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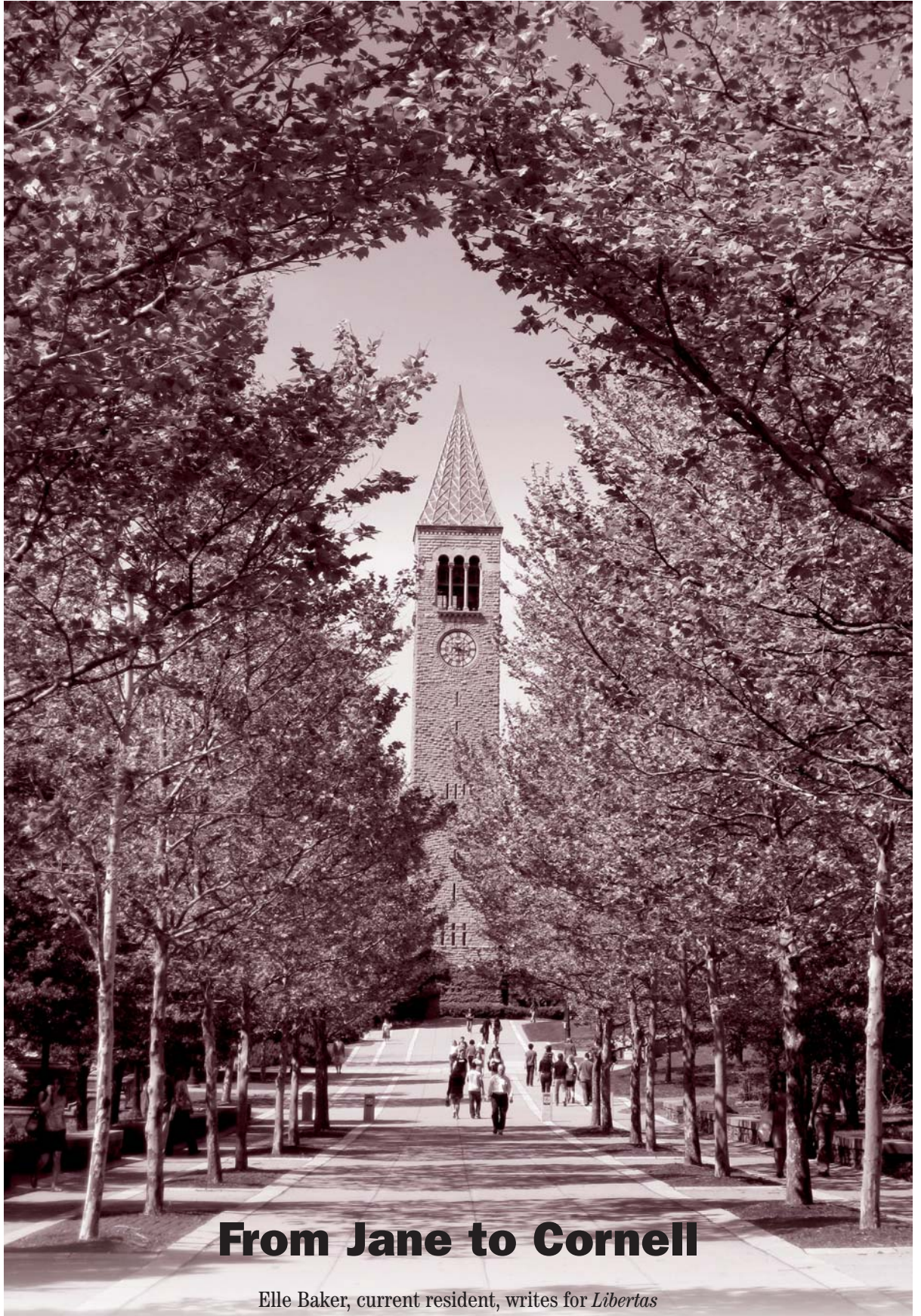


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From Jane to Cornell

Elle Baker, current resident, writes for *Libertas*

*The Cornell
Bell Tower*



Four-wheel driving on Nantucket Island, Massachusetts



Skiing at Elk Mountain in Pennsylvania (I'm the second person from the right)



In January this year I ventured from the comforts and familiarity of Jane Franklin Hall to study abroad in the US. I was fortunate enough to gain a six month placement at Cornell University, which is situated in upstate New York in a small and slightly hippy town called Ithaca, in the snowy Finger Lakes District.

I didn't know a lot about the American university system or Cornell when I entered the UTAS exchange programme, and the little I did know was dramatically warped by popular culture. However, I soon came to learn that what I had previously seen on TV was immensely stereotypical, yet often quite true; for example, the use of big red plastic cups at fraternity parties while playing the popular 'sport', beer pong.

Although I encountered some stereotypical American behaviours, the most positive and unique experience I had on exchange was the educational opportunities which Cornell delivered. Cornell was founded in 1865 by Senator and philanthropist Ezra Cornell and was the first co-educational school in the Ivy League, an athletic conference made up of eight north-eastern universities, so I got to see some impressive ice hockey games against Princeton and Harvard. From an academic point of view, it was a great time to be living in America, with the inauguration of President Obama. To learn about the financial crisis from an American perspective in economics classes was a special privilege. I really enjoyed studying at

Cornell, as the architecture, facilities, and grounds were amazing; however, more importantly, the professors at Cornell did not force their own personal opinions on their students. They made their classes interesting and relevant learning environments where students could make their own judgments in the current climate.

In reality, the experiences I had at Cornell were both difficult at times and also amazing and like something out of the movies. When I first arrived in Ithaca and stepped out of the airport into a winter wonderland with fairy lights illuminating the snow covered trees, I thought 'wow, it's so pretty, like Narnia'. Two weeks later, trudging through the snow to class or home in minus 15°C temperature, with the fear of icicles dropping from buildings, was yet another contrasting experience. Although I had a demanding academic work load at Cornell, I had a lot of fun fitting in numerous social activities, such as crush parties at frats, travelling to the Bahamas for spring break, skiing in Pennsylvania, shooting in Mississippi, shopping in the Hamptons, spending my twenty-second birthday in Boston (and dreaming of doing my MBA at Harvard), seeing concerts organised by Cornell (such as Ludacris and Girtalk), and, of course, prom. I also had the opportunity to travel for a month after my exchange and I was fortunate to experience a slice of America in a small period of time.

Initially when I told my friends that I was going on exchange to New York, the majority of them told me that Americans are too loud, too obnoxious, too fat, their humour is weird, and Europe would be way cooler. I realise many Australians have a negative opinion of Americans; however my exchange to New York enabled me to meet some interesting people, make some great friends and learn from a different perspective. Unfortunately I didn't get engaged to a filthy rich oil tycoon from the south! Nevertheless the academic and social experiences I had on exchange were very positive and I'm still hopeful about a pending engagement to any of the Cornell ice hockey players who have signed million dollar contracts.

Finally, I would like to thank Dr Karla Fenton, a Fellow at JFH, for endowing her travelling scholarship which I received this year. This generous contribution, made annually to JFH residents who want to travel and study abroad, offers a great opportunity and is an asset to the College community.

(Editor's note: congratulations to Elle for being named on the Dean's Honor List at Cornell.) ■
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Chloe's tripp to Florida

Chloe Tripp, current resident, writes for *Libertas*

When I first learnt of my acceptance for exchange to the University of South Florida (USF) I could not contain my excitement! I was heading into my third and final year of a Bachelor of Economics and, being the adventurous person I am, I felt I needed a new and exciting challenge to end my studies at UTAS.

Heading off to Florida was exactly that and on the 28 December 2008, with great excitement, I left Australia for a place where I knew no-one! Upon my arrival at USF, I immediately fell in love with life in Florida. Settling in was easy as I made great friends with other exchange students from around the world. This group of people soon became like my family and I spent most of my time with them. University life was fun and exciting at USF, where much of my time was spent at the university's outdoor pool either studying or, more commonly, relaxing. Having the opportunity to attend such a large university, with approximately 50,000 students, made my experience even more valuable due to the huge sporting events and amazing facilities on offer! One of the facilities that I regularly made use of was referred to as 'safe team' which consisted of a golf buggy driven by students. After one quick call, 'safe team' would arrive at your location, transporting you to wherever you wished to go on campus, given it was after 7pm. The campus itself was like a mini town, with convenience stores, take-away food chains such as Burger King, dining practically open all night, several Starbucks, including one in the library, its own bus service around campus with four different lines and my favourite, the university shopping mall.

Throughout the semester my favourite times were spent with the other international students, often setting off on various road trips around Florida. Some of our adventures included a five-hour drive to Miami to attend Florida's largest music festival of the year, The Ultra Music Festival, and a short trip to Orlando one weekend to see Girtalk live. Some of my other memorable experiences during the semester included visiting Dixie (a former Jane exchange student) in Denver, Colorado for some snow skiing, visiting Disneyworld and being able to attend a true 'American style' spring break during which I visited Puerto Rico and Panama City Beach.

Sadly, after just four months, the semester came to an end and I headed off for a tour of America with three other Australians I'd met at my university. This trip lasted a month and a half and during this time I was fortunate to visit some spectacular places including Miami, Key West, Washington D.C, New York City, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Newport Beach, San Diego and San Francisco.

Looking back now, my time in America was surreal and I can honestly say that it was the best experience of my life so far. I will always fondly remember this experience and the people with whom I formed lifelong bonds. My time away changed my life in an indescribable way. I learnt so much not only about America, but also about various other cultures around the world through my interaction with other international exchange students.

My time away in America has encouraged a deep desire to travel and learn more about other cultures around the world. My next endeavour will see me head to France in December for Christmas, where I will meet up with various friends I made from the University of South Florida, during my tour of Europe. I certainly caught the travel bug!

I would like to say a special thank you to Dr Karla Fenton who awarded me a travel scholarship to help make the most of my time away. I urge other Jane residents to make the most of this wonderful opportunity! ■

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Claire follows her dreams

Claire Keating, 2002 writes for *Libertas*

A gap year, or a backpacking trip overseas, seem to be such common activities for young Australians that they are almost rites of passage. In 2007 I happily took my place among this generation of young nomads when I hopped on a plane with two friends, bound for the other side of the world.

In a little over four months we blazed trails across the UK, France, Germany, the Czech Republic, Switzerland, Italy, Greece, Spain, Egypt and Thailand. We saw and experienced so much that even choosing a few highlights for this article has been a challenging task. Each country had its high points and we had to overcome many challenges along the way, but it was how we grew throughout this wonderful experience that was most important.

The UK was where we cut out 'baby' traveller teeth, when we found our feet and learnt backpacker etiquette. We gained the courage to be more outgoing, to step outside our comfort zones and strike up conversations with other travellers. Obviously we all had a shared interest in seeing the world, and swapping tales from the road is a great icebreaker. However, it wasn't until we left the UK that our adventures really began. Approaching random people for directions can sometimes be awkward enough, but throw a foreign language into the mix and it gets very interesting! The general rule is give it a go, the locals will at least respect you for that even if you are butchering their tongue. I learnt

this first hand when I was standing in the ticketing line at the Paris metro. The gentleman in front of me was yelling at the poor ticket vendor:

"TWO WAY! I want a TWO WAY ticket!"

The ticket vendor just shook his head and shrugged. Infuriated, the man harrumphed and stormed away, and then, it was my turn. I pulled out my *Lonely Planet* phrase book and fumbled through with shaky hands:

"Um, trios billet, um, pour Versailles..."

"That's fine," the ticket vendor interrupted, smiling, "one way or two way?"

Travelling through Egypt was a massive learning curve for us and it was the greatest test of our backpacker savvy. I had never felt so aware of the fact that I was a foreigner. From the moment I stepped off the plane, I felt all the self-assuredness and confidence I had gained from three and a half months of travelling around Europe suddenly vanish. We had decided to see Egypt through a travel company but had two days in Cairo before the tour actually began; two days to adapt to a culture and lifestyle so unlike anything I had experienced before. Suddenly the triumph of overcoming mere language barriers became obsolete. I was so conscious of trying not to commit any cultural faux pas that I nearly forgot to relax and enjoy myself.

Egypt can be quite confronting, and as three, still very naive, blond Aussie girls, we might as well have painted big red targets on our backpacks. We could barely leave our hotel without being hunted down by various opportunistic shop owners. But when we had finally found our feet, we ended up having a great deal of fun interacting with the locals.

While in Egypt I fulfilled my lifelong dream of exploring the interior of one of the great pyramids of Giza. Getting inside the pyramid was a little tricky as the tunnel was, maybe, 1.3m high and, when you are going downhill, that's quite scary. Once inside it's hard not to feel a little claustrophobic; in fact quite a few people started panicking on the way down. However I was determined to spend as much time as I could in the royal chamber, despite my thoughts constantly turning to how many tons of rock lay above me!

When I finally returned to Australia, I was glad to be home but also a little sad that my incredible journey had come to an end. Even though I was on the road for nearly eighteen weeks, I still felt that I had caught only a tiny glimpse of what the world had to offer. My travels have opened my eyes to a world of possibilities. They have instilled in me the strength and passion to chase every horizon and follow my dreams. After all, you only live once! ■

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As the photos indicate, the 2009 Jane Ball was a glamorous affair



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Sue Koo on the track to Grasmere in the Lake District

UK Coast to Coast

Sue Koo writes for *Libertas*

Sue Koo (Turner) was a resident in JFH from 1965-68 whilst studying for a BA (Hons). She is married to Andrew, also a UTAS graduate (Economics). Andrew also served on the JFH Council for some years before leaving Hobart in 1999 to live in Perth WA. They are both recently retired and enjoying lots of travelling. They have three adult children who all live in London. Sue and Andrew spent four months in London in early 2009, and then returned to the UK to undertake the coast to coast walk.

Recently I was able to meet a long held, personal challenge when I undertook, and completed, the 307km coast to coast walk in the UK. This famous trek, devised by Alfred Wainright in 1973, traverses northern England, from the tiny Cumbrian village of St Bees, perched on the cliffs of the Irish Sea, across to Robin Hood's Bay and the cliffs of the North Sea in Yorkshire. I have long held an affinity with this part of England, in particular the North York Moors, as my mother was born within the shadow of the distinctive hill, Roseberry Topping, near Great Ayton. She spent her early years in this part of the world until migrating in 1934 to Tasmania to marry. It was on a visit to that area some years ago that I first heard of Wainright's walk and decided it was something I would like to do in the future.

As the instigator of what was to be some agony and lots of fun, I organised a group of ten beach friends from Perth to undertake the trek as a self-guided party. It was to be a two week journey that would take

us through three National Parks and across a cross-section of England's best landscape. The quality and variety of this walk was recognised in November 2004 when it was rated as the second best walk in the world. I organised the trip through one of many booking companies who operate both guided and self-guided walks in the UK. They provided us with maps and guide books, arranged our accommodation each night at B&Bs or small pubs, and ensured our luggage was transported each day, so that we only had to carry a day pack.

For some months prior to the trip, we undertook regular training to build up the necessary stamina, typically walking 16 to 20kms twice a week. Whilst this was essential, it in no way replicated a schedule that would require walking long distances day after day, with no time to heal blisters and minor injuries.

On 7 September we met up in London for the train trip up to St Bees. One of the traditions of this walk is to wet your boots in the sea at both ends, and carry a small stone across from one beach to the other. Being hardy beach goers who swim every morning of the year at Cottesloe Beach, in Perth WA, our party decided we would 'go one better' and swim at both ends. So on arrival at St Bees we headed for the beach and a long walk out to the very cold water! That was first of many challenges we were to face in the next 16 days! Collecting our individual stone was easy.

The next morning, armed with maps, a compass and GPS and lots of wet-weather gear, we set out, on a wild and windy day, to tackle the long and steep cliff walk out of St Bees, across farmland and finally the big haul over Dent Hill, our first climb of the Lake District. We lost our way that first day, in torrential rain with poor visibility. This was not the day to be able to sight the Isle of Man in the distance, from the summit of Dent, as the guide book described. By the time we reached our designated pub near Ennerdale Water, we were exhausted, soggy and nursing blisters and swollen knees. We had been walking for more than eight hours and decided then that perhaps our training had been too 'soft'. However we soon learnt a few lessons:

- a pint on arrival, and many red wines with dinner, helps
- things always look better after a good sleep, and
- practice makes perfect

After a few days, things did improve as we slotted into a routine of early nights, early starts and very long hours on the track. We averaged six hours a day, walking between 20 to 30 kms. The first four days were spent in the Lake District with its deep-sided valleys, wonderful lakes and remote mountain passes. These were days of breathtaking scenery, huge climbs and tough descents.

Our highest climb was across St Sunday Crag at 841m, and, being a hot, still day, the views were stupendous.

Next we crossed into the limestone country of the Yorkshire Dales, famous for patchwork fields and dry-stone walls stretching up to the highest summit. The high country of the moors was beautiful too, with its sombre array of colours and heather full of very lively grouse. We spent each night in charming little villages, including Thwaites, Orton and the larger Kirkby Stephen. We were always given such warm welcomes by B&B hosts. There is nothing better than turning up tired and dirty and being offered tea and Victoria sponge, followed by a hot bath! We had all expected to lose weight on this trip but had not counted on the amount of food consumed. We started each day with a hearty English breakfast, were provided with a packed lunch which always included a chocolate bar and the obligatory packet of crisps, and then came the pub meals at night – real country fare!

The halfway point of our trip came after a very long climb up to the bleak, windswept Nine Standards and across the mighty Pennines, with highland bogs to be negotiated. We then made our way across the fells down to the Swaledale River and the lowland farming area known as the Vale of York. The routes through Richmond, Danby Wiske and onto Osmotherley were long and flat and wound their way through woods and farm tracks; we never seemed to be going in a straight line and often cursed Mr Wainright for his roundabout progression.

Once onto the Cleveland Way, things got steep again as we headed up to the high moors and fells of North Yorkshire. I was now within sight of Roseberry Topping and felt I was walking in areas where perhaps my mother had trod with her father, on outings all those years ago. The moors were wonderful but also remote and windswept, with no shelter or cover in sight. To escape for a short stop into an atmospheric pub, such as the White Lion (dated 1553) on High Blakey Moor, was a treat.

Our last two days of the trip were particularly gruelling as we had to cover 35 kms each day, in very varied terrain. But with Robin Hood's Bay and the end getting ever closer, we were feeling dogged and determined. Our last day went through some of the prettiest countryside of the entire trip, with glades of beech trees, waterfalls and picturesque villages like Egton and Little Beck.

Mirroring the beginning of the walk, the track into Robin Hood's Bay follows the windswept cliff top for many kilometres, with the tiny village hidden from view by the headland until the very last moment of the walk. The old pirate haunt of Robin Hood's Bay is very quaint with a narrow, cobbled road leading steeply down



The Nine Standards on the Pennines

to the cove below through an array of tiny red-roofed cottages and quaint shops. Finally we had reached our destination and that celebratory drink in Wainright's Bar, but first the obligatory swim!

If we had thought our first swim was cold, the North Sea proved to be freezing and it was more of a dunking than a proper swim. Our stones from St Bees were retrieved from our packs and thrown back into the sea with great relish and much cursing of Mr Wainright and his penchant for the most circuitous route to any place. And then to the pub to celebrate our achievement and sign the log book, our names joining the list of many others who have followed the same path.

In chewing over our trip, we were unanimous about one thing. Next time we would take far less luggage. As our bags were transported each day to our next B&B, we had all taken cases, some larger than others! This was something we were to rue. We had not reckoned on the size of our accommodation and every night those same cases had to be hauled up tiny, steep staircases and often into little bedrooms with limited floorspace.

This trip had been a huge undertaking for our group, but one full of rewards. On foot one has time to fully appreciate the charms of a country and all its regional differences such as accents, architecture, styles of dry-stone walls and even breeds of sheep. (Whilst most had long shaggy coats, the most extraordinary was a



The climb up St Sunday Crag



Andrew Koo and the view back to Rosthwaite in Cumbria

variety called the 'ugly sheep', bred for its meat, with a large body and face like a pig). On a long trek such as this, one has time to enjoy the companionship of friends or to just sit and dwell on things; we termed it 'having a zen moment'. And on a hard, physical journey you learn how important it is to have both a sense of humour and an inner strength to keep pushing on when you would much rather just give up and sit down. ■

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Medicine in Hong Kong

Emily Liu, 2005 writes for *Libertas*

MEDICAL ELECTIVE IN HONG KONG (13 OCT 2008 – 21 NOV 2008)

I arrived in Hong Kong on Sunday afternoon, one day before my elective started. Although it was October, it was still very hot. The huge airport was full of people from all around the world. It's a distance away from the city but it only takes half an hour through convenient public transport. The hospital for my elective was Queen Mary Hospital, a well-known medical centre since 1937, with around 1400 beds. In 2003, patients who suffered from SARS were treated here. The hospital is affiliated to University of Hong Kong, which is ranked twenty-sixth in the world. The hospital is located on Hong Kong Island, about 20 minutes from Central Station. I stayed at the college provided by the university, just across the street from the hospital.

In Hong Kong, doctors and medical students are required to wear long white coats. Everyone looks so professional but a bit dull. I was allocated a medical ward with four other final year medical students. The ward itself is very big with 40 beds. It is divided into four compartments and each of them has ten beds. It is a general female medical ward to which patients are admitted for investigations and management. If the patient can be managed by the physicians of the ward, then she can be discharged after she gets better. If the patient's condition is complicated and involves other specialties, she would be transferred to a specialty ward (eg. neurology ward). There are several female general wards and also male general wards in this hospital. Each ward is managed by one consultant, two to three registrars and two to three interns. The doctors rotate to different general wards.

I attended the ward round every morning and then spent time in the ward with the medical students. They are required to know most of the patients in the ward, but most of the time they are by themselves without the guidance from the doctors. Unfortunately, most of the patients cannot speak English and I can't speak Cantonese at all. I hardly talked to patients and just observed the history taking by the medical students. As time went by, I could understand about 70 percent of the conversation but sadly I still couldn't speak. The good thing is the ward rounds, teaching sessions, and tutorials are all in English. This relieved some of my

JANE WEDDING



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At the beginning of 2009 Sandi married Rob Kenney in Rockhampton. Christine Howard was the celebrant. After a short time working in Sydney, Sandi and Rob are now in Brisbane.

anxiety. Their teaching sessions were the scariest ones I have ever attended. You may wonder why that is. The lecture theatre is equipped with two or three wireless microphones. As the lecture starts, the lecturer hands one microphone to students and then asks students questions, one by one. Some of the questions were really difficult for me and I didn't want to give them impression that Australian medical students know nothing. I concentrated hard and took several handbooks with me. I never fell asleep during lectures and did learn a lot. I even previewed the topics beforehand. I guess this extraordinary method really works for me. The interesting thing was some students could still doze, but amazingly they woke up just before the microphone passed to them and were able to answer questions. Medical students in University of Hong Kong are tremendously knowledgeable. Unlike us, there were very few social events and little sport training. They spend huge amounts of time studying and sacrifice their own leisure time. Their lecturers and tutors were very harsh to them. If students did not answer the questions right, they were mean and sarcastic. One of the tutors always said to the students "I can't believe you are going to be doctors next year! Who would like you to treat them?" I would have cried if somebody said that to me. I am really appreciative of the friendly teaching environment with encouragement most of the time. In addition, the doctor-student ratio in Tasmania is high and we have more hands-on experience for procedural skills.

I have special interests in neurology, and thus I attended neurology grand round every Wednesday afternoon. All the neurologists, training registrars and interns for the ward attend and discuss every patient.

Apart from the hospital, Hong Kong is a wonderful place to visit. There are countless delicious food outlets and big shopping malls. I found a website of food maps. I clicked on the food I wanted to try and got the map for it. At night, I started my little exploration by public transport and tried a fair bit of food. My favourite place in Hong Kong is Causeway Bay. It is on the Hong Kong Island and is about 30 minutes bus ride from my place. There is a street full of seafood restaurants. You can choose to sit inside or on the road. I went there once with my friends and enjoyed the breeze, crowds and delicious and cheap seafood with beers. On the weekends, I went to touristy places such as Hong Kong Museum, Stanley market, 'dragon back' for bush walking, Giant Buddha and Lantau trail. The streets in Hong Kong are always full of people and so are the mountains. When I went bushwalking by myself, there were plenty of people on the trail. I did not need to worry about safety issues. After midnight, there is still



ART SHOW



Top: Fahan School's artist-in-residence, Jane Burrell, opens the Jane art show
Above: The newly formed Jane choir added music to the occasion



Hong Kong University

public transport for the whole night and lots of pubs and coffee lounges are open.

Hong Kong is a small place with seven million people. Because of that, Hong Kong people work very hard and are very competitive. The medical students from University of Hong Kong are good examples. From my perspective, they work too hard! I prefer the lifestyle in Australia. It doesn't mean that people in Australia don't work hard; they realise there are more important things in life we should prioritise.

I got much from my visit and experienced the culture. I really appreciated the opportunity and thank Dr. Karla Fenton for her generous scholarship and Jane Franklin Hall. ■

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From the Principal

Michael Scanlan writes for *Libertas*

At the time of publishing this edition of *Libertas*, the semester is drawing to a close as Jane residents prepare for the end of year assessments. The year has concluded with a very high occupancy and indicators are that over 100 residents from this year's community will return in 2010.

Next year will be exciting as the sixtieth anniversary is celebrated. While some functions will be of an annual nature, their occurrence in this commemorative year will be special to those who are fortunate enough to be a resident of Jane at that time.

There will be some unique occasions throughout the year and dates will be confirmed as events unfold. The College is looking forward to being able to observe a ceremonial foundation stone memorial, associated with the planned building project, at a suitable juncture during 2010.

In July the redevelopment project received building approval from the Hobart City Council and energy is currently being directed into arranging a mutually suitable funding package with the University.

The history of Jane Franklin Hall, currently being written by Dr Alison Alexander, is taking shape and the book launch is an anticipated event in 2010. For more information, please visit the Jane website www.jane.utas.edu.au. The College was pleased to receive nearly \$10,000 in donations towards this project as part of this year's Annual Giving Programme. Thank you to all those whose support will make this important publication a reality.

As summer draws near, the College is also anticipating increased enrolments in the January Odyssey summer schools. The extended wet weather Hobart has experienced this winter has left the grounds and gardens in a very attractive state. This will present the College as a wonderful venue for our summer guests.

On a more sombre note, I would like to pay tribute to Mrs Libby Mercer (Clements) 1966 who has just stepped down from the College Council after dutiful and continuous service since 1986. I am assured Libby is going to continue as our honorary archivist in her retirement.

Best wishes to all for the coming festive season. ■ michael.scanlan@utas.edu.au

SNIPPETS

JANE GIFTS

If you are looking for a classy gift, please remember Jane has a small range of items for sale, including the Jane umbrella, Jane scarves (both silk and woollen, suitable for men and woman and all sorts of weather) and a CD of Christmas music from the Jane Franklin Consort. Contact the office for more information.

ELECTRONIC *Libertas*

In the near future we are planning to make *Libertas* available electronically. For more information, please visit the Jane website www.jane.utas.edu.au

Odyssey Travel



Michael Scanlan

Jane Franklin Hall is a member of Odyssey Travel, a not-for-profit organisation and a fully accredited IATA agent, specialising in cultural and heritage travel programmes for active, mature adults. We are pleased to let you know of an opportunity for you to enjoy travelling and, at the same time, to assist Jane Franklin Hall. Odyssey Travel is pledging to make substantial donations, based on the number of Jane alumni who travel with them. These funds will support the alumni scholarship. In future, please consider Odyssey Ed-Ventures when you travel overseas. You will benefit and you will also assist others to have the opportunity of living at Jane while studying at the University of Tasmania.

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STUDENT CLUB



When a knight won his spurs...

Christine Howard writes for *Libertas*

Phil Caudrey came to UTAS in 2005 as a PhD candidate and started his residency at Jane at the same time. He had completed Honours at the University of Adelaide. The topic for his PhD is military society in late medieval England, using the county of Norfolk as a case study. Phil has investigated the impact of chivalry in the county and the impact of the Hundred Years War on the Norfolk gentry.

Norfolk was justifiably famous for its lawyers and bureaucrats, but not for the influence of its soldiers. The interplay between life as a soldier and life as a landowner provided Phil with interesting research opportunities; he studied the lives of between 30 and

40 families considered as elite in the county, families whose social standing was below that of the nobility and included knights, squires and gentlemen.

Phil spent the latter half of 2006 in UK, researching at the National Archive in London and at the Norfolk Records Office in Norwich. This travel was assisted by the Dr Karla Fenton Travelling Scholarship. Phil chose UTAS for his PhD because he knew the calibre of his supervisor, Prof Michael Bennett. He believes that the quality of one's supervisor is critical if the research is to be satisfying and well-guided. It is also important to choose your topic well and be very sure you know exactly what it is that interests you. It's a long, hard road if you choose badly.

We believe Phil is the first PhD candidate to live at Jane for the duration of his post-graduate studies. With five years residency behind him, as a slightly older student Phil is well placed to comment on life at Jane. He will miss the ease of College friendships and the opportunity to eat with his friends every day. For him the Fellows' programme has been successful and very important. However, he believes that careful selection of Fellows is a really critical part of College life and that residents assigned to Fellows who do not really embrace the programme miss out on a wonderful opportunity for mentoring and friendship.

Phil intends to turn some of the material from his thesis into publications and is keen to apply for lectureships and post-doctoral fellowships. And where will he go now? Anywhere in the world is the answer. With electronic support, successful research is possible from almost any location. We wish Phil good luck and hope our paths will cross again. Sometime in the future he'd make a great Fellow at Jane. ■

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Next year, in 2010, Jane Franklin Hall will be 60 and there are several special events planned to mark this significant anniversary. Dr Alison Alexander's book on the history of the College will be launched on 20 March by Ruth Fleming (Solomon), former Principal of Jane. Alison is the executive officer at the centre for Tasmanian Historical Studies at the University of Tasmania and a well-known historian and author. Ruth Fleming (Solomon), former Principal is coming from England for this occasion and is keen to meet with residents from her era.

If you would like to come to afternoon with Ruth at Jane Franklin Hall on Sunday 21 March, please contact Christine Howard by phone 03 6210 0100,

email christine.howard@utas.edu.au or write to her at Jane Franklin Hall. The book will be sold through the College. Please visit the Jane website for more information and to take advantage of the special pre-publication offer.

Other activities planned include purchase of a piece of art through the Annual Giving Programme, various receptions and a special dinner on 4 December to mark the birthday of Jane, Lady Franklin. The College will sell several special products to celebrate this occasion. For more information on the items for sale and birthday celebrations please visit the Jane website www.jane.utas.edu.au or phone 03 6210 0100.

VALEDICTORY SPEECH 2009

by Phil Caudrey 2005

When I was trying to decide what I should say tonight, Christine Howard gave me the most direct advice. She told me I should 'be funny', 'keep the mood light', 'crack a few jokes'. For the next three days, I sat around in a state of nervous tension wondering how on earth I was going to do what she said! What if my jokes fell flat? What if I couldn't think of any jokes at all? More to the point, could I think of any amusing Jane anecdotes over my five-year stay that were PG-rated! After much anxiety, I decided in the end that 'funny' really wasn't my style at all. So if this address isn't a laugh a minute, then I apologise:

In my time at Jane I've had the pleasure of witnessing four valedictory addresses, and each in their own way has provided an insight into the distinctive character of the College. Tone Middleton, and our current RF, 'O.D.', expressed in heartfelt manner exactly what Jane meant to them and the ways in which their Jane experiences had benefited them. Last year, Dan O'Halloran gave us a bit of a pep talk about the importance of Jane in laying the foundations for our future careers. But I don't really intend to follow any of these paths tonight. You're not going to hear about the wider importance of Jane as an institution, nor are you going to hear a host of anecdotes that are really only relevant to those friends and individuals involved. Rather, I thought I'd focus upon my impressions of the College over my five years here. In so doing, I'd like to talk about the ways in which the College has changed, but also the ways in which there exists a stark continuity from one generation of Janers to the next.

On this note, it's worth mentioning the valedict speaker in my first year – a guy called Rob. Like me, he was in his fifth year at Jane, and for most of first semester I thought he was an RF, because he sat on the RF table at mealtimes every day. It was only when I got to know him later in the year that things became clear. He had been through two, almost three, mini-generations of Janers, and had seen two different groups of friends move out after a couple of years each. He was the last one left. To a great extent, I can sympathize with him, for while I've been fortunate enough that most of my best Jane friends have stayed on for three or more years, I'm nonetheless very aware that I've been through five generations of Freshers, and I sometimes find myself

in the embarrassing situation of passing old Janers from 05-06 in the street, recognizing and greeting them, but being unable for the life of me to remember their names.

Jane itself has undergone significant developments during my time here. There have been numerous staff changes since I arrived in March 2005. Most notably, of course, we've had a change of Principal. But there have been other comings and goings as well. None of the RFs from 2005 are still here, and indeed our current RFs are all past students. Our chef, Wayne, moved on a couple of years ago, after many years at the College. Some of the kitchen and cleaning staff have left as well. We've been through a series of groundskeepers. Richard arrived as property manager. Virginia Rosen, much to everyone's disappointment, resigned from the front office, but fortunately for us all, Libby and Sue have remained, friendly and helpful as ever. And through all of these changeovers, Paul has been a constant fixture, doing everything from catching rats in Webber, to, more recently, slicing up fallen trees in pelting rain first thing on a Sunday morning. There have been structural changes at College too. Fleming has been upgraded with ensuite facilities. Of equal importance, we've lost Lebrena – the old two-storey house on the far side of the front lawn, now closeted away on the other side of a wooden fence. The loss of Lebrena is a particular source of disappointment as far as I'm concerned. In 2006, it was populated almost entirely by my closest Jane friends. It was like living in a large, private house, where we could do as we liked, but could wander up to the dining hall at mealtimes.

And this type of existence is, in my view, one of the keys to Jane's long-term success. Jane offers a nice bridge between the world of living at home with your parents, and the fully-fledged, adult world of bills, self-catering and full-time employment. I've been extremely fortunate to live in Webber for most of my time here. After an initial couple of weeks in Aldridge bottom, I've been downstairs in Webber in what used to be an RF room, with a kitchenette and ensuite facilities. There are only ten people living there and it doesn't take much to get to know one's neighbours well. My favourable location has certainly contributed to my long stay at Jane.

One of the best things about Jane though, is that even if you happen to live in one of the smaller areas of College – Webber, Fleming, Vines, Barrett – you nonetheless very much feel a part of the wider Jane community. Although I've been a bit busy to attend these activities in the last couple of years, in my early days at Jane, sports provided an excellent way to bond as a College, and participation in the teams themselves



enables one to get better acquainted with a greater number of Janers. My first experience of Jane, indeed, was playing in the tennis team about a week after I arrived at College. I didn't entirely understand the College set-up at the time, and wasn't really sure why there were forty guys waiting to practice on one tennis court, and I was even more surprised when about a hundred people from all the colleges turned out to watch the matches. And, as an added bonus of course, Jane's sport teams have been extremely successful during my time here, winning far more than they lose.

More practically, mealtimes are vital to the functioning of College life. Dinner allows the vast majority of residents to come together and share a meal, albeit spread over several tables. Formal dinners further abet this process, bringing us altogether at the one time on a weekly basis. Fellows' nights, like tonight, are also an essential part of Jane life. I've been fortunate that my Fellow, Bruce Rosen, is also an historian, and I've certainly found it beneficial to have someone I can talk to, and seek advice from. Just as importantly, on a good Fellow table, one is able to get to know, and interact with, a wider array of Janers. In my first couple of Fellows' nights, I found it particularly useful to have some third-year Janers on my table, who were friendly and open, and were quite prepared to answer my queries about the inner workings of the College. All of these aspects of Jane life add up to making the College a genuine community. No-one, with the possible exception of Tom Campbell, is friends with everybody, but every Janer has nonetheless shared the same broad experiences. The strength of Jane's community is perhaps best borne out in my relations with old Janers. I'll meet Janers from 05-06 around Hobart, who I haven't seen for years, and even those who were more acquaintances than friends nonetheless go out of their way to exchange pleasantries. Indeed, in my early years at Jane, it was not uncommon to be offered a lift back to College by fellow residents driving by, and even residents who hardly knew each other were more than prepared to do this.

To conclude, Jane is a great place to start out in the adult world away from home. It caters for individuality and enables residents to form tight-knit social groups and lifelong friendships. At the same time, the Jane experience itself is something that all residents, past and present, can say they share. There exists at Jane the wider cohesion of a true community, in which not everyone has things in common, but the one thing we all have in common is Jane. It is this atmosphere that has made Jane such a special experience for me and one that I shall always fondly remember. ■

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Summer Schools at Jane

Bruce Rosen, Jane Fellow

Summer approaches and the residents at Jane head off in a bewildering range of different directions; some go home, some travel, some find jobs. But for Jane it is just the beginning of the summer school and conference season. Once again, in 2010, Jane Franklin Hall will play host to a series of summer schools, in partnership with Odyssey Travel.

This summer will see one of the best ranges of courses ever offered here. If you want to explore Tasmania's convict past there is *The Convict Trail*, with visits to Port Arthur and Richmond as well as walks in the city. *Making a Nation, Breaking a Nation: America 1765 to 1865* offers an in-depth view of the turbulent first 100 years of the nation and particularly the impact of that *peculiar institution*, slavery, and its role in the making and breaking of the nation.

For those interested in the medieval, there are courses in Latin, the Crusades and the medieval manuscript. The medieval period was to strongly influence many artists of the nineteenth century including Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin whose great legacy extends, rather surprisingly, to Tasmanian churches and a range of artefacts and who is the subject of the course, *Pugin's Unique Tasmanian Gothic Heritage*.

MORE INFORMATION

All of the courses are taught by experts knowledgeable in their fields. If you are interested, or just want more information about what is on offer and who is teaching the courses, please go to www.summerschools.tassie.org or email summerschools@tassie.org

To enrol in the course of your choice, go to www.odysseytravel.com.au and select programs/Odyssey schools. Alternatively, call 1300 888 225.

ABOUT ODYSSEY

Odyssey, our partner in the summer school programme is a non-profit organisation specialising in educational travel. In addition to offering a splendid array of courses and trips, they are presently implementing a programme which will make substantial donations to the College, based on the number of alumni travelling with them. So, if you are planning to travel in the near future, please contact Odyssey and be sure to tell them that you are part of the Jane Franklin Hall family. ■



MURDER MYSTERY



The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society would like to give special thanks to...

The performers:
William Champness, Bronwyn Darvell, Katie Daw, Jessica Hancock, Laura Haukins, Alex McKenzie, Ariel Pascoe, Lucy Quill, Hannah Rowlands, Victoria Stewart, Kathleen Sutor, Kate Ward

The backstage crew:
William Borthwick, Damian Fuller, Alex Matthews, Amanda Stevens, Trent Townsend, Frances White,
The direction/production team:
David Bakker, Richard Bullough and team, Katie Eynon, Adam James, Michael Jolly, Shamini Loganathan, Sam Wilkinson

Libertas Editor

from the editor, Christine Howard

I have worked at Jane for the last eight years as the Community Relations Manager and have enjoyed all the College has to offer. Next year I will reduce my hours to one day a week, enjoy all the birthday celebrations at Jane, then retire and spend more time smelling the (well-pruned) roses and continuing my work as a funeral and marriage celebrant. I have made some wonderful friends and will miss the contact with past and current residents. Editing *Libertas* has been a highlight. There are many people who have made these last years most enjoyable and I look forward to continuing these friendships. As well I am grateful for the help and support offered to me by so many people. My after Jane email is christine@christinehoward.biz ■



Sarah Morton (left), current Jane resident and Dara Moss, Student Services Coordinator with IFSA-Butler Australia, spread the Jane rugby top message to USA

SNAPSHOT



Car Rally 2009



You had to be there to appreciate the costumes. The Jane weekend creates wonderful memories for those who are part of the action.

ANNUAL GIVING

This year, for the first time, those who made a gift to the Jane Annual Giving Programme were asked if they would give permission for their names to be listed in *Libertas*. The people listed below agreed to publication. Others preferred to remain anonymous. We are grateful to everyone who showed their support for Jane in such a practical manner. We raised nearly \$10,000 to support the publication of Jane's history and the Jane scholarship programme.

Sally Attrill • Helen Cameron • Hye-Sook, Chang
Jason and Angie Dicker • Clare Dickson
Andrew and Jennifer Frankling • Alison Green

Philip Hniat Plumbing • ISW • Sue Koo
David Leaman • Elizabeth Mercer • Frank Moore
Diane Paech • Helen and Edwin Pitman
Stuart and Patricia Roberts • Natalie Rogers*
Ruth (Fleming) and Arthur Solomon
Shirley Thomas • Gene Walz • Ian Warner ISW
Lynette Wilson

**Natalie Rogers was a resident of Jane Franklin while studying in 1975-6. For almost 30 years she worked as a maths and science teacher at Latrobe and Ulverstone High Schools. She died in April this year. Her brothers, Nigel and Tim, made a gift in her memory to Jane's Annual Giving Programme.*

1953

PAT WITHERS (URE)

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'After going to England with Penny Sambell (Baugh) for eighteen months and working in Papua New Guinea for four years, as a social worker with Papuan woman, I married a New Zealand farmer. I have four children, ten grandchildren and am still working three days a week as a counsellor.'

1961

MOK, YUEN-LIN

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'After decades serving in education in Hong Kong and Macau and Australia, I have now retired and reside both in Hong Kong and Melbourne. I would like to hear from roommate Geraldine Derbyshire (nee Kelly)'

1967

ELAINE OWEN (COUSINS)

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'I have just received my copy of *Libertas*. Thank you so much. I enjoy hearing of the doings of Jane. It all seems so different!! The article by Mavis Clifford evoked many happy memories. I was a resident tutor at Jane from 1967 until 1970 and I also attended Buffy Godfrey's cooking classes. Buffy was right; learning to cook was very important in the real world!! I searched through my many papers and found some of her recipes, but not all. If possible, I would really appreciate a complete copy of her recipes. Since leaving Jane and Tasmania I have been living in the northern suburbs of Adelaide, teaching German and French. I am now happily retired and involved in teaching English to migrants as well as teaching French at the University of the Third Age.'

1985

ILISONI (ILI) KINIVUWAI

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'I just visited the Jane website and tears almost rolled down my face as I saw the photos of Jane and the memories came flashing back. After graduating from UTAS in 1989, I came back home to Fiji and have lived and worked here ever since. Now I am running my own pharmacy business and am married with four kids. Some people like Rohit Narayan who were freshers with me

in 1985 have been planning for a reunion at Jane. I hope this materialises!'

1987

SUSAN JONES

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Susan graduated with BA, DipEd and taught English, maths, French, and library studies for three years at a boys' school near London. Then she spent two years at Smithton High teaching English and SOSE, then two years at Mt Beauty (near Falls Creek), teaching English and SOSE. Eight years at Bendigo Senior Secondary College followed; Susan taught every English subject in VCE. One year at Hutchins, in their centre of excellence, followed and this led to her current position at Guilford Young College where she is teaching English and health studies. Susan would like to contact Shane Harvey. Any clues would be most welcome.

1988

PETE IBBOTSON

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'It's been a while! I am living in Washington DC, working in the Australian Embassy. I am still in the RAAF, having reached the giddy heights of Wing Commander. Two and a half years ago I married Kathleen, and in December this year we are expecting our first child.'

1992

DAVE CONNELL

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'After finishing university with BSc (Hons) I found a job with Australian Antarctic Division (by way of an overseas adventure and some work for Forestry Tasmania). I've now been there for over ten years. In 2005 I married my partner, Shan Deng, and in 2006 we celebrated the birth of our son, Jack. We currently live in Kingston and still feel very settled in the Hobart area. We also keep busy teaching swing dancing classes every week, not to mention keeping in touch with other Jane alumni.'

1993

DR TANIA HINGSTON

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Tania married Jarrad Wilson (also at Jane from 1993) and they have a four-year old son, James. She is working as an obstetrician/gynaecologist with special interest



in high risk pregnancy. Jarrad is a gastroenterologist and is completing his Masters on epidemiology of inflammatory bowel disease in Australia.

1994

SARAH FITCH (MILBRANDT)

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'I am living in St. Paul Minnesota, am married and have an almost two-year-old daughter. I work for the State of Minnesota Department of Human Rights and have also recently completed a nursing degree. I still speak to Gioia Massa regularly. Gioia was the other American exchange student at Jane with me for second semester in 1994. Since that time, Gioia has completed a PhD in plant biology and is working as a post-doc at Purdue University. She also recently married an Italian man she met at Purdue.'

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'How wonderful to hear from Tasmania! Since I left Jane I graduated from Cornell and went on to Penn State University where I got my PhD in plant biology in 2003. I then came to Purdue University to act as a postdoctoral researcher in horticulture, working as a member of a NASA group, developing bio-regenerative, life-support systems to support astronauts in space, with food grown from crops, and air and water being recycled. I met my husband, Simone, at Purdue; he just got his PhD in comparative literature, working on science fiction. We have been married for two years and are both looking for our next career step together. I have also become an avid ceramics artist and Scottish country dancer here. I often think of my great time at Jane and miss wonderful Tasmania. I hope things are going well with you and I look forward to hearing more news from Jane!'

1996

DAVID WRIGHT

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'I have been living in Canberra since January 2008 where I decided to continue my anaesthetic training and to be closer to family. Cristy and I welcomed a baby girl, Annabelle, on 17th June 2009. She is a worthy addition to the family and a much-loved younger sister to Oliver. We'll be moving to Canada in 2011 so that I can complete further sub-specialty training.'

1998

LISA HERD (WILLIAMS)

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Lisa graduated from UTAS with a BA/ BTeach and taught at several schools around Hobart. She has spent the last seven years at GYC teaching SOSE and English. Lisa's brother, Matthew, and his wife, Jody, have a son, Oliver, first grandchild for Dallas Williams, Jane Fellow.

2000

OLIVIA BOWMAN

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'I am now working and studying at Tasmanian School of Art. I am studying towards a Bachelor of Fine Arts.'

2002

DEVINA AHLUWALIA

'In July I will be starting a new job at the British High Commission in New Delhi! I am very excited about this development and I will be moving to Delhi on Monday. Things are very hectic at the moment as I am organising things for the move and also trying to complete the assignments for my Masters of Public Administration. My sister lives and works in Delhi and it would have been very easy to share accommodation with her, but all of a sudden she needs to vacate her place as the landlord needs it for himself. So, we both suddenly have to do house hunting too. I hope things work out soon. I'll write in more detail soon.'

2002

ROBERT BOWMAN

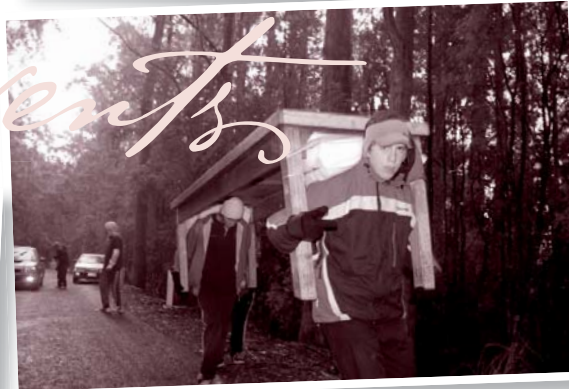
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'Rachael Thomas 2004 and I have bought a house at Gravelly Beach. We now have two dogs, a Beagle called Minty and a chocolate Labrador called Rumble. I am now in my fourth year at Temco as an electrical engineer. Rach has now finished a second degree a Bachelor of Teaching (maths and Science) to add to her BSc (zoology and geography). She has been doing relief teaching at Exeter High. It is challenging but she is enjoying it.'

**LOW TABLE AND PMT ACTIVITIES
RAISE FUNDS FOR CHARITY**

Each year the members of Low Table and PMT raise much-needed funds for charities, specifically the Cancer Council Tasmania and Breast Cancer Network Australia (Tasmania). Again this year, Low Table boys carried a Jane dining table to the top of Mt Wellington and PMT girls organised a pink dinner. Both events raised around \$4000 each, significant funds indeed. As well, these activities spread the message that charity really does begin at home...or in this case, at College.

In March this year around 165 women living with breast cancer attended a two-day conference in Launceston. There were no conference costs for any delegates because of the fund-raising efforts of PMT over the last four years. And the Low Table boys have raised significant funds each year, for more than ten years. Congratulations to all those who took part in fundraising.



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