



## VOLUME 37 NUMBER 39

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### NOBEL PRIZE

This is a great day for Australian science and for the ANU. This week the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for 2011 with one half to Saul Perlmutter, USA and the other half jointly to Brian P. Schmidt, The High-z Supernova Search Team, Australian National University, Australia and Adam G. Riess, USA "for the discovery of the accelerating expansion of the Universe through observations of distant supernovae. Brian's work on the expansion of the universe has changed the face of astronomy. His work has helped to unveil a universe that, to a large extent, was unknown to science. He has shown that what we see in the skies is but a tiny fraction of what is really out there. Brian reminds us of the infinite mysteries yet to be understood. We congratulate a great man and celebrate his magnificent achievement.

### FOUNDER'S DAY

*Friday 14 October, 9am*

*Leonard Huxley Theatre*

We look forward to seeing all staff, students and friends of the school next Friday for the presentations and the barbecue lunch beginning at 1pm in Oliphant Building. Please come along and enjoy the fun.

As most of you know Founder's Day is a RSPE celebration honouring Sir Mark Oliphant. Sir Mark was an eminent Australian physicist and the founding Director the School. In 1981 Prof John Carver (then Director of RSPE) introduced Founder's Day as an initiative to unite the school in a celebration of the year's achievements.

Please address all enquiries to Event Coordinator **Liz Micallef** 55952 or **Petra Rickman** 52083 if related to barbecue lunch.

### EDUCATION BULLETIN

**Wed 19th October, 11-12.30**

*Venue: Please contact Laura 52747*

*Physics Education Centre meeting*

The meeting is to review undergraduate program, also key ideas and outcomes from the College Education planning Day. All members of RSPE are welcome to attend. If you can't attend but would like to contribute to the ongoing review process or ask questions about RSPE's educational programs, talk to your Departmental Education Coordinator.

### OHS BULLETIN

*Tues 22 November, 1-4pm*

**OHS Training for Supervisors**

*9am-1pm*

*Thurs 20 October, 9am-1pm*

**Ionizing Radiation Safety**

*2 & 3 November, 9am-3.30pm*

**Confined Spaces / Refresher**

*Wed 16 November, 9am-3.30pm*

**Chemical Safety**

Enrol [ohstraining@anu.edu.au](mailto:ohstraining@anu.edu.au) or contact

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### SAD NEWS

For those who remember Paul Morrison you will be saddened to hear that he died last Friday from a stroke. Paul was a founding member of the Laser Physics Centre, his technical expertise was invaluable in its establishment. He left ANU in the mid 90s to start a company specializing in laser light displays.