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PRINCIPAL points

CHAIR notes

Transitioning from home and school to college and university is very exciting but also daunting. Every year we watch as our freshers grapple with the uncertainties of their new lives. While College undoubtedly provides a comforting environment and a base from which to address the challenges of new academic work, we know we could do more to support them.

So, this year we extended our orientation program and actively assisted our students to learn about College and our systems as well as finding out about university study and the specifics of their courses. Importantly, these opportunities also enabled them to bond and make new friends at College before the Orientation Week proper began.

To date, the feedback has been positive and we will learn more from our First Year Survey. However, the sense of belonging that we engendered does seem to have translated into a willingness to be involved in College life with record numbers joining the choir, auditioning for Oration and signing up for social sport.

I have certainly enjoyed the early contact with our freshers and I'm certain the year has started well!

Jane Williamson

Principal, The Women's College

A few weeks ago I was travelling on a bus down Parramatta Road and a young lady sitting next to me asked if I could tell her where the bus stop was for Sydney University. A fresher is easy to spot in March so we engaged in a delightful conversation and I discovered I was introducing myself to a new Women's College resident.

As our fresher alighted I remembered my own introduction to Sydney, the University and College, in particular making new friends who would go on to succeed in many walks of life, embracing futures replete with family, community and diverse disciplines of work.

No matter whether I still see them regularly, or simply keep tabs on them from a distance, these College alumnae continue to inspire me for their talent, achievements and friendships.

On Friday 27 May this year, we will again host the Louisa Macdonald Oration and on that evening, the 2011 Alumnae Awards will be announced. As an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the qualities which are synonymous with Women's College alumnae, I encourage everyone to submit nominations of their colleagues and contemporaries, and to join us on the evening to commemorate the people who have made this remarkable institution of learning.

Lucinda Warren

Chair, The Women's College Council

Louisa Macdonald *dinner*



Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner Elizabeth Broderick will deliver the sixth Louisa Macdonald Oration on Friday 27 May in the Louisa Macdonald Memorial Dining Hall.

The biennial oration and dinner celebrate the founding of The Women's College and the achievements of its first Principal, Louisa Macdonald, who arrived from Britain to head the College in 1892. Previous speakers to have delivered the Oration are prominent feminist Dr Dale Spender AM (2001), ground-breaking research scientist Dr Elizabeth Dennis (2003), NSW Governor, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO (2005), former Women's College Principal (now Governor General) Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC (2007) and New Zealand Securities Chairman, Jane Diplock AO (2009).

Formerly a partner and head of legal technology at Sydney law firm Blake Dawson Waldron, Elizabeth Broderick was Telstra NSW Businesswoman of the Year in 2001–02. As Sex Discrimination Commissioner she has worked to promote increasing numbers of women on boards, to raise awareness about violence against women in Australia, and to keep equal pay for women on the agenda. College looks forward to welcoming Ms Broderick in this year which celebrates the centenary of International Women's Day.

Alumnae are invited to attend this special formal event. Bookings can be made at <http://thewomenscollege.com.au/events-list.php> or by phoning **Kathryn Wyss** on **02 9517-5008**.



Pictured above: Louisa Macdonald, the founding Principal of The Women's College.



ALUMNAE AWARDS 2011

Three alumnae will be honoured at the Louisa Macdonald Oration Dinner with awards recognising the contributions our former students make to their families, their professions and the wider community.

Nominations are called in the following categories: The Women's College Alumna Award, the Young Alumna Award (aged 40 years or younger), and in a new category, the Alumna Community Achievement Award.

Previous winners are:

- 2007** Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO
Ms Sally Auld (Young Alumna)
- 2009** Dr Janet McCredie AM
Ms Cassandra Kelly (Young Alumna)

Please consider nominating your contemporaries at College on the enclosed paperwork, or visit the quick links on:

www.thewomenscollege.com.au

Medical marvels



Left to right: Myf, Fallon, Elizabeth and Karen.

For four of our continuing students, the decision to stay at College for a fourth year can be summed up in a phrase: self preservation. All four have embarked this year on the graduate medical program at the University of Sydney, and there was no question in their minds that the support offered by College would help them cope with the new challenges of the intensive degree.

MYFANWY APPLETON studied arts majoring in French, Latin, Irish and Welsh. Her decision at the end of second year to try for the medical program has been an excellent fit: “medicine is a great way to travel and be a part of the community,” says Myf, who has also found her Latin particularly handy in anatomy class.

The transition to medicine has been a smooth one for **KAREN MULLER**, whose undergraduate degree is medical science. Although her contact hours have doubled, the course has exceeded Karen’s expectations: “It is really well organised – the online resources are formidable and the quality of lectures is fantastic.”

ELIZABETH CAMPBELL and **FALLON NOON** completed their undergraduate degrees with guaranteed places in the graduate medical program.

Pianist Elizabeth studied music performance and feels there are some definite parallels between music and medicine: “you have to think laterally and creatively to solve medical problems as well as in your interpretation of a piece of music,” she notes.

Fallon Noon spent the final semester of her advanced science degree on exchange at the University of Toronto, where she majored in neuroscience and physiology. The experience was excellent grounding for the new degree: “I didn’t know anyone on the whole continent when I arrived and I feel like I’ve become a better person, more adaptable, and with more skills to offer.”

When these talented students graduate in 2014 the medical profession will gain some bright new stars.



ISABELLE’S PASSIONS

Isabelle Casey has been playing violin since receiving one for her sixth birthday. But she also has another string to her bow: robotics.

The first-year engineering mechatronics student admits to an ambition to design and build robots to send into space. But she is no frustrated astronaut; while Isabelle would love to work for NASA she has no desire to go into space herself.

The decision to come to Women’s College was a natural one for Isabelle, having stayed at College previously with the National Computer

Science School (NCSS), run annually by the University’s School of IT. NCSS put Isabelle firmly on track to Sydney University: “It was an amazing experience meeting people with a similar mindset to me. Coming back from that I felt a bit lost and it made me look forward to coming to uni to repeat that experience.”

Isabelle is a member of the Tasmanian Youth Orchestra. She will return to the southern isle to play with the Australian Youth Orchestra as part of *Ten Days on the Island* in April.

ON THE MOVE

Women’s College keeps up its commitment to encouraging its students to take up leadership opportunities abroad.

In July last year College supported **ASHLEIGH SHERIDAN** to attend the 20th International Youth Leadership Conference in Prague.

This year it will provide funding for **AUN QI KOH** to attend the Model UN Congress in Singapore in March, and for **DANIELLE CHIAVERINI** and **SARAH-JANE CARTWRIGHT** to fly to Europe for the Women’s Education Worldwide Student Leadership Congress, hosted in June by Collegio Nuovo in Pavia, Italy.

JOBS FOR THE GIRLS CAREERS DAY



THINK OUTSIDE THE SQUARE...

College held its inaugural careers day, *Jobs for the girls*, on 15 October 2010, with representatives from more than thirty companies present to talk to students about their career options. A breakfast panel of recent Women's College graduates kick-started the day with some frank discussion aimed at demystifying the graduate process for current students. The careers market enabled students to sample a range of employers from different industries. One student remarked of the day: "it has opened me up to an array of options, and has given me inspiration to become much more active in discovering what I actually enjoy."

Careers day 2011 is scheduled for 14 October. To register your interest, please contact Dr Tiffany Donnelly (vp@thewomenscollege.com.au or phone 02 9517-5005).

CAREERS DAY 2010



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HONORARY FELLOWS



In March 2011 the Women's College Council endorsed the first three nominations for honorary fellowships of College. Dr Janet McCredie AM, Justice Jane Mathews AO, and Mr Stephen Harrison AO have accepted the honorary positions, which recognise their significant contributions to College over the past decades. Distinguished medical researcher Dr McCredie was a member of the College Council from 1969 to 2007; NSW Supreme Court Judge Acting Justice Mathews has recently stepped down from Council after serving since 2002, and Mr Harrison will retire from his position as honorary treasurer later this year. It is hoped that the three new fellows will continue their connection with College through participation in the newly formed Senior Common Room, of which the fellows program forms a part.

Summer Projects

2011



GOLDMAN OPPORTUNITY

Victoria Grimshaw has spent the last two summers working as an intern for investment bank Goldman Sachs and Partners. In addition to rotating around different “desks” in the equities product group, this summer the third-year commerce law student tackled a hypothetical client project, advising an “investor” on how to set up a specialised fund in financial stocks with his \$100 million equity. Tori’s task involved choosing stocks, advising on risk mitigation, and understanding the legal implications of derivative and equity accounts.

Tori says the experience she’s gained at Goldmans has given her a better understanding of how business works, and has helped identify the part of investment banking she likes best – research sales and sales trading. “It’s fast paced, noisy and dynamic; not one day is the same,” says Tori, who was not put off by the long hours in the office. “Pre-orders for the market open at 7.00am and you need to know what’s been happening on the international markets overnight.” She has already received accolades from the Goldman Sachs team. Director Richard Copleson remarked of Tori’s performance “in all my years in investment banking I’ve never seen someone as relaxed but at the same time totally in control with what was going on.”

UNESCO INTERN

Second-year arts law student Aun Qi Koh spent part of her summer break at home in Malaysia working on a UNESCO-funded project documenting traditional children’s games in Penang. The project, which collated research material from different ethnic communities who inhabit Penang, is part of UNESCO’s commitment to preserving aspects of cultural heritage in South East Asia which are threatened by increasing development and modernisation.

Aun Qi was invited to take up the internship after spending part of her 2009 gap year working on a cultural mapping project for Arts-Ed, the non-profit community organisation contracted to produce the report for UNESCO. “I learnt things about childhood I never knew,” says Aun Qi. “Some communities played games that were mathematical with lots of hand clapping, while other cultural groups tended to incorporate nature into their games – they dug holes, or used coconut leaves as part of their play. I didn’t spend much time playing traditional games as a kid and to learn how many different games exist in urban and rural communities was a real eye opener.”

In March Aun Qi will attend the Harvard World Model United Nations Conference in Singapore as part of the Sydney University delegation. College is supporting Aun Qi in her trip.



Aun Qi Koh, UNESCO intern.

DRAWING FROM THE PAST



Shreya Rajesh at the dig Pella.

Engineering student Shreya Rajesh spent January learning archaeological illustration at the University of Sydney dig at Pella in Jordan.

Shreya took up the challenge thinking it would be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. She now hopes to return to Jordan when the next season gets underway in 2013. Every two years since the 1980s a team of archaeologists and interested volunteers have undertaken a field season at the multi-period “tell” site, under the auspices of the University’s Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation. The 2011 season saw some fascinating finds in and around the Bronze Age Canaanite temple: silver coin hoards, a five thousand year old fortification wall, whole pottery vessels and an early Islamic brooch in the shape of a horse.

Despite the early morning starts, Shreya says she enjoyed the experience immensely, and is hoping to perfect her technical knowledge of drawing flint tools and pottery. “I enjoyed drawing flint the most,” Shreya explains. “you get to understand the way it was made and the angles it was held and ‘knapped’ (chipped) to form a usable tool. It made me feel connected to the person who made it thousands of years ago.”

Tess and Jess



Tessa Morgan and Jessica McEwan seem to be living parallel lives, and all of them at Women's College. Known as "Tess and Jess" to their friends, both entered Women's College at the University of Queensland (UQ) as freshers in 2007.



Tessa studied speech pathology and Jessica did science. In 2011 they have joined us at Sydney Women's College for their medical degrees.

Tess and Jess became fast friends at Women's UQ. "We're both outgoing and did a heap of things together – one act plays, dance fest. At UQ we're called Woozas not Wizzies!" says Jess. "We're both really happy that we're at College together again. It's good to have an ally that you've known for five years."

The dual move was partly accidental: Tessa applied to Sydney Women's on recommendation from lyla Davies, Principal of UQ Women's College, and Jess on recommendation from another medical student already residing at Women's in Sydney.

"Both colleges have a very similar feel," says Tessa, "although the architecture is very different. I felt right at home when I arrived."

Perhaps Tess and Jess will have parallel careers as well: both are interested in pediatrics and neonatology.

But for now they're keeping their career options open.

House Committee

2011



COLLEGE'S HOUSE COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE FOR 2011 IS GEARING UP FOR A BUSY YEAR AHEAD. WE ARE PLEASED TO INTRODUCE THEM. PICTURED (LEFT TO RIGHT) WITH PRINCIPAL DR JANE WILLIAMSON, THEY ARE:

Secretary

Zoe Betar
3rd year Primary Education

Senior Student

Alicia Wells
3rd year Arts Socio-Legal Studies

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Anna Lawless
3rd year Science

International *connections*



Left to right: Savita, Anna,
Coralie and Thanh.



SAVITA KAILA

After graduating with a science degree in cell biology and genetics from University of British Columbia in her home town of Vancouver, Canada, Savita Kaila worked as a genetics researcher, then took a position assisting recreational therapists at a senior centre before making the decision to study medicine. "I've always been attracted to science and realised that medicine would allow me to explore science and be around people," says Savita.

The Sydney medical program offered academic challenge and a chance to live in an exciting new city. "I like Sydney – it's a beautiful city which is also pretty relaxed. There's not a lot of rush." Living at Women's College in the Maples building has meant that Savita moved into a ready-made community; she is enjoying meeting so many different people and learning the local lingo. "I did not know what 'bloke' meant, for instance" says Savita.

She's also enjoying all the options College has on offer for extracurricular activities and interesting speakers. "I wouldn't normally get that in any other university in North America," she remarks.

With regard to career aspirations, Savita is keeping her options open: "There's so much to choose from that you can't really pick a specialty without fully experiencing everything."

FOUR OF OUR NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SHARE THEIR ASPIRATIONS AND THEIR IMPRESSIONS OF SYDNEY



VIET MINH THANH DANG

Thanh Dang first learned English at school in her home town of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. She completed a bachelor of arts in business administration on exchange at California State University in 2008, living in the United States for a total of six years.

Thanh completed an internship in international business as part of her degree, and after graduating worked in finance and production for an electronics manufacturer before returning to Vietnam to work in the family business.

Thanh hadn't been to Australia before deciding to enroll in the Masters of Professional Accounting, but her decision has proved a felicitous one: "Sydney is one of my favourite cities and I like the architecture of the university. The programs here are great as well. Australia is the pioneer in the Earth Hour campaign and that was part of my reason for coming too!"

Thanh aspires to have an international career. She is keen to become a Certified Practising Accountant, and is prepared travel the world for a good job opportunity.

It's not just number crunching that excites her, however. "I'm interested in environmental accounting, particularly working for the United Nations in their environmental campaigns. I want to do something meaningful with the numbers," she says.

ANNA STOKLOSA

Anna Stoklosa was born in Poland and migrated with her family to Canada when she was fourteen. She completed her bachelor of arts in philosophy at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver and her masters of philosophy in Ottawa.

Currently Anna is enrolled in a PhD at the University of Toronto, comparing evidence-based health policy approaches in Canada and Australia. It was, she admits, a strategically chosen topic: "I've been to Australia a number of times and loved it, and I wanted to work with some of the academics here. So I've structured my PhD in part because the Australian health system is a good comparator, but in part because I wanted to live here," says Anna.

After organising her one-year exchange to Sydney Anna settled on the idea of living on campus. "I'm a foreigner in a foreign country so I wanted a community around me" she says. The decision seems to be paying dividends: so far Anna reports her writing is ahead of schedule.

Anna's ultimate goal is to combine a career as an academic and policy maker. "I love research and teaching, but I'd like to see the tangible impact. Health policy has an immediate impact on people. The social and economic problems if you don't get it right are enormous."

CORALIE WILLIAMS

Coralie Williams has many Sydney connections but has never lived in Australia before. The New Caledonian fresher, who has come to Sydney University to study science, has two grandmothers in Sydney. Both parents grew up in Sydney's northern beaches and her father attended Sydney University where he also studied science.

Coralie's parents moved to Noumea when her father took a two-year contract with the Department of Fisheries. "Dad has been renewing his contract for 20 years," reports Coralie. Coralie's mother recently started the first bilingual school in New Caledonia, but Coralie herself went to the local French speaking school.

"Noumea is a small town (only 150 thousand people) but I feel lucky to have grown up there," says Coralie. "The weather is nice. Everyone knows each other. It's tropical but metropolitan."

While at school Coralie competed in national-level swimming. In 2007 she qualified for the Junior French Championships and took out three medals at the South Pacific Games in Samoa. She will return to the pool in a few weeks to represent Women's in Rosebowl swimming.

So far Coralie says she is loving College and university: "it's way better than I expected. Everyone is motivated to work and that's inspiring."



JACQUELINE HICKS

From the Alumnae President

This year promises to be an interesting year. We invite alumnae to keep in touch as much as possible and look forward to seeing you at College.

Our most important first event is to welcome alumnae back to College for the Alumnae Morning Tea on 2 April. I hope to see many of you there. There is an Alumnae Family BBQ on 1 May for all who would like to bring their families and friends back to College, as well as a Recent Leavers Reunion on 18 May. The UK Reunion is on again at Fern Lodge on 17 July.

We would also like to encourage you to nominate outstanding alumnae for the Women's College Alumna Awards, the details of which are on our website and included with this issue. This is an opportunity to acknowledge the impressive achievements of our alumnae.

Being invited to address our new Women's College students on 27 February at the conclusion of Orientation Week, I could not help but feel honoured to be part of this amazing continuum.

Finally, a plug for our exciting Writers' Festival, to be held on Saturday, 6th August, 2011.

We will be welcoming writers and critics to Women's College to discuss the writing of history, whose history, and "herstory". We want to explore the way in which writing

history will face the challenges of the technological age, especially topical against the backdrop of recent publishing debates. Come, listen, get involved, and become part of the debate!

Jacqueline Hicks

THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE WRITERS' FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 6 AUGUST 2011

Alumnae are invited to attend our 2011 festival, with the theme: *History or Herstory*

How do we write history in the 21st century, given the ephemeral nature of electronic discourses and changing technologies? What are women writers saying now?

Put the date in your diary, and register your interest with **Jacquei Hicks**: jacqueline.hicks@sydney.edu.au or mob: **0427 826050**

Web: www.thewomenscollege.com.au/writers-festival.php
Blog: <http://womenscollegewritersfestival.wordpress.com/>
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Malone bequest

Dierdre Lavalette Malone (INGRAM) attended Women's College from 1934 to 1936 while studying for her arts degree.

She began her professional career in 1938 as a society reporter for the *Sydney Sun*, an experience which sparked a lifelong passion for current affairs and international relations.

In 1940 she met and married Paul Malone, an Edmonton journalist then working for the *London Times*. A life of ceaseless travel followed, as Dierdre and her five children accompanied Paul on an ambassadorial career which took them to Washington, The Hague, and later to Iran, Nigeria and Israel. Dierdre was an intrepid traveller; glamorous, outgoing and unflappable in the face of the world-changing events which took place around her. She died in Ottawa in February 2005

in her ninetieth year. Dierdre's son David M. Malone has endowed a bequest in his will to fund a scholarship in his mother's name which will provide full fees to a Women's College student. In 2010 David visited College to see first-hand the place his mother talked about so fondly all his life. His generous endowment will not only contribute to keeping College accessible to future generations of students, it will be a perpetual tribute to Dierdre and her passion for people and education. David writes from his home in Ottawa: "my mother would be very happy, I think, to know that she could lend support to an institution that meant a great deal to her."

Best friends



Pat Roby left Women's College after finishing arts in 1942, a year before Beth Menzies entered College to start her science degree. The two didn't meet until 1958, when both had three children. They have been playing bridge together every week for forty-five years.



PAT

Beth and I met when we moved into the same street in a new estate in Brisbane. My husband Alex recognised [Beth's husband] Ross from officer's training camp. We knocked on their door and found that both Beth and I had both been to Women's College. We became instant best friends and have remained so.

Beth helped raise my fourth son John, who was born eight years after the others, and whom we carted around on shopping excursions and to art galleries, putting him in a corner with a little box of Smarties.

Together we attended the school tuck shop – after the ladies argued about the amount of tomato one should discard, we decided it was not for us. Beth taught me to play bridge which has become such a large part of my life.

We gathered two other locals to play solo which we all loved. We met and entertained Miss Doreen Langley, the Principal of Women's College and helped organise a gathering of Women's College graduates living in Brisbane.

When Alex was transferred to Sydney, it was such a pleasure when the Menzies announced they were also about to move south.

Beth became part of my Sydney friends and we have played bridge almost every Thursday for 45 years. The bridge is

fiercely competitive. We don't play for big stakes but we play to win.

Beth's been marvellous – she has come to all the kids' bar mitzvahs and we went to each other's children's weddings. When I've been in hospital for hips and knees she's always been there for me with food and help.

Our friendship has always been the same – we're interested in each other and each other's children and we keep in close touch even though we have different sets of friends completely. She knows that I love her and that's all.

BETH

Pat and I came back to Sydney in 1968 and I returned to university to do a diploma of librarianship and continue working after the children were grown. Pat and I had both worked before our children were born – I was a hospital biochemist and Pat worked in the Ministry of Munitions and then as a statistician for WD & HO Wills tobacco company.

In the school holidays we would take all the children to the Roby's beach house on the Gold Coast. It was the most wonderful time. We'd let the children wander down to the beach and Pat's son Billy would swim right out by himself beyond the breakers and I was always terrified he'd be eaten by a shark. How free the children were then.

College was a big connection in our friendship. Pat and I had both had a tertiary education and firmly believed in the great

advantages of education to women. I was from the country and was only sixteen when I went to university. Women's College was a complete influence on my life. I had that in common with Pat and we had a great bond because of it.

Bridge is our structured way of meeting regularly, which is quite important when you're older and there's so much on offer in Sydney. If you've had a good education as a woman then you are aware of everything that's available and you want to enjoy it.

We play bridge quite keenly but in between hands we discuss world affairs and the political life of Australia. There is always something of external interest for us to talk about and I'm sure that comes back partly to College!!

We've had a long involved friendship with the children, divorces, etc. There's a knowledge that we understand each other in the difficult emotional times which come to all of us if you live long enough.

Pat and I have never had a crossed word. It's a question of deep affection, respect and tolerance for each other. I might say something she doesn't agree with, but we just accept that – I think that's what intelligence is.

Tell us your best friend story.
Email: vp@thewomenscollege.com.au

Raising THE BAR



Fiona Roughley (2003–06) will take the bar exams two weeks after returning from postgraduate study in Cambridge this July.

At 27, Fiona's career has already reached some impressive heights. After completing arts/law at the University of Sydney Fiona worked at Aboriginal Legal Aid in Darwin for three months before taking up a graduate position at Sydney law firm Allens Arthur Robinson working in litigation and competition law.

In 2009-10 Fiona spent a year in Canberra as Associate to Justice Hayne AC in the High Court. Working with some of the best barristers in the country encouraged her to seek out a career at the bar. Justice Hayne played his part too: "He is a really remarkable man and an outstanding mentor," she says.

When her term as an associate concluded, she took a short contract in the Department of the Senate to fill in time before heading to Cambridge.

As a principal research officer working in Parliament House, Fiona worked on a number of Senate Committee reports. The experience strengthened her understanding of legislative process in Australia.

Fiona was awarded a Gates Cambridge Scholarship to undertake a Masters of Law at Cambridge. Funded by a bequest from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the scholarships allow scholars outside the UK to undertake postgraduate study

at Cambridge in any discipline. She has spent the year living at Jesus College, founded in 1496.

"The calibre of students in the course is remarkable," says Fiona. "There's such a rich diversity of backgrounds and many have considerable working experience. Put all of that in a seminar room with amazing teachers and it's an awesome mix."

Fiona will start as a reader (the term used for a junior barrister's training period) in October at Banco Chambers in Sydney. For now though, Fiona is enjoying the freedom of being back at university, and the familiarity of living at a college again.



Margaux's *new role*

Arts/law graduate Margaux Harris (2003–07) recently finished filming the romantic comedy *A Few Best Men*.

Directed by Stephan Elliott (*Priscilla Queen of the Desert* and *Easy Virtue*), the film is due for international release in 2012.

Margaux plays a bridesmaid alongside Olivia Newton-John and Xavier Samuel of *Twilight* fame. "The experience of working on the set of such a large-scale movie with such talented people was invaluable," writes Margaux. "It was particularly enjoyable working on a comedy and observing how everything works behind the scenes."

Margaux trained in screen acting at the National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA) part-time while completing law school. In 2009–10 she spent a year at Oxford University undertaking a Masters in Film Aesthetics, one

of only twelve students to be accepted into the course annually. "My academic interest in film stemmed from my French Honours thesis on Catherine Deneuve and I wrote my Oxford dissertation on the collaboration between French actress Isabelle Huppert and director Claude Chabrol," she reports. "Outside the classroom, highlights at Oxford included playing Lady Bracknell in a production of *The Importance of Being Earnest* and attending all the college summer balls, formal dinners and 'bops' (dress-up parties). I thoroughly enjoyed Oxford's 'work hard, play hard' mentality."

Margaux will continue to nurture her acting and singing career while working part-time at a law firm in media/communications law and intellectual property.

Edna Mackenzie

EDNA'S MEMORIES



Images: from Edna Mackenzie's "Book" (pictured below).

Edna Florence Mackenzie entered Women's College in 1923 to study medicine. During her five years' residence at College Edna compiled a little book containing her favourite poems, and photos she had taken around College and the University, some of them with satirical captions.

Edna's life and has recently been commemorated by her daughter, Barbara Rudoe, in two books tracing the lineage of her parents' families: *Many Journeys* (2009) and *The Life and Times of Frank Thornton Birkinshaw* (2010).

Edna was a member of the great Scottish Mackenzie clan. She was born in 1904 at the Mackenzie family property, Dundonnell House in Wester Ross. Several branches of the Mackenzies,

including the Dundonnell heirs, settled in Australia in the nineteenth century.

Edna first came to Australia in 1909 when she was five years old. She attended Frensham School before coming to Sydney University, and after graduating worked as a Resident Medical Officer in Newcastle, London and on the Continent.

Barbara Rudoe's research into her family history is exquisitely detailed; she has compiled a wealth of resources in private and public hands covering a sweep of the family history stretching as far back as the fifteenth century.

The books are a labour of love to which Barbara will add a third volume later this year.

Copies are available online at: www.rudoe.com/familyhistory





**Jennifer "Jay"
Hudson
(DAVIDSON:
1951–52 and
1954–55)**

19 April 2010

Jay was born in 1933, the daughter of the Reverend Edwin John

Davidson, Rector of St James Church, Sydney, and his wife Doris Davidson. Jay attended Ascham School, entering Women's College in 1951 to study arts. Described as "a supreme wordsmith" and an avid Scrabble player, Jay studied Old Norse and received the University Medal in English. She was a teaching fellow in the Sydney University English Department from 1955 to 1956.

Jay married army officer John Salmon in 1956. With their three children she accompanied him on various overseas postings. They later settled in Canberra where Jay wrote plays and worked as stage manager for Canberra Children's Theatre while John was in Vietnam. During the 1970s and 1980s Jay worked as an editorial assistant for ANU Press.

After her divorce in 1981, Jay returned to Sydney, where she received a masters in oral history. She travelled in outback western NSW collecting oral history interviews now held in the State and National Libraries. Her reputation as an oral historian saw her undertaking projects with Woolworths, Bonds, and Shore School. She married John "Rusty" Hudson in 1988, living between Sydney and Rusty's cattle station, Ardgour in Bundella, NSW.

In 1986 Jay endowed a scholarship at Women's College in her parents' names, EJ and DE Davidson. Rusty has recently set up the Jay Hudson Memorial Scholarship, providing partial fees for a second or third year College student studying English or history.

Sources: *Biographical Register Vol 2*; family information.



**Elizabeth "Buffy"
Krabman
(TURNER: 1953–56)**

13th October 2010

**College friends
Janet Flint and
Val Grogan write:**

Buffy was born on 16 September 1934,

the second daughter of Henry Basil Turner, the Federal Member of Parliament for Bradfield for many years and Mildred Turner. She was educated at Abbotsleigh and came to The Women's College as a second-year arts student in 1953.

Buffy was a member of House Committee 1953–1954 and 1956. She was on the College library committee in 1954, and secretary of the Building Appeal Committee 1955. Buffy graduated with a BA degree in 1955 and a Diploma of Social Work in 1957.

After graduating she travelled overseas for nearly two years. In 1958 Buffy became an almoner at the Paddington General Hospital in London.

When she returned to Australia in 1959 she became a medical social worker at Crown Street Women's Hospital in Sydney. From 1959 to 1964 she worked at Royal North Shore Hospital.

In 1961 Buffy married Jan Krabman (a Dutchman) and took time off work to care for 2 daughters and 1 son from 1964 to 1972.

In 1973, Buffy took some part time work as a social worker with the Pallister Girls' Home. She worked as a medical social worker from 1975 to 1988, when she left to care for her parents.

On retiring to Newport Beach, Buffy took up voluntary Christian work teaching in primary schools and Sunday School, and as a helper at Barrenjoey Day Care Centre.

Buffy was a quiet achiever, modest, steadfast in her Christian beliefs, showering everyone she came across with care, compassion, kindness and generosity.



**Margaret Sabine
(Edney)
Vice Principal
1984–1992**

5 January 2011

Margaret Sabine was born in Castlemaine, Victoria in 1928. She attended MacRobertson Girls

High School and matriculated Dux of her class at age 16. She studied biochemistry at the University of Melbourne and graduated with first class honours and a master of science degree in 1948. Margaret worked as assistant to Nobel Prize winning virologist Dr Frank Macfarlane Burnet at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute. She was awarded a PhD from University College Hospital Medical School in London at age 22.

In 1956 Margaret married physicist Terry Sabine. She worked part time while raising her three children. In 1970 she joined the Department of Veterinary Pathology at Sydney University, the first virologist appointed to a veterinary school in Australia. In 1978, the year she divorced, she was appointed Associate Professor.

After her children had left home Margaret became Vice Principal at Women's College and her political career at the University advanced. She chaired committees and was a member of the University Senate. In 1991 and 1992, she was head of the Department of Veterinary Pathology and Bacteriology.

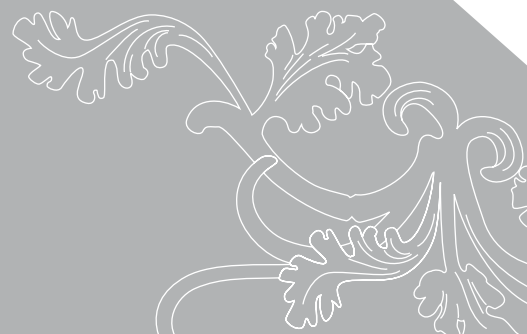
Margaret's scientific work contributed significantly to the understanding of cat viruses, including feline leukemia and feline AIDS. In 1976 her laboratory identified an equine herpesvirus which was causing spontaneous abortions in thoroughbred horses in Australia.

Margaret was a member of the AIDS Advisory Committee, and Chair of the NSW Animal Welfare Advisory Council. She was awarded an honorary doctorate, and in 2001 an honorary fellowship of the University.

Sources: *Sydney Morning Herald*, Michael Studdert, David Nordon.

Staying connected

NEWS FROM SOME OF OUR ALUMNAE



50s

Helen Martin

(CHAMBERS: 1957–59) MBBS

After a career as a medical officer at Armadale/Kelmscott Public Hospital in Western Australia Helen is still working part time in rehabilitation and aged care day therapy doing medical consultations for the falls and balance clinic.

70s

Lindy Boyden

(McWILLIAM: 1976–77) BEd

Lindy works as a book editor specialising in art publications. She has six children.

Lynne Hayes

(CASTLE: 1979–81) MBBS Hons Dip Divinity & Mission

Lynne works in part time general practice on the Central Coast of NSW. She has undertaken short term missionary work in Zambia, Nepal, China and Samoa. She has three children.

Susan HIDES

(1973–76) BVSc

Susan has retired from the Victorian Department of Primary Industries and is now working for the National Centre for Dairy Education. She has recently published *Sheep Farming for Meat and Wool* (CSIRO Publishing).

Kay Tucker

(MACKAY: 1971–74) BA DipEd

Kay is a mathematics teacher for the Dubbo School of Distance Education. She has two adult children.

80s

Anne DURKIN

(1985–89) BA LLB LLM

Anne moved to London in 2000 after ten years in private law practice in Sydney. She is now General Counsel and Compliance Director for a Lloyd's insurer. She has two children.

Susan FITZMAURICE

(1983–86) BVSc

Susan is working in private referral practice in veterinary neurology and has recently published her first book: *Saunders Solutions in Veterinary Practice: Small Animal Neurology* (Saunders Elsevier).



A 1955 photograph of The Cottage that stood where Menzies Common Room is now. Photo courtesy of Janet Flint.

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vp@thewomenscollege.com.au

Miranda THOMPSON

(1981–84) BA LLB

Miranda practices law at Lloyd & Lloyd Solicitors in Sydney. She has three children.

90s

Linda BRADBURY

(1997) BA BEd Grad Dip Ed

Linda is currently enrolled in a PhD at Deakin University Institute of Koori Education with a thesis topic: "The lived experience of teachers bullied and mobbed by their colleagues."

Freya Jarvis

(YULE: 1990–94) BEc LLB LLM

After working for international regulators and law firms, Freya is raising her first child in rural England. She is an active member of the Sydney University UK Alumni.

Penelope McGowan

(TOMLINSON: 1993–95) BVSc

For the past nine years Penelope has been researching fertility and production in the northern beef cattle industry. She is living in Brisbane with her family, and has

recently published her research on Bovine Ephemeral Fever. Her third child was born in February.

Sandra Vignes Christmas

(VIGNES: 1991–93)

BPharm PG Dip DrugDev

Sandra is living with her family in Belgium, and is working for the European Office of Merck & Co training personnel in the research division.

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Kathryn BLACKWELL

(2002–03) B AppSc (Physio)

Kate is working as a physiotherapist and represented Australia in the Australian Women's Cricket team from 2004 to 2008.

Catherine KELLY

(2008–09) BCom

Catherine has commenced a graduate position in risk consulting at Price Waterhouse Cooper.

Sarah Salter

(NORTON-KNIGHT: 2002–03) BPharm

Sarah manages Manuka Pharmacy in Canberra with her husband.

EVENTS calendar

ALUMNAE MORNING TEA

Saturday 2 April 2011

For alumnae who entered College in 1971 and before.

WATSA FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST

Tuesday 19 April 2011 7am – 8.30am

Raising money for WATSA's Indigenous outreach program.

ALUMNAE FAMILY BBQ

Sunday 1 May 2011

A fun event for all alumnae, partners and children.

RECENT LEAVERS' REUNION

Wednesday 18 May 2011

For alumnae who have left College in the last ten years.

THE LOUISA MACDONALD ORATION AND DINNER

Friday 27 May 2011

With guest speaker Elizabeth Broderick.

ALUMNAE WRITERS' FESTIVAL

Saturday 6 August 2011

The festival will take place at College. All welcome.

FOR DETAILS OF ALL EVENTS, SEE THE WEBSITE:

www.thewomenscollege.com.au/events-list.php

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