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The University, through its Business School, has received full accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International. This is an Australian first, making the University the first in Australia to be awarded accredited status for the full range of degrees. It benchmarks the University and its Business School with the highest standard of achievement for business schools worldwide.

The Audit visit program includes an open session from 4-5.30pm, June 3 when any UQ staff member or student may meet with the Audit Panel in a 10-minute session. To book an appointment, contact Karen Wheeler or Margaret Lavery (ext 69220). For details, visit www.uq.edu.au/quality/index.html?id=11026&pid=4477

UQ graduate Air Commodore Julie Hammer, Commandant of the Australian Defence Force Academy and Australia's highest-ranking female officer, will examine tertiary education and the Australian Defence Force at the annual UQ Ipswich Oration on Monday, June 2. For tickets (\$22 each including wine and cheese), contact the UQ Ipswich Student Centre (telephone 3381 1011).

Couples (engaged, married or living as a committed couple) for up to five years are invited to attend and evaluate a one-day workshop promoting relationship well-being through the resolution of hurt feelings. Topics include communication, management of emotions, partner perspective-taking and forgiveness. For details, contact PhD candidate Jenny Fitzgerald (email j.fitzgerald@psy.uq.edu.au)

Nominations (expression of interest, up to two pages long and addressing selection criteria) are due by May 28 for the Australian Awards for University Teaching, Institutional Awards. These should be sent to Marcelle Kancachian, Academic Policy Unit, J.D. Story Building, St Lucia campus (ext 51321, email m.kancachian@admin.uq.edu.au) For AAUT details, visit

The University will confer two honorary degrees on May 29. The Honourable Sir William Deane, AC, KBE, Governor-General 1996-2001, will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws at the 5pm graduation ceremony and author Janette Turner Hospital, a UQ graduate, will receive an honorary Doctor of Letters at 8pm. To join the academic processions for the May 27 and 29 ceremonies, register at www.uq.edu.au/gradinvitations

Sean Greentree, previously Assistant General Manager at Cavill's Norman Hotel, Woolloongabba, has joined the University of Queensland Staff and Graduates Club as manager. His wide experience includes posts at the Heritage Hotel (now Stamford Plaza), Sheraton Noosa, Sheraton Alice

Springs, Novotel Twin Waters, Queensland Cricketers Club and South Molle Island Resort. Other changes at the Club include new lunch and dinner menus in the Eleanor Room from May 12.

Free influenza immunisations are available for full- or part-time University staff from 8-10am, May 22 at Room 111, Health Service, St Lucia campus. Only enough vaccine remains for 50 persons, so book early (email only r.buck@uq.edu.au). After May 22, staff seeking flu immunisation at Health Service will pay for consultations and vaccines.

Pick up a free StarOffice CD for home use from the ITS Service Centre or AskIT. StarOffice has a simple interface and includes word processing, spreadsheet, presentation, graphics and database capabilities. It is compatible with other office suites. For details, contact ITS (ext 56000) or visit www.uqconnect.net/cd-news.html and click on the StarOffice link.

Publishing club UQ Vanguard is holding a free Powwow (including music by a jazz band, a watercolour exhibition and refreshments) at 6.30pm, May 22 in the Innes Room to launch Tongues and Crystals. The club is also calling submissions by May 26 for Wax and Water. Emerging writers (fiction and non-fiction), poets, artists, photographers and designers can submit work examining a dynamic between two concrete objects, such as wax and water. For details, contact Max Leskiewicz or Katherine Del Mar (email uqvanguard@uq.edu.au).

Adrian Walsh, University of New England will discuss The economic casuistry of the medieval schoolman from 3-5pm, May 16 in Room 348, Forgan Smith Building, St Lucia campus. For details of other seminars in this series, visit www.uq.edu.au/hprc/eventphil.html or contact Marguerite La Caze (ext 53443, email m.lacaze@uq.edu.au).

The University Orchestra and Chorale will perform Schubert's Unfinished Symphony and Haydn's Mass in Bb Harmoniemesse at the 4MBS Festival Finale concert (www.uq.edu.au/news/index.phtml?article=4369) from 2pm in the Concert Hall, Queensland Performing Arts Complex. Tickets (\$15 adults, \$10 students/concession/4MBS subscribers) are available from QTIX (telephone 136 246, www.qtix.com.au) or on May 25 at the door.

Staff and students in the School of Music's new course Women and Music will give a free concert celebrating women composers at 1pm, May 26 in the Nickson Room, Zelman Cowen Building, St Lucia campus. Guest performers include the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra and contemporary Brisbane ensemble Stomping on Venus.

IP Australia, the Federal Government agency administering patents, trademarks and designs, will hold a free seminar (including morning tea and lunch) on IP issues in the mining industry from 9am-1pm, May 30 at the Carlton Crest Hotel. To register, telephone 1800 010 999 or email your name, company, phone/fax/email to marketing@ipaustalia.gov.au before May 23.

Everyone is invited to the School of Land and Food Sciences' Great Sunflower Weigh-in 9am-12.30pm, May 30 at the UQ Centre. The event includes staff/student presentations, a free morning tea and weighing of sunflower competition entries grown by students from the University, an agricultural college, a local pre-school and 13 high schools. For details, contact Andrea Adkins (ext 51175, email a.adkins@uq.edu.au).

The Queensland University Musical Society (QUMS) will perform Haydn's Nelson Mass and Te Deum at 8pm, May 31 in St Stephen's Cathedral. Conductor is Brett Holland and soloists are Eleanor Varnes, Kathleen Parker and Mark Jowett. For tickets (\$20 adults, \$12 concession), telephone 0414 744 783 or visit www.qums.aicsa.org.au

Dr Ben Hankamer will discuss Water to Hydrogen fuel: A clean, sustainable energy cycle coupled to pure water production (using a green algal system) and Professor John Drennan will present Delivering the Hydrogen economy: The fuel cell from 4.30-7pm, June 3 at the Auditorium, Queensland Bioscience Precinct, St Lucia campus. Cost, including supper, is \$15 adults, \$10 students. For details, visit www.brightminds.uq.edu.au/frontiers or contact Ann Meiklejohn (ext

56636, email a.meiklejohn@uq.edu.au).

The Herald Sun (16/5), Launceston Examiner (16/5), Sunshine Coast Daily (16/5), Gladstone Observer (16/5), Illawarra Mercury (16/5) and electronic media nation-wide reported findings (including the fact that women do most of the housework) of a 10-year gender equity study by sociologist Associate Professor Janeen Baxter .

A parody of the Nobel Prizes, the Ig Nobel Prizes are given each year in early October“around the time the recipients of the genuine Nobel Prizes are announced“for ten achievements that "first make people laugh, and then make them think." Commenting on the 2006 awards, Marc Abrahams, editor of Annals of Improbable Research, co-sponsor of the awards, said: "The prizes are intended to celebrate the unusual, honour the imaginative “ and spur people's interest in science, medicine and technology.”[1] All prizes are awarded for real achievements (except for three in 1991 and one in 1994 due to an erroneous press release).

Chemistry “ Jacques Benveniste, prolific proselytizer and dedicated correspondent of Nature, for his persistent "discovery" that water, H₂O, is an intelligent liquid, and for demonstrating to his satisfaction that water is able to remember events long after all traces of those events have vanished (see water memory, his proposed explanation for homeopathy).

Medicine “ F. Kanda, E. Yagi, M. Fukuda, K. Nakajima, T. Ohta, and O. Nakata of the Shiseido Research Center in Yokohama, for their pioneering research study "Elucidation of Chemical Compounds Responsible for Foot Malodour," especially for their conclusion that people who think they have foot odor do, and those who don't, don't.[6]

Economics “ Presented to Ravi Batra of Southern Methodist University, shrewd economist and best-selling author of The Great Depression of 1990 (ISBN 978-0-440-20168-7) and Surviving the Great Depression of 1990, (ISBN 978-0-671-66324-7) for selling enough copies of his books to single-handedly prevent worldwide economic collapse.

Literature “ Presented to T. Morrison, E. Topol, R. Califf, F. Van de Werf, P. W. Armstrong, and their 972 co-authors,[8] for publishing a medical research paper which has one hundred times as many authors as pages. The authors are from the following countries: Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Peace “ The Pepsi-Cola Company of the Philippines, for sponsoring a contest to create a millionaire, and then announcing the wrong winning number, thereby inciting and uniting 800,000 riotously expectant winners, and bringing many warring factions together for the first time in their nation's history.[11]

Psychology “ Presented jointly to John E. Mack of Harvard Medical School and David M. Jacobs of Temple University, for their conclusion that people who believe they were kidnapped by aliens from outer space, probably were“and especially for their conclusion, "the focus of the abduction is the production of children”.[13]

Economics “ Presented to Juan Pablo D vila of Chile, tireless trader of financial futures and former employee of the state-owned company Codelco, for instructing his computer to "buy" when he meant "sell". He subsequently attempted to recoup his losses by making increasingly unprofitable trades that ultimately lost 0.5 percent of Chile's gross national product. Davila's relentless achievement inspired his countrymen to coin a new verb, "davilar", meaning "to botch things up royally".

Medicine “ Two prizes. First, to Patient X, formerly of the US Marine Corps, valiant victim of a venomous bite from his pet rattlesnake, for his determined use of electroshock therapy. At his own insistence, automobile spark plug wires were attached to his lip, and the car engine revved to 3,000 rpm for five minutes. Second, to Dr. Richard C. Dart of the Rocky Mountain Poison Center and Dr.

Richard A. Gustafson of The University of Arizona Health Sciences Center, for their well-grounded medical report, "Failure of Electric Shock Treatment for Rattlesnake Envenomation." [16]

Literature – Presented to David B. Busch and James R. Starling, of Madison, Wisconsin, for their research report, "Rectal Foreign Bodies: Case Reports and a Comprehensive Review of the World's Literature." The citations include reports of, among other items: seven light bulbs; a knife sharpener; two flashlights; a wire spring; a snuff box; an oil can with potato stopper; eleven different forms of fruits, vegetables and other foodstuffs; a jeweler's saw; a frozen pig's tail; a tin cup; a beer glass; and one patient's remarkable ensemble collection consisting of spectacles, a suitcase key, a tobacco pouch and a magazine. [19]

Literature – Presented to the editors of the journal Social Text for publishing a paper composed under deceptive pretenses that couched an absurd but theoretically specialized argument about the nature of gravity in a mire of academic buzzwords associated with humanities departments. (See Sokal Affair for details).

Medicine – Presented to James Johnston of R.J. Reynolds, Joseph Taddeo of U.S. Tobacco, Andrew Tisch of Lorillard, William Campbell of Philip Morris, Edward A. Horrigan of Liggett Group, Donald S. Johnston of American Tobacco Company, and Thomas E. Sandefur, Jr., chairman of Brown and Williamson Tobacco Company, for their unshakable discovery, as testified to the U.S. Congress, that nicotine is not addictive.

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