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Indigenous graduates celebrate achievements

FIFTEEN students from the Kumbari Ngurpai Lag centre are ready to take on the world after graduating from the Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program (IHEPP).

The graduates travelled from as far away as Townsville, Atherton and the Torres Strait Islands to attend the ceremony and begin their next step into tertiary education.

Local Aboriginal elder and president of the Toowoomba Aboriginal Council of Elders, Mr Jim Hagan AM, gave the welcome to country - a traditional acknowledgement of the owners of the land, and addressed the assembled graduands and guests prior to the awards presentation.

He said support and encouragement for education from the older generation of indigenous Australians was not always forthcoming and that this needed to change.

"We live in a competitive, multi-cultural society and indigenous people need to educate themselves in order to participate in it. However, we must not lose our cultural heritage in the process - this education should remind us of who we are and where we came from," he said.

Acting Coordinator of the Murrina Yirabaine Indigenous Health Unit, Mrs Noeleen Dempsey, who presented the graduates with their certificates, also said education could help break the welfare cycle in indigenous communities.

"I congratulate all of these graduates for their achievement and encourage them to continue with their education. That is the only way young indigenous Australians can reduce dependency on social benefits," she said.

IHEPP began in 2001 as part of the Tertiary Preparation Program but



PROUD MOMENT: Ben Stephen, Fred Walker and Gary Dalton (back) and Ciehan Titasey, Laehanne Keller and Kelcy Weber (front) are all smiles after successfully completing the Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program.

was re-designed to promote indigenous learning in a supportive, sensitive environment. Its main emphasis is to develop computing, communication, mathematic, analytical and study skills necessary for successful tertiary study.

Students who graduate from the program have increased employment opportunities and are eligible for direct entry into USQ award courses.

Tawanda Mundangepfufu

Physics program addresses teacher shortage

THE current shortage of qualified Physics teachers in Queensland and across Australia has prompted the creation of a Graduate Certificate in Physics program at USQ, which will be offered from semester one next year.

USQ Lecturer in Physics, Dr Jeff Sabburg said the new program is designed for Science teachers, or teachers with at least a strong maths background, to upgrade their skills and address the current crisis.

"There is a need for Science teachers to further develop their knowledge and skills in the discipline of Physics, especially if they are required to teach the year 11 and 12 Physics curriculum in Queensland high schools.

"In the year 2000, more than 17 percent of secondary school Physics teaching in

Western Australia was carried out by unqualified teachers," Dr Sabburg said.

He said offering the Graduate Certificate in Physics coincided with the current upgrade to the Physics curriculum in Queensland schools, which involved a much more applied approach.

The new curriculum was originally trialled in 2002/2003, with extended trials expected in 2005/2006 and it was anticipated that the new curriculum would be adopted state-wide in 2008.

"The Graduate Certificate in Physics addresses the contextual needs of the new Queensland high school Physics curriculum.

"The emphasis of the new program is on providing both conceptual and contextual knowledge as well as enabling students to

gain practical atmospheric observing skills".

The certificate covers Physics Concepts, Environmental and Atmospheric Physics and is completely external.

Students will have access to an online environmental monitoring network, as well as using an experimental kit at their location of study.

The Environmental Monitoring Network is a service provided by USQ's Centre for Astronomy, Solar Radiation and Climate and the Department of Biological and Physical Sciences which is updated every 15 minutes and provides Toowoomba weather data, including: temperature; wind speed and direction; humidity; barometric pressure; daily rainfall; and cloud information.

Fiona Taylor

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BEAT THE REST: USQ Bachelor of Mass Communication student Michael Cook is still riding a high after being named as the major prize winner of Triple J youth radio station's Beat the Drum competition along with his girlfriend Shannon Parsons. Michael and Shannon ploughed the Triple J drum logo into a field at St Ruth near Dalby that measures 1.5 kilometres high and 1 kilometre wide and is visible from an altitude of 2750 metres. Michael and Shannon won 4 round-the-world tickets and passes to 4 of the world's best music festivals. To check out their website that helped win the top prize visit <http://www.struthbeatthedrum.8m.net/>

SHAPING UP: The Faculty of Engineering's Formula SAE race car is nearing completion, and an official launch and technical presentation were held at the University recently. The team is hoping to raise \$2000 to complete building the car and a further \$6000 to get members to the competition in Melbourne in December. Sponsorship coordinator Melinda Plank said the team has targeted businesses in the automotive and engineering industries, but is still appealing to all local businesses to get behind the effort. Anyone wishing to donate to the team can contact Melinda at melindaplank@hotmail.com.



CAREER SKILLS: A group of six USQ students successfully took part in the Higher Education Workplace Skills Olympiad (HEWSO). The competition provides experiential learning for groups of students drawn from a variety of disciplines within the competing universities. The students are exposed to the culture and structure of a host organisation from business or government - usually a major recruiter of graduates. The group selected Telstra as its project and was presented with a real business issue and set the task of presenting a solution a month later. Here, team member Shupikai Kanemanyanga from the Faculty of Business presents findings to Ian Clark, Telstra's National Manager for Business Marketing.



STUDY TIES: USQ's Centre for Australian Financial Institutions (CAFI) hosted a study tour for senior Sri Lankan government officials at the Toowoomba campus earlier this month to discuss partnership opportunities for vocational training providers in Queensland. Pictured (front) are USQ Director of Undergraduate Studies with the Faculty of Education, Mark Dawson, Deputy Director of the CAFI, Dr Sarath Delpachitra, Director of the Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE, Mr John Elich, Additional Secretary (Development) in the Sri Lankan Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational and Technical Education, Wijayananda Ellawala, Acting Regional Director of the Department of Employment and Training in Toowoomba, Mr John Bird and USQ Lecturer in Teaching and Learning in Vocational Education and Training (VET) with the Faculty of Education Mr Mark Tyler.



EARLY CHILDHOOD OPPORTUNITIES: New South Wales State Manager for ABC Child Care Centres, Tamir Tukini (pictured) flew to Queensland earlier this month to address USQ's Early Childhood Students about ABC Child Care Centre job opportunities, especially within the Springfield area. The address was video-linked with USQ's Wide Bay campus.



PROFESSOR

Maurice French

**PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR
(LEARNING & TEACHING)**



SINCE February 2003 I have been serving (temporarily) as Assistant Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic). My duties have included: managing accreditation/re-accreditation of programs and majors; monitoring the progress of higher degree research students; overseeing Academic Development Leave; and, most recently, chairing the 2004 Academic Promotions Round. It has been a rewarding and an eye-opening experience in the highways and by-ways of university administration. Early in 2005 I will assume responsibility for the Learning and Teaching portfolio currently being carried by Professor Graham Baker (along with his other substantial responsibilities in the Research portfolio).

The main objective of the Learning and Teaching role in the next year or so is to enhance the profile of learning and teaching activities in the University as they affect both staff and students. The more immediate aim is to place the University in a position to secure additional funding from the Commonwealth Government via the Learning and Teaching Performance Fund.

To qualify for funds from the Performance Fund the University must make the first 'cut' based on certain criteria: an institutional learning and teaching plan; systematic staff development activities including appropriate induction of new staff; teaching competence as a criterion for promotion; and publicly available SET (Student Evaluation of Teaching) data. Having met these benchmarks, the University will then be judged on relevant performance data such as progression rates and graduate destinations.

We already do most of these activities but they are not appropriately 'systematised'. To this end a Learning and Teaching Plan is being fleshed out, a Learning and Teaching Enhancement Committee is currently examining key issues; funding is being sought both to fund L and T projects and to enhance staff development activities; and the graduate attributes are being reviewed (to better fit with the transnational vision). The last is of particular interest to me: one immediate goal is to increase the number of USQ students expanding their learning by studying abroad for a semester via the new OS-HELP program.

While the University is developing a commendable niche research profile, we have always been proud of our commitment to quality teaching. During the recent promotions round I was surprised by the number of staff engaged in reflective teaching practice or discipline-based pedagogy. This is an excellent base from which we can build our Learning and Teaching profile and strengthen the nexus between research and teaching. 2005 will be a challenging and seminal year.

Scholarships given a facelift and cash injection



USQ is taking a substantial leap to reward its students for investing in their own future by offering more than 60 new scholarships for commencing and continuing students in 2005.

The restructured program includes 61 new scholarships open to students across all degrees for studying either on-campus in Toowoomba or Wide Bay, or through the University's award-winning distance education program.

USQ Careers Counsellor Peter McIlveen said the new scholarship program encouraged students to engage in higher education and the principle of lifelong learning.

"USQ strongly believes in supporting the academic careers of outstanding students and the scholarships program recognises and addresses the financial challenges facing students striving to achieve the highest level in their studies," Mr McIlveen said.

The closing date is nearing with students required to submit their applications before 12 November, 2005, but before then a series of Information evenings have been scheduled across the Darling Downs, Wide Bay and Brisbane.

Staff from the Marketing and Public Relations Department will make a short presentation at the information sessions and will field questions about scholarship eligibility, criteria and the selection process.

The sessions will be held at:-

- Toowoomba on Thursday 28 October;
- Dalby on Monday 1 November;
- Warwick on Wednesday 3 November;
- Hervey Bay on Thursday 4 November;
- Maryborough on Friday 5 November;
- and again in Toowoomba on 8 November.

For an application and further information visit <http://www.usq.edu.au/scholarships>

Monetary bursaries will be awarded to students who meet the criteria of one of five different categories of new scholarships being offered:

- Up to 20 scholarships valued at \$2000 per year of study from the Year 12 Scholarships fund;
- Up to 20 scholarships valued at \$2000 per year of study from the Non-School Leaver Scholarships fund;
- One scholarship of \$4000 per year of study for the most outstanding applicant from each campus (Toowoomba and Wide Bay) under the Chancellor's Scholarships;
- Up to 3 scholarships valued at \$2000 per year of study from the Indigenous Student Scholarship fund;
- Up to 16 Distance Education Study Support Scholarships valued at \$1000 each; and
- Up to 40, \$500 Bursaries to other outstanding applicants.

Bernie taps into the criminal psyche and justice system

AS a convicted bank robber and prison escapee, Bernie Matthews is hardly what you would describe as a conventional university student.

By drawing on his own experiences and those of others he met in jail, the Bachelor of Arts student has built a career in journalism that has spanned more than two decades, and earned him critical recognition with two wins at the recent 2004 Queensland Media Awards.

During his first stint in jail from 1969-1980, Bernie discovered the escapist and therapeutic nature of journalism which led him to edit a prison magazine, compose poetry and write two plays which were shown at the 1977 and 1978 Australian Playwrights Convention.

Not one to shy away from his criminal past, Bernie has an infectious interest in the issues of mistreatment in jails, the criminal psyche and the justice system.

An excerpt from his award-winning article for Best Online/News Wire Report - Electronic Media, *Abuse Within Prisons Makes Prisoners More Violent Upon Release* - highlights Bernie's alarming insight and convincing reflections.

"As the years melted into each other my initial observations during the 1970s began to take on significant proportions that indicated an alarming trend - men who had been brutalised by the prison system extracted a shocking revenge on society once they were released."

Committed to rehabilitating himself upon release, Bernie began to build a reputable career in both radio and print journalism and even lectured at various universities but in



POWER OF THE PEN: Journalism student Bernie Matthews won Most Outstanding Journalism Student - All Media for a Regional University at the 2004 Queensland Media Awards held earlier this month for his article *The Crime and Prison Movie Genre Showcase Only Rare True Success*, which appeared in *Online Opinion*.

1990, was wrongfully accused for armed robbery and served time again.

Once the rightful criminals were convicted and Bernie was released, he lodged an appeal to be compensated for the time he served but due to inconsistencies in the New South Wales and Queensland justice systems the claim was rejected.

Upon release, he wrote several feature articles for *The Gold Coast Bulletin*, *The Courier Mail* and *The Sydney Sun Herald*, centred mostly around the criminal mind. One month after his compensation claim was thwarted, Bernie re-offended and was jailed from 1996-2000 in the Queensland Prison System.

During his third jail term, Bernie remained a model prisoner and became one of USQ's many Tertiary Preparatory Program students who studied from jail as part of their rehabilitation.

In 1998 he was awarded a merit based equity scholarship which saw him commence a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Journalism at USQ.

For someone who has spent time in jail and experienced its harsh realities, one would assume an ex-con would want to forget all about it and move on.

Bernie has chosen to use his writing to educate the community about the problems of abuse within prisons and the criminal offence-violence cycle in the hope that things will change.

Bernie now lives in Lismore with his godson and is completing his degree while submitting freelance articles to publications such as *Ralph*, *Men's Style* and *Online Opinion*.

Susan McDonald

Penny computes guide to be believable

SINCE the advent of Pacman, computer games have evolved from simple programs to major, detailed productions with today's dedicated players expecting truly believable gaming environments with complex stories, characters and action.

USQ computing lecturer Penny de Byl recognised a gap between academic research and games industry programming and decided to write the book *Programming Believable Characters For Computer Games* as her way of meeting the industry's increasing demands.

Penny's area of expertise is in affective (emotional) computing and artificial intelligence, and, as this is a hot topic in creating believable artificial characters, she thought she would contribute to the games industry and academic community by writing this book.

"The book takes current research in artificial intelligence (AI) and games and presents both the concepts and architectures through practical programming examples

making it easier for the reader or student to learn," Penny said.

The book focuses on the higher-level AI needed to develop interesting and believable, non-player characters that can learn and express emotions.

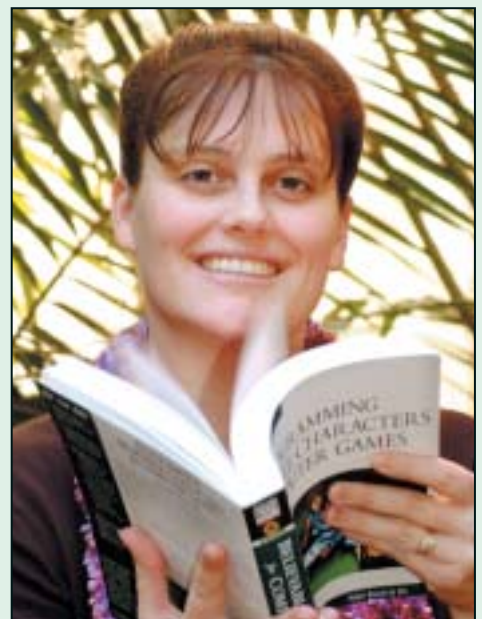
Throughout the book, programmers work through the step-by-step creation of a 3D animated autonomous character.

Each chapter covers the theory of the topic and then applies it through practical hands-on exercises making it suitable for students.

The creation process works from design, modelling, and animation to the development of the artificial brain, which includes techniques for learning, socialising, communicating, navigating and adapting to its environment.

The book will be used in a new third year course starting in Semester two next year - Computer Games Programming.

Susan McDonald



GAME OVER: USQ computing lecturer Penny de Byl has finished her first book about programming believable computer games characters.

Guidelines to cut unnecessary and expensive autopsies

A crime economist in the Faculty of Business has joined a team of researchers to develop a more sophisticated approach to ordering internal autopsies with the assistance of more than \$200,000 from the Australian Research Council.

USQ economics lecturer Dr Glenda Adkins will be working on the project "Establishing Guidelines for Coronial Best Practice Use of Internal Autopsy" with QUT Acting Head of the School of Justice Studies, Dr Belinda Carpenter, the Queensland State Coroner, Mr Michael Barnes and Chief Pathologist with Queensland Health Scientific Services, Dr Charles Naylor.

With 2700 internal autopsies conducted in Queensland last year alone at a cost of \$5.5 million, the need to refine the ordering process has been identified by the research team.

As one of only a handful of

crime economists in Australia, Dr Adkins will be helping to develop a code or system checklist to guide local coroners when considering an internal autopsy.

"Crime economists and forensic economists are in abundance in the US and Europe but what we're doing here in Australia is relatively new and different for us."

She says a uniform, effective code doesn't exist in



any state of Australia at present and there are several reasons why the current system is problematic.

"In addition to the economic cost, other relevant concerns include few qualified personnel, public health risks, and cultural and religious sensitivities associated with internal autopsy," Dr Adkins said.

"The research we're conducting could in fact prove that the number of internal autopsies being conducted are all justified and needed.

"But we feel that by creating these guidelines to follow we can decrease the number of unnecessary internal autopsies without compromising the finding of cause and circumstance of death," she said.

The research project is to be completed over the next two years.

Susan McDonald



2004 Awards for Excellence in Research, Scholarship or Postgraduate Research Supervision

Any member of University staff may nominate or be nominated for an award.

Guidelines are available at: <http://www.usq.edu.au/resources/7-8-2.pdf> and from the Office of Research and Higher Degrees X2690.

The USQ Research and Higher Degrees Committee has asked that applicants be reminded of the need to address both the general and the specific selection criteria in a systematic way.

Submissions must reach the Office of Research and Higher Degrees by 5pm, Friday, 3 December, 2004.

The following comments by previous selection panel members may assist nominees with their submissions:

- the inclusion of explanations and statements of relevance enhances a submission;
- the style of presentation impacts on the assessors;
- details of research in coursework programs and teaching of research methodology should be included;
- a full CV provides a perspective on a nominee's career and the submission should refer to the CV and explain the relevance of activities and outcomes;
- applicants should relate research outcomes to research activities;
- nominees should identify the different audiences for whom they write.

Research helps preserve important agricultural resource

AUSTRALIA'S most important agricultural resource, the Murray-Darling Basin, covers 14 per cent of the country and is responsible for nearly 50 per cent of the nation's gross agricultural production value.

However, the future potential of this important resource is threatened.

A history of land clearing and poor natural resource management (NRM) practices from the past has led to issues like salinity, reduced water availability and decreased biodiversity in the region.

To support better community engagement in NRM, USQ's Land Use and Research Centre (LURC) has appointed social scientist Dr David Grasby to manage a cross-disciplinary research project that links the ecological expertise of Professor Charlie Zammit and the community psychology knowledge of Associate Professors Grace Pretty and Paul Bramston.

In the role of Research Officer for Social Network Analysis, Dr Grasby will add a strong rural sociology perspective to the team and conduct field research in the form of surveys, interviews and focus groups to assess the current NRM networks.

Dr Grasby said the research will look at how groups interact and improve their ability to network more effectively.

"The aim of the project is to encourage groups in the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin towards managing their resources more effectively and to promote the use of sustainable agricultural practices. The adoption of more



SOCIAL APPOINTMENT: Newly appointed Research Officer for Social Network Analysis, Dr David Grasby (back) joins LURC Director Professor Charlie Zammit (middle), Head of Psychology Associate Professor Grace Pretty and Associate Professor of Psychology Paul Bramston to help sustain agricultural resource.

sustainable NRM practices will help ensure that future generations can enjoy the same resources that we have access to today," Dr Grasby said.

The research results will be used by Dr Grasby and the team, to design interactive, professional development workshops that will strengthen the networking ability of individuals and NRM groups.

Professor Zammit said the project, which is

in partnership with the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin Committee and the Condamine Alliance, arose out of an earlier, USQ funded research project conducted by Associate Professors Pretty and Bramston, and himself.

"This project is a good example where preliminary, USQ funded research has established a transdisciplinary research team that has undertaken innovative community research that led to new ideas and the opportunity to obtain further funding," Professor Zammit said.

The original research project explored the planning and doing link of environmental groups and looked at what made some community groups effective planners but not doers and vice versa, as well as those that were good at both.

To build on these initial findings and help the community to ensure the sustainability of future agricultural production in the Basin, LURC received an \$85,000 grant for the current project, from the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality, through the Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

The grant allowed LURC to appoint Dr Grasby, who was selected for his extensive social research knowledge and experience through work on projects with the CRC for Sustainable Sugar Production and Central Queensland University, where he recently completed a PhD in rural sociology.

Fiona Taylor

What's On

27 October

CHARITY FUNDRAISER FOR BREAST CANCER AND THE STARLIGHT FOUNDATION: Le Reve's full range of perfumes, aromatherapy and skin care products for both guys and girls will be on display between 4pm and 6pm at the USQ Hair Salon, with the profits from all orders placed before going towards these great charities. Come and give your support at level 2, W Block. Light refreshments will be served. Ph: Robyn on X 2907.

2 November

MELBOURNE CUP RACE DAY: USQ Corporate Club in association with Channel 7, Radio 4AK-4WK and the Toowoomba Turf Club are hosting a Race Day including gourmet lunch, entertainment, fashions on the field and much more. Tickets are \$88. RSVP Jason Steinhardt on 4631 1643 by Friday, 29 October.

7 November

TOWOOWOMBA HOSPITAL OPEN DAY: 11am - 2pm. Come and enjoy a free sausage sizzle, bush band, jumpy castle, healthy food bar, historical hospital tours, displays on various health services, sample bags to take home and a special appearance by QLD Fire Service's "Blazer Bear". Ph: 4616 6166 or 4616 6095 for further details.

19, 20, 23-27, 30 November and 1-4 December NUNSENSE II: The second coming... will be presented by the Toowoomba Repertory Society at 94 Margaret Street and directed by USQ's Elaine Coates. Join the Little Sisters of Hoboken in a zany, fun filled musical romp guaranteed to leave you with a smile on your face. For bookings phone Cathy Nash on 4630 6034.

19 - 20 November

ROMA CUP FESTIVAL 2004: Pack your swags and head 360kms west of Toowoomba for the Roma Cup 2004. On the Friday is the Pre-Cup Party, followed by the running of the Roma Cup on Saturday. The festival will also feature Queensland's most rockin' all girl band Chick Flick. For further details Ph: Taree Birse 0418 192 640.

9 - 15 January 2005

EXPERIENCE THE ARTS: A Summer Arts Residency at McGregor School, Toowoomba, for a full week of art-making in association with Flying Arts Inc. Ideal for upper secondary students and/or those making the transition to tertiary studies. Places are limited. Financial assistance is available, including two full bursaries from Australia Post. For more details contact Flying Arts on (07) 3853 3271, fax (07) 3853 3277, email info@flyingarts.org or visit www.flyingarts.org.au

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COOKTOP, OVEN AND FREEZER: Gas Cooktop 4 Burner; white colour; works well - \$150, Electric Wall Oven white, can be plugged into power point (15 amp), some scratches in bottom but overall good condition - \$250, Meters Upright Freezer; in excess 400L, door racks for storage, very large, very old but works well - \$100. Ph: Eric X 1642.

FORD FALCON: XF Ute 1988, auto, air con, power steering. Exc condition. \$4800. Ph: 0413 601 600.

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Newsmakers

PROFESSOR SUSAN BAMBRICK, Provost Wide Bay campus was interviewed on Seven Bundaberg about the new Hervey Bay City Council Tourism Scholarship.

GEOFF COCKFIELD, Head of the Department of Economics and Resource Management was quoted in the *Queensland Country Life* and appeared on ABC Radio National (Brisbane) and Southern Queensland about the Federal Election results.

PROFESSOR FRANK CROWTHER, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Regional Engagement and Social Justice) appeared in several Australian publications including *The Courier Mail* and the *Bulletin* with Newsweek for his qualification in the top 10 Smartest Australians in the education category.

SHEILA KING, Faculty of Education Administrator of Professional Experience was quoted in the Cunnamulla *Western Sun* and interviewed by ABC Western Queensland about the Faculty's Preservice Teacher Rural Experience Sponsorship program.

DR HEATHER MAGUIRE, Wide Bay Coordinator in the Faculty of Business was interviewed on Seven Bundaberg about the new Hervey Bay City Council Tourism Scholarship.

PAULA MELVILLE-CLARK, Director of the USQ Junior Academy of Music was quoted in *The Chronicle's Entertainment Weekly* and appeared on WINTV about the Performance Centre's production of *Scenes from Childhood and Beyond*.

DR JEFF PATRICK, Lecturer in Psychology has continued to be quoted in several rural publications throughout Queensland and New South Wales about his team's research into country teenagers not being ready to leave home and go to boarding school.

KATHY PINGEL, Associate Lecturer in Music was interviewed on ABC Southern Queensland about the regional heats of the Keys National Piano Competition.

BERNADETTE PRYDE, Associate Lecturer in Voice was interviewed by WINTV about the Performance Centre's production of *Black Box Shakespeare*.

ROSLYN REILLY, Head of the Department of Nursing was interviewed on ABC Southern Queensland about recruiting students and the future of nursing.

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Reaching beyond the village

IT takes a village to raise a child.

This proverb was originally used by African tribal leaders many years ago and according to Early Childhood Co-ordinator Alice Brown, the proverb still has relevance today. However, she says the definition of a village has evolved from a geographical location to a multi-dimensional community approach.

"With the complexity of issues that families and children now face, such as obesity, single parenting, domestic violence and unemployment, what has emerged is that families require a diverse range of support structures in raising a child and the village is now comprised of a multitude of layers," Mrs Brown said.

She said the role of teachers had become more diverse than ever, and with the help of other community and government initiatives their role includes helping to 'raise the child'.

"Teachers in the 21st Century need to understand the broader context of their role. It is no longer enough to just go in, plan and program," she said.

"Today's issues require the combined collaboration of the families, teachers and community and extend far beyond the bricks and mortar of the early childhood classroom and curriculum.

"Our new role in schools and early childhood services should be like a support hub which extends to the families and the children in the wider community."

Mrs Brown said many of the Early childhood courses offered at USQ reaffirm the



INFORMATION HUB: Early Childhood Co-ordinator Alice Brown (left) believes that schools and childcare centres should have an open door policy and welcome parents like Dylan's, Andrew and Michelle Hickey, to discuss any concerns they might have.

necessity of looking at the bigger picture when working with children and families. They recognise that the success of the child and the family can be improved dramatically by incorporating support structures that are strategically proactive.

"Preparing university students to be educators of the future involves reconceptualising the role of the teacher as their impact will be far reaching," she said.

This was something which has been likened to an iceberg, in that the teacher needs to address more than what is just evident on the surface, Mrs Brown said.

"Some of the questions that teachers should

consider are: Are we as educators doing enough to support families and children and the current issues they face? Can we do more? Teachers are great at imparting knowledge and bridging links between community initiatives and families, so what can we do to forge stronger paths? What are the implications of the African proverb for early childhood educators of the 21st Century?" Mrs Brown said.

"As tertiary educators our job is to ensure that all students leave USQ with a shared vision, not only as 'educators empowering educators', but empowering children and families as well, to reach beyond the village."

Fiona Taylor

USQ journals receive international recognition



BUSINESS LEADERS: Journal editors Professor Ronel Erwee and Dr Mehryar Nooriafshar along with Faculty of Business Research Administration Officer Karen Van Staden have helped create the first journals to be listed on McGraw-Hill's super site.

PUBLISHER McGraw-Hill Australia has selected two of USQ's electronic journals, the International Journal of Organisational Behaviour (IJOB) and the International Journal of Business & Management Education (IJBME), to be linked to its management super site.

The publications are the first electronic journals listed on the site, which aims to provide teaching resources for lecturers and online textbook updates for students.

Founding Editor of IBJME and lecturer in

the Department of Economics and Resource Management, Dr Mehryar Nooriafshar said feedback to the journal's listing on the publisher's site has been encouraging.

"This journal has been a success because it relevantly links the fields of Business and Education. It has also succeeded in part because it aims to publish acceptable submissions on innovative and technology-based approaches to the teaching and learning of all Business related areas," he said.

IJOB was established in 1998 by the

Department of Management and Organisational Behaviour in the Faculty of Business. It has since established itself as a leading voice in researching, teaching and applying organisational behaviour.

Founding Editor and Director of the Australian Graduate School of Business, Professor Ronel Erwee, said the journal has thrived on publishing articles about diversity, leadership and learning in the new economy.

"We have published some interesting debates on professional doctorates and on the practice of international human resource management," she said.

Professor Erwee also said having both journals listed on the site would increase international exposure for the university and its research publications while encouraging more academics to submit papers for review.

"We are very proud that, being refereed journals, any articles successfully published will accrue DEST points for local academics. We therefore anticipate receiving a very favourable response to our calls for papers in knowledge management and innovative methods for teaching and learning," she said.

The journals can be viewed at:
www.mcgrawhill.com.au/mhhe/man/academic_journals.htm

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Fresh crop of graduates sure to blossom

DROUGHT may be threatening most parts of Australia but in Toowoomba the University's Theatre Department is celebrating its most recent crop of Actors and Stage Managers.

Featuring the actors who brought to the USQ stage *The Good Woman of Szechwan*, *The Man from Mukinupin* and *Hamlet* at Queen's Park, *Alfresco Dreaming* - INT is the concept title for this year's Theatre Showcase and represents the hopeful attitude of the theatre students who are dreaming of how their careers will progress.

Head of the Theatre Department Scott Alderdice said the showcase will feature a selection of the finest contemporary scenes from the world of live theatre with a series of projected scenes written especially for the screen interspersed throughout the program.

"We've selected specific scenes from the very best of plays so that we can not only challenge our actors but give them the opportunity to display their talents and strengths," Mr Alderdice said.

One of Australian television's most highly regarded directors, Roger Hodgman, who claims *Secret Life of Us* on his resume, visited the campus to work with the final-year actors on some of their show reel scenes which will be screened at the showcase.

"The show reels are all



DAYTIME DREAMING: USQ's 2004 Acting graduates (L-R) Lia Corder, Judy Hainsworth, Daniel White, Leon Cain, Dan Eady, Emma Pearson, Tamara Mead (front), Natasha Dodds, Ray Chong Nee, Jessica Gurashi, Nelle Lee (front), Amy Ingram and Ely Clough dream of what is to come post-university.

original and have been scripted by professional guest writers, myself and some of the Acting students," Scott said.

"The show reels are a chance to demonstrate the actors' diversity and performance flexibility by being able to adapt to both film and the stage."

It is easy for an outsider to dismiss the future chances of a university graduate trained in theatre arts but Scott insists USQ's

graduates have promising career prospects and it is more a matter of determination.

"Acting is one of those professions that chooses you. To succeed you have to be incredibly strong-willed, committed, obsessive like an elite athlete and also have this unique combination of innate malleability and unwavering inner strength."

"I've found it fascinating to watch these performers grow and

working with them is essentially like playtime in the playground."

Alfresco Dreaming INT is showing at the USQ Arts Theatre on 28 and 29 October at 7:30pm and also at the Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Art in Brisbane on 2 and 3 November at 7:30pm.

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

Susan McDonald

<p>The Beggar's Opera by John Gay</p> <p>Take a step back in time ... into London's colourful underworld ... for a savagely funny satire on marriage, money and morals.</p> <p>1-12 December 7.30pm USQ Arts Theatre Matinees 2pm Sun 5 & Sun 12 Dec \$25 Adult / \$20 Conc / \$10 Child</p>	<p>Totally Organic</p> <p>International organist, Phillip Gearing, presents a recital to uplift and inspire.</p> <p>Bach Prelude and Fugue in D Hindemith Sonate I (1937) Williamson Aria and Toccata from Symphony for Organ Mendelssohn Sonata IV in B-flat</p> <p>Wednesday 27 October 5.30-6.30pm St Luke's Church \$12.50 Adult / \$10 Conc / \$5 Child</p>	<p>Theatre Showcase 2004</p> <p>From the actors who brought you <i>The Pied Piper of Hamelin</i>, <i>The Good Woman of Szechwan</i> and <i>The Man from Mukinupin</i>, comes a selection of contemporary scenes from live theatre and a spicy menu of specially written short films.</p> <p>28 & 29 October 7.30pm USQ Arts Theatre \$19 Adult / \$15 Conc</p>
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