

# ST PAUL'S COLLEGE

year in review

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# EVENTS

- O-Week  
The College welcomed in 52 new freshman over a six day program. The perennially successful Commencement Dinner was complemented by two new events – the Welcome Afternoon and the Concluding Luncheon in the Quadrangle with Women’s College. The College hosted an Intercol beach party in the Quadrangle and the Salisbury Beer Garden was converted into a snow-filled winter wonderland for the White Party.
- Informal  
The Students’ Club’s fundraising dance party was headlined by **Sneaky Sound System**, with support from **Mark Dynamix** and **Craig Obey**. Due to an innovative use of space, total attendance at the Informal was over 2,000. The evening generated a profit of around \$23,000. Congratulations to event managers, **Oliver Jones** and **Lomond Davis**.
- Jazz Dinner Dance  
This year’s JDD, *Blue*, was another fine display of style and joie de vivre. The dinner and wine were of a fine standard, as were the cocktails throughout the evening. The gelato cart, barista and dancing competition were new touches, with fresher **Andrew McCarthy** and his partner proving to be athletic champions of the floor.
- Formal  
The Formal’s *Neon Mirage* Las Vegas theme, complete with casino, dodgem cars and Elvis Wedding Chapel was impeccably organised by **Jock Gavel**. The creation of the Vegas boulevarde in the bottom half of the Quadrangle was particularly successful.
- Victoriana!  
Victoriana! enjoyed a smooth transition to the guidance of **Matthew Manchester** and **Julian Brun**. The Students’ Night had even more residents in attendance than last year, forming a boisterous audience for current Paulines in the cast, including **Marcus Agnew**, **Justin Hancock** and **Nick Hudson** on the Flying Trapeze.
- Charity Dinner  
A Mission Uganda charity dinner was held in Hall on Friday 30 September, with Paulines **James Edelman** and **Joe Dusseldorp** playing a leading role in the organisation. Senior Sodexho staff generously donated their time, all helping to contribute to the \$60,000 raised.
- AHAUCHI Conference  
The national AHAUCHI Conference was held on campus from 25 September to 29 September. The agenda was stimulating and informative, and included a paper from the **Warden** on Peter Bennie. The College hosted the Opening Dinner, and thanks to the Sodexho-sponsored top-flight menu, entertainment from the Pauline trumpeters and the usual sense of Paul’s relaxed elegance, the evening received the highest possible review rating from delegates.
- Parent Dinners  
The Hall was filled to capacity for both the Mother & Sons and Father & Sons Dinners. Speeches at the evenings made by **Tom**, **Susan** and **Tim Low** were all warmly received. The Salisbury enjoyed bumper trade after each night as the festivities continued late into the evening.
- Faculty Dinners  
There were a number of faculty dinners including the Law, Agricultural, Medical Science and Arts faculty dinners held during second semester. Many thanks to convenors of these dinners for organising guest speakers for the evenings.
- End of year events  
The Formal, the Valedictory Dinner, the Cricket Victory Dinner and the Rawson Cup Dinner were all held within a week of each other. Despite the different styles of event, there was a uniformly pleasing atmosphere, with men celebrating in Hall in an amazingly pleasant fashion. The Rawson Cup Dinner was solemn and sacred in tone as well as exuberant. It achieved almost a state of mystical transcendence! A fine innovation was the introduction of performances by the Chapel Choir and valedicting Pauline, **Richard Bell**, during the Valedictory Dinner.

# STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Students' Club Committee All three members of the Students' Club executive, **Tim Low**, **Richard Higgins** and **Tim Dalton** displayed strong and unique styles of leadership in their own fields. Intercol delegates **Ralph Goninan** and **John Blanch** deftly handled difficult issues of eligibility, while **David Charge** and **Nick Hudson** provided strong guidance and support as House Committee members.

The elections for the 2006 Students' Club Committee took place during the Annual General Meeting of the Students' Club in October. The 2006 Senior Student will be **Ralph Goninan**. He will be ably assisted by Honorary Secretary **John Blanch**, Honorary Treasurer **Jock Gavel**, Intercol Delegates **Tom Walker** and **Nick Burke** and House Committee members **James Lee-Warner** and **Rob Blanch**.

## University Life

St Paul's men have taken various leadership roles across campus:

*President of the Union:* **Amit Singh**

*SRC Indigenous Affairs Officer:* **Jack Manning Bancroft**

*Union Recorder Editor:* **Stuart Thomson**

*SRC Council:* **Nik Kirby**, **Eric Knight** plus others

*Union Committees:* **Ben McAlpine**, **Tim Hopkins**

*Honi Soit Editors 2006:* **Nik Kirby** and **Stuart Thomson**

*Honi Soit Editors 2005:* **Jordan Walsh** and **Chris Croke**

*Law Society 2006 President:* **Oliver Jones**

Many other men have taken leading roles in faculty societies and university sporting teams.

## Leadership awards

**Amit Singh** was awarded the College's John Lehane Memorial Award. Amit has completed five years as a member of College and his range of contributions within College and on campus is noteworthy. They conclude at present with his election as President of the University of Sydney Union for 2005-2006. In this larger 'ambassadorial' setting in particular he has made 'an exemplary contribution to the life and standing of the College' and brought great credit to St Paul's.

**Jack Manning Bancroft** was awarded the University Union's 2005 Leadership and Excellence Award (aeq). He was cited for his work in promoting charitable events in Manning, for a mentor program in secondary schools that promotes awareness and raises aspirations for tertiary study, for the on-campus Club Koori, his role in organising the national Indigenous University Games 2004, residential scholarships and other areas of activist achievement.

## Salisbury Syndicate

The Salisbury enjoyed another successful year of trading, with Sunday Night Steaks and Tuesday Trivia proving to be regular highlights of the week. The syndicate members **Tim Schwilk**, **Martin White** and **Matt Thompson**, deserve special praise for their tireless work in running the bar at a professional standard, under the guidance of Licensee, **David Drury**.

## Annual convenorships

As well as sporting and event convenorships, the Students' Club also depends on individuals undertaking year long convenorships to support and enhance the life of the College. The convenors of the College Shop, which opens nightly to provide food and drinks for College men, stand out in this category, and our thanks go to **Rob Blanch**, **Darryl Irish**, **Winston Stearn** and **James Lee-Warner**. Similarly, thanks to the Providore, **James Robertson**, College tip convenors **James Holliday-Smith** and **James Terry**, and College photographer **James Terry**.

# MATTERS ACADEMIC

## Hon. Academic Fellows

This new program was launched as an adjunct of the Senior Common Room. Up to 25 Honorary Academic Fellows, drawn from the ranks of academics and public intellectuals, will eventually be appointed to enhance the academic life of the College, with 11 individuals initially taking up the Fellowships. The aim is to reach outside the immediate Pauline community to build bridges with the outside world and enrich the College experience within. This significant new program was launched very successfully at Dinner on Monday 10 October, in conjunction with the Arts Faculty Dinner.

## Academic Visitors

**Professor David Jasper** of Glasgow presented five papers in different settings during his stay 15-19 August. **Professor John Leslie** of Kansas, former Fulbright Scholar and in residence, re-visited for a day.

## Academic Dinner

**Edmund Capon**, Director of the Art Gallery of NSW, gave a lively address to a full Hall, with many senior academics from the University attending. The Academic Table had 62 men on it. This included 26 men who had received Honours in 2004, 8 men who had received High Distinction averages and 28 men who had received Distinction averages during the preceding year.

## Wednesday Forums

Speakers included **Dr James Renwick** on Guantanamo Bay, **Dr Alastair Blanshard** on Hercules Then and Now, **Professor Stephen Gaukroger** on science, religion and modernism, **Dr David Mills** on solar energy, **Professor David Jasper** on a Velazquez painting, and current Honours students, **Richard Higgins** and **Aaron Rathmell**, on their thesis areas. The year concluded with the annual poetry forum, this year based around the theme of 'the sea'.

## Common Room Debates

Common room Debates are becoming a valued part of the routine of College life, with between 40 and 60 men attending on average. Three debates were organised this year, the highlight being a debate on VSU, with the President of the Union, the President of the SRC, the Vice-President (Policy) of the Young Liberals and five Union Board directors contributing as guests.

## Senior Men

As an indication of the strength of the upper end of the College, in First Semester the College had 29 men in 4th year and, as well as the exam-taking students, there were 3 PhD students (1 in Robotics, 1 in Civil Engineering, 1 in Physiology), 2 qualified medicos undertaking post-graduate studies, 4 Graduate Medical students and 1 Graduate Dental student. Two overseas students are doing graduate Commerce degrees; 9 students are in the final stages of their Law degrees; 4 others are doing graduate degrees (one of them as a preliminary stage of PhD in Aeronautical Engineering).

## Honours students

Thirteen College men were undertaking Honours this year:

**Tim Low** (Senior Student): Resource Economics;

**Richard Higgins** (Hon. Secretary): Australian History;

**Nick Barnett**: Engineering (Aeronautical);

**Lindsay Donnelly**: Engineering (Mechatronics);

**Michael King**: Engineering (Biomedical);

**Tim Kirk**: History (Economic Nationalism and the Loans Affair);

**Josh Przybylko**: Engineering (Aeronautical);

**Aaron Rathmell**: Industrial Relations (Peak Union Power);

**Ben Stretch**: Finance;

**Tim Trezise**: English (Rhetoric in the Courtroom);

**Martin White**: Economics;

**Andrew Wilson**: Engineering (Biomedical);

**Robert Head**: Fine Art History.

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# THE CHAPEL

## The Chapel Year

The Chapel year ranged from larger, well-attended events, to single-person events when the Chapel is used by one for prayer or reflection. ANZAC Day again captured the psyche of the College with 125 attending and the Carol Service will do the same in November. Other key Services were the Academic and the Valedictory Evensongs

## Weekly Service

The more normative weekly College Service on Tuesdays at 7:45pm continued in its Choral Eucharist mode with the Chapel Choir and Director of Music 'doing all things well' and excellently. Attendances, including the Choir, were mostly between 20 and 30, with one exception. Following the death of His Holiness John Paul II, and the co-inciding deaths of 9 Service personnel in a helicopter crash in Indonesia, 46 attended Chapel on 5 April.

## Chapel Supper

Supper after Chapel in the JCR continued as a valuable conversational and social focus, and perhaps a highlight here was to have **the Dean of Westminster Abbey, Dr Wesley Carr and Mrs Natalie Carr** as guests of College to Dinner and Chapel. Their conversation in the JCR for an hour after the Service was a pleasant part of our routine. The Warden had visited Westminster Abbey earlier in the year.

## Guest Preachers

In Second Semester, the Warden invited a wider range of guest preachers to address the men. **Professor David Jasper** of Glasgow University addressed a congregation of 60 and the **Rev'd Ian Powell** of St Barnabas' Broadway drew 65 to the Chapel – many from around the Colleges and wider campus. Other guest preachers included **The Rev'd Dr John Hirt** (Uniting Church Campus Chaplain), **Mr Byron Smith** (Philosophy Tutor), **Associate Professor Michael Horsburgh**, **The Rev'd Arthur Copeman** (Pauline, the father of a freshman, and Rector of Kincumber Parish), **The Rev'd John Cornish** (Rector of St Alban's Epping), **The Rev'd Dr Scott Cowdell** (Clerical Fellow and Rector of St Paul's Manuka ACT), **The Rev'd Stephen Edwards**, Chaplain of TKS), and **The RT Rev'd Richard Hurford**, Bishop of Bathurst. College men enjoyed connecting with their former School Chaplains.

## Chapel Wardens

Many thanks to Andrew Wilson and Stuart Thomson for their increasing levels of assistance as Chapel Wardens.

## Chapel Choir

The Director of Music, **David Drury**, and Organ Scholar, **Sarah Kim**, led another fine year in the musical life of the Chapel. Paulines **Gerald Teng, Jonathon Ryan, Jamie Bell, John Blanch** and **Angus Lee** were joined by members of the Women's College to form a beautifully-matched ensemble.



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# MATTERS CULTURAL

## Drama

Mummers blossomed once again this year, with two strong productions – *Breaker Morant* and *The History Boys*. *The History Boys*, directed by **Oliver Thorn-Seshold**, was performed with **Anthony Phillips** as a nerdy neurotic, **Stuart Thomson** as an eccentric and sexually confused poetry fan, **Tom Nicholls** as a loud and blustery slave to academic snobbery, **Chris Croke** as a Pakistani Muslim, **Byron Slessar** as the Machiavellian Dakin and **Will Wright** as his friend Scripps. They pulled off a great 3-day run.

In September, *Breaker Morant* by Kenneth Ross was performed under the direction of **Stuart Thomson**. **Mark Tanner** was an instant choice for the Breaker, **Ed Orum**, **Tom Nicholls**, and **Rich James** returned from *The History Boys*, and newcomers **John Blanch** and **Luke Dean** stepped up to fill the lead roles of the four Australians and the Prosecuting Officer, respectively. **John Booth** put in a cameo as the troubled Lord Kitchener; **Richard Bell** and **Chris Grey** outdid themselves by each playing multiple roles.

Men also took a leading role in The Women's College production of *An Ideal Husband* and in their annual *Cabaret* performance -as has been the tradition in the last several years.

## Revues

The Fresher Revue, *Wednesday Night Fever*, was an energetic outing under the direction of **Richard Bell**. As has been the tradition in the last couple of years, St Paul's men also played a central role in the Law Revue, including **Rico Jedrzejczyk** as director, **Julian Brun** as Musical Director and six men taking leading roles in the cast.

## Oration & Debating

**Stuart Thomson** won the Intercollegiate Oration on 1 September. **Chris Croke**, **Nik Kirby** (convenor) and **Tim Mooney** won the Intercol Debating Final on Sunday 11 September. Two of the three members of the Sydney University debating team which won the Intervarsity Debating Championships in Brisbane in July were Paulines **Paddy Meagher** and **Brad Lancken**.

## Music

The Chapel Choir had a fine year, even without a student tenor, culminating in the Concert on October 13, featuring performances from both soloists and the Choir. A student concert was also held in first semester and several students performed in the Inter-College Performing Arts Challenge.

## Cultural Festival

The Cultural Festival was well run, incorporating the performance of *The History Boys* and the Jazz Dinner Dance as its two major highlights. The Art Exhibition was also well run and was promising for the future. The College acquired the winning etching of athletes by super-fresher **Eric Fransella** for display in the New Common Room.

## Discussion Groups

Eric Knight established a weekly philosophy discussion group for students. Each week students read and discussed an extract from a major philosophical text. *Free Spirits* continued to provide a weekly forum for spiritual development for interested College men. The College's philosophy tutor, **Byron Smith**, took over the leadership of this group for 2005.

## The New Common Room

Driven by the students, and in particular, the Students' Club Hon. Secretary, **Richard Higgins**, the Billiards Room completed its transformation into a new recreational area. Polished floorboards, wooden blinds, student art, a new paint scheme and leather couches all complement the flat-screen television and billiard table which provide the main drawcards for the room.

# SPORTING LIFE

- Rawson Cup** As a result of the endeavours listed below, St Paul's won the Rawson Cup for the second time in three years. **Nick Burke** was strongly praised by the Senior Student for his efforts across various sports and **Sam McKay** was awarded Sportsman of the year for his contributions in three sports. The win is particularly satisfying for the College as it means that the Rawson Cup will celebrate its 2006 centenary year residing in the College which, itself, will be celebrating its sesquicentenary.
- Cricket** The Cricket both started and completed the Rawson Cup this year, due to postponement because of rain and the lack of available pitches. Early games delivered victories against St Andrew's and St John's and the Rawson Cup was decided in a final game against Wesley in October. Fresher **Will Hay** performed strongly throughout, scoring 111 not out and 82 in the first half of the season and sealing the win against Wesley with a remarkable outfield catch.
- Swimming** The swimmers came a commendable third at the Intercol Carnival. **Rob Pearlman, Michael Potter** and **Peter Rugg** led an intense training regime but unfortunately the squad was not able to match St Andrew's who won every race on the night.
- Rowing** The rowers cruised to victory by several lengths in the Intercol Regatta at Penrith. This was the College's sixth win in a row, and proof of the domination of this sport at St Paul's. All of the crew rowed externally with representative crews and many members of the crew have represented Australia already.
- Rugby** The victory in the rugby was a highlight of the year, due to the closeness of the competition. St John's were defeated in a hard-fought game, with the 20-0 score flattering the side slightly. A much improved performance gave the College a 31-17 victory over St Andrew's. In the final against Wesley, a satisfying victory was gained through a fine display of rugby and a final score of 37-5. Special thanks go to **Andrew Fairburn, Sam Wicks** and **Hugh Tancred** who worked tirelessly to convene the sport.
- Soccer** Soccer was the first sport of second semester and our team managed a close second place, losing to Wesley in extra time during the final match. The players were the first to admit that they didn't have the most skilful team of the colleges, but demonstrated the success that could be achieved through playing a team, as seen by the excellent final result.
- Tennis** The College managed to pull off a very creditable second place in the Lawn Tennis, given that the College had lost its two star tennis players, **Clayton Larcombe** and **Jack Manning Bancroft**. Under **Ivan Tarjan's** guidance, the team provided fine entertainment for the large Pauline crowd.
- Basketball** The basketball team managed to win twice as many games this year as St Paul's has won in the last 8 years. **Nick Ingate** and **Tim Stuart-Harris** were extremely dedicated and focused on making this team the fittest and strongest it has been for years. Second place was an excellent result and put us in a great position leading into the athletics.
- Athletics** **Tim Trezise, Nick Hudson** and **James Adams** assembled a strong athletics squad, however Wesley proved too good on the day, and we narrowly beat St Andrew's for second place.
- Varsity Rugby** As per usual there was a strong representation of men in University teams, from Colts upwards. Four members of the champion First Grade University team were Paulines: **Tim Davidson** (captain), **Daniel Halangahu, David Haydon** and **Luke Inman**, who is a current member of College, enrolled in his third year of the Graduate Medical Program
- World champion** College fresher **Evan Walker** won the World Youth Sailing Championships in the Open-Multihull discipline in Korea.