Hi everyone

Welcome to the second issue of the University of Tasmania’s recruitment bulletin for 2007 – and a special welcome to those of you who have been added to our mailing list recently. We hope you enjoy the bulletin and find it useful.

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2007 Uni Info Days

Dates for the UTAS Uni Info Days this year are:
- **Hobart**: Sun., 19 August; 10.00am–3.00pm
- **Launceston**: Sun., 26 August; 10.00am–3.00pm
- **Cradle Coast**: Wed., 5 September, 5.00–9.00pm

UTAS Social Ecology grads in demand for ABS positions

For the past seven years, Caroline Coombes, from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, has been selecting graduates from all over Australia to work in Canberra’s ABS Central Office. Each year for the past five years she has selected a couple of graduates from the UTAS Social Ecology Honours program coordinated by Dr Natalie Jackson.

The graduate skills that Caroline Coombes searches for include conceptual, analytical and writing skills, and the ability to communicate openly and with confidence. "I have found graduates from this course to be of a consistently high standard. All of them have fitted in well to ABS; each of them making a valuable contribution to our growing body of social statistics," Ms Coombes said.

Recent graduate Caroline Hartnett is currently based at the ABS in Canberra, where she assists with demography projects such as birth data requests. "One of the highlights of UTAS was the unit Sociology of Population Change, taught by Dr Natalie Jackson – Natalie is very inspiring and a great lecturer," Caroline said.

Georgia Mitchell is also in the demography team, working with estimated resident population data. She commenced a BA with no specific idea of what she wanted to do with it, but found at the end of second-year that the area of demography really interested her.

As well as specific knowledge in the area of demography, Georgia acquired other valuable skills that were more generic, including time management and the ability to write well.

"Planning and prioritising my tasks helps me stay sane when I have a lot of competing tasks to complete, and my writing skills have enabled me to confidently tackle tasks such as writing information papers, media releases, news articles and statistical commentary," said Georgia.

Recent UTAS graduates at the ABS in Canberra (left to right): Caroline Hartnett, Rachel Lacey, Georgia Mitchell, Ms Caroline Coombes, Cass Eaves and Jason Lumley.

New Early Years degree

The duration of the new Bachelor of Education & Care (Early Years) (BEC) degree is described in different ways in two University publications, which may have confused some of you! The 4-year duration listed in the 2007/2008 Prospectus & Course takes into account the Certificate III of Children’s Services (1 year) which is the initial TAFE (or other RTO) course leading to a career in child care. The Diploma/Advanced Diploma of
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Children’s Services (1 year) studied at TAFE (or other RTO) is the first year of the BEC degree and is followed by 2 years at University.

The Faculty of Education booklet lists the degree program as 3 years duration, comprising the 1-year Diploma/Advanced Diploma of Children’s Services at TAFE (or other RTO) plus the 2 years at University.

UTAS at interstate expos
A staff member from the Student Recruitment team will be representing UTAS at the following interstate events. You’re welcome to drop by and say hello!

5 June IMVC Career Your Lifestyle Expo Melbourne, UTAS staff: Jo Bailey
22-23 June EOC, Sydney
UTAS staff: Candice Wise
26 June Geelong Regional expo
UTAS staff: Leanne Arnott

Interstate careers evenings
If you haven’t yet told us about careers evenings that are scheduled for your school/college, please let us know, as it may be possible to arrange for a staff member from our team, or one of our lovely interstate graduate helpers, to come along to represent the University of Tasmania. Contact Kim Anstee, 03 6324 3131, Kim.Anstee@utas.edu.au or Leanne Arnott, 03 6324 3229, Leanne.Arnott@utas.edu.au

New media labs meet industry challenge
Journalism and media students at UTAS now have access to state-of-the-art production and learning facilities, since the launch of a $500,000 media lab in the Faculty of Arts in Hobart.

The lab includes five radio and video production studios, a 20-space editing suite and a newsroom.

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Journalism, Media and Communications has been one of the University’s most successful and fastest growing programs since it began in 1999. It attracts students from interstate and overseas, and has been nationally recognised for its innovative teaching, which combines practical journalism and media skills with theoretical analysis.

UTAS graduates from both the undergraduate and postgraduate courses now work in the news media and associated industries across Australia and overseas.

Coordinator Dr Libby Lester said that the new lab’s design recognised the dramatic shift that had occurred in the media in recent years.

“We want students to embrace the new technologies now available – from mobile phones to MP3s to high-end cameras, field recorders and editing software – to produce exciting and important journalism,” she said.

“Students will leave us with the skills to work in traditional mainstream media but also with the ability to go out into the world independently and tell stories that have the potential to make a real difference.”

Above: Journalism and media students use facilities in the new Faculty of Arts media labs.

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