In this issue of 187 I want to conduct a brief review of the year in terms of what we have achieved as an organization. The difficulty in this exercise is, of course, one of measurement. Put another way, how does an organization such as the Collegians Association define achievement? The difficulty therefore is twofold. If for example achievement is considered quantitatively then I suggest we will get two very different answers. For example the continued and regular production of this newsletter can be viewed in these terms as an achievement, one that can be measured by regular print runs. More importantly the Collegians Association continues to provide students with awards at the start of each year in the form of a rebate on their fees. This too is measured and in my view an achievement. However, if we consider the attendance at the recent 30 Years of Men Cocktail Party then arguably the event was not an achievement. It does not take a degree in maths to work out that approximately 90 people in attendance represents a poor yearly average for the 30 years in question. This statistic made worse when you consider that non-College people were present at the Cocktail Party as well. So, quantitatively was the event an achievement? Arguably not. But, for an organization such as the Collegians Association, is this the most appropriate measuring stick?

I suggest that achievement in our organization is perhaps best measured qualitatively. For example, this is the third year running the Collegians have held Mentoring Dinners to provide current students with the opportunity to meet with and hear a bit about their field of study from Collegians working in that particular discipline. These dinners have proven to immensely successful. The opportunity, experience and insight gained from these dinners for students (and arguably mentors as well) cannot be measured or defined in quantitative terms. The feedback we receive from students and mentors alike is that these dinners are extremely worthwhile. Consequently we intend to continue to hold them. As for the 30 Years of Men Cocktail Function the saying statistics, damn lies and statistics, seems appropriate. A mathematical analysis of the event does not do it justice. The opportunity to reconnect with the College, meet friends, acquaintances, former (and current) principals of the College and indeed, current students is inherently rewarding.

Further, with the opening of the Dame Roma Mitchell Building in 2002 and more recently, the re-building of Barnes, 30 years of students were able to see a College well and truly different from the one they resided at in 1973, 1983 and even 1993. Taken from this angle, the 30 Years of Men Cocktail Party was an achievement; I’m sure all those who were present will agree with me. A big thankyou to all those who attended and in particular to those people who spoke on the evening: Mr Andy McPharlin (73-76), Andrew Murphy (81-4), Graeme Jackson (90-4), James Lenon (91-93), Stuart McDonald (02-03) and Sky Allen (01-03)

In light of this brief review of the year it is important for me to remind you that the Collegians will be holding their Annual General Meeting on 18 February 2004. The AGM provides all members with opportunity to have a say in the running of their Association. Importantly the AGM also provides you with the opportunity to nominate for election for the Committee.

I look forward to seeing you in 2004.

Ben Hartley
President

ANY NEWS?
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On Thursday 4th of September the Collegians held a mentoring dinner at St Ann’s for past and present Medical students. The guest speaker was Professor Jeffrey Robinson, Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Adelaide University. Professor Robinson gave an enter-

His talk was followed by an in-depth and interesting question and answer session. Professor Robinson talked about the advantages of travelling and studying overseas while still at University.

Previous St Ann’s students that attended included Dr Shane Durkin (97-00) and Dr Dale Allison (94-98) Dr Ravi Mahajani (88-92) Dr Nitin Gupta (94-96) and Dr Summit Dan (98-00). Dale is now a radiology trainee, Ravi is in the plastic surgery unit at the RAH, Nitin is working in paediatrics and Summit has recently finished 6th year medicine and will return to Sydney for an internship at St Vincent’s Hospital.

This was the second mentoring dinner of the year with the first one being for Computing/ Information Technology. The Collegians have been holding the mentoring dinners for several years now and they have all been very successful. The idea is to have an even match of students and professionals to allow the students to gain more of an insight into their chosen field as well as making all important industry contacts.

The Collegians would like to hear from anyone that is willing to help out with a Mentoring dinner or knows of someone that would make a good speaker.
Foundation Dinner & Auction

On 26 July this year the Collegians Committee, in its entirety, attended a fundraising dinner hosted by the St Ann’s College Foundation at the Hyatt.

The purpose of this dinner was, of course, to raise funds for the College to assist in the redevelopment of the College. During the course of the evening there was a silent auction for all range of things from bottles of wine, artwork, books, memorabilia and even a rare St Ann’s beanie. So replete with black ties, dinner jackets and bulging wallets the Committee converged upon the Hyatt for an evening of fun and well, spending. Unsurprisingly the wine was a popular item at the Collegians table and that beanie caused a little inter-table rivalry at one point. However the star of the table was none other than our good Doctor who did well to pick up a slice of Australian artwork. In the end the Collegians table raised over $1000 in an evening that raised over $50,000. All in all a good evening for a very good cause.

Graeme Jackson (90-94), Sally Bicknell, James Lenon (91-93), Angela Matthews (95-96), Shane Durkin (97-00), Hayden Plunkett (95-99), James Diamantes (95-99), Ben Hartley (94-97).

Community News

Artist Sam Hignett (87-88) and physiotherapist Phil Rudd (88-91) met up and exchanged news in Hobart recently. Phil and his wife are expecting twins! Debra and Troy Olds (92-94) have twin babies, Zara and Rayden. Getting any sleep guys?

Current Collegian Susan Barnes (00-03 so far!) is engaged. Steve Woolley (86-87) and his partner Helen have a baby boy, Benjamin William, a brother for Maddison.

Lisa Jacobs (96-97) plans to get married in the St Ann’s Rose Garden next March. Jason van Laarhoven (91-4) and Karina are married, and Cameron Foster (91-3) and his love Kamya have recently become engaged. So have Dylan Edwards [aka Bob] (95) and Sally Moten (94) to each other!

Former West Australian spinner Jamie Stewart (91) is the Delhi-based sales director for international sports marketing giant IMG.

The husband of Dr Kamala Manuel (55-60), Valen, passed away in October. Our deep condolences go to Kamala, formerly Associate Professor of Anatomy, University of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

More sad news although not so recent, from Malaysia is the passing of the son of Dr Ruby Majeed (56-59), President of the College Club in 1957 and eminent in medical circles in Kuala Lumpur.

Dr Roger Lawes (95) is a spatial analyst and modeller for rangeland and savannas with CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems in Townsville. His sister Anna Lawes (94-96) works in the law library in the University of Queensland in Brisbane where she is living with her husband.

Barbara Tran (97-99) has taken up an appointment as lecturer in English at the University of Nimes in France.

Ben Brayshaw (01-2) is working in Sydney as an analyst with ING Real Estate Investment Management.

Fulvia Howard, Chairman of Finance Carolyn Anderson (83-88), Chairman of Council, Jim Howard and guests.
Michelle McCleary (02-3) is working with the RSPCA in Mildura. Siew Wei Oh (01) is doing his Masters of Commerce at the University of Sydney. The Principal recently visited Belinda (Procter 85-88) Hoult and her husband Mark and children Jackson and Eliza in Darwin. They are all going splendidly. So are Mandy (Griffin 83-87) Shalley and her husband Peter and children Caitlin and Connor and two gigantic Alaskan Malamutes in Stirling North. Well done everyone, you make us proud!

Rebecca Coleman (93-96) got married at the Brougham Place Uniting Church recently while the Cath Cup was in progress! What a contrast!

Celeste Chua (97-98) is working as an architect for a company in Malaysia.

Cindy & Phil Kroehn had a baby girl Alicia Anne Kroehn on August 26th at 12:34am and all are well. This photo was taken an hour after—Sorry Cindy. Thanks to Dave Waller for this news flash

Lars Bresler (93-5) & wife Heidi have moved to Japan to teach English, they left in July and will probably be there for around 12-18 months. They just recently bought a really nice block of land in Tasmania overlooking Hobart and are hoping to build there on their return. Di Zibierski living back in Adelaide and working for JP Morgan. Ben Hartley (94-97) is an Associate in Dispute Resolution with Piper Alderman. John Anderson (86-89) and wife Jeed have taken up residence in London for year to do a Masters in Engineering.

Jane Helen (Schubert 58-61) Correy died of cancer on July 31 2002. Jane lived at St Ann’s during all her undergraduate years at Adelaide University, graduating with BA (Hons) French Studies.

Jane went on to obtain an MA in French from Sydney University in 1983. At the time of her death, Jane was a tutor in the WEA Discussion Group Program where she had worked for 15 years.

Jane (pictured below) wrote and tutored ten different courses and it is a tribute to her that her courses will continue to be offered and remain a fitting legacy to her in-depth contribution, commitment and talent.
Nearly 100 people packed the St Ann’s Dining room in order to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of men being admitted to reside at St Ann’s. There were men in attendance from almost every individual year since 1973 and lots of women as well. The crowd included two past principles in Mrs Feather and Mrs Tostevin who were delighted to share the momentous occasion.

The evening was expertly presided over by the current Senior Tutor Sky Allen (00-03) who somehow managed to keep all the testosterone in check. Guests were treated to a lovely meal from the College kitchen which was washed down with Coopers Pale Ale, Crown Lager and some very nice red and white wine from Beringer Blass.

In order to get a sense of what College was like over the past 30 years from a male perspective, there were guest speakers from each of the past three decades and a current student spoke about how things are today.

Mr Andy McPharlin (73-76) spoke about how things started for men at St Ann’s and that really right from the word go, the female residents of College were more than happy to share their delightful home with members of the opposite sex.

Mr Andrew Murphy (81-4) spoke about the electrifying eighties and Mr Graeme Jackson (90-4) and Mr James Lennon (91-93), spoke about the naughty nineties. Current student Mr Stuart McDonald (02-
October 10 was a night to remember. The former cast and crew of St Ann’s College was reunited to celebrate 30 years of official male residence at the college. The good food and formalities were secondary to the chance for everyone to reacquaint themselves with people they had shared such good times with, but hadn’t seen for 20 plus years.

The female collegians from the 70’s supported the night in force. Now in their late 40’s, mostly married, successfully combining motherhood with careers – and to me still looking fabulous.

The male contingent was still in fair shape too – having lost none of their spark and good humour, if not their hair. After the formalities were concluded, several, armed with glass in hand, volunteered to lead us on an informal tour of the college, complete with corridor wall climbing demonstrations and bawdy commentary on the notorious rooms on each floor, much to the amusement (or was that bewilderment) of our partners and the current residents we ran into.

It was also great to see two of the College Principals from that era, Daryl Feather and Di Tostevin attend the reunion. They played such a big part in making the co-residence experiment work.

As the only attending member of the First XIV, I was given the honour of speaking on behalf of all the collegians from the 1970’s. In my address I focussed on some of the positive aspects the move to co-residence in 1973 had on college life. Things like the relaxation of many of the rules; the improved social functions; our own in-house rock band; the (slightly) more competitive performances in inter-college sport; definitely the increased grunt during Prosh Week; and the sprinkling of pin-up boys and super brains for us all to admire.

My thanks goes to Rosemary and her team for putting on such a wonderful event and allowing us to relive the glory days of our college years for one night at least; and to the courageous collegians who chose to accept the invitation to attend and in doing so make the night so memorable.

Andy McPharlin
1973-76
A short history of Men

The decision in 1972 which results in us standing here tonight had a lot to do with finances, a lot to do with belief that co-residence would be beneficial and no doubt also a little to do with the hormones of those 72 young women who voted YES—bring on the men!!

So how do the women in college feel today? Having discussed tonight’s event with my fellow female collegians I find we agree. If there weren’t any guys at St Ann’s we wouldn’t have come!

This probably has a bit to do with hormones as well, but the real reason is because we value the co-residential experience and the community it has created at St. Ann’s.

Living with 185 men and women is a unique experience. We see each other at our best and our worst. We see each other dressed to impress at the pub and also looking mighty seedy at lunch the morning after.

We support each other and celebrate our achievements together. This year Rhianna Laker starred in the undermanned guys hockey team, scoring a goal. And Robin Yong passionately coached the girl’s soccer team, yelling his lungs out to spur the team onto victory.

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So what have men done to improve St. Ann’s? Well many things, but I would like to highlight just a few qualities of men that have changed St. Ann’s (though perhaps the improvement factor is arguable).

Men’s determination, aggression and desire to win on the sporting field.

Men’s unique sense of humor and desire to do random stupid stuff for amusement.

Men’s belief that the better mates you are with someone, the more you give them shit.

Men’s ability to ask highly personal questions in a crowded dining or tv room!

Men’s insistence on wearing the smallest towel imaginable to and from the bathroom!

Men’s mild interest in women, which the majority of women return.

This phenomenon certainly prevents life in college ever getting boring.

Tonight is a celebration of all these things. It is a celebration of masculinity. And dare I say... of becoming a man. I recently made the mistake of questioning in front of some male collegians if the males in college really are men yet. I got a wide variety of responses. Now it wasn’t my intention to question anyone’s manhood, merely to observe that for both guys and girls, we are spending the key transitional years from teenagers to young men and women at college. And that transition in itself is worth celebrating.

30 years. That’s a significant amount of time. Those 18 year old freshers of ‘73 are now pushing half a century. So what’s changed and what’s stayed the same through the 70’s, 80’s, 90’s into the Naughties? Well I can’t answer that, but representatives from the four decades will give us the inside story on what being a man at St. Ann’s is really all about.

Before I finish I would like to propose a toast. In ‘72 St. Ann’s wanted men for their money and their new hormones. Thirty years later we can’t imagine college without men. Tonight we celebrate what St. Ann’s has given the men who have lived here. What those men have achieved in their lives and what men have given to St. Ann’s.

To St. Ann’s Men!!

Senior Tutor Sky Allen (00-03) toasts the concept of men at St Ann’s
NOTICE OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF ST ANN’S COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION INC
TO BE HELD AT THE COLLEGE IN THE TUTORIAL ROOMS ON
Wednesday February 18th 2004 AT 7.00 PM

AGENDA

1. Apologies.

2. Minutes of the 2003 AGM.

3. Matters arising from those minutes.

4. Treasurer’s report.

5. President’s report.

6. Election of committee and office bearers.

   President
   Vice-President
   Secretary
   Treasurer
   Committee Members (5)
   Representatives to the:
      College Council
      Education Committee
   Public Officer
   Auditor

7. Correspondence.


9. Any other business.