UC academic says ACT is ideal location for planning degree

24 February 2011: Professor Barbara Norman is the foundation chair and head of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Canberra. She says planning is a growing area and that Canberra is the ideal location to study planning.

The University of Canberra offers undergraduate and postgraduate courses in urban and regional planning.

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UC 'shake it' for world record Zumba attempt

21 March 2011: More than 250 people danced their way to a world record attempt for the biggest outdoor Zumba class at the University of Canberra recently.

The event, held on Sunday March 6, was held as part of Sport for Women Day, to encourage women to improve their health and participate in more sporting activities.

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Harvard research fellow to further his work at UC

25 March 2011: Harvard researcher Dr Daniel Janes has been awarded a Harvard Fellowship to work at the University of Canberra later this year.

Dr Janes, a research fellow from Harvard’s Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology will spend four months collaborating with Professors Stephen Sarre, Arthur Georges and Dr Tariq Ezaz, from the University of Canberra’s Institute for Applied Ecology, starting in September.

His specialty is evolution and its biological development as characterised by the study of avian sex chromosomes.

While in Australia, Dr Janes’ work will aim to define chromosomal evolutionary history through comparative analysis of a crocodilian genome, which, unlike birds, lacks a sex chromosome.

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Govt seeks further advice on coastal adaptation

25 March 2011: University of Canberra Professor Barbara Norman and colleagues will continue advising the government to ensure progress on coastal adaptation in the face of climate change.

Professor Norman, foundation chair and head of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Canberra is one of eight members of the Coasts and Climate Change Council.

One of the government’s most pressing concerns regarding coastal adaptation include the need for consistent management practices and legal issues regarding liability and property rights.

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ACT Government Media Release

Live in Canberra marks fifth birthday with return to Queensland

Skilled workers in Brisbane looking for opportunities outside of Queensland will be targeted by Live in Canberra at Reinvent Your Career Expo, an event that coincides with the program’s fifth anniversary.

Dili appeal supports future Timorese leaders

Canberra’s 98th birthday is being used to announce a Centenary of Canberra initiative aimed at building the capacity of youth in Timor-Leste (East Timor).

Live in Canberra well received in Netherlands, UK and Ireland

The ACT Government’s Live in Canberra and Skilled and Business Migration teams received a great response from the first leg of an international campaign to promote Canberra as a place to live and work.

UC Schools Initiative

Under the unique UC Schools initiative, two ACT schools will benefit from closer ties to the University of Canberra.

Formally launched in March 2011, the initiative has brought in new names and a new era for

- University of Canberra Senior Secondary College, Lake Ginninderra (formerly Lake Ginninderra Senior Secondary College) and
- University of Canberra High School, Kaleen (formerly Kaleen High School).

The partnership aims to create a relationship where the University will be embedded in the two schools and the schools will be embedded in the University. It will raise aspirations among high school and college students and remove any psychological barriers to higher education. It will see University researchers and students working together with school and college teachers and students to mutual benefit.

Harmony Week Celebration

From 21-25 March, University of Canberra celebrated its diversity in its Harmony Week celebration. Harmony Week focuses on promoting and facilitating enthusiasm for diversity at the campus.

One of its programs is Harmony Day, where International Students take the stage in the Refectory to showcase their home culture, by dance performances, songs and traditional costumes.

There was also the Amazing Race, where teams were given a series of clues to locations across campus. This year 8 teams (from the student and staff body) competed to race around the campus and complete the challenges to win some great prizes.

Overall, Harmony Week was a success as it was able to provide many opportunities for staff and students from all backgrounds and lifestyles to mix, meet, celebrate and engage in dialogue.
The Canberra Times

UC intake hits record high

The University of Canberra has more students than at any time in its history due to a massive enrolment drive, which has delivered its target seven years ahead of schedule.

According to first semester figures, the UC has a total of 12,233 students.

This is up 40 per cent on its 2007 enrolments when Professor Stephen Parker became Vice-Chancellor and set the target of 12,000 students by 2018.

Professor Parker attributed the university’s growth to a review of its courses and disciplines and improved marketing which has made UC a more popular destination.

"Our review of courses and disciplines was a big exercise and now we are offering more current and relevant options for students," he said.

"It’s been a case of having the right courses taught in the right way and then marketing it to the right students."

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New Courses

To commence in Semester I 2012:
- Bachelor of Accounting
- Bachelor of Australian Politics and Public Policy
- Bachelor of Finance
- Bachelor of Human Resource Management
- Bachelor of International Business
- Bachelor of Marketing Management
- Bachelor of Social Science and Bachelor of Social Science in Indigenous Studies.

More information regarding these courses will be announced soon.

Announcement

For admission matters, please note that the Admissions Office will not grant an unconditional offer letter. A student who meets the condition will be sent a letter acknowledging that the condition has been met and this will be sufficient for a student visa application.

If you have any further queries about this, please email UCagents@canberra.edu.au
New Director of Marketing & International

Starting from 21st February 2011, Mr. Julian Longbottom will become the new Director of Marketing and International. He comes to us with almost 20 years of marketing experience and has just finished a five year contract as Director, Global Marketing and Research for IDP Education.

Australian Sports Commission (ASC) Residences

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) Residences are offering accommodation for University of Canberra students.

This is a non-smoking, alcohol free accommodation opportunity that includes breakfast and dinner at the Australian Institute of Sport. For more information, visit http://www.ausport.gov.au/ais/visit/stay/uc_students.

For further information on on-campus and off-campus accommodation, click here.

Online Applications

For faster application process, International students within or outside Australia can now apply online.

More details, click here.

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