



AUT styles Pasifika

FABRIC PRINTED AT AUT's Textile & Design Laboratory (TDL) was used to create the winning entry at last month's Westfield Style Pasifika Fashion Awards.

Bay of Plenty designers Debra Laraman and Donna Dinsdale won the top award with their three-piece collection, Tiki Tour '62 (pictured).

The pale yellow silk used to create the dresses was printed with images from a 1960s tourism poster, using the TDL's Shima SIP 160F digital textile printer.

"The garments are 100 per cent silk which not only creates the draped and fluid style of the each garment, but also an aged appearance that

complements the 1960s imaging that has been digitally printed on the fabric," said the judges.

Laraman and Dinsdale are both tutors at the Bay of Plenty Polytechnic.

The TDL is available to other tertiary institutions which supported AUT's initial funding application for the lab.

"When the grant was approved it was done so on the basis that we share the technology with those tertiary organisations that supported our proposal for the TDL," says Peter Heslop, manager of TDL.

"Six tertiary institutions supported the submission and in recognition of that we are sharing the technology with them."

Shooting for top spot

AUT UNIVERSITY is heading to the national men's basketball finals.

AUT entered a men's team in last month's northern divisional tournament, which included players from the university's premier and development basketball teams.

The team beat Eastern Bays by nearly 40 points in the final.

The result qualifies AUT for the national finals on Labour Weekend in Tauranga.

"Credit goes to Aik Ho, the head coach of the basketball coaching and development programme," says Bruce Meyer, who looks after sport development at AUT.

AUT's basketball club is looking for volunteers to help manage and assist with coaching. For more information, contact Bruce Meyer.



AUT basketball player Evan Flagg on court

Meeting of financial minds



The Chief Financial Officers (left to right): Marin Matulovic, the University of Auckland; Wayne Morgan, Victoria University; Trevor Sew Hoy, Massey University; Judith McKay, AUT University; Andrew McKinnon, Waikato University; Grant McKenzie, Otago University; Kevin Davis, Director of Finance for the University of South Pacific, Fiji.

AUT UNIVERSITY HOSTED the annual conference of New Zealand's eight universities' Chief Financial Officers (CFO) last month.

They were also joined by the University of the South Pacific's CFO, Kevin Davis.

Judith McKay, AUT General Manager Finance and Resources and CFO, says the meeting is a non-political forum in which CFOs can discuss

financial and related issues of general concern to the university sector.

Presenters are invited to provide in-depth information on topical issues.

Of special interest to the CFOs this year, says McKay, was AUT's Director of Student Services John Carlson's presentation on the First Year Experience programme developed at AUT.

"This programme has the potential to save the universities millions of dollars and is an example of how perceived non-financial activities can have a significant financial impact," she says.