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**2010 Higher Education Journalist of the Year
John Ross, of Campus Review**

John Ross, of Campus Review, has been named Higher Education Journalist of the Year in the annual awards conducted by the National Press Club of Australia in association with Universities Australia. The award was presented at the Club today by Ken Randall AM, president of the National Press Club prior to the address by Prime Minister the Hon Kevin Rudd MP.

Professor Peter Coaldrake delivered the National Australia Bank address on "The Higher Education Revolution", on Thursday March 4 as part of the Universities Australia Higher Education conference. This was also the theme of the portfolio of work for Campus Review over the past 12 months, submitted for the awards by John Ross. His articles covered the overall scope of the Government's changes, the funding issues involved and the international education component.

Before joining Campus Review, John Ross worked for many years as a media officer with New South Wales government agencies. He has also freelanced for publications including The Sydney Morning Herald and The Good Weekend, and as a casual scriptwriter for educational and promotional videos. He says he has also worked at various times as a musician, English teacher, kitchen hand, landscape labourer and sugar cane chipper.

The Higher Education Media Awards are conducted in four categories, with one of the category winners named overall winner. The judges noted that the final decision was a close contest between John Ross and Andrew Trounson, of The Australian.

Judges were Ken Randall AM, president of the National Press Club; Laurie Wilson, a director of the Club; media consultant Malcolm Colless, former News Ltd journalist and executive; and higher education consultant Dorothy Illing, formerly a senior writer on that sector for The Australian.

Category winners in the awards are:

**For excellence in communicating knowledge of the university sector
John Ross, Campus Review**

**For excellence in communicating research and innovation issues
Felicity Ogilvie, ABC News and Current Affairs**

**For excellence in communicating teaching and learning issues
Julie Hare, Campus Review**

**For excellence in communicating equity and access, social inclusion or
Indigenous issues
Andrew Trounson, The Australian**

The National Press Club and Universities Australia congratulate the winners and thank all entrants.

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