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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

I would like to wish all staff, students and visitors a very happy Christmas and a restful break before the New Year. Jim

A very special thank you to Profs Barry Luther Davies, Rob Elliman and Vince Craig who are stepping down as HoDs of their respective departments. Barry was our longest continuous HoD of recent times, 24 years I think, spanning three Directors. He has done a wonderful job at Laser Physics, more than deserves a rest from wrestling with budgets, etc, and I'm sure he is particularly pleased that he has attended his last HoDs meeting. Rob has served EME exceptionally well for three terms as HoD spanning 12 years and is looking forward to enjoying research, with his recent ARC DP and LP successes. Vince has had a much shorter stint, in line with the rotating HoDs in Applied Maths, but has also done a great job in steering AM through a tricky time.

Thank you also to Prof David McClelland - the end of 2011 sees David stepping down from his role as Deputy Director (Education). David has done a wonderful job of successfully steering the education program through the merger process, and in particular developing the Physics Education Centre as the structure organizing and supporting RSPE's undergraduate program. All PEC staff would like to express their thanks to him and hope that he continues his support of our educational endeavours. The Director also thanks David not only for his role as DDE but for his valued contribution to the School as a member of the School's Executive.

CORRECTION. Contrary to last week's bulletin, please note that the new headship role for EME (Prof Mark Ridgway) is for a three year term.

DEPARTMENTAL SEMINAR

Nuclear Physics

Monday 19 December, 11,00am

Nuclear Physics Seminar Room

Search for short living uranium isotopes around $N=126$

Dr J. Khuyagbaatar, Helmholtz Institut Mainz,
Germany

EDUCATION BULLETIN

If you are hoping to work as a tutor or demonstrator in RSPE's undergraduate program next semester, you need to send an expression of interest to Anna.Wilson@anu.edu.au. Don't forget to indicate whether you are a new or experienced tutor/demonstrator. An information session will be held in the New Year (watch this space). Thanks again to all those who contributed to our education programs in 2011. We wish you all a well-earned break, and look forward to another successful year in 2012.

STOLEN BIKES

Please be aware that two bicycle thefts have occurred in the CARDAX controlled bike shed in the Oliphant Building and someone has been tampering with other bikes. This matter has been passed to ANU Security and the Australian Federal Police. If you know of any incidents or can assist with the recovery of the stolen items please contact Graeme Cornish.

CHRISTMAS & PROMOTIONS MORNING TEA

Friday 16 December, 10.30am

Oliphant Building 60, Tea Room

You are invited to join with us to congratulate our recently promoted staff and share some traditional Christmas mince pies and wish your colleagues well over the Christmas and end of year break. We look forward to seeing you there.

