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The UC 2017 project has been planned for some time. As Head of College I am thrilled to see our Council’s vision, conceived three years ago, finally coming to fruition. The new dining hall and wings of the College are now taking shape. Importantly, the new buildings at UC will strengthen our commitment to sustainability by significantly reducing the College’s environmental impact. Typically, under Passivhaus design, up to 90% less energy will be consumed when compared with a building of standard construction. The new dining hall will become the heart and hub of our extended community together with additional common rooms, tutorial rooms and study spaces.

We are fortunate that the University of Melbourne has collaborated with the College over the past two years to help bring this important project to fruition. In the coming 12 months, the College community will increase to approximately 320 students, which will have enormous benefits for the quality of the college experience we provide. A larger cohort will ensure greater diversity of students, enriched academic and wellbeing programs and will help the College remain competitive.

The College depends on the philanthropic support of the entire UC community to continue to attract and support talented students from diverse backgrounds. Access and diversity have been central to UC’s founding vision and with your continued support we can significantly enhance the UC Scholarship Program. Many of our students rely on the scholarships provided through philanthropic support.

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to celebrate the generosity of our donors. You continue to inspire and support our students to strive towards their personal best, while enjoying their time at College. Financially, your open-heartedness lightens the burden of residential fees for our students and families. We are all part of UC’s history. Together we can continue to invest in our young people and the College’s future.

This is an exciting time and we aim to ensure University College continues to provide a welcoming and supportive learning and living environment for many years to come.

**Dr Jennifer McDonald**
Head of College
Student Club President’s Report

Semester Two has been another incredibly successful one in the life of the College, with the students getting involved in all the fantastic activities that College offers.

Victory on the field (and court)
On the sporting field UC had a particularly successful semester, capped off by the Boy’s 1-point victory over St Mary’s in the footy grand final. Special mention has to go to the strong marking of Kirk Downie along the half-forward line as well as all the boys that nailed their set-shots from close range. Similarly, the girls had a remarkable season, slotting seven goals in their first match before going down in unlucky circumstances in the quarter-finals. The girls also manufactured a particularly strong finish to their sporting season, with their American imports taking them deep into the finals for the Volleyball.

UC Celebrations
The social events this semester have been absolutely amazing once again. All credit must go to Tess Nettlefold for the hours of hard work that she has poured into making sure that everybody has an unbelievable time. Despite the threat of poor weather and reduced space, UC Day was the best day on the calendar for many, with the courtyard filled with bouncy castles and fresh tunes courtesy of long-time favourite, DJ Aportz. On top of this we’ve had the customary terns and are looking to finish off the year with a bang with Sports and Arts Ball and Valedictory Dinner.

ICAC
Our ICAC teams have been incredibly enthusiastic all year and with Becky Pearce leading them at all the events. UC finished with an unbelievable third place overall (our best result ever!). With such an even spread of contributors to the events this year it’s been great to see everybody getting involved. Coincidently the College returned stronger results in all the events that I participated in last year but sat out of in 2016, how odd...

Farewell and thank you
The past year has been amazing, and with the new executive now inducted, my time leading the Student Club has come to an end. A huge thank you must go to the entire Student Executive, especially to the Vice-President Gen Blair for helping to clean up after me and make sure that the College continued to function in the wake of my disorganisation. Thank you also to the tireless work of Jennifer, Peta and Marie as well as the College Council for all their work which enables the Student Club to operate the way it does and provide the best experience for those who live here.

I would be lying if I didn’t say that I’ll probably be a bit lost without college life around me. The friendships that I’ve made here will be life-long, as will be the many lessons learnt along the way. I certainly think that I’ve made the most of my two years here but all good things must come to an end eventually. Hopefully we’ve set a good example for those staying on and I can almost guarantee that I’ll be back someday soon!

Tom Wambeek
Student Club President
2nd Year Commerce student
University of Melbourne
Valedictory Dinners are all alike but each is special in its own way (apologies to Tolstoy), and this year’s was no exception. For the first time, we had the pre-dinner drinks under threatening skies. This was appropriate, given the long, wet winter that seemed to be persisting into October. However, it didn’t dampen the spirits of the students nor impact on the quality or quantity of the photographs taken that will remind them of their time at UC. For the first time, the second and third year students organised themselves for a huge group photo which will be a wonderful keepsake.

Of course, for the first and last time, Valedictory Dinner was held in the temporary Dining Room in the Rec Centre.

As one of only two third year undergraduates (the other being Tanisha Wijesinghe), Isaac Bartels gave the Valedictory Address. Despite the fact that he can remember very specific details about first year (the Pussycat Dolls seem to have been particularly popular in 2014), Isaac acknowledged that UC life has been a “whirlwind of events” and those events and people that he has met have changed him. Like many of the students that will be leaving at the end of the year, Isaac questioned if he was ever going to feel ready to leave and pondered that he would leave because he must. While it is time for him to finish at UC, he offered a final piece of advice to the soon-to-be UC alumni; “all we have to do is start with what’s in front of us”.

Student Club President Tom Warnbeek and Vice President Genevieve Blair certainly earned the Head’s Leadership Awards. In some ways, there have been additional issues to navigate this year as a consequence of the building program and Tom and Gen were able to work closely with administration to ensure that this year’s students had a memorable college experience.

Becky Pearce was presented with the Valedictory Award. The more senior students (those who have been here for more than a year) awarded this honour to the person who they believed had best represented student concerns, been involved in student administration and had made the most significant contribution to the student body as a whole during residency. Becky was the female First Year Rep last year and continued on the Student Executive this year as the ICAC Rep. It is a testimony to Becky’s efforts that we placed overall third in the ICAC competition this year. This is an impressive achievement. In addition, Becky has been an integral part of various sports teams in the past two years and her contribution was recognised last year when she was awarded Female Sportsperson of the Year.

Becky was also the recipient of the SCR Award which is given to someone “who is seen to be involved but whose efforts and work is sometimes ‘behind the scenes’ and supports the efforts of the Resident Tutors”. She graciously acknowledged the contribution of fellow nominee for the award, Sam Adler, who has supported her in various ways throughout the past two years. Given that he also served two years on the Student Exec (male First year Rep in 2015 and Treasurer this year) and was Director of this year’s production, it was a fitting gesture.

The Valedictory Tern was held in the AC and ex-UCer, Aaron Porter, provided the music – students will find any excuse to return. As drizzly rain started to fall, the students celebrated the end of another exciting year at UC.

Peta Driscoll
Dean of Students
With the beginning of Semester 2 also came the return of a busy schedule of work and study. An invaluable asset at our disposal this semester has certainly been the fortnightly Sunday study sessions in which we are able to come together and study as one group, fuelled by coffee and an assortment of snacks. This environment proved very productive at times, but also inevitably served as a great source of procrastination when it all got a bit too much.

However, our experience this semester has not all been about work. Following the study sessions, we were able to relax and unwind over wine and cheese in the Senior Common Room, where we were also given the ability to take turns in presenting to each other information about our various degrees and research. This widened our perspectives and highlighted the sheer variety of different interests that have brought us here.

This semester, the grads also had semi-regular movie nights, and also took advantage of the many activities and events the College offers, offering yet another great form of escape from our studies.

Our sincerest thanks also goes to the University College staff and community for creating an inclusive environment in which we have not only been able to further our studies, but also play an active part in the College itself through building new friendships and experiences with everyone. The graduate students would especially like to thank the Dean of Studies, Ms Marie McKee, for all of her assistance this year in organising and providing us with the Sunday study sessions, as well as all the academic support Marie has given us this year.

Matthew Bye
Graduate Representative
Master of Global Media Communication, University of Melbourne

Graduate Life Enriched by College Friendships

The start of Semester 2 brought about change for the graduate students at University College. We said farewell to student Katy Ruck who returned to South Africa upon graduating mid-year, while also welcoming two new students, Titus Ching and Gerald Chan, into our community.
A REMARKABLE YEAR IN THE SCR

University College is in the middle of a very exciting period with the construction site transforming into the new dining hall and living spaces. As a result of the building project, a lot of the graduate students lived in apartments. While it physically divided our relatively small cohort, it definitely did not stop us from forming lifelong friendships and becoming a close-knit community.

I would like to thank our Graduate Representative, Matt Bye, for his contribution over the past year. He played a significant role in communicating information to the graduate students and he also assisted in organising the fortnightly study sessions.

The Valedictory Dinner brought the year to a grand conclusion and provided a great opportunity to acknowledge specific individuals for their contributions to the broader college community. On behalf of the SCR, I would like to congratulate Becky Pearce as this year’s recipient of the Senior Common Room award. She did an outstanding job in her role as ICAC representative and led UC to an overall third position. Her involvement in the college community and enthusiasm contributed substantially to this achievement and exemplifies the UC culture.

As the year comes to a close, it also means that a number of SCR members will end chapters in their lives and start new adventures. Marie McKee is retiring from her long-standing role as the Dean of Studies. On behalf of the resident tutors, I would like to extend our appreciation for everything she did for us as a group. She will be missed greatly but we wish her a happy semi-retirement and best wishes for the years to come.

Last but not least I want to thank the resident tutors and graduate students for their involvement in College and for making it a warm community. I would also like to express my gratitude for all the support and cooperation of the resident tutors over the past two years. Thank you for the heartfelt friendships. I wish you all the best.

Wilhelm Burger
President, Senior Common Room
PhD Student, Department of Chemical Biomolecular Engineering, University of Melbourne
FROM THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

It has been an unusually busy yet successful year for the College with the UC2017 project well underway to advance our commitment to providing a supportive environment and world class facilities for our students. As we draw to a close on my 14th year as President of the University College Council, I remain incredibly proud of our achievements.

In 2015 University College undertook a feasibility study which involved a crucial analysis of the practicalities of our various proposed plans for UC’s future. I am pleased to report that as a College we have been actively embracing the recommendations made, and we look forward to implementing these in 2017. This will result in greater communications with you, our College community, and will provide considerably more opportunities for all UC stakeholders to better engage with us.

On behalf of the Council I am also delighted to acknowledge our former Head of College, Dr Deborah Seifert, on the receipt of her Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in this year’s Queen’s Birthday Honours List. Congratulations Deborah on this significant achievement.

The University College community was saddened by the passing of alumna Inga Clendinnen AO (1934-2016) in September. Inga resided at University College from 1952 to 1955 whilst studying history at the University of Melbourne. Inga was an internationally acclaimed historian of Aztec and Mayan culture and society, amongst her many other distinguished achievements, as detailed in the obituary in this edition of Frappe Fort.

It is a privilege to lead the University College Council. Its members are so committed to assist the College to achieve and maintain its high standards as a leading college of the University of Melbourne. I thank all Council members for their tireless voluntary work, so generously given throughout the year. To our retiring 2016 student members, Oliver Harrison, Saskia Wallis (Semester 1) and Emily Webb Ware (Semester 2), whose engagement with us has been so valuable, I extend my best wishes.

Finally on behalf of the College Council, I wish to again express my appreciation to the Head, her management team and staff for their dedication, efforts and outcomes achieved over the past year. My thanks and best wishes to all of our UC community as the year comes to an end and we look forward to embracing 2017.

Anne Cronin
President of Council
AGM and President’s Drinks

On Wednesday 11 May, UC hosted the 79th Annual General Meeting (AGM) with President’s Drinks following directly after.

It was a great evening attended not just by our Council members, but also a number of our philanthropic supporters, students, alumni and staff.

The proceedings started with the formal AGM. President of Council Anne Cronin paid tribute to outgoing Council members Professor Margaret Shiel and Claire Harman, thanking both for their wonderful contributions to Council. Treasurer John Mathieson then presented a report on UC’s financial performance and achievements in 2015.

At the conclusion of the formal AGM, Dr Jennifer McDonald thanked everyone for their continued support throughout the UC 2017 Project. She said, “It’s been a busy year however we look on with excitement for what is to come next year.”

Guests were delighted to be entertained by talented UC student Tsubasa Yamaguchi. Tsubasa comes to us from Kyoto, Japan. He is a first year Arts student at the University of Melbourne and is often heard practising on the pianos in our music rooms or on the baby grand piano in the Academic Centre.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our AGM and President’s Drinks such engaging and successful events.
ENABLING ACCESS THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS

2016 has seen a number of changes at University College, from the building works taking place – the completion of which we are all excited – to some staff changes, to the ongoing support UC receives from its community. Such support is crucial to the success of our talented students, who come from diverse ethnic and social backgrounds.

I believe the best way to express gratitude towards our donors for the generous gifts they make to UC that enable us to provide scholarships to our students, would be to hear from one of our scholarship recipients, who expressed the following at our Donor Thank you event in October.

"Firstly I would like to thank my donors for donating my scholarship. I am incredibly grateful to be a recipient as it has allowed me to achieve many things that I may not have been able to otherwise, such as living at UC and having access to academic support which has greatly improved my marks. For myself and many other recipients, moving from a rural town to a big city was extremely daunting, however, the scholarships have allowed us to live in a safe, supportive environment which has become a home away from home. If it weren’t for the scholarships, there would be many students who would have been unable to come to UC this year." Anna Fay, Scholarship recipient

The new facilities that are being built in College will benefit the student body greatly as there will be a brand new dining hall, making it easier for kitchen staff to deliver food to the students, more study spaces, contributing to a less crowded and distracting library, as well as more personal space. The new rooms will accommodate more people allowing the College to grow bigger and better with every new student.

Finally I would like to thank all the donors for their generosity in donating to the College. It is greatly appreciated by every resident. Your ongoing support is one of the key reasons that this College continues to thrive.

Rebecca Gleghorn
Advancement Coordinator

UC is able to provide students with an enriching and supportive environment to enable personal growth, encouraging students to achieve excellence, value community and confidently meet the challenges of their future. It is evident that financial support through scholarships definitely makes a difference.

Moving forward we can continue to invest in our young people and the College’s future, together.

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As we approach the end of the academic year, we are not only preparing to say goodbye to students as they move out of UC, but also to our much-loved Dean of Studies, Marie McKee.

Marie has been a vital part of UC for nearly 13 years, with her role as Dean of Studies evolving over that time. She has taken the academic program from strength to strength through her strong work ethic and commitment to our students. She has also brought sensitivity and wisdom to her role as the Fair Treatment Coordinator.

We are extremely grateful to Marie for playing such a pivotal role in our friendly, relaxed and supportive community during her tenure at UC.

Farewell to Marie

While we are sad to see her go, we wish her all the best for her steady transition into retirement (where she will happily be spending more time with her grandchildren, working on her French, playing lawn bowls and travelling).

Welcome, Juliette

It is with pleasure that we announce the appointment of Juliette Barreau as the new Dean of Studies at UC. With more than ten years’ experience in the tertiary education sector, Juliette has developed an excellent knowledge of student academic learning and wellbeing. She brings significant skills in providing support, advocacy, academic/ administrative advice and resources to students. We wish her the best in her new role – welcome, Juliette!
ACADEMICALLY SPEAKING

Marie McKee  
Dean of Studies

In Semester 2, the College played host to a variety of academic events: annual Pathways Dinner, Creative Writing and Art and Design Week, Council and Fellows High Table (academic achievement celebration) and a practical employability and pathways workshop.

Pathways Dinner was a vibrant occasion, providing an opportunity for UC’s senior students to meet professionals and academics in their areas of interest.

This year, students wanted to learn more about the fields of teaching, law, science, engineering, physiotherapy, medicine, nursing, property, physics and maths, urban planning, public relations and media.

We were grateful to key note speaker, Mr Rhys Halleran, the former CEO of Southern Cross Austereo, for sharing his story and encouraging students to pursue their passion. The event was a success as our students were able to gain a closer understanding of their chosen pathways and garner advice on how to pursue successful and fulfilling careers.
Creative Writing and Art and Design Week

A giant timber wood-turned kaleidoscope, hand painted socks, a chair designed to give hospital patients a cocoon in which to have a private conversation, were just some of the surprises waiting for us at the Creative Writing and Art and Design Week exhibition this year.

With such a high calibre of artworks on display, we were privileged to have Dr Di Bresciani OAM and Deidre Cannon judge the entries. Although there were some difficult decisions, it was determined that the winners this year were:

**Franny Griffin:** Di Bresciani Prize  
**Polly Guthrie:** Di Bresciani Painting Prize  
**Ellena Flahvin:** Design Prize  
**Polly Guthrie:** Art Prize  
**Hilary Jones:** Photography Prize  
**Sarah Hood:** People’s Choice Prize

We would also like to thank Jack Tan, the Dean of Studies at Whitley College for taking the time to judge the creative writing entries.

**Nick Parsons:** Short Prose Prize  
**Emma Hollis:** Poetry Prize  
**Taanya Rohira:** Honourable mention

In his short story *Railway Station*, Nick Parsons created a tension-filled piece as he described that fleeting moment, waiting at a railway station, watching a young woman, hoping she may enter his life. Emma’s poem, *Sky Trawler*, brimming with life and energy, paints a vivid portrait of a landscape she experiences sailing back to her home. Finally, the high standard of Taanya’s work in both categories was rewarded with an honourable mention.

The College is indebted to Dr Di Bresciani OAM who this year donated $2500 in prize money. Thanks also to Polly Guthrie, the Art and Design rep who worked tirelessly to make the exhibition such a success.

**SKY TRAWLER**

Emma Hollis

We set sail at noon  
nose first into the hazy clouds,  
our compass aimed north.  
Our steady metal sails hold rigid  
against the breeze.

From my plastic porthole  
I peer down into the peaks and troughs  
and discover hints of the green reef below.

I shudder in surf tossed up by the turbulence  
of this translucent ocean.

On the horizon I contemplate  
the smudge fading plumes of bush burnings.  
Brown and orange,  
Bulbous canopies and scuffs of dust.

We sail by islands marooned in the sky,  
feel the chill mist off their shores,  
watch for castaways.

Above is the open absence of atmosphere.  
Below, the crumpled floor sprouts  
spidery cracks and verdant forests.  
Glinting snakes slide beneath our bows.

The rigging flutters as we descend to gaze up  
at the bruised underbelly of the surface.  
And there, my city, there she is,  
rising out of the protective shrug of the mountains  
to catch me.
Students at UC consistently achieve impressive results at university. Results from Semester One of 2016 proved this again and in August the College Council gathered for High Table to congratulate our high achieving students.

Students who achieved two or more H1s or Higher Distinctions were rewarded with a $50 voucher and a letter of congratulations. Students who received a full complement of H1s and HDs were rewarded with a $100 book voucher. Congratulations to Emily Webb Ware who received the highest average grade in Semester One.

37 students scored two or more H1s or HDs
18 students received a full complement of four H1s or HDs

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION

Tackling Today’s Job Market

Continuing the theme of pathways and employability, the ‘Tackling Today’s Job Market’ workshop was held a week after Pathways Dinner.

Daniela Ascone, Founder and Managing Director of THINQ Group spoke about the pertinent topics of transferable skills, cover letters and resumes. She highlighted the fact that resumes are now considered marketing tools and a part of your own personal branding.

Shaun Coulton, former LinkedIn employee and educator, continued the discussion describing how networking and building relationships are essential tools in today’s job hunt. He observed that employers increasingly searched on LinkedIn for potential employees and approached individuals directly for a coffee and a chat.

Similarly, job seekers use networks established on LinkedIn to assist with finding employment. He was very persuasive in putting the case forward to students to work on their profile and start building their professional relationships while they are still studying at uni.
UC 2017 Project update

With the construction schedule ramped up a notch in Semester 2, the UC 2017 Project has really started to take shape.

As it stands, the new dining hall is waiting for the glass roof to be fitted, while the kitchen and café are being roughed in by our dedicated crew. Most excitingly, we can now see the frames for Sweet and Roper Wings up and the foundations for the new elevator and stairwell.

Although the pace of the construction has picked up, the Project is unfortunately still running behind schedule. This is due to a number of unexpected challenges that surfaced during the demolition of the accommodation wings and old dining hall earlier this year.

As a result, in Semester 1, 2017, there will be 160 students at UC, the same number as in 2016. We expect the new rooms and facilities to be available at the start of Semester 2, 2017.

For students who miss out on our Semester 1 intake, we invite you to apply for a place at UC in Semester 2. For more information about applying for Semester 2, please contact Divina Jamon, Admissions and Student Services Coordinator at admissions@unicol.unimelb.edu.au or on 9347 3533.
19 students from the Class of 1966 returned to UC for a 50 year reunion High Table. UC alumna Jennifer Holmes addressed current UC students and her former classmates, summing up her time at College with the below speech.

“I want to talk about three things: first, how I felt when I came into the College, next, what it was like for me being here and finally, how I feel now when I come back.

“Fifty years ago, what I really loved, moving in to the College, was having a room of my own. That’s a bit odd as I was an only child and had had my own room all my life, but in College I had, as Virginia Woolf put it, a Room of One’s Own. I loved my room – it no longer exists! – and I can remember exactly how it looked, down to the shag pile rug of blue and green wool, the posters I put up on the wall, the cushions on my bed. And I loved being in residence.

“I’ve lots of memories of that time – walking over to lectures, having meals in the dining hall, making friends, going on Triggle around the block, where, like number of other students, I met my husband, and so on.

“So, how do I feel coming back? Well, excited, because this place changes – it’s being pulled down, and I say ‘Hurray’ for who would want to belong to an organisation so attached to its past that it dare not change! But as well as excited, I feel grateful. Being in this College changed my life, because it changed me. We had a Resident Tutor, Miss (later Dr) Dorothea Cerutty, known to one and all as Cerry. Cerry tutored English Literature and used her small
College sitting room for tutorials. The door was always left open during tutes as so many students attended that they couldn’t all squeeze inside. I’m not sure everyone present was actually enrolled in Eng Lit – those tutes were so stimulating that I suspect some came just for the discussions. Cerry had that rare gift that I’m sure you have come across in some of your resident tutors.

“Being in this College changed my life, because it changed me.”

She listened. She listened to what we had to say in a way that made me, for one, start to believe I had something that was sometimes worth listening to, some interesting thoughts. And the confidence that Cerry gave me by listening led me to start thinking for myself, and that is what made such a difference to my life. College helped me to take charge of my life. I’m not saying I’ve always “got it right” – of course I haven’t – but I’ve managed to think things through for myself, and for that I will continue to feel gratitude for our wonderful College.”

55 year reunion 26 October 2016

L–R: Katie Skansebakken, Dr Jennifer McDonald, Robin Mustow, Marie Jordan, Ann Miller, Penny Collings

Dr Jennifer McDonald explains the progress of the UC 2017 Project

“Thank you for organising the dinner – that was a great success I thought. We all had a very nice three days and College was really helpful in that regard. After 55 years it was certainly time for a reunion!”

Penny Collings

Katie Skansebakken and Penny Collings

“It was the diversity of discussion and lifelong friendships made across faculties that are my most coveted memories of College life – together with the beautiful old world roses I picked from bushes on ancient graves across the way!”

Katie Skansebakken

60 year reunion 18 July 2016

L–R: Dr Anne Jabara, Shirley Ramsay, Dr Jennifer McDonald, Anne Dossetor, Anne Miller, Gillian Pavlovski and Marjorie Hastings

“It was such an enjoyable event with delicious food! Hopefully we will see a few more of our fellow alumni at the next reunion.”

Dr Anne Jabara

Shirley Ramsay
While *The Producers* featured some outdated themes, the audience seemed to appreciate the well-timed jokes; thanks no doubt to the incredible writing of Mel Brooks and our formidably talented cast. This musical within a musical had everything: big hits, dance numbers, Nazis, love and of course, dancing grannies.

The hopelessly hopeless duo Max Bialystock (Zac Stuart) and Leopold Bloom (Lizzie John) captivated the audience from scene one on their desperate journey to Broadway with all its ups and downs – and all the crazy characters they meet along the way.

Many of the audience members made note of the impressive dance moves they thought not possible from some of their fellow Collegians. This was a direct result of all the hard work of not only the ensemble themselves but the never-ceasing work of our choreographers, Michelle Lau and Emily Webb-Ware!

Although perhaps one of the favourites was Franz Liebkind (Isaac Bartels), the spritely neo-nazi, and his trusty pigeon, Adolf (Sam Harvey). Not to forget spellbinding performances from our very own Andy Song as Roger de Bris and his sidekick Carmen Ghia (Monica Ashton) – and certainly no one is going to forget in a hurry when Ulla (Ella Thomas), in her Swedish get-up, danced and belted it out for all!

The show ran incredibly smoothly thanks in a big way to our fantastic Stage Manager, Becky Pearce and her backstage team. Not only that, but the show sounded amazing thanks to all the hard work of the band and our fabulous Musical Directors, James Gales and Jason Geddie. With so much to do and organise, it was a blessing to have Meghan Young in charge of the lighting and Harvey Billingham on sound to handle all the technical aspects of putting on such a show.

The immense talent of the students here at UC was certainly on show and yet again we were all awestruck with just how much talent there is in our small community. Working together so intensely on such a project brought us all together as friends like nothing else this year and we finished up proud, exhausted and sad yet delighted in the time we had spent together. A lot of this could not have happened were it not for the utter dedication of our wonderful producer, Lily Raynes. It was a pleasure to be involved this year and I can’t wait to see what happens next year!

Sam Adler
Director
2nd Year Science student, University of Melbourne
体育报道

网球

再次，女孩们在网球场上非常得心应手，两支队伍都为学院在与一些非常强劲的对手的对阵中表现出色。不幸的是，由于一些伤病以及明星网球手Michelle Kerrin缺席了几场关键比赛，女孩们无法在这一年进一步挺进决赛第一轮。

足球

有明星阵容在足球方面，UC的男孩们总是被寄予厚望，他们做到了，夺得了总决赛。Liam ‘I used to play VFL’ Byrne与Tim Jones，Andrew ‘Candyman’ Campbell和Isaac Brambley在中场合作，为我们的男孩提供了在门前的机会。一两次错失机会（Tom Wambeek, we’re looking at you）意味着男孩们只赢了一个点，但这继续了男孩们的“双双”总决赛夺冠纪录，引发了UCer们心中燃烧的问题：‘我们赢得了多少面旗帜’。

羽毛球和排球

羽毛球和排球都非常受欢迎，许多宿醉的运动员鼓起勇气在清晨击球，发球，扣球和发球。排球女孩在这一年非常成功，再次感谢Gen Blair的出色发球和美国人才Kate Layman，Olivia Rock和Lara Schwieger。感谢所有参加今年UC体育运动的人，无论是通过参加还是支持。这些活动的参与是让这所学院成为这样优秀的地方的许多事情之一！所有的祝福给Joe ‘Swoll’ Bingley和Ellie Hodge 2017！

Sam Bolitho and Zoe Burrows
2nd Year Science student and 2nd Year Professional Communications student, University of Melbourne and RMIT

UC在体育方面又有一个非常成功的一年，两次总决赛夺冠，许多前三名。

Michelle Kerrin

Hugh Pollard, Stuart Hart, Derek Lieu, Max Dewez, Adam Black.
Bottom row: Sam Wright and Tom Gibney

A TRIUMPHANT YEAR

UC has had yet another impressive year of sports with two grand final wins, and many top three finishes.

Netball

Once again, the girls were very handy in the netball with both teams presenting the College well against some very good competition. Unfortunately, due to a few injuries and star netballer Michelle Kerrin being absent for a few crucial games, the girls were unable to continue further than the first round of the finals this year.

Footy

With a star studded line-up in the football, the UC boys were always expected to do well and they did just that, taking out the Grand Final in a nail biting game. Liam ‘I used to play VFL’ Byrne connected well with Tim Jones, Andrew ‘Candyman’ Campbell and Isaac Brambley in the midfield to give our boys every opportunity in front of the goals. A few missed opportunities (Tom Wambeek, we’re looking at you), meant the boys only won by a point, however this continued the boy’s ‘double-double’ Grand Final winning streak, leaving the burning question in many UCer’s minds: ‘How good are winning flags?’.

Badminton and volleyball

Badminton and volleyball were all big hits, with many hungover athletes mustering up the courage to hit, spike, dig and serve in the early hours of the morning. The volleyball girls had a very successful year thanks again to Gen Blair’s terrific serving and strong American talent in Kate Layman, Olivia Rock and Lara Schwieger.

Thanks to everyone who participated in UC sport this year, whether it be through playing or supporting. The involvement around these activities is one of the many things that make this College such a great place! All the best to Joe ‘Swoll’ Bingley and Ellie Hodge for 2017!

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Some of the highlights include:

- The successful running of Oxfam’s ‘Live Below the Line’ which saw a group of students living on just $2 a day to raise awareness and money for those living in poverty. Amazingly UC was able to raise $1300 which is one of the largest amounts ever raised at College! UC also had the largest proportion of students signed up to do the challenge around the crescent, which is a mean feat for one of the smaller colleges. A special mention must go to Sam Adler, who alone was able to raise an incredible $452 for the week!

- The completion of the World Runners Melbourne Charity Race. The team (Sam Thomas, Jamil Adams, Samantha Glenn and Caitlin Headon) were all successful in completing the ‘Wings for Life World Run’ which raises much needed funds to support spinal cord research. The team accomplished the impressive feat of running a combined total of 67km!

- Many students being actively involved in donating blood throughout both semesters, an effective way of giving back to the wider community.

- Joe Bingley and Genevieve Blair have also been instrumental in volunteering their time at the local University High School tutoring and providing students with excellent advice and support in pursuing tertiary studies.

Overall, the 2016 Community Service Committee has made a lasting impact on UC and the wider community and members should be proud of their efforts this year. A special thanks must also go to the admin of College for their support in running different events throughout the year – bring on 2017!

Caitlin Headon  
2nd Biomedicine student, University of Melbourne
I am currently living in Madison, Wisconsin (USA). I work for an Electronic Health Records company called Epic and travel across the US most weeks for my job. I have been at the company (and living in Madison) for about two years now, and got to return to Melbourne for work this year to help at the Royal Children’s Hospital.

After moving out of UC I moved back to the US and took a job in San Francisco. As far as entry-level jobs go, it wasn’t terrible, but wasn’t something I wanted to do long-term. Once I left that job I found a new opportunity in Wisconsin that is only a few hours away from where I grew up and I moved back to the Midwest. This job requires a lot of travel, but I enjoy that part of it most weeks and it has allowed me to see a lot of the country in two short years.

In my two years in this job, I have been promoted to two different management roles; from an Application Coordinator to an Application Manager, and recently to a Team Leader role. Both of these promotions have allowed me to grow my management and leadership skills, some of those that I began developing while serving as President of the Student Club at UC in 2013.

Some of my favourite memories were made while taking part in College sports and events. While at UC I picked up footy and rowing for the first time and participated in just about every sport, including basketball, volleyball, cricket, and soccer. When I wasn’t playing, I loved getting out to support fellow UCers. Although we didn’t win much (perennial silver medalists), the early mornings across the road were some of the best memories at College.

A close second had to be the many events we put on – especially the yearly UC ball and the awards nights. O-Week wasn’t too bad either... clearly hard to choose just one!

I’ve visited Melbourne twice since I finished school, and now with my travel for work, I have been able to catch up with many friends when they come to the US to visit. Special shout outs to Gus and Georgia for making it all the way to Chicago to visit, and to JP for joining me and Brian in New York for New Year’s Eve last year. Even with the large pond in between us, I have been lucky to see almost everybody at least once since we finished College.

My two years at UC not only diversified my overall breadth of life experiences, but it greatly expanded and expedited my personal growth of leadership abilities and relationship management.”

I feel like it’s rare that a week goes by without referencing a UC memory or experience in a conversation – whether in my personal or professional life. My two years at UC not only diversified my overall breadth of life experiences, but it greatly expanded and expedited my personal growth of leadership abilities and relationship management. I got the chance to interact with and work alongside people of all ages and backgrounds, whether in Student Club meetings, College Council, or various other Intercollegiate activities. Not only were these priceless for my personal development, but a whole lot of fun as well.

Something interesting that people might like to know about you...

I have been to 44 of the US States and have a goal to see all 50 by next year. I have also never had a pumpkin spice latte, and do not understand the craze (assuming this isn’t just a US thing).
Congratulations

Staff and students at UC strive to provide an enriching and supportive environment conducive to enabling personal growth and achieving excellence. We are proud to share the success stories of a former Head of College, and alumnus, who have both been recognised for making outstanding contributions to the community in 2016.

Queen’s Birthday Honours for Former Head of College

UC’s Former Head of College, Dr Deborah Seifert was included in the Queen’s Birthday Honours list for 2016. She was appointed a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia for her significant service to education through a range of teaching, consultative and administrative roles, and to the community. This is a wonderful achievement and acknowledgement of Dr Seifert’s contribution to education and the wider community.

Dr Seifert was the Head of College at UC from mid-2002 until mid-2008 and is now the Head of College at International House.

Newly elected Deputy Lord Mayor Arron Wood

UC alumnus Arron Wood was recently elected the Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Melbourne.

Growing up on the banks of the Murray River, Arron became aware of the devastating effects of pollution from an early age. He was determined to make a difference and decided to focus his life on environmental education.

This latest acknowledgement of his tireless work to make the world a more liveable place comes after a comprehensive list of great achievements in his professional life. Since completing his degree, he has forged a career as a celebrated environmentalist on the national and global stage. We are certain that Arron will tackle his role as Deputy Lord Mayor with as much dedication and passion as he has shown for his previous endeavours.

Arron was a student at UC in 1994 while he was studying Forestry at the University of Melbourne.
# Calendar of Events 2017

## March
- Georgina Sweet Society Lunch
  - Wednesday 8 March
- 80th Anniversary Scholars Dinner – University House
  - Wednesday 15 March
- Opening of Dining Hall and official launch of the 80th Anniversary year
  - Thursday 30 March

## April
- 1987 30 Year Reunion High table
  - Monday 10 April

## May
- 1967 50 Year Reunion High table
  - Tuesday 2 May
- Family Day Brunch
  - Sunday 14 May
- 1977 40 Year Reunion High table
  - Monday 15 May
- AGM & 80th Anniversary President’s Drinks
  - Wednesday 17 May

## June
- 1997 20 Year Reunion (offsite)
  - Friday 30 June

## July
- 2007 10 Year Reunion (offsite)
  - Friday 7 July

## August
- 80th Anniversary ‘Remembering UWC’ Fundraising High tea
  - Wednesday 9 August
- 80th Anniversary Forum

## September
- Family Day Brunch
  - Sunday 3 September

## October
- Open House – tours of new facilities
  - Sunday 1 October
- Head’s Residence Thank you High Tea
  - Monday 16 October

## November
- Gough Whitlam at UC

## December
- A Special Celebration of UC/Open House – tour of new facilities and Christmas Cocktails
  - Wednesday 6 December
1st intake of students with Miss Susie Williams at the official opening in 1937

Beryl Donald was the first graduate of the College, 1938

University Women's College Circa 1965

Dr Angela Mine with Resident Tutors

Miss Myra Roper and Resident Tutors
Why do you think you were chosen to join Council? What do you bring to the College Council?

I was invited to join the Council as one of the two representatives of the University of Melbourne Academic Board. I think I was selected because I have both deep roots in the University, and skills that would be of value on the Council.

While I have never lived in a residential college, I was a student of University of Melbourne for about 23 years part-time (BCom, MCom (prelim), MCom by research and PhD) and I have been a staff member for 18 years. I am now a Professor of Management Accounting so I bring an understanding of Accounting, and in particular internal control and performance monitoring to the Council.

Through my role and experience as a senior academic, I also share with other members of Council a deep understanding of education and research, student needs and aspirations, and the University’s priorities and strategic direction. I really look forward to the opportunity I now have to work with the Council in governance within the unique University College setting.

What do you like most about University College and our community?

I haven’t had a lot of opportunity to engage broadly within the community yet, but I have attended several Council meetings and two major functions. I believe there is an excellent leadership team in the College. It is a pleasure to be part of a Council where the belief in UC and work ethic are so strong among the leadership team.

My initial perception of UC more generally is also that the community is warm and inclusive and a very positive environment. I had no hesitation recommending that a colleague visiting from Japan consider staying at UC!

Who’s influenced your career most and why?

Professor Emeritus Ken Wright was very influential when I was completing my MCom (prelim) coursework. He is a true scholar. He was also a very tough task master! He took me well out of my comfort zone, didn’t tolerate mediocrity, and extracted outcomes from me that I thought were beyond my capability. While it was ‘challenging’ at the time, and there were tears, I know it was a turning point for me in my understanding of scholarly inquiry, my commitment to excellence and hard work, and my intention to pursue academia seriously. Ken (now 90) retired some years ago but we are still friends, and I still find his intellect intimidating!

What’s the best piece of advice you could give someone?

Can I give two pieces of advice? Well maybe three?

• Always start by assuming that the people around you are well-intentioned. You may be proved wrong, but it is the preferred starting point!
I have never been sorry I said ‘yes’ to anything. Not everything you do is rewarded in the short term. Particularly early in your career – say ‘yes’ much more often than ‘no’. There are of course times when it is important to say ‘no’ – a mentor should be able to help you make these choices. Worry less about your position relative to others (eg pay/promotion/roles/projects). Focus on what you are doing. Define your own path, aspirations and priorities.

Always do things well. Don’t base your effort on the extrinsic rewards for doing a narrow range of things well. That just adds evidence to rational economic models of the world! Do everything well. It is much more satisfying and often pays off in unexpected ways!

What’s your greatest business achievement?
That’s a tricky one. My ‘business’ is teaching and research. My research is in the area of performance measurement and is largely conducted using field studies involving interviews with practising managers. I know my research resonates with field participants but I am reluctant to identify a research contribution that has been really immediately influential on practice.

I think my greatest contribution to business has come through teaching. I love teaching, and I believe my students leave my courses with a deep understanding of the organisational context within which accounting is used for a range of purposes. I think they also develop strong critical thinking skills and appreciation for the ambiguity of accounting numbers that will be of value to them in their employment.

Where is your favourite holiday destination?
Can I have two or three again? In Australia that would be the Kimberley, and Cape Leveque in particular. A safari tent on the clifftop at Cape Leveque is hard to beat! Closer to home, I love relaxing at Point Lonsdale, and hiking at Wilsons Promontory. I don’t get to the Kimberley or Wilsons Promontory very often! Overseas I love both Amsterdam (my second favourite city in the world after Melbourne) and the Greek Islands (unbeatable for food and ambience!).

Name one person you’d like to have dinner with and why?
I could nominate several but I will stick with one. Aung San Suu Kyi (Nobel Peace Prize winner; Myanmar State Counsellor and Leader of the National League for Democracy). I have admired her for so long. I am full of admiration for people like Aung San Suu Kyi who care so deeply for a cause of such monumental importance as human rights, and never give up. I think she is defined by her quiet, dignified, but ultimately successful activism, and her amazing resilience. I would love to hear her personal story. I would also like to understand from her the compromises that are needed when shifting from activism to government. It is of course the prize from years of fighting for democracy and human rights, but I am sure it is also constraining as the responsibilities are different. I would like to understand that more deeply.

That dinner date is unlikely – so in the meantime I never tire of having dinner with my partner, adult children and close friends!

Favourite quote or motto?
Can I have two?
“The good guys win in the end”. This is of course not always true, but I do believe in the capacity of good people to achieve good outcomes. The alternative is not sustainable!

“Amsterdam – my second favourite city in the world after Melbourne.”
Born in Geelong in 1934, Inga lived at University Women’s College while studying History at the University of Melbourne and taught there until she started lecturing at La Trobe in 1969. Inga’s passion for learning was reflected in her achievement of first class honours for various English and History subjects throughout her years at university.

Inga was an internationally acclaimed historian of Aztec and Mayan culture and society. Her scholarly books Ambivalent Conquests (1987) and Aztecs (1991) were well-received by readers around the world.

In her mid-50s, Inga was diagnosed with acute liver disease and told that without a transplant, she would not survive. In 1994 she was given a new liver. After recovering from her illness she produced three more great books: Reading the Holocaust (1998), Tiger’s Eye (2000) and Dancing with Strangers (2003).

Three years later, Inga dedicated Agamemnon’s Kiss, a fascinating book of essays, to her anonymous liver donor. Her final book was an ode to everything life had revealed to her about writing and thinking. Cited by her publisher, Text Publishing, the morning she died – she says, “Now I know how I want death to come to me… strolling in the slanting rain of light... I will say to Death, ‘A moment, friend.’ And then: ‘I’m ready now.’”
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Under threatening grey skies, we welcomed visitors from near and far to UC for Open Day in August. Many thanks to our students, staff and volunteers for ensuring the day was a great success.