President’s Report

2007 has been another great busy year for the St Ann’s Collegians Association. The highlight of the year was being able to donate $12,000 to the College for the new tennis court surface. We are really pleased to be able to donate something to the College that the students would be able to get a lot of use from.

We held two mentoring dinners this year. The mentoring dinners have been a great way to give something back to the College and allow the students to meet people who work within their field of study. The themes this year were Eco-Learning and Using Your Degree. Using Your Degree had several inspirational speakers who talked about the different stages of a career and what is required to succeed in a job. The feedback from the students to both these dinners was very positive and all the speakers commented on the enjoyment they got from talking to such a motivated and friendly group of students.

The first mentoring dinner for next year will be Wining and Mining. This will cover both the wine and mining industries. If anyone would like to talk at such an event they can contact the College.

This year was also the 60th anniversary of the opening of the College. The committee were able to help by attending the Diamond Jubilee Gala Dinner at the Hyatt. This was a fantastic night and the committee purchased a cocktail party for 20 at the College and a set of wines. The committee also attended the Lord Mayor’s Reception at the Town Hall.

It is also with some sadness that I write this, as this will be my last year as President of the Collegians Association. I have really enjoyed the
last three years as president and look forward to remaining on the committee. It has meant a lot to be able to give something back to the College. My highlights have been the donation to the College of $10,000 for the Wood Wing, the ongoing success of the mentoring dinners and the Gala Dinners at the Hyatt.

This year saw some new members join the committee and our numbers are looking the best they have in several years. I am confident that the committee will continue to grow and provide a valuable service to the College.

The committee recognises the efforts of Chris Brooks, the former secretary of the College, and Margaret Adams, the librarian, by making them honorary members of the Collegians Association. Both Chris and Margaret have provided a lot of assistance to us over the years so it’s great to be able to acknowledge their help.

Lastly I’d like to thank the committee for being such a help including the Vice President Shane Durkin, Treasurer Travis Olds, Secretary Daniel Krips, Council Representative Mark Jacobs and of course Dr Rosemary Brooks and Simon Stevens.

James Lenon
President

St Ann’s Ball

Having spent several years at College, an obvious trend seemed to emerge. Each year the ball conveners seem to outdo their counterparts from the previous year. 2007 was no exception. Your narrator who, having been out of College for several years, has missed out on the last few iterative improvements, was wowed out of his socks by the fabulous show put on by this year’s convenors.

Held on Saturday 25th August, 2007’s All Hal-lows’ Eve themed ball saw Jimmy Lenon and Mark Jacobs represent the Collegians.

The kitchen staff once again out-did themselves by putting on a feast fit for a king. The delectable meal was savoured in the midst of the dining room eerily decorated with cobwebs, ghosts, ghouls and witches. Following dinner, coffee and cognac were served in the Principal’s flat with a side of gummi bears.

To top off the night there was dancing in the Mayo common room. Unfortunately for the now aging Collegians, we were out-danced, out-sang and out-drunk by the students and had to settle for a place on the periphery cursing loud, new-aged music (well that’s our excuse, it was rumoured that we couldn’t dance or sing, but such unsubstantiated allegations will not be published here).

Finally, a massive congratulations and thanks to the Ball Convenors for their top-notch job. Rating: five baboons out of five.

Mark Jacobs
Community News

Nora De Bono (07) (pictured below) dressed as a clown at the Credit Union Christmas Pageant Diamond Ball, raising money for the Starlight Children’s Foundation and Childhood Cancer Association.

Sarah Crouch (94-6) is engaged to Philip Eatts.

Jim Moularadellis (86) was named this year’s Ernst & Young services entrepreneur of the year for his work with Austwine, Australia’s largest bulk-wine broker.

Andrew Zoz Brooks (90-5) graduated with his PhD in Robotics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in June and is now developing a TV Series for Discovery – watch this space. In typical modest style Zoz graduated with a working robot on his head (pictured right).

Andrew Harnett (87) is Principal of a school in Shepparton, Vic. Ashwin Tamhane (91-3) is married, and Dr Jason Lee (95-00) and his wife Dr Bich Tieu have a baby, Sebastian (pictured below).

Showcasing UniSA’s Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Business (Commercial Law) program is Leah Englefield (99-01), now working in London.

Jason Downs (91-4), having moved to Melbourne in 1997 to continue his career in property valuation, amazed himself in the Big Apple for Christmas 2000, undertook a Masters in Business Leadership and began tutoring in the Strategy course. He now lectures in RMIT’s off-shore course in Hong Kong and Shanghai and is engaged.

Brooke Summers (00-4) married Paul Pearce in July (pictured below).

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Sensational St Ann’s
You can see from the photos on the next two pages that we have been all smiles for our Diamond Jubilee – and there’s a Celebratory Party for all helpers still to come.

The Gala Auction Dinner was an outstanding success, raising $130,000 thanks to the generosity of the Dinner Committee, the donors and bidders, and all concerned.

Many professions were represented, particularly the legal and mining fraternities, the latter enjoying a boom and providing a theme with very desirable cuddly marmots freighted direct from Canada, the perfect companion on a cold mid-winter night.

Mr Bob Kennedy received a spontaneous standing ovation in recognition of his energetic support of the College as Bursar over 25 years. He responded with a rendition of That’s Amore – and indeed it was the most loving, life-affirming crowd imaginable – no-one who was there will ever forget it.

Nobel Prizewinner Professor Yunus said it very well: “Each person is very important. Each person has tremendous potential. She or he alone can influence the lives of others within communities, nations, within and beyond her or his own time.”

The Diamond Jubilee Gala Dinner

Melissa Hately (00-3) and friend

Our beloved auctioneer Rob Mitchell and his beautiful wife Teresa

Sparkling entertainment from Swamp Fairy! Too cool!

Buster Green, marmot centrepiece and superstar

The 18 gram gold nugget, courtesy of Joe Houldsworth, Ramelius Resources Ltd

Tutors and assistants Elissa Nieass, Sunandini Das, Kara Story, Ross McConnell, Alix Phair, Trent Cavanagh, Tegan Cowell, Amy Walker, Dr Rosemary Brooks, Mat Lim, Emma Ridgway, Chloe Wanklyn, Tamara Sheedy
Dr Rosemary Brooks, Dr Shirishkumar Jhalla and Mrs Manjari Jhalla

Dr Caroline Smith (86-9), Professor Bob Casson, Professor Sally Smith and Professor Andrew Smith

Same tutors as on previous page, inaugural puzzle photo, see if you can guess who’s who

Mr Robert Kennedy our Bursar for 25 years, Ms Lisa Virgo (88, 91) and Mrs Cathy Kennedy

Mr Geoff Anderson, Ms Prue Madsen, Mrs Donette Register, Chairman of the Foundation Mr Peter Register

The 2007 College Club Committee: Tom McLoughlan, John Chong, Kirby Mackrill, Vincent Pow, Phillipa Baker, Julia Stevens, Leo Jordan, Sanjeev Raj, Jesse Rogerson, Michael Simmons, Fariz Zahedi
Mandy and Kirsty Price (04-6) celebrated their 21st at a woolshed party at Narridy in June, a magnificent family celebration.

University of Adelaide PhD student and men’s health researcher James Smith (99) (pictured below) in May was named the 2007 Young Achiever of the Year for South Australia after spending 2006 as Young Australian of the Year for South Australia.

Jack Ellis (92-4) works as an architect in Melbourne; he and his wife have a little girl.

James Vincent (92) is an operations manager at Federation Square.

Kingsley Heard (99-01) and Cristy Seymour (01-2) were married on October 7, 2006 at the Heritage Garden, Sevenhills (pictured below) after buying a house together in Port Augusta in May of 2005. Monique Seymour (93-5), Paul Haines (99) and Annie Chapman (01-2) were all in the bridal party.

Kingsley is currently working at Stirling North Primary School, as the Wellbeing Coordinator (0.8) and teaches one day...
a week. Cristy is employed as the Projects & Events Officer with the Port Augusta City Council, quite a change from Adelaide Zoo.

Tim Hetherington (99-02) was in Jordan with the sponsorship of the Army, as the Medical Corp wanted an Arabic translator of its own. Tim studied last year at the ADF School of Languages and they thought he was good enough to spend a few months until the end of June 2007 studying Arabic at the University of Jordan.

See, the Newsletter does work: Mami Kikuchi (96-99) saw in the last 187 that James Diamantes (95-9) is working in Tokyo. She is also working in Tokyo, at an international patent office located right in front of Tokyo station. Through the editor of 187 they have exchanged email and as James is also near Tokyo station they’ll catch up. James’s company is BNP Paribas (a French bank) and even though it is a foreign company the work culture is almost traditionally Japanese. Work is very tough and typical hours would range from around 8am to 10pm with possible weekend work. This was the hardest thing for James to get used to apart from that this country is breathtaking with the culture and food amazing. Tokyo is full of interesting and quirky avenues so never a dull moment (as can be seen in the photo at right of the last REAL Samurai! He went to a Samurai museum and the owner thought it would be nice to dress him up in the outfit. Suits him don’t you think?).

Sally (Bawden 87-9)

Willmington, husband Henry and their new baby Max (pictured below) have permanently moved from Hong Kong to London, where they have relocated their existing jobs.
Mentoring Dinners

Originally conceived by the Collegians committee as a means of introducing current students to members of their prospective professions, mentoring dinners have of late taken on broader and more thought-provoking themes.

May 3rd saw the first 2007 mentoring dinner organised by the St Ann’s Collegians Association. The Inaugural Eco-Learning Mentoring Dinner was fortunate to have Dr Barbara Hardy AO, from SA Nature Foundation; Emma Vasey (02-7), a Masters Student in Urban Habitat Management and current student at St Ann’s; and Mr Ronald Grill, a specialist in commercialisation of emerging technologies, come and talk.

Dr Hardy talked about the many things she had personally done to help lower her environmental footprint by installing solar panels and rainwater tanks at her home and driving a hybrid car to reduce her CO₂ emissions. Dr Hardy also discussed the scheme used by SA Nature Foundation of buying land from general farmers or large property owners and restoring it to help native plants and animals return.

Ms Vasey introduced us to the blue-tongue lizard which she has been studying during her Masters Degree. The study involves monitoring blue-tongue lizards as they live in Urban Habitats and the many little ways people living in these areas could make small changes in their yards to help them roam freely and safely from suburban pets.

Mr Grill spoke about the many new technologies that are being used in today’s busy lifestyles to help reduce energy. Many buildings have micro-controllers in them to start lighting and air conditioning in the morning and shut them down at the end of the day. These types of technologies are an incentive for building owners as they reduce energy costs, which in turn reduces unnecessary energy use and emissions.

The students attending the night came from diverse career paths; it was great to see they all held this as a common focus no matter where they came from or where they are going. A big thank you to the three speakers on the night; your time and knowledge was greatly appreciated by all.

On 6 September 2007, a varied band of current St Ann’s students attended the most diverse and, by consensus, one of the most successful mentoring dinners to date. While not easy to summarise in one simple phrase, this dinner attempted to explore the relationship between entrepreneurship and the professions.

Martin Read, who baulked at being described as committee president James Lenon’s ‘boss,’ delivered an insightful talk examining the value of degrees in the modern economy (‘pieces of paper’), grasping emergent opportunities within an industry (‘silver bullets’), and the ever changeable nature of employment (‘ice cream’ – an analogy not easily encapsulated in retrospect).

Venture capitalist Michael Michalowicz spoke passionately about using professional skills to pursue dreams and visions.

Psychologist Sofia Villis recounted her experiences of successfully putting in place a team of dedicated people around a professional idea.

Maggi Miles and Gary Lines spoke of their experience of growing a successful business from scratch (The Byron Bay Cookie Company).

Finally, all guests not giving speeches shared brief, impromptu insights into their respective experiences. They included physiotherapist James Pyke (85-7), lawyer Tim Bourne, and new College Bursar Robert Spiby.

All guests brought unique and insightful observations to the dinner. Thanks go to all the invited guests, the student attendees for bringing open minds and enthusiasm, and all involved in facilitating a very successful evening.

Chris Clark and Danny Krips