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THE OTAGO UNIVERSITY RUGBY TEAM OF 1929



SELWYN COLLEGE, CLASS OF 1970

BLASTS FROM THE PAST

THE 1929 Otago University rugby team boasted no fewer than eleven Selwynites: Adrian Webb, Edmond Webb, Hector Webb, Roland Wilson, Russell Thomas, Neil Christie, Robert Christie, Colin Stevenson, Earl Stevenson-Wright, Basil Bibby, and Hugh Bibby.

The Selwyn College Class of 1970 will reunite for a dinner function at the College to coincide with the Rugby World Cup. For more about events during the rugby, please turn to page 3.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS ON CAMPUS



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REFURBISHMENT OF CATS IN PROGRESS (LEFT) AND COMPLETED (RIGHT)

THE SUMMER REFURBISHMENT SCHEDULE had many parts. In the last Alumni Newsletter, we reported on the College's acquisition and redevelopment of 69 Dundas Street, and the opening of the new Senior Common Room. Now The Catacombs ('Cats') – Selwyn's undergraduate common room – has been stripped down, repainted and recarpeted. Anyone who has shifted a pool table of any size will appreciate the challenge presented by shifting our full-sized billiard table. But the result was well worth the effort, since Cats has become the third recipient of our new Selwyn Axminster. The Senior Common Room and the Richardson corridors are already resplendent with Selwyn crests underfoot.

In other works, the old common room carpet has been given a new lease of life in the Whitehead corridors. The corridor Axminster that was already tired when I was first at Selwyn in 1991, is finally being retired. I'll be glad if our Selwyn Axminster gives us 30 good years too. In addition to this work, the Laundry also received attention over the summer months. One of the walls was realigned, and the layout of machinery changed to make more effective use of space. This has also enabled direct connection of the drying flues to the outside world, increasing the machines' efficiency. The room was also repainted (floor included), and additional storage built. Washing tubs are now accessible, and two additional commercial washing machines were purchased and installed. Several washing machines and dryers have also been replaced.

SCHOLARSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS!

FROM THE WARDEN'S BLOG

Read more at:
warden.selwyn.ac.nz

CONGRATULATIONS to William Coleman, who has won the prestigious Myers Scholarship. Will was Head Boy at Kings College before taking up his position with us at Selwyn College this year. They've done a nice job of writing up his achievements whilst attending Kings. Will was also short-listed for the Girdlers' scholarship won by Selwyn student Maria English last year, but withdrew after being awarded the Myers.

Congratulations are also due to those arriving at Selwyn this year in receipt of Otago University scholarships including the Leaders of Tomorrow, Dux, Maori and Pacific, and Performance Scholarships. I have felt very proud to attend a recent run of morning teas devoted to celebrating the achievements of these students.

With around 20% of first year Selwynites on University-funded scholarships, Selwyn has collected the highest proportion of University Scholarships per capita of any Otago College. And that is before we consider our choral scholars, our Exie scholarship recipient, and our returning blog scholars. Well done to all of these high-achievers.

► *Editor's note: On March 23rd, the Otago Daily Times also ran an interview with Will Coleman, which you can read at www.odt.co.nz/campus/university-otago/152833/cambridge-calls-otago-student.*

KNOX-SELWYN MIHI WHAKATAU

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S BLOG



MR THOMAS HEATON
2011 SCSA PRESIDENT

Read more at:
president.selwyn.ac.nz

LAST NIGHT marked one of the most memorable occasions for all of the students in Selwyn College.

We competed in the second event of what we call the Cameron Shield: the swimming. It marks a time when competition is fierce, fast, and very exciting to watch and to be a part of. Both the girls and boys proved their swimming prowess by winning convincingly in both relays. They were greatly supported by the Selwyn girls in the grandstand, cheering them on with the traditional Selwyn chants.

Not only is it a time for great competition between the colleges sporting wise, but it is also a time when both colleges face off in the Haka for the first time. The boys gave it their all and truly did the history, tradition, their coaches and their Kaia proud. The Haka was followed by the traditional stare down against the Knox boys. All things compounded together, made this event extremely intense.

This event was followed by a late night Powhiri in the Selwyn Quad. The girls revealed their Waiata and did so with great pride and respect. With speakers from both colleges, the event was a great way to formally start the Cameron Shield and Nevill cup competitions. This was followed by some great food provided by the Selwyn catering staff and a lot of socialising between the colleges before saying goodbye and going to bed after a very long and tiring.

I say in all of my blogs... "It looks like we are set for a great year!"... But, now, I know it is time for a change. Because, this year is going to be great. Lasting friendships will be made not only within the colleges, but also, between them.

ORIGINAL POST: 29 MARCH 2011

RUGBY WORLD CUP 2011

SELWYN COLLEGE is proud to announce that we will be hosting Rugby World Cup 2011 pre-match functions for all of the rugby matches taking place in Dunedin at the newly built Otago Stadium.

These are Cocktail style functions and will be held in the recently refurbished Cats Common Room. A selection of gourmet hot and cold finger foods will be served, accompanied by local Dunedin brewed beer and fine Central Otago wines. This special package is available at \$40.00 per person inclusive of GST and bookings are essential by end of August 2011 for all of the functions.

Starting times for these functions are two hours and fifteen minutes before the game itself starts, and a walking bus will depart from Selwyn College thirty minutes before the game starts.

Here is a summary of key information with regards to these functions:

DATE	TEAMS PLAYING	FUNCTION TIME	MATCH TIME
Sat 10 Sept	England vs. Argentina	6.15pm	8.30pm
Sun 18 Sept	England vs. Georgia	3.45pm	6.00pm
Sat 24 Sept	England vs. Romania	3.45pm	6.00pm
Sun 2 Oct	Ireland vs. Italy	6.15pm	8.30pm

PHOTOS FROM SELWYN 2011

FROM THE BLOGS



OPENING DAY WAIATA (LEFT) CRICKET ACTION AGAINST KNOX COLLEGE (RIGHT)

IN BRIEF

FORMER SCSA PRESIDENT PIRI SCIASCIA VISITS COLLEGE

Prof. Piri Sciascia (pictured left), a former President of the Selwyn College Students' Association (1968/69), recently visited the College. Prof Sciascia is the current Pro Vice-Chancellor (Maori) of the Victoria University of Wellington. Before joining the University, Piri was an adviser to the Chief Executive of Te Puni Kokiri. He has also been Assistant Director-General of the Department of Conservation, Assistant Director of the QEII Arts Council and Director of the Maori and South Pacific Arts Council. He holds a commemorative medal for service to the arts.

SELWYNITES ASSIST WITH CANTERBURY EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORT

Selwyn students travelled to Christchurch to assist with the relief effort in the aftermath of February's earthquake. As the Otago Daily Times reported on March 4th, around fifty Selwyn residents made the journey north. Students travelled as far as Ashburton on the Friday night, staying in makeshift digs, and began work early on Saturday morning. In Christchurch, students first delivered pamphlets advertising a community meeting, and then shovelled silt in the afternoon. You can read the full ODT article here: <http://www.odt.co.nz/campus/university-otago/150240/selwyn-residents-northbound-fill-gap>

RECIPIENTS OF UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO SCHOLARSHIPS 2011

The following Selwynites are recipients of scholarships from the University of Otago:

Jasmin Alloo
Oliver Armstrong-Scott
Reuben Bennett
Marcus Bentley
Nicholas Buckley
Benjamin Carpenter
William Coleman

Josephine Cutfield
Florence Isaacs
Kenzie Jackson
James Morgan
Madeleine Morton
Megan Paterson
Amy Pfeifer

Dean Ramage
Lucy Sulzberger
Gina Wilson
Teresa Wojcik
Antonia Yarnton
Hans To'o



PROF. PIRI SCIASCIA, PICTURED WITH THE CURRENT WARDEN



SELWYNITES SHOVELLING SILT IN CHRISTCHURCH

SELWYN COLLEGE MERCHANDISE NOW AVAILABLE

PRICE LIST

Warden's Ruin Pear Chutney: **\$15**
Box set of two espresso cups: **\$69**
Box set of salt & pepper shakers: **\$39**
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Selwyn bow tie (polyester): **\$40**

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