



Benefactors honour those who inspired them

Prominent members of UWA's medical fraternity have paid tribute to the people who inspired and helped shape their careers by setting up two perpetual scholarships.

The two new scholarships honour the efforts of medical pioneers Professor Mary Lockett, Foundation Professor of Pharmacology; and Professor Neville Stanley, Foundation Professor of Microbiology.

The scholarships have been set up thanks to the extraordinary generosity of donors Dr John Harriott, Professor John Pearman, his wife Rosemary and their children Timothy and Fiona.

Dr John Harriott was greatly influenced by Professor Mary Lockett and decided to honour her by setting up a Bachelor of Medical Science scholarship in her name. Dr Harriott's passion for education and research is strong and he likes to encourage others to undertake medical research. The John Harriott Bachelor of Medical Science Scholarship in honour of Professor Mary Lockett is a wonderful way to make this happen.

Dr Harriott has been associated with UWA for many years, and it's not the first time he has made a generous contribution to the University.

After winning a prize in pharmacology in 1967, John would have liked to have undertaken a Bachelor of Medical Science degree. However, financial constraints prevented him from doing so. Nevertheless, he retained his interest and entered anaesthesia training. He later taught pharmacology to anaesthesia trainees and postgraduate dental students for 20 years. John also served for more than 10 years on a drug research committee at Royal Perth Hospital. "I regard these as the most satisfying aspects of my career, and credit must go to Professor Lockett for my developing these interests," he says.

Family members of the late Mary Lockett are delighted to discover that their aunt had such an impact and played a leading role in the development of pharmacology. Peter Eggleston, Mary's nephew, completed his BA at UWA in 1975, majoring in geography; and his daughter, Rebecca Jane Eggleston, completed her BA in history and English in 2002. Rebecca now lives in Chicago, working in Urban Planning and Development. Following the family tradition of studying at UWA, another of Mary Lockett's great nieces, Julia Lockett, is currently studying medicine. Alexander Lockett, Julia's brother, completed his UWA Civil Engineering degree in 2003 and now works in London.

The University thanks Dr Harriott for his generosity and commends him on investing in the future leaders of medical research. The first scholarship will be awarded in 2011, coinciding with Mary Lockett's 100th birthday.

Thirty years ago, Professor John Pearman, a retired medical professor, was the recipient of a P. F. Sobotka UWA Medical School scholarship. Professor Pearman says this scholarship opened many doors, and he and his family intend to return the favour with interest. The generous donation from the Pearman family will establish the John and Rosemary Pearman Bachelor of Medical Science Scholarship in honour of Professor Neville Stanley. The perpetual scholarship is recognition of the valued friendship and high esteem that John holds for Professor Stanley.



John Newnham, John Harriott and Fiona Lake



Beth and Mary Eggleston with bas relief of their aunt Professor Mary Lockett



John and Rosemary Pearman pictured with their family at the Scholarship signing ceremony

Professor Pearman is the former Head of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases at Royal Perth Hospital. He was the clinical microbiologist on laboratory duty when the RPH microbiology laboratory grew *helicobacter pylori* from a gastric biopsy sent by UWA Nobel Laureates Professor Barry Marshall and Professor Robin Warren. "I was in the laboratory when we first grew the organism!" Professor Pearman recalls. This scholarship in microbiology, a field in which the late Professor Neville Stanley and Professor John Pearman were so actively involved, is expected to be a highly sought after award.

(If you would like to know more about the Foundation Professors' Bachelor of Medical Science Scholarship Program, please phone Ms Fabienne Vonarburg on +61 8 6488 4211).

Keep an ear out for Festival Baroque 2009



Mezzo-soprano Fiona Campbell and soprano Sara Macliver with the Festival Baroque Ensemble

A group of ardent baroque music lovers launched Festival Baroque 2009 with a recital at the Janet Holmes à Court Gallery in August, followed by two public concerts in Government House Ballroom and the Perth Town Hall.

The launch was kindly hosted by Dr Janet Holmes à Court. Guests enjoyed a wonderful sample of baroque music performed by soprano Sara Macliver accompanied by Stewart Smith on harpsichord and Jenny Coleman playing trumpet. The concerts were performed by Sara Macliver and Fiona Campbell (mezzo-soprano) and the Festival Baroque Ensemble led by violinist Paul Wright. The program included the Western Australian premiere of Handel's *Gloria* discovered in the Royal Academy of Music library in 2001. Critical acclaim ensued, with *The West Australian* newspaper headlining its review with "Baroque Sensation Takes Gold!".

Festival Baroque is bringing Australia's first ever baroque music festival to Perth. This will be a celebration of music composed between 1600 and 1750 by Handel, Bach, Vivaldi, Telemann, Scarlatti, Purcell, Rameau and others.

Next year is the 250th anniversary of the death of George Frederic Handel and the inaugural festival will highlight the work of this great German-born English citizen. Festival Baroque will also include a scholarly symposium, with presentations on baroque music and staging by internationally respected scholars.

The Festival Baroque committee has come up with a new system of acknowledging the key role of its supporters. It has developed a framework for 'Baroque Benefactors' who will receive priority tickets for concerts, and invitations to special concerts and events; they will meet the artists at special functions, and be acknowledged in the community for supporting this excellent project.

Festival Baroque is supported by the School of Music and the Leah Jane Cohen Bequest. For more information, please contact Claire McGowan on 6488 2054; email at baroquefestival@uwa.edu.au; or online at <http://www.music.uwa.edu.au/about/festivalbaroque>



Sandra Bowdler and Louise Howden-Smith, members of the Festival Baroque Committee at the launch

Centenary Trust for Women unveils new scholarships

The UWA Centenary Trust for Women (CTW) held its sixth annual gala lunch on Sunday 27 July. Some 375 guests attended the event which was hosted by the Chancellor, Dr Michael Chaney AO CitWA and Mrs Rose Chaney. His Excellency Dr Ken Michael AC, Governor of Western Australia and Mrs Michael were guests of honour.

Professor Margaret Seares AO, the University's Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor and CTW Patron who is stepping down from the SDVC position at the end of the year, was a special guest at the luncheon. Dr Erica Smyth, CTW Patron and Chair acknowledged and thanked Margaret for her many contributions to the trust and to the University of Western Australia.

The guest speaker was Professor Beverley Ronalds, CSIRO's Group Executive Energy and Chief of the Petroleum Resources Division and the inaugural Chair of the Centre for Oil and Gas Engineering at UWA. Professor Ronalds gave a thought-provoking speech on *Our Energy Challenge – a Personal Perspective*.

At the lunch, Dr Smyth announced two new CTW scholarships. All five CTW scholarship donors attended and two of the three 2008 scholarship recipients were also present.

Dr Smyth thanked the major sponsor Woodside Energy Ltd, along with other sponsors, including the Water Corporation, for their support and presence on the day.

For more information on the Centenary Trust for Women, please contact Yvette Vittorio at the UWA Office of Development, on +61 8 6488 4774 or yvette.vittorio@uwa.edu.au



CTW Chair Erica Smyth (left) and host Chancellor Michael Chaney (right) pictured with scholarship donors John Mills, Leah Trezise, Margaret Feilman, Bridget Faye, Karen Field and CTW Patron Margaret Seares



Pictured at the luncheon: Beth Blackwood, Principal Presbyterian Ladies College with Hazel Day, former Principal and guests

Alumni Celebrations

Distinguished alumni awards



(l to r): Dr Bruce Mackintosh, Professor Alan Robson, Professor Varakorn Samakoses, HE Paul Grigson, Dr Narongchai Akrasanee, Ms Anne Reynolds

Two former Thai Government ministers and a professor of agronomy have been honoured as distinguished UWA graduates at ceremonies in Thailand. The ceremonies, the first such awards to be made to graduates from Thailand, mark the contributions of UWA's international graduates to their home countries and the broader international community.

At an alumni cocktail party at the Australian Embassy in Bangkok in mid-August, the Vice-Chancellor Professor Alan Robson presented Distinguished International Alumnus Awards to Dr Narongchai Akrasanee and Associate Professor Varakorn Samakoses.

Dr Akrasanee is a former Minister of Commerce and a Senator with the Thai Government. He graduated from UWA in 1967 with a Bachelor of Economics (Hons), as a Colombo Plan student and

was president of the Australia-Thailand and the Thailand-New Zealand Business Councils.

Associate Professor Samakoses is a current Deputy Minister of Education with the Thai Government. He graduated from UWA in 1970 with a Bachelor of Economics and has held visiting professorships at universities around the world.

In Chiang Mai, a similar award was made to Professor Benjavan Rerkasem at a gathering at Chiang Mai University. Professor Rerkasem, a professor of agronomy, graduated from UWA in 1977 with a BSc in Agriculture (Hons) in 1969, followed by a PhD in Plant Nutrition in 1977. She is renowned for having made a major contribution to local agriculture by helping train postgraduate students, many of whom are now in the government and private sectors.

"For almost a century, The University of Western Australia has produced graduates who have made major contributions to the economic and social wellbeing of local, national and international communities," Professor Robson said. "As part of the University's commitment to achieving international excellence, we are proud that our international graduates continue to make enormous contributions within their communities and society generally."



Professor Bejavan Rerkasem receiving her award



Eighty UWA Singapore alumni attended a cocktail party at the Singapore Cricket Club hosted by the Chancellor. Our first Nobel Laureate, Professor Barry Marshall AC (pictured with guests) was the guest speaker



Professor Barry Marshall AC with guests at the UWA alumni cocktail party held at the Malaysian Petroleum Club in Kuala Lumpur

New Chief Justice



The Honourable Justice Robert French, the new Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, graduated from The University of Western Australia with a BSc in 1969 and a law degree in 1971.

Robert founded the West Australian Aboriginal Legal Service, was the first president of the National Native Title Tribunal, and was 1998 West Australian of the Year.

UWA in UK

Friends of UWA in the UK and Europe was launched late last year at a cocktail party in London as a first step in developing a strong support base across a number of nations.

The objective is to create a vibrant UWA community in the UK and Europe – one in which alumni value their relationships with each other and with their University. Alumni with similar interests can benefit from being part of UK networks built around career, cultural and other interests. Such networks can be of great value to alumni arriving in the UK or those wishing to pursue particular objectives such as making career changes or just catching up with old classmates. The group aims to provide a tax effective means for UK and European alumni to make contributions to the University.

The Chair of this group is David MacKinlay. He can be contacted at david.mackinlay@lineone.net

James McClements – Graduate and Philanthropist



James McClements, a graduate of UWA's Business School.

James grew up in a mining town in Western Australia and attended university as part of the BHP scholarship program that involved summers working in an iron ore mine. James went on to obtain an Honours degree in economics. From there, he worked in Australia and the United States and gained extensive experience in the financial industry, in particular resource financing and investing in mining companies globally. Most notably, James co-founded a private equity firm, where as Senior Partner he is primarily responsible for investment strategy.

As a private donor to the UWA Business School, James' desire to become more involved led him to become a part of the Business School's fundraising committee. He is credited with pulling together support from mid-tier Australian mining companies, who all now contribute to the Business School's *Mining Leaders Scholarship Fund*. Designed to support a Business School student with an interest in the mining industry, the scholarship is awarded annually to an individual looking to gain financial and leadership skills. In 2008, the *Mining Leaders Scholarship* was awarded

to Ivan Komysan, a final year BCom/BEng student.

While the Business School receives significant corporate and individual philanthropic funding, this stream of revenue has not reached the levels of funding received by many universities overseas. A fact not lost on James who recognises from his significant experiences in the United States that broadening and deepening the level of philanthropy remains a key challenge for the higher education sector in Australia.

James' story reflects how philanthropic gestures, such as the scholarship program he was offered as a student, generates a cycle of positive outcomes. His experience has inspired him to replicate similar opportunities for upcoming UWA Business School talent. The initial support James has secured for the *Mining Leaders Scholarship Fund*, will see it awarded for 15+ years.

James is leading the way in rejuvenating giving in Western Australia. He has identified a need, is directly involved in the program and encourages others who value the importance of education to come forward and invest in this state's future.

The University of Western Australia was founded on a culture of philanthropy, of giving back to the community and investing in the future to foster the highest possible educational standards. For some graduates, this translates into philanthropic acts directed to the university that helped shape their success. Nowadays, graduates are increasingly moving beyond 'cheque book philanthropy' and wish to become directly involved. That's the case with

Scholarships

Right: Over the past 15 years the Country Medical Foundation (CMF) has generously provided scholarships supporting nearly 220 doctors and nurses across Western Australia. The Foundation has transferred its funding role to UWA for the eight medical student scholarships it currently supports for the duration of their courses, and aims to further address the shortage of doctors and nurses by supporting the State's future rural medical workforce through the establishment of two scholarships in perpetuity at UWA



CWA Scholarship recipient James Preuss with CWA State President Mrs Pam Batten



Mr Phil Southwell, Western Power General Manager Strategy & Corporate Affairs pictured with a group of the 29 Western Power Electrical Engineering Scholarships 2008 recipients