NSW Rhodes Scholar for 2011
Nathaniel Ware

After two days of interviews, on 28th October it was announced that Nat Ware was to be the NSW Rhodes Scholar for 2011. Nat came into College in 2009 and is now completing his Bachelor of Economics Honours thesis. At Oxford he aims to enroll in an MSc in Economics for Development, followed by a DPhil in micro-insurance, an aspect of microeconomics and a powerful way of giving the poor in developing countries, the means to make their own living.

Nat is the College’s fourth Rhodes Scholar in five years, following Eric Knight (2007), Nik Kirby (2009) and David Llewellyn (2010), a remarkable record for a small institution. Other scholarship holders from Paul’s now at Oxford include Stuart Thompson and Tom Grujic (both Clarendons), Aaron Rathmell (Peter Cameron) and Will Clegg (Commonwealth Scholarship).

Nat has left an impression on College, not only as a Rawson Cup soccer player and a marathon runner, but also a leader in good causes. Earlier this year, he was one of four Paul’s men who together won the Challenge:Future IEDC (Education) Competition in Slovenia and one of eight who raised over $50,000 for White Ribbon. For both, see “News and Events” on the College website.

In 2007, he founded 180 Degrees Consulting, a pro bono student consultancy designed to help non-profit organizations to identify and overcome management challenges. Over the past four years, the firm has grown to an international association with chapters in Australia, Sweden and Mexico. In 2010, there are 32 consulting projects underway involving over 250 student consultants, including a number of Paul’s men. One team has helped to turn around the profitability of op-shops run throughout NSW by “Youth of the Streets”. Another has worked with the Inspire Foundation, raising profitability as well as the foundation’s profile with potential funding sources. A third collaborates with the refugee support organization STARTTS identifying sources of private funding and philanthropic partnerships, and developing ways of ensuring a livelihood for resettled refugees, by linking skills with opportunities.

As the University of Sydney Union’s Environment Convener, Nat has set up an environmental rating scheme for clubs and societies, a public speaking competition on environmental issues, a CleanUp Uni Day, and a poker tournament highlighting the complexities of carbon trading.

His interest in public speaking has drawn him to the Model United Nations, an international scheme for students simulating aspects of the United Nations, especially public speaking, negotiation and conflict resolution. He has helped to organise three MUN conferences in Sydney. In his second undergraduate year (2008) he was the University’s representative at the Goldman Sachs Global Leaders program in New York.

For two years Nat was Executive Director of the Young Leaders Network, a program designed for young leaders of non-profit organizations in and around Sydney. He shifted its priorities so as to encourage men and women in his own age group to found enterprises of their own, focussing on social purposes.
THE VIRTUAL COLLEGE

Visitors to the College's website, www.stpauls.edu.au, will have noticed that it has undergone a facelift with a new theme, updated images (there will be more to come) and a lot more content. The changes to the website are more than just superficial. We now have a living and interactive site, which connects the physical College to the wider Pauline community, and its present to its past. The new arrangement allows for the creation of website accounts and non-public intranets, and the linking of many of the College's databases to the site.

The College Archives are now in a splendid enlarged space and under regular management, with an archivist from The History Company coming in every Wednesday. They are linked to the website and in due course it will be possible for older Paulines to inspect records of their own time, and to send in recollections and other material for viewing within the College community.

Paulines can create an account to update their contact details with the College online and soon they will be able to access other College material such as archival records, past copies of The Pauline, Boomalakka, the Biographical Register and event photo galleries. Website work is ongoing and it is expected that eCommerce facilities will be available next year in order to allow the purchasing of Victorian tickets online.

To create an account to gain access to the Pauline’s Intranet, go to www.stpauls.edu.au/paulines, which can also be found as “Pauline Accounts” under the “Community” heading of the website, and enter your details. You will then be sent an email with the information you need to log on. Once logged on, you will see a new set of web links on the right of the site in place of the “Latest News” column which will grant you access to your contact details and more Intranet sections as they are added by the toiling office staff!

The College is very happy to hear from Paulines about their vision for the College's website so if you have suggestions, please email them to the webmaster, Nicholas Car nick@kurrrawong.net; phone 0438 227 737; in College (2001-03).
ST. PAUL’S COLLEGE UNION TRAVEL & STUDY GRANT REPORT

Last summer, supported by a travel grant from the St. Paul's College Union, I ventured to Lausanne, Switzerland, to take up an internship in the Bioengineering Department of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL). During my stay, I worked on a small project regarding cancer cell migration. It was thought that the cells surrounding tumours could manipulate the extracellular matrix to create ‘channels’ for cancer cells to migrate and spread through the body. I conducted a number of inhibition studies to explore part of this hypothesis, and my work will hopefully contribute to a publication in this field.

I was extremely lucky to find a share apartment with two Swiss students from very different backgrounds to mine: one a librarian, the other studying Indian religions. We struck up great friendships and they welcomed me into their world: I met their friends, we explored the city together and went travelling in the Alps. Meanwhile, I made my own journeys further afield – to Geneva, Lyon, and along the Swiss Riviera. I signed up for various activities at the university – attended seminars given by some of the world's leading scientists, saw a range of musical and theatrical performances thanks to an uncanny winning streak at university prize-draws.

One of the biggest names in biomaterials research, Professor Jeff Hubbell, was in the lab right next door to mine at EPFL, and I had the chance to talk to him about my Honours thesis before leaving. Overall, I was blessed to have had such a useful internship which provided a great foundation to my Honours year in Biochemistry, where I am focusing on biomaterials.

Martin Seneviratne (2008- )

Martin Pitt
M.A. (Cantab), Dip.Ed. (UNE), F.R.G.S., M.A.C.E.

In College (1958-61)
Sub-Warden (1968-69)
Fellow (1987-2007)

It was with great sadness that the Warden received the following letter from the Headmaster of Cranbrook School on 9 October.

I write, sadly, to let you know that Martin Pitt died earlier today.
He was on a long-planned ocean cruise with Robin. Yesterday, whilst in harbour in Panama, he had what we believe was acute kidney failure. He was taken immediately to the intensive care facility at Panama City Hospital. His son Angus spoke to me about the seriousness of the situation last night before boarding a plane to travel to join his dad and mother, but, like all who had heard of Martin's completely unexpected collapse, hoped that something could be done. Regrettably both kidneys failed, we understand, so there was little chance of recovery.

Colleagues who knew Martin will find this news difficult to accept. He was larger than life, quintessentially ‘Mr Cranbrook’, and known exceptionally well by multiple cohorts of OCAs whom he had taught, coached, managed, motivated and inspired. He was someone we all assumed would always be around...indestructible, positive and cheerful, full of energy, emphatically challenging us all to live the School's mission and hugely loyal to his friends.

Not many days ago he was the life and soul of the London OCA Reunion. There was no indication of anything other than the 'full of beans' Martin that so many of us knew so well. It makes the news of his death doubly shocking.

With my deepest sympathy to those who knew and loved Martin.

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Madin.

A service in celebration of Martin’s life will be held at All Saints’ Woollahra on Thursday 18 November at 4pm
Old Pauline Notes

BIRTHS

DEATHS
Ian (“Speedy”) Erratt (1962-65) 22 August 2010 at Wagga Wagga
Nicholas Willem van Gelder (1985-87) 18 July 2010 at Sydney (see p.8)
Martin Pitt (1958-61, Sub-Warden 1968-69) at Panama (see previous page)

Please advise College of all births, deaths and marriages as soon as you hear of them. We hope to publish obituaries in The Pauline (2010) for the above men who have died and we would appreciate any written contributions, no matter how small; by email to selwyn@usyd.edu.au or by mail to Selwyn Owen at College.

Andrew Wilson (2002-06) has moved to London for the next two years to undertake an MBA at London Business School.

Charles Graham (1992-95) has returned to Sydney to join Gresham Partners as a Managing Director in the Corporate Advisory Team.

Matthew Gibbs’ (1999-2002) short story, The Lift, was highly commended in this year’s Commonwealth Short Story Competition.

Pete Ramzan (1990-93) is a partner at Rossdale and Partners, Europe’s largest equine veterinary practice (based in Newmarket) and works in the thoroughbred racing industry. He writes: “anyone with an interest in racehorses is more than welcome to get in touch with me at Smiths Cottage, Front Street Ousden, nr Newmarket Suffolk CB8 8TW U.K.”

Tim Tolley (1965-67) asked for his apologies to be conveyed at this year’s College veterinary faculty dinner at which the centenary of the faculty was celebrated. The guest speakers were Professor Rosanne Taylor and Emeritus Professor Paul Canfield who gave interesting and entertaining addresses in the JCR after dinner. At the time, Tim and his wife Jen, were in Ladakh in NE India in Kashmir, for five weeks, desexing dogs for an organization called Vets beyond Borders which is sponsored by the Bridgee Bardot Foundation.

Tim Hong (1995-97) completed his MB BS at the University in 2001 and is now in the process of completing his paediatric training and is a neonatal Fellow at the Royal Hospital for Women in Randwick.

Michael Sylvester (1984-88), an architecture graduate, moved to the USA in the year 2000 to study for an MBA at the University of Chicago. After graduation he worked at a software startup in Washington DC for two years and has since lived in Los Angeles, working as a consultant in the media industry.

Steven Eliopoulos (1979) recently came across the 23rd e-issue of Boomalaka (November 2004) and was intrigued to see his name in a list of Missing Electors and/or Members of the Pauline Union.

‘Well, I’m happy to let you know that I am still in existence, albeit far away from home in Athens, Greece since 1990 with a brief spell in Madrid, Spain during 1996-2000. Having graduated from the University of Sydney in 1982 with a BE in Aeronautical Engineering, I am now working in the Financial Sector, successively responsible for Electronic Banking and Electronic Payments with a major French Bank in Greece.’

Jack Manning Bancroft (2003-05) is to be congratulated on receipt of another award for his work amongst indigenous students. He recently won a Sydney University Alumni Award for Young Alumni Achievement and is best known for founding AIME (Australian Indigenous mentoring Experience) which continues to prosper throughout the nation.

Michael Hawker (1978-82), who is resident in London, has joined the board of Macquarie Bank as an independent non executive director. He is a former chief executive of Insurance Australia Group and currently working with British insurer Aviva as a director on the board. He will remain based in London while doing the job for Macquarie. The company said that his appointment will add value to its board.

Michael has a deep experience in the financial services sector. He worked for seven years in IAG as chief executive and managing director from 2001 to 2008. Before joining IAG, he had worked in Citibank in Australia and Britain for almost eleven years. He worked there as a deputy managing director for Australia and head of derivatives in Europe.

He currently sits on the board of the Australian Rugby Union, and is also chairman of trustees of the Giant Steps Foundation.

Sydney University won the Shute Shield for rugby for the sixth straight time this year and College was well represented in the team. Captained by Tim Davidson (2002-03) and co-coached by Daniel Halangahu (2003), other Paulines were Mitch Inman (2008-09), Alasdair King (2007-10) and David McDuling (2008-10).

Rawson Cup Sport
We had fine wins this year in rowing, tennis and basketball and we congratulate St Andrew’s on wins in cricket, swimming and athletics. The competition was lively throughout the year, but Andrew’s were ultimately able to wrest the Rawson Cup from us.
Three Rhodes Scholars tested their fortitude this summer and successfully swam the English Channel to raise money for charity. Scott Draper (Australia-at-Large & St Catherine’s 2006), Eric Knight (2002-05) (Australia-at-Large & Magdalen 2007) and Travers McLeod (Western Australia & Balliol 2007) were part of a team of six Oxford students to relay swim across the Channel, non-stop and unaided. An enormous amount of training was necessary to ensure success. Eric, an Arts/Law graduate of Sydney, read for a DPhil in Economic Geography and attended the 2020 Summit in Canberra as an expert in climate change and water. His doctoral research has been on how to use financial markets to spur investment climate change technologies— an important area of research given the recent debates in Parliament. Eric is committed to returning to Sydney in 2011 to continue working in the field of environmental economics in Australia. ‘Water, energy, and agriculture are major economic challenges facing Australia in my lifetime and I’m keen to offer my services where I can’.

Eric was the only New South Welshman in a team of 6 Australians – all Oxford University students – planning to undertake the 34 Km journey to France. But the distance was the least of their problems. ‘The biggest reason for failed attempts is hypothermia,’ Eric said. ‘The water is expected to be between 12-15 degrees and wetsuits are prohibited. All you can wear are trunks, a cap and goose fat. The other problem is speed. We need to swim at least 3 km an hour. If you imagine that Kieren Perkins broke the world record, swimming 1500m in 15 minutes, which is 3km in half an hour, you get a sense of how quickly we had to go’. If they did not complete the swim within 12 hours, the tides would have turned on the swimmers and it would have been called off.

Along with the physical challenge, the young men were swimming to raise money for the neo-natal unit of King Edward Memorial Hospital in Perth WA. Before coming to Oxford, one of the swimmers, Scott Draper (a 2006 Australian Rhodes Scholar), became a father to a 22 weeks premature (the world record is 23 weeks) baby daughter. The young Holly spent her first months in an incubator with doctors monitoring the blood flow in her brain. Since then, Holly has been making a recovery while enjoying her first few years in the ancient city of Oxford. The team also swam for the Fund for Children at the Oxford Radcliffe Hospital which helps to treat over 65,000 children annually.

The team were keen to experience the traditional approach to the crossing, using duck fat for insulation and with a pilot boat to guide them through two of the world’s busiest shipping lanes. They endured 12 hours of low temperatures, as well as strong tidal currents of up to two metres per second which reduced overall swimming speeds to 3 km per hour.

Nevertheless, they succeeded! Our warmest congratulations go to Eric, Scott, and Travers (Univ WA), as well as fellow team members Hsien Chan (Univ WA), Michael Molinari (UnivMelb) and Laith Tapper (Univ WA)!

left: An apprehensive Eric at breakfast and right: Entering the English Channel

Well prepared and full of hope

We just made it to Calais at dusk - 30 July 2010
Dear Warden,

I hope you are able to add this report to the next Boomalakka or College Newsletter.

“The SPC fResher intake of 2000 assembled on Friday 31 July to celebrate their 10 year reunion. Despite some Paulines being posted to far flung locations across the world, 27 men and 9 of their partners enjoyed a wonderful evening, beginning with pre-drinks in the Salisbury. Peter Estcourt, Andrew Jones and Richard Snow made an interstate trip to be a part of the night, Cam Stewart had driven over seven hours from Condobolin, and many others ensured that other commitments were delayed in order to be present.

Memories from O-Week drew tears of laughter and some reflected that although much had changed in our lives, the underlying reasons for our friendships remain the same. Dave Glasson politely noted that of the nine partners who had accompanied their fiancée or husband, five were former Women’s College students. This makes the oft-quoted 1-in-4 statistic substantially higher!

A convivial dinner in the JCR followed, with all keen to share news of life on the farm, fatherhood and the realities of the various professions represented. Tom Nicholls recited the College grace on behalf of the group, and toasts were raised to former Paulines, Bill Hayden and Willis Ashton, sadly no longer with us.

The group re-assembled afterwards in the Salisbury and a common sense of good will was clearly evident. Whilst many regaled friends with the days filled by Jazz Dinner Dances, Rawson Cup glories and epic touch football matches, there was an equal share of discussion about the future. All acknowledged that membership of St. Paul’s College was a privilege that enabled us all to launch into life as more than just men with a University degree. We were Paulines who shared the memories of many wonderful years mixed with the inevitable stresses of University life and sadness for mates, at times. As Adam Cadwallader rang the bell to sound last drinks, we all vowed not to make it another 10 years before catching up again.”

David Whetton (2000-02)
Buildings and Brains, 1907-14

Rarely has St Paul’s College seen a period of renewal like the years just before the First World War. There was enormous energy within the student body – as there is today. Momentum had been building since the 1880s, when the student rooms had begun to fill up for the first time.

A keen body of young alumni had come into being. In 1892 the Union was established, run jointly by present and past men, and a few former students were elected to Council. In 1899, by a reinterpretation of the founding legislation, elections were put in the hands of the graduates as a whole, so that by 1910 eight of the twelve lay Fellows had been students in College and most of these were in their late 30s or early 40s.

The most active newcomer was David Merewether (in College 1892-95). He joined Council, aged 33, and announced straightforwardly that he wanted to see the completion of the buildings. The 1850s Blacket plan was still the agreed blueprint, except that a house for the Warden had now been built away from where Blacket had wanted it. That space, on the eastern side of the Quadrangle, was now to be used for students’ rooms. The College had to be bigger than originally planned. With the Council behind him, Merewether took charge of a campaign to raise the necessary funds.

About the same time, the Warden, Hey Sharp, resigned. His successor, Lewis Bostock Radford, who arrived from England in February 1909, gave added impetus and depth to the movement. It was this drive from within the College that made the difference. Radford drew the governing body closer to the students. For instance, Council began to discuss students’ results, sending its congratulations to Honours men, and in 1912 it agreed that “representatives of the students” should attend occasional meetings, if there were matters they wanted to raise. A spirit of enthusiasm for College life, such as had not been there before, enters into Council minutes.

Radford liked student self-government. He was an educationalist, such as Paul’s had not seen for some time. He thought education and self-government went together – for its time, a cutting-edge idea. In 1909-10 he started The Pauline, under the editorial control of a committee of three. Leo Reynolds was Senior Student and a rugby blue (he afterwards played for Australia). Frederick McKeown, also a rugby blue, was Sub-Warden. But it was Adrian Consett Stephen who grabbed the magazine project with both hands. Dr Radford wanted The Pauline “to play freely round the facts and characters of college life”. It was the students’ chance, he said, “to preach to the Warden and the college divines, and to have your sermon printed”. Radford used it that way, with sparkling results.

Radford talked about The Pauline as “a half-way house between Russian censorship and Athenian license”. This was his prescription for College as a whole. It was also the way he educated. He believed that university colleges could be more effective than universities themselves – “the tutor in college can get deeper down into a student’s mind because they are close acquaintances of every day”. Colleges, he said, gave a “deep intensity” to student life. Certainly there was a deep intensity in his day.

It was this combined vision – Warden, Fellows, students; buildings and brains - that made the place hum. There is no way of knowing what would have become of Radford’s young Paulines who were killed at the Dardanelles and the Western Front – eleven of the 95 who were in College between 1909 and the outbreak of War (together with many earlier men). They included Adrian Stephen, already a promising playwright, and the budding sculptor Brian Simpson. Those who survived included George Hamilton, described by Sir Charles Kingsford Smith as one of Australia’s finest airmen (killed 1939), Max Maxwell, cameraman-adventurer (the College has just bought a copy of his Big Game Photographs, published by the London Times), Ernest Burgmann, one of the greatest of Australian Churchmen, Denis Browne, called “the founder of modern paediatric surgery in England”, and Peter Elkin, pioneer of Australian anthropology.

Even before the war the picture wasn’t perfect. Merewether found money was slow to come in and the eventual outcome was the Radford and Garnsey wings (neither being consistent with the pre-War scheme). This was the first time the alumni body had been asked to do anything except enjoy their old associations with the College. Maybe the idea of contributing large sums didn’t appeal to them. We also don’t know how far Radford’s educating efforts went beyond the few bright men in College (though in time we may find out). But the brilliance of the period can’t be denied.

Alan Atkinson

Alan Atkinson is Senior Tutor. His history of the College, Building Jerusalem, is planned for publication in 2013.
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ST PAUL’S COLLEGE UNION

The AGM for 2010 will be held in the Junior Common Room at

6.30 pm
Thursday 2 December 2010

Notice is hereby given that one item of special business is proposed.

At present Rule 10 of the Union Rules states:

“At the Annual General Meeting the Committee shall present a report of the work of the Union for the previous year, and a balance-sheet and accounts certified by the Honorary Auditor showing the financial position of the Union as at the preceding thirtieth day of June.”

It is proposed by the Committee that the words “thirtieth of June” be replaced by the words “thirty-first day of December”.

The reason for the proposed change is to ensure that the financial statements and accounts of the Union run concurrently with the financial statements and accounts of the College, which are based on the calendar year. This will assist the College Accountant and the Union’s Treasurer to better co-ordinate financial adjustments and transactions between the College and the Union.

Matthew S White
Hon. Secretary

10 November 2010

Nicholas Willem (“Baron”) van Gelder

22 iii 1966 – 18 vii 2010
At College 1985-87

Family and friends, far and wide, mourned the tragic death of Nick van Gelder in July 2010, in Sydney at the age of 44.

Nick was a much-loved Pauline who so wonderfully combined raw intelligence, boundless energy, physical vigour, good humour, and generosity of spirit.

The third and youngest son of Malcolm and Helen, Nick entered St Paul’s College in 1985 from Geelong Grammar and Canberra Grammar. Thereupon, he became universally known as “Baron”, partly due to his surname but perhaps more as a mark of his regal stature and personality, real or otherwise.

At College, Nick rowed in the College Eight and played in the College rugby team, for which he was outside centre in the winning Rawson Cup team of 1987. He was Cellarmaster in 1987 and he represented the University in rugby.

College friends will remember Nick for his ability to take risks, to make us watch on in awe, to make us laugh and to entertain. Life with Nick was never dull. Certainly, he had a breadth of interest that was worthy of respect, and a breadth of opinion that was always open to challenge.

Nick received his Bachelor of Economics in 1988, before embarking on a successful career in property and infrastructure development, during which time he lived largely outside Australia. In London, Seoul and most recently Singapore, Nick formed friendships with people of many cultures and backgrounds. Several business colleagues, not only those at the Macquarie Group where he worked for his last thirteen years, referred to him as their inspirational leader and mentor.

In all his activities, at College and afterwards, Nick was a man of enormous passion, strength and commitment. His ability to combine and excel in professional, sporting, family and social life was natural and exceptional. He helped others to become better people.

Nick is survived by his wife Samantha and their two daughters Alexandra (aged 5) and Anna (aged 2). The Pauline community extends its deepest sympathies, prayers and support to them.

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Members of the Pauline community may wish to make a donation to the St Paul’s College Foundation in memory of Nick van Gelder. Donations totalling at least $2,500 are sought so that Nick may qualify as a “Life Member” of the Foundation.

Donations can be made by cheque (please send to the College, C/- The Warden at 9 City Road, Camperdown NSW 2027 Australia) or by credit card (please call the College Office on +61 2 9550 7444).

All donations over $2 are tax deductible.

It is also intended to mount a plaque in memory of Nick within the College.