

Pauline Lyle-Smith BA LLB (64-68)



After qualifying as a solicitor, Pauline Lyle-Smith practised law at Freehill, Hollingdale & Page for four years and then travelled to London where she introduced the DX system, having used the service as a Director of BRITDOC, she established the

unique system of document exchanges in the UK, Ireland and North America. She was instrumental in having the UK Post Office monopoly relaxed and the law changed to make service of documents "good service" under court rules. The system began with the legal and insurance sectors but now extends to a wide range of businesses and Government Departments. The DX is currently owned by Hays PLC and has an annual turnover of £250 million.

Pauline set up and edited the UK Chambers and Partners legal directory. This assesses and ranks the leading law firms, barristers' chambers, solicitors and barristers across the UK and has become a brand leader in its field. She carried this knowledge forward to help publish "Legal Profiles" across Australia, and assisted in the establishment of leading legal magazines.

Pauline lives with her husband in London. She was recently elected President of the University of Sydney UK Alumni Association (USUKAA), as well as being a trustee of the University of Sydney Friends Trust. Details of the USUKAA are included elsewhere on this page. She is an officer of a number of voluntary and charitable organizations, and has been active in local politics in the US and the UK.

She is qualified to practice law in NSW, England, Wales and New York State.

Susie Flook BA LLB (BALDWIN: 68-71)



Susie Flook is Group General Counsel for The Body Shop International plc, based in the UK with responsibility for all legal matters on a global basis. The Body Shop produces skin and hair care products and accessories, which are sold worldwide mainly through a franchise system. The company trades in 60 countries and has over 2000 retail outlets.

Susie's prior positions were General Counsel—Intellectual Property for Diageo plc, (formerly Guinness plc); Group Legal Counsel and Company Secretary for CPC Ltd, the U.K. subsidiary of the American multinational food manufacturer, CPC International Inc. (now owned by Unilever); Division Attorney for The Coca-Cola Export Corporation (Australasian and Central Pacific Divisions), located first in Sydney and then later in Hong Kong.

Susie is also a Founding Director and past President of the Association of Corporate Counsel Europe. This professional organisation exists to promote and support the role of the in-house legal counsel. She won the prestigious Association of Corporate Counsel Member of the Year Award in 1999, and in 2003 received the Law Society of England and Wales Gazette Lifetime Achievement Award for outstanding service to the in-house legal counsel profession.

Susie gained her Arts and Law degrees from Sydney University. She lives in the UK with son Matthew and partner Jon Starink, who she dated during her first year in Women's College. The pair lost touch until Jon finally located Susie in the UK via a Google search. The old relationship was re-kindled with a very happy ending!

Keeping in touch

1940s

Marion Newman (SHAKESPEARE: 51-54) BSc DipEd DipLib has retired from the National Library and now renovates houses.

Leah Stern (formerly FLORENCE BROWN: 49-52) BA has worked in Sydney and London in the medical laboratory technology industry. She has two sons and now lives in Beit Shemesh in Israel.

1950s

Catherine DAVIS (58-61) BSc PhD has taken up woodworking and resumed cello lessons, after retiring as a paediatrician in 2003.



Helen Brown (HARVEY) and **Margie Sedgwick** (BULL) at the 1956 Fresher Reunion in January

1960s

Susan CHERRY (69-72) MBBS DRANZCOG returned to NSW in 2001 after 17 years in WA. She is currently in general practice in Erina, NSW, and part-time VMO at Westmead Hospital.

Leonie CRENNAN (68) LLB Grad Dip PhD works in the environmental science field for various development agencies such as UNDP, ADB, SOPAC, and AusAid. She has a 34 year old son and two step daughters.

Angela GIBLIN (66-67) BA (Hons) GradDip Ed was Head of Voice, ANU School of Music until 2004. She has worked as soloist at Opera Australia, and other companies in Australia and Europe. She is now teaching privately and performing. Her son John was born in 1990.

Helen Griffiths (CRABBE: 60-62) OAM BA DipSocWork is CEO of Cystic Fibrosis NSW. She was awarded an OAM in 1996 for service to the community as an advocate for Cystic Fibrosis sufferers.

Valerie HAZLEWOOD (65-66) BA (Hons) PhD is currently doing volunteer office work with the University of the Third Age.

Janice Nicholas (BILLINGTON: 67-68) BA is undertaking bibliographic work from home after working as a librarian. She has 2 adult children.

Cherry O'Donnell (MOIR: 68-71) BVSc provides relief services to AQIS as an on-plant veterinarian at a local abattoir. She is on the board of management and a volunteer at Albany Community Hospice. She was widowed in 2001.

Suzanne O'REILLY (62-65) BSc PhD is Professor of Geology at Macquarie University and Director of the ARC National Key Centre for Geochemical Evolution and Metallogeny of Continents (GEMOC).

Hilary SHEAVES Wongkaew (64, 70-72, Vice Principal 74) BA DipEd MA Med is running an English language consultancy and studying for her doctorate. She has one daughter.

Sarah Smith (ROBINSON: 64) BSc MPH (Hons) is doing a PhD in surgery at Sydney University, and has published in several neurosurgical journals. She is a member of a baroque chamber choir, and has 3 daughters.

Sandra TAYLOR (64-68) MB BS FFARCS FANZCA is working part time as a specialist anaesthetist and has just moved to a farm in central west NSW to wind down to retirement.

Daniela TORSH (68) BSc (Hons) has spent her career in journalism and film, working for the *Australian* newspaper, the Australian Film Commission, and most recently as producer and researcher for SBS Television. She has 2 adult children.

Jill WHITE (69) MEd PhD is the Dean of Nursing, Midwifery and Health at UTS and the president of the NSW Nurses and Midwives board. She is married with two children.

1970s

Gillian Hodgson (GRIFFITH: 73-75) BVSc is working in small animal practice in Sydney, after spending time in mixed practice in country NSW and the UK. She has 2 children.

Lindy McDUGALL (74) BPharm BA is working in website development at the Cancer Institute NSW, and commencing a Masters of Applied Anthropology at Macquarie University. She has 3 sons.

Amanda Miller (PYNE: 75-76, 78) BA DipEd works part time in adult language and literacy support at TAFE and University. She has 2 children.

Fiona PLACE (77-78) BA GradDip Communications MA Cert Financial Markets is an author and financial commentator whose publications include the novel, *Cardboard*. She has 3 sons.

Sarah SHEEHAN (73) BA (Hons) MTeach worked for a union, then for local government, and later as a research assistant before retraining as a teacher. She now teaches at Manly Village Public School, and has 3 children.

Prue VINES (75-76, 78-79) BA MA DipEd is Associate Professor of Law at UNSW. She recently published *Law and Justice in Australia* (Oxford University Press). Current research interests include torts and the law of succession. She has 3 children.

1980s

Victoria Harper (MORGAN: 81-84) BA (Hons) is working as practice manager for her husband's law firm, and is board member of the Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens and the Sydney University Medical Foundation. She has 3 daughters.

Gillian Kemmis (CHURCH: 85-86) BA is working in human resources, running a successful training and development firm. Her son Luca was born in 2003.

Jenny Lambert (CLEAVER: 80-81) BEc has been involved in association management and industrial relations and is currently the CEO of the Nursery and Garden Industry Australia. She has two daughters.

1990s

Georgia BASSINGTHWAIGHTE (90-92) BEc sings as a full time member of the Opera Australia chorus and also works as a part time learning and development manager at Michael Page International. In 2005 she married Andrew Powell and is expecting her first child this year.

Henrietta Cheshire (JONES: 90-92) BA returned from eight years in London in 2003 and is currently working as an interior designer in Sydney. She has two young daughters.

Astrid Kauffman (NOAKE: 98-03) B Eng (Mechatronics) B Sc (Computer Science) is working as a project engineer for human factors, safety of military vehicles and soldier combat systems at the Land Engineering Agency in Melbourne. She married Jeff Kauffman in 2004.

Alice Lans (KEMP: 95-97) B App Sc (Speech) manages her own speech pathology practice and lives at Knox Grammar School as a house parent with her husband and two sons.

Rebecca Power (HUNT: 92-93) BArch is an associate at architectural firm Collard Clarke Jackson. Her daughter Anneke was born in May last year.

2000s

Lucy BAKER (00-02) BA BComm works as human resources manager for the Commonwealth Bank in Sydney and will soon begin a 12 month position at a London-based firm. She is still surf lifesaving and is also involved in charity events such as the Pink Ribbon Ball for the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Amanda KEAST (00-02) BVSc is working in a graduate veterinary position at a mixed practice in northeast Victoria. She is engaged to marry at Easter 2006.

Vale

Margaret Rowan BROWNE (35-39) BArch
19 January 2005

Jean Campbell Harvey (WICKHAM: 37-39) BA
September 2005

Elizabeth Evangeline OLDHAM (75-79) BA DipEd
11 December 2005

Ann Fraser Sippe (THOMPSON: 29-34) MBBS
27 October 2005



Beresford (Berry) Florence Symons (also formerly Powell) (MILLAR: 51-54) BArch DipLib
20 October 2005*
College friend Susan Hickson (HEPBURN) writes:

Berry was awarded an Exhibition in Architecture for 1950 and became resident in College as a 2nd year architecture student on being awarded the Henry Edward Kater scholarship. She soon endeared herself to those with whom she was a fresher and those of us who were in our second academic year, and formed many fond and enduring friendships. While in College, Berry served on the dramatics committee (1952) and the sports committee (1953-1954), and was president of the SU swimming club in 1952. She also took part in an exuberant cancan danced by Women's College students in the 1951 SU Union revue. In 1967 she was awarded life membership of the SU Women's Union.

Berry graduated BArch in 1955, and was awarded the Board of Architecture of NSW Prize for an outstanding student in the final year. Her first professional appointment was with a private architect in Sydney. From 1956 she spent three years with the Commonwealth Dept of Works, Sydney, where she was disappointed to discover that women architects were not really welcome and were assigned to the most trivial projects. In 1959 she went with her husband to Papua New Guinea, where she was employed in the Commonwealth Dept of Works, Port Moresby, until 1963. On returning to Sydney in 1965, Berry found that there had been no improvement in opportunities for women to advance their careers in architecture. She quit the profession and spent two years working part-time as a legal secretary while studying for a librarianship diploma, which she achieved with many honours. She joined Fisher Library as a librarian in 1971. After a series of promotions, she was appointed senior librarian in charge of foreign gifts and exchanges, a position she maintained until she retired. After retirement, she worked as a volunteer with the State Library of NSW pictures section.

Berry's keen intellect and sparkling sense of humour made her a wonderful companion. She had great charm, and contributed much merriment whenever she met with her friends. She was very creative and artistic. Her architectural designs, as well as her manner of speech, dress and general deportment, had a style and elegance all her own. She also held carefully considered and impeccably argued opinions about philosophical, social and political matters that were important to her. In discussion of such questions, she was a valuable contributor to good-natured argument that led finally to agreement or genial agreement to differ!

A group of friends from our college days had been meeting for lunch several times per year since the early 1970s. Berry was not at our June meeting this year. We heard that day that she was seriously ill, and she died on 20th October, 2005. We shall miss her terribly.

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Global connections



Fiona Roughley, Chaya Murli, Pallavi Agrawal, Sara Saleh, Antonia Clarke and Mary Assunta: students abroad.

Women's College students have been extending their networks abroad in recent months, representing the College and the University at international meetings, and taking advantage of opportunities for broadening their educational and professional experiences. Wherever possible, College provides financial support for students with the initiative to extend their contacts and their horizons in this way.

Award-winning Public Health PhD student and international tobacco control advocate Mary Assunta has just completed a round of international meetings and workshops in Manila, Cambodia, Geneva and Taipei, lobbying governments and working with civil society on tobacco control.

Over the summer graduate student in International Public Health Chaya Murli took up a two-month internship

in Mumbai, working with India's National Association for Mentally Ill to help conduct a research project on Schizophrenia. "The issue of mental health has been denied and ignored so much in India due to the stigma associated with it," notes Chaya. "Being able to work there has been one of the most fulfilling and amazing experiences I have had."

In January Fiona Roughley, Julia Fetherston and Julia Bowes represented

Sydney University at the 2006 *World Intersarsity Debating Championships*, hosted by University College Dublin. Julia Fetherston competed and Julia Bowes adjudicated in the octo-finals rounds. Fiona also represented the University at pre-Worlds debating tournaments at Oxford, Cambridge and Cork.

Also in January Kirsten Cheatham and Naomi Cook attended a *World Social Forum* on Indigenous Peoples in Venezuela, followed by a trip to Guatemala. Kirsten reported back that her interviews with leaders of human rights organizations were "heart wrenching": "Basically anybody who is indigenous, works in human rights or attempts to bring justice into line here are either intimidated, threatened or worse. We have got the sense that life is not valued much here and so I am really eager to pass on just how lucky we all are in Australia."

In February Jane Taylor and Sara Saleh attended *Insight: Dubai*, a five-day international forum hosted by Dubai Women's College, which engaged in a cross-cultural dialogue on women's empowerment in the Middle East. Jane said of the experience: "It was a chance to get an insight into the culture and to make friends. To do something positive about the misunderstanding between the West and Islam you must learn about it first." As well as being a delegate, Sara, whose home base is Dubai, reported on the conference for the local *Gulf News* as part of her job writing for the paper over the summer.

And there's more to come: Antonia Clarke is on her way to Beijing as one of a thousand international delegates at the annual *Harvard World Model United Nations Conference*, where she will be on the Special Political and Decolonization committee of the simulated General Assembly. In June Sophie Butt will travel to Tanzania to take a month-long tropical biology course. And in July Pallavi Agrawal will spend three weeks in Paris attending a special round of summer seminars looking at what women engineers are doing worldwide to help with the push for sustainability.

Principal Mrs Yvonne Rate AM outlined the College's support for international meetings at Commencement Dinner on 6 March, and challenged all the students to widen their spheres of contact and influence beyond the College and the University, and into the global community. "Leaders are those who look ahead and plan accordingly," she said. "As an educated woman, you have the capacity to make a difference and I challenge you to accept this responsibility."



Mentor: Nola Watson Mentee: Natalie Barnes

If you're an alumna interested in becoming a mentor, please contact Eliza Newton on 02 9517 5008.

Winter

2006

From the Chair

Summer continues to be a time for revamping and refitting: this summer the renovations to the Reid and Maples wings have given new verve to those areas of College. Next summer the reconstruction of College's commercial kitchen will get underway, complete with state of the art equipment and facilities. Food is always an important subject at College, and Council is prepared to put its money where its mouth is. This project will have a huge impact on student life as well as on our conference trade—the few months' inconvenience will be well worth it!

The College's program of activities for 2006 looks even more full and exciting than ever. In particular, a new mentoring scheme is in the planning, which will give current students access to a personal mentor in their field. The program plans to utilise our substantial alumnae base to match students with their professional areas, and give one-on-one support. Let us know if you'd like to contribute your career expertise—we'd love to have you. Council congratulates Professor J Carter AM and Mr D Person AM on their Australia Day Awards and Professor F Elliott on her appointment to the University of Sydney Chair of Paediatrics and Child Health. It is satisfying to see the College continuing to grow and prosper. ~ Lucinda Warren

From the Principal

Women's College retained the Rosebowl in 2005, narrowly defeating Wesley in the sporting fixtures. As St John's and St Andrew's Colleges increase their competitiveness, Women's College students are under greater pressure to survive as the leading college for women who shape the future! The sporting field is no exception. Following its success last year, College will host a second Leadership Seminar, "Ensuring a Healthy Future" on June 3 for Year 11 students from around the State.

Professor Elspeth Probyn, Professor Jennie Brand Miller, Dr Ellie Freedman and Colleen Haywood will discuss issues of identity, sexual health, education, and healthy eating for young women. In the afternoon Professor Marie Bashir AC, the Governor of New South Wales will chair a youth panel comprising Women's College students Amanda Green (Psychology), Naomi Cook (Arts/Law) and Deborah Hennessy (Psychology) who will air their views as "Women who Shape the Future". College is delighted to be hosting the UBS Leadership Seminar for the second time in April this year. Year 11 students will be chosen from high schools in Victoria and NSW, and this year their numbers will increase to 50. This is a unique event in that our own students "billet" the students in their rooms, giving the UBS girls a real experience of living at College and University. The week's program is coordinated by Wendy McCarthy AO.

~ Yvonne Rate AM



Making News

Fiona and Heather awarded medals



Fiona Roughley and Heather McIntyre

Fifth-year Arts/Law students and College Resident Assistants Fiona Roughley and Heather McIntyre received university medals in 2005 for their award-winning honours theses and outstanding overall academic results. Fiona's thesis examined the drama of early eighteenth-century playwright Susanna Centlivre, while Heather's history thesis explored the subversive corporeal meanings attributed to music by Australians of the 1890s and 1920s.

Having finished first in the state in English Extension and with a UAI of 99.9, Fiona entered College in her second year of university. She has since received numerous University and College Prizes for Law, Government and English. During her university studies she has also been heavily involved in student life. She has been an editor of *Honi Soit* and *Hermes*, Deputy Chair of Debates, Social Director of the Law Society and a participant of Youth Leadership and United Nations forums. In recognition of her contribution to life at the University she received a Highly Commended in the Union's Leadership and Excellence Awards last year. The weekend before her honours thesis was due Fiona made the finals of the Australian Women's Debating Championship in Canberra.

In her university career to date Heather has been awarded fifteen academic prizes and scholarships, including the Charles Trimby Burfitt Prize for best thesis on a subject in Australian History prior to 1900 at the University of Sydney, and an Undergraduate Scholarship for academic results in the top 0.3% of students at the University. Heather's UAI on entry to College was 99.75. In addition to her studies, Heather's other talents include singing and playing violin. For six years she has managed and performed in a professional string quartet for corporate, charity and private functions. She was a member of the Canberra Chamber Orchestra for five years and in 2004 toured Russia with the SBS Youth Orchestra, of which she has been a member for three years.

Far from putting their feet up, both young women have had a busy summer break. Heather spent three months working as a paralegal at Phillips Fox Lawyers and planning a trip to France for mid-2006. As well as attending the World Debating Championships in the UK, Fiona sailed from Sydney to Auckland on the Young Endeavour, and was elected captain of the youth crew on the ship's "Command Day." It was an experience which she describes as "absolutely unbelievable – an adventure at sea that really crystallised the possibilities and privileges of being a Young Australian."

College Principal Mrs Rate commended Heather and Fiona at the recent Chancellor's Dinner, saying that their ability to juggle the demands of their university work, their RA positions at College, and a host of extra curricular commitments embodies what it means to be a successful Women's College student.

RA Training hits new heights



New Dean of Students Amy Chaffey (far right) preparing to abseil with RAs Sarah Hambly, Bernadette Cantrall and Stacey Hooper

Before the start of the academic year, a group of senior Women's College students threw themselves off a cliff in the Blue Mountains, all in the name of team building. For two days, these twelve students abseiled, bushwalked, learned self defence, played strategic games and workshopped issues as part of their training as College Resident Assistants.

In a program initiated in 2004 by the Principal Yvonne Rate, College employs twelve senior students as RAs, special leadership roles with a focus on academic guidance and pastoral care. Each of these students looks after a "wing" and acts as a first point of contact for any issues students might encounter, as well as working to promote a sense of community.

RA Stephanie Moffitt said of the teambuilding: "It was a hectic weekend of bonding, learning and brainstorming.... When it came to the abseiling a few of us were apprehensive, but the team pulled together and was incredibly supportive – we all felt that we'd pushed past our comfort zones, and were exhilarated by our efforts."

Women in law dinner

On Thursday 25 August 2005 a Women in Law dinner was held at College, hosted jointly by the Women's College and the Women Barristers' Forum.

Women's College students, recent law graduates, women barristers and solicitors, academics, alumnae and parents filled the College Dining Hall to hear speakers The Honourable Justice Margaret Beazley (NSW Court of Appeal), and Ms Robyn Chalmers (Partner in Sydney office of Mallesons Stephen Jaques) discuss the theme Women in Law: Change by Generation. These highly experienced women reflected with personality and insight on the challenges for women in the legal profession, and the means open to respond to those challenges.



(Front) Justice Margaret Beazley, Mary Walker (College Council member and 1978 Senior Student), and Robyn Chalmers, with Women's College law students Danielle Benecke, and (at back) Sarah Ramwell, Capucine Oduard, Annelise Young, Fiona Roughley, and Elise Martin

Fourth-year Arts/Law student Margaux Harris remarked, "I am grateful to the College for organising a dinner with such eminent women in law that not all women our age have the opportunity to be exposed to and associate with in everyday life."

Chancellor awards prizes

The annual Chancellor's Dinner was held on Monday 13 March 2006. The Chancellor Justice Santow, the official visitor to College, was joined by Mrs Santow and special guests including the Vice-Chancellor Professor Gavin Brown and Mrs Brown, members of Council, academic staff, and parents. 49 students received scholarships, and 58 prizes were awarded to students receiving distinction and high distinction averages.



The Vice Chancellor Professor Gavin Brown, Principal Mrs Yvonne Rate, and the Chancellor Justice Kim Santow

College is pleased to report that its scholarship fund has continued to gain momentum over the past year, with the addition of several new scholarships from donations and bequests. Former Women's College tutor, Associate Professor Sakuko Matsui (61-71) has recently endowed a prize for a student of Japanese. Following last year's successful leadership seminar, UBS has established a new scholarship for a high school student to live at College.

Lisa Potter, in her third year at College and the first year of her medical degree, proposed the toast to College at the dinner, reflecting that "Nights like this remind us of the opportunities College gives us to achieve our academic goals. And what is so exciting is that the academic success of the students here is so broad. I can walk down my corridor and have someone help with my tax, someone serenade me on the recorder and someone who can give me a training regime for my injured knee."

In her response to Lisa's toast, high-distinction average student Laura Bell, in her third year of a Music Performance degree at the Conservatorium, stated: "Physical proximity to other women most certainly is a unique feature of this college. But proximity is only one aspect of the role Women's College plays in binding women together. The college and its council feel very keenly a responsibility to assist women through financial, educational and pastoral support, as well as encouraging us to extend our responsibilities to the broader community by striving to achieve leadership positions. By taking roles within society that contribute greatly to the general public, by developing relationships and reaching our goals, we build our reputation as a collective group."



Associate Professor Matsui and Julia Bowes, 2006 UBS Scholarship holder

Highest French honour bestowed



Dr Judith Robinson-Valéry

On 18 August 2005 former Women's College student Dr Judith Robinson-Valéry (WHITE: 50-53) received the French Legion of Honour (Chevalier), France's highest decoration.

In a simple ceremony performed in the College's Main Common Room, French Ambassador His Excellency Mr Patrick Henault presented the medal in recognition of the important contribution Judith has made to the promotion of the teaching of French and French literature, both in Australia and internationally.

A specialist of French authors Paul Valéry, Stendhal and Balzac, Judith was responsible for the creation of a number of French Departments within several Australian universities. As foundation Chair of French at the University of New South Wales, she became one of Australia's first women professors in 1964. Judith's links with France date back to her completion of a doctorate at the University of Paris in 1957. She has held a number of positions within the universities of Nanterre, Paris IV Sorbonne and Montpellier, and for a number of years was Director of Research at the CNRS (National Centre for Scientific Research) in Paris.

Present at the award ceremony were the Governor Professor Marie Bashir AC, and Sir Rupert Myers, ex-Vice Chancellor of UNSW, along with many of Judith's College and University contemporaries, colleagues, family (including her son Anthony), friends, and members of the University Senate and French diplomatic community.

Autumn Colours

Menzies Common Room has been enhanced with a beautiful painting by Joe Hurst, *Autumn on the Shoalhaven*, donated by former student and former Chair of Council Jane Diplock (68-77) and Phillip Meyer, in memory of Jaqueline Clare Diplock (1925-2005). The painting is a tribute by aboriginal artist Hurst to Arthur Boyd, and draws on motifs such as foxgloves and bird life which Boyd painted frequently. In November Jane and Phillip celebrated the hanging of the painting with an afternoon tea in Menzies with Council members and friends from College days.



Detail from *Autumn on the Shoalhaven*, painted by Joe Hurst

From the WCA President

In September 2005 the committee of the Women's College Union voted to change our name to "Women's College Alumnae" (WCA). WCA have enjoyed our social occasions, including the gracious Wisteria Luncheon at College on Sunday 18 September 2005, and the October reunion in Orange, beautifully organised by Yvette Black. Belinda Wood will arrange another for 21 October 2006.

Liz Roan organised a reunion in Armidale on 25 March and Rachel Grahame (COOKSON) and Alison Holland have once again taken charge of the annual April morning tea held at College, for alumnae who entered in 1966 or earlier. Plans are afoot for a reunion in Canberra on Saturday 23 September; please see the Diary Dates for details. In January the 1956 Freshers had a great reunion organised by Pat Milthorpe.

Apart from these social events, the serious business of the life of the College continues. This year Women's College Alumnae scholarships have been granted to Zoe Beath (Margaret THOMSON: 77), Zoe Fitzherbert-Smith (Sarah FITZHERBERT: 68), Sophie McGrath (Jacqueline HICKS: 75-76), Kate Macfarlane (Julia FETHERSTONE: 64-67) and Georgia White (Margot White [RIDGE]: 76). These scholarships are for young women who already have a family tie to the College. Please let your committee know what other sort of

scholarships you think we should offer, and how we should fund them. Email alumnae@thewomenscollege.com.au, or write to the WCA Committee.

Congratulations are due to committee members Leonie Day (BEAVAN), who has been elected to the Standing Committee of Convocation of the University of Sydney, and to Victoria Edwards who is on her way to Papua New Guinea as an Australian Youth Ambassador for Development, an AusAID program for placing skilled young Australians in short term positions in developing countries in Asia and the Pacific.

I hope you will all be able to find a Women's College community near you, or even create one!

Best wishes

Penny Cameron WYNNDHAM
President WCA



Penny Cameron with Scholarship holders Kate Macfarlane, Zoe Beath, Georgia White and Zoe Fitzherbert-Smith

Diary Dates

Leadership Seminar Ensuring a Healthy Future 9am to 4pm Saturday 3 June 2006 at Women's College. Speakers include: Professor Elspeth Probyn "Who are you? Who are we? Identity, respect and young women", Colleen Haywood "Improving the educational experience of Aboriginal children and young people", and Professor Jennie Brand Miller "What are you eating?" In the afternoon Professor Marie Bashir AC, Governor of New South Wales will chair a youth panel tackling key issues affecting Generation Y.

Early 90s Get Together Saturday 10 June 2006. Invitations will be emailed; please update your email address with College. Contact: Melissa Robins (GLASSON) Tel: 0414 387 872, email melissa.robins@cardinal.com

Alumnae AGM 5:30pm Saturday 29 July 2006 at Women's College. A party will follow. Contact: Eliza Newton Tel: 9517 5008, email community@thewomenscollege.com.au

Wisteria Lunch Sunday 17 September 2006 at College. Invitations will be sent to alumnae who entered in 1966 or earlier.

Canberra Reunion Lunch Saturday 23 September 2006 (during the Floriade Festival) at University House, Australian National University, Balmain Crescent, Acton, A.C.T. Invitations to former students living in these areas will be posted. Contact: Jennifer Thompson email JennyTho@msn.com.au or Elizabeth Read Tel: 61610739, email ojread@ozemail.com.au, 24 Arabana St, Aranda, ACT 2614

1970s Reunion BBQ Lunch Sunday 3 December 2006. Contact: Eliza Newton Tel: 9517 5008, email community@thewomenscollege.com.au

The University of Sydney UK Alumni Association (USUKAA)

The USUKAA exists to reinforce links with the University and to help University of Sydney graduates, students, staff and teachers now working/living/studying in the United Kingdom to maintain contact with one another and the University. Alumni in other European countries are also welcome to join.

The USUKAA is having a reception on 12 July 2006 from 6.30 to 8.30pm at the Royal College of General Practitioners, 14 Princes Gate, Hyde Park, London SW7 1PU. Guests include the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of the University. Graduates students, employees, honorary degree holders or friends of the University of Sydney are all welcome as well as guests and visitors.

Ticket prices including refreshments are:- Members £25 per person, Non-members/guests £30 per person, Students £20 per person.

For more details about membership and social functions contact Kerrie Botley, Association Secretary on Tel 44 - (0) 207 201 6882. Email: usukaa@cqsm.com. CQS, 33 Chester Street, London SW1X 7BL

Letter Home, 1956

Pat MILTHORPE (56-59) delighted her College contemporaries by reading this letter sent to her mother and sisters aloud at the 1956 Freshers Reunion, held in Main Common Room on 14 January 2006.



The Women's College, Newtown
11th March, 1956.

Dear Mummy, Anne & Jill

Well I'm actually here and quite settled in.... Everybody is awfully kind & helpful—there is a "brew" on to-night, by courtesy of the senior students for the benefit of the Freshers—we bring our own mugs and they provide the eats & drinks. They have a most fascinating name for the visitors' waiting room—"The Mousetrap"—rather appropriate. They have a unique method of receiving phone calls—there is a girl on phone duty & she answers it when it rings and then yells to whoever is wanted—there is a definite tune to the yell—Pa-at Mil-thorpe—and this yell can be heard all over main building in fact all over the College. I haven't had to answer it yet but am rather nervous about my first yell. My room-mate is Janet Heath who is an ex-S.C.E.G.S girl.... We have one very big old desk that would be ideal for one, and another table with two tiny little drawers, which is good for writing at but useless for storage so we have to share the biggie. There are also two big dark dressing tables with tons of space, & an old built-in cupboard for hanging space. The rest of the furniture comprises two beds (with hard horsehair mattresses), 2 straight chairs, for study purposes, 1 cane chair, one armchair, built-in shelves above a closed-up fireplace, & 1 wastepaper basket—absolutely everything we need. We have no windows as one door opens straight onto the front verandah from where we look across to St. Andrew's Men's College and P.A. & King George. The bathrooms are neat, one just up the hall with basins, 2 toilets & two showers.... The formal dinner at night is a "biz", we wear gowns, Miss Archdale leads a procession of all the V.I.P.'s into the hall, the Freshers wait on the tables, and nothing is done before Miss Archdale (e.g. starting, stopping, leaving etc.). It is really very easy to get leave to go whenever and wherever you want to, you just sign a book or fill in a form. The Library is very good, though some of the books are a trifle musty (literally speaking), but as a source of reference it should be invaluable.... In the common room there is a lovely radiogram and of course a couple of albums of classical records. I didn't go to Church this morning as we haven't had an official invitation to attend the Chapels at the Men's Colleges yet & we can't go uninvited, I would have been late anyhow as I slept till 8.30. I had to pay \$4- for two dozen name-tapes (WOMEN'S COLLEGE), as soon as I got here yesterday, and I have been diligently sewing them on ever since.... Thankyou for your beaut letter Anne, I'll be looking forward to another as soon as I have answered it.... Must stop now ... & find a mug before the "brew".

Lots of love,
Pat

P.S. I'm awfully glad & grateful to be here.

Biographical Register: the next generation

Work is underway for Volume 3 of the College's Biographical Register, covering the period 1958-68. Questionnaires will be posted out in April, and there will be a simple facility for electronic submission on the College website. If you know a former student from this era who is no longer receiving mail from College, please ask them to get in touch with us. As with previous registers, the third Register will include profiles of all students, undergraduates, graduates and staff. Volumes 1 and 2 are available for purchase from the College. They are an excellent resource for the history of the College, and for the history of women in higher education generally.