In October this year the Collegians Association will be holding a function to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of men residing in St Ann’s College. So why celebrate? There are several possible answers to this question. I will attempt but one.

Firstly the Collegians are recognising and celebrating thirty years of male residents at St Ann’s College, which, as most of you are no doubt aware, was originally established as an all-female College in 1947. While this may well be familiar history to some, a historical comparison is apt. The university college has been an integral part of higher education across the world for centuries. So while St Ann’s College was formed in 1947, some colleges enjoy a somewhat longer pedigree. For example Merton College in Oxford University was founded in 1264, one of three Colleges to be founded at Oxford in the thirteenth century. Likewise Trinity College in Cambridge University was established by Henry VIII in 1546, just a smidgeon over 400 years before St Ann’s College was founded. So thirty years of men seemingly pales into insignificance to the seven hundred and thirty nine years of a College such as Merton could conceivably be celebrating this year.

Or does it? Perhaps the seven hundred and nine year gap between St Ann’s and Merton, or its ilk, provides a pointer. The flipside to a celebration of men in residence at St Ann’s is of course a recognition that the College originally commenced as a women’s College. So while colleges at Oxford have been in existence since the thirteenth century, it was not until 1878 for a women’s College, Lady Margaret Hall, to be set up in Oxford. Likewise a women’s College was ostensibly established at Cambridge University in 1869, and even then it was over 40 kilometres from Cambridge itself. Seen in this way thirty years of men at St Ann’s is not a celebration for men only, as the history of men at the College is inextricably linked to the College’s historical background, a background that compares favourably to residential Colleges the world over. As such on behalf of the Collegians Committee (all male incidentally) I would like to extend my invitation to the whole of the College community to come to St Ann’s on Friday 10 October 2003 to celebrate an important milestone in the College’s history (and for any historical or educational foibles I may have inadvertently committed, please feel free to contact the writer).

We look forward to seeing you there. Further details about this function are supplied in this issue of 187.

The Collegians Committee held another mentoring dinner for current students in April. This time the diverse field of IT was targeted. Without mentioning any names, thank you to all the ‘mentors’ who contributed to this event. The Collegians Association depends on its members for the success of these events and it is a testament to the people who have taken part in not just this latest dinner, but the two proceeding it, that this concept has been so successful. The Committee is planning to hold a Medicine dinner on September 4th and we look forward to an equally successful evening.

Ben Hartley
President
Christy Westmacott (95-96) passed away on June 3 2003 aged 25 after a long battle with brain tumours. While at St Ann's Christy studied Medical Laboratory Science at the University of South Australia, and was a regular face at social events and The Cath. Always one for a smile and a laugh Christy enjoyed college life and was a great friend to those who knew her well. Her study was often interrupted by her ongoing illness, but Christy's perseverance got her through, and it was with great pride that she graduated with her degree in 2002. She was always very positive about her illness and taught all those around her a great deal about courage and strength. Christy is survived by her parents Colin and Jenny, her brother Jason (94-95) and her loving partner Brenton. It was an honour to be one of her close friends, and she will be sadly missed and

Mentoring Dinner

Thursday 10 April saw the third in the series of mentoring dinners held in the recent few years. The mentoring dinners are a chance to bring together current students from the college with some of our members who are working in the areas they will be pursuing as careers on completion of their degrees. The night is meant to be a fairly informal gathering in the hope that students can benefit from the experiences of those whose footsteps they may be following in the not too distant future.

The most recent dinner was for those in the information technology (IT) and closely related fields. Breaking with tradition, the guest speaker was not a member of the collegians. The speaker, instead, was Mr Jason Benda, Managing Director of Chimo Pty Ltd. Chimo is a web development and IT business solution provider that has been around for a number of years in Adelaide and is well respected within the community. Jason's address was certainly somewhat unexpected by most, relating his studies in industrial design, and initial work in this area, to co-founding a web development company and applying the processes he and his partner had learned to providing (IT) solutions for their customers. We are very lucky to have had Jason as our guest speaker and must certainly extend our appreciation to him again.

The collegians committee would also like to thank those members who gave their time to attend the dinner. Without their strong support the dinner would certainly not have been the success it was. We look forward to future dinners and only hope they can be as successful as those that have already been.

Members should especially look out for the medicine dinner later in the year. Finally we would love to hear from anyone interested in being involved in any future dinners, whenever they may be.

Travis Olds (96-98)
As you can see below Barnes has undergone substantial changes to both its façade and internals. Students move into the first two floors and their new rooms with ensuite in late July. St Ann’s becomes the national leader in providing quality residential college living with over 50% of rooms with private bathrooms.

Community News

Congrats to Lisa Virgo (88,91) and Dr Will Thompson (88-90) on the birth in June of their baby daughter Lucy!

Junichi Tamakoshi (93-97) and Isabelle Morissette (97) were wed (again) in the Crystal Chapel at the Sheraton Mirage in Port Douglas where Junichi works as Japanese Guest Relations/Marketing Manager. In attendance were Cameron Foster (91-94), Dr Bonne Lee (87-91), Gabriel Kok (86-7,90-1), Borax (94-97), Mark Dunham (89-92), and Nicole Fechner (91).

Steve Schrapel (91-93) has so bravely gone to Finland to do his Masters on the work of Alvar Aalto, the Famous Finn, the first entry in every dictionary of architecture! He is learning Finnish and has been offered a job in Helsinki. His brother Paul is working for Berri fruit juices and will be moving to Head Office before long.

Hola Amigos! Tracy Martin (82-85) and her husband Rob have returned to Brisbane after a mammoth adventure tour of South America. Llamas and alpacas are familiar friends to these two intrepid travelers on the altiplano. Hasta la vista, baby!

Monique Rodda (95-98) is going to Japan on 23 July, best wishes go with you from all of us Rodda!

Dallas Ransom (90-94) is the principal of darlinggraphics which does web design, 3d modeling and what you want.

Sonia Wilkie (97-00) has won a Study Abroad scholarship against very stiff competition from The University of Adelaide. She will be going to the University

Its Raining Men

Hallelujah

You are all invited to a Celebratory Cocktail Party
Friday October 10th Mayo Dinning Room
6 pm St Ann’s College
$20 per ticket
Planning for this event is well underway. We have chosen 30 fine upstanding men, exemplary in every respect to represent each year of men in College (it also helped if they live within cooee of St Ann’s) who will be contacting their co-residents and gathering a fair representative number from each year. Tickets will also be available at the door, but for catering purposes we need to know in advance.

At this stage there are still 12 years unrepresented, but we hope to hear from them soon. But if you were a major stake holder in any of the years below give college a ring and organise some mates to come along.

Mr 1975  Mr 1976  Mr 1977
Mr 1978  Mr 1979  Mr 1980
Mr 1981  Mr 1983  Mr 1986
Mr 1988  Mr 1991  Mr 1995

On the night there will a speech for each decade with a Mistress of Ceremonies presiding. This is NOT a gender exclusive show! Don’t forget Women are the reason why most of us came to college!

PS Coopers is coming to the party too!
of Birmingham to further her studies in flute starting in September.

Tim Ballantyne (95-97) and Angela Robinson (94-95) got married a couple of weeks ago and

Carly Dankowski (97-98) (above) married Paul Jarrett at Prince Alfred College Chapel in April. Guy Harrison (97-01) has six months with the Tasmania Symphony Orchestra and then will take up his scholarship at the University of Michigan.

Jayne (Stiller 89-91) Taylor and husband Paddy recently discovered the joys of primary production with their first 600kg harvest of olives for the press! Congratulations.

What have the Brooks Brothers been up to? Look at these photos and see if you can guess!

Nerds by night, super-heroes by day!!!

(Above) Zoz Brooks (90-95), and faithful Feldmeier leave the crop circle after completing a radio-logical analysis.

Paul Crawford (73-5) has retired as the Chair of the St Ann's College Council. Stepping into this role will be Jim Howard RFD, MD of National Pharmacies. As a consequence of this, Carolyn Anderson (83-88) will take Jim’s place as Chairman of Finance of the College Council.

Heather Amos (96-97) now lives in Seattle Washington USA and will soon become a Reverend.

James Lenon (91-3) and James Diamantes (95-99) - or as they are now known throughout Saigon and the Nam - The James Brothers, survived their ‘Tour of Duty’ especially the skinny dipping, crawling in the Cu Chi tunnels and hanging out in the DMZ.

Billy James (90-91) is captain of St Peters Old Collegians footy club.

In 2003 the Collegians Association once again held the Pav Show after an absence of a year. The Pav Show in 2003 was to be different in two important respects:

1 The tennis court was unavailable for the usual Collegians v Students volleyball match; and
2 The Collegians, after deporting their official engineer to London, were test driving their new lamb spit for the first time.

With subversive mutterings concerning the lack of volleyball kept to a minimum the Pav Show kicked off with an awful lot of home brew and cheap red wine. This provided sufficient social lubricant for the small but dedicated bunch of Collegians and current students to be entertained by $100 of lamb twisting and turning over a mass of hot coals. In fact it was sufficiently entertaining for the organisers to overlook the fact that they had organised petanque to provide a substitute for the usual volleyball.

After an hour and a half of roasting the lamb was declared ready by the head chef and the hungry masses tucked into lamb, breadsticks, tzatziki and the aforementioned home brew and red wine. This was enjoyed by all, especially the small group who seemingly regressed to something reminiscent of Lord of the Flies in their frenzied tearing and ripping of what remained of the lamb. Sadly the evening drew to a close and all those who attended gave the 2003 edition of the Pav Show a big thumbs up.

The Pav Show will be back in 2004 and the Collegians promise to renew their quest to dethrone the students of their volleyball crown, a quest that has failed every year since 1998. Luckily all those ‘students’ are by now Collegians and should be available for selection for the 2004 Collegians volleyball team.

And finally for all of those Collegians out there who would like to perform a William Golding social experiment in the comfort of their own backyard, the lamb spit is available for hire. Please contact the Collegians Committee if you would like to hire the spit.

Ben Hartley (94-97)

ANY NEWS?

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