The Honourable EDWARD GOUGH WHITLAM AC QC

Gough Whitlam, Australia’s 21st Prime Minister and a Pauline, died in Sydney on 21 October 2014, aged 98. He was a great man, complicated and controversial, and he made an enormous impact on his country.

A letter from the artist Clifton Pugh, written in June 1972, while he was working on his famous portrait of Whitlam, which won the 1972 Archibald Prize and now hangs in Parliament House Canberra, includes an awkward opinion of the man. “I’m having a hard job to decide just how to paint him,” Pugh said. “to decide what sort of man he really is. ... I have now started my fifth ‘go’ and am still trying to find the man inside.”

It is often the period from about 18 to 23 that determines what a man or woman “really is”, and there can be no doubt that during Whitlam’s long period at Paul’s, 1935-42, the College transformed him, weaving itself into his imagination and his view of the world. He said himself, late in life, “My grounding qualities, church and state, really were laid at this college.” Reading his student letters home, now in the National Library, there can be little question of that.

He had spent the previous three years at Canberra Grammar School, sitting for Leaving Certificate exams during each of those years, until he was old enough to come to University. He had concentrated on Ancient Greek and he finished Dux of the school, fifth in the state in English and third in Latin.

While at College, for four years Whitlam edited The Pauline giving it a new literary lustre, he wrote good verse, sometimes translating from Latin, he debated, he reorganized the Library and he added copious detail to the register of Old Paulines. He rowed in the VIII and in 1941 he was briefly Senior Student. Afterwards, he was secretary of the Union (1946) and a member of Council (1947-53). The College was then central to his life.

He had been guided to Paul’s by the chairman of Council at Canberra Grammar, Ernest Burgmann, Bishop of Goulburn, himself a Pauline, but Whitlam’s father was Presbyterian and it might have been more logical for Gough to have gone to Andrew’s. The decision must have been partly his, because even as a child he was self-directed. He had given up believing at 11 or 12, but he was always interested in Anglicanism, and religion in general. He had insisted on confirmation at St Clement’s, Kingston, and for a while he went to that church as well as his father’s.

At College, he was Arthur Garnsey’s Chapel Warden, and he was later a close friend of Felix Arnott. In 1974 he appointed Arnott to his Royal Commission on Human Relationships.

Whitlam’s biographers hesitate to admit that the “man inside” was a Pauline. But from the 1850s the College had been identified with a brand of liberal Anglicanism which featured social justice, social capital and the conscience of the state. A long line of Paulines had lived and worked in that tradition, most famously the great industrial and women’s rights reformer A.B. Piddington. Every Warden belonged to it more or less, especially Arthur Garnsey, Whitlam’s mentor.

In more ways than one, Whitlam was a Prime Minister whose story belongs to Paul’s.
UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY
HONOUR ROLL 2014

The following members of the College have been listed in the University’s Honour Roll for 2011. Those without dates were still in College last year.

Academic Merit Prize
Luke Bouffler
Jacob Cao (and second in his year in Medicine)
Finnian McHugh-Dillon
Campbell McLauchlan
James Mohun
Edward Voet (and top of his year in Arts)

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
First Class Honours:
Edward Armitage - English
Timothy Blomfield - Economics (left 2013)
Edward Emmett - French (left 2013)
Alistair Kitchen - English
Thomas Marr - Latin (left 2013)
Michael Nolan - History (left 2012)
Samuel Pickover - English (left 2013)

Nicholson Scholarship No IV for Latin: Peter Richardson
Catherine Lumby Prize for Excellence in Media and Communication Studies: Finnian McHugh-Dillon

Faculty of Engineering and IT
First Class Honours:
Thomas Ryan - Computer Studies
Edward Wyburn - Civil Engineering

Second Class Honours:
Jesse Grantham-Smith - Mechatronic (Space) Engineering (left 2012)

Business School
Dean’s List of Excellence: Luke Bouffler

Law School
Second Class Honours: Alvin Leung (left 2012)

Medical School
First Class Honours: Martin Seneviratne - Medicine (left 2013)

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Senior Tutor honoured for his academic achievements

Alan Atkinson won the Victorian Prize for Literature, Australia’s most valuable literary award, in January, for the third volume of *The Europeans in Australia*. On 13 May he received an honorary Doctorate of Letters (D.Litt) from the University of Sydney and gave the Occasional Address in the Great Hall.

The Judges’ citation for the Victorian award was: “Alan Atkinson’s trilogy *The Europeans in Australia* is destined to be a landmark work in Australian historiography, as significant in its way as Manning Clark’s *History of Australia*. It climaxes in this accomplished panorama of the continent’s self-transformation into a nation, full of sharp observation, agile leaps, startling connections, magisterial sweeps and granular detail - a history not so much of events as of Australia’s changing ideas about itself. More than this, it also provides a vivid sense of the historical agency of womanhood as well as manhood, households as well as federal conventions, deep broodings as well as spectacular events. ‘Running through the whole,’ Atkinson observes, ‘there is the slow-moving generational turnover of habit, thought and attachment to the continent.’”

The book was also shortlisted in the NSW Premier’s Literary Awards, and the citation says: “This remarkable book is a history of ideas in Australia. Alan Atkinson creates a strong, engaging narrative by uncovering the stream of ideas nourishing the way Australians have related to the landscape, how they thought about freedom, how they argued about unity, how they conceived of power. One of the most striking qualities is the way he interweaves historical knowledge and literary and philosophical references with a graceful ease. Combining a vastness of ideas and a depth of understanding with a poetic sensibility, Atkinson draws the reader into the multi-textured life of the mind underlying both ordinary daily relationships and endeavors, and the life of a nation.”

Results of the 2015 Council Election

The result of the poll for Lay Fellows is that Mr Andrew Purchas and Mr David Roberts are elected for six year terms.

No poll was necessary for the three Clerical Fellow vacancies. The Reverend Andrew Sempell is re-elected for a six year term. The Reverend Dr Max Wood is elected for a three year term and The Reverend Dr James Collins is elected for a one year term.

The count of votes was made on the evening of 14 May, 2015. The Returning Officer was assisted by our auditor as Chief Scrutineer and three other scrutineers. Also in attendance were three scrutineers appointed by candidates and three of the candidate.

There were 592 votes cast, 321 votes electronically, and 271 by post. As the electoral roll totalled 2301 this represents a participation rate of 25.7% (2014 - no ballot, 2013 - 15.3%, 2012- 20.8%, 2011-15.5%).

Note that the electoral roll comprises Paulines who are known to have resided in College for the required time, who are known to be graduates of the University of Sydney and for whom we have current contact information.

DEREK WATT
Returning Officer
15 May, 2015

The Pauline Union wishes to thank The Rev’d Dr John Beer (since 1980), Mr Malcolm Harrison (since 1989), Mr Stephen Ingate (since 2002) and The Rev’d Dr Brian Douglas (since 2009) for their devoted service to the College while Members of Council.
OLD PAULINE NOTES

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Please advise College of all births, deaths and marriages as soon as you hear of them. We hope to publish obituaries in The Pauline (2015) for the above men who have died and we would appreciate any written contributions, no matter how small; by email to AlumniOfficer@stpauls.edu.au or by mail to Selwyn Owen, St Paul's College, 9 City Road, Camperdown NSW 2050.

AVE ATQUE VALE

Brett Reginald Dawson (1965-68)
Brett died on Sunday morning 12 April 2015 in his home at Fondettes, France. The news of his passing was quite a surprise to many of his friends as they did not know that he had heart problems that continued after his many surgeries. Frank Nicholas, a dear friend of Brett’s, wrote to Alan Atkinson:

Dear Alan,

A rather sad postscript to last night’s most enjoyable dinner. Brett must have been more-or-less a contemporary of yours… In 1967, I met up with him again when we were both in the group of scholarship winners travelling (on the Orsowa) to Europe in 1971 (Geraldine [now Emeritus Professor in Literature] was also in that group): Brett went to the Sorbonne and Jan and I went to Edinburgh. We spent our first Easter together in Paris, and kept in touch for the next few years. We lost touch when he settled permanently in France. Regards, Frank

Brett is survived by his wife Francoise.

Brian Harvey Watson (1960-63)
Brian came to Paul’s after 8 years at Shore and graduated BScAgr in 1964. He was a skilled rifle shooter in the University Rifle Team 1960-63 (Capt 1963), University Blue 1961, Imperial University Blue 1963, Delegate to the University Sports Union 1961-63 and Publicity Officer of the University Agriculture Society 1963.

As an economic and resource management consultant he made his mark in NSW and overseas. Always keen to be involved in many organizations he was a member of the RAS of NSW, Graziers Association of NSW and the Gundagai Show Society Committee.

Just before his death from inoperable pancreatic cancer, he still found time to serve the locals at Killara in their fight against the NSW Government which was planning to sell off the car park at Killara Station. A man of great energy and resolve, he is survived by his wife Susie and his three children.

John “Jack” Grahame (1957)

The man in the hat: Jack Grahame. Photo: Sue Paull

For the past two decades, NSW prisoners coming up for resentencing or parole had the chance to ask for “the old guy in the hat” - Jack Grahame. For 22 years Grahame was with the Prisoners Legal Service of Legal Aid NSW, and his appearances before the Parole Board most weeks embodied his deeply held view that almost everyone was redeemable.

John Maitland Grahame was born in Gosford on November 30, 1933. His father, William Grahame (1863-1945), had been NSW Labor minister for agriculture 1915-20, and was 70 when Jack was born. His mother was Myra (nee Campbell). He went to Gosford High School, where he was a clever if rebellious student, and in 1952 won a scholarship to the University of Sydney.

While studying English and philosophy, Grahame acted with the Genesian Theatre and theatre remained a great love in his life. He also discovered fine tailoring, sports cars and the excitement of investing in business, spending the small capital he inherited at 21 on some of each. He also endured compulsory National Service, developing a passionate dislike of arbitrary authority and a great talent for polishing boots.

He appeared on behalf of prisoners before the subsequent Nagle Royal Commission into NSW Prisons in 1976. A long-time member of the Council for Civil Liberties, he also helped to form the Penal Reform Council and later a revived Labor Lawyers, hoping to improve prisons and the legal system.
The dismissal of the Whitlam government in 1975 was a disillusioning experience for Grahame, and may have contributed to his decision in 1978 to go into business with some ALP friends, marketing a sales tax minimisation scheme. This was successful for a short time and Grahame invested in other business ventures.

Then in 1985, he and the others were arrested in a blaze of publicity and charged with conspiracy to defraud the Commonwealth. He fought the charges, while also running two suburban legal practices single-handedly, until they were sold in anticipation of the trial. All charges were dropped in late 1990, the day before the case was to start.

From 1992, Grahame was a solicitor in the Prisoners Legal Service of NSW Legal Aid, where he worked until his 80th year. He made principled cases for parole for even his most notorious clients, including Russell "Mad Dog" Cox.


Michael William Allen Baxter (1960-64)
Michael died on 17 March 2015 from an auto-immune disease four years after his wife Sheela died of cancer. Michael loved his home town of Gunnedah and the town loved him. He was educated at Shore before taking up a Commonwealth Scholarship which enabled him to attain degrees in Arts and Laws prior to practicing as a solicitor in the town. Michael was the former father-in-law of James Packer.

Laurie Field (2005-08)
In his PhD work he studied the Schramm-Loewner Evolution (SLE), a fascinating family of random curves that turn up in physical systems at the critical temperature of a phase transition. Just as random walks tend to Brownian motion as you zoom out, you can think of SLE curves as limits of cluster boundaries under “conformally invariant” models (which occur at the critical temperature). These limits are universal, i.e., unaffected by the fine details of the model. Laurie proved some theorems about SLE that link its mathematical properties to physical intuition.

In September he will be starting a postdoctoral research fellowship at EPFL in Lausanne Switzerland, a world center of expertise in conformal invariance. His wife, Kate Turner, is also taking up a postdoc at EPFL. Her research is in the field of Applied Algebraic Topology and has many applications to the analysis of noisy data sets.
DRAMA AT PAUL’S

This year the Sydney University Dramatic Society celebrates its 125th anniversary. The mathematics is not transparent because SUDS started informally in 1883 and officially in 1889. But the story of SUDS is partly the story of theatre at Paul’s. Alfred and Edward Stephen, Sir Alfred Stephen’s grandsons, were among the founders of SUDS while at College, and their nephews, Monty and Adrian Consett Stephen, were active in the group just before World War One, as were Gilbert Nathan and Wyatt Rawson. In 1908 Nathan and Monty Stephen also helped to start the Sydney Stage Society, to promote the new realism of Bernard Shaw and Henrik Ibsen.

Adrian Stephen was another innovator. As a student playwright devoted to realism and Wildean irony, he put student life itself on stage. The protocols of College life made it impossible for women to be involved in the activities of a men’s college and vice versa, and there was no talk of a College theatre group until World War Two. But Adrian Stephen set some of his drama in College, and one of his student plays has one female actor. If it was ever staged it must have been on neutral territory, probably with SUDS.

In the 1920s and ‘30s Paul’s men again featured largely in SUDS, and the Warden, Arthur Garnsey, took a particular interest too. In 1925 the group staged H.H. Read, in particular, developed a talent for female parts. With Commem revues, the single-sex problem was confronted head-on. The Anthropology student Mick Read, in particular, developed a talent for female parts. In 1938 his character was lauded in the Herald as “a sinuous, seductive creature, with a deep masculine voice”. In 1940 he played Hernya, “the extraordinary envoy of the Soviet Union to the League of Nations”, and in 1941 he was an “exotic but intensely human Iberian beauty”. In 1946, with Read gone, the Paul’s playwright took the ingenious approach of inventing “a Russian spy of alternating sex”.

Felix Arnott arrived as Warden in 1946. He knew all about the English revival of religious art and drama, exemplified by the annual Canterbury Festival. In Sydney he was to be one of the founder of the Blake Prize for religious art and also an original council member at NIDA. Arnott wanted something more elevated and demanding than the Commem revues. Also, there was then a powerful movement for more intercollegiate activities, driven mainly by Paul’s men who wanted organized collaboration with Women’s. Happily, the Principal of Women’s, Betty Archdale, was very much on side.

By 1948 there were several students in College with real theatrical talent, especially Adrian Henchman and Michael Blakemore. In June, Arnott therefore took the opportunity to found Mummers, as a student group which would perform plays with himself as producer-director, and using talent from both colleges. The Mummers’ first play was Dorothy Sayers’ The Zeal of Thy House, which had been written for the Canterbury Festival in 1935, and the cast included not only two women but also Arnott’s small son, Christopher, as a cherub. It was a difficult play, but Arnott did his work well and the production received enthusiastic praise from the Sydney Morning Herald’s drama critic.

Acclamation continued. In 1954 the Herald offered a more general assessment: “This group’s interest in the rarer gems of dramatic literature, and the valour of its approach to frightening problems of stagecraft, are worthy of the warmest respect.” By now Blakemore had begun a distinguished career in England and he went on to direct at the Old Vic, the Lyric Hammersmith and the West End, plus stints on Broadway. Another great dramatist who served his apprenticeship in Mummers was Terence Clarke (Grumio in The Taming of the Shrew, 1953; Tregorin in Chekhov’s Seagulls, 1954).

Arnott was too busy to continue serious involvement in Mummers throughout the 1950s, but the group flourished. To start with it had been treated with some scepticism. In those days a student group managed by the Warden himself was a novelty for Paul’s. Besides, Mummers, said the editor of The Pauline, tongue in cheek, was a direct assault “on our deeply entrenched prejudices against the Arts”. Within a decade, however, Mummers drew more student energy than any previous cultural group in College. More than a quarter of students were involved somehow in the production of Tralus and Cressida in 1959.

And, of course, Mummers still survives, not quite so all-absorbing but only waiting from year to year for the spark to be re-lit.

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Reshers today are fast learners . . .

Hour 1: A bit apprehensive

Hour 2: Keen to please

end of Semester 1: Promising. Fine young men; we have never seen them misbehave...

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Great Australian Boat Race 2014

Sydney University and Melbourne University first rowed against each other in 1860 and now both men’s and women’s crews meet each other every year, alternating on their water and ours. Last November, Sydney University won the men’s race (Edmund Barton Trophy) and Melbourne University won the women’s. The course went from Woolwich to Cockle Bay, a distance of 4.4km taking some 15 mins hard work past Barangaroo, HMAS Vampire, submarine HMAS Onslow, the Sydney Aquarium, Wildlife Sydney and Madam Tussauds Waxworks.

It is most pleasing to note that there were five Paulines in the successful Sydney University crew. They were: Nick Hudson (2003-05), Fergus Pragnell (2004-06), Cameron Girdlestone (2007-09), "Sasha" Belonogoff (2009-10) and Jacob Bicknell (2014- ).

The 2014 Rawson Campaign was highly successful yet marred by controversy. After issues with sideline commentators, Paul’s received 0. However, we made a strong showing again in rowing and swimming. In rugby we had to settle for third place behind John’s. Second semester was more successful than the first, but started on a sour note with relegation from soccer due to a light scuffle with John’s. However, this was followed by victories in tennis and basketball for a third consecutive year with strong wins in every game played in both sports. Finally, athletics saw a number of victories with Ian Cameron again winning the 100m with ease. These performances were unable to hold out against ‘drew’s who finally won the Rawson Cup with our congratulations.

College placings: 1A, 2P, 3W, 4J.

The 2015 Rawson Cup competition is another tough one in which ‘drew’s and Paul’s are again neck and neck ahead of Wesley and John’s.