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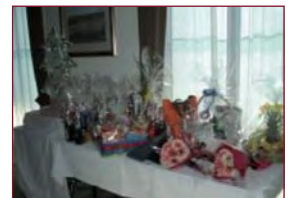
Head of College / CEO
Mr Eugene Spanti



Christmas Celebrations

The Christmas Party on 14 December was a festive affair with a traditional Christmas Dinner served with all the trimmings. The room was a picture with beautiful centrepieces and candles adorning the tables. Santa visited as usual, handing out sweets and there was a mood of festivity and good cheer. The President welcomed guests, wishing all a very happy Christmas and congratulating the Head of College and staff on their diligence and professionalism during the year. The entertainment was somewhat more subdued than in some previous years with a three piece band playing throughout the evening. Christmas carols greeted guests as they arrived for pre-dinner champagne and soft drinks.

Many gifts were distributed by Santa, courtesy of generous suppliers to Graduate House, the final gifts being the centrepieces which were given to a guest at each table. A group of residents provided entertainment commencing with Maura Weir who gave the audience an insight into some of the traditions and superstitions associated with an Irish Christmas, a much more religious festival in that country than in Australia. Nela Trifkovic spoke about Christmas in the former Yugoslavia and sang a beautiful Christmas song from that very multicultural part of the world. A group of ten residents joined in each singing a verse of Silent Night, Holy Night, one of the best known and loved Christmas carols of all. Each resident sang in their own language, including French, German, Japanese and Chinese, and culminating with all joining an English chorus. All in all a lovely finale to a busy but satisfying and successful year.



A splendid seafood smorgasbord

Chairman's Cocktail Party

The Chairman's Cocktail Party is an occasion for the Chairman and Head of College to thank all who have given of their time and service to the Graduate Union throughout the year. Members and guests enjoyed delicious finger food and a splendid seafood buffet which was presented around a spectacular ice carving.



David Sparks & Bill Blandy



Jenny Stephens,
Andrew Binns with
new member Prof
Ian Williamson



Rev John Davis with
Elin & Stewart Johnston



Residents
enjoy the
evening



Graham Fair
with John &
Nancye Cain



Glenda Fisher and
Pru Sparks



With Carolyn O'Brien and Chantelle
Cox, Economics & Commerce



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 6 Feb** Luncheon
Speaker: Mr Brian Howe, Honorary Professorial Fellow UOM
- 14 Feb** **St Valentine's Day Champagne Wine Dinner**
- 20 Feb** Women's Forum
- 26 Feb** Residents Meet & Greet
- 4 Mar** Italian Dinner
- 5 Mar** Luncheon
Speaker: Dr Alan Goble, Heart Research Centre
- 19 Mar** Women's Forum
- 25 Mar** Residents Meet & Greet
- 1 Apr** Italian Dinner
- 2 Apr** Luncheon
Speaker: Ms Ann Albrecht, Jane Austen Society
- 16 Apr** Women's Forum
- 17 Apr** **Wine Appreciation Dinner**
- 29 Apr** Residents Meet & Greet
- 30 Apr** **Election Candidates, Meet & Greet 5pm-6.30pm**
- 7 May** Luncheon
Speaker: Mr Roger Cook, BA(Economics & Political Science)
- 29 May** Autumn Dinner (following AGM)
Speaker: TBC
- 4 June** Luncheon
Speaker: Rev Dr Philip Freier, Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne
- 12 June** **Afternoon Tea for Chocolate Lovers**
- 2 July** Luncheon
Speaker: Dr Piero Genovesi, Italian Australian Association
- 17 July** **Christmas in July Wine Appreciation Dinner**
- 6 Aug** Luncheon
Speaker: Assoc Prof Philomena Murray, Contemporary Europe, Research Centre UOM
- 3 Sept** Luncheon
Speaker: Prof Robin Room, School of Population Health, UOM
- 1 Oct** Luncheon
Speaker: Professor Tim McCormack, Red Cross Humanitarian Law
- 23 Oct** **Wine Appreciation Dinner**
- 5 Nov** Luncheon
Speaker: tba
- 3 Dec** Luncheon
Speaker: Rev Dr John Davis, Vicar, St Peter's, East Melbourne
- 5 Dec** Chairman's Cocktail Party
- 12 Dec** Members Christmas Party
- 15 Dec** Volunteers Christmas Lunch

LETTERS

From Mary Young of Turramurra NSW, Life Member

Please convey to all your staff in the office, dining room, kitchen and on the bedroom floors. Our thanks for a wonderful stay at Graduate House from 9-14 October. We particularly enjoyed the friendly atmosphere and helpful extras (eg, contacting an old friend Barbara Funder on my behalf). It was good to be able to invite Melbourne friends for a meal or a cup of tea at the House. As I graduated nearly 50 years ago, and we were married 40 years ago at Trinity Chapel, there were several opportunities for nostalgic walks around the University. We also enjoyed exploring Carlton and Parkville. An unexpected extra was the fire drill on our first night in residence. It was good to know we were in safe hands! We would thoroughly recommend a stay at Graduate House. *October 2007*

From Lesley Lane, Life Member

I do want to thank you for the courtesy of sending me 94th birthday wishes. It was much appreciated. *November 2007*

From Peter Kolliner OAM

Thank you for your kind words on my receiving the OAM. In truth, I must admit to being surprised at receiving such an honour and that I have never done anything with a view of being so rewarded. This having been said, it is very heart warming to receive a letter such as yours. I am truly lucky to have accumulated such goodwill shown by so many people and organizations. *November 2007*

From Gretchan Kivell (Head of Toroa International House, NZ) extract from letter to CEO

Thank you all for your superb hospitality and assistance over the last week. As you know, I am about to take up a new position as Head of Abbey College, New Zealand's first residential college for postgraduate students. The University of Otago bought Abbey Lodge, a hotel and motel, several months ago. After significant upgrading, much of it the 'behind the scenes' facilities, we hope to open in mid-February 2008. I have been Head of Toroa International House for over ten years but the challenge of opening a postgraduate college has some big unknowns for me, hence the reason for my visit to you. I wanted to find out 'In what way are postgraduates different?'... I do hope you will visit the University of Otago and Abbey College at some time. But not very soon - there is a lot to be done between now and when we open and we will then need some time to become a settled postgraduate resident community as functioning and relaxed as those I have visited with you. With my grateful thanks for your very kind hospitality. You and your staff run a very good ship. *November 2007*

From Norman Appleby, Darebin Bicycle Users Group

The Darebin Bicycle Users Group members were guests of Darren Room for lunch yesterday, Thursday, 6 December. This is the second occasion that we have been his guests for what is our Christmas luncheon. As previously, the facilities were excellent, the staff continue to be helpful and courteous and the food plentiful and delicious. On behalf of us all, I would like to express our thanks to you and your staff for again making it an enjoyable occasion. We hope to be able to come back again next providing you can guarantee that the temperature for the third year will be cooler than the 30C+ of this and last year! *December 2007*

Extract of letter from Peter Dalkin, Richmond, Tasmania

My thanks for the hospitality of the House over the last week. I was very impressed with both the facilities and the staff. Take a bow! I have passed the Graduate House 'package' to my friend and I'm sure she'll be in touch - but probably not until early next year. *December 2007*

From Janet Hirst, CEO, The Ian Potter Foundation

Just a note to say how much I enjoyed my visit to Graduate House yesterday. It was most interesting to see the facilities Graduate Union offers to post graduate students and members. It was interesting to hear more about your plans for the Library and the intended memorabilia display. I think this will be a wonderful contribution to the Library which will link the past with the future. With best wishes to you for Christmas and the New Year. *December 2007*

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined the Graduate Union in the period October 2007 - February 2008. We welcome them and look forward to their participation in our members' programs.

Life Members

Ms S Sahhar, BEarlyChildStud, PostgradDipEdStud (Gifted Devt)
Prof I P Williamson, BSurvHons, MSurvSc, PhD(UNSW), HonDocHonCaus(Olsztyn, Poland)
Ms J Blaxland, CertQualMeth(Flind), BA(Macquarie), CertHealthEcon(Monash), GradDip(Deakin), MPH(W/gong), MA(Deakin)

Associate Members

Ms G Abbott, Abbot Hospitality
Ms D Ferguson, Medical Ed Unit, UOM
Mr M Gorman, Oakwood Electrical
Mr R Keys, FSG
Mr V Maiolo, Maiolo Bros Pty Ltd
Mr F Naz, Elite Fruit
Mr D Woods, OneNetwork Pty Ltd

Ordinary Members

Ms E Ahern, BSocWk(VUT), MSocWk
Prof A Burkitt, BScHons(ANU) PhD(Edinburgh)
Ms J Carey, BEng(Monash)
Prof R Carter, BA(Macq) MA, GradDip(ANU), PhD(Monash)
Ms G Ferry-Smith, BA, PGDipEdStuds, MEd, MAssEval
Mr G Gray, DipCompDirectorship(Sydney)
Dr D Greig, BA, GradDipEd, GradDipSocStuds, MA, PhD
Mrs M Gulenc, BBusAcctg(RMIT)
Mr S Minas, BAHons, LLBHons
Dr A Molnar, PhD
Dr P Neerhut, MBBS, BMedSc
Mrs W Seng HPA, BA
Mr G Skewes, BSC
Ms C Tate, BA(Monash) PostGradDip
Mr B Teadwell, BCom(QIT), MBA, MComFin
Mr T Werner, BGeoEng/BSC

All degrees are from University of Melbourne unless otherwise noted. Degrees are stated as presented on members' application forms.

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NEW CORPORATE MEMBERS

Dental Health Services Victoria



The leading public dental agency in the State, Dental Health Services Victoria (DHSV) was established in 1996 to improve the planning, integration, coordination and management of

Victoria's public dental services. Responsible to the Victorian Minister for Health, it became a metropolitan health service in July 2000, and today employs more than 820 staff.

DHSV provides quality dental care to the eligible Victorian community through its wide range of clinical programs. In 2006-07 more than \$61.9 million was invested in purchasing dental services from 60 external agencies. These agencies are responsible for the delivery of the Community Dental Program through community-based dental clinics across the State.

Multiplex Limited



Multiplex is situated on Lincoln Square North, just a stone's throw from Graduate House, and has been involved in work at the University of Melbourne. The company was founded in 1962

in Perth, Western Australia, by John C Roberts AO and has grown strongly over the last four decades. It was recently taken over by Brookfield.

Multiplex became a corporate member of the Graduate Union in October following a Faculty recommendation that Graduate House had outstanding seminar and function facilities and was a great lunchtime venue.

Faculty of Land and Food Resources

The Faculty of Land and Food Resources, which became a Corporate member of the Graduate Union in October, is Australia's most diverse university faculty. It offers contemporary programs that engage students and researchers in the major issues that confront our community, including climate change, water management, feeding a world with an ever increasing population and ecosystem management. Its programs cover: agriculture, agribusiness, the environment, food science, forest ecosystem science, geography, urban horticulture, viticulture and wine technology. These combine science, business and social policy and produce graduates who are qualified to become global leaders.

The Faculty is well placed to support the land and food sectors by having specialist campuses in key parts of Victoria. This network, comprising Burnley, Creswick, Dookie and Parkville enables the Faculty to undertake teaching and research in both regional and metropolitan settings. Each campus has a long and distinguished history and each provides students with an outstanding living laboratory in which to learn and gain experience.

Companies offering discounts to Graduate Union Members
Australian Unity, Hertz, Pathfinder Coaching, Pickford Pharmacy, Non-Profit Purchasing, DeBortoli Wines



(l-r) Anne Cassidy, Margaret Dean, Patricia Boaden, Eva Nagy, Lyn Weston, Marie Kehoe, Eugene Spanti, Margaret Sheehan, Valerie Rae and Barbara Funder. (absent N Long, M Neal-Adam, Nay Lin Soe, E Wong)

Volunteers Christmas Lunch

Head of College, Eugene Spanti organised a special Christmas luncheon for all the volunteers who are involved in the mail-out of the University Graduates Club newsletter each month. Library Working Party members also attended. Both groups volunteer their time and are invaluable in the day-to-day operation of the Graduate Union. All staff of Graduate House sincerely appreciate their generosity.

DONATIONS

Building Fund:

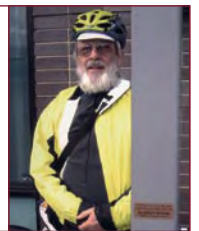
\$375	E S Brown,
\$200	H Downing, C Kellam
\$125	J Lawry
\$100	P Tsitas, J Rowan, W Morsby,
	J Wellings,
	M Brumby, J Landy
\$85	F Galvin
\$75	K Binns, R Dooley, B Krahnert
\$70	B Craven
\$50	C Brooks, E Butt, L Thomson,
	B Stevenson, E Brookes, J Gibbs,
	J Franklin, J Dawkins, W Denholm,
	V Jennings
\$40	P Phair
\$30	K Truscott, W Hare
\$25	N Tulloh, N Edwards, F Ford,
	R Esdaile, A Casey, G Parkes

\$20	J Hoffman
\$5	I Proctor

Residents Assistance Fund:

\$200	D Bellair
\$125	J Lawry
\$100	G Duke, E Sevier, W Morsby,
	J Wellings
\$60	C Liley
\$50	C Brooks, G Bartle, M
	Edmondson, E Butt, B Stevenson,
	J Gibbs, J Franklin, R Skilbeck,
	J Galbraith, V Jennings
\$30	W Hare
\$25	N Tulloh, R Esdaile
\$20	J Hoffman

Special thanks once again to Councillor, Darren Room for his gift of additional bike racks in the loading area at the rear of the kitchen. The chef and other residents and staff members are regular users and very grateful to Darren for his thoughtfulness.



VALETE



The family of Dr John Champness, whose death was notified in the October edition, have named a room in his memory in the terraces. Family members came for lunch at Graduate House with the CEO in December to view the room. The plaque has since been affixed to the door of Room 22A.

Since publication of the November 2007 edition of *The Melbourne Graduate* we have been notified of the deaths of the following members:

Mr F Derham, Life Member joined 1953	Mrs K Robinson, Life Member joined 1988
Mr W Edwards, Life Member joined 1954	Mr R G Stebbins, Life Member joined 1957
Dr L Finch, Life Member joined 1950	Mrs L I Scott, Life Member joined 1962
Mr D Harris, Life Member joined 1987	

The Graduate Union appreciates the support of these members and extends condolences to their families. We regret that space constraints do not allow individual acknowledgement of each deceased member.

THE CLUB BISTRO IN 2008

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Residents & Staff News



Gao Heng

I am a neurosurgeon from China. I did my PhD of medicine in Soochow University in China and now do as a visiting doctor in The Royal Melbourne Hospital. I arrived at The Graduate House in October 2007. My hobby is photography and travelling. I love Graduate House, Melbourne and this country. I know I will enjoy my time here.



William Yos

It seems only a couple months ago since I came to Graduate House. In fact, I've been here for almost two years now. I came here to study Master of Business and Information Technology at The University of Melbourne after finishing my bachelor degree in Industrial Engineering at The University of Pelita Harapan, Indonesia. I'll be graduating this mid-December, having known that I passed all the exams. Graduation has a mixed feeling for me. First, it means I have successfully achieved the degree that I want. Second, now, I'm officially unemployed. However, I believe that I can pursue a good career here in Melbourne because I am hard-working

and highly-motivated. During the four semesters of my study here in Melbourne, I have always lived in Graduate House. What I like about Graduate House is the friendly atmosphere it brings to you during your stay - knowing that you can always have friends to talk to after a long day of study or intensive group meetings is very comforting. You would get a high-blood pressure unless you could vent your frustration by having interesting conversations with other residents during breakfast and dinner which lift your mood. At least that's what I've felt by living in Graduate House.



Staff News

Diane Swain was farewelled in the week before Christmas. She has been part of the hardworking and efficient housekeeping team for the last three years and everybody was very sad to say goodbye to her. Diane has been travelling from Macedon each day, an hour-long journey, and is leaving only because the soaring price of petrol has made working at Graduate House financially unviable.

LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

November 2007

Mr John McCutchan gave a very informative talk about his research into the use of electric fences in keeping kangaroos from cattle grazing areas. He said he had been very fortunate in that he received great Government and Industry support and the Reserve Bank had generously provided all of the substantial research funds required for the project, enabling him to build a 175 mile long fence in the Kimberleys using American research information.

John has a deep affection for kangaroos who he says are only taking advantage of their good fortune when foraging on farming land. Nature had devised the perfect way, he said, to keep the kangaroo population in check. In the wild when feed is scarce, kangaroos along with many other animals, cease to breed and will also abandon their young when danger threatens.

His aim, he said, was to devise a way to keep kangaroos off grazing land by passing an electrical current through the fence wire. While not hurting the kangaroos, this painful shock dissuaded them from attempting to enter the pasture. John said the aim was not total containment, a 90% success rate would basically solve the problem.

John showed slides and film of his research, noting the intelligence and interaction of the kangaroos, their 'group discussion' and he spoke of larger animals assisting smaller animals. In this aspect of his research, he noted the presence of his former colleague Dr Rolf Beilharz at the luncheon. Dr Beilharz, he said, had worked closely with him on the project as an expert in animal psychology.

John retired in 1987 and has done some consultancy work in the intervening years. His design has been used Australia-wide.

December 2007

Captain William McAuley opened his address with a brief summary of the history of the International Polar Years. The upcoming 4th International Polar

Year (IPY) is sponsored by The World Meteorology Organisation and The International Council for Science - 125 years on from The 1st Polar Year of 1882-83 which led to The Royal Society of Victoria establishing its Antarctic Exploration Committee in 1886 and ultimately to the first expeditions from Australia in the late 1890's which heralded The 'Heroic' age of Antarctic exploration and discovery.

The 2nd and 3rd International Polar Years followed in 1932-33 and 1957-58 respectively.

The RSV- INTREPID provides for two 40 day summer voyages of scientific investigation involving 100 young science students selected on merit from their second last year at school. Each student will undertake 3 dedicated scientific programs designed to complement IPY projects to be conducted by The Bureau of Meteorology, The Australian Antarctic Division, CSIRO and Universities.

The multi-disciplinary approach is aimed to provide students the widest possible exposure to the conduct of investigative science in the field. The Icebreaker will enable an intensive ship-board and shore-based routine to be undertaken with each student being mentored by young post graduate scientists working in small groups.

The aim of the endeavour is more students pursuing a career in Science as well as raising the profile of Science-teaching, a better public awareness and understanding of the contribution that Science and Technology both make to Society and also to remind politicians that a Science Savvy Society is essential for our future.

The Government is prepared to underwrite the adventure on a dollar for dollar basis. Surprisingly, the Society has had great difficulty in raising the \$3M required. As Councillor David Sparks said when thanking Captain McAuley, it is hard to believe that such a worthwhile cause would find it so difficult to interest the corporate world.