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New College Village Building Project Update



The much talked about New College Village (NCV) is rising above the ground and will be open for semester 1 2009. The NCV will be the most significant postgraduate accommodation built in Australia and is the most ambitious project initiated by any not-for-profit organization at an Australian university in decades. The new 319-bed building will offer UNSW a unique postgraduate residential community.

Students will choose between self-contained studios with their own kitchenette and ensuite, or their own room with ensuite in multi-bedroom (5 or 6) apartments. New College Village will have many shared spaces designed to facilitate community, residents will share 2 common rooms on each level, a rooftop terrace, a large ground floor games room, a business centre, convenience store, reading room, 2 outdoor courtyards and BBQ facilities, as well as a large ground floor main common room and formal meeting rooms. The building will be the first accommodation on campus that is air-conditioned and has all ensuite bedrooms.

New College Village will provide strong

community life and support, with residential staff consisting of Senior Residents offering pastoral care and academic support and a live-in Dean. Applications are now being accepted for accommodation in 2009. The University of New South Wales has significant on campus accommodation needs. In the 2020 Campus Master Plan it was suggested that there was a need to create an additional 3000 beds. New College Village will help to meet this need, providing a considerable increase in the current on campus residential population at the University of New South Wales.

On February 12, 2008 a Foundation Stone ceremony officially marked the commencement of construction which began in August 2007. The Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of NSW, Professor Frederick G Hilmer AO, unveiled the Foundation Stone for New College Village.

This is a very important development for UNSW. It is aligned with our strategic directions and we are grateful to New College for its initiative.

At the launch Professor Hilmer expressed his ringing endorsement for the project, highlighting its importance in supporting the University's current strategies and direction. Amongst other things in his keynote address the Vice-Chancellor commented: "This is a very important development for UNSW. It is aligned with our strategic directions and we are grateful to New College for its initiative."

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Professor Trevor Cairney

From the Master

I continue to be amazed by the sense of community that is so evident among current residents and alumni of New College. Life in the building is rich and rewarding and alumni show just how much the friends you make at New College become friends for life. In some cases even marriage partners!

As we continue with the construction of the NCV we are seeking to develop another comparable vibrant residential community. Although most residents will be postgraduates, we will still seek to encourage the three key goals of New College – academic excellence, collegiality and service to the society.

As with every year, the rich community of New College has been strengthened through the ‘Newest’

intake of freshers. These ‘New’ residents are already weaving themselves into the fabric of College through their involvement in various committees and the play (see article). Our residents, both past and present, are also at the forefront of social and environmental issues within UNSW and overseas. We regularly see Collegians acknowledged for the contributions to the community and their pursuit of academic excellence. In the rest of this edition we highlight some of the things that have happened over the year so far, including a special honour for the second master of the college, Rev Canon Dr Stuart Barton Babbage. Dr Babbage has become only the third person to be made a Fellow of the University. This acknowledges his significant contribution to shaping New College culture and wider campus life. I hope you enjoy this current edition of New ‘n’ Old. **Trevor Cairney**

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Speaking as one of the founders of New College, Emeritus Professor Edwin Judge commented that:

The driving force fifty years ago (for the New College vision) ... came from Lawrie and Alison Lyons ... I recall tramping over disused tram-tracks at Randwick (one of the first options for the location of New College). The University also offered an old racecourse beyond Kingsford ... But it was the tenacity of the Lyons’s in dealing with the Vice-Chancellor of the time that enabled us to hold out for at least a toehold on the Kensington campus proper. This is the site we are on today.

The NCV is a continuation of the vision and work of the inspirational founders group that began in 1955, of which Lawrie and Alison Lyons and Edwin Judge were members.

What will the NCV community be like?

New College Village will be a strong and supportive community that is driven by the same priorities and goals as the original New College. While it will serve postgraduate students it will seek to:

- ▶ provide strong pastoral care;
- ▶ significant academic support through residential staff;
- ▶ offer rich social and cultural activities;

- ▶ provide numerous links between residents and the University community;
- ▶ connect residents to a wider network of relationships on the campus and within the community through an active fellows program.

To shape the community the current Master will live with his wife Carmen in the building and lead the residential program.

New College Village Applications for accommodation open

New College is now accepting applications to New College Village. To apply simply complete the “Online Application” form at: http://www.newcollege.unsw.edu.au/ncv_howtoapply.html and follow the instructions there. Please make others in your networks aware of this important UNSW accommodation opportunity. Interest in NCV is strong and we are confident that places will soon be filled.



New Collegian changing the climate

Alumnus Dr Stephen Cornelius (New College 1993-1996) participated in the December 2007 UN Convention on Climate Change meeting in Bali. Employed by the British Government he is involved in International climate change negotiations. Here he updates us on his contribution.

From New College to Bali



Friends from New College days – for me twelve years ago now – can have a profound impact on our lives. I attribute my current

job, working in international climate change negotiations for the British Government, to a reunion with a dozen or so New Collegians around Oxford in the spring of 2004. I'd been looking for a new job and a chat with Jo Halliday (New College 1996-1997) eventually led to us being colleagues at the UK Environment Ministry (DEFRA) working on climate change mitigation.

I left Australia with my brand-new passport straight after completing a Chemical Engineering degree at UNSW – the option of working in a mine in the middle of Western Australia didn't appeal as much as further study overseas. Over the next three years I completed a PhD on modelling and control of pollution from cars at the Control Engineering Department of Cambridge University. I then worked for three years as an automotive engineering consultant in the UK and Japan – mainly designing computer models of car exhaust systems. It was then I had a few drinks in Oxford and everything changed because of my New College network.

Currently my main role is to support the negotiations on further action under the Kyoto Protocol and as such I was part of the UK delegation at the 2007 United Nations Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) meeting in Bali. For me there were two highlights of the Bali conference, the first was hearing Kevin Rudd

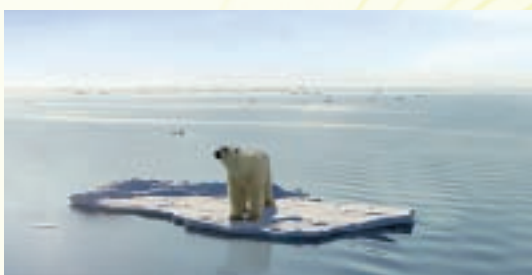


announce Australia was ratifying the Kyoto Protocol. I believe that Australia has done the right thing in committing to the Kyoto Protocol – it is important for developed countries to show leadership – only this way will we build enough trust for developing countries to take on stronger and binding commitments of their own. The second was being in the room in the drama-filled final (extra) day as the agreement to negotiate the follow-on of the Kyoto Protocol over the next two years finally came together after the delegate from Papua New Guinea told the United States to lead or get out of the way.

I've been involved with the IPCC since starting at DEFRA and so was excited when the organisation was jointly awarded the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with Al Gore.

Working in climate change is challenging and exciting. The current media spotlight in the UK means I'm working in the most topical and talked about area in the country – it also means there is never a time to rest. I've been involved with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) since starting at DEFRA and so was excited when the organisation was jointly awarded the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with Al Gore (according to our Minister I can claim a tiny fraction of it). I represented the UK at IPCC meetings last year to agree on the "summary for policy-makers" of the Fourth Assessment Report with all the other IPCC member countries (if you want to know more about climate change then read this report).

2008 will be important and exciting in the world of climate change – the main task is to work on the so called Bali Action Plan to determine what the second commitment under the Kyoto Protocol will look like. It seems that returning to Australia is still a couple of years off (as it has been now for the last seven). **Steven Cornelius** ▶



New College's newest residents



1: Top (back row) – Geoff Arthurson, Jake Weragoda, Ed Kearney (middle row) – Kaitlyn Hansen, Courtney Smith, Zita Hilvert-Bruce, Amy Vayro, Elide Newton, Jessica Bispham, Ivy Williams (front row) – Helen Yuan, Pranav Kapur, Damien Wang
2: Residents Jetboating on Sydney Harbour in O'Week

New's 104 new residents haven't wasted any time getting involved in College life. 101 positions on sub-committees have been filled by our newest residents (some opting to be on more than one sub-committee) and the cast of the play for 2008 (*Cosi* by Louis Nowra) is dominated by new faces.

Compared to previous intakes more of them come from NSW country and the ACT than in previous years (71 or 68.3%) with a few from Sydney (6), interstate (15) and overseas (12). Perhaps more surprising,

though, is that for the first time (at least since 2002) the number of people studying Arts related courses (Arts, Social Science, International Studies, CoFA courses and Built Environment courses) is more than the number of people studying engineering (38 compared with 27 engineering students). As well as the number of Arts students we also have a larger number of law students and commerce students this year. The number of law students in the building has jumped from 7 to 16 as a result of the new intake and the number of commerce students has jumped from 11 to 25.

There are many outstanding students in terms of their academic performance and their involvement in the leadership at their school. One of our new residents has already set up his own charity having worked as a consultant on ethics for different businesses after only three years out of school. Another student was school captain and sports captain as well as having achieved a near perfect UAI – an all rounder in every sense of the word. At least 24 were dux of their school, 9 were school captains and at least 21 achieved a UAI over 99 (two received a UAI of 100). Many of our residents received significant scholarships. One of our new residents is a Scientia scholar, one received the Malcolm Chaiken Scholarship, 13 from NSW received AAA scholarships, 4 are Co-op scholars and 4 have Rural Engineering Scholarships. Many speak different languages including Mandarin (7), French (4), German (3), Japanese, Cantonese and Latin (2 each) and at least one new resident speaks Italian and Spanish. They have won many prizes for their efforts at school and beyond. One of our new residents was one of only 12 recipients

in Queensland of the Peter Doherty prize for excellence in Science. Another has received the Order of Australia Association Medallion for her long list of community involvements, while eleven have received medallions for their involvement in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme.

Our new residents bring with them a wealth of experience in different activities within the community. As was the case in previous years there are a large number of residents who found out about New College at the National Youth Science Forum (12 residents). As well as NYSE, however, our new residents have also had experience working with local youth councils, Arts councils, Amnesty International, missions to the homeless, Habitat for Humanity, Sunday School teaching, Lifeline, Leo Clubs, Antipodeans, community radio stations, UN Youth association, community art workshops, Engineers without Borders, leading church youth groups, Micah Challenge, Make Poverty History campaign, House of Welcome, Red Cross in the Northern Territory, Interact, Zonta, surf life saving clubs, Young Endeavour program and World Vision conferences. Our new residents join us well equipped with the skills, talents, experience and enthusiasm to work alongside other members of the College community who are like minded in their desire to make a difference in the wider world. ▀



3: At Schoolies Night in O'Week (L to R): Courtney Smith, Kaitlyn Hansen, Elide Newton, Amy Vayro, Jacqueline Geraghty
4: Before Fresher's formal dinner in O'Week: (L to R): Damien Wang, Amy Vayro, Jake Weragoda, Kaitlyn Hansen, Ed Kearney, Courtney Smith, Shayne Rettke, Zita Hilvert-Bruce, Helen Yuan

The many marriages of New continued

Since December 2007 there have been at least five marriages involving New Collegians.

Matt Frazer (New College 2004-2006) and Elizabeth Frazer (nee Henderson) (New College 2006-2007)



Matthew Frazer and Elizabeth Henderson wed on December 8, 2007 at St Matthias Centennial Park. The couple met in Matt's final year at

College which was Libby's fresher year. There were three Collegians in the bridal party – Kim Hoa Scruton, Andrew Ireland and Andrew Boyton. Some 40 or so Collegians were in attendance. Matt and Libby are both in their final year at UNSW and currently live in Kensington.

Andrew Ireland (New College 2004-2006) and Kate Ireland (nee Bassett) (New College 2003-2007)



Andrew (2006 RA) and Kate (2005-2006 RA, 2007 Senior RA) were married on January 5, 2008 at Lakes Entrance Baptist Church, Lakes Entrance, Victoria. Collegians were involved in the ceremony – Sahn Nasser and Alison Gilmour did bible readings and Chris Rowe was best man. New College residents and former residents numbered some 60 strong. New Collegians assisted with music – Matt and Libby Frazer (singing), David Conway (drums) Jonathan Billingham, Stephanie Pain (violin), Lachlan Rogers (bass guitar) and Dan Cummings (acoustic guitar) were all part of the music team. See accompanying photograph of New College group (below).



Dan Atkins (New College 2006-2007) and Amy Atkins (nee Stepniewski) (New College 2006-2007)

Dan and Amy married in Tamworth on December 15, 2007 at Trinity Church in Carinya Christian School in front of their family and friends. There was a New College contingent of around thirty in attendance.

Rodney Towner (New College 2005-2007) and Loren Towner (nee Hallgath) (New College 2004-2006)



Rod (2007 RA) and Loren were married on February 23, 2008 at St Edmund's Anglican Church in Maroubra. There were Collegians in the bridal party – Jono Barnett and Lucas Thompson, with the remainder consisting of Rod and Loren's family. Margie Pietsch, Peter Thompson, Clare Ferres and James Pietsch prayed for the New Couple at this wedding. The Bible readings were provided by Christine Lang and Carly Hardy (nee McGuire). On music there was Alex Yim (singing), Michael McLean (Bass), Matt Frazer (Piano), Stephanie Pain (Violin) and Chris Bailey (Technical/Sound).

Chris Rowe (New College 2003-2006) and Rebecca Rowe (nee Keefe) (New College 2004-2005)



In a wonderful celebration of yet another New College wedding – Chris (2005-2006 AT and 2006 New College Award winner) and Rebecca were

married on Saturday April 19, 2008 at St Thomas' Anglican Church North Sydney. As you can see from the photo it was a real New College occasion. New College residents and former residents also provided most of the music. It was a wonderful service attended by at least 60 plus current and former New Collegians. This photo from the day was taken by Trevor Cairney (above). ▀

Congratulations and best wishes from the New College community. If you would like to share your good news or just add to some of the details please contact us, alumni@newcollege.unsw.edu.au.

Major New College awards at 2007 Valedictory dinner

The Valedictory Dinner in late 2007 provided the College community with the opportunity to recognise outstanding achievement in different spheres of College life. Sporting awards, service awards and the major awards such as Collegian of the Year and the New College Award were presented to Collegians who, each in their own way, have given of their time and energy to make New College a special place where there is a strong sense of community and commitment to working together to achieve great things.

Service awards were presented to five Collegians for their contribution to College life across a range of different areas: Pete Thompson, Chris Bailey, Nicole Orenstein, Jay Davey and Nathan Symonds.

The recipient of the Mick Braund Award in 2007 was Sarah Zardawi. The Mick Braund Award is the top NCSA award for community and social service in the College, named in memory of New Collegian Mick Braund who tragically died in a car accident in 1982. Sarah Zardawi has been a true servant of others ever since she arrived at the beginning of 2004. In 2006 she was a producer for the Revue and in that same year set up the Duke of Edinburgh scheme at New College – the only tertiary institution to be involved in this program. Sarah worked on maintaining this program in 2007 and was also active in raising awareness within the community about indigenous health and poverty further afield.

The 2007 Valedictory Dinner was a wonderful evening of reflecting on the contributions of many Collegians who have exemplified the first ideal of the College mission – collegiality.

The NCSA's top award is the Collegian of the Year Award which was awarded to Scott Parlett. Despite a number of injuries Scott remained committed to sport throughout the year in College and displays the legendary New College spirit in relation to every sport that is played. He was also one of the people behind the Close the Gap initiative aimed at raising awareness of the gap in life expectancy between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians, as well as being a member of various sub-committees in 2007 in College. Whether it was on the field, on the sidelines, on stage or on a table making an announcement at supper, Scott was someone who was



(Above) Tim Le Lievre (New College 2006-2007) listening to his Valedictory Speech being read by MC Edward Bird
(Left) Tim Burgess (New College 2003-2007) and Rebecca Barnes (New College 2001-2004, SBB Fellow 2007-2008) at the Valedictory dinner

involved in nearly everything that College had to offer in 2007.

The New College Award for 2007 was awarded to Alice Lang. The New College Award recognizes a resident who exemplifies the academic ideals of the College in terms of commitment and achievement, openness to other areas of study, a willingness to assist others and intellectual inquisitiveness. Alice is someone who is committed to learning as much as she can about many areas of human endeavour – mathematics, philosophy, politics, other languages, the environment, social justice and indigenous issues to name but a few.

In discussing the New College Award the selection committee felt that a second New College Award would be appropriate recognizing a member of the community who had exemplified the third ideal on which the College is based – that of service to the community. In 2007 the person who received the New College Award (Service to the Community) was Kim Hoa Scruton. In 2007 Kim Hoa was a Resident Adviser following on from her work as President of the NCSA in 2006. As President she achieved much on behalf of the community, not least of which was providing support for the College's first musical.

The 2007 Valedictory Dinner was a wonderful evening of reflecting on the contributions of many Collegians who have exemplified the first ideal of the College mission – that of collegiality. It was a great reminder of what lies at the heart of New College – that sense of community and belonging that inspires individuals to give of themselves for the sake of others. ▀

New College Alumni Reunion in Singapore



Emily and Julian Teoh and Dan and Allison Parker in Singapore hosted a small reunion on Saturday 26 April (a belated ANZAC day celebration) for ex-New Collegians. Singapore Alumni from all years (and their partners) were invited to attend. The event was held at Emily and Julian Teoh's house in Novena. Here we include a brief summary of the night written by Emily Teoh (nee Macpherson) (New College 2001-2004).



On a hot Saturday evening in April, a small group of Singapore-based New Collegians gathered for a dinner and reunion. A decade worth of New Collegians were in attendance, many of whom had never met each other, but looking at the group it would have been impossible to tell! In typical Singapore style we dined on satay, chicken and rice ... combined with damper, homemade Anzac biscuits and Arnotts biscuits.

We delighted in reliving many cherished memories of our college days, and Jo-An Goh – who had recently visited Sydney – was able to share with the group about the renovations and building work at New.



Along with the gathering coinciding with Anzac day, it was also the birthdays of Julian Teoh and Alison Parker (nee Teo) (pictured with birthday gifts). We broke with New College tradition, and did not attempt any basining or bucketings to celebrate this event.

Instead, we delighted in reliving many cherished memories of our College days, and Jo-An Goh – who had recently visited Sydney – was able to share with the group about the renovations and building work at New.
Emily Teoh ▶



It was a wonderful evening, and we look forward to many more of them. See photo spread.



Jane Barr also received a New College Academic award, pictured here with UNSW Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Richard Henry at the 2008 Commencement formal dinner.

New College academic excellence

Summary of 2007 academic results

In Session One 28 residents achieved a high distinction average and 95 achieved a distinction average or higher. Of the 217 people for whom results were available, therefore, 44% achieved a distinction average and 12.9% achieved a high distinction average. In Session Two results were similar. 28 people achieved a high distinction average and 99 achieved a distinction average. Results were available for 240 residents with 41.3% achieving a distinction average and 11.7% achieving a high distinction average. The average mark across the College in Session One was 72% and 70% in Session Two.

New College congratulates 2007 Medallists & Prize Winners

New College congratulates the members of the New College community who were awarded prizes for academic excellence. In 2007 there were 6 university medallists and 36 prizes awarded to New Collegians (both current residents and Alumni members), the largest number for both in recent history.

University Medallists

- Actuarial Studies – Sam Wills
- Bioinformatics – Liang Ma
- Finance – Owen Maher
- Optometry – Jane Barr
- Physical metallurgy – Tim Burgess
- Process Metallurgy – James Oakley

University Prize Winners

Matt Schiller; Louise Crane; Michael Abbott; Jane Barr; Tim Burgess; Andrew Campbell-Smith; David Conway; Hugh Cover; Richard Gelson; Robert Gerrand; Steven Hodgson; Rebecca Keefe; Jamie Kelly; Alice Lang; Liang Ma; Dean McGeary; Jarryd Pla; Emily Rumble; Nathan Symonds; James Tibbett; Richard Tierney; Lloyd Tomlin; Rod Towner; Mark Vermeulen; Nicholas Webb; Chin Pin Wong; Michal Wysocki and Daniel Yelf. Congratulations to everyone who received a University Medal or prize. ▶

For full list of all the prizes won by our 28 prize winners visit the New College website: www.newcollege.unsw.edu.au/universityprizes08.html.

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New College 2008 Lecture Series 2-4 September

Series Lecturer: Professor Trevor Hart
Professor of Divinity, St Mary's College,
St Andrew's University, Scotland.

Series Title: God and the Artist:
human creativity in theological
perspective



Professor Trevor Hart is Professor of Divinity at St Andrews University in Scotland. He will present the 22nd annual New College Lecture Series on the Theology of Literature. Professor

Hart teaches and publishes in Christian doctrine and systematic theology. He is interested in the contemporary reformulation of the Christian tradition and the engagement of Christian theology with other disciplines, notably philosophy and literature.

The three talks will be titled:

- ▶ 'The lunatic, the lover and the poet': divine copyright and the dangers of 'strong imagination'
- ▶ The 'heart of man' and the 'mind of the maker': Tolkien and Sayers on imagination and human artistry
- ▶ Givenness, grace, and gratitude: creation, artistry and Eucharist

Series Dates: 2-4 September 2008

Three Public Lectures 7:30pm, Tuesday through Thursday

Note: We are still finalising venues and program; further event information and details to be advised closer to the date. **Please mark these dates in your diary now!**

Stuart Barton Babbage Fellow update



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A team of First year UNSW Civil and Environmental Engineering students won the prestigious national “2007 Engineers without Borders Challenge” and travelled to India to experience engineering in a developing region. The team, known as “The Planeteers” was led in their project by coordinator, Bec Barnes (current Stuart Barton Babbage Fellow).

“I love the fact that the research is intensely practical” Rebecca says. “I think God’s got me here for a reason – I’ve always prayed a great deal for South-East Asia and I expect these PhD years will prove really useful if/when God sends me to serve there.” Rebecca has been using her additional university years to cultivate a generation of young engineers eager to use their skills in developing regions.

She has been lecturing first year students on ‘Engineering in Development Work’ and coordinated a team of first-year Civil and Environmental Engineering UNSW students, who won the prestigious national “2007 Engineers Without Borders Challenge”. In 2007, its inaugural year, the Challenge attracted 3500 participants from 20 universities. The UNSW team designed a water,

wastewater and sanitation system for an orphanage in India. They have recently returned from India, where they learnt about development work first-hand and visited the orphanage for which they were designing.

“It is time for us to be educating our engineering students on using their skills where the need is greatest”, says Rebecca. “The technologies and techniques for supplying water, sanitation, and other life-giving infrastructure to developing regions are known in theory, but there’s a great shortage of engineers who are able and willing to do it in practice. It’s time to raise a generation of young engineers with a passion for getting their hands dirty in developing regions.”

As the Stuart Barton Babbage Fellow, Rebecca has lived in the College as she completes her PhD and has been an academic role model for residents as well as offering personal support to people as she interacts with

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them. She has also encouraged, mentored, trained and assisted new undergraduate student residents with the challenges of academic life. Remaining highly involved in College life she has specifically mentored all honours students in the building.

“My New College friends from my undergraduate years have scattered to the four corners of the earth and, I believe, are fast becoming world leaders”, says Rebecca. “It’s a privilege to come back to New and meet some more stars before God sends me away too. We’re an eclectic bunch of out-of-the-ordinary people, who are good at celebrating the out-of-the-ordinariness in each other.”



Home of the Filipino Butbut tribe, where Bec lived for a few weeks.

1: Engineers Without Borders Challenge – Bec and her team of first year engineers
2: Shelling coffee seeds as part of a development project in a Filipino village
3: Traditional northern Filipino dress

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Rev Canon Dr Stuart Barton Babbage awarded Honourary Fellowship



Honorary Fellow Award conferred upon former New College Master by University.

On Monday 7 April, 6.30pm the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Graduation Ceremony was held. At this event a significant honour was bestowed on New College's second Master Dr Babbage. Dr Babbage was only the third person to be made a Fellow of the University. The Fellowship was awarded for his ongoing contribution to the University through his long-



There was a reception held in honour of Dr Babbage (L to R): David Gonski (Chancellor), Dr Babbage, Trevor Cairney and Ian Walker

term involvement with New College. It acknowledged his contribution to the shaping of the culture of New College that has made such a significant contribution to campus life. It also acknowledged his

support of overseas students, scholarship and his significant achievements as a theologian.

The Fellowship ... acknowledged his contribution to the shaping of the culture of New College that has made such a significant contribution to campus life.

Dr Babbage addressed the graduands, their parents and families on this occasion. In the words of the Master Trevor Cairney who attended to participate as a staff member and Dr Babbage's guest:

"It was a wonderful graduation ceremony and a fitting acknowledgment of Stuart's outstanding contribution to the College and the University. His address was inspirational. Its theme was unity in diversity and provided an overview of Australian and world history of racism and sectarian conflict. He recognised the Rudd government's apology to the Stolen Generation and spoke of the place it will hopefully play in redressing our nation's history of racism as demonstrated in previous Indigenous policy and indeed the White Australia policy. He suggested that 'contrition, or penitence, is the precondition to healing, and the path to forgiveness and reconciliation'. It was a memorable address delivered with Stuart's usual passion, word craft and gravitas." Congratulations Dr Babbage. ▀

For a full transcript of the text of Stuart Babbage's remarks visit: http://www.newcollege.unsw.edu.au/fileadmin/user_upload/pdfs/sbbabbageunitydiversity.pdf



DON'T MISS THE 2008 NEW COLLEGE PLAY 22-24 MAY 2008

The New College Play for 2008 is Australian play **Cosi** by Lewis Nowra. It is a story about a university graduate directing an opera by Mozart, *Così fan tutte*, with the actors being patients in a mental institution in Melbourne.

When: 7:00pm Thursday 22 May 2008, Friday 23 May 2008, and Saturday 24 May 2008

Where: New College Main Common Room

Cost: \$8 students, \$12 Adults.

Email: play@newcollege.unsw.edu.au Phone: (02) 9381 1860

Please note: This production contains adult themes and coarse language which would make it unsuitable for children 15 years and under.

What's 'New'? News briefs

● First Annual Report publication

New College has published a 2006 annual report for external release in the wider community. This is the first annual report of its kind produced by New College. Its purpose is to provide a sense of the life of New College in the previous year and record of key activities and events, achievements and people who have filled leadership roles in the College community. We are currently finalizing the 2007 annual report. Please email m.fairfull@newcollege.unsw.edu.au to request your copy of the 2006 annual report.

● New leadership for 'New' – the 2008 RAs

Each year the College appoints 8 RAs whose primary responsibility is the care and development of resident students. This care includes all aspects of working towards a physically, emotionally and psychologically safe environment. The 2008 New College RAs are Christine Lang (Senior RA); Jonathan Barnett; Katherine Butterworth; Leigh Cummins; Jacqueline Geraghty; Chris Goris; Nicole Orenstein and Sara Wilson.

● New 'New' Academic team

Each year New College appoints 11 Academic Tutors (ATs) who provide academic assistance to College residents in the area/s of their own academic disciplines. ATs organise study sessions and tutorials to provide invaluable study skills and individual or group tuition. ATs for 2008 are: Michael Abbott; Jonathan Billingham; Edward Bird; Jay Davey; Robert Gerrand; Jad Othman; Matthew Grosvenor; Michael Riches; Jai Sharma; Richard Tierney; Lloyd Tomlin and Nick Webb.



● New Appointment to New College Staff

New College has been seeking a person either to lead or support the marketing program for the College with special priority on New College Village over the next 9 months. The Master has appointed Kim Hoa Scruton (New College 2004-2007) as Executive Assistant to: a) coordinate tasks associated with the promotion of the New College Village; b) assist with the development of key policy and procedural documents; and c) to support the Master in other task areas. ▀

Where are they now?

Douglas Swinbourne (New College 1969-1974)



Douglas graduated from UNSW with BSc (Hons I) and PhD in metallurgy. Douglas joined New College in its first year. "I was there before the undergraduates (I was a postgraduate then) and so there were only about 5-6 residents when I joined. The

place was still being finished off by the builders ... for a few weeks we had no washing machines, TV etc. I remember one night at formal dinner we were served beef, and were all surprised to find it riddled with shotgun pellets! Somebody had used the poor cow for target practice. Formal dinners had good speakers, but often we couldn't hear them well so the Master installed a radio microphone system. Unfortunately it was tuned to the same frequency as the Ambulance Service so when he turned it on, all we got were ambulance messages – loud and clear. The large room on the ground floor beside the dining room was our TV room – and from there I watched Neil Armstrong walk on the moon ... the Master was Noel Pollard and the Dean was Phil Grouse, both very fine men. Phil especially suffered from the noise from Anzac Parade so he

bought a white noise generator. When you walked into his flat the hissing noise was weird, but after a few minutes you ignored it and it did cover the traffic noise." Douglas has worked at RMIT since 1981. He is currently Head of Chemical Engineering, and will relinquish this position in 2008.

Richard Fleming (New College 2002-2005)

Richard visited Australia in April 2008 after his Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development (AYAD) program 12 month assignment ended. Richard put together a quote for his time in Bangladesh that he shared: "From being a Bangladeshi celebrity one moment to getting mugged at knife-point the next – Bangladesh has been an exhilarating experience for me, an experience that I already look back on with much fondness." Richard's contribution to development aid work will continue. He is returning to Bangladesh as part of The Dhaka Project. Richard writes: "Lastly, a big thanks to everyone that made my AYAD year here so wonderful – my two crazy flatmates, my AYAD intake, the other Aussies in the 'desh, the amazing friends and family that came to visit, all the friends and family that kept in touch from afar ... but most importantly all my Bangladeshi friends and colleagues who make up the people of a nation that I have grown to love."

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Dato Dr David Koh (New College 1971-1972)



Dato Koh graduated with a Science Degree from UNSW in 1972. After leaving New College and UNSW, Dato Koh initially thought about teaching science “but the lure of business was too strong to resist”, he said in an interview with Malaysian Newspaper Star Special in an article featured in December 2007. “The country was

developing fast and the most pressing need was housing. I seized this opportunity and descended into the world of property development.” The prominent Malaysian property developer now runs the KLS Group of companies, which is a household name in the Klang Valley. He has also begun his foray into property development in Melbourne and there is no doubt that he will be successful there too. He has maintained strong community service credentials; he has also involved himself in the International Rotary movement having been the President of the Klang Rotary Club. For all his services, Dato Koh was bestowed the Dato ship by the HR Sultan of Selangor. Dato Koh was also very involved in the activities of UNSW Alumni Malaysia Chapter where he was the President from 1999 to 2007. In recognition for all his services and his outstanding achievements in his chosen field, Dato Koh was conferred the Degree of Doctorate of Science by UNSW in 2004. Today Dato Koh’s Group is a major player in the field of the property development having sold over twelve thousand units of residential and commercial properties. To fulfill its social and moral responsibilities as a good and caring corporate citizen, the Group continues to

develop low-cost houses along with its high-end residential and commercial property ventures. “My days at New College were wonderful and exhilarating! You must be there to experience it all. My Best wishes to all New Collegians and I warmly welcome you to join our UNSW Alumni Malaysia Chapter.” To keep in touch with Dato Koh email datokoh@streamyx.com or visit <http://www.klsgroup.com.my/>.

Jenna Hague (nee Rump) (New College 2005)

Jenna married M. Evan Hague on June 9, 2007 in her hometown of Versailles, Indiana. The couple reside in Chicago, Illinois, where Jenna works as an editor for the Advancement communication office at DePaul University.

Shelagh Lowe (New College 1977-1979)

Shelagh graduated in 1979, “I have fond memories of being a resident of New College whilst undertaking a Science Degree at UNSW.” Shelagh went onto Cumberland Campus, University of Sydney, to qualify as a physiotherapist. Shelagh married David Lowe and had three sons. She currently works two days a week as a rural allied health academic at the University Department of Rural Health in Launceston. Going back to university and having children there “has brought back many memories of special times at New College. I did do a walk through the building in 2005 and noticed a few differences. I would like to be a part of the Alumni and am particularly interested in hearing news of others who were in residence in the late 1970’s.”

If you wish to contact any of these New College Alumni members you may do so through the College’s alumni office, email the Coordinator: alumni@newcollege.unsw.edu.au.

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