

# QUADRIVIA

The HPRC Newsletter



November 2004

## Editorial

Our issue this month unveils the usual news from the crossroads, and continues our regular features 'Blast from the Past', and 'My Favourite Things'. Two colleagues achieve immortality this issue: a historian of internship and state coercion enjoying Her Majesty's hospitality, and a l-loving philosopher rhapsodises on his aged Scottish turntable (see below).

Looking ahead to the final newsletter for the year, readers should be advised (read: warned) that sooner or later every member of the School will be approached by your persistent editors and asked for your contribution to one or both of these features. Self-preservation suggests that you volunteer before we make it up for you!!

Simply forward a photograph for scanning (and return) of yourself in an instructive moment of youthful folly or naivety. Names will be ostensibly withheld but circulated via the HPRC grapevine. Alternatively, send a photo of an object for which you hold a particular affection (pets, cars, souvenirs, hi-fi equipment, musical instruments, cd covers etc have already been received), together with a short note giving three reasons for your choice. Your time will come...

Also, don't forget the HPRC/PSC **Melbourne Cup** lunch tomorrow, Tuesday November 2. Tickets at \$10 for P/G's and \$15 for staff guarantee you a winner: buffet lunch (incl. vegetarian), champagne, ticket in the sweep and other prizes. 1pm, Classics Common Room, Level 3 Michie Bldg (tickets from Maria Dwyer or Jodie Caruana).

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## Calendar

November 1: Swot Vac commences

November 2: Melbourne Cup (PSC lunch, 1 pm, Classics Common Room)

November 6: UQ Alumni Association Christmas book sale

November 8-20: Examination period

November 8: Academic Board

November 15-19: UQ Teaching and Learning Week

November 21- 26: Semester 2 course grades due

November 25: Senate

November 28: Friends of Antiquity Christmas Party



## Head of School's report

### School Strategic Retreat

The School Strategic Retreat will be held on February 21 at the Bardon Counselling Centre. The Agenda is currently under discussion. I would be pleased to hear from any staff re. essential agenda items.

### P/G Scholarships & funding

Postgraduate Scholarships are looming. Could I encourage you to encourage those honours students who are likely to be heading towards Firsts or 2-As to consider research degrees. If any staff have potential scholarship applicants, it is important to work with them now in refining their applications and their research projects.

In order to facilitate budget planning, applications for postgraduate research funding for 2005 will be called within the next week with a closing date around the end of November. We would then hope that postgraduate students will have their funding for next year clarified by the end of this one. Granting sufficient funds, a second round will be held in the middle of next year.

### Forward planning

Budget time is upon us again. Grace and I have begun budget planning for next year. The good news is that research income for next year is significantly up. This suggests to me what I argued strongly to the Review Committee - that our investment in new staff since the School came into being is now starting to be reflected in some of our income streams. Publications in particular are

significantly up - over double the points from the previous year - though this may well be the consequence of both increased publication and much improved reporting.

## Research grant applications

ARC Scholarship time is also looming. Could I encourage staff who intend to apply for large grants to begin work on applications now.

## End of teaching

Writing this on the last day of teaching for 2004, I take this opportunity to thank all members of staff for their contribution to the teaching of the School. The iCEVAL data summary for Semester 1 2004 demonstrates a continuing quality in our teaching with which we can be very pleased.

Philip Almond (Head of School)



## Travellers Tales # 1

QUADRIVIA is happy to publish accounts of any recent travels undertaken by HPRC-ers, whether work-related or otherwise. This month **Lesley Burnett** (School Office) reports on her recent mid-term break:

“A seven-day sojourn in the Northern Territory was only enough time to sample a few of the myriad novelties of climate, fauna, flora, geology, points of historical interest and tourist attractions - but we tried hard!

It's exhilarating to stand on the beach on the very top edge of Australia and know that across the Arafura Sea, just a short swim away, lies Timor and the Moluccas. But beware! Although the seas looks tranquil and inviting - few swim. Man-eating saltwater crocodiles are regularly captured from the harbour and deadly box jellyfish inhabit the water for many months of the year.

Darwin's indigenous Larrikia people's stunning art and artefacts are splendidly represented in the local art galleries and tourist giftshops and the city's reputation as a multicultural city is showcased at the twice-weekly food and craft Night Market. Hundreds of locals and visitors set-up their picnic tables, chairs and eskies on Mindil Beach to witness the spectacular blood-red sunset whilst enjoying the tasty food of dozens of different cuisines, cooked by stallholders on the spot. One unusual eatery for adventurous carnivores is the "Road Kill Stall" offering kebabs of emu, wallaby, possum, crocodile, buffalo and camel - and they were doing a roaring trade!

Juxtaposed to the beauty of the lush, tropical vegetation around the city (with plenty of coconut palms and mango-laden trees no local can go hungry) and plentiful birdlife (the black crested, red-tailed cockatoos fascinated me most) is the shock of observing so much military activity around Darwin. Sinister grey troop ships in the harbour and fighter jet aeroplanes screeching overhead in packs, not only evoked memories of the World War II bombing raids by Japan but were a grim reminder of our government's more recent military adventures.

A three-day campervan trip into Litchfield National Park was a delightful experience. To spend hours swimming and frolicking in cool rockpools beneath 50 ft. waterfalls was a memory to be cherished. No crocodiles in sight - although a beady-eyed water monitor swimming beside me (with a snake-like head and goanna body) gave a few scary moments before he slid out onto a rock to sun himself!”



## Sporting Intelligence: Soccer

One chapter in the fight for supremacy between HPRC and EMSAH came to an unexpected close on Saturday 30 October as the two football teams met on the Coleridge Street common field at St Lucia. Trudy Jacobsen and Yru Redhead report:

“The HPRC team, looking smart in white t-shirts, was ably captained by Frank Zelko, being arranged into alphabetical order before deployment to the field. EMSAH, meanwhile, attempted to use Feng Shui principles of power play by wearing red. This was undermined by their strategic decision NOT to occupy the right half of the field during kick-off.

Antonio and Bill quickly combined to steal the ball and attack down the right-hand side. A good cross saw Bill in position to attempt a goal which went just wide. In the aftermath of a second attempt from Chris (whom the supporters accidentally called Steve for the entirety of the match, sorry about that), EMSAH managed a solo run down the field to score the first goal of the match.

Rallying, Andrew guided a nice ball down the middle of the field to Antonio. Rob smothered and cleared the ball. Chris articulated the ball nicely down to Frank who crossed to Robert. The two youngest EMSAH team members, Embryonic and Young EMSAH respectively, were able to cheat the ball away, but Andrea and Heather combined to defuse the potentially dangerous situation.

Jen, playing for the other team in a magnanimous show of HPRC fair play, blocked Bill when he went up for the next attempt. Martin's shot was similarly blocked but Antonio made a good effort at retrieving the ball, cutting it back to

Bill who confused the EMSAH defender and keeper with a well-paced shot. Craig delivered a nice cross, putting the ball in Tony's domain on the far right of the field. Robert skilfully cleared the ball back as Embryonic EMSAH and Young EMSAH converged. Bill made a successful attempt to score for HPRC followed almost immediately by a wide shot from Frank. EMSAH thought they were due for another point but were foiled by a nice save from goalie Sarah.

The opening minutes of the second third of the match saw Martin, following shouted instructions from the commentators, block EMSAH at a crucial point, allowing Frank to put in a big kick down to Craig, who was being marked by Jen. A good 1-2 from Embryonic and Young EMSAH saw a sneaky goal get past Sarah. Bill then ran the ball down to within shot of the EMSAH goal where it was saved by EMSAH goalie (but one-time History postgraduate) Rob. Frank attempted a shot at goal that went wide. Heather blocked an EMSAH attempt to get possession, kicking accurately to Robert, who despite good manoeuvres was comprehensively beaten by the EMSAH chick marking him.



HPRC Allstars: back (l-r) Richard Krista, Paula Johnson, Frank Zelko, Bill Ransome, Martin Crotty, Andrew Bonnell, Craig Barrett, Antonio Ferreira-Jardin, Robert Hogg. Front (l-r): Sarah Ferber, Andrea Humphreys, Heather Wolfram, Chris Mazzorana, Tony Yeats. Absent: Jen Tsen Kwok.

Another great save by Rob in the EMSAH goal stimulated the HPRC offence to new heights, with some great work by Craig, Martin and Chris foiling Young EMSAH. A great ball by Bill spread Craig wide to the right and some good feinting by Antonio saw Frank getting the ball back to Craig in the corner for an attempt at goal. At this point EMSAH demonstrated their total lack of adherence to the rules by attempting to play on after Young EMSAH had put the ball over the line. (Later, Young EMSAH had been heard to ask "Are we EMSAH?", thus totally discrediting the other side.) Robert and Bill played a nice 1-2 to Chris that was saved for EMSAH by Rob in goal. Great chasing from Chris allowed Bill and Frank to get the ball away to Craig for another attempt at goal. A good block from

Antonio and aggression on the midfield from Andrea saw Martin able to position the ball well for a HPRC goal.

The rebound from Jen's block had the unfortunate effect of hitting EMSAH team member Leily Golsha in the face, breaking her glasses and causing the sharp edge of the frame to cut her cheek (EMSAH took advantage of the situation to place another goal before the end of the second third).

## COLLECTION FOR LEILY

A collection is being taken from both EMSAH and HPRC team members in order to enable Leily to replace her glasses (hopefully in time for the next match!). All HPRC team members who have not contributed to the collection for Leily can do so through Andrea Humphreys ([a.humphreys@uq.edu.au](mailto:a.humphreys@uq.edu.au)).

Meanwhile, the final third of the match opened with a good kick from Chris down the field to Craig. HPRC regained possession thanks to some fancy footwork from Chris and Martin. Andrew and Craig worked well to transition the ball down to Andrea at midfield. From there Frank was able to make a great looking shot, rescued on the way out by a nice transition from Antonio to Andrea to Craig. A great run from EMSAH saw them score yet another goal.

Solid work from Andrea saw Frank able to make a spectacular run with the ball. Andrea and Antonio had some nice 50-50 action in midfield. Good foot action from Andrew saw HPRC regain possession of the ball as Chris intercepted and passed to Andrea. An accurate kick from Bill saw Frank and Martin in a good set up for goal. EMSAH very aggressively got the ball away from Frank but to no avail, as a good kick from Frank allowed Andrea to hold the ball until Frank repositioned himself further down the field. Andrea then passed to Frank, then the ball transitioned to Robert, who shot it through to Martin, who passed to Bill, who scored for HPRC in what one commentator called "a harmonious symphony of the highest order".

Unfortunately, EMSAH almost immediately won a penalty kick-in, bringing the score to 5:3. Great running from Antonio and solid work from Tony saw Chris make an attempt that rebounded. The Fates were smiling upon HPRC, however, as EMSAH's goalkeeper Rob lost control of the ball, resulting in an own goal.

The final minutes of the match saw good passing from Martin to Bill, superb feinting from Frank and nice stopping action from Antonio. Chris beat four EMSAH players in his run down field to the 120 metre mark. Sarah saved another EMSAH attempt, Bill running off with the rebound ball. Craig attempted another HPRC goal that was

foiled by Rob in goal. An intercept from Robert saw the ball back in Bill's hands via Martin but this attempt to score was also unlucky. A collision between Chris and Young EMSAH distracted the HPRC team long enough for EMSAH to score their final goal, bringing the final score to 6:4.

The match was deconstructed by both EMSAH and HPRC teams in the Red Room, at which the possibility of a rematch was mooted. If anyone is interested, please contact Andrea Humphreys ([a.Humphreys@uq.edu.au](mailto:a.Humphreys@uq.edu.au)).

Interest has also been expressed in an informal soccer match within HPRC ranks every Friday afternoon at 4.30pm, with drinks following at the Red Room. The invitation is open to all postgraduates and staff. The first match will take place this Friday and, depending on the level of interest shown, will continue every Friday after that. Contact Craig Barrett on [s344610@student.uq.edu.au](mailto:s344610@student.uq.edu.au) if you are interested.



## Prizes

The School issues approximately 10-12 prizes per year over all disciplines. These prizes have specific rules and conditions, and are normally for best results in a course or discipline area (see HPRC website).

The **Joan Allsop Prize** for 2004 has been awarded to **Mark O'Neill**, who obtained the best results in history courses during 2003 and is enrolled in the Postgraduate BA Honours (History) program in 2004. Mark received a cash prize and has signalled his generous intention to make an appropriate donation to the SSH&L.

The **Betty Fletcher Travelling Scholarship** is awarded to students for the best Classics and Ancient History research proposal. This year, **Sally McHugh** was awarded the Scholarship at an awards ceremony held at Grace College on the evening of October 15. Last year's winner, **Llyneth Crawford**, talked about her travel on the scholarship during 2003.

Meanwhile, we've also learnt that **Brad Blashak**, a History Honours student from 2003, has won the Australian Society for Sports History's prize for the best honours dissertation in Australia in the sports history field. His thesis, titled 'The Ignorant Labelled it a Ladies Game: Masculinity in Australian Tennis in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries' was supervised by Martin Crotty.



## The Classics Debate, 2004

Our top classicists went bare-knuckled before a packed house in Goddard 212 on Wednesday October 6: "Was Julius Caesar a Genius?" And old-fashioned bribery and primitive religion bribery abounded, as adjudicator Tim Parkin reports:

"Both sides presented stunning illustrations (indeed voodoo puppets in one case: see photo), lashings of (good and bad) humour, and in the best traditions of Roman oratory, a healthy dose of smutty innuendo.

The male side (negative argument; Jonathon Kopinski, Paul Murphy, Bob Milns): presented, in fine scholarly fashion, compelling arguments and plentiful primary source material, including original art works. The female (positive) side, on the other hand (Yvette Hunt ; Pamela Howe, Sonia Puttock) relied heavily on fantasy and fiction and displayed a total disregard for reality; they invented evidence, indulged in grovelling flattery & indeed bribery of the adjudicator (see again photo).



**"Feasting, bribery, corruption and superstition – what are those classicists up to?"**

As a result the female side was clearly the more popular side with the noisy crowd, and possibly with the adjudicator (although his reference to the men as the losing side while the debate was still in progress was clearly an inadvertent slip). But in the finest Roman and Queensland traditions, the adjudicator declared the contest a dead heat, and then proceeded to eat the cake, ably aided by a host of volunteers.

Overall a splendid occasion enjoyed mightily by all; it was organised by the students' Classics and Ancient History Society and in particular by their president, Ian Nibloe (who in the end never even got a piece of cake)."

## Travellers Tales # 2

**Clive Moore** arrived back in early October from a 10 day research trip to the Solomon Islands (and quickly got sick of being asked how his holiday was). He reports that the Solomons has had a bit of hard time over the last few years and is not an easy place to visit.

“I arrived on Tuesday 21st September, aiming to set off for the isolated east coast of Malaita Island the next day. Solomon Airlines domestic fleet was down to one plane (to service the entire country, as one had skidded off a runway into the bush and one other was overseas for repairs), so when I got to the airport I found the flight was cancelled and spent the next two days staying in an hotel at the airline’s expense (which cost more than the ticket).

I finally got away and after a 35 minute plane ride and a 2 hour open sea boat ride got to the village I have been visiting since 1976. It was great to get back to see old friends and to continue earlier work. Malaita is very hot, wet and slippery and I must admit that I am not good at walking about there, and could not do any long visits into the bush. I also caught up with two of the unfortunate children who have been named “Clive” after me. Anyone wanting an adventure holiday should apply to join my next trip, as long as they are fond of sweet potato and taro soup and slimy green vegetables, which are the staple diet.

On the way back, after two hours holding onto a rope as the boat was buffeted by large waves, and soaking wet, I arrived at Ato’ifi SDA mission station where an Australian missionary had his head cut off last year. I had to wait another day, as the plane did not turn up. The killer is still out there somewhere, but I kept a low profile and after a day’s wait managed to get back to sophisticated Honiara, where I stayed in the Pacific Casino Hotel (more fuel for those who think it was a holiday) and had a comfortable time, as long as I sprayed the room for mosquitos twice a day.

In Honiara, having lost 3 days to immobility caused by planes not arriving in the earlier part of the trip, I was short of time, but managed to get enough work done in the National Archives to justify the visit. I work hard between power black outs (the power often goes off for 2-3 hours at a time). I caught up with more of the Solomon Clives and took lots of photos of the latest (Number 7), the son of the first one named after me, who is now 25 years old. He is 10 months old and is called “Thompson Robinson Clive”, the first two names being those of my grandfather. Anyone wanting to view the baby photos should apply. And, finally, no it was not a holiday!”

**Clive Moore (History)**

## My Favourite Things

**Who:** Damian Cox (Philosophy)

**What:** a Linn Sondek turntable; of Scottish manufacture and bought second hand for \$1000 22 years ago. Over the years I've changed the motor, the electronic power supply, the springs, the platter assembly, the arm, the armboard, the belt, the mat, the cartridge. But it's the same old turntable...



**Why:** ...and oh yes, it still sounds a lot better (I mean a *lot* better) than a CD player.



## Seminars and Conferences

### November 5: Philosophy

Diane Josey (UQ): (Confirmation seminar)  
3 pm, Rm E348, Forgan Smith Bldg

### November 7: Friends of Antiquity

Adjunct Professor Adrian Heyworth-Smith will discuss *The Flavian Ladies* (including Antonia Caenis, Domitia, and Flavia Julia) as part of the Friends of Antiquity Sunday Series (\$4 includes afternoon tea) at 2.30pm, November 7 in Room 388, Goddard Building (entrance from cloister), St Lucia campus.

Contact Cherie Trenaman at [c.trenaman@uq.edu.au](mailto:c.trenaman@uq.edu.au).

### November 9: Centre for Critical & Cultural Studies

Meaghan Morris in conversation with Graeme Turner  
2.30-3.30 pm, Rm 356, Forgan Smith Bldg (refreshments to follow). For further information, please contact:

Ms Rebecca Ralph, CCCS

Email: [admin.cccs@uq.edu.au](mailto:admin.cccs@uq.edu.au)

### November 12: Philosophy

James Chase (U. Tas): ‘Truth and Knowability’  
3-5 pm, Rm E348, Forgan Smith Bldg

## November 19: Philosophy

Simon Lumsden (UNSW) 'The Question of Subjectivity in Deconstruction'

3-5 pm, Rm E348, Forgan Smith Bldg

## November 23: Australian Studies Centre

'Indigenous Sovereignties' symposium

Women's College, UQ.

### Confirmed speakers include:

Mr Philip Morrissey, The University of Melbourne

Associate Professor Tracey Bunda, University of Canberra

Mr Philip Falk, Griffith University

Ms Jacqui Katona, The University of Melbourne

Mr Gary Foley, The University of Melbourne

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## November 26: Philosophy

William Grey (UQ): (topic TBA)

3-5pm, Rm. E348, Forgan Smith Building

## November 29: Philosophy

Rob Wilson (Alberta): (topic TBA)

3-5 pm, Rm. E348, Forgan Smith Building.



## The HPRC T-Shirt

Any decent university Department or School is defined by an ace t-shirt, right? Well the time has come: calling all entries for:

## The HPRC T-Shirt Design Competition

Your design should encapsulate the identity of the school and its constituent disciplines in a single, snappy graphic image or slogan. Ideas (sketchy or fully developed, doesn't matter) can be posted or emailed to the Editors, QUADRIVIA, during November and December this year. Short-listed entrants will appear in the newsletter next year, with a public vote to decide the outright winner.

Prizes include a messy afternoon in the Clubs and Socs t-shirt workshop and \$400 assistance for production costs. Just think: the Head of School might be gardening in YOUR design by Easter next year!?!

## Contemporary wisdom #2

A recent spam email, reminding us of the blessed wonder of the Information Age:

"Our modern sight shows that it takes usual of just 2.7 drunkenness to produce a katzenjammer. But this tablets assistances you escape hangovers and awaken feeling immense from head to stomach and all over additional.

PUSH to read more."



## From the Centres

The first meeting of the Centre for Applied History & Heritage Studies Advisory Committee was held on Friday October 29, followed by a very sociable lunch at the Eleanor Room. Attendees travelled from across Brisbane and as far afield as Canberra, and the work of the Committee was commenced in an appropriately diligent and spirited fashion. As a bridge between the Centre and its activities and a wider network of professional and governmental contacts, the Committee's efforts will enrich the collegiate life of the School as a whole. It will meet once per semester into the future.

Members include the Head of School Prof. Almond, Adjunct Professor Dr Dawn Casey (formerly Director, National Museum of Australia), Adjunct Professor Mr. Jim Varghese (Director-General, DPI&F), Ms Alice-Ann Boylan (Director, Museum of Brisbane), Mr Mervyn Royle (President, Brisbane History Group), Dr. Ruth Kerr (President, Professional Historians Association Qld.), and Ms Helen Gregory (former Adjunct Professor and public historian). Clive Moore also attended as Head of the History discipline, and the meeting was chaired by Centre Director Geoff Ginn. Thanks also to our Applied History Intern Michelle Dean, who took notes and assisted with administration.



## MELBOURNE CUP SPECIAL

The PSC monthly afternoon tea falls due Tuesday November 2: Melbourne Cup Day. Described as a "bang-up lunch, champagne, sweeps and hat parade", this event is THE HPRC social gathering for the month.

## QUADRIVIA's tips:

**16. Pacific Dancer** (jockey: C. Moore) (8: \$11.50). Refreshed from recent runs on the sandy tracks of the Solomons; sets a cracking pace and never shy of work.

**11. Roman Arch** (jockey: T. Stephenson) (5: \$81). A solid performer over the distance (centuries, in fact) despite carrying a significant weight (western civilisation). Heavily backed by the tutors.

**19. Hard To Get** (jockey: P. Pecenko) (14: \$101). Sired by 'Tranquility' out of 'Bodhisattva', this timeless stayer will reward punters who look within.

## The Event

At just \$15 for staff and \$10 for postgraduates, buffet lunch (vegetarians are catered for), champagne, free entry into the sweep and tickets for a lucky door prize are all included. Partners welcome.

Venue: Classics Common Room, 3rd floor, Michie, from 1 pm.

Email Maria Dwyer at [m.dwyer1@uq.edu.au](mailto:m.dwyer1@uq.edu.au) for more details or take your cash to Jodie at the HPRC office.



## School News

### Pacific Islands Studies

In mid-October **Clive Moore (History)** travelled to Canberra for the inaugural meeting of the Australian Association for the Advancement of Pacific Islands Studies. The meeting was sponsored by the International Centre of Excellence for Asia-Pacific Studies, under its Interim Director Professor Kam Kouie. A considerable amount of funding is available through ICE and the Asia Pacific Futures Network. A steering committee was established and activities planned, one of which will be a Brisbane-based conference in mid-2005.

### Antiquities Museum

Once again the Museum has been full of activity this month. With the three Interns installing their exhibition the atmosphere has been one of extreme stress and panic, so **Sonia Puttock (Classics)** has wisely kept out of their way. October also saw long hours in compiling documentation and photographs for all the objects in the collection. This has been fraught with frustration as many of the 5000 objects or fragments do not have a record of any sort. But with perseverance the valuation should be underway in a few weeks.

### Alumni Association Christmas book sale

The UQ Alumni Christmas book sale will be held at 8.00am, November 6, at St Lucia Village and will feature quality second-hand books on all subjects. Contact Lynne Norris (x51531) for further information.

## Community outreach

**Dorothy Watts (Classics)** has given several talks to community groups recently: two to the 'Mindventures' group on 'Celtic Women; Celtic Art', and another to the St Lucia Anglican Church Wednesday meeting group on 'Greek and Roman women'. **Prof. Bob Milns** also contributed recently to a lively seminar 'The Olive and the Willow', comparing Homer's *Odyssey* to Kenneth Graham's *The Wind in the Willows*. Sponsored by the Queensland Friends of the Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens, the seminar featured readings from both works "to examine what impact Odysseus, Calypso, Circe and Nausicaa have had on Graham's lovable characters – Toad, Mole, Rat, badger and a bevy of barge-women, washer-women, gaoler's daughters and the like." The benefits of a classical education, indeed!

## Outstanding Learner

Tireless HPRC student **Virginia Thorley** was recently awarded the Adult Learners' Week 2004 'Outstanding Learner Award' After being bussed to Stanthorpe for the ceremony, Virginia was asked to say a few words:

"I didn't want to talk about myself. So I reminded everyone about the other adult learners out there who are very deserving but whom no one has nominated, e.g. women, especially indigenous women, who left school very early ('cos society told them not to waste time staying at school), and people who've been injured and can't continue their old jobs and have to study to do new jobs. But no one nominated them. I urged everyone to think of nominating some of these wonderful people who have had these experiences, for future years." Well done, Virginia!

## Witches on display

Students in **Lynne Hume's (Religion)** course RELN 2110 Witches, Pagans and the New Age, have set up a very colourful display in the foyer of the Main Library:

"We are also using this as a place for advertising some of Studies in Religion courses for next year, so it has a two-fold purpose. The title for the work is: Contemporary Spirituality and the New Age.

The display was an assignment that students were really engaged with and so did quite a bit of research and preparation. Students are willing to put extra time into something like this and learn a lot at the same time: research, museum display, conflating much information into a succinct form, making an eye-catching as well as informative exhibition, and listing references so that anyone interested can do further reading for themselves.

Library staff, especially Ros Follett, are very willing to help out with displays – providing lockable cabinets, etc. The display is up for two weeks."

## Back from hospital

**Prof Bob Elson (History)** recently returned to the fray after a spell in hospital for surgery, and thanks colleagues for their cards, flowers and kind words.

## Research Infrastructure Block Grants

Applications for Competitive Research Infrastructure Grants for 2005 have been called by the DVC (Research), Prof. David Siddle. Grant applications for a minimum of \$30,000 will be considered from the Arts Faculty, for expenditure to "support successful ARC LIEF applications, major items of research infrastructure, minor items of research infrastructure, and a competitive scheme for infrastructure/equipment." Applications should be initiated at the School level and submitted to the Acting Executive Dean by November 19.

According to a recent email from Prof. Siddle, applications should be no more than four pages and must be arranged around the following headings:

- How will the infrastructure serve broad needs in specific disciplinary or interdisciplinary areas?
- How will the infrastructure relate to existing or developing areas of strength?
- How will the infrastructure serve the needs of postgraduate research students and Postdoctoral Fellows?
- How is the infrastructure consistent with the strategic needs of the University and Faculty/Institute?
- What is the track record over the last 5 years of the applicants?

A summary of quotes for the requested infrastructure item/s should also be attached to the application.

## Pat Wheatley update

Recent contact with our former colleague (now at Otago, NZ) suggests he and Liz to be settling in nicely. Real estate seems a little more reasonable there, and they have settled on a spacious weatherboard house on the road to Pt Chalmers, with a harbour outlook through the large bay windows of Pat's new study. Meanwhile, Liz is working with the Dunedin city council, and both send their regards to friends and confidantes from their time at UQ. Pat's email: [pat.wheatley@stonebow.otago.ac.nz](mailto:pat.wheatley@stonebow.otago.ac.nz).

## In the media

In early September **Andrew Gentes (History)** was interviewed for the ABC Queensland radio program "Drive with Ingrid Just" concerning the Beslan massacre. On October 12, Andrew was on the airwaves again for the ABC radio program "TVTV" for an upcoming television segment on Siberia.

## Singapore Symposium

History Post-Doc **Michael Barr's** research project on Singapore politics has won a S\$10,000 grant from the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. The Institute will host a symposium for the project in Singapore, cover the direct costs associated with the event and fly several participants to Singapore from the UK and the Netherlands. The Australian Research Council is funding most of the actual research and is flying the four Australian participants from Brisbane and Sydney to Singapore.

The symposium is called 'Paths Not Taken: Political Pluralism in Post War Singapore', and it will be held at the National University of Singapore on 14 and 15 July, 2005. The website associated with symposium and the project may be viewed at:

<http://www.socialchange.qut.edu.au/centresocial/Paths/index.htm>.

## Friends of Antiquity

On 28th November, the Friends of Antiquity are throwing their annual Christmas Party. 12.00 noon - 3.00 p.m. at Trinity Place, 68 Hawthorn Street, Woolloongabba. See John Whitehorne or Tim Parkin for further details

## CHASS & commercialisation

**Geoff Ginn (History)** attended the Brisbane focus group on October 5 for the new CHASS inquiry into commercialisation in the social sciences and Humanities. CHASS (Council for the Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences) is funded by the Federal Government to assist our sector in lobbying for grants and research funding.

Geoff described Histori|co's activities through UniQuest as a potential model for small consultancy-based projects in the Humanities. The report from the focus groups will go to the Minister later this year.

## Ancient medicine

**Tim Parkin (Classics)** has been invited to address a plenary session of the 2005 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australian Society for Geriatric Medicine, on the topic of ancient medicine.



## BLAST from the PAST



Study Leave  
(or, 'time for reflection')



## Smithsonian Fellowships

Queensland Government Fellowships will be awarded for 3 Queenslanders to undertake a project at the Smithsonian Institution in the United States of America in 2005. Applications are open to Queenslanders working in any area of mutual interest with the Smithsonian eg museum studies; education; science; environmental and conservation biology; biodiversity research; folk culture; anthropology; and history. Applications close at 5pm on Friday 17 December 2004. Further information, application forms, guidelines and selection criteria at:

[www.premiers.qld.gov.au/awardsevents/](http://www.premiers.qld.gov.au/awardsevents/)

Alternatively, contact the Queensland – Smithsonian Secretariat at International Collaborations, Department of the Premier and Cabinet on (07) 3405 5620

or [International.Collaborations@premiers.qld.gov.au](mailto:International.Collaborations@premiers.qld.gov.au)



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## From the Office

### New Honours Application Procedure

A student wishing to apply for entry into one of HPRC's Disciplinary Honours Programs can collect the Honours Application Forms from School Office, or download them from: <http://www.arts.uq.edu.au/index.html?id=12038>

Students should then meet with the Honours Advisor for their relevant discipline to discuss the proposed topic and determine availability of an appropriate supervisor. When the application has been finalised, the Disciplinary Honours Advisor will ensure that the nominated supervisor has signed the form prior to being lodged at the School Office.

The Honours Application Form and the Program Form must be submitted together. If the student is not at UQ, he/she must produce the necessary Academic transcripts with the application. The application is then passed to the School Honours Coordinator (Dr Andrew Gentes) for final approval, before forwarding to the Faculty of Arts. Any questions or problems that may arise during this procedure should first be directed to Dr Gentes.

### Semester grading

Results should be provided to the Office by Wednesday 24th November 5pm. Staff who have exams scheduled late in the examination period may require extra time; however all results should be in as close as possible to the date specified. Lesley will receive History's grades, Serena those from Classics and Ancient History, and Jody will look after Philosophy and studies in Religion.

