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We congratulate all Australians who represent their country in the Olympic Games, especially those who win a Medal; not any medal, but a Silver Medal for the Men's Quadruple Sculls in the XXXI Olympiad. The crew we so greatly admire, has shown skill and hard work that few oarsman can achieve. **"Sasha" Belonogoff** (2009-10)(1 to r) an oarsman of renown, **James McRae**, a terrific oarsman who we could not have done without, **Cam Girdlestone** (2007-09) (yes, a descendent of The Rev'd Henry Girdlestone who twice stroked Oxford in 1885 and 1886, winning by 2½ lengths in 1885, and was later the Headmaster of St Peter's College Adelaide) and **Karsten Foresterling** (yes, Four Sterling Silver Medals in your Boat). Present and past members of this College are especially proud of Sasha and Cam as would be all the members of the Sydney University Boat Club.

This 50th copy of Boomalakka is a toast to your success and a fitting gesture that you are given your place at the top.

From the Warden:



The Larger College and The Third Quadrangle

At the end of my 22nd year as Warden, I am asking Paulines and all friends of College for support as we build a Third Quadrangle and add a Graduate House for men and women in research or professional degrees.

Please read this personally as a request from me on behalf of this great institution.

My time as Warden will soon reach an end. The greater College will persist and recur and go on to greater things. It will change but in some ways it will be the same.

We turn away too many entrants to University, many who would benefit from undergraduate life as members of College, as a foundation for life ahead. We want to admit many more annually – and so we should. Please help make that possible.

We are also building a Graduate House for older men and women engaged in a professional or Research higher degree and to draw in senior academic visitors to University short term.

The total \$70 million project is imbued with the Pauline and University of Sydney character. It will establish larger, genuine, academically informed communities, and enduring friendships – succeeding at undergraduate level, while the best research and professional outcomes are attained in the Graduate House.

It will renew our identity as ‘of and within the University’ – a world class University heading towards 60,000 students in which our present 200 are a tiny cohort.

I ask for your considered, tangible support as the College commits to these great steps in its 160 year history.

St Paul’s men span the generations. A decade ago, men aged 75 or more came to Hall as the College celebrated its 150th birthday. Men from ‘Artie’s day’ (Garnsey) shared their stories. I recall Gough telling me about the horse-power of the air force planes he navigated, for example.

Whether aged 18 or 80+, College has become an enduring community that can renew and change while remaining the same in key matters. The future College invites our present, considered action.

I have met Paulines from the nineteen-thirties, forties, fifties, sixties, seventies, eighties, nineties and on up to the present. That College is a micro-universe.

We now need a cohort of men and women to support dimensions of the Graduate House and the Third Quadrangle. Whatever your generation, I ask you to be an active supporter, now and across the next five critical years.

It is also important that professional, academic women, friends of College and University, people who hold up half the sky (at least!) take a foundational interest in the Graduate House venture - as they have done formally as the St Paul's College Womens' Organization in the present College since at least 1927; again in the days of the great Arthur Garnsey.

I admire the Australian National University in Canberra, the University of Western Australia, and the University of Melbourne for all their successes in benefaction for collegiate and on-campus life. People have just stepped up and made real a vision for collegiate life. Some have been asked. Some have just materialised and done it.

But, our hopes are for St Paul's and Sydney and our hopes can be well-founded. We can replicate the long term generosity expressed in the St Paul's College Foundation in a new benefaction for this great project.

The Third Quadrangle and Graduate House will come into its glory when founded substantially on benefaction and generosity from within and beyond the Pauline community. That is how the capacity to invite into residence will become truly real.

Practical generosity is critical to our success. As we receive generous gifts, the buildings and the community will come into their own. Fees are important but so are scholarships and bursaries. Both make the place sound, each in its own way.

I am interested in the phrase 'students not

customers' – a slogan that I saw in the window of an historic Oxford quadrangle. Paulines in residence have always been seen as students and residents first.

Across its history, many Paulines have enjoyed phenomenal success in life. This project, pivotal in the 160 year life of College, invites us to give back to College and to re-invest in it as an engine for great social good.

We can move College into its best orbit for at least the next forty years and more.

Please talk to us about this in all its aspects. There are many ways to support.

The Reverend Canon Dr Ivan Head
Warden

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SHAPE TOMORROW

An Expanded Collegiate Environment for Future Generations



Watercolour of the expansion project by eminent architect Phillip Cox AO.

St Paul's College aspires to be internationally recognised as a place of rigorous intellectual, moral and spiritual engagement at the heart of the University of Sydney.

If you'd like to learn more about the expansion project, please contact us:

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OLD PAULINE NOTES

BIRTHS

Pete Sanders (2001-04) and Sarah (née Best, Women's College 2001-2004) a daughter, Claire Ruby Elizabeth on 7 August 2016 and sister to Harvey 12 Nov 2013.

DEATHS

Stuart William Kelly (2016) 25 July 2016 aet 18
Warwick George Newton (1965-68) 20 August 2016 at Bangkok aet 70 (see right)

Julian Maxwell Gregory (1977-80) aet 59

Michael Richard White (in Bali known as **Made Wijaya**) (1971-72) 28 August 2016 at Sydney, late of Sanur, Bali and Lavender Bay, Sydney aet 63(see right)

Kerry Jan Bos (1962-64) 30 October 2016 after a long illness aet 75

Dr Graham Leslie Kaye (1971-76) aet 63

David John Dowsett (1970-72) 29 October 2016 in Bowral Hosp. after suffering a kidney disease. aet 65

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.

Professor Barry Spurr (1970-74; Senior Tutor 1978-87) has had his forty-year career at the University of Sydney celebrated in *The Free Mind: Essays and Poems in honour of Barry Spurr*, to mark his retirement. The Warden is amongst the contributors.

Dr David Paul Sevier (1967-70) of Young, NSW was honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours for service to medicine as a general practitioner. He was awarded an OAM (Medal of the Order of Australia) in the General Division.



Andrew Gee (1987-90) was elected for the seat of Calare as a National. He transferred to Canberra from his State seat of Orange. Brother-in-law of **Dr Andrew Blattman** (Sub-Warden 1996-98, Fellow 2002-2011).

David Ash (1982-83) stood as an independent candidate for the Senate.

John Harvey (1969-71) stood as an independent candidate in the seat of Hunter. He has an interesting

political past which is detailed on his website and worth a read.

Stephen Ruff (1967-68) stood as an independent in the seat of North Sydney.

Chris Henning (1973) is a Pauline journalist who has a number of articles in the Fairfax press from time to time.

Matthew Ryan (2015-) was given a Travel and Study Grant by the College Union to enable him to attend a conference in Izmir, Turkey. However, due to the instability of Turkey, the Conference was cancelled. Instead he was able to present a paper at the International Initiative for the Promotion of Political Economy in Lisbon. He hopes to participate, with other academics, in the publication of their research.

Matthew has been Acting Senior Tutor during the absence of Professor Atkinson in Semester 2.

Michael White (1971-72) Obit

Undoubtedly one of the great characters of SPC in the early 70's, he spent two years in Room 2. His decoration of the room was extraordinary. One of the best tennis players ever to represent Paul's - his doubles combination with John Henning was guaranteed to bring most of the College across to the Manning courts.

They were volatile times and Michael was never far from the protest movements. Flamboyant, a great smile, totally impervious to the ultra conservatives in College who openly mocked his style, he was a great favourite of Peter Bennie (Warden). He joined in College activities when it suited his busy life - his appearance as Jesus Christ during the great Paddy's Day invasion of Sancta in 1971 will be remembered by all who witnessed it. An extraordinary man.

Warwick Newton (1965-68) Obit

The son of a Cootamundra pharmacist, quickly entered the Big World at College where he operated a successful beer outlet in Radford, attained a BA degree, spent a short time on the staff at Shore, found time for marriage in London, started a career as a manager in the footwear industry overseas until hired by Nike Inc as Product Director in Asia.

He retired to Bangkok where life was certainly to his liking. As a member of the British Club he later served on the General Committee there on three occasions. He was a keen supporter of the Trafalgar Dinners, Gourmet Dinners, Posh Nosh lunches, Special Buffets and often present at the monthly Wine-Tasting evenings; a very sociable and generous character. He loved being Santa at the Children's Christmas Party and at Christmas Day Luncheon, touring the tables with his valiant helpers, handing out presents and ho-ho-hoing whilst dressed up in woolly disguise. Many will miss him.

Dr LIN HU

MBBS BMedSci(Hons) DipInnovMan
LCDR RANR



We were very pleased to catch up with Dr Lin Hu at the Medical Faculty Dinner in September. We congratulate him on his promotion as a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy earlier this year. He is finishing up his time as an anaesthetic registrar at Westmead Hospital, and about to start work as a retrieval doctor with CareFlight in 2017. He was also fortunate enough to tour East Timor in 2014 and deploy on the new HMAS Canberra in 2015.

John McMahon (2013-) and **Charles McMahon** (brother) Members of the ABF Bridge Australian National Championships Youth winners - NSW Team. 29 June – 6 July 2016.

OLD PAULINE NOTES

For more than one hundred years, these notes have appeared in “The Pauline” or in “Boomalakka” and appreciated by many Paulines who like to know what their mates have been doing. It’s almost certain that such news likely travels by Facebook and other media, these days. Many snippets that appear here do not find their way to Facebook. Please write to the Editor with any news, often and with flair. Most of us are as good with a pen as we are with wit while we are in company with mates. An avalanche of entries to our pages would be greatly welcomed by our readers.

Death Notices usually find us and we are often able to add some extra information for obits.

If you want to receive copies of *The Pauline*, please ask Selwyn Owen [alumni officer@stpauls.edu.au] to add your name to the mailing list (no charge). The copies for 2014 and 2015 will appear early next year.

Diocese of Sydney

You are invited by Archbishop Glenn Davies (Visitor of our College) to the launch of a new history, in the Chapter House of the Cathedral , on 9 December at 7:30 pm.

Phenomenal Sydney. Anglicans in a time of change 1945-2013 by Dr Marcia Cameron

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The Diocese is to be congratulated on the completion of the new Moore College building at 1 King Street Newtown.

Choir

A busy semester for the Choir of St Paul’s College culminated in its end of semester concert on Thursday 20 October in the Chapel, directed by David Drury.

Highlights of the programme were a pair of seldom-performed verse anthems by Tudor composer Orlando Gibbons, *Blessed are they that fear the Lord* and *Praise the Lord, O my soul*, Handel’s evergreen anthem for the coronation of King George II, *Zadok the Priest*, and Marc-Antoine Charpentier’s dazzling *Messe de Minuit*, a baroque setting for Christmas midnight mass based on old French carols.

Proving their versatility, choir members Matthew Ryan (recorder) and Marlowe Fitzpatrick (organ) joined with various Sydney professionals and advanced music students to form a baroque orchestra to accompany the Handel and Charpentier.

Former members of the Choir Anna Sandstrom (soprano) and Owen Elsley (tenor) returned to augment the performance as soloists, both of whom are now esteemed professional performers. Sandstrom sailed through the upper range of the Gibbons anthems with pure, breathtaking clarity. Current members of the Choir also stepped up capably to an assortment of solo roles, including Chloe Robbins, April Mills and Elise Morton (soprano) and Emma Elsley (alto).

One of the Choir’s priorities is the provision of a vehicle for road-testing and promoting newly-composed works by its members. An octet drawn from the choir gave a warm rendition of Elise Morton’s *Agnus Dei*, composed just last year.

Among the Choir’s other activities this semester was a weekend tour to Canberra to sing a Choral Eucharist at St Paul’s Church, Manuka, under the direction of Matthew Stuckings.

The Choir leads a weekly service of Choral Evensong each Tuesday during semester, and all are welcome to attend.

Matthew Stuckings

EVERYONE MATTERS

(An expanded version of the speech by Professor Alan Atkinson, Senior Tutor, at a farewell dinner in Hall, 26 October 2016)

I'm astonished by the generosity shown in these presents, by Pat Hall's speech and the efforts he's made for this farewell, by Jeremy Richmond's piano recital and by the moving comments by so many men in the book of tributes. It all means a great deal to me and I won't forget it.

My ten years in College this time, seven of them as Senior Tutor, have taught me an enormous amount, more than I would have thought possible for someone in their sixties. I'll try to sum it up with one significant point. I came back in 2007 partly because I'd always thought that I had carried away something very important from my time here as a student, which had fixed itself somewhere in my imagination over the years, but which I couldn't quite grasp.

I know what it is now. I've found out partly by writing the history of the College, but also by ten years of conversation, and especially by my interrogation of freshers year by year in first semester, to see how they're getting on. Charles Michel summed it up nicely in his interview with me this year. The good and unusual thing about Paul's is that everyone matters.



It's an easy thing to say and a nice thing to feel, but it's a hard thing to understand fully and to follow through in practice. In this place it has an obvious Christian and Anglican colour. The Anglican Church was organized for an entire country (England), and theoretically for the good of everybody without discrimination. Deep implications run through the history of Paul's as a place with old Anglican habits of thought.

Everyone matters. Maybe it's an idea easier to implement in a single-sex college than in a mixed one, because the dynamic is simplified in single-sex, and there are less obvious kinds of rivalry. It's certainly an idea that's shaped the lives of many of the greatest Paulines.

The men who created the St Paul's College Foundation in the 1970s applied the idea by choosing very deliberately not to follow the methods of skilled American fundraisers, of publicly ranking benefactors according to how much they gave. And look at our tutorial system, which is run, just as deliberately, on the principle that everyone, however smart, should have the same support.

It's principle needing careful technique and continuous effort. Students who do extremely well are honoured as they deserve, but there's a clear understanding that everyone has a contribution to make as equal members of an academic community. Those who are ahead are responsible for the rest. This is the point of our main idea: "Education of the Young by the Young".

The great Englishman, Frederick Denison Maurice, mentor to the first Warden 160 years ago, set it out. A college, Maurice said, is "a society for fellow-work, a society of which teachers and learners are equally members, a society in which men ... meet not as belonging to a class or a caste, but as having a common life". It sounds good and it is good. But it's hard rule to stick to over time and as the College moves forward and gets bigger it will no doubt get harder. It has to be set against the noxious philosophy of "trickle-down", taught by some economists, which is nice for the few, at least in the short-term, but little good for anyone else.

At Paul's the principle shows best of all during the first weeks of each academic year, with the welcoming of freshers. The old fresher system has been abolished. Or rather it has been turned on its head, our freshers are often astonished (so they tell me so) by the proactive help and attention they get from senior men, especially the student leadership, in the weeks while they find their feet.

It is close the Christian dictum, "Love thy neighbour", to which the response is, "Who is my neighbour?". The answer is easy in College, which make College a testing ground for later life and even in College many men expand on the principle. Year Twelve students who are thinking of coming to Paul's are taken with the way those who live here welcome them even before they have made up their minds. From year to year, that experience has given us some of our best recruits.

The Outreach Syndicate is an ongoing engine for crossing the boundary in large-minded social-justice ways. Beyond the College, everyone matters. Some men stand out, without publicizing themselves - this year, Tom Rapson and Haytham Chernov in particular - but there are always many others.

It is a big challenge taking the Paul's interpretation of "Everyone matters" to the wide world. It doesn't

necessarily fit. If only Australia was run like Paul's, we wouldn't be destroying the lives of refugee men, women and children knocking at our door. The College does teach a kind of neighbourhood beyond its own community, but the principle gets muddled the further out it goes.

The founders in the 1850s talked about Paul's as "a noble College" in prospect. I say, it is a noble College, and largely because of the principle that everyone matters. The wider it can spread the impact of that principle the more noble the College will be.

Alan Atkinson, Senior Tutor 2010-16

From the Senior Student, Jack Leggat

2016 has been another fantastic year for St Paul's College. With a talented fresher cohort and an enthusiastic Student's Club, high expectations were set for all the men in their respective academic and sporting endeavours. The Rawson cup this year began with our first cricket victory in 5 years, beating St Andrew's College in the final. Our other Rawson victory came in the tennis, where Paul's secured their 3rd win in 3 years. Unlucky at times and outplayed at others, we safely secured 2nd place overall in the Rawson competition behind St Andrew's.

However, the great success of the year came in the cultural competition, the Palladian cup. Having won the wooden spoon for Palladian in 2015, we managed to place in every first semester event this year. We even won Palladian dance for the first time in the College's history. Continuing with the enthusiasm and support for the cultural competition, we came into the last event needing to beat St Andrew's to win the cup overall. With St Andrew's placing third, the Paul's drama group won, securing the Palladian cup for the first time since 2012. The results in this competition are testament to the talent here at St Paul's and the willingness to be involved. Furthermore, to balance these sporting and cultural achievements with fantastic academic results is quite remarkable. All in all, it has been a humbling experience for our Student's Club Committee to see how College operates behind the scenes, and have involvement in the running of the College. With a very capable committee elected and ready to go in 2017, I have no doubt the College is in great hands.

A brilliant rendition of "*The Importance of Being Earnest*" by *Mummers*, riveted the audience at the end of Semester 2. The lively cast was keen and able and every aspect of the play shone, giving something to the delivery, the costumes, the set and the entertainment. A fitting critique of it will appear in the next *Boomalakka*.

STUDENTS CLUB OFFICE-BEARERS 2017

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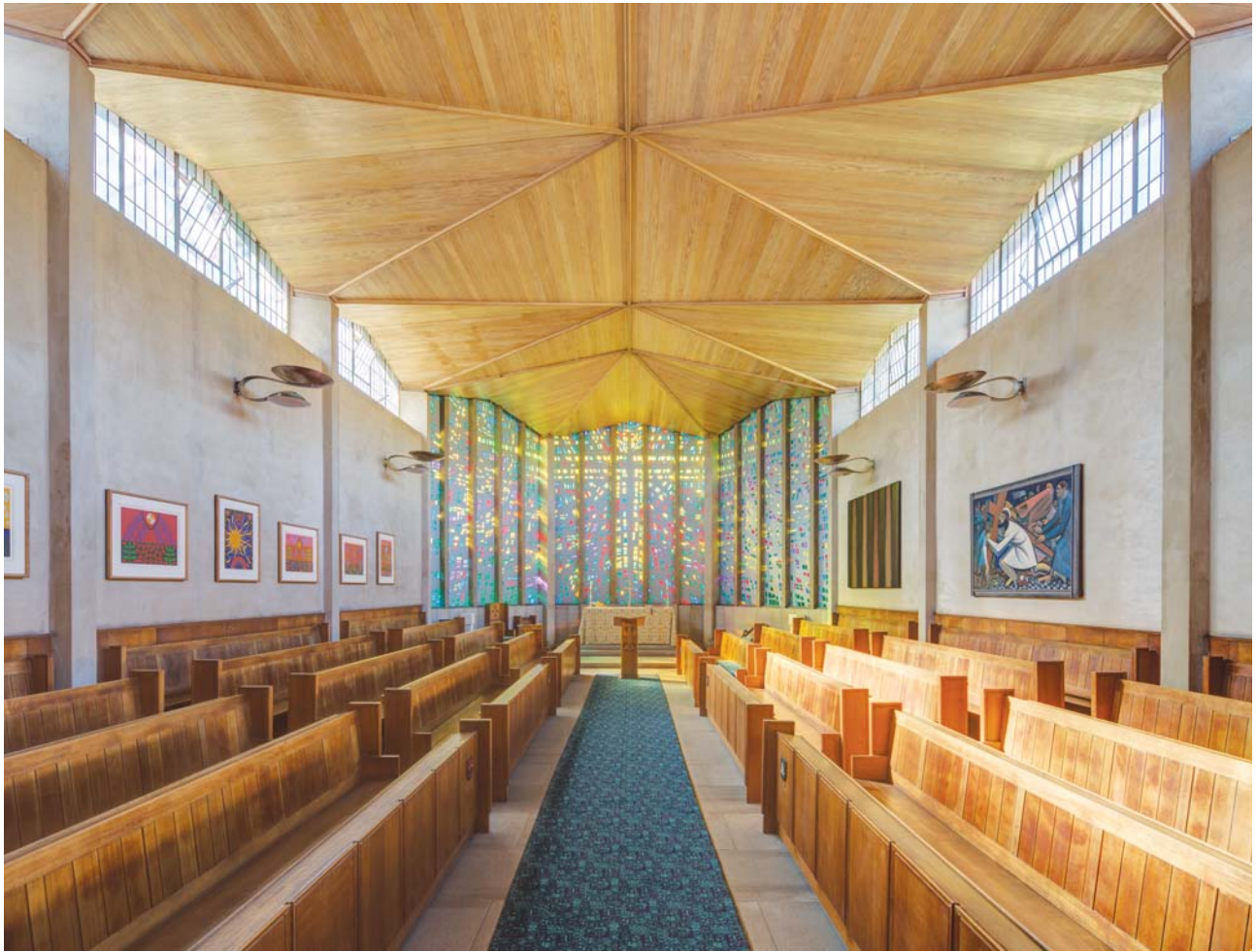
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