1. Congratulations

We have just received advice that 4 Faculty staff have been promoted to Senior Lecturer. Sincere congratulations to Dr Noore Alam Siddiquee, FIPPM, Dr Udoy Saikia, GPEM, Dr Carol Fort, History, and Dr Michael Barr, SPIS.

2. Staff matters

From this month Ben Keane will manage the Audio Visual Unit while Matthew Cooper works with the Information Services Division for a year. Ben will be assisted by Melchior Mazzone, who has been appointed full-time until Matthew's return.

Tanya Corstens will look after finance matters in the Faculty Services Office while Carmel Palumbo is on leave for six weeks from mid July. Jacqui Lindsay will be in the office every day to provide extra support in the area.

Flinders Business School welcomes the appointment of Ms Julie Nixon as their new School Manager. Julie will commence duties in early July for a period of 13 months. During this period Julie will be on secondment from her continuing position as Admin. Officer, School of Geography, Population & Environmental Management. The School wishes Julie well in her new post and looks forward to her return, having gained invaluable experience. Julie is replacing Gregory Wright, who has accepted an International Office invitation to undertake a secondment as Deputy Head (Admissions and Operations).

3. Occupational Health and Safety:

Our workplace inspection process is under way during July. All rooms in the Faculty will be checked to ensure that everything complies with the OH&S standards. Please facilitate access and cooperate with the person conducting the inspection.

A Safe Operating Procedure [SOP] has been developed to cover any toner spillage event. See the Faculty's OH&S web pages:


Please contact the Services area (extn.12015) and arrange for cleaning staff to clean up any spillage when necessary. Department offices will receive a 'clean-up package' from the FSO to ensure contact with spilt toner is minimised. Please contact the FSO for a replacement package when required.

Academic staff members who supervise other staff are responsible for their safety and must complete the OHS on-line training package. It is available at:

http://www.flinders.edu.au/ohsw/SupTrn g_Register/register.htm

4. Changes in the Faculty

On 4 June University Council approved the recommendation of the Review of social sciences at Flinders to change the Faculty name, to Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, effective from 1 January 2010. Changes were also approved to the Faculty structure. The future has not been determined yet for NILS, but our teaching units will adjust to a four school structure.

- Psychology and the Flinders Business School will not change;
- Two new schools, with interim deans to be appointed soon, will include our other units:
  - School of International Studies:
    - American Studies
    - Asian Studies
    - History
    - International Relations
  - School of Social and Policy Studies:
    - Politics
    - FIPPM
    - Social Work
    - Sociology
    - Women's Studies

The School of Geography, Population and Environmental Management will move to a School of the Environment that's to be created in the Faculty of Science and Engineering. (Population Studies and
Development Studies may not leave the Faculty.) The Flinders Centre for Airborne Research, an unsung but valuable part of Social Sciences, will also move to that School. Physical changes are unlikely to take place until a home for the new School has been built.

5. **Deputy VC (Research)**

The VC has announced the appointment of eminent plant scientist Prof. David Day as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Rsch) at Flinders. He brings to the role his experience as a researcher, teacher and academic leader. Prof. Day is Dean of the Faculty of Science and was Executive Dean of the Faculties of Science, Agriculture and Veterinary Science at the U.Sydney.

Prof. Andrew Beer will continue in the interim DVC (Rsch) role until Prof. Day takes up his appointment towards the end of the year.

6. **Reminders**

Open Days this year will be on Friday 14 and Sunday 16 August.

Proximity card readers have been installed in Social Sciences North – the external door to the courtyard level near room 234N and the door adjacent to the Audio Visual Theatrette/room 241N. Push button exit access has been provided – just press the red exit button to exit the building after hours.

John Browett  
Executive Dean

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**Staffing – Academic and Student Administration (ASA) Office**

**Undergraduate**
- Deb Tromp - Coordinator (Undergraduate)
- Marie Cimasko - Student Enquiries Officer
- Caroline Crowther - Administrative Assistant (Undergraduate)
- Helen Stephenson - Administrative Officer (Undergraduate)

**Postgraduate**
- Vanessa Gicasvili - Coordinator (Postgraduate)
- Tracey Kohl - Administrative Officer (Postgraduate) / Acting Coordinator (Postgraduate)
- Vanessa Thompson - Administrative Assistant (Postgraduate)

**ASA Operations**
- Mark Emerson - Manager
- Leesa Mark - Data Systems Officer (returning full-time Monday 13 July)
- Sue Boehm - Project Officer for the Course and Curriculum Restructure and Renewal Project / Administrative Officer (Postgraduate)

**Assignment Office**

The recently refurbished Assignment Office now has a new room number, Room 258 SSS with the counter now open 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday.

A website has been created so that students can check to see if their assignments are ready for collection, see, [http://www.flinders.edu.au/socsci/asa/asa_home.cfm](http://www.flinders.edu.au/socsci/asa/asa_home.cfm)

We are also encouraging students to download their Assignment Cover Sheets from this website.

The assignment lodgement/collection process:
- Students download the Assignment Cover Sheet from the website and attach it to their assignment (if required cover sheets will still be available from the Assignment Office)
- Assignments are lodged in the Assignment Box at Room 258 (24 hour access is available via the external chute)
- Assignment Box is cleared 9am and 4pm daily
- Assignments are stamped according to the Faculty rule (see website) and assignment submission recorded by student name, ID and date
- Academic staff collect assignments for marking from the Assignment office
- When assignments are returned, the website is updated to reflect this. Students can check the web, or notice board outside the Faculty office, to see if their topic has been returned for collection.

An email has been sent to students informing them of the new website.
Flinders Business School

We are very pleased to welcome Dr Victor Pontines who joined the School in June as a Level B Lecturer. Victor comes to Flinders from Heinz College of Public Policy and Management, Carnegie Mellon University in Adelaide.

Journal Article: Pontines, V. 'Fat-Tails and House Prices in OECD Countries', Applied Economic Letters, forthcoming

The FBS Administrator, Greg Wright, has accepted an invitation from the International Office to undertake a secondment as their Deputy Head (Admissions and Marketing). Greg will commence this post on 6 July, with an anticipated return to FBS in August 2010. This is an excellent opportunity for Greg to develop professionally in an area he has been both interested and actively involved in for several years, and the skills and experience acquired will prove useful for FBS upon his return. In Greg’s absence Julie Nixon, Administrative Officer in the School of Geography, Population and Environmental Management, will take on the School Administrator role. We welcome Julie to the School.

Professor Carol Tilt attended the CPA Australia International Forum for Academics, held in Melbourne on 18-19 June. The forum covered some interesting agenda items, including the Skilled Migration Internship Program – Accounting; Learning technologies; Work Integrated Learning (WIL); CPA grant funding opportunities; Regional and rural accounting services; and Assessment feedback to accounting students.

A/Prof. Owen Covick presented an address at the Economic Society of Australia titled ‘The ‘Peculiar Economics’ of the Wholesale Price of Electricity in South Australia’. Owen also contributed to the debate on ‘debt for development’, and was listed among 21 prominent Australian economists in a recent Australian Financial Review article (‘Debt no problem, for now’, 3 June, p.62)

Panorama TAFE Graduation

The Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching) of the Business School, Graham Jones was one of the invited guests at the Financial Services Graduation. Graham was there to present prizes to two of the students who had excelled in their Advanced Diploma of Accounting studies. The relationship between Flinders and Panorama was highlighted through the main speaker for the evening - Travis Rickard. Travis spoke of his personal journey. When completing year twelve his TER was not high enough to commence studying accounting at Flinders. His brother Matthew, a Flinders Bachelor of Economics, Bachelor of Banking and International Finance and a Bachelor of Commerce (majoring in accounting) graduate, pointed Travis to Panorama TAFE. On completion of his Advanced Diploma in Accounting, Travis came to Flinders where he too graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce (majoring in accounting). Travis is currently employed as Graduate Accountant at PKF and is undergoing his Professional Year programme with the Institute of Chartered Accountants. Travis demonstrated in a perfect way how the two institutions work together with students to achieve their career goals.

Department of Sociology

The Department of Sociology is pleased to announce that The Australian Sociological Association 2009 Public Lecture will be given by Prof. Riaz Hassan on the topic ‘Suicide Bombings: Homicidal Killing or a Weapon of War?’ Riaz is an Australian Research Council Professorial Fellow and Emeritus Professor in the Department of Sociology at Flinders. In his academic career spanning over 40 years he has conducted research in a number of areas including sociology of housing, sociology of suicide, organizational culture and Muslim societies. He has recently completed a 10 year multi-country study of Muslim religiosity in which he explored key aspects of Islamic consciousness. The findings from this study have been published in: Faithlines: Muslim Conceptions of Islam and Society and
Inside Muslim Minds. He is currently conducting research on ‘Suicide Terrorism: the Use of Life as Weapon’. Colleagues and students at Flinders are cordially invited to this significant event to be held between 5.30 - 7.00pm on Tuesday 18 August in the Radford Auditorium, Art Gallery of South Australia.

School of Geography, Population and Environmental Management

A/Prof. Clive Forster presented a paper on ‘Metropolitan Strategy: Where to From Here?’ to the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics 2009 Infrastructure Colloquium: Infrastructure for the Nation’s Future, Parliament House, Canberra, June 18-19.

Built and Natural Environment Research
A cross-disciplinary team of researchers from the National Institute of Labour Studies (Flinders), Flinders University’s School of Geography, Population and Environmental Management, the Flinders Institute of Housing, Urban and Regional Research, and CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems have begun a study of the capacity of Australia’s built and natural environments to sustain a range of permanent migration levels, with implications for policy decisions about the size, distribution and composition of the Australian population 50 years hence. Led by Professor Sue Richardson and Dr Jonathan Sobels, the project involves Professor Andrew Beer, Associate Professor Alaric Maude, Dr Yan Tan, Dr Zhang Wei and Dr Graham Turner from CSIRO. The project will use the Australian Stocks and Flows Framework developed by CSIRO to inform future scenarios and include qualitative discussion of future ‘liveability’ options for Australian people.

Combat Climate Change in 90 seconds
The School of Geography, Population and Environmental Management with the Department of Screen and Media launched a micro movie competition to celebrate World Environment Day on 5 June 2009.

For entry and prize details go to the world environment website.

Centre for Development Studies

Ms Cara Ellickson, Director of the Gender Consortium, has won a 2009 Endeavour Executive Award. She will investigate gender mainstreaming and women’s leadership activities in Vietnam during an eight week visit as the guest of the Vietnam Women’s Union. Endeavour Executive Awards provide professional development opportunities for high achievers in business, education or government.

Dr Anuradha Mundkur, Associate Director, Gender Consortium, recently attended a two-day training workshop titled ‘Disability Inclusion through the Program Cycle’, presented by CBM-Nossal Institute Partnership for Disability Inclusive Development.

School of Psychology

Appointment:
Prof. Tracey Wade will be Acting Head of School for the month of July.

Award:
Sarah Wilksch has been nominated for the College of Clinical Psychologists Student Prize. This award is designed to acknowledge one student from each Australian university that administers a postgraduate clinical psychology program for their excellence in the breadth of clinical psychology training. The award is designed to be given to the student in their final year of clinical training who exhibits a high level of skill in both the research and clinical domain.

Conference Presentation
Simon Wilksch gave a talk on June 19 at Eastern CAMHS for school counsellors and psychologists in the region titled 'Eating Disorders: Information, Assessment and Intervention'.

Simon Wilksch presented at a meeting of DECS policy developers, teachers and health staff regarding a project titled 'Body Image in Schools Initiative' on June 18 at Brighton Surf Lifesaving Club.

On 15 June Tracey Wade spent 13 hours filming with the BBC in Canberra for a documentary they are making about twins. The program should be completed over the next couple of months. On 4 June, Tracey also appeared on Essence TV, Channel 31, with Prof Timothy Olds and Tania Ferrareto to talk about Childhood Obesity.

Robyn Young and Robert Lynd-Stevenson travelled to HELP University College for the APAC review of the Bachelor of Psychological Science to be taught off-shore in Malaysia. The recommendation from APAC has been to accredit the program. The University has also endorsed the program.

Robyn Young presented a talk on the Early Detection of Autism to Child and Maternal Health nurses.

In June Reg Nixon gave a talk Treating adult posttraumatic stress with Cognitive Processing Therapy, at the Noarlunga Health Service, Adelaide.

Various staff from the School were involved in Enrichment Day and Languages at Schools Day which were held in June.

Australian Foreign Policy students participated in a problem based learning scenario at the Hilton Hotel Adelaide on 3 June.

Students, acting as advisers to the National Security Committee of Cabinet, presented their assessment and advice on a hypothetical international relations crisis.

The Hon Kim Beazley provided expert feedback for the students. This session was the second of the hypotheticals in this topic.

In the first session in May, John Michell, Adelaide Director, DFAT, responded to the students' provision of policy recommendations.

This project has been a joint SPIS - Careers and Employer Liaison Centre endeavour and is supported by a Flinders Teaching and Learning Innovation Grant.

Michael Barr has been commissioned by the Research Institute on Contemporary Southeast Asia (IRASEC www.irasec.com) to write a briefing document and a book on Networks of Power and Influence in Singapore. IRASEC is based in Bangkok, and is one of the research centres of the French Foreign Ministry that is under a joint tutelage with the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique. IRASEC has also included Dr Barr in its published list of Partner Researchers www.irasec.com/index.php?option=com_irasec&task=researcher_listing.

Jo Baulderstone was elected Chair of Australia New Zealand Third Sector Research Inc., an association of researchers on third sector issues.

Richard DeAngelis presented at the Constitutional Design and Reform: Monarch and Republicanism in Australia and Italy hosted by the Association of Research between Italy and Australasia on 12 June. Richard provided his reflections and thoughts of the 'Italian experience' of republican government, the peoples' reaction and views and the success and status of the republican model in Italy and whether there is any reason or impetus for change.

Andrew O’Neil has been appointed by the National Executive of the Australian Institute of International Affairs to be the new editor of the Australian Journal of International Affairs (AJIA) for a
5 year term. Established as Australian Outlook in 1946, the AJIA is Australia’s leading peer reviewed international studies journal and was rated as A-level in the recent ERA political science impact assessment exercise. The AJIA is published by Routledge UK. On 30 June, Andrew presented a paper entitled ‘Is the Logic of Proliferation Restraint Sustainable?’ to a closed workshop in Sydney in his capacity as Chief Investigator on the ARC project ‘Australia’s Nuclear Choices’.

James Manicom was awarded his PhD for his thesis entitled ‘Cooperation and Confrontation in the East China Sea Dispute: Lessons for China-Japan Relations’.

**Publications**


Pia Bradshaw, B.International Studies student, published two papers on the IMF and regional alternatives for Latin America in e-ir (electronic-international relations) and the International Affairs forum.

**RICK DeANGELIS**

One of the stalwarts of the School of Political and International Studies, Dr Rick DeAngelis, is retiring.

Rick joined what was then the Discipline of Politics in 1977. He had previously taught at universities in the United States and Nigeria, having graduated from Harvard (A.B.) and Chicago (PhD). Apart from two years at the University of Bologna (1979-81), he has taught at Flinders since then in a career spanning 30 years.

Rick’s main areas of teaching have been political sociology, European politics and ‘politics through film’, and he has published on issues in European politics and higher education policy over a long period. His publications include Blue-Collar Workers and Politics: a French Paradox (1982), and Globalizing Practices and University Responses: European and Anglo-American Differences (with Jan Currie et al., 2003).

Beyond these more formal contributions, Rick has established a reputation for an encyclopaedic grasp of just about every branch of the study of politics. Generations of Flinders staff and students have benefited from Rick’s extraordinary knowledge and generosity with his time. Over the years his study has often been the scene of vigorous debates touching on every significant public issue imaginable. The study itself, with its remarkable filing system, is also the stuff of legend.

Rick has also been one of the great citizens of his School and Faculty and of the University as a whole. Few academics have been as assiduous as Rick at attending staff, Honours and postgraduate seminars and in making such consistently well-informed contributions to them. His vast knowledge of world affairs made him a natural foundation co-convener for the capstone International Studies topic. In meetings dealing with organisation, administration and policy Rick has always been a lively presence, generally in the role of ‘leader of the opposition’, willing to question the received wisdom or challenge the dominant view.

In short, Rick has been one of the great personalities of the Faculty, held in great respect and affection. His contribution to life at Flinders has been a very special one.

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For 2009 the chaplains are:

Ven. Thich Thong Phap Buddhist
Mr Dilip Chirmuley Hindu
Rev. Mike Pietsch Lutheran
Mrs Dasni Rau Lutheran
Dr Abul Farooque Muslim
Ms Kylie Doherty Pagan
Mr Geoff Boyce Uniting

Please make information available as/when appropriate about the chaplains appointed to Flinders University by their respective religious communities. :

The contact phone number for Oasis, the interfaith centre, is 8201 3530. The website is http://www.flinders.edu.au/oasis/chaplains/
RESEARCH NEWS

FACULTY RESEARCH GRANT SCHEME (FRS), ESTABLISHMENT GRANTS AND VISITING RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP-STANDARD (VRF-STANDARD)

Key dates: closing date: cob Tuesday 28 July

Submissions for the following schemes are due cob Tuesday 28 July 2009 (first week of Semester 2).

- Faculty Research Support Grant scheme
- Round 2 of the Establishment Grant scheme
- Round 2 of the Visiting Research Fellowship - Standard scheme (previously entitled Visiting Research Fellowship Scheme – the new term Standard now being incorporated to delineate this scheme from the new VRF-Short scheme).

AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ARC) LINKAGE GRANTS (ROUND 2)
FOR FUNDING COMMENCING JULY 2010

Key dates: ARC Linkage Grant (Round 2) Funding Rules released: March 2009
Proposal open: TBA
Closing date: 18 November 2009 for funding commencing July 2010

AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ARC) LINKAGE GRANT FORUM

Key dates: Last week of July (date, time, place yet to be confirmed)

Keep your eye out for an ARC Linkage Grant Forum, to be held in the Faculty late in July. The program will include insights from a panel of successful ARC Linkage and Flinders Collaborative Research Grant researchers. It is mainly meant to be a chance for researchers to ask lots of questions relating to how you couch your ARC linkage application, approach partners, negotiate partnerships, navigate the ARC Linkage process etc. Planning for an ARC Linkage grant application through the Flinders Collaborative Research Grant scheme will also be addressed.

HOUSEHOLD, INCOME AND LABOUR DYNAMICS IN AUSTRALIA SURVEY (HILDA) RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Key dates: Thursday 16, and Friday 17 July 2009

The Melbourne Institute and the Commonwealth Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs are holding the HILDA Survey Research Conference on Thursday 16 and Friday 17 July 2009 at the University of Melbourne.

The aim of the conference is to provide a forum for the discussion of research based on the Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia Survey. Attendance at the conference is open to all, but should be of special interest to both users of the HILDA Survey data and persons with an interest in the outcomes from longitudinal survey research in the broad fields of economic and social policy.

The conference includes speakers on topics such as income and poverty, unemployment and part-time employment, gender and the labour market, fertility, ageing issues, marriage, wealth and families. More information about the program can be found at http://www.melbourneinstitute.com/conf/hildaconf2009/default.html

International speakers include Professor Robert Moffitt from the Johns Hopkins University, Professor Stephen Pudney from the University of Essex.
The conference includes eight sessions (two plenary and six concurrent), lunch on both days and the conference dinner. (Discounts are available for students.)

A registration form and information regarding the conference can be obtained the [HILDA Conference Website](http://hilda.unimelb.edu.au) website, or from Ms Alice Hope, [melb-conf@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:melb-conf@unimelb.edu.au) or 03 8344 2149.

**CONFIDENTIALISED UNIT RECORD FILES (CURFS)**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) makes a range of data available to our university researchers. Some of the data is classified as Confidentialised Unit Record Files (CURFs). There are two changes of note that relate to applying and using of CURFs:

1. Within two months, the Australian Bureau of Statistics is intending to release five additional CURFs that will be available to our researchers:
   - Income and Housing (2007/08)
   - National Health Survey (2007/08)
   - Childhood Education and Care Survey (2008)


   Enquiries about the use of CURFs at Flinders University should be directed to [stats.consultant@flinders.edu.au](mailto:stats.consultant@flinders.edu.au), extension 13346.

2. In the past, the ABS/Universities Australia Agreement only allowed CURFs to be used for the purposes of teaching and research. However, in 2009, changes to the Agreement brought about the possibilities of accessing CURFs for a range of permitted commercial uses that includes:
   - consultancy services for a third party, based on CURFs
   - statistical and other reports and publications produced from CURFs
   - the development of teaching materials from CURFs

   However, staff and students when acting in a private capacity are not included in the Agreement. More information about it can be found at: [http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/4a256353001af3ed4b2562bb00121564/14d1ad81399b683aca2572c70022e988?OpenDocument](http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/4a256353001af3ed4b2562bb00121564/14d1ad81399b683aca2572c70022e988?OpenDocument)

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1. Web page address changed

Attention all web-weavers! The web address http://www.ssn.flinders.edu.au/... no longer works. If you have used this address in your web pages or on your stationery, you will need to change it. The new address is http://socsci.flinders.edu.au/... Please check your web pages and change this wherever you find it.

2. Help Desk software

Some of you will have discovered that when you send an email to our helpdesk, the reply no longer comes from SSComputerHelp but from ServiceDesk Plus. You need not fear to open these (well done to the person who checked with us!); we have new software that allows us to keep track of the jobs we are doing and the requests that people make.

If you are replying to email we send out, please do not change the subject line, or the program will think it is a new job and will not file it under the current job. We may then have different people both working on the same problem and conflicting with each other unknowingly.

3. MS Office for Home Use

Staff are eligible to participate in Microsoft’s Software Assurance Home Use Program (HUP). This enables us to get a licensed copy of most Microsoft® Office applications to install and use on our home computer, at a much lower price than if we just bought it.

If you use the program at work, (e.g. Office) you may buy a licensed copy of the corresponding Home Use Program software (e.g. Office Enterprise) to install and use at home. You may continue using HUP software as long as you are working at Flinders and we still have this agreement (we will tell you if it changes).

Please note that some programs may not be available at the time you place an order. For up-to-date information on the availability of Home Use Program software, please visit http://microsoft.com/licensing. During the process you will be required to enter your personal credit card and mailing address details.

To access the Microsoft Home Use Program Web site:

2. Select the country to which you want your order to be shipped and choose the language for viewing the order Web site.
3. Enter your Flinders e-mail address and insert the following program code: E97975B6BF

**Note: This program code is assigned to our organization for our sole use in accessing this site. You may not share this number with anyone outside our organization.**

4. Place your order online, and the CD(s) will be shipped to you. Please note that a fulfilment fee will be charged to cover packaging, shipping, and handling costs.

**Students (and staff!) can still buy Office 2007 software at the website: http://www.itsnotpiracy.com.au **

4. Anyone for a Socscigate?

Computer / Email Security

Many times we enter vacant offices and find the computer turned on. If we start early in the morning it is obvious the computer has been left on overnight. And sometimes if we bump the mouse we find the email active. The computer is not locked. As there are many persons frequenting campus offices, eg cleaners, caretakers, technicians, electrical testing, security, etc, and in possession of keys to rooms, the ability to send malicious or
damaging emails using the computer is there. It came to (the person who pointed this out, whose name is being suppressed to protect their innocence) re the problems with emails in Parliament. Not that this would be the same, but unlocked computers left on can cause much grief.

5. Humour

Submitted by Nada Lucia (Thanks, Nada!)

You have to be old enough to remember Abbott and Costello, and too old to REALLY understand computers, to fully appreciate this. For those of us who sometimes get flustered by our computers, please read on...

If Bud Abbott and Lou Costello were alive today, their famous sketch, 'Who's on First?' might have turned out something like this:

COSTELLO CALLS TO BUY A COMPUTER FROM ABBOTT

ABBOTT: Super Duper computer store. Can I help you?
COSTELLO: Thanks. I'm setting up an office in my den and I'm thinking about buying a computer.
ABBOTT: Mac?
COSTELLO: No, the name's Lou.
ABBOTT: Your computer?
COSTELLO: I don't own a computer. I want to buy one.
ABBOTT: Mac?
COSTELLO: I told you, my name's Lou!
ABBOTT: What about Windows?
COSTELLO: Why? Will it get stuffy in here?
ABBOTT: Do you want a computer with Windows?
COSTELLO: I don't know. What will I see when I look at the windows?
ABBOTT: Wallpaper.
COSTELLO: Never mind the windows. I need a computer and software.
ABBOTT: Software for Windows?
COSTELLO: No. On the computer! I need something I can use to write proposals, track expenses and run my business. What do you have?
ABBOTT: Office.
COSTELLO: Yeah, for my office. Can you recommend anything?
ABBOTT: I just did.

COSTELLO: You just did what?
ABBOTT: Recommend something.
COSTELLO: You recommended something?
ABBOTT: Yes.

COSTELLO: For my office?
ABBOTT: Yes.
COSTELLO: OK, what did you recommend for my office?
ABBOTT: Office.
COSTELLO: Yes, for my office!
ABBOTT: I recommend Office with Windows
COSTELLO: I already have an office with windows! OK, let's just say I'm sitting at my computer and I want to type a proposal. What do I need?
ABBOTT: Word.
COSTELLO: What word?
ABBOTT: Word in Office.
COSTELLO: The only word in office is office.
ABBOTT: The Word in Office for Windows.
COSTELLO: Which word in office for windows?
ABBOTT: The Word you get when you click the blue 'W'.
COSTELLO: I'm going to click your blue 'w' if you don't start with some straight answers. What about financial bookkeeping? You have anything I can track my money with?
ABBOTT: Money.
COSTELLO: That's right. What do you have?
ABBOTT: Money.
COSTELLO: I need money to track my money?
ABBOTT: It comes bundled with your computer.
COSTELLO: What's bundled with my computer?
ABBOTT: Money.
COSTELLO: Money comes with my computer?
ABBOTT: Yes. No extra charge.
COSTELLO: I get a bundle of money with my computer? How much?
ABBOTT: One copy.
COSTELLO: Isn't it illegal to copy money?
ABBOTT: Microsoft gave us a license to copy money.
COSTELLO: They can give you a license to copy money?
ABBOTT: Why not? THEY OWN IT!

(A few days later)

ABBOTT: Super Duper computer store. Can I help you?
COSTELLO: How do I turn my computer off?
ABBOTT: Click on 'START'...........
2009 B-HERT Awards

Applications are now being sought for the 2009 Business / Higher Education Round Table Awards for – OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT, HIGHER EDUCATION & TRAINING, VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Number and categories of Awards -

- Best Research & Development Collaboration
- Best Higher Education & Training Collaboration
- Best Vocational Education & Training Collaboration – a new award this year
- Best Collaboration with a Regional Focus - R&D or E&T
- Best Community Engagement Collaboration

These Awards recognise outstanding achievements in collaboration between business and tertiary education. The objective is to highlight at a national level the benefits of such collaboration, and by so doing to enhance the links between business and tertiary education. Awards will be made for projects or programs which have produced new products or services. Criteria for assessment will include innovation, strength of relationship between the partners, national benefits, whether the project or program has attracted new participants, and cultural impact.

In addition -

- Award for Best Entrepreneurial Educator of the Year
- Award for Outstanding Philanthropic Support of Higher Education.

The Hon Julia Gillard MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Education, Employment and Workplace Relations will present this year’s Awards at a Dinner on Thursday 5 November in Melbourne, and will deliver the after-dinner address. Closing date for entries is 2 September 2009. These Awards are a highly respected annual recognition of outstanding achievement in an area of activity vital to the future of this nation. The application forms for all Award categories can be accessed from www.bhert.com

Business/Higher Education Round Table, 4 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy Vic 3065
Ph: 03 9419 8068; Fax: 03 9419 8276; Web: www.bhert.com

2010 Fulbright Scholarships

We are asked to ensure that faculty and students are aware of the Fulbright Scholarships and the unique opportunity they provide.

Looking to build research links with leading U.S. institutions?
Considering sabbatical second semester 2010 or first semester 2011?

Applications are now open for the 2010 Fulbright Scholarships

Valued at up to $A50,000, Fulbright scholarships are open to Australian citizens to undertake research or study in the United States for 3 - 12 months. Scholarships can be started between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011.

As the largest and one of the most prestigious educational scholarship programs in the world, Fulbright provides unique opportunities for Australians to build long term research collaboration and linkages with U.S. universities.

Applications are open to Postgraduates (to do research related to their Australian PhD., or enrol in a U.S. degree); Postdoctoral, Professional and Senior Scholars from any field of study. Applicants from Queensland, Tasmania, Western Australia, South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria are encouraged to consider the state specific Fulbright Scholarships that have now been established.


Australian universities are also encouraged to actively seek applications from Americans to be Fulbright Scholars in Australia in 2009. This supports American academics and postgraduates to undertake research with Australian universities for 4-12 months. American applications close on 1 August (Senior Scholars), 31 October (Postgrads).

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