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SIR ROLAND WILSON FOUNDATION MARKS 5TH ANNIVERSARY

The 5th anniversary of the Sir Roland Wilson Foundation was recently marked at a dinner hosted by Chair of the Foundation, Emeritus Professor Deane Terrell AO, and the Vice Chancellor, Professor Ian Chubb AC, in the Sir Roland Wilson Building on Thursday, 4 October.

The evening was attended by Guest of Honor Lady Joyce Wilson, Sir Roland Wilson Foundation Board Members, Secretaries of Commonwealth Government Departments and Heads of Agencies, Distinguished Alumni of the College, past presenters of the Sir Roland Wilson Foundation Lecture Series and senior ANU staff.

Dr Ken Henry AC, Secretary to the Department of the Treasury, spoke briefly about the history of the Sir Roland Wilson Foundation highlighting the ways research in economic and public policy can be supported in the future. He also introduced the idea of PhD scholarships that would assist public servants undertaking a PhD at ANU.

Professor Chubb spoke of interaction between the Public Service and ANU into the future. He asked for feedback on the way ANU could further develop its relationship with the public sector through research and teaching in topics of national importance and priority with a comparative public policy and economic focus. The VC outlined ANU's involvement in the International Alliance of Research Universities which facilitated movement of students and researchers to conduct their work at some of the world's best research intensive institutions.



Sir Roland Wilson

REMINDER: OUTREACH FUNDING PROPOSALS

Applications for submitting proposals for the College's 2008 Outreach Program close **30 November**.

Information about the Outreach program is available from www.cbe.anu.edu.au/scholarships/Outreach.asp or garmisch.aguilar@anu.edu.au

UPDATE

SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Application forms for Summer School are available from the College Front Office from the first week of November.

Closing date for applications is **3 December**. For further details go to: http://cbe.anu.edu.au/Current_Students/general_info/summer_school.asp

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SCHOOL NEWS

ACCOUNTING & BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS



Prof K. Jacobs

World Bank Institute Invites Kerry Jacobs

Professor Kerry Jacobs was invited by the World Bank Institute to participate in the joint Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees / Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors (Auditors General) conference held in Victoria, British Columbia. This provided an opportunity to present his work on Parliamentary oversight and Auditors General in Australia. In addition Kerry was asked to chair and facilitate a forum on reducing corruption with participants from Bangladesh, Thailand, Pakistan, Ghana, and Tanzania.

New Senior Editor of MISQuarterly

Professor Shirley Gregor has been appointed as Senior Editor of MISQuarterly, the premier international journal in information systems, starting January 2008. This is a great achievement and a just recognition for her excellence and leadership in IS research.



Prof S. Gregor

FINANCE & APPLIED STATISTICS

Royal Bank of Scotland Recipient Announced

Fourth Year BActSt/BComm student, Gary Cheah is the successful recipient of the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) six week work experience style scholarship in London. RBS is sponsoring a new work experience style scholarship for one top Finance student of the College to work in London over the Australian summer break. RBS will pay for return air fares, accommodation and a meal allowance. For more information go to: www.cbe.anu.edu.au/scholarships



Gary Cheah

ECONOMICS

New Honours Scholarships

The College is pleased to announce that there are two new scholarships available for Bachelor of Economics (Honours) students in 2008:

- **DEWR Economics Scholarship** - valued at \$10,000 is available for one student who is interested in studying labour economics
- **Bob Gregory Scholarship** - valued at \$10,000 is available for one student who is interested in studying applied economics

The application closing date is Friday 16 November and more information is available at www.cbe.anu.edu.au/scholarships



Prof H. Anderson

ANU Hosting Econometrics Society Meeting

Professor Heather Anderson will be co-chairing the next Australasian Meeting of the Econometrics Society, which is to be held at ANU in July 2009.

The meeting will attract over 250 delegates.

MANAGEMENT, MARKETING & INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

PhD Student presents at the 21st British Academy of Management Conference

PhD Student, Caroline Wong, presented a paper at the 21st British Academy of Management (BAM) Conference recently at Warwick University, UK. The theme of the conference was "Management Research, Education and Business Success: Is the future as clear as the past?" As one of the top conferences in Europe, BAM presents research and cutting-edge work in the field of management research education and business success.

Caroline and co-author Dr Judy Matthews' paper was based on the findings of the film industry entitled: "Challenges of New Technologies on the Film and Animation industry – The Case of Singapore". This paper forms part of a larger piece of work for her PhD thesis topic. The paper was awarded the best track paper under "Cultural and Creative Industries".



Caroline Wong



John Smyrk

New technique for project planning

On 19 September John Smyrk facilitated a one-day workshop for the Project Management Institute as a component of their PM Education program. John's session introduced a new technique for project planning "Outcomes Engineering" based on his Inputs-Transform-Outcomes model of business processes. Over the next few months he will conduct similar exercises for PMI members in Perth and Brisbane.

On Wednesday, 10 October John Smyrk was a keynote speaker at the 2007 National Conference of the Australian Institute of Project Management. The topic of his talk was "Faking it: How accepted practice in project scoping and assessment has conned us". He spoke about two flaws in the current international standard on project management and how they can be fixed.

CENTRE FOR APPLIED MACROECONOMIC ANALYSIS

CAMA US Visit

Professor Warwick McKibbin recently visited Washington to discuss climate change, energy and associated policy and research issues. Professor McKibbin's meetings included discussions with US Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Robert Dohner, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asia, as well as staff and researchers from the Brookings Institute and the IMF.



Prof. W. McKibbin

New Research Program

CAMA is pleased to announce the inauguration of a new research program on "Behavioural Macroeconomics" under the direction of Dr Timo Henckel.

Behavioural macroeconomics seeks to refine understanding of the discipline by accounting for relevant features of human behaviour that are absent in the standard economics framework. Instead of assuming a hyper-rational representative agent, the bases for analysis are empirically well-documented psychological and sociological factors such as cognitive bias, reciprocity fairness, herding, and social status.

A full description of this and other research programs are available at:

<http://cama.anu.edu.au/programs.htm>

New Working Papers Now Online

CAMA announces the addition of eight new working papers, with topics ranging from European and Asian economies to forecasting, modelling and labour supply. The entire working paper series is available at: <http://cama.anu.edu.au/publications.htm> and through Repec: <http://econpapers.repec.org/paper/acbcamaaa/>

CAMA Events

CAMA, together with the Lowy Institute for International Policy, hosted a major international conference in Sydney on 23 and 24 August 2007.

The conference theme was "Fiscal Policy Frameworks, Monetary Policy Implications and Intergenerational Financial Funds."

The conference program, as well as presentations from speakers and discussants are now available at: <http://cama.anu.edu.au/fpf2007.htm>

RESEARCH OFFICE NEWS

Research School of Business Forum

On Friday 5 October, the Working Party for the Research School of Business hosted a College-wide Forum to discuss the proposed Research School and how it might operate.

The Working Party had been discussing the merits and drawbacks of various models for some months prior to the Forum. The consultation with CBE staff was intended both as an information session, outlining arguments for and against the proposal, exploring benchmarks, and also providing an opportunity for College staff to offer ideas and raise concerns.

The Forum, presented by Working Party Chair, Professor Tom Smith, was attended by approximately 30 CBE staff and debate was lively. Powerpoint slides from the presentation are available for viewing at: <http://www.cbe.anu.edu.au/research/news/default.asp>

The Working Party welcomes any further suggestions or comments staff may have regarding the proposed Research School. Comments can be forwarded to or discussed with any member of the Working Party: Professor Tom Smith (Chair), Dr. George Chen, Professor Doug Foster, Professor Kerry Jacobs or Professor Warwick McKibbin.

HUMAN RESOURCES

ANU Salary Increase

The ANU Enterprise Agreement 2005-2008 provides for a salary increase effective from 15 November 2007. The Vice-Chancellor announced that this increase will be 3% and will be paid on payday 29 November 2007.

Family and Community Day

The ACT Government has confirmed that a Public Holiday for Family and Community Day will commence this year on 6 November 2007.

In 2007 this day is observed like any other Public Holiday. If general staff, including casuals, are directed to work on this day, they will be entitled to be paid overtime rates at double time and a half in accordance with Schedule 3.2.3 ANU Enterprise Agreement 2005-2008.

If you have leave booked and approved for this day, your leave balance will be adjusted automatically.

General Staff Appointments

New Staff:

- Gail McNamara, Student Administrative Assistant, ABIS
- Joy Rahman, Student Administrative Assistant, CBE
- Belle Campo, Student Administrative Assistant, CBE

ANU Employee Assistance Program

The ANU provides an extensive choice of counselling and advisory services for staff. Staff can choose to access the following services:

Adviser to Staff is the internal provider of services for staff and also provides an advisory service for managers and supervisors.

Location: Chancelry 10A, Lower Ground Floor
 Appointments: 6125 3616 or heather.mcleod@anu.edu.au
 W: www.anu.edu.au/counsel/adviser_to_staff/index.php

Davidson Trahaire Corpsych (DT) is one of the external providers for staff and their immediate family members. It provides services for both personal and work related issues as well as an advisory service for managers and supervisors.

Location: Deakin and Belconnen
 Appointments: 9am to 5pm and after hours 1300 360 364
 W: www.davcorp.com.au

Relationships Australia is the external provider for relationship counselling.

Location: Deakin
 Appointments: 9am to 5pm and after hours 6122 7100 ring to book 1pm to 3pm Monday to Friday.
 W: www.relationships.com.au

Assistance for Managers

Assistance for Managers is available to Heads, managers and supervisors in managing difficult situations with staff. Managers are encouraged to access the Human Resources Division for assistance initially, then the Staff Adviser. If further assistance is required DT also offer a Manager Assist Service.

MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT

2008 Student Ambassador Program

The following students will be representing the College in a variety of marketing and student recruitment activities for 2008:

Alissa Irgang	Vicki Chen	Ricky Jacobson
Sewit Fessehaie	Laura Crespo	Yi Han
Pia Juliet Dupont	Gary Cheah	Ben Lin
Tim Cameron	Haeri Jayce Hong	Dave Mao
Louis Henley	Ben Grono	She Yin Teo
Stephen Brightman	Tim Budihardjo	Jomel Ming Hui

Continuing Ambassadors:

Kyle Auret
Janine Bialecki
Stephen Condylis
Kimberly Kishore
James Nagle
James Tyson
Cameron Systemans



Kyle Auret



Kimberly Kishore

COLLEGE MEDIA SUMMARY

Dr Alex Robson has been engaged to write a weekly election guide titled the "Spend-o-meter", which focuses on the economic flow-on effects of the major political parties' campaign promises. The Spend-o-meter is syndicated to the major Sunday paper in each capital city and navigates through the pledges and promises of the election campaign. To date Dr Robson has commented on tax cut promises and political pork-barreling.

Additionally Dr Robson has been commenting on election issues in a number of capital city daily newspapers, including the cost of the Kyoto protocol, petrol process and the impact of wages growth.

Other College staff in the media are **Don Scott-Kemmis** who comments on the significance of R&D as a proportion of total innovation activity and its usefulness as an indicator of innovation in the *Business Review Weekly's* 1000 Innovative companies feature and **Professor Tim Hatton** who comments on the ABS's reclassification of the economic history discipline in *The Australian*.

ITEMS FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER EDITION

Please forward your news items to Garmisch P S. Aguilar (garmisch.aguilar@anu.edu.au) for inclusion in the College's next newsletter.

UP COMING EVENTS

Higher Degree Research (HDR) Review Information Session

Speaker: Pro Vice-Chancellor, Prof Mandy Thomas
Date: Thursday 22 November
Time: 11.00am-12.00noon
Where: H.W. Arndt Faculty Suite, Arndt Building

Applying for ARC Grants

Speaker: Prof Heather Anderson
Date: Friday 23 November
Time: 3.00-5.00pm
Where: College Boardroom 1064, Copland
Further Information:
<http://www.cbe.anu.edu.au/research/news/default.asp>

Fifth Annual ANCAAR Forum

Speakers: Assoc Prof Chris Hogan and Prof Terry O'Keefe
Date: Friday 30 November - Saturday 1 December
Time: 9.00 am
Where: H.W. Arndt Faculty Suite, Arndt Building
Further Information: <http://ancaar.cbe.anu.edu.au/>

College Staff Christmas Party

It's that time of the year again!
Date: Thursday 13 December
Time: 5.30pm onwards
Where: H.W. Arndt Faculty Suite, Arndt Building

Graduation Ceremony

Conferring of Ceremony Awards
Date: Thursday 20 December
Time: 2.00pm
Where: Australian Institute of Sport Arena
Further Information:
http://www.anu.edu.au/sas/graduation/ceremony_dates