





### **GREAT AUSTRALIANS**

Two of Adelaide University's high-profile graduates—astronaut Andy Thomas and lawyer Bob Piper—have topped the list of South Australians on this year's Australia Day Honours List. They were both appointed Officers in the Order of Australia (AO).

Dr Thomas, who graduated at Adelaide with a degree and a PhD in Engineering in the 1970s, is well known for his service to science and technology as a NASA astronaut.

Mr Piper graduated with a Law degree in the 1960s and was a founding partner in the law firm Piper Alderman. He was honoured for his service to business, commerce and the community.

### **A GREAT SOUTH AUSTRALIAN**

Dr David Paton from the Department of Environmental Biology was honoured as a South Australian of the Year in 1999.

Dr Paton made the shortlist of candidates because of his contributions to research, the understanding and management of South Australia's environment, for his efforts in teaching and communicating science to the wider community.

His wide-ranging environmental research spans such areas as native bird life, feral cats and koalas, and more recently in the public eye, the Mundulla Yellow problem.

### **DUNSTAN PUBLIC LECTURE**

A public lecture by the inaugural Don Dunstan Foundation Visiting Professor will be held on Wednesday 23 February.

Professor John Quiggan (Australian National University) is one of Australia's most prominent research economists and a commentator on privatisation, unemployment, micro-economic reform, competitive tendering and the economics of education.

His lecture will focus on the theme "Globalisation, Democracy and Public Prosperity".

A panel including Professor Marjorie Griffin-Cohen, Professor Hugh Stretton and Professor Cliff Walsh will lead audience discussion.

Venue: Elder Hall

Time: 6.00pm

Tickets: \$5 per person

Phone Alison on 8303 3364.



DOUBLE degrees are changing the face of education at Adelaide University.

This year, more than 50% of new students enrolling in Adelaide's engineering degrees have elected to study a double degree.

Adelaide University now offers a wide range of double degree options, with combinations of Engineering and Science, Law, Finance, Economics, Maths & Computer Science and Arts, to name a few. Law can also be combined with other degrees such as Finance, Agricultural Science and even Health Sciences.

But what are the benefits of a double degree, other than just another set of letters that appear against your name when you graduate?

"The real advantages occur in the nature of the education which students receive, and the employment prospects which are opened up," said Professor Ian Young, Executive Dean of Engineering, Computer & Mathematical Sciences.

"In recent years it's been realised that engineers need many skills in addition to their technical skills. A competent engineer must be able to communicate technical views to the community and understand the diverse views of the community

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Each project is carried out in teams of six participants. No more than two members of each team can be drawn from one country. Apart from the United States and Australia, another partner university is based in Mexico with a European partner to follow soon. Adelaide University has been charged with taking the program into Asia and the P

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## Architecture Chapter

THE Architecture Chapter of the Alumni Association is happy to play its part in the University's aim of reaching out into the wider community.

Towards the end of last year there were two fortunate happenings. One was the initiation of Chapter activities at the forthcoming Adelaide Festival in collaboration with the University's Faculty of Architecture, Landscape Architecture & Urban Design and the SA Chapter of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA).

The other was the filling of the long-vacant Chapter Chair by Adelaide-based architect Norman Sheun. Norman's organisational skills and his contacts with the local and international community will be a considerable asset in revitalising Chapter activities and constructing bridges between architecture, the Faculty and the University on the one hand, and the "world out there" on the other.

Professor Tony Radford and the RAIA in association with the Alvar Aalto Foundation in Finland have been working towards the mounting of an exhibition of Australia, light-weight houses as part of the 2000 Telstra Adelaide Festival.

As an adjunct to this event the Architecture Chapter will be involved in a series of guided interviews with six Australian architects whose work is featured in the exhibition. In discussion with high-profile interviewers these architects will talk about their design philosophy and processes in the context of their professional practice.

These *Conversations* will be mid-afternoon sessions to be held at the Fezbah of the Festival Centre, Adelaide. They should be stimulating and of interest to architects, allied professions, students and members of the design-aware general public.

Norman and I invite anyone with an interest in the above to join in and experience the creative energy of these Festival sessions (check the local press and Festival programs for details).

—Albert Gillissen

## CORNELL CHAPTER Festival Lunch

On Thursday 9 March the Cornell Chapter (Arts and Performing Arts alumni) presents Andrew Ford, composer of *Festival Opera Night* and *Dreams* at lunch in the Hoods Room, Adelaide University Club at 12.30pm.

Phone bookings essential with Julie Vozzo, 8303 5800.

Cost: \$18 - Wine and beer available at bar.

## Wednesdays at One

The Friends of the State Library's popular "Wednesdays at One" series of talks, held on the first Wednesday of each month, continues on 1 March.

"Books In My Life" is the subject, with Mr Adam Wynn being the first speaker for the year.

Mr Wynn is owner and chief winemaker of Mountadam Winery in SA and an exporter of his own line of gourmet foods to Japan.

**Venue:** lecture theatre, Institute Building, corner of Kintore Avenue and North Terrace. **Time:** 1-2pm. **Admission:** \$6, or \$4 for members of the Friends of the State Library.

# Alumni a treasured asset: director

RACHAEL OLIPHANT has been appointed to the new position of Director, Alumni & Community Relations at Adelaide University.

Ms Oliphant comes to the role with a wide range of experience both in Australia and overseas, including employment at Oxford University's development office.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honours) from the University of Melbourne and a Master of Arts (First Class Honours) from Monash, and has worked at universities in the UK, South Australia and Victoria.

"I'm pleased to report the appointment of Ms Oliphant to this challenging and exciting role," said the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Internationalisation & Development), Dr Norman Ashton.

"She has outstanding experience at the university level and is a welcome addition to Adelaide University's alumni operations."

Ms Oliphant, who began work at the University this month, said she was looking forward to developing stronger ties with the University's alumni.

"Adelaide University, in striving for excellence in an increasingly competitive educational environment, can have no better allies than its alumni and community partners," she said.

"The University's good relationships with its alumni and with the wider community are among its most valuable assets and are crucial for its advancement.

"These relationships can also be of value to its



New Alumni & Community Relations Director Ms Rachael Oliphant. Photo: David Ellis

graduates and the community.

"The University, as a place of academic endeavour, research, teaching and educational resource, has much to offer its supporters."

Ms Oliphant said she was fortunate while in Oxford to have seen first-hand the value of forging ongoing, mutually beneficial relationships with alumni, benefactors and the wider

community.

"I look forward, in my role as Director of Alumni & Community Relations, to developing new relationships and building on existing ones for the mutual benefit of the University, its supporters and its future generations of graduates," she said.

—David Ellis

# Dunstan's memory honoured and celebrated

IT'S NOW one year since the passing of the late, great Don Dunstan, and around 130 people from the University and the wider community honoured and celebrated Don's memory at a Long Lunch on Sunday 6 February.

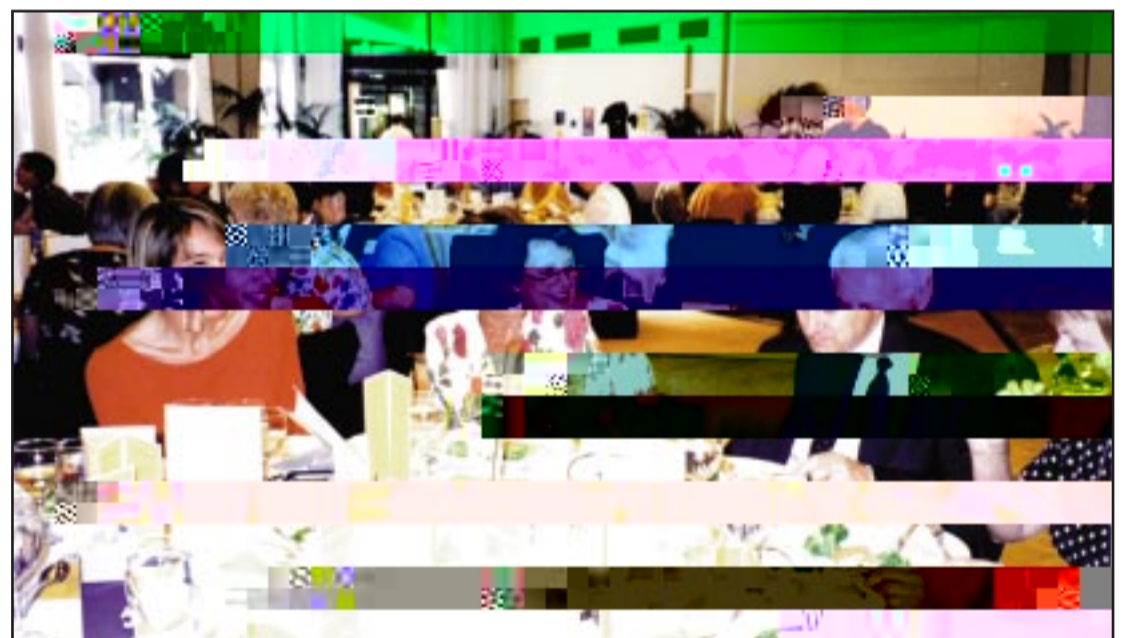
The event, organised by the Don Dunstan Foundation, also celebrated the first year of the Foundation's operations and served to launch its program for 2000.

The Long Lunch was held in the banquet room at the Adelaide Festival Centre, and guest speakers included Foundation trustees Telstra Adelaide Festival Director Ms Robyn Archer and Adelaide Lord Mayor Dr Jane Lomax-Smith.

Foundation Chair the Hon. Greg Crafter said the first year of the Dunstan Foundation had been a successful one thanks to the immense support received from many individuals who had given openly and generously, "either of their time, their money, their services, or in many cases, all of these!".

The Foundation strives to achieve Don's vision of a more tolerant and caring society through its many activities, including the support of education and research.

Within just the first 12 months, Mr Crafter said the Foundation had been extremely busy, establishing chapters in South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales, announcing an inaugural Postgraduate Research Scholarship, providing sponsorship for two conferences, participating in community events, establishing a mailing list of more than 1500 supporters, and announcing major fundraising events and sponsorship to coincide with the Telstra



Adelaide Lord Mayor Dr Jane Lomax-Smith, the Hon. Anne Levy, New Zealand Trade Commissioner Mr Denis Stollery and the inaugural winner of the Don Dunstan Postgraduate Research Scholarship, Ms Sonya Mezinec at the Long Lunch. Photo: Michelle White.

Adelaide Festival 2000.

One such event is the opening night of a new work by international dance theatre company Les Ballets C de la B.

This collective of nine Belgian dancers, directed by Alain Platel, will perform *lets op Bach* on Friday 10 March at the Festival Centre. The work is a tribute to Bach in his 250th anniversary year.

The Don Dunstan Foundation has a block of 'A Reserve' tickets to the opening night performance and will be hosting an after-show party with members of the cast and Robyn Archer.

Tickets are \$65 each and can be ordered through the Foundation by calling Alison on (08) 8303 3364. Anyone interested in this once-in-a-lifetime event should act soon, as tickets may not last.



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# Bulletin Board

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## Women's Professional Development Network

The WPDN is a development initiative for all women general staff of the University of Adelaide. It focuses on issues affecting the professional and personal development needs of women general staff.

The WPDN runs a variety of activities including breakfasts, lunchtime speakers and workshops. For more information, visit our web site at: <<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/wpdn>> or contact Sam Jacob (sam.jacob@adelaide.edu.au, 34201), or

## Observatory Child Care Centre

Are you looking for child care services?

The Observatory Child Care Centre at Adelaide University provides quality child care for staff and students of the University, as well as the general community.

The centre caters for children aged from six weeks to five years, with full-time, part-time and sessional care available according to vacancies.

Vacation care is also now offered for children up to and including 5-12 years, with exciting programs specifically written for those students.

The centre prides itself in quality care for children, and has received the highest level in the National Quality Improvement & Accreditation system (ie, three years Accreditation).

The Toddlers, Babies and Administration areas are located in the original Observatory Building at Adelaide University's North Terrace Campus. Completely renovated in May 1991 and again in January 1997, the facilities are excellently maintained.

Part of the Johnson Building, also on the North Terrace Campus, now houses the Kindy children.

Vehicle access is via Gate 13 off Kintore Avenue (for the Observatory) and Gate 12 off Victoria Drive (for the Johnson Building).

Parents and children are welcome to visit the centre to discuss their child care needs. If you have any enquiries, please contact the Director, Ms Robyn Moore, on 8303 5429.



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## Car Parking - 2000 Permits

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The issuing of parking permits for 2000 is experiencing delays due to the unreliability of the old car parking management software and the resultant records.

The condition of the car parking records has also meant that not all permit holders received a letter regarding the change in the process. The non receipt of a letter will not prejudice any renewal.

An application is required (including from 1999 permit holders) for each and every permit and can be made at <http://www.psb.adelaide.edu.au/>.

There are now separate forms for staff and student permits. Each applicants' renewal information is checked, advice of acceptance and payment details (where applicable) is issued by return email and Chubb are instructed to issue the appropriate permit.

Existing 1999 car parking permits will be valid until the renewal process is complete.

General announcements will be made when this occurs including a final cut off date for the use of the 1999 permit. If you have received your 2000 permit please destroy your 1999 permit.

Many staff have sought transfers from Frome Street or 251 North Terrace to the Campus. New on campus permits can only be issued for extenuating circumstances due to a lack of spaces on the North Terrace Campus.

For enquiries regarding Expiation Notices please call Chubb Traffic Management on 8400 6690.

For enquiries regarding parking permits please call Carl Bradney on 8303 4673.

JOHN LARWOOD  
**Manager Projects and Facilities**

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## Departmental Learning and Teaching Award 1999

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The aim of the Departmental Learning and Teaching Award is to promote and reward excellence in learning and teaching at a departmental level.

Recipients of the 1999 University of Adelaide Departmental Learning and Teaching Award were announced in late December last year and are the:

- Dental School (\$25,000)
- Department of Physiology (\$20,000)
- Department of English (\$5,000)

The Selection Committee, consisting of student and academic staff representatives, received and considered a total of six applications which were considered to be of extremely high quality.

The prize money is available to be used by the successful department(s) and/or centres to support continued development of their learning and teaching activities.

The learning and teaching portfolios presented by the successful applicants will be placed on the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education)'s website at: [http://www.adelaide.edu.au/DVC/quality/departmental\\_l&t\\_awardwinners\\_1999.html](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/DVC/quality/departmental_l&t_awardwinners_1999.html).

Further information on the Departmental Learning and Teaching Awards can be obtained from Marie Reitano, Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education), Room G04, Mitchell Building, tel 8303 5511, fax 8303 5150, email: [marie.reitano@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:marie.reitano@adelaide.edu.au) or from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor's website: <http://www.adelaide.edu.au>

## Research Branch: Update

### **NHMRC Project Grant and Fellowship applications for 2001 funding**

Applications for NHMRC grants in 2001 are due in the Research Branch on Thursday 17 February. If you need further information please contact Simon Brennan (extension 35051). Applications are to be submitted electronically and in hard copy, and application materials can be accessed through the Research Branch web site.

### **Australian Research Council (ARC) grants for 2001**

#### *Large Grants and Research Fellowships*

These applications were due in the Research Branch by Thursday 10 February. Contact Vada Osborn (extension 33387) for further information.

#### *International Researcher Exchange (IREX) Scheme*

The objectives of this scheme are to build strong ongoing collaborations between research groupings or centres of excellence in Australia and overseas, involving exchange of researchers at both senior and junior levels.

Resear