Dr Norton Jackson AM graduated almost 70 years ago from the School of Mines and Industry, one of UniSA’s founding institutions, but to this day remains a valued supporter of the University.

Dr Jackson recently established the prestigious Norton Jackson Material Science and Engineering Medal, to be awarded annually to the PhD graduate or graduand from UniSA’s Ian Wark Research Institute who has demonstrated the most potential or real application of research in industry. The medallist will also receive $5000.

“I was extremely fortunate to achieve a scholarship to the School of Mines and Industry, an antecedent of UniSA,” he says. “I later went on to complete a Bachelor of Engineering in Metallurgy and was awarded the prestigious Klug Medal for the ‘top metallurgist of the year’. This award had a powerful influence on my career and is something I would like to replicate for other graduates to aspire to.”

Dr Jackson’s distinguished career includes many highlights. After serving in the Second World War and working as a Plant Research Chemist in Fiji, he returned to Adelaide in 1948 as Chief Metallurgist at the SA Department of Mines. He was recruited by the American Cyanamid Company (now Cytec) in 1958, spending the next 20 years looking after the company’s operations in Asia, Europe and Africa while mostly based in the United States. Dr Jackson returned to Adelaide in 1978 as Managing Director of the Australian Mineral Development Laboratories, tripling the company’s productivity during his five years at the helm.

Following his ‘retirement’ in 1983, Dr Jackson took on several directorships at mining companies including Poseidon Ltd (later Normandy Mining), Adelaide Wallaroo Fertilizers, Norminco Ltd, Centrex Metals Ltd and Energy Exploration. He also served as a Member of Council of UniSA from 1995 to 1998 and was a Member of UniSA’s Development Board for several years. Now 91, Dr Jackson remains a Director of Energy Exploration.

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Cowan Scholarships – Providing rich experiences for tomorrow’s leaders

The initiatives that donors help establish at UniSA are enabling students to fulfill their dreams; a classic example of which is Jacqui Ewens, a recent recipient of the Cowan International Placement Grant for Hawke Ambassador.

Jacqui is a UniSA Bachelor of International Studies and Social Work student who spent 13 weeks in Ghana from July to September 2010 as part of the Hawke Ambassador Program.

Despite having travelled extensively overseas on a personal level, the international placement exposed her to the realities of life in the developing world and the enormous challenges that must be overcome to raise living standards.

“"The most significant thing I learned revolved around development and international aid. When talking to Ghanaians about development I was constantly told, ‘we have spirituality, you have science’,” says Jacqui. “There was a pervading view that change was not achievable in their lifetime. Hence, they were content with the standard of living they were experiencing. I got the impression that the ways of the western world seemed far too complex, fast-paced and isolating compared to their family orientated, spiritual and relaxed lives.”

Jacqui experienced the good, the bad and the ugly of life in a developing nation. One of her worst experiences occurred when the great aunt, of a six-year-old orphaned boy, removed him from the orphanage kicking and screaming to send him to the Ivory Coast. Despite the objections of staff, they could not prevent the child from being taken as no laws exist to protect children in these circumstances. Child trafficking and child labour is highly prevalent in Ghana.

While work at the orphanage consumed most of Jacqui’s time, she decided to volunteer with the local newspaper as a journalist and photographer, drawing on her previous experience as a professional photographer. She was involved in several stories for the paper including pieces on corruption, child labour, a United Nations development conference and local festivals. This exposure to politics in rural villages through to federal government added to her experience and appreciation of Ghanaian society.

Jacqui’s experiences have solidified her views of what is required to achieve meaningful developmental outcomes in impoverished countries.

“I no longer believe in financial aid to the extent that I did previously. People need to be able to provide for and sustain themselves. In Ghana, they desperately need skilled labourers – plumbers, builders, farmers and nurses,” she says. “For aid to be truly effective, I believe it needs to be skills-based. Development hinges on a desire to change and hard work. If underdeveloped nations do not want assistance, then they aren’t going to maintain changes once foreigners leave.”

Jacqui’s association with Ghana has only just begun, and she has a desire to return frequently.

“My future aspirations involve returning to Ghana to work on skill development projects. Ghana is a patriarchal society yet women run the home and are the bread winners,” Jacqui says. “My goal is to encourage pooling of skills and resources to expand their businesses and assist in the setting up of websites to sell goods internationally.”

The Hawke Ambassador International Volunteer Experience Program is an international volunteering placement and internship program for students at the University of South Australia. It has been running since 2007.

Jacqui was successful in receiving one of four Cowan International Placement Grants for the Hawke Ambassador Program. These are made possible through the Cowan Grant Program and the generosity of Bob and Gayle Cowan. In addition to the grant, Jacqui undertook her own fundraising efforts to meet the costs of travel and her stay in Ghana.

In 2011, four Cowan International Placement Grants, valued at $2500 each, are available to UniSA students. Applications are sought from full-time students enrolled in the third, fourth or fifth years of any of Bachelor of Arts (International Studies), Bachelor of Applied Language and Intercultural Communication, or associated double degrees with International Studies. UniSA also provides an additional $1800 towards airfares.

Southcott scholar completes PhD with flying colours

The second William T Southcott Scholar, Dr Behnam Fahimnia, has completed his PhD in Supply Chain Management and graduated in March this year. The 32-year-old was born in Tehran and graduated with a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering in solids designing from Tehran Azad University in 2001. Fahimnia was ranked second in his year for which he was granted the Azad University National Award (AUNA). He chose to move to South Australia and undertake a Master’s in Advanced Manufacturing Technology at UniSA because the Centre for Advanced Manufacturing Research is well known for its high academic standards and research excellence.

Fahimnia received his first scholarship in 2009, following completion of a Master’s degree in Advanced Manufacturing at UniSA in 2006. He was the top-ranked student, with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 6.91 out of a possible score of 7.00. At the time, Fahimnia impressed the selection committee with his dedication and commitment, qualities that continued to impress his supervisors and colleagues during the completion of his PhD research work. He was also offered a Flagship Postgraduate Scholarship from CSIRO in support of his PhD research in 2009.

Fahimnia had previously worked in the automotive industry, where he was responsible for the planning and optimisation of supply networks for the production and distribution of Honda and Yamaha motorcycles. In 2004, he received “PSPA Golden Prize” for his leadership and research contributions in the development of creative supply chain plans. This background was the starting point for his PhD research. His PhD thesis, ‘An integrated methodology for the optimisation of aggregate production-distribution plan in supply chains’, was motivated by the complex supply chain planning problems which he faced during industry work experience. As part of his research, Fahimnia developed six journal articles and delivered six conference papers. He has received four research and poster presentation awards and his biography has been listed by ‘Marquis Who’s Who in the World’, selected as one of the world’s most distinguished individuals in 2009 and 2010.

Currently employed by the Division of Business at UniSA, Fahimnia is passing on his passion for supply chain and operations management by teaching the courses Operations Management for Engineers, Operations Management Systems and Intelligent Manufacturing Systems. His current research interests include Sustainable Supply Chain Management and Planning for Disruptions in Supply Chains.

The third Southcott Scholarship has been awarded to Carla Dauntion. With Bachelor degrees in Secondary Education (General Science and Biology) and Applied Science (Biochemistry) and an Honours qualification from the Queensland University of Technology, Carla moved to Adelaide in 2010 and commenced work as a research assistant at UniSA’s Mawson Institute. She has a specific interest in chronic wound care and her research will combine the fields of mechanical nanoengineering, biochemistry and biotechnology to develop a point-of-care diagnostic predictor of wound status, thereby improving the lives of millions of people throughout the world.

The William T Southcott Scholarship is a prestigious award with a value of $35,000 per annum over three years. It is offered to an outstanding postgraduate research student to undertake research leading to a PhD in the field of Advanced Manufacturing Engineering or a related discipline.

This scholarship is made possible by a generous bequest from William T Southcott, who was a prominent Adelaide businessman and engineer with an interest in the need for continual advancement in the manufacturing industry. For further information about the William T Southcott story and the powerful legacy a bequest can leave, refer to the story on page 12 or www.unisa.edu.au/giving/bequest.

Full confidence in UniSA’s charitable code of practice

In November 2010, the SA Government published its final report into improving regulation of collection of charitable donations, along with a draft code of practice for charitable collection. These publications are now available for public consultation and feedback at the government’s website at www.charities.sa.gov.au.

Under the proposed changes, charities will be required to make a breakdown of their financial records publically available so that potential donors can look up the details of a charity and see how much of their money goes towards wages and administration, and how much is used for charitable purposes. Other proposed changes include a 10-day cooling-off period for a contract to collect donations on an ongoing basis, and restricting the collection times to between 9 am and 8 pm on weekdays, 9 am and 5 pm on Saturdays, and midday and 5 pm on Sundays. It is also proposed that information on each charitable organisation, including financial data, will be published each year on the SA Government charities website.

While it will be interesting to see what finally transpires as a result of the proposed changes to charitable giving in South Australia, we wish to assure you that UniSA does not use any part of your donation to cover wages and administration costs. Your entire donation is used for the purpose for which it was donated. All donations are deposited into the relevant fund as soon as they are received and donors are issued with a numbered receipt which can be tracked through the accounting system.

UniSA’s Code of Practice: University Philanthropic Activity provides guidance to University staff and potential donors and partners on the conduct of development activities within UniSA. Governance of philanthropic policies and oversight of the administration of donated funds is carried out by the UniSA Foundation Committee which is a sub-committee of the University Council. The committee is chaired by an external member of Council and includes UniSAs Chief Operating Officer in its membership. The UniSA Foundation accounts are audited separately from other UniSA income by the South Australian Attorney General’s Department. The level of governance over the expenditure of donated funds is extremely high, and donors’ wishes are always honoured and respected.

So, be assured that you can have confidence in UniSA when it comes to using your donation for its intended purpose.
Chancellor’s Circle Tour to profile leading environmental contamination research centre

Earlier this year, when concerns were expressed about groundwater next to the former Hills Industries site in Adelaide’s south, experts from UniSA’s Centre for Environmental Risk Assessment and Remediation (CERAR) were called in to confirm the toxicity of water in the area. This is just one example of the valuable role CERAR performs and the work of the Centre will be profiled in a Chancellor’s Circle Tour to be held on 28 June. The Tour will offer participants a behind-the-scenes look at research activities undertaken in this setting.

CERAR and the Cooperative Research Centre for Contamination Assessment and Remediation of the Environment operate out of the new Environmental Services building at the Mawson Lakes campus. The Centre was completed in 2008 and houses state-of-the-art research laboratories. Although only established in 2003, CERAR has rapidly positioned itself at the forefront of environmental contamination research both nationally and internationally.

A further Chancellor’s Circle Tour will be held on 18 October 2011. The Advanced Computing Research Centre and Wearable Computer Lab, also located at Mawson Lakes, will be showcased. The Wearable Computer Lab is at the forefront of devices which enable users to feel and manipulate virtual or remote environments. It is predicted such devices will make a big appearance in the home over the next 10 years and this tour promises to be a visually exciting look at the future.

Chancellor’s Circle events exist to express our gratitude to people who have demonstrated enduring support to UniSA; Chancellor’s Club members and regular donors. The tours allow the University to showcase new facilities, provide information updates and give patrons the opportunity of becoming more involved in the UniSA community.

Space on these tours is limited. For more information or to reserve a place, please contact the Development Office on (08) 8302 0964.

Gavin Wanganeen Scholar wins new Australia Day Award

Patricia Waria-Read, one of UniSA’s successful Gavin Wanganeen scholars, is the inaugural winner of a new 2011 Australia Day Council of South Australia Award, designed to recognise outstanding women on Australia Day.

The Women Hold up Half the Sky Award, created by the State Government’s Office for Women and the Australia Day Council of SA, acknowledges women who have not previously been recognised for the valuable contributions they are making in the community. Patricia was selected from more than 70 nominees, evidence of both the need for the award and the significance of her community work.

With a long and impressive list of achievements, Patricia is a very deserving winner. She is a passionate and respected advocate for Aboriginal women’s issues at state and national levels, and is currently a delegate to the State Aboriginal Women’s Gathering and Deputy Chair of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women’s Gathering. Locally, Patricia is also renowned for her work with Kurruru Youth performing Arts in Port Adelaide.

Since completing her Bachelor of Education (Adult, Vocational and Workplace Learning) degree at UniSA in 2008, Patricia has become a case planner for the Aboriginal Prisoners and Offenders Support Services. This role gives Patricia the opportunity to combine her teaching and leadership qualities.

“I go where my people need me. I wanted this job because I knew it was where, as an elder, I could help my people the most,” she says. “Everything you learn at uni actually helps you and gives you the skills to work in the community, no matter what area you’re working in.”

Patricia was supported throughout the three years of her studies by the Gavin Wanganeen Scholarship, finding it both helpful and empowering.

“When people care enough to help support young or old Indigenous Australians who are at the bottom of the ladder, to allow them to achieve their goals, it is like a personal reconciliation process for everyone involved,” says Patricia. “I am deeply grateful to the mob who helped support me. I cannot thank them enough.”

The Women Hold up Half the Sky Award is named after an iconic artwork produced by another distinguished South Australian woman, Ann Newmarch OAM, who was honoured with a Medal of the Order of Australia in 1989 for services to art. The Adelaide artist produced the work, kept in the Art Gallery of South Australia’s collection, as part of a tribute to her Aunty Peg – a diminutive woman who single-handedly built a house in Kilburn while raising eight children and working two jobs.

On behalf of all Gavin Wanganeen Scholarship donors, UniSA warmly congratulates Patricia on receiving this honour.
UniSA welcomes new Pro Vice Chancellor for International and Development

Nigel Relph commenced as Pro Vice Chancellor and Vice President: International and Development in October 2010. Mr Relph brings with him a wealth of experience from both the private and public sectors. Prior to joining the University, he was Director of Corporate Affairs at Queen Mary, University of London for five years. There, he was responsible for the broad range of external relations and international activities that incorporated alumni relations and fundraising. Prior to this, Mr Relph held senior positions at the Universities of Warwick and Birmingham, where he was Director of International Affairs. He worked in Malaysia as Academic Director of a private education group, and later ran his own marketing consultancy – a notable client being the British Council – including the British Education brand. For a period, he also ran a newspaper publishing company. Mr Relph began his career as an academic historian and held teaching posts at the Universities of Lancaster and Liverpool.

Mr Relph joins UniSA at an exciting stage in its development with last year’s release of the Horizon 2020 plan, and the University’s impressive performance in the recent Excellence in Research for Australia exercise, affirming its commitment to excellence in education and research. The University is delighted to be celebrating its 21st anniversary in 2012, and the International and Development portfolio is developing an exciting event program to celebrate UniSA’s achievements and acknowledge its ongoing commitment and contribution to the community.

Mr Relph says he is very much enjoying the diversity of the International and Development portfolio. He has already found UniSA to be a stimulating and fast-moving environment on a steep upward trajectory, and is looking forward to building on the University’s strengths.

“Moving forward, a key priority for the University will be to foster engagement with a wider group of alumni,” says Mr Relph. “This will be an important factor in raising the profile of UniSA in the broader community as we endeavour to raise funds to continue to develop the University’s scholarship and research programs.”

Rural Reconnect: reducing the financial burden for rural students

Vice Chancellor and President of University of South Australia, Peter Høj, met the four 2011 recipients of the John and Johan Høj Rural Reconnect Scholarships at an afternoon tea held in March.

The scholarship program is in its second year and forms part of Rural Reconnect, a project designed to encourage greater participation, retention and achievement of rural students in higher education.

The John and Johan Høj Rural Reconnect Scholarships were established via a personal gift from Professor Høj to honour his father and grandfather, who lived in rural Denmark and did not have the opportunity to educate themselves and express their full potential.

Each year, four $6000 scholarships are awarded to assist students fund their relocation costs associated with moving to Adelaide from a rural or remote area.

In addition to excellent grades, all recipients have shown high levels of community engagement, a key selection requirement.

The 2011 recipients are:
- Julia Jacob from Geranium, studying a Bachelor of Applied Science (Occupational Therapy)
- Amy Hunt from Mundulla, studying a Bachelor of Physiotherapy
- Tamsin Scholz from Wudinna, studying a Bachelor of Journalism/Bachelor of Arts (International Studies)
- Megan Freckleton from Haven, Victoria, studying a Bachelor of Applied Science (Occupational Therapy)

Congratulations to these recipients and all of the 2011 scholarship and grant awardees. Recipients will officially receive their awards at the 2011 Scholarships and Grants Ceremony to be held on 8 June.

Last year there were over 100 Foundation scholarships, prizes and awards presented to over 250 UniSA students. The University acknowledges the generosity of all our corporate and individual donors in making these scholarships possible.
Ahrens mentors future Project Managers

Within three years of graduating from UniSA, Project Managers Josh Swigart and Jay Johnson have overseen millions of dollars of design and construction projects for the Ahrens Group.

As recipients of the Ahrens Grant, which is awarded to second or third-year students of the Bachelor of Construction Management and Economics, Josh and Jay have benefited from a head-start in the construction industry.

Their selection gave them an opportunity to start working for Ahrens while they completed their studies, providing the opportunity to work in all areas of the diverse Ahrens Group’s business.

Ahrens Construction Director, Mark Smeaton, said the company introduced the scholarship program because it recognised the need to mentor young people to support the future growth of the business.

“In partnership with UniSA, we have developed a rigorous recruitment process to ensure recipients of the Ahrens Grant are students who are performing well academically, are motivated and confident, and demonstrate good people skills,” he says. “Josh and Jay, who were the first students to participate in the program, are now fully fledged Project Managers.”

As a Project Manager for Design and Construction SA, Josh is currently overseeing several building projects in South Australia with a combined value of more than $3 million.

“No transition into a project management position when I graduated.”

Jay, who is project managing a $10 million shopping centre refurbishment in Darwin, says the Ahrens Grant provided him with a background in estimating before he became a Project Manager and transferred to the Northern Territory.

“The scholarship at Ahrens was a great way to experience what I was being taught at uni,” Jay says. “It felt like what we learned actually started clicking when used in practical situations while working for Ahrens.”

Josh and Jay feel that Ahrens provided a great deal of support during their studies by allowing days off for attendance, study and exams. They also developed excellent time management skills which have been invaluable in their project management roles.

As a further incentive to recipients of the Ahrens Grant, the company offers a cash prize to the most outstanding candidate of each intake. This is used for an overseas study trip or to pursue an opportunity to further develop leadership skills.

For more information about this or other scholarship opportunities available through UniSA, visit the UniSA Scholarships website at www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship, or contact Jo Sharp on (08) 8302 7634.

Bob and Gayle Cowan honoured

Two of UniSA’s most passionate supporters, Bob and Gayle Cowan, were officially welcomed into the Chancellor’s Club at the annual Foundation Committee Luncheon.

Bob and Gayle established the Cowan Grant to support initiatives that help financially disadvantaged students gain a higher education. They first donated to UniSA in 2005, and are particularly passionate about helping students from regional areas and students with disabilities. They also encourage the broadening of horizons through international travel and challenge.

The Cowan Grant program has grown considerably since 2005, and this year 19 UniSA students will receive an award. At the Foundation Scholarships and Grants ceremony in June six Cowan Regional Grants, six Cowan Ability Grants, four Cowan International Placement Grants for the Hawke Ambassador Program, and three Cowan Young Endeavour Practicum Grants will be awarded.
Spotlight on child protection at Annual Foundation Luncheon

The Australian Centre for Child Protection was founded by the University of South Australia and the Australian Government in 2005, and since that time has become known nationally and internationally as a key driver in advancing innovation in child protection policy and practice.

Chancellor Ian Gould addressed guests and welcomed incoming Foundation Committee members Nigel Relph, Pro Vice Chancellor & Vice President: International and Development, and Paula Nagel, an external member of UniSA Council and an international education adviser. The Chancellor highlighted that 2012 represents UniSA’s 21st anniversary, providing an opportunity to reflect on how far UniSA has come and to prepare for the next phase in the University’s growth and expansion.

The luncheon included an interview with recipients of the John and Johan Høj Rural Reconnect Scholarships. Students Melissa Brown and Tyron George, both from the mid-north of the State, spoke about their experiences and provided insight into the influence scholarships have on the lives of students.

Paul Beard, UniSA’s Chief Operating Officer, also reported on results for the UniSA Foundation. Refer to page 8 to read the Foundation Report for 2010.

The University is extremely grateful for the generosity of its many individual and corporate donors and thanks all those who attended the Foundation Luncheon.

The cornerstone of UniSA’s long-term sustainability plan for the Australian Centre for Child Protection is the establishment of an Endowed Chair in Child Protection. The Australian Government and UniSA have committed substantial funding to assist in establishing the Endowed Chair and there is an opportunity for an individual, or organisation to become a naming rights partner. The Endowed Chair in Child Protection will be the only one of its kind in Australia and will secure a strong future for the Centre. To find out more about this unique opportunity please contact Yvonne Clark, Deputy Director: Development on (08) 8302 0972.
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First, let me welcome the two new members ofUniSA’s 2010 Foundation Committee. Nigel Relph is UniSA’s Pro Vice Chancellor; International & Development, having commenced in October 2010 after five years as the Director of Corporate Affairs at Queen Mary, University of London. International Education Consultant and well known Adelaide identity Paula Nagel is an external member of the UniSA Council and a member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee of Council. Other attendees of the Foundation Committee meetings include Alan Brideson (Director: Marketing and Development), Yvonne Clark (Deputy Director: Development), Peter Prest (Director: Finance), and Paul Ingram (Partner at Minter Ellison). Investment advice is provided by Dean Brice (Personal Portfolio Management). I acknowledge their valuable contributions.

2010 was another good year for the UniSA Foundation. Support for UniSA continued to be strong, with donations, bequests and fundraising proceeds exceeding $1 million for the third consecutive year. The number of Foundation scholarships, grants and prizes continued to rise, up to 103 in 2010 compared with 86 in 2009. New scholarships and awards include nursing scholarships provided by Resthaven Incorporated, and a new postgraduate award in the area of Material Science and Engineering (the Norton Jackson Medal) to be offered in perpetuity thanks to the philanthropy of Dr Norton Jackson AM and several of his friends and colleagues.

The wonderful generosity of our donors produces great outcomes: it enables many of our recipients to pursue their higher education goals; it supports valuable academic research; and, in other cases, improves the teaching and learning environment through activities such as the purchase of more library resources.

The 2010 investment market was more settled than the previous two years with the All Ordinaries finishing close to where it started. Our strategy of taking advantage of lower prices to build investment holdings continued in 2010, with an additional $645,000 invested. We distributed over $1.3 million to scholarships, awards and other areas, an increase of 65 per cent compared with last year. At the end of 2010 the UniSA Foundation had net assets of $9.4 million, slightly higher than 2009. The accumulated payments made from the Foundation now total $8.7 million. This represents wonderful support for UniSA’s students and academics.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all individual and corporate supporters of UniSA. Your donations improve the likelihood that students from disadvantaged groups can attain their higher education ambitions and contribute in professional areas within our community.

Bruce Linn
Chair: UniSA Foundation Committee
Foundation Snapshot

Resthaven’s 75th anniversary nursing scholarships

Establishing 11 new nursing scholarships at UniSA is just one of the ways Resthaven is celebrating its 75th anniversary. One of the leading aged care providers in South Australia, Resthaven has generously offered these scholarships in order to give back to the community and encourage students to consider the rewards of working with older people.

Resthaven’s gift to UniSA will support the following new nursing scholarships:

- seven undergraduate scholarships for second-year nursing students with a genuine interest in aged care
- two nursing grants for third-year students
- a scholarship for a student in the Master of Nursing Science (Nurse Practitioner) degree to support their postgraduate studies
- a special perpetual scholarship at UniSA for Indigenous nurses.

These scholarships will deliver lasting benefits to the South Australian community by affirming the importance of working in this sector and raising awareness of aged care as a career path for graduating nurses. It is hoped that the scholarships will attract students keen to become the professionals needed now and in the future to deliver quality care to older people.

UniSA extends a warm thank you to Resthaven for their support of our nursing students.
Successful Ageing in Australia seminar series

Since the late 1990s, the popular Successful Ageing seminar series has provided information on topical issues relevant to senior alumni as well as the general community. The free program returns in 2011 to showcase developments in the areas of financial wellbeing, technological change, and health and wellbeing.

Seminar 1: Private wealth – Considerations and outlook (8 July 2011)

Join financial experts from Minter Ellison Lawyers, NAB and UniSA as they examine several aspects relating to your financial wellbeing. Need to know more about estate planning and superannuation? For instance, did you know that estate planning does not cover superannuation? What is the outlook for equity markets in the wake of the global financial crisis? What are the prospects for residential property as an investment class in a local, national and international sense?

Seminar 2: Are you being compromised? The challenges of cyber communication in the 21st century (23 September 2011)

The online revolution continues unabated; the growth in electronic communication and social media is nothing short of astounding. Information and communications technology is an integral part of our daily lives – we use it to stay in contact, to obtain information, to conduct business, and for financial and banking services. How vulnerable are we when operating ‘online’? What is identity theft and how does it occur? Experts in the area of cyber security will discuss the risks of operating online and explain how you can protect yourself.

Seminar 3: Stroke rehabilitation – Life after a stroke (2 December 2011)

In the next 10 years, more than half a million Australians will suffer a stroke. One in six people is at risk – it could be you, a family member or a friend. Learn the facts about stroke, be able to recognise the danger signs, and hear about how UniSA researchers are examining the best approaches to rehabilitation to help sufferers recover more quickly and reduce their stay in hospital.

All seminars are held at UniSA's City West campus in the Barbara Hanrahan Building. For full details of these and other upcoming UniSA events refer to the back page of the publication.

If you would like to attend a seminar, contact the Development Office on (08) 8302 0964 or register online at www.unisa.edu.au/giving/news/successfulageing. Registrations are essential.

Chancellor’s Circle hears from mosquito expert

A wet summer, combined with flood activity along the River Murray, saw mosquito numbers swell this past summer, leading to a dramatic rise in mosquito-borne infections. Many hundreds of South Australians contracted Ross River or Barmah Forest Virus compared to just 16 cases the previous summer. Another mosquito-borne infectious disease, Murray Valley Encephalitis, returned for the first time since 1974.

This provided a topical backdrop for a fascinating Chancellor’s Circle Tour in early May, where participants heard from a leading authority on mosquitoes, Dr Craig Williams, about the public health danger they pose. Dr Williams heads UniSA’s Mosquitoes and Public Health Research Group, South Australia’s only provider of mosquito-borne disease consulting services and part of the Health Sciences Division at the City East campus.

Dr Williams discussed a range of issues associated with mosquitoes, and outlined how he and his unit collaborate with clients to reduce the public health risk posed by them.

“If you look at the diseases which cause the most harm to humanity – the ones that kill the most people, or cut short or ruin the quality of the most number of lives – seven of those ten are spread by insects. And of those, six are spread by mosquitoes,” he said.

The tour also included a visit to the new facilities that house the Dietetics and Food Science Laboratory where Sansom Institute Director, Professor Kerin O’Dea outlined the purpose and use of the facility.

Dr Williams is one of six UniSA academics featured in an impressive range of short testimonial films produced to highlight the quality of academic teaching staff at UniSA. The ‘Learn from Experience’ films are inspirational, each telling a powerful story of academic endeavour and a commitment to teaching and learning. They are designed to inspire the next generation of leaders in our community.

The testimonials will be used in publications, on the web and in the University’s advertising to showcase the academic expertise and experience of our staff, and the quality and value of a UniSA qualification.

To view the films visit www.unisa.edu.au/experience/background.asp.
This year is shaping up to be an exciting one for UniSA, with a number of new scholarships, grants and prizes available to students. The new schemes reflect a varied range of interests and disciplines that maintain the vision of the donor, but also support the high standards of ethics and integrity of UniSA.

Badge SA is one such corporate donor which, with more than 25 years’ experience in managing projects ranging from $1 million to $60 million, wanted to offer students of construction management and economics the opportunity to enhance their professional development. The $10,000 scholarship will offer the recipient valued support while they study, as well as the opportunity for mentoring and vocational guidance, and possibly a graduate position.

The Pank family are prolific donors to UniSA. Adding to the the 13 named scholarships previously available to students, another three have been introduced to encourage students from Adelaide's northern suburbs, predominately a lower socio-economic area, to consider studying at university. The David Pank Northern Areas Study Assistance Scholarship, the David Pank Rural Student Placement Grants and the David Pank UniSA College Scholarship support UniSA’s ideals of equity and making university accessible to students who, due to circumstances, might not have otherwise considered it. For more information on the David Pank UniSA College Scholarship refer to the story on page 12.

Another new scholarship that supports UniSA’s equity ideals is the Rotary Club of the Barossa Valley Foundation Scholarship, which aims to support financially disadvantaged, high-achieving students from the Barossa Valley, making university more accessible.

A scholarship offered at UniSA for the first time in 2011 is the Westfield SA Marketing Scholarship. Reiterating the strong links that UniSA has with industry, Westfield are offering a student studying Management or Marketing and Communication a scholarship valued at $15,000. This will also offer mentoring opportunities to further enhance the learning experience and provide the recipient with the best start to their career after university.

The Gavin Wanganeen Indigenous Scholarship has been thoroughly embraced by the community, which is reflected by the fact UniSA is now offering the third scholarship in 2011, sponsored by SA Water. These scholarships are incredibly important in providing industry links to the Indigenous community.

All scholarships offered by UniSA are an important way for donors to give back to the community and provide vital assistance to students.

One such recipient is Jess Allison, a final-year Bachelor of Applied Science (Occupational Therapy) student from Glencoe in South Australia’s south-east, who received the inaugural Don Hawke Memorial Scholarship, valued at $125,000 over the life of her degree. This scholarship was established via a personal gift from the late Jean Pearce to support commencing students from a financially disadvantaged and rural or isolated background in South Australia, including Whyalla and Mount Gambier.

“What an honour it was to find out that I was the recipient of the Don Hawke Memorial Scholarship. I can’t describe the feeling when I found out; I think Mum burst into tears and we were both speechless,” says Jess.

“Receiving the scholarship has enabled me to move away from home to explore an area that I love and can really see a future in. It has taken the financial strain off myself and my family, and also allowed my brother to move to Adelaide and commence study as well.”

The difference a scholarship can make to the life of a student can’t be overstated. And it’s not just during their studies, as scholarships can also provide professional links to industry that can offer students the best start to their career.

“I want to thank all those generous people and families who donate money for scholarships for students just like me,” Jess says. “It is just so special that there are people out there who want to help people less fortunate than themselves.”

An exciting time for UniSA Scholarships

Jess Allison.
Bequests made easy

A new bequest booklet has been produced to assist those considering leaving a donation to the University in their Will.

Released in late 2010, the booklet is a comprehensive guide for anyone looking to make a gift of this nature. It provides general information on leaving a bequest, donor testimonials, bequest options and the personal benefits available to bequestors.

Making a gift to the University of South Australia in a Will is a meaningful way to give to the community through the education of future professionals and leaders. It also provides a way to make a significant gift that may not be possible during your lifetime.

The William T Southcott Scholarship, highlighted in the story on Behnam Fahimnia on page 3, is just one example of the powerful legacy a bequest can leave.

For more information on including UniSA in your Will or to receive a copy of A Bequest to UniSA – Your Legacy for Future Generations please contact Darren Garbin, Development Officer, on (08) 8302 0964.

UniSA opens free Legal Advice Clinic

Final-year law students at UniSA are offering free legal advice to the public under the guidance of a supervising solicitor as part of a newly launched community legal clinic.

The Clinic will give the public access to quality legal information at no cost and, importantly, provides law students experience of working within a real practice.

Clients will be able to confidentially enquire about legal issues such as debt claims, car accidents and faulty goods, but students cannot provide court representation or give advice to both sides in a legal dispute. Students are also unable to provide advice on matters of wills, power of attorney and personal injury claims.

Located in UniSA’s Law Building on Hindley Street, the Legal Advice Clinic is open weekdays and clients can book appointments by calling (08) 8302 7436.

More information is also available at www.unisa.edu.au/law/clinic.

New scholarship provides pathway to higher education

The David Pank UniSA College Scholarship will be offered for the first time in 2011 to assist students who are enrolled in the Foundation Studies program at UniSA College.

The scholarship has been made available through the generosity of the Pank family. The late Dr David Pank, an honorary doctor of UniSA, was an optometrist who later became director, managing director and chairman at Laubman and Pank. His legacy lives on with his children supporting 16 scholarships, grants or prizes at UniSA in 2011.

To be eligible for the new scholarship, students must be enrolled full-time and reside in the Northern Adelaide Partnerships priority areas of Salisbury, Playford or Gawler. The scholarship is valued at $2000 per year for a maximum period of five years.

UniSA College commenced operation earlier this year in response to UniSA’s commitment to strengthen and coordinate activities that provide pathways for a wide range of people to pursue higher education. This initiative builds on the University’s long history of providing educational opportunities to all South Australians.

A key component of the new UniSA College is bringing together a range of already successful programs run by the University. UniSA Foundation Studies is a one-year pathway to higher education that provides an alternate method of entry into undergraduate degree programs. Students are generally over the age of 18 and have not completed a year 12 qualification. They typically have the capacity to take on tertiary studies but, for a variety of reasons, have not entered University through the traditional school leaver path. The program is proving extremely popular, with 433 students enrolled in 2011 – 94 more than last year.

For more information about this or other scholarship opportunities available through UniSA, visit the UniSA Scholarships website at www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship, or contact Jo Sharp on (08) 8302 7634. More information on UniSA College is available at www.unisa.edu.au/college.
Indigenous scholars reunite

Past recipients of the Irene and David Davy Scholarship for Advancement of Aboriginal Education gathered for a luncheon in Adelaide in February to share their experiences and reflect on the opportunities provided by the scholarship.

The scholarship was initiated by Irene and David Davy, who took a great interest in the educational endeavours of family members and were passionate supporters of education. Today, through the development of the Irene and David Davy Scholarship, members of the Davy family continue their legacy. Irene and David's niece, Dr Margaret Davy, is a Trustee and represented the family at the reunion. She encouraged scholarship recipients to continue to influence in their spheres of activity and to support other Indigenous people to realise their goals of excellence through education.

"The Davy Scholarship started at the turn of this century; our scholars are all going on and making contributions in their chosen careers," says Dr Davy. "Irene and David would be so tickled pink to know what a continuing influence their scholarship is having."

Margaret's great-niece, Shauna Henty, also attended the reunion luncheon. As a recent Trustee, she represents the next generation of family stewardship for the scholarship program.

The Irene and David Davy Scholarship has been offered since 2000 and is open to Indigenous students of the University of South Australia undertaking their final year of an undergraduate program or an Honours year. Since its inception, the scholarship has been awarded to students engaged in a range of disciplines including arts, nursing, podiatry and computer science.

Yhonnie Scarce, who attended the reunion, received the scholarship in 2004 while studying for a Bachelor of Visual Arts (Honours) majoring in glass-making. Since graduating, she has made her mark in the arts scene and built up a considerable body of work, displaying her collections at the Art Gallery of South Australia, the Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory and Flinders University Art Museum.
From the Chancellor

Reflections on our past and an eye on the future

UniSA keeps growing and keeps getting better and better. And next year – 2012 – we will be just 21 years old as we compete against other Australian universities well into their second centuries of existence.

It takes time and persistence to become a great university. We are already punching above our weight in many areas and the future looks very bright. As Chancellor I am very pleased with what I read in the Horizon 2020 document released last September which sets out UniSA’s ambitions and strategic directions for the next ten years. Horizon 2020 aims to ensure that UniSA is a university of the 21st century by maximising the creative interaction between teaching, learning and research. Its core components are:

- an outstanding student experience and exceptional graduates
- world-class research and innovation
- a dynamic and rewarding workplace culture
- investing at least $1 billion in hard and soft infrastructure (including the development of a medical school focusing on the health needs of disadvantaged people).

The first national Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) Initiative results released this year showed that around 70% of our research is rated world-class, which is an exceptional performance when you consider that we are not yet 21, and that the assessment only considered research until 2008. In recent years we have made it a priority to attract, nurture and support great researchers and those with the potential to be great, so you can see why we are confident that the next ERA assessment will be even more impressive.

Chemical Sciences deserves a special mention as we were ranked equal first in the country in this discipline. Our engineering, mathematical science and environmental science research ranked above world-class also, while most areas performed extremely well, with all four academic Divisions represented. The mix of traditional and emerging disciplines points to our growth as an institution.

We currently rank 14th in Australia for research income and are in the top 10 for the percentage of academics with a PhD. We more than doubled our research income to $58 million between 2004 and 2009 and, in the past four years, have appointed 13 new UniSA Research Chairs and 26 externally and competitively funded research fellows.

And the good news is not just about research. For example, our Masters of Business Administration (MBA) program has received a five-star rating for the fourth year in a row. We now rank 281 in the latest QS World Rankings of universities, showing the biggest improvement of any Australian university. The trend is very much our friend at UniSA.

The other aspect that history shows us is that great universities have great alumni and great foundations behind them. Investing in universities is akin to investing in the future. I thank all our donors for their support of UniSA.

Dr Ian Gould
Chancellor

Support our library

For many university students, the cost of textbooks is out of their reach. For these students, it is essential to have access to a quality library with up-to-date research material and online databases, textbooks, e-books, computer pools and a conducive student environment.

More than 40 per cent of UniSA’s domestic students come from one or more equity groups, so the equality of resources is very important.

UniSA is seeking your support for our students by helping us to purchase more textbooks and more electronic books.
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Friday 8 July 2011, 2 pm – 4 pm
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Are you being compromised?
The challenges of cyber communication in the 21st century
Friday 23 September 2011, 2 pm – 4 pm
Barbara Hanrahan Building, Room BH2-09, City West campus

Stroke rehabilitation – Life after a stroke
Friday 2 December 2011, 2 pm – 4 pm
Barbara Hanrahan Building, Room BH2-09, City West campus

For further seminar information and to register your attendance, visit www.unisa.edu.au/giving/news/successfulageing or contact the Development Office on (08) 8302 0964.

Anne and Gordon Samstag Museum of Art

MAY’S: The May Lane Street Art Project
13 May – 1 July
HIJACKED 2: Australia/Germany
13 May – 1 July
White Rabbit – Contemporary Chinese Art Collection
15 July – 30 September

For the full 2011 program and opening hours visit www.unisa.edu.au/samstagmuseum.

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Crazy Fingers
17 May – 24 June
From Margin to Centre
5 July – 5 August
Everyday the possible
14 August – 16 September
To the Islands
27 September – 21 October

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The Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre

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A promise fulfilled?
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Thursday 9 June 2011
Adelaide Town Hall, 128 King William Street
5:30 pm for a 6 pm start

Book online for this lecture at www.mybookingmanager.com/2011ahl

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