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Being the head of a University College is one of the best jobs in the world. I can say this because the cause and the company are so good. The cause – the idealism of higher education in the development of society – is such an important and noble one. And the company – the people you associate with – are so interesting and attractive. You get really bright, creative students who exhibit all-round academic, sporting and cultural excellence. I have also had the opportunity especially in this year of our Centenary to meet extraordinary alumni. Let me here make special mention of Emeritus Professor Graeme Wilson who has recently attended some of our Centenary events. Graeme is one of our most senior alumni. He was awarded an open scholarship to the University of Queensland and studied at Emmanuel College from 1936 to 1939. In 1937, 1938 and 1939 he was UQ’s Athletics Champion and won the inter-varsity competitions in 1936, 1937 and 1938. He was second in the Australian Championships at 120 yards and hurdles in 1937. He was a member of the Australian team for the British Empire Games (Commonwealth Games) held in Sydney in 1938 and Captain of the combined Australian Universities team to tour New Zealand that same year. Graeme graduated with a BAgSc Hons 1 with the University Medal in 1939 and was named Queensland Rhodes Scholar for 1940. He took this up after the war, having spent a few years in a Japanese prisoner of war camp. Graeme went on to become a Professor within the University of Queensland and is still active running a not for profit company involved in conservation.

Emmanuel has a wonderful heritage. In 1910 the Assembly agreed to the founding of a Presbyterian College and at the General Assembly of Australia the same year the founding of a Theological Hall alongside it. In 1911 the committee stated: “knowing as we do the high value which our Church has always set upon education and scholarship, consecrated to the service of God, and the need of well qualified ministers in this age of educational progress the committee is thankful to the Divine hand of preparing some measures which it is confidently believed will have as far reaching an effect upon the future of the Church, the University and the whole community, as any that could be adopted in our generation.” Our alumni still continue to have an impact upon the Church, Community and the University.

Ernest Northcroft Merrington, the founding chairman, had a large vision for Emmanuel similar to the founders of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, that we have “set an acorn which, when it becomes an oak, God alone knows what will be the fruit thereof.” I do not believe that Emmanuel has yet fulfilled its potential.

This year we have celebrated one hundred years of our founding and give thanks for our founders and benefactors and the many alumni who have contributed to our rich history. We also look to the future and much of our potential can be seen in the stories of our current students recounted within this edition of Fiat Lux. On behalf of Emmanuel College, may I wish you and yours a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Stewart Gill
Principal, Emmanuel College

You don’t reach 100 years of existence without a sizeable history and Emmanuel celebrated its history at an event in October that attracted three well-known Australian historians – Professor Ian Jack (St Andrew’s College, Sydney), Rev Professor Ian Breward (Ormond College, Melbourne) and Professor Stuart Macintyre (Ernest Scott Professor of History, Melbourne).

Emmanuel at 100 covered topics including, among others, “Colleges at War – the impact of WW1 and 2 and the Vietnam War”; “Country and Gown in the nineteenth century” and “An Education for Life not for Livelihood – the philosophical roots of Emmanuel”. Emmanuel staff members Vice-Principal Dr Jane Thomson, Dean of Academic Studies Dr Lesa Scholl and Principal, Adjunct Professor Stewart Gill, also presented papers.

The day wrapped up with a panel discussion between our historians, UQ’s Professor Debbie Terry, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Adjunct Professor Iyla Davies, Head of Women’s College and an Emmanuel alumna. The discussion centred on the role of Colleges now and into the future and questions from the floor facilitated the involvement of all attendees. The day ended with drinks and canapes to celebrate our 100 year history.

Captions clockwise from top: L to R (back row) Stewart Gill, Ian Jack, Stuart Macintyre, Ian Breward, Debbie Terry, Tom Appleton, Jane Thomson. L to R (front row) Iyla Davies, Lesa Scholl; Attendees gather outside the chapel for a talk by former Council Chair and Emmanuel alumnus, Tom Appleton.
In recent years the College has instituted a Visiting Scholars program where distinguished academics from around the world visit the College to deliver lectures, mentor students and engage with members of the Senior Common Room.

Emmanuel welcomed Dr Jonathan Burnside as a resident at the College from mid April until September 2011 when he visited as our Sir Harry Gibbs law scholar. Dr Burnside is Reader in Biblical Law at the School of Law, University of Bristol. He has degrees in Law and Criminology, both from the University of Cambridge, as well as a doctorate in Law from the University of Liverpool.

Jonathan’s work explores the relationship between law, theology and criminology from theoretical and applied perspectives. He teaches Criminal Law, Jewish Law and Jurisprudence, and his research interests lie in biblical law and criminal justice. He was appointed by the Home Office and the Prison Service England and Wales to head an evaluation of faith-based units in England and Wales, which was subsequently published as part of a wider, cross-programmatic, study of faith-based units around the world (My Brother’s Keeper: Faith-based units in prisons, 2005, Willan Publishing).

During his stay at Emmanuel, Jonathan also delivered lectures for UQ’s TC Beirne School of Law and the Queensland Theological College on Emmanuel’s campus.

Professor Bob White, Professor of Geophysics in the Earth Sciences department at Cambridge University, found time in his busy schedule to present a lecture at Emmanuel in late August entitled “Why care for the environment?”

Bob is a Fellow of the Geological Society, and a member of the American Geophysical Union and several other professional bodies; he serves a number of their committees.

He leads a research group investigating the Earth’s dynamic crust; in particular the way in which enormous volumes of volcanic rock are produced when continents and oceans rift. His work at sea has taken him to the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Oceans and his research group is currently investigating the internal structure of volcanoes in Iceland, New Zealand, the Faroes and the Atlantic margin. His scientific work is published in over 250 papers and articles.

Bob is on the committee of Christians in Science, and is a director of the John Ray Initiative, an educational charity that works to develop and communicate a Christian understanding of the environment. Since 1988 he has been a Fellow of St Edmund’s College, Cambridge, prior to which he was a student and Research Fellow at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. He is Associate Director of the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion.

Emmanuel’s Visiting Scholars program has brought a number of prominent academics to the College over the years including internationally acclaimed scholar and author Professor Don Akenson (Queen’s University, Ontario, Canada); Professor Margaret MacMillan, Warden of St Antony’s College, Oxford; and renowned academic and former Master of St Edmund’s College, Cambridge, Professor Sir Brian Heap.

The month of August also saw Australian businessman and respected philanthropist John Reid AO deliver the inaugural “Philanthropy in Education” lecture at Emmanuel.

John has an extensive history as a company chairman and director. He has played a key role as a member and trustee of John T Reid Charitable Trusts and a long serving chairman of the Thyne Reid Foundation, now retired from both.

John spoke to an audience of college heads, school principals, students and senior UQ personnel about important considerations in philanthropy, from the position of both donor and recipient.

According to John, giving money to good causes calls for a mixture of hard nosed assessment and warm humanity for needs in our community. He stressed the need for organisations seeking philanthropy to identify their audience, communicate with it, keep it informed and give it strong reasons for being helpful when you ask for money. Words of wisdom from one who knows what it is like on both sides of the philanthropic fence.

Dr Daniel McDiarmid, Emmanuel alumnus, Chair of the Emmanuel College Foundation and Chief Executive Officer of Global Philanthropic Asia-Pacific, gave a vote of thanks. Both addresses have been published as Emmanuel Paper No 14 “Philanthropy in Education” which is available from the Advancement Office.

Captions clockwise from top:
L to R Bob White, Stewart Gill and Jonathan Burnside; John Reid; L to R John Reid with wife Lynn Rainbow and Daniel McDiarmid
Bequests are incredibly generous investments in the future, regardless of their dollar value, and the College is always extremely grateful to receive one. Recently, Emmanuel was the beneficiary of a bequest from the estate of the late James Stevens, a former Emmanuel Council member and Chair, who wanted to provide a scholarship for a student with outstanding academic results in the study of English or drama. The Lucy Morris Stevens scholarship was awarded for the first time in September 2011.

Inaugural recipient Regena Marler was born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada where she had resided for most of her life. At the beginning of the new millennium, however, Regena re-located to her namesake ‘Regina’ in Saskatchewan, Canada due to a restructuring of the company for which she worked.

Once in Regina, Regena decided on a life-altering change and enrolled in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Regina to obtain an undergraduate degree in Women’s and Film Studies, which she completed with High Honours.

Regena continued her academic career at the University of Regina through an Interdisciplinary Master’s Degree, with a focus on Media Studies and Theatre. A condensed version of a chapter of her thesis is forthcoming in the anthology *Mind the Gap! Saskatchewan Cultural Spaces*, published by Canadian Plains Research Centre, Regina.

Next came the consideration of Doctoral possibilities. Regena wanted to study internationally and the English, Media Studies and Art History Department at The University of Queensland appealed especially because of the research conducted in spatial theories and psychogeography in the field of performance.

On arrival in Brisbane, Regena was awarded Emmanuel College’s Lucy Morris Stevens Scholarship for Drama/Theatre/Performance and, as the inaugural recipient, moved into the College in mid-September. She has just begun research towards a Doctorate in the Philosophy of Drama.

A Milestone Evening with John Pearn

As always, our medical dinner this year provided a great evening’s entertainment and edification for Emmanuel’s students, alumni and friends of the College and was an occasion befitting the celebration of our 100 year history.

Held once more at Customs House, the Centenary medical dinner featured eminent guest speaker Professor John Pearn AM, an icon in medical and defence circles, and was hosted in partnership with UQ’s School of Medicine, itself celebrating a milestone 75th anniversary.

Professor Pearn achieved first-class honours in medicine at UQ in 1964 and also graduated in science. He holds double doctorates from UQ and the University of London. Surgeon-General of the Australian Defence Forces (1997–2000) and Professor of Paediatrics and Child Health at UQ and the Royal Brisbane Hospital since 1986 and Honorary Professor at the University of Sydney since 1999, Professor Pearn has served as a doctor and educator across five continents.

Professor Pearn delivered a thought-provoking address “Trusting One’s Judgement”, a reflection on the importance of wise judgement in the founding and histories of three institutions celebrating milestones – The University of Queensland, Emmanuel College and the School of Medicine.

Wise judgements, according to John Pearn, are made after observation, experience and reflection; and changes within the three institutions mentioned above have come about because of the resolve and courage of those who trusted their judgements.
I have to admit that it was with a certain amount of pride that I undeceived the Professor sitting next to me during the 2011 Sports Awards Dinner. Upon the completion of the musical entertainment provided by Ellen Terry and Hayden Lee, he presumed that they were studying Music at the university. Engineering and Medicine were not what he expected to hear. The same could be said for the entertainment at the Cultural Awards: Business and Arts student Casey Wise and Architecture student Bradley Chimes also moved the audience with their performance.

For me, this is one of the most valuable aspects of life at Emmanuel College – the vast range of talent embodied in each of our students. It is, therefore, one of my highest priorities every year to celebrate with the students their successes, not just in their academic achievements, but also in their sporting and cultural prowess. It wasn’t at all surprising to me that many of the same names that had appeared at the beginning of the year at the Academic Awards Dinner also emerged at the Cultural and Sports Awards.

The jubilance that marked the Cultural Awards Dinner was partly due to Emmanuel’s win of Dancefest, the most important of the ICC Cultural Cup events. We also won Chess, College Idol and the Art Show, so it was particularly gratifying to see trophies presented to Samantha Holford (Art), Darius Ashrafi (Chess) and Ellie Yates (Dance). The number of College Blues and Half-Blues was outstanding, which speaks to the level of dedication and contribution our students have. Other trophies went to Casey Wise (Choral), Pamela Frederick (Debating), Thomas Cullen (Drama), Kit Allen-Waters (E!News), Emma Szczotko (Instrumental), Nick Russell (Public Speaking) and Stephanie Mackinnon (Technical/Backstage).

Special awards for Cultural contributions went to Sam King, Elise Allcock, Stephanie Keogh, Hayden Lee, Emily Anderson-James, Abbey Nydam and Robert Welsh. The Foundation Cultural Medals for 2011 went to our two outstanding Cultural Convenors, Jordane Bennett and Ellen Terry, while the highly coveted accolade of Cultural Laureate was bestowed upon third-year Psychology and Criminology student, Peter Staff.

The following week gave cause for further celebration with the Sports Awards Dinner. The students and guests were privileged to hear a very motivational and inspiring presentation from Mr Noel McBride, renowned elite State and National Athletics coach and author of the recently published *Be Your Own Hero* (Brolga Publishing). Again, with a plethora of Blues and Half-Blues, the college showed its commitment to success. Premier pennants were awarded to the Tennis boys for their victory in the ICC competition. They were Nicholas Lowery, Ben Winston, Scott Robinson, Jordan D’ArCY, Tom Laidley and Gerard Taylor.

Other awards went to Daryl Jensen (Most Outstanding Contribution to Sport), Marikki Watego (Most Outstanding Sporting Achievement), Ash Willoughby (Supporter of the Year) and Tom Mansfield (Convenors’ Award for Most Consistent Performance). We were also able to honour two students for their selection in National Teams: George Morseu (Australian University Rugby 7s) and Marikki Watego (Australian Women’s Touch Football).

The Fresher Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year went to Josh Partridge and Daryl Jensen. The Sportsman of the Year went to George Morseu, while Isabel Taylor and Hannah Martoo tied for Sportswoman of the Year. The EMC Foundation Medals for Sporting Character were awarded to Ziad Zeidan and Sulitna White.

It is with some nostalgia that the 2011 college year is drawing to a close. And yet I am pleased to say that the students will be able to look back on this year as one of their most successful. They have involved themselves in the college community and beyond, and conducted themselves with excellence and determination. They leave behind a legacy of commitment and a challenge for future Emmanuelians to take up the mantle of success.
Emmanuel is proud of its longstanding commitment to community – both within and outside the College. This commitment and what it means for students, staff and friends of Emmanuel is abundantly clear at the annual Bannockburn Community Awards dinner where students are recognised for service to the Emmanuel and wider communities.

This year, Don Graham (1987–1989) presented the Bob Kippin Memorial Prize to third year engineering student Mitch Roberts for exemplifying the excellent community spirit and leadership qualities demonstrated by Bob Kippin. Bob was an Emmanuel student in the late 1980s but died tragically just after his 21st birthday. He was an all-rounder, a genuine leader by example, and greatly loved. The prize is donated by Bob’s father, Norm Kippin.

Emmanuel receives continuing and generous support from the Society of St Andrew and members attending this year’s Bannockburn included Doug Porteous and Maurie de Hayr. Doug, the Society’s Chieftain, presented the DM Fraser Bursary to second year student Louisa Cameron for outstanding contribution to the College community. Douglas Fraser, a founding member of the Society of St Andrew in 1947, was a member of the Emmanuel College Council for 47 years and chairman for six.

There are many Emmanuel students who take part in a variety of community-focused activities throughout the year and not all can be recognised on the evening of Bannockburn. The College and the community at large are grateful for these unheralded efforts that truly exemplify the spirit of Emmanuel.

Emmanuel Meets Cambridge

We were delighted to learn that one of our alumni, Jess Walsh (2006-2008), was awarded a Cambridge International Scholarship and a UK Commonwealth Scholarship, both full scholarships to allow her to study at the University of Cambridge. Jess also won a top up scholarship called the John Stanley Gardiner Studentship from the Department of Zoology at Cambridge.

Jess will spend the next four years completing a PhD in Conservation Ecology which will be supervised by Prof Bill Sutherland in the Conservation Science Lab at Cambridge. Jess will be researching and investigating how to improve the effectiveness of invasive species management, such as weed removal or predator control, using evidence-based conservation.

Jess arrived in Cambridge at the end of September and is now settling in to her new digs at Churchill College which, she notes, is not as impressive as Cambridge’s Emmanuel College but has a friendly, welcoming feel. She wrote recently “Wherever we travel around the world, whether we are harvesting bananas in Ecuador or hiking in Patagonia, Argentina, we will always be blue dogs, spreading the Emmanuel College spirit.”
Emmanuel’s dining hall has recently been on the receiving end of some energy-efficient technology that is friendly to our environment. To replace air-conditioning, two ‘Big Ass Fans’ have been installed to move the maximum amount of air with minimal energy consumption. Big Ass Fans are high volume/low speed fans that move a lot of air with their size (up to 7.3m in diameter), not speed.

The company says Big Ass Fans are designed to last – they use ten blades operating at slow speeds to move large volumes of air. It would, they maintain, be less expensive to build their fans if they lowered the number of blades and compensated by increasing the operating speed, but that would decrease the life and sustainability of the fan.

This innovation will really be put to the test on enrolment day in February when nearly 200 freshers and parents will crowd into the dining hall to take part in and witness the enrolment ceremony. Bring it on!

Our commitment to the environment has extended from the dining hall to the kitchen area. The College is looking at the possibility of using the Bokashi system to process kitchen waste. Bokashi is a Japanese term that means fermented organic matter. The key to the success of this system is the specifically designed Bokashi Bucket, and the use of EM Bokashi. EM Bokashi is made using a combination of sawdust and bran that has been infused with Effective Micro-organisms (EM). It has traditionally been used to increase the microbial diversity and activity in soils and to supply nutrients to plants.

Waste is placed into the bucket along with a handful of EM Bokashi and this layering process is repeated until the bucket is full. Liquid (Bokashi juice) is drained off as necessary and once the bucket is full the waste can be buried. The waste will break down quickly because of the micro-organisms mixed in and the Bokashi juice is valuable fertiliser.

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Emmanuel’s Centenary Founders’ Day service in September saw the installation of three high-profile Honorary Fellows in the presence of Queensland Governor Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC.

Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer The Hon Wayne Swan MP; Federal member for Groom and former Howard government minister The Hon Ian Macfarlane MP; and renowned scholar and former President of the Uniting Church in Australia The Reverend Professor James Haire AM were installed during the service.

Emmanuel’s honorary fellows are appointed by the College Council in recognition of either outstanding service to the College; contribution to the life and work of the College; contribution to academic, ecclesiastical, public or professional life; or by Council discretion.

“In Wayne and Ian we have alumni who are representative of both sides of the political fence and in James Haire we have a renowned scholar who is a former member of the Emmanuel Council and a valued friend and supporter of the College,” Stewart said. “All have contributed significantly to the community at large.”

“We were honoured to have the Queensland Governor, Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC, speak at the Founders’ Day lunch and very pleased that Mr Stuart McCosker was able to attend the celebrations as an Emmanuel alumnus of the 1960s.”

Emmanuel also welcomed UQ’s Chancellor Mr John Story; Vice Chancellor Professor Paul Greenfield AO; Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Professor Debbie Terry and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Advancement) Ms Clare Pullar.

“This year’s Founders’ Day service and lunch was a great occasion to mark the College’s Centenary and it signalled a very bright future for Emmanuel College,” Stewart said.

Above: L to R John Fenwick, Ian Macfarlane, Her Excellency Penelope Wensley AC, Stewart Gill, Wayne Swan, James Haire.

Below left: Wayne Swan, Ian Macfarlane and James Haire.

ATTENTION
EMMANUEL ALUMNI
Quinquennial Election of Alumni Councillors

The College constitution states: “The former resident members of College who are graduates shall every fifth year, elect three persons, who shall be members of the Church, as Councillors.” Information regarding a time line and how to nominate and vote is available on the College’s website at www.emmanuel.uq.edu.au. Anyone who does not have access to the internet can contact the Principal’s PA, Ms Sharon Burridge, at the College for printed copies of the forms.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

We asked Malcolm Quirey (1974–1978) to tell us a little about himself, and then asked him the three Emmanuelian questions.

I was at Emmanuel from 1974 to 1978 inclusive. This was a significant period of transition in the life of the College because in 1975 it saw the introduction of the first girls into the College and in 1978 the departure of the last of those boys (like me) who were there at a time when it was an all male College.

At University I did a combined Arts/Law degree (six years in those days). After graduation with Honours in Law I later received a Masters of Law and a Doctorate, both of which focused on Corporate Insolvency Law. After leaving College I worked as an articled clerk and as a solicitor with a prominent Brisbane law firm and then, later, as a solicitor I practiced law with other firms in Queensland and also in Melbourne. Along the way I also held lecturing appointments in various law subjects with 12 Universities across four States.

Since 2004 I have focused on full-time law practice and been with a national law firm in Sydney having a dual role: firstly, as Special Counsel and secondly, as the firm’s national General Counsel.

1. What do you remember most about Emmanuel?

Aside from the strong leadership of the then Principal, Rev. Prof Roland Arthur Busch, and the memorable “At Homes”, without doubt the camaraderie in the College was its most striking feature. We knew how to have a good time and also how to engage competitively in sport and other activities and, equally, be focused in studies towards our long term goals of graduation and professional employment.

The other thing of note in the formative years of girls in College was how those in the pioneering first three years generally integrated well with the lads still keen on maintaining many College traditions.

2. How did being part of the Emmanuel community shape your life?

Two things spring to mind. The first was the importance of networking and nurturing the company of others, qualities the College was (and still is) well placed to bring out within individuals; particularly when we start as an unknown with a lot of other unknowns on entry and learn to build up friendships and are encouraged to develop associations within College as well as the inter-College community quite apart from those relationships, friendships and networks we might build within the relevant University faculty within which we are studying. Those experiences and networks all have served me well for the past three decades. Indeed, even today many of the old friendships and networks which trace back to my College and University days are still as much alive and important today as when they were formed all of those years ago.

The second thing is the importance of personal qualities of integrity and a strive for excellence – the former in terms of your friendships and relationships with others and the latter in whatever endeavour you undertake whether it be towards a personal goal, professional development and profile or involving sporting participation or community affiliation.

3. If you had anything to say to your peers who attended College at the same time as you, what would it be?

I refer back to a comment that was often said by many across each of my College years especially in Orientation weeks and on Valedictory Dinner nights. Indeed something I think I actually said myself when I gave the Valedictory Dinner speech in 1978. It is opportune to here recount:

“... In many years to come we all will look back on these times and reminisce about what an enjoyable camaraderie we all had with each other and how all our lives have been enriched by being afforded the opportunity to join and grow within such an energetic and vibrant College community where we have gotten to know so many people of different backgrounds and outlooks, been able to discuss and debate so many divergent view points and also to share so many wonderful experiences.”
Our Centenary year has been an eventful one for Emmanuel College students participating in college and university sports. Sport plays an important part in college life and we’re fortunate to have a number of extremely talented students representing our College.

Emmanuel women were very successful in the Inter College Competition (ICC) with winning teams in badminton, squash, table tennis and AFL. The men were not quite as successful and boasted a win in tennis.

Emmanuel has a few outstanding players who should be mentioned here and they include, George Morseu in rugby (also selected in the Australian University Rugby 7s team) and Kimberley Wheller for badminton, squash and table tennis. Special mention must go to Marikki Watego who made the Australian Womens touch team!

Sporting Spirit Alive and Well at Emmanuel

The Emmanuel student body found an historic way to move into our second century with current Students’ Club President Emily Anderson-James passing her presidency over to Louisa Cameron. This is the first time we have had consecutive female presidents! In fact, this is only our fifth female president in the past 100 years – our first was Nicola Hutchinson in 1991.

As Emily passes the baton to Louisa, we thought it might be opportune for Emily to reflect on her time as the 2011 Emmanuel College Students’ Club President:

“The Emmanuel College Students’ Club (ECSC) enjoyed a busy year in 2011, celebrating the Centenary with successes on the sports field, in cultural pursuits and of course academically. From O Week until swotvac, the spirit of the Blue Dog was well and truly alive at Emmanuel this year. The year has been a credit to the hard work of the Student Club’s executive committee, as well as that of the staff and students of the college. I wish the best of luck to Louisa Cameron as the incoming ECSC President, and to all the college valedicts of 2011.”

We congratulate all students who were elected to leadership positions in 2012.
A HUGE CENTENARY WEEKEND
Front cover image: Incoming Students’ Club President Louisa Cameron hits the dance floor with fourth year student Peter Walker of Longreach at the Centenary Gala Ball.