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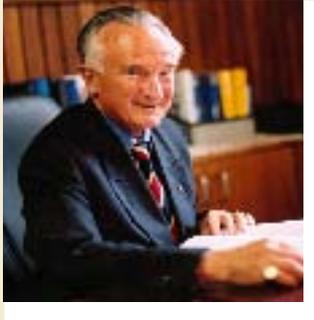
The yearly tradition of a winter workcamp in Warrane entered a new phase this year with our first trip to Vietnam. Between July 2 and 23 a group of 16 residents traveled around the South-East Asian country. Before long, most realised that it was going to be little different from

previous workcamps. The traditional concept of physical work under the hot sun was set to one side. This didn't mean there weren't physical discomforts – they were sure to come – but this trip had more of a human focus.

During the first week, the volunteers taught English to

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Message from the Master



Professor Tony Shannon

In Session One 2007, Warrane College became an Institutional Member of the College of Teachers at the University of London Institute of Education in order to get a program in leadership and mentoring accredited by that body. The course consists of 12 modules related to the theory and practice of teaching and tutoring with an emphasis on those skills which underpin practical leadership.

The course leads to a Certificate of Educational Studies and a Diploma of Educational Studies. Twelve residents have been participating in the classes which have been presented by the College Chaplain, Father Joe Pro, and myself.

I had developed similar courses (with a different emphasis) at other institutions. It was felt that it would add to the general academic ambience of Warrane.

The motivation also came from a need to help the resident tutors in essential skills in communicating with the other residents whom they mentor, as well as a desire to assist residents with polished professional generic skills which transcend any particular career.

In some European universities what we in Australia might call a School of Education is sometimes actually called a School of Social Communication because the communication skills of a good teacher are fundamental to effective leadership in any human endeavour.

Many of the ideas presented in the modules are merely organised common sense; others have been parts of workshops provided for tutors in the past or in general College talks.

By presenting them as a coherent sequence of ideas, and with opportunities to follow up with individual discussion with the Master, the ideas of leadership and mentoring whether now in College, or later in professional practice, are tangible and specific, rather than abstract notions.

More specifically the purpose of the course is to sensitise undergraduate tutors to the basic principles of teaching, including leadership and

nurturing.

The objectives of the course are:

1. To learn how to prepare a lesson.
2. To distinguish the scope and range of assessment.
3. To practice the main features of leadership.
4. To mentor and advise teenage/junior undergraduate students.
5. To improve as self learners.
6. To demonstrate the ability to teach or tutor.

Topics covered by the course include:

1. Basic Lesson Structure
2. The Elements of Assessment
3. Learning Conversations
4. The Nature of Knowledge
5. Group Learning and Self-directed Learning
6. Taxonomies and Objectives: Assessment of Teaching
7. Enhancing Thinking Skills: "Cognitive Architecture"
8. The Origins of Western Education
9. Some Principles of Developmental Psychology
10. Some Modern Educational Thinkers
11. Leadership and Mentoring
12. Teaching and Learning: "Multiple Intelligences"

The College of Teachers was incorporated by Royal Charter in 1849. Its aim has been to support the continuing professional development of teachers and those who work with them.

It established the first Chair in Education in the UK in the 19th century and it offers a framework of awards of qualifications. Professor Geoff Whitty is the current President of the College of Teachers and Director of the Institute of Education at London University. Professors Jim Athanasou and Peter Sekhon will act as external examiners.

Last, but perhaps not least, those who successfully complete the major assignments during the break between UNSW Sessions will have another formal qualification, to add to their resumé.

Virtuoso cellist Chris Pidcock awarded Churchill Fellowship



Chris Pidcock performing at Warrane

One of the highlights of college life in recent times has been the virtuoso performances in College by our award-winning cellist, Christopher Pidcock. The latest award to be won by Christopher is the coveted Churchill Fellowship which he intends to use to study in Germany next year.

At only 22 years of age, Christopher already has an astonishing range of achievements to his credit. They include a Bachelor of Music at the University of Tasmania (2003-2005) which earned him the Mount Nelson Prize (Music) for "the greatest proficiency in specialised study in the Bachelor of Music course", the Director's Prize and the Frank Schuster Memorial Trust Award from the Hobart Conservatorium of Music and performing with the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra.

He has also completed a Graduate Diploma in Music at the Conservatorium of Music at Sydney University which he is in the process of converting into a Masters degree, is a member of the Sydney Sinfonia and, at the time of writing, is on a European tour with the Australian Youth Orchestra.

Chris's Churchill Fellowship project is to study with three of the most highly respected teachers in Germany.

"Having been involved in musical projects overseas in the past two years, I have come to more fully realise the great tradition of string playing that lives in Germany and how their methodologies are crucial to the individual success of their young artists," Chris said.

"My time in Germany will involve two months of intensive classes in private and in public – an opportunity that will have a huge impact on my development as a professional performer and teacher in Australia and abroad in the years to come.

"It will be very interesting to work with three different professors in the same country, and I look forward to what they will each offer me in their own unique style of pedagogy."

Chris began learning the violincello in grade 3 at Canberra Boys Grammar. He won various scholarships over the years and earned a rare distinction in his LMusA in 2002. His performance in music in the HSC earned him inclusion in the prestigious ENCORE concert for outstanding HSC music students.

Warrane on target for a fourth sports shield

The College is on target to win another intercollege sports shield competition. It would be the fourth year running that the college has won the shield.

During first semester, Warrane took out the Rugby Union final (pictured below) and Tennis tournaments.



We were also runners up in the Hockey Tournament.

In the one-day carnivals, Warrane placed second in Volleyball and Touch Football and we were placed third in Rugby League.

UNSW Chancellor tells residents to use Warrane to broaden horizons



Mr Gonski awards a College Scholar medallion to Nicholas Santucci

The Chancellor of UNSW, Mr David Gonski AC, presented this year's College Scholar Medallions to Warrane residents who achieved Distinction average scores in 2006.

Mr Gonski, who has been chairman or director of a long list of companies and organisations, including Coca-Cola Amatil, the Westfield Group, the Australian Stock Exchange and the ANZ Bank, took the opportunity to urge residents to broaden their interests while at Warrane.

"What I have learnt over the 35 years since I left university is that the meaning of life is not restricted to what you want to do as your vocation," he said during the presentation on Wednesday, May 16.

"After 30 years practice as a lawyer, a merchant banker and a company chairman, I believe the meaning of life is not executing successful company takeovers, but the work you do for the community."

He said he had found the the work he had done for charitable, welfare and cultural bodies had been the most satisfying part of his life.

The organisations to which he has given his time have included the Art Gallery of New South Wales (as President of the Board of Trustees), the Australia Council (as Chairman) and the board of St Vincent's Hospital. He has also served as Chair of Film Australia, as Chair of the Bundanon Trust, as Chair of the Australia Council and as Deputy Chair of the Library Council of New South Wales.

Mr Gonski is the first alumnus of UNSW to hold the position of Chancellor of the university. After graduating he took a position as a solicitor with the Australian law firm, Freehills, from 1977 to 1986, becoming a partner at only 25 years of age. He went on to co-found an investment bank and is now a professional company

director and chairman, corporate adviser and consultant. He is highly regarded for his ability to find ways to "negotiate calmly through the toughest corporate tangles, bringing divergent parties together to get business deals done".

He told Warrane residents that his own experience had confirmed that individuals get as much out of working for the community as they give to it.

Saying he felt "privileged" to visit Warrane, he expressed his surprise that it was such a young institution. He said that as a student in the 1970s he had thought that it had been on campus for a long time.

He urged residents to take advantage of the opportunities Warrane offers to broaden their interests and horizons. "Don't forget the roundedness you are going to get from this place," he said.

This year for the first time, all students with a Credit average or higher received Merit Awards and a glass tumbler emblazoned with the College shield.

The 2006 Warrane Scholars are: **Hoi Kit (Eric) Au** Medicine II, **Thomas Bolton** Optometry II, **Thomas Burger** Petroleum Engineering II, **Scott Campbell** Medicine II, **Brian Chung** Software Engineering/ Arts I, **Noriyoshi Kawasaki** Science Honours – Zoology, **Bryden King** Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering II, **Way Siong (Alex) Koh** Medicine II, **Tsz Keung (Ricky) Law** Aviation (Management) I, **Wei-Jie (Jonathan) Lee** Medicine II, **James Lennox** Software Engineering II, **David Maunder** Electrical Engineering/Science III, **Nicholas Myles** Medicine I, **Oliver Nawrot** Chemical Engineering I, **Kan Phruksovanasaka** Engineering Science Masters – Spatial Information, **David Ramadge** Mechanical/Biomedical Engineering V, **Andrew Samaan** Medical Science I, **Nicholas Santucci** Law III, **Kamal Sattar** Commerce II, **Corey Smith** Medicine I, **Hey Fung (Luca) Tong** Aviation (Management) I. **Gordon Yoon** Commerce I.

Residents inspired by our first workcamp in Vietnam



The 2007 Warrane Workcamp Group

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university students in Ho Chi Min City.

This was a real cultural exchange during which we hope the Vietnamese people received as much as we Australians did. Most important of all, we found there was a real environment of friendship and trust.

Visiting an orphanage of mentally and physically disabled children was one of the most memorable activities of the trip. The volunteers spent time with some severely disabled children, offering a couple of hours of company.

Warrane boys who took part said they were extremely moved by the experience.

After this intense week in Ho Chi Min City, the group moved on to the Mekong river area where they visited several communities. The living conditions in this area were extreme. With the reality of poverty being so stark, it was a real lesson to see how people can live happily without any material possessions.

In some villages there were opportunities to help out with physical work. Tasks such as cleaning, gardening and building were taken on with great enthusiasm.

Various families were provided with clothes, money and school materials for the children, but the main focus of these visits was to bring the disadvantaged some hope and human warmth.

Finally, we visited an AIDS clinic and spent time with the residents and staff members.

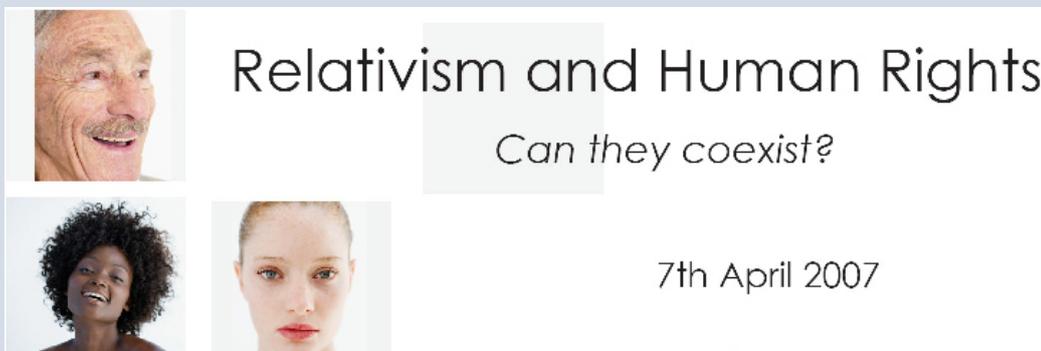
After leaving the Mekong area, the group visited the Cu Chi tunnels and Ha Long bay as well as Hanoi city in the north.

The consensus after the Vietnam project was that it was a real experience of team work, learning about others, service and contributing to society.



Steve Dejong visits children at an orphanage in Ho Chi Minh City

College's Easter Seminar proves popular



A detail from the promotional flyer for the College's Easter Seminar

Warrane held a highly successful seminar on Relativism and Human Rights during the Easter break, attracting over 40 people, including students, Warrane Old Boys and a number of academics.

The Master of Warrane, Professor Tony Shannon, launched the seminar, pointing out not just the absurdity of moral relativism but the potential dangers of following its philosophical approach.

Dr Shannon took the issue of AIDS as an example, arguing that the best 'cure' for the threat of AIDS, was to begin with an unclouded approach to morality, something that was not possible with relativism.

Dr John Lamont, of the Catholic Institute of Sydney, spoke next. He outlined the history of the concept of rights, emphasising the dependency of subjective or personal rights on the more fundamental concept of objective right.

Dr Lamont specifically mentioned human dignity as a facet of objective right, and this was the particular focus of Dr Joseph Azize, a lecturer in law at UTS. Dr Azize highlighted the importance of human dignity in debates over euthanasia legislation in Australia.

After lunch, Roger Sandall, anthropologist and a regular contributor to *Quadrant* magazine, spoke on 'Prudential Relativism and the Problem of Ignorance'. Mr Sandall gave an entertaining and thought-provoking presentation. His essential argument was that tolerance and cultural allowances are not synonymous with moral relativism.

The final speaker was Jenness Warin, a registered nurse who has worked extensively in education in remote Australian communities. Ms Warin emphasised that many of the issues affecting indigenous Australians are attributable to a 'values-free' approach to their government.

Her words take on particular significance in the light of recent administrative upheavals in remote regions.

The proceedings of the Seminar are in the process of publication and copies will be available from the Master of the College.

Warrane welcomed as a Centre of the College of Teachers

Warrane's acceptance as a Centre for the College of Teachers has been welcomed with a front-page article in the College of Teachers Newsletter.

As mentioned in the Master's Letter in the current edition of the Journal (see page 2), Warrane's new role as a Centre for the College of Teachers will enable it to run accredited courses of the College. This will allow Warrane to prepare students for two Certificates of Educational Studies – one in Theory and one in Practice.

The article in the College's Newsletter points out that the Certificate of Educational Studies (Theory) focuses on sensitising undergraduate tutors to the basic principles of teaching, including an introduction to the theory of knowledge.

The Certificate of Educational Studies (Practice) focuses on introducing undergraduate tutors to the basic practices in teaching, including leadership and nurturing.

Old Boys Roundup

1970s

Tony Cecire (74-77) is an Ear, Nose and Throat specialist, living in Hamilton, New Zealand. Dr **Thao Doan** (75-77) now lives in Brisbane, with his parents who have migrated here from Vietnam. He studied engineering, works for Stanwell Corporation and is involved in the repercussions of climate change and energy sources. He has had contact with some other former Vietnamese students such as **Quang Ho Minh** (74-75, 77) who resides in Sydney and **Minh Nguyen** (74-76) from Saigon who has been working with RMIT in Vietnam. Dr **Woo-Young Choi** (74-75) dropped by Warrane this year during a trip from Korea. He is Professor of Biological Chemistry and Technology at Chungnam National University. Dr **Seamus Grimes** (74-77) met him there recently. Seamus is a professor at University College Galway and comes to visit Australia once in a while and always stays with us at Warrane. A large number of former students have experienced his "Irish" welcome on their way through Ireland. The early '70's Alumni group meet every two months or so for lunch at the Australian Hotel in the Rocks. **Paul Dunn** (70-74) is the convener and regulars include **Mark Butler** (73-78), **Ken Holtom** (73-78, 81), **Rod Cox** (71-72, 77), **Chris Holmes** (72-76), **David Bolton** (70-80, 02-05) and **Gary McGrath** (74-76) and more recently **Richard Assef** (76-78) – anyone from that era is welcome. Contact details: Paul Dunn (primara@netspace.net.au) or David Bolton (bolton.david@usa.net).

1980s

Anthony Macks (86-90) has started a new role in teaching maths and science at St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill. **Alistair Nicholas** (83-85) is running his own company in China, AC Capital – specialising in Strategic Public Relations. His business has been expanding – from Beijing to Shanghai and now to India. He met up with David Bolton last year and is always keen to hear from other former Warrane students in Beijing. **Craig S. Smith** (77-82, 85-95) is working as a molecular biologist in Hamilton, New Zealand, for the NZ equivalent of the CSIRO, AgResearch.

1990s

Ben Bolton (96-98) is an optometrist in private practice in Maitland Newcastle. **Luis Trullols** (96-02) is a Development Manager with Kensington Properties on a

major project in Taupo, New Zealand, featuring mainly luxury apartments and homes overlooking Lake Taupo. **Peter Guy** (97) works in Chatswood managing a call centre. He lives with wife Julie and daughter Olivia. **Patrick Doherty** (97-99) lives in Sydney with wife Jessica and three children. **Hiroaki Endo** (97-02) is employed by Rolls Royce in Derby County England as an Aerospace Engineer.

2000s

Julian Baldwin (03-05) is living in Wagga Wagga, finishing his medical placement at locations such as Griffith Base Hospital. **Steve Dejong** (01, 03-04, 07) recently finished a clerkship in law in Canberra and has returned to College this semester as a Junior Tutor. **David Crosland** (03-04) has begun work in Emerald, Central Queensland after scoring high on his final thesis for his degree. **Abishek Verma** (03-05) has returned to Sydney to work at St Vincent's Hospital. **Ning Wang** (03-05) is hoping to give a paper for one of the top international IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc.) conferences in biomedical engineering, held in Lyon, France. **Jason Chan** (02-06) is completing his final year of veterinary internship in Wollongong. **Billy Strain** (01-02) is working in Perth and has recently travelled around Europe. **Albert Jaucian** (02-05) is working for TressCox Lawyers in Sydney. **John Walker** (91-94) lives in Chicago, and is married to Ale, an American, and has five children. **Charles Perrottet** (03) is finishing off his thesis and Aeronautical Engineering degree at Sydney University and captains the Redfield Old Boys Rugby team. **Luke Heywood** (02-03) is in his final year of medicine in Port Macquarie Base Hospital and lives in PM with wife Pam. **Andrew Clout** (02-04) is also finishing medicine in Port Macquarie Base Hospital. **Steven Joseph** (01-04) recently announced his engagement to Emily. He is currently working for Ernst & Young, CA. **Paul McCormack** (01-04) is working in London for a year, after working as a project manager in Sydney. **Paul MacFarlane** (04-05) is travelling around Europe with friends, after working for the RTA in Newcastle. **Daniel Hill** (06) finished his Diploma of Education last year and has begun secondary school teaching at Redfield College. **Lynton Walters** (00-02) is working as a technician engineer for SBS. **Inigo Echaniz** (05) has finished his degree in Business from the University of Navarre, Spain, and will soon begin working with Deloitte in Madrid.

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College Notes



■ Thanks to modern technology we have finally been able to record one of the great Warrane traditions in all its glory. The above photo, taken with a wide-angle lens, shows residents playing Touch Footy at Seven Mile Beach, Gerringong, during O-Week.

■ In the Winter break, first-year Mining Engineering student Chris Rowland represented Warrane at the National Conference of the National Association of Australian University Colleges (NAAUC). This year it was held at Mannix College, Monash University, in Melbourne. Chris joined hundreds of delegates from around the country to hear keynote speakers and join workshops and discussion groups on a wide range of topics such as student-staff relations in colleges, goal setting, communication, social events and O-Week.

■ Stage 3 of the College's renovations is expected to begin later this year. The next stage will include a major upgrade to the ground, first and second floors.

■ This year Warrane has had a big intake of students, with 65 new residents arriving from a range of backgrounds. The breakdown of place of origin shows a fairly even representation of the four categories: Sydney 17%, International Students 27%,

Australian Inter-State 22%, Country/Rural NSW 34%. Among the bumper crop of residents at the College for their first year (which includes many first-year students, some second-and third-year students, postgraduates, two Masters students and a PhD Candidate), there is once again a healthy showing of Engineering and Medicine students: Medicine / Medical Science 17%, Engineering 55%, Commerce / Econ / Business 10%, Arts / COFA 6%, FBE 6%, Science 6%. Among the first-year group, we have a great range of talents and abilities including swimming and tennis at State level, Merit Listing HSC students, Co-Op Scholars and Rural Scholarship recipients.



College residents (l-r) Daniel Wight-Wick, Alex Barkley, Rakulan Ganeshanathan, Gary Leung and Piyush Vats

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