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Curtain falls on Kiss Me Kate



by James McAtamney on piano and the quality and complexity of the props designed by residents specifically for the production.

The College welcomed an Alumni contingent each night who were impressed by the quality of the production. One Alumni member said:

“We attended the New College musical last Thursday and found it immensely entertaining. Please pass on our congratulations to those involved in its production and our encouragement for the future support of musical productions in College.”

This year's Play was a wonderful occasion for all involved. Bravo! ▶

Musical Director – Luke Iredale

Directors – Sam Hile and Sarah Perkins

Producers – Damon Booth and Grace Tomlin

Three years since the first New College musical and the time was right for NC residents to produce a second musical. *Kiss Me Kate* was staged May 20-23 bringing together music, dance, drama, art, construction, light and sound expertise and DVD production skills. Over a hundred residents brought their collective talents together in an incredible production.

The production was produced by arrangement with the Tams-Witmark Music Library New York. Unlike the previous musical *The Pirates of Penzance*, the cost of staging *Kiss Me Kate* was potentially prohibitive. Despite the high cost of obtaining the rights to produce *Kiss Me Kate*, the play returned a modest surplus from sponsorship, tickets, merchandise, fundraising and shop sales. The whole production team put in a great effort and the hard work was rewarded by the audiences' responses over the four nights.

Particularly noteworthy were the high quality musical direction from Luke Iredale accompanied



L to R: Crystal Moran (Bianca), Matt Schiller (a Gangster) and Sumer Dayal (Lucentio)



Professor Trevor Cairney

From the Master

As the content of this edition of *New 'n' Old* demonstrates, life at New is no less interesting, stimulating and inspiring than it has been in the past. In our 40th year there is much to celebrate. We have seen some wonderful achievements in 2009. A few stand out. The first is the production of 'Kiss Me Kate' the second musical to be produced at New. This was a superb achievement for the 100 plus residents who took part in some way. The second was the fundraising efforts of the residents in supporting our resident Jared Pritchard who had a stroke in June this year and required brain surgery at a cost of \$60,000. The residents drove a fundraising effort that saw the funds raised in a matter of weeks.

Our first year of life in the NCV has been very exciting. As the stories in this issue indicate, there is already a strong community developing with rich community life ...

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There are also many other things that show something of the richness of New College community life – sporting achievements, a great Revue, ongoing College Church Services, a rich social program run by the NCSA, Habitat for Humanity, College Ball and the Valedictory Dinner.

This edition also shares some wonderful stories from our Alumni. The many marriages of New continue to come (I'm still hoping for one from the NCV soon). There are also details on the lives of some of our Alumni, including the remarkable recent achievement of J. Paul Robinson in

reaching the summit of Mount Everest. There is also a wonderful pictorial reminder of some of the exploits of previous residents.

You will also note that Dr James Pietsch and his family left us in 2009. James was appointed in 2003 just 6 months after I arrived. I have valued James' wonderful work as Dean of Residents throughout this period. His love of New and the residents has been evident to all. We'll miss James, Margie, Samuel, Caleb and Greta. We will of course welcome two new Deans in 2010, Dr John Quinn as Dean of Residents at the NCV and Rev Ben Gooley as Dean of Residents at New College. A prize to the first person to recognize their resident photos in this edition.

Finally, you will note that *New 'n' Old* continues to develop as a magazine that now represents two communities. The New College community has been evident for 40 years, while the New College Village community is just emerging. Our first year of life in the NCV has been very exciting. As the stories in this issue indicate, there is already a strong community developing with rich community life, strong social events, emerging Christian ministry and strong community support. Carmen and I have had a wonderful year living in the building and having the opportunity to be involved in the lives of 315 residents from 55 nations. What an incredible group they have been.

I hope you enjoy this edition of *New 'n' Old* and that it gives you some sense of the wonderful year that we have had in both our buildings. Once again, I want to thank Mark Fairfull for doing such a wonderful job pulling this edition together. I hope you enjoy reading it in this our 40th year.

Trevor Cairney

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About New

Founded in 1969, the original New College is an Anglican residential college for students at the University of New South Wales. New College actively contributes to the life of the wider University and its main campus is set within University grounds. New welcomes people of all faiths and none. The College celebrates, and is enriched by, the diversity of backgrounds of its staff and students. The College pursues academic excellence, collegiality and service to society founded upon Christian faith and values.

New's main programs include:

- New College, the residential college for 248 undergraduate students at the University of New South Wales
- New College Village, the postgraduate residential village for 315 postgraduate students at the University of New South Wales.
- Centre for Apologetic Scholarship and Education, a specialist centre which carries out Christian apologetics—the activity of defending the Christian faith, engaging with other world views and attracting 'thinking' people to the message of the Christian faith.
- New College Lectures, in 1986 the College set up a Trust to conduct an annual series of public lectures. Lecturers address an important issue or aspect of contemporary society and comment on it from the standpoint of their Christian faith and professional expertise.

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New College and NCV residents found Australian Student Medical Journal

Residents of New College and the New College Village have founded Australia's first national medical student journal.

The Australian Medical Student Journal (AMSJ) is a not-for-profit, peer-reviewed, student-operated academic journal that publishes the research, reviews and opinions of medical students from around the country. Over seventy submissions were received from thirteen universities for the inaugural issue, which is due to be released in 2010. The first issue is currently well under production, and will be distributed to more than 10,000 medical students Australia-wide via both print and electronic editions. The three founders of the journal are Matt Schiller (pictured centre; 4th year Medicine/Arts, NC Medicine

Tutor), Timothy Yang (pictured right; 4th year Medicine, NCV Medicine Tutor), and Hassan Ahmad (pictured left; 3rd year Medicine, 3rd year Innovation and Entrepreneurship). Matt and Tim are the journals Editors-In-Chief, while Hassan is the Communications Officer. For many months, they have been working with an AMSJ staff of about twenty (including many past and present Collegians), the UNSW Faculty of Medicine, and other groups to get this venture off the ground.

See www.amsj.org for more details or for a free subscription. ▀



New College Revue '09: Dante's Office



The 2009 Revue was another successful production that again displayed the many and varied talents existing within the College community (according to one current Collegian "the funniest Revue I've ever seen!"). Dante's Office focused on a central theme of what Hell would look like as a corporate business. The main sequence starred Stephanie Crosthwaite as the devil and Tim Graham, Ed Reeve, Zoe Stephenson and Tom Milthorpe as her staff. George Davis and Nathan Milham directed the Revue bringing to it their own distinctive sense of humour. Interspersed amongst the skits were musical items performed by the Revue Band led by Pete Orenstein featuring Joe Grisold on vocals and Luke Iredale on guitar. Ed Kearney directed the movie starring Ross Willing. Dance was also a big part of the Revue with the different dance sequences featuring 39 dancers on stage.

As with previous Revues, over a hundred people took part in the production as part of the cast, choir, dances, the Revue movie, costumes, backstage, publicity, artistic design, props, hair and make up, set construction, technical support and stage design. ▀

Directors – George Davis and Nathan Milham
Producers – Dhiva Eliezer and Sam Ison

New College supports a friend



Above: Julian Morrow conducts an auction
Right (in text): Airbridge performs, Mrs Julie Pritchard at J-Rock Benefit Concert

New College residents have recently been involved in raising more than \$15,000 to help a fellow resident Jared Pritchard receive urgent medical care. A talented student studying Digital Media Jared has been an integral and much loved member of the College community for the past four years. Describing his time at New back in April, Jared said, “My time at New College has been wonderful; I will remember this place with

great fondness and am thankful that I arrived at a place that has helped me to grow in so many ways. New College is such an amazingly supportive, encouraging, caring and loving community.” During his HSC year Jared suffered two major bleeds in the brain caused by an arteriovenous malformation (AVM). As a result of both bleeds, Jared underwent brain surgery. Since the second operation Jared has had reduced mobility, particularly on his left side, making it impossible for him to walk without assistance.

New College residents mobilised to run an appeal asking for pledges of financial support both amongst the current residents and Alumni from Jared's time in College. Residents ... put on two major fundraising events.

Since 2006 Jared has lived at New College getting around in his motorised wheelchair while studying at CoFA. In July of this year the AVM caused a third bleed which required further brain surgery. Since this time Jared has been in hospital, initially waiting for the operation to take place (which occurred in late August) and then recovering from this operation. Unfortunately for Jared and his family, the operation is not covered under the public health system and it is estimated that the cost will be in excess of \$60,000.

It was apparent when the news of the cost of the operation reached various Collegians and ex-Collegians that significant additional funds would be required for the Pritchard family to fund this operation and ongoing rehabilitation. New College residents mobilised to run an appeal asking for pledges of financial support both from amongst the current residents and Alumni from Jared's time in College. They also proceeded to put on two major fundraising events.



The first of these events was J-Ride 09 – a bike ride between Sydney and Canberra. On a very wet Saturday morning Geoff Arthurson, Dhiva Eliezer, Lenny Rowe, Matthew Cooper, Jake Saunders, Gary Homanick, Alice Lang and their support team headed out raising awareness and funds for Jared's operation. Through their efforts they managed to raise \$5,000.



The J-Rock Benefit Concert was organized by Sumer Dayal, Sarah Perkins and James Tibbett with 30 other Collegians involved in running the event. 500 people turned up at the concert which was held at the Roundhouse featuring bands such as Airbridge, Go Go Machiner and Modern Joy. Thanks to New College resident Tim ('Sony') Graham the community secured the services of *The Chaser's* Julian Morrow as a special guest who conducted the charity auction. With ticket sales, the auction and other elements the night raised \$10,000 for Jared's ongoing medical costs. The fundraising efforts are ongoing, with people encouraged to donate. For more info: check out “The Jared Pritchard Story (My Doco)” on YouTube. Anyone wishing to donate can contact Mark Fairfull at (02) 9381 1740 or m.fairfull@newcollege.unsw.edu.au. ▀

Farewell James Dean!

A farewell to Dr James Pietsch (NC 1988-1991, 1993) New College Dean of Residents 2003-2009.

New College farewells its Dean of Residents

After serving with great distinction as Dean of Residents for seven years Dr James Pietsch left New College at the end of 2009. James has accepted the position of Head of Mathematics at St Luke's Grammar in Dee Why. The College is sad to be losing James, Margie, Samuel, Caleb and Greta who will be missed by staff and residents alike. We wish James and his family well as they pursue the next stage of their lives.

As a valued Alumni member this is the third time that James (NC 1988–1991, 1993) has left New College. James was a New College Tutor in 1991 and again in 1993. James enjoyed his time at New when Bruce Kaye was Master, forming strong friendships that have remained significant friendships to this day.

James studied for a BSc majoring in psychology and mathematics at UNSW graduating with honours in 1992. After leaving UNSW James completed a Diploma of Education at the University of Sydney in 1993 and then went on to become a teacher from 1994 to late 2002, teaching at Bankstown Girls' High School and St John's Park High School as well as casual tutoring and lecturing at The University of Sydney. James did graduate studies, completing a Masters of Philosophy in Education at The University of Sydney in 2000. He completed a PhD in Mathematics Education in 2005 which has just recently been published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing.



The College formally said goodbye to the Pietsch family in the first of a series of farewells (with Staff and Board farewells following in November and December) at the 2009 Valedictory Dinner (VD). As one Collegian quipped, "What a scam, more than one VD!"

Valedictory Dinner Farewells

At VD the College had a sequence of elements to farewell James. The current residents, Alumni and administration each farewelled James. The residents presented him with a photo collage, an iPod with suggested songs to download and a booklet of messages. The NCSA Exec thanked James with a VD speech:

"There are a few things you should know about our oldie, James Pietsch. He's been around for awhile, so that makes him a bit crusty, but he still gets involved and encourages a sense of loyalty to this wonderful place. He is kind, thoughtful, hard-working – and best of all, he never basins us. Sometimes I get the feeling he knows more than he lets on – I think he understands us freshers more than we understand ourselves. He remembers all his fresher's names, which is pretty impressive. I know most of my oldies, but there will always be one I'll never forget.

Best of luck for the future James. We'll miss you."

The Alumni, with the assistance of the Alumni Office – assembled a book of messages and arranged for a VD speech ("An Ode to James Dean") on behalf of Alumni and current Collegians. To see the Ode and some selected extracts of Alumni farewell messages visit www.newcollege.unsw.edu.au/jamespietsch.html.

The College's Master Prof Trevor Cairney formally farewelled James and gave him a gift from the College staff and on behalf of the current residents. Prof Cairney expressed his gratitude to James for his faithful and dedicated service to the community and to him as Master. He indicated that James and the family would leave a big gap at New College. In concluding his comments he drew on a Jewish word to describe him – 'mensch'. This word literally means 'man,' but usually refers to a person of integrity; a decent human being, the ultimate compliment that can be given.

Thanks James for your faithful and dedicated service. We wish you a very fond farewell! ▀

Alumni Flash Backs



Flash Back to ... 1984

- As usual New showed its superiority on the sporting field, winning not only in the glamour sports of rugby union and soccer, but also at chess and badminton ensuring that the 1984 champions were again New.
- Music life in the College took a step forward with the establishment of a Music Room off the eastern colonnade of the College and a visit to the College by the Australia Ensemble. The amenities of the College were enhanced with the purchase of a big screen video projector and video deck.
- New items in the annual program of social events were introduced, such as an inter-floor sports day and a Halloween Night social function.
- 1984 saw 105 new New Freshers who arrived on Sunday 26 February. In October the 15th Anniversary of the founding of the College was celebrated with an Alumni Dinner.
- A trust was announced for an annual series of lectures to be called the New College Lectures.

Flash Back to ... 1973

- A new Master assumed responsibility for the College on March 1, his name: Stuart Barton Babbage.
- A new NCSA Executive was elected on March 7. In contrast to 1972 the new members were elected as independents rather than representatives of certain politics or factions. Thus the first Exec meeting held dealt mainly with the formulation of basic policy and a reaffirmation of former Executive aims.
- The Board of Management convened a sub committee to examine the admission of women into New College in 1974.
- General meetings of the NCSA in 1972 tended to be relatively dreary affairs compared to the preceding years fare. In fact, News' News referred to them as being "comedies of errors" as well as failing to provide "comic relief". A Constitutional amendment was passed making the Annual General Meeting compulsory, but all other general meetings voluntary.



Flash Back to ... 1988

- The '88 Exec worked hard to create a computer room for College, with the help of Andrew Gray, Ducky (Steven Duckworth) and others. The Amigas were purchased by the NCSA and the room got plenty of use. While this cost a considerable amount of money the decision was vindicated by the constant use the computers received.
- The social calendar was hectic with numerous Harbour Cruises, the Hunter Valley wine trip, Race Day, Bush Dance, Melbourne Cup Day, Union Bar Rages, BBQs, Ball and the list went on.
- The 1988 Group of the Year was 1E; they were selected for "their participation in College activities and their friendliness and cohesiveness, despite being a diverse group of Collegians". Both 1E and 1F in 1988 were male groups.

Flash Back to ... 1983

- The College's third Master, Dr Bruce A Kaye, took up his appointment assuming the Master's role in January.
- The Rugby Union First Fifteen's victory at the Grand Final was the first in the College's history.
- The venue for the College Ball, "Gourmet at the Gate", was changed to the Hyatt Kingsgate Hotel, the function was a great success, and demonstrated the value of experimenting with College functions, and not just repeating what had been done for the past 14 years. Previous to this venue change the Ball had always been held on the College premises. The Ball thus evolved to being a true formal. The bus service to and from the Hyatt was well utilised and managed to have everyone arrive during pre-dinner drinks.

- For the New College Christian Fellowship, the regular Sunday night meetings in the Private Dining Room were one of the main activities of the group. This meeting involved talking, praying and eating, and occasionally listening to guest-speakers. The highlight of the year was the NCCF house party in second session when forty or so headed for the Royal National Park. Other activities during the year included two dialogue meetings and the Hudson Taylor film.



Flash Back to ... 1996

- The play produced was *Rumours: A Farce* directed by Sarah Adeney, it starred Michelle Stonehouse as Officer Pudney with Pete Butchatsky as Lenny Ganz.
- In 1996, as in every year there was much panic and hysteria in the days leading up to the opening night of the Revue, *Innewendo*. There were the usual dummy spits from the Directors and Producers, and some very grim faces from several guest critics brought into inspect the dress rehearsals. The video projector died a horrible death, just prior to opening night and the videos became complicated – things were looking shaky. But, as if by magic, the entire production came together in what some described as the best Revue in the last 5 years! The Toby Winton-Brown and Ben Goldsmith led band set new standards for the quality of Revue music, and the production ran like clockwork. Here are a few of the more memorable moments:
 - Grant Mitchell as the Mad Scientist, with the red cordial consuming henchman, Igor (James Bradley).

- Ross Fox as an adolescent paper boy, and a crew member of the Enterprise (again).
- Video sequences that actually worked during the performances!
- The "Mystery Mooner" and the rest of the cast of "Waterprats", including arch-criminals, Anthony Moore and Greg Fox.
- The New College anthem performed before a paying audience for the first time.
- Sally Yue, as loud as ever, as an angry young breakfast eating woman.
- James Downie and Daintree Peters as sensitive beer drinkers.



Flash Back to ... 1976

- The Shop went from strength to strength. Demand for musk sticks was in excess of 200 per day when Rob Upfold and John Davey were in. A line that achieved astronomical sales was Coke.
- A running battle with the Greymen occurred. [The Greymen were the security on campus who 'lived' in the booths at entry points, e.g. at Gate 14.] The Greymen would place little pieces of paper under your windscreen wiper, beginning with the words "This vehicle is parked in contravention of the University parking and traffic rules". In 1976 the residents managed to "collect" 110 of these pieces of paper. However, they were not wasted; several were replaced under the wipers of official Greyman cars. The campaign to beat the

- Greymen reached new heights when Fred Brain arrived at the gate one day and purposely stopped in front of the Greyman. He beckoned him over and handed him a piece of paper, to which he added these words – "Give this to your boss – it gives us permission to park". With that he drove straight on. The piece of paper inevitably said "This vehicle is parked ..."
- Favourite Quote: "Lectures – the process by which the information on the lecture's notes is transferred to the students' note pad without passing through the brain of either".



Alumni Flash Backs

(continued)

Prof. J. Paul Robinson 1972-1975

Hijacking the Union Jack

One of the great achievements was the extraction of a union jack from the Sydney Town Hall (as far as I can remember). I forget the names of the rescuers but they arrived back at college around 2-3 am and we all celebrated. I think that most of the guys were up all night celebrating (no alcohol of course!).



Here I include some photos from New College from 1972-1975. The Greymen's Booth is circa 1973, I think around Foundation Day. The Union Jack event (left) is most likely in 1972 or 1973.

The abduction of the Greymen's Booth

We borrowed the Greymen's booth from over near the Roundhouse. This involved unbolting it from the ground, disconnecting the electricity and phone, and carrying it over to New College. When we arrived, we had to get it up the back stairs but we could not get it through the door at the first floor.

To solve this, we had to 'bend' it and remove the roof - this was achieved on the stair case itself. I don't know what its like now, but the Greymen (university guards) had a couple of small weather boxes around the campus, mostly on the lower campus - this one was near the Roundhouse and on Foundation Day evening, about midnight, about 20 of us decided to borrow this one. It took 3 or 4 hours to get it set up on the courtyard.

Eventually we got it up onto the first floor and reassembled it. I believe that the two people standing next to it are Tim Shea (Industrial Engineering) (front) and myself (J. Paul Robinson) behind Tim. The photo was taken from around 1C group in those days. Warrane college is in the background and the stocks are clearly visible.

I don't remember the ramifications, but I think the College was fined \$50 and eventually the booth disappeared - if I recall, Greymen arrived one day and smashed it to bits and took it away. I don't think the Master was happy with us that year.



New College Ball 1975 - I was social director (best job in College) for those two years and I was responsible for organizing the College ball. We made it an Al Capone night - and these two students were the doormen!

I attended with my future wife to be Susan - it was a fun Ball - with the entrance through an old car - this was at the front door of the dining room. The advantage of being social director, was that I got invited to all the College balls at all the Sydney campuses!!



Not exactly New College, but my summit photo from Everest on May 23, 2009. I am holding a flag from Purdue University which I subsequently presented to our University President. I am standing a few feet below the summit as it was rather crowded that morning. See www.cyto.purdue.edu/trackpaul



A bit of a change in 35 years - no more black hair as in the New College Ball photo!

J. Paul Robinson ▸
August 2009

NCV students' research changing lives

Developing an encouraging, research intensive and supportive community is at the heart of the New College Village vision. NCV has been designed to facilitate opportunities for residents to build relationships and support each other academically and socially. The work of research students is supported through the work of the Master, Dean and academic tutors as well as through varied events such as research reviews and seminars. In this article we profile some of the NCV student research projects. For an extended list of profiles visit: http://www.ncv.unsw.edu.au/index.php/about/more/ncv_research.



Niloufer Johansen

Niloufer Johansen has just completed the first year of her PhD at the Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute.

Her research is investigating diabetes-induced changes in the vascular system. Some 246 million people are affected by diabetes globally and many will go on to develop diabetes related complications that are often difficult to treat (e.g. gangrene, blindness and heart problems). Many diabetic-induced complications have a component of disrupted blood flow within arterial blood vessels. "The aim of my project is to understand early diabetes-induced changes in neural regulation of arteries since this may contribute to the etiology of many diabetic complications" said Niloufer. "All in all so far, Sydney has further nurtured my love for research and NCV has fostered many academically and socially fulfilling experiences through which I have developed many lifelong friendships."



Suzaini Zaid

Suzaini Zaid is undertaking a PhD that investigates how to effectively provide sustainable and affordable housing for low income people in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Her research involves a historical review of sustainable development, its precedents and antecedent ideas, and analysis of Federal strategic plans for affordable housing projects. "Three intersecting issues define the problem context of this research" said Suzaini. "One, the lack of a consistent

implementable definition of sustainable development; two the lack of research into affordable housing policy in Malaysia from a social sustainability perspective and three, the lack of reliable data pertaining to sustainable and affordable housing for the urban poor in Kuala Lumpur."



An example of urban poor housing

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Natalia Garabato

One of the challenges governments have been facing is ageing populations and the provision of financial security at retirement. In response many

countries around the world have started reforming their social security systems shifting the responsibility of retirement provision towards workers and retirees. One of the countries that pioneered this social security reform is Chile. Given the success of the reforms, the Chilean model has been taken up by many other countries around the world. Natalia Garabato's project will present some preliminary results on the determinants of financial literacy and retirement planning in Chile and compare the findings using the US as a benchmark. The main object of Natalia's research is to discover if better financial literacy is reflected in increased retirement planning and whether retirees can reach retirement with adequate resources. If there is a proven relationship between literacy and retirement planning these findings should prompt governments and policy makers to facilitate financial education.

NCV students research changing lives (continued from page 9)



Cristian Leyton

Cristian is finishing the first year of his PhD, studying the imaging findings in a curious form of dementia that affects the language system, called primary progressive aphasia. Ever since he was a child, Cristian has been interested in understanding how the brain works and gives rise to our

thoughts, feelings and memories. “At the same time, I wanted to help people, treating and curing disease. For that reason, I decided to study medicine and then chose neurology as a specialty. With my wife, Karen, I decided to come to Australia, and so began our grand adventure! It was not easy. Firstly, we had to apply for and win a Chilean Government scholarship, learn English, pass exams, and ultimately, leave everything behind us ... relatives, friends, colleagues, jobs, and even our little cat! When we first arrived, we had a real struggle with the language. When we moved to New College Village, it was astonishing how much cultural diversity there was! We had never seen so many nationalities represented in one place. Despite cultural, religious, and language barriers, we have lived in peace and harmony in this community of over three hundred people” said Cristian.



Adam Carr

Over the last 3 years Adam Carr has been doing a PhD in the field of Chemical Engineering. Adam and his research colleagues have been investigating a novel method of micronizing pharmaceutical products. Micronizing is the process of reducing matter to particles that are only a few microns in diameter. Micronizing pharmaceuticals is aimed at increasing the ability of a drug to permeate through bodily membranes

and reach the therapeutic target more rapidly. In a novel approach Adam is looking at using a solvent to dissolve a drug and then rapidly change the solvent properties to crystallize the drug out of a solution. “We have had good success in our work, by being able to tune the characteristics of a number of drugs to enhance dissolution in the human body, and our results will soon be published in a number of journals” Adam said.



Naadir Junaid

Naadir wanted to further develop his critical understanding of the study of film after completing his bachelor's and a master's degree

in Mass Communication and Journalism at the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. He is in the second year of his PhD research. His work examines how filmmakers in Bangladesh and West Bengal, India tried to come to grips with contemporary social and political problems in their films in the past 50 years. He received an Australian Government Endeavour Postgraduate Award in 2008 to do doctoral research on Bengali political cinema. Bangladesh and West Bengal have witnessed severe political crises in the past 50 years, and some Bengali filmmakers have made realistic films with political overtones that critiqued contemporary problems. Naadir's research begins with the question of how these serious Bengali filmmakers used the cinema as a means of political action aspiring to create a new, radical consciousness in the society. His thesis examines a selection of important films that are recognized as politically critical in form and content, and seeks to understand the wider role of Bengali political cinema in post-colonial society. Naadir is interested in supporting the development of film education in Bangladesh, where Film Studies is a neglected academic discipline and filmmakers and audiences rarely come across quality film criticism. ▀

NCV Ministry



One of NCV's goals is to provide a stimulating environment in which people can grow intellectually, socially and spiritually. One of the offshoots of this is to provide vital ministry and support to postgraduate students. In this article we look at how Christian ministry is developing in the NCV.

New College Village welcomes people of all faiths or no faith at all. In the present diverse community with over 55 nationalities we have residents who are Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, Orthodox believers, Catholics and all types of Protestants. However, since the Sydney Diocese of the Anglican Church founded New College, we offer Christian ministry consistent with the Anglican Thirty-Nine Articles of Faith. We choose to say 'Christian' ministry rather than 'Anglican' because we wish to stress that we offer residents the opportunity to find out more about Christianity based on the teachings of the Bible, rather than just Anglicanism. NCV staff and residents have been making the most of the new opportunities through organized activities and other informal social activities in the building.

NCV Bible Study

One of the ministry activities to develop is a weekly Bible Study that Trevor and Carmen have run each Monday night. About 50 people have participated in this group. In 2009 the group studied the Gospel of Mark, a book in the New Testament that provides the story of Jesus' life and teaching. As well this group has worked through 1 and 2 Thessalonians, and has just completed a series on Matthew 1 and 2 in the lead up to Christmas. The group meets in the Main Common room where the evening begins with supper; the Master usually gives a brief talk, then the larger group breaks up into smaller groups to read part of Mark and explore some questions and

pray together. Residents of NCV are free to join this group at any time; they simply need to be interested in knowing more about the Bible's teaching. It has been encouraging to see how many people have wanted to be involved over the past year in these groups.

NCV Service

The NCV held its own Easter Service on Thursday 9 April at which passages of Scripture that tell of the last hours of Jesus' life prior to his crucifixion and resurrection were read. Coming out of this inaugural service the decision was taken to have an NCV Church Service on the first Monday of each month (7.30pm–8.30pm). The first regular service commenced in June. The purpose of the service is

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to bring together people in the building who see themselves as Christians (from any denomination) or anyone interested in knowing more about Christianity. The format of each service is informal and includes music, reading God's word, a short sermon, prayer, and other items as relevant. Volunteers help to run the services each month helping with the set-up, music, prayer, bible readings and supper. Speakers at the services have included: Dr Lewis Jones, Rev Ben Gooley, Rev Johsua Ng, Rev Carl Mattei, Dr James Pietsch and Prof Trevor Cairney. All residents have been encouraged to check out churches like Unichurch and local churches off campus and Christian groups on campus like CBS.

A wonderful ministry to and with NCV residents has begun. ▀

1: NCV Bible Study dinner
2: The first NCV Bible Study BBQ
3: New College Village Christmas Carols Service held November 30

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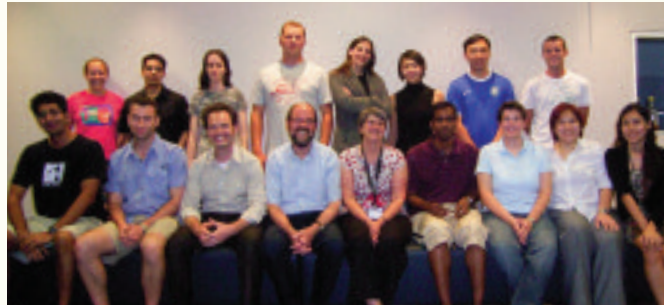
The creation of UNSW's newest residential community

Master and first residents move into the building on 5 January.



January

The 'advance party' - week 1 at NCV



Senior Residents appointed and commence duties. NCV is full.



February

The Official opening of NCV was held and was attended by dignitaries, guests and residents.



May

First NCV formal dinner is held following requests from the residents. The guest was Prof Alec Cameron, Dean of Business.



June



Professor Margaret Harding, UNSW Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Strategy) and Dean of Graduate Research visits and presents NCV seminar for our research students (pictured: Niloufer Johansen).



September

NCV Suppers continue on Monday night's.



The year's third and final NCV formal dinner is held with Ms Mary Jo-Capps as the guest.



October





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NEW COLLEGE VILLAGE

Residents & staff get used to the new building.

First NCV BBQ for the whole community held in the Main Courtyard.

NCV Easter service.



March

April

NCV welcomes 38 new residents. All of our new residents are postgraduate students in a variety of disciplines.

Second NCV formal dinner is held with high profile UNSW researcher and engineer Prof Veena Sahajwalla as guest speaker.



July

August

NCV End of Year canapés and drinks function to say farewell to residents who will permanently depart.

Carols by Candlelight held in MCR.

Christmas social function.



November

December

What's New? News briefs

● New College welcomes new staff member based at NCV



Katarina Spurling joined the New College staff as College Administrative Officer in early September. Her responsibilities include conferences and casual accommodation, CASE administration and NCV

reception relief. Katarina comes all the way from Winthrop (near Fremantle), WA.

● New Deans

Rev Ben Gooley (New College 1994-1996) and Dr John Quinn (New College 1995-2002) appointed as New College and New College Village Deans of Residents.



Rev Ben Gooley replaces Dr James Pietsch who takes up the position of Head of Mathematics at St Luke's Grammar. Ben Gooley is a former

New Collegian (New College 1994-1996) who completed a Bachelor of Engineering degree (Electrical) (Hons) at UNSW (1994-1997) and spent 2 years at Alcatel Australia (1998-1999). He subsequently completed a Bachelor of Divinity (Hons) and Diploma of Ministry at Moore Theological College (2001-2005). He had two years experience as part of the Ministry Training Strategy (2000-2001) and has ministry experience at Engadine Anglican (2002-2003), Fairfield Anglican (2004-2005) and Unichurch (2006-2009). He is married to Sue who was also a New College resident (New College 1995-1998). They have three children Peter (5), Anna (2) and Rachel (6 months). Ben will commence as Dean in January and his family will move into the residence in early February.



Dr John Quinn will fill the live in Dean's role at NCV that Prof Cairney has assumed since it opened in January in addition to his normal role as Master of New College. Dr Quinn is a former New Collegian (1995-2002).

Dr Quinn served at New College as a Residential Adviser, Senior Residential Adviser and Acting Dean of Residents. He completed his PhD in 2002

through the Centre for Advanced Macromolecular Design at UNSW. After he left UNSW he was appointed as a Research Fellow at Melbourne University in the Dept of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (2003-2007). From 2007 to the present he has been working as Technical Assistant and Trade Marks Attorney at Phillips Ormonde Fitzpatrick Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys. John is married to Premilla who is an anaesthetist. They will take up residence in January.

● CASE Update

The recent issues of *Case* magazine have been tremendously successful with very positive feedback. The College has seen an increase in interest and an increase in people purchasing single issues of the magazine for wider use. The College is considering ways to widen the readership and broaden the reach of CASE. Recent themed issues of *Case* magazine have included *City Life*, *The God of Science* and *To Give A Reason*. CASE also ran a very successful conference in March 2009 on the topic of Medical Ethics.



● New College Lectures 2009: Bioethics and Future Hope by Professor John Wyatt

In September Professor John Wyatt presented a series on the issues of life and death inherent in the field of medical ethics. In the series he considered and discussed the bioethical issues that we face every day as we make decisions about creating, preserving and protecting life. The Lectures were a wonderfully prepared and presented series of sensitive and thoughtful talks; the audience numbers were strong with over 300 people in attendance over the three nights. MP3 files for all talks are available from the New College website www.newcollege.unsw.edu.au/newcollegetlectures.html. ▀

The Many Marriages and Engagements of New

We have had a number of weddings reported to us since the last publication. Here's our latest update with an international focus.



Shuqing Newton Liu (New College 2002–2006) and Yun-An Anne Lin (New College 2005–2006) were married at Quay restaurant, Sydney in August 2009. Ex-collegians Chichi Lo (New College 2003–2006) and PuiPui Lee (New College 2005–2006) were the bridesmaids and Wah Guan Lim (New College 2002–2006) and Allan Ang (New College 2004–2005) were the groomsmen. Wah Guan was also the Master of Ceremonies at the reception, with 12 ex-Collegians joining in the celebration. Two more wedding celebrations will be held in China and Taiwan in early 2010, in the company of other New College Alumni. Anne and Newton would like to thank New College and Collegians for the great friendship from past years.

Wah Guan Lim said “they are the first Asian couple (both) from New College to have held their wedding since [at least] 2002 – the year I entered College”.

Other recently married international Alumni include:

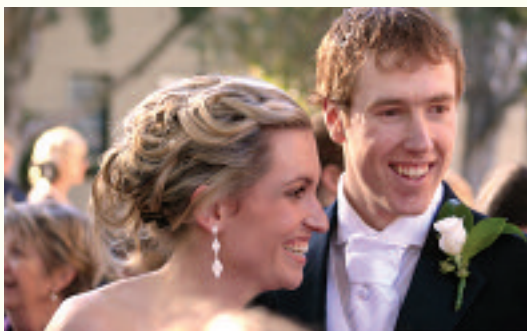
- ▶ Alex Hok Man Law (Hong Kong) (New College 2001–2006) married Monique Chan
- ▶ Michael Ming Wei Tay (Singapore) (New College 2003) married Joanne Ong
- ▶ LiQing Teo (Singapore) (New College 2004–2006) married Ignatius Wong

- ▶ Kalaiselvan s/o Malayamanar (Singapore) (New College 2004–2006)

We can report the following international engagements:

- ▶ Peggy Leung (Hong Kong) (New College 2000–2001) is engaged to Alocs Kak Tien Chong
- ▶ Jimmy Chi Yeung Choi (Hong Kong) (New College 2001–2004) is engaged to Xiaoqing Gan

We hope to have more detailed reports by the time we next produce the publication.



Katie Avery (New College 2007) was married to Michael Neilson (New College 2006) on July 4 2009 at Ultimo Uniting Church. Bible reading and prayers were said by Elle Cook (New College 2006–2007) and Christine Lang (New College 2004–2009), with Bec Barnes (New College 2001–2008) leading the music team in which Jonathan Billingham (New College 2006–Present) contributed his magnificent skills. Other New College contributions came from Jenny Radford (New College 2005–2006) who signed the registry, Timothy Le lievre (New College 2006–2007) as groomsman to Michael, and Greta Stevens (New College 2005–2007) and Niki Orenstein (New College 2006–2008) as bridesmaids to Katie. Many other New Collegians and staff attended the service and contributed to the running of the afternoon tea which in Mike's own words was “absolutely sensational”! The reception was held at the Lakes Golf Course in Sydney.

- ▶ Ex-Collegians Lachlan Rogers (New College 2004–2007) and Kim Hoa Scruton (New College 2004–2007, Executive Assistant to the Master 2008–2009) announced their engagement on 6 August 2009; they were married in a service in Canberra on 5 December 2009. Chris Bailey (New College 2006–2008) married Emma Collins of Dubbo in Camden on 12 December 2009.

Mark Fairfull ▶

Where are they now?



Grahame Smith (New College 1978–1980), married to Cathy, with Naomi, Jeremy, Erina and Rohan.

“After graduating from UNSW and working in medicine for a few years, I trained for Christian ministry at Moore College and went as a CMS missionary to Japan in 1990. We returned to Sydney in October 2008. I am now pastoring the Sydney

Japanese Evangelical Church, working in partnership with Naremburn Cammeray Anglican Church (www.ncachurch.com). I still see my New College graduates as my best friends.”



Ashley Cooper (New College 1977–1979)

“I moved into New College midway through 1977. I became Treasurer of the New College Students Association 12 months later and then Chairman of the association in 1979. After I completed

my BA (Hons) in Psychology in 1979 I went bush for 12 months working on construction sites in Mary Kathleen (Qld), Tennant Creek (NT) and Albury (NSW) to fund a 19 month trip through North America and most of Europe. Upon my return to Sydney I decided that IT was the way of the future so I completed a Graduate Diploma (with Distinction) from UTS (1985-1986) as I started work in the field. My IT career has since spanned 15 years with the Australian Taxation Office, three years as a contractor and now over eight years with Salmat Ltd. I met my (Australian) partner in Madrid in 1981 and we have a son just completing his HSC. Travel has continued to be a big part of our lives with our son already a veteran of New Zealand, North America, Bali, Southern Africa, Hawaii, and England and Central Europe. I still have a fairly large collection of photos from my New College days, mostly B&W and mostly from 1979.”

If you wish to contact any of these New College Alumni members you may do so through the College's Alumni Office, email the Coordinator: alumni@newcollege.unsw.edu.au.

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Katy Mack Clark (New College 1993)

“I have nothing but fond memories of my time at New College (even if I was stocked, called a "Seppo", and teased for my love of baked goods and my American boyfriend Chad, whom I have since married!) My husband and I live in Michigan with our two kids, Will, 6, and Sydney, 2. I work in

research on iron deficiency and child development at the University of Michigan. A big hello to everyone I knew!”



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