

The Earle Page Forum

A Newsletter to Old Collegians, Friends, Parents and the Page Family



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College members before the Introductory Dinner in academic gowns.

Tony Windsor gives Annual Earle Page College Politics Lecture

The 2007 Annual Politics Lecture was presented by Mr Tony Windsor MP, the Member for New England. The evening was highly successful with a formal dinner to start the evening followed by the lecture.



Earle Page College is the only college at the University of New England to hold an Annual Politics Lecture. This year the lecture was entitled 'Country Independence - The Way Forward'.

The evening was highly enjoyable and provided a different perspective of Australian government and the role of an Independent Member of Parliament.

Annual Coast Run Auction a success

The Annual Coast Run Auction held on Parents Weekend in third term, once again proved to be a great success in 2007. There were many different items being auctioned including signed sporting memorabilia, beauty packages, holidays, drinks and even morning tea with Assistant Master, Dr Jack Hobbs with transport in his sports car.

Inter-floor sporting competitions also raised funds for the Children's Medical Research Institute and provided for a bit of healthy rivalry between floors.

Finally, a team of runners and groupies made the annual 220km run to the Coffs Harbour Coast. The run was greatly enjoyed by all and was highly successful. The efforts of the Coast Run Committee and all that were involved in the fundraising have been monumental. A huge amount of time and effort has been put into ensuring that the Children's Medical Research Institute can still strive to find cures for childhood diseases. (See Picture P6)

From the Master

Dear EPC Alumni,

Greetings from your old College. It has been another great EPC year! How many times have I said that over my years here? Quite a few, I'm sure. Our Alumni Officer, Cassandra Banks, has tried to capture the year for you so that you keep in touch. A couple of particular highlights of 2007 for me follow:

- Our Academic success has been strong this year. There is always room for improvement, of course, however we have moved into a new mode of support for college members which has been helpful in a number of ways. Led by our talented Academic Assistants and supported by SCR Member, Professor Iain Macdonald and Assistant Master & Old Pagite 1965-69, Dr Jack Hobbs, Tues2Study has been a successful initiative held in the Dining Hall each week and builds on the strengths of our previous academic support programs. I look forward to this program developing further next year as more people get involved.
- The Coast Run Committee's ability to raise funds just goes from strength to strength. It could not have been foreseen, even five years ago, that the Committee of 2007 would raise \$30,000.00 for the Children's Medical Research Institute. This has been an exceptional result and I heartily congratulate the Committee for their enthusiasm to meet this goal. Any Alumni who would like to support the current students by donating money, services or goods to next year's challenge should contact the College Office. Sponsors of the Fashion Parade and Coast Run itself are always welcome!
- Our Sporting endeavours have been a major success as well. The ladies of the College have done us proud taking out the Mary Bagnall Trophy and the men nearly made it a double win for us! I can remember a double win in 1999. Next year, we'll take out both of them!
- The EPC Choir was re-launched in style this year with our own professional Choral Director, Mrs Deidre Rickards, former Director of Music at PLC Armidale and The Armidale School. The Choir took out a First Prize at the Armidale Eisteddfod, performed at the UNE Graduations and The Celebration Concert for charity in Sydney.

We can be proud of so many things this year, but most of all, it's our college culture that shines most brightly. We are a happy, balanced community that includes people of different backgrounds, tastes and abilities and we live, in the most part, in harmony. This is a great achievement in itself.

I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our dedicated and hard-working staff for their contributions, namely Assistant Head Ms Simone Timbs, Assistant Master, Dr Jack Hobbs, Admin Assistant/House Manager, Mrs Carol Berdar and Senior Resident Fellow, Ms Emalene Gemmell. Our House, Grounds, Kitchen and Dining Hall Staff, as Alumni remember, all contribute greatly to our community and deserve our respect and thanks. They all keep our community strong and positive through their daily interest in students and their willingness to go beyond the tasks in their Duty Statements.

David A. Ward
Master



EPC Office Support Team – Senior Resident Fellow, Ms Emalene Gemmell, Assistant Head, Ms Simone Timbs, Assistant Master, Dr Jack Hobbs, Admin Assistant/House Manager, Mrs Carol Berdar and Master, Mr David Ward

Future Challenges for the UNE Residential System

It has come to light over the past three weeks that the administration of the University is preparing an **Expression of Interest** for the marketplace to ascertain if any 'For Profit' companies would be interested in the management of the whole UNE Residential System. College staff and students have been informed that this move has been motivated by concerns that a number of long term maintenance issues need addressing, the costs for which continue to climb. Currently, the Colleges budget independently and produce annual surpluses. In addition, all residents contribute to a Residential Building Maintenance Fund. Colleges have not been able to access approximately \$4 million notionally held in this fund for the past three years and unfortunately compliance costs continue to rise.

If the University moves in this direction, the Director of Facilities Management, Mr Mike Quinlan, and Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Services), Ms Eve Woodberry, have told staff and student leaders that it would be a first in Australia for a whole residential system to be out-sourced. Private companies that operate in tertiary residential accommodation normally provide apartments or hall of residence style accommodation but they feel confident that students of the University of New England would still be able to continue to be provided with a fully serviced traditional collegiate experience for which UNE has been well recognized for more than 50 years. This issue is causing much debate!

If you would like to express an opinion on this issue please contact The Editor, EPC Forum epc@une.edu.au Watch this space!!

The Editor



Some of the Earle Page College Choir. Choral Director, Mrs Deidre Rickards and Accompanist Mrs Robyn Reid

Earle Page College Choir

This year the Earle Page College Choir has been complemented by the new Choral director Deidre Rickards. Diedre is a music educator and an excellent conductor in Armidale.

This year the choir won first place in the Open Vocal Ensemble section of the Armidale Eisteddfod. They also entered the Open Choral Championship and placed third.

The choir chose to sing four songs that displayed their ability to adapt to different styles of music. The songs they performed were “Unter den Liebenden” by Mozart, “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” by Rutter, “For Once in My Life” and “Fly Me to the Moon”.

The Earle Page College choir also performed at numerous other events including Graduation Cocktail parties, Parents weekend, Senior Citizens week celebrations and numerous formal college dinners. A highlight of the year will be a Concert participation in the celebration in the Sydney Town Hall involving 500 other talented singers.

Small Music Ensemble

Each year Earle Page College goes head to head with the other residential colleges of the University of New England in the Small Music Ensemble. The competition requires a group of students to present a musical performance based upon a particular theme.

This year the small ensemble team performed a selection of songs by the Beatles. Their performance was an excellent show of talent and hard work and they placed third in the competition.



Members of the small music ensemble

Annual College Ball

This year for the first time in history the annual Earle Page College Ball was held outside the college dining hall. The venue this year was the function room at the Armidale Ex Services Club.

The theme for this year was ‘Candy Shop’. The decorations ranged from giant candy canes and lolly pops to piles of lollies littering the beautifully decorated tables.

The entertainment for the evening began with an upbeat jazz band that got everyone up and dancing, followed by an excellent fire works display. The DJ kicked off the rest of the night and the college partied on until late.

The night was a terrific success and a huge thankyou went out to the JCR who worked incredibly hard to ensure a great evening was had by all.

Fireworks at the ‘Candy Shop’ Ball



Enjoying the ‘Candy Shop’ Ball

Scholarships

EPC Anniversary Fellow’s Country Scholarship
Gwendolyn Hall

CWA of NSW/EPC Equity Scholarship
Ryan Mason, Linda Leach, Ashley Moxey, Darcy Ogdon-Nolan, Annie Snodgrass Scott, Melissa Pumpa

Benjamin O’Connor Memorial Award for Excellence in Nursing
Laura Spence, Jessica Reibelt

NECU/EPC Entrance Scholarship
David Esteves, Peter Bedford, Thomas Inatey, Corbin Carter

Parents Weekend and The Annual College Musical, 'Bye Bye Birdie'

The annual Earle Page College musical was held on Parents Weekend in third term. The theme of the musical this year was of rock and roll and rebellion with the performance of Bye Bye Birdie.

This year over 100 students were involved in the production fulfilling a range of roles in the cast, band and crew.

This year the musical director was Mr Chris Curcuruto and the producer, Mr Felix Graser. The musical was a terrific success and it provided many very talented students to show off their singing, dancing and acting skills.

The parents of many of the musical stars got the chance to watch their children in action as it was also the annual Parents Weekend. The weekend began on the Friday night with the annual formal dinner. The evening was very successful with numerous performances from students and the college choir.

The annual Charity Coast Run Auction was also held, contributing to the fundraising efforts for the Children's Medical Research Institute.

The weekend was greatly enjoyed by all. The musical and the Coast Run Auction were a great success and the parents of the students of Earle Page College were given an excellent insight into college and university life.



Members of cast in Annual Musical

Resident Fellows

Senior Resident Fellow - Emalene Gemmell (Newcastle)

Top A - Tim Purser (Canberra)

Mid A - Cassandra Sharp (Sydney)

Bot A - Kate Agnew (Tamworth)

Top B - Scott Coffey (Singleton)

Mid B - Jacob Tooth (Dubbo)

Top C - Kara Edwards (Ballina)

Mid C - Sam Griffey (Inverell)

Bot C - Tom Collett (Orange)

Top D - Kira Bryant (North Haven)

Mod D - Jenna McNabb (Ballina)



Tom Collett in 'Bye Bye Birdie' - Annual College Musical

OK, were you the culprit?



A number of years ago (possibly 15 years ago, in fact), the EPC silver Punch Bowl (pictured right) disappeared from the College. 'Smiley' Cundy and Narelle Dowse remember setting it up for an event in the Senior Common Room on the fateful night and then it went. It was returned *anonymously* to us this year. Obviously, the guilt was too much for you but that being said, we do really appreciate you going to the trouble of returning a piece of Earle Page College history to us. Thank you, whoever you are!



GRADUATES 2007

Congratulations to all our graduates in 2007. Pictured above are some of our 2007 graduates who attended the Cocktail Party at Earle Page College.

Back (l to r) Luke Dafter, Amanda Williams, Louella Mills, Erin Stewart, Andrew Riordan, Jaie Leedham, Mitchell Johnston. Front (l to r) Kira Bryant, Lisa Bourke, Shaun Blacker and Stacey Lewis.

President's Report

From the time the 2007 JCR committee took over the reins late last year we set out to make this a year to remember. Our aim for the year was to provide, exciting, fresh functions and to promote an attitude of involvement in all facets of college life amongst our members.

Our first task was to lock in a new sponsor after difficulties with our previous sponsor and after many weeks of talks with a number of local establishments around town we settled on the Armidale Ex-Services Club ('Servies'). The club had a lot to offer the college and the major benefit was the absence of pressure to get people to stay there for the duration of the evening, giving members the freedom to choose their own destination to finish the night at.

Servies have proved to be an excellent sponsor and they have been willing to work with us to provide fun nights. One downside of the sponsorship was the absence of a bus.

We kicked the year off with a hugely successful O-week and a great group of freshers who were keen to get involved. With nights such as Aussie Night, Trivia, Bush Dance, Toga and Thursday Night Games that will stick in the memory for a long time.

This year there have been a number of new initiatives such as Springfield/Shelbyville Cup which is a cricket match between Earle Page College and Austin

College; Cab Ball with a Pirate theme was held at Echidna Gully; we acquired a JCR Fridge for functions; Synthetic Grass JCR Floor to prevent college members and guests slipping on the floor at functions; Austar was installed in the JCR so that all the major sporting events can be viewed; JCR Office; a mechanical Surfboard was arranged for Beach Party which proved to be a huge success and provided a lot of laughs; a gym and exercise room has been set up in the college; the JCR acquired a video camera to record all the great moments throughout the year; the annual College Ball was held outside the college dining hall for the first time at the Armidale Ex Services Club with a theme of 'Candy Shop'.

Recommendations for 2008 include continue sponsorship with the Armidale Ex-Services Club and push for them to get a bus or to pay more to cover bus expenses; Purchase a laptop for JCR records and music for functions; Continue to set aside funds for a major project each year; Approach Top Pub for a sponsorship contribution for license extensions.

Overall we have enjoyed a successful year in 2007. Personally, I'd like to thank the college for all their support in my role as the President of Earle Page College.

Cheers,
Jono Schumack, JCR Prtesident 2007

Cab Ball - Pirates Ahoy!

The annual Cab Ball was held at Echidna Gully and the theme was Pirates. A lot of effort was put into costumes and frightening pirate personas and an awesome night was had by all. Recovery was equally enjoyable and a great day was had with plenty of sun and fun.



There were several 'Jack Sparrow' look-alikes



Fearsome Pirates at Cab Ball in Echidna Gully

Wedding Bells

The wedding of EPC College President in 2000, Mark Woods, and his long-time love, Nicole Spurway, saw a number of Old Pagites come together to celebrate in Nelson Bay in January this year. The College Master convinced all the oldies to gather for these 'boys' and 'girls' shots.



Alumni Dinner in April 2007 in Canberra

In April this year the College Master attended a dinner for members of the Earle Page College Alumni living in Canberra and it was an excellent evening. Many old Pagites had the chance to catch up with old friends and also catch up with David and hear about the college.

(Back Row L-R) David Merrick, Peter Hudson (Senior Resident Fellow 2004), Lani Arthur (Resident Fellow 2004), David Ward (EPC Master), Owen Lodge (Resident Fellow 2005), David Spackman (Resident Fellow 2005), Ian Pastega (JCR President 2004 & Resident Fellow 2005), John Shannon (Resident Fellow 2001, Senior Resident Fellow 2002-3), Tom Fell (Resident Fellow 2004-5), Ben Bryant (Resident Fellow 2002-3), Lyndsay Wotherspoon (Resident Fellow 2004-5), (Front Row): Gary Cheney, Michelle Banks, Sally Johns, Lindsay Morris (Resident Fellow 2004), Melissa Jones, Lachlan Wilkins (JCR President 2002-3)



Annual Charity Coast Run

The annual Charity Coast Run was a huge success this year raising over \$30,000 for the Children's Medical Research Institute. Throughout the year the Coast Run Committee led by Blake Shuttleworth coordinated numerous events and activities including the sale of the discount cards, the annual Fashion Parade, Parents Weekend Auction and inter-floor sporting competitions.

The fundraising began early in the year with the sale of the discount cards. Numerous local businesses provided discounts and offers for the purchasers of the discount card.



Before setting off for the annual run to Coffs Harbour



The Annual Fashion Parade at the Armidale Ex-Services Memorial Club

The annual fashion parade was also a huge success. This year Carly Jeffree coordinated the annual fashion parade that involved over 50 students from Earle Page College as well as numerous people from the wider community including Armidale's local mayor, Mr Peter Ducat and wife Colleen. The event provided a spectacular evening of entertainment and also greatly contributed to the overall fundraising.



Running past the colleges



'Lick the Spoon' Café, Dorrigo provided breakfast for the runners and groupies before heading through Coramba to Coffs Harbour - Annie Snodgrass Scott (current Pagite) and Parents - Annie's parents are EPC Alumni

Annual Sports Dinner

This year the annual Earle Page College Sports Dinner was a great success. The evening celebrated the college's excellent sporting achievements and the people that made the year a success. This year's MB and PT Representatives are Lil Slapp and Jesse Percival pictured below.



Guest speaker at the Annual Sports Dinner, ABC Radio commentator, Mark Lowe address the audience



Master, David Ward gives a stirring speech during the Annual Sports Awards Dinner



Jesse Percival, Mark Lowe and Lil Slapp



Coast Run Convenor, Blake Shuttleworth with some of the auction memorabilia which raised funds for the Annual Coast Run



Major award winners at the Annual Sports Dinner

MB and PT

This year has been a great success for college sporting competitions. Earle Page College took out the Mary Bagnall competition and Earle Page College came second in the President's Trophy competition. This represents an excellent year of sporting talent.



Some of the girls in the netball team. TOP: The girls in action.

New Arrival

Congratulations to Senior Tutor (2000), Lochie Craig and his wife, Jennine (nee Graham), also a Pagite, on the birth of daughter Briella.



Old Collegian News Sheet

(A) Items about yourself for Forum which you think would interest fellow Old Collegians

Name (Maiden if applicable) _____ DOB: _____

Student Number (if known) _____ Degree: _____ Years in Earle Page College: _____

Address: _____

Information _____

(B) Membership of Earle Page College Alumni Association

Life Membership = \$75.00

Please Print

Surname _____ Former Name (if applicable) _____

Given Names _____ Preferred Title _____

Current Address _____

Mailing Address (Same as above?) Yes / No _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Student Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Graduation Details: Degree _____ Year conferred _____

Which years were you resident in Earle Page College: _____ to (including) _____

Cheques should be made payable to Earle Page College Old Collegians' Association

(C) Other Old Collegians

Please list the names, addresses and years in College of any Old Collegians who you believe are not receiving information from the College.

Name (Maiden if applicable) _____ DOB: _____

Student Number (if known) _____ Degree: _____ Years in Earle Page College: _____

Address: _____

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