**1960s**

Dr Margaret Faull OBE (BA (II,II) Archaeology ’66 DipEd ’67) was awarded the OBE in the Queen’s Birthday Honours in 2008 for her service to industrial heritage in the UK. She is director of the National Coal Mining Museum for England, in Yorkshire, and is currently a director of Wakefield & District Housing, Local Care Direct and Mid-Yorkshire NHS Hospitals Trust; chair of Leeds Central Medical Research Ethics Committee, the Thwaite Mills Society and the Society for Church Archaeology. She also holds honorary doctorates from the universities of Huddersfield and Bradford.

**PETER MCMAUGH** (BSc Agr ’64), the first Australian scientist to specialise in turf research, has won horticulture’s top award, the 2009 Graham Gregory Award for excellence in horticulture. Among Peter’s many achievements are creating the name for Australia’s most recognised buffalo grass, Sir Walter, developing the drop-in wicket in the early days of one day cricket and establishing Australia’s first turf research organisation. Of his 45-year career Peter says, “The thing I’m most proud of is still working in an industry in which I was the first scientist to work full time in Australia.”

As director of the Grass Research Bureau NSW, renamed the Australian Turf Research Institute (ATRI) in 1970, Peter oversaw the discovery of a new species of nematode that was devastating turf in NSW’s Hunter Region, which led to its control. He co-developed innovative machinery to improve turf maintenance and developed controls to eradicate invasive species in Bent grass putting greens and Couch grass fairways, thus helping to improve the quality of Australian golf courses. In 1974 Peter set up a turf production farm, Quailturf, and from 1979 also ran a full-time consultancy, Turfgrass Scientific Services. Through this company he has assisted hundreds of fellow growers increase their productivity and profitability. He has also worked with many golf course architects to develop new courses.

His scientific expertise, innovation and commercial accomplishments saw many major projects come Peter’s way including constructing or turfing major sporting venues including: Sydney Football Stadium, the Melbourne Cricket Ground, Fox Studios, Royal Randwick Racecourse, Sydney’s Royal Botanic Gardens and seven polo fields at the late Kerry Packer’s property, Ellerston.

**ERNEST M TO** (BE ’66 MBdgSc ’73 FASCE (Life)) reminiscing over 50 years since entering the University in March 1960, remembers his first days as an undergraduate, and now enjoys his new granddaughter Mayaluna (above) born to elder daughter Evelyn and her husband Ben in Brisbane recently. Younger daughter Jane, having earned a Degree in Music and a Certificate in Retail Management, is relocating from Newcastle to Sydney in pursuit of a promising career. Masters at Sydney? Maybe!

**1970s**

**LESLEY STEPHENSON** (BA ’74) is today one of Europe’s leading keynote speakers and presentation/leadership trainers.

After completing the arts portion of her Arts/Law degree in 1974, Lesley travelled to Switzerland to continue her singing studies for five weeks. Five weeks became decades, and Switzerland is today her second home. For many years she worked in Europe as a professional opera and oratorio singer, working as a soloist with conductors such as Pierre Boulez and Paul Daniel. Along the way she teamed up with Sydney University colleague David Freeman (now a world famous opera and theatre director) to establish the Swiss chamber opera company, Opera Factory Zurich.

A serious accident in the mid-80s took her off the stage and left her a semi-invalid for several years until she resolved to defy her doctors by climbing Mt Kilimanjaro. She succeeded, and regained her health in the process.

In 2002 Stephenson published the biography of the most important music patron of the 20th century, the billionaire Swiss conductor Paul Sacher who she knew well, and received media acclaim for the book on three continents (Symphony of Dreams: the life and times of Paul Sacher). She frequently returns to Australia as a presentation trainer and keynote speaker on empowerment issues. She also works regularly in Ethiopia, where she and her husband train small business holders and teach children and teachers at a primary school they have helped build. Lesley’s blog is: www.speakingout.ch

**1980s**

**DR MICHAEL G MICHAEL** (BA ’84 MTheol ’91) is presently an Honorary Senior Fellow in the Faculty of Informatics at University of Wollongong. I always enjoy reading what my fellow graduates from Sydney Uni have gotten up to and where their research has taken them. Some fascinating and inspirational stories over the years. My work revolves around the social implications of the surveillance society (and particularly the evident trajectory towards humancentric implantable surveillance systems). A term I coined to describe this trajectory, Ubervillance, was recently entered into the Macquarie Dictionary. I work closely with my colleague and partner, Associate Professor Katina Michael, with whom we have published quite extensively on this subject. (Editor’s note: Dr Michael will be writing on Ubervillance and associated topics in a forthcoming issue of SAM.)

**1990s**

**NEIL HOLBROOK** (BSc (Hons) ’90 PhD ’95) in January 2008, I moved from Sydney, and my previous position as Senior Lecturer at Macquarie University, to Hobart to take up a position as Associate Professor in Climatology and Climate Change in the School of Geography and Environmental Studies at the University of Tasmania.

**RATHI LHUHR** (BSc (Arch) ’91 MMDes SCA ’00) based in Sydney, over the past few years has spent an average of 12 weeks a year at home. The rest of the time she shares light and information, teaching at seminars in Europe, the USA and Japan. She embarked on her spiritual journey when a life threatening health experience inspired her to gain insight and understanding beyond the physical, five-sensory world with the Higher Self Connection Course (Dip. Parapsychology). Over the years Rathí continued her spiritual enrichment, completing courses with Caroline Myss, Louise Hay, Doreen Virtue, Christopher Howard, Eric Pearl and other great teachers.

“You don’t have to be physically ill to receive healing, anyone could...”
I have just completed studies at the University of Wollongong (2004), at UNSW (2002-3), then at the Theological College (2005-9). This year I am working with the City Bible Forum (www.citybibleforum.org) in the Sydney CBD.

2000s

JINGLIN CHEN (JEREMY) (MAppSc (Molecular Biology) ‘07)
I am working as a regulatory compliance professional for Novo Nordisk, a Danish pharmaceutical company; 2009 was an “inspection year” for me, during which I have experienced many inspections conducted internally (self-inspection, inspection from headquarters) and externally (inspections from EDQM, FDA, customers, local health authority, etc). What impresses me most is the one from FDA (Federal Drug and Food Administration, USA), which has a rough process but a fine result (we passed it with no adverse findings). The FDA inspector was born in South Korea and studied and worked in the USA for many years. His style is neither Eastern-like nor Western-like. In other words, his thinking is a combination of Western (analysis) and Eastern (synthesis) or systematic logic pattern. For instance, he focused not only on the whole-picture procedure, but also on extremely detailed data. To accommodate the style, we had wrap-up meetings every day and discussed the whole inspection flow (‘ideas in flow’, a working slogan in Novo Nordisk). We sought more supporting documents, improved our interview techniques (answering questions based on procedure, documents, etc) and conducted rehearsal interview when possible. Everyone contributed and shared what they knew. The persistent efforts brought the final victory. This difficult inspection has passed but every moment is imprinted in my memory. I would say what I learnt in School of Molecular and Microbial Biosciences really helped me a lot. The course conducted by TGA (Therapeutic Goods Administration, Australia) gave me the first impression of quality inspection in the pharmaceutical industry. And other courses, experiments and projects really enhanced my capability in thinking, problem-solving and teamwork spirit and so on. I got a rewarding certificate last week from the corporate VP as a member of “the best FDA preparation team” and the honour I think should be shared with all the alumni of the University of Sydney, especially ones from MOBT program. Hope everyone achieves career success in the future. PS: I am very interested in QST (Quality System Inspection Technique).

LAVINA RAJENDRAM LEE (PhD Ec (International Relations)) has just published US Hegemony and International Legitimacy with Routledge in the UK. It deals with the impact of international law on US foreign policy in the 1991 Gulf War and Iraq War of 2003. Sydney University really started my career in international relations, and the book is based on my doctoral work. I am now lecturing at Macquarie University in the Politics and IR Department.

ANITA WATSON (BMus ‘02) lyric soprano, won first prize in the voice category of the 58th ARD International Music Competition (2009) in Munich. The last Australian singer to win a prize was Joan Carden in 1967. Thirty-nine singers were chosen from 135 applications worldwide to compete for the voice prize. Watson is excited by the many opportunities her win has opened up and looks forward to undertaking more roles on Australian stages. For more about Anita Watson: www.anitawatson.net/