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**From the Master:**

This will be the last time I will have an opportunity to write in *New 'n' Old* as my contract with New College concludes mid-July. I decided not to seek renewal as my wife and I want to focus our lives in the Southern Highlands of NSW. In the seven years that I have been Master, I have come to appreciate more and more what a special place New College is. The civility and courtesy which characterize the communal life of the College is quite outstanding. There is a genuine concern for others and their well-being. There is much fun and the expected "high spirited" activity of youth, but this is invariably of a positive nature and rarely destructive of either person or property.

But the special nature of New College was brought home to me with added poignancy recently when, with the Dean, I attended the Fourth Triennial Conference of Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion (CUAC) at Rikkyo (St Paul's) University, Tokyo, Japan. The Conference provided an ideal environment in which to reflect upon New College and its identity. In many ways, New College is not at all like the other colleges represented in CUAC and this made its uniqueness even more obvious. CUAC is an association of colleges located in countries including the United Kingdom, the U.S.A., Canada, Japan, India, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Korea, Uganda and Zambia. Unlike New College these colleges and universities are generally teaching institutions so issues of curriculum and faculty, for example, are of importance to them.

A major theme of the Conference, however, was "Anglican identity" and this is something we do have in common with the other colleges in CUAC. This theme was explored under the heading: "The Role of a Christian University in a Secular and Multi-Faith Society." Japan offered a "laboratory experience" for such a topic. Less than one percent of the population of Japan is Christian. While Shintoism and Buddhism are major religions, all religions are tolerated and practised – often in combination with Shinto and Buddhist temples sited next to one another for convenience. And while religion and state are clearly separated so that it is a secular society, the nature of that secularism is inclusive of all religions rather than being exclusive of religion altogether – as is the case with secularism in Australia.

Christian colleges in Japan, then, must maintain their Christian identity in a context in which all religions are to be equally valued. This is a particular challenge for an institution whose religious foundations contain exclusivist claims. Christianity is founded upon the teachings of Jesus and he claimed to be *the* way by which we can have knowledge of and enter into a relationship with God the creator and sustainer of all that is. It is through him that we can come to a knowledge of truth in all its fullness. While other religions may offer insight into the nature of our being, they cannot reveal the nature of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and they cannot bring us into a relationship with him that is capable of rescuing us from the power of death. In this, Jesus' life is unique.

So how do Christian institutions cope with increasingly secular environments – be they of the inclusive nature of the East or the anti-religious nature of the West? One possibility is to become insular and have as little as possible to do with the environment in which the institution is located – a form of monasticism. This may have some use and there are institutions of this nature in both the "Catholic" and "fundamentalists" forms of Christianity. One of the characteristics of the Anglican way, however, is to be incarnational; that is, to manifest Christ in the world. It therefore seems to me that for an Anglican college the way of insulation is not an option. Anglican colleges ought to engage the secular contexts in which they operate while at the same time not compromising their Christian heritage. In particular,

New College, as an Anglican college, must engage in a meaningful way with the campus of UNSW.

It is here that identity is so important. For an institution to be able to engage its environment without compromising its foundational values requires it to be very confident in its identity. New College is well placed in this regard. Its commitment to Christian faith and values is at the heart of its identity and this gives it a secure position from which to relate to the world.

New College is about to experience a period of change with the appointment of a new Master and other changes in staff. I have every confidence that the strength of its identity will enable it will cope with these changes with minimal disruption.

As I leave the College following thirteen years as a Board member and seven years as Master, I want to place on record my deep appreciation to all who have made my experience of New College so fulfilling. I am particularly grateful to the Dean, Dr Ian Walker, for his unfailing and loyal support during my Mastership. His care for the College's culture has ensured that my task has been so much easier than it might have been. Singling people out for special mention is always fraught with danger and I would not want to imply any lesser

support from other staff and Board members. Nevertheless, the relationship between the roles of Dean and Master are particularly crucial and I am grateful to have had Ian as a colleague in this way. But to one and all I say thank you. New College is a great institution and it has a great future. I wish the College every success under the leadership of its new Master, Professor Trevor Cairney.

## Allan Beavis

### ALUMNI DINNERS IN ASIA

The Dean and I had the privilege of dining with New College and UNSW Alumni when we visited Hong Kong and Kuala Lumpur recently. We had travelled to Asia to attend the fourth triennial conference of Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion (CUAC) held at Rikkyo (St Paul's) University in Tokyo, Japan. While in the region, we took the opportunity to meet with Alumni in both Hong Kong and Kuala Lumpur.

This was an opportunity for the College to reconnect with former Collegians in a personal way in order to tell them something about New College as it is today

as well as to give them a glimpse of possibilities for the future by sharing with them the Masterplan that is currently under consideration by the College Board.

In Hong Kong arrangements for the dinner had been made by Selwyn Chan (81-83). Selwyn is also active in the UNSW Alumni. Present at the dinner at Selwyn's club were Selwyn's wife, Patrick Tse and his wife and His Honour Barnabas Fung, Chief Judge of the District Court of Hong Kong.

Kuala Lumpur proved of special significance for us as we met with Alumni from the earliest years of the College's operations. Our host was Dato David Koh who was in College in 1971 – its third year of operation. Also at the dinner were two of David's contemporaries Allan Chan (69) and Jimmy Yeow (70). Allan was in College when it opened in 1969 and



**Hong Kong Dinner.** Mrs Tse, Patrick Tse, Mrs Chan, Selwyn Chan, The Dean, The Master, His Hon. Justice Barnabus Fung.

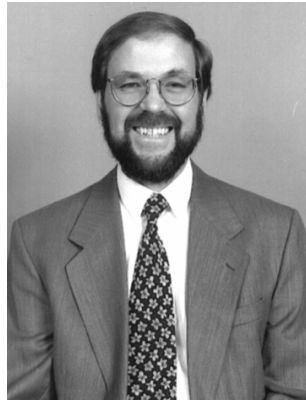
was able to tell us something of those early years. The late sixties was the "hippy era", the era of Flower Power, and Jimmy's student card (which he brought to the dinner) bore the photo of a long haired youth in obvious rebellion. From the stories he told, we deduced that he enjoyed to the full the freedoms university life provided at that time and perhaps was something of a provocateur within the somewhat sober and staid New College. How different from the conservative company director and chairman who dined with us that evening!

Also present were Damian Miller (94-96), UNSW Alumnus Mr Khai Tan (a recent graduate in Civil Engineering), and Mr Richard and Mrs Helen Palk, parents of current New Collegian Alexandra and of College Alumnus Suzanna (00-01). Richard is Consul General & Counsellor (Administrative) at the Australian High Commission in KL and Damian is Third Secretary (Political) at the High Commission.

*Allan Beavis*

**NEW MASTER APPOINTED.**

*The College Board has appointed Professor Trevor Cairney to succeed Dr Allan Beavis as Master of the College. Professor Cairney will take up his appointment mid-August this year.*



*Upon the announcement of his appointment, Professor Cairney has written:*

My appointment as Master of New College is an exciting new phase in my life as an academic and Christian. After spending 30 years teaching, writing, conducting research and filling senior management positions as a Professor, Dean and Pro Vice-chancellor (Research) at three different universities I know the university environment well. My wife Carmen and I have also had a close involvement in university student work through AFES groups at three different universities.

As well we've spent twenty years in various leadership and pastoral care roles for young adults within three different churches, and as part of Beach Mission teams. We have seen how the university experience can be life changing for students. As a result, my major priority at New College will be to ensure that it is more than just a good residential facility. I believe that an effective college should be one that provides a safe and enjoyable environment in which students can work, make new friends, enjoy life and grow academically and personally. I also want New to be a place where the big questions of life are discussed as part of each student's university experience.

One opportunity I see to enhance the good work of the past is to re-shape the College's Institute for Values Research to become a scholarly centre for apologetics that seeks to involve Alumni, academics, community members and current students in dialogue.

I am also keen to work with the New College Board to ensure that the building and facilities are renovated and hopefully extended to become an even more effective place to live and learn.

I also want to see the 'New experience' replicated at other universities lacking residential facilities.

I hope that as I meet New College alumni, residents, and members of the UNSW community in the near future, that we can discuss these and other ideas. I am very keen to involve as many people as possible in the life and active development of this outstanding residential College serving one of Australia's finest universities. I look forward to meeting many of you in the months ahead.

**Trevor Cairney**

## NEWS OF ALUMNI

Former tutor **Phil Nobes** currently lives in Emerald in central Queensland and writes how much he loves it! He is about three hours from the coast and five hours from the Whitsundays and so is able to enjoy the reef and fishing on weekends.

Work wise, he went to Emerald eighteen months ago and has been employed at Crinum Mine working for BHP. He started at Crinum as a Graduate Mining Engineer transferring from Appin Colliery in Wollongong. Shortly after gaining his NSW second class certificate of competency he started working as a shift coordinator at Crinum. He spent six months doing this before being promoted to the Services Coordinator role where he worked for about five months before moving to his present role as the Senior Development Coordinator responsible for all underground development at Crinum. Phil is enjoying his present life and would be pleased to hear from other Collegians.

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**Chris Sandford** is a foundation Collegian having been in College from 1969 to 1972. He is keen to make contact with alumni who were in College at the same time as well as alumni based in Brisbane. Chris studied metallurgy but have since obtained degrees in administration and behavioural science. He is still actively involved in Anglican church Christian activities.

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After marrying in October 2000, **Warwick Baines**, moved to Orange to join wife Sky who was working as an intern at the Orange Base Hospital. Warwick and Sky enjoyed living in the country and serving as youth group leader at Orange Evangelical Church. They returned to Sydney in January 2002.

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At the graduation for Medicine in December 2001, **Sally Clunas (nee Yue)** was awarded the University Medal in Medicine as well as every one of the final year prizes. She was awarded "The Combined Teaching Hospitals Senior Staff Prize" for best performance in the clinical years of the program; "The Foundation Year Graduates Medal" for leadership and fellowship as a medical undergraduate; "The Graduation Prize in Surgery" for the best performance in the surgery components; and "The Wallace Wurth Prize" for the best overall performance in any graduating year in the program. In previous years Sally had won the "School of Physiology & Pharmacology Staff Prize for Medical Biology" (1996); the "Prince of Wales Hospital Ladies Auxiliary Prize", "The FC Courtice Prize", "The Maurice (Toby) Arnold Prize" and "The WJ O'Sullivan Prize" (1997); "The United Medical Protection Prize in Health Law and Ethics" (1998); and the "NSW Department of Health Prize" (1999).

Sally and husband Justin Clunas are currently in Orange where Sally is an intern at Orange Base Hospital. Justin, also a College Alumnus, is an optometrist working in both Orange and nearby Bathurst.

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Former Tutor **Rakesh Kamal Kumar** won a UNSW "Vice-Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence" in December 2001. Rakesh is an Associate Professor in the Department of Pathology in the Faculty of Medicine. The Award citation states: "for the excellence of his teaching and his enthusiastic promotion of student learning. His brilliant stimulating and motivating lectures are second to none and he has the ability to teach young scientists how to be critical and thoughtful investigators and at the same time to reduce complex topic areas in Pathology to simple concepts. He has developed examinations and systems for the the assessment of students that are both novel and have added value to the assessment process".

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**Mark Low** from Kuala Lumpur, a resident of from 1984 to 1985, has been in contact with the College seeking assistance to locate other former residents. He also asked after former Bursar, Jack Chapman.

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**Louis** (college 87 - 89, tutor 91 - 93) and **Jane** (medicine tutor 92 - 93) **Christie** have returned to Orange in the Central West of NSW where Louis is now working as a staff specialist in emergency medicine and Jane is working in General practice.

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**Leonie Lockart** (formerly **Thompson**) (77-78) is keen to be reunited with fellow "New College inmates" and hear of upcoming events.

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**Maureen Chung** was unable to join the recent alumni dinner in Hong Kong because of work commitments in Beijing at that time. Maureen is working as an auditor in one of the "big five" audit firms and require to work in the PRC from time to time, especially during the busy season from January to April. Although her work is somewhat exhausting, Maureen enjoys the opportunities it provides her to explore China.

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His Honour Judge **Barnabas Wah Fung**, was Visiting International Alumni Fellow of UNSW in 2001. The Visiting International Alumni Fellowship recognises and honours UNSW's eminent Alumni. Fellowships are awarded to Alumni who have attained outstanding success and international acclaim in their chosen business, profession or life's work; whose stature and renown inspires other Alumni, students, faculty and staff; and honours and reflects admirably on the University of New South Wales.

Collegian Barnabus Fung was honoured for his work in the administration of justice in Hong Kong for over fourteen years, and for his contribution to a



**Dinner in KL.** Back Row: Richard Palk, Khai Tan, Allan Beavis, Dato David Koh, Ian Walker, Allan Low, Jimmy Yeow.  
Front Row: Mrs Palk, Datin Koh, Mrs Low, Mrs Yeow

range of community organizations. Barnabus is married with one child.

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**Dato David Koh** was a member of New College in 1971. He graduated with a B.Sc in 1972 and upon his return to Malaysia he joined Taylors College as a lecturer for about four years before he was lured into property development. He established his own company and is currently a major housing developer catering for the needs of low and middle income families.

Dato David Koh has been a significant player in the orderly development of the housing industry in Malaysia. As a tribute to his alma mater, Dato David Koh uses graduates of UNSW as his consultants on his various construction sites. Another expression of his commitment to UNSW has been in the rejuvenation of the Malaysia chapter of the Alumni following his election as president of the chapter in 1999.

Dato David Koh is also a member of the Malaysia Australia Business Council whose main objective is to promote business relations between Malaysia and Australia and indirectly bilateral relations between these two Commonwealth countries.

For his untiring contribution and services to the community and nation at large, Dato David Koh was conferred the prestigious title of "Dato" by His Royal Highness, Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah who is the King of Malaysia.

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**Christopher Barnett** writes: New College memories for me range from things such as late nights, fun runs, rugby and surfing to benefiting from the accessibility of university life. Importantly, I was there when the Vietnam war was in full swing. The College had a number of Vietnam students who I recall watched (often in tears) the nightly news which portrayed graphically the war. I was also prompted to consider, with many others in College, the Christian way of life, something I had not previously, seriously examined. I must admit that living in close proximity

with others was great fun and I still have numerous memories of this stage of my life.

My scholarship with BHP resulted in immediate work at their Port Kembla steelworks. However the lure to absorb wider issues than technology management led me to undertake studies in administration. From this I had a period in government industry policy development in Canberra. There I continued my parallel interest in seeing others establish solid biblical foundations for life. This led to a year in Northern Pakistan in Christian missions, during the Afghan/Russian war. There I lived amongst a growing number of Afghan refugees, over three million, appreciating the culture and generally in poor health and overwhelmed with the plight of this part of the world. Again the memories will last a lifetime and the World Trade Centre bombings have kindled some reflection on these times with shudders and angst within.

After a period in industrial chemical marketing in Sydney and more studies, this time in cultural anthropology and theology, I married and moved to Brisbane. Here we raise four children and mentor their development across the breadth of activities which is now the norm. I have continued my interest in industry development focusing recently on light metals. The other main expression of my life outside family activities is the Anglican Church Missionary Society.

My wife, Pamela, has a brother – Chris Barnett – who also attended New College in the 1970s. He lives at Lithgow with his wife and three children. He too became a Christian at New College. He has been Rector's Warden at his church for some years now.

*Please keep us informed of your whereabouts and what you are doing.*



### 2002 New College Lectures

DOES GLOBAL CAPITALISM  
ANNOUNCE THE 'FINAL CLEARANCE'  
OF MEANING?

*A/Prof Craig Gay*  
Regent College, Vancouver

Craig Gay is Associate Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies at Regent College, Vancouver. He is the author of "*The Way of the (Modern) World: or Why it's tempting to Live as if God doesn't Exist*" and "*With Liberty and Justice for Whom? The Recent Evangelical Debate Over Capitalism*"

**Monday, 26 August –**  
***Capitalism's Remarkable Productivity***

**Wednesday, 28 September –**  
***Exaltation of the Monetary Unit***

**Thursday, 29 September –**  
***"Toward a Theology of Shrewd Stewardship"***

**ALL LECTURES – 8.00 pm**

## COLLEGE NEWS:

### DEAN TO THE HEAD THE KENSINGTON COLLEGES.

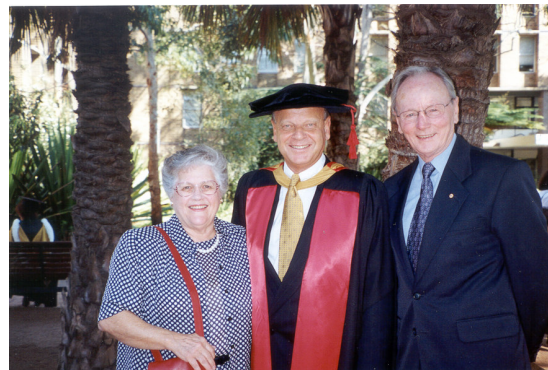
The Dean of the College, Dr Ian Walker, has been appointed **Principal Fellow of the Kensington Colleges at UNSW**. In this position he will work closely with the Registrar and Deputy Principal of UNSW, Ms Crystal Condous. This significant appointment within the University confirms the outstanding work that Ian has done at New College in nurturing the co-operative and caring ethos that prevails.

Recently Ian was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at UNSW for a thesis researching the foundation of denominational colleges in Australian universities with particular reference to certain colleges in universities established in the period 1945 to 1975. Describing his research Ian writes:

### Church, College and Campus

The foundation of the University of Sydney marked the beginning of a pattern of higher education in Australia in which sacred or religious influence and content was to be separated from the secular character and teaching of the universities. Denominational residential colleges were established to satisfy in some measure the concerns of those who believed that a university without the teaching of religion was no university at all. Systematic religious instruction, therefore, could be given in the colleges, but the residents must attend classes and be examined in the secular instruction of the university. It was seen as a very difficult experiment, as it was feared the colleges might sectarianise the secular university.

My thesis, under the supervision of Associate Professor John Gascoigne, now Head of the School of History at UNSW, sought to determine the nature and success of this experiment, first of all in relation to Australia's first universities and then with particular reference to denominational colleges established in association with universities founded in the period 1945 to 1975. Needless to say, this period included the setting up of the New University Colleges Council (NUCC) and the establishment of New and Robert



Mrs Pam Goodhew, The Dean and  
Archbishop Harry Goodhew AO,  
at the Dean's Graduation Ceremony on 12 April 2002

Menzies Colleges.

Research takes you down all sorts of paths and reveals all kinds of things – some of which are publishable! It was certainly interesting to discover that the first Warden of St. Paul's College at Sydney University, the Reverend Henry Hose, was dismissed in 1861 after being seen drunk on a Manly ferry! Not to be outdone by the Anglicans, the first Rector of St. John's College, John Forrest, was described by Catholic Archbishop Vaughan in 1873 as: "a most objectionable whisky-drinking, purple nosed little Irish priest"!

By the mid-1900s very few affiliated colleges had fulfilled the original intention of conducting systematic religious instruction. While providing valuable opportunities for the sharing of ideas and the common activities of community life, the colleges catered for only a small - albeit potentially influential - proportion of students. However, rather than sectarianise the university, if anything, the university had secularised the colleges.

With renewed interest of Churches in work among students after World War II, the much increased demand for university entry and for residence, together with a significant injection of Commonwealth funds, gave opportunity for various denominational groups to establish colleges in the new post-war Australian universities. The thesis examines a range of approaches to this task: ecumenical, theologically liberal, conservative, and, in the case of the New University Colleges Council, evangelical. One of the most rewarding experiences of my work was interviewing the original members of NUCC (those still alive), and others such as the late Reverend Noel Pollard (first Master of New College), Dr Stuart Babbage, Sir Rupert Myers, Archbishop Sir Marcus Loane, Bishop John and Mrs Alison Reid, the late Alex Mitchell (first Vice-Chancellor of Macquarie University), and Dr Allan Cole (first Master of Robert Menzies College). Emeritus Professor Edwin Judge, a founder of New College and a former Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Macquarie University, claims major responsibility for the no-alcohol rule: "It's interesting that it has lasted", he told me, "I didn't think it would".

The very difficult experiment has succeeded only in part, and few denominational colleges have been established since 1975. Nevertheless, the thesis sug-



Conferring of Doctor of Philosophy on Dean, Dr Ian Walker, by Chancellor Dr John Yu.

gests that such colleges can play an important part not only in promoting collegial association within the modern "enterprise" university, but more especially, in reclaiming something of the distinct role originally intended for the sacred, in a relationship of tolerant "cohabitation" between Church, College and Campus.

I am deeply grateful for the encouragement and support I received in undertaking the thesis work, and in particular, for example, from members of the New College Board, Dr Stuart Babbage, Bishop John Reid, Archbishop Harry Goodhew, Dr Allan Beavis and numerous past and present members of the New College community.

Ian Walker

### NEW COLLEGE INSTITUTE FOR VALUES RESEARCH:

*The Rev'd John Squires has been Director of the New College Institute for Values Research for the past five years. He completes his service at the end of June 2002. The College is most grateful to John for his development of the Institute into a respected and appreciated research institute. Following a recent visit to the UK, John writes:*



#### Autonomy

While on leave in the UK recently, I had the opportunity to attend a conference on the work of the German philosopher Kant held at the University of Warwick at Coventry. Although this may seem a little like a busman's holiday, the conference addressed an important aspect of Kant's philosophy which continues to have an enormous impact on ethical thinking today, namely autonomy. This is a particularly important topic for the contemporary discourse on individual rights which has grown out of a reading — or, some would contend, a misreading — of Kant. Two areas in particular proved to be of interest to the work of the Institute: moral decision making and civil disobedience.

Although there is no common agreement on what precisely Kant meant by autonomy, there is reasonable agreement that he wanted autonomy to be an attribute of individuals' wills so that individuals can be described as 'ideal moral legislators prescribing general principles to themselves rationally, free from causal determinisms and not motivated by sensual desires' (Hill 1991:44). On this view, autonomous individuals, in deciding which moral principles to give their allegiance to are to be unmoved by any tradition or authority, by any outside compulsion, or by any unreflective, and so unquestioned, habitual thinking. This concept suggests impartiality and acting without reference to others. Onara O'Neill, a

well-known commentator on Kant and a speaker at the conference has argued that: 'For Kant autonomy is living by the principles of reason; and reason is nothing but the principle that informs practices of autonomy in thinking and doing' (O'Neill 1992:299). On this view, reason provides an external discipline on moral decision making without reference to external authority. It doesn't take a lot of imagination to see how a misreading of this high principle of moral reasoning has become a central dogma of the type of individualism which eschews all reference to others and dominates much of the self-referential ethics of contemporary society.

The second area of interest for the Institute from the conference was that of civil disobedience: when, if ever, is it permissible to resist or disobey the sovereign (that is, lawful authority)? A simple reading of Kant suggests a paradox. On the one hand, Kant prohibits resistance to the sovereign. On the other, he allows refusal to carry out immoral commands. This is not unlike the position found in the New Testament, though for very different reasons. A controversial solution to this paradox suggested by one of the speakers at the conference was to acknowledge that a conflict between Kant's Doctrine of Right and his Doctrine of Virtue might be possible, and that we reject an automatic priority of right (law) over virtue (ethics). According to Kant, right generally entails duties that can legitimately be coerced by others (for example, given legal form and enforced by the state). Resistance, whether active or passive, cannot be treated this way, without eliminating its constitutive illegality. Therefore, to justify resistance from Kant's philosophy, it may be necessary to appeal to his Doctrine of Virtue and defend resistance or disobedience as virtuous, especially when undertaken out of concern for the flight of others. In terms of the overall theme of the conference, this suggests that individual autonomy may need to be balanced against the needs of others. The implications of this for the human rights movement and globalisation was discussed by another speaker at the conference, though there is not room here to elaborate.

It has been a great privilege for me to have been Director of the Institute for Values Research over the past five years as I have sought to engage as a Christian with academics and other professionals on issues of importance in contemporary Australian society. I thank you for your support and encouragement and trust that you will continue to support the Institute as it implements its new policies, emphasising Christian apologetics and focusing more directly on the students of the College.

**John Squires**

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### FROM THE STUDENT PRESIDENT.

Orientation Week this year was a great success and a large amount of praise and thanks must go to the Organising Team for all their efforts. Along with all the fun of the water fights, balcony hangs, common room swaps and early morning wake-ups there were the traditional night time activities which included the Fresher Formal Dinner, the Harbour Cruise, Pub / Café Crawl and the Fresher / Oldies Dinner. The fresher versus oldies debate was a fantastic success and was capped off by a riotously hilarious adjudication by former collegian Barnaby Smeaton.



The New College Students Association has been very busy in the early weeks of this session preparing the foundations for a successful year of student activity at New College. Some of the important work that has occurred recently includes the preparation of this year's budget, the Student's Association Annual General Meeting in Week 7 and the selection of sub-committees for the year. This year there is a total of twenty-six sub-committees. These include music, art, outdoor, cultural, magazine and ski trip just to name a few. Inter-College Sport is well under way with the men's indoor soccer team winning the carnival on Sunday and the women's carnival happening this Sunday. The Rugby and Hockey competitions are also in full swing. Regular social events on a Saturday night have been organised by this year's social directors as well.

The College Play, "How the other half loves", was produced in week ten this session. The production was of exceptional quality with a great cast and crew. The directors and producers were quite ambitious this year publicizing the play widely both on and off campus attracting full houses on every night.

The New College Internal Debating Tournament came to a fantastic final for the Crystal Condous Cup, which took place at the formal dinner held on Wednesday the 8 May. The four finalists: Bonne Eggleston, Tom Fischer, Jarrat Wood and Ben Lavis were all very funny and entertaining speakers. The competition was very well organised this year and had a large following. It has been very encouraging to see such a large amount of interest in this very important art.

**David Winterton.**



At the Farewell Dinner on 11 June, Dr Ian Walker was made a Life Member of the New College Students Association in recognition of his support of the Association over the eight years he was Dean.



Scenes from the 2002 College Play, *How the Other Half Loves* by Alan Ayckbourn.

Left: Alana Fagan as Fiona Foster

Right: Elizabeth Lardie as Mary Featherstone, Douglas Nash as William Featherstone and Nick Woolrych as Frank Foster.

### Some Lines of Limerick on my Departure from New College

by Ian Walker

*The following is extracts from the Dean's speech at the Farewell Dinner on 11 June 2002.*

Eight years it has been  
Since I became Dean  
with John Reid, Bob Guest and the team;  
Greg Clarke my offside –  
Senior Tutor, advisor –  
my doctorate was only a dream.

Some terms seemed extraordinary,  
I was perplexed, feeling ordinary  
with "old chooks" and "spading" in rooms;  
and try as I might  
to pursue "felch" and his like,  
I couldn't discover the "goons".

The O'Weeks were testing  
with room swaps, cross-dressing –  
and lately my wall hang to glance!  
But oh, what a joy  
in my future employ –  
this chicken will not have to dance!

With Presidents past  
it has been quite a blast,  
with activities ranging all over;  
Fitzsimons and Fang,  
just two of the gang –  
Ross Fox now John Brogden's drover!

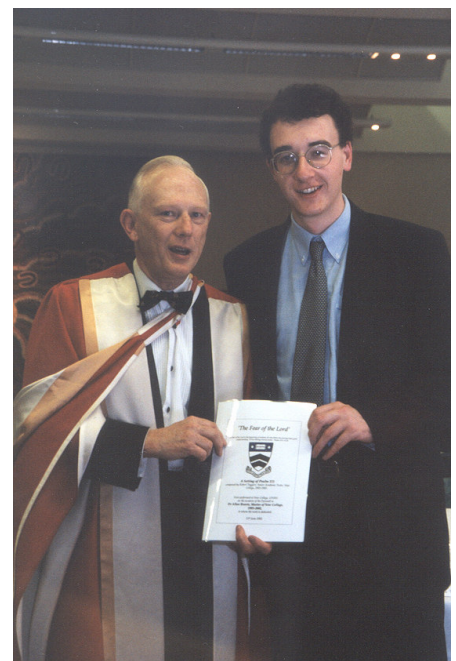
Well, whatever the scene,  
whatever has been,  
it's important to give and to share;  
Trevor, Melinda, Tom, Jacqui and John –  
the admin goes on –  
and I know you'll continue to care.

So, eight years it has been  
since I became Dean –  
the best years I can ever recall;

a doctorate I've gained  
from this Uni so famed,  
but it's from you that I've gained most of all.

Though, with the praises I've sung  
of this place and everyone,  
we cannot ignore our failings;  
of course there will be –  
we are human, you see –  
and we must seek a greater enabling.

My faith is as strong  
as it ever has been  
in Jesus, my Lord and my Saviour;  
and, as leave I must,  
it's in Him I trust;  
so to you all –  
God bless – see you later.



Senior Academic  
Tutor Robert Taggart presenting a copy of his setting of the College motto for choir, viola and clarinet to the retiring Master, Dr Allan Beavis. Robert composed this work for the Farewell Dinner held on 11 June and dedicated it to Dr Beavis.