President’s Report

I would firstly like to say a huge thank you to all those people who attended the Jubilee Dinner, making it one of the greatest occasions in living memory. All the hard work and effort that was put in over a period of more than two years was repaid tenfold by the success of the dinner and the rest of the weekend’s activities.

To see over three hundred people attend from almost every year of the life of St Ann’s College was fantastic and from all reports every person who attended had a great time. I say a special thank you to the Collegians Committee from the past two years who were the driving force behind the celebrations and put hours and hours of time into making the event a success. This especially refers to Simon Stevens and Nicole Hams (nee: Koenders) who as the conveners of the Dinner had more to do than most, and of course to Dr Brooks who continues to amaze everyone with her energy and enthusiasm as without her tremendous input there would have been no celebrations.

However, as far as the Collegians are concerned life goes on and we plan to bring our members yet more exciting events and opportunities to liaise and socialise with your fellow Collegians. The good work of the Jubilee and the networks that have been reestablished should be maintained.

Hope you enjoy the latest edition of the newsletter and I look forward to seeing you at the quiz night where the full range of fantastic Collegians Merchandise will be on sale yet again.

Graeme Jackson
1997 President

Quiz Night

The next event on the social calendar is everyone’s favourite night, the Collegians quiz night. This great event will be held on Friday 15 August at 7.30pm at the College, and as usual will incorporate the fund raising auction, which over the past two years has seen items being bought at bargain basement prices. The compères for this year’s event will be Simon Hawkins and Liesl Reichelt, so the evening promises to be very entertaining with a few new concepts being introduced for the first time. So bring along all your friends and make up a table and try to win the great prizes on offer while having a great time with the food and drink you have brought along with you.

1997 Quiz Night
Friday, August 15
7.30pm
in the College Dining Room
Entry Fee: $5.00
& a bottle of wine (optional)
(as donation for the auction)
Bring Change for games
Buy Nibbles and Drink
Organise a table of 8-10
Jubilee Weekend Celebrations

Champagne Reception
The weekend began on Friday night with a Champagne Reception in the Dining Room of the College. With superb wines donated by wine-making families associated with the College, Hollicks and Bethany wineries, the evening brought together many friends and supporters of the College; Heads of other colleges, Frank O'Neil, Registrar of the University of Adelaide and representatives of the Vice Chancellors of the three Universities.

Morning Tea, Tours and Concert
On Saturday there was an opportunity for many Collegians to visit old stomping grounds. Current students who gave the tours of the college as it is now, ended up being given a tour of the College as it was then, including a detailed summary of who did what to whom and where!

The concert was a charming affair, revealing the breadth of talent our students have, a small tribute to the tradition of musical treats that have continued over the last 12 years or so. The debut performance of a song especially composed for the Jubilee by Jack Ellis and Colin Hinze was a big hit.

Jubilee Dinner
Clearly the highlight of the weekend was the dinner in the splendid atmosphere of the Convention Centre. The bunting and decorations were wonderful. The gathering of the whole community from members of the first intake to current students, with each decade strongly represented, was what made the evening perfect. Strong support from the wider community came from a detailed summary of who did what to whom and where!

The weekend’s fine finale was the celebration, initiated by Alwyn Dolling, of those present from afar from the first years, living testimony to the truth of Yeats’ lines:

"Think where [one’s] glory most begins and ends
And say my glory was I had such friends."

Simon Stevens
The St Ann's College Foundation is now in its eleventh year of operation. Since the College has no financial backing from government, Church or any other body, it greatly appreciates the work of its vigorous Foundation in supporting our students' development into individuals who are well equipped to serve the wider community.

The Foundation congratulates the recipients of its 1996 Scholarships. The Phyllis Crompton Scholar, Rebecca Coleman from Kadina, achieved First Class Honours in agricultural science at The University of Adelaide. She was awarded the R.K. Morton Scholarship for Agricultural Biotechnology, the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science (SA Branch) Prize and the C.M. Donald Prize in Agronomy, and is now on an agricultural exchange in Denmark. The Bank SA Scholars were Ben Hartley from Williamstown and Andrew Johnson from Broken Hill. Ben achieved a credit and six passes in law/arts at The University of Adelaide and is the 1997 President of the College Club. Andrew achieved two high distinctions, five credits in medical radiations; and Mark Thompson from Mount Gambier, who last year achieved a high distinction, three distinctions, five credits and three passes in mathematics and computer science.

There is a full complement of 155 students in the College this year, 59% from rural SA and Broken Hill, 29% from interstate and 12% from overseas; 54% of students are female and 46% male. In 1996 the College affiliated with all three universities in the interests of equity; 61% of students are at The University of Adelaide, 27% at the University of South Australia and 12% at Flinders University. Undergraduates make up 97% of the College.

The 1997 Phyllis Crompton Scholar is Travis Olds, originally from Broken Hill, who achieved a high distinction, a distinction, two credits and two passes in his first year of commerce at The University of Adelaide. The Bank SA Scholars are Joanne Moore from Loxton who last year achieved a high distinction, three distinctions and four distinctions and three credits in pharmacy at the University of South Australia and was awarded the National Pharmacies Prize, the Pharmaceutical Defence Ltd Prize and the Sir Eric Scott Prize for his excellent work.

The 1997 academic standard was outstanding. The University of Adelaide pass rate was 94%, with 57% at the credit or distinction level; 89% of students achieved at least one credit or distinction. Overall the pass rate was 92%. A very low 1% dropped out of tertiary study, relative to a national figure as high as 25%. It is a pleasure to acknowledge the willing contribution of the eight residential and forty-five academic tutors, who together with the computing and library facilities enhance each student's potential to succeed.

The fees, at $171.50 per week, fall some 24% short of the costs of providing academic quality at St Ann's. The difference is made up from fees paid by conference visitors and from the generosity of the College's benefactors, whom we gratefully acknowledge.

We particularly thank those parents and friends who donated an oak chair for the Mayo Dining Room in 1996. Each sturdy oak chair costs $270 and bears a bronze plaque commemorating the tax-deductible gift of its donor and the date of the College's Jubilee, 1997. Would you consider donating a chair to perpetuate your association with St Ann's? It goes without saying that a gift of any size is most welcome and appreciated.

With thanks and best wishes,

W.G.H. McDonald
Chairman

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One of the features of college life in the early 80's, for those of us that were there, was a movement called The Herbets. This group, which ultimately gave its name to the college newsletter, is perhaps unknown to other generations of Collegians and, one might argue, rightly so.

Herberts were essentially an all-male group, studying engineering or the sciences and devoting their time to the pursuits of beer drinking, cricket, blues music, reciting Monty Python and the particularly obscure pastime of smoking tea-bags. Opportunities to combine all these activities were particularly favoured. As you might guess, Herberts were not at all successful with women, not through lack of trying, but primarily due to their very ordinary social skills.

Herbert attire varied, but often featured Desert boots (can you still get them?), Herbert glasses (very unfashionable and cheap from the local Op shop) and the Herbert jacket (again from the Op shop and always featuring the inner pocket for the beverage opening device). Practicality was very much the order of the day. The Grand Herbert was, and of course is, Chris Madden, whose attire and interests are not much varied today.

Probably the major legacy that the Herbets leave behind them, is the legend of Van Gogh, and those of you fortunate to have been at the Jubilee Dinner, may have had the chance to make his acquaintance.

Van Gogh (or Vince to the Herbets) was first painted by his namesake in around 1880 and given the somewhat unimaginative name of "Sunflowers". Given that his namesake saw fit to remove his own ear some years later, his lack of imaginative nomenclature is perhaps understandable.

Nothing much happened to Vince for many years until he was hunk in lower Symon some time around the 1970's. Here he passed many happy years, observing the goings on, the coming and going of groups of students and, occasionally, getting dragged into the ubiquitous water fights that were so much a characteristic of that era. No one much paid any attention to Vince as he hung there year after year until, some time in 1982, he was discovered by the Herbets.

Acting on impulse, a few of them took him down from his lofty perch, and took him out for his first breath of fresh air in years. Their venue on that first visit was the legendary Blue and White Cafe - known to us as "Greasy Herbert's". Vince's presence that night so impressed the proprietor (Herbert I assume his name was) that we received 10% discount. The legend of Van Gogh was born.

From that moment on, Vince became a regular traveller. He made many trips into the country for twenty-firsts, was prominent in celebrations for the 1983 America's Cup victory and attended many sporting fixtures, including a number of One Day Internationals and test matches. Here it was that Vince developed his liking for being autographed and such luminaries as Messrs Benaud, Greig, Stackpole and Lawry signed Vince's famous surface. Former Australian captain Going Yallop signed, as did the Pakistani Qasim Omar.

Over the years Vince continued his travels, spending time in the NT on the legendary Herbert Territory Tour and later, in WA on the even-more-legendary The West Australian Tour (TWAT). It was on this latter trip, that Vince suffered a serious setback. Riding on the back of Nigel The Wonder Truck, guarding the Esky, the corrugated roads became too much for his aging Impressionist body, and his frame disintegrated somewhere near Marble Bar. That night at the Herberts stayed at the local caravan park, they did the only thing for the ailing painting, and used the remains of his once proud frame to stoke the barbie. He would have wanted it that way.

The Marble Bar incident set Vince back a little, and his travelling and socialising activities slowed down for a number of years. There was a brief visit to Fiji in 1990 to attend Herbert Koop's wedding, but he was far too ill to attempt the European tour in 1991 and a substitute Van Gogh was used instead.

Vince has spent his twilight years residing with Grand Herbert Madden, apart from one small piece which broke off when hit by a beer can, that currently resides with
Continued Herberting

the author.

It was with a sense of history that we dusted Vince off and put him into his favourite cardboard container to take him along to the Jubilee Dinner. We were all honoured to see that the organising committee had the foresight to provide him with his own seat and he basked in all the Green and Gold glory of that illustrious evening. Much beer was drunk and many old acquaintances were remade.

The highlight of the evening for those of us associated with Vince, was the opportunity to meet with Natasha and to discuss impressionist paintings with someone of her undoubted intellect and charm. Vince was honoured to receive her autograph and retired quietly to his chair to drink more beer and enjoy the remainder of the evening.

Tash & Vin

Since the Dinner, Vince hasn’t made it out into public. His advanced years, the traumatic loss of his frame, not to mention the pink spray paint that some well-meaning current Collegians saw fit to administer at the Decade Dinner, have slowed him down a lot. Vince thinks that the time has come to pass on the baton, and so it was that the remaining Herberst had a likeness of the great painting made and presented to the College as part of the Jubilee celebrations (now hanging in pride of place in the dining room -ed.)

The simple borrowing of one small painting all those years ago has given many happy memories to the Herberst and others associated with them. We sincerely hope that Vince’s heir will provide the College with as much entertainment and joy as his predecessor.

Andrew Murphy
A Herbert

P.S. Look out for the Van Gogh WWF page happening soon. Featuring such classics as “Vincent on Ayer’s Rock”, “Vincent and amorous kangaroos”, “Vincent in Port Augusta” and “Vincent and Five Herberst”.

Community News

Tony, Scott, Ben and Alison Marrinan (Padbury 77-78) have moved to Kuala Lumpur where Tony is Director Asia - Treasury Products with KPMG. They would be interested in getting in touch with St Annians living in KL.

Tara Simpson (86-87) and Dr Anthony Wong (86-87, 89) married recently. Russell Lee (86-87, 89-90) came for the wedding from Queensland where he is working with the Questacon Maths Centre. Tom Trigg (88-90) and Stacey Martin were married this year too. So were Anna Bottom (92-93) and Andrew Kroechn (91-93). Dave Waller (92-95) was in the wedding party. He is now working as an engineer near Tullamarine Airport.

Justine Inglis (89-91) has a new Account Management position with Network Vision Systems in Victoria, dealing in videoconferencing systems for hospitals. Good luck Justine!

Professor Sharman Pretty (68-71), Principal of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and Conservatorium High School, will oversee exciting renovations of the leading institution’s buildings over the next three years, at a total cost of $69m. There are 1600 students and more than 300 staff.

Sara Kersten (94-95) is engaged, and so is Janelle Sheahan (88-91) to fellow Collegian Michael Harms (90-92). Janelle and Michael recently returned from Japan where they had been teaching for a year, and are now on a working holiday around Australia. Janelle’s sister Lynna started at St Ann’s this year.

Linette Spencer (88-91) came from Queensland for the Jubilee dinner and had a wonderful time. She is glad that Kylie Sturtz (90-93), Mel Wu (89-93) and Troy Forrest (92-93) are fellow Queenslanders currently, although Cam “Shaft” Foster (91-93) has recently returned to work at the Flinders Medical Centre. Linette has discovered that “the phrase "to skull one’s drink" most likely came about due to the Norvegian Vikings drinking the blood straight from the skull of those they slaughtered. Rather uncouth, don’t you think?” Thanks for that, Linette.

Louise Sandercock (86-88) plays with the WA Symphony Orchestra and is also involved with Rotaract, and loving it.

Sadly, Philippa Barber (Cornell 52-54) passed away in Melbourne on 28 February 1997.
Community News

Mr Hector Brooks, a former Council Member of very long standing, passed away in February at the age of 91.

Lady Robson visited from England recently with news of Miss Bush, who now lives in Windermere in the Lake District. Miss Bush was unable to attend the Jubilee Dinner as she had had a heart attack recently, but has recovered well.

Dr Dasu Atchuta Rao (74-76) wrote with sweet memories of his stay at St Ann's when he was doing post-doctoral work in geophysics. He writes, "I had extremely happy times during those two years and my life itself was enriched by the social and academic environment at the college." He was a residential tutor and recipient of the Collegians Prize. He is now Deputy Director of the National Geophysical Research Institute in Hyderabad, India, where he lives with his wife, Dr Rajani Kameswari and their two university student sons, Trivikram and Sridhar.

Phil Rudd (88-91) has left Hobart for a year skiing in Canada, rock climbing in the US and kayaking up the west coast of Canada and Alaska. How exciting does that sound?

Chin Hui Tang (92-96) is working as a dentist in Esperance. He enjoys the beach and fishing but misses the electronic entertainment of the big smoke! Dr David Howard (84-85) has completed his PhD in Maths and is working for the DSTO in Adelaide.

Monique Burke (93-95), Natasha Heikkila (93-95) and Jason Downs (91-94) are working in Melbourne. James Lenon (91-93) is working for Kennedy & Co. in Information Systems Technologies and loving it, and Zoz (90-95) is doing his Masters in robotics at Australian National University, staying at Burgmann College. Carolyn Hodder (85-89) and Graeme Brasher (87-88) and their two children have taken up a teaching appointment in Brunei. Tracy Crisp (86-90) and Adrian Jones (86-89) have returned to live in Adelaide after several years abroad.

Gabriel Kok (87, 90-91) has just become a partner of his law firm in Miri, Malaysia. John Anderson (86-89) and his fiancée Jeed are building a house in Bangkok.

David Galpin (88-92)’s book The Law of the Land: A guide to environmental law for farmers was published by the Environmental Defender’s Office Ltd in May.

Catherine Ordway (89-90) has taken up a new position with Blake Dawson Waldron in Sydney. Phil Ellis (86) is now working with the Tourism Commission in Adelaide.

JUBILEE

Functions of the Jubilee still to come:

• Council Lunch for Chairmen of Council, Chairmen of the Foundation, Governors of the Foundation and Principals at the Queen Adelaide Club
• Council Dinner for Foundation Executive Committee, College Club Committee, Collegians Committee and the Tutor Group
• Jubilee Founders’ Day
• The Grand Plan: Council and College Planning Day

VESTAS

The ‘93 and ‘95 Vestas are ready—come and get them! Also, if you would like a Souvenir Menu from the Jubilee Dinner you are welcome to pick one of them up as well.

CHAIRS

The Collegians Awards are given annually to first-year students who seem likely to make a significant contribution to College. Year after year, they do! Is it because they would anyway or because the Award gets them going? Who knows? How is that they are selected so well? Were you a Collegians Award Winner? Why not give a chair for the dining room with your own name on it as a perpetual souvenir?

WEB PAGE

Visit our home page at http://www.adelaide.edu.au/Colleges/StAnns/ Our new Swedish student says it is one of the best on the web.

Contact any of the committee via email with any news to up-date our Community News.

HISTORY DELAY

We are sorry that the College History will not be ready in time to be launched on Founders’ Day and will be published at a later date to be determined.