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Message from the Vice-Chancellor

The value of a first-class education is often taken for granted, particularly in a country like Australia, which views it as a right, rather than a privilege. In this edition, two of our prominent alumni remind us that millions of people around the world are not as fortunate.

Hieu Van Le and Ben Yengi are refugees, from Vietnam and Sudan respectively. Both have fled war-torn countries, endured years of separation from families and friends, faced racism head on and overcome significant obstacles to get to where they are today — in Mr Le’s case, the South Australian Lieutenant Governor and in Mr Yengi’s case, a Medallist of the Order of Australia for his services to migrants, refugees and multiculturalism.

The other common experience they share is a University of Adelaide degree. In this edition they voice their appreciation of an outstanding education, which has opened so many doors to them — both personally and professionally.

Another alumnus whose thirst for knowledge paid off handsomely was geologist and explorer Reg Sprigg. His extraordinary life makes fascinating reading in a new book about this visionary Australian. Turn to page 6 for his profile.

Sir Walter Watson Hughes also set out to find adventure — and ended up founding a university. His generosity has inspired a new society of donors who have remembered the University of Adelaide in their will. The establishment of the Hughes Bequest Society this year recognises both Hughes’ legacy and our many donors who have given the gift of education.

Another major initiative launched in July is the University’s new online community network which, in the space of less than six months, now numbers more than 7000 members — and continues to grow. Adelaide onLION encourages greater interaction between alumni and I urge you to take advantage of the many privileges and benefits on offer. More details can be found on page 24.

The University celebrated some historic milestones in 2008, including the 125th birthday of its Roseworthy Campus, which has enjoyed a rich history and played such a pivotal role in shaping the nation. A pictorial reminder of these celebrations is included in this edition.

I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my best wishes to our alumni for the coming festive season and hope that 2009 is a prosperous year for all.

JAMES A. McWha
Vice-Chancellor and President

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South Australia's Lieutenant Governor and University of Adelaide graduate Hieu Van Le came to Australia in 1977 as a Vietnamese refugee. His remarkable journey to Australia is the stuff of legend and his achievements within Australia almost as extraordinary.

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If there was a defining moment which said to the world that Hieu Van Le would be a leader, it came in a small wooden fishing boat crammed with more than 50 seasick people three days out to sea from Vietnam in 1977.

Mr Le, just 21 at the time, his wife Lan, and Vietnamese people of all ages and from all walks of life had successfully escaped their war-torn country, but now faced miles of ocean with no maps or navigational aids and a skipper who had reached the limit of the waters he knew.

“The skipper, a local fisherman, summoned us together and said he didn’t know which way to go or what else to do,” said Mr Le.

“We were mostly people from cities, many of us had never even been in a boat before. I waited for someone to come up with a solution. Nobody had any practical suggestions, neither the older people we deferred to or the professional people — everyone was arguing. Eventually, with youthful exuberance, frustration and some recklessness under the circumstances, I grabbed some paper and drew a map of Vietnam and the region as best I could remember.”

With roughly sketched map in hand,

Mr Le announced that the only way to go was west which should bring them to Malaysia or Thailand. Two days later they saw fishing boats with Malaysian flags and Hieu Van Le was their acknowledged leader.

One major hurdle overcome, the next few days were nightmare material with coastguards turning them away, sometimes at gunpoint, every time they tried to land.

“When you escape from one country to another in a fragile boat with very limited supplies, water and fuel, the first thing you want to do is to land at the nearest place you can. But it turned out to be quite impossible,” said Mr Le.

“Mentally we weren’t prepared for that. Before we left we were told by the so-called skippers and people in the know that once we’d successfully escaped the Vietnamese shore and made it into international waters there would be plenty of ships — a kind of highway of ships — that would pick us up and bring us to shore. It wasn’t happening. Nobody wanted us.”

They tried to land six times at different points along the coastline of Malaysia and Singapore and, every time, the coastguard towed their boat back out to sea.

Eventually, running out of water and supplies, in hopelessness and desperation they all abandoned the boat and swam towards shore, again to Mr Le’s direction and in defiance of the shouts to stop and the weapons being aimed at them.

Ten days after leaving Vietnam, they found themselves in a Malaysian refugee camp of 5000 people. It was overcrowded and the conditions were appalling with disease rife and supplies insufficient. And, perhaps worst of all, there seemed little prospect of settlement in another country.

“We were out of sight and out of mind and weren’t getting a lot of attention from any other countries,” said Mr Le.

“Again with youthful determination we thought we’ve come this far but we haven’t yet reached our goal, so we decided to go again.”

Hieu and Lan were asked to join a group planning to leave for Australia. They were much better prepared for the second boat journey with good maps, lessons in navigation, spare parts for their motor and adequate supplies.

It took over a month of often stormy open seas until they reached Darwin on 21 November 1977 and then by plane to Adelaide just over a week later. ►

Settling into Australian life was a challenge although they met with unexpected kindnesses like the Schwarz family who heard about them in the media and invited them to Loxton for Christmas.

Hieu and Lan found work at the local Actil factory and then, in 1978 Mr Le started his degree in Economics and Accounting at the University of Adelaide, studying part-time while he worked as a Finance Officer for the Health Commission. He also worked hard to help the growing Vietnamese community integrate into South Australia.

“Right from the first day I became active in the community,” he said. “This served a lot of purposes. I always felt a huge responsibility to make sure that the communities were able to integrate and settle well into their life in Australia.

“On the other hand, I was extremely pressured by the fact that the Australian public had very little, if not a false, understanding of Vietnam’s history and the presence of refugees. Also, the anti-Vietnam war movement was quite strong, and therefore the arrival of Vietnamese

refugees was not readily accepted or welcomed by some people.”

Ever since his arrival, Mr Le has enjoyed a strong presence in the media and worked with governments, local members of parliament and various organisations to educate the Australian public, give his community a voice and promote their culture.

In 1991 Mr Le was appointed a member to the SA Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission, becoming Deputy Chairman in 2001 and Chairman two years ago. He is the longest serving member of the Commission and the first person of Asian background to be Chairman.

“Today, everywhere you go in South Australia, you find existence of cultural diversity,” he said. “People accept the diversity as a fantastic, positive blend of life that’s quite enriching. South Australia has a wonderful cultural heritage.”

Mr Le is also a Senior Manager with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), responsible for regulating the financial services industry and investment markets in the State.

In 1996 Mr Le received an Australia Day Medal for outstanding service to ASIC and was awarded the Centenary of Federation Medal for service to the advancement of multiculturalism. As this edition went to press he was due to receive an honorary doctorate from the University of Adelaide in recognition of his outstanding achievements.

In 2001 he completed his Masters in Business Administration (MBA), again at the University of Adelaide and in 2007 Mr Le was appointed South Australia’s Lieutenant Governor.

He treasures the time he spent at the University. “We Vietnamese highly value academic achievement,” he said. “The University of Adelaide has been a fantastic institution for me, both helping me to settle and to integrate, but also as a wonderful foundation for life. I’m so thankful for that.” ■

STORY ROBYN MILLS

Below: Hieu Van Le pictured with his sons Kim Anh Le and Don Anh Le, and wife Lan T. P. Le.

PHOTO BEN SEARLE



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Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships Recipients:

Sarah Fletcher

Bachelor of Laws/ Bachelor of Commerce

Sarah, from Port Lincoln, is studying Law and Commerce because it will allow her to develop a wide range of skills and knowledge that can be applied to many industries and fields of employment. She said scholarships provide many students with opportunities they would not otherwise have. "University is a big financial burden for country students with many costs city students don't have to cover, as well as the extra stress of moving to a new city and not having family support close by," she said.

Christopher Lee

Bachelor of Engineering (Mechatronic)

Christopher, also from Port Lincoln, chose the University of Adelaide to study Mechatronic Engineering because he felt it was the "best choice for engineering". Christopher found the first few weeks at university a "bit overwhelming" but now, with lots of new friends, he is enjoying university life and living in Adelaide. Christopher said having the Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship had made university seem much less stressful: "It gave me one less thing to worry about and allows me to spend more time studying and enjoying my time here."

Natalie Matthews

Bachelor of Psychology Honours Degree

Going to university for Natalie meant leaving her home town of Whyalla. Without any financial stress because of her scholarship, she is thoroughly enjoying her time at University. "I feel privileged every day to come to a place like the University of Adelaide where I can learn in an encouraging and positive environment with great facilities," she said. Natalie had a wide choice of options for study but chose Psychology because she loves being able to help people.

Stephanie Warwick

*Bachelor of Science
(Animal Science: Pre-Veterinary)*

Stephanie, from Back Valley near Victor Harbor, was set to head to Perth to study veterinary science when the University of Adelaide established its new School of Veterinary Science. Stephanie grew up on a beef cattle farm where she was always interested in the animal aspects of farming. She said her family was very grateful for the scholarship. "My parents would have found it a real challenge to find the funds to support my study," she said.

To find out more about the 2008 Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships Appeal, or to make a tax-deductible donation, please phone (08) 8303 5800 or visit www.alumni.adelaide.edu.au/vcs_appeal



PHOTO JOHN HEMMINGGS

Giving Students a fair go

The right to a 'fair go' is central to the Australian way of life — and it's a concept the University of Adelaide embraces through the Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships.

Each year the Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships support four outstanding undergraduate students who experience some form of disadvantage.

"My vision for the University of Adelaide is that it attracts the best and brightest students and helps them realise their dream of attending university, regardless of their financial circumstances," said Vice-Chancellor and President Professor James McWha.

"All too often, gifted students are presented with financial obstacles to study — from the cost of living away from home, to everyday living expenses, to the price of books, fees and materials."

The Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships are valued at \$5000 per year for the program of study. Recipients are selected on academic merit and financial need, with at least one scholarship each year awarded to a student from a rural or remote area.

Professor McWha said that he knows first-hand the difference that a scholarship can make. "This is a cause I am passionate about — both as the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Adelaide and as a previous scholarship recipient myself."

Above: Vice-Chancellor and President Professor James McWha with two of the scholarship recipients, Mechatronic Engineering student Christopher Lee and Veterinary Science student Stephanie Warwick.

Reg Sprigg: the unsung rock legend

A new book details the life, loves and achievements of a great South Australian



Above: A 1958 photo of Reg with his two children Margaret and Douglas in the outback.

Top left to right: Reg and Douglas at the cairn atop Geosurveys Hill in the Simpson Desert; Griselda in the foreground of their temporary home — a caravan; Reg Sprigg and Sir Mark Oliphant unveiling a commemorative cairn at Arkaroola.



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Geologist, explorer, environmentalist and a founder of South Australia's oil and gas industry, Reg Sprigg is one of those great pioneers of the 20th century who has contributed hugely to the State and the nation.

Until now his name has only been known mainly within government, academia and industry circles, but a new book is spreading the word about this remarkable man to the general public.

Rock Star: the story of Reg Sprigg – an outback legend vividly recalls the triumphs, heartaches and legacy of Reg Sprigg in a fitting tribute to his life. Written by best-selling author Kristin Weidenbach, the book tells a fascinating and inspiring story about this visionary South Australian.

Ms Weidenbach said the list of 'firsts' for Reg was extremely long.

Reg discovered the oldest fossils in the world, the 500-million-year-old Ediacara fossils in the Flinders Ranges.

He was among the first to theorise about climate change. In 1948 he formed a theory — rejected by the International Geological Congress in London — that the sand dunes at Beachport and Robe in South Australia's south-east were the result of sea level changes and glacial melting.

He was the first person to propose a theory about the geological formation of Adelaide's landscape due to movement under the earth's crust (this was before plate tectonics was known).

He discovered some of the deepest undersea canyons, south of Kangaroo Island, about the size of the American Grand Canyon — and to confirm his discoveries he took up scuba diving when it was still fairly new, and built his own boat and his own diving chamber.

Reg helped to set up South Australian

oil and gas company Santos; he discovered the Great Cooper Basin oil and gas fields; founded Beach Petroleum; and pioneered exploration in the Simpson Desert and the Gulf St Vincent. He was also the first person to drive across the Simpson Desert.

His interests in mining and oil and gas exploration were balanced by a great love for the environment. For many years Reg lived at Arkaroola in the Flinders Ranges, where he established one of Australia's first eco-tourism resorts, Arkaroola Wildlife Sanctuary.

"There are so many areas where Reg was the first — he was always at the forefront making discoveries and was often waiting for the rest of the world to catch up," Ms Weidenbach said.

Reg was born in 1919 at Stansbury on Yorke Peninsula, but his family moved to the Adelaide suburb of Goodwood in his early years. He used to collect shells and fossils on the beach from the age of five, and he became fascinated with geology by the age of 10, thanks to a chance meeting with a retired miner from Broken Hill, whose mineral samples were a source of amazement. Reg's first experience of the University of Adelaide came when, as a child, he took mineral samples he had collected into the Geology Department for identification.

When Adelaide Technical High School dropped geology from its curriculum, Reg showed his dedication by studying geology independently in order to take the subject as part of his matriculation exam. As a result, he topped the State in geology.

In 1937, Reg began studying at the University of Adelaide under the tutelage of renowned geologists and Antarctic explorers Sir Douglas Mawson and Cecil T Madigan.

"Being at Adelaide University in the 1930s was a time when students were expected to be seen and not heard — a lot like children — and that's where Reg was different," Ms Weidenbach said. "He had a deeply inquiring mind, and he wouldn't hesitate to question his professors and draw them into vigorous scientific debate if they had opposing views on something."

"Reg was not a brilliant academic scholar, but he was driven by an overwhelming intellectual curiosity about the world around him. He was a lateral thinker full of new ideas and new ways of looking at the old scientific truths," she said.

Reg completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology and an Honours degree in Geology in 1941. During World War Two, he tried to enlist in the Air Force but was prevented from doing so and was instead diverted to the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIRO, later to become the CSIRO).

It was while working for the CSIRO in 1944 that he was asked to take part in a top-secret geological survey for uranium. Not knowing it at the time, Reg had become part of a worldwide search by Allied Forces for uranium that could be used in atomic bombs. It was thanks to this work that Reg first visited South Australia's two uranium deposits: Radium Hill, 100km south-west of Broken Hill, and Mount Painter at Arkaroola Station in the Flinders Ranges. Thus started Reg's life-long love affair with Arkaroola. Reg's work on uranium would eventually see him appointed Assistant Government Geologist with the Department of Mines, and it brought him into contact with another great South Australian, Sir Mark Oliphant. They met for the first time in 1947 at Mount Painter. ►

“At the time, Oliphant was a professor at Birmingham University and was a member of the British Atomic Energy Commission,” Ms Weidenbach said. “Having been a key member of the Manhattan Project to develop the atomic bomb during World War Two, Oliphant was one of the few people in the world who knew anything about this new ‘wonder metal’ uranium.”

Many years later, Oliphant recalled the circumstances under which he and Reg Sprigg met: “I was both exhausted and dehydrated. Offered beer in the shed, I shook my head, unable to speak, and pointed to a large canvas water bag hanging on the branch of a tree. A young geologist in khaki working clothes took pity on me, found glasses in the shed and led me to the water bag, where I drank more than I’d ever drunk before or since. My saviour was Reg Sprigg.”

Oliphant and Sprigg would later become close friends for the rest of their lives.

“In a way, the book is the story of two remarkable men — Reg Sprigg and Sir Mark Oliphant,” Ms Weidenbach said. “They were both exceptional scientists and very similar people. They both had an innate love of the environment.”

In 1948, Reg was sent to the United States, Europe and the UK to learn, first-hand, more about uranium. “When he returned nine months later, he was the most knowledgeable uranium geologist in the country, and that’s when he came under the observation of ASIO,” Ms Weidenbach said.

By 1951, ASIO had made Reg’s work with the government intolerable. Because of some of his past associations, ASIO branded him a “suspected Communist” and a “scientist of counter-espionage interest”. They acted to have information important to his work withheld from him. Reg was unaware of their interference, but he was increasingly unhappy about his work and handed over responsibility for uranium to others. He was kept under surveillance by ASIO for 10 years.

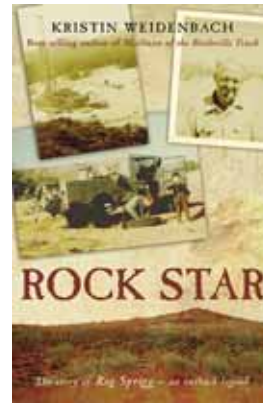
The oil boom in Western Australia in 1953 put geologists in demand like never before. Faced with a wide range of job offers, Reg decided to resign from the Department of Mines and establish his own company, Geosurveys, and this began his extensive involvement in oil and gas exploration that would span many decades.

Ms Weidenbach said her inspiration to write about Reg Sprigg came from being part of the family herself. “They say ‘write what you know’, and I’ve been lucky to have lived at Arkaroola with Reg’s son, Doug, and we have a daughter, Reg’s granddaughter, so I got to know the family and the place. It’s pretty hard not to come under the spell of Arkaroola, and Reg for having built it,” she said.

To help write her book, Ms Weidenbach accessed Reg’s extensive personal archives at Arkaroola, as well as some of the Oliphant papers which are part of the Special Collections at the University of Adelaide’s Barr Smith Library.

“As a writer, I find that personal letters are one of the most important research tools,” she said. “People reveal their thoughts and emotions, but they also speak in their letters of the culture of the time, the weather, the politics, and all those other clues to the times that they lived in.”

Ms Weidenbach said Reg’s love for the environment was not out of step with his interests in mining



The cover of *Rock Star* published in September 2008.

and oil and gas exploration. As scientists, he and Oliphant shared concerns for the future of the human race. “Reg was more optimistic that people’s inventiveness would prevail, and that benefits could be achieved through technology — ‘as long as we don’t destroy the Earth’s riches first’, he warned.”

In one of his many letters to Oliphant, Reg wrote: ‘I see by an article in the latest journal that the CO₂ greenhouse effect is not appearing so rapid — not until 2030 do they expect serious melting of the ice caps. Surely now is the time to take more drastic action before it’s too late. We seem determined to mortgage the future, making it easier for us right now — enjoy now, pay later.’

While working in Melbourne, Reg would stand on street corners while waiting for the tram and count the number of occupants in each passing car. ‘At around 9 o’clock in the morning, approximately one in every 13 cars carried a passenger,’ he wrote to Oliphant. By late morning, he estimated that only one in every 20–30 cars contained more than one occupant. ‘Such an incredible waste of fuel,’ he lamented. ‘God, we Westerners are wasteful of resources. Will we last to the end of the century? How can we do without atomic energy as our fossil fuels run out? Is nuclear fusion a real potential before it’s too late?’

Ms Weidenbach said Reg’s love for Arkaroola kept him grounded. “Whenever Reg felt too downcast about the problems of the world, he could step out under his slate verandah and inhale the clean, dry air of the place... ‘God, this wild country is magnificent,’ he wrote to friends. It made world politics and international conflicts shrink into oblivion, and it made Reg Sprigg one incredibly lucky human being.”

Rock Star: the story of Reg Sprigg - an outback legend is published by East Street Publications. ■

STORY DAVID ELLIS



Members of the University of Adelaide final year geology class.

Spirit of Generosity Lives On

Sir Walter Watson Hughes set out to find adventure — and ended up founding a university. Today the spirit of University of Adelaide's 'founding father' lives on, in a new society of donors bearing his name.

It was 1840 when the Scottish ship's captain decided to settle more than 16,000 kilometres from his birthplace in the four-year-old colony of South Australia, then barely populated by free settlers. Life on the newly-settled land required tenacity, vision and a sense of adventure — but produced rich rewards for those ready to meet its challenges.

Hughes proved he had the right traits, and made his fortune when copper was discovered on his property at Wallaroo. Luckily for the colony, Hughes believed in giving something back: in 1872, he donated a staggering £20,000 to an Adelaide college — a gift which so exceeded the college's expectations, it decided to found a university.

The University of Adelaide came into being in 1874, giving Australia its third university and South Australian youth the chance to continue their education without moving interstate or abroad.

"Sir Walter Watson Hughes is an inspirational example of the difference that generosity can make, both to individuals and the wider society," says the University of Adelaide's Planned Giving Officer, Sue Fox.

Hughes' benevolence set in motion a great legacy: the University of Adelaide has more than 100,000 graduates to date, 102 Rhodes Scholars and five Nobel Laureates.

"It all started with Hughes," says Sue. "The history of giving has played such a key role in the University's development. That's why we have chosen him as the face, and the inspiration, for a new society of donors who have remembered the University in their will."

The Hughes Bequest Society was launched in October by Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Adelaide, Professor James McWha, with over 50 guests in attendance. Sue says Society members are following in the founder's footsteps.

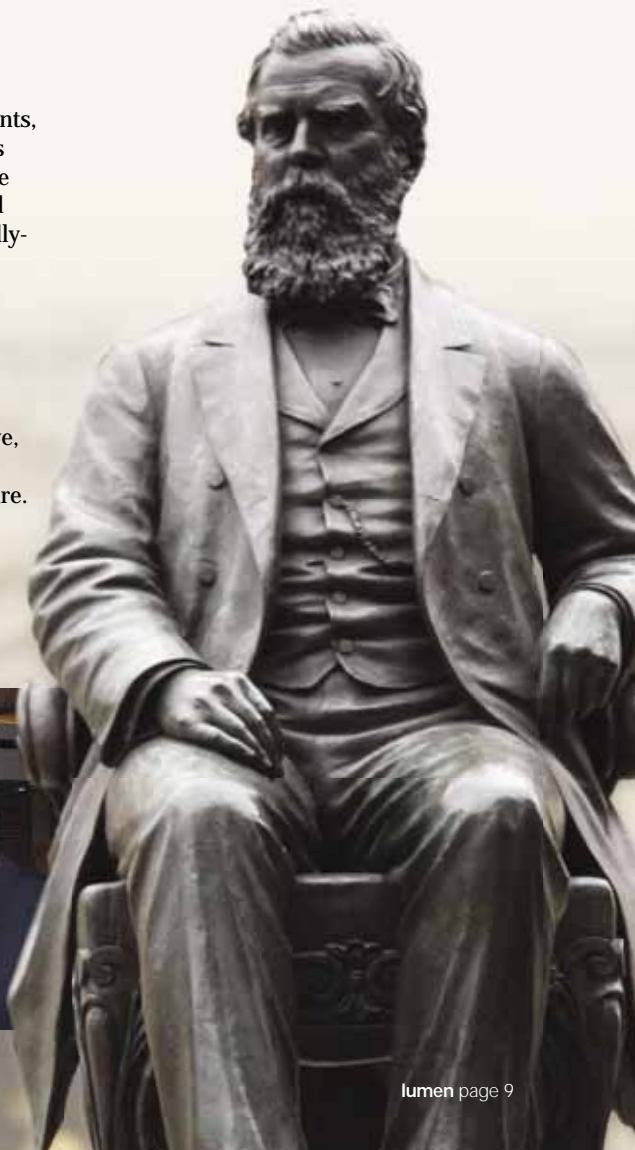
"Like Hughes, their generosity will make a real difference to education. Their gifts will support not only students, but also the innovative and sometimes life-changing research programs at the University — everything from medical research to creating an environmentally-sustainable world."

Sue says the Society gives the University a way to say 'thank you' to a group of donors who could go unrecognised during their lifetime.

"While donors have planned their gift now, the University will not receive, or sometimes even be aware of their generosity, until some time in the future. It's wonderful to have the chance to say 'thank you' now." ■

To find out more, please contact Development and Alumni on (08) 8303 3234 or visit www.alumni.adelaide.edu.au/bequests

Below (from left): Donor Murray Nelson and Sue Fox from Development & Alumni; Michael Klobas, Adrienne Lovelock, Judy Klobas.



Food for thought from Canada

The so-called patron saint of Canadian cuisine, Anita Stewart, is the first in her country to earn a Master of Arts in Gastronomy from the University of Adelaide. She spoke to *Lumen* about her degree — the only one of its kind in the world that can be studied wholly online.



da's culinary queen

Major gift supports young scientists

A significant bequest from an Adelaide family will fund prestigious new University of Adelaide research fellowships for outstanding young scientists.

Adelaide resident Hamish Ramsay has fulfilled his late stepmother's wish to help advance scientific research by pledging funds for four-year Ramsay Fellowships in the natural sciences.

The Fellowships, which will be offered annually from 2009, will be open to Australian citizens with a PhD or equivalent qualification in the natural sciences, with preference given to applicants aged 35 years or under.

Mr Ramsay said his stepmother, Mimi Ramsay, was keen to set aside some of the family inheritance for scientific research.

"Science played a large part in creating the family assets," Mr Ramsay said. "My late father Tom Ramsay was a graduate in Science from Melbourne University and his knowledge of chemistry played a part in his development of the Kiwi Polish Company (later Kiwi International)."

Kiwi International is best known for manufacturing Kiwi shoe polish, now sold in almost 180 countries around the world. The company was acquired by the US-based Sara Lee Corporation in 1984.

Mr Ramsay said his family was keen to encourage young Australian scientists working overseas to return home without disadvantaging their careers.

"I hope this Fellowship allows them to do that," he said.

The Ramsay Fellowship will eventually support four independent research fellows at the same level as the prestigious ARC Research Fellowships.

The Director of Development and Alumni, Robyn Brown, said the Ramsay family's bequest was one of the most generous ever gifted to the University in its 134-year history.

As a culinary adventurer, Anita Stewart has been holding up a mirror to Canada and its people for more than two decades.

Since the publication of her first book in 1984, Stewart has built a reputation as Canada's "coolest food intellectual", preaching the value of local cuisine and describing herself as a "culinary activist".

Regarded as one of the most influential Canadian food writers of her generation, Stewart's upbringing was in a rural hamlet outside of Toronto, where her mother supplemented a teacher's income with sales from a small market garden.

Her earliest recollections involve picking raspberries and blackcurrants from her produce-filled back yard. These childhood memories have inspired countless foraging trips around Canada in the intervening years to source some of the region's best produce.

"This extraordinary odyssey just keeps getting richer and deeper," Stewart says.

Her excursions to the remotest parts of Canada have included scuba dives for sea cucumbers and urchin in the Strait of Juan de Fuca and fly-fishing expeditions for salmon in Discovery Passage. Along the way she has surveyed farmers' markets, chefs, inns, cheese makers, bakers and even plant breeders.

In 1993 Stewart founded Cuisine Canada, the first — and only — national association for food professionals in North America.

Despite her well-documented expertise in the culinary arena, Stewart was looking for a qualification which helped put her own career into context.

The Master of Arts in Gastronomy offered by the University of Adelaide fitted the bill perfectly. When Stewart learned it was driven by "one of the world's great food thinkers," Professor Barbara Santich, she needed no further convincing.

"Professor Santich — like so many Aussies I've met — is also one of the world's great doers. With her colleague Dr Michael Symons, she created the

Symposium on Australian Gastronomy which was a model I attempted to emulate in Canada.

"This sort of high-level discussion really does change the food life of a nation and I was determined to start a similar culinary conversation in North America," Stewart adds.

The Masters degree has given Stewart a wealth of reference material that she has used countless times in her speeches and consulting work.

"It has given me confidence in my knowledge and those letters after my name have also given me obvious credentials."

Stewart describes her online experience at the University of Adelaide as "extraordinary", expressing her appreciation for a degree that can be undertaken from a laptop in Seoul, Seattle or Sydney.

"Australian students are very lucky to be able to attend classes in person because it gives them a competitive advantage in the academic world," she says.

Le Cordon Bleu Graduate Program in Gastronomy is the result of collaboration between the University of Adelaide and the world renowned French culinary academy, Le Cordon Bleu.

It is a unique program for people with a passion for food and drink and a desire to understand its history and culture, from ancient times to the present. The program adopts a multidisciplinary approach to the study of gastronomy and gives new insights into the way we eat and drink today.

Since its launch in 2002, more than 70 students from at least a dozen countries have graduated with a Master of Arts in Gastronomy.

More details can be found at www.gastronomy.adelaide.edu ■

STORY CANDY GIBSON

Catch of the day: Anita Stewart holding a Chinook Salmon from the Pacific Ocean off the coast of British Columbia.

NO QUICK FIX for health care

Health care has changed irrevocably in the past 30 years — and not all for the better, according to a University of Adelaide medical graduate who has been part of that revolution.

When Dr Trevor Mudge delivered Adelaide's first IVF baby in 1982 it was regarded as a minor miracle. In those early years of in vitro fertilisation the gratitude from parents was overwhelming.

Today, if women are not pregnant in their first cycle of treatment they are thumping his desk, demanding to know what has gone wrong.

It's indicative of a worldwide trend that is shaping up to be one of the real challenges for the medical profession in the 21st century.

"As the capacity of medicine to improve people's lives has increased, so have people's expectations — often unrealistically," Dr Mudge says.

The President of the Medical Board of South Australia and his colleagues are confronted daily with a new ethical dilemma: how to balance finite resources and patient need.

In times past, doctors basically dealt with life and death. But a huge segment of health care these days is centred on lifestyle improvements — hip replacements, hysterectomies — where the degree of medical necessity is no longer absolute.

"We are dealing with a finite number of resources in the medical profession, yet the expectations from society have never been greater. Everyone expects a magic potion that will fix their health problems and it's just not possible," he says.

The loss of respect for doctors, coupled with a societal trend away from personal responsibility has reached a critical point.

"Certainly over my lifetime in medicine, self reliance has diminished to a point where if people have a problem — be it medical or otherwise — it's not a

question of what they can do about it but what somebody else can."

This is nowhere more evident than in the IVF field, where specialists are being forced to set down new guidelines for eligibility.

"In the United Kingdom, for example, obese women whose body mass index is above 35 are not likely to receive NHS funding for IVF treatment under new arrangements," Dr Mudge says.

Likewise, cardiovascular surgeons in Australia are looking at rationing their services for patients who smoke and are overweight.

The justification behind these controversial decisions is that if global health resources are limited, they should be offered to people most likely to benefit.

"It's a real ethical dilemma for doctors and it's probably unfair to ask them to make those decisions, but is society prepared to take the lead in this? Politicians certainly aren't."

On a larger scale, the issue of recruiting doctors from developing countries to fill workforce shortages in the First World also warrants debate, Dr Mudge says.

"The whole of the developed world has got its sums wrong for the requirement of doctors and is systematically raiding the less developed world of its most precious resource — doctors.

"The average doctor/patient ratio on the Indian sub-continent is 1:100,000 and in Australia it is 1 doctor for every 4000 patients, so what justification do we have for luring them here? It is a massive ethical issue that should be discussed."

In South Australia alone, 30% of the medical workforce are international medical graduates, many from poorer countries whose need for doctors is even greater than ours.

Dr Mudge argues that governments of both persuasions in Australia have created the problem by failing to plan ahead for workforce shortages.

While the number of undergraduate medical places at universities across the country has doubled in the past five years, the same cannot be said of clinical resources.

"Clinical teaching specialists are being stretched to the limit, so while we can expect more medical graduates in the next few years, the resources aren't there to train them adequately for the workforce."

Despite these pressures, and the constant challenge of meeting patient expectations, medicine continues to be a profession in demand.

The University of Adelaide alone receives more than 2400 applications each year for 150 medical places. Demand far exceeds supply and although the average TER for successful applicants is over 99, high marks alone do not guarantee selection.

"Altruism still lies very much at the core of the desire to study medicine, Dr Mudge says. "For the vast majority of doctors it is a huge privilege to be involved in people's personal care." Dr Mudge was appointed President of the Medical Board of South Australia in 2005. Established in 1844, the Board's charter is to promote professionalism among the State's medical fraternity to ensure the highest standards of medical care for the public.

Dr Mudge graduated from the University of Adelaide with a medical degree in 1972. He specialises in obstetrics and gynaecology and in addition to his Medical Board role he works in the private health system. ■

STORY CANDY GIBSON



Sarah charts a global career path

Helping nations to rebuild after conflict is satisfying work for Sarah Callaghan.



Since studying Law and Arts at the University of Adelaide, Sarah Callaghan has fulfilled a personal mission to work around the world in areas related to human rights.

“I studied Anthropology, and I was always interested in Aboriginal rights,” the 30-year-old says. “Through doing Law, that interest extended into human rights and international law more broadly. So I always knew that I wanted to work in that general field and didn’t want to be a lawyer in a big law firm,” she says.

Sarah was able to pursue her interests as a student, taking part in a three-month internship with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees in Cairo. It was an eye-opening and crucial experience for the young student, far from her home town of Port Lincoln.

After graduating in 2003 with a Bachelor of Laws (Honours), Sarah became a Ministerial Liaison Officer to the South Australian Attorney-General. She then joined the Crown Solicitor’s office as a solicitor.

In 2004 — as a result of her participation in the Human Rights Internship Program — Sarah was featured in the University’s Life Impact advertising campaign, saying that her experiences in Cairo “enabled me to crystallise my ideas about the kind of work I want to do”. Little did she know that such work was just around the corner.

She was soon offered a position in the West African nation of Liberia through the United Nations. It was an opportunity too good to refuse: helping prepare for Liberia’s first democratic elections in almost 20 years.

Working as adviser, her 12-month role involved recruiting and training staff to work in polling booths and registration booths, and providing basic education about the electoral process.

“I was based in the north-east of the country, which is one of the areas where there had been a lot of fighting — one of the rebel groups had come from that area,” she says.

“We didn’t know how much displacement there had been because of the war... a lot of close coordination with local chiefs was needed to establish the size of the population. It was a fascinating experience.”

At the end of her time in Liberia, Sarah spent two years working in a very different environment with its own unique challenges: Afghanistan.

She initially joined a British consulting company, supported by the UK’s Department for International Development (DFID), which was involved in supporting the Ministry of Counter Narcotics and the Ministry of Interior. In this role, Sarah was an adviser to the Counter Narcotics Minister and Deputy Minister of the Interior on setting up their political office structures, implementing work processes and training staff.

The security risks associated with working in Afghanistan were much greater than Sarah’s previous experiences in Africa.

“Certainly in Afghanistan the security situation was concerning. Maybe in Liberia I was a bit naïve, so I didn’t perhaps realise how much potential there was for it to be dangerous.

“In Afghanistan you were always on edge, but you have to acclimatise to it otherwise you can’t work effectively.”

Despite having been in close proximity to a car bombing, Sarah rates her scariest experience in Afghanistan as the May 2006 riots in Kabul.

“There’d been a traffic accident between the US military personnel and some locals that escalated into a conflict, which then spread into riots, and there were pockets of rioting all over the city. I was working at the Ministry... the phone services went down, I didn’t have communication with my organisation, and there was all this fighting. There was shooting, and fires, and I could hear it all going on around the city. Eventually our security guys came and ‘rescued’ me at the end of the day,” she says.

These isolated incidents aside, Sarah says her experience in Afghanistan was extremely rewarding.

“Afghanistan is a beautiful country with such proud and independent people. The situation there is complex and it was an amazing experience to be a part of helping rebuild the government and, later, ordinary people’s lives.”

She then joined the Norwegian Refugee Council, which provides civil legal aid services to refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs).

Sarah took on the role of Deputy Program Manager for the whole legal aid program, covering Afghanistan and Pakistan.

“We had about 150 staff nationally, with about 40 Afghan lawyers providing legal aid to refugees and IDPs.”

The biggest legal issues were those involving property law.

“Property is such a complex issue because of displacement during the various wars, successive legal regimes and ongoing ethnic tensions. For example, often when new commanders took over an area, they would keep that land and give it to their supporters. People who had been in refugee camps returned to their homes, quite often to find someone living in their house or on their land. Our lawyers would help them to get that back.”

Sarah has now returned to Africa. Based in Kampala, Uganda, she’s working with Irish Aid on justice and governance reform, including programs to enhance democracy in Uganda in the lead-up to the 2011 elections.

“It’s all about strengthening government and the rule of law, providing support for free and democratic media, political parties and human rights organisations,” she says.

“Uganda is a beautiful country and Kampala is very safe. Peace talks have resulted in an agreement so in terms of conflict the country is stable.”

With her passport now full of stamps from troubled nations, Sarah doesn’t consider herself ‘brave’.

“I guess I’ve never thought about it — it’s just something I wanted to do,” she says. “A lot of people in the world have been living in these sorts of environments all of their lives and they experience a lot worse things.”

She says she feels privileged to have had these experiences.

“That’s the biggest benefit you get out of it, working with some really amazing people and knowing that — even maybe for a short time — you helped them. And hopefully you’ve left something more sustainable with them that will help them and their country in the future.” ■

STORY DAVID ELLIS

Left: Sarah Callaghan in Uganda, where she is helping to enhance the country’s democracy in the build up to elections in 2011. One of the University of Adelaide’s Life Impact advertising “faces”, she has helped to make an impact on democracy and human rights around the world.



One man, one mission:

Kajokeji is a region in southern Sudan, populated by 100,000 refugees from a civil war that has killed more than two million people. It is also the birthplace of Ben Yengi OAM, a popular figure in the university, migrant and church communities of Adelaide.

His story is well known to most South Australians, although worth repeating for the benefit of thousands of alumni around the world unfamiliar with the courageous struggle of this 68-year-old Sudanese refugee.

In 1989 Mr Yengi fled his homeland, initially to Uganda then to Adelaide, where he has carved out a life for himself, seizing the opportunity for a first-class education along the way.

His South Australian journey from high school teacher, to qualified psychologist and Environmental Science PhD candidate is a stark reminder of the privileges we take for granted in the developed world.

Mr Yengi spent 10 years fighting bureaucratic red tape to bring his relatives to Australia from a refugee camp in Uganda. His father, brother, sister-in-law, niece and eight cousins all died in the disease-ridden camp.

In 1999, seven members of his family arrived in Adelaide after being granted

humanitarian visas. This was made possible thanks to the financial support of the University of Adelaide (Mr Yengi's employer at the time), Scotch College and a public fundraising drive.

But the fight for justice is far from over; in fact, it's only just beginning.

Ben Yengi has returned to his village, Lijo, to help rebuild the shattered lives of thousands of people in his homeland.

His goals are impressive, albeit overwhelming, and include a list of critical projects focusing on health, education, the environment, agriculture, transport and communication.

Top of the list is a combined hospital and health care centre to reduce infant mortality in the region, improve maternal health and also help protect the community from malaria and other diseases.

"HIV and AIDS are rampant in southern Sudan due to a lack of education and treatment to combat sexually transmitted diseases", Mr Yengi

says. "We also need professional help for those people who are experiencing serious mental health illnesses as a result of the devastating civil war."

Every Saturday he is joined by scores of local volunteers — including children — who help collect and hand crush stones with primitive tools to build the hospital's outer wall. To date, more than 50,000 bricks have been made, but the equivalent of 2000 trips by four-tonne trucks is required.

Another 700 trips of the same truck capacity are needed to construct the hospital foundations.

A sanctuary for orphaned chimpanzees and a chapter of the Roots and Shoots program created by world-renowned primatologist Dr Jane Goodall is also on the agenda.

The program is a powerful, youth-driven global network of more than 8000 groups in almost 100 countries, all dedicated to caring for animals and the world environment.



Left to right: Donated bicycles are used to carry loads of bricks; Ben in Lijo village with an elder; Lijo villagers with an assortment of donated mosquito nets; Bicycles donated from Adelaide residents; locally-made bricks are used to construct volunteer accommodation.

Ben Yengi

Adelaide Zoo Director and Professor Chris West, who is also Chair of Zoology at the University of Adelaide, is lending his support to the project. His daughter, Tory, spent a month in Kajokeji this year, helping to implement the Roots and Shoots program.

Roseworthy Campus senior lecturer Dr Wayne Pitchford, an animal science specialist, is also being recruited to help relocate cattle from a valley near Lijo to a traditional grazing area, to make way for the chimpanzee sanctuary.

A multipurpose education centre to address the region's low literacy rate and develop training programs for trade skills is another priority.

"Education is the key to rising above poverty because without it, society cannot achieve a better standard of living," Mr Yengi says. "Educating the people of Kajokeji will be our starting point to rebuilding the lives and infrastructure after the destructive 20-year civil war."

The task ahead is enormous and requires a significant sum of money — \$11 million alone just to achieve the key health, educational and environmental goals.

But one doesn't have to look far to see this African refugee's source of motivation.

Kajokeji has a population of about 128,000. Its health care is dependent on one dilapidated hospital with no doctor. The schools are in a shocking state, with children-teacher ratios averaging about 108:1.

Teachers work for the love of their country, depending on irregular payments of very little money — \$120-\$400 per month. The majority of teachers are not trained beyond high school.

Compounding this is the harsh reality that much of the overseas aid to African governments often goes into the pockets of a handful of politicians.

"There is no reason for lack of food security in many parts of Africa," Mr Yengi says.

To show the world that self sufficiency is possible, he has relied on his own physical strength and the help of friends to plant two acres of maize, sesame, sorghum, sweet potatoes, beans, mango trees, orange and guava trees and ground nuts. By 2009 he will have enough food to feed his village.

"Africa needs knowledge and new technology, not food aid. There is plenty of fertile land, but just one tractor for each farmer could make a huge difference to our country," he says.

Over the past year he has written countless funding applications to organisations around the world in his quest to rebuild his village.

He doesn't know when he will return to Adelaide. He misses his family dreadfully, but the task at hand could take five years.

"I hope Australia responds to the story of South Sudan. Imagine living in a place where basic necessities like education, health care and equality are not available. Imagine living through a war that has lasted for decades and devastated the lives of millions."

In January 2005 a comprehensive peace agreement was signed between the Government of the North and the Sudan People's Liberation Army of the South. This agreement has restored law and order, but the real work has only just begun. ■

To support Ben Yengi's projects, go to www.kadiaustralia.org or email enquiries@kadiaustralia.org

STORY CANDY GIBSON

Ben Yengi started work at the University of Adelaide in 1972 as a part-time tutor at the Centre for Australian Indigenous Research and Studies (CASM), becoming a full-time employee in 1974. From 1974 to March 2007 he held a number of positions at the University, including Manager of CASM and Acting Manager of the Thebarton Campus.

LEGAL TIES that bind

The University of Adelaide Law School is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year. Its rich history is brimming with graduates who have become leaders in legal and political arenas. And for some families, Law at the University of Adelaide is almost a tradition.

When Hannah Doyle graduated from the Law School in December 2008 she was following in some very familiar footsteps.

Hannah's father is Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Australia, the Honourable John Doyle AC, who is also a law graduate of the University of Adelaide. He was due to receive an Honorary Doctorate from the University in the same ceremony as Hannah.

Then there is Rachel, Sam and Ben — Hannah's older siblings and all graduates of the Law School and now practising lawyers. Hannah's other sister, Miriam, broke with tradition and studied physical education teaching at the University of South Australia. She is working at St Ignatius College.

The University of Adelaide Law School was founded in 1883 as one of a small group of institutions that pioneered the teaching of law as a university discipline in the English tradition in the 19th century. It is the second oldest law school in the country to teach the LLB degree, after the University of Melbourne.

When Chief Justice Doyle enrolled in Law in 1963 the number of law students passed 100 for the first time and only a few were women.

Today the University of Adelaide Law School is one of Australia's premier law schools and a centre of cutting-edge legal research with over 1400 students and 57% of them women.

"It was a much smaller Law School in my day. All the students knew each other and we certainly knew the staff well too — some of them were not a lot older than the students," said Chief Justice Doyle.

Some of those staff also taught his children. Dr John Keeler, a good friend

and still associated with the Law School as an Adjunct Associate Professor, joined the Law School staff in John Doyle's second year of study. He also taught all four Doyle offspring.

Another very good friend, Andrew Ligertwood, Reader in the Law School, was a student with John Doyle and taught the younger Doyles, as did Emeritus Professor Horst Lücke.

"It was another era then, a different world," said Chief Justice Doyle. "Most of us went to university every day of the week and for most of the day. It was all examinations and no continuous assessment."

Law study in Chief Justice Doyle's time relied largely on English books and cases as there were few Australian law text books.

John Doyle excelled at his studies and became the University's 61st Rhodes Scholar, undertaking his Bachelor of Civil Laws (BCL) at Oxford's Magdalen College.

He did his articles with Kelly & Co and before many years was made a partner. During this time he also lectured and tutored at the Law School across a range of subjects.

In 1977 he helped found Hanson Chambers and, at just 36, he was appointed Queen's Counsel. John Doyle became Solicitor-General in 1986 and Chief Justice in 1995.

High academic achievement has continued into the next generation. All four Doyles did double degrees and both boys followed their father to Magdalen College to do the BCL, after winning Commonwealth scholarships.

Other awards and honours are spread liberally throughout the family with Ben

being the recipient of a Stow Medal and University Medal.

Rachel graduated with a BA (Jurisprudence) in 1992 and LLB (Hons) in 1994 and practises as a barrister in Melbourne in industrial, constitutional and administrative law.

Sam graduated in Commerce (1994) and Law (Hons) (1996) and is now a barrister at Jeffcott Chambers, working mainly in commercial law. His wife, Susannah Paton, also graduated with Law (Hons) in 1999 after completing an Arts degree in 1996, and now works in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Ben also did Commerce (2000) and Law (Hons) (2002) and practises as a barrister at Hanson Chambers. He is Treasurer of the John Bray Law Alumni Network.

John Doyle's wife, Marie (nee McLoughlin), also studied at the University of Adelaide and was awarded a Diploma in Social Studies in 1967.

The last Doyle, Hannah, graduated in Law (Hons) this December after already completing an Arts degree, majoring in Politics, and a Diploma of Languages in French. She has just started as an Associate to Justice Mansfield of the Federal Court.

"I have loved my time at University and am very sad to be finishing," said Hannah. "University seems to be a very different place now from my father's day but I think we've all benefited from the same first-rate legal education." ■

STORY ROBYN MILLS

Chief Justice John Doyle flanked by his family (left to right) Sam, Hannah and Ben Doyle.





Global Impact

They work on the highlands of Tibet, in the wilderness of Zambia and among the poor in Bangladesh. What unites this diverse trio is their passion and commitment to using their talents for the greater good of communities beyond their own backyard — and the University of Adelaide. Lana Guineay reports.



Giving Tibet a Voice

Lara Damiani
Bachelor of Arts 2002

Lara Damiani put it all on the line to make *Tibet's Cry for Freedom*, a documentary on the plight of the Tibetan people and their struggle under Chinese occupation.

The 40-year-old Arts graduate had no background in film and no funding — but she did have a passion for social justice, a sense of urgency as the world's attention turned towards the Beijing Olympics, and a responsibility to give a voice to those who are unable to speak for themselves.

"Having the luxury of living in a free country, I believe it's our duty to use our voices to make a difference to those who don't have the freedom to speak openly and freely," Lara says.

Lara quit her job, sold her clothes and furniture, maxed out three credit cards and borrowed thousands from banks in order to fund the film. As producer, director, writer, researcher and camera operator, she worked seven days a week, often up to 16 hours a day, to complete the project.

For Lara, Tibet's struggles represent issues of wider importance. "In Australia and in the west we lead very comfortable lives, so issues that affect communities that

are far away from us tend to be overlooked. This is something I'm really passionate about — making people aware that we are all interconnected."

"The Tibetan freedom struggle represents universal principles — the struggle for non-violence, for human rights, for political and religious freedom; the struggle against oppression and environmental destruction."

Lara spent 12 months filming in India, China, Australia, and secretly in Tibet, interviewing the Dalai Lama and former political prisoners. She says she couldn't have finished the film without the generosity of others — including a gift of \$100,000 from a Sydney couple and narration provided by actress Kerry Armstrong.

Tibet's Cry for Freedom is currently screening at international film festivals, and is set to air on New Zealand television. Lara continues working hard to promote the documentary, selling copies on her website www.thetibetproject.com, but says her efforts have been worth it.

"Long-time Tibet supporters have told me that even they learned something new. That's what I wanted to achieve — to really raise awareness."



Fighting Poverty in Bangladesh

Amelia McFarlane

Bachelor of Arts 2003,
Bachelor of Media 2003,
Diploma of Language (Spanish) 2003,
Bachelor of Arts (Hons International Studies) 2006

Beyond news headlines of natural disasters and political unrest, Bangladesh is a lush, tropical country with a rich and unique culture — and the next stop for seasoned traveller Amelia McFarlane. In late October 2008 the four-time University of Adelaide graduate was due to leave for a city, seven hours' drive from Bangladeshi capital Dhaka, with the aim of helping some of the world's poorest people and gaining an insight into the country's diverse society.

Amelia jumped at the chance to get involved with development in Bangladesh, gaining a competitive position with the Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development Program, an Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) initiative. Working as a Communications Officer with CARE Bangladesh, Amelia will use her skills and passion for development to make a difference in a country where more than 50% of the population live below the poverty line.

"I'm looking forward to finding out how development really works on the ground, and if it really can make a difference to people's lives," Amelia says. "I'm also excited to learn much more about Islam and Bengali, which is an amazing language with a very rich literary tradition."

Amelia's passion for development and other cultures began when she visited Brazil as an exchange student in 1996. Inspired to live and work overseas, Amelia taught English in various locales — including a memorable 'baby class' in Japan, with pupils aged between six months and two years.

But it was living and working in Brazil, after marrying her Brazilian husband Gustavo in 2004, which cemented her interest in development. "Having to actually earn a local wage taught me a great deal about how hard it is to make ends meet in a developing country," she says.

Amelia explored her interest in her honours thesis, and by providing services to newly arrived refugees with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. She says she is excited about being more 'hands on' in Bangladesh, working on a project to improve food security, livelihoods, health and nutrition, natural disaster preparation, women's empowerment, income generation and community development.

"Helping people help themselves and allowing them to have choices and freedom — these are two of the really important things, apart from monetary wealth, which affect people living in poverty most profoundly."



From Adelaide to Zambia

Marcus Wishart

Bachelor of Science 1994,
Bachelor of Science (Hons) 1995

Water is essential to life. Fourteen countries in Africa are already experiencing water stress and it is estimated that 50% of Africa's predicted population of 1.45 billion people will face water scarcity by 2025 if current rates of consumption continue.

It's an issue Marcus Wishart is passionate about — and the Science graduate has been using his head and his hands to make a difference to water resources on the African continent for more than a decade.

Marcus first called Africa home after graduating from the University of Adelaide in 1995, encouraged by his Honours supervisor Professor Keith Walker. Gaining a scholarship to study a Masters of Science in Cape Town, he has since worked on a range of water resource projects throughout Africa, and added a PhD to his credits.

"I have been lucky enough to do a whole range of crazy things, from running a wildlife monitoring program that involved helicopter surveys of crocodiles every six months, to helping design large dam projects, to participating in traditional ceremonies to appease ancestors in remote project areas," he says.

"I get to work on unbelievably beautiful and majestic rivers like the Zambezi and have some input into developing projects that can have a significant impact on improving the lives of a great many people."

Now based in Zambia, Marcus works with the World Bank, helping countries develop infrastructure and management measures to better use water resources in support of economic growth. Increasingly, this is focused on measures to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Marcus says the move to Africa has had some incomparable rewards. "It has given me the opportunity to meet my wife, who is from Zimbabwe and was also studying in Cape Town, and our son, Mbulelo, who is now four years old."

"On the professional level there is no substitute for realising that you can help make a real difference, irrespective of how small: the impact of providing water to a community in a remote village, strengthening the protection of a national park to protect some of the world's most majestic animals, or helping develop the tools to better manage the sustainable development of natural resources."

Celebrating 125 years

ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS

More than 4000 people turned out to celebrate the 125th birthday of the Roseworthy Campus at a special Open Day on Sunday 2 November, 2008.

The day featured the theme 'The Science Behind the Product' and included exhibits, talks, food, entertainment and family activities.

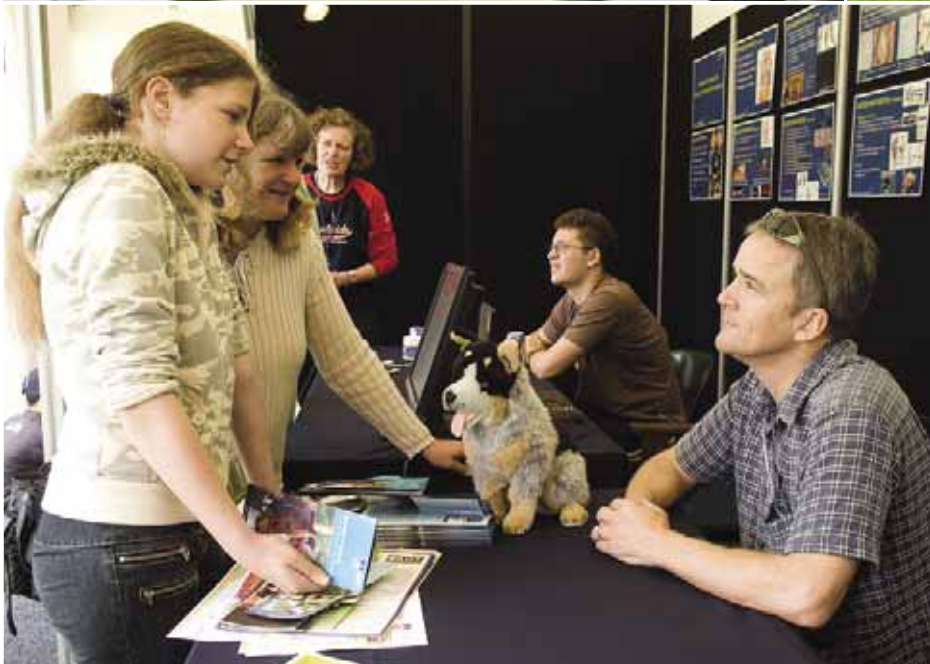
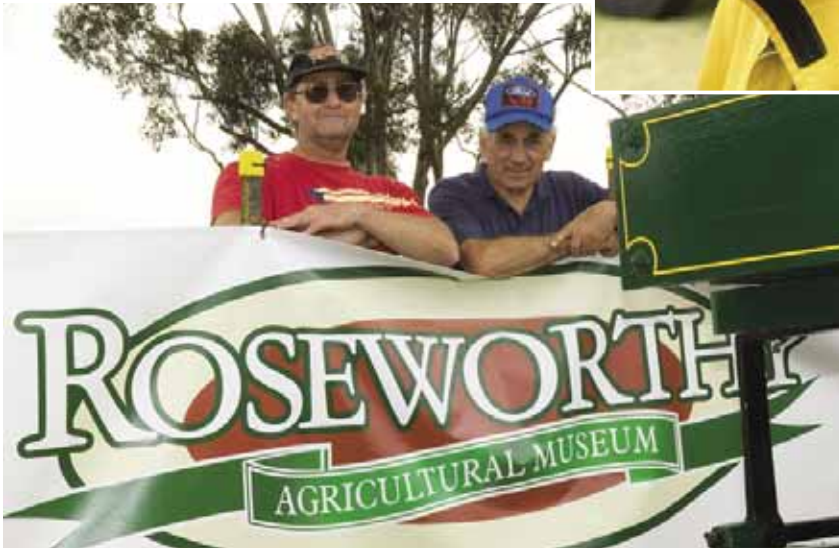
The University of Adelaide campus was founded as Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1883. It played a pivotal role in shaping the nation, addressing multiple crises including serious drought, pests, unsustainable

farming practices, food shortages and a deficit of trained young people entering agriculture.

It has an impressive list of 'firsts' to its credit, pioneering the use of superphosphate in Australia, introducing the first wine-making course in the country, developing the practice of crop rotation and is on the verge of producing the world's first surgical mulesing alternative.

The Roseworthy brand name is recognised globally for its viticulture and oenology reputation and many of its graduates constitute a "who's who" of South Australian agriculture. ■





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Special benefits online

In July 2008, the University of Adelaide launched its new online community Adelaide onLION. This interactive, social and professional networking facility enables alumni to connect with graduates, students and staff all within a secure, private online environment. With membership already over 7000 strong, the community continues to grow each day. As a member you can:

- Reconnect with friends or staff
- Network socially and professionally by creating or joining interest groups
- Access exclusive alumni privileges
- Access mentors and a career centre

The inspiration behind the name is the Bonython Hall lion, an icon of the University's tradition and 134-year heritage. Together with the name Adelaide onLION, the lion graphic is a unique identifying symbol, giving the community a distinctive look and instant familiarity. This symbol has also been captured on the new Alumni Membership Card sent to graduates through the post in October 2008. Current students and staff are able to use their official University Card to access alumni benefits; former students

and staff members are eligible for an Alumni Membership Card. If you have not yet received your card please contact Development and Alumni at +61 8 8303 5800 or email alumni@adelaide.edu.au.

Another exciting program launched in mid 2008 is our Privileges Package. The new membership card gives alumni exclusive access to a wide range of benefits and services. These privileges fall under the following categories:

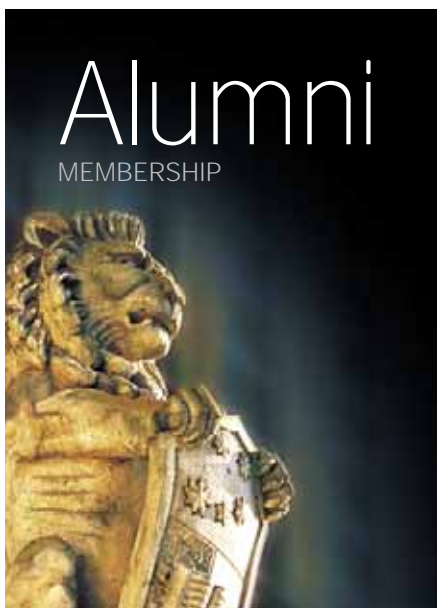
- Entertainment and tourism
- Education and development
- Food and wine
- Health and wellbeing
- Information and events

Each month the University will be promoting a specific privilege or special offer through its new electronic newsletter, The Roar, in Adelaide onLION and on the alumni page in the University's monthly magazine Adelaidean.

If you do not have access to the internet and would like further information on these privileges please contact Jen Clark at +61 8 8303 7194.

Get online, or on the phone, and start accessing your privileges today! ■

STORY KIM HARVEY



Just in time for the Festive Season!!

Adelaide Cellar Door is an online wine outlet for wine lovers in Australia and Hong Kong, and for those of you who want to send gifts to friends in Australia and Hong Kong of interesting boutique wines from small family owned vineyards/wineries.

Great wine specials for alumni can be purchased at www.adelaidecellardoor.com.au or www.adelaidecellardoor.com.hk :

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For current students, life beyond a degree can be unclear: from the range of job choices available to just what their day-to-day responsibilities would involve.

Above: Professor Nancy Pollock-Ellwand, Luke van Trigt, Thea Sarris and James Hlayter at the Architecture and Landscape Architecture SIP event.

The new Student and Industry Program (SIP), developed by Development and Alumni as part of the University's Young Alumni program, brings together current students, graduates and industry representatives to provide a networking forum to explore career options and pathways.

SIP aims to strengthen opportunities for the broader University of Adelaide community by:

- building relationships between students, staff, graduates and industry leaders
- promoting opportunities for students to gain practical industry knowledge and assist them in defining their career objectives
- maintaining effective linkages with industry and emerging technologies
- providing an open and friendly environment for students to gain experience in networking and obtaining knowledge about the industry they are hoping to enter upon graduation
- providing a forum for graduates to reconnect with their alma mater and fellow alumni, build on their industry networks and to learn about opportunities for further study.

SIP events give undergraduate and postgraduate students the chance to meet and talk with industry leaders in their field of study in a speed networking format.

With an optimum ratio of 2:1 (student:alumni/industry), each student has 15 minutes to ask questions of alumni and industry such as: how were they successful in getting their first job, what kinds of practical skills are employers looking for, and are there opportunities for students to volunteer or get work experience?

After each 15 minute round of discussions the students proceed to a new table of graduates and industry. Following four rounds of discussions, there is an opportunity at the end of the event to continue networking in a more informal setting.

This one-on-one time gives students an insight into potential career pathways and real life experiences, helping them tailor their career aspirations and discover the diversity of roles available.

Since its launch in September 2007, SIP events have been held for: Marine Biology; Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering; Psychology; Viticulture, Oenology, Wine Business

and Marketing; Environmental Policy and Management; and Architecture and Landscape Architecture.

Some of the feedback received to date includes:

- Perfect! Excellent program, very timely and well executed. — Industry comment from Psychology event
- I will definitely come to every single alumni event during my time of study. — Student comment from Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering event
- The industry representatives were open, friendly and gave a very good idea of industry expectations... it motivates me to pursue this career. — Student comment from the Viticulture, Oenology, Wine Business and Marketing event

Students are leaving the sessions with increased confidence and a better understanding of the reality of careers awaiting them upon graduation. ■

Further information on SIP is located at www.alumni.adelaide.edu.au/sip or you can contact Jen Clark at +61 8 8303 7194 or jennifer.d.clark@adelaide.edu.au

STORY KIM HARVEY



Graduates Revisit Golden Years

It's a familiar scene on the University of Adelaide's North Terrace campus: a long line of black-robed graduates extends from the Bonython Hall entrance, chatting nervously as they wait to proceed inside — only these excited graduates are 50 years older than the average graduand.

The University welcomed back 85 alumni for a Golden Jubilee reunion in October to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation. They came from as far as Malaysia, Singapore and the US, as well as from all over Australia, to enjoy a day of celebration and reminiscing.

As well as reliving the thrill of graduation with a commemoration ceremony in Bonython Hall, alumni had the chance to catch up at a luncheon, take tours of their old faculties and reconnect with the people and the places from their university days.

Returning 1958 graduates included 1961 Magarey Medallist and Sturt premiership captain for 1966, John Halbert MBE. Mr Halbert, who received a Diploma of Physical Education from the University of Adelaide in 1958, delivered the Golden Jubilee Address.

"The year 1958 was a very important one in the history of this University," he said. "It was a period of extensive

planning for the new Napier Building to house the Faculties of Arts, Economics and Law, and both the Barr Smith Library and the Union Building underwent extensions. In fact, the Union Hall was opened in August of that year.

"Over lunch today there will be many stories told not just about life within the faculties, but also about uni life outside the lecture theatre. There will be stories about the Barr Smith Library — the meeting place for much social interaction.

"And what about those wonderful Prosh Processions up North Terrace, with each group trying to outshine the others with their magnificent float?

"Could you ever forget exam time in Centennial Hall at Wayville — no air conditioning and the heat of November and early December?"

Mr Halbert also used the occasion to highlight the important role that the University has played in the graduates' lives over the preceding half century.

"We are privileged to have been a part of the history of this wonderful institution. I am sure that it played a significant role in our preparation for the world outside its hallowed halls, and in the direction in which many of us travelled in these past years.

"And so I thank this University on behalf of the graduates for the honour you have bestowed on us today in this ceremony, and for the opportunity of acknowledging the important part which the University of Adelaide has played in each of our lives." ■

If you are interested in organising a class reunion or would like more information about the University's reunions program, please phone: +61 8 8303 3317 or email alumni@adelaide.edu.au. Visit the reunions website at www.alumni.adelaide.edu.au/reunion/

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alumni on the move

2000s

Christopher Wainwright [*B Mus Hons 2001*] As a graduate of the University of Adelaide's Elder Conservatorium of Music and following a number of years working as a marketing and management specialist in the corporate and community sectors, Christopher has recently become the new General Manager of the Adelaide Youth Orchestra, a position which will allow him to work more closely with his alma mater.

Kathy Pontt [*B A (Hons) 2001*] Following her studies, Kathy gained employment with the University in the Discipline of Public Health. She was initially employed as a data analyst, moving on to work as a study coordinator (based in the Women's and Children's Hospital). She currently works as a research officer at the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Mark Ainslie [*B E (Elec) & B A (Hons) 2004*] recently returned to Adelaide from Tokyo, Japan, where he completed his Master's degree at the University of Tokyo. Mark received a Japanese government (Monbukagakusho) scholarship to fund his studies, and was awarded the Level 1 in the Japanese Language Proficiency Test in 2007. At the beginning of 2009, he will move to the UK, where he will be reading for a PhD at King's College at the University of Cambridge. To fund his studies, the Cambridge Australia Trust has awarded him the R A Fisher Scholarship in Science. He will be continuing his studies in superconductivity applications for electric power systems, and will be focusing on superconducting motors for his PhD.

Dr Loredana Marcu [*PhD (Medical Physics) 2005*] After completing her PhD in Medical Physics at the University of Adelaide, Dr Loredana Marcu has returned to her home town in Romania where she is currently a Senior Lecturer in Medical Physics at the University of Oradea.

Su Yin Kee [*B Sc 2006*] Su, a Singapore-based alumnus, has recently taken on the role of Scientific Officer in the National Environment Agency in Singapore focusing on controlling hazardous chemical substances and toxic industrial wastes.

Dr Gwenneth Walton [*PhD 2007*] At the age of 78, Gwenneth graduated with a PhD in Creative Writing. Both her novel 'Children of the Earth' and accompanying exegesis 'Myth and Alchemy in Creative Writing' are based on Jungian themes. Her works are in the Barr Smith Library in bound manuscript form, but she has self-published 'Children of the Earth' in paperback. There are 24 copies in public libraries around South Australia.

Rachel Swift [*B Sc (Mol Biol) 2002, B Sc (Hons) 2003, B A 2004*] Rachel is currently finishing off her D.Phil studies at Oxford, where she also taught Biology at Magdalen College School and tutored for St Hilda's and Lincoln College. Whilst at Oxford, Rachel captained the Blues volleyball team, represented England as a member of the England Universities volleyball team and rowed for both her college and the University Boat Clubs. She is now working for The Boston Consulting Group in their Sydney office as a management consultant.

Sunil D'Souza [*B Fin 2007, B E (Electrical & Electronic) 2007*] Sunil has recently joined Australian engineering consulting firm Connell Wagner and has been involved in the electrical design of projects such as the North West Metro in Sydney and the Olympic Dam expansion for BHP Billiton. Sunil is currently located in the United Arab Emirates, where he has taken up the position of Electrical Team Leader for the infrastructure design of the Dubai Waterfront, a Nakheel development twice the size of Hong Kong Island.

1990s

Simon JC Williams [*B Ec (Acc & Ec) 1991, Ass Dip Lib St 1993, M Env St 1996, M Ent 2005*] The former CEO of UniSA's commercialisation company Itek, Simon is now State Manager for the Australian Institute of Commercialisation. Simon has held positions as non-executive director of six companies, founder of three startup companies and is the current President of the Entrepreneurship and Commercialisation Alumni Chapter of Adelaide University.

Dr George Brown [*B Bus 1996, Grad Dip Ed 1998, M Ed Mgmt 2002, Ph D 2007*] George has been appointed Academic Director for the Think: Education Group. Think: Education consists of a range of high quality niche private providers of education, operating across all four sectors of education. The group currently consists of six colleges, with more than 3,500 students in NSW. George works in Sydney during the week and commutes to Adelaide on weekends.

1980s

Dr Michael White [*B Sc 1972, B Sc (Hons) 1973, PhD 1982*] Michael tutored in Psychology for some years at the University of Adelaide. Michael's PhD research on visual perception resulted in the discovery of a visual illusion that has since been named after him. Web references to it can be found by googling 'White's illusion'. For 20 years, Michael was a road safety research coordinator and policy advisor with the SA Government. He now manages two OHS grant schemes for the SA Government. Michael has been a Visiting Research Fellow in the School of Psychology since 1990, where he has supervised student work placements and research theses.

Tony Butcher [*B A 1982*] After making regular contributions to *On Dit*, Tony became a journalist and has worked in the communications field ever since. He relocated to Brisbane in 2005 and is now riding the infrastructure boom as Communications Principal with Leighton Contractors, a civil construction company that employs more than 9000 people.

Dr Stuart Miller, FRACS [*MB B S 1986*] Dr Stuart Miller was formally elected as the new President of The Australian Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery (ASOHNS) at the recent Annual Scientific Meeting. He is now a prominent ear nose and throat surgeon in Perth.

Dr Philip Jones [*LL B 1979, B A 1980, B A (Hons) 1981, Ph D 1997*] The inaugural Prime Minister's Literary Award for Non-Fiction has been won by Dr Philip Jones, a University of Adelaide graduate and guest lecturer with the Graduate Program in Art History. Philip is Senior Curator of Anthropology with the South Australian Museum. He won the \$100,000 prize for his book "Ochre and Rust: Artefacts and Encounters on Australian Frontiers", published by Wakefield Press.

What's new with you? If you've recently changed jobs, been promoted, moved interstate or overseas, got married, etc, we want to hear about it! Share your good news with your fellow alumni by emailing us 50 words or less, including your name, degree and graduation year.

Send it to alumni@adelaide.edu.au or call +61 8 8303 5800. High quality photos are also welcome (300dpi)



Philip Jones



Christopher Wainwright



George Brown



Loredana Marcu



Cory Bradshaw



Ron Mack



Sunil D'Souza



Stuart Miller



Tony Butcher



Rachel Swift

1970s

Barry Couzner OAM [*M Ed, B A 1970, A U A (Phys Ed) 1970, Dip T (Sec), Dip Ed 1973*] Barry was recently awarded an OAM for 40 years of service to volleyball, education and the community. Barry worked at UniSA for 25 years with a focus on Physical Education and also taught Dance Science at the University of Adelaide. Barry has enjoyed a long and distinguished career as a volleyball volunteer, including being President of the Australian Volleyball Federation for 10 years and Competition Manager, Volleyball, at the Sydney 2000 Olympics and Paralympics.

Richard Wunderlich [*B Arch 1970*] Richard is a multi-award-winning architect who has worked on numerous projects in Australia, Asia and the Middle East. His roles range from Project Director to Design Architect and Interior Designer. He has tutored final year students and was also a part-time lecturer at the University of Adelaide. Richard is currently a Senior Associate at Woods Bagot.

Dr Angus "John" Hurst [*B Sc 1969, B E (Hons) 1970, Ph D 1976*] From 1974 to 1987, John was a lecturer at ANU and then moved to Monash in late 1987, where he is now an Associate Professor. From 1997 to 2004 he was Associate Dean (Teaching) for the faculty

of Information Technology, and served a two-year term as President of the Academic Board from 2006–7. His father, Angus Hurst, held the equivalent position at UoA (Chairman of Education Committee) during his career at UoA (1957–1988).

Dr Ian Shankland [*B Sc 1973, B Sc (Hons) 1975, Ph D 1980*] Dr Ian Shankland is Director of Technology for Honeywell's Fluorine Products business, a part of Specialty Materials. Ian has successfully led commercialisation projects for a number of environmentally-improved fluorocarbon products and has recently been awarded the Perkin Medal. Ian earned his doctorate in Physical Chemistry from the University of Adelaide and was awarded a post-doctoral fellowship at Brown University where he worked for three years prior to joining Honeywell. He is an inventor of 49 patents and has published numerous technical and scientific papers.

Ron Mack [*B Ec 1976*] Ron graduated in Economics from the University of Adelaide while working with Australia's leading management consulting company at that time, PA Consulting Group. He later established Mack Consulting Group in the early 1980s,

which became one of the leaders in South Australia. During this time, he also held non-executive director and interim CEO roles with a number of public and private companies. After 35 years as a consultant, Ron recently joined CSIRO in the new role of SME Engagement Manager, where he works with CSIRO Flagships and Divisions to facilitate their engagement with small and medium enterprises.

1950s

John Roberts [*B Sc 1957*] John began his career as a geologist, involved in extensive and successful mineral exploration in Australia. Since 1993, John has been chairman and director of a number of exploration and production companies with interests including copper, gold, uranium and nickel. John is currently Chairman of Directors for Adelaide-based companies Mithril Resources Limited and Australasia Gold Limited and Chairman of Darwin-based company, Rum Jungle Uranium Limited. As a strong advocate for the South Australian mining and energy sectors, John has been involved in a range of industry and education boards and committees over the years, including six currently. He is President of the South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy.

Recognising Excellence

Each year the University of Adelaide recognises the significant achievements and contributions of its alumni and friends through a variety of awards and grants.

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Brendan Lim

Triple degree graduate and award-winning jazz pianist Brendan Lim is the Honours Alumni University Medallist for 2008.

Brendan completed and topped two honours degrees in Law and Music (Jazz Performance) in 2007, after already graduating with a Bachelor of Mathematical and Computer Science.

In the wake of his outstanding academic results, he was also awarded Australia's most prestigious postgraduate scholarship — the 2008 General Sir John Monash Award — to undertake further study at Yale University in the United States, where he is doing a Master of Laws.

The 24-year-old graduated top of his class in Law, winning all the Honours prizes as well as the prestigious Stow Medal.

In April 2008 he was also presented with the Hyatt Regency Award for the Most Outstanding Honours Graduate.

His other prizes include:

- 2005 — Deans Certificates (highest achiever in a course) for Jessup Moot, Remedies, Australian Constitutional Law and Equity. Prizes: The Howard Zelling Prize for Constitutional Law; the John Keeler and John Bray Law Chapter Alumni Prize for Equity; The Stow Prize.
- 2006 — Deans Certificates for Administrative Laws; Comparative Law; Litigation Practice. Prizes: The Stow Prizes; The Justin Skipper Prize; The Howard Zelling Prize for Administrative Law; The Fisher Jeffries Prize for Litigation Practice.
- 2007 — Deans Certificate for Jurisprudence. Prizes: The Title of Stow Scholar; The Stow Prizes; the MF and PJ Manetta Prize; The David Murray Scholarship in Law; The John Bray Law Chapter Alumni Prize; The Law Society of SA Centenary Prize; The Angas Parsons Prize; the Thomas Playford Prize and Medal.

2008 AWARDS

Distinguished Alumni Awards

Robert Benjamin Cooter MBBS 1952

In recognition of his outstanding and innovative vision for rural health which has been important in laying the foundation for rural health training in general practice in South Australia, together with his continued contact and support of the University of Adelaide over many years.

Elizabeth Alice Silsbury B Mus (Hons) (1967), Mus Bac (1959), BA (1956), Dip Mus (1953)

In recognition of her exceptional contribution to music and music education in South Australia at primary, secondary and tertiary levels; the value of her talents and skills promoting South Australia through national and international organizations and publications, and her service to the University of Adelaide.

Gwendoline Fay Gale D Univ (1994), PHD (1962), BA (Hons) (1954), BA (1952)

In recognition of her outstanding teaching influence and achievements in Women's Studies and University Equity, in Human Geography and Aboriginal Studies (awarded posthumously).

Mutual Community Postgraduate Travel Grants

Miss Emily Jaehne

Faculty of Health Sciences, Discipline of Pharmacology
Field of Research: Drugs of Dependence and Abuse

Miss Geraldine Wong

Faculty of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences
Field of Research: Climate Change, Water Resource Management

Vinh Lu

Faculty of the Professions
Field of Research: Services marketing, export marketing, relationships marketing

Mutual Community Postdoctoral Travel Grants

Dr Ann Sanders

Faculty of Health Sciences, School of Dentistry
Field of Research: Tooth Retention

AUGU/RC Heddle Award 2008

Miss Danielle Williams

Faculty of Science, Department of Chemistry
Field of Research: Protein Chemistry



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Luggage Tag — metallic silver



Unisex T-shirt



Polo Shirt



Rugby Top



Hoodie — Ladies and Mens



Fleece (detachable sleeves)

You can make a difference

Audrey Abbie has been an active member of the University of Adelaide community for more than 60 years — and while much has changed at the University since she first set foot on campus as a physiotherapy student in the 1940s, her connection has remained as strong as ever.

The 91-year-old has made a lasting impact on the University's development through her generosity over a number of years, for a range of programs.

When Audrey heard about the new Veterinary School to be opened on the University's Roseworthy Campus — giving South Australian students the chance to study Veterinary Science without moving interstate — she was keen to provide financial support.

Audrey made a substantial gift to create a prize for the Dux of the School, giving the recipient a helping hand as they begin their career. The prize will be awarded when the first class graduates in 2010, continuing in perpetuity.

Audrey says it is an honour to support students in this pioneering program. "I've always been very proud of the University, and I was aware of the need for a Veterinary School and course in South Australia. When I heard about the new school, I was very pleased, and I am happy to offer my support".

For more information about giving to the University of Adelaide, contact:

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