

Brett Lee visits Deakin



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Australian cricketer Brett Lee – the face of Deakin University’s research and charitable activities in India – visited the Burwood campus during O-week.

Because of his interest in both sport and the film industry – he is a star of Bollywood movies in India – Brett was keen to not only see the Motion Capture Laboratory, but to be ‘suited up’ and filmed as he batted and bowled.

The hi-tech laboratory is helping train future generations of film-makers and animators studying at Deakin.

‘It would have been great to have something like this when I was younger,’ Lee said.

‘It allows you to analyse your bowling technique, to make sure you’re not doing anything to harm your body, as was the case with me early in my career when I sustained stress fractures in my back.’

Deakin’s vice-chancellor, Professor Sally Walker said ‘it was a real treat to be able to show Lee through the Motion Capture Laboratory and other aspects of the campus.

‘Having been with Brett in India in October last year when we signed the contract, I know what an impact he has over there.

‘It was amazing to watch all the heads turning here in Australia too.

‘He is obviously a greatly talented and highly regarded sportsman in both countries and I am very pleased that he has chosen to be involved in promoting Deakin in India.’



Uni Games are Melbourne bound

The Australian University Games are expected to attract more than 6000 athletes from 40 universities. The Games take place from September 28 until October 3 and are Australia’s largest annual multi-sport event, providing a chance for Olympic-standard university athletes, from both Australia and neighbouring countries, to compete in a friendly, but competitive environment.

Victoria University has been named a partner for the Australian University Games – along with principal partner Monash University – and plans to enter about 300 competitors in a range of team and individual sports that will include

athletics, basketball, golf, cycling, netball, swimming, tennis and volleyball. Pictured are members of last year’s team.

The Games are now seeking volunteers in the following areas: administration, research, sport, operations, journalism, media, photography, marketing and much more. Key volunteer roles are now being recruited with additional volunteer roles available throughout the year and also during Games time. To find out more visit www.unigames.com.au or email catherine.hurley@unisport.com.au.


Getting set to improve

University Blues Volleyball, a collaboration between Melbourne University Renegades and Monash University volleyball clubs, travelled to Beijing this month for a playing tour of 10 Chinese universities and schools.

The men’s squad of 15 players hopes the experience of playing in China will put them in good stead for the 2008 Australian Volleyball League men’s season.

Monash University Volleyball Club vice-president KC Chong said

the University Blues came about because both volleyball clubs shared a vision to provide Victorian volleyball players, ‘in particular our club players’, with an opportunity to play another level up from state league competition.

University Blues has a men’s team and a women’s team competing in the Australian Volleyball League, which is an amateur national volleyball competition. 

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