Vale Peter Bennie (1915-2002)  
Warden 1963-1985

It is with great sadness that the St Paul's College Union reports the passing of The Reverend Peter Bennie, former Warden of the College, on 10 November 2002. Many Paulines attended a Memorial Service held in the College Chapel on Tuesday, 3 December. Peter’s ashes were interred in the College rose garden in a private ceremony before the service.

A Minute of Appreciation, written by John Booth, was added to the Council Minutes for December 2002. A full copy of the text appears in this issue on pages 2 and 3.

2002 UNION GALA DINNER

On Saturday 28 September 2002, the Union hosted a Gala Dinner in honour of Robert Otto Albert AO, RFD, RD (1953-56), paying tribute to his many years of service to the College as Fellow and Bursar.

A full house witnessed a superlative meal and fine wines followed by *Victoriana!*-style entertainment orchestrated by James Bell (1969-75). Boomalakka congratulates all involved in organising the event for a very special night. Boomalakka notes that, on 18 October 2002, in recognition of his service to the University and the College, Robert Albert was appointed an Honorary Fellow of the University.

HMY Victoriana! rides the high seas of success

The cast and crew of *Victoriana!* once again delivered an outstanding performance in 2002, attracting record crowds of Paulines and their friends, and supporters of several of Sydney's most worthwhile charities.

With the assistance of Martin Pitt (58-61, Fellow) and Mrs Annie Pilcher (Pauline mother), several thousands of dollars were raised for Sydney Cochlear Implant Research, the Boys' Brigade and Stepping Stone House: A Refuge for Streetkids. Such performances do immense good for the charities concerned, generate considerable goodwill and highlight the College's commitment to the wider community.

The show itself was a triumph with MC Christopher North (94-96) and Producer Simon Crossley-Meates (94-97) at the helm of this 'Nautically Flavoured' season. Petty Officers (First Class) Nick Bilinsky, Julian Brun, Matthew Manchester, Robert Emmett, Richard Bell and Matthew Gibbs charmed our audiences throughout our nautical segment, which was conducted under the watchful eye (singular, of course) of Admiral Nelson – aka John Booth (69-74, Fellow).

Fair maiden Jodie McGuren rallied the tars with 'All the Nice Girls Love a Sailor' – and how! Leah Thomas soared to the operatic heights with 'Poor Wandering One' (from *HMS Pinafore*) and then went for a *Tosca* with 'Vissi D'arte'. Master Xylophonist Neil Curry also plied his art to the great joy of all.

Dame Betty Arnold launched a thousand ships with her inimitable charms. Audiences were especially lucky to be treated to Georgia Bassingthwaighte singing an unforgetable 'Ship In a Bottle' as she raced from her permanent Opera Australia position each night.

There are many people who make *Victoriana!* possible each year. Hearty thanks to all! Space limits mentioning everyone (they are mentioned in the programme), but Rob Middleton, Matthew Gibbs, James Bell, Ian McDonald, David Drury and Alex Nicholls and Andrew Sinclair (91-94) deserve special mention for their dedication and assistance.

In 2003, initial indications suggest that Her Majesty wishes to take us on a Royal progress to Vienna and all its deliciously Teutonic musical and other delights … we promise you the lot; from grand opera to lederhosen. 2003 performance dates are: 18, 19, 24, 25, and 26 July.

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Many tardy Paulines were disappointed not to be able to secure tickets last year - they will be desperate this year. Make sure you don't miss out. Book early, book often and above all, be part of *Victoriana!* 2003.

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Alexander Peter Bruce Bennie: A Minute of Appreciation

“Priest and Poet”

Warden of this College 1963-1985

The Reverend Peter Bennie was born in Geelong on 23 February 1915 and he died in Brisbane on 10 November 2002. He became the Warden of St. Paul’s College on 1 November 1963 and served in that position until his retirement on the occasion of his seventieth birthday on 23 February 1985.

The son of a merchant seaman who died at sea while Peter was still young, he was a scholarship student at Scotch College, Melbourne, and at Trinity College, University of Melbourne. While at Trinity, Peter graduated B.A. with First Class Honours in English in 1936. Over the next two years, he also took First Class Honours in his Licentiate of Theology and he graduated M.A. from the University of Melbourne. As noted in Dr Barry Spurr’s Obituary for Peter published in the Sydney Morning Herald, “…the disciplines of English and Theology remained his essential intellectual inspirations.”

His Life as a Priest

For all his life, Peter Bennie found his most personal theological and intellectual association with the Anglo-Catholic tradition of the Anglican Church. This public stance led to his ordination as a priest by the Archbishop of Brisbane in 1939. He was appointed curate of All Saints, Wickham Terrace, in Brisbane, where he served from 1939 to 1942. He served as Vicar of Mary Valley in the Brisbane Diocese from 1942 to 1946. He was appointed Sub-Dean of Carpentaria Cathedral, Thursday Island, Registrar of the Diocese of Carpentaria and Principal of St. Paul’s Theological College, Thursday Island, serving from 1946 to 1953. In 1949, he was additionally appointed Archdeacon and Administrator of the Diocese, to assist the ailing Bishop. From 1953 to 1963, Peter Bennie served as Rector of All Saints at Wickham Terrace and, from 1961 to 1963, he was additionally a Residiary Canon of St. John’s Cathedral, Brisbane.

Prior to his appointment as Warden at St. Paul’s College, Peter Bennie had also received a number of academic appointments in Brisbane. He served as Tutor in Philosophy in St. John’s College (1939-42), Lecturer in Church History for the University of Queensland Board of Studies in Divinity (1961-63), Tutor in Philosophy at St. Francis’ Theological College (1953-63) and also at St. Francis’ College, he was Lecturer in Old Testament (1939-42; 1953-61) and Lecturer in Church History (1961-63). His life as a Priest in Brisbane had led to his meeting Joyce Sweetnam, whom he married in 1942. During his time as a Priest in Queensland, he had also gathered around him, at various stages, a lively circle of artists, musicians and poets, many remaining life-long friends. Two such were the artist Ray Crooke, who painted his portrait hanging in the Dining Hall at St. Paul’s College, and the poet Gwen Harwood.

After his appointment as Warden of this College, there was concern in some quarters that Peter Bennie’s very public Anglo-Catholicism might lead him (and the College) into open conflict with the majority opinion in the Diocese of Sydney. In fact it was greatly to Peter Bennie’s credit that he effectively sought to avoid any such outcome due to the damage it might have done to the College, without in any way sacrificing his own convictions. Indeed, probably contrary to all expectations, he got along very well with the two main leaders of Moore Theological College during his time as Warden, namely the Principal Canon Broughton Knox and, in particular, the Vice Principal Donald Robinson (who subsequently became Archbishop of Sydney).

Warden of St. Paul’s College

Peter Bennie was greatly attracted to and admiring of the academic and intellectual traditions of the “Oxbridge” colleges. He regularly, deliberately and provocatively would praise the rigorous pursuit of intellectual stimulation which he attributed to some (at least) of these colleges of Oxford and Cambridge; he was fond of reminiscing about his stay at All Soul’s College, Oxford, prior to his arrival at St. Paul’s.

The collegiate system at Australian universities was, however, fundamentally different from the Oxbridge model, in that all the Colleges, from St. Paul’s (“the oldest and best” in Peter’s regularly repeated assessment) onwards, play no structural part in the teaching or academic systems of the universities. Peter Bennie, as with his predecessors and successors, therefore had to work to develop a residential environment which was conducive to intellectual and cultural stimulation, not merely to administer a “hall of residence”.

Peter Bennie’s time as Warden of St. Paul’s College coincided with the period of probably the greatest “revolution” within the university systems of this and most other similar countries. His time as Warden came when the fruition of new tertiary educational policies from Federal Governments saw dramatic increases in the number of students enrolling in universities. His arrival at St. Paul’s followed just after the increase in student numbers at the College from somewhat less that 100 to more than 150. During his time as Warden, the number of residents at the College would rise to nearly 180. Effectively, it was an institution twice the size of any that his predecessors had administered.

Perhaps even more significantly, Peter Bennie’s early years as Warden corresponded with the growth of the worldwide movements of student dissent, which in Australia focussed particularly on the issues of conscription and the involvement in the war in Vietnam. Around the world, this growth in public “dissent” led to riots and, on some occasions, to deaths. While the impacts in Australia were not quite so dramatic, it was not unusual to find as many as 5,000 or even 10,000 students of the University of Sydney participating in meetings, marches and demonstrations. Inevitably, many residents of this College were also involved. It is, perhaps, the greatest compliment that one can pay to Peter Bennie’s period as Warden of this College to state that he was one of the very few people charged with administration of tertiary institutions during this time to...
emerge with his reputation enhanced and to have his students possess an even higher regard for him afterwards. This was no accidental achievement. Dr Spurr has explained this very effectively when he wrote:

“In this process, Bennie provided distinctive leadership. He constantly affirmed the essential principles he had outlined in his installation address: that the College ought to celebrate the life of education in its most liberal and classical tradition. Generosity and tolerance, he believed, were its cornerstones” [SMH 15/11/02]

In terms of delivering outcomes to meet these aspirations, Peter Bennie recorded a number of significant achievements. In his Valete to Peter Bennie, written towards the end of the Wardenship and published in The Pauline of 1984, the late John Lehane (former Chairman of Council) noted some of these:

“Early in his term of office the Warden appointed a Dean of Studies (now the Senior Tutor), responsible for arranging and supervising the tutorial programme; an appreciation of the worth of academic endeavour and achievement has been encouraged in a number of ways, including the institution of the annual Academic Dinner and the encouragement of separate faculty dinners; talks, or lectures, by distinguished guests have become an established and regular part of the College programme; the standard of musical performances and the degree of musical appreciation in the College have increased greatly; and, on another front, civilisation has dealt tribalism major blows in the admission of women guests to Hall and, especially, the abolition of the fresher system.”

Reflection on the way the College has continued to develop in the years since Peter Bennie left (and since the above tribute was written) would only serve to confirm how correct John Lehane was in his assessment of the impact of the Bennie achievements. Just one specific – the creation of choral scholarships in order to have a permanent choir in the Chapel setting high musical standards – serves to demonstrate precisely the ongoing benefit which the College has derived from Peter Bennie’s time as Warden.

Peter Bennie was most active in securing the services of top-rank professionals to act in the role of Bursar of the College. He persuaded Sam Trigg to stand for election to the Council in order for him to take on this task. Towards the end Sam Trigg’s lengthy term as Bursar, the Warden was again most assiduous in persuading Robert Albert to stand for Council so that he could, in due course, succeed Trigg (which he did).

Peter Bennie’s incumbency as Warden also saw the establishment of the St. Paul’s College Foundation which has played a major part in the restoration of the fabric of the College in the years since, together with the provision of resources to support much greater programmes of scholarships and other important recurrent matters for the College.

Later years, Peter Bennie frequently commented, during return visits to the College, about the outstanding benefits the College was showing as a result of the work of the Foundation.

He remained, throughout his life, a devoted academic scholar, particularly in relation to the study of English. He was also a keen writer of poetry. During most of time as Warden, Peter Bennie was also the College’s Tutor in English. Over many years, his poems have been published in a range of magazines. The College was pleased to help with the publication of a consolidated collection of his poems in the year before his death.

Joyce Bennie and their four children, two sons and two daughters, were also prominent around the College during their time there. Joyce Bennie, in particular, made many outstanding contributions to the College in her own right, not the least being her presidency of the College Women’s Organisation. Her untimely death in 1981 was a sad loss for the College and, inevitably, a bitter and tragic blow to the Warden and his family. For some time, it had an obvious impact on Peter Bennie’s health and well being.

Peter Bennie was married for a second time, in 1984, to Jan Glover. Jan’s presence had an obviously beneficial effect on the Warden’s health and general outlook over the time leading up to his retirement in 1985. After leaving the College, Peter and Jan lived first at MacMahon’s Point, then on the Central Coast, before finally moving to Brisbane.

Peter Bennie’s two sons sadly predeceased him. He is survived by Jan and by his two daughters, Angela and Christine.

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1992 Freshers host Salisbury Spectacular!

On Saturday 7 September, 2002, the 1992 Freshers held their 10-year reunion at The Salisbury. Approximately 20 men (from what was a very small fresher year) and several partners enjoyed a relaxing BBQ and afternoon of catching up with old mates. Later in the day, the ’92 freshers then hosted a general reunion for leavers from the previous decade. Over 200 Paulines and friends from many different college years dropped in throughout the evening. Thanks must go to Malt Shovel Brewery for their generous sponsorship of the event.

Architecture Alumni Dinner

On 26 August, 2002, the College hosted a Dinner for alumni in the field of architecture. Those in attendance included Jon Crothers (1957-59), Maurice Evans (ASW 1969-73), Timothy Horton (1995-96), Andrew James (1999-01), Bruce James (1965-70) and Denis Magoffin (1957-61). The guest speaker was the Professor of Architecture Tom Heneghan. From the Faculty were Senior Lecturer Trevor Howells and Professor Anna Rubbo, sister of Michael Rubbo (1959-61). Professor Rubbo spent a month in College as an academic visitor during Semester 2. Clive Lucas and Hector Abrahams from Clive Lucas Stapleton & Partners (the College’s heritage architects) also attended.


**Arts News**

- **Australia Day 2003 Honours** – Michael Blakemore (1948) was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for service to the performing arts as a leading international director of stage and screen. (Also see below)

- **Copenhagen** – In the November 2001 edition of Boomalakka, the career of London-based Pauline, Michael Blakemore (1948), was highlighted in advance of his production of Copenhagen at the Sydney Theatre Company. On 5 June, a group of 70 Paulines and friends saw the production, which coincidentally starred John Gaden (1959-61). A great night out was had by all.

- **Major Barbara** – John Gaden (1959-61) and Morgan O’Neill (1992-95) are currently involved with the Sydney Theatre Company production of George Bernard Shaw’s Major Barbara. The production is being staged at NIDA and is open until 16 April.

- **Tropfest** - In the last edition of Boomalakka it was reported that many Paulines were involved with Tropfest, the annual short film festival based in Sydney. At Tropfest 2003 in February, Tim Bullock (1991-92) and his team took out 1st Prize for his film ‘Buried’, a drama about two shady characters trying to bury a body. It was his third year as a finalist. Other Paulines involved in the film were Martin Flower (1992-93), Nick Watt (1990), and Damien de Boos-Smith (1990-90).

**Sporting news**

- **University Blues** – University Blues for 2002 were awarded to Edward Cowan (2001-02) for Cricket, Al Gordon (2001) for Rowing, & Simon Gregory-Roberts (1998-00) for Skiing.

- **Bruce Collins QC** (1968-69) was awarded a gold award by the Sydney University Sports Union for service to the Cricket Club over many years.

- **Cricket Tour** – Sydney University Cricket Club toured the United Kingdom and Holland in July 2002. Edward Cowan (2001-02), Kent Draper (2000-02), Will Knight (1994-97), Tom Quilter (2000-02), Neil Raffan (1999-02) and current resident Peter Sanders gave the 15-man squad, composed of players from all grades, a strong Pauline element.

  The tour was a great success. Over 3 weeks the Tourists learnt from playing cricket in a variety of conditions and cultures. From the aristocratic Dutch version of the game and the ‘dreek’ decks of Scotland, to magical Arundel Castle... against aspiring scholars of Cambridge, the experience of the MCC, and doughy men of Yorkshire. We won six of the eleven fixtures. Highlights were wins over the MCC, Cambridge University and Hertfordshire, the visit of the Warden - on a break from his studies in ‘Glasgie’- to our match in Edinburgh, and an experience of cricket, Sir J.P. Gettes-style.

  The tour had, in fact, lasted 8 months, having resulted from an extensive planning process by the players, which culminated in a generously supported Fundraising Dinner held in our own Dining Hall.

  Written by Neil Raffan (1999-02)

**General Pauline News**

**Engagements:**

- Matthew Gerber (1993-96, 01) to Elizabeth Grady
- Max Horn (1991-94) to Asmira Woodward-Page
- James Robinson (1994-97) to Isobel Kemp
- Paul Sprokkreeff (1989-90) to Heidi Bourne

**Marriages:**

- Scott Aspinall (1990-93) to Christine Huang
- Alex Cowdery (1992-94) to Holly Kitchen
- Justin Gisz (1992-94) to Alexandra Cain
- Charles Graham (1992-95) to Wallis Cook in NY
- Chris North (1994-95) to Alleyne Leo
- Scott Richardson (1994-96) to Ayse Tuna
- Andrew Sinclair (1992-94) to Justine Martin

**Deaths:**

Boomalakka notes the passing of the following Paulines since the last edition. More details will be in future editions of The Pauline.

- **Rev’d Alexander Peter Bruce Bennie, MA, ThL** (Warden 1963-85) — (See article on pages 2 and 3)

- **Eric James Fane de Salis MB BS DPH (1937-42)**

  Eric studied medicine at Sydney University gaining his MBBS in 1942. He served Australia in the AIF from 1944-46 as a medical officer in the field ambulance service in both Papua New Guinea and Borneo and was one of the first doctors to use penicillin in the field near Lae in PNG. Following the war and a period working in tropical medicine in Townsville, Eric was appointed Director of the Health Laboratory in Canberra in 1950. Soon afterwards, he started a Pap Smear service to detect cancer of the cervix, one of the first in Australia.

- **Dr Hugh McLeod Gordon, AM, DVSc (1927-30)**

  Dr Gordon’s groundbreaking studies on parasite epidemiology, and the strategic use of anthelmintics in the 1940s and 50s, led directly to all of the modern region-specific and parasite-specific sheep parasite control plans which are of such importance.

  Dr Gordon’s ideas were quickly recognised internationally, and in the 1960s and 70s he was frequently invited to make major contributions to International Veterinary conferences and present invited specialist lectures in Europe, North and South America and South Africa. The high reputation of Australian veterinary science, and especially parasitology, owes a great deal to the enquiring mind of Hugh Gordon and his great ability to communicate his ideas.

  During his career Hugh Gordon received many professional awards and in 1986 was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for services to Veterinary Science. In 1997, the Australian Sheep Veterinary Society named a scholarship in his honour.

- **Peter Roland Hungerford BVSc (1953-55)**

- **Arthur Macneil (1946-47)**

- **Sir Leslie Galfried Melville, BEc(Hons) (1923)**

  A brilliant student, Sir Leslie received First Class Honours in Economics in 1924, while already employed as the Public Actuary of South Australia.
In 1929 he became the University of Adelaide's first Professor of Economics, a position he held until 1931 when, in the midst of the Great Depression, he was appointed economic adviser to the board of the Commonwealth Bank. During the war he was a member of the influential advisory committee on financial and economic policy, and led the Australian delegation to the Bretton Woods Conference in 1944, the historic meeting that set up the World Bank and the IMF. He chaired the UN committee on employment and economic stability from 1947-50 and was assistant governor of the Commonwealth Bank from 1950-53, where he made an important contribution to the emergence of the Reserve Bank of which he became a board member. From 1953-60 he was Vice-Chancellor of the Australian National University. He received a CBE in 1953, and was knighted in 1957. In 1980, Sir Leslie was presented with the Degree of Doctor of Science in Economics (honoris causa) by Sydney University.

**• Dr Ian Morrison, MB BS (1936-42)**  
Ken was a partner at Shaw McDonald & Co (1955-66) where his long association with Liquor and Licensing laws began. He wrote three books on the subject and also co-wrote ‘A Guidebook to Environmental Planning Practice’. In 1966 Ken joined Abbot Tout, remaining there as a partner for almost 30 years. He gave legal advice to the Deaconess Institute of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney; was a Trustee of Greenwich Hospital (Hope Healthcare); a member of the Mosman Preparatory School Council and represented St Clement's, Mosman, at the Synod of the Anglican Diocese. He also served numerous committees of the Law Society of NSW and was a part-time lecturer in Contracts at the School of Architecture, University of Sydney during the 1970s and '80s.

**• Ted Waddy Pockley, MB BS (1933-34)**  
Commenced Law but did not complete that course, turning instead to journalism. He served some years with the *Bulletin* and after departing journalism, spent some ten years with the Permanent Trustee Company. A champion golfer, his most recent win, in 1999, was the coveted Royal Sydney Cup, fifty-four hole event.

**• Charles Robert Smith (1959)**  
Commenced Law but did not complete that course, turning instead to journalism. He served some years with the *Bulletin* and after departing journalism, spent some ten years with the Permanent Trustee Company. A champion golfer, his most recent win, in 1999, was the coveted Royal Sydney Cup, fifty-four hole event.

**Other Pauline news**

1930s – **Evan Lewis (1939)** has retired from legal practice at the age of 82 after fifty-seven years at the Bar of New South Wales.

1940s – **Peter Valder (1946-50)** has written a book entitled ‘Gardens in China’, drawing from experiences in visiting over 200 Chinese gardens during visits spanning twenty years.

1950s – **Bruce Conolly AM (1953-57)** was recognised during 2002 by the Variety Club for his work in needier countries around the world by being named Humanitarian of the Year. Based at the Sydney Hospital, he is founder and former Director of the hospital’s Hand Unit. Bruce is a Past President of the Australian Hand Surgery Society (1996-98) and has been a Visiting Professor in Hand Surgery to 20 countries. He is Patron of the Third World Health Society. **Russell Stewart (1955-59)** is in his 40th year as a solicitor and 20th as partner at Minter Ellison. Over the past four years he and his wife have renovated Collits Inn (built in 1823), the first inn built on the other side of the Blue Mountains. The renovation was quite a challenge and very satisfying and the work resulted in an Energy Australia NSW National Trust Award. **Dennis Benbow (1957-61)** retired in 2002 after 37 years in petroleum exploration and production, including 21 years at Magellan Petroleum. In 1997 he was awarded the Reg Sprigg Medal by the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) in recognition of outstanding service in promoting the objectives of the Industry through significant contributions to the Australian oil and gas industry.

1960s – **Peter Meyer (1966-69)** is living in Kuala Lumpur and is the Director of Studies for UTS in Malaysia. He has taught at Newington, Riverview and Shore in Australia and overseas in the UK, Nigeria, Brunei and Vanuatu. **Chris Griffiths (1966-67)** is Director of Oral Diagnostic Sciences at Westmead Hospital and recently coordinated a team of forensically trained dentists from Australia, Hong Kong, Japan and Sweden after the Bali bombing to assist in the time-consuming task of identifying victims. He is consultant Forensic Dentist to the New South Wales Police Service, New South Wales Health Department, and the Director General Air Force Health Services. **Colin Willis (1962-66)** currently lives in Malta after a long and successful career with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. He joined the then Department of External Affairs in 1967, and apart from appointments in the Department in Canberra, served in Australian missions in Tokyo (twice), Buenos Aires and the Australian Permanent Mission to the Office of the United Nations in Geneva. From January 1997, he was the Australian High Commissioner to the Republic of Malta, a post he held until his retirement in February 2000.

1970s – **Michael Hawker (1978-82)** has become the Managing Director and CEO of NRMA Insurance Group Limited. **Paul Burnard (1974-75)** has been serving as Assistant Secretary, International Security Division, Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade, Canberra, since 1999. **Michael Mutton (1970-73)** is a geologist working in Queensland. In March 2000 he was recognised by the Australian Society of Exploration Geologists with an ASEG Service Medal for extraordinary and outstanding service to the organisation over many years. **Brett La Hay (1978-79)** is a GP on one of the Orkney Islands to the far north of the UK. The island has a population of about 300 with fascinating natural and archaeological history. Brett has a ten-year-old son. **Sandy Pfeifer (1978-80)** lives near Wimbledon with his wife Jo and their two sons. He is Regional Finance Controller for Reuters Group plc. **Peter Riddell (1970)** is Senior Lecturer and Director of the Centre for Islamic Studies at the London Bible College. After studies at Sydney University, he took a PhD at ANU and taught there...
before being posted to the Institut Pertanian Bogo in Indonesia (1985-88) and doing a post-doctoral fellowship at the Hebrew University Jerusalem (1988-90). He returned to ANU from 1990-95 and has been at the London Bible College ever since. He has published widely on the study of Islam, Christian-Muslim Relations and applied linguistics. Mark Latchford (1978-80), after 5 years in Japan, was reassigned to Paris (Feb 02) to run one of IBM’s Software Divisions, Lotus, for Europe, Middle East and Africa. His third child, Thomas, was born in October 2001. John Emmott (1972-74) is solicitor with Richards Butler specialising in shipping law and now is spends a lot of time in Central Asia, often working on legal matters in Kazakhstan, on aspects of Caspian Sea oil deposits. His interests include being on the Board of a Trust sponsoring young Australian musicians to study in the UK. He lives with his wife Fiona and his two children Annabel, 15, and Christopher, 13, in Nutley in East Sussex. John Trezise (1970-72) is CEO of Addis Australia Pty Ltd. His son Tim is a current resident at St Paul's.

1980s – Stephen Lightfoot (1988-92) is not only finishing his training as an anaesthetist at St George Hospital, but is also studying a Master of Environmental Management at UNSW. Richard Freudenstein (1983-85) joined Allen Allen and Hemsley (now Allens Arthur Robinson) in Sydney after graduation and was later posted to New York. He returned to Sydney for the start of Foxtel Pay TV and is now in London where he is Chief Operating Officer of BSkyB London, the largest pay TV station in the UK. Michael Cripps (1980-83) was a diplomat with the Australian Diplomatic Service from 1987 to 1993. His postings included Taiwan and Hong Kong where he focused on China-related trade and economic issues. In 1994 he moved to Shanghai with his family and established a company which imports and distributes Australian foodstuffs throughout China. He is also a Special Counsel for Allens Arthur Robinson, China corporate/commercial specialising in PRC logistics and distribution. Michael is fully bilingual (spoken and written), being an accredited English-Mandarin interpreter with the Australian National Association of Accredited Translators and Interpreters. Christopher Morgan (1981-85) is managing the family historic home/educational centre, Abercrombie House, in Bathurst. Robert Malcolm (1984-86) is Director of Finance for Television and Radio Broadcasting Pty Ltd. Nick Leeder (1988-91) is currently Chief Operating Officer for Fairfax’s f2 Network.

1990s – Shane Hill (1991-92) has been appointed Master in Charge of the Leonardo da Vinci Program for Gifted and Talented Students at Knox. He was previously Director of Rugby and teacher of Maths at Cranbrook. Curtis Saxton (1995-00) has recently moved to the Max Plank Institute for Radioastronomy in Bonn, Germany. His illustrated book of the various spacecraft in Star Wars: Episode II was released during 2002. Patrick Joyce (1992-94) is in Kuala Lumpur working for Austereo. Hamish Corlett (1999) was recently elected as Vice-President of Sydney University Sport, established in 2001 from the merger of the men’s Sports Union founded 1890 and the Women’s Sports Association founded 1910. Sandy Dawson (1990-93) is still involved with the Red Shield Appeal each year, co-ordinating the Woollahra region during the annual appeal. Chris Tangye (1997-99) has just spent time in Russia studying at a theatre school and is currently travelling the globe. Tony Chin (1995-96) is working for the Research Institute for Asia and the Pacific, at the University of Sydney, undertaking various international projects and managing the Chinese executive training programs. Tony speaks fluent Mandarin, Hakka, Bahasa Malaysia and is conversational in several Chinese dialects. David Reid (1992-94) is now living in Ireland. For a while he worked as an assessor on recruitment for the Police Service in Northern Ireland(!) and is now a consultant at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Belfast. Justin Toh (1997-00) is doing his PhD in Theoretical Chemistry at Cambridge. He is the Men’s Captain of the Cambridge University Judo Club and has started rowing as well. Michael Gumbley (1996-97) is in New York after a stint doing volunteer work in Africa.

00s – Alex Nicholls (1999-02), the recently ‘retired’ Senior Student has commenced graduate medical studies at the University of Queensland and is resident at St John’s College.

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