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## News Items & Articles

### INTERNATIONAL ITEMS

**Research jobs at risk after £68m raid on funds (THES, 14 March)** – “Scientists yesterday have called for a more co-ordinated approach to government funding after money they expected to receive for research went instead towards a rescue package to bail out British car maker MG Rover.”

**Government cuts visa costs for international students (Education Guardian, 08 Mar)** – “Universities welcome a cut in visa fees for international students that they say will allow them to compete with the US and

**Media Release: \$74 million to Promote University Workplace Productivity (DEST, 15 March)** – “The Minister for Education, Science and Training, the Hon Julie Bishop MP, today announced a further \$74 million is available for universities to apply for Round Two of funding under the Workplace Productivity Programme (WPP).”

**Students struggling to make ends meet (Campus Review, 13 Mar: 1, 4,5)** – “As Australia rides the crest of the billion dollar resources boom one in eight university students is going without food, so severely strained are their finances.”

**Spinning into control (Campus Review, 13 Mar: 7)** – “Is Australian higher education being nationalised by proxy? And are the entrepreneurial and traditional activities of universities constrained, and likely to be undermined, by the extent of oversight of regulation and control administered by a politicised public service?”.

**Bologna Sandwich (Campus Review, 13 Mar: 8, 9)** – “The Bologna Process is intended to harmonise higher education, but UK universities are concerned it could starve them of cash”.

For these and other stories access newspapers directly at [DEST](#) | [Campus Review](#)

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## New Publications

**Australian Vice-Chancellor’s Committee, 08 March 2007, *Australian University Student Finances 2006***

– This is “a summary of findings from the national survey of students in Australia’s 37 public universities conducted in 2006. Chair of the AVCC Survey Steering Group and Vice-Chancellor of The University of Western Australia, Professor Alan Robson said that the findings from the survey indicate that on balance students are worse off today in financial terms than in 2000, especially full-time undergraduate students, which is adversely affecting their capacity to study effectively.”

To access the report, navigate to <http://www.avcc.edu.au/content.asp?page=/publications/policy/survey/index.htm>

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## New Conferences Listings

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**Tertiary Education Management Conference “Look to the Future”, Canberra, 23-27 September 2007 –**

“We will discover the challenges of new technology and facilities designs, the emergence of careers that don’t yet exist and the impact of student, community and government expectations on how the tertiary sector will run into the future. This conference will be the “bed” for the propagation of “seeds” of ideas and innovation to enable them to grow and flourish in the future.” this year papers will be refereed for the first time (partly to encourage academic participation). The call for papers closes at the end of March.

To find out more, navigate to see <http://www.temc.org.au>

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