



ANU COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Staff Newsletter - September 2008

CBE SHINES AT 2008 ANU OPEN DAY



Mr Aaron Bruhn talking to prospective students.

The Australian National University opened its doors to the community on Saturday 30 August as part of the annual Canberra Tertiary Open Day. Prospective undergraduate and graduate students, their friends and families came en masse to the campus to learn more about the ANU and the benefits of studying at the University.

The ANU Open Day provided an opportunity to showcase the University and gave prospective students a taste of the ANU student experience. Throughout the day students were provided with detailed information and guidance as they make the

important decision about what and where to study.

The College delivered a series of presentations that provided an overview of programs along with detailed information about discipline areas and what students can expect to study within a Business and Economics degree. All sessions were well attended and staff were approached by members of the audience for further information at the conclusion of each session. There were also many enquiries received about the College's new Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) program that



Professor Michael Martin and Mr David Service presenting "What is Actuarial Studies and how do I become an Actuary?"

commences in 2009.

The College was present in the Sports Hall with a large display of course materials and information about the various programs. General and Academic staff, along with Student Ambassadors were on hand to provide information about the range of College programs and were kept busy throughout the day with both undergraduate and graduate enquiries.

Many thanks to all of those volunteers who gave up their time to assist with this important event - your support and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated.



Call for Nominations ANU College of Business and Economics Alumni Hall of Fame - Phase 5

The College proudly celebrates and honours alumni who have distinguished themselves through exemplary contribution to the community, to society, to the ANU, and through their initiative and pioneering efforts, nationally and internationally. Nominations are now open for phase five of the ANU College of Business and Economics Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. If you know of any notable College alumni whose achievements merit this prestigious award, please complete the nomination form at: <https://apollo.anu.edu.au/apollo/default.asp?pid=3060> or forward their details to Ms Bronwyn Schmidt at bronwyn.schmidt@anu.edu.au

SCHOOL NEWS

ACCOUNTING & BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Adoption of GFS system for government budget reporting

Professor Allan Barton was pleased to see that the Australian Government budget for 2008-09 (presented to Parliament on Tuesday 13 May) was confined to the Government Finance Statistics financial information and reporting system, in both cash and accrual formats. Since the introduction of accrual budgeting in May 1999, budgets have been presented in addition to using the Australian Accounting Standards (AAS) system. However it is contended that the AAS budgets, which present substantially different figures for most major items because they are designed for business use, are not appropriate for government because of its different roles and operating environment. Professor Barton made a submission to the Senate Committee on Finance and Public Administration (March 2007) recommending sole use of the GFS system for the Government. The Committee accepted the recommendation, which has now been adopted by the Government. The presentation of the GFS budget statements alone removes a major source of confusion in Parliament as to which figures are the appropriate ones requiring its approval, and makes Australia a world leader in budget reporting systems.

New ABIS Academics for 2009

Dr Habib Mahama from the University of NSW has been appointed as Associate Professor in Accounting. Dr Larelle Chapple from the University of Queensland will also join CBE in 2009, bringing a strong background in Business Forensics, Corporate Governance and Corporate Transactions. It is expected that both Dr Mahama and Dr Chapple will commence in Semester 1.

Visit by Bangladeshi delegation – AusAID PSLP eGovernment capacity building

Two high-level officials from Bangladesh visited the Australian National University from Wednesday 27 July to Friday 30 July 2008 to attend a workshop on Information Technology Strategy and Management, which is part of a project for eGovernment capacity building, supported by the AusAID Public Service Linkage Program (PSLP). The workshop aimed to receive feedback on the two main project deliverables, set strategies to deliver the programs in most effective ways and to establish a common understanding and collaboration between counterpart organisations, stakeholders and the project team.

The National Centre for Information Systems Research (NCISR) of the ANU College of Business and Economics is conducting the applied research project in Bangladesh, based on PhD research by Mr Ahmed Imran. The project addresses the barriers and strategies of ICT adoption in the public sector of least developed countries (LDC). The project has significant potential to benefit Bangladesh by bringing about increased efficiency, improved services and reform in the public sector through the implementation of eGovernment.

The ANU secured funding from the competitive AusAID Program in January 2008, with the Ministry of Science and Information & Communication Technology (MOSICT) of Bangladesh as the lead counterpart organisation, and the Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS) as a third party organization. The visitors included Mr Wahiduzzaman, Secretary, MOSICT and Major General Muniruzzaman, President, BIPSS.

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In addition to attending the workshop, the delegation met ANU's Vice Chancellor Professor Ian Chubb, AC and Professor Keith Houghton, Dean of ANU College of Business and Economics. The delegation also visited the Australian Government Management Information Office (AGIMO), National ICT Australia (NICTA) and AusAID who are supporting the project. During these visits the delegation had some fruitful discussions and exchanges of views on use of ICT in the public sectors. The team has expressed their deep satisfaction and gratitude to ANU for their world class expertise and research and also to AusAID for financing this great initiative. The relationship between these two countries will further strengthen through programs on knowledge transfer and capacity building which have great potential for social and economic development.



Bangladeshi delegation with Dean, Professor Keith A Houghton and PSLP (eGov) Project Director Professor Shirley Gregor, AO.

CENTRE FOR APPLIED MACROECONOMIC ANALYSIS

CAMA September Visitors

- Professor David Vines of Oxford University will be visiting from 8 September to 5 October 2008.

The following people will be visiting CAMA from 25 to 26 September:

- Dr Adrian Blundell-Wignall, OECD
- Dr Peter Bushnell, New Zealand Treasury
- Dr Guy Debelle, Reserve Bank of Australia
- Mr David Fernandez, JP Morgan, Managing Director
- Professor Reuven Glick, San Francisco Federal Reserve
- Dr Greg Golding, Mallesons
- Professor Steven Grenville, Lowy Institute for International Policy
- Mr Garry Hawker, Regional Director for National Funds Asia Pacific Mercer Consulting (Shanghai) Ltd
- Dr Julie Kozack, International Monetary Fund
- Professor Justin O'Brien, The Australian National University
- Dr Adrian Orr, New Zealand Superannuation Fund
- Mr Gerard Satur, UBS Australia
- Dr Kirshna Srinivasan, International Monetary Fund
- Mr Mark Thirlwell, Lowy Institute for International Policy
- Dr Susan Thorp, University of Technology, Sydney and
- Professor Edwin Truman, Peterson Institute.

New Research Associates

The Finance and the Macroeconomy program has gained the following new Research Associates:

- Associate Professor Adam Clements of the Queensland University of Technology
- Professor Stan Hurn of the Queensland University of Technology, and
- Professor Sherrill Shaffer of the University of Wyoming.

Ms Sylwia Nowak of The Australian National University has also joined the Finance and the Macroeconomy program as a Doctoral Student Associate.

RESEARCH OFFICE

September Research Seminar Timetable

Monday 8	Writing Workshop Topic 6: Bookends
Friday 26	Applying for grants

All sessions are 3:00 – 5:00pm at Sir Roland Wilson Building #120

For all Research enquiries please contact: rso.cbe@anu.edu.au

Promotions

The College Promotion Committee chaired by the Dean, met and approved certain promotions for Level A to Level B and confirmed the choice of external assessors for all other promotion levels.



Promotions from A to B Lectureships are:

- Dr Alex Richardson (left), School of Accounting and Business Information Systems
- Ms Toni Eagar (right), School of Management, Marketing and International Business, and
- Dr Ananda Jayawardana (far right), School of Management, Marketing and International Business.



Ngee Ann Polytechnic Visit

The ANU College of Business and Economics has had a productive ongoing relationship with Ngee Ann Polytechnic in Singapore for a number of years. The Polytechnic provides excellent education and a number of their students have transferred into ANU degree programs very successfully. Recently, representatives from Ngee Ann Polytechnic, including Mr Philip Lau, Director, School of Business & Accountancy, visited our campus to conduct wide ranging discussions including the possibility of a joint arrangement at degree level. CBE will continue to foster a productive relationship with Ngee Ann Polytechnic as the College looks for opportunities and work together into the future. The photo below shows the group from Ngee Ann Polytechnic together with the Dean, Deputy Dean and Marketing and Development Manager.



Ngee Ann Polytechnic group visits the College.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MBA & POSTGRADUATE EXPO

Date: Tuesday 2 September

Time: 12:00pm-7:30pm

Venue: National Convention Centre, Canberra

More Information: <http://www.postgradexpo.com.au/postgrad/index.html>

SIR ROLAND WILSON DEBATE

Date: Wednesday 11 September

Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm (Sir Roland Wilson Student Debate)

6:30pm - 7:30pm (Sixth Sir Roland Wilson Foundation Lecture)

Venue: The Great Hall, University House

New Marketing Co-ordinator

The CBE Marketing and Development Office will welcome its new Marketing Coordinator, Fleur Hamilton, on Monday 8 September. Fleur is experienced in international marketing and has recently operated in the UK, Europe, the Middle East and Africa for publishing company John Wiley and Sons Ltd. Please join us in welcoming Fleur to the College and to the ANU.

CBE IN THE NEWS

- **Professor Allan Barton** published an article on interest rates and inflation control in the Australian Financial Review on 20 June 2008. In it, he argued that inflation can be caused by two separate factors; excess demand and exogenous cost push factors such as high world energy prices and drought-caused food price increases. He also argued that interest rate policies should be confined to controlling excess demand causes of inflation.
- **Professor Terry O'Neill and Professor Bruce Chapman** (Crawford School) were interviewed for the ANU Media Release story "Tax credits the key for parent policy", commentating on the benefit of using a HECS-style scheme for paid parental leave in addition to leave financed by the government.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Occupation Health and Safety Matters – Security

All staff should be aware of the recent incident in the LF Crisp Building where a staff member was robbed and assaulted. As a result, additional security measures have been implemented to ensure staff and student safety. A reminder that if you are required to work after hours over the next few weeks, please contact your School Administrator to advise them of the times and dates – this information will be sent to ANU Security. Please be conscious of your own safety and security. At no stage should you allow individuals to 'tailgate' you into the building.



If you have an immediate emergency you should call the Police on 000.

New Human Resources and Student Administration System being Implemented

The University has almost completed the development of a new Enterprise System which will replace ESP – this new system will apply to Human Resources and Student Administration. The new system will be "going live" at the start of October, and as a result, there will be an early pay cut-off on Monday 22 September.

Recruit@ANU

The University has implemented a new on-line recruitment system called "Recruit@anu", which commenced on Thursday 7 August. The new system enables the local area to prepare and submit their advertised position and then they are able to view the approval and advertisement process. Applicants for vacant positions will be able to view and submit their applications online. Once an application has been submitted, the area will be able to view the application immediately – assisting in speeding up the overall recruitment process.

All College HR staff have received training for the new recruitment system and it is intended to train all School Administrator's and relevant administrative staff.

A new addition to the College of Business and Economics Family

Ms Shevonne Wade has recently welcomed Georgia Joy Wade into her family. Georgia was born at 3:10pm on Saturday 16 August 2008 weighing 8 pounds 13 ounces.



STAFF CHANGES

New General Staff Members

- Ms Karen Donnellan, Human Resources
- Mr John Gregory, Student Administration
- Mr Tuli Ipalawatte, ABIS
- Ms Grace Shao, ABIS

Staff movements

- As a result of Ms Shufen Lin leaving the College, a number of internal moves for the Student Administration Team have occurred. Ms Chihyon Meneses is working at the Sir Roland Wilson Building looking after Graduate Coursework administration for ABIS and MMIB and Ms Erin Pugh is assisting Ms Lucy Agar with Higher Degree Research.
- Ms Dora Gava will be moving as the School Administrator of MMIB to the Manager, Research Services Office position at the end of September.

Staff who have left

- Ms Shufen Lin, College Student Administration

For all HR enquiries please contact: hr.cbe@anu.edu.au

DEADLINE FOR CONTENT FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER EDITION IS: MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

Please forward your news items to Bronwyn Schmidt (Bronwyn.Schmidt@anu.edu.au) for inclusion in the College's next newsletter.