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The Student Heritage Group

With the Yr 12s of 2007 having finished their HSC, the Student Heritage Group has fallen into the capable hands of five current Yr 11 students with a passion for history. These students are Peter Seaman, Vivien Tran, Rikki Bacon, Jessica Ngo and Eva Dumbrell. Their goals are to continue to produce this alumni newsletter, to add more historical content to the alumni website and to produce a guide for a Hurlstone Heritage Walk. A series of historical plaques are in the process of being made and will be erected early next year which will form part of the walk.

Remember if you are interested in helping to fund some of the heritage group's initiatives please contact the Student Heritage Group c/HAHS.



Some of our 2007 prefects look on at the 100th year birthday cake at the school centenary assembly.

Remember Bedbugs, Daygos and Slabs, A Century of Memories, The History of HAHS, 1907-2007, written by HAHS history teacher Alan Pollock was launched in April this year. Copies are on sale from the Hurlstone Front office for \$25 and \$5 postage.

Where are they now?

This feature is dedicated to honouring ex-Hurlstonians by detailing their achievements after Hurlstone.. If you have some information about an ex-Hurlstonian, please send their name, a short blurb, and picture (if possible) to the Student Heritage Group at the school's mailing address .

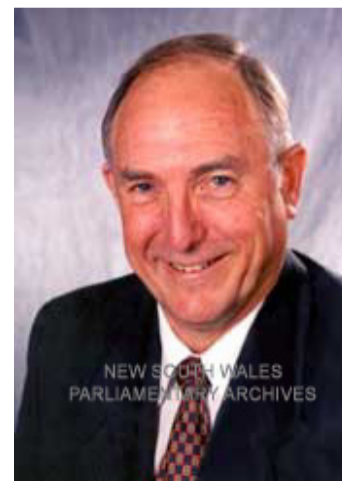
In this election year the editors decided to look at two of the past politicians who attended Hurlstone. Allan Morris and Bob Martin were at Hurlstone in the 1950s and 1960s and went on to very prestigious careers as members of the Labor party in the Federal and State parliaments.

Allan Morris attended HAHS 1953 to 1957. He was the son of a Greek seaman who jumped ship in Australia in 1917 and spent his early years of education on the central coast before going to HAHS in 1953. He did his Leaving certificate in 1957 excelling in Agriculture. After completing a BA at Newcastle University he travelled overseas and became a computer trainee with IBM. Returning to Newcastle in the 1970s he was elected on the Labor ticket to the Newcastle City Council. He won the Federal seat of Newcastle in 1983 for Labor, holding it till he retired in 2001. His brother, Peter, who did not attend Hurlstone, was the federal Member for Shortland, another Newcastle seat. Allan served on many parliamentary committees including Environment and Conservation and Industry, Science and Technology.

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Another successful politician was Robert (Bob) Martin who was at Hurlstone from 1958 to 1962. He continued with agriculture at Hawkesbury Agricultural College until 1965 and worked for the department of Agriculture for many years. He joined the Labor party in 1969 primarily because of the controversies surrounding the Vietnam war.

He became the Labor member for the State seat of Port Stephens from 1988 to 1999 and was the Minister for Mineral Resources and Fisheries from 1995 to 1999. His daughter Tanya attended Hurlstone in the late 1980s.



Outstanding recent student achievements

- In The Sun-Herald MS Readathon Ultimate Story Competition Lana Nguyen was runner up and Courtney Lor was highly commended.
- Peter Seaman of Year 11 was runner-up in the What Matters? writing competition conducted by the Whitlam Centre. The Honourable Gough Whitlam presented Peter's award to him.
- In the Australian Mathematics Competition for the Westpac Awards 23 students received a High Distinction, 227 received a Distinction, 315 received a Credit
- Giles Gardam won a Bronze Medal while representing the Australia at the International Mathematical Olympiad in Hanoi, Vietnam
- Shimene Tu was the NSW Year 11 winner in the 'Plan Your Own Enterprise' competition for her business plan for a Rendezvous Café
- Brian Fernandes and Konrad Pierski were winners of the ASX share trading game in NSW and were placed third in Australia. They won a prize of \$3000.
- Peter Seaman, Nicola Sanchez, Ashna Taneja, Jeremy Collins-Gallagher, Vivien Tran, Margaret Yie-Quach, Jing Jing Cheng, Abarna Maheswaran competed in the NSW Mock Trial competition. They won six trials and made the final 16 of the state.
- The HSIE faculty won a Commonwealth Bank Financial Literacy Grant of \$3500 for the 3rd year in a row
- Konrad Pisarski and Christopher Leung won the Best Team Entry for Year 7-9 Section of the Young Scientist Award Competition.
- Head Teacher Science, Greg Pitt received a Premier's Teachers Scholarship in Science.
- 3 students travelled to Japan on a TODA Exchange Program.
- The Glenwood Reading Program was established. All students from year 9 attend Glenwood Public School on four occasions to work with the K-3 students on the "Rainbow Reading" literacy program.
- Interact raised approximately \$20,000 for a range of causes.
- 4 Yr 12 students were pre-selected for ArtExpress
- Zoe Diamond of Year8 competed at the Australian Sport Swimming and Diving championships in Hobart and won 2 gold and 6 bronze medals.
- Scott Kneller of Year12 represented NSW in downhill skiing.
- Rhys Pirie was selected in the NSW CHS rugby squad.
- In the Wakakiri NSW competition HAHS came 2nd in story telling, 2nd in story singing and 4th in story dance.
- Robert Bressi and Jim Liu won University of Technology, Bachelor of Information Technology Co-operative Scholarships valued at \$39,000 each .
- Derek Thompson was a Finalist in the NSW Champions of Champions of Country Music.
- Giles Gardam and Imogen Gardam performed in the State School Ensemble.
- Benjamin Neutze was selected in the Talent Development Project and is also part of the School Spectacular.
- Vivek Bhatt was selected for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Orchestra.

The History of Hurlstone

A regular part of the alumni newsletter is a tidbit from Hurlstone's illustrious and colourful past. A very important part of Hurlstone's recent history is going. Social Science teacher Glenn Roche is retiring at the end of this year. The following gives something of an insight into a remarkable career at HAHS.

Since 1975 Glenn Roche has been the mainstay of the Social Sciences and more lately the HSIE faculty. But at the end of this year he is hanging up his chalk to spend much more time, profitably we hope, chasing the elusive bargains of Royal Randwick and the stock exchange.

Since 1975 Glenn has taught countless Hurlstonians Geography, Economics, Commerce, Business Studies and Studies in Society. He has endured 7 Head Teachers and been acting HT on and off for almost 6 years. He has marked the HSC for 10 years and taught students who have come first and second in the state in 3 unit Economics. He has had the dubious honour of being school sportsmaster for over 5 years as well as organising school photos for over 20.

His great interest outside the classroom has been sport, especially rugby. He can lay claim to the title of the most successful rugby coach of the last two decades. He coached Hurlstone rugby teams for 29 years, winning 18 zone premierships and the State knockout in 2000. His teams made the semi-finals of the Waratah Shield three times and won the 1997 1st Division Independent Schools Association competition. He was Regional coach of Rugby for many seasons and Vice President of Edmondson Zone for a number of years.

Interestingly, while Glenn has been a constant in Social Sciences for over 30 years the staffroom itself has moved many times. In 1975, he started off in the photocopy room near the Maths staffroom, later moved to Room23 in the same block then went to Clarke House where the faculty shared quarters in the Senior Billiard room before moving into its present salubrious quarters. Throughout this long period which has seen great change and tumult, Glenn has gone about his occupation of classroom teacher quietly, calmly, with a minimum of fuss and a maximum of efficiency. Congratulations Glenn, the school cannot thank you enough.

A job well done, a career well run.