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The Lockart Bunch



Back row (L to R): Ian Lockart, David Lockart, Steve Wearing
Front row (L to R): Sue Lockart, Grant Lockart, Julie Wearing

You have to wonder what went through Ian Lockart's mind when he was filling out his application for New College last year contemplating what to write down in the half line provided to record the names of any relatives who have lived at New College. There's his older brother David of course who is a current resident. Oh, yeah, that's right, Dad was Chairman of the Exec back in 1975. Wait a minute—didn't he meet Mum here as well? And didn't Uncle Craig, Uncle Steve, Aunt Julie, Aunt Leonie and Aunt Carolyn come here as well? So how do I fit all these names in the 5 cm allotted to this question?

That's right—a total of nine members of the Lockart/ Mountain/Wearing families have attended New College! It could have been even more amazing if all three of the Lockart triplets (Ian being one of them) had decided to study at UNSW! It all gets a bit confusing so there's a family tree provided to help you follow all the connections. Grant Lockart ('73-'76) arrived at New

College in 1973 when Tony Lord was Chairman of the NCSA (Tony's daughter Jacqui has been a resident at New College since the beginning of 2004 and is the current Social Director). In O'Week 1974 he met a wide-eyed fresher named Sue Mountain ('74-'75) and they remained an item for the duration of their time at College getting married in 1978. Craig Lockart ('75-'77) came to College in 1975 and met Leonie Thompson ('77-'78). Both mow work as solicitors. Steve Wearing was in College for four years ('78-'81) before moving out into

one of the houses that College used to own in the local area. He met Julie Mountain ('79-'81) who he later married and is currently an Associate Professor at UTS. Julie works as a physiotherapist and Carolyn Lockart ('78) currently works as a nurse.

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Apart from meeting his future wife, Grant also became a Christian during his first year at College, was the captain and coach of the basketball team in that year, also playing soccer, football and cricket, was treasurer of the NCSA in 1974, Chairman (President) in 1975, director of the shop in 1976, producer of the revue in the same year and voted Collegian of the year in 1976. "I wish I'd spent the time getting

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involved in more of the things that College had to offer” says Grant. During his spare time he completed a degree in civil engineering.

Clearly, Grant’s time at New College was a significant time in his life. He met people who would be lifelong friends, had opportunities to get involved in many different aspects of College life, take on roles of responsibility and grow spiritually as a Christian. Yet New College continues to play a major role in Grant’s life through the involvement of his two sons. Last year many people in College were aware of Grant’s need to have a serious operation and were praying for the doctors involved and members of Grant’s family at this difficult time. Thinking back on this time, David was greatly

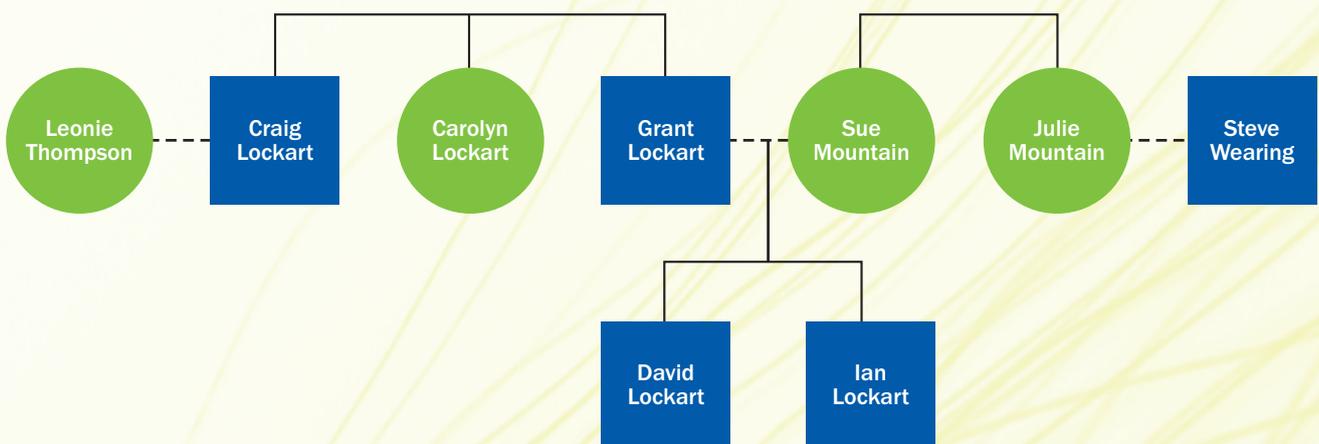
King Neptune Award in 1980 and Julie Mountain was bucketed or showered 1537 times according to the writers of her VD speech), Craig Lockart following in the family tradition being treasurer of the NCSA in 1976 and Chairman (President) of the NCSA in 1977 and both Sue and Julie were keen hockey players (Sue being awarded a College ‘pink’ for hockey).

There are many current or recent collegians with families like the Lockhart’s, with involvement with New College that has continued over many years. For example, David Gabb, a resident last year, has parents who were married by Canon Stuart Babbage. Andrew Boyton’s father Graham was a resident with Matthew Frazer’s father Richard. Amy and Laura Morrison’s father Bruce was also in College around this time. Jonathon Barnett’s father Chris was a resident in the early ‘70’s and Anna Pankhurst’s father Ian was a member of the College community at the same time as Jacqui Lord’s father Tony. But if you thought the Lockarts were the exception rather than the rule consider young Emily Blanch who will probably apply to be a resident at New College in about 2015. Her father, David and his three brothers Greg, Allan and Peter all came to New College between 1988 and 1997. During their time at New College, they all just happened to meet the women they would later marry—Annette Jones, Karina Turnham, Kathryn Nash and Sarah Rowe meaning that young Emily (if she comes to New) will be able to claim that both her parents attended New College as well as six of her uncles and aunts! ▶

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encouraged by the support that members of the College community demonstrated. “It was really quite amazing—people would come up to me weeks and months later to say they had been praying for my dad”.

But what of other members of the Lockart/Mountain/Wearing family? Each of them have their own stories to tell about their time at New College. There is the general obsession with water (Steve Wearing won the



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New Collegian David Winterton wins Rhodes Scholarship



David Winterton

New College alumnus David Winterton was recently awarded one of 11 Rhodes scholarships to study at Oxford University in 2005. David went through an exhaustive interview process including 2 panel interviews. David will commence at Oxford at the beginning of the UK academic year in October 2005.

Rhodes scholarships are awarded on four criteria: leadership, community service, academic and sporting achievement; essentially, the same criteria as for entrance to New College.

David lived in New College from 2001 to 2003. Whilst at 'New' he was President of the New College Students Association and Collegian of the Year (2002). David obtained a double degree in Science and Law (BSc/LLB) from UNSW. He was a member of the UNSW Union board and chaired its Membership and Audit sub-Committees. He did all of this as well as being President of the 1800 members strong UNSW Law Society and New College Academic tutor in upper

year mathematics and law in his final year.

David speaks well of New College: "The fantastic experience I had at New College for three years definitely helped me to gain a Rhodes scholarship. I loved my time at New College; it was worthwhile and helped me in developing the necessary skills and attributes in leadership, sports, and community work to succeed in gaining a Rhodes scholarship."

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As part of his prestigious scholarship, David will undertake a coursework masters degree in law (BCL) followed by a one-year research thesis (MPhil). "I am particularly interested in private law, and one of the areas I'd like to examine as part of my thesis is ways that private law can be used to deal with public wrongs," he says. "I am looking forward to an amazing intellectual challenge as well as taking advantage of all the sporting and cultural opportunities at Oxford."

The College has been home to countless gifted individuals like David, renowned for their achievements in academic, sporting, cultural and community service. This reflects the College's present mission to bring about collegiality, academic excellence and service to the community. ▀

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College Development News—some early encouragement in the New Year

The Alumni work of the College continues with a major Alumni database information update now underway. If you can update your details please get in touch; consider using the web site *Stay in Touch* page!

Significant fundraising work has also begun with some early success in 2005. In recent times there have been two three-year commitments to the value of \$60,000 over three years.

The College has been encouraged by the generosity

of these individual donors who have made such significant contributions to the ongoing development of the College. The Master commented recently that "This is a great encouragement to our plans to fund raise for the College's future development".

We appeal to all Alumni, supporters and friends of New College to consider if they can financially support the College. ▀



(L to R) back row: Ben Cooper, Peter Ryland, Joanne Mitchell, Ross Fox, Ben Moore, Ed Royston
(L to R) front row: Jo Halliday, Alexa Mcauley, Stephen Cornelius, Tamara Northcott, Matthew Blomfield, Paul Stacy

movements (just ask me sometime). Outside the student life of libraries, essays, tutorials and lectures Oxford is also a vibrant academic and student community. There are seminars and public lectures every day where it is not unusual to encounter a Nobel Laureate, political figure, world-famous academic or author but always a Sir or a Lord and that's just in the audience. At one seminar I found myself sitting next to Sir Roger Bannister of four-minute mile fame. It blew me away at the time, but I am yet to take up middle-distance running.

One of the many highlights of my time here has undoubtedly been the New College UNSW reunion pub-crawl in Oxford last year attended by more than a dozen former collegians. It was auspicious for including both a pub more than 500 years old a couple of rounds at the New College (Oxford) Bar! I look forward to a repeat effort in Sydney one day.

All that now stands between me and an Oxford degree (a BA convertible with the payment of 10 quid to an MA) is a short thesis on the 2004 Australian Federal Election and seven exams in which I will write twenty-three essays while wearing rather funny clothes called sub-fusc. Beyond that I'll be enjoying the festive post-exam atmosphere that envelops Oxford as the Summer arrives - hopefully long summer days of cricket, garden parties, croquet and perhaps a spot of punting. Beyond Oxford? If anyone happens to be looking for someone with both an opinion on meta-ethical theories and a Mining Engineering degree, do let me know! But for now, back to the library... ▽

Ross Fox, Resident New College 1995-1998
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(L to R) back row: Alexa Mcauley, Ben Moore, Joanne Mitchell, Ross Fox, Jo Halliday, Peter Ryland, Ed Royston, Ben Cooper,
(L to R) front row: Stephen Cornelius, Ross Fox, Tamara Northcott, Paul Stacy, Matthew Blomfield



New College UNSW meets New College Oxford

As I write only 70 days now remain until I dust off my dark-suit, white bow-tie, white shirt, commoners gown and mortar-board (which undergraduates must carry but are forbidden to wear—by order of the Proctors) and head to Exam Schools. This won't be some bizarre Oxford soiree but my first assessment in almost two years at Oxford reading for a degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics. As I've found out, the phrase 'reading for a degree' isn't just a peculiar term resulting from centuries of accumulated tradition. It actually describes what 'readers' are required to spend most of their time doing at Oxford—endless hours in libraries, swotting for the next essay. They come thick and fast too. Student life at Oxford has made my study habits at UNSW look positively pedestrian. Twice each week now for four eight-week terms I've met, usually one-on-one, with a Fellow to discuss an essay that I'd prepared that week on some extraneous topic. Often I hadn't heard of the topic until I received the reading list the week before. I now apparently have a view on all sorts of issues from free will, to economic growth, to representative democracy, to mind-brain duality and new social

Investing in people for a 'New' future!



Rev Dr Stuart Barton Babbage AM

New College is a special place that attracts special people. The College aims to build character in each individual who becomes part of the New College community. We encourage Collegians to seek excellence, serve one another and make varied contributions to the wider community. Just as we seek to make a difference to Collegians we hope that they will make a difference to others. As you read in the pages of this *New n' Old*, current and former Collegians are fine examples of this in action.

To continue and indeed extend the New College mission we need the support of alumni and friends. Towards this end we have designed an inaugural Annual Appeal to encourage members of the New College community to share in the College's vision for growth and development. We seek to make a difference in the lives of all who become New Collegians. The Appeal brochure features a sample of the many faces of 'New' representing those who have lived at the College across different eras and with different profiles.

In this appeal there are a number of areas in which people can direct their gift and support the work of New College. We are seeking your support in five key areas:

- ▶ Unrestricted gifts to apply resources to the area of greatest need.
- ▶ Improving student accommodation - completing Stage 2 will involve the upgrade of every one of the original rooms and improvements in shared space and facilities at a cost of \$3.5 million.
- ▶ A new 'New' – the Board is keen to realise the original vision of New College by building new colleges at other universities. We are currently considering a new building on campus to house postgraduate students, families, childcare facilities and teaching space.
- ▶ Another category of support is the College's Centre for Apologetic Scholarship and Education and the annual New College Lectures series.
- ▶ Scholarship support—in 2005 we hope to increase the number of scholarships we can offer to students from diverse backgrounds.

The area of scholarships is critical in an age when university education is becoming more expensive. Our vision is to raise \$1,000,000 in the next three years to support a variety of scholarships. One specific example of this is the newly created Stuart Barton Babbage Fellowship. The College was very proud to announce the creation of this Fellowship earlier this year. It has been created to support the scholarship of an

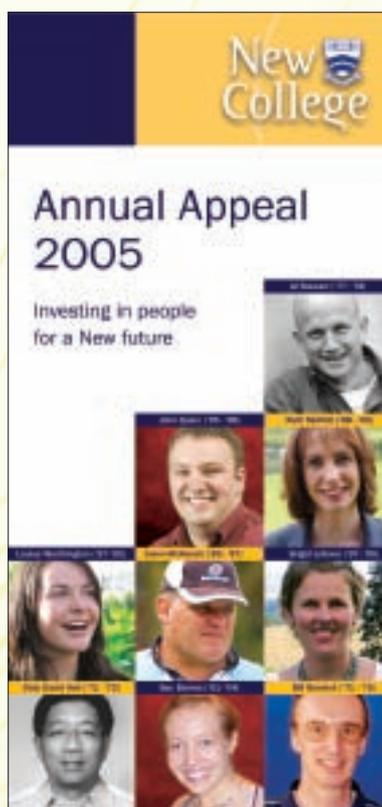
outstanding man or woman who is pursuing doctoral studies or post-doctoral research at UNSW. It is named in honour of the Rev Dr Stuart Barton Babbage AM, the College's second Master.

There are many forms of support not just financial and the College encourages people to make contact with suggestions concerning how you might help. Your help by making a donation or offering other forms of non-cash support in response to this appeal will 'make a difference'! We have recently added an enhanced Alumni section to our website that allows online gifts to be made and news or contact information to be provided.

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The 2005 Annual Appeal *Investing in people for a New future* will be mailed to alumni and friends of the College community in the next few weeks during May.

Please note that **all Donations to New College over \$2 are fully Tax Deductible.** ▶



Another New wedding



Dan and Ali Parker outside St Matthias just after the wedding

One special (and unusual) element within the service was the inclusion of a traditional Chinese Tea Ceremony. This involved Dan and Ali serving tea to the oldest relatives from each of their two families.

Daniel (Dan) Parker and Alison Teo were married at St Matthias Church (Centennial Park) on the 13th April 2005. Dan and Ali fell in love at New College and were engaged in their last year with us. Not surprisingly, the wedding was a real New College affair with over a hundred present and past Collegians in attendance. New Collegians were also well represented in the bridal party and the service (music, items, readings). Dan (2000-2004) and Ali (2002-2004) were both well known in the College community, both serving as academic tutors in 2004. Dan and Ali also had a strong involvement with NCCF and Unichurch, so not surprisingly Paul Grimmond (Unichurch Pastor at UNSW) married them and other members of church staff were present.

One special (and unusual) element within the service was the inclusion of a traditional Chinese Tea Ceremony. This involved Dan and Ali serving tea to the oldest relatives from each of their two families. This beautiful ceremony added to the richness of the occasion. All in all, it was a wonderful celebration.

Dan and Ali have moved to Singapore for a few years where both have secured jobs. Alison's family will be pleased to have her back home (for a time). ▶

If you'd like to contact Dan and Ali email is the best option
allydan@gmail.com



Newly Weds!

Emily Welch and Tom McCutcheon Wedding



(L to R): Lucy Welch, Carli Yung, Paul Perrett, Emily Welch and Tom McCutcheon, Toby Winton-Brown and Bronwyn Welch



Emily and Tom [Photos taken by Matt lee, Infinity Photography]

Just before Christmas Emily Welch (1995-96) and Tom McCutcheon (1995-96) were married at Christ Church, Lavender Bay by Emily's old school chaplain, Rev Ross McDonald. Tom and Emily met in O'week at New in 1995.

The wedding was quite a big New College alumni affair, with the bridal party consisting of: Maid of Honour—Louise Warner (NC 95-97), Toby Winton-Brown (NC 95-96) and Paul Perrett (NC 94-96). Amongst the guests flying in from London were Ben Moore (NC 95-98), Joanne Mitchell (NC 96-97), Tamara Northcott (NC 96-97). Aussie representatives of New were John Quinn (NC 95-2002), Rob Johnson (NC 94-97), Emma Cornelius (NC 95-97), Grant Mitchell (NC 94-96), Luke Moloney (NC 96-97), Emily Sunman (NC 96-97), Daintree Peters (NC 96-97) and Marcus Loane (NC 95-97).

Emily commented that:

"I think it is a testament to the college that we have such a strong group of friends from this period in our life".

Congratulations Emily and Tom. ▶



(L to R): Freshers Carolyn Macleod, Eileen Morrisroe, Laura Morrison and Natalie Tolvanen

New residents at New for 2005

New College welcomed 78 Freshers in 2005.

For the third year in a row places were lower than in previous years. This reflects the increased length of time that Collegians are staying at College. In 2005 there are 70 3rd and 4th years students. New Collegians joining the current community have all excelled in leadership, community service, academic and sporting achievements.

One student came first in the state in Ext 1 Mathematics and received the Malcolm Chaiken Scholarship. Another incoming student was house captain in her high school and also played cricket, netball, rowing, tennis, and touch, and been involved in numerous dance productions. She has choreographed dance productions and was involved in the Shakespeare competition state finals.

Joining us this year are many fine musicians as well. One of our new residents is a highly accomplished pianist having obtained his A Mus.A and L.Mus.A for piano. He will be studying medicine this year. He was a prefect, a leader of the Crusaders group at school, and was also a member of the school jazz band.

Also joining us is a country girl who was a volunteer with the rural fire brigade, vice captain and dux in 2003, a keen swimmer and tennis player who came first in every subject at her school except English! She also made the Department of Education honour roll in Mathematics

and Community and Family Studies. She received an Australia Day award for Young Citizen of the year.

Another student attended Brisbane State High School where she was the top performing girl in 2004 achieving an OP 1 (equivalent to a UAI of 99.55). She has been offered a Cooperative programme scholarship in Actuarial Studies (there are six Co-op scholars amongst our new residents). She enjoys badminton, hockey and gymnastics and was on the SRC at her school where she assisted in various fundraising activities. She also plays violin and piano and was involved in the Malaysian club of Queensland.

Other new students have been in the Singaporean army for two years, one being promoted to Sergeant in the Specialist Intelligence Unit (!). There are 12 new residents who attended the National Youth Science Forum last year. One of the NYSF members also achieved her gold Duke of Edinburgh award, was the national waterskiing champion, and won numerous awards in speech and drama at her school.

Over half of the new 'New' intake was from rural NSW and the vast majority from rural areas as a whole. Many of our new residents have also been offered scholarships by the Faculty of Engineering including seven who were offered rural Engineering scholarships. We are excited and grateful to have each and every one of our new students. We expect and hope they will make a difference fulfilling the mission of the College. ▀

UNSW Vice-Chancellor visits New and presents key academic prizes



(L to R): Michael Kilborn, Master Trevor Cairney and David Winterton

The New College Commencement formal dinner was held recently. All current residents and invited guests attended this important College event. The special guest addressing the dinner was UNSW Vice Chancellor and President Professor Mark Wainwright.

Also present at the dinner were a group of New College alumni from different years; amongst this group were two of the three

Rhodes Scholars in the College's 36 year history—the College's first Rhodes Scholar Dr Michael Kilborn 1985 and Mr David Winterton who is a 2005 Rhodes Scholar.

The Master Professor Trevor Cairney interviewed Michael and David during the function and found out how being Rhodes scholars had affected their lives and their memories of 'New'. They remembered the college with affection.

Professor Cairney acknowledged the five New College University Medallists for 2004—Hari Balakrishna (Accounting), Rebecca Barnes (Environmental

Engineering), Ben Lavis (Mechatronic Engineering), Emily McPherson (Mining Engineering) and Jacob Wood (Process Metallurgy), as well as the 19 Collegians who won 22 University prizes and awards.

The Vice Chancellor also presented the 6 annual New College academic prizes to Jarryd Pla—Petroleum Engineering, Jamie Kelly—Physics/Mechanical Engineering, Zoe Paterson—Arts/Law, Prue Freestone—Commerce, Jane Barr—Optometry and Fiona Knox—Science.

Living up to his reputation as a down-to-earth and popular academic on campus Prof Wainwright spoke about the exciting development of UNSW Asia. UNSW has been invited by the Singapore government to found a new UNSW university at a green field's site near the Singapore International Airport. He also updated students, alumni and College staff on the building works taking place on the Kensington campus, UNSW academic and general news on new staff appointments; plans to improve accommodation and housing options and improvements to the academic program. ▀

Can science and faith mix?

The Centre for Apologetic Scholarship and Education (CASE) was formed in 2003 to enable a Christian world view to be brought to bear on intellectual and social issues. The centre seeks to open up dialogue between Christians and non-Christians on matters of mutual interest. CASE runs courses, conferences, seminars and produces publications. In this short extract from a longer article Greg Clarke (Director of CASE) writes about how a major atheistic philosopher has been rethinking his position (Editor).

Even academics change their minds about God. Francis Collins, the director of the Human Genome Project, became a believer in Christ in his late twenties after a period of what he called “obnoxious atheism”.¹ He is now a prominent champion of the coherence of science and the Christian faith.

More recently an octogenarian philosopher, Professor Antony Flew, has gone through some kind of spiritual experience. He is a longtime champion of atheism, but has recently revealed that he now believes in God. Well, sort of. Having argued for over fifty years that the onus of proof rests on those who believe God exists, Flew now feels that the evidence is in. “It has become inordinately difficult even to begin to think about constructing a naturalistic theory of the evolution of that first reproducing organism,” Flew recently wrote that biological study of DNA “has shown, by the almost unbelievable complexity of the arrangements which are needed to produce (life), that intelligence must have been involved”.²

In other words, Professor Flew, at age 81, concluded that there is evidence for the Creator’s existence. He is careful to point out that the God he believes in might

be personal (an intelligent being), but is not like the God of Christians or Muslims, whom Flew views as “omnipotent Oriental despots”. Flew seems to have come to a deist position (deism is a belief in God as revealed by nature and reason, not scripture and faith), akin to Aristotle etc.

A similar path was taken by C. S. Lewis, who was a leader of the Socratic Club at Oxford back in 1950 when Flew presented his seminal paper, “Theology and Falsification”. Lewis’s thinking moved from theism/deism

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(theism is the belief in the existence of a god or gods, especially belief in a personal God as creator and ruler of the world) to Christian belief when he seriously considered the evidence and the options regarding the identity of Jesus Christ. Many will know of his famous assertion that Jesus must be either the Lord, a liar or a lunatic. He reached the conclusion that it was the former.

Might Flew walk the same path and be ‘surprised’ by what he discovers? **Greg Clarke** ▶

ENDNOTES

1 For an interview discussing Collins’s Christian faith in relation to his work, see <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/transcripts/collins.html>.

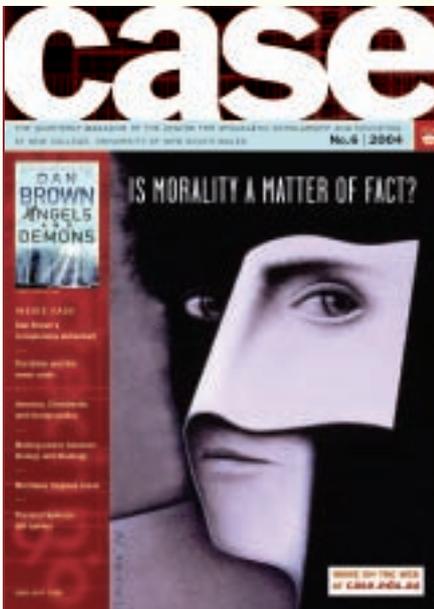
2 Richard N. Ostling, “Leading atheist now believes in God, more or less”, *Science and Theology News*, January 2005. Online at http://www.stnews.org/news_leading_0105.html. Download Christian philosopher Gary Habermas’s interview with Antony Flew at www.biola.edu/antonyflew.

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Gough Whitlam launches Dr Stuart Barton Babbage's Memoirs at New College



Dr Babbage and current Master Prof Trevor Cairney



Gough Whitlam launching Dr Babbage's memoirs at New

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New College's second Master the Rev. Dr Stuart Barton Babbage's autobiography was launched Tuesday December 7 by former Prime Minister of Australia, the Honourable Gough Whitlam at New College, University of New South Wales.

Over 240 people attended the College's main dining room for a reception and book signing ceremony surrounding the launch. Three former Archbishops of Sydney, the Right Reverends Sir Marcus Loane, Donald Robinson and Harry Goodhew were all in attendance to honour Dr Babbage, along with Sydney Anglican clergy, laity and members of the broader community. Other notable guests included current regional Bishops Robert Forsyth (representing the Archbishop Jensen) and Glenn Davies. Professor Trevor Cairney, current Master of New College, hosted the event welcoming everyone. Professor Cairney expressed his gratitude for the life of Stuart, commenting that it had been a life well lived contributing much to the College's history and traditions.

Dr Babbage, a former Dean of Sydney and Melbourne, was Master of New College from 1973 – 1983. He oversaw the admission of women to the

College and introduced eminent speakers at formal dinners, where a 'who's who' of campus and society attend to share their views and experiences with the student body. He also introduced the College's ongoing work in academic Christian scholarship and apologetics by holding regular 'Forum' dinners. These provided opportunity for serious wrestling with contemporary issues such as genetic engineering, censorship, apartheid, culture, ecology and other faiths.

Mr Whitlam outlined the impact that Dr Babbage and other clergy had on his public and private life. He warmly endorsed Babbage's book *Memoirs of a Loose Canon* (Acorn Press 2004) as capturing much of the personal, local and world events that had meant much to him and many others.

High Court Justice Michael Kirby said in his forward to the Memoirs "I welcome this book. It gives a glimpse at the whimsy, irony, intelligence and kindness that all his friends know." Several members of New College's Alumni and friends returned for the first time in some years, it was a great gathering, reinforcing the collegiality that is central to New College. ▀

Bec Barnes—Life to the full

We thought we'd profile Bec on leaving New College after four years. Bec speaks in glowing terms of the College and her experiences. Bec has been Senior Academic Tutor for past two years. This involved organising the tutoring program, training and supporting the tutors (a team of 10), and providing students with academic help and advice. In her last year in the College Bec tutored first year Mathematics and was always there to help people; she was willing to drop everything to pray with someone at any time of the day; her concern for others reflecting her Christian faith. Bec spent a lot of time pastorally caring and counselling students in her role.

Not surprisingly Bec won the 2004 Mick Bruand award (the top community service award in College). In her last year she also taught Sunday school classes, played music at various College and church services, and continued to be a mentor to many younger members of College over the duration of her time here. Bec was actively involved in the New College Christian Fellowship and loved leading a second year girls College Bible Study. Even with all her commitments Bec was still able to study effectively recently being awarded the prestigious 2004 University Medal in Environmental Engineering.

When talking of her college experiences Bec (like so many others) remarked: "It's nothing without the people". Bec described the College community where everyone had a definite character and beautiful traits and the people in College are 'different', they are selfless in encouraging and applauding each others gifts. Everyone is brilliant at something she said, whether extraordinary gentleness, people skills, sense of humour, academic ability,

sports, community service, social gifts or their faith.

Discussing the future... "I went through my midlife crisis when I was nine years old, I asked myself, 'What am I going to do with my future?' and at that point in my life I could see only one thing that appeared to have any lasting value—telling people about Jesus." Bec decided to become a missionary and was particularly interested in the Philippines. In February 2004 Bec trialled being a missionary with a trip to India with Engineering Ministries International, she spent her summer in India, doing engineering projects and Christian work in the snowy Himalayan town of Mussoorie. Bec wants to continue in this direction.



Rebecca Barnes 2001 - 2004

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For her post graduate studies Bec has gained a UNSW scholarship and will be doing a PhD in 2005 after a 6 month gap period working with homeless and poor people in the Washington DC ghettos. Her PhD will be in the area of water engineering, she wants to take it beyond the theoretical to the practical so she can make a difference! Bec will hopefully be able to do her project in conjunction with a Missionary based organisation. Bec is currently thinking of going to the Southern Philippines to help a community there. Her Research project will involve water treatment, distribution and disposal involving the development of systems that are hygienic and safe to stop local people from becoming sick. ■

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2005 Alumni Dinner – Don't miss it!

The 2005 Alumni dinner will be held at 7pm on Wednesday September 7 2005 at New College.

I encourage you to put this date in your diaries now! Invitations will be sent to 'New' alumni closer to the date but you are warmly invited to express your interest in attending now by email: m.fairfull@newcollege.unsw.edu.au.

In 2004 it was a great inaugural Alumni Dinner with 250 in attendance, please don't miss out on this year's dinner. At the dinner in 2004 Ewen McKenzie (NSW Waratahs coach and New Collegian '86-'87) spoke of his College and

professional experiences, and the New College building redevelopments were unveiled and officially opened.

This year our speaker will be Ross Fox (1995-98) who is due to return from Oxford University in July. The event is a wonderful opportunity for people to visit the College, reconnect with alumni, share stories, get excited about the vision of the College, mingle with current students and meet the current staff team.

Mark Fairfull, Alumni Coordinator

Where are they now?

Melanie Simpson (nee Adiseshan) (New Collegian 1986) “I was delighted to read about last September’s New College Alumni Dinner and tickled to see Ewen McKenzie featured as guest speaker. I was the Arts Tutor (1986) charged with the care of his “crazy bunch” and remember each of them well too!

I graduated from Macquarie with a BA (French major, German sub-major) in 1982, completed a Certificate to teach ESL/EFL at the Institute of Languages at UNSW also in 1982. I had one year at New College in 1986 during my graduate DipEd. It was a very busy year as the only female tutor out of six in residence, but I did manage to score a formal invitation to Warrane College when they hosted a neighbourly get together. Believe this was a first.

They were very happy and often hilarious days and nights. I remember so many people and yet have so little contact with UNSW friends.”

Melanie can be contacted on email at Melanie@scv.com.au.

Anne Robinson (nee Strange) (New Collegian 1979 – 1980) “I studied Textile Technology (BSc (Hons) – ’83) at UNSW. I was a New college resident in 1979 and 1980 (the Kennedy St House) and was part of the first ever “mixed” group as the numbers didn’t add up that year. They were good times and I am still in touch with a number of friends.”

Anne can be contacted at email garobinson@optusnet.com.au.

Graeme Smart (New Collegian 1984)

Graeme Smart. was a resident at the college in 1984. He is once again at university, this time doing a PhD at Keele University (UK). He would like to make contact with other collegians from his era.

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Lisa Cunial (New Collegian 1986 – 1987)

“I was a fresher in 1986 and would love to catch up with all others. I was thinking of the possibility of organising a weekend reunion next year being a 20 year anniversary, I can’t actually believe that it has been that long. Maybe with a family friendly program.” **The College is assisting to organise this for next year.**

If you want to stay in touch with Lisa you can email her at lisa_cunial@yahoo.com.au ▶

Vale—Simon John MacIntyre Tucker, 1982 – 2005

Simon Tucker a New Collegian from 2001-2002, died suddenly on the 24th March, aged 23 years. Around 30 current and former New Collegians attended his funeral at Knox Grammar School on Friday April 1.

He was a likeable, intelligent, frank, and friendly young man who’s presence was always noted in a room. Simon will be long remembered and missed by all who knew him.

At a recent College Service we acknowledged Simon’s unique qualities and the impact he had on many lives in his short life. The Master commented on Simon’s intelligence and creativity - he was a very gifted architectural student; his ability to talk about many topics (a young man with broad knowledge and interests); his sense of fun; his ability to charm people of all ages; his interpersonal skills; and his persuasiveness.

The College has been deeply saddened by Simon’s death; the Master Trevor Cairney said “I wanted to know him better and longer. I’m sure that there are many people who share this view”.

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