New moot court for Faculty of Law
Construction of a new moot court (pictured below) was recently completed for the Faculty of Law in Hobart. “Mooting” is the oral presentation of a legal issue or problem, and is perhaps the closest experience to appearing in court that a student can have whilst at university.

The Andrew Inglis Clark Moot Court incorporates flexible features for group discussion and class exercises, such as reversible seating, a retractable three-judge bench, a moveable witness box, and a bar table accommodating up to six counsel.

The new facilities will give the Law School ample scope to develop a distinctive skills-based program, potentially incorporating witness examination, mediation, arbitration, and other dispute resolution.

2008 Career Advisor Symposium
The annual UTAS Career Advisor Symposium was held on 14 March with approximately 40 local and interstate Career Advisors in attendance.

Delegates participated in a range of workshops about the University’s distinctive courses, including Medical Research and Music (at the Conservatorium.) The Symposium also provided opportunities for delegates to network, and meet with UTAS academics.

The location of the Symposium alternates between Hobart and Launceston, with this year’s event held at the Sandy Bay campus.

New “Grote Reber” Physics Museum
The UTAS School of Mathematics and Physics, in cooperation with the Queen Victoria Museum, has opened a new museum at Cambridge.

Sharing a site with the Mt. Pleasant Radio Telescope Observatory, the museum showcases the life and work of pioneering Tasmanian radio astronomer Grote Reber. A range of interesting exhibits are featured, including Reber’s telescopes, an original “radio shack” and a Virtual Reality Theatre.

For more information or to book a visit, go to: http://www-ra.phys.utas.edu.au/reber_museum.

UTAS & AMC Integration
The Australian Maritime College (AMC) and the University of Tasmania (UTAS) integrated on 1 January 2008, with AMC becoming a specialist institute of the University.

AMC will continue to build Tasmania’s reputation as a centre of expertise in maritime-related studies, including naval architecture, ocean engineering and maritime hydrodynamics, integrated transport logistics, marine science and technology, fisheries and sustainable management of ocean resources.

For course information about AMC degrees, contact the Uni Info Centre on phone: 1300 363 864 or email: Course.Info@utas.edu.au.

Transition Support Officers: helping new students
UTAS Student Services has recently appointed 6 new Transition Support Officers to assist university students in their first year of study. Located at the Hobart and Launceston campuses, the Officers support new students in their transition into the university environment with information sessions, programs and one-on-one appointments.

Transition Support Officers can be contacted by phoning Student Services in Hobart: (03) 6226 2697 or Launceston: (03) 6324 3787.

Hobart “Fast Track” Nursing off to a Healthy Start
There was considerable interest in the new 2-year Bachelor of Nursing program being offered in Hobart, resulting in full enrolment of 100 students. The program is based in the former Hobart TAFE building.