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## New College works with Habitat for Humanity



New College residents with their handy work.

In July fifteen New Collegians were fortunate enough to spend 10 days in Fiji building a house. The most embarrassing thing about this trip for myself was that the original idea came from two of my mates from Warrane who had just participated on a similar trip to Vanuatu over the 2003 winter break. We chose to work with Habitat for Humanity, an organization that builds simple houses for families/communities in over 50 countries in the world. They sell the houses to the families or communities at a labour free price, on an interest free loan.

We chose to go to Fiji for a number of reasons – the closeness of the island, limited language barriers, the relatively low cost to get to there and its climate during July. Then it was time to select the team. We were restricted in numbers to only 15 people and we had had interest from over 35 Collegians. I found it really hard to set up a criteria for who should be able to take part. They were asked to write a one page application explaining why they wanted to go and what they could offer the team. That culled a great deal of the students, but not all of them. I sat down with James Pietsch

(Dean) and discussed appropriate ways of deciding which 15 people could go and for what reasons could we deny anyone from attending such a wonderful trip. The decision was to get an even balance of both male and females, and then unfortunately reject the youngest applicants, as we figured that they would have another chance next year.

Once the team of 15 was formed we decided on a budget and also set a fundraising goal of about \$13,500. We were able to reach this milestone, thanks to a great deal of help from the college community, chipping in when necessary and also enduring many a BBQ. Our friendly Kitchen staff, who allowed us to put on a BBQ some Sunday nights, with us getting the cost saving from their usual Sunday wages. With the help of Krispy Kreme donuts we were able to fundraise over \$5000; and with many kind donations from local Rotary clubs we made our target.

We arrived in Nadi at 11pm, much later than expected. We were staying in a Village just an hour south of Nadi called Navisabasaba. The village had a population of about 200 people, with a large majority of these being children under the age of 12.

All the team members gathered at college on the morning of the 7th July, armed with their hammers and headed off to the airport, not realising that we had a 6 hour wait in front of us, as there was a security breach through customs. We arrived in Nadi at 11pm, much later than expected. We were staying in a Village just an hour south of Nadi called Navisabasaba. The village had a population of about 200 people, with a large majority of these being children under the age of 12. **CONTINUED P. 3**

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# From the Master



Professor Trevor Cairney

It's been a big year at New College with all of the usual activities plus major events like the New College Lectures, our inaugural Alumni Dinner and the major refurbishment of the building. The building refurbishment has been the most significant event on the calendar, with more than its share of challenges.

Discussions about the possibility of a fourth floor began at least as early as 1973. In the last 15 years the interest had moved beyond talk to 4 Master Plans. In November 2003 the Board finally gave the approval for the first stage of a major refurbishment to proceed.

Work commenced on the 5th December 2003 and was completed on the 24th July 2004. While much of the most intrusive work was completed in the summer break, there was still substantial work done during semester 1 and the patience of the current residents is something for which I am very grateful. Future residents owe a great debt to the current residents for the part they played.

The \$5.6 million upgrade has provided many improvements, including:

- A new Level 4 with 35 new rooms, two 1 bedroom residential adviser flats and two meeting rooms.

- A new elevator.
- 6 new disabled access rooms as part of level 4.
- Complete refurbishment of all 24 bathrooms on existing floors.
- New entry areas to the Ground floor.
- A new disabled toilet to the ground floor.
- New glass facades to all four elevations of the building to improve the external appearance and to integrate the old with the new.
- Compulsory Building Council of Australia upgrades to fire and safety systems, water, entrance ways and stairways.

It was with a sense of relief and satisfaction that the extensions were officially opened at our inaugural Alumni Dinner on the 8th September by the Right Rev Robert Forsyth, Bishop of South Sydney. Professor Robert King (DVC Academic) representing the Vice Chancellor also congratulated the College on the extension and significant upgrade and spoke of the critical role that Colleges in general, and New College in particular, play at UNSW.

New College is obviously much more than a building. It has touched the lives of almost 3,000 people since opening in 1969. Collegians come to us as teenagers generally straight from school (or after a gap year), and they grow and mature in many ways. New College is committed to character building and I think we achieve this well. The expansion of the buildings to allow 37 additional residents to share in the New College experience is something with I find very exciting.

## Trevor Cairney Master



The refurbished building viewed from the Village Green.

From left to right:  
Bishop Robert Forsyth and Professors Peter and Christine Alexander (UNSW)



From left to right : Professor Robert King, the Master, Bishop Robert Forsyth.

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**New College residents checking out their work with Local villagers.**



All the villagers were asleep when we finally arrived in the village, they were highly disappointed that we were delayed as they had prepared a large feast as part of the customary welcoming into the village.

Although we were supposed to be billeted out into pairs we spent that first night in two rooms that were your typical Fijian style room. Although the room was used for sleeping and also was the main room there weren't many fixtures in the room (i.e. no chairs, tables or beds). That morning we were woken by the kids as they were rather keen to play, the game that they were keen to play involved throwing a ball around the room and trampling as many of the group as possible in retrieving the ball.

The next 9 days were devoted primarily to building the house. We were greatly assisted by two foremen and also many villagers who were keen to help us out. Whilst building, the temperatures got rather high with the majority of the days around the 30 degrees mark, even making the locals sweat heavily whilst building. Due to problems that Habitat had finding our team a place to build, we were required to start the site from scratch. Usually when a team turns up to complete one of these builds, Habitat attempts to have the foundations complete, so that the more simple, tedious work has been completed. I took us over 4 days to finish the foundations, with a large majority of the time spent filling the foundations with dirt, dirt we had to collect from the nearby paddock and only 2 wheelbarrows, a few buckets and 4 shovels. Once the foundations were filled we were able to lay the concrete floors and then lay the bricks for the walls of our simple house.

During our time building the locals were highly keen to show us around the area and entertain us. On one afternoon, after a half day building, we all jumped into the back of a pick-up and went into the local town of Sigatoka to watch a provincial rugby game between two of Fiji's big teams of Nadronga and Lautoka. Along with a 2000 strong crowd, we watched some magnificent running rugby, which ended up in an exciting 26-all draw. On a Sunday after church, we were invited to go to a local island resort called Robinson Crusoe Island Resort just off-shore. The island was owned by the Fijian people but leased out to Australian Businessmen and was primarily targeted at getting young backpackers to stay. We were able to get a daytrip

to the island for free. Although it usually costs around \$60 per person to spend a day on the island the Chief of the area, who actually owns the island, was able to pull a few strings for us. Once there we were greeted with an extravagant lunch and then we were able to go snorkelling and also see some traditional dancing, firewalking and knife walking.

One of most memorable parts of our visit were the sing-a-longs that took place each night, thanks to Andrew Fist who provided and played the guitar, the group was able to entertain our hosts throughout many of the nights, often busting out a favourite of the locals – "In the Jungle" and many modern classics.

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The Fijians operated at a relaxing pace, never pushing to get anything done too quickly, whenever one of us would ask when something was to be finished or completed the response would come back as "who knows, we're working Fiji time". Part of this idea of Fiji time was a 2 hour break after lunch, whilst the sun was at its hottest, so that we could relax, sleep off the meal, and keep out of the extreme heat.

As the building works slowly started to resemble a house, there was a problem in supply of building materials for the roof and windows. So on the final day, we decided that we would visit the local primary school where many of the children of the village schooled at. This was one of the most rewarding things the team did whilst within the village. After two of the girls ran to school at 6am to inform their teachers that they were to be visited by carpenters from Australia who were working in the village for a week.



Local villagers farewell the New College team.



Getting a little help from some little friends.

When we arrived each of the classes had prepared some magnificent traditional Fijian performances for us, we watched these performances as we went between the four classrooms (K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6), also along our way we admired what resources the school had and also the quality of work on display in each of the rooms.

That afternoon we had the house (with no roof)

dedication, and farewell banquet. Our final moments within the village were rather sad, it had seemed much more than 9 days spent there. After they put on a spectacular meal for us where they decorated us in Salu Salus (flower necklaces) and also put flowers through our hair we gave the village some gifts, including all our tools that we had used on the building site, our soccer and rugby balls, some clothes that we had built in, some children's books and also a few Australian artefacts. We were told not to give any personal gifts to people but there was one item that we just had to give directly to the chief and that was one of our New College sport shirts, which he threw on with a great deal more pride than anyone had ever put the college shirt on. It was a sad moment when it was finally time to say goodbye, as Sam Wills got a bear hug from the chief in a New College Shirt he said to me "your not human if your not holding back the tears", with which I totally agreed. It was quite an amazing site once we had got on the bus, because there was a whole village out waving goodbye to us, including heaps of children who had sprinted home from school just to make sure that they didn't miss their last chance to say goodbye... or maybe more importantly their last time to jump all over their Australian friends and get swung around. All in all it was an amazing nine days for us. **Richard Fleming** ▸

## Ewen McKenzie Addresses Inaugural Alumni Dinner

NCSA President Sahn Nasserli thanking Ewen McKenzie for addressing the dinner.



**F**ormer Wallaby and current coach of the Waratah's, Ewen McKenzie addressed over 250 members of the alumni plus current senior residents at an inaugural dinner held on the 8th September. Ewen was returning for the first time in almost twenty year. He was in College in 1985-87 before graduating as a Town Planner. He came from

Victoria in 1985 and New College was to become his home for the full three years.

"New College was my home", he suggested. "I can still recall every member of my first group, and they were a crazy bunch. This College was a big part of my life and made coming to Sydney possible for a country lad from Victoria."

While Ewen was at College he played 1st grade for Randwick and eventually was to be part of numerous premierships winning teams. He never moved from Kensington where he still lives just a few blocks from the College with his wife Sally and three daughters.

He was eventually to be selected to represent Australia, playing 51 tests in the front row. He was part of the World Cup winning team in 1991 playing in the famous final in which Australia defeated the English 12-6.

He is the most capped Australian prop of all time and it has been claimed that his technical knowledge of forward play is without peer. He played in many of the legendary encounters in which Australia played

in the 1990s – including the 91 WC final, the classic battle against Ireland in the quarter-finals of the same WC in which Australia won 19-18, and the narrow loss to the English in the Quarter Finals of the 1995 World Cup (25-22).

The inaugural Alumni dinner was designed to bring back collegians who left us in the previous year as well as alumni from across the last 35 years. We had alumni from as far back as 1970. Our aim was to reconnect with former residents, to facilitate contact between alumni and residents and to encourage alumni to take an active ongoing interest in the College.

Alumni are extremely important to New College. The College has played an important part in the lives of almost 3,000 people. Staff within the College are constantly meeting people who have lived in New College and who comment at length about the wonderful time they had in residence and the impact that it had on their lives. Having shared in the privilege of being part of this great community it is the College hope that alumni will help it to sustain its good work and perhaps to help us create new 'New' colleges at other universities.

The Master, Professor Trevor Cairney challenged alumni to remain involved:

“If you feel that the time at New College had an impact on your life, then we want your help to sustain it and perhaps even expand our operations further here at Kensington or at other universities. We particularly want to involve you in promoting Alumni functions, providing us with help to find ‘lost alumni’ and financial support for a range of initiatives including a scholarship program, art collection, completing the refurbishment of the original rooms and further building development.”



New College residents Alison Kelly, Karyn Ashley and Kate Andinson.

Professor Cairney stressed that New College is not just a hall of residence. Rather, it is a community that seeks to make a difference in people’s lives:

“New College is committed to character building and I think we achieve this well. The claim that we make in our mission that we’re founded on Christian faith and values is real. We seek to be different and show this in the care and support we provide in this place. We also provide an exciting place to live and significant academic support that leads to residents achieving very high results and hopefully positions them to make a difference with the knowledge and skills they acquire.”

If you’d like to know more about future Alumni activities or if you’d like to become involved helping the College to plan alumni activities please contact Mark Fairfull who is the College Fundraising and External Relations Coordinator. ▶



New College residents Wah Guan Lim, James Waterhouse, Chris Rowe and Michael Northcott.



Former Collegians Dr Phil McCrea (1970-75), Richard Capel, Mark McCoy

# The Stocks

The history of the Stocks is largely an oral one. When they were introduced is unclear but Dr Phil McCrea (1970-74) recalls that *"The stocks were there in the very early days, at least in 1970"*. Bill Barwick (1971-75) recalls *"They were a constant visual reminder of where you might end up if you did something stupid or annoyed another group."* They remained in the middle of the courtyard more or less continuously until 2001 (largely unused from 1996), when they were removed by the Master Dr Allan Beavis. John Quinn (1996-2002) suggests that *"the last person ever 'stocked' was Andrew Lansdown (1997-1998) though rumour has it that there were contraband stockings after their official closure."*

There were brief periods of absence when other colleges (principally Warrane and the Kensington colleges) managed to remove or partially remove them, burn them and so on. No-one is sure how many versions there were of the stocks but former Dean Dr Ian Walker (1994-2002) estimates 5 or 6. The marks of one Warrane raid can still be seen on the stocks if you look closely.

Stephen Hodgkinson (1977-78) recalls one famous raid. *"In September 1977, the stocks were stolen. Search parties soon located the stocks mounted in a freshly poured block of concrete set into the Baxter College courtyard. A commando style retrieval mission was planned."* The first attempt on the 2nd October 1977 failed due to some well-aimed Baxter fire hoses and a

Ian Walker recalls that they were *"A place of celebration and intimidation..."*

nasty injury to one of the New College raiders that landed him in RPA. But several weeks later a successful mission returned the stocks to their home.

There were many reasons for placing people in the stocks. People were 'stocked' in O'Week, on Foundation Day and April Fools night, on their birthdays, when they lost a debate, claimed they'd never been stocked, or when groups simply decided it was about time!

Ian Walker recalls that they were *"A place of*



Emma Dowling (1998-99) having 'fun' in the stocks.

celebration and intimidation. Ben Stonehouse (1997-2000) one O'Week asked me if I would be a surprise last speaker on their 'fresher' team for the Oldies vs Fresher debate. The topic was that 'Freshers should be Stocked'. We lost (of course) – and I was stocked!!" 'Stocking mix' was used – at one time prepared in bins in the kitchen from left-overs etc. We got it down to water only, and then – I think in 1995/96, following concerns expressed by Allan & me, and John Niland (VC) via the Registrar – a meeting was held in the common room of all residents to decide that the stocks should not be used, but remain as a symbol/icon of the past. They all sat around in a circle, with a small model of the stocks in the centre of the Common Room!"

As current Master I'm glad that the Stocks are no longer in use, but I appreciate that they are an icon of the College, and were a source of great fun and camaraderie for almost 30 years. It was for these reasons that I persuaded Ben Waterhouse (1996, 1997 & 2000) and James Waterhouse (2002-04) to return them from their back yard to their rightful home where they can now be looked at (bolted to the wall on the ground floor) and their history recalled, but never again used!

Trevor Cairney

# Continuing to present a Christian CASE

When Channel 10's 'Good Sex' TV show presenter, Dr Patricia Weerakoon was linked to CASE in the *Sydney Morning Herald's* TV section, we knew our centre was on the map! CASE (Centre for Apologetic Scholarship and Education) has become a focal point for many Christian academics who want to explore the importance of Christianity in contemporary life and thought.

This year, we have been running a busy program of evening seminars, short courses and conferences where prominent speakers address such topics as Genesis and modern science, theology in *The Lord of the Rings*, and 'Humans and Machines'. This last topic is the theme of the end-of-year conference to be held 25-28 November (all welcome—details on our website at [www.case.edu.au](http://www.case.edu.au)).

Recently, a forum on Christian approaches to politics saw the College's Main Common Room full to hear four Christians from different political persuasions explain how they intended to vote in the federal election...and why. Material from this forum was posted on the CASE website, as it usually is following a seminar, providing an ongoing resource for students, academics and the interested general public.

CASE aims to find connections between Christianity and today's world of ideas, both on campus and off, in order to defend, explain and promote the gospel of Christ and Christian understanding.

One recent point of contact has been provided by

Dan Brown's thriller, *The Da Vinci Code*. CASE Director, Greg Clarke, has been giving a seminar exploring why this novel is so popular and whether its version of Christianity is historically credible, at various churches, companies and even pubs around Sydney. The novel raises questions about Jesus' divinity, about how we got the Bible, and whether the Church hides the truth from people and provides an excellent opportunity to engage with the broad Australian culture on these issues.



To support the work of CASE, please consider becoming an Associate. For just \$50 p.a., you receive four issues of the Case quarterly magazine and 10% discount on all CASE activities. Simply fill out the card in this issue of *New n*

*Old* and mail it to New College, or give Greg a call on (02) 9381 1730 or email [case@newcollege.unsw.edu.au](mailto:case@newcollege.unsw.edu.au).

You can get regular updates about CASE activities, by joining our email list at [www.case.edu.au](http://www.case.edu.au).

**Dr Greg Clarke, Director, CASE**

## HUMANS AND MACHINES The 2004 CASE conference

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- ☞ How much should we control the beginning and end of life?
- ☞ Robots and morality: can machines be held responsible?
- ☞ Consciousness: is it unique to human beings?
- ☞ *Blade Runner*, *Gattaca* and the human spirit in the movies
- ☞ Who programs our values? Ethics ancient and modern

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### Speakers include

Les Murray, Edwin Judge, Andrew Cameron, Kirsten Birkett, Greg Clarke, Peter Barry, Ian Burns, Michael Frost, Megan Best, Michael Jensen, Gordon Preece, John McClean and others. For the full program, including session times, visit [www.case.edu.au](http://www.case.edu.au).

### Cost

- Choose to attend the whole conference, stay in New College, or simply come to a lecture or two!
- **Accom rego** Three night accommodation, all meals and full conference fee — \$400 (ensuite room \$450)
  - **Full rego** Three lunches, three dinners, morn/ aft teas and full conference fee — \$190
  - **Budget rego** Three lunches, morn/ aft tea and full conference fee — \$160
  - **Casual rego** \$20 each session (9 sessions). You still must register before the conference.
  - Full-time students half price. (No early bird discount.)



A few former residents on the night.

## 1980s Reunion – ‘The Old New’

Former Collegians from the years 1980-1985 recently held a highly successful reunion at the Living Room Restaurant at Greenwood Plaza (North Sydney). The event was organised by David Green and a small band of other volunteers. Approximately 130 members of the alumni were present. The organisers invited the Master and his wife Carmen to the event and also asked Professor Cairney to say a few words at the start of the evening. Professor

Cairney pointed out that Collegians haven't changed much since the 1980s but that 1980s residents might "see today's Collegians as a bit 'soft'." As he pointed out, "the stocks for example are no longer in operation and there are less of the crazy stunts seen in the 1980s which are now quite legendary. Today's Collegians do have the same talents and spirit, and the place is still a strong community, but residents are probably a little more conservative than in the past."

Professor Cairney distributed to those in attendance an A4 sized copy of the Stocks Story Board that has been prepared for display in the College as a memento of the evening. "Former residents can come back and look at the old stocks and the pictures, but this College icon will never be used again", he said.

Those who missed the event can visit a website set up for the event by David Green. Onto the site he has loaded many photographs from the past as well as some from the evening. For those interested the website address is:

<http://www.theoldnew.org>

The College is keen to support other events of this type and would invite those interested in supporting the College to plan such events to contact us. If you'd like to know more about the 1980s function or want help with another reunion please contact Mark Fairfull on (02) 9381 1999. ▀

## Shack Tutoring

The Shack is a youth centre in Maroubra that among many other things organises free tutoring for disadvantaged youth in the local area. The Shack has been recruiting UNSW students since 1996 with New College first becoming involved on a large scale in 1999.

The program works when university students donate an hour a week to tutor disadvantaged youth. The volunteers can elect areas that they would prefer to tutor in or can volunteer to teach basic literacy, numeracy or English as a second language. The Shack then pairs the volunteer with a student and they meet for an hour once a week.

In 1999 students from New College tutored the "Shack youth" in the dining room, library, MCR or (back then) the PDR (now known as the MR)! Now this tutoring takes place at the Roundhouse and so is a little less convenient (no it is not far to walk but we all know how lazy collegians can be sometimes!) There has always been a steady involvement from New Collegians but 2004 has exceeded all expectations. This year 42% of the volunteers from UNSW are current Collegians.

Tutors and students gain a lot from the Shack program. The experience of teaching can be frustrating but at the same time it is immensely rewarding. In 2000 I tutored a girl who was Deaf. I knew no sign language at the beginning of year and my student knew no maths. By the end of the year I think we had both learnt a lot from each other. For me I have to say that this particular student was an inspiration as she was overcoming not only a disadvantaged background and a disability but she was so keen to learn and appreciative of every bit of help she received. For many of the youth coming to the university, learning from people that are not that much older than themselves provides them with the inspiration they need to rise above their circumstances and aim to one day get a higher education.

So I guess now is the time to throw down the gauntlet and challenge ex-collegians who are still on campus (or able to get to campus easily) to get involved, for current collegians to stay involved and for freshers to become involved – next year I want to see us exceed 50% and give more youth the support they need!

**Angela Barrett, Senior RA** ▀



# New College Villawood IDC Trips

**A**t a formal dinner in June this year Archbishop Peter Jensen spoke about the centrality of justice to the Christian message. In quoting the prophet Micah (6:8) he reminded us that what God requires of all of us is “to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God”. He elaborated this theme by suggesting that the real test of a society is not how wealthy or successful it is but how it treats the most vulnerable. In doing so he spoke at length about the over representation of the indigenous Australians, disabled and the mentally ill in our prisons.

As a result of this challenging talk at a College formal dinner a number of residents decided that we needed to know more about how we treat refugees and asylum seekers. Through a contact on the College Board two trips were organised for around 10 or so Collegians to the Villawood Immigration Detention Centre. The purpose of each trip was simply to experience first hand what state Australia’s asylum seekers are in and to spend some time talking with some of the “inmates”.

Villawood in many ways is like a typical prison, but with one simple difference; the inmates here do not have a clue about their futures. The people we spoke with could only tell us of a “hope” that they have that one day they will return to living their lives. We have so far had the privilege to meet a number of asylum seekers from across the world; including Nigeria, Somalia, Jamaica, Bangladesh, Burma and one who is currently Stateless.

Our initial tour guide to Villawood was Anne Henderson who together with her husband, Gerard Henderson, run the Sydney based think-tank, “The Sydney Institute”. Her efforts have seen many released from Villawood and have demonstrated to us the inconsistencies which exist in current asylum seeker law, especially the new laws passed relating to those who are Stateless. These issues are certainly ones of much relevance to us and are certainly worth investigating.

One story that remains firm in my mind is that of a very young Indonesian girl. She was born in Villawood while her mother was held in detention. Her father remains in Indonesia and because of the place of her birth she is Stateless according to current Australian law. This simply means, that this young girl is unable to leave



Villawood Immigration Detention Centre.

One story that remains firm in my mind is that of a very young Indonesian girl. She was born in Villawood while her mother was held in detention.

Villawood because neither Australia nor Indonesia accept her. Moreover, her mother cannot go back to Indonesia unless she leaves her daughter behind, alone in a detention centre. Their futures are completely unknown and all the mother is doing is waiting and caring for her daughter as best she can in the given conditions.

On a more positive note, since our trips to Villawood have started, we have seen all three of our Bangladeshi friends as well as the Jamaican released into Australia. The happiness was so evident in the way they spoke to us in their last days at Villawood; I think the fact that in some ways their future was more certain had much to do with this happiness.

It has been a fascinating opportunity to have visited Villawood and is something that will continue because by simply taking a few hours out of our Friday’s we can have a really positive impact on the lives of these people for whom even a change in their daily routine is something for which they are extremely thankful. There is also a sense in which having Australians who are concerned about their situation is an encouragement to them as they endure a slow and stressful process as their status is determined.

**Sahm Nasser**  
President, NCSA

# In the News...

We're always interested in details of former Collegians or current residents and staff featuring in any of the print and electronic media. Some recent New College references include:

**Professor Henry Schaefer** (New College Lecturer 2004) was interviewed on ABC Radio National on Wednesday 19th October about his lectures on Science and Christianity (see the New College website for some of these talks).

**The Centre for Apologetic Scholarship and Education (CASE)** was also in the news when Dr Patricia Weerakoon was interviewed in relation to the program *Good Sex*. Dr Weerakoons address for CASE was cited as a key reference in relation to the focus of the program (see [www.case.edu.au](http://www.case.edu.au)).

**Bishop Tom Frame's** New College Lectures from 2003 continue to be referred to in the media. The publication that was produced based on the lectures has been reviewed many times and the work referred to in major newspapers such as the Sydney Morning Herald and the Australian and on a variety of electronic media programs. The book "Living by the Sword: The ethics of armed intervention" (UNSW press) was recently named as runner up in the Christian book of the year awards. Once again, consult the New College website to download some of these lectures.

**Professor Trevor Cairney** (Master of New College) has also been in the news in the printmedia and radio offering expert comments on a variety of topics including an interview with James Valentine (ABC Radio) on 19th May 2004 in relation to the Federal Government initiatives in relation to outside tutoring for school children with special needs, comments in the SMH (16th June) on the value of private tutoring for children, and comment on the influence of class size on school achievement (Age, 21st June). The Australian – Quoted in relation to the role of parents in education, "He was also quoted in the Australian in an article on parenting written by Duncan Macfarlane on the 20th September."

**Bruce Russell's** (1987-88) wife **Lisa Proctor**



has been called the MIRACLE mother in a Herald Sun story on the 15th June. Lisa Proctor owes her life to more than 100 generous Victorians who gave blood to save her. In a remarkable example of medical teamwork, it took five hospitals, at least 10 surgeons and a police airlift of 30 litres

of blood to save her after giving birth to her daughter Emilia. The moving story can be found at: [http://www.news.com.au/common/story\\_page/0,4057,9847532%25E26462,00.html](http://www.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,4057,9847532%25E26462,00.html)

**Sanjaya Joshi** (1988-89) & **Susan Baird-Joshi** (1988-89) have been in the US media due to their recent success in winning a Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant in the USA worth \$US394,000. Sanya commented in one report that:

"With tens of thousands of different protein types expressed in a cell over six-orders of magnitude, the business of understanding biology through Proteomics is a very complex endeavor," said Goodlett. "We are committed to increasing the throughput and data quality of mass spectrometry experiments using real-time control and analysis technologies such as the one this grant to Userspace supports."

The company that Sanjaya and Susan Baird-Joshi formed in 1999, Userspace, provides products and services to increase the efficiency and productivity of proteomics and flow cytometry. ▀

# New Collegians at Unigames...

**N**ew College has always had a strong record in sport and not surprisingly was well represented at the 2004 Unigames, with some outstanding performances.

**David Collins:** represented the UNSW 'Rugby Union' Team at both the Wollongong Eastern Conference Games (ECGs) as well as the Perth Australian Universities Games (AUGs). David, affectionately known around college as 'Nancy' was the Captain of the team for both ECGs and AUGs. At ECGs, UNSW came 2nd, securing a silver medal, after losing in a tight hard-fought game with arch-rivals Sydney University. At AUGs, UNSW lost some close games unfortunately, but had a good late run ensuring 11th spot.



David Collins with two team mates at the Unigames.

**Caitlin Salter:** The catcher for UNSW's 'womens softball' side. Her side came 7th at ECGs, and 9th at AUGs. Caitlin herself was named 'Players Player' by her women's softball teammates.

**Alana Forster:** Represented UNSW's 'womens soccer' team at ECGs in Wollongong and was a key player for the team which came 7th.

**Andrew Emery:** Another key player in the UNSW 'Mens Soccer' team at ECGs, which after playing some hard fought games, secured 7th position overall. Andrew himself was named in the Eastern Conference Games Mens Soccer MERIT TEAM, which is a team made up of soccer players from all Universities attending the games.

**Tim Larsen:** Represented the UNSW 'Tai Kwon Do' team at AUGs in Perth. He was entered into the Mens Heavy Weight Black Belt Division, in which he gained a very reputable 3rd placing. Overall, the UNSW team achieved an impressive 3rd placing.

**James Waterhouse:** Was the Captain and Team Manager for the UNSW AFL Team at the Wollongong ECGs this year. The AFL Team was very unlucky to have to play the eventual top three teams in its first three games, so it had a slow start.

However, the team came home strongly, winning its remaining three games to secure 5th place overall. James himself was selected in the backline for the Eastern Conference Games AFL Merit Team. ▶



James Waterhouse (front row right of centre) with the UNSW team.

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# Where are they now?

## Sebastian (Wai Keet) Hew (1998-2000) –

Sebastian has just been awarded a Cambridge Commonwealth Trust Scholarship and a St. John's College Benefactors' Scholarship for Research. He recently moved to Cambridge to read for a PhD in Natural Science. He will be working in the field of semiconductor physics (electron-electron interaction in low-dimensional systems) at the Cavendish Laboratory.

His new contact details are:  
St. John's College  
Cambridge CB2 1TP  
UNITED KINGDOM  
Email: wk.hew@unsw.edu.au

## Susan Baird-Joshi (1988-89) and Sanjaya N. Joshi (1988-89) met at New College. They

settled in Seattle (USA) in 1990 and are still there. They co-founded the company Userspace Corporation in 1999. They have just received a \$US340,000 Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Grant from the National Institutes of Health. The grant will be used for distributed protein processing using multiple networked instrument routers connected to Mass Spectrometers.

Their current contact details are:  
Sanjaya N. Joshi  
President and CTO  
Userspace Corporation  
Seattle, WA, USA  
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Email: sanjay@userspace.com

**Dr Lucy Chubb (nee Rigby)** was a resident of New College from 1978 through session 1 1981, studying Computer Science (after starting Mechanical Engineering). In 1982 she married Peter (who she met in College) and now has two daughters, Emily (5) and Rose (3.5), having previously lost another daughter, Elsie.

Lucy became a Christian at New College I during her first year. She is now part of a Unichurch fellowship at UNSW, CommUNItY Church and serves on the ministry team within the congregation. She also works for UNSW in the School of Computer Science and Engineering as a researcher.

Lucy has recently joined the Board of New College and is now contributing in a new way to back to the organization that has made a "very great contribution to (her) life".

She would welcome hearing from friends from her time at college.

Email: lucyc@gelato.unsw.edu.au

## Al James (1984-85) and Anne James (nee Mitchell) (1984-85) have recently moved.

Al studied medicine and then lived in Norton St house 1986. Anne studied Social Work and after initially working in Sydney after graduation moved to Newcastle in 1991 where they were married. Al's specialty training has seen them move over the years between Newcastle, Brisbane, Sydney, England and back to Newcastle, where Al is now a Cardiothoracic surgeon. Anne worked as a paediatric social worker for a number of years but is now a fulltime mother to 4 boys! In college they were both on the O Week committee in 1985. Anne was also involved in producing the college magazine. Both had some involvement in the organizing of a couple of college balls. Their new address is:

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