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Immunity research trail

*These snails, *Biomphalaria glabrata*, play a lead role in Anne La Flamme's study of a tropical human pathogen that may hold the key to understanding immunity to inflammatory diseases.*



A medical curiosity involving some of the world's poorest people could potentially benefit many in developed countries who suffer from diseases such as multiple sclerosis (MS).

Biological Sciences lecturer, Dr Anne La Flamme, has won US funding for her research project into the apparent absence of chronic inflammatory diseases such as MS in the tropics.

Anne, who arrived in New Zealand last year from New York's Cornell University, is a specialist in tropical parasitic infections. One such disease, schistosomiasis, a worm which infests the blood, afflicts 200 million people. But Anne says people living in the tropics appear to have a significantly reduced risk of developing chronic inflammatory diseases, such as asthma, diabetes and multiple sclerosis.

She has embarked on a research project with Dr Thomas Bachstrom of the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research in Wellington. His interest is in how people can acquire

immunity to illness whereas Anne specialises in the innate immunity that some enjoy.

Anne says the preliminary study is assessing whether there is any sort of protection that people in tropical regions have from chronic inflammatory diseases. Funding for the research has come from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in the United States.

If the research suggests that a chronic parasitic infection such as schistosomiasis can protect against the development of a chronic inflammatory disease, then this may point the way to benefits for MS and other disease sufferers. "The idea is, can we somehow mimic that response," Anne says.

The joint Victoria/Malaghan Institute research project runs until October. By that time, a decision will have been made on further research.

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From the Vice-Chancellor

Victoria University is going from strength to strength. We have been highly successful at competing for recognition in the Centres of Research Excellence process, many of our staff have received awards and professional accolades, we have exceeded most of our Strategic Plan targets for 2001, and our domestic and international student numbers have increased. Most universities have static or declining domestic enrolments. Our Strategic Plan, which is designed to take us forward for the next ten years, has set an objective of two percent growth per annum in domestic students. This year we expect to achieve that, and more.

We also have an objective for 20 percent of revenue to come from international activities and we are on track to achieving that too. At the same time, Victoria University has been honoured, through a TradeNZ Export Award, for the quality care provided to international students. It is unfortunate that recent publicity about poor international student services in parts of the secondary school sector and in some private training institutions has tarnished the reputations of universities who strive to provide excellent services.

In May 1,500 students graduated. We were also able to award honorary doctorates to three significant New Zealanders. The smiles on the faces of staff, students, families and friends as we marched through the streets of Wellington, confirms that our students are proud to be associated with Victoria University. We now welcome them as members of the Alumni Association, and look forward to keeping in touch over the coming years.

Stuart N McCutcheon

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Graduation party time



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May's graduating students swapped memories of late nights in the library and the lab for a spin on the dance floor and a night of musical magnificence. The student clobber of t-shirts and trainers was replaced with bow ties and ball gowns as friends and family joined in to celebrate the good times.

This year saw the successful introduction of a musical celebration of graduation. Presented jointly by the Schools of Music and Law, the Bell Gully Graduation Gala at the Michael Fowler Centre was a musical extravaganza bursting with celebratory works selected in the spirit of the occasion. Lyell Cresswell, alumnus and honorary doctorate recipient, was paid tribute with a performance of his piece for the horn and strings, *Pianto-In Memoria di Roger Cresswell*.

A few nights later in the Old Town Hall the corks were popping and the music cranked up a notch for the hundreds of graduates and their friends at the Graduation Ball. Organised by VUWSA and sponsored by WestpacTrust and the Alumni Association, graduation was not the only

celebration of the night. A cake and ten candles marked the anniversary of the Alumni Association and provided hungry revellers with the sustenance to keep on partying!



The Evening Post

Conductor Professor Peter Walls and music graduates.

Mana mentor



Stormy Mohi (right) at Mana College.

Stormy Mohi always knew that he would go to University—it was just his teachers who had their doubts!

Stormy's grades weren't good enough to get straight into a degree programme but after completing Tohu Māoritanga—a bridging course at Victoria—and gaining a diploma in Māori Studies he was ready to forge ahead with a Bachelor's qualification. Now with a BA in Māori Studies and Linguistics and working at Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori, the Māori Language Commission, Stormy wants to help other college pupils succeed. He's joined a group of volunteer graduates participating in a

tutoring scheme established by Heeni Shortland, Victoria Community Co-ordinator. Their aim is to increase participation and achievement amongst Māori and Pacific college pupils and show them the value of a university qualification. For five hours each week, Stormy joins Heeni to tutor groups of students at Mana and Porirua Colleges. "It's just as important for me to help them with their school work as it is to tell them that university study is a good and accessible option," Stormy says.

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Music for the gods

A sabbatical in Greece, original home and next host of the Olympics, inspired a new work by John Psathas which is to be performed during July's Commonwealth Games in Manchester.

John, Senior Lecturer in music, wrote *View from Olympus: Double Concerto for Piano, Percussion and Orchestra* while on sabbatical in 2000. It will premiere at the Royal Gala finale concert of the Commonwealth Games music festival. The piece will be performed by internationally acclaimed percussionist Evelyn Glennie, pianist Philip Smith, and the Hallé Orchestra.

IT big chief

Professor Sid Huff, Head of the School of Information Management, has been appointed as Australasia/Far East representative on the Council of the Association of Information Systems (AIS). Sid, who has taught and researched Information Systems (IS) for more than 20 years, was elected by his peers in a worldwide web-based election. AIS serves as the premier global organisation for academics specialising in IS and seeks to advance knowledge of information technology to improve organisational performance and individual quality of work life.

CoRE blimey!

Achieving critical mass through collaborative partnerships and passing on the talent are key themes shared by the University's involvement in four successful Centres of Research Excellence (CoRE) projects.

In a hotly-contested application process for \$60 million of new Government funding, five applications of the 45 submitted were from Victoria University. Four of the University's five made it to the initial shortlist of 16. In the final decision, only five projects were chosen and Victoria is represented in four of them.

The CoRE funding process is described by Professor Paul Callaghan FRS, Director of the Alan MacDiarmid Institute for Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology, and President of the Academy of the Royal Society of NZ, as "...a reality check for the University system that has put corporate games to bed and discovered excellence in many surprising places."

The Alan MacDiarmid Institute for Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology is a partnership with the University of Canterbury, Industrial Research Limited and the Institute of Geological & Nuclear Sciences. Staff from Massey, Auckland and Otago universities are also involved in key projects. The International Advisory Board includes eminent alumni Professor Alan MacDiarmid, Nobel Laureate; Professor Michael Kelly FRS, University of Surrey; Professor Neil Ashcroft, Cornell University; and Professor Mark Warner, Cambridge University.

The Institute has four research themes: **Nanoengineered materials and devices** which will involve new optical elements made from chiral materials; **Novel electronic, electro-optic and superconducting materials** will study, for example, blue lasers and high-temperature superconducting wires; **Functional materials** will explore our knowledge of anti-corrosive paints, paper electronics and computers, and self-cleaning and self-sterilizing surfaces; and **Soft Materials, Complex Fluids and Porous Media** will involve paints and plastics, new food textures, biomaterials, and the physics of oil extraction.

Paul says that the Institute's overarching goal is a completely inter-linked



Professor Alan MacDiarmid & Steve Maharey Associate Minister of Education (Tertiary Education) unveil a commemorative photo at the new MacDiarmid Institute.

programme. Passing on learning to a younger generation is also key. Funds have been reserved for secondary school outreach activities.

The other three CoRE projects Victoria is involved in bring together the country's top researchers in their fields. The National Institute of Research Excellence for Māori Development and Advancement: Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (Horizons of Insights) involves the School of Education's Institute for Research and Development in Māori Education, He Pārekereke. Victoria University's involvement is co-ordinated by Wally Penetito while the Institute itself is hosted by the University of Auckland. The Institute's strategic focus is on sustainable and healthy communities, social and educational transformation and new frontiers of knowledge. Wally says that the context is, "Māori perspectives and experiences, discipline-based methodologies and dual philosophical traditions."

The Allan Wilson Centre for Molecular Ecology is a study of the evolution of life. Professor Charles Daugherty, Head of the School of Biological Sciences, is programme director of the Centre focusing on the research theme of biodiversity. Three other critical areas of study are being led by researchers from Massey, Auckland and Canterbury universities. Charles says the Centre's formation brings new opportunities

for postdoctoral and postgraduate students. "The new tools of DNA analysis will stimulate and promote further research into the rates and modes of evolution and will assist the Centre to contribute to knowledge about the settlement of Aotearoa."

High-level mathematical techniques are essential to scientific research. The New Zealand Institute of Mathematics & its Applications brings together a critical mass of researchers with high-level quantitative expertise. Professor Rod Downey FRSNZ, of the School of Mathematics and Computing Science is also Director of the NZ Mathematics Research Institute, a partner in the new CoRE Institute. "While New Zealand needs a knowledge economy, it is impossible to have good science without good mathematical underpinnings," says Rod. The Institute's key focus is on raising the knowledge and skills in mathematical sciences in New Zealand and it will offer 24 postgraduate scholarships, four post-doctoral and two Maclaurin Fellowships each year.

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Honoured alumni

It was with great pride in May that the University awarded three honorary doctorates to honour the achievements of alumni Kara Puketapu, Lyell Cresswell and David Stevenson.

Kara Puketapu

Kara Puketapu was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws for his life-time contribution to the development of opportunities for Māori. For 50 years he has been a leading figure in Māoridom, having made a significant impact in both the public and private sectors, and in sport. A highlight of his time as Secretary of Māori Affairs (1977-1983) was designing the series of Hui



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Taumata that led to the creation of Kohanga Reo. In the private sector he helped establish and became Chief Executive Officer of an organisation which is a major health provider, manager of customary fisheries, and contractor for many central and local government agencies.

David Stevenson

Professor David Stevenson FRS was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science for his achievements as one of the foremost planetary physicists in the world. He has made great advances in the understanding of planetary development and the evolution of the solar system. George Van Osdol Professor of Planetary Science at Caltech since 1995, David is active in the administration of science through numerous professional associations and is an internationally sought-after speaker



Photography by Woolf

on planetary science and the evolution of the solar system.

Lyell Cresswell

Top composer Lyell Cresswell was awarded an honorary Doctor of Music for his musical achievements and promotion of New Zealand music. Based in Scotland since 1974, Lyell's musical creativity, wit, and intelligence has earned him the reputation as a composer of international excellence. He has organised two highly successful festivals of New Zealand music in Edinburgh, bringing the music of talented New Zealand composers to the attention of European musicians. Lyell has been a featured composer at music events around the world—and in New Zealand most recently at the 2002 New Zealand Festival.



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A Doctor in the house

Doctoral students play a vital role in the University's research life. Under the supervision of academic staff their contributions to knowledge, spanning a diverse range of topics, take us closer to finding answers for some of the issues and opportunities society faces. Below is a selection of work undertaken by student researchers who were among 14 to have PhDs conferred at the May graduation ceremonies.

Timothy Bollinger

The administrative career of Dr W B Sutch: A case study in New Zealand bureaucratic politics
Bureaucratic organisations are the means by which political decisions are turned into political actions, and public service leaders are the people who drive them. Tim's research examines Dr William Ball Sutch's leadership of the Department of Industries and Commerce (1958-1965) and his role in implementing policies for the country's economic and social development. Sutch was the only 'Permanent Head' ever to be forcibly retired and his example highlights the ongoing tension between public officials and their elected Ministers. In his thesis Tim sheds new light on the concept of

'ministerial responsibility' in the New Zealand context.

Gillian Tasker

Children's experiences in an HIV/AIDS sexuality education programme: What they learnt and implications for teaching and learning in health education

Education is key to ensuring the health and well-being of young people. Gillian's thesis furthers the understanding of effective health education for students and provides guidelines for successful learning environments. She makes a case study of the teaching and learning processes, and the social and physical classroom environment, that influence student learning outcomes in an HIV/AIDS sexuality education programme. Gillian found that open communication, the sharing of feelings and a supportive classroom environment resulted in increased knowledge about HIV transmission and an increase in students' non-discriminatory views towards people living with HIV.

Kristian Paul Bubendorfer

Nomad: Towards an architecture for mobility in large-scale distributed systems

Only a small portion of the vast reservoir of computing power represented by the internet is currently available to applications or their clients. Kris' thesis tackles the problem of allocating and accessing these

global computing resources through his development of the Nomad architecture. Within Nomad, applications negotiate for, and migrate to, remote computing resources using an infrastructure incorporating techniques from distributed systems, game-theory and economics. This encourages mobile applications to reconfigure and distribute themselves to satisfy client quality of service constraints and dynamic system conditions. This research represents a significant step towards providing a basis for future global computing systems.

Sharyn Elizabeth Myer

Circularisable ligation probes: Synthesis and use for estimating the frequency of recombination at the 21-hydroxylase locus

Sharyn's PhD research led to a unique way of improving a clever technique that is used for detection of genetic variation. This technique can be used for the diagnosis of genetic diseases, but can also be used for other purposes. Sharyn adapted the technique for use in estimating the frequency of mutations occurring in a certain gene. Mutations to that gene can result in a common human genetic disease, which can result in ambiguous genitalia in baby girls. Her research has made a significant contribution towards gaining a fuller understanding into the process that results in these mutations.

A sea of opportunities



Although too modest to admit it, May PhD graduate Ocean Mercier is a hot post-doctoral prospect in the global market. Of Ngāti Porou descent, she's thought to be the first Māori woman in New Zealand to graduate with a PhD in physics, and is currently deciding where in the world her work will take her. Ocean's research is providing brilliant insights into understanding the properties of the unusual materials that many of tomorrow's innovative devices will require.

As far back as Ocean can remember, she was interested in getting to the basics of how things worked, whether that meant understanding the forces of nature or breaking down the elements of a piece of electrical equipment. It was a magic moment when she realised the beauty of mathematics and physics in providing a way to find answers to these questions.

Her research to date has focused on colossal magnetoresistance—a recently discovered phenomenon in manganese oxides. Because of their extraordinary sensitivity to magnetism, the oxides are an ideal material for sensing densely packed data, allowing vast amounts of information to be held on more compact surfaces. This potentially means smarter, faster and smaller computers. Ocean's PhD research measured the oxides' seemingly invisible interactions by probing samples with

infrared and visible light. Her work has contributed a significant body of measurements to scientific literature that will help shape global understanding of the unique property.

Research of the complexity carried out by Ocean requires a vast array of equipment. She had access to world-class facilities thanks to a working relationship begun nearly 30 years ago. Ocean's PhD co-supervisors Professor Joe Trodahl, from the School of Chemical and Physical Sciences, and Dr Bob Buckley from Industrial Research Limited (IRL) have known each other since Joe supervised Bob's PhD in the 1970s. Since the 1980s when Bob began working at IRL, a close working relationship has been developed between the institutions that now sees the sharing of equipment, funding and premises. Thanks to this relationship and a Tūāpapa Pūtaiao Māori Fellowship from FRST, Ocean was able to take up a PhD position at IRL and conduct the bulk of her research there.

Teaching part time in the School of Chemical & Physical Sciences, Ocean gets a real buzz out of the student interaction. She's invigorated by their fresh attitudes and thirst for knowledge, and says that there's nothing quite as satisfying as the flash in their eyes when the 'penny drops'.

In the interests of introducing a new generation to the wonders of a life in science, Ocean also takes part in secondary school visits. She hopes that these visits will promote science as a vibrant and exciting career option that can make significant contributions towards solving everyday problems. As Ocean says, it's important to have science heroes and to show students that it's not all "lab coats and calculators"! Ocean has science heroes of her own, including 'local boy' Ernest Lord Rutherford.

One can't help but wonder whether the spark Ocean sees in the eyes of her students is partly because they too have met a homegrown hero.



Ocean with her PhD supervisors, Bob Buckley (left) and Joe Trodahl at IRL.

On the ball



Victoria International's winning team, Director Tim Fowler far right.

To succeed in educational marketing you've got to be on the ball and Victoria has won an award for playing on the pulling power of our national oval icon.

A Study Abroad campaign providing American university students with the opportunity to play rugby while studying at Victoria is among the innovations that resulted in a Trade New Zealand Education Export award in February.

In 1999 there were 453 international students studying for degrees at the university; this year there are 1157. A third are from US/Europe, another third from China and the rest from Malaysia, India and other countries.

Tim Fowler, Director of Victoria International (formerly the International

Centre) says with 13,000 international educational providers in the world, Victoria has to differentiate itself and find niche markets. "We don't want to be just like other universities," he says.

With 680 rugby clubs in American universities, an opportunity was seen to capitalise on Victoria being based in a city that boasts several current All Blacks—and an occasionally brilliant team! Five American students are here this year on the Study Abroad programme, which includes membership of the Old Boys-University rugby club, playing kit, and tickets to Super 12 games. Tim expects there'll be 20 American students under the programme next year. "We're really only scratching the surface in the US." There's even interest from Sweden.

Tim says the Trade New Zealand award reflects a change to a total business approach. "It's also welcome recognition for a lot of hard work by staff," he says. In the last two and a half years, the University has streamlined its approach to attracting and caring for overseas students. All international functions from establishing global marketing networks, promoting and providing English language training to forming alliances with overseas universities are now strategically co-ordinated by Victoria International. Professor Neil Quigley, Pro Vice-Chancellor with responsibility for Victoria International, will

continue to keep in contact with Victoria's network of global alumni, especially in the Asia-Pacific area.

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Stan Ruda, psychology graduate from Princeton University, has an important question he'd like answered while he's at Victoria. "I'd like to find out how Andrew Mehrrens gets so much power in the ball." Stan, a fullback, pictured left at training with Tony Kangas, a tighthead prop from St John's University, Minnesota, are among five American students who've come to Victoria under the new Study Abroad programme which offers the chance to play rugby for Old Boys-University. During his five months here, Stan's studying business, and he's hoping to learn how a famous All Black boot delivers so well.

Merging migrants ahead



Professor Colleen Ward, Head of the School of Psychology, was delighted but not surprised with the results of her research into secondary school pupils' views on migrant adaptation.

The research findings of the *International Comparative Study of Ethno-Cultural Youth* blew apart the popular and untested belief that migrants don't want to integrate when they arrive in New Zealand. The reality, a long-held belief of

Colleen's, is quite the opposite according to the study's results.

Part of a larger comparative study being carried out in 12 other nations, the study collected data from more than 600 secondary school pupils from four ethnic groups: Māori, Pacific Island, New Zealand European and Chinese.

The overriding response from all four groups was that the preferred method of migrant adaptation was integration. Integration means adopting the strategy whereby individuals maintain their original cultural heritage but also adopt the new aspects of the new culture—migrants from China might describe themselves as 'Chinese Kiwis'.

Colleen says that particularly pleasing about the results is that it was not just the immigrant groups who thought that integration was the way to go. Maori and New Zealand European groups both strongly thought that the best way that immigrants could behave in their new country was to integrate.

The groups who were pro integration also showed high levels of social and psychological adaptation. In other words these pupils were happier, more balanced and in a better position to achieve than those who favoured other sorts of adaptation strategies, including separation, assimilation or marginalisation.

"The research shows that it's just as important to help migrants be proud of the culture they've left behind, as it is to help them learn to be a Kiwi," Colleen says.

The University was selected to carry out the research because of Colleen's former role as Secretary General of the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology. Colleen says that there's a special role for New Zealand to play in the study—we're the only bi-cultural nation participating. As such, we'll act as a case study for other bi-cultural nations wanting to make the most of migration.

A book will be published once data from all thirteen participating nations is collated. An expert in the area, Colleen published *The Psychology of Culture Shock* last year.

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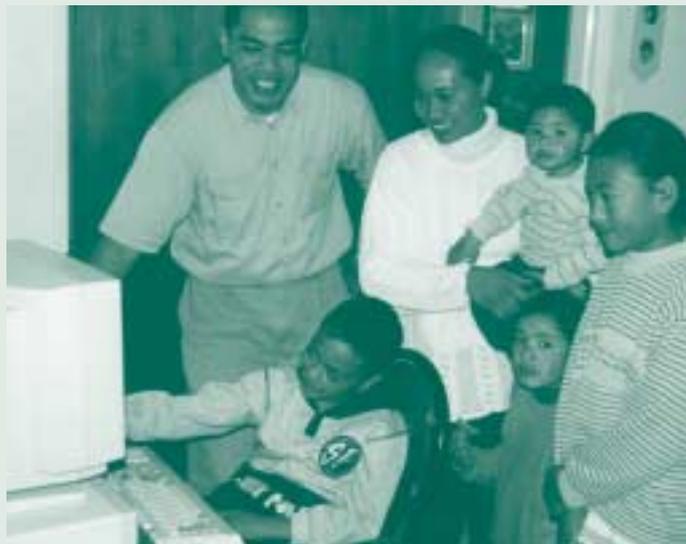
PCs @ home

No less than five government agencies are now supporting *Computers in Homes*, a Victoria University project which has already won an international award. It uses recycled computers to break the pattern of illiteracy and unemployment.

Barbara Craig, School of Education lecturer, began the project 18 months ago. She's a member of the Wellington City Council 20/20 Communications Trust, which saw a role for technology to tackle adult and child literacy especially in migrant and Māori communities. A *Computers in Homes* pilot scheme in Cannons Creek, Porirua proved so successful that it has been extended to other North Island centres with support from the Ministry of Education, Department of Labour, and Ministry of Economic Development. The private sector provides hardware support and internet connections (Actrix and Renaissance).

Clare Coman at VicLink manages the project, overseeing the installation of computers in homes and the provision of training and technical support. Translators are also needed in some homes where English is very much a second language. Barbara works with parents to get them on to literacy programmes available via the internet. The project is now established in Flaxmere, a suburb of Hastings, and among Pacific communities in Panmure, Auckland. More than 200 families are now participating, with Barbara evaluating the results. She says around 20 percent of those parents involved in the first programmes in Porirua and Panmure have enrolled in training courses or found employment since taking part. "We've given them the skills to write good CVs," she says.

In May, with Ministry of Education and Te Puni Kokiri support, the trial was expanded to 55 families with children at Māori immersion schools run by the Tuhoe Education Authority in and around Whakatane. Frank March of the IT Policy Group at the Ministry of Economic Development says the *Computers in Homes* project intersects with Ministry policies to ensure children at low-decile schools are not left on the wrong side of the digital divide. "Therefore we were pleased to be able to offer a grant of \$5,000 to enable Barbara to complete the first phase of the project and we have continued to have a high level of interest in the research and, especially, the outcomes," Frank says.



The Toloke family, of south Auckland, is one of more than 200 families benefiting from Computers in Homes.

Educational publisher, Learning Media, is the latest state agency wanting to play a role, says Barbara. She says a key to the project's success is that computers are installed in the home, where computer-literate children can assist their parents. Initial training for parents in operating a computer takes place in training rooms, some of them put into schools by the project. Literacy training takes place online.

The project won a Stockholm Challenge award, given by the Swedish capital for initiatives that use IT to deal with inequalities. Clare and Barbara travelled to Stockholm to receive the award last October, just a week before—and in the same room where—Victoria alumnus Professor Alan MacDiarmid received his Nobel Prize for chemistry.

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Clare Coman and Barbara Craig receive their award in Stockholm.

Politics and policy

By Professor Stuart N McCutcheon

During the 1990s, successive governments sought to increase the number of tertiary students, while at the same time limiting costs to the public purse. Thus, government funding of universities fell from 0.79% to 0.65% of GDP over the period 1991–1999. At the same time, the number of university students increased from 67,000 to 95,000 and the income received per student fell from an average of \$8,400 to \$6,400 in 1991 dollars. This has placed the system under considerable pressure and led to the familiar problems of increasing student fees and debt, staff salaries which are becoming uncompetitive in some disciplines, difficulties in supporting staff and student research, and a low level of reinvestment in facilities and equipment.

Institutions are funded on a per head basis, encouraging them to acquire additional students. This makes institutions much more aware of student needs—since the students have the option of going

elsewhere and taking their funding with them—and of increasing self-promotion through school recruitment visits and advertising. The per head funding system has led to a number of mergers and strategic alliances as institutions sought to position themselves in growing markets. Popular courses expanded while those with low enrolments closed.

The present Government is introducing a number of “reforms” to the system, including:

- A Tertiary Strategy to guide future investment in the tertiary sector
- The Tertiary Education Commission (TEC), to be established from 1 July, acting under instruction from the Minister of Education. A major role of TEC will be to negotiate with, and deliver funding to, the tertiary institutions
- A system of charters and profiles to ensure that institutions engage only in appropriate educational programmes of value to the nation
- A new funding system, to be introduced in 2004, which will apparently still rely

on per head funding. However, it seems likely to place greater emphasis on funding science/technology/engineering students at the expense of arts/law/commerce students

- The division of the government subsidy into a series of funds
- Modest increases in the actual rate of funding driven largely by the desire to ensure that student fees remain at or below current levels
- And a greater degree of government intervention in such areas as the management of institutions that are deemed to be at risk financially, and in marketing to, and support of, international students.

The issue for Victoria will be whether these reforms genuinely add value to a system which, although funded at a low rate by international standards, still produces excellent graduates—or whether they simply add to our already considerable burden of overheads and divert precious resources from teaching and research. We will aim to keep you informed of these developments in future issues of *Victorious*.

Beijing-Taipei relations



Professor Xu Shiquan (left) is welcomed to the NZ Institute of International Affairs in Waiteata Road, by Gerald McGhie, President of the Institute.

Members of the NZ Institute of International Affairs, students, and public servants obtained insights into China-Taiwan relations at a seminar sponsored by the Asian Studies Institute and the International Relations Programme. Professor Xu Shiquan, President of the Institute of Taiwan Studies at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, said that in the aftermath of September 11, China could no longer be seen as a primary threat to American security. Taiwan's commitments to liberalise agricultural trade following accession to the World Trade Organisation would have an impact within Taiwan itself. While more younger people are pro-unification, China needed to explain to the Taiwan people how 'one country two systems' works in Hong Kong.

FRST chariot off the rank

If your knowledge of Roman history relies on the movie *Gladiator*, Classics doctoral student Claudine Earley will couple your chariot to something more scholarly.

Thanks to a \$75,000 three-year scholarship from the Foundation for Research, Science & Technology, Claudine is carrying out her PhD research on the political and social parallels between ancient Rome and modern day New Zealand. Her comparative research will include the role patronage played in Roman politics and whether a modern day equivalent can be seen in New Zealand's influential interest groups. Claudine says a prevailing view that the elite ran Rome is now being challenged by studies suggesting that the large poor underclass played an important role. A senior tutor in Classics, Claudine is first concentrating on learning German. Germany has a particular fascination with Ancient Rome and much of the research material is published only in German. Claudine will add the language to her command of Latin, Ancient Greek and French.

Digitising book trade history



Elizabeth Styron, Nicola Freaan and Sydney Shep in the Wai-te-ata Press studio.

On Wairarapa's Brancepeth Station in the 19th century, a horse with saddle-bags full of books was regularly dispatched—an equine version of the mobile library—to keep workers at the Station's outposts entertained.

Dr Sydney Shep, Director of Wai-te-ata Press and driving force behind a new project to track the development of the book trade in Wellington, cites this story as an example of the dynamic role that the printed word has played in New Zealand's history.

The University's New Zealand Electronic Text Centre (NZETC), Wai-te-ata Press and JC Beaglehole Room are pooling their technological, archival and printing specialist resources for the project. Together they will create a website that details the print culture and book industry in Wellington, from 1840s letterpress printing through to present day internet publication. A generous grant from the Trustees of the National Library is allowing work to proceed.

The project involves participation from a wide variety of local libraries and archives, to build up a cultural context for this important regional and national industry. Split into five chronological stages, each period takes a snapshot of aspects of the manufacturing and distribution of print objects. These include the activities of printers and publishers, engravers, ink manufacturers, wholesalers, booksellers and libraries. It has been an excellent hands-on learning experience for student digital librarians and information professionals.

Sydney hopes that people using the book trade site will move from looking at material online to actually visiting the archives that hold the physical materials. For her there is nothing like the 'real thing' to bring history alive—holding an 1840s newspaper reveals that it's much smaller than the *Evening Post* in 2002. A discussion of why this is so brings up historical, social, and economic reasons that are broader than the paper and ink of the newspaper itself.

The first snapshot to go live, the 1880s hey-day of Victorian printing, was launched in May during the National Library's Digital Impact Forum. When the first stage of the Wellington project is finished later this year, Sydney hopes that it will act as a catalyst for other regions to join in and publish their research and collection holdings in this electronic medium.

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100 years of hi-jinks

Any notion that student radicalism and rampant capping excesses began in the heady days of the 1960s is quickly dispelled in Stephen Hamilton's book, *A Radical Tradition*.

The history marks the centenary of the Victoria University of Wellington Students Association (VUWSA) and records that political volatility and capping stunts have been a feature of student life since the University's establishment. An extended pub-crawl by Weir House students in 1936 celebrated the first issue of *Cappicade*, which Stephen records "was generally deemed obscene".

By 1941, today's student publication, *Salient*, had been established by left wing students and the drinking horn had become a major feature of the Easter Tournament. The 1950s saw the ejection of left-wing members from the Student Association executive in favour of a conservative committee in tune

with the era. Kevin O'Brien was VUWSA president in this period and was one of several VUWSA office holders who, over the years, went on to become Chancellor. Others include Dick Simpson, Douglas White and Rosemary Barrington.

The Vietnam War saw an increasing radicalisation in the 1960s. However, a brief *Salient* editorship in 1963 by one Geoffrey Palmer saw him attack the "new woman" at Victoria—"a hard and brash super-sophisticate with dyed hair and drip-dry morals."

Students briefly rejected radicalism in 1974 when presidential candidate John McDonald campaigned on a social as opposed to a socialist platform. His call for more stein evenings saw him win with a large majority. But he immediately came under pressure for not being political enough and was soon replaced by socialist Lisa Saksen (who easily beat John Clarke who stood in one of the first outings of the persona Fred Dagg.)

The 1980s saw students shift to a more conservative approach as education cuts began to bite. However, VUWSA members



Students march from the Hunter Lawn, protesting the 1970 All Black tour of South Africa.

mounted their most militant-ever campaign during the Springbok Tour protests in 1981. A photo of a protest march has been adapted for the front cover of *A Radical Tradition*.

All are welcome to attend the launch of *A Radical Tradition*: 18 July 2002, Council Chamber, Hunter Building 5.30-7pm.
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Meeting of beautiful minds



Damien Martin is off to Cambridge.

Damien Martin hopes to meet famed physicist Professor Stephen Hawking at Cambridge after being the only New Zealand student to win a place at the prestigious University's Particle Physics and Astronomy Summer School.

Twenty years old, Damien started his studies at Victoria at the age of 16, having finished 7th form physics by the end of his second year at New Plymouth Boys High School. He's now doing his MSc thesis on optics, photons and particles of light and is also learning Mandarin. His supervisor, Physics Professor John Lekner, was his referee for the Cambridge application—one of 250 received from around the world. Each year, 12 international students join a dozen others from Britain at the Summer School, with travel and living expenses met. While there are some lectures to attend, much of the time is spent working on projects with university physics dons. Damien also gets the chance to visit the world-renowned CERN physics laboratory in Switzerland. He's read Stephen Hawking's book *A Brief History of Time* which explores space-time and the Big Bang beginning of the Universe. "That's not the same as saying I agree with all of Hawking's theories!", Damien says.

Gift for the future

A challenge from a former schoolteacher paved the way for Erika Kremic to join those making a bequest to the Victoria Foundation Legacy Club.

The former Wellington coroner joins a special group of graduates, staff and other benefactors who are members of the new Victoria Legacy Club. The Club gives recognition to donors who have made provision in their wills for a bequest to Victoria University. Other founding members are former Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor Ian Boyd and his wife Karis, former Vice-Chancellor Les Holborow, and former staff member Jeremy Commons.

Erika immigrated here after WWII with her husband, and became an accounts clerk. On a return trip to Germany in 1960 a former teacher admonished her for not achieving enough, so in 1961 she enrolled in a Bachelor of Law. She plans for her estate to assist able and committed law students who need some help. "I thought it would be nice to give something back," Erika says.

VUW Foundation Executive Director Tricia Walbridge says the Victoria Legacy Club allows public recognition of those who have made provision for Victoria in their wills. Donors receive special benefits in return for their generosity.

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Muldoon still casts a shadow

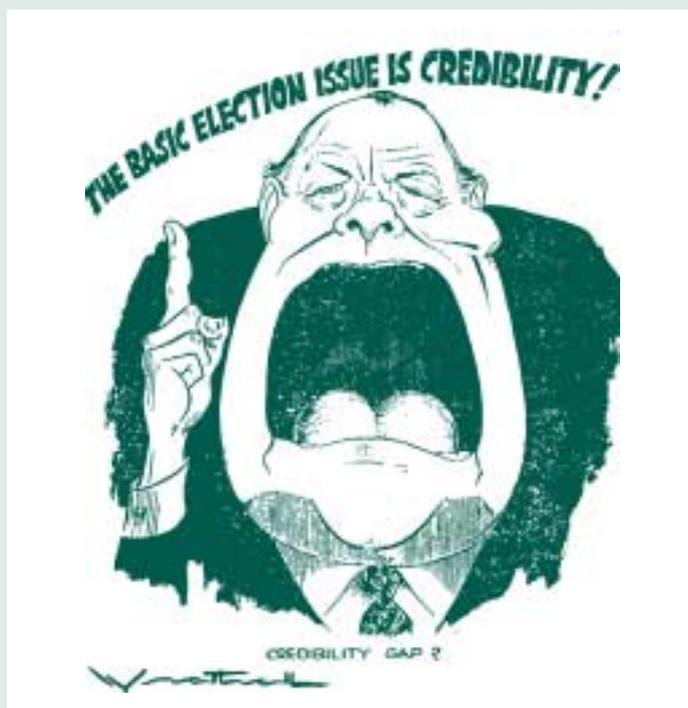
"Ten years dead, he can still pull a crowd," says Professor of Political Science, Margaret Clark of May's conference on Sir Robert Muldoon.

Two hundred people attended the fifth Parliamentary Conference, organised by the Stout Research Centre for New Zealand Studies and the Former Parliamentarians Association.

Margaret, who chaired opening sessions, says Barry Gustafson's recent biography *His Way: A Biography of Muldoon* provided a focus for further reflection.

The conference, held at Parliament, heard former party functionaries detail their experiences with Sir Robert as Prime Minister. Noel Lough, a former Secretary to The Treasury, says from 1978 Muldoon withheld documents from the Cabinet so it was not fully aware of the economic deterioration. Muldoon-era Cabinet minister, John Falloon, agreed.

Contributions to the conference will be edited by Margaret and published as a book later this year by the Stout Centre. Next year's Parliamentary Conference is on the Fourth Labour Government.



Bill Wrathall cartoon from His Way: A Biography of Muldoon by Barry Gustafson, Auckland University Press, 2000.

IIML superstars



Photography by Michael Roth

Glenn Schaeffer and Prize in Modern Letters winner Catherine Chidgey.

The International Institute of Modern Letters has released some high-flying literary rockets in the last couple of months.

In March Catherine Chidgey was announced as inaugural recipient of the \$60,000 Prize in Modern Letters. Catherine, a Creative Writing graduate, was selected from a shortlist containing the cream of emerging NZ writers—poet James Brown, novelist Charlotte Randall and dramatist Briar Grace-Smith. Catherine will use the prize, funded by American literary philanthropist Glenn Schaeffer, to process the “eight or nine ideas” she has for new books.

The IIML has harnessed the global marketing powers of the worldwide web with Best NZ Poems www.vuw.ac.nz/modernletters/bnzp.html The site is the inaugural annual issue of 25 contemporary poems selected to showcase NZ poetry. Bill Manhire hopes that the site will act as a shopfront and encourage readers, especially international ones, to delve further into our poetry.

Paula Morris, 2001 Creative Writing graduate, will soon be packing her bags and heading off to join some of the world’s best writers at the prestigious Iowa Writers’ Workshop. Thanks to a US\$20,000 Scholarship in Modern Letters from Glenn Schaeffer, Paula has received direct entry to the Workshop allowing her to skip the queue of thousands who compete for one of 20 places. Paula’s first novel, *Queen of Beauty*, will be published in October.

TV policy goes to air

A Cabinet minister announcing Budget spending, Beehive staff buzzing around, television crews, a press conference—and a second year media studies class.

Broadcasting Minister and Wellington Central MP Hon Marian Hobbs chose a campus visit to announce funding for television under the new broadcasting charter. Ms Hobbs revealed \$12 million a year will go to the state channel and \$6 million more to New Zealand on Air to fund increased local programming.

A press conference followed before the media left and students began a second round of questioning. The Minister fielded questions on the future of Māori broadcasting, the slowdown on delivering a youth radio network, and the future of public service broadcasting in the digital age.

Ms Hobbs was impressed. “These students are just so clued-up, they’re a credit to you,” she told Dr Trisha Dunleavy, acting Media Studies Programme Director.

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Students in Advanced Media Studies see the big picture with Dr Trisha Dunleavy.

Police youth diversion

The way youth offenders are dealt with by New Zealand police is unique, says a new study by the Crime and Justice Research Centre, one of the University’s applied research centres. *Police Youth Diversion*, funded by the New Zealand Police and the Ministry of Justice, describes the way police respond to youth offending.

Youth Aid officers visit homes and consult victims before deciding whether to warn the young person or to arrange a diversionary plan. About half of the sample were simply visited by police youth aid officers and warned. A third more cases involved a diversionary plan. Other young offenders went to family group conferences or the Youth Court.

The report particularly focussed on describing diversionary plans. These usually involved some form of restorative responses through apologies and/or work, donations or reparation to the victim. A second type of response was to arrange a programme to assist in rehabilitation. A third type of response was to achieve accountability for offending through work for the community, curfews or other restrictions.

Report co-author, Gabrielle Maxwell, says the amount of information available to police on offenders and how they are dealt with needs to be improved. The analysis has implications for police staffing levels, the use of experienced officers, and the need for support at the senior level.

Further research will determine whether or not those in the sample group have reoffended, in order to identify best practice in responding effectively to children and young people who offend.

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New programmes

Victoria University is providing new programmes of study to meet the demands of students, employers and emerging disciplines. Equally important is the need to ensure quality academic and research opportunities to enable students to succeed in their chosen career. The new programmes and courses include:

Media Studies

A rapidly expanding new major in the Bachelor of Arts degree, Media Studies analyses the powerful social and cultural role of traditional media and new media. By linking Media Studies papers with majors in other disciplines, students are encouraged to explore historical, social, political and cultural aspects of the media. The goals include understanding different media, the impact for New Zealand of media globalisation and the significance of digital and other new technology.

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Graduate Diploma in Design

A two year full-time programme of study, which leads to a professional qualification, currently in one of three areas of study: Industrial Design, Interior Architecture or Landscape Architecture. It is for students and practitioners who hold a first degree in a design discipline and want a further professional qualification. The programme of study parallels and is closely integrated with the 300 and 400 level core papers in each of the design disciplines for the Bachelor of Design and Bachelor of Design (Honours) degrees, and leads to the same professional recognition.

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Postgraduate Certificate, and Postgraduate Diploma in Public Policy

These qualifications have been developed in response to the need to build policy analysis skills and capacity in the public sector. Many people working in the state sector are unable to commit to a masters degree, such as the Master of Public Policy (MPP) or Master of Public Management (MPM), says Professor Claudia Scott, Director of the MPP. The new postgraduate Diploma and Certificate are

staircased and courses completed can be credited at a later stage towards a master's degree.

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Master of Information Management

A postgraduate, managerial qualification that can be taken on either a full or part-time basis. The MIM offers focused and comprehensive learning in information services, information systems, and electronic business. A strong emphasis is placed upon development of managerial skills in realistic organisational environments. The MIM will appeal to professionals with working experience who wish to pursue a career in management of information services, information systems, or electronic commerce or to graduates who wish to make the move to information and knowledge management.

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One for the road



Tony Rule and Andrew Mayfield 'revving' things up with their road code application.

Keep your eyes on the road and your hands on the mouse? A road code website project for the Electronic Commerce and Multimedia paper last year has been developed into an award winning application.

Completing their IT-focused degrees, Tony Rule and Andrew Mayfield saw a gap in the market after being challenged by Geoff Mitchell, Senior Lecturer at the School of Information Management. "Completing this project was a great chance to showcase some of the

skills we've developed over the duration of our degrees," says Tony. "Geoff gave us the flexibility to do what we wanted to do."

He and Andrew developed a programme on a pocket PC device. This has now become www.pocketroadcode.com, a website where you will eventually be able to test your knowledge of the road code. Visitors are given multiple-choice questions and can monitor their progress. Graphics show details of the road code.

Tony says that until now, the options for those wanting to test their knowledge were to buy a road code book or a relatively expensive CD-ROM. "But for the youth of today, the internet is far more accessible."

Tony and Andrew's company, Spikefin Mobile Web Architecture www.spikefin.co.nz won one of three awards in the Kiwi Start-Up competition. Sponsored by Microsoft, TelstraClear and Compaq, the awards assist new companies working in the IT field. Winners get use of computer hardware and software, industry leads and support.

The pair have been speaking with the Land Transport Safety Authority and the AA about developing the website for widespread application. They want a freely accessible site where learner drivers can test themselves. A global application is foreseen by customising it for other countries.

Spikefin is also developing an online point-of-sale and customer website for a local pizza chain. Tony and Andrew are also part-time tutors for this year's Electronic Commerce and Multimedia paper.

Mature Māori embracing education

Emerging research suggests that a search for knowledge is an important part of the Māori experience of ageing and is driving higher tertiary education enrolment.

Around 840 Māori around the country were interviewed about their experiences of ageing as the Māori phase of a community study under the 40+ Project/30 Tau Neke Atu for the New Zealand Institute for Research on Ageing, based at Victoria. Funded by the Foundation for Research, Science & Technology, the project, run by the School of Psychology and Te Kawa a Māui, also established case studies to explore issues raised by the survey.

One case study assesses mature Māori experiences of tertiary education. Research fellow Māmari Stephens (Te Rarawa) says while young Māori are under-represented, mature Māori students are attending tertiary institutes in slightly higher per capita numbers than Pākeha. A focus group set up to explore this positive trend suggests mature Māori students seek Māori cultural knowledge rather than career goals. "There's a certain sense of sad irony that they've had

to come to a tertiary institution for this knowledge," says Māmari. The study also suggests many Māori students come to university not just for themselves but on behalf of their whānau or hapū.

Another case study investigated mature Māori respondents' understanding of the Treaty of Waitangi and Treaty claims processes. One striking result was the majority of Māori respondents over 30 have little or no confidence in their understanding of the Treaty claims process. There is also evidence of some tension between kaumātua and younger Māori in addressing Treaty issues. Modern Māori organisations often have a structure which tends to relegate kaumātua into advisory roles. The challenge is to integrate kaumātua into these structures so they are contributing fully, says Māmari. This finding has already been picked up by KPMG Legal, which has a team working on Treaty issues.

A forthcoming paper will discuss a connection discovered between the sense of well-being among survey respondents and their satisfaction with their level of Māori



Kaumātua who took part in the study at Te Kākano o Te Aroha marae in Moera, Lower Hutt.

language skill. According to Dr Susan Gee, 40+ Project research fellow at the School of Psychology, "those most satisfied with their level of te Reo were also most satisfied with their lives in general." She adds this finding is important in view of the renaissance in Māori language learning.

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A conflicting issue



Psychology senior lecturer Dr Jan Pryor will draw on material from the biggest international research project on divorce and separation in a decade for an upcoming seminar series.

Jan and Australian academic, Dr Bryan Rogers, spent more than two years looking at studies on divorce/separation dating back to the 1950s. Jan says their research showed that problems are created for

children, not by divorce/separation or staying together but by conflict or dysfunction in a family. Jan says the research underlines the need for good family role modelling, whether parents are together or separated.

She'll use the research in presentations to Family Court professionals in August and in three public seminars offered by the Centre for Continuing Education/Te Whare Pūkenga in September. A book, *Children in Changing Families: Life after Parental Separation*, has been published by Blackwells. The Ministry of Social Development has ordered copies and leading American academic Dr Paul Amato, at Penn State, is using it as a teaching text.

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Changes in the moral market

New Zealand underwent a radical programme of economic transformation from 1984 to 1999 affecting every sector of our national life. Alongside the economic changes there was just as vigorous a programme of moral change.

Thanks to a \$175,000 Marsden Fund grant, Professor Paul Morris of Religious Studies and Associate Professor Dolores Janiewski of History are systematically exploring these moral changes for the first time.

They are investigating the religious and moral dimensions of neo-liberalism in New Zealand, within the context of parallel developments in Australia, Britain and the US. Their research includes an analysis of moral campaigns during this period such as the Code of Social Responsibility and Homosexual Law Reform, and the influence of the American Christian right and lobby groups on the debates here.

A book is planned under the working title, *The Transnational Marketing of Morality: Neo-Liberalism and the Moral Right*.



From cow to customer



Paul Blackburn and Peter Cook.

Formed from a merger of New Zealand's biggest dairy industry players, Fonterra brings in approximately 20 percent of the country's GDP. As its global 'milk run' spreads further around the world, Fonterra relies heavily on its technology and people to ensure that the supply chain delivers.

Recent Master of Information Management (MIM) graduates Paul Blackburn and Peter Cook made an in-depth study of the information strategies and infrastructure required by Fonterra to bring in the big global dollars.

Marcel Van der Assum, now Chief Information Officer of Fonterra, was only too happy to work with the pair. He was interviewed as part of the study and also facilitated access to interview some of the other key decision-makers in the merger.

The pair aligned their analysis with the merger approach being taken by Fonterra: the practical aspects of how three organisations' existing technologies would be merged; the human resources side of things including management structure, staffing and intellectual property; and longer-term strategies for IT development. Paul and Peter gained a unique insight into the IT issues surrounding a merger of Fonterra's proportions, whilst also creating a valuable network of associates.

Tony Hooper, Director of the recently introduced MIM, says that the study is an example of the calibre of research that he expects will continue in the MIM. "The MIM is well-placed in Wellington to allow our students to develop working relationships with the many large Government organisations and head offices who have some of the most progressive and interesting IT systems in New Zealand," Tony says. "Case studies like this one will go on to form a valuable resource for future students."

Tony says that the appeal of the MIM is the equal emphasis placed on management skills and on IST skills. "Experienced professionals from many industries want to further their careers by developing their analytical, management and communication skills, and at the same time developing their ability to work with technology that's going to deliver business results," Tony says.

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Sir Ivor comes home



Rt Hon Sir Ivor Richardson, recently retired Court of Appeal President, will share his lifetime's experience with staff and students when he takes up two honorary positions.

He has recently started a three-year

appointment as a Distinguished Fellow at the Law School and has also agreed to become a member of the Advisory Board for the Centre for Accounting, Governance and Taxation Research.

Sir Ivor's connection to Victoria dates from 1969 when he spent four years as a Professor and Dean of the Law School. During this time he also worked in private practice as a barrister specialising in revenue cases. From 1979 to 1986 he was the University's Pro-Chancellor and Chancellor and in 1989 was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws.

Dean of Law, Professor Matthew Palmer, says the Law School is extremely lucky to have someone with the vast wealth of legal experience that Sir Ivor offers. "He will be a valuable resource not just for the University but also the wider legal community."

Professor Keitha Dunstan, Director of the Centre for Accounting, Governance and Taxation Research says she's delighted Sir Ivor has agreed to join the Centre's Advisory Board. He'll sit with other prominent legal and accounting practitioners, providing advice and assisting in driving the Centre's research agenda.

Morena Vietnam

When former Chancellor Russell Marshall went to Hanoi last year, he was delighted to meet more than 50 alumni from the English Language Training for Officials programme (ELTO).

ELTO is funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) and delivered by the School of Linguistics and Applied Language Studies in conjunction with VicLink. Russell was Minister of Foreign Affairs when the first modest intake of Vietnamese officials arrived in 1990.

Today there are two separate courses annually totalling 72 government officials from Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia and, most recently, East Timor. Students spend seven months at Victoria developing English skills to a level that enables them to participate in international conferences.

MFAT says the course, which has helped 452 officials, is paying dividends for New Zealand. John Claasen, MFAT country programme manager for Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand says it's highly valued by the Ministry and by those

who come. "They receive very good tuition and pastoral care here."

Malcolm Menzies, Business Development Manager of VicLink, says major networks have been established in Asia of former students with a high regard for Victoria and New Zealand. "We always joke that they're out there speaking with New Zealand accents in international meetings." An alumni programme is now being established for graduates of the MFAT-sponsored courses.

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Spark to a Waiting Fuse: James K Baxter's Correspondence with Noel Ginn 1942-1946

Paul Millar

"One reads the letters of a great poet for various reasons, not least among them, the hope of discovering some part of the circumstantial scaffolding of his poems." James K Baxter, 1954.

This absorbing and detailed book by English lecturer, Paul Millar offers an extraordinary insight into the young J K Baxter as he erected the scaffolding of his life as a poet. Over four years from age 16, Baxter sent more than 60 letters and 250 poems to Noel Ginn, a conscientious objector who'd been imprisoned for his beliefs. Paul has assembled the poems and letters, many of which are published here for the first time. Spark is, however, more than a collection of Baxter's writings. Its 100 page introduction looks at the young poet's emerging talent and his relationship with Ginn—the literary mentor with whom he shared everything in correspondence, at the mores of war-time New Zealand. Paul says the meticulously crafted and chronicled exchanges with Ginn belie the later image of Baxter as a disorganised, shambling figure. The book, which developed out of a PhD thesis, was finally completed while Paul was an Exchange Professor and Fulbright Scholar at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa during 2000-2001.



Settler Dreaming

Bernadette Hall

A stunning collection of poems from an award-winning writer. *Settler Dreaming* is an exquisite production complete with illustrations from Kathryn Madill.



Chemistry

Damien Wilkins

This novel, Wilkin's fourth, is dark and funny. It's a story about bad choices and about those who suffer the consequences. It's the finest novel yet from this Vic alumnus.



After Bathing at Baxter's: Essays and Notebooks

Gregory O'Brien

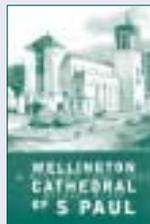
For O'Brien, the essay and notebook are very much 'lived-in' forms. This collection teems with anecdote and personal observation about NZ writing, art and O'Brien's own life.



Billie's Kiss

Elizabeth Knox

A number one NZ best seller, *Billie's Kiss* is a strange, sexy love story combined with an Edwardian mystery. It's another amazing novel from Victoria graduate and author of the critically-acclaimed *The Vintner's Luck*.



Wellington Cathedral of Saint Paul: A History 1840-2001

Michael Blain

Wellington's Cathedral of Saint Paul was consecrated on 15 October 2001. This book is a record of the conflict and resolution, of the change, challenge and achievements along the way.



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Life after Vic

Wherever you are, we are interested in what you are doing. Please write to us with your news at PO Box 600, Wellington, New Zealand or e-mail alumni-association@vuw.ac.nz Many thanks to those who contributed to this edition.

Iris Nolan (nee Dickens) MA(Hons) 1937

Under the name I E Dickens, Iris started writing about her travels around New Zealand during the mid 1930s. This year, as Reed Publishing's oldest surviving writer, Iris' first book *Out of the Mountains* will be reissued as a special anniversary edition to mark 95 years of Reed Publishing (NZ) Ltd. Iris is now in her 80s and living in Northland. She has nine published books, and is currently writing her autobiography.

Gill Boddy Greer BA 1965, PhD 1996

Selected by the Labour Party to contest the Ohariu/Belmont seat. Gill is the Executive Director of the Family Planning Association.

Bob Rigg MA 1967

Senior editor for the United Nations Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in The Hague, the Netherlands, since 1993.

Ian Ball BCA 1969, BCA(Hons) 1970

Appointed Chief Executive of the International Federation of Accountants based in New York. Professor Ball is also Professor of accounting and public policy at Victoria, a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and a principal of Public Sector Performance (New Zealand), which specialises in public sector management systems and training.

Peter Kyle BA 1968, LLB(Hons) 1972

Appointed as Lead Counsel in the World Bank and recently re-elected as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Outward Bound International.



Ian Brackenbury BSc 1973

Teleworking expert based in the Hawkes Bay and employed by IBM UK and as technical executive of IBM's high-volume websites team in San Jose.

David Gendall LLB(Hons) 1973

Appointed a Master of the High Court by Attorney-General Margaret Wilson.

Grant Gilchrist BSc 1981

Director Exploration and New Ventures—West Africa, for Amerada Hess Corporation, an American oil and natural gas company.

Colin Campbell-Hunt PhD 1984

New Professor of Management at the University of Otago, management innovation expert and author of *World Famous in New Zealand*.

David Murray MA 1985

Director and co-founder of EducatingNZ, an education consultancy organisation.



Scott Barker LLB 1986

Newly appointed partner at Buddle Findlay and part of the Wellington based litigation, insolvency and credit recovery team.

Gary Hook PhD 1968, DSc 1986

Chief Executive of Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi in Whakatane and newly appointed board member of the Foundation for Research, Science & Technology.



Bill Shields DipIndReIns 1987

Recently appointed manager of the human resources department, Dunedin City Council. Bill has a varied history of human resources work. He has worked with Sky City Casino, Fletcher Wood Panels and most recently Waikato District Health Board.

Glen Colvin BCA 1988

Has joined Lion Breweries as the Canterbury sales manager. Previously Glen was at the New Zealand Lotteries Commission and Mobil Oil NZ.

Gloria McGirr MEd 1989 and Tim McGirr BSc 1987

Recently the McGirrs opened a Pitman Training Centre, the first outside of the UK and Ireland. Pitman Training is computer based and has evolved from the old Pitman shorthand and typing exams to include

computer technical training. The McGirrs undertook extensive research of UK and Irish Government e-learning initiatives in action before making this move.

Rebecca Priestley BSc(Hons) 1993

Rebecca has started a PhD in the University of Canterbury's new programme in the History and Philosophy of Science. Rebecca's thesis *Nuclear New Zealand: The Big Picture* looks at the history of nuclear science in New Zealand.



Dale Stephens MPP 1997

Running as the National Party candidate for the Ohariu/Belmont electorate in this year's election.

Michael Norris BMus(Hons) 1997

After being the Composer-in-Residence with the Southern Sinfonia 2001, Michael has been appointed to the prestigious Mozart Fellowship at Otago University for 2002.



Kim Young BSc 1987, DipAppSc 1999

Freshwater ecologist with the Department of Conservation, Kim has recently starred in the documentary series, Park Rangers.

Michelle Howard BA 1994, LLB 1996

New associate with Wanganui based Cameron Ross Law Partnership; Michelle works in the fields of family law and civil work as well as assisting with Crown prosecutions.

Darren Hughes BA 1999

Currently executive assistant to outgoing Otaki MP, Labour's Judy Keall, Darren has been selected to stand as Labour's representative in the Otaki electorate in this year's election.

Fritha Jameson BMus(Hons) 1999

Fritha is teaching at Wellington College and on the Composers Advisory Panel administered by SOUNZ—Centre of New Zealand Music.

Adam Art Gallery update



New Director, Sophie McIntyre.

Highly regarded gallery manager and curator Sophie McIntyre started at the end of May as new Director of the Adam Art Gallery. Sophie's appointment will continue the Gallery's growing role as a resource for both Victoria's community of scholars and the now extensive audience of local, national and international visitors.

Sophie, who has been closely involved with Australian university communities in the course of her career, has come to Wellington from the Griffith University

Queensland College of Art Gallery where she held the position of Gallery Manager and lectured in Curatorial Studies and Art Theory. She is presently nearing completion of her PhD entitled *Ideology, Identity and Image: Art in Taiwan*. Already familiar with Victoria University and the Adam Art Gallery, Sophie visited Wellington in 2000 as an independent freelance curator when the Gallery hosted the exhibition *Face to Face: Contemporary Art From Taiwan*. "I'm expecting this role to be both challenging and rewarding, whilst offering a great deal of scope. Having spent many years in Asia, I have enjoyed working in different cultural environments. New Zealand has some great artists, whose work I am familiar with and I look forward to working with many of them," Sophie says.

Sophie will launch two compelling exhibitions at the end of June. Profoundly Deaf American artist Joseph Grigely's wall pieces and table-top tableaux incorporate the scraps of paper he uses to conduct conversations with hearing people when he cannot read their lips. These works explore the unique characteristics and complexities of communication—spoken, written, read or heard.

New work by Christchurch artist Pauline Rhodes gives rise to a very different experience, revealing how her ephemeral works have challenged conventional representations of landscape and traditional sculptural practice in New Zealand. The

exhibition project will coincide with the launch of *Ground/Work: The Art of Pauline Rhodes*, by Christina Barton, Lecturer in Art History, and published by the Adam Art Gallery and Victoria University Press.

Meet new Director, Sophie McIntyre, and join other gallery staff and guests for the opening of these exhibitions: Friday 21 June, 5.30pm. Exhibitions run from 22 June – 18 August 2002.

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Art History student, Rachel Dunne planning the June exhibition with Joseph Grigely.



Joseph Grigely, 8 Blue Conversations, 2000.



Pauline Rhodes, Conduits & Containers: Leakage from the Text (preparatory detail), 2002.



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