

ACADEMIC HONOURS



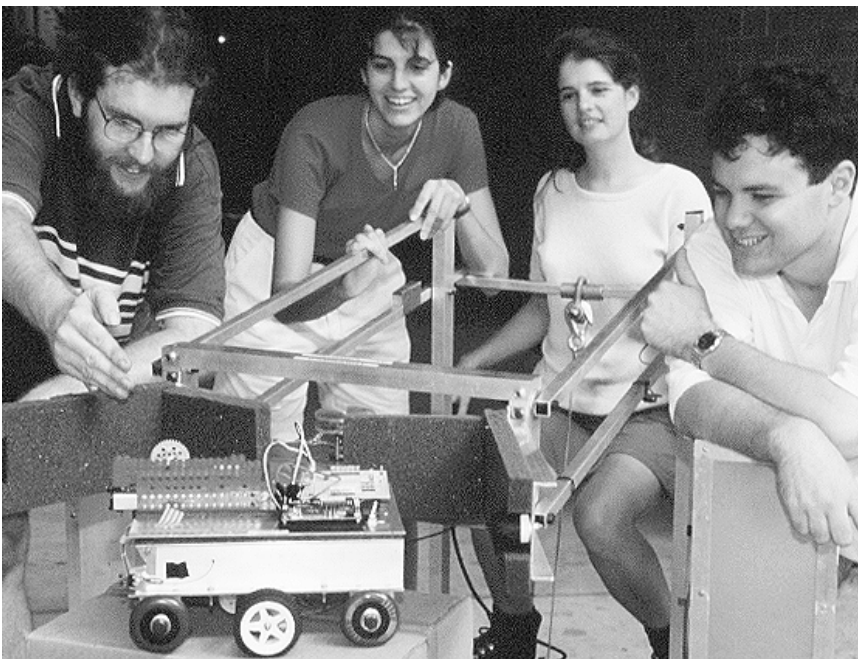
Gatton College graduate Tanya Plant, selected this year as 1999 Queensland Rhodes Scholar, is the sixth Queensland woman to win a Rhodes Scholarship. All (including two Australia-at-Large Rhodes Scholars) are graduates of this University. Tanya graduated in 1996 with first-class honours in applied science (rural technology) and plans to take a master of philosophy in economics at Oxford University.

National and international recognition for our students' achievements confirmed our status as University of the Year for graduate outcomes. Those honoured included the following.

- Computer Science and Electrical Engineering Department students won the 10th annual South Pacific Regional Scholastic Programming contest. *Manic Recursives* team members David Wilson, Christina Miller and Michael Goddard took 274 minutes to solve five of the eight problems presented.
- Five law students came second in the prestigious Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna. John Bona, Niels Jensen, Fiona Kennedy, Marjorie McDonald and Derran Moss triumphed against teams from 58 schools representing 25 countries.
- The UQ Roboroos, a team of 11 computer science and electrical engineering students, came second in RoboCup-98, the electronic equivalent of the World Cup, in Paris. The event attracted 80 university teams from around the globe, including 12 teams

in the University of Queensland's league competition.

- The Roboroos also won the student projects category in the 1998 Queensland IT&T Awards for Excellence.
- Physiotherapy PhD student Tina Souvlis won a Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Scholarship in the Allied Health Sciences to continue her research into pain and its manual relief.
- Third-year students Alan Murray and Sven Lavender (School of Natural and Rural Systems Management) devised a management plan for the Cooktown Botanic Gardens and surrounds – and won a John Herbert Award for Excellence in heritage management.
- The Institution of Engineers Australia named mechanical engineering PhD student Michael Lucas Young Professional Engineer of the Year for Queensland. (The University's Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), Professor Paul Greenfield, was named Engineer of the Year.)
- Second-year bachelor of business (agribusiness) student Amber Field (Gatton College) won the inaugural Grainco International Student Exchange Scholarship for five months' study at Purdue University in Indiana.
- Gatton College student Libby Jolly (second-year bachelor of applied science studies) represented Australia in a United Nations drug and alcohol forum for world youth in Canada.
- Fifth-year dentistry student Farid Khan won the International Association for Dental Research Colgate Poster Competition for a presentation at the 77th General Session of the IADR in Vancouver.



(From left) Mechanical Engineering students Michael Lucas, Susan Anderson, Louise Hearder and Greg Campbell work on Kangabot and Wombot... the first and only Australian team to compete in the Robocon 98 World Robotics Championships in Osaka, Japan.