DIFFERENCE IN COMMON
Diversity Week to celebrate all facets and members of the University community.

SCHOOL’S IN FOR NURSES
Innovative education is on offer for a new generation of health professionals.

ART MUSEUM EXHIBITION
A retrospective of the work of visual artist Jean Bellette.

Female boxers FIGHT FOR RIGHTS
The University of Queensland is offering exciting opportunities for study at its Ipswich, Gatton and St Lucia campuses in the mid-year intake for second semester 2005.

With a broad range of degree programs to choose from and places available, this is your opportunity to study at UQ. Attend the University that inspires minds and produces the best graduate and career outcomes in Queensland.

For more information about courses and cut-off scores visit www.uq.edu.au or contact UQ Admissions on 07 3365 2203.

Closing date for mid-year applications through the Queensland Tertiary Admission Centre is Friday 27 May 2005.
MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Student services at universities across Australia are under threat because of voluntary student unionism legislation introduced into Federal Parliament. Over many years, student unions in Australia have developed services catering for the sporting, cultural, welfare and medical needs of students. These services must be allowed to continue.

At UQ, compulsory student fees fund infrastructure and services that enhance community life, and which are managed by the elected UQ Union or UQ SPORT. The University does not require its students to become members of the Union or UQ SPORT as a condition of enrolment.

The Union and UQ SPORT provide a wide range of services for students and their families. They also run sports and entertainment facilities, which are a vital part of campus life.

The loss or diminution of these services would hurt the quality of life on campus for students, including international students as they make the transition into life in Australia.

The Union provides a voice for students and representatives serve on the UQ Senate and other committees, making a valuable contribution to the University community.

It is disappointing that the Minister for Education, Science and Training Dr Brendan Nelson has reintroduced this legislation after he dropped the proposal in a deal he struck in the Senate in late 2003.

The Australian Vice-Chancellor’s Committee has urged the Federal Government to reconsider the legislation and the UQ Senate, at its March 24 meeting, went further – calling on Dr Nelson to withdraw the legislation.

The Senate approved a motion conveying to the Minister and Queensland members of the Commonwealth Parliament “serious concerns and strong opposition to the proposed amendments to the Higher Education Support Act 2003 in respect of compulsory student service charges”.

Professor John Hay, AC

Cover photo: Sociology student Yvonne Lafferty who completed her PhD on gender and boxing. PHOTO: courtesy Quest Community Newspapers.
All is fair in love, war and fiction

The covers will be opened at the UQ Centre this month for one of Brisbane’s biggest book sales.

On the ground floor of the UQ Alumni Book House, volunteers can hardly move for the mountains of books.

Estimating about 120,000 books will be on sale this year, Alumni Book Fair convenor Feona Walker said customers could expect the usual standard and quantity of books.

The fair will be held at the UQ Centre at the St Lucia campus from April 23 to 27.

The fair is held every two years and is known for its spectacular range of specialist books and sheer volume and array of reading material, which ranges from textbooks to novels, magazines and sheet music.

Customers will need to arrive early. Ms Walker said previous years have been so popular that queuing has begun early and those first through the doors have raced for copies of specific publications and literary bargains.

The fair stands out from other second hand books sales because of the quality of specialist books available and the care taken to sort the books, volunteer Myriam Preker said.

Volunteers work all year round, sorting books into subject areas.

“The Alumni Book Fair has something that none of the other book sales have and that is good sorting,” Ms Preker said.

“You will find that most of the volunteers in charge of an area have expertise in that area.

As part of the fair, a Rare Book Auction will be held on Friday, April 22, at the Women’s College Playhouse.

The fair is run by the Alumni Association of The University of Queensland Inc and funds from the sale will remain with the Alumni Association for distribution through the Benefactions Committee.

Recent benefactions have included funds for electric scooters for disabled students, sports scholarships, bursaries and travelling scholarships for staff and students, and funding for University art galleries and museums.

VC on centrestage in West

Professor John Hay has been awarded an honorary doctorate by his alma mater in Perth.

Vice-Chancellor Professor John Hay, AC, received an honorary doctorate from the University of Western Australia (UWA) in March.

Professor Hay was awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters and delivered the occasional address at a graduation ceremony at UWA’s Winthrop Hall.

He said he was greatly honoured by the award from his alma mater.

Professor Hay was educated at Perth Modern School, UWA and the University of Cambridge.

He held the Chair of English at UWA where he was also Deputy Chair of the Academic Board, was Dean of Arts and then Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor at Monash University.

He was Vice-Chancellor at Deakin University and has been Vice-Chancellor at UQ since 1996.

Professor Hay is the only vice-chancellor to lead two universities — UQ and Deakin — to win the Good University Guide’s University of the Year Award.

In 2003 Deakin named the Dalgety building at the Geelong Waterfront campus the John Hay Building, in honour of his role in transforming the historic woolstores into a modern campus.

He played a key role in the major post-merger restructurings of Monash, Deakin and UQ.

At Monash, he established the National Key Centre for Australian Studies and since moving to Brisbane he has helped establish the Brisbane Institute in conjunction with the Brisbane City Council, the State Government and The Courier-Mail.

He is a trustee of the Queensland Performing Arts Centre and has been on numerous state and national committees.

Professor Hay chaired the Australian Universities Teaching Committee, and has recently been appointed Chair of the new Carrick Institute for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education.

He is current chair of Universitas 21, an international network of leading research-intensive universities.

Professor Hay has had exceptional success in attracting new sources of external funding, for projects totalling almost $400 million, especially from the US-based The Atlantic Philanthropies and the Queensland Government.

Alumni Book Fair 2005: opening hours

Saturday April 23 and Sunday April 24, 11am-6pm
Monday April 25 (ANZAC Day), noon-6pm
Tuesday April 26 and Wednesday April 27, 11am-5pm

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Yvonne Lafferty needed all the stamina of a professional boxer to complete her studies.

The world of women’s boxing is as tough as it is portrayed in the Oscar-winning film Million Dollar Baby, a UQ sociologist has discovered.

Million Dollar Baby tells the story of how a trainer reluctantly helps a struggling young woman to reach her dream of a world title bout.

UQ sociology student Yvonne Lafferty has been studying gender in boxing for her honours and PhD degrees since 2000, when women’s boxing was legalised in Queensland.

She says amateur women boxers in Brisbane struggle to find a gym to accept them, let alone to coach or train them properly.

Women were welcome in some gyms but not as serious sparring partners because it was considered that men were there to box and women only for fitness.

Ms Lafferty’s honours thesis entitled Suffragettes in satin shorts? Gender and competitive boxing has been published in the American journal Qualitative Sociology.

For research, Ms Lafferty visited gyms, watched fights, interviewed women boxers, trainers and coaches, studied the posters on the gym walls, saw how women boxers were trained and what space and gear they used.

She took her mother and husband to gyms and fights and had several sparring sessions herself.

Ms Lafferty wasn’t even allowed into the first boxing gym she visited.

The trainer told her he “didn’t train girls” and even though his boxers would welcome women in the gym, it was not suitable because “young fellas were often walking out of showers”.

Much of Ms Lafferty’s research was based around one Brisbane gym and Susan, a champion boxer.

Ms Lafferty found women were not taken seriously in the ring and they had fewer resources and opportunities to become good boxers.

Susan didn’t train with the men and only received regular training at night after the men, when she won a title.

Before her win, she received less training time than a 14-year-old boy would do.

Ms Lafferty said women were highly sexualised at fights and in gyms having been surveyed in a sexually suggestive manner herself.

She said she had witnessed the inequality firsthand while shadowboxing.

Her trainer spent a few minutes with her, then devoted an hour to helping her husband, who had simply tagged along.

“The trainer stood me in front of a mirror, showed me how to throw a basic punch, patted me on the head, said: ‘Now you’re a boxer,’ laughed and walked away, thus ending my training,” she said.

For her PhD thesis, she is now focusing on the emotional lives of mothers, girlfriends and women around male boxers and how they cope seeing their men being punched.

Already, she has found that it seems to be more painful for women to watch their sons fight than their partner.

She said some women don’t watch and one mother hides in the toilet every time her son fights.

Ms Lafferty said she chose to research female boxers because she wanted to study a mix of gender and sport and women’s boxing was the most extreme example she could think of.

Mid-year places available

Prospective students will not have to wait until 2006 if they are considering study at UQ.

The University is offering mid-year places at all three campuses for commencement in second semester 2005.

UQ Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Ipswich) Professor Alan Rix said 2005 was an excellent year to consider mid-year study as OP cut-off scores were not as tough as they had been in recent years.

“There are many exciting programs on offer at UQ Ipswich, UQ Gatton and at the St Lucia campus,” Professor Rix said.

“This year, we are also pleased to offer a limited number of special mid-year entry scholarships – the Gibbins Scholarships – at UQ Ipswich.”

Professor Rix said mid-year entry students ranged from people who may have completed Year 12 in 2004 and had taken time to decide what to study, to mature-age students resuming studies or taking up tertiary study for the first time.

Students can apply via the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) website (www.qtac.edu.au).

QTAC applications open on April 21 and close on May 27. The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre will make first round offers on June 16, with the final round scheduled for July 13.

Information: courses and cut-off scores are at www.uq.edu.au/study/mid-year

Crash kills graduates

Two UQ graduates were among nine Australians killed on April 2 in the Sea King helicopter crash while delivering medical aid to the earthquake-torn Indonesian island of Nias.

Lieutenant Jonathan King, 32, and Squadron Leader Paul McCarthy, 30, left on the HMAS Kanimbla as part of Australia’s mission to Aceh following the Boxing Day tsunami.

Lieutenant King joined the navy after graduating with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Natural Systems and Wildlife Management in 1995.

Squadron Leader McCarthy graduated with a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery in 1997.

Vice-Chancellor Professor John Hay, AC, has extended sympathies to the family on behalf of the University.
Service focus of Union

Enthusiastic and active, the 2005 UQ Student Union hopes to make all students aware of the services and assistance it has to offer.

Newly-elected President Leah Sanderson said the Union planned to get in touch with students, especially international students, highlight the importance of the Union and raise concerns about the Federal Government’s voluntary student union proposal.

“I want to promote the activities and support the Union provides and have a big awareness and communication campaign, making sure every student can approach the Union,” Ms Sanderson said.

She felt the “lighter side” of university study was important and emphasised the value of clubs and societies.

“We have 26,000 students who are members of a club or society, which means the majority of UQ students are involved in the Union in one way or another,” Ms Sanderson said.

Union services also provide practical assistance including help with employment, accommodation, academic concerns, counselling and welfare services.

“When I started university I did not have a house or a job in Brisbane and went to the Union website and found both,” she said.

Elected as part of the Focus team, Ms Sanderson is a third-year Bachelor of Arts student majoring in journalism and drama.

In the lead-up to the University’s third annual Diversity Week
Miguel Holland looks at what’s on offer for students and staff.

Founder and President of the Arab and Australian Women’s Friendship Association, Nadia Masarweh, will speak on women in the Arab world at UQ’s Diversity Week celebrations in May.

Mrs Masarweh and her husband, His Excellency Samir Masarweh, Ambassador of the Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, will attend the third annual Diversity Week lunch at Customs House in Brisbane.

Diversity Week was introduced in 2003 to promote diversity within the UQ community and to encourage more improvements to work and study environments.

This year’s Diversity Week will run from May 9 to 13 under the theme Difference-in-Common.

The Vice-Chancellor’s Equity and Diversity Awards will be presented at the Diversity Week lunch on Friday, May 13, at Customs House by UQ’s Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Paul Greenfield.

Professor Greenfield will present a $5000 individual award and a $10,000 organisational award to people who have improved equity and diversity at UQ.

Two $2500 Diversity Action Project Awards will also be presented.

UQ’s Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Ipswich) Professor Alan Rix, who is responsible for equity matters, said diversity was one of the University’s great strengths.

“The student and staff populations of UQ are highly diverse,” Professor Rix said.

“Different cultures, races, religions, world views, languages and points of view contribute to the richness of work and life at UQ, and benefit us all.

“Diversity represents what universities are about – understanding ideas and interpretations of the world around us, both cultural and natural.

“The awards acknowledge the great work already going on to enhance diversity, and help provide support for the individuals and organisational units that contribute to diversity at UQ.”

Jazz great James Morrison and a six piece band featuring vocalist Emma Pask will play at the UQ Centre in conjunction with Diversity Week on May 9.
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The two-hour concert from 7.30pm has been organised by UQ’s Chaplaincy Services through its Aussie International Friendship Program.

The Chaplaincy and UQ Union will host an inter-faith forum entitled Drawing On Our Own Wells in the Innes Room at the St Lucia campus on Tuesday, May 10.

Chaplaincy Brother Lionel Peiris said the seminar was about how people of different faiths understood and engaged with the secular culture of Australia.

UQ Religion lecturer Dr Tamara Ditrich will moderate the forum, which runs from 9.30am until 2pm, with a light lunch provided.

Also on May 10, UQ Ipswich will host a lecture on Whitewashing Australia: combating racism in the 21st Century, by Adjunct Professor David Hollinsworth.

Dr Hollinsworth, a lecturer, author and Indigenous Australian health advocate, will speak from noon in Building 12, room 109.

Information: www.uq.edu.au/diversity-week or 07 3365 3052.

Aboriginal dancers performing at Aussie International Night

Allies are quickly gaining friends

Do you have what it takes to be a UQ Ally?

UQ Allies provide ‘safe zones’ for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBT/I) students and staff and offer information about support services such as emergency housing and health services.

They display the Ally sign, a colourful upside-down triangle, in their work or study space and raise awareness about heterosexism (assumptions of heterosexuality) and homophobia (derogatory remarks and behaviour towards people assumed to be non-heterosexual or transgender).

UQ Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Paul Greenfield, will officially launch the UQ Ally Network on Thursday, May 12 in the Social Science and Humanities Library Conference Room during Diversity Week.

Queensland’s Anti-Discrimination Commissioner Susan Booth will also attend.

To become a UQ Ally, candidates should register through the Teaching and Educational Development Institute or the Equity Office for a four-hour training session.

Participants explore terminology about sexuality and gender identity, hear from staff and students about their campus experiences of prejudice and discuss the implications of ‘coming out’.

Allies are expected to be role models and raise the visibility of the UQ Ally Network by displaying Ally posters and stickers and challenge homophobic or heterosexist behaviour in the workplace.

They are also listed on the UQ Equity Office website.

Equity Office Director Ann Stewart said she would like to see UQ Allies across the University in all schools and organisational units.

“The whole idea is to raise visibility about the program and especially to send a message to LGBT/I students and staff that the University is committed to providing a study and work environment free of harassment and discrimination,” Ms Stewart said.

“We have made a terrific start. There will be more than 50 UQ Allies by the time the Network is launched in Diversity Week.”

Places are filling for Ally training on May 9, and there is another session scheduled for November 22.

Information: 07 3365 3052 or www.uq.edu.au/equity/Ally

Dr Hollinsworth speaking.

The voice of reason

It is the “innocent discrimination” that irks people with disabilities, according to disability ambassador Shane Scott.

Mr Scott, a motivational speaker, counsellor and trainer, has refused to let cerebral palsy run his life and dismissed a ‘life-in-care’ diagnosis.

After graduating in social work from UQ in 2004, he opened his own counselling and mentoring business called Access Counselling Services.

Mr Scott counsels people with disabilities and trains businesses to better serve their customers and staff, particularly on disability issues.

He gave an insider’s view on living with disability at a breakfast in March at UQ Ipswich, which was hosted by UQ’s Social Work and Social Policy Alumni and Associates.

“I can see the innocent discrimination practices that are happening in the community,” Mr Scott said.

“I was coming out of a shop the other day and the lady stopped me to look in my bag. “She said: ‘Do you know Chris?’

“I said: ‘Chris who?’

“She said: ‘He’s got a disability like you’.

“Now just because Chris and I have a disability doesn’t mean I know him.

“Even though it is very innocent, it is still discriminating against people with a disability — you would not ask a banker if he knew your accountant.”

Mr Scott said he opened his business to fill the void in training about disabilities.

“A lot of organisations have career advancement and training but sometimes the disability stuff gets left out of their training regimes,” he said.

“I really enjoy public speaking as not everyone with a disability can voice their opinions.”

Mr Scott. PHOTO: Quest Community Newspapers

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An major conference has marked the opening of the Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at UQ.

Australian and international experts on conflict, peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region have developed broader understandings and stronger networks, following a conference in Brisbane this month.

The Peace, Justice and Reconciliation in the Asia-Pacific Region conference was hosted by UQ’s Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies.

The conference followed the official launch of the Centre on March 31 by Queensland Governor, Ms Quentin Bryce, AC, and Vice-Chancellor, Professor John Hay, AC. Established in 2004, the Centre is the only one in Australia to bring together peace and conflict studies, international politics and development, alternative dispute resolution, mediation and law.

Professor Hay paid tribute to the Venerable Master Chin Kung and his supporters from the Amitabha Buddhist Association, and the Rotary Program for Peace and International Studies. He said their generosity and ongoing commitment, combined with start-up funds from UQ, ensured the Centre came to fruition.

Centre Director, Professor Kevin Clements, said the conference speakers and delegates came from 18 countries and included lawyers, judges, development workers, police, security experts and academics.

“These people work in different sectors of the same field, establishing and maintaining peace in the countries of the Asia-Pacific, but often they don’t interconnect or even get to meet,” Professor Clements said.

“Judges and lawyers are talking with people who specialise in development and politics.”

Emeritus Professor Douglas (Dougie) Lee, AM, has some simple advice for those who wish to emulate his feat of reaching the age of 100.

“You need to chose your ancestors wisely,” the University’s foundation professor of physiology chuckled as he prepared to become a centenarian on February 22.

Professor Lee gave his final lecture at UQ aged 94 on one of his specialist research areas, the ageing process.

He used his own appearance to help explain the physiology of ageing, asking medical, pharmacy and science students to pick signs such as wrinkles and liver spots.

His other research specialty is the effect of heat on humans and animals, and its applications to housing, clothing and economic development.

The University awarded him an honorary Doctor of Medicine in 1986 and he received an Order of Australia Medal in 1995.

His career is also the subject of a 1995 book A Global Scientist – Douglas H.K Lee by his former student Malcolm White.

As well as being the foundation professor of physiology at UQ (1936), Professor Lee was also its first graduate (1925) to become a professor. He helped establish the University’s Mayne Medical School and served as Dean from 1938 to 1942.

Professor Lee left UQ in 1948 and for the next 42 years lived in the US as a researcher and senior administrator, including at Johns Hopkins University, National Institutes of Health and Department of the Army.

After 16 years of retirement in the US, he and wife Dottie, who passed away four years ago, came back to Australia in 1990, and he agreed to return to UQ as a lecturer.

To mark his birthday, he enjoyed a celebratory lunch at UQ hosted by Professor Mick McManus, Executive Dean of the Faculty of Biological and Chemical Sciences and Professor David Adams, Head of the School of Biomedical Sciences.

“At this conference, people have established some interesting new networks. Judges and lawyers are talking with people who specialise in development and politics. Police are meeting with academics.”

“Each comes away with a better understanding of what the other does and how that expertise can be used in a multi-sectoral approach to peace-building.”

Professor Clements said placing a higher priority on security over development posed a genuine threat to the viability of nations in the Asia-Pacific region.

“The great challenge is how to prioritise security and development at the same time, and this is a theme that United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan is also expounding,” he said.
Easter college blaze

St John’s College has moved quickly to help students who lost possessions in a fire at its Donaldson Building.

S t John’s College students have asked to stay together and will overcome adversity caused by a recent major fire, according to College Warden Professor John Morgan.

“The students are strongly united and resolute, and the College community is showing deep concern for all those affected,” he said.

“If anything, this experience has brought students closer together.”

St John’s College is the equal oldest residential college affiliated with the University.

It was founded in 1911 by Archbishop St Clair Donaldson in the same year that UQ accepted its first students. The College moved to St Lucia in 1956.

On March 25 this year, the original two-storey brick student residential building at the St Lucia campus, the Donaldson Building, was destroyed when a fire began in a locked, ground floor student’s room.

An electrical problem is suspected as the cause.

The building’s 46 residents were largely first-year students from country areas, who lost computers, lecture notes, textbooks, clothing, photographs and other possessions.

Residential buildings housing the remainder of the College’s 297 residents were saved.

Following the Good Friday fire, 70 people turned up to the Easter Eve service in the College chapel in a show of solidarity.

Ironically, the officiating priest was unable to get the Easter New Fire to light.

“The Lord may have decreed that’s enough,” Professor Morgan said.

He said the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service inspected the College’s fire safety arrangements in February before the start of the academic year.

Fire safety compliance had been maintained and the College was in the process of further upgrading fire protection.

The College employed a professional company during Orientation Week to drill students and each student was trained in the use of firefighting equipment.

“Fire officers present at the fire scene complimented us on how well informed and well drilled our students were in the safety and evacuation procedures,” he said.

Professor Morgan said the College was working closely with the insurance company on accommodation solutions.

Temporary accommodation arrangements have been made for students in the grounds of St John’s and its neighbour St Leo’s College.

Preliminary engineering assessments were that the Donaldson Building could be saved and repaired, possibly within six months.

University Secretary and Registrar Douglas Porter said the University had expressed its sympathy to the College and students affected by the fire.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor John Hay, AC, visited the scene while the fire was in progress.

Practical assistance was being provided to the College at many levels, from counselling to help for students on academic issues, parking, advice on approvals processes, and services plans.

Professor Morgan said the College had been most grateful for offers of assistance and kindness from the University and alumni communities.

He said both State and Federal Government departments had been very helpful and praised the University for its “total commitment to the well-being of the students”.

Anyone wishing to help — such as by offering computers — can contact the College on 07 3842 6600 or stjohns.college@uq.edu.au.

Pharmacy prizes

Six pharmacy students have been awarded prizes by Pharmaceutical Defence Limited for their outstanding academic achievements.

Third-year undergraduate students Louise Greenup, Lorelle Brown, Damara McAndrew, Geoff Grima, Jacky Tiang and Erin Lister are all completing research projects as part of their on-course honours requirements.

While undertaking their research training the students maintained GPAs exceeding 6.2 in their undergraduate courses.

Superpower deployed

A 72 processor supercomputer has been installed at UQ’s Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Quantum-Atom Optics (ACQAO) research facility to power its ground-breaking research into ultra-cold atoms.

The 36 dual-processor Dell PowerEdge Server Cluster, running on the new Intel Xeon EMT 64 processors, has been deployed with the Linux operating system.

The ACQAO is a collaboration between UQ, the Australian National University and Melbourne’s Swinburne University of Technology.

Battle of the bands

UQ’s residential colleges will fight with their guitar strings to be crowned Bandfest winners at the inter-college battle of the bands.

The annual event, hosted by International House in association with the Inter-College Committee, will be held at the St Lucia UQ Union Complex on Friday, May 13.

Bandfest organiser Joff Manning said college bands could enter by contacting their Cultural Convenor.

“This year’s Bandfest is the one to top them all,” he said.

“This is a chance to see students you know live on stage performing in front of hundreds of people.

“College bands will be playing old and new songs, giving your ears an experience to remember.”
Indigo Willing met her new family at Sydney Airport in 1972, hours after being whisked away from a Vietnamese orphanage.

She was one of the first orphans to be adopted by Australians during the Vietnam War, which ended 30 years ago.

When her adopted mum visited the orphanage, Indigo was the only baby who didn’t hysterically scream at the sight of her white skin and blonde hair.

Mrs Willing (nee Williams) said she had a happy childhood growing up in Sydney’s northern beaches.

It was not a big deal that she looked different to her two brothers but there was pressure to assimilate to an Australian Anglo Saxon culture.

A friendship with Rani Kamahl, the daughter of Malaysian born crooner Kamahl, helped her get through life at a private girl’s school.

“It seemed like we were the only non-whites,” Mrs Willing said.

“I escaped in my high school years to attend a performing arts school at Strathfield in Sydney’s west, which was more multicultural.”

The UQ social science student is now drawing on her own experiences for her PhD on inter-country adoptions.

Mrs Willing has already researched adoptees but plans to interview the parents of about 30 Queensland families with adopted children from as far apart as Ethiopia and Brazil.

She said she would ask parents about the challenges and triumphs in their global families such as the cultural and social changes they make, what support services are useful and in what areas they need help.

“We know very little about what ways adoptive parents equip themselves to look after children who are often from very different cultural backgrounds,” she said.

“We also lack substantial knowledge on how these adoptive families might be given appropriate support and assistance.”

Her study comes after an influx of interest in global adoptions following the Boxing Day Tsunami and a review of Queensland’s Adoption of Children Act 1964.

Mrs Willing, now 33, is awaiting news to see if she can try to find her biological mother.
Farmers in Indonesia have improved their family life and income by adopting a farm management system pioneered by UQ agricultural experts.

For the past three years, farmers on the Indonesian islands of Lombok and Sumbawa, east of Bali, have trialled the Integrated Production System (IPS).

Under the system, farmers selected better bulls, controlled seasonal mating, weaned earlier and managed diets and supplementary calf feeding.

Annual household cash flows on Lombok and Sumbawa increased respectively by 120 and 130 percent after adopting the system, according to UQ agricultural economist Dr Arlene Rutherford.

Dr Rutherford, who measured the economic benefits from the IPS, said farmers could save on labour costs, double their annual farm family incomes of about $250 and move closer to owning their cattle rather than managing other people's cattle.

She said environmental conditions had also improved as farmers used manure for fertiliser and cattle were moved away from the family home so there was less chance of contracting diseases.

The IPS was created by UQ livestock nutritionist Dr Dennis Poppi who collaborated with Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries principal cattle husbandry scientist Geoffry Fordyce and Indonesian agricultural groups.

The project was funded by Australia's agricultural aid body, the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research.

Dr Rutherford featured in a report about the Indonesian beef experiment on the ABC TV's Landline program in March.

In the report, an Indonesian mother tells how she can now afford to send her children to school and provide healthier food for her family because of their work.

Dr Rutherford is now focusing on how to improve cattle marketing in Indonesia's eastern islands and spreading the IPS.

To do this, she said farmers needed more information about the value of their own cattle via daily markets, television, radio or government officials.

She said there was also a host of regulations, pricing methods, inter-island trade bans and quotas that complicated the farmers' plight.
Student nurses need to be prepared for a new future as health professionals, according to UQ’s Professor of Nursing, Elizabeth Davies.

Professor Davies was speaking at the launch of the School of Nursing at UQ’s Ipswich Campus on March 16. The School, which has 220 students enrolled in its popular undergraduate program, was officially launched by Education Minister Anna Bligh.

“Nurses are increasingly playing a key role as part of the healthcare team, alongside doctors and other health professionals such as physiotherapists, speech therapists and pharmacists,” Professor Davies said.

“Opportunities for undergraduate students to learn together will better prepare them for the future realities of practice.”

Professor Davies said trials in Queensland and other states were recognising the value of an expanded role for nurses.

Nurse practitioners are highly skilled registered nurses who are able to initiate treatment, order investigations, prescribe some medications, admit to health care facilities and refer to other health professionals.

“This expanded nursing role requires an extensive foundation of clinical experience and advanced knowledge, as well as an interprofessional approach,” she said.

“Our nursing program has been designed with these needs in mind.”

UQ students benefitted from the Faculty of Health Science’s close partnerships with teaching hospitals and its long-term relationships with a myriad of healthcare professionals.

“Students receive a substantial proportion of their theoretical and clinical teaching within our partner healthcare services, where they are educated by practising professionals,” she said.

“To complement this clinical approach, students also attend lectures on campus at UQ, to take advantage of the University’s highly experienced educators and its many resources.

“Nurses today need to do more than apply general nursing knowledge.

“There is an increasing need for nurses with specialist knowledge in acute care, aged care, mental health, Indigenous health, rural health, population health and community health.

“Our nursing students will be able to focus on one or more of these key areas of need as part of their undergraduate education,” she said.
Nurses are increasingly playing a key role as part of the healthcare team, alongside doctors and other health professionals.

Dr Fiona Bogossian – senior lecturer and Program Director – Bachelor of Nursing

Dr Bogossian has been involved in the education of nurses and midwives for 19 years. She was formerly a senior lecturer at the Australian Catholic University.

Dr Bogossian has held numerous senior roles and has taught extensively at undergraduate and postgraduate levels in the areas of midwifery, public health, research interpretation and epidemiology. Her research interests centre on environmental and public health, maternity care and maternal experiences, and innovation in teaching and learning.

Dr Bogossian completed her PhD in the area of population health, specifically addressing maternal morbidity after childbirth and her emergent research interests include the development of effective screening for at risk postpartum women.

She is an Expert Advisory Panel member to the Review of Maternity Services in Queensland and a member of the Teaching and Learning Subcommittee of the Board of the Skills Development Centre, Queensland Health.

Dr Bogossian is also an Editorial Board Member for the Australian Midwifery Journal and an Editorial Panel Reviewer for Contemporary Nurse.

Dr Anthony Tuckett – senior lecturer/clinical lecturer

Dr Anthony Tuckett was recently appointed senior lecturer/clinical lecturer and is based at the Princess Alexandra Hospital (PA) Clinical School.

Dr Tuckett said he hoped to encourage lively, two-way interaction among students in his problem-based learning tutorials, as well as foster collaborative research between his colleagues in the school and nurse practitioners in the wards.

He was the 2001 Fellow of the Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses and is an honorary fellow of the School of Public Health at the Queensland University of Technology.

His research and clinical interest is in the area of nursing ethics, having published nationally and internationally in Nursing Inquiry, Nursing Ethics, the International Journal of Nursing Studies and most recently the International Journal of Nursing Practice.

He is also a member of the Queensland Nursing Council’s Expert Panel where he advises on registered nurses’ ethical practices.

“I am interested in the daily ethical issues nurses face, particularly in the area of information disclosure and openness,” Dr Tuckett said.

In collaboration with his peers, Dr Tuckett is developing a research project to gauge registered nurses’ experiences of ethical issues and moral distress.

“It is envisaged that outcomes from this research here at the PA and when activated overseas, might contribute to, among other things, staff retention strategies,” he said.

He comes to UQ after more than 10 years as the lecturer-in-charge of nursing and healthcare ethics at the Australian Catholic University.

Two recently appointed staff in the School of Nursing are at the forefront of the drive to give students a more balanced clinical and theoretical training.

Murdoch fellows

Two US academics will conduct research at UQ through American Australian Association Sir Keith Murdoch US to Australia Fellowships.

Kritsin Rosen, a doctoral student in communication disorders at the University of Wisconsin (Madison) and at UQ, will work with the Speech Research Group.

Dr Jill Zamzow from the University of Hawaii (Honolulu) graduated in marine biology from the University of California at Santa Cruz.

She completed her Masters and PhD in zoology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Straddle support

Four year nine students from North Stradbroke Island’s Dunwich State Secondary Department participated in the recent Siemens Science Experience at UQ’s St Lucia campus through support from the University’s Moreton Bay Research Station.

Cameron Morgan, Bindy Chilly, Tegan Burns and Talisah Edwards were sponsored by the station to for the three-day, hands-on science camp that included over 500 year nine students from across Queensland.

“All the students were interested in science before taking part but now they are even more enthusiastic about it,” science teacher Jan Connolly said.

Female friendly

The University has again been named an Employer of Choice for Women.

UQ was awarded the Employer of Choice citation by the Federal Government’s Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency in February.

The citations are awarded to organisations that have transparent, supportive women’s policies, an inclusive organisational culture, staff development programs and that educate workers about rights and obligations for sex-based harassment.
Theatres of knowledge

A sense of history is being added to new and refurbished lecture theatres at UQ.

The University spent $3.5 million refurbishing nine teaching areas in time for first semester, 2005.

The refurbishments were part of a five-year teaching and learning space enhancement program.

This program was developed through the Teaching and Learning Committee and has been expanded significantly in recent years.

The projects were carried out at a great pace during the Christmas-New Year break, according to Academic Facilities Manager, Philip Taylor.

“The biggest individual project was the University’s flagship Hawken Lecture Theatre 1, the Ethel Raybould Lecture Theatre,” he said.

“This is now the largest lecture theatre on campus, with the old benches removed to increase capacity by 30 to 463 seats, larger than the UQ Centre’s 450-se at lecture theatre.

“The lecture theatre now has video conferencing facilities, improved student flows for ingress and egress, refurbished toilets, and student seating for people waiting to attend lectures.

“The feedback we have had is that the environment around lecture theatres is an integral part of the student experience.

“It is where people talk to friends and plan their social life.

“We have taken that into account for the Raybould Theatre and for a large, flat floor seminar room S-201 opposite, and we will do that with future projects when it is possible.”

Mr Taylor said the Ethel Raybould Lecture Theatre would also be the first on campus with a plaque providing information about the person the theatre was named.

The University’s Fryer Library provided information for the plaque about Ms Raybould, who lectured in mathematics at UQ from 1928 to 1955.

“The current generation has seen the name but not many students know that Ethel Raybould was the University’s first female lecturer,” Mr Taylor said.

She was also one of the University’s most generous benefactors – she left a bequest of more than $920,000 to the University when she died in 1987.

The Raybould Lecture Theatre in the Hawken Engineering Building was constructed with part of this bequest.

The balance was used to establish the Raybould Tutorial Fellowship, the Raybould Visiting Fellowship and the Ethel Raybould Prize in Mathematics.

Mr Taylor said future refurbishments of named lecture theatres would incorporate commemorative plaques so people could learn about significant University figures.

He thanked building users for their patience during the refurbishment, particularly during the removal of some walls to improve student flow through the building.

Other lecture theatres and teaching areas to be improved through the program include Computer Science 110, which now has a 1970s feel with black, red and grey colour panels; Prentice Level 3 Lecture Theatre, which has relocated to Prentice 212; and lecture theatres in the Forgan Smith and Richards Buildings.

The refurbishments have been conducted as part of a five-year program, with funding provided by the University’s Asset Management Plan – 2005 Enhancement of Centrally Controlled Teaching and Learning Space Program.

A space age enhancement

The first allocation from the Student Enhancement Funds Program will be applied from this year to improve the quality of teaching and learning spaces at UQ.

The Teaching and Learning Space Committee has set in place a program to progressively improve all teaching and learning space by refurbishing existing space and constructing new space.

$1.6 million will be applied to faculty teaching space refurbishments and upgrades.

This is in addition to the regular program of refurbishment of teaching and learning space.

The Student Enhancement Funds have become available following the University Senate’s decision in 2004 to approve an increase in Student Contribution Charges for most Commonwealth-supported undergraduate degree place students commencing their studies in 2005.

Senate stated that income generated from higher Student Contribution Charges would be used to improve the quality of teaching and learning activities.

In 2004, submissions were called by the Teaching and Learning Space Committee for faculty projects to be funded from the program.

They agreed to fund the following projects:

• Arts Faculty — refurbishment of the Nickson Room and recording studio.

• Biological and Chemical Sciences Faculty — construction of a podium informal learning environment outside the Chemistry Building.

• Business, Economics and Law Faculty — refurbishment of rooms in the Chamberlain Building.

• Social and Behavioural Sciences Faculty — refurbishment of teaching rooms in the Chamberlain Building. This project will be combined with refurbishment of centrally controlled teaching rooms in the building.

• Engineering. Physical Sciences and Architecture Faculty — establishment of a first-year learning environment, following a feasibility study into the use of space in the Hawken Engineering Building.

• Health Sciences Faculty — upgrade of the computer laboratory in the Edith Cavell Building.

• Natural Resources, Agriculture and Veterinary Science Faculty — air-conditioning upgrade in the teaching rooms in the School of Agriculture and Horticulture at the Gatton Campus.
UQ’s Dr Nan Bahr has become the first woman to fill the Queensland University Regiment’s top post. Also Director of Teacher Education at UQ’s School of Education, Dr Bahr became the official Commanding Officer of the Queensland University Regiment on March 1, 2005.

The new post is an additional achievement, which Dr Bahr can add to an already impressive resume. She received her PhD in education in 2000 and a UQ Award for Excellence in Teaching and Learning the same year. In 2002 and 2003, she was a finalist in the Australian Awards for University Teaching.

The top position is a part-time post for a term of two years and Dr Bahr will continue to work for the University’s School of Education. She said her background in education and role as an academic were beneficial to the new position, which involved looking after the quality of staff cadet training and leadership development.

“It’s nice to have an academic of the University commanding the regiment when the cadets are largely UQ students,” Dr Bahr said.

While Dr Bahr is proud to be the first woman appointed as head of the regiment, she said being a woman had never been an issue in her 22 years as an Australian Defence Force reservist.

“The army always promotes on assessed competency and selects the most competitive candidate for the job at hand,” she said.

Queensland University Regiment Staff Cadets took four of five national prizes at a recent graduation in Duntroon.

The prizes were awarded at the Royal Military College at the conclusion of the staff cadets’ pre-commissioning program on February 20.

One of the awards included the Sword of Honour, won by Lieutenant Duncan Swan. This award is much sought after and was presented to the graduate with the highest overall achievement.

Queensland University Regiment Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Nan Bahr said the Regiment Staff Cadets had been very successful during the past three years, giving the regiment a strong national reputation.

She said all graduates demonstrated admirable qualities of leadership, initiative and teamwork.
A little under seven months ago, Business, Economics and Law (BEL) Faculty Manager of Academic Administration Bronwyn Henderson was told she had leukaemia. Since that time, Ms Henderson has spent 64 days and nights in hospital and endured numerous chemotherapy sessions and bone marrow biopsies.
Building on University life

The UQ Lego Club is one of about 200 clubs and societies offering students the opportunity to meet new people and engage in activities outside their studies.

Once a week they dive into two 20-litre buckets of Lego to create their masterpieces.

These UQ Lego Club members have built beach themes, pirateship battles, car race tracks and the Mona Lisa.

If you can imagine it, it can be built of Lego, according to club President Ian Pearce.

Mr Pearce, a science and computing student, said playing with the plastic building blocks helped club members take their mind off study.

He said there was more to the social club than hardcore Legoland fans as they also watched films, ate pizza and played soccer.

“It is a meeting point for a whole heap of people,” Mr Pearce said.

“It is all about fun. It helps us get through University.”

Members are free to build their own creations or build a group project. Just don’t mention Duplo, the young children’s version of Lego.

“We have grown a little beyond that,” Mr Pearce said.

Lego comes from the Danish phrase leg godt, which means to play well.

Club member Dan Foley said the club offered many first-year students the opportunity to make new friends outside their faculties.

“Having a Lego Club may seem on the surface a little bit silly, but it is not just about the Lego.” Mr Foley said.

“Without clubs and societies, a service provided by the UQ Union, the University would be a far lonelier place.”

Mr Pearce said Lego Club members came from many backgrounds, not just engineering.

He said most of their Lego pieces were more than 10-years-old as new Lego was too expensive to purchase.

“We don’t buy much new Lego because we can’t afford it,” Mr Foley said.

“Pretty much all our Lego is 100 years old as it is, so it is all rare.”

While the club might lack the broad appeal of the legal, music or engineering clubs, it still boasts 158 members.

UQ has about 200 clubs and societies listed with UQ SPORT and the UQ Union.

Some of the lesser known clubs include the Goodies Appreciation Club, based on the TV comedy series, and the Chocolate Appreciation Society.

The UQ Union’s five most popular clubs are:

1. UQ Law Society (2424 members);
2. Society of Economics and Commerce Students (1100 members);
3. Queensland University Musical Society (824 members);
4. Hong Kong Students Association (733 members); and
5. Society of Undergraduate Science Students (684 members).

Information: http://www.uqunion.uq.edu.au/clubsandsocieties/general/base_view

New director enters Ipswich Boilerhouse

An experienced social researcher is relishing his latest challenge.

The University’s Ipswich campus has welcomed Dr Michael Cuthill as the new Director of the UQ Boilerhouse Community Service and Research Centre.

Dr Cuthill brings an extensive background in research and community engagement, having been employed in both government agencies and academia for 20 years.

His most recent appointment was at the Gold Coast City Council where, as Coordinator of the Social Research Section, he worked in collaboration with communities, tertiary institutions and State and Federal agencies to formulate social research for planning, policy development and decision making.

Dr Cuthill said he was looking forward to working with the Ipswich community through his new role, and fostering links between the campus and the region.

Prior to his work with the Gold Coast City Council, Dr Cuthill was a lecturer at the University of South Australia, following a research position at James Cook University and six years at the Australian Institute of Marine Science.

Dr Cuthill said his extensive social research experience was directed towards social policy, strategy and project development using an action research methodology working with stakeholders to collaboratively address local issues.

He has maintained involvement in a volunteer capacity with many organisations, including the Queensland Council of Social Services, of which he is the immediate past Vice-President.

His work at the UQ Boilerhouse Community Service and Research Centre will include overseeing the development of the new Boilerhouse project, which is expected to be completed by early 2006.
Legacy lives on

The legacy of a ground-breaking UQ neurobiology researcher is living on through a memorial lecture.

To coincide with International Brain Awareness Week, UQ's Institute for Molecular Bioscience (IMB) and Queensland Brain Institute (QBI) hosted the inaugural Toshiya Yamada Memorial Lecture.

The lecture, entitled *Wiring the brain – how connections form during development,* was presented by Associate Professor Linda Richards from the University of Maryland, USA, at the IMB Auditorium on March 16.

Named after Dr Toshiya Yamada, an insightful and impeccable IMB researcher whose scientific discoveries supplied much of the basis for modern neurobiology, the lecture featured Dr Richards discussing how the proper wiring of the nervous system was vital to normal function.

Dr Yamada discovered the molecules that are essential for regulating the correct wiring of the spinal cord and parts of the brain. Following on from this, Dr Richards’ group analysed the development of connections in the brain by focusing on its largest fibre tract, the corpus callosum, which joins the two brain hemispheres.

In over 50 different human syndromes, the corpus callosum fails to form, resulting in a spectrum of neurological disorders that includes mental retardation and sensory-motor deficits.

A number of other disorders such as schizophrenia and autism are also associated with malformations in the corpus callosum.

Dr Yamada passed away in 2001 and a memorial garden has been established at the IMB in his honour.

He joined the UQ Centre for Molecular and Cellular Biology (now known as the IMB) in 1994 following a successful postdoctoral research position at Howard Hughes Medical Institute at Columbia University in New York.

He was instrumental in the resurgence of Australia as a leader in the field of developmental neurobiology and many of his conclusions have been verified and become textbook entries, a legacy few scientists can claim.

The Toshiya Yamada Memorial Lecture is a joint initiative between the IMB and QBI to highlight the work of leading neuroscience researchers.

Award secured

The University’s Information Technology Services have been recognised for their security program.

UQ has been honoured for playing a leading role in developing the first IT security certification scheme established in Australia.

The International Systems Security Engineering Association (ISSEA) awarded UQ the 2004 Annual Award of Excellence for the development of the International Systems Security Professional Certification Scheme (ISSPCS).

UQ Director of Information Technology Services (ITS), Nick Tate, who is President of the ISSPCS academic board, said he was very pleased with the award.

“IT is an important award because it comes from one of the top security engineering associations in the world,” he said.

ISSPCS is a joint project between ITS, the Australian Computer Emergency Response Team at ITS, ISSEA, and Electronic Warfare Associates.

The scheme was created to fulfil the need for a security certification program for IT security professionals worldwide.

To toast to glory

Two of Australia’s most acclaimed Olympians will be special guests at this year’s University of Queensland Sports Breakfast to be held on Wednesday, May 18.

Susie O’Neill and Natalie Cook will kick-start a golden morning at the picturesque Roma Street Parklands to raise funds for the University’s Sports Scholarship program.

Director of UQ’s Centre of Olympic Studies, Dr Ian Jobling, said the Olympic duo would provide inspiration for guests beyond their Olympic achievements.

“Natalie and Susie are widely recognised for their achievements at Olympic level but they have also achieved success away from competition,” Dr Jobling said.

“Natalie has developed her own company to build a legacy for her sport in Australia while Susie has taken on key roles with the International Olympic Committee.”

Ms O’Neill is recognised as one of Australia’s most successful swimmers, holding a record 35 Australian titles, eight Olympic medals and a string of victories at international level.

Ms Cook, a three-time Olympian, was crowned Olympic champion at the 2000 Sydney Olympics and, along with then partner Kerri Pottharst, was awarded Team of the Decade 1990-2000 by the Federation of International Volleyball.

Both Ms O’Neill and Ms Cook are former UQ students and guests will have a rare opportunity to see the pair together for this speaking engagement.

Guests will be treated to a full breakfast alongside a host of UQ Sport Scholarship recipients including Olympic diver Robert Newbery and water polo player Suzie Fraser.

Information: www.uqsport.uq.edu.au or 07 3346 9691 (550 per person or $380 for a table of eight).
Plan gives Ethiopia precious Nile water

Most of the world’s longest river starts its journey from a country that has so far extracted little benefit from the vast water resource.

Coming up with better ways to harness the flow of the Nile River has earned a UQ student a national award.

Ethiopian student, Kefyalew Mekonnen, who studied in the School of Natural and Rural Systems Management and graduated in economics, has won the 2004 Prize for PhD Research from the Australian Agricultural and Resources Economics Society (AARES).

His thesis was entitled ‘The economics of developing water resource projects in the Ethiopian Nile River Basin, their socio-economic, political, environmental and transboundary implications.’

It investigated the economics of building small water storages in the upper Nile basin – the world’s longest river, which flows from Ethiopia through Sudan and Egypt – and has special meaning for Dr Mekonnen.

He was born in the Nile basin and spent nine years working in the area, mostly on engineering and environmental projects.

Dr Mekonnen said drip irrigation could save up to 48 percent of the water used to irrigate small areas of cereal, vegetable, and traditional crops on a typical Ethiopian farm and improve farm productivity, earnings, and family livelihoods.

The majority of the Nile originates in Ethiopia but more than 97 percent of its annual flow of 84 million megalitres is used by downstream countries such as Sudan and Egypt.

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“Water resources of the Nile River basin are not only scarce but also shared among several countries and have the potential to become a major source of conflict,” Dr Mekonnen said.

“Egypt is even demanding additional water and there is no unallocated Nile water available to Ethiopia.”

In his thesis, Dr Mekonnen detailed the likely costs of building dams, weirs and irrigation, calculated water consumption per crop and analysed new ways of water harvesting, storage, and delivery to fields.

He said new technology, innovative uses of water, distribution and production systems, funding, research and water trading systems could make better use of Nile water but education and awareness were also important.

His supervisor, senior lecturer in economics Dr Malcolm Wegener, said Dr Mekonnen’s work should give confidence to the 10 basin countries and their plans to build several hundred water resource projects at a cost of billions of dollars.

An AARES reviewer said Dr Mekonnen’s plan could be a world-first for transboundary river management in developing countries.

Dr Mekonnen was presented with his award certificate at the AARES conference in Coffs Harbour in February.

He currently works for the engineering and infrastructure business, the BMD Group, as a management systems engineer.
UQ Vice-Chancellor, Professor John Hay, AC, has announced the appointment of Madonna Duffy as Publisher at The University of Queensland Press (UQP).

“We are delighted to appoint someone of Madonna’s calibre and experience into this pivotal role at UQP,” Professor Hay said.

“She has an intimate understanding of UQP’s place in Australian literature through her previous role as the Managing Editor, along with an extensive background in publishing, both in Australia and overseas.”

Ms Duffy has had 15 years of editorial experience in London at Penguin Books and in Australia at large publishing houses including Pan Macmillan.

For the past three years, she has run the publishing department at UQP. Her track record of publishing success at UQP includes books such as Robyn Arianrhod’s popular science title *Einstein’s Heroes*, which was shortlisted for the *Age Book of the Year* and the *Victorian Premier’s Literary Awards*, and Alasdair Duncan’s novel *Sushi Central* for which a major US rights deal was concluded with MTV Books.

UQP General Manager, Greg Bain, said Ms Duffy’s appointment complemented a strong management team, and that she would be appointing new editorial staff following a recent restructure.

“I plan to maintain our current publishing diversity,” Ms Duffy said.

“With fewer publishers venturing into areas such as poetry, Indigenous writing and literary fiction, it is more important than ever that UQP continues its long-standing investment in Australian culture.

“It is also one of my priorities to build up the scholarly publishing list as befits a university press.”

Gerard Windsor, UQP author of *I Have Kissed Your Lips* and *I Asked Cathleen to Dance*, described UQP as “a family of friends to their authors”.

“Madonna’s appointment as publisher confirms this tradition. I have come under her care in the past few years and she has been to me what an author wants - enthusiastic and encouraging, and ready to listen and engage with what I have written.

“I really look forward to all her energy giving a new dynamism to all that old UQP communal warmth.”

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The write way

A new poetry anthology has been created specifically for children.

UQ Bachelor of Arts graduate Jennifer Poulter’s number one passion in life is writing. The established author has written several children’s books, published junior novels and short stories for children, has had poetry published in Australia and overseas (under Jennifer McRae) and has worked as a book, film and music reviewer for a number of journals.

Let’s Jabberwocky/Poetry Action for Classroom and Stage published by Knowledge Books & Software is Ms Poulter’s latest literary offering.

This five-volume illustrated anthology contains more than 180 poems, along with exercises, discussion points, activities and performance suggestions designed to engage young readers and introduce them to the art of poetry.

Ms Poulter began the project in response to requests from primary, lower-secondary and drama teachers.

“Much of the poetry available to them was out of date, used to death, or from overseas,” she said.

“Could I come up with a collection of new material from all over Australia? I could.”

Mrs Poulter has previously worked as a reference librarian and as book reviewer for the Queensland Education Department.

As well as writing, she works at UQ as personal assistant to the Head of the School of Journalism and Communication Professor Jan Serves and as a tutor assisting international postgraduate students with their English expression.

Her short poem Reverie was inspired by regular trips across the University’s Great Court.

Ms Poulter

Historic characters tell their story

French explorers and Indigenous onlookers tell their own stories in a new history book. The French Explorers and the Aboriginal Australians 1772-1839 is a fresh perspective on early European exploration in Australia through original and newly translated documents.

The book also turns the cultural telescope providing an unexpected and revealing historic glimpse of French travellers through Aboriginal eyes.

The result is a collection of tales and illustrations providing cultural insights that are sometimes shocking and always engaging.

The author allows the participants to speak for themselves, resulting in fascinating detailed descriptions about Aboriginal people’s physical appearances along with attempts to understand their character and language.

Author and research advisor from UQ’s School of Language and Comparative Cultural Studies Dr Colin Dyer unveils an aspect of Australian history of which little is known.

“Unlike the British, the French were not interested in conquering,” Dr Dyer said.

“Relations between the explorers and the Aboriginal people were predominantly respectful and harmonious. They really got on very nicely – even romantically on occasion.”

Dr Dyer has written several books in French, including La France revistee, as well as a number of works in English, most recently A Frenchman’s walk across the Nullabor.

John Clanchy, Vincenzo’s Garden $22.95

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Engineering talent

Ten of UQ’s most talented engineering students have been awarded scholarships totalling more than $100,000.

On March 17 the School of Engineering and the School of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering (ITEE) awarded four Engineering Excellence Scholarships valued at $12,000 each to Vincent Chan, Chloe Piggford, Amy Smith, Joanna Webster and Anthony Yuen.

Juliette Murphy received a $12,000 Engineering Equity Scholarship, which is aimed at assisting students from diverse backgrounds to develop careers in the field of engineering. Four Engineering Singapore Scholarships were presented to Yong Khang Wilson Chan, Phaik Ki Lau, Pei Fang Ng and Kok-Hock Ong. The scholarships will cover half their tuition fees for up to two years.

Professor Michael Keniger, Executive Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Physical Sciences and Architecture presented the awards with School of Engineering head Professor Jim Lister and Dr Brian Lovell, ITEE Engineering Program Director.

Nominations are being invited for the University’s 2005 Awards for Excellence in Teaching and the Awards for the Enhancement of Student Learning.

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING
These awards were established in 1988 to recognise, encourage and reward sustained excellence in teaching at The University of Queensland.

Candidates must be nominated by at least five members of the University’s academic staff or current or former students (who have been taught by the nominee within the past five years).

Of the five people who nominate, at least one must be an academic staff member and one a current or former student. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

Information about the Awards for Excellence in Teaching, including posters, guidelines and nomination forms, is available from faculty, school and centre offices, Student Centres and at www.uq.edu.au/teaching_learning or by contacting Jenny Bjarnesen on 07 3365 3206 or j.bjarnesen@admin.uq.edu.au

Nominations, completed on the appropriate form, should be submitted by Friday, May 20 to Jenny Bjarnesen, Room 629, Level 6, J D Story Building.

AWARDS FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING
These awards were established in 2001 by the University’s Academic Board to recognise and promote excellence in the provision of services supporting student learning.

Self-nominations are being invited for this award, which is open to innovative teaching and learning projects or services initiated by curriculum teams, groups or units within support services, administrative units, centres, schools, or programs of study. They can also be University-wide initiatives.

Information packages, including posters, guidelines and application forms, are available in divisions, central services and school offices and at http://www.uq.edu.au/teaching_learning or by contacting Jenny Bjarnesen on 07 3365 3206 or j.bjarnesen@admin.uq.edu.au

Applicants should submit their completed application form with appropriate endorsement and a two-page synopsis of the nominated project by Friday, May 20 to Jenny Bjarnesen, Room 629, Level 6, J D Story Building.

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**SEMINARS**

- **Thursday, April 14**
  - School of History, Philosophy, Religion and Classics, History staff student seminars, Poor old ancestors: hereditary disease in the century before Darwin, Dr John Waller, University of Melbourne (4.15pm, Room 324, Micbie Bldg).

- **Friday, April 15**
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit, Working papers in archaeology seminar series, Chinese in Cooktown, Kev Raics (3-4pm, Room 207, Gordon Greenwood Bldg). Details: 07 3365 2385.

- **Friday, April 15**
  - School of Biomedical Sciences, Evolution’s witness: vision through 4.5 billion years, Professor Ivan Schwab, Director of the Cornes and External Disease Service, University of California (1-2pm, Room 305, Skerman Bldg). Details: 07 3365 4066.

- **Friday, April 22**
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit, Working papers in archaeology series, Repossessing the wilderness, Annie Ross (3-4pm, Room 207, Gordon Greenwood Bldg). Details: 07 3365 2385.

- **Friday, April 22**
  - School of Biomedical Sciences, seminar program, Role of lipid phosphates in vesicular trafficking, Professor Christina Mitchell, Monash University (1-2pm, Room 305, Skerman Bldg). Details: 07 3365 4066.

- **Wednesday, April 27**
  - National Tertiary Education Union, Religion and Classics, History staff student seminars, The politics of excommunication, Reverend Stephen Nuske (12:15pm, Room 324, Micbie Bldg).

- **Friday, May 6**
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit, Working papers in archaeology seminar series, A poor relation to Gymia: gold mining in the upper Burnett in the 19th Century, Geraldine Mate (3-4pm, Room 207, Gordon Greenwood Bldg). Details: 07 3365 2385.

- **Friday, May 6**
  - School of Biomedical Sciences, seminar program, Sex, stress and smell: olfaction in Antechinus subtopricus, Dr Claire Aalond (1-2pm, Room 305, Skerman Bldg). Details: 07 3365 4066.

- **Tuesday, May 10**
  - Queensland Alcohol & Drug Research & Education Centre, seminar series, The post release experience of prisoners in Queensland, Dr Stuart Kinner (10am-noon, Room 113, School of Population Health, Herston). Details: 07 3365 5189 (bookings essential).

- **Thursday, May 12**
  - School of History, Philosophy, Religion and Classics, History staff student seminars, Indigenous Australians and the London connection, Reverend Stephen Nuske (12:15pm, Room 324, Micbie Bldg).

- **Friday, May 13**
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit, Working papers in archaeology series, 9000 years of production and use of stone artefacts from the South Molle Island Quarry, Whitsunday Islands, Lara Lamb (3-4pm, Room 207, Gordon Greenwood Bldg). Details: 07 3365 2385.

- **Friday, May 13**
  - School of Biomedical Sciences, seminar program, How does the heart sense changes in oxygen tension? Dr Livia C Hool, University of Western Australia (1-2pm, Room 305, Skerman Bldg). Details: 07 3365 4066.

- **Friday, May 20**
  - School of Biomedical Sciences, seminar program, Guidance cues involved in the development of the peripheral autonomic nervous system, Dr Richard Anderson, University of Melbourne (1-2pm, Room 305, Skerman Bldg). Details: 07 3365 4066.

- **Monday, April 25**
  - Centre for Chronic Disease, seminar series, Birthweight and susceptibility to kidney and other chronic diseases (12.30-1.30pm, Seminar Room, H Floir, Clinical Sciences Bldg, Royal Brisbane Hospital). Details: 07 3365 5292 (bookings essential).

- **Friday, April 29**
  - School of Biomedical Sciences, seminar program, Instinct in the wilderness, Dr John Waller, University of Melbourne (4.15pm, Room 324, Micbie Bldg).

**CLASSIFIEDS**

- **TO RENT/HOUSFE SIT**
  - Highgate Hill: large furnished bedroom in Queensland, available now. Close to all facilities. Would suit female postgraduate student. Kay: 07 3365 6556 or k.saunders@uq.edu.au

- **Taringa**
  - Room for rent, 5mins from St Lucia campus, close to transport and shops, full access to the rest of the house and garden, must be a non-smoker, $100/wk. Broadband Internet connection available. Kate: 0431 828 730 or Jake: 0402 739 157.

- **Kelvin Grove**
  - 3bd hse, can come furnished, available from August 2005. Close to transport, universities, schools and homes. Home exchange in Vancouver, Canada available. Haida: haidaluke@yahoo.ca or haida.luke@uq.edu.au

- **Sinnamon Park**
  - E:urnished 3bd, 2hth, A/C, short drive from UQ St Lucia. Ideal for overseas family. Short or long-term rentals considered. Patricia: 07 3372 9412 or 0407 376 133.

**WANTED TO RENT/HOUSE SIT**

- Family in the process of moving hse needs short or long-term hse sit. Will look after pets, pools and gardens. Tom: 0415 698 348 or Barbara: 07 3346 2102.

- Visiting academic needs rental accommodation for family of 5 from July 2-24. Peter: peter@elec.canterbury.ac.nz

**FOR SALE**

- Laboratory equipment – Agitator Bead Mill DYN-O – Mill Type Multilab. The equipment was purchased in 2002 and has hardly been used. $22,000 neg. Linda: 07 3346 2084 or Lucy@imh.uq.edu.au

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**UQ NEWS, MARCH 2005**
Jean Bellette was a seminal figure in the visual arts from the 1930s until her death in Majorca in 1991, yet her contribution to the history of the visual arts in Australia has not been adequately assessed.

An exhibition of works by Ms Bellette will be on display at the University Art Museum at The James and Mary Emelia Mayne Centre from May 7 to June 12.

Ms Bellette (1908-1991) has the rare distinction of being a female artist who was highly regarded by her peers in the post-war Sydney art world, however, her marriage to the Sydney Morning Herald art critic Paul Haefliger precluded much critical discussion about her work.

She is favourably mentioned in most general art histories but there has been no sustained study or exhibition of her work.

Tasmanian-born, Ms Bellette studied at the Hobart Technical School and later at Julian Ashton’s Sydney Art School.

In 1935 she married fellow student Mr Haefliger and they travelled to London where she first studied art at the London Central School of Arts and Crafts and then moved to Westminster to study under Gertler and Meninsky.

There she developed her interest in classicism. Meninsky, like others of the period, encouraged his students away from the visual concerns of impressionism towards classical traditions in an avant-garde idiom.

He directed Ms Bellette to the British Museum where she studied the drawings of Michaelangelo, da Vinci, Poussin and Fifth Century Greek sculpture.

In 1937, Ms Bellette and Mr Haefliger travelled throughout Italy and France and studied in Paris before returning to Sydney on the eve of World War II.

During the next 17 years, her work and Mr Haefliger’s criticism had the most profound effect on Sydney art.

Ms Bellette wrote for Art in Australia under Peter Bellew’s editorship, producing lavishly illustrated articles on Masaccio, Giotto and Mailloll.

She was awarded the Sulman Prize in 1942 and 1944, and Bathurst’s first Carillon City Festival Art Prize in 1955.

The exhibition, curated by art historian Christine France, consists of 75 works including paintings, watercolours and drawings, supported with photographs and memorabilia.

An 80-page colour catalogue is also available.

Information: www.maynecentre.uq.edu.au. Opening hours: Tuesday – Sunday, 10am to 4pm.

Timely tribute

The University Art Museum is to host an overdue retrospective of the work of visual artist Jean Bellette.

Betrothal of Achilles 1948. PHOTO: courtesy Art Gallery of Western Australia