You'd never guess that we were actually in a drought stricken sheep paddock. Photo by Wendy Cotter.

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#### VELOCITY

# Letter from the Editor...

How about this weather huh? Loving this rain – I woke up this morning (Saturday) and looking out the window thought that it would be a great morning for a sleep in. (not the best idea two weeks out of the end of the year with still heaps of work to do – but I'll be the first to admit it was a thrilling exercise none the less. No, really after al that hot weather that we have been having over the past few weeks this rain that we've been getting over the weekend has been amazing. It makes me happy – and I don't feel as bad doing all this uni work cause I don't really have that much of an option for getting out into the wilderness.

So, 2 weeks left of the year, and then 2 weeks of exams and *then* you'll all be off doing things for summer! Woo! Summer! Work, home, travel... I'm sure that what ever you are doing it'll be great! Me: well I'll be finishing the practical work for my TAFE component of my degree for the first few weeks of December and after that I'll be off on exchange to CANADA!! Yahoo! Mmm Canada, where it's going to be right back into subjects (just after new years), and its going to be 30 degrees below zero... but I'll get to do subjects where I'll be ice climbing, snow shoeing, dog sledding – its going to be awesome! And if you want to have the same experience (or maybe go to America, Japan, Ireland or a multitude of other countries) on a study exchange you should make an appointment to go have a talk to our wonderful exchange liaison Lynn, or email her at <u>LFurze@csu.edu.au</u> or visit the web site here: <u>http://www.csu.edu.au/division/internat/exchange/</u>

And talking of finishing up the year there are more party's than you could poke a stick at! (check out the diary dates for more details. And if your going to use the old "I've got exams in a few days" trick – I suggest that you give yourself some time off and go have some fun. (but hey! that's just me!)

When you all return from your summer escapades Velocity will still be coming out each fortnight (we hope!). and because of my geographic displacement for the first semester, I would like to thank Wendy Cotter for stepping up and taking on the job of getting the "on the ground" work done! Wendy is a lot nicer than I am, so be kind to her while she does the magazine at the end of first semester (while I'm sitting around in pubs in Ireland and Scotland! – sure this last section was simply so I could say that that I'm going to be doing that!) and make sure that you keep sending in lots of nice things for us to put in.

This is going to be the last edition of Velocity for 2007, and I have to say – it's been fun. I really hope that in the New Year it continues to be a success and that you all continue to read it. Thankyou to everyone who has put in so much work, but especially Kerry Read, Amy Anderson, Kat Denny, and the Parks and Eco Club for their support and great work in sending in stacks of material.

I guess that's all from me for the year, I need to get this done so I can get onto my last few assignments and all that. Keep safe over the silly season, have a good break – and if I don't see you at one of the Christmas party's on the next 2 weeks – I'll catch you up in July!

THANKYOU TO:

Want Velocity in colour?? Just email the magazine: <u>CSUVelocityMagazine@gmail.com</u> and I'll add you to the mailing list	Kerry Read Wendy Cotter Amy Anderson Geoff Simmons Kate Green Nicole Henderson And Jacinta Gill
	For their fantastic input making this edition possible.

#### Sven Helland.



# **Murray Campus Council Surveys**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> August the Murray Campus Council held some free BBQ's and conducted a survey to see how much you know about the council. The following were the questions asked;

- Have you heard about the MCC before today? Yes or No
   Are you aware of what the MCC does? No I have no idea Sort of the magazine etc Yes
- 3. What do you think of the new critical velocity magazine?
- 4. Would you like to see any changes to the magazine?
- 5. Is there any other concerns or ideas you would like to add?

In response to the survey most students had not heard of the Murray Campus Council (MCC) before. MCC is the student representative council for Albury –Thurgoona campus. The council can have up to 15 students on it. Presently there are only 12 positions filled. So watch out early next year when we advertise for positions.

The following points highlight some of the things that the council has been involved in this year and we hope to increase this activity in 2008.

- The council has been involved in providing sponsorship to Clubs who have put in requests, such as The Students of Sustainability Conference and Uni Bible Studies Conference.
- They put out this Velocity Magazine, fortnightly. But they need students and clubs to keep contributing information to make it worthwhile. Send in photos, stories, jokes, cartoons or anything that may be of interest to other students. Send it to <u>CSUVelocityMagazine@gmail.com</u>
- Purchased the badge maker, art supplies and gazebos for World Mental Health Day. Which can now be utilised by clubs for other activities
- Provide funding to support the ultimate Frisbee competition
- Pay for the hire of the tennis courts and now have tennis rackets and more sporting equipment, which students can use for free
- Funding a large portion of the expenses for the upcoming sports day in Wagga
- Will be providing funding to support the social activities during orientation week

Name	Position on MCC	Course		
Simon Dick	President (just resigned)	Parks, Rec & Heritage/Ecotourism		
Cilicia Smith	(Acting) President	Occupational Therapy		
Tara Saville	Secretary	Occupational Therapy		
David Shannon	Treasurer	Occupational Therapy		
Philip Reed	Entertainment Officer	Education - Middle Schooling		
Alex Miller	Environmental Officer	Environmental Science - Management		
David Atkinson	DE Representative	Information Technology		
Elly Cashmore	Equity Officer	Environmental Science - Management		
Wendy Cotter	Publicity Officer	Ecotourism		
Sven Helland	Velocity Editor	Adventure Ecotourism		
Ewen Griffiths-Menzies	Student Liaison Officer	Ecotourism		
Jacinta Gill	Sport & Rec Officer	Physiotherapy		

The following are the Students who currently make up the Murray Campus Council

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On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct, sixty-one CSU students (Albury and Thurgoona) headed to Wagga for the first inaugural InterUni Sports Day. There were four mixed touch teams and four mixed netball teams, ready to show the Wagga CSU students who were the better athletes. And that we did; taking out the trophy in both sports.

Two Albury netball teams (Macka's & Wilco's) won all their 3 games. However, on count back the Macka's were deemed the netball winners. The Beavo's were our winning touch team, also winning their 3 game

Several players were also awarded Best on Ground (BOG):

**Netball** Rahm Ranjan Dave Shannon

Evan Kovesy

Jana McDonald

Touch

Ellie O'Kane Jeremy Daniher Jenna Garard



Macka's - top, Beavo's - below



Thanks to Kerry for organizing such an awesome day, to Dave

Shannon for driving the bus and to the MCC for their monetary contribution towards the day. Well done to all those who got involved and did a fine job representing the Albury/Thurgoona campus.

This event will happen once a semester, with the games alternating between the two campuses. So keep an eye out for more information early next semester!

Jacinta Gill Sport & Rec. Officer	End of Academic Year Lunch Celebration		
мсс	The CSU Chaplaincy Team and Student Services have organised a lunch – all students and staff are invited to attend		
	Thursday 15 November 2007 12.00 - 2.00 outside The Gums Café Thurgoona Campus		
	There will be delicious BBQ food (also catering for vegetarians) and music. Please come and celebrate the end of the academic year, unwind and have some fun.		
	The theme of the event is <u>thanks</u> - remember those who helped you during the year to achieve what you wanted to, if you want you can <b>invite them along to the lunch as a way to thank them</b> .		
	Geoff Simmons		



Professor David Battersby was the Head of the Albury-Wodonga Campus from 2000 to December 2003. Professor Battersby was also the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of CSU until he became Vice Chancellor at The University of Ballarat in 2006.

#### These awards aim to acknowledge, encourage and reward leadership and good citizenship in the student body at the Albury-Wodonga Campus.

The awards will recognise students' contributions in the following areas of student and community life:

- Service to the student body of CSU
- Service to the local community
- Leadership in the CSU student community
- Leadership in the local community
- Acting as an ambassador for CSU to the local, national or international community
- Active contribution to the social and cultural life of the student community

## **Call for Nominations:**

Staff or students are invited to nominate students for the awards, or students can self-nominate. A prize will be awarded to one male and one female student each year. All nominations will be held in confidence.

Nominations can be made by completing the nomination form and returning it to Student Services, Mackie Building 587 David St Albury.

#### THE PRIZES:

A prize of \$250 each will be awarded to one male one female student.

Nomination forms are available from Student Services, Mackie Building, The Shed or The Shack.

#### **Nominations Close Friday 30 November 2007**

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#### FOOD FOR THOUGHT ...

I recently got back a report, and the marks that were on it were far less than I had hoped for. Thankfully – my ever industrious father send me this problem (to make me feel better). So, in the down hill plunge into the end of year exams and the like, remember that it's not the marks that count. Maybe it's the knowledge that in 20 odd years it won't matter, and you'll have enough time on your hands to come up with this sort of thing!

#### Here's one for all you Math experts at CSU

Let's assume the X=1. With this assumption then  $X^2=1$ 

and if X=1 then  $X^{-1=0}$ ; and if X=1 then  $X^{2}=1$  then  $X^{2}-1=0$ .

#### THEREFORE I hear you all cry

"(X-1)=X<sup>2</sup>-1"

(Now we all know that  $X^2$ -1 is what is called 'a difference of two squares', just like your mum and dad.)

That is to say  $X^2 - 1 = (X - 1)(X + 1)$ 

because we all know when you multiply out (X-1)(X+1) you get  $X^2-1$ ; trust me.

Well it's now easy to see that (X-1)=(X-1)(X+1) AND (and this is the exciting part)

#### We now divide both sides by (X-1)

eg. 
$$(X-1) = (X-1)(X+1)$$
  
(X-1) (X-1)

Resulting in 1=(x+1) BUT (and this is the clever bit) if we substitute in our original assumption that x=1; we get 1=(1+1)

and there for ......

#### (DRUM ROLL PLEASE!)

# 1 = 2

Haha! Another great day for maths!

With this proof we can see that mathematics is a subject you can NEVER fail in. Statistical results are always correct, the economy doesn't exist, the rich and poor are all equal.

This proof will work for any value for X. Try it at home (or at work). Arild.



#### **Parks and Eco/Enviro Network** club end of year BBQ @ Norreill Park from 6pm

**Bring:** a plate of food to share (or own vego/meat) drinks & whatever else you think will make for a good evening. (Frisbee, musical instruments, swimmers, etc)

# Do you want to have more to do with VELOCITY?

Get involved and write it!

We're looking for interested people to help out with publications in the New Year (2008).

No previous experience needed. Email <u>CSUVelocityMagazine@gmail.com</u> for more info!

Support your Uni bar! It's a great place to start your Wednesday night out, & we need more people to come, or it'll be closed down.

Don't let the COD DRY UP!

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND FAREWELL TO OUR 4TH YEARS "Speech"

Friday 9th November 7.30pm @ the shed \$5 entry, \$2 beer, wine, and soft drink for speech students If you have a notice that you want put into the **Velocity Diary Dates** just email it to the editor @ <u>CSUVelocityMagazine@gmail.com</u>

#### **CHRISTMAS PARTY -- EDUCATION**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 8pm onwards @ the Sloshed Cod \$2 members, \$5 non members

Come along for our last party of the year!

#### RAW 3rd YR Photography Graduation Exhibition

Opening night - November 9th 6PM

### Albury Art Gallery

Showing until 25th November

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO BE A REPORTER, LIKE CHLOE SULLIVAN? OR VERONICA MARS? (just minus the weird stuff) BUT YOU JUST DIDN'T HAVE THE PLACE TO PUBLISH YOUR JOURNALISTIC ASPERATIONS??

WELL NOW YOU DO! JUST EMAIL YOUR STORIES, JOKES, COMIC STRIPS, REPORTS, SOCIAL COLLARGES, ANNOUNCEMENTS ETC TO <u>CSUVelocityMagazine@gmail.com</u> WE'RE LOOKING FOR A VIARITY IN OUR MATERIAL, AND **YOU ARE** THE PERSON WE WANT TO WRITE IT.



# $CALENDAR \\ \text{if you want your function put into the calender, email it to} \\ \underline{csuVelocityMagazine@gmail.com} \\ \end{array}$

#### (Updated 4<sup>th</sup> November 2007 - please note that some dates are subject to change)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
N O V	5. •Ultimate Frisbee @ Billson Park 6-8pm • MARHS club meeting 5pm @ the Shed.	6.	<ul> <li>7.</li> <li>Education Club meeting @ the gums café 3:15 pm</li> </ul>	8.	9. • Speech Charismas Party @ the shed 7:30 pm	10.	11.
N O V	12. •Ultimate Frisbee @ Billson Park 6-8pm	13.	<ul> <li>14.</li> <li>Parks and Eco/Enviro network club end of year BBQ @ Norreill park from 6pm</li> <li>Education Club Christmas party @ the Cod.</li> </ul>	<ol> <li>Chaplaincy Team and Student Services BBQ @ the Gums Café 12-2 pm.</li> </ol>	16. • Last Day of 2007 semester	17. • Passing of the Whale graduation party for the school of environmental sciences @ the Sloshed Cod 7pm	18.
N O V	19. • EXAMS START	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.
N O V/D E C	26.	27.	28.	29.	30. •EXAMS FINISH	1.	2.

# Tasty Potato & Onion Soup

#### Ingredients

- ✤···· 8 Cups Water
- ★···· 2x 250ml Tomato soup sachets
- **♦** .... 4 tsp of Massell Chicken Stock
- ★···· 1 medium Brown Onion, diced
- ✤···· 20 small Potatoes or equivalent, diced
- ✤ Flat-leaved Parsley, roughly chopped
- 1. Place water into a large saucepan, cover and bring to the boil on high heat.
- 2. While water is boiling, dice potatoes and onion.
- 3. When water is boiled, take off cover and place the chicken stock and tomato soup into the pan. Stir till dissolved.
- 4. Add potato and onion to the pan and bring to the boil.
- 5. Boil for a few minutes, then cover and reduce heat to simmer for 5 minutes.
- 6. Chop parsley while potatoes and onion cook till tender.
- 7. Stir parsley into soup a few minutes before serving.

Note: A nicely toasted bread role can be used as a yummy side to the dish.