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CLASS NOTES ACROSS THE DECADES

2000s

CHRIS BALDWIN (BA '04) Since graduating, I have furthered my education with a Masters Degree in Physical and Health Education. Have taught in both Primary and Secondary Schools in NSW and QLD. Now lecturing at the Australian Catholic University in Sydney whilst undertaking my PhD candidature at Monash University, looking at the Life World of the Sports Referee.

RYAN JUNEE (BCom/BE '03) With two friends he went to Silicon Valley and founded Omnisio, a video annotation and mash-up technology start-up in October 2007. Six months later, they launched it to the public and were immediately snapped up by Google-owned YouTube, for an undisclosed sum and ongoing employment for all three. Omnisio lets people add speech bubble annotations to videos, tag people and highlights; make compilations and synchronise them with PowerPoint presentations for easier sharing. YouTube has already adopted some features, while others are being integrated.

LAURENCE LOCK LEE (PhD '08) Since completing my PhD last year I have co-founded my own business to, among other things, leverage some of my research as commercial IP. Exciting for me also is having two books become available on Amazon in the same week www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_ss_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keyword=s=Laurence+Lock+Lee&x=14&y=17. One was based on content from my PhD and was 18 months in creation and publishing. The other is my PhD, picked up by a German publisher, so now I also have it in book form.... so not as prolific as it looks!

JOHN LOFTHUS (CertCom '04) I am the Assistant Director at the UC Santa Barbara Alumni Association and love what you all are doing!

AUDREY ROBY (nee Reecht) (BA Hons '02) (above) Since finishing my degree, I have been working primarily as a French teacher at the Alliance Française de Sydney. Between 2005 and 2008, I travelled back and forth between New Caledonia, my home country, France and Australia in order to complete "a



Capes", the equivalent of a Master of Education. I also got married in New Caledonia in 2005 and lived there for a year before settling back in Sydney with my husband in July 2006. I am now working at UTS as a French teacher and, since the beginning of 2008, I have been involved in the organisation of the first Alumni Reunion of my former residential college: Mandelbaum House where I lived from January '99 to July '01. I'm also looking for volunteers to help out with the reunion, so please drop me a line at alumni@mandelbaum.usyd.edu.au. (See more details page 39.)

1990s

WEMPY DYOGTA KOTO (MInternatStud '99) His career began in 1997 at American Express in Australia. Since then he has worked for some of the world's leading communications agencies including Young & Rubicam, OgilvyOne WorldWide and Wunderman in a remit spanning Europe, North America, Australia, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Now experienced in television, print, radio, direct and digital marketing, I've led and contributed to global, regional and national campaigns for *Fortune 500* brands including American Express, Citigroup, Samsung, BT, Microsoft, LG, SAP, Sony, Palm and Nokia. Born in Indonesia, raised in Australia and formerly resident in Hong Kong, Singapore and London, Wempy is now resident in San Francisco. As Global Business Director at HMX Media, Wempy leads the communications agency's international business efforts and digital practice. He enjoys surfing and living under the California sun.

GABRIELLE PREST (BA AppSc (Nursing) '92) I've had a very fortunate career in cancer nursing, completing my conversion degree in 1992 at USyd, a certificate in cancer nursing at the then NSW College of Nursing in the late 1980s, and later completing a Masters Degree in Public Health at UNSW in 1998. During all the years of study I worked in all manner of positions and domains in cancer nursing, with perhaps my most rewarding career role being part of the establishment Board and staff to set up the Leukaemia Foundation as a not-for-profit organisation in 1999. I left the LFNSW as state manager in 2008 to take up the role of Director for Professional Services at the College of Nursing. Now more than ever is a challenging and rewarding time to be a nurse and to be part of the health care system in Australia.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR (MCom 1999) completed Masters part-time while working full-time for the Commonwealth Bank in the learning and development (L&D) space. The qualification enabled me to progress my career in L&D by providing the commercial acumen/strategic elements required for a career in the financial/professional services industries. I have since worked for several organisations: Aussie Home Loans, AMP, PMI Mortgage Insurance and Deloitte - taking the skills and confidence I gained from MCom program with me.

In mid 2007 I founded the not for profit *L&D Professionals Forum*, designed to provide networking and professional development opportunities for corporate L&D practitioners. I schedule four events each year and rely on the generosity of corporate Australia to host the events. The Forum started with a distribution list of 12 which has now increased to more than 160 in Sydney. On March 8, 2009 - International Women's Day - I was awarded joint finalist in the *Australian Centre for Leadership for Women 2009 Leadership Achievement Award for Women* for founding the Forum.

In February 2009 I started my own business, *Star Source*, which specialises in Learning and Development (L&D) resourcing. We are in the business of providing the best possible L&D resources for our clients. If you are looking for a

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Dr JOSEFA CABREDO-BERCES (DIPTEFL '84) After her studies at Sydney, she held various positions such as Dean of the Institute of Communication and Cultural Studies, Assistant Dean of the Graduate School, Director of the Language Center; Dean of Student Affairs and Head of Languages and Humanities Department of Bicol University, Legazpi City in the Philippines. She has published and co-authored *Save your Lungs, Save your Life; Mastering Correct English Pronunciation and My Way to College Freshman English*. At present she's the Director of Cabredo Speech Clinic and Review Centre which conducts reviews for TOEFL, IELTS, TSE and Oral English Proficiency Programs in Legazpi City.

JAMES EDWARD FISCHER (BDS '80) having completed a four-year Bachelor of Science (Wilkes 1970) in the USA before attending the University, Dr Fischer was awarded a Doctorate of Business Administration in April 2009 by Southern Cross University. The title of his thesis was "Key areas of small business



REUNION OF THE FACULTY OF DENTISTRY '59 was held at the Australian Club in April this year and attended by 18 alumni. A splendid dinner with matching wines was enjoyed and animated conversation and reminiscences ranged across fluoridation, the Greiner-Metherell effect on the faculty/department, the great Olympic torch hoax of 1956 and the joys of families and satisfying work.



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management in private dental practice: an in-depth analysis", meanwhile maintaining a private dental practice and daily clinical sessions within the athletes' village during the Sydney Olympics.

1950s

BRIAN HARVEY (BA '52) has had a long career as a TV producer for the ABC. Forty years ago he was in charge of the ABC's televising of the Apollo 11 lunar landing and moonwalk. It was a full-scale studio production with a host and expert commentators to set the scene before crossing to Houston Control prior to pictures being received live from cameras on the spacecraft and moon's surface. The ABC team has gathered for an anniversary lunch every five years since and the ABC itself returned to film the 40th celebration.

WARREN PENGILLEY (BA '59 LLB '62) was awarded an AM in the 2009 Queens Birthday Honours for "service to the law as a practitioner, regulator, academic and commentator in the areas of trade practices and franchising". He has retired to Daylesford in Victoria.

MANDELBAUM HOUSE INAUGURAL ALUMNI FUNCTION

Calling former residents for the launch of the Mandelbaum House Alumni Association. See your old room, staff and, of course, friends. For further details: www.mandelbaum.usyd.edu.au/alumni or email Audrey Roby (nee Reece) at alumni@mandelbaum.usyd.edu.au. If you can't attend, please visit our website so we can keep you in touch with future events.

Mandelbaum Alumni Event,
29 November, 7-11pm, Cost: free.
385 Abercrombie St, Darlingtown.



Mrs Rachel Lipton (nee Mandelbaum) (BA '18, MA '34) Founding Benefactor, Mandelbaum House