Dear Old Helenians

It was a pleasure to hear of two past students just recently, and particularly the interesting activities they have been up to recently in their busy lives. That is a major part of the pleasure in reading the news in this publication, and I do encourage many more of you to give the Development Office at the school a call or email to tell us about your own lives and adventures.

I was reading recently an article entitled *The Man Who Unlocked the Secrets of the Solar System*, which refers to the interests and work of Johannes Kepler in the early part of the seventeenth century. It referred to his abiding interest in the night sky, and particularly the solar system, being sparked by an opportunity given at school age to look for the comet made famous by Danish astronomer, Tycho Brahe. It reminded me of the recent visit we undertook with Year 9 students to our world-class International Gravity Research Centre, situated west-south-west of Gingin on Military Road. The centre has been developed as a science discovery centre and has a full observatory on site. In the evening a number of volunteers took the time and trouble to align a number of telescopes and give students direct observation of Saturn and Jupiter and many star formations. It was an inspiring visit, and many of the student work responses reflected the impact of a focus on the night sky.

The visit has become part of an expanding program in the curriculum that is known as rich tasks. They are rich because of the opportunities given to students to explore, to observe, to find interesting links and challenging concepts, and then to pursue particular aspects in depth. So much information is now available easily - at one’s fingertips or on screen. Decision-making about what is valuable in all that is becoming a major part of secondary curriculum. Taking and then exploring in depth, requires higher order thinking and evaluations from students. Hence the rich task idea.

Helena College is already well known for its Middle School approach giving smooth transition from primary to secondary education, for its emphasis on independent learning and the HILS elective, for its wonderful camps program, for building and developing the whole person as well as for its rigour and quality in traditional learning disciplines. The sporting program has been boosted hugely in the past couple of years as well, thanks to great work particularly from the Physical Education staff. It is a pleasure here to comment on the success of another initiative, our rich tasks, which are adding wonderful quality to our students’ education.

John Allen-Williams
Principal
Helena College Senior School

Dear Old Helenians

It is always a great delight to see the kindergarten children at home in their Early Learning Centre. The children enjoy many traditional games and play well in their dedicated play areas. They have access to technology and they mirror their home environment by playing with mobile phones and microwave ovens and small televisions which have been made safe. Alongside their ready acceptance of technology and communication, the children still enjoy the sense of community in the school. As they move through the classes at the Junior School they experience activities such as building cubbies, sports days, camps, excursions, options and swimming and dancing lessons. We are always trying to expose them to exciting and enjoyable activities which will build up their confidence, self-esteem and resilience.

Recently we enjoyed Western Australia’s Foundation Day long weekend and we thought about the determination of our early pioneers. At our Year Five Rottnest camp the children pushed themselves to complete the 32 km ride up hills and into the wind around the island. It was good to hear them encouraging and supporting each other whenever they took a tumble from bikes. The same spirit was alive at the Year Four Bickley Camp. The students adapted to the wet weather and coped well.

Often coming back from our camps and excursions wet, tired, dirty and happy is a good preparation for life, knowing that by giving their best they have accepted the wonderful opportunities available to them. We hope that the Helena College children will carry that feeling of accomplishment and adventure with them as they learn to cope with all the challenges in the secondary school and in further study.

David Harrison
Principal
Helena College Junior School
Gym Progress

The gym building has progressed to the brick wall stage, as these pictures illustrate.

It is hoped that the $1.8M sporting and recreation complex will be open towards the end of this year.

Fundraising towards the tally of $500,000 is currently at $478,345. An iPod raffle, with four iPods as prizes is currently underway, and will hopefully bring us closer to our target.

Perhaps Old Helenians could contribute to the gym fundraising and help us reach the target. You could assist in a number of ways:

• a one-off tax deductible donation to the Helena College Building Fund. The smallest donation to date is $5 and the largest is $5,000.
• a pledge over a period of time. The average family pledge has been $400 per annum over three years, with the largest individual pledge being $20,000 over two years.
• purchase an engraved brick paver for only $50.

All donations, large or small, are valued and appreciated, and will be appropriately acknowledged. There are also possibilities for corporate or private sponsorship.

Please contact Julie Carlton in the Development Office 9298 9100 ext 108 to discuss how you could be involved. Thank you for your support.

Please help us build our Gymnasium.

DONATIONS to GYM

Tally
$478,345
Target $500,000

Donations over $2.00 to the Helena College Building Fund Inc. (for the Gymnasium Fundraising Appeal) are deductible for taxation purposes. Take advantage of the tax deductibility and donate by 30 June, 2005 to claim this financial year. Corporate sponsorship or major donations are welcome. Please contact me in the Development Office to discuss your donation. Thank you to all our donors for your support.

Julie Carlton
Development Office
developmentoffice@helena.wa.edu.au
ENGRAVED PAVING BRICKS

Last year we offered families the opportunity to purchase an engraved paving brick. This is the major Junior School P & F contribution towards the gymnasium.

Your contribution of $50 per brick paver will ensure that your name or business name will be engraved into a brick paver as a lasting record of your valued support of the Helena College Gymnasium Fundraising Appeal.

STAGE TWO engraved pavers will create part of the walkway to the gymnasium.

Contact: Julie Carlton
Development Office Phone 9298 9100

An Helena College Junior School P & F initiative supporting local business and a local product.

Helena College Gymnasium Engraved Bricks 2005

SURNAME: ________________________________   CHRISTIAN NAME: ________________________
ADDRESS:   __________________________________________PHONE: ________________________

NAME(S) to be ENGRAVED:

Please PRINT clearly in BLOCK LETTERS. Each square represents one letter or space (36 characters max).

BRICK ONE

eg                     MADISON SMITH

YEAR 12 2001

BRICK TWO

eg                     MIKE JAMES

OLD HELENIAN

CLASS OF 1990

I enclose a cheque for $_________ made payable to Helena College Council Inc.

Or please charge ($50 per brick) $___________ to my credit card.

Visa [ ] Mastercard [ ] Bankcard [ ]

Expiry Date □□ / □□

Cardholder’s signature: __________________________________________ (Please note the payment is NOT tax deductible.)
FROM THE ARCHIVES
We are extremely privileged to have had an amazing gift from the Beugge family donated to the Helena College archives. The gift is a file of original letters, school fee accounts and other items of correspondence from the Headmistress of Helena School, Peppermint Grove, to the Beugge family. Also included are precious letters, now aged, brittle and yellow, written by their sons during their time as boarders at Helena School in the 1930s. The letters give an amazing insight into what life at boarding school was like for these children.

Photograph:
Helena School, McNeil St, Cottesloe (about 1925). This is the site of the current Presbyterian Ladies’ College Kindergarten. Ms Jane Ashbury is the teacher standing and the student in the middle with her back to the pole is Jean Waldeck, who later became Jean Parker. Her son, Robert, was a student of Helena School when it shifted to Darlington. Rob Parker is currently the Design and Technology teacher at Helena College Senior School in Glen Forrest.

Dear Madam
I have a vacancy for one little boy boarder. I therefore shall be pleased to receive your letter if you decide to send him.

I have two of Sir Talbot Hobb’s grandsons as day boarders, also others who come daily, and a few residential little boy pupils.

The children receive every care and attention. They are taken to swimming baths (shark proof) where they are taught swimming and diving by an expert teacher.

The classes are small so they are all bound to make excellent progress in their studies. My house is charmingly situated in the best part of Peppermint Grove. I have spacious grounds surrounding the house.

Any clothes your little son has can be worn at school. My little boy pupils generally have shirt, blouses and knickers. For best they have little silk blouses and blue serge knickers, brown Oxford shoes and socks to match.

I like them to have woollen vests for winter wear, a warm dressing gown and slippers. They require 3 prs at least of pyjamas, also a blue flannel blazer.

I belong to the Church of England and Sister Dorothy comes once a week to take a class in scripture. They also take instruction in this from their class teachers.

The pupils all bring their own bed linen.
4 sheets
3 pillow cases
3 serviettes
4 towels 2 big and 2 small
bathers
1 rug

I think I have mentioned all requirements.

I shall hope to have the pleasure of seeing your little boy soon.

With kind regards

Yours faithfully

Jessy M. Load-Jones
NEWS from OLD HELENIANS

Jess IPKENDANZ
www.blueviolin.com.au

Jess is currently based in the hills in Perth. Her main focus this year is to continue composing and performing her own music, particularly works for violin and voice.

She has just released her debut solo album entitled Love Song, which she launched with two performances in April 2005. The album features Jess on violin, voice and piano, and with the exception of two pieces by J.S. Bach, all the tracks are her own original compositions. She recently performed tracks from the album at the 2005 Fairbridge Festival.

Jess will be travelling to Japan in June to perform solo at the World Expo in Nagoya, and is then off to Europe in July, where she will be performing in Germany and Italy. As well as solo performances she has been invited to play there with her ensemble, Duo Ipkendanz-Yong, a collaboration with Perth pianist Raymond Yong. The duo will attend masterclasses in Siena, Italy, as well as performing in a chamber music festival in the heart of Tuscany.

Following this trip, Jess will be travelling to Melbourne to work as part of a theatre production of the Odyssey...and then hopes to come home to Perth for a break!

As well as her busy life as a musician, Jess devotes as much time as she can to developing her love of visual art, painting in acrylics and oil, and creating textile art pieces.

Stay in touch....
Use the Helena College DISCUSSION FORUM

www.helenacollege.wa.edu.au

From the home page click on Old Helenians.
SIGN UP as a new user and enter your current details.
SEARCH the Old Helenians database.
Use the DISCUSSION FORUM to stay informed of Helena College announcements.
MAKE CONTACT with your old friends or make ENGAGEMENT, WEDDING or BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS.
Alternatively please ring 9298 9100
fax 9298 8616
write to PO Box 52 Glen Forrest WA 6071
or email developmentoffice@helena.wa.edu.au and tell us what you have been doing so it can be printed in the next issue.

CLASS of 1995 REUNION

Jonathon Vose and Bryan Woltjen are calling on the staff and students who attended Helena College for the years 1990 - 1995.

In order to get maximum attendance for the Class of 1995 Reunion, please advise us ASAP of your presence in Perth from October til December.

The suggested date is Friday 28th October, for a reception at the College, preceding a drink or three at a yet to be decided venue.
Bryan Woltjen

Please email bryanwoltjen@bigpond.com or for those who delight in the novelty of the traditional postal system write to
38 Redfern St, Redfern, NSW 2016.

Or contact Jon on 0402 787 812
David DE GROOT (Class of 1995)
Unfortunately I will be unable to attend the Class of 1995 reunion, as Colleen and I will be taking a year off work and travelling the world. We’ll be visiting Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, China, US, Canada, Equador, Bolivia, Chile, Peru, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, UK, Lowland countries, Scandinavia, Southern Europe.

Ryan DE ROZARIO (left in 2000 Year 11)
After Helena College I went to TAFE for six months doing graphic arts and it was too easy so I dropped out in 2001. I then worked in sales for a year followed by doing nothing but play music for a year. I am currently working as the primary graphic artist for sign company, Authentic Signs, in Welshpool. The majority of my work is designing for real estate, especially in the area of new property developments (billboards etc.) Aside from that I’m still playing music in Change of Face (www.achangeofface.com), playing a fair few shows around the place. I toured some of the east coast late last year, and am looking to go to Japan and tour nationally this year. I recently sealed an endorsement with US Wakeboarding and Kitesurfing company Liquid Force for some free clothes.

Mia DUNCAN (ex-STAFF)
I initially spent the first two years after leaving Helena College doing relief teaching and taking time for myself. I travelled to the UK for a small trip as well as joining my partner of six years, Shaun, on a cycling tour of the South China Sea area. I am currently working at Lesmurdie SHS. This is my second year as a fixed term teacher. I am teaching mainly lower school SOSE and PE/Health this year. I am still coaching Middle Distance and have helped out the Lesmurdie athletes over the past three years. I am also assisting with the percussion section of the very small concert band.
I’m not married and have no babies yet, unfortunately, although the clock is ticking so I’m hoping it’ll be sooner rather than later.
I have bumped into a few Old Helenians and definitely love hearing how they are all going. My last SOSE class graduated last year, but my old Year 7 PE class are currently in Year 11 this year, so some of them may remember me.
If anyone remembers Ms Tamara Graham (Indonesian Teacher), she is currently living in Sydney and is working full time as a professional photographer. She is loving her new profession and looks like staying over there.
Hello to all staff and I hope that they are all well.
Best wishes Miss D (aka Twiggy to the 1999 leavers)

Anna HITCHCOX (Class of 1997)
I’m still living in the UK - doing a bit of work with a bit of travel. But it’s been five years on and off and I’m starting to get a bit homesick so I am looking at heading home this Christmas. I will no doubt change my mind a gazillion times between now and then but that’s the plan at this stage.

James KIRK (Class of 2003)
I am a second year marine electrician working in Henderson for a company called Cully’s Marine Technology. I am going to Kenya, South Africa and Dubai at the end of the year for a holiday.

Renee KINGMAN (Class of 1996)
I have been working in our family company, Kingman Signs for the last six years where I project manage large contracts and oversee the administration of the company which has grown rapidly over the last 10 years. I am living with my boyfriend in Mahogany Creek and we have another investment property that we are currently renovating, which is very time consuming. At the moment I am playing netball a few times a week which adds a good balance to my hectic life. I have remained friends with some other girls from Helena who I consider some of my closest friends.

Alex LEE (Class of 2000)
At the moment I am in Canada, working in Guest Services at a ski resort in Lake Louise. I have been working in Canada for 4 months now. In the next 2 weeks, I will be travelling to Mexico and spending a month there, before heading to Peru for another month. For both countries, I will be travelling on tours and am quite excited about seeing all the old ruins, trekking up mountains, and learning about ancient cultures. Once I have finished my tours, I am planning on heading home for a month, and then going to New Zealand for their winter season.

Jenna ROCKALL (nee LEGGE) (Class of 1997)
I returned from Europe in 2003 with my partner Dean who I married last year. My husband and I welcomed our first child, the beautiful Ella-Grace, into the world on the 15th July 2004. I have just started my own business, an education and care recruitment service, which I’m finding both challenging and rewarding. The business, Choice in Care will start operating in July.

Leonard MAILO (Class of 2003)
An article on Lenny appeared in the Hills Gazette on April 2, 2005, entitled Passion for all Types of Art. Lenny was awarded the Shire of Mundaring Youth Development Award (YODA) for March. Len received a $500 prize, which he used to buy a violin.
Shire President, Terry Geraghty, said that Lenny was a gifted person who enjoyed all forms of the arts, including music, comic book art and script writing. Lenny enjoys creative pursuits because they give his life meaning. The next goal for Lenny is to be accepted into a TAFE course.
CONGRATULATIONS from all of us at Helena College.

Patrick McCARTHY (Class of 2003)
I have finished my commercial training and I am now working as a pilot working for a company called Norwest Air Work in Exmouth. I do scenic flights, some charter, whale shark spotting and manta ray spotting. The season will finish here in July/August and then I will return to Perth to start some more training.

Jenelle HOPFMUELLER (nee MELVILLE) (Class of 1995 – left 1983)
I’ve often read in the Old Helenians newsletters about the amazing careers that others from my time at Helena have gone on to do. It doesn’t surprise me in the least; I couldn’t imagine a
greater start to education and life than Helena. Over the years I’ve often thought that I’m a little embarrassed by what I’ve accomplished in comparison to the great scientists, teachers, scholars, actors etc that Helena has been a part of producing. Well I’ve finally found my little piece of paradise, and I’m incredibly fulfilled and proud of what I do. It may sound a little corny but I’m a mum of two beautiful little boys and wouldn’t trade places with anyone. Prior to leaving the workforce to be a mum I was the Sales Administrator at an electronic security company.

Rebecca NOONAN (Class of 1997)
I am currently living with my partner and 18 month old son Samuel in a remote Aboriginal community 200 kms north of Broome. I am training and re-educating groups of Indigenous community members from several communities that co-exist on the Dampier Peninsula. The training is offered through the Telecentre, which I manage and provides the locals with a basic knowledge of computers, internet and modern technology. Soon we will be moving back down to Perth and the hills, even though it will be hard to leave the Kimberleys, which has been our home since 2001.

Patrick and Andrew WILSON (Class of 1999)
Andrew has just graduated with First Class Honours from the school of mines as a mining engineer. Patrick is in Cairns and worked on a dive boat as a deck hand for a while and is now preparing to take his Dive Master’s Ticket.

Bryan WOLTJEN (Class of 1995)
Apprenticed in London after graduating from the WA Academy of Performing Arts 1998 Design stream, I worked in various occupations from portrait artist on the streets of Berlin, to assistant scenic artist in London, ending up as prop making fodder for the Priscilla segment in the Sydney 2000 Olympic Closing Ceremony. I returned to Perth to work with some scaly mates starting up a new independent company, and have since designed productions varying from local fringe to outdoor operatic promenade, from novelty giftware to four metre high multi-operator harnessed junk puppets (2002 Fringe Festival award for best visual design). Having worked with most major and independent theatre companies in Perth, I continue to freelance across Australia as multi art-form designer and theatrical consultant. I am also an associate of Spare Parts Puppet Theatre and on the steering committee for the Perth based 2008 World Puppet Festival. For the past four years I have operated from a Fremantle based studio, conveniently located near Little Creatures Brewery and the cappuccino strip. Upcoming shows include WELCOME TO PARADISE for Mainstreet Theatre Company in Mt Gambier (SA), SOMEWHERE with Railway St Theatre Company (NSW), and THE GATHERING with Thin Ice Productions, which will be premièreing at PICA in Perth in late October 2005. (Bryan has kindly offered to organise the Class of 1995 Reunion. See page 5 for more details.)

ENGAGEMENTS
Andrew BRYSON (Junior School from 1980-1986) recently became engaged to Rita Abbonizio.

MARRIAGES
Jenna LEGGE (Class of 1997) to Dean Rockall

Robbie MYERS (Class of 1996) married Stephanie HATCH on Saturday, 8 January, at Goode Beach, Albany. Robbie and Steph met through mutual friends in June, 1998. He proposed on Easter Monday, 2003, on the natural bridge, at sunset, with an antique ring bought in Penzance (England) the Christmas before.

For the wedding, Steph surprised Robbie by wearing, a beautiful red silk gown that she designed and beaded herself. Steph wore red because she works as a detail designer for a wedding dress company and always works with white, so understandably she had to have something different. The wedding was just perfect. It was followed by a reception held at Camp Quaranup with 130 family and friends. Robbie is still working as an instructor in the outdoor recreation industry, with a majority of his work now being done with the Helena College Outdoor Education Learning Area.

BIRTHS
Dean and Jenna ROCKALL (nee LEGGE - Class of 1997) welcomed a beautiful baby girl, named Ella-Grace, on 15 July 2004.


VALE
Christian HALKJAER (Class of 1999)
It was with great sadness that the Helena College community learned of Christian’s death in Phuket in November 2004. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family; parents Stella and Jorgen and brother Niels. He will be fondly remembered by all his peers and ex-teachers.

JUNE 2005
The United Nations has declared 2005 as the International Year for Sport and Physical Education. The main focus for the year is to promote education, health, development and peace by promoting the role of sport and physical education.

Helena College students are encouraged to take part in a variety of sport, physical education and outdoor education activities throughout the year, including swimming and athletic carnivals, cross country events, walkathon, Zen Do Kai, camps, Duke of Edinburgh Award and team sports.
Towards the end of 2004, Helena College member of Council and graphic designer, Steve Castledine, used Freya Bottrell’s (Class of 1998) original drawings of the House motifs to create new designs, pictured below.

In keeping with the Helena College ethos and respect for the local environment and indigenous culture, the designs feature local fauna, with the names derived from Aboriginal Nyoongar words. New House T-shirts for students, featuring the designs are underway.

Aboriginal name: Waughul
Animal: Serpent
House colour: Green
The mythological Waughul is of great spiritual significance to Nyoongar people.

Aboriginal name: Cardan
Animal: Racehorse goanna
House colour: Red
Derived from the Aboriginal words carda, carder, kardar, kardara, meaning racehorse goanna.

Aboriginal name: Kiara
Animal: Sulphur crested cockatoo
House colour: Gold / Yellow
Class of 2001
Congratulations and Happy 21st Birthday!

The graduating Class of 2001 will be turning twenty-one this year, and I attempted to contact each student by letter, e-mail or phone to find out what he or she had been doing since leaving Helena College. Unfortunately many had moved or not kept contact details up-to-date but here are the responses from those who did respond. After reading I think you’ll agree that an Helena College education was a wonderful base from which to launch into a variety of career and lifestyle paths including teaching, architecture, law, modelling, vet science, hospitality, nursing, insurance broking, IT, personal training, dance, film & television, jewellery, nutrition, being a mum and many more!

Best wishes from all of us in the Helena College community for your 21st birthdays and continued success in whatever path you’ve chosen to follow.

Paula ADAM
I’m currently in my fourth year of primary teaching at ECU in Joondalup. I recently went on a trip through Europe and the United Kingdom. Planning on going to teach in the country next year after graduating.

Karen ANGUS
Currently studying 4th year Interior Architecture at Curtin University. Recently travelled to Eastern states on holiday with family.

Joshua BIRMINGHAM
After leaving in 2001 I was accepted by the University of Notre Dame, in Fremantle to study a double degree in Law and Arts. I am currently living in Fremantle and in my fourth year of study. I have taken a break from law this year so as to complete honours in my arts degree. I have majored in politics and my honours thesis will focus on defining the roots of the anti western movement in Islam. During 2004 I studied in Budapest, Hungary and travelled around Europe. I am currently considering completing a Masters next year at the University of Sydney with a view towards pursuing a career in foreign affairs.

Elisa CARR
I graduated from Curtin last year with a Bachelor in Arts (Mass Communications - double major in Journalism and Public Relations). At the end of last year I modelled in the Perth Fashion Festival, including the VIP launch of the event with Stuart Anderson’s Swim Wear Show, where I made page three of the West Australian and several other magazines. Since graduating I have been able to model full-time. Part of my work includes contacts with Aztec Rose and Cult. I also do other kinds of promotional work, which has included all the recent music events. I teach modelling most weeknights to children aged from 3-17 years. I also work for an entertainment and acting company doing a variety of shows. I’ll be leaving for Europe and America after my 21st in June. When I return I will be moving to Melbourne where I have accepted a contract with Giant Model Management. I plan on coming home for Christmas before returning to the eastern states for Melbourne Fashion Week. When I eventually return I intend to sell my Nissan Micra, buy a BMW, and venture into TV journalism.

Brittany CROOK
I’m currently in my 4th year studying Veterinary Science at Murdoch University. For the past year and a half I’ve been living at a vet clinic doing after-hours duties. Amongst studying and working now and then as a vet nurse/kennel hand, I’ve performed in some amateur theatre (2002), teach Sunday School, and have taken up squash. I went to Canberra in Nov/Dec 2004 for a Christian University Students’ conference.
Amy DONELAN
When I left Helena I deferred Uni and undertook a 12 month TAFE course in Health and Fitness. During this period I began working part-time as a waitress at Hog's Breath cafe in Northbridge. After completing the TAFE course I decided that I enjoyed working in hospitality and accepted a full-time position at the cafe. I worked my way up to the position of assistant restaurant supervisor. In 2004 I purchased a home in Queens Park where I now live with my boyfriend Aaron and my dog Winnie. I also enjoyed travelling to Phuket, Langkawi and Singapore during August 2004 and in 2005 I accepted a position as Restaurant Supervisor at the Breakwater Tavern in Hillarys.

Lucy-Anne ELBERY
I’ve been working since I left school. I went to business college in April 2002 and in October 2002 I landed a job with Jardine Lloyd Thompson, in the IT Department, with whom I’m still employed. JLT are a global insurance broking firm, and we are the national IT Department for the Country. I started out at JLT as the Administrative Assistant, but in February 2004 I was promoted to IT Administrator, where I now manage the Admin department, and staff, which can be extremely tiring at times, but I love what I do and I love the people. I’m very sad to be leaving. At the end of July I’m leaving Australia bound for the UK where I’ll be living and working for at least the next 18 months.

Saffron DOWNES
Since leaving Helena I have studied and completed Registered Nursing at ECU Churchlands. Whilst studying I worked as the Saturday Bakehouse Assistant at Woolworths. In January this year I accepted my offer for nursing at Royal Perth Hospital and now work full-time. During my uni breaks I travelled within Australia extensively, in particular throughout South Australia including Kangaroo Island with my family. I also travelled to Sydney and the Blue Mountains. My friends and I spent two weeks on the Gold Coast in QLD where we enjoyed the theme parks, night clubs and shopping!

Callan DRUMMOND
Since leaving Helena College in 2001 I have completed a business traineeship and a financial services traineeship. I was a State Finalist in the 2003 Training Excellence Awards. I am currently working as an insurance broker in Perth and have purchased my first investment property. I’ve also moved house and am living in Karrinyup.

Stuart FYSH
I started working for Glenford’s Tool Centre in January after leaving the College. I was employed as a storeman and soon moved up to sales. I stayed there until October 2004 at which time I secured a sales consultant’s position with McIntosh and Son, a major New Holland farm machinery dealership in Katanning. I am responsible for an area approximately 40,000sq km. Outside of work I am involved in Rural Youth, a community organisation working to connect young professionals and young farmers together to create social networks. I have also taken up water skiing and I am working my way towards competing in competitions.

Jessica GORDON
I’ve done some travelling since I left Helena College - around England, America and India. I’m studying Anthropology Honours at UWA right now. I hope to travel more in 2006 around Europe and to get through this year without too much study-induced hysteria. I’m also singing in a few jazz bands, hoping to get my own band up and running soon.

Tim HALL
After going straight to university, I acknowledged my mistake and took six months off to travel and work in Europe. Upon my return I studied politics and sustainable development at Murdoch University full-time, whilst working in hospitality, retail, and currently as a library assistant. My political activities have included cartooning, student newsletter articles, and running for parliament in the 2005 State Elections for the Greens.

Joanne HAMMOND
I have been working in community pharmacy since graduating from Helena College in 2001. Currently I am studying a Bachelor of Science in nursing with the intention to specialise in paediatrics. I also volunteer in the Starlight Express Room at Princess Margaret Hospital, which is incredibly challenging but very rewarding. In the next few months I am looking forward to going sky diving, mastering my new zippy car and a spot of travelling!

Graham HEARN
I’m studying philosophy at uni.

Charlotte JONES
I’m currently studying Marine Science and Tourism at Murdoch University. I’m looking forward to possibly organising to go skiing in America at the end of this year.

Patrick LEE
I’ve been travelling for about three months from Tasmania to WA, just surfing. I’ve also qualified as a gym instructor / pool supervisor / swimming instructor / lifeguard. I’ll also be doing a traineeship as a youth worker.

Paul LYONS
2002 - Commenced Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Laws double degree at UWA.

JUNE 2005

2003 - Travelled to Germany, UK and Czech Republic with the WA Youth Orchestra.
2004 - Completed Bachelor of Arts, travelled to Karratha on tour with WA Youth Orchestra.
2005 - This year I’m doing my 4th year of Law, after finishing my BA in History, at UWA. I’m also rehearsing for the WA Youth Orchestra European tour in early 2006 (visiting the UK, France and Belgium), after which I’m planning to do some extended travel throughout Europe before final year!

Ash-Lee MADLENER
After leaving Helena College at the end of Year 10 I attended a full-time classical ballet school Terpsichore, for two years to pursue my dream of becoming a professional ballet dancer. The training was extremely intensive, with dancing from 8:30am - 5:00pm, 5 days a week. During this time we were physically, emotionally and mentally pushed to the max and I must say those of us who still had a passion towards dance after the first year of training were amazing and those of us who still had a passion to continue dancing after the two years of training were absolute heroes!!!!

In the 2nd year of training there were only 3 full-time students left, including myself. I then successfully auditioned for the Advanced Diploma of Dance at Edith Cowan University which I thoroughly enjoyed. Unfortunately I wasn’t at the academy long before having to defer due to illness and I became seriously ill for three long years. I was unable to socialise, unable to study, unable to get out of bed and worst of all unable to dance! During the third year of illness I was hospitalised and from then on my health slowly started to improve and I am now happy to say I am basically 100% healthy again. I am currently studying Community Service at TAFE and my goal is to study psychology at university
psychology at university next year. I am also teaching ballet and thankfully dancing again and working towards my role as Cinderella, in our end of year production.

Scott MURRAY
I completed a university preparation course and enrolled in Biological Sciences at ECU, where I am now in third year. I’ve moved to Duncraig and I’m competing in the ten-pin bowling league.

Renee PAPARONE
After leaving Helena College I studied at AIF (The Australian Institute of Fitness) and completed a Certificate IV in Personal Training. I then worked as a mobile personal trainer for two years. I’m currently working in retail/management at The Athlete’s Foot and am in the process of opening up my own personal training studio. I’m still chasing my ultimate goal of getting accepted into the Big Brother house.

Jeremy PATTON
I’ve just completed the last unit of an Arts degree in Film and Television at Murdoch University.

Alison PARKES
Mother of beautiful baby Keely, aged 14 months.

Rhys PARKER
I’m currently in 4th year at UWA doing Natural Resources.

Michael PINKER
Since leaving Helena, I attended a one-year course at TAFE and completed a Certificate IV in Sport Development. In December of 2002, I participated in the Resort America program where I worked at a Ski Resort in upstate New York for four months. After completing the program I decided to stay in the U.S. and attend college. I just graduated from a two year college here in New York with an Associate Degree in Science (Physical Education / Fitness Studies) and plan on transferring (this Fall 2005) into a Recreation and Leisure Studies Bachelor Degree program at a four year institution.

Nicoie WYBORN
After graduation I studied Audio Engineering for 12 months. Then worked for the ski season at Mt Hotham in Victoria. I did move out of home for 12 months but am now back! I’m currently managing the Terrace 105 Restaurant in Guildford.

Kerrie SERCOMBE
I’m studying Nutrition at Edith Cowan, Joondalup campus.

Zoe THIELE
I am competing in the Avon Descent this year and really looking forward to it. I haven’t managed to make it overseas yet but spent a large part of last year seeing lots of WA, including a visit to the gorges in the Pilbara region, snorkelling at Ningaloo Reef and some great rock climbing down near Margaret River. I am planning to go to NZ at the end of the year for as much hiking, kayaking, climbing and mountain biking I can fit into a few months.

As for uni, I have completed a degree in chemistry, am currently doing honours in environmental chemistry, and still have another two years to go to finish off my engineering degree.

Alix WARD
I completed a Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Health Sciences at UWA from 2002-2004. Part of my studies included a week working up at Argyle Diamond Mine with the Healthy Lifestyle Program. This year I will be working as a camp counsellor at a summer camp in the USA, and then travelling on to Europe. I plan to go back to uni next year to study exercise rehabilitation.

Megan WEBB
During my first year after Helena College I lived in France for six months on exchange then worked for my father for the remaining six months. In 2003 I completed the first year of an architecture degree at UWA before I realised what it was I really wanted to do for a career. I started a five-year jewellery apprenticeship in March 2004 and am thoroughly enjoying my second year at the moment. I am completing my training with Kian Design Jewellery Studio in South Perth.

Old Helenians who left the school in 2003 may now pick up their Leavers’ Video from the Senior School office. There is no charge.

The 2003 Media students did a great job completing the videotape with a little help from Will Faulkner, who tidied up some loose ends.

They all deserve your thanks, particularly in view of the hours, after school ended, which some of them put in. Thanks for your patience.

There are still a couple of copies of the 2004 Leavers’ Video, which remain unclaimed. If you haven’t collected your copy please contact the school. Thank you.

Denise Makley
Media Teacher
CLASS OF 1994
10 YEAR REUNION

After almost a year of wondering ‘Whatever happened to...?’ 2004 finally arrived - the ten year anniversary of graduation from Helena College.

Friends and I were discussing long lost classmates with a ten year reunion for the Class of 1994 looming. No one seemed keen to organize the reunion so I thought I might as well try to get our small class of twenty-three together again. Julie Carlton (from the Helena College Development Office) helped with a database of past students’ details, but unfortunately, not everyone had kept up their contact details up-to-date. So this meant scanning the white pages, Internet sites and using word-of-mouth to track people down. (May I suggest that before you leave Year 12 that you register your details and email address on the Old Helenians website and keep up-to-date - then it’s easier to organize a reunion in the future!)

Once a venue and date were decided it was time to catch up with the old school friends. This was the fun part. Everyone was notified of the date - Saturday 11 December 2004 – and we each looked forward to catching up with old friends. The reunion attracted about a third of the class, with one third overseas and a third not being able to make it on the day. Darryl Sercombe turned up on the Sunday! :)

A few of us met on the Saturday afternoon for refreshments in the Board Room and a tour of the College. After ten years we noticed a lot had changed, with new buildings appearing, the most significant one being the gym, which is currently under construction. It was really nice to meet with some of the staff again: Mrs Herzfeld, Mr Allen-Williams, Mrs Mackie, Mrs Du Plessis, Mrs White and Mrs Williams. On the tour, when visiting the Science labs Mrs Du Plessis admitted to Mischa that she still uses some of Mischa’s artwork (from 1994) as borders for the student outlines she gives to her students in 2004. It’s nice to see that some of us left an impression and not just the memories from muck up day!

Ten years is along time before seeing old friends again, and you would expect them to have changed. But everyone was just the same, although perhaps a little wiser and some had chosen different paths than expected. It was amazing seeing the transformation from awkward teenagers into husbands, wives, parents, and professionals in many fields.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Class of 1994 10 Year Reunion. All the best for the next ten years. See you in 2014.

Michelle Downer (nee McPhail)

Many of you wanted to know what your ex-classmates were up to so here are the details to the best of my ability. I apologize if some of the details are incorrect; it was quite a mission to track many people down.

Michelle Downer

Students and Staff from 1994-
What are they doing now?

Students

Adam Smales - works at KFC;
Amanda Tett - working in HR in London, moving to New York in 2005 with boyfriend, Tim;
Anisa Lewis – currently teaching in England and has had many travels abroad;
Ben Lukic - Midalia Steel Branch Manager in Karratha;
Brenda Napthine - mother of one child;
Brett Martin - married, father of two, working for family company and living in Mundaring;
Bryan Dawes - living and working in Germany;
Charmaine Manuel - sings and has many gigs;
Cindy Barton - mother of a daughter and pregnant again, works as Child Care Aide;
Daniel Moore - no details;
Emma Thompson - mother of one child;
Haigh Nicholson - works at the Luxe Bar Highgate and lives next door to Charmaine;
Heidi Makarov - mother of a beautiful little girl Molly, had two accidents requiring many weeks in hospital;
Jenae Allison - mother of two lovely boys, Zac and Ty. partner is Anthony;
Joanne Parry - mother of two boys, married to Dave Williams, lives in Mandurah;
Jonathon Dutton - lived in Jersey, worked for Royal Bank of Scotland in Custody Operations, moved back to Perth in January;
Jonathon Ricciardello - living and working/studying in Melbourne;
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Thank you to Michelle Downer for collating this information after the Class of 1994 10 Year reunion in December 2004.
Old Helenians will fondly remember Pasar Malam (Indonesian Night Markets) held here at Helena College.

Helena College has always had a strong focus on multiculturalism, and Pasar Malam fitted in very well with the teaching of Indonesian language and culture. This year, however, the event took on an international flavour, encompassing food, fun, stories, music and dance from the four cultures of Indonesia, the Middle East, Italy and France. Families, students, staff, Old Helenians and members of the hills community all converged on Helena College to barter for bargains, savour delicious food from other cultures, enjoy traditional music and dance and much more! It was a wonderful evening of family fun and entertainment which recreated the bustle, atmosphere, smells and sounds of a traditional multicultural night market. There was lots to see and do – including trinket stalls, storytelling, mime, music, dance and entertainment as well as a huge range of traditional cuisine from the four cultural quarters.

The lure of delicious satay sticks and rice, French baguettes and cheese, crepes, Iranian meat patties, Little Caesar’s pizza, coffee with Italian biscuits, Lebanese baklava and French chocolat croissants tempted the taste buds.

The College’s amphitheatre and performing arts area came alive with Middle Eastern belly dancing, French can-can and Indonesian music provided by the gamelan orchestra.

An enormous amount of work by students, families, staff and friends of the College ensured the International Pasar Malam was a successful and unique event.

Coordinator Sally Herzfeld, Vice Chairperson of the College’s Council, said, ‘The lead-up to the International Pasar Malam is as important as the event itself, because the students learn a lot about other cultures as they rehearse their dances and songs and prepare for the activities. Even the Kindergarten children have a Pasa Pagi (Indonesian mini-market) at school so they learn how to barter.’
CLASS of 1995
10 Year Reunion

Plans are underway for a 10 year reunion for the Class of 1995. Bryan Woltjen and Jonathon Vose have kindly offered to coordinate. The proposed date is Friday 28 October 2005. See page 5 for more details. Wouldn’t you like to catch up with your old friends and find out what they’ve been up to over the past decade? For more information please contact:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Old Helenians are welcome at any of the following Helena College events....

Year 7-11 Musical Production
Radio-active
Directed by Chrissie Pavlovic
Performing Arts Centre
OCTOBER 2005 - Dates to be confirmed

Art Exhibition
Performing Arts Centre
Monday 24 – Wednesday 26 OCT 2005

Class of 1995 Reunion
Date to be confirmed

Darlington Arts Festival
Saturday 5 – Sunday 6 NOVEMBER 2005

Year 12 Graduation
Friday 25 NOVEMBER 2005

Awards Evening and
Gymnasium Opening
Friday 9 DECEMBER 2005