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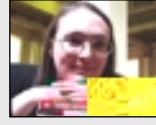
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Rise in applications: students vote 'yes' to study at Adelaide

ADELAIDE University's reputation as the premier university in South Australia has been reinforced by the latest student application figures, which show an almost 30% increase in total preferences for 2002 compared with this time last year.

The figures, from SATAC (South APTe Atiary Admissions Centre), show that the number of students who have put Adelaide UnivAersity as their first prefAerence has increased by 14.4%, while the total number of preferences for Adelaide has jumped by

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Major capital works and facelift planned

ADELAIDE University's capital works program for 2002 includes provision of teaching facilities for the new Elder School of Music and completion of the new School of Petroleum Engineering and Management ion of

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One tale to rule them all and in the darkness bind them

AFTER the events of September 11, it's not hard to imagine a world in which those who represent freedom and democracy are threatened by a source of great power and evil.

It's a feeling that was shared, no doubt, by those who lived through or were born during World War Two, the people who were the first in history to read a book that many now regard as one of the greatest stories ever written.

Since its publication in 1954, *The Lord of the Rings* by JRR Tolkien has endured as a tale of heroism in a world of increasing darkness. Although a "fantasy", its themes of good versus evil, the changing nature of the world and heroism are still just as applicable to Western society today as they were half a century ago.

This month *The Lord of the Rings*, considered the grandfather of modern fantasy literature,

Carlyle on campus for racial injustice film

A FILM about the controversial trial of an Aboriginal man charged with the rape and murder of a country schoolgirl in the 1950s will feature Adelaide University in two key scenes.

Rupert Maxwell Stuart was found guilty of the rape and murder of a Ceduna schoolgirl and sentenced to hang. It was revealed that a confession had been beaten out of him, and

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1.00pm Friends of the State Library Talk:

Speaker: Angela Heuzenroeder (Author/Teacher/Librarian). \$6.60/ \$5.50 Conc/\$4.00 members. The Auditorium, rear of SA Art Gallery.

12noon Hanson Institute Seminar: Title to be advised by Professor Perry Bartlett (Head, Neurobiology Group, The Walter & Eliza Hall Institute, Melbourne). Robson Lecture Theatre, Level 1, Eleanor Harrald Building, RAH.

1.00pm Chemical Pathology Seminar:

The effects of recombinant osteogenic protein-1 on growth plate repair in a sheep model by Ms Belinda Thomas (PhD student, Orthopaedic Surgery). The turnover of chondroitin sulphate by Mr Julian Adams (PhD student, Matrix Biology Unit). Seminar Room 1, 4th Floor, Reiger Building, WCH.

4.00pm Applied and Molecular Ecology

Seminar: A novel approach for the identification of coagulation proteins in *Galleria mellonella* by Ms Dongmei Li (PhD final seminar). McLeod Lecture Theatre, Waite Campus.

11.30am Social Inquiry Seminar:

The Metropole as Antipodes: Australian Women in London and Constructing National Identity in the early 20th century by Professor Angela Woollacott (History, Case Western Reserve University, USA). Seminar Room, Level 3, 10 Pulteney Street.

1.00pm Microbiology & Immunology

Seminar: Title to be advised by Professor Amanda Goodman (School of Biological Sciences, Flinders University). Room 102, Molecular Life Sciences Building.

12noon Hanson Institute Seminar:

Scavenger receptor CD36 - control of expression and possible functions in lipid metabolism by Associate Professor Graham Mayrhofer (Molecular Biosciences). Robson

Lecture Theatre, Level 1, Eleanor Harrald Building, Royal Adelaide Hospital.

1.00pm Chemical Pathology Seminar:

A Brief History of Coopers Brewery in South Australia by Coopers Brewery. Seminar Room

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Recognition for suicide prevention

Dr Sheila Clark from the Department of General Practice has received the prestigious Farberow Award from the International Association for Suicide Prevention.

The award is given "in recognition of outstanding contributions in the field of bereavement and survivors after suicide", and is given for both research and clinical work.

Dr Clark is an expert in grief and suicide and has worked in the field since 1986, when she was asked to help establish a support group in Adelaide for people bereaved through suicide.

Her experiences led her to write a book, *After Suicide: Help for the Bereaved*, which has been adopted by many suicide prevention programs in Australia and overseas.

Dr Clark has been actively involved in suicide prevention programs and has established support networks for those experiencing grief, in particular the Grieflink website project in 1998 and as a member of the Keep Yourself Alive national educational program.

She has published papers on suicide and grief in medical journals and co-authored a chapter with Professor Bob Goldney in the new *International Handbook of Suicide and Attempted Suicide*. A member of Suicide Prevention Australia and chairperson of the association's bereavement stream, she has recently finished a term as president of the National Association of Loss and Grief for South Australia. For the last three years Dr Clark has been a member of the South Australian Suicide Prevention Advisory Group, which advises the Minister for Human Services.

Dr Clark said the award was a great honour. "I value the award because of the recognition that it gives to a previously neglected area of health care," she said.

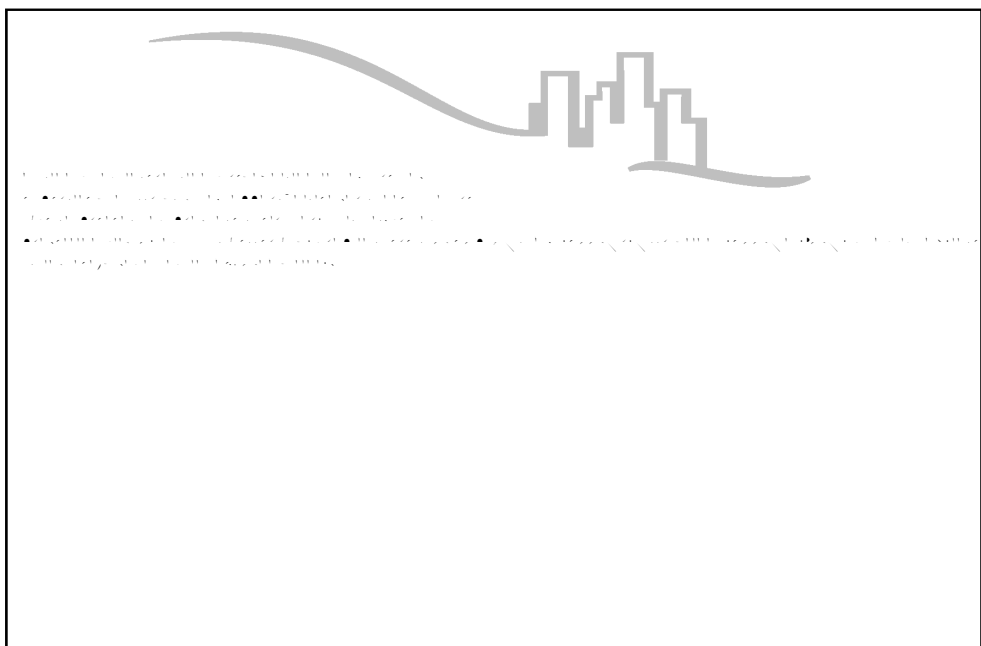
Awards recognise staff efforts

Dr Eileen Scott from the Department of Applied & Molecular Ecology has been named Adelaide University's Supervisor of the Year.

The annual awards are made by the Postgraduate Students' Association in recognition of excellence among those staff who support the research and education of postgraduate students. Nominations for the awards are made by students and colleagues. While not all nominees can be winners, to receive a nomination is an honour in itself.

Lecturer of the Year went to Dr Margaret Secombe from Education. Dr Ray Peterson from the Medical Education Unit received a Special Commendation; particularly cited was his care and attention to new international students.

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Chance meeting, renewed contact for alumnus

IAN WING is one of those Adelaide University graduates whose job has important spin-offs for Adelaide and the nation.

Mr Wing, who graduated in 1973 with a Bachelor of Economics with Honours, is the Senior Trade Commissioner - USA with the Australian Embassy in Washington DC. His duties involve helping Australian companies to win export business and generate investment for Australia.

He remembers his studies at Adelaide fondly, and was reminded of them again earlier this year when he happened to meet the University's delegation at the Bio2001 biotech convention in the United States.

"I was very surprised and at the same time very pleased to see Adelaide University represented at Bio2001," Mr Wing said. "It was good to see the University reaching out and pushing its expertise commercially at the conference."

One of the Adelaide delegates, Ms Janet Dibb-Smith, Director of Research Policy and Support with the newly formed Adelaide Research & Innovation (ARI), has maintained links with Mr Wing and met

with him again on his recent trip to Adelaide.

Mr Wing said he enjoys walking through the University's North Terrace Campus whenever he comes back to Adelaide.

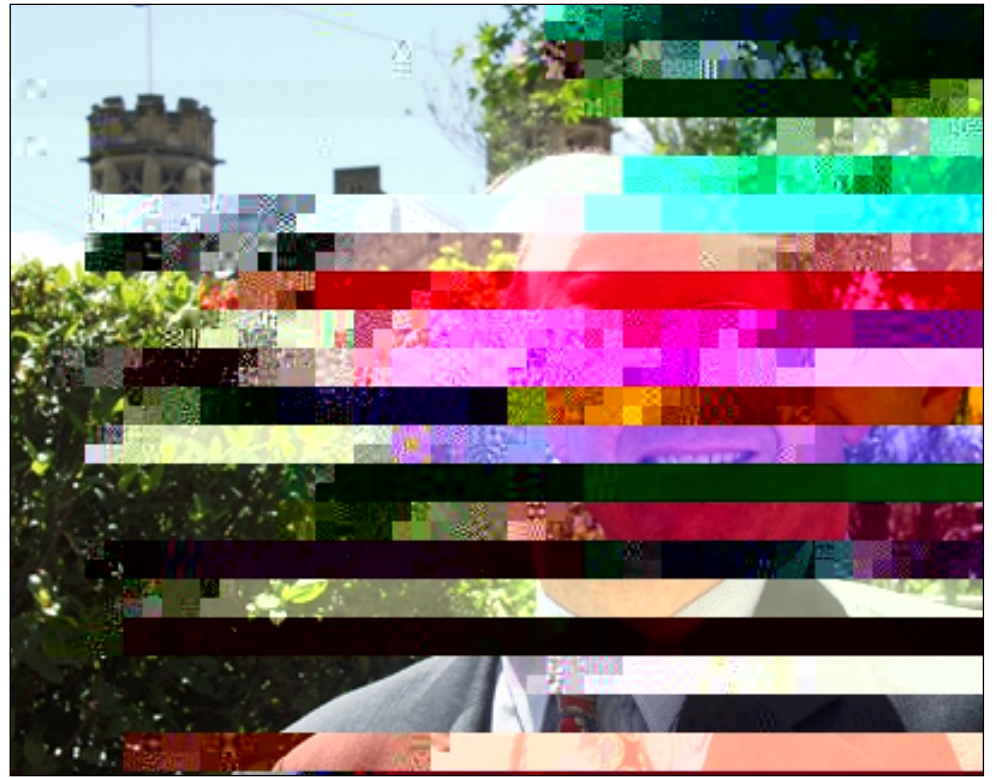
"I made a lot of friends here and it's always a good feeling to be back on campus. The grounds haven't really changed that much, but obviously there are major changes at this university, as in many other universities, in commercialising research," he said.

Although Mr Wing's own children have attended universities in the United States, "it's just a matter of geography".

"If I'd still been living in Adelaide I would have sent my kids here, because the good quality of the education, the rigour and discipline of study compares very favourably with universities in the US," he said.

Mr Wing, like many, has been affected by the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington on September 11. He said the mood in Washington was "subdued, but there's also determination there".

"Many people have become security-aware, but the reaction of most is very consistent with the US spirit—in some ways it's brought out the best in the community," he said.



Mr Ian Wing. Photo: David Ellis.

THE 1951 Golden Jubilee Commemoration Ceremony was held in Bonython Hall on Friday, October 19 to honour those graduates celebrating the 50th anniversary since graduation from Adelaide University.

The ceremony was set to reflect a similar format to that of the original graduation ceremony in held in 1951.

This was the 15th Golden Jubilee Commemoration, the first having been held in 1986 to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the opening of Bonython Hall. Seventy-eight graduates travelled from overseas and

