



ANU COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

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ELECTION HIGHLIGHTS CBE'S RANGE OF EXPERTISE

The media coverage of the Federal election provided an excellent opportunity for staff from across the College to profile their areas of expertise and interest to wide ranging audiences.

Dr Alex Robson, School of Economics, continued his weekly commentary in syndicated Sunday newspapers. He also had an article on interest rates published in *The Australian* (8/11/07), and an opinion piece on the ALP's economic promises in the *Daily Telegraph* (15/11/07). Additionally he was interviewed by Alan Jones on 2GB on 13/11/07 and his letter on superannuation policy was published in the *Australian Financial Review* (23/11/07), generating some interesting feedback.

Andrew Hughes, School of Management, Marketing and International Business, had interviews on both 2GB and 2UE radio afternoon shows and a *Daily Telegraph* article on 16/10/07 in which he commented on the effects of negative political marketing. Andrew was later featured in the Channel 7 election night coverage to provide commentary.

Professor Warwick McKibbin, CAMA, continued his strong media presence with commentary on a range of issues. He appeared as a panel member on the nationally televised ABC television show *Difference of Opinion* on 8/11/07 which discussed what could be done to address global warming and whether Australia's political leaders will ensure real reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

The internationally syndicated Dow Jones Newswires featured an interview with Professor McKibbin in which he commented on the US credit crisis and oil prices. Over the month of November Professor McKibbin has been quoted on the economic effects of climate change in many media articles and was also referred to in the context of his Reserve Bank Board role and the Board's interest rate decision during the election campaign.

Professor Kerry Jacobs, School of Accounting and Business Information Systems, received coverage in Channel Seven evening news bulletins in all states on 15/11/07 commenting on an ANAO report which identified massive Coalition spending of taxpayer money for political gain through the Regional Partnerships scheme. Professor Jacobs said the report shows ministers have used resources for pork barrelling.

The College now has access to a media monitoring service so for copies or transcripts of the above articles, or if you have received coverage and we missed it, please contact Sarah Barrow in the Marketing and Development Office.

REMINDERS

COLLEGE CHRISTMAS PARTY RSVP

Please respond indicating names of accompanying guests and any special dietary requirements by **Friday 7 December** to Bronwyn.Schmidt@anu.edu.au

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

The last day for processing of payments to staff by the ANU is **Friday 14 December**. More information on page 5.

STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENT

AWARD OF UNIVERSITY MEDAL

The University Awards Committee meeting, held on 4 December resolved and awarded the following students:

Mr Aiden Hallett a University Medal in Finance

Ms Dinar Prihardini a University Medal in Economics

Ms Ying Lynnette Lin a University Medal in Actuarial Studies

They will be presented with the Medal and the Medal Certificate at the Conferring Ceremony on 20 December.

RESEARCH OFFICE NEWS

Grants Workshop

Professor Heather Anderson chaired the CBE workshop titled. "Applying for Grants: ARC Applications" on Friday 23 November. The workshop was a great success with presenters by Prof Heather Anderson, Dr Sigi Goode, Dr Michael O'Donnell, Prof Tom Smith and the guest speaker Prof Mandy Thomas, Pro-Vice - Chancellor.

SCHOOL NEWS

FINANCE & APPLIED STATISTICS

ANU Summer Finance Camp 2007

Over three days from Monday, 3 December the School of Finance and Applied Statistics will be conducting the inaugural ANU Summer Finance Camp 2007 at ANU's Kioloa Coastal Campus. The program will incorporate both workshops and time to make use of the surroundings at Kioloa - beach, bushlands, fishing and swimming. The focus of this inaugural camp is corporate finance research.

The camp is focused on the work of up and coming scholars with input and review from our more experienced colleagues. It will be designed around 6 sessions - each with a presenter and discussant. Each session will have an invited junior faculty member presenting their research in a traditional workshop, with an invited senior academic acting as a discussant. Dr Steve Sault and Dr Emma Welch from the ANU; Kathy Walsh from UNSW; Ilona Babenko and Yuri Tserlukevch from HKUST; and Ayla Kayhan from LSU will be presenting at the camp. The discussants are Prof Doug Foster and Prof Tom Smith from the ANU; John Lyon from Melbourne; Peter Mackay and Vidhan Goyal from HKUST.



Kioloa Coastal Campus

ECONOMICS

An Assessment of ASEAN'S priority sectors for Fast-Track Integration

Professor Christopher Findlay, Head of the School of Economics at the University of Adelaide delivered findings on research into regional trade and tariff rate data at a recent public lecture hosted by the ANU College of Business and Economics on Tuesday, 30 October 2007.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) leaders have identified a dozen goods and services activities as priorities for liberalisation. Presenting his findings on case studies in electronics, logistics, textiles and apparel sectors; Prof Christopher Findlay examined the policies and other measures that prevent the free movement and provision of goods and services across national boundaries.

The lecturer was well received with around 50 people in attendance.



Prof. Christopher Findlay

ACCOUNTING & BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS

ABIS takes on the equine flu

ABIS held their own Melbourne Cup Day Races to raise money for the Pegasus Foundation with staff galloping around North Oval on flu-resistant horses. The race was won by Sigi Goode followed closely by Dean Katselas with Sumit Lodia, Mark Wilson, Gail McNamara and Kerry Jacobs bringing up the rear of the field.

The race was followed by a BBQ lunch where prizes were presented to the winner of the race, Sigi and also to Mark Wilson and Gail McNamara for their Fashion on the Field. Special thanks went to Greg Shailer for commentating the race and presenting the prizes. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all and raised over \$180 for the Pegasus foundation which has been suffering financially due to the recent restrictions placed on them by equine flu outbreak.



Dean Katselas, Mark Wilson, Kerry Jacobs, Sigi Goode, Gail McNamara and Sumit Lodia



It's all Goode for the 2008 ANU Calendar

Two of Sigi Goode's photographs were selected for the 2008 ANU Calendar in the 2008 ANU Calendar Photography Competition (left).

The Calendar will be available soon.

For more information: http://www.anu.edu.au/sas/dean_of_students/Photographic_Calendar_Compensation.php

MANAGEMENT, MARKETING & INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

MBA - Special Research Topic

Stephen Gniel is currently studying his Master of Business Administration through the College of Business and Economics and has elected to complete a special research topic as part of his degree. Following a trip to Cambodia in January this year, combined with his interest in the development area, Stephen has organised to conduct a research project in Cambodia in February next year. The project will centre on the success of a farmers' association from Kampong Cham Province transforming into a microfinance institution (MFI) offering financial services to local villagers, mainly farmers. The Ta Ong Soybean Association, the organisation at the centre of the research is one of only a couple of farmers' associations to be registered as a MFI in Cambodia and receives funding from the Asian Development Bank via the Cambodian Rural Development Bank. In conducting his research on this association Stephen will be seeking to answer the question - What are the challenges that exist for establishing farmer's organisations as microfinance institutions to provide financial services to the poor in rural Cambodia and how can they be overcome?

Stephen will be jointly supervised by Mr Chris Nailer, Senior Lecturer in the School of Management, Marketing and International Business and Prof John Spriggs, Foundation Professor in the Australian Institute for Sustainable Communities based at the University of Canberra. Prof. Spriggs and his team assisted the Ta Ong Soybean Association transform itself from a moribund farmers' association into a MFI and Stephen's research will be used to help evaluate the success of this aspect of the program.

CENTRE FOR APPLIED MACROECONOMIC ANALYSIS

Working Paper Series Addition

In the last month, CAMA has added five new papers to its working papers series.

20/2007	Rogoff Revisited: The Conservative Fiscal Banker Proposition Under Active Fiscal Policies By A Hughes Hallett, J Libich and P Stehlik.
21/2007	Monetary and Fiscal Policy Interaction with Various Degrees and Types of Commitment By J Libich, A Hughes Hallett, and P Stehlik.
22/2007	Debt Stabilisation Bias and the Taylor Principle: Optimal Policy in a New Keynesian Model with Government Debt and Inflation Persistence By SJ Stehn and D Vines.
23/2007	Do Countries Default in "Bad Times"? By M Tomz and MLJ Wright.
24/2007	Stabilizing the Australian Business Cycle: Good Luck or Good Policy? By P Liu.

The entire CAMA working paper series is available on: <http://cama.anu.edu.au/publications.asp>
and through Repec: <http://econpapers.repec.org/paper/acbcamaaa/>

HUMAN RESOURCES

Recruitment and Advertising Cut Off Dates

For the period 14 December 2007 – 8 January 2008 the web based recruitment cut-off date is Monday 10 December 2007. All paperwork for staff commencing employment between 17 December 2007 and 11 January 2008 should be submitted to HR by 5 December 2007.

University Closure for Christmas - New Year 2007-2008

The University will be closed from Monday 24 December 2007 and will re-open on Wednesday 2 January 2008.

Pay Cut Off Dates for the end of 2007

For all casual staff and their supervisors please be aware of the cut-off dates below for timesheets in order to be paid for the remainder of 2007:

Midday – 5 December 2007 – for pay 13 December 2007

Midday – 11 December – for pay 27 December 2007

Midday – 19 December 2007 – for pay 10 January 2008

Staff Appointments and Changes

New Staff:

- David Lacey, ABIS
- Sorin Daniliuc, Lecturer in Accounting, ABIS
- Joanne Masangkay, Lecturer, ABIS
- Ujwal Kayande, Professor in Marketing, MMIB

Staff who have left:

- Peter Ward, Business Manager
- Dr Dennis Hart, ABIS
- Tim Bradley, Economics

FINANCE

Last Date for Staff Re-Imbursements

It is the end of the year again and the last day for processing of payments to staff by the ANU is:
Friday 14 December 2007.

All requests for claims under the College's **Professional Development Scheme** must be received by 14 December.

For information about what may be claimed under this scheme and how claims can be made see <http://ecocomm.anu.edu.au/staff/profdev.asp>

All other claims for re-imbursements or other payments must also be received by 14 December.

If you have a specific question about payments see your School Administrator or contact Finance.Cbe@anu.edu.au

MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT

Scholarship and Collaborative Opportunities in the Gulf States

Rohan McCarthy from the College Marketing and Development Office participated in a four-person ANU delegation to the Gulf States, to build relationships with potential partner institutions and government sponsor bodies. The countries visited were Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Oman and Qatar.

The Arabian Gulf economies are rapidly training their citizens with the ultimate goal of 'indigenising' key national industries, and Australia is hot on the radar for many sponsor bodies. These scholarships are being offered for the full range of undergraduate, postgraduate coursework and research business and economics degree programs.

As well as tapping into these opportunities, the ANU delegation's efforts focussed on raising the profile of ANU and conveying and fielding interest for academic-to-academic research collaboration, syllabus consultation and development, teacher mentoring and visiting fellows and exchanges. College academic staff members who are interested in exploring funded collaborative opportunities in any of the Gulf countries are welcome to contact Rohan McCarthy at Rohan.McCarthy@anu.edu.au for assistance or advice.

UP COMING EVENTS

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

RSVP: Bronwyn.Schmidt@anu.edu.au (7 Dec)

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

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.