President’s Report


Following on from the last issue of 187 the Collegians have so far donated $7,500.00 of the $10,000.00 towards the redevelopment of East Wing (now known as Wood Wing) with the remainder to be paid before the end of the financial year. The new Wood Wing was officially opened in October and I am happy to report that the Association has had its donation recognised in the form of a plaque on the door of one of the redeveloped rooms.

A further Mentoring Dinner was held in early September, this time focusing on humanities. We were lucky to have a large group of students and three speakers: Charles Jolly, Peter Bicknell and our very own Simon Stevens. A big thank you to all these speakers. Once again, the feedback we received from those involved with the dinner was extremely positive. The intangible value of the mentoring dinners, to both students and mentors alike, cannot be over-emphasised.

As the new year begins it will soon be time to think about the election of a new Committee for the upcoming year. You will find notice of the St Ann’s Collegians Association Inc Annual General Meeting, which is scheduled for 23rd February 2005, on the back of this newsletter.

I would encourage you to attend the Annual General Meeting to have a say in the running of your organisation either through the presentation at the meeting of your ideas, voting for Committee members or, importantly, nominating yourself for election to the Committee for 2005. Representation on a committee such as the Collegian’s Committee is important, rewarding and ultimately beneficial, as the success of the Mentoring Dinners shows. Accordingly, if you would like to contribute something to the Collegians Association and the College itself, I would encourage you to attend at the Annual General Meeting and nominate for election.

Ben Hartley
President

Community News

Mark Dunham (89-92) and his love Sharyn Bell were wed in January. Gabriel Kok (87, 90-1), a partner in Khoo & Company, Advocates & Solicitors in Miri, Sarawak, was among the happy guests.

Notice in the recent edition of 187 regarding the opening of The Ann Wood Memorial Wing brought a call from Elizabeth (Crowe 47-50) Reidel, who was President of the College Club in 1949 and 1950, and news of her sister, Patricia (Crowe 52-5) Baron-Hay, President of the College Club in 1954 and 1955, now living in Perth. What a magnificent contribution those sisters, originally from Broken Hill, made to the community life of St Ann’s.

Dave Waller (92-5) and Natasha Heikkila (93-5) recently gave birth to Thomas Alexander Waller
Born: Monday 13th December 2004 at 4.00pm
Here’s Dave Pearson (02-4) on the right supporting Kate Ellis in her successful bid for election as Member for Adelaide.

Remember Tim Vandenberg (98) saying “Get in there boys, it won’t hurt you” and playing totally fearless footy? It was much the same in July last year when he and some mates came upon a crashed car on the Gol Gol North Road and heard cries of distress. Without a thought for his personal safety Tim ignored downed live power wires and a developing car fire to pull to safety a driver suffering from shocking leg injuries. The three other passengers were saved as a result of Tim and his friends’ courageous actions. They are true heroes worthy of our respect.

Stephanie (Tremaine 86-90) Andrews, [pictured right] who teaches Chinese at Wilderness School, has won a Languages Study Scholarship. She is currently undertaking a Masters in Education (Language Education) degree. Congratulations Stephanie!

Elise (Wilson 89-91) Barrett and her husband Noel last year welcomed the arrival of Thomas Noah, a little brother for Abbey and Will. Congratulations to you all!

Congratulations David Pearson (02-4) [pictured left] on your election as President of the University of Adelaide Students Association. What good judgement the students showed in recognising your dedication, intelligence and leadership qualities.

Scott Greening (96-8) married Kristine D’Amato in New York in October and will be living in the US – so exciting, we wish them all the best.

Good luck Makito Ogawa (01-3), back in Japan, we wish you all the best.

Chin Yen Foo (92-3) frequently visits Adelaide with husband David Sim and children Malcolm, Lauren and Gavin. Pictured below with her father-in-law, Sim See Kee who is part of the South Australian Business Ambassadors Network.

Junichi Tamakoshi (93-7) in 2004 became the first international student to join the Governors of the Foundation. Congratulations Junichi!

Torey Clarke (97) had fun in August wearing the Depression bride wedding dress designed by Janet Raleigh for the Eyre Peninsula Field Days. [pictured right]

Monique Burke (93-5) is working very happily with a computing company in Singapore and looking great!

Gabrielle Lisa Hams arrived safely on 3rd November 2004 at 12 noon precisely joining little Emily. Nicole (Koenders 91-4), and Ashley Hams (90-4)
On Thursday 2nd September the Collegians held a mentoring dinner at St Ann’s for current students studying arts, social sciences or teaching. Due to the different areas being covered it was decided to have three guest speakers rather than the usual one speaker.

The first speaker was Charles Jolly. Charles is a primary school teacher who had a nephew attend St Ann’s. Charles gave an interesting talk about working as a teacher at both small and large schools and some of the hardships faced by recent graduates if they move to the country to teach.

The second speaker was Peter Bicknell. Peter is head of United Care, a charity organization and had a son in law attend St Ann’s. Peter talked about the different career paths that people can take and highlighted his own background as an example. He started off as an apprentice and worked in many different areas before running the charity. He stressed the need to remain flexible in your career goals and not to be afraid to change careers.

The last speaker of the evening was Simon Stevens. Simon talked about the advantages of having an arts degree and the flexibility and skills it gave versus a more specialist degree. He also highlighted that both students and the universities were under increasing pressure to focus on vocational training rather than a generalist education that covered many areas.

This was the second mentoring dinner of the year. The collegians have been holding the mentoring dinners for several years now and they have all been very successful. The idea is to have a 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. Previous mentoring dinners have included Business, Law, Medicine, Information Technology, Physiotherapy and Pharmacy.

The Collegians would like to hear from anyone willing to help out with a Mentoring dinner or knows of someone who would make a good speaker.

James ‘Single Malt’ Lenon

http://www.adelaide.edu.au/St_Anns/
The commemoration and celebration enjoyed on Founder’s Day this year were second to none. It sets a tough challenge for next year’s organisers.

Celebrated on the 15th September the day started with the laying of a holly wreath on the grave of Sir Josiah Symon. Sir Josiah Symon was one of a number of people with the foresight to see the great benefits that would arise from the establishment of St Ann’s College.

The laying of the wreath was then followed by the Thanksgiving service. This part of the evening gave college students, the Council and guests the opportunity to reflect upon the great achievements made by those who were involved with St Ann’s at its inception, briefly followed by drinks in the tutorial rooms, where many great student works were displayed, and the college community bonded over Formal Dinner.

The concert in the Mayo Common Room that followed was a spectacular exhibition of the hidden and manifest talents that dwell within the student body. This really was the highlight of the evening with entertainment ranging from soloist singers and instrumentalists to group dramatization and the great St Ann’s choir.

A ‘Bollywood’ style dance choreographed by Senior Tutor 2004 Kosha Jhalla [pictured right]

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The grave of Sir Josiah Symon, upon which a holly wreath is placed

Each of the students who participated in this production was endowed with a flair for the stage which managed to capture the attention of all guests. We were left with a true sense of the vast talent that St Ann’s harbours and fosters amongst its student body.

Nic Hannay [pictured above] did a great job coordinating and hosting the concert. All students, guests and the Council look forward to an equally impressive show next year when we next come together to remember the Founders of our college.

Shane Durkin
Ann Wood Memorial Wing

College students, Collegians, Members of Council and of the Foundation all gathered on Tuesday 12th October to open the new Ann Wood Memorial Wing. The construction of this new, refurbished and luxuriously appointed wing has been made possible through hard work in fund raising and the patience of students and staff alike during the construction phase of the project.

Well attended by all members of the College community the plaque was unveiled by Mr Alastair Wood [pictured below] in front of Plummer House. As guests milled about receiving light refreshments they heard from the Principal and Mrs Hill-Ling. In her speech Mrs Hill-Ling noted that Ann had won a bravery award at the age of 19 for saving a boy from being swept away on Kangaroo Island.

The completion of this wing further strengthens the college’s position as it strives to provide for its students an environment that is most conducive to study and fostering camaraderie. All of St Ann’s rooms have their own high-speed Internet connection and phone with voice-mail capabilities. Rooms in the Dame Roma Mitchell building, the Barnes building and the new Ann Wood Wing include ensuite bathrooms and individual climate control. It is the College's vision to upgrade all rooms to the same standard as those in the above mentioned corridors. At the recent Strategic Planning meeting students said that the features of the new Wood Wing were ‘fantastic’.

It is true that our new buildings show ‘the image of St Ann’s as a modern college that looks after students and gives them top priority in all things.’ The opening of the Ann Wood Memorial Wing is a testament to this.

Shane Durkin

Oak Chair Donations

Friends of the College are invited to consider donating an oak chair, at a fully tax-deductible cost of $299 each. The donation will be commemorated with a bronze plaque on the back recording the donor. Donations received in 2003-4 were:

2003
Christopher Clark and Family
Bob and Betty Lewis
Alan Hickinbotham
Elizabeth R. Simpson
A. Moxon Simpson
Justice Margaret Nyland (2)
Nick and Melissa Hately
Keong Family-Alice Springs
Jayne Taylor

2004
David Leon Pank
Susan Elizabeth Barnes (student 2000-2004)
The Swafford Family (2)
Mary Louise Simpson
Tess McGrath
Joseph Au
Mr and Mrs Boey Hor Meng
Anjella Sritharan
Aran Sritharan
Alice Neale (student 2001-2002)
Jennifer Brewis
Bernard Goh
Lewis Barrett AO OBE
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 23rd February 2005 AT 7.00 PM**

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies.
2. Reading of the Minutes from the 2004 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.