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Habitat for Humanity and New College 2006



The Cambodia team at Angkor Wat.

Two Habitat for Humanity Global Village teams were sent from 'New' in 2006—one to Fiji and one Cambodia. Through volunteer labour and generous donations of money, time and materials Global Village teams build simple houses with the help of the homeowner 'partner' families. Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry. It seeks through the involvement of volunteers to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness. Our New Collegians are helping to see this mission become a reality.

Cambodia

The team of ten New Collegians and seven UNSW Co-op scholars arrived in Cambodia on Monday July 3. The Cambodian Habitat for Humanity staff team

was especially excited to greet the first foreign team to volunteer in Cambodia. The team stayed in the 'OK' guest house close to the centre of Phnom Penh, and worked in Toul Sen Sok, a community on the outskirts of Phnom Penh, roughly half hour by bus from the city. Most of the families in this community had been relocated from a slum area by the river which the government had burnt down.

Following an orientation session, the first day was taken up with rest and some sightseeing in Phnom Penh, followed by a hearty welcoming dinner. On Tuesday the team started their regular routine of meeting a bus at 8am to take them to the building site. Once they arrived at the site they were split into two groups and worked on building two houses. It took the team one week to achieve the goal. "We were able to build two houses because our enthusiastic team and the experienced local Khmer staff worked really well together" said New Collegian Michael Hand.

"Arriving in Sen Sok we were greeted by community elders bowing, hands pressed together and children screaming 'Hello!' and madly waving when we passed them by in the village streets. We mixed cement and laid bricks alongside local labourers, roaming cattle and children wanting to help. The mood of the building site was lightened by the Cambodian people's easy laughter and gentle nature. Being a part of the Sen Sok community and seeing how the locals lived made me appreciate the value of a house and the value of our contribution" said New Collegian Prue Freestone.

The local staff coordinated the teams very well and gave them tasks commensurate ... continued page 6

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Professor Trevor Cairney

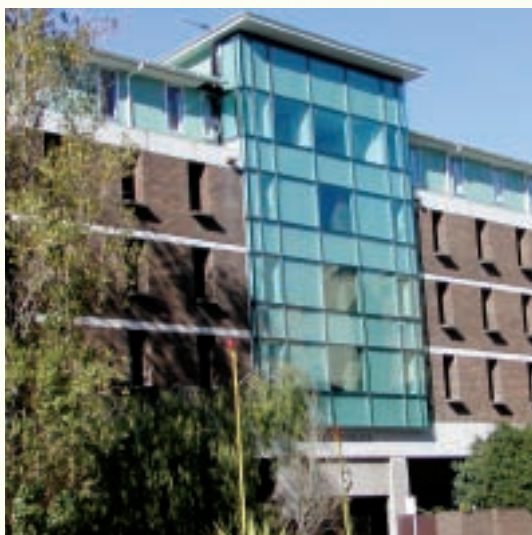
From the Master

At a recent conference at the University of Queensland, Federal Education Minister Julie Bishop commented that residential colleges are “a magnificent legacy endowed to the nation’s universities by the three largest Christian denominations...” Colleges she stressed bring “great benefits to their universities, providing much of their colour and cultural engagement.”

She continued:

“Faith based colleges provide opportunities for a balanced and stimulating campus life which embraces not only their academic studies, but the quiet encouragement of spiritual reflection within a community of scholars.”

Like New College I want the postgraduate college to encourage academic excellence, collegiality and service to the community. University life should be more than seminars, tutorials, lectures and assessment tasks.



New College is more than just a place to sleep or study.

While we don’t need the Minister to tell us this, it is encouraging to hear a government minister showing an awareness of the place that residential colleges play in the life of campuses.

New College is a wonderful institution that provides more than just a residence on campus. It is a community that has a significant impact on the lives of residents who are part of it. I have heard this message hundreds of times since becoming the Master of New College. New College places a permanent and indelible mark on people.

Recently I toured the United Kingdom to visit postgraduate colleges in order to gain insights to apply to our own unique postgraduate community to be opened in 2009. I was able to visit a number of wonderful facilities and one or two that actually tried to provide academic and pastoral support to residents. However, I was disheartened to find that few institutions even try to provide academic, social and pastoral support to residents. Many have become simply halls of residence —places to lay one’s head.

Elsewhere in this newsletter we discuss our plans to build a new postgraduate college on campus. This will be a challenging project for us but one which I’m sure that we can complete well. I am confident that we can build a place for postgraduate students to live that provides rich pastoral and academic support. I hope to achieve this in three ways:

- by facilitating social interaction within and across apartments and floors;
- by providing a team of residential advisers who know and seek to support a set of residents;
- by involving alumni and academic staff on campus as part of a strong network of research fellows.

Like New College I want the postgraduate college to encourage academic excellence, collegiality and service to the community. University life should be more than seminars, tutorials, lectures and assessment tasks. Our distinctive mission is to do more than just build minds—we want to build character.

I would welcome your ideas, support and expressions of interest in being involved in some way. ▀

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New College (opened 1969) is an independent Anglican Residential College for students at the University of NSW. New College, co-educational with 250 students, has a proud tradition of academic support and pastoral care with 19 Academic Tutors and Resident Advisers. New College aims to build the character of each individual who becomes part of the College. The College’s mission is the pursuit of collegiality, academic excellence and service to society. New College is a vibrant and close knit community, strong in academic, sporting, cultural, social and community service activities.

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The Post Graduate Village

New College will build a new Post Graduate College on campus. This project has been fully approved by the University and is expected to be completed and opened in 2009—just in time for New College's 40th anniversary. The building will be owned and operated by a wholly owned entity 'New College Postgraduate Village' on land leased from UNSW.

The original vision of New College was to build new colleges at other universities. This postgraduate development is consistent with the vision of the founders. Design has already commenced, construction will begin in mid 2007 for completion by early 2009.

The site for the 250 bed building is on the corner of Anzac Parade and Day Avenue (diagonally opposite New College and not far from NIDA).

For this project New College has entered into a partnership with Lipman Pty Ltd (the builder) to complete the construction of this major new post graduate residential building which will have up to 7 floors and house 250 postgraduate students and in single and double rooms, arranged in 5 bedroom apartments, studio apartments and a small number of family apartments.

New College requires funding of \$25 million. Finance for the project has been raised from two partners but the College will also be embarking on a capital raising campaign in 2007.



The new site will be just up the road on the Corner of Day Ave and Anzac Parade.

Site for new Post Graduate College

New College

The aim with this building is to build an academic community which while different from New College will have the same richness of social, pastoral and academic support.

There will be an emphasis on postgraduate support led by the Master and a team of residential staff. There will be close relationships with key University Schools and Research centres. There will also be a program of academic seminars, tutorials, social functions and Christian activities.

If you would like to know more about this development or would like to offer support in any way please contact the Master. ▶

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Children in the spotlight

ISSUES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD AND PARENTING



Tues 10th Oct

The amazing early years of life!

Drinks and canapés in Scientia building UNSW from 6.15 pm with lectures to follow from 7.15pm, question time and supper. **RSVP essential.**

Wed 11th Oct

The Essentials of Good Parenting and When Parenting Goes Wrong

7.30pm Main Common Room, New College, UNSW question time and supper to follow the lectures.

Thurs 12th Oct

Child Sexual Abuse: the response of the churches and the reliability of children

7.30pm Main Common Room, New College, UNSW question time and supper to follow the lectures.

New College is located on Anzac Parade, Kensington on the University of New South Wales campus.

**RSVP to New College by 6th October.
Phone (02) 9381 1999**

Additional information:
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"I must take issue with the term 'a mere child,' for it has been my invariable experience that the company of a mere child is infinitely preferable to that of a mere adult" Fran Lebowitz (1950 -)

Entrance
is **FREE**



This year's New College Lecturer is **Professor Kim Oates** AM, MD, DSc, MHP, FRACP.

Professor Oates is a consultant paediatrician with particular interests in child development and child protection. He is Emeritus Professor of Paediatrics and Child Health at the

University of Sydney and was Chief Executive Officer of the Children's Hospital at Westmead from 1997 to early 2006.

"My aim is for these New College lectures to give us a better perspective on children. Together we will look at the new knowledge from genetics, developmental psychology and brain imaging which have shown just how important, and amazing, the early years are. We will explore how this information can help us as parents and we will also look at some of the problems which occur when parenting goes wrong. Finally, with child sexual abuse being so widespread and serious, we will look at an overview of this problem, the various responses of the churches and discuss the vexed problem of false allegations." Professor Kim Oates

**NEW COLLEGE
LECTURE SERIES
2006**



The Pirates of Penzance with a new twist!



Pirate Samuel (Arend Boog) and Pirate King (Lachlan 'Flame' Rogers) looking intently at something!



Some Pirates in full song (left to right): Andrew Despi and Josh Price.



Major General in trouble from the pirates (bottom right): Jonathan Billingham was the Major General.

A musical production came to 'New' for the first time this year. New College alumni, friends, the University community and general public attended New's first Musical production *The Pirates of Penzance*. The event was attended by more than 750 people over four nights.

Each year New College residents produce a dramatic production in first session. Over the past few years these productions have been very successful and last year the decision was made to produce a musical for the first time. So the residents took on the task of producing *The Pirates of Penzance*. It was an exciting time in College seeing the musical take shape and there was no doubt that the final production was a great success.

There was so much to enjoy about this musical – the music itself being performed by a 20 piece New College

orchestra, the singing and performances of the 26 cast members, the choreography and acrobatics on stage, costume design, set design and of course the story as it is told by Gilbert and Sullivan. There were also more than 30 back stage crew and front of house team members who had been working very hard over the first 12 weeks of session one.

Amongst the residents, and the audiences, there was a great sense of pride surrounding something that was special and unique in the College's 37 year history. There were a number of quintessentially 'New' adaptations that added even more interest; for example, altering a song about Queen Victoria to a song about our 'Dean'.

Alumnus Georgina Barratt-See in an email to New College summed up much of what many people felt, "I attended the production of Pirates of Penzance last night, and have never been so proud of New College and being an alumnus. The production was outstanding! The college spirit and sense of humour brought out the nuances of the musical, and it was evident how amazingly hard the group had worked. The enthusiasm and sheer joie de vivre, as well as the incredible detail and work that had gone into the choreography, the singing and the orchestral work shone through with amazing clarity. I was reminded and encouraged that the place I knew as an undergraduate as my home had produced such a fine, outstanding and commendable production, especially with the clever innovations to make the production entirely New College. Bravo!"



The Pirates cast.

The Early Years at New College



Front Row:
second from left
Dr John Higinbotham,
Rev Noel Pollard
(Master), Phil Grouse
(Dean), Dr Russell
Clark with the rest
of the inaugural
academic staff
(Tutors).

who wished to enquire about religious belief. The weekly Saturday evenings hosted by the Dean and his wife, Margaret, in their flat were particularly well attended and appreciated by the students. Some Saturdays we would screen one of the Moody Institute Fact and Faith Films in a Tutorial Room in order to stimulate discussion. On Sundays at 8am, the Master presided over a brief Holy Communion service held in the Library. This was attended mainly by the Dean and a few of the Tutors.

Normally each of the six Tutors gave two hours of tutorials in academic subjects each week in one

of the Tutorial Rooms to residential students. These tutorials were supplemented by visiting tutors who gave tutorials in academic subjects outside the expertise of the resident Tutors. The most useful tutorial help was often given on an individual basis in the Tutors' flats. Academic excellence was encouraged and it was a very intellectually stimulating environment in which to live. For example, Phil Grouse gave a course in New Testament Greek which then led me to obtain a Certificate in Theology by correspondence from Moore Theological College.

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There was a good mix of nationalities amongst both the academic staff and students. In addition, there was a very wide variation in religious belief amongst the students. Although cultural events were held for the whole college, the most important interactions seemed to occur in the four student common rooms on each floor, where discussions often continued late into the night. I am grateful for the opportunity to have been part of the first years of New College. **Dr John Higinbotham** ▀

**Postscript: Dr Higinbotham now works at
The Institute of Physics in Edinburgh Scotland**

The existence of New College is due to the vision of a group of Christians in the Sydney area.

I first heard about New College when Phil Grouse, a computer expert at the University of New South Wales, asked me to consider being a Tutor at the College. Most of the first Tutors were active members of the Evangelical Union and were well known to Phil Grouse, who was a frequent speaker at our weekly lunchtime meetings. Most of the other Tutors were active members of the Overseas Christian Fellowship. I watched with fascination huge pile drivers driving into the sandy soil in order to provide a secure foundation for the college. First, the Master Rev Noel Pollard, a Church Historian, moved into the college and then the Dean Phil Grouse and the six Tutors moved into their flats. I occupied a first floor flat from which I was able to watch Warrane College being built.

The operation of the college was mainly determined by the Master, with the Dean responsible for discipline. Formal dinners with academic gowns were held during the week during term time. Before each formal dinner, the Tutors met with the Master and Dean in the Senior Common Room. We then processed to the High Table in the Dining Room. Outside speakers were sometimes invited to give an address after the meal. The academic staff met once a week in the Master's Study for a brief period of fellowship and to discuss College problems. Usually the main problem discussed was excessive noise by the students late at night, especially by those who lived above the Master's flat who disturbed the sleep of his young children.

The academic staff shared a common vision of providing a relaxed background in which the Christian faith could be discussed with those students



1: (left to right) New Collegians Pip Bowers and Madeline Sutton laying bricks.
2: The brick laying continues
3: the Cambodia team in front of a welcome banner.



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Despite how hard the HFH teams worked on the houses it was worth it to see how grateful the families were at the dedication ceremony.

with their skills and abilities! These tasks included brick laying, mixing concrete, laying concrete, making and then applying the reinforcement steel to the concrete that was laid, painting and carpentry. The teams helped to install a roof on each house by cutting and placing the support beams on the top of the structure.

The houses were single-room structures with the potential for expansion. The houses once completed gave families the option to modify them by adding a mezzanine level. The two families were very grateful to the team and were always working on their house, providing refreshments and washing the gloves of the team members. Both families have paid work to support them paying off their house which gives them an asset but also supports the building of more houses!



Dehydration was an issue for the team due to the high humidity, requiring them to keep up their fluids and take rehydration salts. The team finished the construction project one week after they commenced and donated the tools they used. They returned the following day for a dedication ceremony and farewell party. The ceremony involved thanking God for the new houses and blessing them and the new occupants. A representative of Habitat Asia-Pacific, the Director of Habitat Cambodia and the Toul Sensok Community leaders all praised and thanked the team for their hard work and generosity. At the farewell party there was yet more interesting Khmer food to try. However, the new food was easier to stomach than some of the team's Karaoke performances.

"For me the Habitat for Humanity build in Cambodia was an experience which allowed me to both gain a valuable insight into the Khmer way of life while also contributing to the Sen Sok community and one family's standard of living. Despite how hard the HFH teams worked on the houses it was worth it to see how grateful the families were at the dedication ceremony", said team member and New Collegian Madeline Sutton.

During the week of building it wasn't all hard work! On the Thursday night the team members took part in a cooking class. On the weekend they enjoyed a traditional Apsara dance performance. They also visited an orphanage in their time off and donated toys, sports equipment and a skipping rope to the children. The orphans challenged the team to a game of bare-foot soccer and the New Collegians came off second best!

After the building project was complete the team then spent a couple of days on the coast, eating well and taking day tours. They also went to museums; saw the infamous Killing Fields, and visited temples and markets. The last few days were spent exploring the amazing temples of Angkor, the pride of the Khmer people, and enjoying more great food and markets in Siem Reap.



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- 1: The house begins to take shape.
- 2: The Fiji team.
- 3: Painting the outside of the house.

building site arriving at 10am. The goal for the team was to build one house in a week. They started with a floor and their task was to construct the remainder of the house. The Habitat for Humanity staff provided two carpenters to assist in achieving the task. "The local Habitat staff were excellent and made the whole trip worthwhile. They were really helpful and there wasn't anything they wouldn't do", said New Collegian Emily Turner. The staff organised and supported the team not just with the building project but with living in Lami and taking them to see some of the sites.

One fun task was to place dirt inside the building as a foundation; at one stage this task disintegrated into chucking mud at team member Eli Jordan which was fun for the rest of the team. The main part of the house consisted of a wooden frame lined with weatherboards, with a bricked area for the kitchen and bathroom. The team mixed cement and laid bricks, and did some painting of the weatherboards. A couple of team members were involved in installing the colour bond-style roof.

One interesting component of the adventure was the school visits the team conducted. They went to a primary school and high school to promote Habitat for Humanity and share a bit about the work the team was doing in Lami.

The team finished working on the project seven days after commencing. The R 'n' R part of the trip was spent on the other side of the island in the tourist area in and around Nadi. This area is best described as being resort after resort; very international and geared up for visitors. It is a very built up and developed part of the island, in stark contrast to the more rural island communities, where there is a greater sense of community and the villages are close knit with a feeling of being at home.

Fiji

The team of four New Collegians, four UNSW Co-op scholars and three Basser residents (The Kensington Colleges) arrived in Fiji on Sunday July 2. The Habitat local contact Liti met the team at Nadi airport. They then travelled by bus to Suva. Lami, the village they were working in is located on the outskirts of Suva. The team stayed in the Lami Community hall with the Habitat for Humanity staff.

Following an orientation session, on the first night the team were treated to a Sevusevu welcoming ceremony in the tradition of the local Melanesians. The local villagers and the village Chief took an active part in this ceremony (which was as much a celebration and a party as anything else!). The team was warmly thanked for coming and partnering with the locals to develop their community.

The team presented the chief with a Kava plant. The custom is to drink the Kava at the ceremony but the team being tired from eight hours of travelling did this later. The ceremony included prayer for the team members, partner families and the local community. The ceremony was followed with a cheerful welcome meal.

On the Monday morning the team woke up late and after a generous breakfast they walked to the

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"I wanted to go for more personal reasons than just simply doing a good thing and helping to meet a great need, it was a chance to do something different, learn new things and meet people as well as coming into contact with a new, different culture to my own. The Fijians were gorgeous they were so welcoming and would go so far out of their way for us, providing help, hospitality and advice. We really felt special because they were always thanking us, when we felt that we should be the one's thanking them," said team member and New Collegian Emily Turner.

The trip ended with the team having shared a great experience together and forged close friendships. "It was so awesome, we had such a great time together, we all bonded and it made every other holiday seem plain," said Emily Turner. ▀

Formal Dinners memorable affairs!



Left to Right:
Mrs Carmen Cairney,
Kim Hoa Scruton,
Hannah Wills, Mrs
Janette McDonald.

ABC for Dinner

The second formal dinner for 2006 was an exciting night with Chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Mr Donald McDonald AO guest speaker. Mr McDonald spoke of the challenges and joys of the media digital age and gave advice about success and finding one's direction in life. He emphasised that enjoying what you do in terms of work is very important to all aspects of life.

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Mr McDonald impressed the gathered audience with his knowledge of modern media technology and his passion for podcasting and audio-on-demand. He also impressed New College's *Triple J* listeners with his knowledge of the youth radio network and its latest foray into music internet. He discussed how new media was changing the face of media product, leading to a far more fragmented audience. He shared how he believed that the ABC had been fundamentally changed by the digital revolution. He stressed that while it has always been a broadcaster, it is now a supplier of content on demand to people via the web. The web also means that ABC is engaged in publishing news and other content such as video on demand.

Mr McDonald talked with residents about the independence of the ABC, the ABC charter, funding of the broadcaster and whether or not there would be commercial advertising on ABC. He allayed people's fears of advertising being on the ABC anytime soon saying that neither the Board nor Prime Minister Howard was considering it.

Mr McDonald generously answered questions from the floor. Questions varied from how Eddie McGuire would meet the challenges he faces as the new channel 9 boss, the backlash he experienced when he appeared to endorse the Prime Minister on the eve of the 1998 election, and what was his favourite kids TV show!

Former Wallaby Guest Speaker at end of session formal dinner

Former Wallaby Nick Farr-Jones was guest at the New College End of Session (1) Formal Dinner. Mr Farr-Jones played scrum half for Australia in a total of 63 tests, 36 of them as captain (second only to John Eales in number of tests captained).

Mr Farr-Jones made his test debut in 1984 at Twickenham in which Australia defeated England 19 - 3 and a tour in which the Wallabies went on to defeat Wales, Ireland and Scotland in an unprecedented "Grand Slam" of the British Isles. He retired in 1993 having led the Wallabies in their successful 1991 World Cup campaign and the victory over the All Blacks in 1992 to win the Bledisloe Cup. He has written two books about his experiences in rugby—one with fellow Wallaby Steve Cutler called 'Nicks and Cuts' as well as the 'Story of the Rugby World Cup' that was released in 2003.



New College Chairman Robert Doyle and Mr Nick Farr-Jones.



Residents Hannah Wills and Peter Thompson with guest speaker Mr Donald McDonald AO.



Adam Sauverain, James Pietsch and Amy Gibbens.

Mr Farr-Jones has been active in many different spheres of civic life serving as a member of the University of Sydney's Senate, a member of Sydney City Council and a Board member for the Wesley Mission.

In his address Mr Farr-Jones encouraged those gathered to give their all and not die wondering 'what if' in life—something that he demonstrated many times on the rugby field. He commented, "If you are passionate you should go out there and pursue your goals."

New Vice-Chancellor asks do you have a plan on first visit to New College

UNSW Vice-Chancellor Professor Fred Hilmer AO was the Guest Speaker at New College's Commencement Formal Dinner on July 26. Prof Hilmer began his appointment as UNSW Vice-Chancellor on June 19. He used his address to talk to the residents about planning for life.

In his remarks the Vice-Chancellor said that he was 'delighted' to be at his first ever New College formal dinner on his first visit to a residential college at UNSW. When he asked his predecessor whether or not he should accept the invitation to be the guest speaker Prof Wainwright said "absolutely you should go!"

The Vice-Chancellor shared his thoughts and experiences on the value and importance of planning in a general sense for all aspects of life. He suggested that he has had to employ planning in most of the roles he has had in his professional career. Prof Hilmer quoted the proverb that 'men plan and the Gods laugh' but still encouraged the audience to be thoughtful planners. Prof Hilmer stressed that if you don't know where you are going, you rush with nowhere to go.

He said there are four stages to planning—one, the tooling up (or preparation) stage; two picking the right arena or environment to be in; three—becoming 'independent'; and four—"giving back" or contributing.

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In terms of vocation and career choices, Prof Hilmer encouraged the residents to ask themselves three questions throughout their future careers. Is it going to be fun? Is what you are doing worth doing? And are you going to be fairly remunerated and rewarded for your efforts? Prof Hilmer took four questions from the floor and expressed the view that work shouldn't be something where the employee has to work long hours just because they are fairly remunerated—work should be enjoyed. He also stressed the importance of having an honest relationship with your employer where a balance exists between work and the rest of your life. ■



UNSW Vice-Chancellor Prof Fred Hilmer.

Master returns to Asia for 2006 New College Alumni reunion

Professor Trevor
Cairney with wife
Carmen.



Dr Mabel Thng
with husband New
College Alumnus
Mr Patrick Thng
(1982-1989).

New College has 187 known alumni residing in the Asian region, from South East Asian to Southern and Eastern Asia. The countries and numbers of alumni breakdown like this: People's Republic of China – 3, Hong Kong PRC – 39, India – 1, Indonesia – 13, Japan – 6, Malaysia – 27, Pakistan – 2, Papua New Guinea – 1, Philippines – 3, Singapore – 68, Sri Lanka – 3, Thailand – 21.

The Master recently hosted a New College alumni dinner in Singapore. The dinner encouraged local members residing in the Asian continent to stay in touch. It also enabled the Master to share

his vision for the future of New College. Professor Cairney spent four days in Singapore and in this time hosted a dinner for alumni at a well known local restaurant, Flutes at the Fort, inspected the new UNSW campus site and met with UNSW Asia staff to view the new Singapore operation.

Professor Cairney outlined the changes that have been made to New College in recent years, including the refurbishment of the Anzac Parade entrance, replacement of all existing bathrooms and the addition of the new fourth floor, and spoke about his plans to refurbish the rest of the building and consider ways to expand the work of New.

Prof Cairney specifically highlighted the new Postgraduate Village that New College was set to construct and manage at UNSW Kensington. Professor Cairney also encouraged Asian alumni to consider how they might assist future Asian Collegians through the funding of a scholarship program. Thirty alumni and New College guests attended the 2006 dinner, most of whom were at College during the 1990's. The alumni present responded well to the ideas and expressed a keenness to have other alumni activities in the future.

"We had a wonderful time sharing New College experiences. I also shared my vision for the upgrade of New College facilities, the building of a College scholarships program and the new postgraduate building. While I was in Singapore I also inspected the new UNSW campus site. This is a very exciting development" Professor Cairney said.

"I have five key goals which make up the College's broad vision: build a new postgraduate building, complete the College refurbishment development project, expand our alumni program both locally and internationally, obtain support for an extended scholarships program and most ambitious of all build some new New colleges in other locations, I have a dream of one day seeing a New College established and running at UNSW Asia in Singapore", Professor Cairney said in his address.

One alumni member in apologizing for not being able to attend wrote "It is nice for you to think of a reunion in Singapore. I had many friends from Singapore during my time in New College from 1973-1976 and many others from Hong Kong and Thailand too with whom I still have contacts. Dr. Babbage was the Master at that time." The College's Alumni and Public Relations coordinator, Mr Mark Fairfull, is keen to hear from international alumni interested in fostering alumni events in countries where we have a reasonable concentration of Collegians. Telephone +61 2 9381 1740, email m.fairfull@newcollege.unsw.edu.au. ▀

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In his remarks the College's Master outlined some key UNSW Asia facts:

- ▀ Singapore Chapter of UNSW Alumni Assoc. provides a large local and global network
- ▀ 100% increase in Singaporean students at UNSW in last 5 years, 1000+ studying
- ▀ UNSW Asia is to begin operations in 2007
- ▀ New UNSW campus near Changi airport is to open by 2009
- ▀ UNSW Asia is Singapore's first foreign university
- ▀ UNSW Asia will have a comprehensive range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs
- ▀ UNSW Asia Enrolments to reach 15,000 in 15 years

What's New news briefs

● New front entrance, foyer and signage for 'New'



Minor refurbishment over summer provided the College with a new 'public' entrance that is designed for visitors to the College and future residents and families. This entrance allows us to provide better reception for guests and also controls the access of visitors to the building. We've also recently erected some new signage on the front of the building.

● New Case website

The Centre for Apologetic Scholarship and Education has a new website. The new and improved site has become the resource destination for intellectuals and academics interested in ethics, morals and social issues. Do visit www.case.edu.au.

● New College alumni talking about *The Da Vinci Code*

Ex-Collegians Phil Campbell (Milton, QLD), Bruce Russell (Docklands, VIC) and Peter Blanch (Wagga Wagga NSW) have kept their connection with New College active; all three hosted CASE Director Greg Clarke who led public forums on the discussion generated by the *Da Vinci Code* film. These provided a venue and an outlet for

enquirers who had questions they wanted to explore about spirituality, history and the Christian faith. During the past two years Greg Clarke (Director of CASE) travelled the country giving talks on Dan Brown's novel and film, *The Da Vinci Code*. It began in May 2004 when ex-Collegian, Phil Wheeler (1979-1982), Senior Minister of Christchurch Gladesville, invited Greg to speak at a church event about this controversial novel.

● SBB portrait unveiled



The College has received a donation of a significant art work by artist Dr Neville Dawson. Dr Dawson painted a portrait of Dr Stuart Barton Babbage (2nd Master of the College) in 2000 as an entry in the Archibald Prize. The painting is hung in the Meeting Room and was unveiled at a simple ceremony in late April. The NCSA Exec and staff joined with Stuart, the artist and a few friends and family to view the work.

● Games room refurbishment

The College Games room has been refurbished with the purchase of new couches and the inclusion of new art on the walls. It has been cleaned up and rearranged to be more conducive for use by residents. ▀

New College Art — within and without these hallowed walls

The College is fortunate to have received the donation of a significant portrait of Rev Dr Stuart Barton Babbage earlier this year (see pictures). The work was painted by Dr Neville Dawson and was submitted in the Archibald Prize in 2000. Having received this major art work Professor Trevor Cairney initiated a review and stocktake of the College's art collection. The Master then initiated repairs and rearrangement of the collection throughout the building.

This review led to the discovery of many works stored in multiple locations around the building, much of which is art by former New Collegians. The collection within the College is significant with over 60 pieces of art. Alumni members might wish to visit to look at some of the work hung recently in the New College

office administration, Main Common Room, Meeting Room, Dining Room and Games room.

In bringing together art by past residents in the collection the College has discovered and displayed work by David Klineberg, Jenni Brammall, Alistair MacCullum, Wendy Newin, Steven Blackburn and Mark Davis.

In other art related news the current residents held an exhibition of their art in June. These works showed much talent; see a selection of this work in the photos below. It is the College's hope that the current residents will leave a piece of their work to grow the College's collection and leave a lasting legacy. ▀



Where are they now?



Marc and Jacqui Bown (New College 2000-2001)

Marc and Jacqui were both freshers at New College in 2000, and after locking in on each other in O-Week have been inseparable since. The wedding was held on the 22nd of April in Wollongong. Marc and Jacqui are currently living and working in the UK. They would love to hear from anyone from their college days, Email: marc@inbowned.com. See picture.

T.S.N. Fernando (Nimal Fernando) (New College 1973-1976)

Nimal attended UNSW on an Australian government Scholarship completing a MCom. Since returning to Sri Lanka he worked for the Central Bank and retired after 34 years of service. "I ended up as a Senior Head of Dept in the Bank and was the Superintendent of Public Debt for over ten years. Since my retirement, along with other colleagues we have formed a firm of Financial Consultants. I have been entrusted with the task of management of the firm. I am sorry that I will miss the [Singapore] reunion. I am sure I would have met few of my old friends from Singapore and Hong Kong—James Wong from Singapore, Alex Cheung from Hong Kong and Dick Khannabha from Thailand. The only New College Sri Lankan I know is Withanage Amarabandu who is attached to the Dept Demography of the University of Colombo."

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Dr John Higinbotham CPhys, FInstP, FAIP

(New College 1969-1971)

John Higinbotham was the Senior Tutor at New College from 1969. He was awarded a BSc and MSc (Physics) at UNSW. In recent email correspondence resulting from Autumn *New 'n' Old* he wrote: "I was delighted to read of the participation of New College residents with the Santa Teresa Aboriginal Community in the Northern Territory. This is an excellent initiative. I wish you well with your initiatives." John is now involved in work at The Institute of Physics in Edinburgh, Scotland. Email: john.higinbotham@physics.org

Cameron Strahorn (New College 2000-2001)

In other news for the fresher group of 2000, Cameron Strahorn has recently become engaged to his long time partner, and ex-boss, Mirriam Rosser. Cam and Mirriam are planning a wedding early next year (2007).

Jackie Hartley (New College 1997-1998)

Jackie headed to the US in early August on the Fulbright Postgraduate Alumni (WG Walker) Award and the Lionel Murphy Postgraduate Overseas Scholarship. "I will be studying a Master of Laws in the Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program at the University of Arizona in Tucson. I am looking forward to catching up with Leah Curtis (New College 1996-1997) and Damien Perriman (New College 1995-1996) in LA before travelling to Tucson."

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David Croft (New College 2000-2001)

Jackie Hartley's partner David Croft ('Crofty') is working as the Noxious Weeds and Pest Species Officer at Sutherland Shire Council (in Sydney). He is active in the Loftus Rural Fire Brigade and volunteers with the local Bushcare and mountain bike trail management groups.

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