

A regular update on UniSA programs and events

Welcome to the final edition of UniSA Links for 2008. In this edition we find out what current UniSA students have been up to and provide you with information on new programs as well as details on upcoming events and workshops your students might find of interest.

This newsletter is also available online at [www.unisa.edu.au/future/advisers/unisalinks.asp](http://www.unisa.edu.au/future/advisers/unisalinks.asp)

## Preparing for Health Sciences workshop

Invaluable for any year 12 student wishing to study health sciences in 2009.

UniSA's Division of Health Sciences has for many years offered an optional four day workshop entitled 'Preparing for Health Sciences' prior to the commencement of the university academic year. This course is provided for students who have not studied any biological or physical sciences in their final years of schooling but wish to undertake an undergraduate degree in health sciences at university. Students find this preparatory course extremely valuable and our numbers have grown considerably over recent times.

If you have students who are interested in studying health sciences, please encourage them to attend our workshop, which will be conducted from **Monday 16 to Thursday 19 February 2009**. Students need to complete a registration form by Friday 6 February to attend the workshop, which can be downloaded from [www.unisa.edu.au/pmbs/shortcourses/prephealthscience.asp](http://www.unisa.edu.au/pmbs/shortcourses/prephealthscience.asp) For further information please contact the coordinator of the program, Dr. Jyothi Thalluri on (08) 83022368. A workshop flyer with all necessary details is included with this edition of UniSA Links.



## Dr Karl encourages IT involvement

Hosted by UniSA's School of Computer and Information Science, Dr Karl Kruszelnicki gave a free presentation to approximately 350 year 10 – 12 students from across Adelaide.

His presentation on July 30 covered the history and future of IT, highlighting the opportunities and advances in the field and the diverse options available to students.

Dr Karl stressed that as IT is expanding and becoming more prominent in our society, it is important to be involved in its development and know how to adapt to it.

When questioned about the ongoing issue of the "IT geek" stereotype, Dr Karl stated that it is a far cry from reality.

"If IT is a career path reserved for geeks then I think geeks must be taking over the world

because the fact is that everyone uses computers and relies on IT."

"It's not geeky to have specialised knowledge about one of the most important influences on our day to day lives, it's just smart."

He regarded the anomaly that exists between the large numbers of men compared to women in the field and explained that as society evolves, the barriers that have separated men and women in this field should be pulled down.

"For whatever reason there has been a view throughout history that men are better suited than

women to the kinds of work involved in IT but this is wrong as many opportunities exist for women as they do for men, and in some cases women may be better suited to the profession than men."

While it is impossible to predict the future, Dr Karl sees great potential in IT and believes that what was once considered impossible is now becoming probable.

For more information about the School of Computer and Information Science and IT programs please visit [www.cis.unisa.edu.au](http://www.cis.unisa.edu.au)

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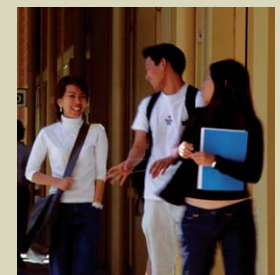
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## A day in the life of a **Tourism and Events** student

A desire to work in festival management inspired Jared Stevens to study Tourism and Events. He has been involved in many festivals, from the Clipsal 500 and Big Day Out to Parklife and the Adelaide Fringe. Jared shares his thoughts on the course and finding a job in the industry.

### Why did you decide to study Tourism and Events?

I originally enrolled in an International Studies degree at Adelaide University. But I didn't enjoy the political subjects as much as I thought I would. I had volunteered at events before and realised I had a natural talent for it. So in 2006, I decided to study Tourism and Events.

### What do you enjoy about studying at UniSA?

The Tourism and Events courses are relevant. All of the assignments relate to real-world problems. Best of all, everything I've studied so far relates to the work experience I have done.

### How do you spend your time at uni?

Well, I work part-time so I'm usually running to and from the office. When I'm at uni, I chat with the other students, go to lectures, tutorials and spend time completing assignments in the library.

### Have you worked on any interesting projects?

The best project I did was for the subject 'Tourism: Food, Wine and Festivals.' I had to come up with an idea for a festival and plan the event. It was great because I got to be creative.

### What do you like most about Tourism and Events?

I enjoyed working on things for a year and seeing it come to life/fruit. I have worked at the Clipsal 500, Feast Festival, Big Day Out, Parklife, Royal Adelaide Show and the Fringe Festival.

### Where do you want to work when you finish your degree?

I'm hoping to set myself up as an event manager overseas. I'll be going to Europe next year. Through my work experience, I've established some contacts, so I'll hopefully be helping



out at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Following this, I'll continue my festival work and see how far I get!

### Do you have any advice for students studying Tourism and Events?

Definitely. Make sure you spend time at uni building a portfolio. Go and get work experience. Uni isn't all books and assignments. It's a time to get started on your career.

## SAIBT – the pathway to second year university



For students who don't get the TER they are expecting or those who haven't completed year 12 studies, the South Australian Institute of Business and Technology (SAIBT) is a proven pathway to second year university.

Since 2001, SAIBT has provided a pathway for close to 1,000 students going on to study at UniSA and other universities.

SAIBT diploma programs are the equivalent of first year university and lead to the second year of bachelor degrees in arts, business and technology at UniSA.

SAIBT director Shaun McNicholas says the programs offered by SAIBT are ideal for students looking for a more supportive academic environment.

"Small class sizes, one-to-one counselling and additional academic support sessions outside of regular class times, all contribute to a positive learning experience and academic success."

"Three intakes per year (February, June and October), four-hour study blocks and part-time study options also add flexibility to our programs" he says.

SAIBT students study a UniSA curriculum, delivered by UniSA staff on a UniSA campus. Students have full access to UniSA's modern, well-equipped teaching and library facilities, 24-hour computer suites, as well as sporting and recreational amenities.

SAIBT hold free information sessions regularly throughout the year. For more information visit [www.saibt.sa.edu.au](http://www.saibt.sa.edu.au) or call 8302 1555.

## UniSA student jets off to Sydney to receive his **Achievement Award**

Raphael Nguyen, a final year double degree student from UniSA's Division of Business, was recently presented with an achievement award at the fourth national Peer Assisted Study Session (PASS) forum, which took place on September 29 and 30 at the University of Sydney. This is a very competitive award provided by the Australian National Centre and recognises excellence and contribution to student learning. Raphael, a PASS peer leader for the Accounting, Decisions and Accountability course was presented his award by the founder, Dr.

Deanna Martin from the University of Missouri in Kansas City.

The PASS program is an academic assistance program where students work together to consolidate understanding of the course content, reinforce key concepts and develop effective study strategies. PASS consists of weekly non-compulsory sessions led by PASS peer leaders, who have excelled at the course in the past. PASS is provided for all students who want to improve their understanding of course material and improve their grades.

Raphael has participated as a PASS peer leader since 2006 and is currently in his fourth year undertaking a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Finance. This is what he had to say about his accolade.

"The PASS program had contributed so much towards my personal and professional development. Being awarded for what I love to do and the opportunity to represent UniSA was an honour for which I will treasure as my time of study here with UniSA."

The PASS program is coordinated by Tristana



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▲ 'Caravan'  
Giclee Print on German Etching Paper 90 x 80 cm

## Evan Bailey Bachelor of Visual Arts

Evan Bailey graduated from a Bachelor of Visual Arts in 2007, specialising in photography. Evan won the Photographic Wholesalers Award for excellence in photography at last year's Graduate exhibition and his work was selected for the prestigious Helpmann exhibition earlier this year. He has shown his work at Art West and numerous group shows in Adelaide and is currently completing an Honours degree in Visual Arts. His first solo exhibition of photographic work opens at Gallery 39 on Magill Road in late November.

**Here's what Evan thinks about studying at UniSA:**

**What made you choose the Bachelor of Visual Art at UniSA?**

I was interested in studying photography to develop a better technical understanding. I saw the Bachelor of Visual Art as a great way of achieving

this and also develop a conceptual understanding of photography and apply a more considered approach to what I do.

**Why is this area of study important to you?**

It is what I am most passionate about and what I see as my future direction.

**Can you explain a bit about your style of art?**

I enjoy photographing things overlooked, objects in our society that inevitably become obsolete... usually that once brought amusement or just had a practical use. I strangely empathize with these things.

**Where are you hoping this degree will lead you?**

To a successful career in the arts.

**What advice would you give to current secondary school students who are interested in art?**

Participate and get involved in as much as you can and to keep making your own art.

**Has studying in the School of Art provided you with any other opportunities - i.e. exhibiting your work, working with other artists or industry?**

It definitely has. It has created a network of people who I can look to for support and opportunities in the future. As well as being made aware of exhibitions and just how the arts world operates.

**How have you found the School of Art facilities?**

Good, the library is a great resource and the technicians at photography are really helpful.

**Have you undertaken any practical experience (i.e. work experience/ placements/ field trips/ overseas study) during your degree?**

A lecturer teed up an assisting job with an Adelaide Commercial photographer which ran for over a year. Last year a past student now famous portrait photographer, Peter Brew-Bevan, gave a three day master class in the mid semester break. That was a great experience.

**What are you enjoying about studying at UniSA overall?**

The friends I have made and knowing that I am going in the right direction.

## Occupational Therapy



Alejandra Aguilar  
Bachelor of Applied Science  
(Occupational Therapy)  
with Honours - Graduated 2007

Want to give students the skills to help people overcome their limitations? Occupational therapists are health professionals trained to help people who may have suffered an injury or illness, psychological or emotional difficulties, delays in development or the effects of ageing.

Occupational therapists assist individuals, groups or communities to maximise strengths and build skills to participate effectively in everyday activities. UniSA offers students the opportunity to gain an extensive amount of industry experience with over 1,000 hours of practical work integrated into their studies. There are excellent opportunities for qualified occupational therapists and the strong industry experience gained by our students gives them highly desirable characteristics for future employers.

"In Occupational Therapy (OT), we had field practice every year. The length you spend at field practice increases every year and so does the responsibility you are given. It's a great opportunity to learn the practical aspects of the profession. You also learn to communicate with a diversity of people and you gain great knowledge on the area you are doing field practice in. It's a great opportunity to learn what OT really involves and how you can improve for the better to meet the demands of the profession. Field practice every year increased my motivation to become an Occupational Therapist."

## Materials Engineering in 2009

**Please note this program was not included in the 2009 SATAC Guide as approval occurred after printing.**

Materials and material processing are at the heart of engineering. Materials engineers select, design and manipulate materials into new and improved products and devices.

New in 2009, UniSA will be offering a Bachelor of Engineering (Materials). Graduates of this program will find employment locally and internationally in the minerals, mining, manufacturing, aerospace, automotive and processing industries. Many high

technology products make extensive use of advanced materials, and materials engineering plays an important role in ensuring products are environmentally sustainable as well as economically competitive.

This program has a common first year course structure which is identical to the first year of all UniSA engineering programs. Students are able to change their specialisation after their first year of study if they wish without losing any time or money.

SATAC Code: 434841

Program director: Peter Majewski



If you would like more information about this program, come along to the Engineering Information Session on Tuesday 9 December. Please visit [www.unisa.edu.au/infosessions](http://www.unisa.edu.au/infosessions) to register your attendance. If you would like further information, please contact Future Student Enquiries on 1300 UNINOW or [study@unisa.edu.au](mailto:study@unisa.edu.au).

## Siemens Science Experience



UniSA is looking forward to once again participating in the annual Siemens Science Experience to be held January 13 to 15 in 2009. A three-day event of hands-on science activities, the opportunity is open for any year 9 student who would like to explore the possibilities of a career in science or engineering. Participants will spend a day at UniSA's City East campus exploring health sciences followed by two

days at the Mawson Lakes campus where they will be exposed to science in the areas of information technology, engineering and the environment.

There is a \$105 fee for participation; applicants are encouraged to approach their local Rotary club for sponsorship. More information and enrolment can be found at [www.scienceexperience.com](http://www.scienceexperience.com) or contact [penny.reidy@unisa.edu.au](mailto:penny.reidy@unisa.edu.au)

## December Program Information Sessions 2008



Our program information sessions are an excellent opportunity for students to get the most up-to-date information about programs for 2009 entry. Students who are unsure about their program choices are encouraged to attend and talk to students, graduates and staff to find out more about career choices. Parents and friends are also welcome.

### Business and Management sessions:

- Tuesday 2 December  
City West Campus
- Law
  - Commerce (Accounting) & Finance
  - Business
  - Marketing
  - Management
  - Human Resource Management
  - Tourism & Recreation

### Education, Arts and Social Sciences sessions:

- Monday 1 December
- Education (Early Childhood Education) (Magill Campus)
  - International Studies & Languages (City West Campus)
- Tuesday 2 December
- Social Work & Human Services (Magill Campus)
- Wednesday 3 December
- Communication (Magill Campus)
  - Aboriginal & Indigenous Studies (City West Campus)
- Thursday 4 December
- Psychology (Magill Campus)

### IT, Engineering and the Environment sessions:

- Tuesday 9 December
- Engineering (Mawson Lakes Campus)

- Environmental Management and Sustainability Session 1 (Mawson Lakes Campus)
- Mathematical Sciences and Quantitative Finance (Mawson Lakes Campus)

Wednesday 10 December

- Construction Management and Economics (City East Campus)
- Environmental Management and Sustainability Session 2 (City East Campus)
- Information and Communications Technology (Mawson Lakes Campus)
- Science and Science Education (Mawson Lakes Campus)
- Urban and Regional Planning (City East Campus)

### Pharmacy and Medical Sciences session:

- Monday 15 December  
City East Campus
- Laboratory Medicine
  - Nutrition & Food Sciences
  - Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science

Registrations will be open early November. Please visit [www.unisa.edu.au/infosessions](http://www.unisa.edu.au/infosessions) for session details.

## Exhibition details

### Art and Design Graduate Exhibitions

The creative works of UniSA's talented students are set to be on display again this year at the annual Graduate Exhibitions of the South Australian School of Art and the Louis Laybourne Smith School of Architecture & Design throughout November and December.

Exhibitions will showcase work of students in their final year of visual art, visual communication, architecture, interior design and industrial design.

We invite secondary school students to attend these exhibitions to be inspired by what can be achieved in the final year of a degree in art or design at UniSA.

The Bachelor of Visual Arts will be holding free guided tours of the exhibition and an **Information Session on Friday 12 December from 3.30-4.30pm**. Feel free to come along.

For information on South Australian School of Art Exhibitions, visit [www.unisa.edu.au/art](http://www.unisa.edu.au/art).

For information on Louis Laybourne Smith School of Architecture & Design Exhibitions, visit [www.unisa.edu.au/arc](http://www.unisa.edu.au/arc).

There will be guided tours of the exhibition and an information session about the Visual Arts degree on Friday 12 December 3.30-4.30pm.

### 'IGNITE'

**Bachelor of Visual Communication (Graphic Design and Illustration Design) Exhibition**

Industry Preview:  
Wednesday 3 December.  
Open 6pm - late  
Exhibition: Thursday 4 December for one day only.  
Open 10am - late  
Portfolio display in the foyer of Higher Ground for the remainder of December.  
Open 10am - 6pm.  
Where: Higher Ground, 9-15 Light Square, Adelaide.

### 'ELLIPSIS'

**Master of Architecture & Bachelor of Interior Architecture Exhibition**

Exhibition: Monday 1 December to Tuesday 23 December 2008. Open 9-5pm weekdays.  
Where: Kaurna building, Level 5 Studios, UniSA's City West Campus - cnr Fenn Place & Hindley Street.

### 'i'm so spatial'

**Bachelor of Architectural Studies Exhibition**

Exhibition: Friday 5 December 2008 for one night only. Open 7pm.  
Where: Higher Ground, 9-15 Light Square, Adelaide.

### 'FREEFALL'

**Visual Arts Honours and Graduate Exhibition**

Exhibition: Thursday 11 December to Friday 19 December 2008. Open 11am-5pm daily.  
Where: SASA Gallery, UniSA's City West campus - cnr Fenn Place & Hindley Street.  
Details: Showcases a wide range of work from over 70 students.

### 'ID8'

**Bachelor of Industrial Design Exhibition**

Exhibition: Monday 15 December to Wednesday 24 December 2008. Open weekdays 9.00am-5.00pm.  
Where: Kerry Packer Civic Gallery, Hawke building Level 3, UniSA's City West campus.

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### Future Student Enquiries Centre

The Future Student Enquiries Centre has information on all UniSA programs. The friendly, professional staff can assist students, parents and teachers with high-quality information about prerequisites and admission processes.  
P: 1300 UNINOW  
[study@unisa.edu.au](mailto:study@unisa.edu.au)

### Last minute advice Hotline: 1300 UNINOW.

Our staff will be available to answer any of your students enquiries any time throughout the SATAC application period.

Please encourage your students to visit [www.unisanet.unisa.edu.au/learningconnection](http://www.unisanet.unisa.edu.au/learningconnection) for excellent resources on stress management, exam preparation and study tips.

## Fantastic NEW testimonial videos!



There's no better way to learn about UniSA than hearing directly from our students. Our new suite of testimonial videos allows you to hear first hand from students who love studying degrees in the Division of Education, Arts & Social Sciences.

We encourage your students to visit this site and watch these inspiring accounts to help them make the right decision about their future.

Watch Rebecca's interview and more at our brand new Student Testimonial website [www.unisa.edu.au/eas/testimonials](http://www.unisa.edu.au/eas/testimonials)

## Magill Career Evening and Designer and Visual Artists Day presentations

If your students missed the Magill Career Evening on Tuesday 9 September or Designer & Visual Artists Day on Thursday 11 September, they can view presentations from the events online at [www.unisa.edu.au/eas](http://www.unisa.edu.au/eas)