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## University gives much to region

Tertiary institutions have often been criticised for not adequately contributing to the communities they are part of.

With the benefit of hindsight though, the University of Central Queensland has not fallen into this trap.

Although its age is more often than not a disadvantage, having full university status for just under three years has allowed it to tailor its functions to meet the needs of Central Queensland.

In line with its mission statement, most of its research is designed to benefit the region in many different ways.

The university is looking into land and water resource development and the Central Queensland economy.

It also operates centres for research into molecular architecture, open and distance learning, business, culture and communication in the Asia/Pacific region, mariculture and has a major role in the new national Tropical Beef Centre with the CSIRO and Department of Primary Industries.

Staff and students have been investigating the causes and consequences of blue/green algae, which has occurred in the region's waterways.

This problem is something that affects every person in Central Queensland, which makes the institution's work even more worthwhile.

Both the industries and people of the region have been disadvantaged in the past by the absence of a research-focused university, but this is fast changing.

The university is attempting to increase its funding from private sources and its Foundation, chaired by Mr Robert South, is playing a major role in this bid.

It is attempting to raise \$2.5 million from local firms towards the \$6 million needed to expand its library.

The Rockhampton City Council has set the pace with a donation of \$100,000, a very impressive sum from a local authority.

Its contribution signals that it has recognised the extremely important role the University of Central Queensland plays in Rockhampton.

It is now up to companies and businesses to do likewise — it is very much in their best interests to do so now, for the future.

The institution's administration recognises that it still has a long way to go before being truly competitive in Australia's cut-throat tertiary education system.

But what is important is that the university has a clear and plausible plan to achieve its goals.

Vice-chancellor Geoff Wilson and all staff who have contributed to the university's vision for the future deserve to be congratulated.

Far from being a stuffy, irrelevant educational institution, the University of Central Queensland is an asset of value to every Central Queensland.

Chris Johnston,  
Journalist.

## Vegas Voice

With MELISSA MITCHELL

Yes, it was VERY hot yesterday. Spare a thought for a group of English tourists who flew into Australia on Saturday. They left a country where it was coming into snowy winter, so it was more than just a culture shock for them to be in Rockhampton yesterday, as the mercury soared and everyone wilted.

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A North Rockhampton woman had an electrician do some work around the family home last week. The electrician had left and the woman had found a problem that needed fixing straight away. The troubled woman rang the electrician's mobile phone number, only to hear it ringing in her own lounge room — right where the electrician had put his phone down.

## emerson's VIEW



# JFK's killers named in explosive book

Thirty years ago today, on November 22, 1963, United States President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, was assassinated in Dallas, heart of Texas. Morning Bulletin reporter LESTER HANSON recently visited Dallas. He found the city still deeply wounded by its association with that historic event. Polls also strongly dispute the investigative Warren Commission finding that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone. Clearly, the world still hungers for the true story to be told.

More than 600 hundred books have been written about the 20th Century's biggest murder mystery.

The JFK assassination has meant more than a bonanza for authors and movie-makers. A booming but bizarre tourist industry has sprung up in Dallas which includes bus tours, video screenings and varied, colourful exhibits.

Estimates say that more than a million tourists have visited Elm Street, Dallas, scene of the assassination.

Somchow, the more Dallas tries to tame its wild, frontier image, the louder it grows in protest.

Of all the books published about the JFK saga, one stands out. Ironically, the author is an Australian, Mr Colin Davies.

With fearless intent, Mr Davies' work, *Named*, does exactly what its title implies. An explosive little book, it sets out to name who killed JFK. It also tries to unravel an intriguing, tangled assassination plot.

A Melbourne researcher, Mr Davies has accepted an invitation to go to Dallas for today's 30th anniversary. There, he will rub shoulders with civic officials, police, politicians, fellow authors and JFK buffs from around the world.

Like countless other visitors and truth-seekers, Mr Davies has walked by those famous landmarks synonymous with President Kennedy's death.

These include the Texas Book Depository, the Grassy Knoll, the Records Building, the Railroad Overpass, the Dealey Plaza and the Kennedy Marker.

Mr Davies has long studied and lectured in American history and political science. He has also worked as a researcher for an Australian senator.

In addition, he has had several books published on the Cold War era.

Asked why an Australian should have



□ JFK: The mystery of his assassination still intrigues the United States, thirty years after the event.

special interest in President Kennedy, Mr Davies said: "During the dark days of World War II, when Australia was threatened with invasion, JFK captained a PT boat sunk by a Japanese destroyer several hundred miles off the Queensland coast."

He said JFK spent several days behind Japanese lines and was rescued by an Australian coast watcher. JFK was decorated for bravery, a quality he also demonstrated in international politics during his presidency.

"The truth has never been told about his death and Australians owe it to his memory to set the record straight," Mr Davies said.

Publisher Bookman Press, in promoting the book, says *Named* is the story that cannot be told in the United States, if only because it delivers names and answers. It states that the official line that gunman Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone has long been discredited.

Furthermore, this book names former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) director Mr Allen Dulles as the mastermind behind a keenly detailed plot.

The motive? To sustain the Cold War and the power of the US secret services.

Progressively, the book connects the mysterious crash of Gary Powers' U2 spy plane over Russia with the time Oswald was in Russia as a US agent.

Mr Davies' book says Mr Allen Dulles was behind the CIA-organised invasion of Cuba while the newly elected JFK refused to send in combat troops.

It says the CIA and the anti-Castro movement wanted to "get" Kennedy for this refusal. On Vietnam, the book says JFK had announced the withdrawal of US advisers but before Kennedy could withdraw them he was assassinated.

Meantime, President Diem of South Vietnam, who had made overtures of peace with Hanoi, was assassinated by the CIA.

Referring to JFK's assassins, the book mentions 12 individuals. Today, most of these are dead or their whereabouts unknown.

Mr Davies reels off these names over the paperback's 123 pages. He starts with Roscoe White, who he says fired at the President from the Dal-Tex building. "White was a CIA assassin who died in a mysterious domestic accident in 1971 — his family adamant he was murdered by his fellow CIA conspirators," he says.

Mr Davies also lists Eugene Brading, arrested in the Dal-Tex building moments after the assassination. He says Brading was a Mafia courier suspected of lending back-up support to White.

"Richard Cain fired at the president from the southeast corner of the book depository building — a Mafia and CIA contract killer murdered by unknown assailants in 1977."

Of Lee Harvey Oswald, Mr Davies says: "He lent back-up support to Cain and Charles Nicoletti (Mafia contract killer) in the depository building. Oswald was a CIA agent murdered on Mafia orders by Jack Ruby in police headquarters, two days after the assassination."

Other suspects and associates named include Antonio Veciana (suspected of driving Oswald's getaway car), Jack Lawrence and Frank Sturgis (suspected gunmen behind a picket fence), plus Charles Harrelson and Charles Rogers (suspected gunmen on a grassy knoll).

Of Jack Ruby, he says: "He lent critical logistics support. Ruby was a small-time gangster recruited by the Mafia. He died suddenly in prison in 1966 after he had told friends he had been injected with cancer cells."