



Winter

Lost 1960s freshers

1960 FRESHERS

Juliet Blair (ROLLESTON)
Suzanne BLUFORD
Hilary Browne-Wilkinson (WARBURTON)
Heather Buchanan (MAXWELL)
Ellen DEVLIN
Hilary Golden (SHAW)
Julienne Grace (GREY)
Janet Halliday (ALSTON)
Adelaide Hardy (ECKERT)
Yvonne Hopf (BOEHME)
Jeannette HUBER
Tahira KHAN
Joan Kirsop (LINDBLAD)
Caroline Lawrenson (WEBB)
Huu Thi NGUYEN
Margaret Nyman (ALLAN)
Karina Osborne (SHAW)
Susan SCOTT
Patricia TANNER
Angela Taylor (ACKLAND)
Susan TAYLOR
Suzanne Worrall (RICHARDSON)

1961 FRESHERS

Joan Bauer (MANNELL)
Norelle Ginges (LIEBERMAN)
Roslyn Gordon (NEILD)
Catherine MUDIE
Inge RIEBE
Penelope WEEKES

1962 FRESHERS

Rosemary Chatterley (MONK)
Prudence James (SHAW)
Shook Koe (NG)
Eva KREMINSKI
Elizabeth LINDSAY
Memory Sanders (WOODS)
Ruth Sorenson (CALDWELL)
Ai Tu TRAN
Betty Winnel (NOTARAS)
Kerry JAMES

1963 FRESHERS

Calmar Betts (ANNANDALE)
Margaret Blumson (CAPPER)
Carolyn Bonner (MILLER)
Sitti Budiprajinoi (BAHROEMSAH)
Helen EARLAM
Jennifer Garner (ROBINSON)
Virginia KIRBY-SMITH
Margaret McKERN
Valerie MORRIS
Margaret Nolan (RALPH)
Milla Riggio (COZART)

1964 FRESHERS

Diana BALL
Patricia Barrett (LOW)
Pamela Beissen (HOOKE)
Jane De La Vega (LOGDE)
Stephanie Mander (VAUTIN)
Inge PLUSCHKE
Mary Turigliato (JOHNSON)
Elizabeth WILLIAMS

1965 FRESHERS

Lynette Casey (BUTTA)
Irene Antonas (HATSATOURIS)
Louise Blood (MUELLER)
Jeanette CAMPBELL
Susan Condon (AITCHESON)
Leone Coper (CRAIG)
Felicia Dale (COROWA)
Karine de la Barra (LANCASTER)
Angela DULHUNTY
Vivienne ERWOOD
Margaret FISHER-JOHNSON
Helen Folette (MARTIN)
Mary GARDINER
Dianne KERR
Sultizian Latif (AGOES-BASKUI)
Poh Lee (CHEUNG)
Kathryn MA
Margaret Miller (JENSON)
Penelope MONTE
Binti NUR AFIAZH
Pamela Oddy (RUSHTON)
Suellen Ross (LLOYD)
Jay Settle (PORTEUS)
Leonic Spence (FINDLAY)
Sui Ying (Susie) WAT
Donelle Wheeler (DELANEY)
Elizabeth WILLIAMS
Michal WILLIAMS

Please help us find our lost alumnae from the 1960s. If you have any information on the alumnae listed above, please contact:

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Keeping in touch

1940s

Roslyn MCKENZIE (49-52) BDS has been working part time at the Aboriginal medical and dental service in Moree, New South Wales since 2002.
1950s

Janet Flint (PHIPPARD: 53-55) BA Dip Ed AALIA Dip Children's Literature was presented a plaque by Mrs Harriet Fulbright (widow of Senator Fulbright) on 7 December 2007 awarding her a lifetime membership of the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association. This award recognizes Janet's many years of dedicated service to the Fulbright Program and Association.

1960s

Marg Carroll (HAMILTON: 66-67) BA MTCP GDSE has published her second book, *Reinventing the Bush: inspiring stories of young Australians* (ABC Books, 2008), and dedicated it to her College friend, the late Jan Howe.

Christine Middleton (COLLET: 64-67) BSc MAppSc is the convener for the Movement of the Ordination of Women in Sydney and now has three young granddaughters.

Sandra TAYLOR (64-67) MBBS has a farm near Coonabarabran and works part time in Dubbo as a specialist anaesthetist.

Francis Walsh (FALKNER: 69-71) BSc BComm ACA is currently working as a part time tax consultant.

1970s

Sue CORNISH (74-75) MBBS has re-located to Toronto, New South Wales to work part time in a large medical practice after working in a country general practice for 26 years.

1980s

Susan FITZMAURICE (83-86) BVSc is self-employed and working at a veterinary practice specializing in neurology in the UK.

Kate Whelan (HARPER: 80-81) BA LLB LLM has recently moved back to Australia after 20 years in Europe to take up the position of Executive Director - Sydney with Russell Reynolds Associates.

1990s

Simone ALLERTON (99-01) BN is a medical device sales specialist and has a new job with Gambro covering South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania. Simone was married in January.

Edwina Armati (STEVENSON: 97-99) BVSc had a son, Charles, in October 2007.

Vivien Bevan (FREND: 99-01) B Pharm is working as a clinical pharmacist at the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane. She will soon be relocating to work in the UK for a few years with her husband.

Vanessa Cardonnel (ARMSTRONG: 96-97) BA LLB is currently with BOS International (Australia) Ltd working in structured finance in Asia. She married in 2005.

Rebecca GRIFFIN (96-01) BA BSc (Hons) PhD is working as a lecturer at the University of Liverpool in the UK and was married in April 2007.

Rebecca OVERTON (92-94) MBBS has lived in Singapore for several years working as a GP and has young triplets.

2000s

Jessica COATES (01-04) BEC LLB (Hons) Grad Dip Leg Prac AMusk is a lawyer at Gilbert and Tobin and was married in March 2008.

Michaela Lyons (SANDRA: 00-03) MBBS is currently working at Bristol Myers Squibb Pharmaceuticals as a medical educator. She was married in November 2007.

Kathleen McGrath (00-01) MBBS (Hons) BSc (Med) commenced her residency at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne earlier this year.

Barbara Wright scholarship

Dr Barbara (O'Donnell) Wright (1935-2007) came to College from Molong - then served the Cowra district as a general practitioner for 30 years. She typified the young country woman for whom this College was set up - to provide city accommodation during tertiary studies, enabling her to contribute to the community through a profession. It has been proposed by some of Barbara's friends that a scholarship at The Women's College be established in her memory. The Barbara Wright Scholarship at The Women's College will be for residence at the College for an undergraduate country student entering Sydney University. The scholarship will apply to College fees, text books, etc. The student will be selected by the Principal from the annual intake of freshers.

If you would like to contribute, please send a cheque payable to The Women's College Scholarship Fund (Barbara Wright) to:

Ms Kristy Kennedy,
Community Relations Office
The Women's College
University of Sydney NSW 2006
27 July, aged 84.

Vale

1940s

Julie Berg-Vreeberg (VREEBERG: 42-43) BEC June 2007

Heather Jean CAMPBELL (40-43) BA DipEd 2007

Elizabeth Marjorie Fincham (GARSLA: 34-35) BA April 2007

Helen HEWSON (Resident Tutor 64-67) BSc PhD 29 October 2007

Lady Vincent (Nancy) Fairfax OBE
College Council Member 1945-48
7 July 2007

Lady Vincent Fairfax, widow of Sir Vincent Fairfax, was a well known benefactor who led a very active public life. Her obituary in the *Sydney Morning Herald* (13.07.07) noted some of her voluntary and philanthropic works: she was "honorary editor of *Countryside Journal* and an energetic advocate for the needs and rights of young children and the value of early childhood education. She served as a volunteer with the Red Cross, on the board of the Rachel Foster Hospital, as patron for both the Foundation for Aged Care and the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund, and established Alzheimer's Australia (NSW) Vincent Fairfax Family Resource Centre at Ryde... A lover of the arts, she supported the Art Gallery of NSW, the Australian Ballet and the National Institute of Dramatic Art, and contributed to restoration work at St Mark's Anglican Church, Darling Point." Women's College was also fortunate to have benefited from Lady Fairfax's generosity and organisational ability. She was a member of the College Council from 1945 to 1948, and maintained an interest after this time, continuing her family's long association with College, which included establishing the Mary Fairfax Library in the Main building in the mid-1940s. Fifty years later Lady Fairfax, her nephew James Fairfax and niece Caroline Simpson donated funds from the Fairfax Foundation to restore the Fairfax Library, giving College two tranquil spaces intended for tutorials and Council meetings (while the library moved to the new Vewe Hole Resource Centre in Reid wing).

Born in England, Lady Fairfax met her husband during a trip to Australia and New Zealand in 1937. The married in London, where Sir Vincent managed the Fairfax office, and the couple returned to live in Australia soon after, arriving on 3 September 1939, the day war was declared. Lady Fairfax is survived by her four children, Sally, John, Timothy and Ruth, twelve grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Margaret Gill (SALENGER: 40-42) BA 27 July 2007

Margaret's sister Barbara Munro and College friend Pat Roby [MORRIS] write: Margaret Gill arrived at College in 1940, having finished school at Abbotsleigh, with a University Exhibition and

Bundock Scholarship. Her infectious enthusiasm and lively spirit won friendships which lasted until her death. Upon obtaining a degree of Bachelor of Arts, she became a cipher assistant at Naval Base Headquarters, Sydney. After the war she was employed at the library of the *Sydney Morning Herald*. In 1952 she married Robert Gill, an obstetrician, and lived in Pymble. There they raised three children: John, Peter and Barbara. Like their parents, the three children all became outstanding bridge players. Peter and Barbara (Travis) represent Australia world championships. Margaret herself became a Life Master.

She was always an active charity worker and in the 80s she arranged and managed several popular Rubber Bridge competitions in aid of Barnardo's Australia. In the 90s she helped run well-attended bridge weekends at Leura for the Red Cross. All made considerable amounts of money for these charities. After her husband's death she built a house at Wentworth Falls and created a garden which expressed her love of cold climate plants, especially peonies and raspberries. She also kept part of Bob's collection of Cymbidium orchids. She was a popular and generous hostess, well known as an accomplished cook. She also found new interests in a variety of handicrafts.

In June 2007, Margaret was at Noosa playing bridge in a team which included two College friends. She suffered a stroke but recovered sufficiently to return under care to Wentworth Falls. She died at the Blue Mountains Hospital on

Pamela Purves Jack (LYTLE: 47-50) BArch 17 June 2006

Being from the country, Pamela Jack admitted in an interview with Paul Alan Johnson that she hardly even knew what architecture was in the beginning. She was born in Goulburn NSW in 1928 and grew up there... She recalled being a 'bit of a problem child' for her mother so was sent to Sydney to do a vocational guidance test. The results suggested she could either be a surgeon, a solicitor or an architect. She asked, 'What's an architect?' and that is how her career started... It was the 'people part of architecture' that she always loved. She never wavered from the belief that architecture was 'about people' and how people 'used' buildings. Pamela received her Bachelor of Architecture from Sydney University in 1951... Winning scholarships had contributed towards her living and education expenses at the Women's College. Pamela excelled at sport... In 1950, she joined the office of Rupert Minnett and Grandison Collis-Hill... In 1951, she joined her good friend Margaret Murth at the Department of Works in Canberra. One of her significant works with the department was the Manuka Oval pavilion... She sailed for England in 1952 aboard the Otranto where she met architect Russell Jack. He was to become her husband, although it was not a shipboard romance. In London, she found a job with Stillman and Eastwick-Field, a practice noted for schools and government housing. She was paid a pittance, but enjoyed the work tremendously... Pamela returned to Australia in 1954, married Russell in Goulburn, and was registered with the Board of Architects. She joined the RAIA in 1956. For four years after returning to Australia she worked for Arthur Baldwinson. The highlight was doing the 'detailing and interiors' for the Sulman Award winning Belmont Hotel in Newcastle... Russell and Pamela Jack's own house in Wahronga won the Sulman Award in 1957. In the same year Pamela studied ceramics at East Sydney Technical College and took lessons in pottery from Margaret Tuckson who became her mentor, life-long friend and confidante. In 1958, Pamela started her own practice, mainly domestic work in the country. She did not have a particular style but was concerned with form, volume, livability and usability. Her design for her sister, Joan Lyttle's house in Broulee on the south coast of NSW, was described by Professor Richard Apperly as deserving of a Wilkinson Award...

From 1981 to 1996, Pamela taught at the University of New South Wales... She loved her teaching years and truly enjoyed the rapport with the students... When asked about her definition of Australian architecture, Pamela replied that it is more an 'Australian attitude' rather than Australian architecture - 'we are not uptight like the English... climate is everything to design in Australia'. Pamela lived and practiced her career guided by the truism that women could do anything they wanted, although not in the same manner that men needed to achieve. 'If women are sure of themselves, I don't think they need to prove they are top of the tree. It is not the same thing as ambition,' she explained... Her answer as to why there aren't any women figureheads in architecture was direct, 'Someone has to have the children... and in our generation it put a full stop to it.' But she quickly added, 'I was lucky I could continue'. From Architecture Bulletin

Sharon Bonython-Ericson (left) and Tania Major with Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO and Chair of Council Lucinda Warren at Chancellor's Dinner in April

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From the Chair

College is looking forward to another busy year, with a calendar packed full of events, and a cohort of talented students ready to excel academically. To support them in their endeavours, Council is pleased to announce an increase in scholarship funding. Scholarship and prize disbursements totalled almost \$300 thousand this year, a significant increase on 2007 figures. It was gratifying to attend the annual Chancellor's Dinner to see the awards presented by the Chancellor Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, and particularly pleasing to note several new indigenous scholarships.

We are looking forward to the refurbishment of the Main wing of College next summer. Improvements will include upgrading the electrical wiring and lighting, renovating the bathrooms, painting, etc. Restoration of the existing furniture has commenced with the assistance of former student Georgina Williams. Georgina is very excited about the project, and is profiled on page three. We know that our alumnus want to retain the character of our heritage listed buildings and the Council has agreed to invest in this expensive project to protect and preserve these resources.

The enthusiasm of alumnae to support current students in their future careers is commendable. Mentoring is high on the agenda for this year, with forty students in third year and above expressing interest in having a professional mentor to help them identify career directions. In many cases College will match them up with alumnae working in their preferred fields. The mentoring program was launched this month with a special information night. Sophie McCarthy of McCarthy Mentoring gave an insightful and informative presentation about the benefits of having a "tribal elder" who encourages confidence, helps you to be more strategic and to think outside the square in career terms.

- Lucinda Warren

From the Principal

The selection of students at The Women's College is always a challenging process with the abundance of applicants having a diversity of talents. Our intake this year comprises 579 country students, 11% interstate, 29% Sydney metropolitan and 4% international. The majority are enrolled in Arts, Science and Commerce/Economics. Many students have demonstrated extraordinary talents as musicians, artists, sportsmen and debaters. In several instances, they have achieved international success in their chosen fields.

At our first Formal Dinner, Senior Student Clare Burgess urged fellow students to immerse themselves in college life: *We don't care if you think you can't run, jump or throw, we want you... We are here to support each other, to accept who we are, and to push each other to achieve what we want... We embrace diversity and difference. So this year, while we work towards achieving our academic goals... let's also concentrate on self-improvement as accepting human beings and let's take the time to appreciate each other's qualities and learn from them.* Clare also informed the students that the Environment Committee has been revitalised to ensure that positive changes are put into practice: *As a college of 285 girls we have the power to make a difference to our environment. Let us not be wasteful or greedy with our resources, and let's think about how our actions and habits affect our environment. More than 40 students have volunteered for this year's Environment Committee.*

The performance of our students in 2007 was extraordinary with seven students earning first class honours, three University medals, and one awarded most outstanding student in her department. Seventeen former students were awarded first class honours and one received the University medal. Numerous prizes were awarded to our students which again reflect their calibre and the support that they receive from the academic program.

- Yvonne Rate AM

Principal Mrs Yvonne Rate with 2008 House Committee Clare Burgess, Elizabeth Palmer, and Laura Marshman

Making news



Margaux Harris, Antonia Clarke (front), Jane Taylor, Fiona Walter (back)

Three of our 2007 honours students were awarded first-class honours and the university medal in psychology, history and chemistry, and a fourth has received first-class honours and the top prize for French honours. Margaux Harris was awarded the Peter Edward Moran Memorial Prize in French for her thesis written in French entitled: "Deneuve Démasqué: Vers une politique des acteurs." The thesis was an in-depth study of the film career of French actress Catherine Deneuve, and focused on the actor as the centre of the creative process. Margaux was granted an exclusive hour-long interview in French with Deneuve as part of her research. The actress gave Margaux three days' notice to meet her in Paris at the bar of the Hôtel Lutetia. It was an incredible experience and Margaux also had the opportunity to persuade Deneuve to come to the French Film Festival in Sydney! This year Margaux will complete her Law degree as well as The Screen Actor course at NIDA. Margaux was one of only 28 people out of over 200 who auditioned to be accepted into the year-long course.

Antonia Clarke has received the university medal for chemistry, with her thesis "Using Fluorescence to monitor Hydroxamic Acid ligand release from Iron (III) Complexes." The project set out to create a model of a drug that could selectively target and kill cancer cells in oxygen deficient solid tumours. Antonia explains: "although anticancer drugs have been really successful, their main drawback is that they destroy healthy cells as well as cancer cells. I used a fluorescent tag to trace the uptake of my drug in ovarian cancer cells and evaluate its potential as an anticancer agent." Over the summer Antonia travelled through South East Asia with two of her College friends, taking in Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos and Thailand. She is currently finishing off her law degree and contemplating doing a PhD in Chemistry in two years' time.

Fiona Walter's psychology honours thesis "The relativity of pleasure: long-term range effects in tasting food" also earned her the university medal. The thesis explored the contextual dependence of pleasure and perception, mapping out how our perceptions of tasting food depend upon our recent gustatory experiences. Fiona's findings were based on experiments with 156 participants tasting cordial of varying intensity. Fiona is now enjoying a "gap year" after spending the summer travelling in Europe and undertaking an internship in Paris with an Anglophone magazine, *Paris Voice*, for three months.

Jane Taylor's medal-winning thesis in history examined communal ownership and private property and the ideas of civilisation and progress from the Scottish Enlightenment in relation to the Field of Mars Common, an area of land stretching from Hunters Hill to Pennant Hills, established in 1804 for grazing livestock and collecting firewood. The thesis concentrated on an 1862 parliamentary inquiry as to whether to keep the Field as a common or sell it as private property. Jane will continue her combined law degree this year after taking up an internship in London over summer at Herbert Smith Law Firm as part of the Australian clerkship vacation scheme. She says of her honours year: "It was an amazing experience doing honours with the other girls at Women's last year, going through the same process in our different areas of study. The support, solidarity and friendship kept me sane."

Active on campus

Women's College students are living proof that College is a fantastic springboard for engagement in University life. Several current students have taken on executive positions within the University and are dedicating themselves to enriching the student experience on campus. Fourth-year Arts/Law student Rose Khalilizadeh is President of the University of Sydney Union, a key role which encompasses strategic governance of the student union and its 200 clubs and societies,



Making an impact. From left: Alison Cranney, Edwina Burn, Amelia Walkley, Alice Dixon, and Rose Khalilizadeh

as well as a host of other programs and facilities. Rose stresses that living at College is an important part of her success in juggling the demands of her degree and her role as Union President. "Women's College is a vital part of the University community. It's an environment in which leadership skills are fostered and extra-curricular activities are encouraged. I really do feel as if I'm gaining all-round education and a sense of community that will stay with me for life."

Other students are making waves in student clubs and publications: Edwina Burn (fourth-year Arts/Law) and Alice Dixon (second-year Arts Advanced) are editors of *Honi Soit*, the weekly student newspaper produced on campus since 1929. Alice is also a board director of the University Union and Edwina is a member of the Students' Representative Council General Executive. Second-year Arts/Law student Alison Cranney is engaged in arranging a lecture series as part of her role as executive member and Public Forums director of the Sydney University Law Society. And Amelia Walkley, a third-year Arts/Languages student, is the creator and inaugural convenor of (art), a new club on campus which aims to bring art to students by creating public "art moments." With 80 financial members and a program of quirky and innovative events already planned, the club is off to a flying start.

From the President

One of the committee's priorities for this year is to keep in touch with more alumnae. As a first step, Eliza Newton, College's Community Relations Officer mined the College database to find out who we are and where we are. Here are some highlights from our statistical snapshot. There are 6847 alumnae, and we have contact details for 3377 of them. Of these, 316 live overseas, and to meet all of them would involve visits to 36 countries from Austria to the West Indies. That leaves 1601 alumnae who are listed as 'address unknown', and we have set ourselves the task of finding as many 'lost' alumnae as possible. The 1960s, 1970s and 1980s are the decades with the biggest gaps.

We have been delving into snapshots of another kind in the College archives, which include substantial photographic collections of its architectural history and college life over time. Photos of college life are a very popular part of any exhibition, but the photographic archive has not yet been indexed and its use has been limited. The committee has taken this on as a project. We have already made some finds among the invaluable

donations from alumnae including Nancy Perry (KENT 1939), Pauline Deakins (KENT 1939), and Jill Moore (CROKER 1946). They reveal some less well known aspects of College life which we hope to share with you at our coming events.

Eight outstanding students have been awarded our Alumnae scholarships for 2008. There are two first-timers - Fiona McPhail (Veterinary Science) and Kate Taylor (Arts), with six other students continuing from last year.



Alumnae President Merilyn Bryce (64-65) with 2008 scholarship holders Kate Taylor (left) and Fiona McPhail

Rhodes scholar: Joanna Mascarenhas



The 2008 New South Wales Rhodes Scholar is former Women's College student Joanna Mascarenhas (03). Joanna has recently completed a Bachelor of Arts in economics, social sciences and law, and will graduate in May with first-class honours in law. Jo was MLC School Captain and Dux in 2000. She was awarded a Distinguished Undergraduate Scholarship to Sydney University, and topped the Dean's List for Excellence in Academic Performance from 2001 until 2003, in addition to being awarded University Prizes including Firsts in Labour Law, Constitutional Law, Industrial Relations and Human Resource Management.

Joanna has completed the Duke of Edinburgh Award, has played hockey for the University of Sydney, represented the University in inter varsity debating, and served as an editor of the student newspaper *Honi Soit*. She's an active youth worker and has been a full-time volunteer with Youth Mission Team Australia, and a legal advisor and Summer Clerk to Matthew Talbot Men's Hostel and the Domestic Violence Roster.

Joanna will travel to Oxford in late September 2008 and aims to use her Rhodes Scholarship to undertake an MPhil in comparative social policy with particular focus on European labour law. She will be living in college, and has applied to Merton. She says "I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Women's. Intellectually I was able to explore ideas far more fully and get fully engaged in University life. I got my best academic results during my year at Women's with all that structural support and the stimulation of the College environment. The taste of college life it gave me was one of the key reasons I've been so keen to study at Oxford because it's such a vibrant and intellectually challenging environment."

Insight Dubai



Alice Greenwood and Desiree Wappler attended the Insight Dubai Conference in March 2008. Held at Dubai Women's College, the conference focused on women's leadership and cultural exchange. Alice and Desiree are pictured visiting the new mosque in Abu Dhabi.

UBS initiative

In April 2008 College will host the fourth UBS Young Women's Leadership Academy, five day residential course in which 50 students from non fee paying high schools are giving the chance to explore the possibility of further education and a career in business. The program encompasses sessions on goal setting and motivation, impact and influence, debating skills and ethical leadership along with exposure to the financial services industry and career options.

Each year Women's College students "billet" the UBS participants in their College rooms, giving them a unique chance to experience living at College. For many of them the course is a life-changing experience. Three students who have attended the UBS Academy are now resident at College. First-year Commerce Laws student Nhi-y Pham came to the Academy in 2006. She was Captain of Sefton High School in 2007, graduating with a UAI of 99.95. Nhi-y says of her experience of the UBS Academy: "Not only did you get to meet 49 different but like-minded girls, it was a great opportunity to realise your leadership potential as a young woman in the future. It was also the first time I was truly exposed to College and that was one of the key factors in my decision to come here."

Recently the UBS Young Women's Leadership Academy has been awarded the Outstanding Initiative / Result for the Advancement of Women Award as part of the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency (EOWA) business achievement awards. Liz Cacciottolo, head of UBS Wealth Management in Australia said "The UBS Young Women's Leadership Academy is a fantastic way for us to engage, develop and nurture leadership potential in students from a variety of backgrounds. Receiving this award shows us that we are making a difference."

Young Women's Leadership Coordinator and Seminar MC Julia Fetherston (4th year Econ / Soc Sc / Law, pictured) said "The seminar is always an inspiring day, bringing together leaders from a variety of fields and some of our own Women's girls. It is also a wonderful opportunity to introduce students from around New South Wales to life at Women's."

Former UBS participants, now living at College: Nhi-y Pham, Clare Tiedeman and Lauren Dawson

Georgina takes on restoration

More than twenty Edwardian desks and as many dressing tables, several chests of drawers and a handful of miscellaneous cabinets and bedside tables. That's the inventory of College furniture earmarked for restoration this year. The restorations are part of the refurbishment of the Main building, scheduled to begin in November and extend over the summer vacation period. College is extremely fortunate to have engaged one of our own alumnae to undertake this special project of restoring the desks and dressing tables which have graced the rooms in Main for generations. Resident at College during her Arts degree 1981-83, Georgina Williams (TOM) graduated with majors in Archaeology and Fine Arts. She trained in painted finishes at Inchbald School of Design in London, and attended life drawing classes at The Julian Ashton Art School, Sydney. Georgina started her business Major & Tom in a partnership in 1985 and went solo in 1989.

Georgina has recently taken delivery of the first four pieces of College furniture, and the remainder will be restored progressively over the course of the year. She will use traditional materials such as shellac and wax, and traditional cabinet making techniques in the restorations. Most of the pieces, says Georgina, have had nothing done to them except patchy routine repairs since they were purchased a century ago. "It really is a labour of love and I'm just so glad we are restoring the furniture. I wouldn't feel comfortable about entrusting all those memories and all that history to anyone else."

If you are interested in contributing to the restorations of the Main building and its furnishings, please contact College on 02-9517-5000.

Women's College UK Reunion Thursday 10 July 2008.

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Alumnae Study Day "The Rocky Road to Human Rights" Friday 11 July 2008 at College.

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Alumnae Annual General Meeting and Luncheon Saturday 26 July 2008.*

Sydney Uni LIVE!, or life and study at the University of Sydney: Saturday 30 August 2008. For information contact Sydney Uni Helpline: 1300 362 006 or Email: futurestudents@usyd.edu.au

Father Daughter Dinner Saturday 13 September 2008.

Contact: Mary McGuirk Tel (02) 9517 5002 or secretary@thewomenscollege.com.au

Wisteria Lunch Sunday 21 September 2008.*

Orange Reunion Lunch Saturday 18 October 2008. Venue to be announced.*

Spring Back to Sydney reunion for University of Sydney students who graduated in a year ending '8.' Saturday 8 November 2008. Contact: The Alumni Relations Office Tel (02) 9036 9278 or register online www.usyd.edu.au/spring_back.

*Contact the Community Development Office Tel: 9517 5008 or email community@thewomenscollege.com.au.

Diary Dates

1958 Reunion Lunch Saturday 3 May 2008 at College.

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Recent Leavers Reunion for students who have left College in the last decade. 14 May 2008 at College. Contact: Tiffany Donnelly Tel (02) 9517 5005 or vp@thewomenscollege.com.au.

Mother Daughter Dinner and Phoenix Players Performance Saturday 17 May 2008. Contact Mary McGuirk Tel 9517 5002 or secretary@thewomenscollege.com.au.

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Olympic vet: Cassandra Robinson



Cassandra Robinson (02-05, RA 05) will travel to Hong Kong in August 2008 for the equestrian events of the forthcoming Olympic Games. Cassandra will be a member of the quarantine team, processing competitors' horses in and out of Hong Kong's Sha Tin Racecourse. The University of Sydney Faculty of Veterinary Science was asked to select senior students for a veterinary and quarantine team for the games, and Cassandra was chosen from a field of 30 applicants. She will complete her Veterinary Science degree in the faculty at the end of this year. Cassandra has had a long love affair with horses: she has showed horses since she was 10 and her family breeds Australian stock horses. She has competed in national level Australian stock horse events. As a part of her degree she has also spent a year researching wounds in horses at the Uni Vet Centre at Camden. She is understandably thrilled at the prospect of experiencing the Olympics events. "I haven't been to China before so I'm pretty excited about it. It will be great to have exposure to top vets from around the world."