

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Colleagues,

Here is the last Newsletter for 2007. Hurrah! The next will be issued in February 2008.

On behalf of Student Services I would like to thank you for your support and goodwill throughout 2007 - we look forward to working with you in 2008. Please have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable festive season.

With our best wishes

Jane Gatwood

SUMMARY OF KEY DATES

7 Dec	Release of Session 2 results
10 Dec	Re-enrolment for continuing students opens
2 Jan	The Enrolment Centre opens (until 22 Jan)
3 Jan	HSC Info Day
13 Jan	Payment due date for Summer Term 2008 (*to be confirmed)
18 Jan	Acceptance of UAC offer and online enrolment opens
3 Feb	Summer Semester Census date for 2008
12 Feb	Academic Advising Day for students enrolling in generalist or combined programs
18 Feb	Summer Session 2008 examinations commence

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ACCOMMODATION SERVICES

Accommodation Services and Facilities Management plan to implement further energy saving initiatives at the three student apartment blocks over the next 3 to 6 months. The measures would include the introduction of roof solar heated panels for the hot water supply, fitting devices to regulate the water flow and the introduction of low flow shower heads.

The team have been allocating vacant rooms at the Student Apartments prior to the start of Semester 1, 2008. Of the 112 vacancies at the Mulwarree Apartments, approximately 80% have already been accepted while 75% of the 65 vacancies in the Barker Apartments have been let.

Two PCs have recently been installed in the UNSW Housing Office reception area to enable students to access our Listings Service online. Our Listings database currently contains 3,678 local, affordable, privately rented rooms to let.

A new UNSW Housing Website is scheduled to be online before Christmas. It will be shared by Accommodation Services, The Kensington Colleges and Campus Living Villages (managers of the new student village in High Street).

Work commenced this week to erect the hoardings at the new Student Village site between Gates 2 and 4 in High Street.

STUDENT SUPPORT CENTRAL

ESOS IS MOVING HOME!

As reported in previous *Student Services Newsletters*, Gerry Braddon, ESOS Student Coordinator is transferring to International Student Services to work with Betty Chow and other ISS colleagues on providing a holistic, 'one-stop-shop' for international student support.

Together with the ISS staff, currently based in the Red Centre, Gerry will be moving to the Goodsell Building and, no doubt, will be advising students and staff of new contact details in due course. As a long-serving member of Student Services - first in Student Central and latterly in charge of ESOS student compliance - we wish Gerry all the very best for the future with his new team.

THE ENROLMENT CENTRE

For all enrolment enquiries or assistance with online acceptance and enrolment between **Wednesday 2 January to Friday 22 February 2008** contact the **Enrolment Support Centre** by phone 9385 1110, or via email enrol@unsw.edu.au or in person at Level 2, UNSW Library. Opening hours are Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm

Reminder

Academic Transcripts and **Award Statements** with Session 2 2007 results will be available from Monday 10 December 2007. Application forms can be downloaded from:

Academic transcript www.transcripts.unsw.edu.au

Awards Statement <https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/academiclife/ReqAwardEnrStatement.pdf>

Applications may take between 3-5 working days to process. For further information please contact Student Central on 9385 8500.

STUDENT SUPPORT CENTRAL continued**UAC ADMISSIONS**

The team is gearing up for the busy December/January period. Key dates over this period include:

7 Dec	Last date to submit UAC application for guaranteed consideration in the Main Round
10 Dec	Enrolment Support Centre opens
19 Dec	HSC results released
20 Dec	UAls released
3 Jan	Preliminary Round of offers (for ADFA, Aviation - Flying and Taxation)
3 Jan	HSC Info Day
4 Jan	Close of change of preference for the Main Round
17 Jan	Main Round offers released (9pm)
18 Jan	Acceptance of offer and online enrolment opens
25 Jan	Main Round offers must be accepted by 5pm
31 Jan	Late Round offers released
7 Feb	Final Round offers released
29 Feb	Late and Final Round offers must be accepted by 5pm

UAC Admissions Bulletins

Periodically between now and March, email bulletins containing more detailed information about UAC admissions will be sent to Deans and Faculty Managers to distribute to relevant staff. Please contact your Faculty Manager if you do not receive this and require general admissions information to answer enquiries. The bulletins will be useful for any staff attending UNSW Info Day in January and staff who are required to handle admissions queries from local undergraduate applicants when Main Round offers are released in January.

DIRECT ADMISSIONS**NARIC access**

The Direct Admissions Office subscribes to a number of external sources for admissions and regional-relevant information. One such body is NARIC, essentially a UK version of our own National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (NOOSR). Recently for security reasons, UNSW has had to change passwords and user account details. If you used NARIC previously, or believe you have a need to access this service, please contact Ken Bright k.bright@unsw.edu.au to discuss.

UAC International

Currently UNSW has over 1,500 applicants nominating UNSW as one of their preferences, with 658 students (approx 28% of the entire applicant pool) choosing UNSW as their first preference. Offers will be released progressively in a number of offer runs following the release of UAls and other state's equivalent scores. For further information please contact Julie Groth j.groth@unsw.edu.au or Hector Romero h.romero@unsw.edu.au

Direct Comparative Statistics

Statistical reports will now be run on a weekly/fortnightly basis. Currently the direct team is up in all significant areas for the application cohorts that are processed by the team. The most noticeable area of growth continues to be postgraduate coursework for international applicants, which is more than 1,000 offers up from this time last year. For a copy of the latest statistics, or to be included in the distribution list please contact Ken Bright k.bright@unsw.edu.au

STUDENT SYSTEMS AND BUSINESS SOLUTIONS (SSABS)

Workplace Visit T(r)iggers Historic Red-bag Sighting Opportunity

Children from Tiggers Place Child Care Centre recently visited the Scheduling and Academic Requirements Unit as part of their "Workplace Visits" program. *(It's actually part of the top secret 'early recruitment' program, but we're not supposed to talk about that – Ed.)*

While we had no exciting labs, experiments, or animals to show off, we were able to show our distinguished guests our impressive timetabling software and teach them about the pros and cons of a career in Timetabling.

Were they impressed? Are there any future timetablers in the group? Check back in the December 2022 edition of this newsletter.



Teaching Timetable Update

The Semester One 2008 Teaching Timetable was released to students on Monday 26 November.

In preparation for enrolment (commencing Monday 10 December), Schools should make any necessary updates to class records in myUNSW Class Maintenance. This includes scheduling any non-centrally timetabled classes such as small Honours classes. If needed, this is a good time to update records for centrally timetabled classes, including statuses (e.g. set some small-group classes as "tentative"), add "reserve capacities" (quotas), class notes, or changes to the allocation of teaching staff.

If students have issues with the timetable in regard to clashes etc. they should be advised to contact their Program Authority who can determine the validity of the issue and where necessary report it to the Scheduling and Requirements Unit via timetabling@unsw.edu.au for follow up.

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Students and staff should be advised to check back for changes to room allocations just prior to the commencement of the relevant teaching period as some changes to venues are inevitable in order to accommodate changed imperatives in the timetable. For further information see our recent memo at: <https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/Staff/UNSWideTimetabling.html>

A Summary of useful Timetabling related resources

Resource	Web address / Service	Description	Main audience
Class Utilisation	http://my.unsw.edu.au/classutil	Class Management Summary Enquiry site. Useful for monitoring classes and enrolments throughout the enrolment period. Updated: three times per day.	Staff
Class Timetable	www.timetable.unsw.edu.au	Integrated with Online Handbook and courses can be searched by Subject Area or by Teaching Period. Useful resource for students to enquire on available classes. Updated: Nightly.	Students
Room Booking Enquiries	http://cgi.cse.unsw.edu.au/~nss/tt/	Useful for enquiring on Room bookings and searching for available rooms. A room booking request form is available on the site which pre-populates pertinent information. Also used for reviewing the draft teaching timetable prior to upload to myUNSW. Updated: Generally daily.	Staff
myUNSW Services	Class Maintenance	Scheduling of non-centrally timetabled classes. Maintenance of aspects of centrally timetabled classes including enrolment capacities, class notes, reserve capacities, statuses etc. Summary Class Management information, Request New Class, and View Class Enrolment List facilities also available.	Admin staff and course conveners
myUNSW Services	Class Enrolment Management	Message students, close classes and move students between classes for a course.	Admin staff and course conveners
myUNSW Services	Class Search	Search on classes by Semester and a range of other criteria.	Students and staff
myUNSW Services	My Teaching Schedule	Week by week view of personal teaching timetable and access to Class enrolment lists for relevant courses.	Teaching staff

Recent memos and training guides

See the UNSW Timetabling site at <https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/Staff/UNSWideTimetabling.html>

SSABS continued

General Education Requirements – Changes for 2008

Amendments to General Education requirements for UNSW students have recently been approved by the University Council. The amendments have been designed to provide greater academic rigour to the General Education curriculum; to provide students with a more in depth understanding of disciplines outside their own current program of study; and to increase the number of units of GE that can be substitutes by mainstream courses.

The new amendments will see the progressive introduction of 6 unit General Education courses from Semester 1 2008. No new 3 unit GE courses will be introduced from the beginning of 2008 although students will be given the opportunity to study existing 3 unit courses in 2008 and 2009. A review of all remaining 3 unit courses will be undertaken in Semester 2 2009.

Transitional arrangement A transitional period will allow students to adjust to the amended GE requirements. For Semester 1 2008 only, students will be able to take a maximum 3 units of GE courses from the Faculty that is the authority for their program, and make up the rest of the 12 units with GE courses from other Faculties (a maximum 6 units can be taken from any one Faculty).

Changes in Semester 2 2008 From Semester 2 2008 onwards, students will need to make up their 12 units of GE courses from Faculties which are *not* the authority for their own program. This also applies to ADFA students who must take courses from outside their home discipline cluster.

Mainstream Course Substitutions From the start of 2008 students will be able to substitute up to 12 units of mainstream courses for GE, as long as these are taken from Faculties which are *not* the authority for their own program.

Academic English Substitutions In addition, students with an identified need may substitute approved academic English courses for up to 6 units of General Education.

Exemptions Requirements for students wholly or partially exempted from General Education still remain. Students undertaking combined undergraduate degrees will still satisfy the 12 units of GE courses requirement from within their combined program, and students with an identified need will still be able to substitute approved academic English courses for up to 6 units of General Education.

For further information see the General Education page of the Online Handbook.

Scholarships Process Improvement – The Mass Update

A new process has been developed within NewSouth Student that allows for scholarship holder records to be updated as a group. Scholarships staff (in the Scholarships Unit and the Graduate Research School) are able to define the target holder group by scholarship award and other criteria. They can then run an iterative process to refine and “clean” the records before finally submitting the changes.

This process will save many hours of data entry work, as staff can make several sets of changes to each holder's record in the same process run. This is especially useful for the larger scholarship groups which have hundreds of active holders (such as Commonwealth Learning Scholarships and Australian Postgraduate Awards). This means, in turn, that students can receive payment more quickly.

STUDENT ADMINISTRATION AND RECORDS (STAR)

EXAMINATIONS

The Semester 2 2007 end of session examinations ended on Tuesday 27 November. Unfortunately we experienced the usual hiccups; more than 100 last minute corrections to exam questions, examination referees not being available, plus a few that were a bit more unusual, (including traffic chaos with students attempting a right hand turn into the Racecourse across 3 lanes of fast moving peak hour traffic); but we made it! Thank you to all those in Student Services, Schools/Faculties who helped us through the examination cycle and a special thank you to the Day Gang; we couldn't run exams without you.

Examinations in 2008 will be very different; among other changes we're looking at 3 exam sessions per day, exams on Saturdays and a raft of minor procedural modifications. We plan to visit all Faculties during February 2008 to discuss these changes with academic and administrative staff.

Summer Session 2008 examinations will commence on Monday 18 February 2008.

For information about examinations please contact Grant Walter extn 53086 or g.walter@unsw.edu.au

ENROLMENT

Re-enrolment for Semester 1 2008 will open on Monday 10 December 2007.

STAR has Term Activated all currently enrolled students, students on approved Leave of Absence and students returning after Suspension in order that they can re-enrol. Students who were not on approved Leave of Absence in Semester 2 2007 and who want to re-enrol will need to contact their Program Authority in the first instance.

Enrolment appointments for continuing undergraduate and, for the first time, **postgraduate** students have been updated. Re-enrolment will open progressively, with students in higher stages having priority. Open enrolment will open on Thursday 20 December.

UNSW Student Services will again co-ordinate an Academic Advising Day for students enrolling in generalist or combined programs to be held in Central Lecture Block on Tuesday 12 February 2008. This event is for both new and continuing undergraduate and postgraduate coursework students and will supplement Faculty/School based Academic Advising activities.

As we need to publicise all Academic Advising activities, would Faculties and Schools please advise Grant Walter, extn 53086 or g.walter@unsw.edu.au, of their proposed undergraduate and postgraduate coursework advising schedule/activities as soon as possible?

For information about enrolment please contact Veronika Roth extn 52435 or v.roth@unsw.edu.au

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ACADEMIC STANDING

After Assessment Review Groups have met and result changes have been entered in NSS, Provisional Academic Standing will be recalculated on Thursday 6 December (prior to the release of results on 7 December).

Following recalculation, Academic Standing reports will be sent to Program Authorities. Program Authorities are asked to review students' standing, assign advisers and, where necessary, apply overrides. All changes should be finalised on NSS by 12 noon on Monday 7 January 2008. After this deadline, program authorities are asked not to make any further changes to student's Academic Standing on NSS but rather notify STAR if changes are needed. Following this deadline, Academic Standing will be recalculated to ensure that any late results changes are included in students standing.

Please be careful to assign standing for the correct term, i.e. 5077 even though students will be activated for the later terms of 5081 & 5084.

Academic Standing will be considered provisional until Wednesday 9 January. Students will be advised in their results email that they should check their Academic Standing on myUNSW after this date and follow any instruction given (e.g. consult an Academic Advisor).

Academic Standing Letters will then be mailed to students who have a standing of Suspension or Exclusion. All students with a standing other than Good or Pending will be able to view their academic standing letter on myUNSW when they choose the "Academic Standing" option. Academic Standing emails will also be sent to all students who have a standing other than Good or Pending.

Students with a standing of Suspension or Exclusion will have until 5pm, Wednesday 6 February to lodge an appeal.

Due to the limited time period we have in which to finalise the appeal process, from Tuesday 8 January Academic Standing will be recalculated, but no student will be placed on Suspension or Exclusion even though his or her late results may be fails. These students will be manually allocated their previous session's standing.

It is important that late or withheld results are finalised as soon as possible so that academic standing can be determined accurately. Students whose standing cannot be determined will be assigned Pending standing.

Please Note: At the August meeting of the Academic Board revisions to the undergraduate Academic Standing rules were approved, effective from Semester, 2007. These include:

- satisfactory progress will be defined as passing more than 50% of units of credit attempted.
- the number of levels of standing will be reduced to 4 levels – good, referral, probation and suspension.
- students whose academic standing is determined as Referral or Probation will be required to have their next semester's enrolment approved by an academic advisor.

Academic Standing policy and procedures including all changes to the Undergraduate Academic Standing rules can be found on the myUNSW website:

<https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/academiclife/assessment/AcademicStandingExplanation.html>

For enquiries please contact Kylie Doust on ext 51079 or k.doust@unsw.edu.au

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GRADUATIONS

The 2008 Graduation Schedule will soon be published on www.graduations.unsw.edu.au in time for the release of Semester 2 2007 results. Graduation information on myUNSW is also being updated. Students do not require a login and password to access the information pages. All the information that is mailed to students (except the actual tickets) can also be accessed from the website.

The Potential Graduand Identifier for Summer Session 2008 will be run in late December. An email will be sent when this occurs.

Graduation Deadlines The deadline for graduation processing for the main round ceremonies (students who completed studies within Semester 2 2007 or prior) is Friday 15 February 2008. The deadline for graduation processing for the late reserved ceremonies (students who complete studies within Summer Session 2008) is Monday 31 March 2008.

STUDENT FEES

2008 Tuition Fee Schedule see <https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/fees/ScheduleTuitionFees.html>

2008 Student Contribution Charges see <https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/fees/StudentContributionCurrent.html>

Summer Semester Census and Payment Due Date

Summer Semester Census date for 2008 is 3 February, 2008. A full list of 2008 Census Dates can be found at: <https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/fees/CensusDates.html> The payment due date for Summer Semester 2008 will likely be 13 January, 2008. Student Financials are in the process of finalising some of the changes related to the Academic Calendar, which is making it difficult to confirm a payment due date at this time.

Student Debt

All students in arrears will have a Denial of Services Indicator (DSI) on their record preventing access to academic services and re-enrolment. Students should view their Fee Statement online before contacting Student Financials if they have a query regarding their DSI block. Students with an outstanding liability will be referred to a third party collection agency.

COUNSELLING SERVICE

ACADEMIC ADVISING NEWS

Please pass this information on to any Academic Advisors new to the role and who may not be on the academic advisor e-distribution list.

1. The next **Academic Advisor Introductory Workshop** will be held on 8 January, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm, in Room 2008 Level 2 East Wing Quadrangle Building. Please register with counselling@unsw.edu.au if you would like to attend.

This workshop can be repeated on request from a group of 4 or more staff from a School, Faculty or department. If you would like a workshop run please contact Annie Andrews a.andrews@unsw.edu.au or phone extn 55418.

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Academic advising continued

2. Academic Advisor/Advising information is now included in A-Z Guide of myUNSW. See

Student A-Z: <https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/atoz/AcademicAdvising.html>

Staff A-Z: <https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/atoz/AcademicAdvisors.html>

3. Development of website to assist students in contacting the appropriate academic advisor and to support the academic advisor role

We have started a website project to support academic advising and academic advisors. A link to the test site will be circulated to the academic advisor e-list shortly. We are starting with a simple structure and hope to have this active for the 2008 academic advising season following results release for Session 2 2007. Comments and suggestions are invited from current advisors about useful functions to include on the site in the longer term.

4. Academic Advisor e-list and Resources for Academic Advisors and students not in good academic standing:

Our website has a section on the Academic Progress rules and the content of the Phoenix Rising Workshops; a workshop for students 'at risk' academically. You and your students can access all the Phoenix Rising information and worksheets. Go to the help your self section of the website and see *Phoenix Rising Workshop Online* at

http://www.counselling.unsw.edu.au/help_yourself/academic_progress/academic_standing_intro.htm

For Academic progress rules for undergraduate and postgraduate course work students see

<https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/atoz/AcademicStanding.html>

Please forward feedback and comments about Phoenix Rising Online to Annie Andrews, a.andrews@unsw.edu.au

Phoenix Rising Workshops for students will be run following release of Session 2 results – **workshop details will soon be on our website**. Students are to be encouraged to attend and to register their attendance with the Counselling Service on 938 55418 or via counselling@unsw.edu.au. **Please do refer students not in good standing to the Counselling Service and the Phoenix Rising Workshops or to the Phoenix Rising Online Workshop.**

If you want to subscribe or unsubscribe from this e-list please send an email message to majordomo@explode.unsw.edu.au and include in the message area the words: <subscribe academic-advisor> or <unsubscribe academic-advisor> as appropriate. You will be automatically included or removed from the list.

PEER MENTORING @UNSW

Planning for the Peer Mentoring programs for commencing students is currently in full swing. Much of the mentor training will be conducted in the two weeks prior to Week 1 Semester 1, 2008. Georgina (Peer Mentoring @UNSW Coordinator) has met with the coordinators of Faculty based and centralised mentoring programs over the last few months. The coordinators have met to give feedback on this year and plan initiatives.

The number of mentoring programs available across UNSW for our first year students is on target to be the most yet since mentoring@UNSW started in 2001. A new initiative for 2008 will be a Peer Mentoring@UNSW website that will facilitate first year students registering for inclusion in a mentoring program and also support the coordinators in their role. Any queries or feedback, please contact Georgina Barratt-See extn 55418 or via peermentoring@unsw.edu.au

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WEEK ZERO, SEMESTER 1 2008 WORKSHOPS

The following workshops have been scheduled for commencing and returning students. Workshop themes have been planned to appeal to students under the MyStart or ReStart programs. Topics that are covered include:

- **Achieving your Personal Best at Uni** (Goal setting, Time management, Procrastination, Stress management, Relaxation, Exam Anxiety, Managing your relationship with your supervisor)
- **Managing Life Transitions** (Managing relationships, juggling jobs and uni etc)
- **Getting on track** (Making changes from undergraduate to postgraduate studies to help you stay on track)

***Registration is essential, see www.counselling.unsw.edu.au*

'MyStart' for commencing undergraduate students

1 x 1.5 hour workshop, repeated daily Monday to Friday

3.00 – 4.30 pm

Venue to be advised

Topic : 7 habits of highly effective students - Secrets of success at university – making the transition to university. Starting university can often be a daunting experience – a new place, new faces, and a new way of learning. Studying at university requires a very different set of skills to studying at school. Some will have moved to Sydney to study and find that the adjustment process can be difficult. This 90 minute workshop for new undergraduate students provides a 'taster' of some of the workshops that we will run throughout the semester to assist students get on track with their studies and with university life. Topics will cover:

"MyStart" for Postgrad coursework students

1 x 1.5 hour workshop being held on Tuesday 4th March,

3.00 - 4.30pm (scheduled just prior to P/G Coursework Welcome)

Venue to be advised

Skills for success in postgraduate coursework studies – making the transition to postgraduate study at university. Starting postgraduate studies is a time of transition and makes a significant impact on the pattern of life. Not only are students starting a new degree, but most postgraduates also have to balance other commitments such as work, family, living independently, moving to a new university and personal issues.

"ReStart" for returning undergrad students

1 x 1.5 hour workshop, repeated daily Tuesday to Friday

3.00 - 4.30pm

Venue to be advised

"Staying the Distance and Achieving Personal Best": Maintaining motivation to graduation! This workshop for returning students will provide a "taster" of some of the workshops and on-line material provided by the Counselling Service to help students achieve their personal best and survive the commonly experienced "midway blues".

"ReStart" for Postgraduate coursework students:**Overcoming postgraduate hurdles to cross the finish line!**

1 x 1.5 hour workshop: Tuesday 4th March 3.00- 4.30pm

(scheduled just prior to P/G Coursework Welcome)

Venue to be advised

COUNSELLING SERVICE continued

OUTREACH WORKSHOPS FOR WEEKS 1-10 SEMESTER 1 2008

Workshops running during Semester Weeks 2-12 will be promoted to students under the banner "Achieving your Personal Best" and will target specific student cohorts. Workshops **currently** planned include:

Workshops/seminars open to ALL students

HeadStart for the session (time management, goal setting, study skills, fit for study [self-care])
Relaxation and Meditation (beginners and advanced classes)
Taking Charge of Fear and Anxiety - ACT and CBT focus options
Making the most of your Memory
Managing Low Mood/Depression - ACT and CBT focus options
Preventing Procrastination
Relationships and their challenges
Communication – Working in Groups
Managing Exam Anxiety
Dealing with Panic
Assertiveness for Women
Save your Session (for students who need a mid session booster)

A workshop specifically for FIRST YEAR UNDERGRADUATE students

Stress & Time Management

Workshops/seminars specifically for POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH students

Changing Roles from undergrad to Post-Grad: Exploring your role as a researcher
Your Relationship with Your Supervisor: Your rights & responsibilities?
Creativity: How does it apply in your discipline?
Managing Stress and your Life: Include your life in your research plan

Honours Students seminar

Relationship with supervisor
Managing Stress and your Thesis: How to include your life in your thesis Plan

Registrations for these workshops are required and students can enrol for our workshop promotional e-list via our website: www.counselling.unsw.edu.au

CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT

“Lucy” Inspires Leadership

UNSW Careers and Employment and Deloitte proudly hosted the closing celebrations of the Lucy Mentoring Program on Thursday 29 November. It was a deserved finale for all participants, as it represented the coming together of female mentors from business, law and government who inspired, motivated and educated their younger student counterparts.



The outcomes were indeed inspirational and were evident as the young women presented their experiences and the value they added to their field of study. Deputy Chancellor, Ms Gabrielle Upton spoke on behalf of UNSW and reinforced the necessity of such a program to foster future female leaders. Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Richard Henry also offered his congratulations to the program participants and organisers.

The Lucy Mentoring Program achieved its objectives, and more, in its inaugural year at UNSW and was highly praised by Ms Kate Parker, Acting Assistant Director, NSW Office for Women. As a representative from the Department of Premier and Cabinet, she applauded Taye Morris, Manager of Careers and Employment for implementing the program at UNSW. She reiterated the program's aim to communicate the diversity of opportunities available to women in both the private and public sectors and to provide students with access to a network of senior managers. For more information and photos see: <http://www.careers.unsw.edu.au/news/lucygrad.aspx>



CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT continued

Dawn White elected National President of NAGCAS!

The National Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services (NAGCAS) is the leading national association for career development practitioners and services involved in careers and employment in the Australian higher education sector, and encompasses all universities in Australia. It was a great honour for Dawn White to be elected national President by her peers nationally at the recent annual NAGCAS Conference held at the University of Wollongong. The organising committee of the Conference included representatives from the University of Wollongong, UNSW (Dawn White), UTS, the University of Sydney, ANU and UWS. The themes included Work Integrated Learning, Strengthening Professional Practice and Global Career Development. The Conference attracted a record 150 delegates, including international, and included a range of 24 workshops as well as panel sessions and keynote speeches.

Vocational Guidance Workshop

Careers and Employment held the third Vocational Guidance workshop for UNSW Alumni and members of the public in November. This is a very practical and interactive workshop, held over two Thursday evenings, designed to help people who are at a crossroads in their career and wish to change direction. Participants complete a series of vocational assessment tools to identify career options that match their most important values, career interests, personality style and key skills, strengths and knowledge areas. They then develop a Career Action Plan, including setting goals and identifying how to overcome potential obstacles that might hold them back. Feedback has been very positive with participants enjoying the interactive nature of the workshop and the structured approach to self-assessment and career exploration.

TRIVIA NIGHT

50 people attended our second, and very successful, Trivia Night on Friday 23 November which was held in the Cougar Bar at the Roundhouse. A big 'thank you' to Arc for their generous support; especially to Jodieann Dawe who donated the use of the venue and prizes, and to Jason Lyons for hosting the evening. Thanks also to Georgina Barratt-See and the Student Services Communications Group for organising the evening.

Photo below: The winning team ... more photos over page



... trivia enthusiasts

