PRECIOUS GIFT
University thanks donors
The Thanksgiving Service is one of the most moving events on the University calendar (see page 17). First introduced in 1992, the Service is a compassionate way to thank those who have donated their bodies to health and science education.

I would also like to draw readers’ attention to the University’s fascinating research into bone tissue-engineering (see page 7). This is another example of the type of ground-breaking work the University will be developing through UQ’s proposed Australian Institute of Bioengineering and Nanotechnology.

I was very pleased to announce recently that UQ’s Mayne Hall would become the site of Australia’s first National Collection of Artists’ Self-Portraits (see story page 5). This is an exciting development, which the University has been working on for the past two years. The gallery will be part of a broader cultural facility which will benefit the Arts in Queensland.

Finally, congratulations to Julia Adams and Garth Silva for their exciting wins in this year’s Great Court Race (see page 15).
No ecstasy from drug use study

The popularity of rave culture has been linked to a "party drug" boom.

The growing popularity of dance/rave culture in south-east Queensland has led to a change in health and social problems associated with illegal drug use. That is the finding of a Queensland "Party Drug" survey carried out by the Queensland Drug and Alcohol Education Centre (QADREC) based at UQ.

The 2001 survey of 126 ecstasy users in Brisbane and the Gold Coast and 25 key informants who have regular contact with ecstasy users is part of the national Illicit Drug Reporting System (IDRS) study coordinated by the National Drug and Alcohol Centre (NDARC).

QADREC researcher Gabrielle Rose said there had been an increase in dance clubs, warehouse parties, raves and festivals in south-east Queensland over the past five years, particularly over the past 12 months.

"Illicit drugs, particularly ecstasy, are often linked to this trend. While many argue that not all people who attend raves are taking drugs, the use of illicit drugs are apparent not only in dance culture venues, but also in coffee lounges, private homes and recovery sessions," Ms Rose said.

Results included the following.

- The age of ecstasy users appears to be declining.
- The price of ecstasy dropped slightly in 2001, purity remained stable and the respondents reported the drug as a whole was very easy to obtain.
- Most respondents (77 percent) reported relationship and financial hardships associated with ecstasy use.
- More people appear to be seeking treatment for problem ecstasy use.
- Outreach teams working event venues and nightclubs noted increases in the number of people being treated for drug-related issues.
- Ecstasy users surveyed did not appear to be heavily involved in criminal activity.
- Most of the sample appeared to be employed at least part-time.

An online facility gives students invaluable experience in engineering experimentation.

A Virtual Power Plant website developed by UQ’s Teaching and Educational Development Institute (TEDI) has been nominated in the Best Tertiary Website category for the National Australian Awards for Excellence in Educational Publishing.

The winners will be announced on Sunday, June 30 as part of the Sydney Book Fair.

The newly-launched Power Plant, authored by Dr Srjdan Nesic, formerly of the UQ School of Mechanical Engineering, provides an online environment that simulates all aspects of an operating power plant and allows users full control over its functioning.

“This is a very useful learning resource because it essentially offers students the chance to solve practical engineering problems that would otherwise be dangerous and expensive to recreate,” said TEDI Information Designer Greta Kelly.

“A power plant is a universal and sufficiently complex industrial system that provides an ideal setting for exploring basic engineering concepts.

“Moreover, thermodynamic principles can be easily linked to the physical components of a basic power plant.”

Each section of the Virtual Power Plant has been animated to clearly demonstrate all functions and movements.

The teaching package also comes with supporting information including plain-text explanations, photos and a search function.

Ms Kelly said while engineering study was the most obvious application of TEDI’s new resource, it could also prove useful to educators across a wide variety of disciplines.

“It might have business applications, such as modelling economic scenarios. It would be useful anywhere you need to have a look at the whole process to see how controls and analysis work,” she said.

The virtual power plant website. PHOTO: courtesy of TEDI

Vale Sydney Prentice

UQ’s first Professor of Electrical Engineering, Sydney Prentice, died last month aged 93.

The computer centre at UQ, which now bears Professor Prentice’s name, was set up at UQ in 1962 largely as a result of his efforts, on a co-operative basis with users outside of the University. It was the first such computer facility in Queensland.

Professor Prentice was appointed as Professor of Electrical Engineering in 1950, a position he held until he retired in 1974.

Reading Hall of Fame

Professor Allan Luke, Head of UQ’s School of Education, was among six new inductees into the Reading Hall of Fame of the International Reading Association on Saturday, April 27.

He was inducted at the organisation’s annual conference in San Francisco. The Hall of Fame was established to recognise “life-time contributions to the field of reading”.

Professor Luke was voted into the Hall by the 79 living members. Only two other Australians have been admitted to the Hall, both from UQ’s School of Education – Professors Fred Schonell and John Elkins.

UQ NEWS, JUNE 2002
The University of Queensland’s Mayne Hall is to become the site of Australia’s first National Collection of Artists’ Self-Portraits.

Announcing the initiative last month, Vice-Chancellor Professor John Hay said the gallery would be part of a broader cultural facility that would also house the UQ art collection, the second largest in Queensland.

“This is a very exciting development for the University and for the Arts in Queensland and nationally,” Professor Hay said.

“It is appropriate that Mayne Hall continues to be used as a cultural venue and that it honours Dr James O’Neil Mayne and his sister, Miss Mary Emelia Mayne.”

UQ’s St Lucia campus was purchased through a donation from the Mayne’s, which was accepted by the University Senate in 1926.

The building was named in their honour in 1972 and its pipe organ will be retained for various musical events.

The new Mayne Hall gallery has been made possible with the imminent completion of the $20 million UQ Centre that can be used for many of the events previously held in Mayne Hall, including graduations.

Professor Hay said the University had approached five leading Queensland architectural firms for ideas on the adaptive reuse of Mayne Hall, including original architect, Robin Gibson.

The firm Wilson Architects has been appointed to produce the final design.

“We are extremely grateful to an American philanthropist who has provided a generous $5 million donation towards the Mayne Hall project,” Professor Hay said.

“We have been working on this project for two years now and it is most gratifying to see it coming to fruition.”

New faces for Mayne Hall

The University’s cultural facilities will be given a picture-perfect boost thanks to a new venture announced recently.

UQ News, June 2002

Mayne Hall at dusk.
PHOTO: CHRIS STACEY

University Art Museum Director Ross Searle in Mayne Hall with Mary Christison’s self portrait (1878).
PHOTO: DON THOMPSON
**Hormone deficiency**

Volunteers are urgently required for UQ research into human growth hormone deficiency. Associate Professor Ross Cuneo, Dr Ed Pratt and Jennifer Wallace from UQ’s School of Medicine are currently investigating growth hormone deficiency and the role of growth hormone in exercise, especially in relation to the regulation of metabolism and body temperature.

The deficiency is found in people who have a malfunctioning pituitary gland or have had a benign tumour of the pituitary gland treated by curative surgery or radiotherapy. Volunteers need to be healthy but not necessarily fit, between the ages of 20 and 60, and not on medication for other illnesses.

Information: (07) 3240 5391 or email: npelton@medicine.pa.uq.edu.au

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**Poetry prize**

Putting the familiar into an unfamiliar context snared the prestigious Josephine Ulrick National Poetry Prize for multi-award-winning poet Judy Johnson. Ms Johnston was awarded $4000 for her poem *The African Spider Cures*.

The runners-up, who were each awarded $1000, were Patricia Sykes for *Modewarre – ways you might approach it*, and Ted Nielsen, for *Townsville*.

Ms Johnson has been a poet for 15 years and lives in Port Macquarie, New South Wales. She recently received an Australia Council grant for a verse novel, to be set in the Torres Strait in the 1930’s, and also won the Bruce Dawe Poetry Prize.

The prize-winners were announced recently at an award ceremony in Customs House, Brisbane.

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**Graduations a family affair**

UQ’s mid-year graduation ceremonies gave students the opportunity to celebrate their achievements with family, friends, staff and peers.

The University held its last graduations in May Hall at the St Lucia campus last month, with future ceremonies to be held at the $21 million UQ Centre.

At the Tuesday May 28 ceremony, valedictorian Sarah McCosker urged fellow law graduates to use their degrees for service to the community as well as their professional careers. Ms McCosker, who was awarded an arts degree with first class honours in 1999, was conferred the degree by her uncle, UQ Deputy Chancellor Robert Wensley, QC.

Australia’s High Commissioner to India Penny Wensley AO, who is Ms McCosker’s mother and an adjunct professor in UQ’s School of Political Science and International Studies, was guest speaker.

Ms McCosker is the third generation of her family to achieve a first class honours degree. Her late grandmother, nee Doris McCulloch, received a first class honours arts degree majoring in English in 1939, while Ms Wensley is also a first class honours recipient in English language and literature and French.

Other graduands included:

- David De Jersey (an associate to High Court of Australia judge the Honourable Justice Ian Callinan) who was awarded first class honours in law, adding to his arts degree, majoring in government, which he received in 1999.
- His parents, the Honourable Chief Justice Paul De Jersey, AC and Ms De Jersey, and his sisters, Alison and Carolyn, also UQ graduates, attended the ceremony.
- Dr Michael Trimarchi, who was awarded a PhD by the School of Manage-ment for his thesis on trade interactions between Hong Kong Chinese intermediaries who buy goods from mainland Chinese sellers, and then on-sale the goods to buyers in Western markets.
- Fellow Professor Robert Clark, who is Director of the Australian Research Council Special Research Centre for Quantum Computer Technology, was guest speaker at the 6pm ceremony on Thursday, May 30.
- Director of the Australian Institute of Criminology Professor Adam Graycar, an Adjunct Professor in Social Policy at UQ, spoke at the later ceremony.
- Other highlights included:
  - Elizabeth Krenske who attained a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 7 in her Bachelor of Science (first class honours) last year, received a University Medal and her award as the 2002 Alumni Graduate of the Year. Ms Krenske is now pursuing her passion for science by undertaking postgraduate study at the Australian National University in Canberra, researching synthetic aspects of phosphorus chemistry.
  - Dr Douglas Mercer, aged 78, was awarded a PhD in history, just over half a century after receiving a Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical and Electrical) at UQ. The following year (1947), he was awarded honours, and subsequently undertook a Master of Engineering (Electrical) degree at UQ in 1960, and a Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (in Applied History) in 1997.
  - Chelsea Bond was awarded a University Medal for her Bachelor of Applied Health Science (Indigenous Primary Health Care) studies with first class honours. Ms Bond is an associate lecturer and researcher in the Indigenous Primary Health Care Division at UQ, and is employed on an urban Indigenous health promotion project.

From left: Mr Wensley, Ms McCosker and Ms Wensley. PHOTO: KAYLEEN BIRGGS
Biotech bone breakthrough

Tissue-engineering technology will change bone-injury treatment.

Bone tissue-engineering using biological paste that directs bone-cell growth and development into new bone material is the latest biomedical innovation to emerge from UQ.

Associate Professor Victor Nurcombe and Dr Simon Cool from UQ’s School of Biomedical Sciences agree the biotechnology has the potential to dramatically decrease the incidence of fractures refusing to heal and the time taken for broken bones to repair.

Eventually it is hoped that such technology could be coupled with suitable biomaterials to decrease the need for lengthy physical bracing.

The researchers have identified a sugar that directs stem cells to develop into new tissues, in this case, bone tissue, enhancing the body’s ability to repair itself.

When bone stem cells are placed in contact with such biologically active sugars and delivered to the damaged bone-site, the stem cells mature and begin making new bone that eventually replaces the bio-degradable “scaffold”.

“The sugar can be included in bone-bridging pastes to stimulate bone-repair or regeneration, or it can be included in gels injected into fracture sites to activate cells and increase healing rates,” Drs Cool and Nurcombe said.

“Bone often weakens around the metal screws and plates conventionally used to repair bone injuries.

“Bone tissue-engineering is emerging as an exciting new technology to transform the use of such fixation devices.

“Our research thus provides an ability to reliably and accurately induce new bone-formation with huge implications for health-care because it minimises patient morbidity.

“Such technology will dramatically reduce the need for revision surgery and length of hospital stays, reducing costs to patients and the community.”

an ability to accurately induce new bone formations

Other applications of the technology include tooth-repair, integration of prosthetic devices into bone, and even bioengineering to create bone in-vitro.

Drs Cool and Nurcombe said the technology had the potential to further enhance Australia’s reputation in tissue-engineering.

The research team will be part of the recently announced Australian Institute of Bioengineering and Nanotechnology – an initiative of the University, the Queensland Government and an overseas philanthropic organisation.

UniQuest Pty Limited, UQ’s main technology commercialisation company, has lodged a provisional patent application for the technology.

UniQuest Managing Director David Henderson said commercial partners were now being sought.

Economics scholars

Two outstanding Queensland Year 12 students have won the inaugural UQ Economics Scholarships offered by UQ’s School of Economics.

The scholarships cover full tuition fees for the duration of the three-year degree. Gemma Ayriss, 17, formerly of St Ursula’s College in Toowoomba, is undertaking a dual degree in economics and law and Harry Cominos, also 17, formerly of St Joseph’s Nudgee College, Brisbane, is studying towards a Bachelor of Economics, the only one offered in Queensland.

Both students scored an Overall Position (OP) 1 and have broad academic, cultural and sporting achievements.

Mattick honoured

Institute for Molecular Bioscience (IMB) Co-Director Professor John Mattick, AO has been awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia.

UQ Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Paul Greenfield said the Fellowship emphasised the impact bioscience research is having on the fields of healthcare and medical practice.

research contributions made over the course of his career, and his early recognition and unstinting promotion of the far-reaching potential of genomic research for the health of all Australians. Professor Mattick said the Fellowship emphasised the impact bioscience research is having on the fields of health-care and medical practice.
United Nations in sights

UQ has a budding United Nations Secretary-General in its midst who is well on his way to achieving his goal.

It is unlikely UQ second-year student James Unsworth will forget the first half of 2002.

In April the 20-year-old was named 2002 Gold Coast Young Citizen of the Year.

Last month he was the only Australian, and one of 15 young people worldwide, selected to attend the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa, in August.

“They are both great privileges and I consider myself extremely lucky to be given such opportunities,” Mr Unsworth said.

As Vice-President of the United Nations Student Association and an executive member of the United Nations Association of Australia, he spends most of his time educating and involving youth in international issues.

“My main interests are religion and cultures because, in my opinion, every peace and every conflict situation has its roots in religion,” he said.

In between raising funds to build school boarding houses in Vietnam and organising trips to international conferences, Mr Unsworth studies full-time towards a Bachelor of Arts (international relations and religious studies) and Bachelor of Social Science (human environments).

“Fitting it all in is a huge juggling act, particularly the Gold Coast commute, but it’s well worth it,” he said.

During the past 12 months alone, Mr Unsworth’s international involvements have included the Malacca International Youth Dialogue on globalisation in Malaysia, The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN) Youth Assembly in the Netherlands, and a visit to Kuwait to work with high-school students preparing for THIMUN.

Most of these trips have been self-financed and Mr Unsworth is seeking $4200 in sponsorship to attend the August summit, the largest conference ever held on sustainable development.

As for the future, he is aiming high – to become Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Expanding challenge for innovators

You’ve seen the mother of all Australian student entrepreneur contests – now meet the next generation.

Fitting it all in is a huge juggling act ... but it’s well worth it.

Following the success of last year’s inaugural $100,000 UQ Business School Enterprize business-plan challenge, the competition has been expanded in 2002.

This year there is an additional prize, open only to teams made up entirely of UQ students.

“The idea is to give a better chance and a better forum to students, who might otherwise find it difficult competing against teams potentially made up of seven PhDs,” said Dr David Gow from the School of Management.

The competition will offer prize money of $25,000 to entrepreneurial students in any field of study from anthropology to zoology.

The new award is sponsored by i.lab, the Toowong incubator that nurtures fledgling commercial ideas to a stage where they are investor-ready.

The rules of the major Enterprize competition will not change this year: it is still open to any team whose membership of two to seven people includes at least one UQ student.

Both competitions were launched on Wednesday, May 29.

The 2001 competition attracted 80 entries, with first prize being shared by two finalists with “exceptional” business plans.

Elvin Pty Ltd offers a platform technology for information distribution, messaging and other communications.

Tank IP developed a video-game controller that literally gives a “buzz” to players.

Chief Executive Officer Mike Cooke said recent capital-raising activities were boosted by the publicity Tank IP received after the Enterprize competition, including a story on Channel Nine’s Today show. The venture is also about to feature on Fox News television nationally across the US.
Well worth the wait

The postponement of an experiment on a flight in NASA’s zero-gravity aircraft had an unexpected consequence for a PhD student.

Experiencing zero-gravity in a NASA aircraft dubbed the “vomit comet” with astronaut Dr Andy Thomas was an unforgettable experience for UQ PhD student Gwenael Chiffoleau.

Mr Chiffoleau was scheduled to conduct research in the areas of metals combustion and nanomaterials fabrication in a weightless environment last September. However, the terrorist attacks in the United States temporarily delayed his plans.

The tests finally went ahead in March in NASA’s KC-135 aircraft, located at the Johnson Space Centre in Texas and used for experimentation and astronaut-training in reduced gravity.

A completely unplanned and unexpected bonus was flying with Dr Andy Thomas, Australia’s first man in space on the Endeavour in May 1996.

“It was a chance encounter, but a fantastic experience nonetheless,” Mr Chiffoleau said.

Mr Chiffoleau and fellow mechanical engineering PhD student Amanda Edwards have been researching the burning of metals in oxygen-enriched environments.

The project is part of a group of programs involving UQ’s Phenomena in micro-Gravity (PiG) Laboratory and the NASA Johnson Centre’s White Sands Test Facility (WSTF) in New Mexico.

Mr Chiffoleau, Ms Edwards and PhD student Christine Pienaar are part of the PiG Laboratory group supervised by Dr Ted Steinberg in UQ’s Department of Mechanical Engineering.

After fronting an interrogation panel of 10 NASA specialists, Mr Chiffoleau and his team of WSTF test engineers – Miguel Maes and Mike Caro – hit the skies for four consecutive days of flying.

“Each flight lasted approximately two-and-a-half hours and consisted of 40 parabolas with each parabola allowing us about 25 seconds of zero gravity,” Mr Chiffoleau said.

“Metals burn differently in zero gravity compared to normal gravity, and therefore flammability characteristics change – that’s why we needed to do tests in a zero-gravity environment.

“We burned iron rods at pressures ranging from 0.4 to 70 MPa and managed to record important data that will aid our understanding of how iron burns in an oxygen-enriched environment.”

The results, currently being collated in the PiG Laboratory, will help in the selection of metals for different oxygen systems in both zero-gravity and normal-gravity applications.

Mr Chiffoleau also collected about 40 parabolas with each parabola allowing us about 25 seconds of zero gravity,” Mr Chiffoleau said.

Her research examines nanomaterial formation in reduced gravity, allowing the fabrication of glass-like compounds under high compositional control at room temperature.

Nanomaterials can be utilised in areas such as quantum semiconductors, membranes and catalysis.

Mr Chiffoleau said similar work was being planned for future flights.

Mr Chiffoleau in NASA’s KC-135 reduced gravity aircraft. PHOTO: courtesy of Mr Chiffoleau.

Centre of excellence

The UQ School of Pharmacy will become a centre of excellence for in-vitro drug-screening following the purchase of a unique fluorescence microplate reader known as the Novostar.

The School is the first facility in Australia to use the equipment, designed for high-throughput screening of intracellular signals such as calcium.

Investigators Dr Greg Monteith, Dr Peter Cabot, Dr Sarah Roberts-Thomson, Associate Professor Maree Smith and Professor Istvan Toth will use the Novostar on a variety of NHMRC, Queensland Cancer Fund and industry-funded projects.

Dr Monteith said the new equipment would greatly increase research productivity.

“The School can now offer unique assays for the screening of novel compounds for their affects on a variety of potential drug targets,” he said.

Journalism exported

East Timor’s journalists should soon be able to study journalism in their own country with a curriculum prepared by UQ’s Centre for International Journalism (CIJ). Journalists and would-be scribes in East Timor have had to travel overseas for professional education, but when their academic year starts in October, a part-time graduate certificate in journalism will be on offer.

The program is being developed by the East Timor Journalists Association and CIJ with seed funding from UNESCO’s division for freedom of expression, democracy and peace.

CIJ Director Associate Professor John Wallace said international journalists and journalism educators would be asked to help teach the program in the first years.
For the makings of a successful business plan.

The UQ Business School is calling for entries to its annual Enterprize competition. Don't miss this opportunity to put your idea on the map and in the market place. This year, there will be an Open $100,000 category, and a Student $25,000 category sponsored by i.lab, so you have the opportunity to choose your competition level. For registration and other details, go to www.enterprize.uq.edu.au

ENTRY NOW OPEN
**Lessons of history**

A newly-launched company will use history to save the time of planners and consultants.

A new UQ venture is showing how historical research is not just about the past, but also about planning for the future.

Historiço is a new commercial entity launched last month which will provide consultancy services in applied historical research for cultural heritage and environmental planning projects.

Drawing on the expertise of the Centre for Applied History and Heritage Studies (CAHHS) in the Faculty of Arts, Historiço was established through UQ’s commercialisation arm, UniQuest, to provide specialist historic research and reporting.

CAHHS Director Dr Geoff Ginn said Historiço clients included key heritage consultancies working for environmental firms, developers, governmental bodies and community groups.

“Drawing on industry links the Centre has developed over the past eight years, Historiço will provide best practice historical services to a broad range of projects,” he said.

“These include cultural heritage assessments, conservation management plans, community development research, cultural history interpretation, archaeological surveys and research for Native Title purposes.”

As well as providing commercial consultancy services through Historiço, CAHHS is involved in the development of undergraduate and postgraduate courses in applied history, supervision of graduate research and the provision of resources for historical societies and community groups.

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**Computer crimewave**

Australian experts are struggling to keep the burgeoning incidence of technological vandalism under control.

A new survey has revealed the level of reported computer crime in Australia now exceeds that in the United States.

The 2002 Australian Computer Crime and Security Survey was jointly produced by the UQ-based Australian Computer Emergency Response Team (AusCERT), Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu and the New South Wales Police.

The survey of Australia’s top 300 companies and other public and private sector organisations found 67 percent of respondents had been attacked in 2002 – twice the 1999 level – and 35 percent of these organisations experienced six or more incidents.

AusCERT General Manager Graham Ingram said more than half of the organisations surveyed acknowledged that keeping up-to-date with threat and vulnerability information presented real difficulties and challenges.

“Organisations are struggling to deal with what are critical and complex issues in an environment which is rapidly changing,” he said.

“The trends reported in this survey are consistent with those observed by AusCERT showing that the number of organisations reporting computer security incidents and seeking response advice is growing. It is unlikely that the underlying trends will improve next year which means organisations will need to work harder just to maintain the status quo.

The survey was released at the AusCERT Asia-Pacific IT Security Conference on the Gold Coast last month, while opening the conference, Federal Attorney-General Daryl Williams acknowledged the survey’s importance.
Reconciliation journey

Celebrations for reconciliation were held at UQ recently.

Vice-Chancellor Professor John Hay presented a copy of the University’s reconciliation policy to Indigenous leaders and representatives at the fifth Annual Sorry Day Remembrance Dinner at the St Lucia campus last month.

The presentation to senior members of Brisbane’s Indigenous community and the Director of UQ’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit Michael Williams was part of Journey of Healing Week organised by the UQ Student Union and the Goorie Berrimpa Student Association.

Goorie Berrimpa President Terry McLaughlin said the Sorry Day dinner was one of the largest annual gatherings of Indigenous elders and senior members of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in south-east Queensland.

National Sorry Day is a recommendation of the 1997 Bringing them Home report.

Its aim is to increase national awareness of the damage that government policy, such as the forced removal of Indigenous children from their families, has brought to Indigenous communities.

The University’s reconciliation policy is published in the Handbook of University Policies and Procedures (HUPP) available on the Internet.

Celebrated Australian author Bryce Courtenay highlighted the importance of reading at the recent launch of a new collection at UQ Gatton’s Library.

“Reading is mental callisthenics of the highest order. With imagination anything becomes possible,” he said.

Mr Courtenay was opening the UQ Gatton Library Recreational Reading Collection – a new set of fiction and non-fiction books, providing students with the opportunity to enhance their time at the campus.

The collection was established by UQ Gatton, the Halls of Residence at UQ Gatton and The University of Queensland Library.
Photographs from 13 years’ travelling, photographing and working in Papua New Guinea by American photographer Susan Turner will be on display at Brisbane’s Customs House Art Gallery until Sunday, July 7.

Another Place, a Different Voice: Photographs of Papua New Guinea 1983-2000 comprises 50 black and white photographs of people, places, village life and landscapes taken between 1983 and 2000 by Ms Turner, the former assistant to internationally acclaimed Mexican photographer Manuel Alvarez.

During her first visit from 1983 to 1985, accompanying an anthropologist to the remote Middle Fly area of the Western Province, she shot more than 200 rolls of black and white film which she sent back to California to develop on her return.

“When I left Papua New Guinea in 1985, I knew I’d just barely scratched the surface of this fascinating and beautiful country, and that I had to go back,” Ms Turner said.

In 1990 she moved to Port Moresby where she was a lecturer of photography at the University of Papua New Guinea and later a professional photographer. At the same time she pursued her personal artistic interests.

“The exhibition demonstrates Ms Turner’s close relationship with Papua New Guinea and its people, particularly by her use of personal names and kinship terms in the titles,” University Art Museum Director Ross Searle said.

“In most cases I know the people in the pictures and each one has a story to go with it,” Ms Turner said.

She moved to Cairns at the end of 2000 and began organising the work for the exhibition, which will travel to the Papua New Guinea National Museum and Art Gallery at Port Moresby after finishing its Brisbane showing.

Whenever possible Ms Turner returns to Papua New Guinea for work and to pursue her artistic practice.

“I’m continually torn between organising and presenting the photographs that already exist, and taking more,” she said.

“I like being in Papua New Guinea; I always feel happy there. It’s the place I call home.”

While Ms Turner’s photographs of Latin America and early work from Papua New Guinea have been exhibited in the United States and Mexico, this is the first selection to be shown in Australia.

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The International Sociological Association’s (ISA) XV World Congress of Sociology will attract more than 3500 delegates from 50 countries.

The quadrennial event will discuss recent developments in the field of comparative law and how different legal systems have solved various problems in the 21st Century. Hosted by the Australian Institute of Foreign and Comparative Law within UQ’s School of Law, it will boast numerous high-profile speakers including: His Excellency Gilbert Gaillula, President of the International Court of Justice; The Honourable Professor Guy Canivet, Chief Justice of France; and His Excellency Dr Tjaco T. Van den Hout, Secretary-General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

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- SOCIOMETRY

**The Social World in the 21st Century: Ambivalent Legacies and Rising Challenges: July 7–13, UQ and other Brisbane venues**

The International Sociological Association (ISA)’s XV World Congress of Sociology will attract more than 3500 delegates from 50 countries. Co-organised by UQ’s Professor Jake Najman, School of Social Science, it will examine peace in the new millennium, technology, families, urban crime, drugs, health, the ageing population and a number of other topics across a range of sectors.


- MEDICINE

**Successes and Failures in Telehealth: August 1–2, Royal Children’s Hospital, Brisbane**

Organised by UQ’s Centre for Online Health, the conference will feature 45 platform and poster presentations.

Speakers include: Dr Pam Whitten (University of Michigan, US); Dr Kari Harno (University Central Hospital, Helsinki, Finland); Professor Ping Liu (Telemedicine Research Centre, Shanghai, China); Dr Victor Patterson (consultant neurologist, Belfast, Ireland); and Lord Swinfen (Swinfen Charitable Trust, Canterbury, UK).

Centre for Online Health Director Professor Peter Yellowlees will discuss government relations and regulations.

Information: (07) 3346 4702, www.coh.uq.edu.au

- LAW

**XVI Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law: July 14–20, UQ St Lucia campus**

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UQ’s Professor Gabriel Moens will address the delegates on comparative law and unification of the law while Associate Professor Nadja Alexander will discuss Conciliation and Mediation in Domestic and International Law.

Information: (07) 3365 2220, g.moens@law.uq.edu.au

- INTERDISCIPLINARY

**Race, Culture and Whiteness: July 7–9, Emmanuel College, UQ St Lucia campus**

Hosted by UQ’s Australian Studies Centre, the winter school is for postgraduate students and early career researchers and will discuss fields such as race, identity, hybridity and whiteness studies.

Keynote speakers include: Professor Ien Ang (University of Western Australia); Dr Ghassan Hage (University of Sydney); and Dr Aileen Moreton-Robinson (Griffith University).

Information: (07) 3365 1369, australianstudiescentre@uq.edu.au

- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

**Asia-Pacific Software Engineering Conference (APSEC): December 4–6, Grand Mercure, Gold Coast**

Researchers are invited to submit papers about their software engineering research for the event, which is co-sponsored by UQ. They can describe theoretical or empirical research, new techniques and tools, and in-depth case studies or experience reports. Abstract submissions are due via the Internet by Monday, June 17 and paper submissions by Monday, July 1.

Information: (07) 3365 1545, www.lca-conf.alcas.asn.au

- EDUCATION/SCIENCE

**Science works for the Smart State: October, Brisbane**

A call for papers has been made by Education Queensland under the new Science State – Smart State initiative, which aims to enhance the State’s workforce capacity, by increasing community awareness of the importance of science and technology.

Papers should be practical strategies and address science and curriculum, careers or the community. Expressions of interest (250 words maximum) should be forwarded by Friday, June 21.

Information: (07) 3237 1301, john.carroll@qed.qld.gov.au

- ENVIRONMENT

**Life Cycle Decision Making for Sustainability: July 17–19, Grand Mercure Hotel, Gold Coast**

The conference will discuss decision-making tools such as Life Cycle Assessment (LCA), which are used to assess the environmental affects of goods and services.

Co-organised by UQ’s Environmental Management Centre, speakers include: Dr Gjalt Huppes, Leiden University, The Netherlands; Dr Greg Norris, LCA consultant; Phil Berry, Nike; and Dr Henry King, Unilever.

Introductory and advanced LCA courses will also be held.

Information: (07) 3365 1545, www.lca-conf.alcas.asn.au

- HEALTH

**Reproductive Health: Taking Care of Tomorrow’s World: July 2–5, UQ St Lucia campus**

The Australian Centre for International Health and Nutrition and UQ’s School of Population Health have joined forces to discuss a variety of reproductive health issues.

Topics include the rights of children in healthcare, new HIV treatments, pregnant women and drug-abuse, and child mortality and the global burden of disease.

UQ speakers include Professor Paul Colditz, School of Medicine and Dr Melissa Hawell-Ekins and Associate Professor Cindy Shannon, School of Population Health.

Information: (07) 3365 4642, p.fraley@spf.uq.edu.au

- MEDICINE

**Successes and Failures in Telehealth: August 1–2, Royal Children’s Hospital, Brisbane**

Organised by UQ’s Centre for Online Health, the conference will feature 45 platform and poster presentations.

Speakers include: Dr Pam Whitten (University of Michigan, US); Dr Kari Harno (University Central Hospital, Helsinki, Finland); Professor Ping Liu (Telemedicine Research Centre, Shanghai, China); Dr Victor Patterson (consultant neurologist, Belfast, Ireland); and Lord Swinfen (Swinfen Charitable Trust, Canterbury, UK).

Centre for Online Health Director Professor Peter Yellowlees will discuss government relations and regulations.

Information: (07) 3346 4702, www.coh.uq.edu.au
Manchester beckoning

by Rowan Foster

UQ arts student and 200m runner Melanie Kleeberg is ready to shine at the 2002 Commonwealth Games.

UQ student Melanie Kleeberg has capped a remarkable rise through national athletics’ ranks with selection in the Australian team for the 2002 Commonwealth Games.

The 20-year-old arts student has been selected as part of Australia’s defending champion 4x100m relay team to compete in Manchester, alongside sprint stars Lauren Hewitt and Sharon Cripps.

An impressive victory in the 200m B-Final at this year’s National Athletics Championships has rekindled her sprint career, after an injury-plagued 2001 season cast doubts on a Commonwealth Games berth.

“It was frustrating being out of competition last year with a stress fracture of the foot but I was always focused on making it back and being considered for the Commonwealth Games,” Ms Kleeberg said.

“It has been a promising build-up through the season considering the injury last year, so I will be aiming to peak when the Commonwealth Games begin in July.”

The former 200m World Junior Championship finalist will look to draw on the experience in the Australian team when it meets for a training camp this month.

“To come up from the junior ranks and have a lot of team members with international experience will be a huge boost in preparation for the Games.”

Ms Kleeberg’s rise in Australian athletics is a far cry from the fledgling sprinter that left her native home of Berlin in 1997.

“It was the experience of an Australian holiday the previous year that enticed the Kleeberg family to make Brisbane their new home.

“I had tried distance running and high jump when I was younger but was really only developing as a sprinter when my family decided to move to Australia.”

“My mother made a lot of effort to organise coaching before we came to Australia and I owe her a lot of credit because the environment and training at UQ has been great.”

Ms Kleeberg teamed with coach Cliff Mallet, a lecturer in UQ’s School of Human Movement Studies, and quickly established herself as a future talent of Australian sprinting.

“The Games will give me a great opportunity for international experience and hopefully I can maintain my position in the team for the World Cup meet in Europe later this year.”

Ms Kleeberg leaves this month for the four-week training camp in Darwin before flying out to compete in Europe with the squad ahead of the Manchester games.

One better for two

Julia Adams and Garth Silva shrugged off the disappointment of last year’s race to run out impressive victors in UQ’s 18th annual Great Court Race on Wednesday, May 15.

The 636-metre, one-lap dash around UQ’s Great Court is based on the Cambridge University Race.

It was a case of going one better in 2002 for women’s open champion Julia Adams and men’s victor Garth Silva, both runners-up in 2001.

Ms Adams finished in 1.47.39 to upstage favourite and State 1500m champion Katrina Dodds for the women’s title.

The business/science student, who captained UQ to its recent National Club Championship, finished ahead of Ms Dodds (1.48.14) and Christie Groves (1.55.89).

Mr Silva, a State 800m finalist, overcame a missed start to win the men’s race. The 20-year-old business/law student won in 1.29.73 to fight off strong challenges from Danny Russell (1.31.36) and Robbie Rankin (1.31.54).

The inaugural Great Court 70m handicap sprint race produced a tight result with 200m State finalist Will Caswell running down former Denmark decathlon champion Anders Black.
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Biosciences medal

A Queensland scientist at the Institute for Molecular Bioscience has won the prestigious 2002 Amersham Biosciences Medal.

Professor Peter Koopman was awarded the medal by the Australian Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology for his outstanding contributions to understanding the genetic processes involved in the development and growth of mammals.

The medal is awarded to an Australian researcher for their distinguished contribution in the fields of biochemistry or molecular biology.

Asperger’s syndrome

Children in upper primary school (Years 5, 6 and 7) diagnosed with Asperger’s syndrome – a developmental condition in the autism spectrum of disorders – are needed for a UQ School of Psychology study.

Both parent and child will be asked to attend UQ for an initial assessment session. Children will then be randomly assigned to either an intervention group or a wait-list control group.

Information: Dr Kate Sofronoff, telephone (07) 3365 6411, email: kate@psy.uq.edu.au

Striking gold in Vietnam

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Law students argue way to the top

UQ’s tradition of mooting success continued in 2002.

The T. C. Beirne School of Law team has continued UQ’s success in the prestigious Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, finishing runner-up to the University of Singapore.

The Moot’s orals were held in Vienna between Thursday, March 21 and Thursday, March 28. UQ’s School of Law won the competition in 1997 and 2000.

The 2002 team, coached by Professor Gabriël Moens, consisted of Sabine Erkens, Ryan Goss, Andrew Hodge, Marion Isobel, Benjamin Jackson, Siobhan McKeering and Elena Zaccaria.

The team claimed two of the four major awards available, and came close to winning the grand final and taking out three of the four categories.

In the general round, the UQ team defeated the University of Athens, Greece; the University of Fribourg, Switzerland; Xiamen University, People’s Republic of China; and the University of the Americas, Mexico.

In the octo-final, UQ beat the University of Potsdam, Germany, and then won the quarter-final against the University of Muenster, Germany.

In the semi-final, UQ triumphed over the University of Zagreb, Croatia, to proceed to the grand final which was held in the Rathaus (City Hall) of Vienna.

In a closely contested final, the arbitral panel awarded the Moot to the University of Singapore. Panel members described the UQ team’s performance as “brilliant” and the two speakers, Ms Isobel and Mr Goss, were given a standing ovation.

The UQ team also won the prestigious Pieter Sanders Award for Best Memorandum for the Claimant.

“This is a stunning achievement in view of the fact that 108 teams representing 36 countries participated in the Moot and prepared a Memorandum for the Claimant,” Professor Moens said.

Ms Isobel was also named Best Oralist of the 600 students taking part, claiming the prestigious Martin Domke Award, while Mr Goss received a honourable mention.

“UQ’s Memorandum for the Respondent was also awarded an honourable mention, which means that it was in the top 10 best memoranda of the entire Moot,” Professor Moens said.
The Governor, His Excellency Major General Peter Arnison, AC, CVO, was among 450 guests attending UQ's 11th Thanksgiving Service held last month in Mayne Hall.

The University’s free annual Thanksgiving Service pays public tribute to people who have donated their bodies for the advancement of education for students in the health-care professions.

The Thanksgiving Service gave donors’ families, friends and visitors a chance to meet with University staff and students in a common celebration of thanks to honour the donors and their bequests.

UQ Thanksgiving Service organising committee chair Leo Brown of the Department of Anatomy and Developmental Biology said this year’s service specifically honoured 49 donors who died during 2000. Their bodies had assisted students over the past two years to gain increased knowledge of human anatomy.

Mr Brown said this year’s multi-faith service was again “very successful”, with positive feedback from donors’ families, staff and students.

“Families and friends of donors expressed their gratitude that the University conducts this service in such a compassionate manner and that it provides a closure to the grieving process,” Mr Brown said.

“The service has also resulted in an increased level of interest from people of all ages wishing to donate their bodies to the University.”

For the UQ service, 55 boys and girls from the Brisbane Chamber Choir of the Australian Youth Choir performed under the direction of Sarah McGarry. Ms McGarry was pleased to return as choir conductor, having sung with the Kodaly choir at the UQ Thanksgiving Service in 1995. The Australian Youth Choir comprises some of the country’s finest young artists, who last year sang in Athens, Rome, Florence, Salzburg and Vienna.

A number of University Senate members toured the Anatomy and Developmental Biology Department before the service to gain a greater understanding of the program.

Mr Brown said UQ had held the service annually since 1992. The model has been so successful, it has been adopted by other tertiary institutions in Australia and New Zealand. Next year’s service will be on Wednesday, May 7 at the UQ Centre.

While subsequently completing a radio talkback segment with ABC Radio 612, Mr Brown was inundated with queries from members of the public wanting either more information about the donor program or to relate personal stories associated with it.
Link to learning

A UQ scholarship program makes tertiary study more accessible for some students.

The University is hoping to lift the number of scholarships it offers to bright students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The UQ-Link program, funded by the University and topped up by contributions from The Alumni Association and Chancellor’s Fund Appeal, has been running since 1989 and has sponsored many high-achieving students who may never have got to university without it.

Under the scheme, about 20 promising young students from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds who apply through QTAC and gain a university place are assisted in their first year with residential support scholarships.

It is hoped increased donations to the Chancellor’s Fund Appeal 2002 will allow scholarship numbers to be increased in coming years.

Although second-year UQ arts student Danielle Graham from Clermont was always going to make it, the UQ-Link program helped her get here earlier than otherwise might have been.

“I’ve wanted to study political science since I was about 10-years-old and eventually I plan to pursue a political career. Without the support of UQ-Link last year, I may have had to delay my education while I saved up the money,” Ms Graham said.

Ms Graham is supporting herself and her studies by working in the hospitality industry.

The UQ-Link scholarship program awards residential scholarships to students completing Year 12 who are academically able but who, for a variety of reasons, may need some additional financial support to get to university.

The 12-month residential placement provides these students with the support and mentoring vital to surviving the first year of university, said UQ-Link counsellor Kerry Shaw.

Student Support Services assistance is also provided with University orientation, personal and financial problems, transition issues and learning enhancement.

“All the students in the UQ-Link program have somehow managed to achieve despite their difficult circumstances, so it is an incredibly worthwhile program,” Ms Shaw said.

“Many of these students come from rural and isolated areas and it is wonderful that we have this scheme to give them an opportunity to complete a university education.”

Researchers dealing with ageing related issues urgently need volunteers.

UQ is asking older people to play an important role in helping research into the ageing process. The Australasian Centre on Ageing, based at UQ, is setting up a database or registry of people aged 50 and older who are willing to participate in leading-edge research into social and health issues.

In what is believed to be an Australian first, the 50+ registry, as it is to be known, aims to include “healthy” older people as well as those with known disorders such as dementia, Parkinson’s Disease or stroke.

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“It is a recruitment system that respects the wishes of participants, and gives them an opportunity to have projects explained to them in terms they understand,” Professor Bartlett said.

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For researchers, the 50+ registry makes it considerably easier to recruit older people – a process which can be difficult and time-consuming.

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Researchers wanting access to the database must get ethical clearance. Participants will be informed of a proposed study and asked whether they want to participate. Personal details are only forwarded to researchers once consent has been given.

The database will be updated regularly and an annual meeting is proposed to bring the participants together.

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I’Ola pulls plug on switchboard

Emotions flowed when a long-serving staff member recently retired.

As I’Ola Hughes hangs up the phone after 35 years of working the switchboards at UQ, the old plug-and-cord days are but a long and distant memory.

In earlier times, there were only eight outgoing phone lines and 2000 extensions. Now there are 9500 extensions networked across eight campuses and the UQ PABX is one of the largest systems in Australia.

Operators have on-screen electronic directories to help manage calls, but when Ms Hughes began work at St Lucia in 1967 there was no directory and every call was switched manually.

“We had a lot of fun on the old boards because we got to know people. The canny ones always made themselves known to the operator because they realised it paid off. We were forced to prioritise everything and could favour certain ones,” Ms Hughes said.

“The calls were all logged and costed manually in the early days, and even when we changed over to STD calls there was still a fair amount of time and effort involved in physically dialling numbers using the old round dial.

“Now that’s all done for you – technology today is a fabulous thing and the future of voice communications is exciting.”

Despite the technological leaps, the UQ switchboard is still a focal point for many users across the campuses who prefer to come through the operators rather than dialling direct when they want to connect with the outside world.

Ms Hughes was farewelled by colleagues on Wednesday, April 24, and her position as manager of the Voice Operations and User Administration Unit will be filled by Lyndel Nicol on an acting basis.

Costello lunch address

The refugee crisis and its implications on society will be discussed by Reverend Tim Costello at a UQ luncheon.

Entitled The Contemporary Philosophy of Containment – Legal, Economic and Social Implications, it will be held on Friday, June 7 at Royal on the Park, corner Alice and Albert streets, Brisbane at 12 noon.

Rev Costello is President of the Baptist Union of Australia and an advocate on urban poverty, substance abuse, reconciliation, homelessness and problem gambling. He is also the brother of Federal Treasurer Peter Costello.

As Director of Urban Seed, a non-profit Christian organisation, he aims to engage society on critical moral, spiritual, social and cultural issues.

The event, which includes a two-course lunch, costs $35 per person (including GST) or $30 for full-time students, and is hosted by UQ’s Social Work and Social Policy Alumni in association with the Law Graduates Association and Economics Alumni.

Bookings: Keiran Hargreaves, UQ Development Office, by Tuesday, June 4 on (07) 3346 3924.

Medical training expo

Postgraduate training for junior doctors (graduates who are completing their first-year of practice) will be discussed at the sixth annual Royal Brisbane Hospital (RBH) Vocational Expo and Cocktail Reception.

Aimed towards third and fourth year medical students, as well as junior doctors, it will be held at the RBH on Friday, June 7 from 8-10pm in the Nurses’ Recreation Hall, Lady Lamington Lodge.

The event will bring together more than 30 specialty organisations and faculties that provide vocational training for junior doctors.

Information: Hazel Winter, (07) 3636 7087 or Helen McKeeing, (07) 3636 5473.
Three high school students from Brisbane and Toowoomba.

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**Growing giant sunflowers has paid off for green-fingered UQ and high school students.**

Super-sized sunflowers grown by students throughout south-east Queensland were stacked up against each other at the third UQ School of Land and Food Sciences’ Sunflower Growing Competition last month.

After two months of nurturing their plants, students arrived at the Mayne Hall weigh-in on Friday, May 24 to see if their plants were heavyweight championship contenders.

“It was the first year a high school division had been included in the competition and the response was phenomenal,” said event organiser Andrea Adkins from the School of Land and Food Sciences.

Teams from Ferny Grove, Beenleigh, Cleveland, Pine Rivers and Dakabin High Schools, along with St Peters Lutheran College, Indooroopilly, and the Anglican Church Grammar School, competed against three Toowoomba High Schools (Centenary Heights, Harristown and Toowoomba State), as well as Roma Middle School.

Year eight student Damien Commadeur from Cleveland State High School took out first prize with his specimen weighing a whopping 1245 grams – 266 grams more than the University category winner.

Dr Bea Duffield, General Manager of the Office of the Chief Scientist, Department of Primary Industries, presented Mr Commadeur with his $275 prize money.

Renee Bjegonje from Centenary Heights High School came second with her 852 gram plant while a group effort by Toowoomba State High School’s Wilsonton campus won third prize with a plant weighing in at 852 grams.

Scott Gibson from co-sponsor Pacific Seeds presented University category winner Cameron Rae, a third-year environmental science student, with a $275 cheque for his sunflower, which weighed 979 grams.

First-year agricultural science student Christina Bakker came second with a weight of 958 grams while fourth-year environmental management student Steve Flook came third for his plant which weighed 829 grams.

The inaugural winner Peter Kopittke, whose 150cm high plant weighed 3010 grams, still holds the record.

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### School Reviews for Semester 2, 2002

**The University of Queensland**

Listed below are details of the school review being undertaken by the Academic Board Office in Semester 2, 2002:

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Submissions are invited from all interested persons. Terms of Reference for each Review can be obtained from the Academic Board Office by telephoning extension 51321. Please note that Submissions must be received by the due date.
People should not feel so intimidated by English grammar, according to one of the co-authors of a groundbreaking new book on the structure of the English language.

UQ Emeritus Professor Rodney Huddleston says many students have been browbeaten by the teaching of unenlightened “prescriptive” grammar, containing rules for “correct” English are often in conflict with actual usage.

Professor Huddleston’s response to this has been to describe comprehensively the grammatical rules of different forms of English in a 1860-page book, *The Cambridge Grammar of the English Language*, published by Cambridge University Press on Thursday, April 25.

It is the first comprehensive grammar reference book of standard international English in nearly 20 years. The book was co-authored with University of California Professor Geoffrey Pullum in collaboration with a dozen linguists in five countries.

Professor Huddleston said the major aim of the project was to present a new analysis of English grammar taking account of linguistics research over the past 50 years.

“There is a huge gap between the traditional grammar taught in schools, and assumed in dictionaries or usage manuals, and the descriptions proposed by those working in the field of linguistics,” Professor Huddleston said.

“The aim of this book is to bridge that gap, presenting a grammar that follows the principles of modern linguistics but that is accessible to readers without formal training in linguistics.”

The new analysis simplifies many areas of English grammar by doing away with irrelevant traditional categories inherited from Latin.

“We have been more careful in the selection of grammatical categories. In simplifying such areas, we hope the book is more relevant to a modern audience,” he said.

Professor Huddleston, who has held research positions in Edinburgh, London and Reading, first began this project 13 years ago when, as a UQ researcher, he gave an unfavourable project 13 years ago when, as a UQ researcher, he gave an unfavourable review of the last comprehensive grammar of English.

Professor Huddleston worked on the book full-time with assistance of a large grant and fellowship from the Australian Research Council (ARC).

Illustrated are the recent Federation celebrations in the many towns and regions from far north Queensland to the western townships of Barcaldine and Longreach, to the Darling Downs and the central coast of Rockhampton.

The accounts are underscored by Professor Fitzgerald’s vivid evocation of Queensland in 1901, the year of Australia’s Federation.

This comparison is illustrated with archival and contemporary photos and illustrations.

Professor Fitzgerald’s recent books include *Fred Paterson: The People’s Champion* and *‘Red Ted’: The Life of E.G. Theodore*.

**Michael Dransfield – A RETROSPECTIVE chosen by award-winning poet and scholar John Kinsella.**

**Paperback $19.95.**

Always controversial, Michael Dransfield’s life story has tended to obscure his talent and achievement.

Tales of drugs, sexual ambiguity and mythical ancestral kingdoms have become iconic in the story of Dransfield. However, he was much more – visionary, post-ecologist, and minstrel.


John Kinsella was born in Western Australia in 1963. In 1996 he received a Young Australian Creative Fellowship, and was awarded a two-year Fellowship from the Literature Fund of the Australia Council.

He was made an artist By-Fellow of Churchill College, Cambridge, United Kingdom, in 1997 and a Fellow in 1998.
**SCHOLARSHIPS**

For further information contact the Prizes Office, telephone (07) 3365 1984.

- **The Ethel Osborn Scholarship 2002**: for graduates/diplomates and third/fourth year singing students of UQ or the Queensland Conservatorium, who are not more than 28 years old. Worth: $3700. Closing: Friday, June 28. Information: School of Music, 3365 4949.

- **The Thomas Morrow Prize 2002**: for an undergraduate who, as part of their program, has written the best essay in the field on Australian literature. Honours theses will be considered. Worth: $360. Closing: Saturday, November 30.

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**CLASSIFIEDS**

**WANTED TO RENT**

- Visiting academic needs 1 bdrm unit close to UQ, Jul 9-Sep 22. Up to $200/wk. Marie: 3365 8597, m.peace@uq.edu.au

- Visiting academic needs 3 bdrm house/unit close to UQ, Jul 02-Jan 03. Possible home exchange. Carol: 3365 1293, c.key@imb.uq.edu.au

- Visiting academic needs 3-4 bdrm house, close to schools, transport, mid Jul-mid Dec. Richard: fisher@lincokn.ac.nz

- Two students seek accom from Aug 10-Sep 21, walking distance to Herston campus. Nadja: 3365 2219, n.alexander@law.uq.edu.au

**TO RENT**

- St Lucia unit to share with non-smoking female academic. Nth facing, spacious, furnished. From Jun 26, $185/wk. Pat: 3365 2095, 3870 4021 (a/h).

- North Stradbroke Is. 3 bdrm house, walk beaches, shops. Stereo etc. No linen. Malcolm: m.mclennan@uq.edu.au

- Tooowoong 2 bdrm penthouse unit, a/c, large balcony, resort facil., $390/wk. Glenn: 0402 259 672.

**HOUSE-SITTING**

- Family of four, avail now for up to one year. Will look after pets/ garden. West sub pref. Linda: 3365 2637, l buckham@uq.edu.au

- House-sitting service avail. short notice, will look after pets/garden. Kerry: k.rutter1@uq.edu.au

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**SEMINARS**

- **Wednesday, June 5**
  - School of Pharmacy, 1bpm, Jenny Doust (1pm, Room 7, Parnell Bldg).

- **Thursday, June 6**
  - Centre for Critical and Cultural Studies. *A Contemplation of Time*, Professor Philip Brcacanin (5.30pm, Mayne Hall Foyer).
  - School of Geography, Planning and Architecture. *Beyond the Ugliness*, James Burrell (6.30pm, Abel Smith Lecture Theatre).

- **Friday, June 7**
  - School of Commerce, IT Governance, Professor Mike Vitale, Australian Graduate School of Management (10.30am, Room 105, Colin Clark Bldg).
  - School of Economics, 1bpm, Professor Kunal Sengupta, National University of Singapore (11.15am, Room 105, Colin Clark Bldg).

- **Tuesday, June 18**
  - Australasian Centre on Ageing. *Whole of Government Approaches to Ageing Policy: Development and Implementation*, Dr Andrew Loizos, Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing (7.30am, Royal on the Park, cnr Alice and Albert St). Information: (07) 3365 3503, concerts@uq.edu.au

- **Wednesday, July 10**
  - School of Law, Handling Oil Spill Claims (9am, Centre for Maritime Law, School of Law). Information: (07) 3365 2120.

- **Tuesday, July 23**

- **Friday, August 2**
  - School of Psychological Science and International Studies, *What Have We Done Wrong? The Responsibilities of the Rich*, Dr Geoff Dow (3pm, Room 537, GPN3 Bldg).

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**EXHIBITIONS**

- **Customs House Art Gallery**
  - **Sunday, July 21**
  - Another Place, a Different Voice until July 7 (Customs House, 399 Queen St). Free admission. Free guided tours of building on Sundays. Information: (07) 3365 8999.

- **University Art Museum**

- **TSXPO (Tertiary Studies Expo): sponsored by UQ** (Exhibition Bldg, Macgregor Drive, St Lucia). Information: (07) 3365 3365.

**OTHER EVENTS**

- **Guidance Officers’ Day**: Day for secondary school guidance officers to find out about programs on offer at UQ in 2003 (8.30am-3pm, Abel Smith Lecture Theatre).

- **Saturday, July 13 – Sunday, July 14**
  - UQ Off Road Run: 3km and 6km courses open to everyone (8am, UQ Athletics Centre, Sir William Macgregor Drive, St Lucia). Information: (07) 3365 8260.

- **Sunday, August 4**
  - UQ Study Expo and Open Day 2002: find out all you need to know about studying at UQ (9am-4pm, UQ Centre, St Lucia). Information: (07) 3365 8260.
More than a hundred years of the finest in French motoring will be showcased in the forecourt of the Forgan Smith Building at UQ’s St Lucia campus on Sunday, July 14.

Geoff Webber, a French car enthusiast and architect in the University’s Properties and Facilities Division, is on the organising committee for the event, held as part of Bastille Day celebrations.

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European representatives tour UQ facilities

Ambassador and Head of Delegation of the European Commission Piergiorgio Mazzocchi visited UQ’s St Lucia campus last month.

Mr Mazzocchi and his wife Corinne were hosted by UQ Chancellor Sir Llew Edwards.

During the visit they listened to presentations from Professor Linda Rosenman, Dean of the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences; Professor Peter Andrews, Co-Director, The Institute for Molecular Bioscience; Associate Professor Anne Freadman, School of Language and Comparative Cultural Studies; Professor Roger Swift, Dean of the Faculty of Natural Resources, Agriculture and Veterinary Science; and Professor Ian Zimmer, Dean of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law.

Mr and Mrs Mazzocchi were particularly fascinated by a visit to the Robotics Laboratory where they watched students from Darra State Primary School build Lego robots for the RoboCup Junior competition.

Director Dr Gordon Wyeth also showed the visitors a demonstration of soccer-playing robots and a humanoid robot known as GuRoo.

Dr Wyeth said GuRoo had so far cost about $11,000, while huge multinational companies had spent a significant amount more to get to the same stage of development.

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Master guitarist returns to stomping ground

Internationally renowned guitarist Karin Schaupp returned to her alma mater last month for her first Brisbane solo recital in almost two years.

Presented by the School of Music, the dinner concert was held on Friday, May 24 at Customs House.

Ms Schaupp, who began playing guitar at the age of five and gave her first public performance a year later, performed works by composers including Granados, Charlton and Barrios.

Taught mostly by her mother Isolde Schaupp, a lecturer in guitar at UQ’s School of Music, Ms Schaupp received a University Medal and first class honours for her Bachelor of Music in 1993 and also completed a Master of Music at the University in 1998.

Currently she performs as a recitalist, featured soloist and festival guest. Her current touring schedule includes invitations to play in Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Asia and Germany. She has released three best-seller solo albums: Soliloquy (1997); Leyenda (1998); and Evocation (2000).

Recently she joined two new ensemble projects: The World Guitar Trio and Saffire, The Australian Guitar Quartet. Specialising in Brazilian music, The World Guitar Trio is a US-based group featuring Brazilian Carlos Barbosa-Lima and American Christopher McGuire. Saffire comprises some of Australia’s top young guitarists including Slava Grigoryan, Gareth Koch and Anthony Field.

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