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Pro Chancellor Peter Smith, Christine Majoros, Alice Broadbridge and Director of the Centre, Professor Peter Howe



From left: Christine Majoros, Alice Broadbridge, Pro Chancellor Peter Smith, Sue Heinemann and Anne Hamilton

## Bequest supports healthier lifestyles

A dedicated research ultrasound machine will be used to improve UniSA's state-of-the-art cardiovascular research capability as a result of a very generous bequest by Kathleen (Kathy) Bodnar.

*The Kathleen Bodnar Laboratory*, which is part of the Nutritional Physiology Research Centre, was officially opened in May at the University's City East campus. Opening the Centre, Pro Chancellor Peter Smith said that "Kathy's bequest allows our UniSA researchers to bring a new level of scientific rigour to the understanding of the application of traditional dietary therapies to enhance human health."

The Nutritional Physiology Research Centre focuses of the role of diet and exercise in

metabolic fitness and the development of a healthier food supply. The new laboratory complements the Centre's metabolic, cardiovascular and exercise testing facilities and provides the University with a fully integrated research unit.

"I think it is very appropriate that Kathy Bodnar, who suffered for many years with severe personal health challenges, will be permanently remembered for her generous contribution to overcoming such challenges for future generations", Pro Chancellor Smith said.

Special guests at the opening included Kathy's sisters, Ms Alice Broadbridge, who travelled from Melbourne to attend the opening and Ms Christine Majoros of Adelaide. The trustees of Kathy's estate, Ms Ann Hamilton and Sue Heinemann also attended the opening.

One of the current goals of *the Kathleen Bodnar Laboratory* is the scientific substantiation and promotion of health benefits of foods enriched with omega-3 fatty acids, soy isoflavones and other bioactive nutrients. "It's nice to know that Kathy's

good intentions will live on", Alice Broadbridge said.

Another role of the laboratory is to determine beneficial outcomes of dietary intervention trials and is equipped with high pressure liquid and gas chromatography and other instruments that measure bioactive nutrients in functional foods and blood-borne biomarkers of health status.

Director of the Centre, Professor Peter Howe and his team of researchers were delighted to hear about the bequest. Professor Howe said,

"endowments such as the Kathleen Bodnar bequest, especially when dedicated to research, are yet another indication of the University's standing with the community. Used both creatively and judiciously, such funds align with the wishes of the donor and in ways which can demonstrate significant achievement and recognition. It is certainly in the University's interest to demonstrate a worthwhile example that others might follow."



Kathleen's sisters, Christine Majoros and Alice Broadbridge with the dedicated ultrasound machine.



# From The Chancellor's Desk

David Klingberg AM lets us into some of his thoughts on the importance of philanthropy in supporting university education, research and community service.

**Q** Chancellor you head up the Chancellor's Club which honours our major donors and bequestors.

How important are these donors to tertiary education?

**A** Important in many ways – not only do they provide funding in areas that extends the University's general operational funding, they also enable the University to connect with the business and general community in South Australia.

**Q** What type of things have their donations achieved?

**A** A number of programs have benefited but our scholarships are the main ones that spring to mind – especially the significant ones like the Gavin Wanganeen Indigenous Scholarship which has had a reasonable amount of publicity. Individual donors have funded other important scholarships such as the Irene and David Davy Scholarship, the Don Hawke Memorial scholarship, the David Pank UniSA PAL scholarship to name but a few. It is very gratifying to see that the number of scholarships is growing, especially those which provide support for students who may not otherwise study at

University because of a disability or financial disadvantage.

**Q** Recent research indicates that although Australian generosity is significant and that there is a growing culture of philanthropy in Australia, most Australian universities have not been major beneficiaries. Do you have any thoughts on why this might be so?

**A** Australia is significantly different from philanthropic cultures which exist elsewhere, such as the United States, where large private philanthropic gifts to education are well established and of long standing. The Commonwealth is encouraging greater philanthropy in Australia and I hope that in the future we will see more businesses and individuals involved with the University through the charitable funding of scholarships and research projects.

**Q** How important do you think our Alumni are to the University?

**A** Alumni are an essential part of the University 'family'. First there is the issue of continuing education - I believe that this is important in people's working lives as it enables them to keep up with today's ever changing business and social climate

and perhaps also take advantage of our post graduate programs. Some of our high achieving alumni also play the role of models and mentors for current and future students. The University's Network Now dinner is just one example of an event that provides an opportunity for current students and recent graduates to meet with successful graduates in our community.

**Q** How important do you think it is to let the community know about the many programs and research initiatives that the University is involved in?

**A** From a marketing perspective the more information you are able to communicate effectively in the market, the better our advantage will be in attracting quality students and staff in the future. It is important that we are perceived by the community as significantly contributing to the next generation of educated people; in the sciences, the arts and humanities and in business.

There is a lot of debate about whether there should be a greater concentration on teaching in universities than on research, but I see our role as doing both. It is important for the community to know

we are doing our part in creating knowledge for future generations.

**Q** What role do you see our free seminars playing in giving the community closer connection with the University?

Programs such as the public lectures and seminars like the Working Links lectures initiated by our Business Division and the Body of Knowledge seminars held by the Health Sciences Division and the Successful Ageing Seminars aimed at our older community members, to name but a few?

**A** In addition to educating professionals and applying knowledge it is this University's objective to also serve the community. These seminars are part of that brief and are extremely successful. We sometimes overlook the role Universities play in extending knowledge in the community beyond the obvious class of graduating students. These seminars are an important example of our wider engagement with the community.

**Q** Do you think that these kind of programs would encourage people to realise the importance of Universities in everyday life?

**A** Absolutely. We need the free flow of ideas in our society. We need to be challenged; we need to debate. Universities remain a critical institution in our society for doing just that.

**Q** Chancellor – Years ago, there might have been some beliefs held in the community that Universities were ivory towers – do you think that this is still the case?

**A** I think that may still be the case with some universities but not with the University of South Australia. People go out of their way to say how approachable we are and what a terrific job we are doing, in education, research and community services. We are very much "the People's University".

Thank you Chancellor for your thoughts.

# From Kindergarten to University - Three centenaries of celebration

Kindergarten education is celebrating its age with centenaries for the establishment of the Kindergarten Union, Kindergarten Training College and the State Kindergarten Program all occurring in 2006 and 2007.

To celebrate all this, the de Lissa Association of Early Childhood Graduates Inc is producing a book to record the reflections and memoirs of the early graduates of kindergarten training in South Australia.

The history of kindergarten teaching in South Australia is dominated by an outstanding woman - Lillian de Lissa. In an article in "The Advertiser" on 10 February, 1906 Lillian de Lissa said "I've devoted my time to it for the last three years and I wouldn't change it for anything in the world".

The Kindergarten Union of South Australia (KUSA) was founded at a public meeting held on 25 September 1905 where Reverend Bertram Hawker organized a demonstration on the benefits of kindergarten schooling by Sydney Kindergarten Training College (KTC) Principal Miss Frances Newton and her most outstanding 1903 graduate teacher, Miss Lillian de Lissa. The demonstration highlighted the positive benefits of kindergarten teaching - a new concept in South Australia at that time.

The Reverend and Mrs Hawker donated \$100 to kick off the fund raising, the Governor of the day became the Patron, public membership was invited and the first to subscribe was social reformer, Catherine Helen Spence - generating an interest in kindergarten education that very quickly spread.

A site in the poorest part of Adelaide - 214 Franklin Street - was where the Kindergarten Union first set up its base and Lillian de Lissa was invited to become the Director. Being only 20 at the time, she opened the kindergarten with voluntary helpers on February 6th, 1906. Seven years later, the rented cottage was replaced with a purpose built kindergarten paid for by Bertram Hawker, Robert Barr Smith and Peter Waite.

Very quickly there was public demand for more kindergartens and therefore more teachers. In 1907 and with ten students and Lillian de Lissa as Principal, the Kindergarten Training College (KTC) was established. Eight years later, Robert Barr Smith

purchased a house at 95 Palmer Place, North Adelaide which became the permanent premises for the training college.

The State's first fully functional kindergarten - Franklin Street Free Kindergarten - was established in early 1906 and today there are 239 kindergartens operating in South Australia.

Today, the philosophy of the original two-year course is fundamental to the four-year Bachelor of Early Childhood Education at UniSA. The *de Lissa Research Centre* located in the University of South Australia's Magill campus, focuses on children's development and well-being in the contexts of family, care, education and society and is closely

aligned to early childhood teaching and community programs.

"Lillian de Lissa was an energetic woman who played an important role in the educational and social history of South Australia" said Helen Miller, chairperson of the centenary committee. "She was absolutely passionate about children and did everything she could, both here in Australia and in the UK, to promote their welfare."

For more information contact the de Lissa Institute Association of Early Childhood Graduates Inc by email [butler.mp@bigpond.com](mailto:butler.mp@bigpond.com)

or by writing to: Hon Secretary, deLissa Graduates Association C/- de Lissa Institute of Early Childhood and Family Studies, University of South Australia, GPO Box 2471, Adelaide SA 5001.

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Early Kindergarten days.



Below: Miss Lillian DeLissa

## Well known donor and gynaecologist honoured

Associate Professor Margaret Davy AM, well known at UniSA as the Trustee of the Irene and David Davy Scholarship for the advancement

of Indigenous students, was recently acknowledged for her contribution to women's health, through raising public awareness of

cervical and ovarian cancers.

Director of Gynaecological Oncology at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, Associate Professor

Davy was inducted into the South Australian Reproductive Hall of Fame in March this year at the reproductive health world congress hosted in

Adelaide. She was one of only 13 scientists and the only woman honoured.

# Scholarships and Grants

For the first time this year all scholarships donated by both individuals and corporations alike were presented to the winners at one scholarships evening. The Vice Chancellor, Professor Denise Bradley presented 76 scholarships worth more than \$200,000.

The event, held in the Hetzel building at City East campus, celebrated the relationships between UniSA and our corporate and private donors, people and organizations who share our commitment to access and excellence in education.

Through the generosity and support of our donors UniSA is able to provide many disadvantaged students and those with outstanding academic ability with an opportunity to achieve their academic goals.

Our heartfelt thanks go to those who supported our students with grants and scholarships. UniSA is both pleased and proud to be associated with the generous donors of these scholarships.

- Aborigines Advancement League
- Cowan Ability Grants
- Cowan International Placement Grants
- Community CPS Australia Transition Grants
- UniSA Division of Business Indigenous Scholarships
- Donald Dyer Postgraduate Research Scholarship in PR and Communication Management
- The Gavin Wanganeen Indigenous Scholarship
- The Irene and David Davy Scholarship for the Advancement of Indigenous Education
- ISS Facility Services International Experience Grant
- Margaret E Pank Nursing Scholarships
- David Pank UniSA-PAL Scholarships
- Mutual Community Transition Grants
- Nursing Agency of Australia Transition Grant
- Optus Ability Grants
- Pearce Family Transition Grants
- The Smith Family Learning for Life Transition Grants
- Trojan Workforce Transition Grants
- University of SA Transition Grants
- William T Southcott Scholarship





# Clinics for everyone

Not everyone will know about some of UniSA's best kept secrets – a range of public health clinics which are open to the general public and provide a range of excellent health services covering a range of areas.

People can benefit from the latest techniques when being treated at one of the clinics offering a range of services covering head to foot – from podiatry, physiotherapy, mammography to ultrasound and psychology. The clinics are staffed by fully supervised final or honors year students some of which are already qualified but have returned to UniSA to gain a post-

graduate qualification in their profession.

The Psychology clinic is staffed by trainees who are either enrolled in the Master of Psychology postgraduate program or the Counselling postgraduate program and are supervised by qualified academic staff and clinical psychologists.

Located in the Centenary building in the City East campus, the Physiotherapy clinic offers assessment and treatment by final year undergraduate students and by fully qualified physiotherapists undertaking postgraduate study. Mobilising and strengthening exercise programmes include

Pilates for individuals and groups such as sporting teams. These programmes are held in a purpose built, well-equipped rehabilitation gymnasium.

Physiotherapy care is also available and includes services compensable by WorkCover and SGIC. These services are provided by either postgraduate students or staff and referral by a medical practitioner is not necessarily required.

The Mammography Clinic, located in the Bonython Jubilee building on the City East campus, is an innovative clinic enabling diagnostic radiographers to undertake postgraduate studies in theoretical

and practical aspects of mammography. Training courses are offered to students as a joint venture between the University of South Australia and BreastScreen SA. Referral to the clinic is necessary.

Also located in the Bonython Jubilee Building is the Ultrasound Clinic - where examinations are conducted by experienced, accredited sonographers and reported by radiologists from the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Clients require a referral from a medical practitioner.

The Podiatry Clinic, located on the ground floor of the Centenary Building on the City East campus, is an undergraduate teaching

clinic. Registered practicing podiatrists supervise undergraduate podiatry students who carry out podiatric assessment and treatment.

For more information, or to make a booking, phone numbers for each of the clinics are listed below:

Psychology 8302 2170.  
A medical referral is not required.

Podiatry 8302 2269  
Physiotherapy 8302 2541.

Mammography. Contact  
BreastScreen SA on  
132050

Ultrasound 8302 2803

# Walking on Wheels

UniSA fundraising appeals are not only successful in giving new opportunities to many students but often extend this success into more areas than one. The UniSA Bookplate Appeal, held in 2001, is a perfect example. Not only did it raise \$75,000 to provide thousands of students with over 15 shelves of new textbooks and access to electronic text books and articles (e-books), it also enabled the purchase of Zoomtext software which enables vision impaired students to read, as well as the purchase of motorized wheel chairs which are making a real difference to UniSA students.

The "Walk on Wheels" HS280 power chairs, located at the Magill and City West Campuses, increase mobility and accessibility for students who would otherwise not have these opportunities.

One of these students is Esther Simbi.

Originally from Sudan where she studied at the Makerere University in Uganda, Esther is a third year student in the Social Work program at Magill campus.

Esther has post polio syndrome which makes walking difficult and painful. Before the wheel chair was available Esther relied totally on Flexible Learning to deliver her course materials. She found it a huge effort to get to classes and attending the library wasn't a possibility. Now, with the power chair, Esther can access the library as many times as she wishes and an entirely new section of the campus has opened up to her. The sprawling Magill campus with its running creek and huge gum trees provides an enticing environment

for Esther to now explore at ease.

Having previously studied Social Work in Uganda, Esther started in year three of the Social Work program at UniSA at the beginning of this year. While Esther says that her previous Social Work studies have fitted well with her studies at UniSA, she says that one of the big differences between the two universities is the length of the essays she has to submit. "They are much longer here and need a lot more words!" she said.

Esther is supported by the dedicated staff at the Magill Campus which includes Stephen Manson, Senior Disability Advisor. Stephen makes sure that the wheel chair is available for Esther and liaises with Security personnel who make sure that the wheel chair is fueled up

and easily accessible for Esther when she arrives on campus.

Esther says that the power chair has opened

up a whole new world of possibilities for her at UniSA and the only real difficulty she encounters now is getting her ears around our Aussie accent!



Esther Simbi - enjoying new found freedom at Magill Campus

A gift that will truly put you in our good books.

# Annual Appeal - Library Collection 2006

Over the last 15 years, UniSA has emerged to become a vibrant and innovative university, offering the state's widest range of programs to 30,000 students each year. We aim to inspire in our students the self-motivation to read and research so that learning can become a lifelong process.

Fundamental to this is the UniSA Library located at each of our five campuses and providing a total of 20 kilometres of shelving for the 620,000 catalogued items available to students, alumni, commerce, industry and the wider community. These include reference materials on many disciplines ranging from aviation through to zoology.



Each week, there are more than 50,000 visits to the library while its website welcomes 5 million visitors a year. Added to this, our databases, ebooks and e-journals attract millions more.

As custodians of one of the state's greatest educational resources, we are committed to constantly update, enrich and augment our collection. To help us do this, UniSA has launched its Annual Library Collection Appeal for 2006. The Appeal – which aims to increase your library resources and keep them up to date, welcomes any tax deductible gift that you might afford.

### Your name in history

To acknowledge your support, for everyone \$100 donation a bookplate will be placed in front of one of our new book acquisitions with your name on it. For those providing support for ebooks, your name will appear on the UniSA library website.

While many of the resources important for research cost several hundred or even thousands of dollars, donors can

also nominate to support one of these key research collections.

### Disability Equipment Grant Scheme

UniSA library facilities, which are accessible to students with disabilities also need to be constantly upgraded and enriched. These include our Flexible Information Service (which provides information, assistance and resources to our 6,000 offshore and off-campus students) as well as speech recognition software, screen readers, alternative keyboards and large screen monitors.

With more than 1,500 students with disabilities already enrolled at UniSA and approximately 300 joining us each year, the demand on these resources is considerable. For students who need to study externally or cannot access the on-campus libraries, the disadvantage is even greater. To help these students, UniSA has committed to the establishment of an Equipment Grant Scheme to offer financial assistance which will improve the home-based facilities of students with a disability.

✂ Your donation to this scheme will help make sure that UniSA's students with disabilities receive the same opportunities for lifelong learning as all our students.

So - make a deposit to our knowledge bank and help us create interest for generations to come.

Please accept my tax –deductibel gift of:

\$50	\$100	\$250
\$500	\$1000	\$.....(your choice)

I would like my gift to be allocated for:

- Books
- eBooks
- Key Research Collections
- Disability Equipment Grant Scheme
- Please use my gift to support the following discipline area/s:

.....

My Cheque is enclosed and payable to the University of South Australia

Or: Please debit my credit card

- Bankcard
- Mastercard
- Visa

Expiry date on card:     /     /

Card number:     /     /     /

Name on Card: .....

Signature: .....

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms or.....

Address: .....

Postcode:.....

Phone (H) .....

Phone (W): .....

Email: .....

- I would like my gift to remain anonymous.
- Please send me information about how I can include the University of South Australia in my Will.

Please return to:

University of South Australia (6)  
Reply Paid 2471  
Adelaide SA 5001  
Australia



# Upcoming Events

## Free Public Seminars



Bookings essential via the Hawke Centre web site: [www.hawkecentre.unisa.edu.au](http://www.hawkecentre.unisa.edu.au) or RSVP phone line: 08 8302 0215.

### Nuclear Energy Debate: Going nuclear – an answer to global warming?

Co-presented by: The Australia and New Zealand Solar Energy Society (ANZSES) and The Hawke Centre  
Chair: Terry Lane  
Wednesday 25 October 2006  
6.45pm for 7.00pm start  
University of South Australia, City East Campus, Basil Hetzel Building Mutual Community Theatre (off Frome Road)

### Australian Premiere: BEYOND FEAR: Finding Hope in the Horror

Co-presented by: The Hawke Centre and Issues Deliberation Australia/America  
Thursday 9 November 2006  
5.45pm for 6.15pm  
Adelaide Town Hall

### The Adelaide Parklands: A balancing act

Friday 10 November - Sunday 12 November 2006

Co-presented by:

- The Centre for Settlement Studies, Louis Laybourne Smith School of Architecture and Design, UniSA
- The Hawke Centre
- Adelaide Parklands Preservation Association Inc (APPA)

*Protecting, using and learning about our precious Parklands.*

### SYMPOSIUM – Friday 10 November 2006

Open to the public, but a registration fee applies  
UniSA, City East Campus: Basil Hetzel Building, Mutual Community Theatre (off Frome Road)

### TOURS – Saturday 11 November 2006

A series of walking, coach and bike tours are being planned for this day to take in aspects of the Parklands.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Threats, challenges and solutions – Sunday 12 November 2006

Free public forum to be held at the Adelaide Town Hall during the afternoon with Sarah Whyte, Chair of the Centennial Parklands Foundation, Sydney.

Call the Hawke Centre on 08 8302 0371 for a registration form.

### Ninth Annual Hawke Lecture:

#### A new Australian consensus for the 21st Century

To be delivered by Greg Combet, Secretary, ACTU  
Monday 20 November 2006  
5.15pm for 5.30pm start  
Adelaide Town Hall

### UNIFEM Informs Seminar: Cultural Perspectives in overcoming Domestic Violence

Co-presented by UNIFEM Australia and The Hawke Centre  
Marking *White Ribbon Day*: the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (IDEVAW) 2006

Thursday 23 November  
5.15pm for 5.30pm start  
Mercury Cinema, 13 Morphett Street, Adelaide

### Join the Hawke mailing list

The Hawke Centre maintains a mailing list to advise those interested of upcoming seminars, lectures and other events on our public program.

Contact the Hawke Centre on 08 8302 0371 or register via the web site: [www.hawkecentre.unisa.edu.au](http://www.hawkecentre.unisa.edu.au)

### Technology for a Sustainable Future 2006 Lecture Series

- “Australia’s defence industry: is the industry that sustains our forces sustainable?”

Presented by Associate Professor David Cropley

Tuesday, 10 October  
6:00pm - 7:00pm

Mawson Centre, Room MC1-02  
Mawson Lakes Campus

- “Forensic computing: the fight against e-crime.”

Presented by Doctor Jill Slay

Tuesday, 14 November  
6:00pm - 7:00pm

Mawson Centre, Room MC1-02  
Mawson Lakes Campus

For more information contact Tahnee Blight on 8302 5792

To register on line please go to: <http://www.unisa.edu.au/itee/news/LecSem/2006/default.asp>

### Successful Ageing Seminars

20 October 2006

“Living with Diabetes” and “Memory Changes in Ageing” – Whyalla  
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

31 October 2006

“Living with Diabetes” and “Memory Changes in Ageing” – Mt Gambier  
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

17 November 2006

“The Internet de-mystified” – a mine of information at your fingertips. Can it be trusted or not? How do we know the difference?

To register please ring the Hotline on 8302 0160 or on line at <http://www.unisa.edu.au/community/giving/ageing.asp>

No tickets issued, a place is automatically reserved on phoning.

### Notes available

Speakers notes from past Successful Ageing seminars are available to download at [www.unisa.edu.au/community/giving/seminars.asp](http://www.unisa.edu.au/community/giving/seminars.asp)

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