Byron Bay Blues and Roots Festival.

As part of a collaboration between current students and graduates of the Gold Coast Theatre Department, the Gold Coast Comix show combines stand-up comedy, sketch, physical and improvised comedy.

Featured acts included graduate David Eastgate just back from a successful gig as the lead street entertainer at Universal Studios, Osaka, Japan.

David's stable of characters includes a geriatric rock star, a wannabe roadie and a demented Scotsman. He was supported by Nick Stewart, former lead guitarist of the band George.

Theatre Studies senior lecturer Dr Michael Foster said the show emphasised interactivity with opportunities for audience members to become involved in the madcap troupe's antics.

"As well as aiming to enhance graduate outcomes by enhancing employment opportunities and linking to the industry, the project has research potential in the general fields of social psychology, group dynamics and creativity. These areas all impact in the emerging field of rehearsal studies."

He said the troupe's Byron Bay gig was a forerunner to further performances such as its recent runaway success with new show *Surface Paradiso*. ■



Griffithonline to nationalresources

Griffith University is one of just five organisations in Australia to receive a \$40,000 federal grant under the government's "Backing Australia's Ability" initiative to boost research collaboration both nationally and internationally.

The funds combined with Griffith's technical capability have enabled the university to become part of a select group of just 20 organisations nationwide chosen to join the Meta Access Management Systems (MAMS) Federation.

The MAMS Federation comprises a test-bed of Australian Higher Education institutions and related government research organisations. It aims to provide inter-organisational single-sign-on access to services including databases of journal articles and other online research resources.

Griffith Director of Information and Communication Technology Services (ICTS), Mr

Geoffrey Dengate said the MAMS group had developed a prototype infrastructure which uses a "single-sign-on" system for member organisations.

"When a user accesses a federated service via the web, they are re-directed to their identity provider – which is Griffith in the case of our staff and students – for authentication. The Federation infrastructure then passes information to the service provider and the user is granted the appropriate level of access and can log on to other Federation services without having to authenticate again during the session."

The high-tech cyber system will allow users to access a wide range of information and resources from different organisations, including archives. It is expected to be fully operational and accessible to Griffith users later this year.

"The research and collaboration benefits of Federation membership are enormous," Mr Dengate said.

"In recognition of this, Griffith has committed substantial resources to the project and is delighted to be at the fore of this exciting initiative."

For further information contact Annette Brennan at A.Brennan@griffith.edu.au or visit www.federation.org.au ■

betterbusiness

More than 8,500 Griffith Business School (GBS) students will benefit from an international initiative to integrate corporate global responsibility principles across all undergraduate and postgraduate curricula.

The GBS is the only Australian business school to join with 21 institutions from five continents in committing to transform business education and develop the next generation of globally responsible and ethically centred business leaders.

International corporations including IBM and Faberge and leading international business schools such as the London Business School are foundation members of the Globally Responsible Leadership Initiative, sponsored by the European Foundation for Management Development.

Pro Vice Chancellor (Business) Professor Michael Powell welcomed the opportunity to contribute to a significant international initiative that aligned very closely with the University's values and the Business School's mission to

contribute to sustainable business development.

"At the moment, few business schools offer integrated or specialised curriculum explicitly dealing with business and sustainability," Professor Powell said.

"The initiative is timely with the world-wide concern about responsible business leadership in the wake of the collapse of major international companies such as Enron, Parmalat, HHH and the current issues surrounding the AWB."

"Our students will benefit from a broader business curriculum that reflects the global business environment and the knowledge, skills and attributes required of the globally responsible business leader who cares not only about the bottom-line but the physical, social and global environments as well. ■

alumni

Griffith alumni are found in leadership roles in Australia and around the world.

Sabrina Rashid catches up with alumnus Senator Brett Mason.



Brett Mason is well equipped to lead debate on important national issues and help shape Australian policies and politics.

The barrister and former academic is a Senator for Queensland in the Australian Parliament and chairs the Senate's Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee.

The free trade agreement, legislation on terrorism and voluntary student unionism are a few of the proposals that have come across his desk.

Despite a demanding career, he has managed to complete his PhD at Griffith and use his thesis as the basis for the recently launched book *Privacy Without Principle: The Use and Abuse of Privacy in Australian Law and Public Policy*.

"This book as well as my PhD would not have been possible without the persistence and perspicacity of Charles Sampford, my supervisor at Griffith. He helped me to break down complex concepts into manageable and achievable topics of study and motivated me throughout my PhD," he said.

The book encourages a fresh debate on the topical issue of the collection and storage of personal data in a national ID card or Smart Card. He argues that while people have strong attitudes about their privacy, few have usefully defined it or understood its complexities.

"Many people oppose a national ID card, but there is no call or protest for a general right to privacy," Senator Mason said.

"We can learn a great deal from European nations. They enjoy both strong legislative privacy protection as well as national ID cards."

Senator Mason is concerned at the way 'privacy' is relied upon to advance

specific political agendas.

"Legislators invoke 'privacy' inconsistently and subject it to ideological and political manipulation. Its inherent ambiguity and flexibility is very useful in justifying a policy or political position," he said.

"The concept of privacy has been used in many instances to suffocate rational public policy debate."

He has first hand experience of the dichotomy between the role of an academic and a politician.

"Academics dwell on the complexity and depth of every problem, but politicians on the other hand simplify things to ensure a clear and consistent message for the public, though, losing many of the nuances."

A dedicated humanitarian, Senator Mason seeks to somehow strike a balance between these two extremes.

He contributed to the development of democracy and human rights as part of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia in 1992-3, and continues to work towards strengthening Australia's ties with Cambodia as Chair of the Australia / Cambodia Parliamentary Friendship Group.

"I share a deep and long standing interest and affection for Cambodia," he confessed. ■

Griffith's alumni community provides an international network of former students, staff and industry associates. They participate in professional development activities, forge useful international contacts, promote employment opportunities, share research and expertise, and of course, engage in social events. To register, simply go to www.griffith.edu.au/alumni.

what's on

timeforchange: communityspeaks

lectures and conferences

Monday, June 26 and Tuesday, June 27
Central Asia and Xingjiang into the 21st Century. Hosted by the Griffith Asia Institute. **Venue:** Comfort Inn Robertson Gardens. **Visit:** www.griffith.edu.au/centre/asianinstitute

Monday July 3 and Tuesday July 4
The Other Special Relationship: The US and Australia at the Start of the 21st Century. This conference is hosted by the Griffith Asia Institute. **Contact:** Pearl Lee 07 3735 3730.

Friday, July 7

DNA: Changing the face of the Criminal Justice System – Convicting the Guilty, Freeing the Innocent. The Griffith Law School will present a free public forum on the debate around the use of DNA evidence in the criminal justice system. **Venue:** Clinical Sciences 2 Building (G16), Lecture Theatre 1.07, Griffith University Gold Coast campus, Southport, from 4.30-6.30pm.

July 12-14

"Our Work... Our Lives" conference is staged by Griffith University Business School in partnership with Queensland Working Women's Service to examine the impact of the WorkChoices law on working women. **Venue:** Rydges Hotel, 9 Glenelg Street, South Bank. **Contact:** Dr Janis Bailey 07 3735 7619.

July 27

Griffith Asia Institute's Perspective: Asia seminar series will host Australia's Special Representative on HIV/AIDS at AusAID, Ms Annmarie O'Keefe, on "AIDS-Asia Pacific's Time Bomb". **Venue:** Lecture Theatre, Queensland Art Gallery, South Bank from 5.30-7pm. **Contact:** Pearl Lee 07 3735 3730.

Friday, July 28 and Saturday, July 29

A conference for research and higher degree students, hosted by the Centre for Public Culture and Ideas. Keynote speakers will include: Cecelia Morgan from the University of Toronto, Victoria Haskins from the University of Newcastle and Mohamed Adhikari from the University of Cape Town. **Venue:** Queensland College of Art, 226 Grey Street, South Bank. **RSVP:** jjones@griffith.edu.au by July 20.

Saturday, August 26

Searching Lives. Perspectives on Dictionaries of National Biography. Hosted by the Centre for Public Culture and Ideas. Keynote speaker is Dr Lawrence Goldman, editor of the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography. **Venue:** Ship Inn Function Room, Queensland College of Art. **RSVP:** jjones@griffith.edu.au

events

Sunday, July 16

Griffith Open Day. Explore the opportunities at Griffith University during Open Day, from 9am to 2pm. Full program details to be announced at www.griffith.edu.au/er/openday

Saturday, August 5

Gold Coast graduation ceremonies for Arts, Education, Queensland College of Art, Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith Business School, Griffith Law School, Griffith Health, Science, Environmental Science, Engineering and Information Technology. **Venue:** Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre, Broadbeach at 6pm.

September 8

Brisbane graduation ceremonies for Griffith Business School and Griffith Law School. **Venue:** Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Bank at 2pm.

Brisbane graduation ceremonies for Arts, Education, Queensland College of Art, Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith Health, Science, Environmental Science, Engineering and Information Technology. **Venue:** Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Bank at 6pm.

Wednesday, July 12 – Friday, July 14

National Conference on Women and Industrial Relations. This three-day event will appeal to anyone with an interest in gender and work and contemporary industrial relations change. **Venue:** Rydges Hotel, 9 Glenelg Street, South Bank, Brisbane. **Visit:** www.griffith.edu.au/schools/gbs/irl/news/national_womens_conference_flyer.pdf

concerts

Wednesday, August 2

Fortepiano and Friends – David Ward. Distinguished forte-pianist David Ward, based in the UK, presents an exciting recital celebrating Mozart's 250th birthday. His recital includes selections from the The London Notebook K. 15, written when Mozart was nine years old. The performance will begin at 6pm at the Queensland Conservatorium, South Bank.

Friday, August 11

Natasha Vlassenko and Oleg Stepanov – part of the Kawai Keyboard Series. This ever popular and dynamic duo perform on the QPAC Concert Hall Stage three well-loved pieces for piano four hands. Performance is from 6-7.30pm at QPAC Concert Hall. **Tickets:** \$20/\$15. Qtix 136 246 or www.qtix.com.au

Sunday 10 September, 3.00pm,

Tuesday 12 September, 7.30 pm,

Thursday 14 September, 7.30pm,

Saturday 16 September, 7.30 pm

Opera Double Feature
Queensland Conservatorium in association with QPAC and Opera Queensland present *The Child and the Enchantments (L'Enfant et les Sortilèges)* by Maurice Ravel and *Breasts of Tiresias (Les Mamelles de Tiresias)* by Francis Poulenc. The performance is from 7.30-10.30pm at the Conservatorium Theatre, South Bank. **Tickets:** \$30/\$25/\$20 Qtix: 136 246 or www.qtix.com.au

For information on this and other events at the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University or to subscribe to the Queensland Conservatorium's Concert and Events Bulletin, email: concerts@griffith.edu.au or visit www.griffith.edu.au/concerts

exhibitions

Wednesday, June 21 – Sunday, July 16

Queensland College of Art Anniversary Exhibition. In celebration of QCA's 125 years, this exhibition is the first in a series of projects about the life of the College. It examines some of the important historical figures and artworks relating to QCA from 1881-1974. This exhibition is open to the public Wednesday to Friday from 11am to 4pm and Saturday to Sunday from 12 noon to 4pm. **Venue:** DELL Gallery, South Bank.

A commitment to encouraging good citizenship was at the heart of the Griffith-led Social and Civic Responsibility Forum public forum held at the Multi-Faith Centre, Nathan campus.

The Chancellor, Leneen Forde, AC, and Vice Chancellor, Professor Ian O'Connor, welcomed a panel of four guest speakers and an audience of Griffith staff, students and representatives of the wider community to an evening of lively dialogue mediated by Professor Toh Swee-Hin, Multi-Faith Centre Director.

"News headlines report almost daily chilling tales of human suffering and social apathy corroding communities locally and globally; millions live in conditions of unimaginable hunger, conflict and violence, and minority groups continue to be marginalised," Professor Toh Swee-Hin said.

"It's too easy to simply accept this as the new 'normal' instead of challenging our lack of social and

civic responsibility to overcome these realities of marginalization, conflicts and crises challenging human and planetary well-being in the new millennium," he said.

Contributing to the dialogue were Sister Trish Madigan, a Dominican sister and interfaith peace advocate currently serving as Executive Officer, Commission for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations in Sydney; Professor Drew Nesdale, researcher and author on issues of social psychology from the Griffith School of Psychology and Associate Professor Boni Robertson, Director, Griffith Gumurrii Centre and Co-chair, World Indigenous Higher Education Consortium.

"It was heartening to have so many people from such diverse backgrounds and faiths come together and express a common goal of engendering a greater sense of community mindedness and willingness to build a world based on values and relationships of non-violence, justice, compassion, intercultural respect and sustainability," the Professor said.

"Our hope is that the evening has inspired individuals and institutions alike in finding practical and sustainable solutions to the complex issues around social and civic responsibility." ■



William BUSTARD
The Crossing u.d.
(watercolour)

Griffith University Art Collection
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Queensland College of Art celebrates its 125th Anniversary with three major exhibitions at South Bank campus.

The exhibition series, Colonial to Contemporary: Queensland College of Art 125 Years will showcase the QCA's role in shaping the cultural and artistic landscape of Australia.

The first exhibition in the series, which opened June 10, features works by some of the key figures that studied or lectured at QCA from 1881 until the mid-1970s.

This will be followed by exhibitions celebrating the contemporary life of the College.

Featured artists include William Bustard, LJ Harvey, Isaac Walter Jenner, Godfrey Rivers, FJ Martyn Roberts, Gordon Bennett, Luke Roberts and Madonna Staunton.

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