Dear alumni & friends,

After much deliberation, we're pleased to announce the recipients of the 2008 Distinguished Alumni Awards. Visit the alumni and friends website to find out who the recipients are and to read more about the DAA dinner.

Also, this month we'd like your feedback and ideas about the alumni website. We're about to embark on a redesign of the site and want to consult with the alumni community as an initial step. We would greatly appreciate it if you could help us by completing a short 5 minute online survey. Alternatively, you can email our web manager Dave Taylor with your suggestions. All respondents will enter a free draw to win a copy of the AUP book of the month.

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Spring edition of Ingenio now online
Stories in the latest edition include an article on ground breaking research that offers indisputable evidence that early Polynesians voyaged as far as South America and news of the University's 125th Jubilee celebrations.
Read Ingenio online

Predicting melanoma spread
A UoA postgraduate student has developed an online tool that can help doctors in the fight against skin cancer, as reported in leading medical journal Lancet Oncology.
Read more on the University website

Golden Graduates keep brains switched on

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Upcoming events

10-11 November
Elam Open Days

16 November
Bruce Jesson Lecture: Union relevance in Aotearoa in the 21st Century

13 December
Accident compensation forum: Forty Years on - a Celebration of the Woodhouse Report

Book of the month

Kiwi Keith: A Biography of Keith Holyoake by UoA alumnus Barry Gustafson
Sir Keith Jacka Holyoake profoundly shaped New Zealand politics in the 20th century. His almost unequalled length of service as Prime Minister and his dominance of the political scene and transformation of New Zealand during the 1960s make him one of the most remarkable figures in our history.
Go to the AUP website
Get the 15% alumni discount
At this year's Golden Graduates reception, Professor Richard Faull captivated the audience with his lecture on neurogenesis, illustrating how adult human brains make new cells.

"Keep your brains switched on," he told alumni. "That's the environment that stimulates new brain cells and it's critical for life."

**Read more about the event** and **view a selection of photos in our online gallery.**

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**Factsheets in other languages**

Our International alumni have told us how difficult it can sometimes be to explain to employers, family, friends and intending students just how good a university their alma mater is. In response to this, we have produced flyers in six different languages designed to assist our International graduates.

**Download the flyers as PDF documents**

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**Record number of Theology PhDs**

Four PhDs from the School of Theology were conferred this spring, a big achievement for the smallest school in the University.

**Read more**

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**Elam Open Days - Sat & Sun 10-11 November**

Staff and students from the Elam School of Fine Arts are gearing up for Elam Open Days 2007, an annual, weekend-long art extravaganza showcasing the selected works of more than 120 final year undergraduates and postgraduates.

The exhibition celebrates the talent of some of New Zealand's most promising and established artists.

**Get event details on the University website**

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**Union relevance in Aotearoa in the 21st Century**

Laila Harre, National Secretary of the National Distribution Union will deliver this year's Bruce Jesson lecture on November 9th. For 20 years unions have been engaged in...
a struggle for relevance - relevance to both workers and the wider social and economic environment in which we organise. This lecture will look at possible futures for the union movement and the potential and need for workers to organise industrially and politically.

Get lecture details on the University website

**Accident compensation conference**
An all-day forum on December 13th honours Sir Owen Woodhouse for his monumental contribution to New Zealand and celebrates the 40 years of influence of his 1967 Royal Commission Report *Compensation for Personal Injury in New Zealand*.

Read more and register on the University website

Are you overseas? Do you have a N.Z. student loan? You could win up to $300 Icebreaker clothing by answering a few questions.
Colmar Brunton, an independent research company, has been commissioned to carry out research on the effectiveness of communications about student loans.

Your answers will be treated in complete confidence by Colmar Brunton. No one outside the research team will be able to identify any individuals from the survey.

Complete the 5-10 minute survey online

Until next month,

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