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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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The Matrix that is Emmanuel

Students around the country have just matriculated from schools and have selected or are in the process of selecting universities and colleges for further education. The meaning of matriculation as often used throughout the 60s and 70s in Australia referred to successful completion of year 12 at high school. The word matriculation is derived from the Latin word ‘matrix’ which means a situation or substance within which something else originates, develops or is contained.

Emmanuel in this case is the matrix, and it has nothing to do with the Hollywood movie featuring Neo, Trinity or Morpheus. It is the situation in which students have been contained (lived, studied, flourished) for one, two or in some cases five years

and beyond. During that time students develop – broadening their skills and knowledge, and especially expanding their network of friends and gaining a better understanding of how they can live their life and contribute significantly to making the world a better place. Emmanuel has a long and proud history. But one of the things of which we are most proud is the spirit of our alumni. It’s hard to describe, but there is no denying that it exists. You will see it soon enough during alumni events but by then you will already know what I’m talking about.

This spirit comes from being involved while in College. Heading to sport or cultural events to play, perform or cheer for our sports or cultural teams; or succeeding

academically and proudly claiming to be a “Blue Dog” at graduation. American educator and philosopher John Dewey said:

“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.”

At Emmanuel our students learn something every day – inside and outside the formal education that the University offers. This edition of Fiat Lux features many of the proud achievements of current students and alumni and I commend it to you.

On behalf of Emmanuel College, may I wish you and yours a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Stewart Gill
Principal, Emmanuel College



SIR HARRY GIBBS LAW DINNER OPENS A DOOR

First year Arts/Law student Jack Larkin writes about taking advantage of the opportunities that College life can provide.

As students, it is very easy to feel as if our careers lie in a distant future – well beyond the demands of assessment and a social lifestyle. What we sometimes forget is that (as students) we are often presented with enriching opportunities. In May 2012, I was afforded such an opportunity to network with members of the legal profession at the Sir Harry Gibbs Law Dinner. I sat next to an established barrister of some 20 years. We spent the night talking about her practice and my studies as well as our shared connections to Emmanuel College. At the end of the night, she encouraged me to arrange some work experience with her. Over the coming months, I attended court with her and was eager to help in any way possible. I thoroughly enjoyed my time with her as I was exposed to legal practice in a professional and gracious manner. Undoubtedly so, I have made a connection that I will maintain throughout my legal education; one that I will still value when I myself am an established lawyer.

I believe these sorts of opportunities are unique to the college experience. Their value is in strengthening the college spirit by recognising the ability of past collegians to contribute to the new.

Pictured: Jack Larkin receives an Emmanuel College scholarship on entry to College



STUDENTS ACHIEVING

We are often telling you about the achievements of our students in Fiat Lux and this edition is no exception. Ashley Bell and Dylan Nicholls have each been recognised this year for their ability – here are their stories...

Young writer awarded for literary excellence

First year Arts/Journalism student Ashley Bell has been ‘Highly Commended’ for his short story “New Eucalyptus Leaves” in the State Library of Queensland Young Writers Award 2012.

Ashley, who lists Hunter S Thompson, Chuck Palahniuk and Brett Easton Ellis among writers he admires, learned of the award through Facebook.

“I’ve always enjoyed writing and when I heard about this award I decided to write with winning it as my goal, and with a Queensland audience in mind,” Ashley said. “Also, the \$2000 first prize money would have come in handy.”

Ashley’s story tackles the issue of drug overdose among young people. “I saw a play on drug overdose and it stayed with me, so I thought I’d write something about it,” he said.

The Young Writers Award provides an opportunity to nurture and showcase the talent of Queensland writers aged between 18 and 25. This year, entries were judged by The Courier-Mail Arts Editor Nathaneal Cooper, Brisbane Writers Festival Director Jane O’Hara, author Sue Gough, and novelist and former Young Writers Award winner Alasdair Duncan.

It appears that Ashley Bell is following in the footsteps of Emmanuel alumna Amy Barker who won the 2008 Queensland Premier’s Literary Award for Best Emerging Author.



Community and Academic Excellence Acknowledged on a National Scale

First year Emmanuel College MBBS student Dylan Nicholls travelled to Sydney recently to receive the Learn Earn Legend: Young Indigenous Achievement Award.

As a member of the NRL Gold Coast Titans Beyond Tomorrow programme, Dylan was nominated and awarded for his achievement in academics.

The Beyond Tomorrow programme helps guide Indigenous students through their final years of schooling, in order to assist them in gaining employment and pursuing tertiary opportunities.

Of the evening, Dylan said, “The awards night was awesome. I was starstruck, there were NRL legends everywhere. I felt so privileged to be in that position.

“I got to meet and get pictures with NRL players like Preston Campbell, Johnathan Thurston, Scott Prince and Dean Widders.”

At Emmanuel College, we are proud to be a part of Dylan’s journey, as he seeks to complete his medical degree. Dylan would like to specialise in Orthopaedic Surgery, working with the NRL players.

Far right: Dylan received his award from Learn Earn Legend founder and NRL star, Preston Campbell
Left: Highly Commended writer Ashley Bell



DIVERSITY AND SUCCESS – EMMANUEL SPORTS AND CULTURE

Jolie Mather (Events Manager) writes on sports and Dr Lesa Scholl (Dean of Academic Studies) on culture...

Our annual Sports Awards Dinner in October celebrated the achievements of our sportsmen and women in the Inter College Competition (ICC) this year. This dinner is always a favourite among the students and a great way for the College to recognise the extra-curricular activities and efforts of our sporty students. Special mention must go to the female Sports Award winner, Daryl Jensen and male winner, Josh Partridge. The female Fresher Sportsperson of the Year went to Alice Grellman and male winner, Matt Rackemann. Big congratulations also go to the Most Outstanding Contribution to Sport winner, Ziad Zeidan who was an all-round winner! Last but certainly not least, the Foundation Medals went to our Sports Convenors, Daryl Jensen and Tom Mansfield.

As far as the ICC results went this year, we were pleased to move up the sports ladder from placing fifth in both men's and women's events last year to third in men's and fourth in women's this year. A deserved win in the men's basketball tournament contributed to this overall placement. We also won the women's AFL but unfortunately this doesn't count in the ICC points scoring system – a shame as we have won this event for the past three years but, overall, a great achievement for our men and women.

On another evening in October, we celebrated the cultural success of Emmanuel College for 2012. This event was even more deserved given that a few days earlier our students had performed so brilliantly in Dancefest, moving the college ranking from sixth to third in the ICC Cultural Cup. This success speaks to the dedication of our students, who continue to strive for excellence even when their goals seem unattainable.

While enjoying the delectable food provided once again by the College, I ruminated on the nature of cultural activities in the

college. The students have shown, especially in 2012, a great deal of initiative in developing the cultural platform of Emmanuel. From bringing ENews back to a weekly publication, to the founding of Art Alliance, Emmanuel College has shown its commitment to partaking in the abundance of cultural activity, including literature, film, visual art, theatre and music.

Cultural Convenors Peter Staff and Kate Noon can well be proud of the diversity they brought to Emmanuel College's programme this year. No longer focusing solely on the Intercollege competition, they brought cultural participation to the fore of everyday college life. In this way, they have wholeheartedly participated in Emmanuel College's goal of enriching lives, and were honoured through being awarded this year's Foundation Medals.

A particular commendation must go to the 2012 Cultural Laureate, Hayden Lee. I remember interviewing Hayden almost two years ago for entry to Emmanuel. He told me that when he left college, he wanted to be proud of having contributed to the life of the college and for inspiring other students. Given the number of trophies he received for his success, his contribution is evident; but it is even more so through the way other students speak of him and look up to him in regard to the way he has given to the college community. He can rightly be proud of his involvement in the Emmanuel cultural life – he has achieved what he set out to do within our walls, and his wall of trophies certainly sets a high standard for those willing to take up the challenge!

Cultural blues and half-blues were awarded in greater numbers than I have seen in the past, which speaks to the increased level of involvement of the college community. They are seeking to give as much as they can to the cultural life of Emmanuel, and are rewarded by reaping the sense of achievement and community that comes out of their roles. It is evident that the vibrant, dynamic cultural life of Emmanuel College continues to grow each year.



Top left: Emmanuel's Cultural Convenors Kate Noon and Peter Staff with Emmanuel Foundation Chair Daniel McDiarmid; **Top middle:** 2012 Cultural Laureate, Hayden Lee, with Emmanuel Council Chair Bruce Winter; **Top right:** Ziad Zeidan receives the trophy for Most Outstanding Contribution to Sport from Female Sports Convenor Daryl Jensen; **Left:** Stewart Gill with Sportsman of the Year and Female Sports Convenor Daryl Jensen and Male Sports Convenor Tom Mansfield.



COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY

Each year we come together to celebrate the contribution our students make to community, whether it be the Emmanuel or the wider community, at the Bannockburn Community Awards dinner. And every year we have a wide range of students deserving of a community award – over 30 awards recognising community spirit were handed out this year. Anthony Kung, our Sir Harry Gibbs law scholar, was awarded the RA Busch Memorial Bursary for outstanding contribution to the College community and Doug Porteous, Chieftain of the Society of St Andrew, presented the DM

Fraser Bursary to our Pipe Band, accepted by Pipe Major Andrew McCabe. The Society of St Andrew has been a major supporter of the College over many years and continues to support the College through the Bannockburn Bequest, which was accepted by Students' Club President Louisa Cameron on behalf of the College. Always very popular with students, the dinner pays tribute to our Scottish heritage with the men resplendent in kilts and the ladies wearing striking tartan sashes.



Left: Principal Stewart Gill and Emmanuel Foundation Chair Daniel McDiarmid with Society of St Andrew Chieftain Doug Porteous and Pipe Major Andrew McCabe; **Left:** Anthony Kung is awarded the RA Busch Memorial Bursary by Emmanuel Council member Bruce Pearce; **Right:** Students' Club President Louisa Cameron accepts the Bannockburn Bequest on behalf of the college.

EMMANUEL STUDENTS EARN UNIVERSITY'S HIGHEST SPORTING HONOURS

Emmanuel students Marikki Watego and Reid Sierp have excelled in their chosen sports to be awarded a University Blue and Half Blue respectively – Marikki in Touch Football and Reid in Surf Life Saving. Marikki, now in her third year of business management and law, earned a Half Blue in 2011 and has represented New South Wales, Queensland and Australia in touch football. Reid hails from Maroochydore and is studying second year engineering. To quote UQ Sport, "Blues Awards have a long tradition at UQ Sport and The University of Queensland. Over the years, Blues have been awarded to sportsmen and sportswomen in recognition of their outstanding sporting achievements and for enhancing the reputation of University Sport. To be awarded a University Blue is held in high esteem and is one of the highest accolades a University athlete can receive".



WE SAY FAREWELL TO OUR VALEDICTS

Liza Allen, Vice Principal

It seems like only yesterday that the year began and everyone arrived at College, some for the first time and others returned for another year of study, fellowship and enjoyment.

2012 has been a great year with new initiatives at College and many highlights both in the academic, sporting and cultural spheres of College life.

We farewelled our valedicts at a dinner in October where alumnus Craig Chudleigh (1986-1988) spoke about the choices we make in life and enjoying rather than being dominated by a career.

The Collegian of the Year for 2012 was awarded to Peter Walker, who has lived at College for the past five years. Peter has been a

huge asset to the College throughout his time here being involved in many sporting and cultural events as well as being our Christian Convenor for two years and Wing Leader for three years.

To our valedicts, the College door will soon close to reveal the beginning of the next stage of your lives. Of course, part of that new stage of your life is becoming a member of the College alumni. Throughout your journey as an Emmanuel alumnus, the College door will swing open to you each time you return to visit. We may not see you here for a few years but when you do return to visit, be it as a visitor, a mentor, a tutor, a coach, a parent or grandparent, you will be welcomed with open arms.



Above: Our 2012 valedicts; **Top right:** Five-year resident Peter Walker is awarded Collegian of the Year by Principal Stewart Gill; **Right:** Alumnus Craig Chudleigh shares some thoughts with our 2012 valedicts

INAUGURAL ENGINEERING DINNER A MEMORABLE EVENING

After numerous requests from our engineering alumni for a dinner to call their own, we took heed and, in the tradition of the law and medical dinners, invited a guest speaker of note to join alumni, students and supporters of the College for an enjoyable evening of food, wine and networking.

Pre-dinner drinks enabled students to mingle with Emmanuel's engineering alumni, university staff and other guests before enjoying relaxed conversation over dinner. After dinner, Professor Jose Torero, recently-appointed head of UQ's School of Civil Engineering, spoke about the different positions he had held in his career and encouraged students to have vision and be bold during their careers.

Professor Torero has enjoyed an illustrious career over more than 20 years. He obtained a Bachelor of Science from the Pontificia Universidad Catolice del Peru (1989) and a Master of Science

(1991) and PhD (1992) from the University of California Berkeley. He has been a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering (UK) since 2010 and The Royal Society of Edinburgh (UK) since 2008. Until recently he held the BRE/RAE Chair in Fire Safety Engineering at the University of Edinburgh and was the head of the BRE Centre for Fire Safety Engineering.

He is a consultant to many private and government organisations around the world having participated in landmark projects such as the Buncefield, Sago Mine and Texas City Explosions, the collapse of the World Trade Centre and the design of complex infrastructure.

Professor Torero was an engaging speaker, reflecting on his experiences and sharing his views on engineering disciplines. After dinner, table-hopping ensued with many guests reluctant to have this memorable evening come to an end.



Far left: Guest speaker Jose Torero engages with Engineering Dinner guests
Left: Emmanuel meets UQ, from left: Anthony Kung, Vairacona My Heart, Phil Terrill (UQ lecturer and Emmanuel alum), Jamie Tuppack, Javad Shemshad (UQ) Jye Sawtell-Rickson and Alex Long

FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATES THE CONTRIBUTION OF FELLOWS

Emmanuel Honorary Fellows are elected by its Council in recognition of their contribution to the life and work of the College or to academic, ecclesiastical, public or professional life and are installed at either a Founders' Day or Convocation service each year.

This Founders' Day, UQ's Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Debbie Terry, Emmanuel alumnus and retired vet Dr Keith Hawken (1960-1964) and Emmanuel alumna and Principal of The Women's College Adjunct Professor Iyla Davies (1978) were installed as Fellows during the service in Emmanuel's chapel.

Among UQ guests were Chancellor John Story, Law School Head Gerard Carney and Pro Vice-Chancellor (Advancement) Clare Pullar.

In his sermon during the service, Emmanuel Principal Adjunct Professor Stewart Gill spoke of the relationship between church, university, college and community and the challenges that each have faced over time. He acknowledged the importance of the

relationship between residential colleges and the University and the mutual support that features strongly in that relationship.

Family and friends of our newest Fellows celebrated with church, university, college and community at a lunch following the Founders' Day service.

Pictured: The ranks of Emmanuel Honorary Fellows are joined by Professor Debbie Terry (fifth from left), Keith Hawken (fifth from right) and Adjunct Professor Iyla Davies (third from right)



REFLECTIONS ON THE NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP FORUM

Emmanuel student Michael Bradshaw reflects on the National Student Leadership Forum on Faith and Values that he attended in Canberra in September.

According to the forum's website, The National Student Leadership Forum is an opportunity to discuss the significance of faith and values as foundations for effective leadership.

"Becoming a good leader requires more than an impressive resume and a strong personality: there must be something in you that justifies the loyalty and commitment of those who follow. This speaks more to your character than it does to your abilities or achievements.

Faith and values are so important: they are the inner resources that we draw from to become the right kind of leader and to keep our original vision alive. Our faith and values shape our sense of purpose and determine how we treat others."

Michael writes:

It would be accurate to say that my attendance at the forum came about almost by accident as I was asked by the Emmanuel Principal, a week prior to the event, whether I could fill in for one of the college candidates who was unable to attend. I had never been to a leadership forum before, and to tell the truth, I had some doubts about the value of such events. To my great joy, I was completely wrong in holding such reservations, and ended up learning much, and thoroughly enjoying the experience.

In contrast to perhaps more common events that are designed to give you the practical skills in leading, I would describe this forum as focusing on internal orienting. While we did speak about the skills and talents that contribute to making a good leader, the main focus of the forum was on the internal makeup of an individual that fuels them and keeps them going, especially when times get tough.

What I found most valuable during the four jam-packed days were the small group discussions that took place on a regular basis where we shared thoughts on what we value, and what makes us tick. These conversations were always deeply personal, and at times confronting. However, all people in my group listened deeply to the stories of our friends, and from the sharing came a great sense of mutual support. While we did not always agree with each other on our goals or ideas, we did all have a respect for one-another's genuine commitment to these ideals.

The four days were a wonderful opportunity for reflection as a group, but we all acknowledged that what really mattered was to put into action the momentum created by the forum. For me, this meant a renewed commitment to sharing my love for music with as wide a variety of people as possible, and I came away with a few clear plans for how to achieve this. I thank Emmanuel very much for supporting me to attend the forum, and hope that I will be able to give back proportionately.

Tomorrow's leaders mix it with today's in the Parliament House foyer.



PIPE BAND IS SCOTLAND BOUND

Our pipe band has been courting success this year with wins in a number of competitions and now has its sights set even higher in 2013 with a goal of competing in the World Pipe Band Championships in Scotland on the agenda.

Pipe Major Andrew McCabe says the band has established strong goals and achieved growth and success in many areas in the last couple of years.

"As well as coming fourth in the National Pipe Band Championships held in Ballarat over the Easter long weekend, the band captured first place in Grade 4 for Queensland at the State Championships in Ipswich in June.

"In addition to the overall win at the State Championships, the band also took out the Donald Mackie Trophy for best Pipe Corps, the Association Trophy for best Drum Corps and also the award for best drill on the field for our grade," Andrew said.

"As well as our success in the national and Queensland championships, the band was invited to perform at the Woodford Folk Festival, which is one of the world's largest folk music festivals. We performed among a mix of national and international musicians and two pipers were part of the highlight closing ceremony."

"To avoid losing the momentum achieved over the last couple of years we think it is ideal timing for the band to compete in Scotland in 2013.

"It's a fantastic opportunity to further our goals, as well as enhancing and fostering relationships with colleges and universities in the UK. And we also see it as a great public relations opportunity for Emmanuel College and The University of Queensland."

The band also has a number of regular commitments during the year including the Anzac Day CBD Street March, playing for patients at St Andrew's Hospital, the St Patrick's Day March, the Glen Innes Celtic Festival, Tartan Day and the St Andrew's Dinner.

"The band members have worked hard and we've benefitted greatly from defined goal setting and focused musical development during the year. The improvements are clear and noticeable," Andrew said.

We wish the band all the luck in the world and if you'd like to help them on their way, you can donate to their cause. Call Sharon Burrridge on 07 3871 9362 or s.burrridge@emmanuel.uq.edu.au.



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WHERE ARE THEY NOW? – MAX GAYLARD (1964–1966)



As I reflect upon almost five years spent with the United Nations in Jerusalem until September 2012, the long-running, internationally-sponsored and UN-supported Middle East Peace Process is again stalled. That process seeks to achieve two sovereign states, Israel and Palestine, living side by side in peace and security, but is bedevilled by continuing Israeli occupation and construction of settlements in Palestinian territory, and the refusal of the Palestinian leadership to take part in direct negotiations with Israel until there is a halt to such construction.

The Palestinians themselves remain riven by disagreements with deep political and ideological fault lines. It does not help that they are now so scattered from their original homeland. Apart from the four million or so remaining in the Gaza Strip and West Bank areas of what constitutes the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt), a similar number are to be found as refugees in nearby Jordan, Lebanon and Syria, many of them in squalid refugee camps.

For most ordinary Palestinians and Israelis, the yearning for an end to armed conflict (as I write, extremists continue to fire rockets and mortars from Gaza and the Israeli Defense (sic) Force continues to attack and retaliate), the achievement of peace, and the chance to lead normal lives, remains strong. The responsibilities of their leaders clearly lie in a negotiated solution which recognises the need of the Jewish people for a homeland and a safe haven, and at the same time the right to self-determination of the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and West Bank, parts of their historic homeland. After millennia of commotion and conflict, the peoples of the Holy Land deserve no less.

There is an array of United Nations peace-keeping, peace-making and peace-building organisations in Israel and the oPt. The oldest of these is the United Nations Truce Supervision (peace-keeping) Organization (UNTSO), formed in 1948 at the time of conflict between newly-independent Israel and surrounding Arab nations. (Ex-Emmanuelian Tony French spent a good part of his career with UNTSO and currently lives in Jerusalem where we met regularly. We were delighted to welcome Stewart Gill to our UN Jerusalem office a couple of years ago.)

The UN organisation for which I worked is known as the UN Special Coordinator's Office (UNSCO) for the Middle East Peace Process, a UN peace-making and peace-building mission formed in 1994, in direct response at that time to the Oslo Peace Accords between Israelis and Palestinians. My principal role as a UN Assistant Secretary General was to serve as the Deputy Special Coordinator for the Peace Process, and as the UN Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator for the oPt. I commuted regularly among our UN offices in Jerusalem, Ramallah in the West Bank, and Gaza.

Among other things, I was responsible for organising the work of the UN (some 25 or more separate entities) in support of the humanitarian and development needs of the Palestinians. These cover anything from the provision of humanitarian relief assistance to needy Palestinians to supporting Palestinian state-building efforts in governance, law and order, and socio-economic development. Israel's military occupation of the Palestinian territory, Israeli settlements in the West Bank, and the continuing rifts among the Palestinians themselves, persist as critical impediments to progress, and a sovereign state of Palestine is yet to emerge. Nevertheless, the Palestinians can now justly claim their operational and institutional readiness to run their own State of Palestine. On the basis of our work with and for them, the UN has been able to publicly confirm that readiness.

While I was not to know it at the time, the long road to Jerusalem and beyond began in earnest when I set off from home near Nambour in the late summer of 1964, bound for Emmanuel and the University of Queensland (UQ). There followed four very happy and carefree years, the first three at Emmanuel where John Walthall from Gympie was my next-door room neighbour. For the fourth and final year I shared accommodation with three other Emmanuel alumni, namely Paul Yates also from Nambour, the late Gary Lusk and Gary Buchan-Hepburn both from Maryborough, in a dilapidated old "Queenslander" immediately opposite Government House in Bardon.

The period 1964-67 coincided with the continuing Australian military presence in Malaysia and Singapore (under the Five Power Arrangements) and the build-up of Australian military forces for the war in Vietnam, with the consequent introduction in the mid-sixties of national conscription for males turning 20 years of age. For our generation at Emmanuel and the UQ, we were thus privy to and in some cases active in the burgeoning protest movement on the university campuses against Australian involvement in the Vietnam War (Brian Laver at UQ comes to mind). At the same time we were liable to be summoned for military service in that conflict!

It is thus not surprising that an unsettling feature of those otherwise bucolic days at College and University – apart from the unwelcome interruption of annual exams as the jacarandas began to bloom – was the shadow of "the call-up", with a one in ten chance of finally ending up in the Army. Along with a number of others at College, my number – or to be more precise my birth date – came up during the course of my third year (1966) at UQ and Emmanuel.

Completion of academic studies was allowed, so I eventually reported to the Army in Enoggera in July 1968 after completing



Far left: Max Gaylard en route to the graduation of Palestinian de-miners in Jericho, June 2012.
Left: Max Gaylard
Below: Max Gaylard is presented with honorary Palestinian citizenship at a farewell ceremony at the Office of the Palestinian President

my BA Hons and, having meanwhile been selected as a diplomatic cadet for the then Department of External Relations, a six-month diplomatic training course in Canberra. It was a rude shock at the time to find myself on a bitterly-cold parade ground at Singleton in NSW while my 20 fellow diplomatic cadets were packing their bags and heading off to postings as Third Secretaries in locations decidedly more exotic than Singleton! (Penny Wensley went to Paris.)

The obligatory two years of Army service passed quickly enough. After a few weeks at Singleton, I attended the then Officer Training Unit (OTU) at Scheyville NSW for six months, and spent the remaining time in Malaysia/Singapore with the First Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment as a Platoon Commander. More illustrious colleagues in the Junior Officers' Mess included Peter Cosgrove and Jeffrey Kennett (the latter also at OTU with me), who both went on to distinguished public service careers, Peter with the military and Jeffrey in politics.

I returned to External Affairs in Canberra in mid-1970, and after an entertaining year or so in the office of then Foreign Minister Billy McMahon, there followed postings to Mexico, Burma, Singapore, and finally as Australian High Commissioner to Solomon Islands from 1985-88. After a further eight years on secondment from the Australian Government to the London-based Commonwealth Secretariat in London as Director Political/International Affairs, I joined the UN in 1997, and served in northern Iraq (Iraqi Kurdistan), Sudan, Somalia, the UN Mine Action Service based in New York, and in Israel/Palestine.

My three years at Emmanuel, most of that time still as a teenager, played no small part in the development of an intense curiosity about the world beyond. It was a revelation to meet and be living with fellow students not just from the far reaches of Queensland, but also from other Australian states, New Zealand, and even a sprinkling from South-East Asia and the Pacific. Sadly there were no indigenous Australians at College, indeed very few in the entire UQ. The current efforts of Stewart Gill as Principal to attract more of such students are both overdue and much welcomed.

Stewart's concerted efforts to build an academic programme which complements and enhances what the University itself has to offer, and the vision of turning out well-rounded future leaders from all manner of backgrounds including through the extension of scholarships, are also inspiring. As a former Commonwealth Scholarship holder, I know that my career as it unfolded would not have been feasible without a scholarship.

It would be fair to say that sport played a dominant role in our

College life, and that just about everyone seemed to be involved in one form or another either as player, organiser or spectator. For my part I was only too happy to join in with the rugby crowd – enduring a certain amount of good-natured teasing as to whether male students of the humanities were able to mix it with the rough and tough of the more "muscular" faculties. (On the wider UQ front, there were during that period a number of more-than-useful rugby union and rugby league players from the Arts faculty, who inflicted a totally unexpected and humiliating defeat on the Engineers in the inter-Faculty rugby competition.) Rugby was the premier sport, as it probably still is, and Emmanuel was able to field champion teams and more often than not took the inter-College honours. Cricket, tennis, field hockey, rowing and swimming were also in the frame, so those with a sporting bent were well-catered for. On the rugby field, two of our heroes were Frank Bennett and David Crombie, both of whom wore the maroon of Queensland.

Just as I was fortunate to have been given the chance to benefit from Emmanuel and UQ, I have also been fortunate in the course of my professional life to have been a close observer of and even participant in major historical events. I was on the ground for the first democratic elections in South Africa and the emergence into the sunlight of the charismatic Nelson Mandela; witnessed at first hand the return of the Iraqi Kurdish people to their mountain homelands after being hounded and persecuted by Saddam Hussein; and observed the troubled birth of a new state out of conflict in southern Sudan. It would be nice to cap it off with seeing the emergence of a sovereign State of Palestine living side by side with Israel in peace and security, but that may have to wait a little while yet.

Max Gaylard



SOME 2012 MOMENTS



Front cover image: Professor Jose Torero speaks at the inaugural Engineering Dinner



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