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Union Dinner

The 2014 St Paul's College Union Dinner was held in the Dining Hall on Friday 7 March. It was a tremendous success for the Union, as it hosted a full Dining Hall of guests who were treated to Brokenwood Cricket Pitch wines to accompany their "Bradman's Duck" or "Beefy Botham" in this year's cricket-themed event.

The Union Dinner is currently held every two years, and represents an opportunity for Paulines and partners from all generations to return to College and enjoy each other's company over dinner and drinks. All current residents are also members of the Union, and it was very pleasing to have the 2014 Senior Student Brad McIntyre and cricket captain Jack Holloway in attendance this year. There was a wonderful mix of guests on the night, with Paulines of all ages ranging from their 20s to their 80s. We were especially pleased to welcome those partners of Paulines who were visiting the College for the first time.

The Union Dinner is also an occasion to hear from an eminent Pauline, and we were fortunate this year to hear from Australian Test cricketer **Mr Ed Cowan** (2001-2004) as the guest of honour. Ed had flown up especially from Melbourne on the afternoon of the dinner, with an early flight back to Hobart booked for the following morning. Needless to say we were all appreciative of the effort he made to come back to College as the guest speaker with such a busy summer cricketing schedule.

Ed regaled the audience with fond memories of his time at Paul's, including a recollection of a particular cricket match against St John's College in which the words exchanged were somewhat more heated than the bouncers of the opening John's bowlers. We were also privileged to hear a few humorous and poignant anecdotes from Ed's recent time in the Australian cricket team.

The incumbent College cricket captain, Jack Holloway, responded to Ed's speech and echoed the sentiments of all present when thanking Ed

for his thoughtful address and inspiration to current and former Paulines. A raffle of several items followed, and included a reading of the Warden's poem "Ode to Cricket", which had been specially commissioned and framed for the occasion. Tom Rutledge was the lucky winner of this coveted original piece, while Alex Nicholls' wife Kate Achilles won the top prize of a genuine Australian Test "Greg Chappell" hat, signed by Ed. In a very touching gesture, Kate and Alex have kindly donated back to the College this hat to have on display in a prominent place to inspire future Paulines.

As the evening drew to a close, the stories and beverages continued to flow in the Salisbury, and thanks must go to the licensee David Drury and all members of the Salisbury syndicate for their provision of such a wonderful spot to conclude the evening.



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Union Honorary Secretary **Matthew White** and Honorary Assistant Secretary **Simon Crossley-Meates** deserve special thanks for their hard work and enthusiasm in bringing everything together on the night, as do the Table Captains for inviting their contemporaries along to what was a thoroughly enjoyable evening of good humour, nostalgia and time spent with great friends. Just what the Union Dinner is all about. We all look forward to the next one already!

Pete Sanders, Union Dinner Co-Convener

WARDEN THANKS PAULINES FOR WORK ON ST PAUL'S COLLEGE GRADUATE HOUSE

As I write, dozens and dozens of concrete trucks on precise routine have been conducting the first major pour for the 'transformative' Australian Institute of Nano-Science Laboratories (Nano-Lab) along our new Northern boundary. As someone said to me 'I love the smell of a concrete pour in the morning'. The wider University is committed to an 'improvement' plan across five campus zones all intended to create world standard amenities in the University and the Nano-Lab will be outstanding among them. It will enable research to be done here (50m metres from my Office!) that cannot be done anywhere else in Australia – *and on a site that was once the College drainage swamp.*



I look forward to welcoming a cohort of researchers living 'above shop' in our Graduate House, along with research students and others from all the advanced centres of the University. The prospects of this new interface between College and University are profoundly exciting for both entities.

The College's Graduate House will sit softly against the Nano-Lab and it should be finally clear to Council by August that we can move from planning to building.

I believe that the Warden and Fellows are now simply fine tuning 'where to start and what *precisely* to build first'. We want the next wave of concrete trucks to be our own.

Over the last twelve months, Council has continued to receive apt professional advice from the **Citta Property Group** and its Managing Director **Stephen McMillan** ('74, Senior Student '77). Council has also received outstanding service in the implementation of and liaison on its resolutions from **James Bell** ('69). James's roll has involved significant high level representation of the College's interests in diverse settings. As Warden **I wish to thank both Stephen McMillan and James Bell in Boomalakka for their sterling service to Council and its wishes.**

But **many Paulines** have come together and generously donated their expertise in Banking and Financial Services, and in core educational planning and thinking and implementation to ensure that what we do sits 'mainstream' in the University's agenda and mainstream in the best pathways for College and as agreed by Council.

Council's resolve is to include the Graduate House in its suite of offerings while preserving and enhancing the College we all know and love. Overall, the University is acting to increase on and near campus student accommodation to 5000 beds and our visionary plans will enhance our place 'at the table' of this enlarged University, whilst strengthening our own identity as St Paul's College.

I note with gratitude that to date, **cash gifts totalling \$650,000.00** have been received by College to assist in a project that will be 'as large as that portion of the Masterplan with which we can safely commence'. Paulines who wish to help in this project or ask more about it are welcome to speak directly with me at any time or come and see me.

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY HONOUR ROLL 2013

University of Sydney Academic Merit Prize

Oliver Duchesne

Wenray Wang

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

BA(Adv)(Hons) Honours Class II, Division 1

Joseph Ware (in College 2012)

BA(Hons) Honours Class 1 and University Medal

Luke Craven (in College 2010-12)

Alexander Calder

BA Honours Class I

Nicholas Coffman

Jack Robinson (in College 2010-12)

BEC (Honours Class 1)

Peter Chen

Andrew Unsworth

Bachelor of Political, Economic and Social
Sciences Honours Class II, Div 1

Dominic Hopkinson (in College 2010-12)

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND IT

BE (Mechatronic) Honours Class I

Royen Fernando (in College 2010-11)

BE(Aero) (Space) Honours Class I

Andrew Swan

BE (Telecomm) Honours Class II, Div. 2

Yohan Fernando (In College 2007-11)

Dean's List of Excellence in Academic Performance

Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Design
in Architecture

Wenray Wang

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

BSc (Adv) (Hons) Honours Class I

Alexander Meekin

SYDNEY LAW SCHOOL

Bachelor of Laws, Honours Class I

James Bowe (in College 2008-11)

Joseph Payten (in College 2008-10)

Joseph Smith-Davies (in College 2009-10)

Andrew Thomas (in College 2008-10)

Julius Stone Prize in Sociological Jurisprudence

Joseph Payten (in College 2008-10)

UNIV. OF SYD. BUSINESS SCHOOL Bachelor of Commerce (Honours Class I)

Kurtis Larsen

Luke Porter

COLLEGE PRIZES 2013-14

Lehane Medal and Award for three years
exemplary contribution to the College: Greo:

Oliver Duchesne and Alexander Calder

Colin Richardson Award for leadership: **Aonghus
McEwen**

Uther Prize for three years distinguished results
and service to College: **Benjamin Veness**

Council Prize for First Class Honours and the
University Medal: **Alexander Calder**

Judge Humfry Henchman Prize for Final Year
Law: **Huw Whitwell**

Bruce McWilliam Prize for Law other than Final
Year and for service to the College: **Isaac
Morrison**

Portus Prize for exceptional examination results
in History, Economic History or Philosophy:
Harry L'Estrange

Sir Ian McFarlane Prize for exceptional results in
Economics and/or Commerce and for service to
the College: **Peter Chen**

Asimus Medal for public speaking 2014: **Tom
Baker**

Drury Medal for singing 2014: **Gregor Boyle**

Another generous gift to the College

A Pauline who now lives in London, made a
surprise gift of a racing eight to College. The boat
was officially named **BoomalaKka** by Christine
Head, the Warden's wife. The crew were thrilled.



OLD PAULINE NOTES

BIRTHS

Mitchell Hale (2001) and Larissa, a daughter Charley on 3 May 2013

DEATHS

Dr Robert James Macarthur (1941-46) 27 September 2010 aet 87

Edward Venn King (1951-54) 30 October 2013

Dr Robert Collin (1935-42) 15 September 2013 aet 97

Dr Andrew Cameron Dargan (1972-73) 4 January 2014 aet 63

Prof Raymond John Stalker (1950-53) 9 February 2014 aet 83

Please advise College of all births, deaths and marriages as soon as you hear of them. We hope to publish obituaries in The Pauline 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 at College.

PROF RAYMOND JOHN STALKER AO

6 August 1930-9 February 2014, In College 1950-53



As a boy, Ray Stalker talked about building a rocket ship to Mars. As an adult, the search for a way to make space travel more accessible to the public became the primary purpose of his career. He was Australia's first professor of space engineering and a pioneer of the world's fastest jet engines, the scramjet.

Raymond John Stalker was born in Dimboola, Victoria, one of four children to Jack Stalker, and his wife Dorothy (nee Nettlebeck). He won a scholarship to Geelong Grammar, a scholarship to Melbourne University, then a scholarship to the University of Sydney, which was then the only Australian university offering a degree in aeronautical engineering.

He took a BSc in 1951 with the university medal in aeronautical engineering and the de Havilland prize in aeronautics. He then completed his masters of engineering science in 1955 and a PhD in 1957. Also in 1955, he married Judy Taylor.

In 1958 the Stalkers moved to Canada for his work and later returned to Australia for Ray to take up a readership in physics at the ANU in 1962.

He began working on a way of researching flight at very high speeds, or "hypervelocity aerodynamics". During the 1960s he designed the first high-performance shock tubes, used for testing aircraft technology and aerodynamics at supersonic speeds.

Optimistic about the future of space travel, Ray won a bet with a British colleague about how soon there would be a moon landing.

In 1977, Ray became professor of mechanical engineering at Qld Univ. and, in 1988, Australia's first professor of space engineering. During his time at UQ, he developed a series of shock tubes, known as "Stalker tubes", that allowed researchers to test new engine and spacecraft designs, and his skills and facilities were in great demand by international aerospace agencies such as NASA, DERA (British) and DLR (German).

During the 1980s he started pioneering work on developing scramjet (supersonic combustion ramjet) technology - a supersonic air-breathing engine. Scramjets have the potential to revolutionize both space and air travel, offering the possibility of flying from Australia to Europe in four hours, and to create "task" spacecraft that are more economical than the Space Shuttle.

Ray built up a research group, the Centre for Hypersonics, in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the university and led pioneering work on scramjet technology until the late 1990s, when he went into semi-retirement after a stroke.

He earned many accolades and honours during his career, including an AO in 2003.

On being inducted as the only Australian fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics in 2001, Ray said: "I am most interested in space planes. If they come good, it will change the world."

Ray was quick to acknowledge the work of his research group, and the collaborative effort behind his achievements. In retirement, he continued to be involved with his research group realizing his vision of an affordable Australian space program.

His life work laid the foundations for a respected Australian presence in hypersonic aerodynamics.

"I think it will change the future of the human race" he said, on being awarded the ATSE Clunies Ross National Award in 2008. "On Earth we're clearly beginning to run into limits on the amount of energy we can use ... out in space there's all the energy you want, and the small contribution we've made ... is a help along the way."

During the last few months of his life Ray was awarded an honorary fellowship of the Royal Aeronautical Society, the world's highest distinction for aerospace achievement.

Caroline Stalker



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PAULINE POETS

A lot of poetry, good, bad and indifferent, has been written at College over the years. The best poet to have lived here was A.D. Hope, tutor in English and Philosophy in 1931. Some of Hope's earliest verses were published in *The Pauline*, including a rollicking piece urging that the gaunt religious figures then looking down from the walls at meals be replaced with "Sweet actresses from music halls, / Well-nourished beyond question", as an aid to his digestive processes.

From the start there were students who took their poetry seriously, whether or not they were particularly good. In 1861 Ernest Docker won the University Medal for English Verse, for a poem on "The Conquest of Granada", with included a rich account of Muslim architecture, of "ruddy towers" and "marble colonnades" bright "amid the green arcades". The pre-Raphaelite tone bears the mark of the Warden, Henry Hose, to whom Docker was close. Later, as a district court judge Docker published two volumes of verse, and altogether he did his best, as his friend, the poet Henry Kendall, put it, to "initiate a purely Australian literature".

By the late nineteenth century students were feeling the impact of the new "bohemian" verse. During 1890-91, at St Paul's College, the room of the Vice-Warden, John Peden (probably no. 26), was a place of resort for men who liked the enlivening conversation of that "wild spirit" Christopher Brennan. Brennan was to be a poet of long-term influence for Australian verse. Two others, nearly as important in pointing out new directions, were Brennan's friend Dowell O'Reilly, who had already published *Australian Poems* (1884) and *A Pedlar's Pack* (1888) – spending a year at Paul's in the meantime - and John Le Gay Brereton.

Brereton was a non-residential student. But he was a close friend of the future Warden, Arthur Garnsey, and it was in Garnsey's time (1916-44) that poetry really took root in College. *The Pauline* had been founded in 1911-12 and from the start it was a medium of creative writing. Apart from Hope, the leading poet of Garnsey's day was Tom Inglis Moore, who was an undergraduate in College in 1921-24 and in 1932 returned as Hope's successor and then Sub-Warden. While he was Sub-Warden he was also literary reviewer for the *Sydney Morning Herald* and he completed his only novel, which he showed around in manuscript for the comments of the men.

Moore's story, *The Half Way Sun*, was set in the Philippines, where he taught English literature from 1928 to 1931. There he had a name for himself as "the father of Filipino writing in English". "The Filipino", Moore said, "has to learn ... to write English without becoming an Englishman or American". He had to write as a Filipino, from within his own world. Moore applied the same principle to Australian writing, including his own. His poem "On Coolong Hill" appeared first in *The Pauline* (1933):

Beside the creek the spotted gums,
Loud with the locusts' drowsy drums,
Were columns of ivory, tall and straight,
With blue and lavender maculate.

Another of Garnsey's friends was the literary historian, H.M. Green, who had been an undergraduate at Paul's in 1899 and was now University Librarian. Green and Moore were among a small number who led the move to make Australian writing part of the curriculum in universities and schools. Green stocked the library with it and his lectures were part of the BA course at Sydney. As president of the Sydney branch of the Fellowship of Australian Writers, Moore's efforts led to Australian texts being set for examination in the schools.

Moore saw action in New Guinea in World War Two and wrote war poems there. Meanwhile verse continued in *The Pauline*, including that of J.R. Rowland, in College 1942-44. Rowland was to be an acclaimed poet, and also Australian ambassador to Moscow and Paris. In his *Pauline* verse he wrote as Moore had advised -- from within his own world, a student world, as in "The Public Library", "May, 1943" ("Today beneath a pure sky / Groundsmen chart the oval") and "Stewvac Blues". But his "Malaya", echoing T.S. Eliot, was about the War.

Serious verse flourished in Felix Arnott's time, but from 1963, when Arnott left, it suddenly stopped. The new Warden, Peter Bennie, was himself a significant poet. He chastised the men for their unpoetical spirit, and he put lines of his own in the magazine by way of example, but not until 1975, when James Bell was *Pauline* editor, did student poets awake. As proof of seriousness, Tom Hodgson, Bell's successor, got A.D. Hope to send some new lines and Moore allowed the use of some old ones.

The presence of Barry Spurr (later Professor of Poetry and Poetics) as Senior Tutor, 1978-87 must have been a powerful inducement to creative writing. The most successful student poet of those years was David Musgrave, 1984-86, whose *Pauline* verse included "Afternoon Ambience", which won the University's Henry Lawson Poetry Competition. Since student days, Musgrave has been a multiple prize winner, a novelist and a significant literary critic and publisher.

In our literary world of latter years the present Warden looms large, with verse in various outlets, including Les Murray's *Quadrant Book of Poetry 2001-2010*. Student poets – Roland Brennan, Isaac Morrison etc, etc – will have to be a subject for the next College historian.

Alan Atkinson

Alan Atkinson's history of the College is planned for completion within the next twelve months. His larger work, *The Europeans in Australia*, volume three, will appear from NewSouth Publishing later this year.



1983 Reunion

The Freshers of 1983 had not had a reunion since leaving College, so our get-together on October 26th last year was keenly anticipated. I realized early that there are blurred lines when it comes to who officially belongs in a particular year, so it soon became an '82, '83 and '84 gathering with a few others as well. Forty six Old Paulines attended, most of them immediately recognisable, some not so. As we were among the last of the Paulines to have lived in College with Charles Salisbury, it was a pleasure to spend some time in the Salisbury Bar. We couldn't decide if it was good or bad that such a place didn't exist in our day. 30 years on, it was easy to fall back into conversations and the night went too quickly. No Bennie Port was available, no table sliding performed, College food has improved, and all the fire extinguishers stayed in their holders.

Thanks to James Eldershaw, Geoff Carrick and Richard Harrison for their help, and thanks to whoever wants to organize the next one.

John Coles

There will be a **London re-union on 22 May 2014** at The Lansdowne Club, Berkeley Square. Contact Chris North info@chrisnorth.com.au or Jack Dwyer jackwilliamdwyer@hotmail.com

Reunions in 2014

fReshers of 1973 – 1975

to be held at **Victoriana!** on **Friday 18 July** followed by **Syd Uni vs Gordon Rugby on Sat 19 July** with cocktails at the **White Horse Hotel** at 381 Crown St. Surry Hills afterwards. **Sat evening 19 July dinner groups** of sport teams will meet by arrangement and **group accommodation available at Medina Apartments. On Sunday 20 July a Grand Sunday Lunch in Hall** with **afternoon tea** and **croquet** to follow. Full details from the Convener: Steve Ingate on 0416 204 323 singate@geko.net.au

fReshers of 1964

to be held in Hall Friday 12 September
Convener: Selwyn Owen on 0408 735 996
AlumniOfficer@stpauls.edu.au

fReshers of 2004

to be held in Hall on Friday 19 September
Convener: Tim Manning on (02) 9259 5888
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fReshers of 1984

No date yet. Convener Richard Clarke 0412 220 637 clarkers66@gmail.com



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2014**

15 Apr	College and University Dinner
10 May	Fathers' & Sons' Dinner
16 May	Jazz Dinner Dance, DHall 6pm
22 May	Choir Concert, Chapel 8pm
6 June	Intercol AFL
7 June	Study Vacation (until 16 June)
17 June	University Exams (until 28 June)
29 June	Vacation (until 28 July)

July 18, 19, 25, 26 *Victoriana!*

28 July	Semester 2 lectures begin
6 Sept	Mothers' & Sons' Dinner
28 Sept	Mid-semester break (until 6 Oct)
16 Oct	Choir Concert, Chapel 8 pm
28 Oct	Valedictory Evensong & Dinner
1 Nov	Study Vacation (until 10 Nov)
10 Nov	University Exams (until 22 Nov)
22 Nov	End of Semester 2
23 Nov	College Carol Service 7 pm

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Rawson Cup 2014

CRICKET A, J/W

ROWING A, P, W, J

SWIMMING April 30

RUGBY May 12,20,(28), June 4,(5)

SOCCER Aug 4,7,12,14,(18),20,(26)

TENNIS 27,28,29, Sept 1,2,5,8,10

BASKETBALL Sept 18,19, 22,23,24

ATHLETICS Oct 8

These dates might be changed at short notice. It is advisable to check the College website from which results are obtainable

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The Australian Institute for Nanoscience building taking shape over our back fence – Physics School behind.

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