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A collaboration between final-year photography students and dancers from the New Zealand School of Dance is to feature at *Blow.08*.

Blow.08 celebrates creative arts success

Fashion, dance, music and art feature in a packed programme for the *Blow.08* festival hosted by the College of Creative Arts in Wellington and Auckland next month.

Blow.08 runs from 7-22 November and includes contributions from the New Zealand School of Music, Toi Whakaari New Zealand Drama School, the New Zealand School of Dance and the School of English and Media Studies.

Highlights of the programme include a fashion show by final-year students, a seminar on adapting literature for animation and a dynamic collaboration between final-year photography students and dancers from the New Zealand School of Dance.

The College of Creative Arts will also welcome three

new inductees into its Hall of Fame: industrial designer Mark Pennington, fashion designer Kate Sylvester and (posthumously) artist and printmaker Gordon Walters.

Pro Vice-Chancellor of the College of Creative Arts Professor Sally Morgan says she is incredibly humbled by the achievements of this year's inductees.

"All three are internationally recognised and respected," Professor Morgan says. "All have pursued excellence in their artistic and design endeavours and all demonstrate the contribution that an art and design education can make to the stamping of New Zealand's mark on the world."

Mr Pennington was a student at the former Wellington

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Design on display during last year's fashion show.

Blow.08 celebrates creative arts success

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Polytechnic School of Design from 1963-66 and a staff member from 1974-88, including 10 years as Head of Industrial Design.

He is now design director and consultant for Formway Design, a Petone business respected as a major global player in the design of inspirational, high performance office seating and furniture.

His design accomplishments with Formway Furniture include the *ZAF* and *LIFE* chairs and the *FREE* system workstation, which have all won prestigious awards both in Australasia and internationally.

Ms Sylvester was a student at Wellington Polytechnic (which Massey took over in 1999) from 1985-86. She is one of New Zealand's most commercially successful and respected fashion designers.

Her collections are highly anticipated at both New Zealand and Australian fashion weeks and her shows are received with acclaim, featuring as highlights for local and international media.

Mr Walters (1919-1995) was a part-time student at Wellington Technical College between 1935-40, while he was employed as a commercial artist. He also taught part-time at the college in 1945.

Mr Walters' iconic, and at times controversial, contribution to New Zealand culture is largely due to his synthesis of Maori and European symbols through geometric abstraction. His investigation of the koru motif began in 1956 and, combined with hard edge modernist abstraction, formed the basis of his life's work.

The Hall of Fame was established last year to recognise past students and staff of the college and its forerunner institutions (the School of Art, Wellington Technical College, and the Wellington Polytechnic School of Design), who have made outstanding contributions to New Zealand's economy, reputation and national identity through art and design.

The first inductees welcomed into the Hall of Fame last year were Weta Workshop's director Richard Taylor, New York-based fashion designer Rebecca Taylor and (posthumously) sculptor and filmmaker Len Lye.

This year's inductees will be honoured at an invitation-only black tie dinner in the Museum Building's Tea Gardens at the Wellington Campus on Friday 21 November.

University conducts Māori communications survey

An online survey aimed at improving the way the University communicates with Māori audiences is underway. It is aimed at students, staff, graduates and the wider community and is being carried out by Māori Communications Coordinating Committee.

As well as questions about Massey, the survey has a focus on the publications, websites, social media, search engines and television

programmes watched by respondents.

The survey will take 5-10 minutes to complete and closes at 5pm, Friday 7 November.

To complete the survey visit <http://tinyurl.com/6rjd93>

Alternatively visit <http://news.massey.ac.nz> and click on the link to the survey.

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Mark Pennington's HUM – an innovative workspace system developed to respond to human behaviour and mirror the way the mind works.

Massey a proven pathway to design success

More than 40 years after beginning his design career at the School of Design, Mark Pennington says he still works to the principles he learned while studying.

A design director at Formway Design in Wellington, Mr Pennington's team was one of two awarded the supreme product Stringer award at this year's BeST Awards for its work on the HUM workspace system. The awards, organised by the Design Institute of New Zealand, were presented in Auckland recently.

HUM is an innovative workspace system developed to respond to human behaviour and mirror the way the mind works. The judges described it as groundbreaking work in its field.

It is named to reflect the sound people make when working productively together as a team and is the product of four years of intensive research and development. As well as the supreme award for product design, HUM

was also awarded gold in the furniture and sustainable product design categories.

Mr Pennington was part of the school's second intake in 1963. "I was looking to work in the industry, but was thinking about architecture when I was told about the programme run by Jim Coe, who founded the school.

I began the course and found myself in nirvana. It's a great programme that stands tall on a world scale. It emphasises the humanitarian aspect of design - designing for people - which are principles I still work to today."

Two other Massey alumni won awards, with ALT Group designer Clem Devine winning the graphic Stringer award for his involvement in the Hudson Gavin Martin campaign. Mark Elsmore from Fisher and Paykel was part of the team that was also awarded the product Stringer for its cook surface.

Head of the Institute for Industry and the

Environment Professor Tony Parker was also recognised, winning a silver award in the non-consumer product category for his Smart Reader (pictured, right), a portable handheld electronic identification unit intended for local and international markets in the agricultural sector.

The device, produced for Gallagher, is designed to allow farm workers to automatically identify individual animals by a unique number that is attached to them and stored in a tag or bolus.

Massey students also excelled winning 29 awards, 10 of them gold.

Pro Vice-Chancellor of the College of Creative Arts Professor Sally Morgan says it is an outstanding achievement. "CoCA's alumni took the professional awards, including the prestigious Stringer award, our staff were winners, and our students swept the board," she says. "I think we can truly say that we continue to define design in New Zealand."

Creative arts students sweep BeST Design Awards

Massey designers have dominated the student section of this year's BeST Design Awards winning 29 awards, 10 of them gold.

The annual awards are organised by the Designers Institute of New Zealand to celebrate the country's best product, spatial and graphic designs. The awards were presented at a black-tie event at Auckland's Aotea Centre.

Massey was given the most awards of any tertiary institution in the country, winning more awards than all of the other institutions combined.

Head of the Institute of Communication Design and Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor of the College of Creative Arts Professor Claire Robinson says it is an incredible result. "We're extremely proud of what our students

have achieved," she says. "The results are a testament to the hard work the lecturers have put in to make this a world-class programme."

Convener of graphic judging Fraser Gardyne says the students' work was of the highest quality. "The students showed that the industry is in for a good time, with very mature design talent coming through."

Massey students were awarded ten gold awards to go with four silver and seven bronze awards. They won three gold, five silver and three bronze awards in the student product category.

The award winners:

Student graphic category gold award winners:

Kylie Phillips, Graeme Offord, Natasha



gold award winner matthew mckinley's Eweview sheep handling system.

Vermeulen, Emma Bevernage, Sarah Harris, Julian Legge, Stephen Butler.

Student product category gold award winners:

Matthew McKinley, Ash Holwell, Iain Tolladay.



Massey staff attending the symposium last week, from left: Dr Hamish Anderson, Dr Juliana Mansvelt, Dr Richard Shaw, Dr Terry Stewart, Associate Professor Tracy Riley, Associate Professor Regina Scheyvens and Associate Professor Mark Brown – who serves on the Ako Aotearoa reference group. Dr Lisa Emerson was also in attendance.

Top tertiary teachers gather for symposium

Ako Aotearoa's new Academy for Tertiary Teaching Excellence hosted its inaugural symposium for New Zealand's top tertiary teachers in Wellington recently, and College of Education senior lecturer Associate Professor Tracy Riley was one of eight members elected to the academy's executive committee.

Dr Riley is a senior lecturer in the School of Curriculum and Pedagogy and specialises in gifted and talented education. She teaches undergraduate and postgraduate papers in the field as well as supervising postgraduate research. Last year she was one of two Massey staff who received national Tertiary Teaching Excellence Awards.

More than 50 academy members, all recipients of Tertiary Teaching Excellence Awards, attended the two-day symposium, which aimed to build educational leadership within the tertiary sector.

Associate Tertiary Education Minister Maryan Street opened the symposium, saying the academy's goal of fostering excellent teaching and learning is vital to New Zealand's ongoing economic and social development. "The Government has committed \$20 million to Ako Aotearoa, and I look forward to continuing this support by launching the academy's inaugural symposium."

Ako Aotearoa national director Dr Peter Coolbear says the academy has the potential to make a major contribution to Ako Aotearoa's mission of achieving the best possible outcomes for tertiary students.

"The recipients of the Tertiary Teaching Excellence Awards over the past seven years are brilliant, inspirational people," Dr Coolbear says. "They are nationally recognised as leading practitioners in tertiary teaching and together constitute a wonderful resource for New Zealand."

Gifted education specialist on new steering panel

Associate Professor Tracy Riley is on the steering committee of a new national association set up to support professionals working with gifted and talented pupils as well as raise awareness and advocate for those pupils.

Dr Riley says schools are recognising more and more that they need quality programmes for gifted and talented pupils.

"But there is still a fair way to go to ensure all pupils with exceptional talents receive the help they need to reach their potential – and for teachers and other professionals to develop the skills that are necessary to support this group of learners."

The association, called giftEDnz, will support those who work with pupils who have exceptional abilities in a wide range of fields, for example, in science or technology,

art, writing, drama, music, sport or social leadership.

"It's so important to recognise and nurture gifted and talented students," Dr Riley says. "There are children like this in all schools and early childhood services in New Zealand.

"They are young people who may go on to change the world – perhaps find a cure for cancer, break all previous sporting records, or bring us art and music that enriches all of society."

She says some gifted and talented pupils may get into conflict at school because of their tendency to challenge the rules. They can also be at risk of underachievement, due to boredom or frustration with the slow pace of their learning.

The impetus for a national organisation specifically for professionals came from the

Rising Tides: Nurturing our Gifted Culture national conference in Wellington in 2006, which brought together more than 700 educators and other professionals.

Dr Riley says the association aims to assist gifted education professionals to network, advocate for the diverse needs of gifted and talented children, make links with international and national organisations, and offer a shared voice to government and other groups.

The association is expected to be particularly valuable for teachers, principals, counsellors, resource teachers for learning and behaviour, educational psychologists, teacher educators, professional development providers, researchers, postgraduate students, and others with a professional interest in gifted and talented education.



Doctoral student Anna Gsell with a kakapo she is studying.

Quest for kakapo fragrance spans centuries

Feathers of the flightless kakapo are being flown around the world as part of a biologist's quest to understand the role of the critically endangered native parrot's sense of smell and the power of male feather fragrance on breeding behaviour.

Drawing on scientific expertise from Austria and the United States and using kakapo specimens collected in the 1880s now stored in Vienna's Museum of Natural History, Associate Professor Dianne Brunton and PhD student Anna Gsell are pursuing a series of research objectives being carried out across the globe to analyse kakapo skulls, bodies and the erotic scent of the males' feathers.

Dr Brunton, who heads the Institute of Natural Resources' Ecology and Conservation group at Albany, says it is likely that bird body odour plays a significant role in female kakapo mate choice.

"Although we know males smell strongly, the unique characteristics of the scents are not understood," she says. "Because they are nocturnal, kakapo are thought to have a more sophisticated sense of smell than other diurnal parrots."

About 60 feathers clipped off live kakapo during transmitter changes and health checks by Department of Conservation staff are being sent for analysis to animal olfactory chemist

Professor Tom Goodwin at the Hendrix College in Arkansas.

He will analyse the samples using a gas chromatograph mass spectrometer, a machine that can measure the volatile chemicals of kakapo feathers relating to scent. Dr Brunton and Ms Gsell will compare these results to the feathery fragrances of other native parrots such as kaka, kea and kakariki in order to try to identify the unique characteristics of male kakapo feather odour.

Having a better understanding of the unique chemistry of kakapo feather fragrance, which they describe as "sweetish and vegetative" – and how it influences mating behaviour could provide clues as to why female kakapo queue up to mate with certain "popular" males when other males are available.

While "a bit of a long shot", she says, the research could pave the way to creating a synthetic kakapo "perfume" to encourage more diverse breeding, which in turn would help expand the kakapo gene pool and its immune competency – an important issue considering the total kakapo population stands at just 91.

With funding from a Claude McCarthy Fellowship, Dr Brunton this year also recruited University of California scientists at Berkeley to do stable isotope analysis of the chemical

compounds of historic feather samples of kakapo in a separate project to find out more about kakapo diet and how this has changed over time.

Kakapo, now only found in two protected offshore islands near Stewart Island, feed on rimu and pink pine fruit when available and supplementary food developed by the University's veterinary department and distributed by the Department of Conservation's Kakapo Recovery Team.

Dr Brunton obtained feather samples from Vienna's Museum of Natural History during a recent trip. The museum has an extensive collection of skins and skeletons of New Zealand bird species collected by Austrian taxidermist, naturalist and collector Andreas Reischek between 1877 and 1889.

In yet another aspect of this study, the researchers have organised CT scans of the historic kakapo skulls from the Vienna museum's collection. These are being digitally analysed to study the kakapo brain. By observing the contours of the kakapo brain they hope to be able to find out more about the brain region associated with smell.

"The more we understand about the many aspects of kakapo behaviour and biology, the better equipped we will be to ensure its survival," Dr Brunton says.

Symposium to focus on future of learning

The annual Vice-Chancellor's Symposium is to be held next month at each campus and will focus on the future of learning, as well as celebrating the University's commitment to excellence and innovation in research-based teaching.

The symposium is an opportunity for staff to engage in what will be an ongoing conversation about what and how the University teaches, how assessments are carried out and identifying Massey's strengths, distinctive features, and challenges.

The theme, *Teaching tomorrow, today*, reflects Vice-Chancellor Steve Maharey's vision for Massey as New Zealand's defining university and is of major importance to the University.

Four workshop streams will feature innovation, future-focus, excellence in teaching and tackling the big teaching questions.

Keynote speaker for the symposium is Diana Laurillard, Professor of Learning with Digital Technologies at the London Knowledge Lab, part of Britain's Institute of Education.

Professor Laurillard's current research is in two related areas: developing an interactive learning design tool to support teachers moving to blended learning, and working with teachers to investigate the design of software interventions for learners with mathematic and numeracy difficulties.

Professor Laurillard's previous appointments include Head of the e-Learning Strategy Unit at the British Government's Department for Education and Skills, the Visiting Committee on Information Technology at Harvard University, and Pro-Vice-Chancellor for learning technologies and teaching at The Open University.

The Vice-Chancellor's Symposium will also host a debate to feature some of the Massey's best known raconteurs. This year's debate topic is that lectures have no place in 21st century university education.

The symposium will be held on the following dates:

Wednesday 12 November, 9am – 4pm,
Study Block Auditorium - Albany campus.
Thursday 13 November, 9am – 4pm,
4B06 - Wellington campus.
Friday 14 November, 9am – 4pm,
SSLB1 - Manawatu campus.

For more information visit: <http://vcsymposium.massey.ac.nz>



Mr Maharey (second from right) and (from left) Albany Students' Association president Brad Heap, Chancellor Nigel Gould and Regional Chief Executive (Albany) Professor John Raine entertained by Associated Professor Peter Lineham presenting a quirky induction pack.

New VC welcomed at Albany

In the first of three official welcomes held at each of the campuses over the coming month, Mr Maharey accepted the carved toki (adze) offered to him as a badge of office during the traditional Māori challenge.

Flanked by a dozen members of the Albany Waiata Group composed of staff members from New Zealand, Britain, Germany, Japan, Egypt and Iran, kapa haka and waiata tutor Gary Pratt (Tuhoe) performed the wero as Mr Maharey and his official party entered the Sir Neil Waters Lecture Theatre foyer.

Mr Maharey told a staff in a packed lecture theatre that "by 2020 Massey will be acknowledged as New Zealand's defining university and as a world centre of tertiary learning".

Elaborating on the defining qualities he ascribes to Massey, he listed "excellence, [being] first, innovative, connected, New Zealand [oriented], opportunity, collegial and autonomous" as the key themes underlying the word "defining" – the term synonymous with his new leadership.

Expressing his desire to see the Albany campus expand and flourish in the near future to become the university of choice for North Shore tertiary students, he said "repeated

in research and scholarship we will provide the highest standards of research and scholarship and be world leaders in our areas of specialisation".

Associate Professor Peter Lineham, head of the School of Social and Cultural Studies, had earlier offered Mr Maharey his own quirky Albany induction pack.

Items included a spare brain "in the event you require boosted capacity on our innovative campus", and PRP goals such as "increasing all staff happiness levels by no less than 50 per cent – almost to a state of constant ecstasy", along with "increasing all budgetary increase requests from the Albany campus by no less than 50 per cent".

Albany Regional Chief Executive Professor John Raine said the Albany campus was delighted that Mr Maharey had returned to the University from the world of politics. "The Labour Government's loss of one of its most senior ministers is Massey's gain."

He said Mr Maharey has "already engaged extensively with Massey staff of this campus and with external stakeholders, and begins his tenure as Vice-Chancellor extremely well-briefed on the great opportunity that Massey has here in the north".

Preoccupation with 'big questions' subject of lecture

The pursuit-of-life's great questions will be discussed and satirised by Professor Jeremy Diggle at next month's Wellington campus Public Lecture Series, hosted by Regional Chief Executive Andrea Davies.

Professor Diggle, the head of the University's School of Fine Arts, is interested in the creative process, particularly the fictitious characters artists create to carry out internal conversations.

"I'm fascinated by the absurdity of everyday life when compared to scientific experiment. It seems we're trying to understand life's big questions by looking outwards into space,

when in fact we can do it by looking around at our immediate surroundings."

His lecture will focus on two of his current internet narrative projects – *Apollo 8* and *Narvik's Complaint*, which detail two of those conversations.

"The first project runs parallel to an exhibition of artefacts from the Apollo 8 spacecraft, while the second relates to the Large Hadron Collider currently being constructed and tested in Europe."

Professor Diggle says the lecture will be a piece of art in itself as both internet projects are ongoing and will be referred to.



Associate Professor Christian Fischer (centre in brown jacket) with students at the Agricultural University of Ashgabat in Turkmenistan and a picture of the Turkmen president behind them.

Taking modern marketing to Turkmenistan

Expounding the latest agribusiness marketing theories in Turkmenistan, a remote Central Asian country with an old Soviet-style economy, rates as one of Associate Professor Christian Fischer's more unusual academic experiences.

Dr Fischer's six-day trip to deliver seminars and workshops to 20 students and professors at the Agricultural University of Ashgabat was organised by the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), an international organisation engaging in economic capability-building projects in its 56 member states spanning Vladivostok to Vancouver.

Dr Fischer, who specialises in supply and value chain management, says despite being cut off from modern western economic and marketing theories and practices because of information restrictions and lack of access to the internet, the Turkmen students were eager to hear of developments that could help boost their country's economic growth.

A Soviet Union constituent until 1991, Turkmenistan has little in common with New Zealand's agricultural realities. The secular Muslim nation of just over five million shares its borders with Afghanistan, Iran, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. About 80 per cent of the country is desert, and its key industries are cotton, natural gas and oil and horticultural crops such as melons and pomegranates.

Dr Fischer says the main challenge for economic development in Turkmenistan is to move beyond the inherited Soviet approach to production.

"They haven't had much exposure to Western-style marketing theories and strategies," says Dr Fischer, from the Agribusiness, Logistics and

Supply Chain Management Division at the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health in Albany.

"Their approach is administration-driven, with a Soviet-style ministry deciding on how much should be produced."

In his seminar series Dr Fischer focused on management decision-support techniques with regard to markets, prices, customers and consumers, competitors and suppliers as well as explaining the use of quantitative tools such as market and customer segmentation, price forecasting and demand analysis.

"I basically talked to them in detail about what marketing is and what it can do."

In a separate meeting with journalists and farmers' organisations, locals asked him about exporting goods to New Zealand. However farmers and producers in Turkmenistan need export licences, which can be hard to obtain, he says.

Dr Fischer, who is from Germany and joined Massey University earlier this year, says single party-run Turkmenistan accepts help provided by international bodies such as the OSCE, which brings in international experts in the areas of human rights, parliament building and police training. This follows the adoption recently of a new constitution paving the way to increasing the size of the Turkmen parliament and allowing multiple parties.

He described the capital city of Ashgabat as a safe place to walk around with no obvious signs of political or religious oppression, and noted images of Turkmenistan's President Gurbanguly Berdimukhammedov in numerous public places.

Smart students set to grow New Zealand

The next generation of farming leaders celebrated success on 10 October, at the annual Massey Agriculture awards.

Director of Massey Agriculture Professor Jacqueline Rowarth says the end-of-year dinner is a significant step for final-year students about to graduate and enter the next stage of their lives.

"Agriculture – managing the environment to produce food – is protection and production, and it's complicated." Professor Rowarth says. "Massey Agriculture is focused on working with keen and motivated students to prepare them for a great future in New Zealand's most important industry. Through mentoring and coaching we find the areas in which each student can flourish – and we show that we value their achievements."

Most awards were based on academic performance, but the popular Massey Agriculture student of the year award recognises contribution to student welfare, social or recreational activity, sport, or other activity that contributes to the well-being of students in the applied sciences.

College of Sciences Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Robert Anderson said that this year nominations had been made by staff and students, and the recipient was Joshua Dear.

"He has shown a dedication to his fellow students that has gone beyond the norm, not only this year but throughout his time at Massey."

"Joshua developed a strong interest in agriculture from an early age, no doubt as a result of having grown up in the Taihape district. He is absolutely committed to a career in agriculture and is interested and experienced in both the dairy and sheep and beef industries, so the agriculture major of the Bachelor of Applied Science was a natural choice."

Mr Dear is a final-year student, whose family now lives in Dannevirke. He had shown considerable leadership skill, Professor Anderson said.

"He was captain of the Massey University Colts team in 2006, a regular player for the Massey Agriculture XV. His academic record is exemplary, consistently achieving high grades. He has also received numerous scholarships."

In 2007 he received the Grasslands Trust Levy scholarship, the Hawke's Bay Farm Improvement Club Trust scholarship and the Rongotea Lions Club Student Assistance Award. In 2008 he received the Ingleby Scholarship and the Harwood Farm Trust Scholarship. He also received Meat & Wool undergraduate scholarships in 2006, 2007 and 2008.

"While agriculture and rugby are traditional interests, Mr Dear also enjoys hunting, fishing, water-polo, indoor netball and Young Farmers."

The William Gerrish Memorial Award was presented to Fiona Turner, a Bachelor of Accounting graduate who is completing a Graduate Diploma in Rural Studies. Mrs Turner is based in Palmerston North.

Professor Anderson said Mrs Turner had excelled in the farm management papers and been an active contributor to discussion and debate both in class and with case study farmers.

"She has consistently demonstrated intellectual curiosity and often has exceeded the requirements of an assignment in the pursuit of knowledge. She has a passion for farming and a desire to make a difference by working with farmers to help them improve their business skills and achieve their goals."

"Once a farmer, she has come back to farm management through these papers; they will enable her now to fulfil her dream of becoming a specialist farm accountant. Her contribution to New Zealand farm management has only just begun; it is likely to be considerable."

Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Manawatu Regional Chief Executive Professor Ian Warrington presented the new Massey horticulture prize to Adam Goldwater.

"Massey University is proud to support the future leaders of the production horticulture industry. Massey invests in industry-related research, and enthusiastic and highly qualified lecturing staff to ensure that production horticulture has leading edge ideas that are then turned into best practice. And we have excellent students."

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Director-General Murray Sherwin



From left are Massey Agriculture award winners 2008, Fiona Turner, Maren Domke, 2008 student of the year Joshua Dear, Adam Goldwater and Sophie Stanley.

was unable to attend the awards but passed on his congratulations to Massey Agriculture.

"This has been a big year for you and a big year for agriculture and applied sciences generally in New Zealand. I really enjoy the energy and buzz we are seeing from Massey in this field."

"We have seen renewed recognition of the importance of the skills and disciplines you have been developing at Massey. That recognition has been obvious within New Zealand, at the level of our sector leaders, the wider community and within our politicians. It has also been an emerging theme internationally as the need to renew efforts to boost productivity in our food systems is now firmly back on the highest political agendas."

Top-level German equestrian and third-year Bachelor of Applied Science student Maren Domke was awarded the Equine Student of the Year award for the second year. Dr Chris Rogers of Massey Equine says Maren has consistently achieved high marks across the equine major papers throughout her degree.

"The equine studies degree will be Maren's second equine qualification as she is already a recognised German National Dressage Federation instructor."

"Maren is an excellent example of a student able to balance the demands of her university study, participation in equestrian sport and development of her interest in barefoot hoof trimming."

Recipients of the 2008 Massey Agriculture Awards:

Applied sciences and sciences practicum award: Sam Berry (Tauranga) at 100-level, Adam Goldwater (Auckland) at 200-level.

The New Zealand Institute of Primary Industry Management Award for excellence in farm management: Sophie Stanley (Taupo).

New Zealand Institute of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences Leading Student Award: Sarah Jayne Vincent (Christchurch).

William Gerrish Memorial Award for outstanding performance in farm management: Fiona Turner (Palmerston North).

Massey Equine Student of the Year, to the most proficient student within the equine major of the Bachelor of Applied Sciences degree: Maren Domke.

Massey Agriculture Horticulture student prize: Adam Goldwater.

Massey Agriculture & Applied Sciences student of the year, for an applied science student judged to have made the largest contribution to the well-being and reputation of their fellow students: Joshua Dear (Dannevirke).

The Massey Agriculture student of the year award was established in 1992 by Professor Anderson.



Farmer Keith Riley (second left) and agriculture students (from left) Kevin Argyle, Fraser Matthews, Aleesha Legg, Xiaobao Du and Sarah Payne discuss the group's recommendation for a feed pad and two loaf pads.

Sound 'agri-vice' for dairy farmer case study

Woodville dairy farmer Keith Riley says final-year agriculture students using his farm as a case study made him stop and think with perceptive questions and sensible suggestions. And, with production ahead of budget and stock condition scores up, he rates the advice highly.

"The students are motivated, they challenge you, with good questions on why you are doing things – or not doing things," Mr Riley says.

"It's also a challenge to communicate with a younger generation, and useful to keep relevant to their aspirations and thoughts."

The case study is the output from the agricultural production paper, run at the end of the degree, says applied sciences programme director Ewen Cameron. "It allows students to hone the skills gathered over three years and apply them in real-time on a real farm.

"As well as producing a paper on the study, the students present to their peers and local farmers at a series of field days," Mr Cameron says. "Feedback from farmers has been hugely positive throughout the 15 years we have run this option – there is real value in students applying their learning."

Mr Riley and his wife Kim this month hosted a field day on their 300ha farm, Auroam Rima, attracting industry spectators and neighbouring farmers.

Mr Riley told visitors that a key area the students had challenged him on was the environment. He already had a goal to reduce the farm's environmental impact, and the farm had invested \$100,000 in a prototype effluent

pond with 100 days' storage. But the students had identified effluent management as an area that could be further improved, recommending a system to accommodate the seasonal needs of off-paddock cow management, using a feed pad and two loaf pads.

"We're certainly considering it. The thing that impresses me with the students is they have identified the challenge between being economical and financially viable and something that will keep the cows fed and off-paddock when it's wet. What they have suggested is a very good middle-of-the-road option for us.

"The ultimate would be to house the cows while it's raining but can we remain financially viable and outlay all that money to only use it once every three years? New Zealand's advantage over our global competitors is that in general we can keep cows in the paddock."

The farm became famous during the 2004 floods when Mrs Riley was swept into the flooded Manawatu River and survived by clinging to cow 569 as it swam to shore. The property is also known for hosting international motocross championships, so challenges for the Rileys include both the natural river floods and incorporating into the farm calendar the man-made event that keeps 10 per cent of the farm out of action for more than a month each year.

As part of the case study, student Sarah Payne gave an overview of the farm's current situation, including key strengths, weaknesses

and opportunities. The farm is staffed by the Rileys and three full-time workers, with two casual staff as required. The herd is 830 predominantly Friesian-cross cows, producing 283,220kg MS/year. Student group spokesman Kevin Argyle said that in consultancy projects such as this, it is important to understand the clients' goals and aspirations when providing what the group calls "agri-vice".

Student Aleesha Legg gave a comparison of planned measures developed by the students and the actual outcomes, noting that many quantitative measures were ahead of those forecast this spring. Calving has started earlier than anticipated and milk supply is ahead of schedule.

"Condition score is up by 0.15 and production is 15 per cent up on season to date," Miss Legg said.

Mr Argyle added that heavy rain causing flooding meant the group had to adapt quickly. "We went from a point where there was surplus pasture cover to a feed deficit situation overnight. Dairy farming is dramatic!"

Challenges notwithstanding, Mr Riley says dairying had been a good career.

"We started off with a lot less financial resources, just owning some of the cows and have worked our way up to a 50-50 equity. That's the uniqueness of dairy farming. I am not sure of any other industry where you can work up like that. I think there's even more opportunity now as farms get bigger there is huge opportunity for people to progress through."



Professor Neil Pearce.

New post for public health director

Director of the Centre for Public Health Research Professor Neil Pearce has assumed the presidency of the International Epidemiological Association.

Professor Pearce was elected to the position three years ago and, after a term as president-elect, took over the role at the recent World Congress of Epidemiology in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

The association is the only global organisation of epidemiologists and has members in more than 100 countries. It publishes the *International Journal of Epidemiology* and has also published the *Dictionary of Epidemiology*.

Professor Pearce is the first president of the association from the Southern Hemisphere.

He says his focus will be on training. "In particular, epidemiologists in developing countries.

The first of those courses, on epidemiological methods, takes place in Jaipur, India, in April next year.

Diploma added to psychology programme

The School of Psychology will offer a Post-Graduate Diploma in Discursive Therapies next year.

The course had been closed to enrolments last year, but has now been re-opened, effective immediately. It has also been approved for international extramural delivery.

The programme co-ordinator, Professor Andy Lock, says the course covers a group of therapeutic practices that have emerged in recent years.

"It draws its materials from leading contributors and practitioners from around the world," he says. "Teaching is through a combination of web-based lectures, readings and discussion groups, it is not a practice-based qualification, but an academic one."

Professor Lock says the diploma will appeal to practicing therapists looking for professional development or those looking to add depth to their knowledge.



Cam Healy at Unilever in Germany.

Food technology graduate lands dream job in Europe

Food technology graduate Cam Healy has boarded a plane for Germany after landing his dream job as a research and development technician for top Europe-based food manufacturing giant Unilever.

Christchurch-born Mr Healy says he can barely believe that less than a year ago he had his head down preparing for his final exams.

The career coup resulted from a twist of fate last year when a London placement at an international food and flavour company to complete his studies fell through.

"I decided to have a holiday in Switzerland and found a job with a company called Mountain Exposure as a chef for their elite ski resort chalets," the 30-year-old says.

On a break from preparing special degustation (tasting) dinners and developing a range of gourmet frozen foods for the chalet clients, he went skiing with his boss and the boss' friend, who worked at Unilever, one of the biggest food manufacturers in Europe.

"She jokingly asked me if I wanted a job."

But Mr Healy had already decided to return to New Zealand to complete his degree at Massey's Albany campus.

By the time he had finished the course at the end of last year, he stepped straight from lecture rooms and labs at the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health to a role as food technician and trainee winemaker for Montana Wineries in Blenheim.

There, he applied technical aspects of his food technology training to take a leading role in developing and rolling out a state-of-the-art maintenance programme for the company across its operations in Blenheim, Napier and Gisborne.

Then his past caught up with him. That chance connection with Unilever resulted in a surprise phone call while he was working for Montana. After a two-hour conference call with five German Unilever executives, Mr Healy was flown to Sydney for an interview. Then came an all-expenses paid job offer

for a position at Unilever's research and development centre in Heilbronn.

Mr Healy says the job is a great opportunity because of the global scale of Unilever's operations.

"Their strategy is to gather people from different parts of the world, so we work with different cultures and different perspectives. They take a cross-cultural approach to product development and problem solving.

"It's a very exciting offer and will give me global experience."

Opportunities include work as a food development technician and consultant at research and development centres in Europe, India and Central America.

Mr Healy is not new to cross-cultural experiences however, with a French mother influencing his decision to head to Paris as a 17-year-old school leaver in search of a culinary career.

He was accepted into an apprenticeship at the two Michelin star restaurant Lasserre, just off the Champs Elysee, and studied French cooking concurrently at the highly reputed and tough Ecole Ferrandi, the Ecole Supérieure de Cuisine Française.

He spent the next eight years as a full-time chef in Paris, England and New Caledonia, but the lack of a social life as a chef and fear of becoming a "grumpy old bastard" trapped in the kitchen and losing his passion for food compelled him to study food technology.

While he would like one day to come full circle and have his own restaurant, returning to cooking, he says inventing new products is, for now, a challenging way of nurturing his love of food.

"The good thing about working for a big company is that they can afford to hire people to think.

"-You're at the forefront of new developments - like organic processed food. It's got to be healthy but have a good shelf life. You've got to strike the balance."

Roast chicken the big winner at Food Awards

Hot roasted takeaway chicken developed by Tegel won this year's Massey University Food Awards supreme award announced in Auckland last week.

The awards, sponsored by the University's Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, celebrate innovation.

The University is the only one in Australasia to offer a degree in food technology.

Tegel Foods' Deluxe Roasted Chicken won the Premier Award by overcoming cost and health issues to perfect a process for cooking, packaging and sealing its low-fat chicken and enabling it to be sold in small convenience stores throughout the country.

Previously hot roasted chicken was sold only through large supermarkets because the cost of producing it was too high if sales volumes were not sufficient to avoid waste.

The Tegel product also won the Food Safety Award. Other award winners were 3six9 dressings from Functional Whole Foods New Zealand, which won the Massey University Enterprise Award, and Hubbard's Berry Berry Good Cereal, which won the Heart Foundation Tick Programme Healthier Choice Award for a cereal designed specifically to tackle the problem of childhood obesity by providing healthy high fibre for children.

Chief judge Allyson Gofton said the entries showed that food technologists were "the home cooks of today. The reality is that in a world that runs at an ever-increasing pace, food preparation takes a back seat," Ms Gofton said.

"We need food technologists and marketers to produce foods with a conscience."

Professor of Food Technology and IFNHH Albany campus director Ray Winger says Massey's food technology programme was "considered the gold standard professional



Professor Ray Winger (right) at the awards ceremony with St Kentigern College food technologists, from left: Esther Kim, Ceri McVinnie, Neala Ye and Megan Coetzer, with their teacher Carolyn Norquay.

degree", focusing on product development and innovation.

"Massey graduates are leaders of the industry and their alumni network reaches throughout the world," Professor Winger says. "We are proud to celebrate outstanding examples of innovation and added value within the food industry as this is a reflection of the excellent skills and commercial acumen that exists in New Zealand."

He was pleased to see a new generation of food technologists at the awards, such as the four year-12 St Kentigern College pupils who worked with Massey experts on a food technology project making sophisticated sandwich spreads. They won a Royal Society Creativity in Science and Technology award earlier this year and last night received a plaque for their innovative product range.

Also meeting the requirements of the Pick

the Tick programme, Cookie Time Ltd won the Markem-Imaje Bakery Products Award for its Smart Cookie, a healthy cookie alternative designed for school tuck shops.

Other winners were New Zealand Natural, which won the BOC Dairy or Dairy Replacement Foods Award for its Zilch! no added sugar frozen desserts; Green Monkey Ltd, which won the Crop and Food Research Fruit and Vegetable Products Award and the FMCG Magazine Meal Solutions Award for its Green Monkey Premium Organic Baby Food; and NZ Bakels Ltd, which won the Progressive Food for Life Award for its Gluten Free Health Baking Ingredients.

New Zealand Natural also won the Massey University Export Award with its Kiwi Pavlova Ice-Cream, developed specifically for export markets that said they wanted an identifiably New Zealand flavour.

Wellington campus hosts pre-election Māori debate

Candidates representing six political parties took part in a debate about Māori issues at the Wellington campus last week.

The candidates were: Georgina Te Heuheu (National), Mahara Okeroa (Labour), Metiria Turei (Greens), Mike Collins (Act), Pita Paraone (NZ First) and Rahui Katene (Māori Party).

Debate topics included the laws relating to foreshore and seabed, terrorism, Te Tiriti o Waitangi and retention of tikanga.

Campus senior manager Māori, Te Tumatukuru O'Connell, says the event was organised by Te Muka Tangata, a network of Māori service providers based in Wellington. "Te Muka Tangata is a key organisation we work with and the debate is one of a series of engagement activities at the University."

Mr O'Connell says the debate was a key community engagement event as part of the University's Māori investment strategy, Key Initiatives for A Māori Academic Investment



Candidates choose the pecking order for the political debate at Massey Wellington. From left: Mike Collins, Georgina Te Heuheu, Rahui Katene, Metiria Turei, Pita Paraone and Mahara Okeroa.

Agenda (Kia Maia). "The debate was an important opportunity for Māori to participate in the political process. More than 50 people attended including students, news reporters, Te Muka Tangata members and representatives

of non-government organisations.

The next Kia Maia event, targeted at Māori graduates, will be held at the campus at the end of next month.

'Knee-jerk' response to crisis only increases danger

Professor Ben Jacobsen is Professor of Finance based at Massey's Albany campus and discusses the danger of political motivation over proper action on the global financial crisis.

Both Labour and National are using the current financial crisis for short-term political gain. Just like in the United States, proper action seems to interfere with knee-jerk responses along traditional party lines. The US example shows how dangerous that is.

We are in a state of financial turmoil when the Dow Jones – the world's most famous stock market index – can gain or lose 1000 points during just a commercial break. Contrary to the US and Europe, the waves of this financial mega tsunami have not reached our shores yet.

The responses of the US and Europe have been completely different. Europe has responded decisively and fast with all the proper actions.

Rather than buying bad loans with only downside potential, European governments have immediately nationalised or taken large stakes in banks so that their citizens might profit from any upside.

They provided liquidity when the market asked for liquidity.

They offered deposit insurance when "bank runs" needed preventing. When investors asked for global commitment to fight the crisis they collectively dropped the interest rate. In their last collective action they guaranteed inter bank lending when the market needed trust. That action took markets away from the abyss that was looming.

And last but not least, when – surprisingly – many Europeans underestimated the risk that their savings accounts might be frozen in Iceland, European countries came to the rescue of a country.

This is crisis management at speed, which one would not normally associate with politicians. It seems that Europe has learned from the Swedish banking crisis in the nineties.

The US, on the other hand, let Lehman Brothers fail, which added to the global uncertainty. And at best, after the \$700 billion action plan has been going back and forth between all different political institutions, there now seems a probability that this plan

might be implemented at some point in the future.

The unwillingness of Republicans to act and to hold on too long to the belief that markets can sort themselves out caused huge damage. On top of that the economy and therefore the crisis has become "issue number 1" in the election campaign.

Any plan of the opposition is obviously no good. As a consequence the only stores that see any turnover grow in the US are the so-called "Goodwill" stores.

The New Zealand situation resembles the US situation. It seems this crisis is too important to leave to politicians when there is an election around the corner.

Voters looking for some leadership during the debate saw two politicians rudely interrupting each other, which resulted in unbearable noise. Other policymakers want us to stay calm and dare not make any comparison with 1929.

It would be good if politicians and policy makers would listen a bit more closely to what economists have to say. We face a serious crisis. Paul Krugman, who won the Nobel Prize last Tuesday, pointed out he never expected to see something that resembled the 1930s in his lifetime.

Professor Krugman is not alone. Politicians looking for the usually rare "one handed" economists can these days have their pick. Not even in 1929 have so many economists agreed. People who claim this crisis differs from 1929 – when governments did not act fast enough – should realise this might be a consequence of actions of policy makers who were willing to believe that the current situation resembles 1929.

To date, New Zealand responses are too little too late. European policymakers seem aware that markets cannot always be trusted to generate the right outcome.

If a bank cannot trust another bank to be around tomorrow, it will not lend the other bank money and vice versa. It does not matter

how liquid the market is.

Even if both banks are solid, the market fails. If banks do not lend to each other they will not lend to us and the real economy comes to a grinding halt. Not only is this already affecting mortgages but fears are that it will start to affect credit card loans too. The main issue now is trust.



Professor Ben Jacobsen.

Trust that you will get your money back. Europe has taken the right steps and responded speedily. The US is lagging behind and pays a huge price. When the dust has settled they may no longer have a financial sector. New Zealand policymakers should consider Europe's approach. Offering deposit insurance is a first step.

It means that we need to monitor financial institutions carefully, especially because these institutions now have an incentive to start taking on too much risk. But regulation

is long overdue. Let's face it, New Zealand looked like a financial Wild West without proper regulation of finance companies. But we need more – a large drop of more than 1 per cent in the interest rate sooner rather than later.

While we are too late to show global commitment there is no need to wait until 23 October. A large interest rate drop now can reduce that impact on the real economy substantially and even create opportunities because of a lower Kiwi dollar. Inflation should not be a worry as most of the inflation is oil related and imported and thus beyond our control.

We should also go beyond deposit insurance and guarantee wholesale lending. Again sooner rather than later. Banks in New Zealand are not likely to get in trouble, which should make this a relatively cheap guarantee. But it will also prevent us from getting in trouble as international banks may now bypass our financial institutions.

More importantly New Zealand politicians should show real leadership and work together during this election to fight the crisis. It would be good if they spoke with one voice, rather than as they did during the debate last Tuesday.

International PhD network discussed

Ways in which PhD students can gain ground in their research communities internationally were discussed at a seminar at the Manawatu campus on Friday.

The Garnet PhD school, funded by the European Union, organises biannual one-week PhD schools and online follow-up activities. Garnet is a Network of Excellence on Global Governance, Regionalisation and Regulation comprising 42 leading research centres and universities.

The coordinator for the virtual network in the Garnet PhD school, Christina vom Brocke, introduced the concept and its benefits and discussed its challenges.

The school is based on active student participation and the aim of creating a network of PhD students and researchers that will allow research fellows across the globe to combine research ventures and promote academic exchange.

30 September

Kapi-Mana News: Dr **Ridvan Firestone**, from the Centre for Public Health Research, is leading a study that looks at factors during pregnancy and early life that play a role in the development of allergies and diseases such as cancer, diabetes and asthma, and says the most accurate way of finding out this information is following babies from womb and throughout life.

Planning Quarterly: Professor **Bruce Glavovic**, from the School of People, Environment and Planning, says there are lessons to be learned from New Orleans's post-Katrina recovery efforts.

scoop.co.nz: **Nick Roskrige**, from Kaitautoko Māori, Institute of Natural Resources, has been appointed to the Environmental Risk Management Authority's Māori Advisory Group, and he says it is a compliment to be appointed to the committee and the work will provide an opportunity to contribute at a higher level on issues of national importance.

Whakatane Beacon: Professor **Steve LaGrow**, from the School of Health Sciences, is holding two sessions in Whakatane to talk about the impact on a person's sense of wellbeing in dealing with disability later in life, and believes the losses in functional ability and independence associated with the onset of a disability often result in a variety of reactions.

1 October

East & Bays Courier: Dr **Carol Wham**, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, has been recognised with one of three education trust awards at the annual New Zealand Dietetic Association Awards, and also received funds to cover the cost of a course on epidemiologic research and new directions that she attended in Brazil earlier this year.

The Dominion Post: **Michelle Wilson**, a former School of Design student, has won a \$10,000 Business Development Grant contributed by the Verge label, after showing her winter 2009 collection at Air New Zealand Fashion Week.

Newstalk ZB, Radio Live, tvnz.co.nz, newstalkzb.co.nz, yahoo.com: Professor **Paul Dunmore**, from the School of Accountancy, says that clever accounting rules are being used to justify the increase in Contact Energy's profits, which have risen up to 10-12 per cent in Wellington and the South Island. *Marlborough Express, stuff.co.nz:* Dr **Ian Henderson**, from the Institute of Natural Resources, says the research used by the Ministry of Fisheries in its decision to ban blue cod fishing in the Marlborough Sounds is flawed, shows no reliable evidence of a decline in the fishery's affluence, and includes errors.

Marlborough Express: Professor **Peter Lineham**, from the School of Social and Cultural Studies, says there is an extraordinary range of nervousness among churches about



Merck Australasia managing director Peter Somers, Dragana Gagic and director of the Hopkirk Research Institute Wayne Hein.

Animal biotechnology young achievers award for student

Institute of Molecular BioSciences PhD candidate Dragana Gagic has received the inaugural Merck-Massey Young Achievers Award in Animal Biotechnology.

The award is for the paper Direct selection and phage display of a gram-positive secretome (Dragana Jankovic, Michael A Collett, Mark W Lubbers and Jasna Rakonjac) published in journal Genome Biology.

This work was a result of collaboration between Massey University and Fonterra, with funding provided by TEC, Fonterra (Enterprise Fellowship), Massey University Research

Fund, IMBS and Palmerston North Medical Research Foundation.

Ms Gagic recently joined AgResearch's rumen microbial genomics team.

The award, sponsored by Merck, is open to Massey postgraduate students in their final year and early postgraduate scientists, with the winner receiving funds to attend a major international science conference in the Northern Hemisphere.

Merck intend to make one award each year, with applications for 2009 open early in the new year.

Memorandum of Understanding signed with Argentina

The University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Institute of Agricultural Technology Argentina.

the institute is Argentina's primary organisation researching animal production and agriculture. Dr Nicolas Lopez-Villalobos, of the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences, says that while Massey has been receiving students from Argentina for some time, the MoU will enhance the relationship.

Specifically, the MoU will encourage staff exchange on sabbatical agreements, support development of joint research programmes, encourage joint publication of scientific papers and collaboration in research.

PhD student takes home prize

Andreas Hermann, doctoral student at the New Zealand Institute for Advanced Study on the Albany campus, has been awarded a student poster prize at the World Association of Theoretical and Computational Chemists conference held in Sydney recently.

Mr Hermann's poster Water's optical spectrum – Many-body effects, electrostatics, and co-ordination was one of more than 500 submitted.

It presented results from his PhD research, which focused on unusual properties of water and ice, and the development of suitable theoretical tools and methods to describe them.

Mr Hermann is a member of Professor Peter Schwerdtfeger's research group at the Centre for Theoretical Chemistry and Physics.

Massey people in the news

how they can possibly continue in regards to participation and influence.

www.scoop.co.nz: Dr **Louise Lee**, from the Department of Management, has conducted research on community and business perspectives on employee volunteering in New Zealand, and says the research shows that businesses see improved staff morale, potential for attracting new employees, and opportunities to enhance business reputation and profile.

Tyron Love, also from the Department of Management, has joined the VNZ Board as a co-opted member, and has developed a keen interest incorporate philanthropy and Māori business research.

2 October

Canterbury Farming: Professor **Cord Heuer**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Science, says there is a much higher prevalence of leptospirosis in beef cattle than first thought.

Independent Financial Review: Dr **David Tripe**, Director of the Centre for Banking Studies, estimates between \$60 billion and \$80 billion would need to be refinanced over the next year.

Southland Times: The Dominion Post, stuff.co.nz: North Shore Times: Radio New Zealand: Dr **David Tripe** says banking analysts are blaming the poor performance of the meat industry as the reason why PPG Wrightson failed to raise the capital required for its partnership deal with Silver Fern Farms.

Heartland Sheep: **Matt McKinley**, masters student of industrial design, is one of four finalists in the annual Dyson Product Design Award with his mobile sheep testing station for rural vets to scan pregnant ewes, and says scanning is labour and time intensive.

Heartland Sheep: Professor **Steve Morris**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences, has been awarded The Sir Arthur Ward award for application of research to animal production, and received the award at the recent joint conference of the New Zealand and Australian Societies of Animal Production in Brisbane.

Heartland Sheep: Idealog: North & South:

Investigate: Lifestyle Farmer: Employment

Today: Unlimited: **Alexander Wastney**, industrial design graduate, won the eight annual Dyson Product Design Award in June with his sports therapy table designed for professional sports teams, and says while he has researched the marketplace, produced a prototype and applied for a patent, the product is at concept stage only and welcomes an opportunity to commercialise his design.

Hawkes Bay Today: Professor **Jeroen Douwes**, from the Centre for Public Health Research, says a more detailed study of infants is needed to fully understand the link between pre-natal exposure to farm animals and plants, and the reduction of asthma, allergies and eczema.

The Wellingtonian: **Tanya Marriot**, Massey Wellington design student, drew inspiration from architect Renzo Piano when creating Kanak, which won runner-up in the Shell Student Design Award at the Montana World of Wearable Art Awards.

Guardian: Dr **Angie Farrow**, from the School of English and Media Studies, says the Festival of New Arts features work entered in the Manawatu International One-Act Playwriting Competition, and although Massey staff and students are represented, there is also encouragement for members of the Palmerston North community to participate.

Guardian: **Sam Lee**, vet student, is a member of the Veterinary Gentleman's Society at Massey, and will shave his hair for the first time in 16 months to raise money for research into testicular cancer in support of Turbos player Aaron Cruden who has recently been diagnosed with the disease.

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Independent Financial Review, www.businessday.co.nz: Dr **David Tripe** estimates between \$60 billion and \$80 billion would need to be refinanced over the next year.

www.scoop.co.nz: Hemi Macgregor, from the School of Visual and Māori Culture, Ngataiharuru Taepa, and Dr Rangi Mataamua, both from the School of Māori Studies, have their work featured in the exhibition titled *Tū Te Manu Ora i Te Rangi*, at the Thermostat Gallery in Palmerston North.

Southland Times: Professor **John Powell**, says during difficult times, people are more likely

to invest in secure options such as Treasury Bills or Government Bonds, which are both Government guaranteed.

The Dominion Post, stuff.co.nz; Timaru Herald (8 October); Hawkes Bay Today (9 October): Professor **Hugh Blair**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Science, is searching for gene markers in Hu-Yang sheep that allow it to breed out of season, in a deal with two Chinese Universities, and says the work is likely to also find other things of interest such as disease resistance or meat quality characteristics.

North Shore Times: Professor **Stuart Carr**, from the School of Psychology, says his experiences from four years teaching in Malawi, where he witnessed people dying of preventable diseases, dehydration and hunger, led him to form a global task force of organisational psychologists devoted to combating poverty.

Radio New Zealand: Dr **David Tripe** says banking analysts are blaming the poor performance of the meat industry as the reason why PPG Wrightson failed to raise the capital required for its partnership deal with Silver Fern Farms.

Radio New Zealand, radionz.co.nz: **Russell Stevens**, from the School of Engineering and Advanced Technology, discusses e-waste which contains elements which are hazardous to both humans and the environment.

3 October

NZ Education Review: Professor **Mark Brown**, from the School of Curriculum and Pedagogy, and Gordon Suddaby, from the Training and Development Unit, have co-developed an e-portfolio system called Mahara, which connects learners and creates online learner communities, and has won the education section in the New Zealand Open Source Awards.

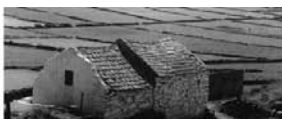
NZ Education Review: Professor **Susan Mumm**, from Mount Saint Vincent University in Nova Scotia, Canada, has been appointed Pro Vice-Chancellor of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and will join Massey in February.

NZ Education Review, stuff.co.nz, Manawatu Standard (4 October): Vice-Chancellor **Steve Maharey's** visions for Massey's three

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campuses will have defined focuses, and he plans for the Manawatu campus to focus on agri-business and land-based industries, Wellington to be the nucleus for design, arts and creative industries, and Albany to be the University's business and innovation centre.

Food Industry Week; Bay of Plenty Times (7 October); Countrywide-Northern (31 October): Professor **Hugh Blair**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Science, says enabling New Zealand farmers to produce lamb year-round is the backbone of a tripartite agreement between Massey and two Chinese institutions, Peking University and Xinjiang's Shihezi University, but the benefits will be much greater.

The Weekend Sun: **Cathy Harris**, a music student in the third year of her degree, will be performing at A Grand Occasion held at Tauranga Boys' College, along with other top talent, and has had the idea for a number of years to showcase local talent, and combine it with food and wine and make it a great night out.

4 October

The Dominion Post, The Press: Professor **Paul Dunmore**, from the School of Accountancy, says that clever accounting rules are being used to justify the increase in Contact Energy's profits, which have risen up to 10-12 per cent in Wellington and the South Island.

The New Zealand Herald, nzherald.co.nz: **Graham Crews**, from the Department of Economics and Finance, says the Ratcliffe theory of the classic residential cycle, developed about 60 years ago, remains fundamentally unchanged and it shows the market swinging from demand or supply balances to imbalances and back again.

The New Zealand Herald, Otago Daily Times, Gisborne Herald, The Daily Post, nzherald.co.nz, roarprawn.blogspot.com, www.move-tonz.org; Oamaru Mail (6 October): Dr **David Tripe** says consumer credit has been tightened as banks take a less rosy view of borrowers' prospects, and the relatively short maturity profile of banks' overseas funding poses some challenges for liquidity management.

stuff.co.nz, Manawatu Standard; NZ Education

Review (10 October): Professor **Harjinder Singh**, co-director of the Riddet Centre, has won the University's individual research award for 2008, and was nominated by his co-director Professor **Paul Moughan**, who says Professor Singh has demonstrated scholarship and intellectual leadership of the highest order in the field of food science and technology. Other Massey staff also received university research awards.

5 October

HeraldOnSunday, nzherald.co.nz; Christchurch Star (8 October): Dr **Carol Wham**, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, says time-poor parents who don't want school lunch boxes returned untouched are bowing to kids' demands too easily.

6 October

stuff.co.nz, clearnet.co.nz; Otago Daily Times (7 October): Dr **David Tripe** has commented on German Chancellor Angela Merkel's assurance that German savers' money is safe, and says there is some ambiguity in the translation of Ms Merkel's announcement, and the extent of the scheme is unclear.

nzherald.co.nz; North Canterbury News, Selwyn Times (7 October): Dr **Henry Chung**, from the Department of Commerce, suspects that after the milk contamination scandal in China, consumers will use more of the traditional soybean milk in the short-term but may later return to dairy milk.

Dannevirke Evening News: Dr **Farah Palmer**, from the Department of Management, spoke to women competing in the Wahine Tryathlon about motivation during training for an event, and says if you can find something you like to do, you feel joy in it and that keeps you interested.

sciencetops.com: Professor **Ralph Sims**, from the Institute of Technology and Engineering, has been researching biodiesel since 1976 and says that now oil prices are at the level they were when research started, the biodiesel subject is very topical.

7 October

The Press, The Dominion Post, Nelson Mail, Manawatu Standard, Taranaki Daily News, Timaru Herald: Dr **David Tripe** says if the Australians introduce a deposit insurance scheme, the Government will have to find a way of working within it to ensure that the failure of an Australian bank doesn't disadvantage customers in New Zealand.

The Dominion Post: **James McCarthy**, mechatronics graduate, and former university staff member Don Sandbrook, have developed technology that has resulted in a product called Spidertracks, and trialled it with the University's School of Aviation.

Manawatu Standard: **Nick Roskrige**, from Kaitautoko Maori, Institute of Natural Resources, and chairman of the Maori Vegetable Grower collective Tahuri Whenua, says there is a wide acceptance of the collective's reason for being – it's kaupapa – and a lot of passion and effort has been applied by members to getting the kaupapa out there.

Manawatu Standard: Dr **Warren Williams**, from the Institute of Molecular Biosciences, has been appointed as the AgResearch Professorial Fellow in Plant Breeding at Massey, primarily to support the new post-graduate qualification in plant breeding offered by Massey and Lincoln Universities.

Manawatu Standard: Professor **Hugh Blair**, Professor **Steve Morris**, Dr **Paul Kenyon**, all from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Science, along with Professor **Alex Chu**, from the College of Science, make up the research team involved in the deal with Chinese universities to produce year-round lamb.

North Shore Times: Massey staff have been awarded a total of \$5.4 million in funding over the next three years for research projects in the sciences, engineering, maths and information sciences, and social sciences and humanities, from the Marsden Fund administered by the Royal Society.

Bay of Plenty Times: **Nick Roskrige**, from Kaitautoko Māori, Institute of Natural Resources, says the future export potential of vegetables such as taewa, the Māori potato, and gourd fruit, coupled with the need to capture traditional knowledge are issues for Māori growers.





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Rural News; Dairying Today (14 October): Professor **Norm Williamson**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Science, says the new three-year Bachelor in Veterinary Technology will be both applied and academic, graduating students who can give hands-on and management support for vets.

8 October

The New Zealand Herald: Dr **Claire Robinson**, from the Institute of Communication Design, says the opening addresses of the political party television ads were only watched by about 11 per cent of voters, a low return for the amount parties spend on production costs. *Dargaville & District News, Timaru Herald, Te Puke Times, Courier Country; Te Awamutu Courier (14 October); Northern Matters (31 October):* Professor **David West**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Science, has confirmed that meat workers are exposed to leptospirosis from handling sheep carcasses, and says although the researchers suspected this was the case it was important to establish the facts and the study certainly shows there is a problem here.

The Press: Dr **David Tripe** says New Zealand is lacking any clear procedures or policies to deal with bank failures, which poses challenges because no one knows what will happen if they get into trouble.

Radio New Zealand: Dr **David Tripe** has commented on the NZ Reserve Bank which is expected to follow Australian's lead and cut interest rates.

Radio New Zealand: Professor **Tai Black**, from the School of Māori Studies, says more needs to be done to stop the decline of Māori boarding schools.

9 October

Bay of Plenty Times: Professor **Ross Hemera**, from the School of Visual and Material Culture, is judging the entries for the inaugural Tauranga National Art Awards.

Taupo Weekender/NZPA: Dr **Hazel Riseborough**, a previous senior lecturer in history, has won a \$35,000 writer's grant from Copyright Licensing Ltd to write the first

history book on the people from the nation's shearing sheds.

10 October

New Zealand Listener: Professor **Steve Flint**, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, says China's food industry will suffer as a result of the melamine scandal, and says such incidents explain why many experts believe country of origin labelling would not help keep tabs on the quality of our food.

Manawatu Standard; The Independent Financial Review (16 October): **Sue Foley**, former TV3 news chief, has been appointed as Massey's new external relations director and will lead the communications, marketing and alumni activity.

National Business Review: Professor **Claire Massey**, from the College of Business, says although small firms have historically been the most important economic unit for centuries in countries around the world, the significance of the sector as a whole was largely ignored until the 1970s.

www.scoop.co.nz, msvIEWSandrelatednews.com; TV One, TVNZ 7 News (13 October): **Rachael Mason**, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, is part of a project focussing on the effect of WBV on people with Multiple Sclerosis, and says it appealed because it is a very relevant study for young women, and is quite a debilitating illness. The study is being supervised by Dr **Stephen Stannard**, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, Professor **Elwyn Firth**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences, and Darryl Cochrane, from the Department of Management.

www.norightturn.blogspot.com: Dr **Grant Duncan**, from the School of Social and Cultural Studies, is presenting a lecture looking at the values driving our political culture, and will explore the contemporary clash between our historic socialist ideals versus market-led deregulation and individualism that is prevalent today.

Dannevirke Evening News; Hutt News (14 October): Dr **Mike Joy**, from the Institute of Natural Resources, says the disappearance of whitebait from New Zealand's waterways

are an individual indicator of just how polluted rivers and streams have become, and the state of the freshwater that we depend on is getting pretty bad.

Whakatane Beacon: Professor **Jeff Sluka**, from the School of People, Environment and Planning, is guest speaker at a Tuhoe marae, in memory of the police raids a year ago when mainly Tuhoe people were targeted as terror suspects.

Gisborne Herald/NZPA: Dr **David Tripe** says the world central banks have lowered the rate at which banks raise funds from the central bank, but concern about the credit worthiness of banks means the margin between the interbank rate and the central bank rate is growing.

NZ Education Review: **Nick Roskrige**, from Kaitautoko Māori, Institute of Natural Resources, has been appointed to the Environmental Risk Management Authority's Māori Advisory Group, and he says it is a compliment to be appointed to the committee and the work will provide an opportunity to contribute at a higher level on issues of national importance.

NZ Education Review: Six Massey athletes have been awarded inaugural Elite World Travel Awards that provide assistance of up to \$3000 to elite athletes representing New Zealand at international sporting events. Recipients are **Mike Dawson** and **Mark Yugnicket** (canoeing), **Rob Eastham** and **Samuel Gregory** (clay target shooting), **Khord Kopu** (inline hockey) and **Struan Webb** (duathlon).

NZ Education Review: Dr **Al Rowland**, from the Institute of Molecular Biosciences, has been named Lecturer of the Year by Massey students at the Palmerston North campus, and was described as a inspirational and willing to help and encourage them at every opportunity.

scoop.co.nz: Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Māori) Professor **Mason Durie**, discusses the double edged prospect of global colonisation, and the new opportunities created for the nation as well as challenges to the Kiwi tradition, at the annual Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA)

12 October

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www.nzherald.co.nz, *Herald On Sunday*: Dr **Claire Robinson**, from the Institute of Communication Design, says John Key presented National's tax package well and Prime Minister Helen Clark missed a moment by not responding immediately to John Key herself. www.scoop.co.nz; *The New Zealand Herald*, *Radio Live*, nzherald.co.nz (14 October): Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor **John Raine**, says Massey is delighted to be able to offer *Who Stole My Money*, developed by Grace Xue, to staff and students to help with personal money management, and anticipates staff across the board will be keen to use the program.

13 October

The Dominion Post, *Timaru Herald*, stuff.co.nz; *Radio New Zealand*, *Newstalk ZB* (14 October): Dr **David Tripe** says the deposit-guarantee scheme has been pushed through too quickly with risk it could fail, and says it may be better if we did nothing rather than push this through.

The New Zealand Herald, nzherald.co.nz: **Trish Fleetwood**, career adviser at the Albany campus, says the University's programmes that provide graduates with opportunities to walk straight into a job are cyclical.

Kapiti Observer: Professor **Anne Noble**, from the School of Fine Arts, is to talk at the Real Art Roadshow at Matahara Gallery in Waikanae, and will focus on the ten leading New Zealand photographers in the show.

Radio New Zealand: Dr **David Tripe** has commented on New Zealand and Australia's move to protect bank deposits, although New Zealanders are being assured our banks are safe.

Radio New Zealand: Dr **Claire Robinson**, from the Institute of Communication and Design, discusses both Labour and National's campaigns.

scoop.co.nz: Professor **Tony Parker**, from the Department of Three Dimensional Design, was convenor of the Product Design Stringer awards, and said Fisher & Paykel Appliance's IZONA CookSurface, with gas burners set in a sleek glass top, clearly differentiated the CookSurface from other products in the competitive sector.

14 October

The Dominion Post, *Manawatu Standard*, *The Press*, *Southland Times*, *Taranaki Daily News*, *Timaru Herald*, stuff.co.nz; *Southland Times*, *The Press*, *The Dominion Post*, *Waikato Times*, *Timaru Herald* (16 October): Dr **David Tripe**, Director of the Centre for Banking Studies, says if finance companies offered higher interest rates than banks they would have a clear marketing advantage, and while smaller institutes pay no deposit insurance premium, big banks are paying to rescue the weak. *Newstalk ZB*: Dr **Claire Robinson**, from the

Institute of Communication and Design, discusses the televised election debates and says that John Key's performance must improve and he needs to come up with something better than a maternity policy to counter Helen Clarke's universal student allowance policy.

Radio New Zealand; *Prime News*, www.cxoadvisory.com (16 October): Professor **Ben Jacobsen**, from the Department of Commerce, says the Government bank deposit guarantee scheme would be more effective if inter-bank lending is guaranteed, and finance companies need to be monitored very carefully under the scheme.

Manawatu Standard: Professor **Jacqueline Rowarth**, from the Institute of Natural Resources, outlines the market demand for dairy protein and pastoral products and also the value of science and technology to drive productivity and add value to New Zealand export.

Manawatu Standard: Professor **Jacqueline Rowarth**, from the Institute of Natural Resources, says the annual Massey Agriculture Awards end-of-year dinner is a significant step for final-year students about to graduate and enter the next stage of their lives.

Professor **Robert Anderson**, PVC College of Sciences, says this year nominations for Student-of-the-Year award were made by staff and students, and the recipient was **Joshua Dear**.

Manawatu Standard: Professor **Bob Hargreaves**, from the Department of Finance, Banking and Property, believes New Zealand is less exposed to the credit crunch many are feeling overseas, but we are a small nation buffeted by the international market, so there will be some impact.

Manawatu Standard; www.stuff.co.nz (15 October): Vice Chancellor **Steve Maharey**, urges caution over Labour's latest injection of \$210 million a year for universal student allowances, and says although it is a good idea, it can't be a policy that gets in the way of increased funding for the universities themselves.

en.epochtimes.com: Professor **Tom Nicholson**, from the School of Education, is despondent about the decreasing literacy rate in children, and says neither political party want to rock the boat.

15 October

bFM: Professor **Peter Lineham**, from the School of Social and Cultural Studies, says the Christian Party is active in the general election, and Brian Tamaki's party has changed to The Family Party with all mention of Destiny Church being removed.

stuff.co.nz, *Taranaki Daily News*: Professor **Tony Signal**, from the Institute of Fundamental Sciences, is leading the project, The Large

Hadron Collider, that is playing a role in the multibillion-dollar international experiment destined to replicate the big bang that is believed to have created the universe.

stuff.co.nz, *Manawatu Standard*: Six Massey students are to win all-expenses paid scholarships at European universities to learn more about how to monitor climate change, and Professor **Subhas Mukhopadhyay** and **Gourab Sen Gupta**, both from the Institute of Information Sciences and Technology, say this represents one of the best-ever opportunities for undergraduates to add international experience to their degrees.

scoop.co.nz: **Leana Keen** and **Aliscia Young**, design school graduates, are displaying their works in an exhibition titled *The Light Room* at the Saatchi and Saatchi gallery, which celebrates the completion of their 2008 year-based research project which explore themes of memory, perception and essence.

Upper Hutt Leader: **Nadine Jaggi**, a graduate from Wellington, costume designer for Weta Workshop, and winner of the supreme award and the Air New Zealand South Pacific section at the 20th Annual Montana World of Wearable Art Awards says she was inspired by the birds around her home, which lead to the creation of her *Ornitho Maia* garment.

16 October

Radio Live, *Radio New Zealand*: Professor **Bob Hargreaves**, from the Department of Finance, Banking and Property, says Labour's low income housing policy is a better deal for the Government than for buyers.

www.radionz.co.nz: Dr **David Tripe** says the Reserve Bank will create a ring-fenced industry and there is a risk they will find themselves managing a number of smaller institutions.

The Auckland North Shore: **Michael Bullock**, business studies student, has won the title of Sportsman of the year, and Juliette Haigh, also a business studies student, has won Sportswoman of the year, at the Massey Blues Sports Awards.

Manawatu Standard, www.dutchinfonetwork.com: **Ralph Ball**, from the Institute of Technology and Engineering, says the Robot Olympics, held for first-year engineering students, are designed to get students thinking about problem solving, and how to build a robot to complete specific tasks.

17 October

New Zealand Listener: Dr **Claire Robinson**, from the Institute of Communication and Design, says because of the innumerable news media and online information sources, the presentation of leaders and their reinforcement of their stories by the party's advertising symbolism is so important.

National Business Review: Professor

Notices

Jacqueline Rowarth, from the Institute of Natural Resources, discusses independent experts and says until New Zealand has a clear research strategy and system, all parts of society will be at risk from insecurities and snake-oil products.

Newstalk ZB: Professor **Paul Spoonley**, from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, is warming towards NZ First's immigration policy.
Radio Live: Professor **Richard Haverkamp**, from the Institute of Technology and Engineering, has commented on the development of increasingly sticky versions of glues designed to mimic gecko feet.

Events

<http://events.massey.ac.nz>

AL - Albany Campus

MN - Manawatu Campus

WN - Wellington Campus

MN – Tuesday 4 November

2.00pm – 3.30pm

China's Agricultural Development after WTO accession

Professor Tian Weiming

Professor Tian Weiming has a long experience of research leadership in China's Ministry of Agriculture, and for international organisations including the FAO and OECD. Some of his recent research activities have examined China's regional agricultural trade, WTO issues and China's livestock feeds situation.

Venue: Rangitane Room Bernard Chambers A
Contact: Julia Fisher

Ph: ext. 7071

WN – Friday 7 – Saturday 22 November

8.30am – 10.00pm

Blow Festival

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Please check out our events and subscribe to our friends' mailing list at www.blowfestival.co.nz

[co.nz](http://www.blowfestival.co.nz) for advance notice and special offers.

Nau Mai, Haere Mai, Koutou Katoa!

<http://www.blowfestival.co.nz>

Venue: Massey University, Entrance D Old Museum Building, Buckle Street, Wellington

Contact: Drew Naika

WN – Thursday 20 – Friday 21 November

1.00pm – 5.00pm

Critical Thoughts: recovering higher education

Alison Phipps, Wilf Malcom, Gareth Jones, Alice Te Punga Somerville

Critical Thoughts is a conference that provides the opportunity to think critically and creatively about the role of the university today. It will raise such questions as:

- What does it mean to be the critic and conscience of society?

- What are academics for? What is research for?

- How can learning flourish under a market-managed model?

Keynote speakers include: Wilf Malcom, Alison Phipps, Garath Jones and Alice Te Punga Somerville.

Early-bird registration before 21 October.

<http://www.criticalthoughts.org.nz>

Venue: To be held in the Hunter Building at Victoria University's Kelburn Campus

Contact: Jason Mackiewicz

Ph: (04) 801 5799 ext 62075 or 021 039 4882

PN – Friday 28 November

10.00am – 4.00pm

Massey University Graduation

Massey University celebrates the achievements of our graduates with two Graduation Ceremonies on Friday 28 November 2008. Join the graduates, their family and friends, along with Massey University staff and Alumni for the Graduate processions along Broadway Avenue to the Convention Centre at the conclusion of each ceremony.

<http://www.massey.ac.nz>

Venue: Regent Theatre, Broadway Avenue

Contact: Anna Hamilton

Ph: 06 350 5872

AK – Tuesday 28 October

7.00pm – 8.00pm

Free Lecture Series

Associate Professor Kathryn Rountree

"Between the Worlds: Researching Wiccans and Pagans in a Catholic Mediterranean Society"

Most studies of contemporary Pagans have been conducted in societies which are predominantly Protestant (for example, the US, UK, Canada and Australia) and largely secular. This talk explores the world of a small, hidden sub-culture in a society where 98% of people are Catholic.

<http://sscs.massey.ac.nz>

Venue: Sir Neil Waters Lecture Theatres, Gate

One Entrance, Albany Expressway, Albany

Contact: Leanne Menzies

Ph: 09 441 8163

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Scholarships and Awards

awards.massey.ac.nz

A Snap-Shot of Scholarships Closing October/November 2008: full information about these scholarships and all others scholarships can be found on <http://awards.massey.ac.nz/>

Undergraduate

Annie Rumble Trust – 31 October 2008

Ann Sinclair Charitable Trust – 31 October 2008

Mr M & Mrs T Olechnowicz Scholarship – 31 October 2008

Te Rau Puawai Workforce Development Scholarships – 31 October 2008

Alex C P Chu Trade for Training Scholarship – 1 November 2008

New Zealand Undergraduate Study Abroad Awards – 1 November 2008

Palmerston North Campus Elite Sports Bursaries – 1 November 2008

Don Linklater Memorial University Bursary – 3 November 2008

Health Research Council Summer Studentships
Maori Health Research - 10 November 2008

David Levene Foundation Bursaries – 15 November 2008

Postgraduate

Rehabilitation Scholarships – 29 October 2008

Annie Rumble Trust – 31 October 2008

Agmardt Scholarship – 31 October 2008

Ann Sinclair Charitable Trust – 31 October 2008

Human Resources Institute of New Zealand (HRINZ) Postgraduate Scholarship – 31 October 2008

Ministry of Fisheries Postgraduate Scholarships in Quantitative Fisheries – 31 October 2008

Mr M & Mrs T Olechnowicz Scholarship – 31 October 2008

NZ Biosecurity Institute Study Awards – 31 October 2008

New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants PhD Scholarships – 31 October 2008

NZ Property Institute Postgraduate Scholarship – 31 October 2008

Te Rau Puawai Workforce Development Scholarships – 31 October 2008

Wool Research Organisation of NZ Inc & NZ Wool Industry Charitable Trust Post-Graduate Scholarships – 31 October 2008

Alex C P Chu Trade for Training Scholarship – 1 November 2008

Fulbright Travel awards – 1 November 2008

New Zealand Postgraduate Study Abroad Awards – 1 November 2008

Don Linklater Memorial University Bursary – 3 November 2008

Social Policy Postgraduate Scholarships - 7 November 2008

Health Research Council Summer Studentships Maori Health Research - 10 November 2008

Livestock Improvement Patrick Shannon Scholarship - 15 November 2008

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Request for Proposals

Massey University was awarded a grant by the Tertiary Education Commission from the Building Research Capability in Strategically Relevant Areas Fund to Enhance New Zealand's Veterinary and Animal Science Research Capability.

These funds will be spent down over two years (2008-09), and this is the second and last

request for proposals.

Applications are encouraged from (but not limited to) veterinary and animal scientists who were classified in the R or C PBRF category in the 2006 evaluation.

Collaborative applications across institutions are encouraged, and mentoring by recognised researchers is considered an advantage. Applicants should bear in mind the TEC definition of research capability:

"Capability is defined as the skills, systems, infrastructure and relationships in Organisations that are used to provide research and link with stakeholders".

The six research funds are:

- Hopkirk Research Institute Fund - animal health research.

- Animals and Society Research Fund - animal welfare, companion animal and wildlife research.

- Ruminant Nutrition and Sustainability Research Fund - forages, nutraceuticals, and mineral supplements and their impact on animal health, environmental sustainability and product quality research.

- Animal Genetics, Epigenetics and Growth Research Fund - quantitative, molecular and epi- genetics and growth and development across the animal industries.

- Reproductive Management and Diseases Research Fund - reproductive diseases, reproductive performance and reproductive management across the animal industries.

- Molecular Epidemiology and Risk Research Fund - biosecurity and food safety.

A copy of the application form may be obtained from the BRCSRA Fund Secretary, Debbie Hill, Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences, Massey University; email ivabs.postgrads@massey.ac.nz

Please note the closing date for applications is 7 November 2008.

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Mataz Al Kharusi and Mohammed Al Gheilani watch as their robot stays on the "straight and narrow" in the line-following event.

Robolympics put engineers to the test

Massey's School of Engineering and Advanced Technology held its annual "Robolympics" competition at the Palmerston North campus yesterday.

The event pitted first-year students' creations against each other in a series of challenges events designed to test the robots' design, and included: a speed test, line following, and bump car.

Eighteen teams competed, spending no more than three minutes on each challenge to achieve the highest score in the event, which is considered a highlight in the school's academic calendar.

Organiser and lecturer Ralph Ball says the annual event is designed to encourage students to think about problem solving and how to build a robot to complete specific tasks.

On Tuesday last week, students travelled to Palmerston North from the Wellington campus for the second-year electronics class' "duck competition" with the objective of disabling electronic ducks with a "game-keeper" designed and built by the students.

Last year's open season on electronic ducks was held at the Wellington campus.



Callum Murton celebrates a successful attempt on the sharp-shooter.