



## History Makers

Monday 18 May 2009 saw a new chapter begin in the history of Unley High School. Ms Susan Cameron began her tenure a Principal, the first female principal of the school. With 16 years experience as a school principal, and two tenures as a Superintendent, Ms Cameron is a well qualified leader, and we are pleased to welcome her to this history-making appointment.

In 1978 our girls made history also, by breaking into the male stronghold of the Head of the River regatta. That year they rowed against girls from Scotch and Pembroke, but, with the help of Equal Opportunity Commissioner, Ms Josephine Tiddy, they had opened the annual regatta to hundreds of girls who followed them in a sport that develops the teamwork, discipline, fitness, leadership and social skills of its participants. In 1988 girls first rowed "eights" in competition at the Head of the River. This development in rowing is a key indicator of the opportunity our school provides to girls and all students to become community members with the character to improve the world they live in.

## Historian in Residence

Professor Craig Campbell spent some three weeks as a historian in residence at Unley High School during May. Professor Campbell interviewed many old scholars and local identities, researched in the archives at the Mortlock Library, and studied the historical records in our school. His residency culminated in discussion with Wakefield Press, who will publish the new history of our school to celebrate our centenary. Copies of this high quality book will be available early next year, and we plan to accept orders later this year.

## Old Scholars Web site

ICT technician Josh Nunn, recently unfurled a new web site for our school, complete with a new centenary design, and a link to a new, interactive old scholars page. Past students and staff can set up groups and build engaging social networks using this new facility. (Setting up groups, for, say, "finishing year" groups – the 1954 Leaving Class – is really easy.) All data from the previous old scholars site has been imported, and all members received an email advising them of this new page. Thanks to Josh, it has never been easier for old scholars to network and interact.

## Cinema Advertising Competition

It sounds easy: write 35 words for the voiceover in a cinema ad to capture a positive, interesting quality of school experience at Unley High School. Our cinema advertising competition challenges students to think about their school, its place in our State, and their place in life after school. These examples helped illustrate the competition to students:

*"Unley High School, one of the State's first public high schools, outgrew two sites before moving to Kitchener Street, in the shadows of the foothills. No other State school has prepared more people for life."*

*"Where have pilots, doctors, accountants, plumbers, psychologists, athletes, musicians, hoteliers, politicians, lawyers, car dealers, bankers, waiters, and thousands of mums and dads learned their literature, music, maths, friendship and loyalty? Happy Centenary, Unley High School."*

*"They were soldiers in two World Wars. They defended free speech, democracy, property rights, liberty. They fought for all Australians, migrants from across the world. The Utmost for the Highest. Unley High School 1910 – 2010."*

This was the best contribution by a student in May, Cameron McKenzie (Year 12):

*"Wow! Over 100 years of Unley High School has produced many kinds of leaders. Our most recent and proudest achievement is the Honourable Julia Gillard, the current Deputy Prime Minister of Australia. So follow her footsteps."*

Perhaps old scholars and past staff may wish to send in their own "35 word" cinema advertisements (email [graeme.webster@uhs.sa.edu.au](mailto:graeme.webster@uhs.sa.edu.au)).

## Centenary Fringe

Already we are aware of groups of old scholars who plan together and reminisce at informal, fringe functions. The custom of reunions for scholars from particular eras has seen the "1965" students meet in 2005, for example. A host of "ten-year" reunions have seen many past students renew friendships.

Past students and staff are welcome to use our web site to help publicise and organise their plans for Centenary Fringe activities.



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## Class Notes – 1925

### LEAVING HONOURS

(Mr Johncock, M.A.)

This year's class is one of the largest on record. We are nine in all, scattered in different rooms. We lack teachers in many subjects, and, having studied privately for some time, await with resignation our doom in the forthcoming terminals. From our class the two head prefects are taken, while all the others are senior prefects. The boys spend many lunch hours over the wireless which is in the Honours Public Boys' domicile; in fact, the only break in them is that in which we make a rapid descent on small children who have carelessly thrown down papers. One of our number combines bell-ringing with other duties. We regret to say that the bell has suffered severely. We will now conclude with the question; "Is it bobbed or shingled?"

### LEAVING BOYS

We started work this year under extreme difficulties owing to the many and various noises emanating from the new buildings. Even our teacher, the most patient and virtuous of teachers at all times, was on a few occasions compelled to cease work. These disturbances have now ceased and work is progressing steadily. The atmosphere of our classroom is somewhat impaired twice daily by the presence of a number of Leaving girls, who are valiantly striving to master the works of Euclid and other celebrities.

On the whole the work of the class is excellent, and everyone is desirous

of obtaining good results in the terminal examinations. We are well represented in sports, the majority of the tennis team and a number of the cricket eleven being among our members.

The class prefects help greatly in maintaining the order of the classroom

We have among our members a small person whose years are far in advance of his stature and also of his common sense. His hair is a constant source of amusement to us. Each week, according to his reckoning, the old order, or rather the old hair-oil changeth, yielding place to a new. We also have among our scholars an adept in the art of knife-throwing, and often a pleasing demonstration of this fine art is given.

From the notes it may be seen that the senior boys are a versatile company,

### LEAVING GIRLS.

(Miss Law, M.A., Senior Mistress.)

Despite the fact that our class consists of two divisions – namely, those who were in the Leaving last year and those who are doing Leaving work for the first time, we have settled down into a respectable, if rather eccentric Leaving Girls' Class. Our work will probably show more marked improvement when we are enjoying the long-hoped-for comforts of dwelling in the new wing.

Congratulations are extended to all those who gained passes and honours in the recent examinations.

We are as well represented in the

various sports as we are in the School work, and the majority of the senior girl prefects are members of our class.

Besides work and sports there are other interests, such as Girl Guides and Dramatic Clubs. A Senior Dramatic Club was established several years ago, and has been revived this year among both third and fourth year students.

### LEAVING COMMERCIAL

(Mr. Lillywhite, B.Sc., Deputy Head Master.)

When we returned to School after the Xmas vacation we hoped to enter into possession of a new room. We have been exiled from the main School for over two years, and have occupied the domestic dining-room which suffers a continental climate.

We have to congratulate Miss Raffelt upon obtaining 100 per cent passes – with two credits in geography.

We claim to be a very hard working class. The result of last year's examinations is very gratifying. Two candidates from our class obtained fourth and tenth positions amongst the scholars who qualified for the John Creswell Scholarship.

Our class is also well represented on the sports field, and before long we hope to have more of our members in School teams. We look to all team members to uphold the prestige of the Leaving Commercial Class.

We wish to tender our sincere thanks to Mr. Lillywhite for the help which he has given us in the past year.

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