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Chinese student numbers to increase

CHINESE students will make up more than 50 per cent of USQ international students within five years, according to USQ Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Enterprise) Professor Malcolm McKay.

Professor McKay recently returned from a tour and USQ's first graduation ceremony for a cohort of 13 students at KangDa College where USQ has a joint venture program delivery arrangement with the South China Normal University (SCNU).

The college, also known as the USQ-SCNU International Accounting College, is situated in Guangdong Province.

"I predict that within the next five years China could make up more than 50 per cent of our total offshore market. USQ has almost 2000 students in the People's Republic of China and we expect to see even more significant growth over the next few years," Professor McKay said.

"KangDa College alone is anticipating an enrolment of more than 400 students when the Chinese academic year begins in September."

Professor McKay said some of the existing KangDa College students had already spent some time studying on-campus in Toowoomba.

"This is an important flow-on from our flexible distance programs which allow some of our offshore students to immerse themselves in Australian culture. It gives them a better understanding of the different cultures, languages and lifestyles around them at our multicultural

Toowoomba campus," he said.

Meanwhile, another USQ partnership in the region has led to the development of a Master of Nursing degree in infection control for the Hong Kong College of Technology that is designed to help experienced nurses improve their infection control capabilities.

Queensland Premier Peter Beattie, who recently led a 10-day trade and investment mission to China, Hong Kong and Thailand, said he was proud of the state's record as an exporter of education to the region.

"We have a well-earned reputation for high quality, off shore, tertiary education services and programs such as those offered by the University of Southern Queensland in nursing and allied health sectors," he said.

Premier Beattie, who was a guest at the USQ-SCNU awards, also commended the university for its strong partnerships within the fast-growing Asian region.

"This kind of cooperative effort in education has many benefits for everyone concerned. It combines the strengths and skills of some outstanding universities to deliver a very high quality of education to young people and equips them with the knowledge and expertise they need to face the challenges ahead," he said.

Tawanda Mundangefufu



PIONEER GRADUATES: The first students to graduate from USQ-SCNU International Accounting College recently attended a special ceremony to mark their achievement. With them were (all standing) Mr Simon Lee from the Queensland Trade and Investment Commission in Hong Kong (left), chairman of the Queensland China Council Hon. Tom Burns (fourth from left), Queensland Premier Peter Beattie, USQ Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Enterprise) Professor Malcolm McKay (second right) and Dean of USQ-SCNU International Accounting College Mr James Tao.

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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION: Two students from the Faculty of Education have been selected in the Hockeyroos squad to compete in the 2004 Olympic Games this month. Angie Skirving, an Olympic gold medallist from Sydney 2000, and Karen Smith, who is making her Olympic debut, are part of the Australian team bound for Athens. Best of luck girls!

ON THE MOVE: With the on-campus Darling Heights Post Office becoming a licensed business, the university community sadly says goodbye to some hard-working individuals who over the years have provided a high standard of service to both staff and students. Chris O'Keefe (left) has been working at the post office for five years, David Rowling (centre) has been working with the team for 11 years and Auriol Halley (right) has made the remarkable achievement of 27 years service at USQ. The close-knit team say they have enjoyed their time at USQ which has been more than just a job and have forged many long-lasting relationships. Their extra assistance to international students must be acknowledged. For those who miss Auriol, David and Chris, you can visit them at their new posts at the Village Fair Post office and Clifford Gardens Post Office



RESEARCH GRANT: Dr Andrew Hoey (centre) and his research team (left to right) Xiao Hui Xiao, Renee Nairn, Christel van Erp, (Dr Hoey), Scott Kershaw, Rebecca Higgins, Connie Bookless, Nicki Laws and Garth Marrett from USQ's Centre for Biomedical Research received a two-year \$70,000 fellowship from Parent Project Australia (PPA), recently. The Wil Bennett Fellowship, which will increase the research investment into Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and accelerate the development of a treatment for the disease, was announced by PPA Educational Advisor, Helen Posselt at a Gala Dinner. The dinner was held in conjunction with the Directions for Muscular Dystrophy: planning today for tomorrow conference, held on the Toowoomba campus. The Dinner also raised \$2000 for PPA through auctions and raffles. Toowoomba Mayor Dianne Thorley gave the welcoming address and the Ergon Energy USQ Big Band performed throughout the night. Dr Hoey said the grant would provide a salary for a postdoctoral researcher and some expenses associated with the project. The inaugural conference was so successful that it has stimulated requests that it become an annual or biannual event Australia-wide.



BUSINESS ASPIRANTS: Year 10 Business students from Wide Bay High Schools will be competing against each other for the first time this semester to see which school can make the most of the business opportunities on offer as they run their own business enterprises. The Funny Business program is coordinated by USQ Associate Lecturer in Business, Penny Richards, with assistance from the Wide Bay Campus Students in Free Enterprise team that recently took out a number of awards in the SIFE national finals in Melbourne. The program also provides USQ students studying secondary education with the opportunity to participate in Professional Concept Experience and to provide secondary school teaching staff with support during the running of the program. Pictured from left during a USQ Wide Bay Campus orientation session were Katie Barlow and Kayla Doyle from St Mary's College in Maryborough, Krystyna Hargittai and Darcie Pope from Urangan State High School, Abbey Hawker and Grace Ferguson from Aldridge State High School in Maryborough and Darren Carter and Tobi Foster from Hervey Bay State High School.



PROFESSOR

Bill MacGillivray

DEAN OF SCIENCES



A pivotal part of the review is to seek the views of all stakeholders on matters relating to ICT at USQ. To assist members of the university community with consideration of the issues, a discussion paper has been prepared. The paper describes the consultation process, gives a thorough background to ICT at the university and canvasses the thirteen key issues.

The paper's development certainly brought home to members of the committee the complexity of the issues surrounding the efficient provision of an effective and modern ICT in an organisation such as USQ. Governance, planning, structure, financials, teaching and learning, and research are considered along with compliance, resources, risk management, policy setting and decision making. We must then put in place an effective monitoring and review mechanism.

The VCC has charged the review committee with reporting by the end of this year. There is much to be done before we reach that point.

Last week the discussion paper was released via the review's web site which has the URL: <http://www.usq.edu.au/vc/a-itreview/>

This site has other information pertaining to the review that may be of assistance including an FAQ page. If further information or clarification is required, enquiries should be made to Mrs Sophie Ivory at ivory@usq.edu.au

Submissions from all members of the USQ community are invited. A submission can be made to John Clarke at clarke@usq.edu.au by 21 August 2004.

I look forward to receiving your submissions as we progress the review of this vital part of the university's operation.

THE University of Southern Queensland has grown and evolved rapidly in the past decade. For any organisation undergoing such rapid change, it is necessary to take stock of its operations from time to time.

While the university has been subject to a major review and now goal setting in the form of the USQ Directions paper, it was felt by the Vice-Chancellor's Committee (VCC) that the organisation and function of information technology with respect to the whole of the university's activities needed review in a shorter time frame.

There were a number of factors that led to the decision to embark on the review including the university's capital and recurrent investment in ICT (information and communication technology), staff and student reliance on ICT and the university's reputation as an innovative distance educator.

VCC established a review committee with broad internal and external membership. The committee has set a timetable for the review and set up a number of working groups to focus on particular issues or information gathering.

Science geeks wage War on Error



WEIRD SCIENCE: Dr Karl Kruszelnicki and Adam Spencer will visit 11 cities around Australia including a stop-over in Toowoomba which is one of only two venues in Queensland to be graced by the Sleek Geeks' presence.

THE dynamic duo of science, Dr Karl Kruszelnicki and Adam Spencer, are once again taking to the highways and byways of Australia and this year are bringing their "Sleek Geeks Tour" to the Clive Berghofer Recreation Centre at USQ on 20 August for National Science Week.

This coup is another accolade for the Faculty of Sciences which was recently awarded an \$8500 National Science Week grant to help make this year's celebrations at USQ more comprehensive than ever before.

Adam and Dr Karl will drag an expected audience of 2000 people by the ear through

their fast-talking, roller-coaster ride of fabulous facts and sensational stories revolving around this year's topic of "The War on Error".

Dr Karl said the Sleek Geeks Tour is a great channel to entertain people with quirky facts and information that is science-related and fun for people of all ages.

"We'll be telling interesting stories and quirky facts about the mistakes we all make in the world and that reality as we see it is only our perception of reality."

Triple J's music guru, Mel Bampton, from *Mel in the Morning* will be MC-ing the

comedic coercion of science that characterizes Australia's sleekest geeks.

Tickets are available from the Mary Ryan Bookstore/ABC Shop and the Clive Berghofer Recreation Centre from 2 August and there is a limit of two tickets per customer unless prior arrangements have been made.

For further information about the Sleek Geeks Tour please visit www.abc.net.au/sleekgeeks or for ticket information please contact Melissa Buckley on 4631 2681.

Other activities during Science Week at USQ include the Sciences on the Downs Fair interactive tent operating at the front of the Clive Berghofer Recreation Centre from Monday 16 August - Friday 20 August and bookings are essential

Many different science disciplines including plant genetics, astronomy, physics, chemistry and biomedical research will be the subject of more than 60 sessions over the week.

Community interest stories will be the topic of presentations that will be held from Monday to Thursday night during the Science Week. Leith Bouilly will present, "Kitchen Table Conversations: Making Catchment Science Useful" on Tuesday 17 August from 6.15pm and Associate Professor Melissa Little will present "What gave me my kidney and why I should care?" on Wednesday 18 August at 7pm. These activities are open to the public and free of charge with bookings not required.

For further information please visit <http://www.scienceweek.info.au/>

Susan McDonald

Research cultivates benefits for wool growers

USQ's Land Use Research Centre (LURC) is partnering with the Traprock Wool Association (TWA), a group of proactive and innovative wool growers from southern Queensland, to strengthen its understanding of biodiversity conservation.

The LURC will mount a participatory research and training program that will support property and regional conservation management.

LURC Director Professor Charlie Zammit said the centre would work with TWA on a two-year \$220,000 Land Water & Wool funded project entitled "Integrating Paddock and Catchment Planning: A Wool Producer-driven Approach to Sustainable Landscape Management".

Professor Zammit said the project would support a broader community understanding of how critical ecological processes and ecosystem services supported their businesses.

"Detailed property mapping and planning are underway to identify biodiversity assets. The project will strengthen woolgrower capacity in biodiversity monitoring through a program of participatory ecological research into habitat condition assessment and management," Professor Zammit said.

"The Traprock region is a highly regarded fine-wool producing area with significant biodiversity values. Past studies have shown that the region is the Queensland stronghold of several woodland bird species whose populations are declining. The region also supports a diverse range of locally restricted animals and plants and grassy woodland ecosystems of national importance."

The USQ team includes Professor Zammit, Head of Economics and Resource Management, Geoff Cockfield, Biological and Physical Sciences Lecturer, Dr Andy Le Brocque and Head of Psychology, Associate Professor Grace Pretty. The team provides a unique mix of cross-disciplinary expertise in ecological assessment of biodiversity, the economics of wool production and psychological profiling of landowner perceptions and capacities for biodiversity monitoring on their farms.

Working in collaboration with the TWA, the Queensland Murray



LURC TEAM: Left to right are, Professor Charlie Zammit, Dr Grace Pretty, Dr Andy Le Brocque and Mr Geoff Cockfield.

Darling Committee, and the Inglewood Shire and Granite Border Landcare groups, the LURC team will research and develop a biodiversity and wool production inventory and monitoring and reporting toolkit, and support capacity-building initiatives that train graziers and other stakeholders in using the toolkit for property management.

"The monitoring and reporting toolkit will enable wool producers to reliably monitor and assess native habitats and identify biodiversity values while maintaining profitable and productive farming enterprises, and will support TWA's commitment to sustainable land use," Professor Zammit said.

It is anticipated that the toolkit will be used by other wool producers and regional groups across Australia. The toolkit will also provide a suite of procedures and guidelines that support the integration of biodiversity planning into broader approaches to grazing systems management.



OLYMPIC FEVER: Psychology student Tina Morgan will compete at the Athens Olympics in the heavyweight division of the Women's Tae Kwon Do Competition this month. Last year Tina (pictured with her coach Jin Tae Jeong) won a bronze medal at the World Championships in Germany, a gold medal at the Croatian Olympic Test Event and a silver medal in the Dutch Open in Holland. With so many associated travel demands in the sport, the third-year student said USQ gave her the flexibility to train more, travel to all competitions and gave her the opportunity to study while pursuing a lifelong dream. Tina has deferred this semester to focus on the Olympics and hopes to finish in semester one, 2005.

USQ celebrates action week

THE success of a unique program that aims to improve the transition into post secondary education and training for rural high school students with disabilities has been publicly acknowledged with the presentation of a Disability Action Week award.

The Tertiary Taste Program, an initiative of both USQ and the Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE (SQIT) is designed to provide students with an understanding of career pathways available from universities or TAFE colleges. The students live on campus for the program's four-day duration, allowing them to make their tertiary education decisions while experiencing a slice of university life first hand.

USQ Regional Disability Liaison Officer Deborah McLachlan says the program has been a resounding success since its inception four years ago. A similar concept, the Tertiary Education Experience program, which was launched more recently by Griffith University in Brisbane, has enjoyed comparable achievements.

"The key to the success of such programs has been their provision of tertiary education access to those students who otherwise might struggle in adapting to an unfamiliar environment," she said.

Member for Toowoomba North Kerry Shine said leaving familiar surroundings at the beginning of a tertiary education career could be a daunting experience for many



DISCUSSING ABILITY: Mark Bagshaw, chair of the Ability Australia Foundation and IBM Australasia executive delivers his presentation on global developments in disability reform, adaptive technology and other innovations. He was one of the keynote speakers at a series of events held at USQ to mark Disability Action Week.

students with a disability.

"USQ and SQIT have endeavoured to make this an easier transition by opening their doors and letting students see for themselves what's ahead. I am sure this initiative will encourage other students with a disability to go on to further study and training and in turn make the most of their opportunities in life," he said.

The Tertiary Taste Program will be held this year from 15 to 18 August. For further information contact Deborah McLachlan on 4631 1410.

Tawanda Mundangepufu

Best PR practice earns international award

THE best of the best in the world in the public relations profession were acknowledged at the International Public Relations Association (IPRA) Golden World Awards (GWA) for Excellence, last month.

The campaign that won the GWA for excellence in the category of Government Communication was created by former USQ postgraduate student and Managing Director of Queensland Corporate Communications Network, David Donohue.

David said his team, Senior Consultant Angela Hone, Intern Sue Greenleaf, and Designer Christine Girgenti, who shared the Government Communication category GWA with the US Federal Treasury for their work on the introduction of the new \$20 bill, were impressed by the news.

"We were really impressed. We knew the campaign was good, but we didn't expect it to be judged the best in the world," David said.

The campaign, "Dogs can't read - managing pet owners instead," saw David's team contracted to work with the Townsville City Council (TCC), and aimed to create meaningful ways to get residents and pet owners to comply with local animal laws and



GOLDEN WORLD: Townsville's Deputy Mayor, Councillor Ann Bunnell with Mattie (centre) congratulates the QCCN team of Angela Hone and David Donohue on their win.

embrace responsible pet ownership.

"The campaign was really successful in changing culture so people wanted to comply with laws," he said.

Dog attacks were down from 28 to seven, TTC revenue dropped significantly by \$20,000 which indicated a high level of compliance, as the average fine was \$75, and there was an increase of 10 percent in positive attitudes towards the Animal Management Officers, who distribute the fines, David said.

Prior to winning the GWA, the campaign

had been awarded a Highly Commended at both the Queensland and National Public Relations Institute of Australia's Golden Target Awards, as well as an Honourable Mention in the Asia-Pacific Public Relations Awards.

"With the campaign previously always coming second it's great to get a first," he said.

Any campaign from around the world that has been recognised nationally is eligible to be nominated for the IPRA awards, which are in their 14th year. This year the awards recognised 23 campaigns from 11 countries.

David's campaign was selected from 237 entries by an international jury, of 44 senior practitioners from 25 countries.

Other category winners included campaigns to, promote awareness of sexual assault in Texas, restore confidence in the health system of Singapore after the SARS crisis, promote American Express in Russia and a Turkish environmental campaign to introduce a sustainable bio-diversity program and improve agricultural education.

The award will be presented at a gala GWA dinner in London on 21 October.

Fiona Taylor

Psychologist hopes to trigger winning form

MOST people are only aware of the high-profile professional athletes that compete in the Olympic Games for sporting supremacy but what about all the people working behind the scenes?

Professor Peter Terry of the Faculty of Sciences will be heading for Athens this month as sport psychologist for the Great Britain Olympic shooting team including training with double trap shooter Richard Faulds (pictured with Professor Terry) to help him defend his Olympic title. This will be his seventh Olympic Games.

"The pressure will be on to reproduce the excellent results from Sydney 2000 when my team won gold and silver medals," Professor Terry said.

"Shooting is a huge psychological challenge compared to other sports where the majority of the competitors are capable of winning. It's all about getting it right on the day and that's where the role of a psychologist comes to the fore," he said.

Professor Terry will be helping the athletes manage their

mood coming into the event and to maintain a positive mindset whatever the circumstances they may face.

"They'll certainly need composure because Athens will be a chaotic environment."

Given his part-time role as Coordinator of Psychological Services for the Queensland Academy of Sport in Brisbane, Peter also has a professional interest in several of the Australian teams competing in Athens.

"As a part-time Co-ordinator of Psychological Services for the Queensland Academy of Sport in Brisbane I work with Australian Olympians in water polo, hockey and beach volleyball so I'll certainly have divided loyalties during the Games."

Peter would like to recognise the support he has received from USQ.

"I'm extremely grateful to the university for supporting me in this venture and to my colleagues in the Psychology Department for taking over my duties while I'm away."

Susan McDonald



Idol to star at USQ Open Day



APPEARANCES by Australian Idol finalist, Levi, and Wallaby Joe Roff are the highlights of a great day's entertainment at this year's USQ Open Day on Sunday 15 August from 10am to 3pm.

Roff is a recent USQ graduate, while Levi tops a bill that includes the Ergon Energy USQ Big Band, Dance Nation and children's entertainment group Krazy Kritters. In addition, River 949 will be running a live broadcast from the Toowoomba Campus of the day's proceedings.

Open Day co-ordinator Chris Ferguson said this year's Open Day was designed to be a day-long family outing, in addition to its key role of providing course information to prospective students.

"This is a very important day in our calendar as it allows us to showcase ourselves and our programs to the public," he said.

"There will be key faculty staff on hand to talk to our visitors and each faculty will hold information sessions as well as displays and demonstrations of what types of activities students can expect to be involved in over the course of their tertiary careers."

Planned activities include a simulated CareFlight rescue and crisis management demonstration by public relations students, a mock debate in the Faculty of Education and the chance to win faculty prizes that include mobile phone recharge vouchers, movie tickets, a \$500 bursary and an Apple iPod.

"We want to encourage everyone from senior high school students to mature-aged students who might be considering upgrading their skills to come along and see what USQ has to offer them," Ferguson said.

Tawanda Mundangepfupfu

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15 August

USQ OPEN DAY - TOOWOOMBA:

Whether you are a school leaver, mature-age student, changing unis, a parent or a teacher, Open Day is the perfect opportunity to explore all the options on offer at USQ. Also meet former Wallaby Joe Roff, watch a Careflight helicopter rescue demonstration and see Australian Idol finalist Levi live on stage. Open Day runs from 10am to 3pm. For further details contact Chris Ferguson 4631 1495.

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Newsmakers

JEFF BLACK, Senior Video Production Officer in the Distance and e-Learning Centre was interviewed on ABC Radio National about the suitcase of Beatles memorabilia that was uncovered in Melbourne.

DR BRAD CARTER, Lecturer in Physics in the Faculty of Sciences was interviewed by 4GR and ABC Southern Queensland about his Physics Youth Lecture Tour that travelled to towns all over Queensland.

DR ANDREW HOEY, Senior Lecturer in Human Physiology was quoted in *The Chronicle* about the \$70,000 donation from a private American charity that was given to his research team.

PROFESSOR BILL LOVEGROVE, Vice-Chancellor was quoted in the *Campus Review* about the Commonwealth of Learning Award of Excellence for Institutional Achievement won by USQ and also the progress of the Springfield campus.

DR RHOD MCNEILL, Lecturer (Music) from the Faculty of Arts was quoted in *The Chronicle* and *Entertainment Weekly* about the song cycle performance of Schubert's *A Winter Journey* at the USQ Arts Theatre.

CEC PEDERSEN, Senior Lecturer (Management and Organisational Behaviour) from the Faculty of Business was quoted in *The Chronicle* for speaking at the Australian Institute of Management's (AIM) inaugural Christmas in July celebrations. Mr Pedersen spoke about importance of mentoring individuals and teams within the business environment.

DR ROSLYN REILLY, Head of Department (Nursing) was quoted in the *Weekend Australian* about the trends among USQ nursing graduates.

PROFESSOR TONY ROBERTS, Professor (Applied Mathematics) in the Faculty of Sciences was profiled in the *Campus Review* about his personal passion for orienteering.

PENNY RICHARDS, Associate Lecturer in Accounting from the Faculty of Business at the Wide Bay Campus was quoted in the *Fraser Coast Chronicle* about the Funny Business Program and the SIFE Awards.

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Acclaimed painter is McGregor patron

NATIONALLY-RECOGNISED painter and arts educator Dr Irene Amos OAM has accepted an appointment as patron of USQ's McGregor Schools. Dr Amos replaces legendary bushman's outfitter, the late R.M. Williams, who died last year.

A long-time McGregor supporter and teacher, Dr Amos will lend her profile to the schools, which are conducted over two weeks in January and one week in July each year.

She was the first woman to be awarded a Doctorate in Creative Arts from the University of Wollongong and received an OAM in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 1991. She has also exhibited her artworks extensively around the nation and won numerous art prizes.

She says the McGregor Schools have made an outstanding contribution to enhancing the cultural lives of Australia's regional and rural communities through the exceptional quality of the McGregor Schools Summer and Winter Arts Retreats.

"What impresses me most about these Schools is the opportunity that they provide for people from the breadth of Australia, and indeed the world, to join with internationally

acclaimed tutors in an intensive, shared creative experience. These sorts of experiences make a major contribution to the collective cultural growth and identity of the nation," she said.

"As Patron of the McGregor Schools, I will encourage everyone to participate in the Schools and to become part of this great tradition of shared creative experiences."

The first McGregor School began in 1969 with only three painting classes and 43 students. Today more than 650 professional and amateur artists and musicians attend both the Summer and Winter Schools each year from around the nation and from countries as wide-ranging as Japan, Fiji, Canada, USA, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Indonesia and Tanzania.

McGregor Schools Operations Manager Rob Fry said the appointment of Dr Amos strengthens the profile of the Schools.

"Dr Amos is a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and the Royal Queensland Arts Society who commands a lot of respect from her peers. Her knowledge of art and the industry will only help enhance the McGregor reputation," he said.

Tawanda Mundangepfufu



Student to attend UN Indigenous conference

FINAL-YEAR indigenous education student Timena Rhodes has never left Australia's shores but a chance interview at the Indigenous Research Forum in Canberra earlier this year has resulted in an opportunity for her to attend a conference in Switzerland.

At the forum, Timena was interviewed by members of the Sovereign Union of Aboriginal Nations and Peoples in Australia (SUANPA) who subsequently asked her if she was interested in attending a United Nations conference in Geneva.

The conference, to be held in September, will focus on the finalisation of a draft United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The draft has been 10 years in the making and contains 44 articles that will be negotiated for possible inclusion in international law. Timena hopes the forum will provide an opportunity to exchange ideas that will benefit Australia's indigenous population.

"Many indigenous people throughout the world are constantly fighting for self-determination and are often not supported by their governments," she said.

"Indigenous people need to have their political rights recognised and traditional laws should be more widely accepted alongside judicial laws."

"I hope my experience in Switzerland will benefit the USQ community, the local community, and my own indigenous community," she said.

Timena, who aspires to become a lecturer in indigenous studies, needs \$5000 in order to attend the event. So far she has managed to raise \$3500.



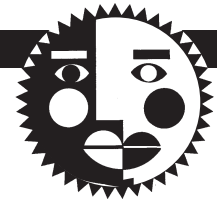
HELPING HAND: Indigenous student Timena Rhodes accepts a cheque from Vice-Chancellor Professor Bill Lovegrove. The money will go towards funding her attendance at a United Nations conference in Geneva.

Her latest sponsor is USQ Vice-Chancellor Professor Bill Lovegrove, who donated \$1500 on behalf of the university. Professor Lovegrove said he was always keen to help the development of young leaders and that USQ held a strong commitment to social justice issues, especially indigenous issues.

"This is an excellent example of bringing together that commitment to young leaders and our commitment to indigenous people," he said.

Timena is now appealing to the wider community to help her raise the balance.

Tawanda Mundangepfufu



Classic Steinbeck vintage at USQ

THE search for a better life, the promised land or in this case the land of "the golden west" is a prominent theme in the classic American tale *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck, adapted for the stage by Frank Galati and soon to be performed at the USQ Performance Centre.

Set against the stark backdrop of the Great Depression in America during the 1930s, *The Grapes of Wrath* depicts the lives of ordinary people striving to preserve their humanity in the face of social and economic desperation.

The Pulitzer Prize winning novel however wasn't always highly acclaimed. The contentious book was publicly burned and banned in California when it was first released in the late 1930s.

It was quickly adapted for the screen and won several Academy Awards in 1940 and 40 years later was adapted by Frank Galati for Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre Company which clinched its reputation as an epic and timeless record of the nature of equality and social justice in America.

The narrative centres around the extended family of the Joads as they travel west from the drought and poverty stricken dust-bowl of Oklahoma in search of a new life in California.

Director of the production, Associate Professor Kate Foy, said the story is ideal for a young company and acting school.

"We've got a company of 19 actors who are challenging themselves by bringing to life more than 50 characters," Dr Foy said.

"The play requires good, naturalistic acting and we've been preparing our students by encouraging them to read novels from the period, watch documentaries and basically devour as many historical resources as they can."

The research the students have been undertaking has included studying the origins of the emotive title - *The Grapes of Wrath*.

"The original novel has many biblical allusions including that of a tribe travelling in the desert. The title itself is based on a passage from the New Testament that became a great civil war hymn."

The Grapes of Wrath runs from 16 - 21 and 26 - 28 August at 7:30pm in the USQ Arts Theatre with special matinee performances at 11am on Wednesday 25 August and 2pm Sunday 29 August.

For bookings and ticket information please contact the USQ Performance Centre Box Office on 4631 1111.

Susan McDonald



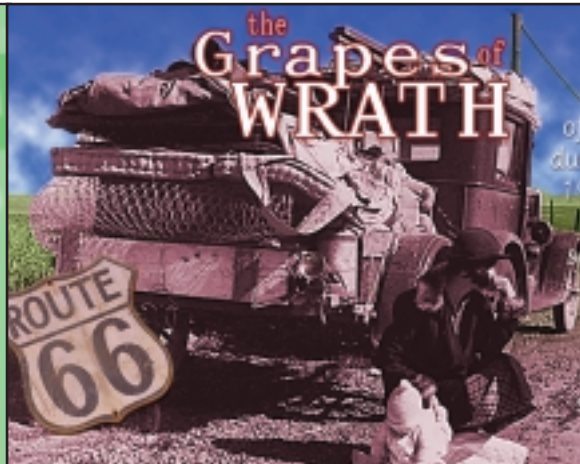
DUSTY TRAVELS: Acting students Tim Dashwood (Al Joad), Cameron Hurry (Tom Joad), Sam Clark (Casy Rivers), Margaret Holsinger (Aunt Grace) and Shideh Faramand (Ma Joad) (front) get into character for *The Grapes of Wrath*.

twilight ensemble recital *Fairytales from Phoenix*

The Phoenix Ensemble - Andrew Lorenz (violin)
Wendy Lorenz (piano) Martin Crook (clarinet) -
present an evening of intimate music making.

Schumann Fairytales
Webb Trio for Clarinet, Violin and Piano

Wednesday 1 September
5.30-6.30pm USQ Arts Theatre
\$12.50 Adult / \$10 Con / \$5 Child



Adapted by Frank Galati from John Steinbeck's novel, this play probes the very nature of equality and justice in America during the Great Depression of the 1930's. Follow the Joad family as they travel across America in search of a new life in California.

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2pm Sun 29 Aug

\$19 Adult / \$15 Conc / \$10.50 Preview

*** EXHIBITION • Places by Trevor Grienke cont till 22 August • USQ Arts Gallery 9am-5pm Mon-Fri ***