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Building New University Colleges—the next Phase!

The original vision of New College's founders, the New University Colleges Council (NUCC), was to build new colleges at other universities. The Master recently commented when writing to the living members of the original NUCC that "This postgraduate development is consistent with the vision of you and the other NUCC founders. We continue to pursue the ambitious goal of building some new 'New Colleges' in other locations; we have a dream of one day seeing the New College experience available on other campuses in other cities."

The New College Postgraduate Village moves ahead

When I arrived at New College in August 2002 I observed many things but a few stood out. First, New College is a wonderfully rich community made up of wonderfully gifted people. Second that hundreds of people are turned away each year who want to live here. Third, the College's founders always dreamed of further colleges and within two years of the building of the college were discussing the addition of an additional floor. We added the 4th floor in 2003-2004 and now have 248 people in the building.

But it seemed to me that given the significant accommodation needs of UNSW that there might just be an opportunity to build another building to offer accommodation of a different type. The University had indicated that it didn't want more fully catered college accommodation so I turned my mind to other forms of accommodation. The UNSW Master Plan was released and suggested there was a need for 3,000 additional beds.

In 2004 a preliminary proposal was submitted to the then Vice Chancellor, Professor Rory Hume seeking his willingness to consider an application for lease of



An architects drawing
of the Postgraduate
Village, facing North
on Anzac Parade

land to build a postgraduate building. His enthusiasm was matched by his successor Professor Mark Wainwright and a proposal was ultimately submitted to Senior Management in 2005 and followed by a larger proposal to the University's Council in 2006. The proposal to lease land at the corner of Day Avenue and Anzac Parade was approved in May 2006 and since then plans have been continuing to see the dream realized.

There have been tasks to be completed and some obstacles to overcome including the need to gain the approval for the site and the concept from the Senior Management, the Council, the Finance Committee and eventually even the NSW Minister for Education. Then of course there was the matter of feasibility analysis, finance, design, our own Board approvals and so on.

We are now on the verge of seeing **continued page 3**



Professor Trevor Cairney

From the Master

In this issue we try to provide an update on what is happening at College right now as well as keeping you in touch with other alumni. We continue to be encouraged by the extent to which alumni maintain contact and provide material for our newsletter.

You will find an update on the massive outbreak of nuptial bliss amongst the residents and alumni. On our count 18 residents or alumni have been engaged or married in the last year. You will also find an update on our proposed postgraduate building that is progressing well. Just think, in 2009 we could have 561 people

enjoying the New College experience. We also have items on some current events at College.

We also say farewell in this issue to the resident who stayed longer than anyone. Angela Barrett has sadly left us after 8 years! And we provide updates on our Freshers and the activities of the current Collegians. I hope you enjoy what we have provided. Please continue to submit your ideas and updates; we are always looking for new material for the newsletter and the website.

Please note that this column is a briefer than usual as I have written a full article about the new Postgraduate Village development. I hope you enjoy this issue of *New 'n' Old*. Trevor Cairney

New College Community Service update

In recent years the profile of various community service activities within the College has been raised through the efforts of residents passionate about different causes who encourage others to join them in making a difference. New residents bring to college their ideals and values that motivate them to actively work for the good of others rather than their own self interest. In 2007 these ideals and values are evident in a number of different planned activities. New College continues to support a community life that is rich with opportunities to be involved in community service—to go overseas, volunteer for tutoring, support fundraising efforts and get involved in campaigns for change. These are the opportunities that we need to provide as a community to realise the College's mission of academic excellence, collegiality and service to the community—in 2007 such opportunities exist in abundance.

Since 2004 New College residents have worked in partnership with Habitat for Humanity building houses for communities overseas. Richard Fleming took up the challenge in 2004 to see residents at New College involved in this project. From his efforts and

the enthusiasm of other residents there have been two further trips in 2005 and 2006 organised by Andrew Fist and Michael Hand. This year Yiling Cheah is organising another group to be involved in this project.

New College residents have supported the SHACK tutoring program since 1999 when Simon Prendergast, Mana Ellis and Angela Barrett promoted the SHACK voluntary tutoring program to Collegians encouraging them to provide an hour of their time to tutor local high school students. In 2007 a large number of Collegians have indicated their interest in this opportunity to make a difference in the local community.

Last year a number of residents were involved in the Good Start breakfast program at Maroubra Junction primary school which has continued on this year. The hope is that this program will be able to run five days a week with the support of Collegians. Other residents are involved in the Oaktree Foundation, helping out at Teresa House—an institution for homeless people, working with World Vision to raise money through the 40 hour famine and supporting causes such as the Make Poverty History campaign. As part of UNSW's efforts to support the Relay for Life run by the NSW Cancer Council, New Collegians will also be entering teams in this event to raise money for cancer research.

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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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construction begin. We still await approval of the Development Application by Randwick Council, and subject to this being achieved we will commence building the New College Postgraduate Village in August 2007 for opening in 2009.

The New College proposal is to build a dedicated postgraduate residential facility that will accommodate 313 residents on campus in mixed accommodation that includes shared apartments and studio apartments. It will be a seven storey U-shaped structure open to the north (facing NIDA). The rooms will be self-catered.

The building will have the following features:

- ▶ The majority of the 313 rooms will have ensuites (295 of them), with 149 studio apartments and the rest in 4-6 bedroom apartments
- ▶ All bedrooms and common areas will be air-conditioned
- ▶ The building will have 13 common rooms
- ▶ Games room and TV room on the ground floor
- ▶ Business centre on ground floor
- ▶ Main Common Room (ground floor)
- ▶ Convenience store (ground floor)
- ▶ Common laundry
- ▶ 2 outdoor courtyards and one roof-top recreation area
- ▶ Basement with parking for 40 vehicles

How will the New College PGV be different to New College?

There will be two key differences between New College and the PGV; residents will be older and largely Postgrads and the residence will be self catered. While the new development will not simply conform to the New College residential model, it will be based on the same community-based strengths. These key strengths are as follows:

- a) *Creation of a positive and supportive community* – this will involve strong pastoral care support; academic support; good facilities; and strong resident involvement in the social activities of the building.
- b) *Strong pastoral care* – any effective residential facility requires well-trained and accountable residential staff (Residential Advisers or RAs). There will also be assistance for international, rural and interstate residents.
- c) *Strong academic support* – the postgraduate village would have a range of tutors capable of providing general academic support, particularly for new students. As well we hope to utilize alumni and university staff as associates of the PGV.
- d) *Strong engagement with the University and wider community* – the Master would ensure strong relationships with all Schools, key university research centres and the Graduate School.

1: An architects drawing of the Postgraduate village, facing South on Anzac Parade
2: View of the inner courtyard



We still await approval ... subject to this being achieved; we will commence building the New College Postgraduate Village in August 2007 for opening in 2009.

There will be challenges in making the PGV a vital and supportive community but I am confident that this can be done. I am confident that while different, the PGV will provide just as many opportunities as our existing college to advance the mission of New College. Please consider how you might be able to support us in our efforts to build this wonderful facility that will be a significant new form of accommodation at UNSW and which will arguably be unique within Australia. **Trevor Cairney** ▶

New College and the Society of Orchestra and Pipers



New College SOAP members L to R: Sarah Fisher Dobbin, Richard Tierney, Bronwyn Calford, Geoffrey Arthurson, Bek Milham, Jonathan Billingham, Josephine Lynar, Miranda Shatwell and Alana Forster.

New College has long been home to a community of people whose talents and passions permeate out into the wider activities of the University.

For eighteen years the College has shared a strong relationship with the Society of Orchestra and Pipers (SOAP), the student organization responsible for running both the UNSW Orchestra (UNSWO) and the UNSW Pipers Wind Band (Concert Band).

The Society started eighteen years ago, with the formation of the UNSWO, when a group of New Collegians had in mind to start an orchestra within College. Though they got very close, the New Collegians did not have quite enough musicians to form an orchestra. However, Collegians became central in the

study music as their degree at UNSW, students and lecturers from other faculties form a very important role in this musical community.

The UNSWO are fortunate to have an outstanding conductor, Colin Piper. Colin's infectious enthusiasm for making music, deep musical understanding and unfailing good humour, have endeared him to everyone. And for coping with the vital organisational details of running an orchestra, Colin has often had to rely on the executive of the Orchestra's student administration. In 2007, four of the seven executive members come from New College and are keen to build upon the foundations set in place almost two decades ago by their collegial ancestors.

This year the Concert Band will be conducting some of its rehearsals in New College. The College has agreed to become a sponsor-in-kind of SOAP. At present 15 New Collegians and alumni are members of SOAP while others are polishing up their skills for second session.

During the year the Band will perform a diverse repertoire, spanning from classical band though to jazz and film music. The UNSWO are going to take on Rimsky Korsakow's Capriccio Espagnol, Bizet's Carmen, Bartok's Romanian Folk Dances, Beethoven's Piano Concerto No.3 and the Shostakovich's Symphony 12.

In an age of 'user pays' and within the current tertiary education climate, the Society of Orchestras and Pipers are facing financial limitations which are preventing any long term planning from taking place. The community of musicians continue to drive a vibrant organization on the smell of an oily rag. Anyone who is sympathetic to SOAP's ongoing artistic contribution to the community can help financially by donating to the tax deductible foundation that has been set up. Anyone who wishes to make a donation can be provided with information by contacting New College. ▀

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formation of the UNSWO, to the point that rehearsals had to be scheduled at 6:30pm on a Tuesday so that Collegians could have their dinner before hand.

The affinity between New College and the Orchestra runs deep! While some players have stayed in the Orchestra for the entire eighteen years, the nature of the University community means that both the orchestra and the concert band have nurtured hundreds of young musicians as they undertake their academic studies. While many members of the ensembles actually



New College musical talent.

A bumper crop of Freshers!

This year New College welcomed 84 new residents into the College community. Full of enthusiasm and ready to make their mark on this community they have made the most of the opportunities presented to them to get involved in College life—64 of them have already signed up for one of the sub-committees that the NCSA runs every year. But who are they? While numbers don't tell the whole story here are the statistics on where people come from and what course they are studying.

- ▶ 52 NSW Country (62%)
- ▶ 17 Interstate (20%)
- ▶ 10 International Students (12%)
- ▶ 5 Sydney (6%)
- ▶ 22 Arts/Fine Arts (26%)
- ▶ 6 Commerce (7%)
- ▶ 27 Engineering (32%)
- ▶ 18 Medicine (21%)
- ▶ 11 Science (13%)

There are many outstanding students in terms of their academic performance and involvement in the leadership at their school. At least 22 were dux of their school, 6 were school captains and at least 17 achieved a UAI of over 99. Many of our residents received significant scholarships. One of our new residents is a Scientia scholar, 14 from NSW received AAA scholarships, 4 are Co-op scholars and 9 have Rural Engineering Scholarships.

Several of our new residents can lay claim to significant achievements—one has represented Malaysia in the Mathematics Olympiad, another resident is a member of Mensa, one has already received his L Mus A in clarinet and one student single-handedly placed her school in the top

five schools in NSW in the HSC based on the number of band 6 results per person. Many new residents have achieved eighth grade or above in piano (17), clarinet (3), violin (3) or cello (1), another 17 play guitar and 10 of our new residents were members of choirs during their time at high school. In the sporting arena one resident has represented South Africa in the youth soccer team, another resident was a member of the Queensland under 18 hockey team and another new resident is a current member of the Victorian swim team.

Twelve residents found out about New College at the National Youth Science Forum, while four also attended



Some of the Freshers
L to R: Lucy Geddes,
Jessica Bispham and
Kate Findeisen

the Harry Messel Science School held at the University of Sydney. There are residents whose involvement in their local communities has extended to volunteer fire fighting, life saving, Sunday School teaching, Interact clubs, Leo clubs, musicals, St Vincent De Paul societies, World Vision, working in schools in England, Kenya and the US, stand up comedy, working with youth advisory boards, Model United Nations assemblies, being members of SRC groups at school, Army Reserve training, church involvement and Amnesty International groups.

Our new residents ... will no doubt reshape the community as a whole. Across the College as a whole there is the feeling that 2007 is going to be a great year.



Freshers at Schoolies night during O'Week – Left **L to R:** Charlotte Campbell and Kelvin Perrie;
Right – **L to R:** Oiyu Yeung, Sally George, Heather Brown, Courtney Geraghty and Jemma Williams

As usual, our new residents bring a wide range of experiences and perspectives to New College that will no doubt reshape the community as a whole. Across the College there is the feeling that 2007 is going to be a great year. ▶

The many marriages and engagements of 'New'

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In recent times there have been several marriages or engagements involving New Collegians. To the best of our knowledge there have been at least 18 Collegians who have been married or engaged since September 2006. If we have missed out on reporting your good news please get in touch to update us and the College community!

- Julian Teoh (New College 2000-2001) and Emily McPherson (New College 2001-2004)

Julian Teoh and Emily McPherson (*pictured left*) were married at St Peter's Anglican Church, Melbourne in September 2006.

Readings and prayers were assisted by ex-Collegians Rob Taggart, Michelle Kemp and Bec Barnes (now back in College!), and Michael Yelf was a groomsman. A second wedding celebration was held overseas in Malaysia, with lots of food and more company of New College alumni, with Ally and Dan Parker making the journey from Singapore.

- Carly McGuire (New College 2003-2005) married Joe Hardy in Sept 2006



- In December Stephen Gilmour (New College 2003-2005) married Alison Kelly (New College 2003-2005)

Stephen Gilmour and Alison Kelly (*pictured left*) were married at Dubbo Presbyterian Church, Dubbo in December 2007. Readings and prayers were assisted by ex-Collegians Andrew Emery and Bec Barnes while Daniel Cummings, Sahm Nasser, Christopher Rowe and Sarah Lynar were all part of the bridal party. A lovely reception was held in Alison's school hall with lots of great food and musical items from the newly married couple and Daniel Cummings and Roslyn Kelly.



- In January Regina Solano (New College 2003-2006) married Wafik Habib (*pictured above*)

Most people at College knew Regina as "Reggie". They were married on the 13th of January, 2007 at St Mary and St Mina's Coptic Orthodox Cathedral, Bexley. The maid of Honour was Lauren Hanby, who was Regina's best friend from High School, and who also stayed in New College for Session 2, 2004.

- In February Arend Boog (New College 2004-2006) married Samantha Leary
- Also in February Sahm Nasser (New College 2003-2006) married Amy Morrison (New College 2003-2004)
- Rebecca Richards (New College 2005-2006) married Laurence Carlton
- John Quinn (New College 1996-2002) married Premilla Chinnappa

Former Collegian John Quinn (RA, Senior RA and Acting Dean in 2002) and Premilla Chinnappa were married at St Jude's Anglican Church in Carlton, Victoria on January 20 this year. John's attendants were ex-Collegians Justin Clunas (1996-99) and Alex Koch (1999-2002), while Andrew Thompson (2002-03) and Ben Gooley (1994-1996) were among those who prayed for the couple. The music for the wedding service was provided by former Master Dr Allan Beavis, and past resident and tutor Ben Waterhouse (1996-97, 2000) was Master of Ceremonies at the reception. In all, around 36 ex-Collegians attended, spanning years of residence 1993 (Rob Johnson) through to 2006 (Angela Barrett).

- ▶ Fi Monro (New College 2000-2001) married Duncan Aldridge (*pictured below*)

Fiona Monro married Duncan Aldridge at St Matthias Anglican Church, Paddington in December 2006. Alex Stonehouse (Gilles, 2000-2002) was a bridesmaid. Ex-collegians Rob Taggart and Bec Barnes assisted with music, and Bec also prayed. Other New College Alumni, including Andrew Charlier, Kate O'Connor, Ben Stonehouse, Penny Wareham, Michael Van Bergen and Jamie Clarey, attended the wedding and helped to celebrate at the reception afterwards.



- ▶ Sanchia Smith (New College 2004-2006) married Caleb Dunstan

Sanchia Smith and Caleb Dunstan (*pictured right*) were married on December 29, 2006 at Prince Henry Chapel, Little Bay, Sydney. Anthea Anantharajah was Maid of Honor and Sarah Zardawi and ex-collegian Adrian Johnston attended.



- ▶ In March Kylie Evennett (New College 2000-2001) married James Cox. They both met and were married at Maroubra Baptist Church.

And on the engaged to be married list:

- ▶ Matt Frazer (New College 2004-2006) became engaged to Libby Henderson (New College 2006-present)
- ▶ Michael Van Bergen (New College 2000-2004) became engaged to Penny Wareham (New College 1999-2001) ▶

Congratulations and best wishes from the New College community! If you would like to share your news or just add to some of the details please contact us.

2007 Stuart Barton Babbage Fellow—a profile

A prominent member of the New College community has returned to College in 2007. During December 2006 ex-New Collegian Rebecca Barnes was awarded the Stuart Barton Babbage Fellowship for 2007.

The Stuart Barton Babbage Fellowship has been created to support the scholarship of an outstanding man or woman who is pursuing further study or research at UNSW in association with New College. It is named in honour of the Rev Dr Canon Stuart Barton Babbage AM, the second Master of New College. The purpose of the award is to support a young scholar (under the age of 35) either pursuing doctoral studies at the UNSW or who has come to UNSW for the purposes of postdoctoral research.

Rebecca is a very worthy and appropriate recipient of this award. At the end of 2004 she left New College after four years as an undergraduate student resident, having completed a Bachelor of Environmental Engineering. She graduated with 1st Class Honours and was recipient of the University Medal for Environmental Engineering.

In the first half of 2005 Rebecca spent a six month period working with homeless and disadvantaged people in the Washington DC ghettos. In July 2005 she commenced post graduate studies at UNSW. Rebecca was awarded the Women in Engineering Research Scholarship and is completing a PhD research project in the area of water engineering for developing regions. She is doing her fieldwork in Northern Philippines to help communities there. Her research project aims to

improve the planning processes used in supplying water and sanitation to the poor.

Rebecca was presented with the New College Award in 2002, the College's highest academic and service award. Rebecca was Senior Academic Tutor (2003-2004) and an active member of the New community. As a senior resident, she spent time pastorally caring for and counselling younger student residents. In her final year Rebecca won the New College Students' Association top community service award—the Mick Braund award.

As the Stuart Barton Babbage Fellow, Rebecca will live in the College as she completes her PhD and will be an academic role model for residents as well as offering personal support to the residents as she interacts with them. She will also encourage and assist newer undergraduate student residents with the challenges of academic life. She will specifically mentor all honours students in the building.

"It's a privilege to return to New", Rebecca remarked. "The people here make this an amazing place. Each person is extraordinary in some way, and each is selfless in encouraging and applauding the gifts of others".

We're thrilled to have back another amazing person. Welcome back Rebecca! ▶



Professor Trevor Cairney with 2007 Stuart Barton Babbage Fellow, Rebecca Barnes at the 2007 Commencement Dinner.



Farewell Ange

The College community farewelled one of its most committed, active and long serving members at the 2006 Valedictory Dinner. After eight years in College as a resident, Resident Adviser and Senior Resident Adviser it was finally time for Ange to move on. It would be remiss of us not to take a moment to acknowledge the contribution that she has made.

Known to some in her groups in college as 'mum'—and to this day some of them still call her this, a Collegian by the name of Angela Barrett started her time at College in 1999 arriving from Canberra to study Chemical Engineering. She immersed herself in the College culture from the very first minute, getting involved in everything college had to offer. Throughout her first two years in College she played Basketball and Volleyball and was always an avid supporter of Rugby Union. She also danced in Revues and participated in behind the scenes work for the major productions during her time. In 2001 she started College life in a new capacity as an RA, a role that she helped to transform. One of Ange's contributions was to argue for stronger involvement of RAs in social

activities, helping to set the 'tone' of functions and providing duty of care for the College. She led by example in this area. In 2003 she became Senior Residential Adviser and working with the Dean and Master saw a transformation in the role of RA's.

Not only does Ange have a zest for College life and great desire to serve the College community, but she has also broadened her service to the greater UNSW population on campus. She was a member of the Student Guild Council, Head of CASOC, Postgraduate Board member and recently a student representative on the University Council.

Ange has contributed in so many ways to help Collegians to grow and experience the community that is found in New College. The ultimate acknowledgment was given to her at her final Valedictory Dinner when the NCSA inducted her as the first female life member of the New College Students Association.

Much of the work that Ange has done at College has gone unnoticed, however there is no doubt that she has given amazing service to the College. In her own words in her application for Senior RA, she said "I love this place and hope that others can be as privileged as I have been and can experience the amazing warmth that is found in New College." ■

Annual New College awards announced

At last year's valedictory dinner sixty residents were farewelled and those who had made varied contributions to the College community were acknowledged.

The New College award for 2006 was awarded to Mr Chris Rowe. The New College Award recognizes a resident who exemplifies the academic ideals of the College in terms of commitment and achievement, openness to other areas of study, a willingness to assist others, and intellectual inquisitiveness. Chris has consistently excelled in his area of study – medicine. He has achieved academic awards in the past for outstanding results and in 2005 he was appointed as a Medicine Tutor

having both a keen mind and a desire to help others. Since coming to UNSW Chris has achieved distinctions and high distinctions in all his studies. His principal impact on the College has been through the many and varied interpersonal relationships which he has formed with a wide range of people across many different groups in College.

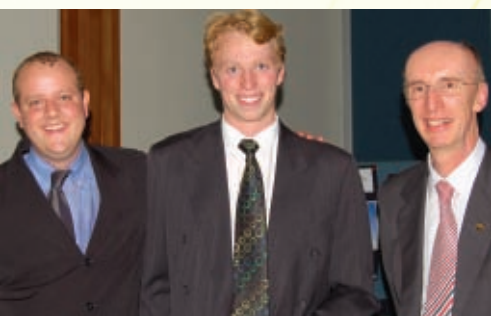
As well as being a tutor for two years

he was a member of different sporting teams, was a member of the NCCF committee in 2004, and despite being in 4th year medicine in 2006 was still visible around College spending time with people. Those people who got to know him personally were aware of his generosity with his time, his energy and his resources, both intellectual and otherwise.

In 2006, the Collegian of the Year was NCSA Amenities Officer Ben Drew. Ben has made a significant impact on the College community since arriving in 2005. He is highly regarded for his personable and good humoured nature, which was especially evident in his witty supper announcements every Tuesday night. Ben is generous to others with his time and energy, always being prepared to go beyond the call of duty for his fellow Collegians.

Ben has been strongly involved in community life and has participated in as many social, sporting and cultural activities as is humanly possible. It is through his willingness to get involved and make a difference in other people's lives that has shaped his involvement at New College. Ben was a member of the 2006 Habitat for Humanity Cambodia team and in 2006 was a SPANK O'Week leader and an NCSA exec committee member. ■

2006 New College Award winner Chris Rowe.
L to R: Mark Fairfull, Chris Rowe and Bill Barwick (1971-1975).



UNSW Chancellor visits New College for Commencement Dinner

At the 2007 Commencement dinner current residents and alumni were recognised for their academic achievements with prizes presented by UNSW Chancellor Mr David Gonski AO.

The College community received strong results with 45 per cent receiving a distinction average and 11 per cent a high distinction average in 2006. The grade point average mark for the whole College was 73 (just below distinction).

New College Academic awards were presented by the Chancellor to the six student residents who had received the highest marks in their disciplines. The awards were presented to Michael Abbott – Commerce/Science; Robert Gerrand – Electrical Engineering; Tim Burgess – Materials Engineering; Jane Barr – Optometry; Gyongyi Horvath – International Studies and Jad Othman – Medicine.

Major University prizes had been awarded to four current residents – The Chinese Language Prize: Gyongyi Horvath; The Sheila Rimmer AM Prize: Kristen Dumitrescu; The Environmental Engineering Practice Prize: Kate Basset; The Head of School's Prize in Mathematics: Michael Abbott.

Three alumni were also awarded University prizes— The Unions NSW Industrial Relations Prize: Anthony Samson (New College 2003-2004); The Era Polymers Prize in Industrial Chemistry and The Samos Polymers Prize in Advanced Polymers: Carla Bissett (New College 2002-2004) and The John Harrison Prize: Dean McGeary (New College 2004-2006).

Another resident, Johanna Elms, was acknowledged for her significant achievement in receiving an Order of Australia Association prize from the Governor General for leadership and service.

Mr Gonski gave a challenging address, encouraging those in attendance to be broad rather than focused on one particular thing to the detriment of all other pursuits. In doing so, he put forward his personal view of success—that is, to be positively remembered. Those that are remembered positively are those who have made a difference to the lives of others who have not necessarily had the same opportunities in life.



Rev Dr Stuart Barton Babbage, Mr David Gonski AO and Professor Trevor Cairney.

Mr Gonski spoke of some of his interests and passions that have drawn him towards being involved in different arts bodies, philanthropic activities and development projects and encouraged his audience to do what they are passionate about and to find a way to make a difference in the world for others. Mr Gonski argued that Bill Gates will not be remembered for his work in founding Microsoft, but instead will be remembered for his work in helping the poor and arresting disease in countries across the world.

In discussing the value of breadth over limiting one's self to one endeavour, Mr Gonski presented his vision

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for UNSW, that it—remain committed to teaching across a wide range of disciplines and that campus life in all its facets should be encouraged. As part of his vision for creating a rich campus life, Mr Gonski stressed the need for more accommodation on campus to encourage people to be involved in the wider life of the university and acknowledged the role that the New College Postgraduate Village will have in providing accommodation as well as enhancing campus life. New College looks forward to working with the Chancellor to see this vision realised. ▀



L: Mr David Gonski AO presents award to Jad Othman.



R: Master presents an award to 2007 student President Adam Sauverain.

2006 New Lectures on early childhood and parenting: a success!



Professor Trevor Cairney and Professor Kim Oates in Q & A session.

More than 250 people attended the 2006 New College Lectures Series to hear child health and development expert Professor Kim Oates. Audio recordings of the lectures are available in MP3 downloadable form; visit the New College Lectures page on the College website.

In his first lecture *The amazing early years of life!* Professor Oates introduced us to a broad cross section of research on early childhood development. Research makes it clear that rather than being a blank slate at birth, babies are the owners of magnificent brains that kick into action from day 1. Those of us, who have spoken to our children and grandchildren in the first minutes of life and have been sure that they were trying to fix their gaze on us and begin relating to us, have had our instincts reinforced by recent research. He also shared research that emphasized how critical it is for children to experience a secure and loving environment, preferably with two involved parents.

In his second lecture *The Essentials of Good Parenting and When Parenting Goes Wrong* Professor Oates looked specifically at the role that parents play and reminded us that while there will never be perfect

parents, parents need to work at being good parents. He gave many practical tips and he talked also about the consequences of a stress filled life in the early years, the relationship between the development of trust in families and later relationships of trust and even faith.

In his third lecture Professor Oates looked at *Child Sexual Abuse: the response of the churches and the reliability of children* – what constitutes sexual abuse, how to prevent it, how the betrayal of trust can make it hard for children to trust others (even God), the nature of forgiveness, the way institutions have dealt with sexual abuse and finally, how reliable children are as witnesses.

New College's Master Professor Trevor Cairney in closing the series thanked Professor Oates for teaching, challenging and offering sound advice and wisdom. "It is obvious to all of us that parents are important to children's development. You might well argue that a key performance indicator of the worth of a society is the extent to which it values its children and supports families. Governments would do well to take this to heart. I thank Kim for reminding us of just how important it is to see all children as part of our collective responsibility. This is where governments and government agencies can help, but it also where churches and other agencies come in as well as each of us as individuals."

Professor Cairney finished by sharing a quote from Professor Lilian Katz: "Each of us must come to care about everyone else's children. We must recognize that the welfare of our children is intimately linked to the welfare of all other people's children. After all, when one of our children needs life-saving surgery, someone else's child will perform it. If one of our children is harmed by violence, someone else's child will be responsible for the violent act. The good life for our own children can be secured only if a good life is also secured for all other people's children." ▀

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New College Lecture Series 2007

Series Lecturer: **Prof Oliver O'Donovan, PhD DPhil FBA.** Professor of Christian Ethics and Practical Theology, the University of Edinburgh School of Divinity, Scotland.

Series Title: ***Morally awake? Admiration and resolution in the light of Christian faith***

The experience of moral wakefulness, of the mind alert to shape decision and action, is universal. But ways of describing the experience, and the philosophical puzzles they pose, are legion. And how do we overcome the constant tensions that arise within it between the objective and subjective, between valuing and deciding, between the "good" and the "right"? The resources of Christian faith shed light on this commonest and yet most mysterious of human experiences. In doing so, they bring us back into contact with some unities that common intellectual life has tended to overlook—between philosophy and theology, for example, and between theory and practice.

Series Dates:
**September 4,
5 and 6, 2007**

Note: Further information and event details to be supplied closer to the date at the College's website and by mail.

What's New news briefs

● New residential leadership for 'New'

2007 sees a new look RA team with 2006 RA Kate Basset taking on the role of Senior Resident Adviser. The other seven regular RA positions are filled by newcomers to the role: Christine Lang, Leanna McAlpine, Sam Mooney, Kim Hoa Scruton, Lachlan Rogers, Peter Thompson and Rodney Towner. Congratulations to the new team members as they fulfil this important leadership and support role in the College.

● O'Week 2007

2007 O'Week had the theme 'Pump'd' and it was a huge success with the 84 freshers enjoying the opportunity to be emphatically introduced and emersed into New College with the help of the O'Week leaders and their old boys and girls! There was lots of action and fun including the hoe down Bush dance on the first Sunday, jet boating on Sydney Harbour, the infamous Public Transport rally and so much more. Monday had many aspiring freshers (and their old boys and gals) sporting all sorts of crazy mullets, Mohawk and frullets and a fantastic skit night displayed many talents in the acting department.

● Governor General Awards Collegian



A New Collegian has been recognised for her leadership and service. In a ceremony held in February New Collegian Johanna Elms was presented with her prize by the Governor General His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffrey. The prize is sponsored by the Order of

Australia Association Foundation (which the GG heads). The prizes included a significant cash contribution to assist with tuition fees and a mentoring relationship with an eminent person and recipient of an Order of Australia.

● 'New' has a new Pietsch

In December James and Margie had their third child. Greta Pietsch has joined Mum and Dad, Samuel – 6, and Caleb – 3 in the Dean's flat. We are delighted with this new addition to the College community. Congratulations to James and Margie on the latest addition to the family.



● Summer refurbishment of 'New'

During the summer vacation the College re-carpeted all student rooms on levels 1 and 2 and repaired or replaced common room furniture on Levels 1-3.

● New College's Fifth Master's Portrait Unveiled in a Ceremony



The College traditionally commissions a portrait of each of its Masters. There is no prescribed time to have it done, however, given the current Master's attempts to catalogue, restore and improve art work at the College during 2006 it was decided to fill a gap on the wall of the MCR created

by the re-hanging of the portraits of previous masters. The Master found artist Ann Morton after fortuitously viewing one of her works on the wall of her niece's home. Ann is one of Australia's finest portrait artists. She says that she developed her craft "with the generous help of artists she respects".

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New College Diary: 2007 Coming Events

18 April

Mid Session Formal Dinner – Guest to be advised

17–19 May

New College Play: William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Nights Dream*

6 June

End of Session Formal Dinner – Mrs Margaret Pomeranz, Film Critic and Presenter At the Movies (ABC TV)

23 July

Session 2 Commences

25 July

Session 2 Commencement Dinner – Dr Rowan Gillies, President MSF Australia, immediate past President MSF International (TBC)

23–25 August

New College annual Revue*

29 August

New College Lectures Formal Dinner – Professor Oliver O'Donovan

4–5 September

New College Lectures (see details in advertisement in this *New 'n' Old*)

10 October

End of Session Formal Dinner – Guest to be advised

*Date to be confirmed

Come and Join US!

For more information and details on 2007 events visit the New College website Calendar which features Upcoming Events. The site is updated regularly with the latest event information, so please do visit www.newcollege.unsw.edu.au. For further information contact Mark Fairfull, tel +61 2 9381 1740 or email m.fairfull@newcollege.unsw.edu.au. NB RSVP is essential to formal New College events, so please indicate your attendance.

Date for the Diary New College Revue: 23rd–25th August

The Revue revisits the key events and personalities of the year, offering an amusing and satirical look at what has happened. It requires the work of 70 Collegians writing, acting, singing, dancing, producing and directing, back stage work and front of house.

Don't miss the 2007 New College Play. The 2007 New College Play will be a theatrical production of William Shakespeare's comedy: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

When: 7.30pm Thurs 17th – Sat 18th May. Production includes a 20 minute interval. Expected finish time is 10.30pm.

Where: Main Common Room, New College, the University of NSW.

Cost: TBA, normally \$10–\$15 for Adults. A bookings line will be opened in the weeks before the production. Refer back to the website for the bookings phone number.

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His Honour Judge Barnabas Fung (New College 1980-1984)

On Monday November 27 2006 His Honour Barnabas Fung was appointed a judge on the High Court of Hong Kong (jurisdiction equivalent to an Australian State Supreme Court). He had previously served as Chief District Judge, District Court of Hong Kong. HH Judge Fung studied Commerce/Law at UNSW. He is currently Vice President of UNSW Alumni Association's Hong Kong Chapter. Mr Fung attended the New College Alumni reunion dinners in Hong Kong in 2002 and 2005. He is an active alumnus

of the College and has served with distinction in the legal profession and judiciary throughout his career. From the board, staff and alumni of New College: congratulations Barnabas!

Richard Fleming (New College 2002-2005) heads overseas to work in development aid

Richard Fleming was an AT in 2003 and an RA in 2004 and 2005. Richard has been working with Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as a Consultant. Richard has taken a

year of unpaid leave to go to Bangladesh to work with the Rural Development Board there. He will live in Dhaka, Bangladesh for 12 months in his capacity as an Australian Youth Ambassador.

Alan Stewart (New College 1977-1978) becomes the 2nd New College Bishop



Alan James Stewart, 47, became the Bishop of Wollongong in early April 2007. The Anglican Archbishop of Sydney appointed Alan Stewart as the next Bishop of Wollongong in November. Alan was CEO of Anglican Youthworks. Alan is an

active alumnus with strong connections with 'New'. He and Kathy are keen supporters of the College. Al spoke at last year's CASE fundraiser, urging people to support CASE's ambitious endeavours to engage the intellectual world with the truth of Christianity. Alan holds the degrees of Bachelor of Commerce (UNSW), Bachelor of Theology and Diploma of Arts in Theology. He has served as a minister in the parishes of Tregear in Sydney's west and St Matthias, Centennial Park. ▀



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