This year, University Hall’s annual International Night celebrated the winner of the World Cup – Germany!

‘Septemberfest’ was held on Thursday 18th September and was attended by nearly 350 residents. The 2014 International Night was a formal sit-down dinner and residents enthusiastically came in costume to celebrate our Hall’s diversity. We dined on delicious German food, played some silly games, watched talented residents perform and cheered on our flag bearers during what is always a highlight, the traditional ‘Parade of Nations’.

Huge thanks must be extended to the International Night student committee, led by Lead RA, Darren Chua, to our MC, speakers and performers and to UniClub for their ever-wonderful catering and event management!
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear residents and alumni

This is the final edition of the UniHaller for 2014. Exams are over and soon most of you will head off for the summer without a backward glance. You all deserve a good break and time with family and friends (and maybe a job or internship!)

Thank you to all of the University Hall staff for their work and commitment this year. To the RA team and our three Lead RAs – well done and a big thank you. Kudos to the Res Club Committee – we appreciate the time and effort you have put in on behalf of residents.

Some residents will leave the Hall for the final time. The Hall you leave is never the same as the one you arrived at. You evolve and change, those around you come and go and also develop and grow. As you head into your post-Hall life, we wish you all the success you deserve and the best of luck for the future. If you leave with fond memories, friends who will stand the test of time, some good stories and a sense of belonging to a special time and place then we have achieved great things. You leave the Hall a different person and the Hall is different because of the impact each of you has made here.

For the 70% of you who are returning we look forward to catching up with you in February 2015 and thank you for your contributions to Hall life in 2014. Please congratulate the winners of our 2014 awards and prizes before you depart the Hall.

Academic Prize: Ash Tyndall
Association Prize: Jimson Tan
Principals Prize: Julian Coleman
Mary Hodgkin Prize: Joint winners Kristine Labayog and Carlo Guaia
Staff Prize: Johnny Grigson
Nick Rock Prize: Amanda Liew
Sportswoman of the Year: Jessica Crisp
Sportsman of the Year: Andrew Henson
University Club Award: Ryan Varis
Citizenship Awards: Ahmed Saleh, Mia Ridzuan, Caleb Rivers, Emma Leipold, Jessica Crisp, Tom Campbell, Ryan Varis, Halcyon Milne

Stay safe over the summer break!

Janet Linn,
Deputy Principal

CULTURAL PROGRAM

On Thursday 9th October, the Cultural Program hosted National Indigenous Education Ambassador, Sam Reuben, for a BBQ at the Hall.

Sam is of both of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island descent, his mother hailing from Darnley Island in the Torres Strait and his father is of the Murriarmoo Clan in the Northern Territory. Over 40 of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents joined us for a BBQ with Sam on L-House balcony, during which Sam talked about instilling a positive mindset in order to achieve success in life.

He shared some strategies about how to work towards having a positive mindset, illustrating his points with some great techniques. Sam also spoke of the ‘triangle’ formula for attaining success, in terms of ‘thinking-doing-achieving’.

We were also joined by staff of both University Hall and the School of Indigenous Studies. Thanks to all who assisted in putting on such a great event, particularly our RA Kamsani who was the chief organiser.

BRENDAN DEGOIS (SCHOOL OF INDIGENOUS STUDIES) AND SAM REUBEN

JANET LINN WITH ARTHUR PITT AT GREAT GATSBY EVENT

JOINT MARY HODGKIN PRIZE WINNERS 2014
2014 Resident Survey

Thank you to the residents who responded to the annual survey. 210 residents took the time to complete the survey which was designed to provide feedback on all aspects of the Hall and to make changes and improvements to the residential experience.

Of the respondents, 50% occupied studios, 18.1% one bedroom apartments, 23.8% standard rooms and 8.1% standard premium rooms. The results of the various questions are pictured below.

Predictably the most informative sections of the survey were the free response questions asking for more detailed feedback. The key aspects residents appreciated about the Hall’s living environment were:

- Support networks of both students and staff (“like a second home”, “living with my best friends”)
- Proximity to UWA and more time to study because of location
- Social aspect of the Hall, friendly and vibrant college atmosphere, opportunities to make friends
- Facilities and study spaces
- Full rounded Uni experience (“more to life than just studying”, “a community”, “not just a place to stay”)
- Diversity of residents, different nationalities
- Sports
- Security
- Food
- Leadership opportunities

Areas respondents identified for consideration and/or improvement:

- Noise levels
- Restricted access to other buildings
- Not enough Res Club activities
- False (fire) alarms in the wee hours
- Certain cuisines in the Dining Hall, requested more diversity in menus
- Need attractive identifiable polos, hoodies etc
- Communication between residents and various areas of the Hall
- Wifi and internet access in some areas
- Consultation around direction and decisions
- IT support
- Postgraduates’ different needs
- Sports participation and involvement
- Common areas
- Lifts
- Smoking area

There were some very good and practical suggestions for improvements. The constructive feedback has been shared with the Senior Managers at the Hall and will inform planning for 2015. One of the outcomes already is that in 2015 all residents will have access to all buildings other than L House.

Q7 How would you rate your satisfaction with the meals at UniHall?

![Graph showing satisfaction levels]

- Happy: 22.31%
- Happy sometimes, unhappy others: 65.10%
- Unhappy: 14.58%

Q8 Have you enjoyed the experience and atmosphere on your floor and in your house?

![Graph showing enjoyment levels]

- Very much: 22.01%
- Most of the time: 43.06%
- Sometimes: 29.19%
- Not at all: 5.74%

Q10 Do you feel safe and supported in the Hall?

![Graph showing safety and support levels]

- Yes: 69.86%
- Most of the time: 30.62%
- No: 2.39%
- Please add further...: 15.31%

Q13 To what extent do you think living at University Hall has contributed to your academic achievement?

![Graph showing academic achievement levels]

- Has greatly contributed: 29.61%
- Has contributed somewhat: 49.51%
- Has not made any difference: 20.87%

(Has contributed somewhat)

(Please add further comments to help us understand your response.)
2014 Resident Survey continued

Q14 Are you satisfied with the maintenance of the buildings and the grounds, including your room?

Answered: 210 Skipped: 0

Yes 22.31%
Mostly but I have a few concerns 65.10%
No 14.58%

Q17 Have the activities available at the Hall (e.g. sports, social, Global Cafes, presentations) been important to your experience?

Answered: 208 Skipped: 2

Very important 26.44%
Somewhat important 55.77%
Not important to me at all 17.70%

Q23 Are you satisfied with your University Hall experience overall?

Answered: 210 Skipped: 0

Yes 59.05%
Mostly 34.78%
Not at all 1.43%

Q24 Would you recommend living at University Hall to a friend or peer?

Answered: 210 Skipped: 0

I would recommend highly 47.62%
I would recommend 36.19%
I would recommend with reservations 12.86%
I would not recommend 3.33%

(For Q14, please provide any additional information which will help us understand your response.)

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On Thursday 23 October, University Hall’s Lower Quad was transformed into a 1920’s ‘The Great Gatsby’ extravaganza thanks to the ingenuity and efforts of Carrie Watson (University Club) and the Farewell Event Committee.

Lights were strung, the dance floor set, a fantastic jazz band assembled and beverages and culinary delights prepared. Every detail was thought of, from the fancy Rolls Royce to the pulled pork sliders. The atmosphere was electric, with over 400 Uni Hallers coming together to celebrate the achievements of 2014 and say farewell to graduating and departing residents.
Residential Life announces the New Student Hub!

UniHall’s latest construction venture is currently underway, transforming the previous Residential Life area into a new and vibrant centre of service and interactivity for residents.

The Student Hub will be a place where residents can connect with one another, spend time studying and interact with Residential Life staff who are always eager for a catch-up and to lend support.

Residents will also be able to seek assistance for practical matters related to their life at University Hall (e.g. collect mail, buy laundry tokens, or grab a bike permit).

Students will be able to book out a boardroom for all types of meetings or study groups, lounge around on comfy couches while accessing Wifi and connect with other residents for impromptu morning teas using kitchen facilities.

Construction is underway and due for completion early next year, so we look forward to welcoming you down to the Student Hub in Semester 1 2015!

The Artists Impression image showcases the Student Hub design at the time of planning (please note design & colour scheme could change during construction).
Academic Awards Celebration

On Monday 22 September, a University Hall event attended by over 120 staff and residents recognised students who had achieved straight High Distinctions, straight Distinctions or a combination of both in semester 1.

The evening was hosted by RA Angus Wright who had the honour of first welcoming our distinguished guests Professor Erika Techera, Associate Professor Marvin Wee and Dr Richard Lee. Our guests were then treated to two wonderful performances from residents Amanda Liew, Brendan Chai, Terence Au and Sochantha Huang.

We were joined on stage first by Shea Patey who is an L house resident studying for her Masters of Biological Science, graduating at the end of 2014. Shea was invited to speak about how the experience of living in a residential setting has aided her studies and enriched her personal development.

Principal Keith Conley then addressed the audience and praised the success of our residents before presenting awards to our highest achievers.

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2014 Graduates

University Hall congratulates the graduating class of 2014.

Graduates, please bookmark the alumni Facebook page, University Hall UWA Alumni, and stay in touch with events and news.

Nur Afini Abdul Jalil
Ahalya Allegakoen
Braanne Ashby
Brianna Bourke
Longkuan Cai
Lahni Campbell
Regine Cheng
Samuel Cher
Stacy Chiam
Yi-Lin Chin
Linus Cohen
Rhianna Couzens
Niko de Souza
Rebekah Dowsett
Jacqueline Ellisson
Reyonld Fernandez
Grace Goh
Emily Go
Shahnizam Hamid
Mabel Han
Carlinn Harman
Hayley Hogen-Esch
Inez Faiz
William John
Joshua Kalmund
Darren Khee
Beverly Kim
Wei Wei Kong
Kristine Labayog
Joshua Lee
Zac Leow
QI Yang Lim
Charmaine Lim
Wan Yi Lim
Katherine Lim
Jolyn Loh
Nicholas Loo
Christianne Lugger
I-Zack Lum
Noomayra Mahbub
Keith Mak
Joshua Mason
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Christopher Mihaljevich
Jodie Mitchell
Kelvin Mitchell
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Ashlyn Ng
Thi Ngoc Anh Nguyen
Tessa Ong
Grace Peh
Tianya Seow
Monika Sieklova
Ya Yen Sim
Shanen Soh
Yue Yi Soo
Katie Sturzaker
Rhannon Sweeney
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Clarence Tan
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Kenneth Woo
Sayaka Yamaguchi
Jessica Yeoh
Glen Ang
Alice Yu
Ernest Yuen
Yixin Zhang
Beiqing Zhao
Peter Drucker once said “knowledge has to be improved, challenged, and increased constantly, or it vanishes”. The University of Western Australia offers a diverse range of subjects from wildlife conservation to geoscience. If I wanted to broaden my education, this is the place to do it. No background knowledge? Not a problem. Helpful professors, friendly classmates and a patient librarian is all you need.

It is refreshing to take units outside your course. It encourages one to think of a topic and see it in a new way. Taking ‘Sex, Gender and Social Life’ was one such unit. I was surprised to learn the construction of sexual identities and later realise how biology features heavily in gendered roles. Another unit brought out the economist, sociologist and literature student in me. Learning about your own country from the Australian point of view felt like an ‘out-of-body’ experience. Strange at first, but now the stereotypes I keep hearing about my home make better sense.

Much of the learning takes place beyond the classroom though. Take a walk through Kings Park and get the opportunity to learn about which plants are medicinal or edible. Do not get me started about the walking trails in the Swan Valley! It gives an insight to the rich history of the city. Even at the supermarkets you learn the importance of free range produce and the agriculture industry!

Not only has this exchange programme expanded my horizons but being a part of ULTRIS is an experience that I will treasure. What is it like to be the first students from Singapore participating in ULTRIS? One word: scary. I had no idea what to expect. I only knew my research project. But the opportunity to present at conferences and meet individuals passionate about research was worth it.

Purnima Balraju

Prior to the ULTRIS programme, the only research papers I’ve done were written in the relative comfort of classrooms with only the pressure of a getting a good grade. This pressure, though stressful, was nothing compared to what I felt when writing my research paper. To think that my research might be read and criticized by academics was a scary thought indeed. However, having finished both the paper and presentation, I must say it was both an enriching and a surprisingly satisfying experience, and I’m really proud of having been part of the programme.

Though the core Chemistry units that I’m required to take are no less rigorous than those offered in my home university, the broadening units are a refreshing experience. Being interested in the epic stories of the ancient Greek and Roman civilisations, I was pleased to be able to undertake the unit on ancient

Beyond the academic experiences, I’ve also come to enjoy the time spent making friends with people from different cultures. The general friendliness of Perth’s citizens and international students was more than helpful in bridging the culture gap that I faced when I first arrived. For me, this programme was more than just an academic exchange, but also an exposure to an entirely different lifestyle that I’ve come to enjoy.

Ng Wei Xuan
The University Hall Pathways to Leadership Program is a one year program designed to provide residents with the opportunity to develop leadership skills through specific training and initiatives such as mentoring, guest speaker series, a project and a retreat.

Attendance and participation in all aspects of this program is compulsory. The Leadership Program is an ideal opportunity to complement a resident’s academic studies, assisting residents to develop skills relevant to potential leadership roles at University Hall (for example Residents’ Club and RA positions). It also provides training in interpersonal and management skills that will be useful after graduation. This year, 25 students were accepted into the program.

The program came to a close in late October as we celebrated the Graduation Ceremony at a formal dinner held at the University Club. It was a sensational night enjoyed by all who attended. A special thanks to Dominique Maberly, Cameron Barnes and Morgan Taylor for their work in the program and to the Uni Hall mentors who played a key role through the peer assisted learning model.

Daniel Ho and Yan Ming Wong shared these words at the dinner:

First of all, the reason why I decided to take part in this program is I wanted to step out of my room and contribute back to the Uni Hall community by doing something fun and educational. We were imparted with knowledge via seminars, which were conducted by experienced and well-educated guest speakers. There were seminars regarding networking, resilience, women in leadership, theories of leaderships and championing social change. These are things that are out of the book and can only be acquired via personal experiences. I am very grateful for the organisation of the Pathways to Leadership Program, which has benefited every one of us, and I believe it is going to shape us into better individuals.

Yan Ming Wong

I came to University Hall for a few reasons – to make new friends, to take part in extracurricular activities and to develop my personal skills. The leadership program encompassed all three aspects perfectly, giving the chance to work on all these things simultaneously and now at the end of it I’m happy to say I made lots of new friends, I had the opportunity to create and manage events in areas I am passionate about and I have learned many new things along the way. For me, the highlight of this program was definitely the retreat. Spending a weekend away from most of civilization and bonding with everyone during the team building exercises was the break I’m always looking for during a busy year of study and exams. I’d like to thank Chris, Janet and Annaleis for making all of this possible by giving us the privilege to join the program.

Daniel Ho
Black Dog Institute

During the semester residents had two wonderful presentations on mental health from resident Bronwyn Milkins who volunteers with Black Dog Institute WA. During the presentations students learned strategies to cope with difficulties and where to access help and support services. Bronwyn also discussed how we can dispel the stigma attached to mental health in our society.

Health Promotion at the Hall

Three outreach activities were delivered at University Hall by the UWA Health Promotion Unit throughout 2014.

The first activity, Think Drink Extravaganz, involved knowledge and skill development activities. Thirty students participated in a standard drink pouring exercise, thirty students also participated in the Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) activity and twenty-one students received personalised feedback on their current drinking habits via individual alcohol interventions.

The second activity was a health assessment using the Pit Stop Program. Fifty-five students put themselves ‘over the pits’ at the event. Students who completed participant evaluations at the event commented that they found the event “informative”, “simple, clear, concise”, “very positive”, “great fun” and “a great evaluation of overall health”. They liked that it was “friendly and relaxed”, “interactive” and that staff were “very encouraging, knowledgeable and motivated me to reach certain goals”.

The third activity conducted was a SHARE* peer education event which provide an informal and fun forum for students to discuss various sexual health issues. Approximately forty-five students participated in the SHARE Myths and Facts Quiz to develop knowledge of safe sex practices including consent, prevention of STI transmission and promotion of STI testing.

*Sexuality, Sexual Health and Relationships Education Program
During the year a large number of residents represented University Hall, competing in the annual Intercollege Sports Competition, managed by UWA Sports.

Competition between the colleges was as fierce as ever and University Hall residents were keen to build on the successes of the previous year. Sports Reps Emma Leipold and Ryan Varis encouraged residents to participate in a range of sports, from basketball to indoor rowing, with each sport contributing to the overall results. The boys competed under the Nicholson Cup, the girls under the WICSA Cup and, for the first year, an overall cup, the Inter-College Sports Cup, was awarded.

After a long and tough year University Hall finished 2nd in the Nicholson Cup, 3rd in the WICSA Cup and 3rd in the Inter-College Sports Cup. A huge thank you to everyone who participated throughout 2014. We want to see those numbers climb in 2015 as we mount our next challenge in the IC Sports Competition.

On the 16th October, the Residents’ Club and the Residential Life team held a Sports Awards Dinner to recognise residents who had contributed both on and off the sporting field. Andrew Vlahov, ex-Wildcats player and owner, was the guest speaker for the evening.

Andrew spoke specifically about how leadership attributes can bring out the best in people but also provide challenges which if met really do enhance the best in teams and people. Andrew spoke about his own experiences and in particular about how pleasing it was for him to take on and be offered leadership opportunities at an early age. He described how he was able to utilise the skills he learned in many disciplines in later life. We were honoured to have Andrew present the two major awards for the evening. Sportswoman of the Year was awarded to Jessica Crisp and Sportsman of the Year was awarded to Andrew Henson.

Well done to everyone who helped make this season a success and next year we look forward to our two new sports reps Johnny Grigson and Jessica Crisp going all out to ensure further success and hopefully bring home the trophies.

Emma Leipold and Ryan Varis
2014 Residents’ Club Sports Representatives
Hey Hallers,

My time here at University Hall has made a huge impact on my life, it changed me as a person and I feel that I have gained so much through the wonderful community that we have here. Unfortunately, I’ll be leaving the Hall at the end of this year. It saddens me but it has been a wonderful experience and I will definitely miss the place that I’ve called home for the past three years.

I first moved into University Hall (Currie Hall back then) in 2012, when it was a small college of 250 residents. Today University Hall is one of the biggest and most diverse colleges in all of Australia. To me, living in the Hall isn’t just about the convenience of being close to campus. It is all about the college experience, making friends from all over the world as well as learning about the different cultures to broaden your horizons.

All of these experiences aren’t possible without the wonderful people in our ResLife team. I’d like to thank our Principal and Deputy Principal, Keith Conley and Janet Linn, ResLife Coordinators Annaleis, Stefanie and Stuart, the RA team and Milica, for being a huge support for the Residents’ Club throughout the year.

I would also like to thank my wonderful committee members for such a fantastic year. I could not have asked for a better group of people, we have worked through thick and thin and I am proud of what we were able to achieve this year. I’d also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the residents who have been elected to the 2015 University Hall Residents’ Club Committee. Leading the team as President is Julian Coleman (Event Manager in 2014). Under his leadership, I’m confident that the Res Club will achieve great feats whilst conducting amazing events for residents.

Lastly, to everyone graduating, I wish you all the best for your future endeavours. To all returning residents, I hope you get as much out of college as I have and have a wonderful summer break!

Regards,

Jimson Tan
President (outgoing)
UWA University Hall Residents’ Club 2014
Hot topics
High Tea: Race and Racism

The topic of this semester’s Charity High tea was Race and Racism. We were fortunate to have as our guest speaker Malcolm Fiahlo, Senior Equity & Diversity Officer at UWA.

The outdoor venue was a beautiful setting to enjoy the many tasty treats kindly baked for us by some very generous and talented Uni Hallers.

In total we raised over $250 which has been donated to The Hunger Project, a very important initiative with a global focus.

Relay for Life

One memory that will never fade from my consciousness is that of being woken up at 4am, after only one hour of sleep, by my University Hall Relay for Life team singing the Frozen classic ‘Let it Go’. Lucky for them, I’ve let it go and have chosen to remember them for their commitment, energy and dedication to the 24 hour charity event rather than their awful rendition of Disney melodies.

Hosted on Oak Lawn, the UWA Relay for Life aims to raise money for the Cancer Council via sponsorships of teams who lap around the lawn for 24 hours. As you can imagine, the experience produces a mixture of exhaustion, deliriousness, folly and the irrational tendency to eat any food in sight. The Uni Hall team was no exception to this!

Without a doubt, the amazing success of the team came down to the individual efforts of every team member. Whether it was the incredible hour where our team lapped the track in a massive group of twelve or the miserable hours of the morning where it came down to one person carrying our green fairy wand baton solo- each and every lap was extraordinary to witness. The event brought together residents who had previously never met and strengthened friendships. The support was great preceding the event with Uni Hall parents and students donating online or via gold coin donation at the Farewell Dinner.

Overall, Relay@UWA was a great opportunity for Hall students to get more involved with events on campus and interact with faculty societies and clubs who also participated in the event.

A massive thank you to Mez Singh, Sam Bewsher, Andrew Kuzich, Angie Robinson, Cameron Barnes, Ryan Varis, Alyssa Shapland, Jack Gerace, Jake Smith, Nathan Ward, Madi Granger, Zak Sims, Sian Brand, Melinda Jasper, Ashleigh Kinsella, Brady Johnson, Monika Siekelova, Amanda Mottershead and Denby Evans for their efforts.

We look forward to the 2015 event!

Danica Lamb
The year that was
Paul Kelly UWA Extension event at University Hall November 26 2014
Over 200 people have signed up to hear Paul Kelly, Editor-at-Large of The Australian, discuss his latest book, Triumph and Demise.

University Hall Alumni Residential Bursary
Paying for quality university accommodation in addition to the rising cost of obtaining a degree is out of the reach of many young adults simply for financial reasons. The University Hall Alumni Residential Bursary will enable more students to enjoy a full campus experience and the gift of living and learning in the company of peers.

The aim of the Alumni Steering Committee and the Hall is to raise $500,000 to establish an alumni fund from which bursaries can be awarded. The bursaries will be awarded based on three general principles: Excellence, Potential and Opportunity.

University Hall has a proud history of supporting students, regardless of means or background, and the alumni bursary will make a strong statement in support of this Hall ethos. It will also help to attract the best academic achievers locally, nationally and internationally, a key aim of the University’s strategic commitment to be in the top 50 universities by 2050.

Donations of any amount are appreciated and a donation form is attached to the last page of this newsletter to assist you in making a gift towards future students of the Hall.

UnWined
The Wine Appreciation event has been held over until March 2015 and will be advertised in the New Year.
Kenneth’s path to University
Prior to arriving at UWA, Kenneth worked for four years at office jobs in Perth then spent four years in the RAAF including two years as a Bomber Pilot in the RAF Pathfinder Force in Europe. His entry to UWA in 1946 was completed through passing a Mature Matriculation Exam. The Commonwealth Bank – where he had worked since the age of 15 – gave him unpaid leave to serve in the RAAF and then three years to attend UWA under the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme which paid stipends to ex-service participants.

His respect for the support given by the Commonwealth Bank is immense, particularly for its faith in him. The Bank now pays its staff for many of the studies he pursued at his own expense which he believes is a positive change. Kenneth notes “I did learn a lot about finance on the job enabling me to cover some of my educational expenses – a fair chunk of which came from some successful manoeuvres on the Perth stock exchange.”

Further studies internationally
Kenneth resided at the University Hostel from 1946 to 1948. However his studies did not end there. After two years further service with the bank after completing studies at UWA, he took a year’s leave without pay to do post-graduate study at the University of Stockholm. After another two years with the Bank, he was granted leave of a subsequent two years without pay to study at Harvard. When the two years were up, he resigned to take up a teaching job to complete his PhD.

At Harvard Kenneth was a Teaching Fellow at Lowell House and a Research Associate at Harvard Business School. By then he had a dedicated and hard-working Swedish-American partner.

On his experience at the University Hostel 1946 to 1948
“I was very eager to learn and experience everything that a cloistered life offered especially since my widely-shared views of UWA at Crawley, the “free” University, were that its privileged few were snobbish, elitist and very sheltered. Fortunately, I found that along with the War and new outlooks and approaches these conditions and viewpoints had changed dramatically.

The Hostel was not co-ed, it had a student body of ex-service men, students from rural areas and a few international students. Women were in an adjacent building. The average age was probably around 24 years old. Apart from the service comradeship, there was little talk of combat or war-time experiences. International students – being so few – seemed a little isolated. Residents were very keen on their studies and eager to finish in good time to make up for lost opportunities.

At the Hostel I served as President of the Residents’ Committee and remember working closely with Vice-Chancellor Currie on budget matters, resident complaints, Hostel activities and relationships with St Georges College. The food was good, social activities were few, sports actively pursued.

Because the residents were more mature, there were lots of off campus activities. For example I was a member of Perth’s Junior Chamber of Commerce where we worked on instituting decimal currency for Australia. I also gave driving lessons off campus and taught a course at Perth Technical College. We organised a canteen at the Hostel and I was able to involve a gregarious Indonesian student and a shy Indian student in handling the small business. I was a member of the Drama Club and a participant in a political club. I also became Treasurer in the Guild of Undergraduates.”

Studies at UWA and Beyond
“My major studies at UWA were in Economics and Public Administration and I stuck with these majors throughout my career. After having established myself with tenure at a university in the US, I was able to engage in numerous assignments with international agencies while retaining my Australian citizenship.

Many of these assignments combined work as an Economist and an Administrator. For example, through a regional compact, I was Project Manager in a USAID program to link PhD students in Agriculture in South Korea with Professors in related fields at one of the New England State Universities.

In Indonesia, under a UN program I worked in the National Administration Office to enhance the administrative skills of department workers. I was a member of a fiscal mission sponsored by the InterAmerican Development Bank to revamp the Export Taxes in Ecuador.

In Ethiopia, I served on a UNDP team to help rationalize competing aid programs from Finland, Sweden, the Soviet Union and other countries. I served as Project Manager and Chief Consultant in a think-tank type organization in Teheran, Iran sponsored by the UN focusing on regional development and income redistribution, hiring experts from around the world, including the UK, Israel, Japan and Western Australia.
I was an Observer attached to an Australian Trade Delegation at a Conference on Trade in the Pacific at Seattle, USA. Our three children certainly benefitted educationally as well as in job selections by being included in some of the overseas assignments."

**Teaching and Publications**

“Tought many courses in Economics and Business Administration both at my home base at the University of New Hampshire and as Visiting Professor or Research Scholar in The Netherlands, Sweden, France, Chile and Sri Lanka.

I was Dean of a Business School several times and have twice been a Visiting Professor of Economics at UWA. My publications are chiefly in International Economic Theory, Administration in Developing Economies and The New Political Economy in the Pacific. For me teaching is a kind of giving back what others have taught you and assembling new ideas that you have developed yourself or discovered through close and methodological examination of the world around you.”

**Final thoughts**

“After all the changes, future curriculums will embrace more intensely global studies in a cyber-world.

I am awed that so much has transpired and changed in University life and structures since I dumped my belongings on a freshly made bed in the third corridor of the University Hostel in Crawley in 1946.

From my perspective, the things that seem to have remained much the same in learning are: keeping an open mind, using all available tools to add to knowledge, translating work experience and associations in life into new knowledge, and selling your time to acquire your share of Human Capital as a national asset.”

University Hall would like to thank Dr Rothwell for his recent donation to the Alumni Fund.
Thank you for your support of University Hall at UWA

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