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## University of Sydney Alumni Council Awards

### PAULINES DOMINATE THE CONVOCATION MEDAL AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY

On Friday 28 September St Paul's was handsomely represented at the 2007 Alumni Awards Presentation Ceremony held in the MacLaurin Hall. Mr Michael L'Estrange, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and father of two current Paulines **Richard** and **Toby**, gave the address on 'Sidere Mens Eadem Mutato: A Modern Perspective'.

The major award of the evening was the Convocation Medal which the Alumni Council of the University awards annually 'to an outstanding recent graduate who has contributed exceptionally to the diverse life of the University and achieved excellent academic results'. Of the seven finalists four were Paulines. **Jack Manning Bancroft**, formerly holder of the ANZ Indigenous Scholarship (jointly funded by the ANZ Bank and the St Paul's College Foundation), has made a significant contribution to the fostering of the spirit of reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous students and to the improvement of school retention rates among indigenous high school students through his innovative schools mentoring scheme. **Oliver Jones**, Law Medal winner and SPC Foundation Scholarship holder, provided leadership through membership of the SRC and *Honi Soit* editorial board, and as president of the SU Law Society. He is currently reading for the BCL at Oxford as holder of the inaugural Peter Cameron Sydney Oxford Scholarship and a Commonwealth Scholarship. **Amit Singh**, winner of the 2005 John Lehane Medal, served as President of the University of Sydney Union at a very difficult time when it was making the transition to voluntary student unionism, and was an active member of a number of bodies including the Asia-Pacific Model United Nations Committee. He took out a first class degree in Government.

In presenting the Medal to the 2007 winner, the Chancellor of the University,



Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, emphasized the impressive calibre of all the applicants. It was **Nikolas Kirby**, however, currently Secretary of the SPC Students' Club, who had demonstrated the most significant contribution over

a broad range of activities, in the College, in the University and broader community, as director of the USU Board, executive member of the SU Law Students' Society, and editor of *Honi Soit*. Holder of a SPC Foundation Scholarship, he took out the Medal in Philosophy in 2006 and is currently completing his Law degree. In the words of Senior Tutor, Dr Dugald McLellan, his nominator for the Convocation Medal, 'he is, with equal commitment, a man of ideas and a man of action'.



## RAWSON CUP RESULTS

Having won the Cup in the previous two years the pressure was on to make it three in a row. After an exceptionally strong start with wins in rowing, cricket and swimming – as detailed in the April issue of *Boomalakka* – the College achieved the hat-trick with an impressive margin of 9 points.

### RUGBY

College finished a close, but disappointing, third this year. We lost 38-19 against eventual winners Wesley, 15-14 against Andrew's after an early 10-0 lead, and beat John's 8-5 in the final minutes.

### SOCCER

A young Paul's Soccer team managed to obtain a respectable second place including six goals, all to freshmen, in three games. A solid campaign, including a tense extra time win over Wesley and a penalty shootout win over Drew's, was only tainted by a shock loss to John's. However, all men involved can only look forward to an even stronger, experienced side for next year.

### BASKETBALL

This year's competition was one of the fiercest of the Rawson sports. Paul's was made to work hard for every point but could only manage third place. The team was ably led by **Tom Cooper** and **Byron Slessar**, with notable contributions from **Will Chambers**, **Gavin Stratham**, **Simon Gelling** and **Will Turner**. Freshers in the team, **nick zumbo**, **harry marples**,  **david maxton** and **mario emmanuel**, brought energy and drive so Paul's basketball looks to have a strong future.

### TENNIS

We won all our matches to win after a ten year wait. The victory guaranteed a spirited night of celebration which the dessert spoons shall not forget. It was a great outcome for **Ivan Tarjan** after 5 years in the team. Best: **Henry Mortlock**.

### ATHLETICS

Although it was resoundingly a team victory, a number of athletes deserve individual mentions: **Lachlan Renshaw** (400m, 800m, 4 x 400m); **Michael Potter** (200m, 800m, 4 x 400m); **Hamish King** (400m, 4 x 400m); **Ed Cooper** (1500m) **George Livingston** (1500m); **ed alexander** (5km); **Richard L'Estrange** (5km); **Byron Slessor** (long jump); **Gavin Statham** (high jump); **Henri Scamps** (javelin); **nick zumbo** (discus).

	A	J	P	W
Rowing	0	1	5	3
Swimming	3	0	5	1
Cricket	3	0	5	1
Rugby	3	0	1	5
Soccer	0	2	2	5
Basketball	0	5	2	2
Tennis	3	0	5	1
Athletics	1	0	5	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>21</b>

## WEDNESDAY FORUM

The SCR-based Wednesday Forum programme has provided for a wide range of interests, attracting very solid attendances and active participation from every level of the College including a particularly encouraging number of freshmen.

Mr Eric Knight, 2007 Rhodes Scholar: *So Hot Right Now: Solving Global Climate Change*

Mr Luca Belgiorno-Nettis, Joint Managing Director, Transfield & Chair, Biennale of Sydney: *Beyond Parties: Exploring alternatives to the party system of government*

Professor Peter Manning, Adjunct Professor in Journalism, UTS; Journalist, Media Commentator & author of *Us and Them: A Journalist's Investigation of Media, Muslims and the Middle East* (2007), *Muslims, Sydney Media and Orientalism*

Mr Ross Burns, formerly Australian Ambassador to Lebanon & Syria: *Syria and the Burden of History*

Mr Warwick Holmes, Avionics System Manager, ESA: *The European Space Agency's Rosetta Mission to Comet 67P-CG: An interplanetary space mission attempting the first soft landing of a scientific probe on the surface of a comet 800 million km from Earth*

Professor Alan Atkinson, ARC Professorial Fellow, University of New England; Official historian of St Paul's College: *Possessing the Past or Who Owns St Paul's?*

Professor Amin Saikal, Director of the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies & Professor of Political Science, Australian National University: *Afghanistan and Pakistan: a zone of crisis*

## INTERCOL ORATION

This year's Intercol Oration was held at St John's. There was a good deal of inventiveness in the approaches to the topic of 'Freedom': for a female speaker the wearing of clothes presented the real test of freedom; another concentrated on the experience of freedom in the non-democratic world; for another, freedom was seen in terms of physical and mental limitations. The Paul's speaker, and winner of the Asimus Medal, **Patrick Bateman**, set the concept of freedom against the treatment of children and prisoners. His polished performance made him the clear favourite with the judges.

## INTERCOL DEBATING

The new format of the Intercol Debating Competition has been a great success. As a result there has been a spectacular increase in the audiences, with the JCR being full at all the 'at home' debates. Part of the attraction has been the improvement in the topics of the debates which have included current concerns such as Government Aboriginal Policy and the role of drought relief to farmers. That Paul's was able to field a new team for each debate gives an indication of the depth of the debating talent in the College. The following debated, a number of them with experience at national and international level: **Patrick Bateman**, **harry grace**, **Sam Greenland**, **Steve Hind**, **Alex Horne**, **Tim Mooney**, **Oscar Peppitt**, **David Roberston**, **Fergus Rourke**, **Stuart Thomson**. Paul's emerged triumphant from the final contest against Women's College.

In the wider domain, the Sydney University debating contingent to defend the University's 2007 World's Debating Competition title includes three Paulines among the ten selected: **Chris Croke**, **Steve Hind**, and **Brad Lancken**.

## Old Pauline News

### BIRTHS

**Andrew Breckenridge** and Sharon a second daughter, Laila on 28 January 2007.

### ENGAGEMENTS

**Matthew Ian Manchester** (1999-2003) to Anna Sandstrom 10 September 2007.

### DEATHS

**Dr Richard William Winn** (1940, 1946-48) 12 Aug 2007 at St Ives.

**Peter Morton Moyes AM OBE** (1936-38) 27 July 2007 at Claremont WA aet 90.

**David Alexander Rutherford** (1941-42, 1946-48) recently.

*Please advise College of all births, deaths and marriages as soon as you hear of them. We hope to publish obituaries in The Pauline (2007) 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.*

**John Uther** (1956-62) a Clinical Professor of the Faculty of Medicine (Syd Univ) who has distinguished himself both nationally and internationally in cardiology as a pioneer of cardiac arrhythmia evaluation with electrophysiological studies, was awarded an AO in 1993, and has recently been honoured by the publication of a Festschrift in *Heart Lung and Circulation Vol 16 Issue 3 June 2007* which was edited by **Robert Dennis** (1970-76, 1979) who has recently been appointed Professor of Medicine at the University of Western Sydney and continues as an Interventional Cardiologist at Westmead and Blacktown Hospitals.

**Robert Albert** (1953-56, Fellow 1981-2002) put many Sydney University graduates in a happy frame of mind with his speech "Setting Our Lives to Music" at a Graduate Connections Breakfast at 7:15 am at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music on 14 September.

**John Roger** (1934-39), who represented College at rifle shooting cricket and football for five years as well as representing the University at rifle shooting, was awarded four Blues. He is retired from medical practice at Taree, is 92 years of age and dined in Hall on 22 October to great acclaim.

**Matthew Manchester** (1999-2003) is to be married in December prior to relocating to the UK.

**Wylie Breckenridge** (1986-89) has recently taken up an appointment as Visiting Assistant Professor and Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at Cornell University.

**Julian Brun** (1999-2004, 2006) was seen and heard playing his trumpet in Janacek's Sinfonietta as a guest musician with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Sir Charles Mackerras – at the Sydney Opera House on 13 October.

## THE 2007 UNION DINNER



The Warden and Christine Head with John Anderson

On Friday 5 October 2007 the Union held a very enjoyable dinner with the Hon. John Anderson MP as Guest of Honour. 148 Old Paulines, students and their partners filled the Dining Hall and partook of a delicious meal of ocean trout, lamb and poached pear pudding. John Anderson entertained with his stories of political life and reminiscences from a long and busy political career. He called upon Old Paulines to eschew cynicism about politics and encouraged the younger Paulines to become involved in political life.



Derek Watt (newly appointed Executive Manager), his wife Dr Cathy Brown-Watt, Stuart Thomson (Chapel Warden), Mark Tanner (Students' Club Committee)

The evening continued gaily in the Salisbury Bar for several licensed hours afterwards, during which time some younger Old Paulines were seen and heard to reacquaint themselves with the Blacket architecture while older Paulines and their partners reclined gracefully in the beer garden. The Union Committee hopes to make the dinner a biennial or triennial event.

Matthew S White  
Hon Secretary



The Annual Service of

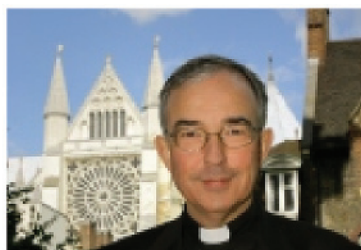
## LESSONS AND CAROLS

Tuesday 20 November 2007

7:30pm

St Paul's College Chapel

followed by a  
*Champagne Supper*  
in the illuminated Quadrangle



### Dean of Westminster visits College

On 20 October, the Warden, Fellows, Clergy and Educationalists met over lunch with the Rev'd Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster Abbey, who stayed in College during the recent tour by the Abbey Choir. The Dean spoke about his vision for Christian Education at the Abbey. He expressed the hope that a Refectory and Education Centre could be built adjacent to the Abbey and in a way that addressed the tens of thousands of people who visit the Abbey annually and are exposed 'in haste and in passing' to its witness of centuries. The concert by the thirty person choir, at the Opera House could be described as both stunning and a history of English life as expressed in its great music across the centuries. The Abbey's plan, to raise 40 million pounds, is indicative of serious and high purpose. The Warden visited the Abbey in 2005 and also hosted the Dean's predecessor, The Very Rev'd Dr Wesley Carr, here in 2005.

THE WARDEN AND THE 'RAISE THE ROOF'  
COMMITTEE  
ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE

## "A NIGHT ON THE TILES"

SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2008

IN THE COLLEGE QUADRANGLE

*A night of dance and merriment like no other,  
to welcome in the new university year*

*Past generations have provided for us  
and now is an opportunity for us  
to reciprocate for future generations*

*"A Night On The Tiles"  
to help replace our slates*

THIS IS A PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

**PLEASE NOTE THE DATE IN YOUR  
DIARIES.**

INVITATIONS WILL BE SENT LATER  
TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

### Students' Club 2008

*Senior Student:* **Andrew McKillop**

*Secretary:* **Justin Hancock**

*Treasurer:* **Fergus Rourke**

*Committee:* **Ashley Fontana** (Intercol)

**Hamish King** (House)

**Stanley Leahy** (House)

**George Livingston** (Intercol)



# RAISING THE ROOF: ONE THIRD DONE, TWO THIRDS TO DO

From the Warden

Dear Paulines and all friends of the College,

Council is about to commit to the next stages in restoring the roofs that have reached their 'Use-By-Date'.

In this third Boomalakka for 2007, I extend thanks to all Paulines and friends of the College for the generous gifts that have taken us past one third of the \$2 million total needed – in pledges and in gifts received.

We need the further and active generosity of Paulines to carry the project into its next and final stages.

It would be a delight to announce the successful conclusion of the appeal.

I ask you to consider the College, this Boomalakka and the Raise the Roof material in it and add your gift to those received.

Ivan Head  
WARDEN  
November 2007

# Raise the Roof

## St. Pauls College Raise the Roof appeal - donation form

ABN 62 627 137 646

### TITLE (PLEASE TICK ONLY ONE BOX)

Mr & Mrs  Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Dr  Prof  Revd  Business  Organisation

Surname  Christian Name/s

Business or Organisation Name (if applicable)

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Postcode

Email

Telephone Work (  ) Private (  ) Mobile

### DONATION OPTIONS (PLEASE TICK ONLY ONE BOX)

**Option 1** I/we wish to pledge a \*half yearly/\*annual gift of  each year for a period of  years (max 5 years)  
\*Strike out not applicable

My/our total contribution will be

**Option 2** I/We wish to make a single gift of

**Option 3** I/We wish to make a monthly contribution of  for a period of  months (max 60 months )  
(credit card donations only)

My/out total contribution will be

Please provide an official tax deductible receipt in the name of   
The College will send a reminder for half yearly and annual gifts.

**Please make all cheques and money orders payable to St Paul's College** (other payment options follow)

### CREDIT CARD DONATIONS

Name on card   Visa  Mastercard

Card Number             Expiry Date   /

Signature  Amount \$

### DIRECT BANK TRANSFER / INTERNET BANKING DONATIONS

Westpac Banking Corporation 351 George Street, SYDNEY

BSB: 032 000 Account Number: 810 827 Account Name: St Paul's College

**Please include your surname and initials in your bank's reference field and return this form to St Paul's College noting that you have used this option.**

### BEQUEST INFORMATION

I would like to make a bequest in my Will to St Paul's College and would like further information.

Signature:  Date:

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