President’s Report

The beginning of this year has seen several changes to the structure of the committee and we thank those who have moved on from the committee for all their efforts and wish them the best. For those new members joining us we thank you for joining and look forward to a productive year ahead.

This year is special for the Collegians as it is our 60th birthday!!! So very exciting. We were founded in June 1951 and the rest is history which can be read below in the Jubilee report.

On 26 May the first Mentoring Dinner for the year was hosted. It was ‘M.A.S.H’ themed. But no it wasn’t just sitting down analysing M.A.S.H episodes over dinner, it was Medicine And Similar Hospitalty things themed. The dinner saw several past students attend to discuss their professions related to Medicine and from all accounts it was a great night. We thank the speakers for their time and the students for attending, we hope it was insightful for you all.

Our next Mentoring Dinner will be held on 11 August with the theme The World is Your Oyster II.

Other advances occurring have been in terms of the Collegians’ online presence. We now have a Collegians Association Facebook page so feel free to add yourselves as a friend. Currently we are also working on adding some history and information about the Collegians as a link from the St Ann’s main website so keep your eyes peeled for that.

So keep safe and warm as we near the middle of the year and enjoy reading the rest of the newsletter.

Chloë Wanklyn
President

1991
2011
As Bryan said back in ‘91:
(Everything I Do) I Do it For You

ANY NEWS?
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2011 a bumper year for Winners: Tennis, Table Tennis, Boys’ Cricket and Battle of the Bands!
Here's an astonishing photo sent by Dr Shane Durkin (97-00) saving people’s sight in Hanoi – what a fantastic contribution made by Shane and his family.

Anne-Marie (Fitzgerald 53-5) Shanahan sadly let us know that her College friend specialist physician Dr Judith (Harper 55) Coventry passed away recently. She was the first female medical graduate from the then newly established University of WA Medical School, where Anne-Marie also worked as a microbiologist.

Lara Francis (03-5) is Editor of SAMotor, the magazine of the RAA.

Kirk Sager (91) is married with three lovely boys. He would like to get in touch with Dave Wildy, Jim Naylor, Richard Sinclair, Ben Haslett, Fiona Cullen and John Groemer. If you want to reciprocate please send us your email address and we will pass it on. How lovely to hear from Kirk!

Troy Forrest (92-3), Principal of 42 MIGHTY Businesses, is a volunteer with AdvantageSA’s Speaker in Schools Program.

Gary Fong (99-02) and E Wuen Tan (01-3) were married last year. They are living in Hong Kong where E Wuen completed her MBA degree and Gary is working with a British firm.

Mark Mills (95) is Senior Ungulate Keeper at the Adelaide Zoo. He recently was involved in the standing castration of a giraffe. He wrote for the Zoo Times: “While the ungulate keepers kept Pumika distracted with some carrots, Ian went around to the rear of the crush, and injected some local anaesthetic into Pumika’s scrotum area, which was roughly at head height for Ian. Once this had taken effect, the actual removal of his testes was relatively simple, and completed in no time . . . and he didn’t even appear to harbour any resentment towards the ungulate keepers for making him “less of a man!” Hmm.

Luke Jamieson (98-00) is our very own Steve Jobs, starting up a skunkworks outfit while he and his co-boss were still students. They now run website specialist company DBG Technologies with 11 staff, an office in Pirie Street, expansion interstate and 14 new contracts last month. Well done Luke!

Andrew Wilsdon (85-7) is SA State Manager of Glencore Grain. Ben Haslett (90-2) is spokesman of South Australian River Communities particularly with respect to the River Murray and its importance for Riverland fruitgrowers.

Daniel Seymour (95-6) and his Heathfield High School drum corps The Renegades have appeared as extras in a film clip with Australian rock legend Jimmy Barnes.

Emma Vasey (02-7) and David Leslie got engaged in February after seven years of ‘dating’.

Gary Fong (99-02) and E Wuen Tan (01-3)
At Formal Dinner on Monday 4 April the extraordinary service to St Ann’s of Mrs Margaret Adams, our Librarian, was celebrated.

Speech from Dr Brooks

Margaret exemplifies loyalty, one of our values. One of only two librarians in the College’s history, she not only lovingly tended the library for 23 years but she and her husband Kym have been regular Ballgoers. If the office is the engine room of the College, the library is its heart. We love the library. Under Margaret’s leadership our library was the first in SA to use FILMS software.

There is much more to Margaret than being our librarian. She and Kym have two daughters, Claire and Eleanor, and run a farm at Echunga where they have horses and beagles and personally load bales of hay! Margaret served as a principled Chairman of Council at Walford School, works for the CFS, runs a catering service and is devoted to students. She served on the Library and Education Committee and her judgement of character has been invaluable in making sure the scholarships go to the right people.

She and I worked together editing the College history for the Jubilee year and are really happy with the product, which is a big call on a jointly accomplished monumental task. On retirement she gave donations to the Collegians and the Foundation on condition the College matched the gifts rather than giving her a material thing – her workmates gave her a copy of the Lonely Planet book on every country of the world, many of which she had visited back in the days of the Hippie Trail.

A Tibetan proverb says, “Birds that live on the golden mountain reflect the colour of the gold.” Margaret does that – she truly has a heart of gold.

Speech from Chloé Wanklyn on behalf of the Collegians Association

Firstly congratulations Margaret. Margaret is a mentor to you. Before I even attended St Ann’s I knew about this wonderful librarian called Margaret. My sister was an avid bookworm and I’d asked how she coped at College and I was told all about Margaret. Margaret would order in books that my sister wanted and they’d recommend books to each other and talk about what they both had read.

Margaret made St Ann’s her home, enjoyed her job and was loyal, she made a good name for herself, a name that preceded her.

In our generation we will have many jobs in our lifetime and will work in jobs that haven’t been made yet. We will most likely move from job to job only staying in the one place for 3 years.

Therefore loyalty such as Margaret’s is a great gift. We need to look at Margaret’s loyalty and try and replicate this in our own field of work. Whether we stay in a job 1 year or 5, we need to be loyal, need to enjoy the job and make that job our home for that period of time. We need to make a positive name for ourselves there. So that when we move on we have a good name that means something. Your name is your product and you need to protect it. So look to Margaret as your mentor who has a good name, loves her job and is loyal. She has made a difference to students for 23 years. So on behalf of the Collegians committee and the past 23 years of students, congratulations and thank you Margaret.

Baboons Abroad
Send us a photo of yourself in St Ann’s gear telling us where and when and you could win our undying admiration.

Don’t do it for me do it for St Ann’s!
We are looking for 3 co-conveners for the 1991 reunion show
Email: sttevens@tne.net.au
Graduations

University Medallist
Anita Smith (07-8)

Maryke Van Diermen
(07-9)

Dr Chaitanya Bodapati
(05-6)

Dr Alvin Asan (05-6)

Dr Seb Sekulic 06-7)

Dr Paroma Sarkar (05-6)

Fariz Zahedi (04-8), Sam Turtle (06-7) and
Megan Sargeant (08-9)

Dr Vyla Ellis (06-10) and her proud Mum

Troy Roulstone (08-10) and
Dr Rob McCusker (05-7)

Dr Jarrod Dean (06-9)
Graduations

Kirby Mackrill (07-9) and Aaron Bulner (07-10)

Melanie Roll (07-10), Alex Flood (07-9) and Nora De Bono (07-10)

Josh Kousik (07-10) with his proud parents and DB

Student News 2011

The first semester of the year has been frantic as usual – right from the very first Sunday when our 80 first-years arrived for the beginning of their College experience. O-Week consisted of the traditional amazing events, with Tutors’ Show, Port and Choc (probably the most incredible, sticky mess anyone has ever encountered), Buddy Night at The Lord, Dodgeball, the Amazing Race, first Pub night and Beach Picnic all going off without a hitch. Basically.

Fresh from the daze that was O’Week, we managed to achieve something we haven’t done since 2007 – victory in the Tennis!! 2011 has certainly been a very successful year so far, with other number-one finishes in table tennis and boys’ cricket, along with competitive performances in swimming, netball and footy. We’re eagerly anticipating next semester to hopefully regain our position on top of THE Douglas-Irving Cup.

Other successes around the College include the recipients of the Collegians bursaries and other prizewinners – good work everyone!

A real thrill was our band, The Boonsacks, winning Battle of the Bands for the first time.

In keeping with our theme of success, the Tutors’ gift to the College has also been delivered: thanks to the support of the Collegians and the University of Adelaide Hockey Club we now have astroturf on the sundeck.

The Adelaide University Medical Orchestra incorporated 6 St Ann’s students: Kathryn Grocke, Xiang Lu, Lachlan Mackinnon, Tessa Moody, Donald Shivakkumar, Chloe (Veness-Collins 06-7) Story.

All in all, a good start to 2011 – and a promising view for the remainder of the year.

Daniel Willson
This June is a very special time for the Collegians as we turn 60. So here is some information about the committee you may not have known. I know I didn’t until I went searching. So sit back and enjoy furthering your College education.

The Collegians were founded in June 1951 at the suggestion of Judith Aitken. The group was originally known as the Old Collegians until 1955 when it was recognised as part of the College and was renamed the St Ann’s Collegians’ Association. The Association was incorporated on 25 July 1978 and is a non-profit organisation.

The committee consists of past students elected each year at the Annual General Meeting. Since 2008 the students of the College elect a student representative to join the committee. The College Principal is part of the committee as an ex-officio member and all members on the Collegians Committee are volunteers.

As a committee the Collegians have three main aims, firstly to establish and provide such scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries and prizes as may be thought fit.

Secondly, to promote unity and good fellowship among all Collegians, and between Collegians and the members of the College.

The Collegians achieve these aims through newsletters, mentoring dinners, scholarships and prizes, donations to College and 20-year reunion dinners, and more.

So I hope this has provided you with some insight as to what we do and why it is so important that we continue to run effectively for the next 60 years.

Chloë Wanklyn

Baboons Abroad
Travelling overseas and saying it loud and proud!

The first mentoring dinner for 2011 was held on 26 May with a theme of M.A.S.H aimed at a medical student’s life in and out of College and once graduated.

The evening consisted of five fantastic speakers, all contributing various thoughts about their time in College, studying, and where they have come to now.

Marion Crompton (00-1) works in Clare full time as well as emergency and obstetrics on call. Marion delved into the highs and lows of working in a country town and also the path she followed to complete training in obstetrics following a placement in Cape Town.

Ravi Nathan (02-7) is working in Intensive Care at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital since completing his internship there. He mentored students on staying grounded while studying and working and how important College was for him, finishing with “Enjoy this (College), I really miss it”.

Vineet Kwatra (02-6) is currently completing his 3rd year of General Physician training at Flinders Medical Centre and described some of the obstacles he came across in balancing work, life and marriage, reporting that his internship was his biggest learning curve thus far in terms of medicine.

Rob McCusker (05-7), now an intern at the Royal Adelaide, spoke of College as “absolutely fantastic years”. Rob spoke about the warmth and feeling of having a family he had at College.

Kathryn Grocke (10-), a second-year medical student, spoke of her recent travels to the APY lands 70km west of Marla. She reported the vast differences between the communities she visited and the city especially in the levels of health care provided.

Overall it was a fantastic night with many great stories told.

Nora De Bono

M*A*S*H

Bethany Crouch (07-10) in Bath