I am pleased to say that the Graduate Union has experienced three successful years with Mr. Neil Taylor as Chairman of the Graduate Council. The Graduate Union during this time has increased its membership, strengthened its relationship with the University of Melbourne and provided its members and residents with an expanded range of amenities and services.

Following in his footsteps as the new Chairman, I aim to maintain and augment existing relationships with the University and remain attuned to the needs of our residents and members whilst endeavouring to further enhance our existing infrastructure by maintaining the momentum with the planned building projects which were outlined at the recent Annual General Meeting.

It has been very pleasing to note the overwhelming support from members in relation to the current direction and management of the Graduate Union. In Mr. Spanti, we have a dedicated and enthusiastic Head of College and Chief Executive Officer, and his team of administrators and hospitality staff has set an enviable standard of service in the University neighbourhood.

I would like to encourage all members to participate fully in the activities at Graduate House. In 2008, we will be holding a number of evening lectures by prominent speakers to supplement the regular monthly luncheon program. I would also like to encourage members to drop in when in the area, to meet our resident students, and make use of our terrific clubhouse.

I believe both students and members benefit from the social interaction and the exchange of views, especially considering that many residents are new to Melbourne.

Resumé

Andrew Binns graduated from Monash University in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and undertook further study at the University of Melbourne in 1988.

For the past 28 years he has developed and managed a commercial enterprise which specializes in the distribution of dental materials, both in the domestic market and to export markets in the Asia Pacific region and South America.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

22 Aug  Salsa Dance Evening
Instruction for beginners
5 Sept  Monthly Luncheon
Speaker: Prof. John Langford,
Civil & Environmental Engineer
Topic: Water Crisis
19 Sept  Women’s Forum
19 Sept  Film Matinee
25 Sept  Twilight Lecture Series
Speaker: Mr Ted Baillieu
Topic: TBA
7 Oct  Wine Appreciation
Topic: Managing Disability
Speaker: Dr Peter Colville AM
25 Oct  Film Matinee
9 Nov  Topic: Water Crisis
Speaker: Prof. John Langford,
5 Nov  Instruction for beginners
22 Dec  Grand Final Breakfast

LETTERS

From Professor Vassilios Sarafis, Resident Graduate House
I am prompted to email you about the state of food and its
service here at Graduate House. For some time I had the
occasion to come here since my first foray in January 1965.
I must say the incomparable new variety of food and its
quality beats anything I have seen and experienced in any
college anywhere in the world. The distinguishing mark
here is the variety of ethnic cuisine attempting to satisfy
the clientele, spanning Mongolian to Belgian and numerous
other nationalities. Your policy of encouraging innovation
of cuisine and your attention to detail - ongoing with your
excellent team - is truly remarkable in a milieu of trite

From Mrs Barbara Hamer, Life Member
Enclosed are a few items that may be of use to you for the
next issue of The Melbourne Graduate as requested. It might
be added that as a Life Member and a member of Council,
I represented the Vice-Chancellor of Melbourne University
on the Council of the Graduate Union for about five years in
the eighties. I must say that I am very pleased to see that the
problems of those days are well behind us and congratulate
the Board on running such a successful enterprise. The
launch was beautifully organized by Martin Rule and the
building and the service made a very good impression on
those who attended. April 2007

From Ruth Proctor, daughter of the late Howard Worner
Thank you very much for sending a copy of the latest
Melbourne Graduate with the tribute to my father Howard
Worner. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.
Dad held the University of Melbourne in the highest esteem
all his life and deemed it a privilege to contribute to the
various causes. May 2007

From Irene Jablonka, member
Thank you to all involved in the dinner i.e. Rosie, Martin
and others. It was a lovely room, the tables were just the
right size and I did notice that there was a spare table, right
up the back for any others who may have dropped in. The
food was great, especially the dessert. I have not had dessert
for ages! This however was a special occasion. June 2007

From Lisa Rodier, School of Forest & Ecosystem Science
Thank you very much for last evening. Everyone was very
impressed with the venue, food and drinks. Thanks again
for making the event so stress free and accommodating.
Your hospitality skills are much appreciated and I hope
appreciated by management and staff. It was a pleasure
deal with you (please forward to your management
committee). June 2007

From Alan Parker, Life Member
Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Councillors
and Members of the Graduate Union congratulating me
on being awarded the O.B.E. It was the culmination of a
very exciting, rewarding and satisfying career. Again my
thanks. July 2007

VALETE

MRS SHIRLEY HORNE

Mrs Shirley Horne was
Chairman of Graduate Council from 1987 to 1990
and a founding member of
the Women’s Forum which
still meets at Graduate House
on the third Wednesday each
month. She is remembered by fellow Forum
members as an intelligent woman with the
rare ability to see the merits of both sides of an
argument. Her multifarious activities over four
decades mirror the social history of Victoria,
serving as a reminder of the history of social
policy initiatives from the 1960s onwards.
Her community work, particularly through the
National Council of Women, was acknowledged
by the award of the AM in the Queen’s Birthday
list in 1998.

Shirley Horne was one of those pioneering
women who endeavoured to go where women had
not been able to do so before. Her strength
and courage may be seen as reflecting her heritage as
a daughter of the redoubtable Sir Irving Benson,
a man of some influence and achievement in
Melbourne. Her period of involvement in the
governance of the Graduate Union had enough
drama to satisfy any aspiring high achiever.

Shirley died on 29 May 2007 and a good
representation of members of the Graduate Union
attended her funeral service in Wesley
Church, with which congregation she had been
connected for 85 years.

From information provided by Anne Richter and Sheila Byard

DR OWEN PARNABY

Chairman of Graduate Council from 1990 to 1993,
Owen Parnaby was first elected to Council in 1988
and served on both the House Board and the Finance
Committee. He had a long association with the
University particularly through Queen’s College
where he was an undergraduate and of which he was
Master from 1966 to 1986.

After taking a History Honours Degree at Melbourne, Owen Parnaby
completed his Doctor of Philosophy in History at Oxford. He also had
sporting interests and played cricket for the University and football
with the Collegians. He was an active layman in both the Methodist
and Uniting Churches, and was a Rotarian, particularly in the Foundation
awarding scholarships for overseas study. In 1983 he received the Rotary
Foundation’s Citation for Meritorious Service for Rotary International.

As Chairman and member of the Graduate Council, Owen was committed
to ensuring the Graduate Union, through Graduate House, served its
postgraduate residents and members and maintained the many facets of
its relationship with the University of Melbourne.

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

Mr P D Ahearne, Life Member joined 1959
Mrs H J Chatfield, Life Member joined 1955
Mrs S B Horne, Life Member joined 1953
Dr O Parnaby, Life Member joined 1960
Mrs C E Smith, Life Member joined 1982
Mr A G Stone, Life Member joined 1957
Mr R H Swain, Life Member joined 1983
Miss E Walpole, Life Member joined 1973
Dr N V Youngman, Life Member joined 1955

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 Annual General Meeting of The Graduate Union was held on 31 May 2007. The Honourable John Cain, President and Chairman of the meeting, welcomed members saying it was good to see members showing a very healthy interest in the affairs of their Graduate Union. He said progress over the past twelve months in serving members’ needs had been impressive. The Chairman of The Graduate Union, Mr Neil Taylor, updated his published report. He advised resident accommodation and conferencing at record levels, saying the outstanding results reflected Council policy decision-making and the dedication of competent staff. Mr Taylor said his aim as Chairman had been to nurture a productive relationship with staff, Council and consultants. He noted a relatively static membership, saying this was a sign of the times and under review. He advised of the Secretary-Warden’s forthcoming overseas trip aimed at increasing reciprocal arrangements with overseas clubs, saying reciprocity was seen as an important benefit of membership by potential members. Mr Taylor concluded by thanking Council and staff for their support during his three years as Chairman and recorded his appreciation to the President and Vice-President for their wise counsel and support.

The success of the previous year being apparent, the Financial Statements were accepted without discussion and the four Special Resolutions were also passed.

The Secretary-Warden and architect Damien Parras explained the displayed plans for the proposed development of the vacant land behind the Stella Langford Wing and answered members’ questions. After giving an overview of the election process, the Returning Officer announced the results of the election following which the President declared Ms Cheryl Kidston, Mr Andrew Binns, Mr David Sparks and Mr Erwin Wong elected, their term of office being until 2010. He congratulated the successful candidates and welcomed the new members to Graduate Council. The meeting also continued the appointment of Mr A Law as Auditor for 2007.

The meeting concluded with members of Graduate Council answering members’ concerns on a variety of issues.

Draft minutes of the Annual General Meeting are available to members on request.

NEW MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

DAVID SPARKS

David’s early years were spent in Mildura and while working in Sydney he studied at the UNSW, graduating from Bachelor of Science, majoring in Electrical Engineering. Admitted as a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers Australia in 1988, David worked initially in the chemical and paper industry. Following a change of direction, he began designing, building and managing hydroelectric power stations in New Zealand, Queensland and Victoria. He remains manager of two Victorian power stations, and has extended his interests to the building and managing of wind turbines. David is married to Prue and they have three children and four grandchildren. They had a long association with the AFS International Student Exchange program both as hosting and sending parents. David’s interests include his vegetable garden, biographies of historical scientists, bike riding and his work with the UNSW Alumni Association in Victoria.

ERWIN WONG

Erwin, often known as simply “AJ”, is a Duty Resident at Graduate House. In addition to being a member of Council, he has served on House Board over the past year, and more recently has become a member of the Membership Committee, where he believes his knowledge of the youth culture will assist in attracting young people to become members of the Graduate Union. Erwin is completing a post-graduate degree in Medicine at the University of Melbourne. His past experiences include project management, student counselling, international relations, and leadership training. His other interests include jazz, basketball, finding great restaurants, and Bill Watterson comics.

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Appreciation to Dr Ben Wadham for his donation of $150 towards library or other services provided for residents use.

Appreciation to Mrs Nedra Verity for her donation of $500 to the Graduate Union for its general purposes.

DROP IN AT GRADUATE HOUSE

Members are invited to drop in at Graduate House and enjoy the ambience of the Anderson Room. Relax and read the daily newspaper. Tea and coffee are available in the Residents’ Kitchen. A delicious cappuccino or latte can be purchased in the club bar between 11am and 4pm.
NEW MEMBERS

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

Life Members
Dr S Nadathur, BSc, GradDip, PhD(Monash); MSc(Melb);
MBA(Syd), joined as Ordinary Member in 2001
Mr L Santalucia, BBus(RMIT), GradDipAcc&Fin(Monash)
Dr H Wheat, BSc(Monash), PhD

Ordinary Members
Prof S Aranda, BSc, MNursing(Philipp Inst), PhD(LaTrobe)
Hon Ian Baker, BEd(LaTrobe), MBA
Dr S Cribb, BEdHons, PhD(Tasmania)
Ms V Fairfax, BA
Dr J Furler, MBBS(Adelaide), PhD
Prof B S Jensen, cand.oeconomy(Aarhus, Denmark), Fil.dr.(Uppsala,
Sweden)
Ms N Lancaster, BA(LaTrobe), MBA(RMIT)
Mr G Lane, GradDipSocEcology(West Syd)
Prof J Langan-Fox, BEd, MPhil(UK), PhD
Dr J McKellar, BSEd(Missouri-Columbia), PhD(LaTrobe)
Mr A Meyenn, BEd,GradDip(Canberra), MEd, MSc
Ms M Mitchell, BA
Mr P Reynolds, BScHons, MEHons(UNSW)
Dr E Russell, MBBS
Dr N Warhaft, MBBS, GradDip(Victoria)
Mr T Wheatley, BEng(UNSW)

Corporate Members
Foundation Studies Staff of Trinity College

Associate Members
Mrs D Cappai, Melbourne Research Office
Ms B Hilder, Confucius Institute

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

NEW CORPORATE MEMBER

FACULTY OF ECONOMICS & COMMERCE

Building on its long history, the Faculty has a proud record of innovation in teaching, and excellence in research. Economics has been taught at the University of Melbourne since its foundation, commencing with the appointment of W. E. Hearn as professor of history and political economy in 1855. The Faculty itself was established in 1924 and teaching for the Bachelor of Commerce degree commenced the following year.

The foundation Dean of the Faculty was Professor Sir Douglas Copland who remained a leading figure in Australian economics and politics until his death in 1971. Copland Theatre, the Faculty's 500-seat main lecture theatre, perpetuates his memory.

The Faculty has always been a pioneer in business education in Australia. It led the way in teaching Marketing since the 1930s and in appointing, in 1954, the first full-time professor of accounting in the country, A.A. Fitzgerald. It commenced teaching the MBA degree in 1963 and more recently, Masters degrees in business and IT, applied finance, international business, applied commerce, and accounting. A new generation Bachelor of Commerce will be offered from 2008.

During its long history, the Faculty’s student population has changed, from an initial intake in 1925 of predominantly part-time students working in commerce in the city of Melbourne to a significant cohort of full-time students drawn from high-performers both in Australia and overseas. There is an extensive Alumni body, numbering some 25,000 students who have graduated since its foundation eighty years ago. Many of these graduates now occupy senior positions in business, government and academia, both within Australia and around the world.

The Faculty is a leading centre of business and economics education, research and innovation. Its academic staff make key contributions to professional and public debate through publications in the international scholarly literature, conferences, lectures and executive education. They are also regularly asked to provide expert advice to the highest levels of industry and government, both nationally and internationally and have won numerous awards in teaching and research excellence.

INTRODUCTION NIGHT FOR GRADUATES OF THE UNIVERSITY

As a membership incentive in May a cocktail party was held to introduce Graduate House to graduates of university faculties. The CEO gave a short presentation to around 70 graduates, many of whom did not know Graduate House or the Graduate Union existed. There was considerable interest in the facilities offered, especially the conference rooms and the lunch time bistro. Many graduates took away the information package and over the ensuing week several people joined as new members.

Marketing initiatives such as mail-outs to local businesses and the graduates cocktail party have become an important aspect of Graduate House operations. It is quite surprising that an institution of such longevity as the Graduate Union is not known to members of the University of Melbourne community or the wider local business community.
Residents, Members and Staff News

Philip Stein
On a Saturday evening we celebrated Philip's birthday at Graduate House. The birthday boy cooked a very yummy dinner for the lucky few. His culinary skill in Italian cuisine was impressive. Looking at him stir-fry the chicken, capsicum, mushroom, tomato paste, making his own pasta sauce, lots of wine in the chicken, tasted molto delizioso! He then had to work hard as a treasure hunt was organised for him to look for his birthday present. All the hard work was worth while - in the end he got his dream come true. His dream of a Ferrari was fulfilled. A keen fan of the Grand Prix... he was given a Ferrari he can take with him everywhere (it fits into his palm!). The cake that we made for him turned out to be a success too. It was a butter cake frosted with chocolate coating, finger licking good! And the music playing also added to the night's fun. The night culminated in pub/bar hopping and everybody have a ball. Sieh Ng (Residents' Representative)

Raj Jain and Federico Arellano
As a part of their MBA course in Melbourne Business School, Raj Jain, who is a Graduate House resident, and Federico Arellano, conducted a consumer behaviour research in the confectionery market with a focus on occasions and events. To facilitate the study, they arranged a focus group with Graduate House staff, including the CEO Eugene Spanti, in-house staff Lyn Weston and Martin Rule, and consultant Leo Santalucia.

Professor Vassilios Sarfaris
I first arrived at Graduate House in January 1965 and was placed here by the Botany school. These were the days of Berry, Barbara, his secretary, and Mrs Farrell. The food was terrible but Berry was nice as was Barbara. Mrs Farrell liked the bureaucracy of rules and regulations, so I soon moved out into a flat. Over many decades I used to drop in for a cuppa with Barbara and Berry. Once I enjoyed a stay memorable by a flood from the third floor. The place was run down and few repairs and refurbishments were done.

Even in the early days of Eugene the food was remarkable by its stodginess and lack of variety. Imagine my surprise to see the new Graduate House with major newspapers, a bistro, highly varied meals reflecting the multicultural mix of people here, and their wonderful minds bringing such stimulation to the place. The food now has a range covering Chinese, Japanese, Arabic Indian and Thai dishes as well as healthy choices of vegetarian in addition to meat dishes. I have been apprised of new things coming which will increase the variety even further and in response to the multi-ethnic mix of residents covering Mongolians, English, Indians, Arabs and many other nationalities.

The intellectual environment is great and there is a lot of multicultural socialisation between the students, other residents and staff which is highly encouraging. There is a good library, a selection of newspapers and friendly staff adding to the bonhomie of the place. With so many university and graduate activities here, it is obvious the place has attracted people of diverse interests from weddings to seminars. The accommodation is being constantly improved and the quality has been commented on by several visitors and students. I commend the Warden for his innovation, in what has been a humdrum sector for several decades in Australia, by setting a model for others to follow. It is my pleasure to reside at Graduate House and it is my intention to return here often. My thanks to the household staff who maintain our rooms for they do more than their duty. It is indeed luck that

Professor Eugene Spanti, in-house staff Lyn Weston and Martin Rule, and consultant Leo Santalucia.

Georgia Bushell
Georgia has been at Graduate House since December 2006. She is a postgraduate Law student enrolled in the Melbourne JD (which is the new degree offered in the Melbourne Model for the Law School). Georgia is a very keen tennis player, having won several tournaments, and is always on the look out for a partner. She has challenged the CEO to several table tennis contests and managed to beat him on a few occasions. Georgia is enjoying sightseeing in Melbourne and plans to stay at Graduate House until her graduation in August 2008.

Akiko Matsushima
Akiko comes from Japan and is studying in the Graduate Program in English as an International Language at the University of Melbourne. Arriving at Graduate House in May and in residence until July this year, Akiko says she takes pleasure in the wonderful atmosphere at Graduate House. In her spare time she enjoys cycling, walking and music.

Dr Parichart Nitimanop
Parichart is from Thailand and currently a resident of Graduate House. She recently received the John Smyth Award which is awarded to the student who submits the most meritorious research thesis in the Doctor of Education. The funds of this award were collected at the memorial service for the late John Smyth who passed away in 1927. He initiated the first degree in education in Australia in 1923. In 1919 he was appointed the first Professor of Education at the University of Melbourne. Parichart holds a position of senior lecturer and Chair of Business Airlines Curriculum in Suan Dusit Rajabhat University in Bangkok, Thailand. The title of her thesis is: The Market Orientation and Marketing Management in Rajabhat universities in Thailand. The main theory of the thesis is Market-Centered Leadership by Dr. Lawrie Drysdale. Parichart welcomes anyone who shares her interest to contact her on pnitimanop@gmail.com.

Ole Schulz-Triglaff
I am a German citizen and did my undergraduate in Computer Science at the Free University Berlin. After postgraduate studies in Edinburgh, Scotland, I am now a PhD student in Bioinformatics founded by the Max Planck Institute for Molecular Genetics in Berlin. My research interests lie in computational diagnostics of diseases and data mining of biological mass data. I will stay for three months (from August until November) in Melbourne to do a research internship with Professor Terry Speed at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute for Medical Research at the University of Melbourne. When I am not working for my PhD, I enjoy rowing and swimming.

* Editor Note. We thank Professor Sarfaris for his kind donation to the Residents’ Assistance Fund.
June “Meet and Greet” Evening

The Graduate Union, in conjunction with De Bortoli wines, held a lovely evening at Graduate House on the 19 April. The evening consisted of a fabulous dinner with great wines to accompany each course. The four courses were beautifully presented by Chef Peter Wills and served by very attentive staff. Robert Guerrini and Achilles Kaluni, the two De Bortoli representatives present, explained why each wine had been chosen and how it complimented the food being served. At the end of the evening guests appreciated the opportunity to order the wines at a discounted cost.

Congratulations to the staff involved. A truly wonderful evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. I am looking forward to the next Wine Appreciation Dinner which I understand will be held in October. (Robyn Flanigan)

March 26 was the occasion for a special event at Graduate House when over 90 guests gathered to celebrate the 90th birthday of author and historian Dr Marjorie Tipping (nee McCredie). Graduate House was a particularly appropriate place for this event as five generations of the Tipping family, and three of the McCredie family were graduates of the University of Melbourne. Twenty-eight members of these families were present, including brothers John and David, and sons Paul and Tony with their wives and families. Ages of guests ranged from 12 months to mid-nineties.

Marjorie has had a long association with the University. Whilst a student, as “Esia”, she wrote a regular column for Farrago (then edited by future husband E.W. (Bill) Tipping), co-edited Melbourne University Magazine with David Pitt, co-founded the Fine Arts Society with Zelman Cowen as well as many other activities. Subsequently Marjorie obtained her M.A., and became the first woman to be awarded a Doctorate of Letters by the University.

Fellow students of the 1930’s present included Dr David Pitt, Sir Zelman Cowen, April Mackintosh (now Lady Hamer), Helen Hockey (Ferber), Neila Myer (Gantner), and Barbara Falk. Also present were many representatives of Melbourne’s cultural life, members of the E.W. Tipping Foundation for the Intellectually Disabled, and Graduate Union President John Cain and wife Nancye. Speeches were given by Margaret Manion, Keith Dunstan, John Leslie, son Paul, grand-daughters Susie and Eliza and of course, Marjorie herself.

Special guests were Sebastian Bachmann, Professor of Anatomy from the von Humboldt University, Berlin and his wife Katerina, who were staying at Graduate House as guests of the Royal Children’s Hospital Foundation. Professor Bachmann was the 7th Florence May McCredie Lecturer of the Hospital (named in honour of Marjorie’s sister who had died at the Hospital in infancy). Marjorie had previously lectured on German artists in Australia at the von Humboldt University and later in the week presented Professor Bachmann with the book From Berlin to the Burdekin to which she was a contributor. Altogether this was a most happy occasion enjoyed by all those present.

(Burst Tipping with Sir Zelman Coven)
BOOK LAUNCH - BARBARA HAMER

In March Graduate House hosted the launch of the book *Nuts and Bolts* written by Barbara Hamer, a Life Member of the Graduate Union since 1954 and the Vice-Chancellor’s representative on Graduate Council for five years in the 1980s. Barbara is a member of the McPherson family and Nuts and Bolts is the story of four generations of that family and the firm they founded in 1860. The book was presented by Professor Emeritus Alan Shaw AO.

THE AUTUMN DINNER

After a successful Annual General Meeting, the Autumn Dinner followed with Dr Barry Jones speaking about his autobiography published in 2006. The chapters of *A Thinking Reed* reflect the chapters of his life’s journey and the many environments in which he found himself. Reminiscences of his time as Science Minister in the Labour Government of Hawke and Keating were often highly amusing, but one had the feeling his time in politics had not been easy. In his own words, “I was too political to be a fully accepted intellectual, too intellectual to be regarded as an effective politician in the Australian context, conspicuously lacking the killer instinct, too individual and idiosyncratic to be a factional player.”

It was clear of all things Barry Jones reveres the life of the mind. His observations on the knowledge revolution, the assault on reason, fundamentalism and the path ahead revealed a passionate and insightful man. His often witty comments on a myriad of subjects brought a smile but often were very thought provoking. He concluded his address by quoting Pascal, “Man is only a reed, the weakest thing in nature; but he is a thinking reed.”

CHOCOLATE LOVERS AFTERNOON TEA

Twenty chocoholics were given a rare treat on 21 June when Carlo from Chocolatiers hosted a special afternoon tea at Graduate House. It was a very social day with many staying on after the presentation to enjoy the company and partake of the abundant array of chocolates, rocky road and cakes (chocolate, of course). Hot chocolate was served, together with coffee and scones for those less enamoured of chocolate. Carlo gave an informative presentation about the company’s history, future and products. An enthusiastic question time followed with guests anxious to find out more, especially where the products could be purchased.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

John (Jack) Moloney

Jack is a member of staff in the Club Bistro where he is employed on a casual basis. He recently completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree at the University of Melbourne and was named on the 2006 Faculty of Arts Dean’s List, which recognises high academic achievement. Jack received his award at the Dean’s Award Ceremony 2007 held in May this year. This award is significant as only around one percent of students from the entire body of 5000 undergraduates from the Faculty of Arts are nominated for the Dean’s List. Recently Jack was also awarded a scholarship which will assist him in completing Honours this year. Jack works at Graduate House for evening functions and on most Tuesdays for lunch.

Michael Rewa

Mike is from Wales and has been in Australia for around ten years. He says he loves everything about Australia, especially the climate, the wine and the laid back attitude of Australians. Since arriving he has travelled to many locations around the country with Far North Queensland being a favourite destination. After spending two years working for the Hayman Island Resort, he returned to Melbourne and has been working ever since for a catering company originally founded in the UK. Mike excels in Italian cooking but is interested all types of cuisine and says he is always learning. He has one daughter who is employed by Emirates Airlines and currently living in Dubai. Mike’s interests are golf, swimming and table tennis. He says he is normally a shy and retiring person and Graduate House is different to any other place he has worked. He is slowly getting to know the residents and is enjoying the opportunity to learn about the various cuisines. Mike says he also enjoys cooking at home. Cooking is a passion for Mike, not just a job!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Mid-year Christmas celebrations were held on 25 July with a traditional Christmas Dinner, Santa and a karaoke sing-a-long. Residents were in fine voice, especially Felicity Holt, Nicholas Cutler, Alex Chai who all sang early and often during the evening. Ian Hinton of Karaoke Prince kept the entertainment moving along, with ‘spot’ prizes and special incentives to encourage guests to participate. Once again Graduate House suppliers were generous with their contribution to the event.
is the story of the cementing of
accounting as a university discipline and some of the
characters who peopled the institution throughout its
history. Associate Professor Burrows as a student,
lecturer, associate professor, head of department and
fellow has witnessed half of the period involved and
is thus well placed to have been the author of a record
of this story.

Accounting entered the university world in a different
manner to the traditional professions. It did not have a faculty named for it;
the first students in 1925 were principally male and all part-time with work
experience already behind them, and the staff were all part-timers who were
professional accountants during the day. The modern department has an
enhanced curriculum, an established honours and doctoral program. Promise
Fulfilled also details some of the human characters who created the story.
People such as the tutor who worked as a life model and the professor who,
accepting the offer of a lift home, was taken aback when offered a helmet
so he could ride pillion. The book also chronicles the varied attitudes of
Vice-Chancellors, some of whom understood the importance of professional
accounting more than others.

MR MICHAEL KANTOR,
MALTHOUSE THEATRE

Michael Kantor had some quite unorthodox advice for students now studying theatre at the University. He said current students should learn from the students of his day who believed slackness was a virtue and lost no opportunity to skip classes for any reason. He said Melbourne would not have Barry Humphries if not for this laid back approach. Michael lamented the demise of the larrikin spirit in the Arts course, saying it embodied the Australian artistic spirit and was an important ingredient in the creation of art. He went on to speak about his aspirations for the Malthouse, saying his job was a fine balancing act between finance and art. Without the generous support of the Government, which keeps the theatre just above bankruptcy, the Malthouse could not continue. Even with full houses, a production can run at a substantial loss and maintenance of the building itself is not subsidised.

In Europe and the UK, artists are recognised and celebrated but this is not the case here. Australians do not know or celebrate their home-grown actors. Only when an actor achieves overseas success is he acknowledged in his country. He went on to speak about his aspirations for the Malthouse, saying his job was a fine balancing act between finance and art. Without the generous support of the Government, which keeps the theatre just above bankruptcy, the Malthouse could not continue. Even with full houses, a production can run at a substantial loss and maintenance of the building itself is not subsidised.

In reply to congratulations on the Malthouse’s work with students, Michael said he believed good theatre was intergenerational and should engage all ages. Across the coming season, which will include a variety of new work and in addition to some of the great classics reworked in a modern concept, he is confident this will be achieved.

MR DAVID OLIVER, ALZHEIMERS AUSTRALIA

Arriving straight from Tullamarine Airport following a flight from Perth, Mr. Oliver wasted no time in setting up his laptop computer for the presentation. After the first course he engaged members and guests with a twenty-question quiz. The best score obtained was eighteen correct answers and the winner received a copy of “Hazel’s Journey”, a book about Hazel Hawke, an Alzheimer’s sufferer written by her daughter Sue Peters/Hawke.

The lighthearted, informative presentation delivered a message about diet,
personal habits, medication, hormones, trauma and other risks connected with Alzheimer’s Disease. We were not told of any magical cures but were advised that an early diagnosis was beneficial in the management of dementia.

Mr. Oliver’s presentation had the audience in fits of laughter on many occasions. It delivered a strong message, which can be summarised in seven categories.

1) Mind your Brain. Intellectually stimulating activities can reduce the risk of dementia in later life.
2) Mind your Body. Regular exercise can reduce the risk of dementia.
3) Mind Your Diet. The link between diet and brain health is becoming increasingly recognized.
4) Mind your Health Checks. Have regular checks of weight, blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar levels. Strokes, heart disease, cardiac rhythm abnormalities and diabetes are all risk factors for dementia.
5) Mind your Social Life. Combine regular physical, mental and social interactions.
6) Mind your Habits. Smoking, heavy drinking, stress and lack of sleep are to be avoided.
7) Mind your Head. Wear seat belts, use headgear when cycling, and take care as a pedestrian.

Questions from the audience ranged from; the effect of anaesthetics, free radicals, “trans fats”, chocolate, aluminium on Alzheimer’s Dementia, to where the Alzheimer’s Vic is located.

Mr. Oliver presented another copy of the book, Hazel’s Journey to Dr. Gibson whose birthday was on the following day. The food as always was delicious.

Before leaving, all guests were given a booklet from Alzheimer’s Australia titled “Mind Your Mind.” No doubt this booklet will be the subject of lively discussions in many households.

In the future, children may not only be told to “mind their manners” and/or to “mind their language” but also to “mind their mind”. Irene Jablonka

COMMANDER JOHN GOSS, HMAS CERBERUS

John Goss has been National Commander Australian Navy Cadets for only a few months. He is justifiably proud of the achievements of the Naval Cadet Units now under his command. There are 97 Units around Australia from Thursday Island to Hobart.

Cadets’ ages range from 12 to 20 years of age. Presently he has 2000 cadets and hopes to increase the number to 3000. Funding is an ongoing problem, as is finding volunteer staff. Most volunteers are over the age of 40 and while their contribution is vital, John requires some younger volunteers capable of being involved in the strenuous physical exercises included in the programs. Persuading the outgoing 21 year olds to stay in the program as volunteers has become a priority for John who is looking at incentives to encourage their participation.

The Naval Cadets recently celebrated their 100 year anniversary and John spoke about a newspaper article from 1903 reporting on a march by cadets from Ballarat to Melbourne for a special event. According to the article, there was no money available for train tickets so the cadets decided to walk. John asked the audience’s opinion as to whether this would be likely to happen in 2007.

The Cadet Units are run on conventional naval procedures. Navy drills and the semaphore flag signalling system are taught. While there is some public funding, raising enough money to function adequately and provide the necessary equipment is always an issue. Cadets are encouraged to be innovative and at present the Perth Unit is raising funds for Cadets to travel to Gallipoli next year. John is quite confident the Unit will achieve its ambition.

All of the Australian Defence Forces are closely aligned and John has worn more than one service uniform in his career. He brought along a very interesting DVD showing 24 hours in the life of the Australian Defence Forces and talked about Australia’s presence in places like Afghanistan and Iraq where initiatives include a major rebuilding of towns. He said although the Australian presence overseas is relatively small, the reputation of Australian service personnel is excellent.