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## Iraq war creates huge demand for ANU experts

**In the aftermath of the Bali bombing and the build up to hostilities in Iraq, ANU staff have been in huge demand from the national and international media.**

As the nation's leader in studies of strategy and defence, Asian Studies, and International Relations, and with leading experts in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies and International Law, people across Australia have turned to the ANU for analysis of daily changes in international security.

However, with the approach of the war in Iraq, it became clear that many staff were going to face even greater demands on their time, so formal media briefings were established, first in University

House, then in the McDonald Room of Menzies Library, to enable many journalists to receive first-hand analysis at once.

Briefings were held daily for the first two weeks of the war, and on a regular basis thereafter and were attended by many of the nation's leading journalists.

"Before war broke out, many of our staff were inundated with requests for media briefings," said Dr Alan Dupont, of the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre (SDSC), who co-ordinated the briefings.

"By establishing the briefings, we were able to provide daily analysis of the conflict in Iraq which was carried nationally and internationally, fulfilling our outreach responsibilities to inform

the public on important defence and international security issues."

"Terrible as the war was, the briefings were very successful – managing the media's demands on staff and yet allowing our analysis to be conveyed to a huge audience.

"It was a tremendous team effort, involving all staff at the SDSC, senior research staff from the Faculty of Law and the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, staff from the library, security, University House – and of course media staff."

The process of media briefings will be used more frequently on campus to better deliver the expertise of staff to the University's owners – the Australian public. ■

## You're off the hook with the new phone system

**That phone on your desk does not just look high tech – it is at the cutting edge of information technology.**

The ANU has just undertaken one of the biggest rollouts of Internet Protocol Telephony ever conducted.

The \$7.5 million project has involved the integration of voice, data and telephone services on to a single network based on the Internet Protocol (IP).

So far, 1500 staff have been issued with a new machine and it is hoped that within 18 months, every staff member on campus will have an IP telephone.

Manager of Networks and Communications at the ANU, Mr John McGee, who coordinated the project, said his team was about 95 per cent of the way to finishing the work, with Siding Spring the only major site left to complete.

"The new system means the ANU has a communications infrastructure that will meet the growing research and educational demands for information exchanges in the future," Mr McGee said.

He said it would also provide new ways of delivering educational services and undertaking research activities, both within the University and externally.

Work began on the project of updating the University's phone system in June last year, with upgrades to networks and connections to the University's remote campuses, including Siding Spring, Mt Stromlo, Canberra Hospital, Fenner Hall and Warramanga Seismic Station in the Northern Territory.

For tips and advice on the new telephone system, call the help desk on 52440 or visit: <http://netcomms.anu.edu.au/> ■



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## Library interruptions

Due to an upgrade of the National Library of Australia's computer room, no catalogue, book requests or online services will be available from 5pm on Saturday 7 June until 8.30am on Monday 9 June. Normal opening hours will apply for the Main and Petherick Reading Rooms, bookshop and bookplate café.

## Chaplaincy dinner

The ANU Chaplaincy Annual Dinner and Public Address will be held at Burgmann College, Daley Road, on Tuesday 17 June. Guest speaker Archbishop Francis Carroll's topic of discussion will be 'Dialogue between cultures'. For reservations contact Arto Avakian on 6125 4246 (w), 6286 1394 (h).

## ANU PhD wins physics medal for best thesis

For the third time in six years an academic from the ANU has won the 2002 Bragg Gold Medal, awarded for the best PhD thesis in physics from an Australian university.

Dr Annette Berriman identified and explained new physical processes in the fusion-fission of heavy ions in her thesis *Investigating Entrance Channel Effects in Fusion-Fission Dynamics*, which she completed last year. The Australian Institute of Physics (AIP) awards the medal, and its Honorary Secretary, Moira Welch, said that Dr Berriman's thesis stood out as "a model of clarity" in the "exceptionally high quality" research submitted.

Dr Berriman presented a paper to the AIP monthly meeting at the Research School of Physical Sciences and Engineering on her results – which were also published in the science journal *Nature*.

# ANU honours lifetime devotion to books

**I**n an extraordinary career of generosity, Robert Barnes has donated books and journals worth more than \$720,000 to the ANU over the past 33 years.

In a celebration of Mr Barnes' retirement from the ANU, a number of staff paid tribute to his generosity and commitment to the library.

"The term biblioholism is defined as 'the habitual longing to purchase, read, store, admire and consume books in excess', the director of Scholarly Information Strategies, Mr Colin Steele said.

"Bob Barnes must undoubtedly be the top biblioholic at ANU.

"Bob came to the University in 1969 and began donating books to the library in 1970. He tells me that before the computer catalogue came in in 1976, he had records of 5,000 book plates being placed in donated material.

"Since that time, we have records of just



Mr Robert Barnes

over 10,000 monographs that Bob has donated.

"If one was to put a simple basic monetary value on each monograph and the serial subscriptions that Bob has donated it comes to a sum of around \$720,000 worth of material, which must rank as one of the largest individual benefactions to any university library in Australia.

"In this process, Bob has undoubtedly made incredible personal financial sacrifices. This sacrifice of personal benefits reflects his belief in the library as a cultural institution."

Mr Barnes said he would continue to donate to the ANU Library in retirement.

"I should say that it has been an enormous privilege to me to be associated, for virtually all my working life, with ANU, and in particular with its Library," he said.

## ROBERT HILL MEMORIAL PRIZE

For outstanding research and communication in the Earth Sciences

Eligibility: Any student enrolled at the ANU in a postgraduate research degree court in earth sciences in the broadest sense.  
Prize: \$500 and inscribed plaque  
Closing date: 1 July 2003  
Enquiries: Assistant Executive Officer  
Research School of Earth Sciences  
Telephone: ext. 55176  
Fax: ext. 50738  
Email: Administration.RSES@anu.edu.au

Nominations, with accompanying written work by the nominee, should be submitted to the Assistant Executive Officer, RSES. Nominators should be well qualified to assess the nominee's work (e.g. supervisor, adviser or a recognised expert in the field).

*This prize will be presented at a public lecture by the awardee on the subject of their work.*

## ANU goal to reduce waste by 70% in five years

**E**ach week, up to six tonnes of paper and cardboard is recycled on campus, thanks to the ANUgreen program, which has placed recycling bins in a large number of offices across campus.

But cardboard is just the start. This month, the first of 28 new recycling stations are being installed across campus – providing yellow-lidded recycling bins alongside green general waste bins, in a bid to make recycling easier across campus.

The recycling stations have been developed as part of the University's Environmental Management Plan, which has set a goal of reducing the quantity of waste going to landfill by 70 % by 2007.

"A lot of staff have asked us to install recycling stations across campus because it is a simple way that everyone can make a difference to the environment," Recycling and Sustainable Systems Manager, Mr John Sullivan, says.

"After lunch, if you've got, for example, a paper bag and an empty soft drink can, it only takes a moment's thought to put the paper bag in the waste bin and the can in the recycling bin – and yet you automatically make a big difference.

"The recycling bins will allow for the collection of aluminium cans, glass bottles, plastic bottles marked with a 1, 2, 3 or R symbol and milk cartons.

"It's important to note that unlike the standard ACT kerbside collection bins these bins are not for the collection of paper or cardboard."

"A sign will be installed above each unit to ensure they can be spotted from a distance, but also to try to ensure that bin lids remain closed, so that wildlife will not get into the bins."

For further information or assistance on recycling email: [recycle@anu.edu.au](mailto:recycle@anu.edu.au).



New recycling bins are located across campus.

## New association a hotbed of labour law ideas

**P**rominent members of the legal community in Australia have formed a new group to discuss trends and international developments in the ever-changing field of labour and industrial law.

The Australian Labour Law Association (ALLA) is a national body with chapters in every state and the ACT. Since its inception in 2001, it has attracted over 400 members from legal practice, courts and tribunals, academic institutions, unions and employer associations.

The ALLA aims to encourage the study of labour law and social security both here and overseas and promote the exchange of ideas, its Secretary and ANU lecturer, Mr Anthony Forsyth, said recently.

"We exist as a forum for debate on the direction of Australian labour law, with an eye to international developments," he said.

Each state chapter holds between two and four seminars each year, and the ALLA

held its first national biennial conference in October.

A British academic, Professor Joanne Conaghan, from the University of Kent, gave the keynote address – '*Labour Law and New Economy Discourse*' – at the national conference. Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Pru Goward, took up the contentious issues of work and family balance and paid maternity leave in the dinner address.

The ACT branch held its inaugural seminar on 25 March at the ANU Faculty of Law, where about 30 people from Canberra's legal community heard Professor Hugh Collins, from the London School of Economics, discuss the evolving nature of European labour law and his views on finding a social and competitive balance.

Other state chapter meetings have attracted high-profile speakers including High Court Justice Michael Kirby and President of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission, Justice Geoffery Giudice.

Mr Forsyth says forums are now being planned on pertinent issues such as executive pay, in conjunction with the Commercial Law Centre at the ANU, and the future of workplace regulation, in conjunction with the ACT Industrial Relations Society.

"We think events like these, and the Hugh Collins seminar, provide an opportunity for labour law practitioners and others with an interest in the field to reflect on current issues, and to consider alternative views," he said.

For more information:  
[www.alla.law.unimelb.edu.au/](http://www.alla.law.unimelb.edu.au/)

# New name, new outlook for APSEG

**With a new Director, a change in name and a new outlook, the Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government (APSEG) has emerged as Australia's first dedicated graduate professional school in the growing global market for policy schools.**

ANU Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian Chubb said the change in name clarified the policy orientation of the school and its relationship with the University's National Graduate School of Management, which focused more on the private sector and MBA markets.

"One of the exciting features of this restructure is that it paves the way for a natural division of labour between the two large graduate

professional schools on campus."

"APSEG research and training emphasis will be in the policy arena and NGSM's in the management arena, with the two coming together for initiatives of shared interest.

"APSEG will be able to devote its full attention to policy research and education and the National Graduate School of Management will be the sole focus of management research and education at ANU."

The Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government is a genuine amalgamation of the National Centre for Development Studies, the Australia-Japan Research Centre and the Graduate Program in Public Policy. The school offers PhD, Masters and executive education programs

in economics, environmental management, governance and international policy.

With its new role as the ANU conduit into the recently established Australia-New Zealand School of Government, APSEG will be able to expand its domestic operations to match its large international student intake, the Director of the School, Professor Andrew MacIntyre, said.

"In research terms, APSEG has formidable endowments, with the emergence of a large and coherent group of disciplinary-based social scientists focusing on the big and applied questions of importance to policymakers in Australia and across the Asia Pacific region." ■

## University introduces graduate employment program

**The ANU is one of the first universities in Australia to embark on a program for the employment of graduates.**

Six new staff members – all recent graduates - began work with the University on 24 February as part of the inaugural Graduate Recruitment Development Program.

They will spend the year learning the fundamental skills of university administration in two or three different areas including Finance, Human Resources, Library and Statistics and Planning.

The program also provides the graduates with training in university policy, such as occupational health and safety, individual and team management skills and project management.

Five of the new staff are recent graduates of the ANU, while the sixth graduated from Queensland's Griffith University.

The Program has benefits not just for the graduates, but also for the University, according to Maggie Crowley, head of the Organisation and Staff Development Unit.

"It's a great opportunity for the graduates to gain a range of administration skills with guaranteed placement at the end of 12 months and it really promotes the ANU as an employer of choice," she said.

The program is expected to expand in future years and its ultimate aim is to increase the skills base of general staff and develop highly skilled administrators across campus. ■



Recent recruits to the ANU Graduate Employment Program.

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