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A Prayer for the Intentions of Padua

(The College, its students, past pupils, parents, and teachers)

Lord, fill our hearts with your grace, that we may understand and support young people, as we would like them to understand and support us.

St Anthony of Padua, patron of our School – Pray for us

St Clare of Assisi, model for praising God – Pray for us

St Francis of Assisi, model of Gospel living – Pray for us

Blessed Mary MacKillop, compassionate educator of the poor and disadvantaged – Pray for us

Our Lady Help of Christians, patroness of Australia – Pray for us

Holy God, source of all goodness we place before you the needs of Padua College. May it continue nourishing the spiritual, physical and educational needs of the boys it serves.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



Pool and Assembly Hall/Sports Complex

(September 2007)

The Plan

*Looking eastward
from the oval.*



The Progress

*Left: From the Oval
looking eastward (St
Francis Hall – old
Friary - is visible in
the background)*

*Right: Looking
westward from
ground level (the
pool is to the left of
the picture)*



Chairman's Word

Welcome to the Padua Old Boys Association Spring Newsletter. With spring underway, what comes to mind is the Spring Racing Carnival and now associated with that is the Padua Race Day. The Padua Race Day was a huge success last year. Unfortunately, this year's Race Day has had to be cancelled due to the outbreak of the Equine Influenza. However, it is intended that this event will return next year. Look out for it!

Just a reminder (as I have mentioned in previous newsletters this year) to ensure your contact details are up to date with the Association. It's a great way to keep in touch with what's happening with the Old Boys and the College. If your details have changed or you know of any other Old Boys who are not on our database please send an email with your contact details to info@paduaoldboys.asn.au or call Robyn at the College on (07) 3857 2022.

Also for those who have attended reunions this year and would like to include an article in a future newsletter you can send a short story and photos to our editor Chris Fitzpatrick via email to paduafitz@hotmail.com. Remember to keep checking the Old Boys website for up to date information on events and reunions.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the Padua College Seniors of 2007 all the best for their final stages of Year 12 and for their future endeavours whatever that may entail. We look forward to your involvement with the Old Boys Association in years to come.

All the best and I look forward to seeing you at future events.

Clayton Hill

Pool and Assembly Hall/Sports Complex

(September 2007)

The pool area



Padua Race Day

This year's Race Day has been **cancelled** due to the Equine Influenza.

2007 PADUA COLLEGE FOUNDATION CORPORATE LUNCH

The 3rd annual Padua College Foundation Corporate Lunch was held at Tattersall's Club on Friday September 14 2007. Approximately 130 people attended the Lunch which hosted Old Boys, Parents and members of the Brisbane Business Community.

Former Olympic swimmer, Seoul Gold Medalist and world 200 metres freestyle record holder, Duncan Armstrong, was the guest speaker. Duncan captivated the audience with his experiences leading up to the 1988 Seoul Olympics and his winning relationship with coach Laurie Lawrence which spanned a period of ten years.

The Corporate Lunch was a great success and the Padua College Foundation is indebted to the Foundation's Patron, **Eddy Groves** (Class of '83) and **Tony Arnold** (Class of '78), for their generous sponsorship of the Lunch.

A special thank you to **Simon Stower** (Class of '85) for organizing the auction items and raffle prizes, and to **Greg McLean** (Class of '73) and Acting Rector, Brett Harvey, for speaking at the Lunch.

The Foundation is also grateful to the Old Boys, Parents and the Business Community for their support of the Lunch.

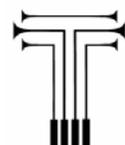
We look forward to seeing as many Old Boys as possible at the 2008 Corporate Lunch.



- ❖ **Daniel Hitzke** (Class of '03) has been offered a place on the National Evangelisation Team next year in the lead up to the World Youth Day. He was also co-compere for the Archdiocesan Youth Day held recently at the Convention Centre.
- ❖ **Tim Warwick** (Class of '06), last year's College Dux, has received a Lord Florey Student Prize for 2006. This award is granted by the Australian Government and "celebrates the outstanding achievement of the very best students who graduate from our secondary schools each year". Tim, his family and the College, can be justifiably proud of his efforts last year.

Franciscan Colleges' Instrumental Program Showcase Concert

Come along to the San Damiano Centre (Somerset Rd side of Mt Alvernia) on Friday night, 26 October, at 7pm to hear the quality of the senior bands and ensembles of the FCIP.



2007 PADUA COLLEGE OLD BOYS WEEKEND

Approximately 25 Old Boys attended the annual Old Boys weekend held at "Amaroo", Padua College's Outdoor Education Centre at Pomona on August 31 to September 2 2007.

As usual, an enjoyable time was had by all who attended the weekend. Friday and Saturday nights were taken up with the obligatory 500 tournaments with much discussion on the ability of those who were playing.

Saturday's excursion this year was to Pomona to check out the local establishment and to see how the equine industry was performing around Australia.

Fr Barry Kirby (Rector 1983-1989) led the spiritual part of the weekend which concluded with Mass on Sunday morning before departing for home.

The date of the 2008 Old Boys weekend will be advised when the calendar for next year has been completed.

*Left to right: Steven McCabe, Glen Brading,
Michael Greco, Michael Nguyen*



Class of '87 Reunion

2007 represented 20 years since the 1987 Seniors had been students at Padua College and therefore, we decided to organise a reunion to catch up with old mates and swap a few stories.

The reunion started at Padua College where we were looked after by Simon Stower and Scott Maguire. We were extremely thankful to Simon and Scott who both gave up their own time to take us on a tour of the school and to make sure that we felt welcome at all times.

On the day, we had about 30 old boys turn up which was a great result given that quite a few of the guys could not attend because they are living and working overseas. We must thank Clayton Hill for providing a list of contact details for the 1987 seniors which was extremely helpful in tracking down some of our old classmates.

For some of the guys, the reunion was the first time in nearly 20 years that they had seen the school and some of their schoolmates, however, judging by the banter between the boys you would not have known it.

The tour of the school was certainly a highlight of the day. It gave us an opportunity to visit old school classrooms and reminisce about the good old days. The school certainly has better facilities than it did 20 years ago and the new sports auditorium and various computer rooms are proof of that. As some of the boys mentioned, the tour of the school was the first time they had ever seen the inside of the library.

After finishing up at the school, we all headed down to the Kedron Park Hotel with the promise of not waiting another 20 years to do it again.

Again, many thanks to Padua for helping to organise the day. Any 1987 seniors who were unable to attend the day, please forward your details to Clayton Hill and we will keep you posted on the next get together.

Paul Wood (Class of '87)

River Fire

Congratulations to **Anthony McGrath** (Class of '97) who was one of the F-111 pilots launching Brisbane's River Fire on Saturday, 1 Sept.

*Anthony is pictured here with **Dominic Walker** (Class of '93)
in a photo from the Spring 2004 Old Boys' Newsletter.*



The following article and photograph appeared in *The Catholic Leader*, 22 September.

EXAM block has been less intense than usual for three Year 12 students at Padua College, Kedron.

Dom Morris, Nicholas Elsworth and Alex Budrodeen spent two days last week watching short films at Hamilton's Dendy Portside cinemas in preparation for *Moviemania* – an Oscars-like event, which recognises the work of Film and TV students in schools across Australia and New Zealand.

After viewing *Moviemania*'s 210 entries for this year, the Padua trio thought their film noir genre piece didn't stand a chance.

But much to their surprise it won Best 2007 Film on the gala night, held at Rocklea's Croatian Community Centre on September 8.

Padua College Film and TV teacher Dominic Thurlow said the boys did not expect to win.

"They broke into applause and then they realised they were applauding themselves," he said.

"Their jaws dropped to the floor and it was a grand moment."

Dom Morris explained their story as a "1950s, shadowy, underworld-type film".

"It was about a private detective who got involved with a woman, but she turned out to be a criminal.

"He had to decide whether to put her in jail or to let his feelings get in the way of his work.

"He put her in jail, but when she eventually got out she killed him for revenge."

Films were judged on cinematography, editing, directing, production, sound and costumes.

Mediamania founder Anita Smith said the winning Padua entry was "exceptional" in each of these categories.

"Everything was done exactly how the genre should be," she said.

"It was a simple, yet outstanding film.

"I don't think people are aware of how talented these young filmmakers are."

The boys only had one disappointment – they won't get to experience the \$20,000 in equipment won for the college before graduating.

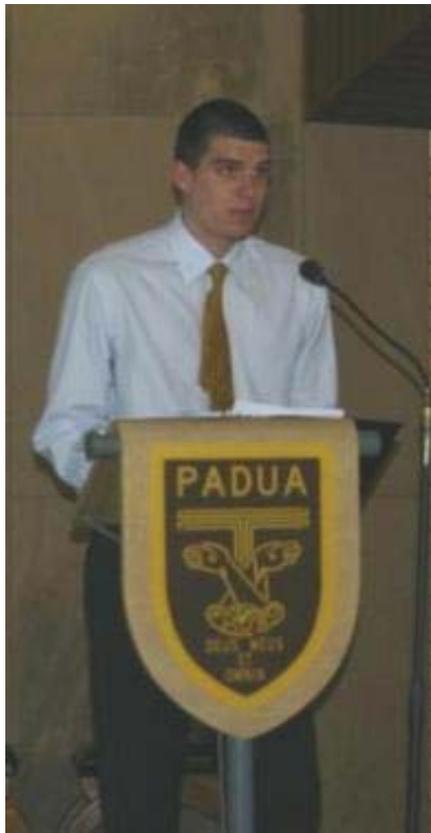


Back: (Senior Students) Dominic Morris, Nicholas Elsworth, Alex Budrodeen

Front: (Film and Television Teacher) **Dominic Thurlow** (Class of '89)

In July, **Jarred Pickering** (Class of '05) was the special guest for the Academic Assembly. His address to the College appears here.

Good morning all, as you are now aware my name is Jarred Pickering and I was a senior at Padua in the year 2005. I began my schooling life at Padua in 2001 as I entered Year 8 and am left with memories that will last a lifetime. During my time at Padua I took part in several extra curricular activities including being named 1st Basketball Captain. Academically I applied myself throughout my entire schooling life and was fortunate enough to receive an OP 1 when I graduated from Padua in 2005. I have since completed my freshman year at Mars Hill College in North Carolina on scholarship where I have been competing in the South Atlantic Conference for basketball, as well as completing the first year of my chemistry degree.



Playing basketball at the College level in America became a goal of mine as soon as I learnt of the possibility. I felt that to improve my basketball it was always going to be necessary that I move to America at some point because, after all, it is the home of basketball. Furthermore, as it became clear that I would get the chance to get a degree and experience independent life in a different country, I saw this goal as a life-changing experience that I simply had to achieve. Fortunately, in early 2006 I was offered a full scholarship to Mars Hill College and my dream was realized as a result of my efforts, as well as the efforts of my own family and also Ms Trish Dwyer who assisted me immensely.

Of course, the drawback that stemmed from accepting the scholarship was that I *did* have to leave home for nine months to realise this dream. Whilst it was not necessarily the easiest thing to do, I knew that I had to take full advantage of the opportunity that I had been given and so I left.

After completing my first year of college I can honestly say that it truly is a whirlwind experience. Unlike Australia, it is expectation of American High School Graduates is that at the age of 18 they will move on to live on a College campus and attain their degree. For me it was a case of gone were the comforts of being in my own home, or even my own country, and I had to welcome the prospect of waking up for 8am class on time, doing my own laundry, managing bank accounts and sorting out a new mobile phone. It definitely took some getting used to, but I emerged with a new confidence and independence that I could not replace.

As for college life, being on campus with over 1000 people definitely has its advantages. Between the hours of 8am and 3pm is all the class time for the day, and I can assure you there are few things worse than having an 8am class in the middle of winter when it's -7 degrees and there is six inches of snow on the ground. In my case, most classes have been Math and Science based since I

am getting my degree in chemistry. After 3 o'clock every day we have basketball practice for anywhere between two and three hours and then we are free to do whatever we want, be it go to McDonalds or any of the 4000 food chains, or go to the super Walmart which is open 24 hours a day, catch a movie, or cruise through shopping centres that make Chermshire look like the local Woolworths. As well as all of this there is always some sporting event happening around campus so you can watch the College's football team or any other of the nineteen sports that Mars Hill takes part in.

Basketball-wise I was able to play in some big arenas that sit up to 14000 and in front of some very loud and rowdy crowds. The talent was superb and I have improved exponentially as a result playing with that talent. We play three games a week for three months with practice every other day and we are still expected to complete all of our studies. It is tough but definitely worth it!

As for holidays I was fortunate enough to spend spring break in Tampa Bay, Florida, as well as being able to attend some high quality NBA games in Orlando and Charlotte. I have been to Universal Studios and Disneyland in Los Angeles and visited crazy looking



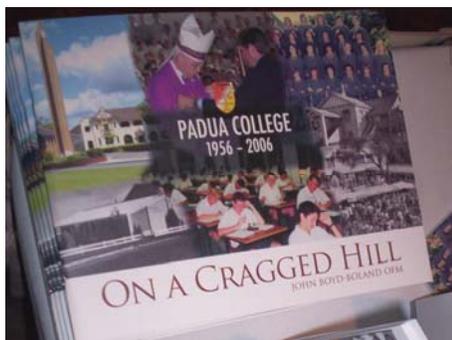
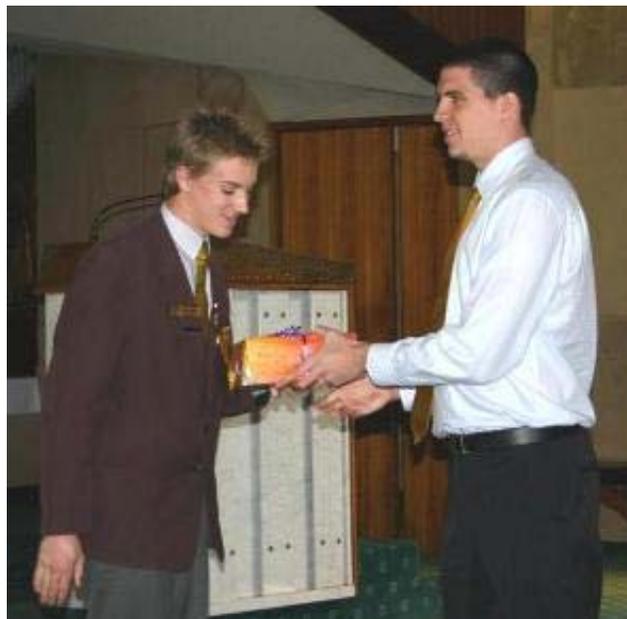
rock formations; and I was able to see all of this as a result of chasing after a dream that I had since my early childhood.

Since I am going to return in mid-August as a sophomore to Mars Hill, I would like to point out that my experience at Padua College helped prepare me for this next stage in my life because of the communal atmosphere that Padua endeavours to foster. Learning how to relate to and with all types of people, both your seniors and your peers, is a typically Franciscan attitude that served very well in helping me adapt to a foreign country where I did not know anyone.

Furthermore I would like to urge all of you when given a chance or opportunity to realize your dreams to grab it with both hands...The worst thing that can happen is that you won't enjoy it...but at least you will never have any regrets.

Jarred Pickering

Right: Jarred being presented with gift by Rhys Young, College Captain



On a Cragged Hill

“On a Cragged Hill”, written by Fr John Boyd-Boland ofm, tells the story of Padua College from 1956 to 2006 and includes lots of old and recent photographs. Copies of the book are still available for purchase from the College Office at a cost of \$25.

From the College Bulletins

- ❖ Congratulations to the Vocal Ensemble who received a Silver Medal in the Catholic Colleges' Music Festival. Special thanks go to Jason Goopy (Associate Teacher) and Robert Russell (Class of '03) for their time and assistance in preparing the boys.
- ❖ The Environment Club from the Eastern Campus was awarded the Wrigley Company Litter Prevention Award.
- ❖ On 17 September, Fr Stephen Bliss, Provincial Minister, blessed the St Francis Jubilee Statue, a Jubilee gift from the Friars. The statue is a physical reminder, to the College community, of the Gospel values that everyone should strive to live by.

The occasion also marked the end of an era. Fr Stephen has been the Provincial Minister for the last nine years, the maximum allowed by the Friars, and this was his last official duty in this position. Fr Stephen has provided much support, guidance and leadership to Padua over his nine years.



Above: Fr John Boyd-Boland, Fr Stephen Bliss and St Francis Jubilee Statue

- ❖ For many years the College has run the Leo Grigg Writing Competition. This year's overall winner was Christopher Williams.
- ❖ Congratulations to the 2007 Wakakirri performance by the boys of the Eastern Campus. Mrs Ayre, Ms Debenham, Ms Izatt, Ms Wendell and the boys spent many hours refining their performance and were rewarded with for their efforts with a first place in their group.
- ❖ In the sporting arena, Sam Weeks (Basketball), Shane Lubbe (Cross-Country) and Elliot Campny (Baseball) represented Metropolitan North in State Carnivals, and Isaac Conway and Fletcher Mclvor who have been selected in the Queensland team for Australian Rules. Brendan White also achieved fifth place in the 15 years Queensland State Championship for the Duathlon.
- ❖ The Open Chess Team – Mark Hipolito (Captain), Lachlan Duffy, Harry Tinniswood and Rupert Noronha – took out this year's AIC Chess Premiership.

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A Note from the Editor

It is aimed to make the Newsletter a seasonal production (4 times a year). To make sure that it is interesting and informative there is a need for relevant information to be included. To this end I will need information to include in it – what you've been up to, where you've bumped into Paduans, what you would like to see in the Newsletter, etc.

Please let me know via email or send information to the College (address on the front page).

Chris Fitzpatrick (Class of '83)

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