

# SYDNEY UNIVERSITY SPORT

Annual Report  
2005

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### 2005 MEMBERSHIPS

Undergraduates 45 966  
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### MISSION STATEMENT:

To facilitate the **optimal participation** opportunities for our members and implement unique strategies for the **development** of our clubs and athletes.

# Committee

## GENERAL COMMITTEE

In 2005, the General Committee met on 9 May and 12 September. Special General Meetings were held on 18 April and 4 October.

## CLUBS

American Football, Amateur Rugby League, Archery, Athletics, Australian Football League, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Boat (men), Boxing, Bush walking, Canoe, Cricket, Cycling & Triathlon, Fencing, Football (Rugby Union), Golf, Gymsports, Handball, Hockey, Judo, Kempo Karate, Netball,

Mountaineering & Rockclimbing, Rifle, Rowing (women), Sailing & Boardsailing), Ski, Soccer, Softball, Squash, Swimming, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Tennis, Touch, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Water Polo, Waterski & Wakeboarding, Wrestling.

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee met on eleven occasions during the year.

The Committee consisted of:  
Bruce Ross  
Greg Harris

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Denise Wee  
Patrick Cunningham  
Kate Leonard  
Bill McCreadie  
Christopher Noel  
Anne Titterton  
Georgina Brown  
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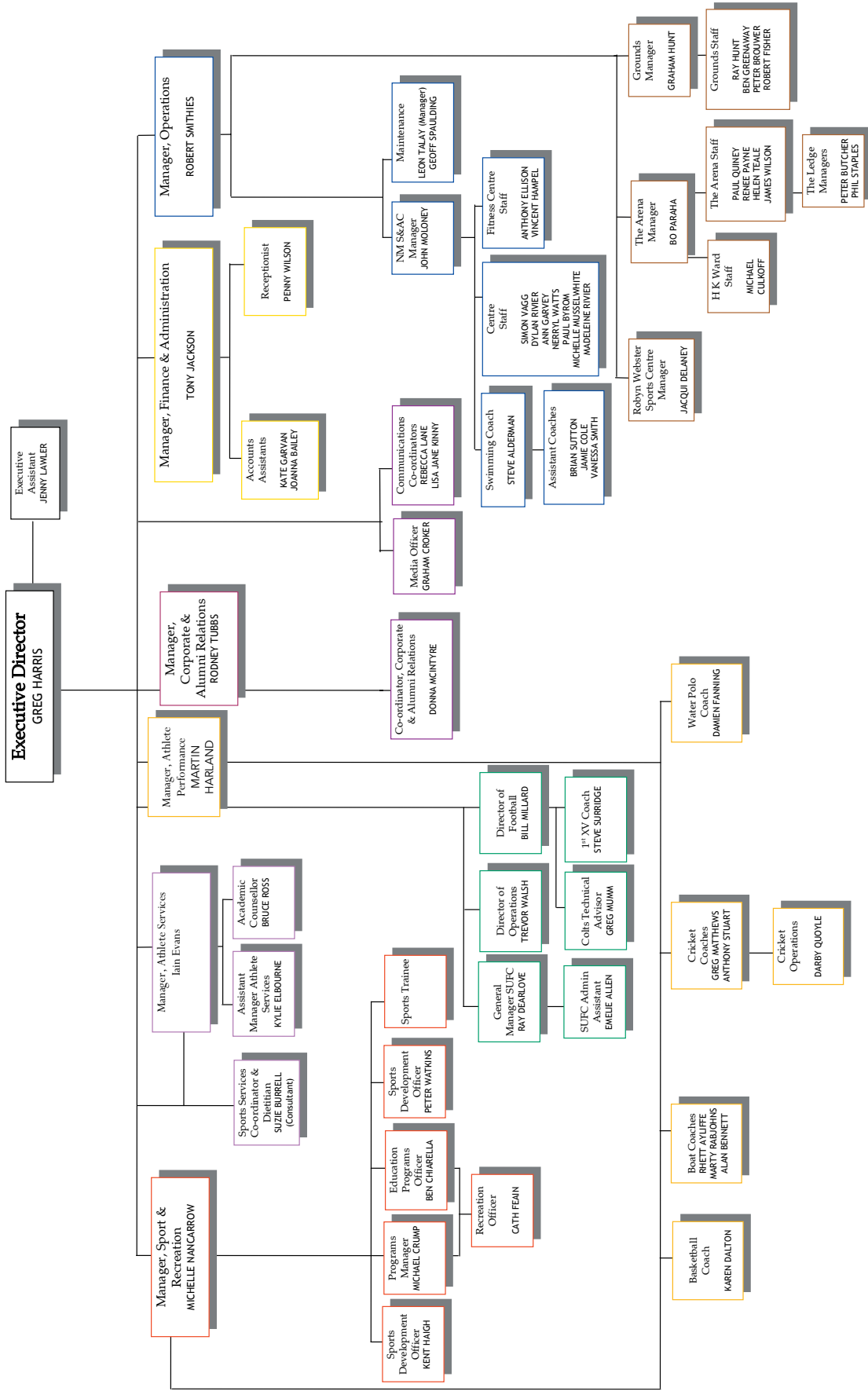
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# Administration



# President

2005 will undoubtedly be looked back on as an epochal year in the history of sport at our University. During the year our athletes achieved successes in sporting competition that we wouldn't of dared dream a decade earlier. As detailed later in this report we have had some athletes winning world championships and many achieving national representation together with clubs winning premierships at the highest level.

Suddenly, late on the final day's sitting of Federal Parliament; a fanatical group of "red-necked philistines" were able to take advantage of the faint-heartedness and deluded hope for preferment of their colleagues to force through a measure that threatens to destroy the quality of student life in Australia.

Much of the damage done by VSU legislation will be irreparable, and it would be naïve to believe that this is an unintended consequence of the legislation. But the impact will probably be greatest at those campuses that are least fitted to cope with it. Because of the actions of successive governments in reducing funding for tertiary education, many universities are themselves in financial difficulty and therefore in

no position to assume the burden of funding or directly providing services and activities traditionally undertaken by the various student bodies.

Fortunately, the situation at our University is not so bleak. Wise governance and outstanding financial management has created an environment free from the necessity to make unpalatable decisions that are damaging the quality of the institution and its members. In addition, throughout the long battle against implementation of VSU, our Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and Senate have been resolute in their determination to preserve the distinctive "Sydney University student experience".

We are confident of the support of the University in coping with this



Finally in relation to the struggle against VSU, I would like to pay tribute to the work of our Executive Director, Greg Harris, in leading the fight by the Australian university sporting bodies, and also to the very public support we received by members of our sporting alumni who in some cases were prepared to put at risk old friendships and allegiances in the defence of a worthy cause.

-Bruce Ross

unprecedented challenge. We will also draw on the loyalty and enthusiasm of the many who give up their leisure time to work in our sporting clubs and the alumni who look back on their experience of sport at their University with warmth and affection. Despite the malice and spite of those who wish to remove the concept of society and collegiality from the student experience, the University of Sydney will continue to go forward setting new standards in sporting achievement and the provision of recreational facilities for the University community.



# Executive

## DIRECTOR



In the opening paragraphs of my annual report for 2004, I warned of the threat of the Voluntary Student Unionism legislation being proposed at the time by the Federal Government. The threat became a reality and the passing of the VSU Bill in December 2005 heralded an unwelcome Christmas present for Sydney University Sport, given that we had just wrapped up our most successful year on record.

2005 was indeed a landmark year with respect to the achievements of both the athletes and clubs of Sydney University Sport.

These wonderful achievements are covered in specific detail later in this Annual Report. I can only say that in my 14 years as Executive Director I would never have envisaged that all of these successes could occur in one year.

Whilst our clubs and athletes were recording our best-ever performances on the field and in the pool, the majority of my time was spent coordinating the national campaign against the VSU legislation.

This began in March 2005 when SU Sport convened a meeting of Australian university sport CEO's in order to discuss strategies to secure support to either block the legislation, or to ensure that amendments would provide for university sport Australia-wide to maintain its funding. Shortly after this meeting, I was appointed Chairman of the Australian University Sport VSU Lobby Group.

The first priority of our campaign was to produce an impact statement to raise public awareness of the Draconian and hypocritical outcomes of the legislation on university and Australian

sport. It was also critical to our campaign to garner the support of a who's who of the corporate and sporting communities to assist in our lobbying of the Government.

Sydney University Sport alumni were fantastic in their support of our

activities. Approximately 40 of the 50 signatories to our national newspaper advertising campaign (Study or Sport) were Sydney University alumni. In particular, I would like to acknowledge outstanding levels of support received from Australian Olympic Committee Chairman, Mr John Coates and Mr David Clarke, Chairman of Macquarie Bank and of the Sydney University Football Club Foundation.

Given the devastation the legislation would have on regional universities, it was more than appropriate, after extensive lobbying, to gain support from the National Party at its National, NSW, Victorian and Queensland Conferences. Unfortunately, at the final vote only Senator Barnaby Joyce had the courage and commitment to support our amendments and cross the floor to vote against the legislation.

It was particularly disappointing that no other National Party Senators chose to

support Senator Joyce.

We were further disillusioned when Family First Senator Stephen Fielding at the eleventh hour also made the decision to support the Government and in doing so drove a stake into the heart of student

services and activities at universities throughout Australia.

Senator Fielding's decision to support the legislation was contradictory to his electoral platform of requiring an impact statement from the Government on any of its proposed bills prior to receiving his support. The Government had undertaken no such study. Senator Fielding, since August, had also refused approaches made to him by industry representatives to discuss the VSU issue. Democracy at its finest!

In discussing our campaign, I would also like to acknowledge various other politicians, besides Barnaby Joyce, who provided us with support and assistance. In particular, the Member for New England, Mr Tony Windsor, the Shadow Minister for Sport, Ms Kate Lundy and the Shadow Minister for Education, Ms Jenny Macklin.

Also, the contributions made by our campaign director, Mr Ian Cockerill

and my associate Mr Tom O'Sullivan, CEO of UTS Union, were nothing short of exceptional. I can honestly say we gave it our all.

What now for the Australian university sport sector?

**"Out of adversity comes opportunity – for all of us."**

At best, it is expected that only 20 per cent of the current \$40 million pa of sports fees nationally will be recoverable by voluntary payments. This will result in a net loss of over \$32 million annually in investment in sporting facilities and services to universities and the broader community. It is to be hoped that the \$80 million transition fund for the development and maintenance of university sports infrastructure will reduce some of the impact of these losses. Watch this space.

Following the passing of the legislation, SU Sport was required to provide to the University Senate a submission incorporating how we expected to conduct our activities given the financial implications of a potential loss of up to \$3 million pa from our \$9 million annual budget. From this evolved an interesting self analysis of the role our organisation plays both within the University itself and the wider community. The following extract from this submission highlights the services, facilities and assets of SU Sport which have now come under threat as a result of the Federal Government's legislation.

SU Sport through our clubs, facilities, recreational programs, interfaculty, intercollege, social sport and school sport programs reaches over 25,000 individual participants annually.



SU Sport has been responsible for the development, maintenance and management of over \$60 million (replacement value) of sporting infrastructure. Our grounds and maintenance budget is in excess of \$1.1 million per annum.

SU Sport's facilities represent a major component of the University's local community engagement program. They not only provide services to the University community but to 6,000 local community members and are also used extensively in the school holiday and school sport programs with over 5,000 individual student visits per annum.

In 2005 the University's Clubs enjoyed unparalleled success, winning the Rugby First

Grade Premiership, the Cricket First Grade Premiership, the men's Water Polo National League and State Champion status in Rowing and Athletics. Our University has won five of the last seven Australian University Games.

In 2005 Sydney University athletes won two world championships in canoeing and yachting. Its senior national representatives included seven Wallabies, four cricketers, seven women basketballers, seven water polo players and six canoeists. 39 current or former national sporting representatives across 15 disciplines currently compete for the University.

Sydney University had three representatives compete at the recent Winter Olympics to add to the 17 representatives at the Athens Olympics

and Paralympics, five of whom gained medals.

Sydney University has the most comprehensive system of sports scholarships and elite athlete support programs in Australia. Our program was benchmarked as Best Practice by the recent AUQA report.

In 2005 SU Sport spent over \$800,000 on Athlete Services provided to 250 scholarship holders. Despite their onerous training and competitive commitments, these athletes consistently and significantly outperform the general student body in their academic results.

SU Sport's current seed funding of \$1.2 million to its member clubs provides the impetus for them to generate a further \$2.5 million and

to recruit the services of an army of volunteers engaged in coaching and administration.

The University's sporting status is a vital element in attracting both local and international students. It also represents a key instrument in garnering the support of our alumni.

Failure to replace our existing funding mechanisms could possibly result in staffing cuts, a halt to capital works programs, a reduction in club funding and sporting scholarships and the number of general sporting programs and services that SU Sport currently provides. Our capacity to provide any financial support for our team at the annual Australian University Games will most probably be lost.

On the positive side, we have been buoyed by our initial discussions with Vice-Chancellor Professor Gavin Brown, who has been a great supporter of sport during his tenure. We are very optimistic that the University will provide alternative funding arrangements which will minimise our problems. SU Sport is fortunate to also have strong support from the University Senate. They have been very supportive since this legislation was first mooted and we are confident that this support will continue.

The future of sport at the University of Sydney is in the hands of the University and our sporting alumni. We are dependent on this support for the current standards of sporting services and facilities at

this University to be maintained. We are confident that our impressive list of achievements and our value to the University will be acknowledged.

Now the real game begins - the challenge to overcome the impacts of the legislation to build an even bigger and better organisation. Already we have some very innovative and exciting ideas to create the necessary financial support for our programs. Out of adversity comes opportunity – for all of us.

-Greg Harris







# Buildings & GROUND

In the 2004 Annual Report, I wrote about the large number of positive developments that had occurred within our sporting facilities at Sydney University Sport. I am pleased to report that 2005 has been no different and once again, our facilities and programs have seen a large number of improvements take place over the course of the year.

Perhaps the largest and most rewarding of these developments has been the refurbishment works on the Noel Martin Recreation Centre pool. These works consisted of the installation of four state-of-the-art mechanical ventilation units, the tiling of the pool deck, the replacement of the roofing and upgrading of the skylights, the construction of three showers on the pool deck, the painting of the box gutter and the creation of the tiled SU Sport logo on the pool wall. In addition, we have

also refurbished the central men's and women's change rooms, including the laying of new floor tiles and the installation of a new ceiling and new lighting. Finally, we have purchased new plasma televisions for our cardio theatre and bistro.

These renovations have seen the Noel Martin Recreation Centre become an even greater provider of top quality service and facilities to our students and community members and Centre Manager John Moloney and his staff must be congratulated for their consistently high level of customer service and enthusiasm.

The Arena and HK Ward have both continued to provide excellent service to their patrons and to the many athletes that utilise the facilities. Bo Paraha, Helen Teale and their team have outperformed in financial terms and in accommodating a wide range of user groups,

and their efforts in assisting our clubs and athletes are part of the reason that 2005 was such a successful year for SU Sport.

The Robyn Webster Sports Centre has continued to improve monetarily and as a provider of top quality facilities to our clubs and the general community. Jacqui Delaney and Madelene Rivier have done a great job managing this facility and should be congratulated for all their hard work.

I would like to thank Leon Talay, our Maintenance Manager, who is constantly and successfully maintaining all of the facilities mentioned. His hard work and dedication certainly do not go unnoticed.

The grounds staff, led by Graham Hunt, have done a fantastic job this year. It is fair to say that our ovals have been steadily improving for the last few years, and in particular, Oval No. 1 has been in excellent shape. The standard and quality of the Oval provided for the grade cricket finals in

April was excellent and Graham and his team are to be commended on a job well done.

2005 also saw the installation of two additional light towers on the eastern edge of St. Andrew's Oval. This has provided a more functional facility that can properly accommodate the training and playing needs of our clubs and I would like to thank Dr. Bill Porges and Wayne Erickson from the College for their assistance in completing this project.

2005 has been an exceptional year for SU Sport in a number of ways. Our highly successful sporting teams and individuals need to be supported by quality facilities, and we are constantly looking to upgrade and expand our buildings and grounds. I am confident that we will continue to improve our infrastructure and customer service during 2006 and into the future.

-Robert Smithies

# Sport & RECREATION

Off the field there have been a number of challenges with the introduction of voluntary student fees from mid 2006. As a result there will be increased pressure on our clubs and programs financially next year. With the uncertainty created during the threat of VSU in the past 12 months, there were several staff changes in the Sport and Recreation Department.

We bid farewell to Christian Mayo (Programs Manager) who moved to the US to play professional rugby, Michael Blewitt (Education Programs Officer) who went back to teaching, Kate Charge (Sports Development Officer) took a Sports Consultant job with NSWIS, David Brady (Sports Development Officer) who is now working as a Sales Representative with Dartfish and Belinda Snell (trainee) who is playing professional basketball in the US. The current team is a dynamic group of performers who have risen to the challenges and worked together extremely well. We are lucky to attract quality graduates who are passionate about sport and Sydney University. The team at year end were; Peter Watkins (Sports Development Officer), Kent Haigh (Sports Development Officer), Michael Crump (Programs Manager), Ben

Chiarella (Education Programs Officer) and Cath Feain (Recreation Officer). Thanks must be extended to them for their fantastic effort in 2005.

In particular I would like to highlight the success of the programs this year. The sports camps and suite of education programs have continued to provide primary and secondary school children with



quality sport and education experiences at Sydney University. More direct marketing and the growing reputation of our courses and camps has seen enrolments increased dramatically from 2004 and provided an unexpected but welcome boost to revenue.

## CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

Many thanks must be extended to the coaches and administrators who volunteer their time to our clubs. Without their continued support we would not enjoy the level

of participation and success that our vibrant club structure currently boasts. 2005 has been one of the most successful years on the field for Sydney University teams and athletes. Many outstanding results were recorded in a phenomenal year. Competition for club of the year has never been closer! Details are provided in the club annual reports but I would like to highlight several finals and premierships performances that warrant special mention. World championships

were won by sailor Jacqui Bonnitche and canoeist Robin Bell. Jacqui became the first female to win the World 29er Championship when she teamed with Euan McNicol to outsail the best in the class in strong winds on San Francisco Bay. Bell became the first Australian to win a white water world championship when he took out the C1 canoe event at Penrith. Five other Sydney University representatives also competed at the event.

Our footballers had a

magnificent season winning the Club Championship and Colts Club Championship. First grade were premiers of the Tooheys New Cup. All eight teams made the semi finals. Six teams played in grand finals with wins to first grade, second grade, fourth grade, colts 1 and colts 3. Peter Playford finished the season with 29 tries breaking the record for the competition. Individual awards were won by Tim Davidson (Club Player of the Year), Dan Vickerman (Super 12 Player of the Year) and Steve Surridge (NSW Rugby Coach of the Year). Sydney University also had nine players selected in a national train-on squad for the 2006 Women's Rugby World Cup to be held in Edmonton, Canada – Alex Hargreaves, Jorja Jones, Linda O'Hara, Cassandra Williams, Kate Lancaster, Amy Kermode, Alena Summers, Rachelle Pirie and Felicity Goodwin.

Sydney University Cricket Club won the 2004/5 Sydney Grade Cricket competition. Six grades competed in the finals series, first grade were minor premiers and premiers, third grade were minor premiers and sixth grade were premiers. Four players from the club represented NSW – Ed Cowan, Greg Mail, Matthew Phelps and Stuart MacGill. Three women's cricket club members were in the

Australian team for the tour of England – Lisa Sthalekar, Kate Blackwell and Alex Blackwell – that won the Ashes. This trio also played in the World Cup in South Africa where Australia won the final against India.

The Sydney Uni Flames finished the 2004/5 WNBL season runner up to Dandenong 52-47 in a packed Dandenong Stadium. Belinda Snell and Trish Fallon were named in the All Star 5. Snell was also the WNBL leading point scorer. Off the court, the season was a great success, securing a naming rights sponsor. For season 2005/6 the team will be known as the G.E.T. Sydney Uni Flames.

The Men's Water Polo Club had an exceptional year winning National League, five grand finals in the NSW competition, U20 State Championship and the First Division Club Championship for the eighth consecutive year. Sydney University Lions took out the 2005 National Water Polo crown in Brisbane against nine-time champions Fremantle Mariners 2-1 in a best-of-three final. The Lions have now appeared in four of the past five NWPL finals with wins in 2002, 2003 and 2005. At the NWPL awards following the finals, Rob Maitland was named most valuable player of the finals series while Thomas Whalan was named in the men's All-Star team and Elise Ashton (nee Norwood) in the women's All Star

Team. Four Sydney University men and four women represented Australia during the year – Thomas Whalan, Trent Franklin, Rob Maitland, Sam McGregor, Elise Ashton, Yvette Balla-Gow, Taniele Gofers and Fiona Hammond.

Thomas Whalan and Trent Franklin were also elevated to the captain and vice-captain of the Australian men's water polo team respectively while Elise Ashton captained the women's team and played her 100th international during the World Super League Finals in Russia.

Boat and rowing had a great year at the NSW State Championships dominating all comers. In the overall point score Honours Trophy Sydney University won convincingly with 69.75 points from Sydney Rowing Club with 26 points. 20 athletes were selected to compete in NSW crews at Nationals where Ian Allsop and Fergus Pragnell won the U23 pair. Matt Ryan represented Australia at the Senior A World Championships, Andrew Wilson, Fergus Pragnell and Ian Allsop represented at the U23 World Championships and Andrew Heffer, Mitch Estens, Andrew Connolly and Cameron Girdlestone represented at the Junior World Championships. Trans Tasman was won by University of Sydney 8-1 in New Zealand. They also retained the coveted Oxford and Cambridge Cup at Australian

University Games in Brisbane.

Sydney University Athletics Club won the men's and women's NSW Club Championships, the NSW Cross Country Championships and recorded their best ever results at Australian University Games winning 10 individual gold medals and the cross-country title. The Club Championship is the fifth consecutive title for the men and first for the women. The other highlight for the athletics year was the Track Classic hosted by our club at Homebush. At the National Championships held in Sydney Nick Bromley won the men's 800m, Lachlan Thomas won the men's 1500m, Emma Rilen finished fourth in the women's 1500m and Justin Merlino finished fifth in the men's 110m hurdles.

Our AFL men won premierships in first grade 13.8 (86) to 10.6 (66) and reserves 13.9 (87) to 9.10 (64) against UTS. The men's club also hosted a 'grudge match' in June on No. 1 Oval against UTS and won convincingly. In other honours, Sydney University was named Club of the Year by the League and seven women's AFL players represented NSW at Nationals.

In gridiron, the Sydney University Lions were the Waratah Bowl Champions for the third consecutive year taking a number of records in the

process.

They remain undefeated for a second season after a comprehensive 23-0 win over Bondi Raiders in the final. The Lions have appeared in the past six grand finals, have won seven NSW State Championships and hold a winning streak of 31 games.

The soccer Super League U20 men performed beyond expectations and won the premiership and grand final against tough opposition at Dulwich Hill. In 2005 the girls also entered Super League for the first time after winning promotion from the Women's State League in 2004. Individual awards were won by Jimmy Campbell (NSW Men's Super League Coach of the Year), Astrid Larssen (NSW Women's Super League Player of the Year) and Anthony Costa (NSW U20 Player of the Year).

Tennis men won the Australian University Games and made it through to the grand final of the Tennis NSW State League competition for the first time finishing runner-up. Sydney University players Michael Hayes and Adrian Somerville won tournaments during the year. Hayes won the Hellenic Tournament

Open Singles and Doubles while Somerville won the Manly Seaside Open Tournament Singles.

Nine Sydney University swimmers attended an Australian squad altitude camp in Flagstaff, Arizona during the year. Club members competed in NSW Age Championships, National Short Course and World Uni Games. The best result for the club at Nationals was third by Jono Newton in the 50m fly. Louis Paul also did well to be selected for the World Short Course Championships to be held in China in 2006.

Baseball first graders made their first grand final since 1996. Unfortunately they went down to Petersham.

The Sydney University Scorpions were premiers of the men's and women's Sydney Handball Competition. The women undefeated and the men with only one loss.

### SPORTS AWARDS

Several performances of individuals and teams were acknowledged throughout the year. At the 2005 Sydney University Sport Annual Sports Awards Dinner the following performances from 2004 were acknowledged:

- Sportsman of the Year – Ed Cowan (Cricket)
- Sportswoman of the Year – Loudy Tourky (Diving)
- Coach of the Year – Andrew Randell (Boat) and Karen Dalton (Basketball) – joint winners
- Rosenblum Family Trophy for Clubman of the Year – Gary Reynolds

(Touch)

- Pat Sharp Trophy for Clubwoman of the Year – Tania Finikiotis (Netball)
- Club of the Year – Boat/Rowing
- Ann Mitchell Award for the Best Performance at an AUG/AUC - Netball

Jacqui Bonnitche collected the Australian University Sport East 2005 National/International Performer of the Year for her quality performance in sailing. Bonnitche became the first female sailor to win the 29er World Championships, she is the only female competitor in the 18ft skiffs nationwide and was selected for the World University Games, Turkey where she placed sixth in an international field.

Fergus Pragnell was awarded the Australian University Sport Most Outstanding Athlete of the Year for 2004. Pragnell placed third at Nationals in the U23 pair and four, was in the Australian U23 and Senior B team that toured Poland where he won a gold medal in U23 coxed four, he was a member of the Australian University men's eight that won gold in the TransTasman challenge and Sydney University men's eight that won gold at the Australian University Championships and the men's pair that won silver.

### EASTERN UNIVERSITY GAMES

Many Sydney University athletes enjoyed



participating in a range of intervarsity championships and games in 2005. At Eastern University Games in Tamworth in July, SU Sport was successful in retaining status as the premier sporting institution in the region winning the overall point score ahead of University of NSW and UTS. The Ann Mitchell (per capita) Trophy was won by the Australian College of Physical Education and Spirit of the Games was awarded to Newcastle University.

SU Sport won seven gold, four silver and six bronze at EUG. A strong team of 343 athletes participated with wins in AFL men, beach volleyball women, netball women, softball, squash women, tennis men and volleyball women. SU Sport competed in all competitions with the exception of equestrian and men's squash.

All sports that competed qualified for Australian University Games with the exception of basketball men and touch men. The athletes were supported

by Michelle Nancarrow, Peter Watkins, Kent Haigh and Ben Chiarella (who also competed in men's hockey).

### AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY GAMES

The 2005 Australian University Games were held in Brisbane in September. The Sydney University team comprised 424 athletes and officials from Sydney University. The team was led by Michelle Nancarrow, Peter Watkins, Iain Evans, Lisa Jane Kinny and Rebecca Lane. Of the 39 sports on offer, we competed in 32. Sydney University finished in second place overall behind Melbourne University who boasted a massive team of 480 athletes and staff. Given that the points weighting now favours participation, our athletes and teams performed very well to place that highly. The gold medal tally in fact was won by Sydney University with nine gold in cross country, kendo, netball women, rowing, soccer men, softball, tennis men and water

polo men and women  
The Doug Ellis (per capita) Trophy was won by Macquarie University and Spirit of the Games was awarded to Queensland University of Technology.

Notable AUG performances included the domination of our water polo teams that fielded several Olympians, athletics who recorded one of their best results in years, retention of the Oxford and Cambridge Cup by our rowers. The softballers won their competition undefeated as did the netball women who have extended their streak beyond three years in AUS events. Sydney University athletes were well represented in the merit team selections for both EUG and AUG.

### AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Highlights of the AUS Championships program included wins at regional level in the distance running, archery, taekwondo, triathlon and water polo men while our women won the AUC Snowsports. Sydney University clubs hosted successful Eastern University Championships for archery at Homebush and table tennis on-campus at HK Ward Gymnasium. The Australian University Fencing Championship was also hosted and won by our club at Glebe High School.

## FINAL PLACING AT AUS GAMES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2005

	EUG/ EUC	AUG/ AUC			
AFL (m)	1st	7th	Rugby League	4th	n/a
AFL (w)	1st	n/a	Rugby Union (m)	2nd	7th
Archery	1st	n/a	Rugby Union (w)	3rd	n/a
Athletics	n/a	2nd	Snow Sports	n/a	2nd
Badminton (m)	3rd	8th	Soccer (m)	3rd	1st
Badminton (w)	3rd	4th	Soccer (w)	4th	4th
Baseball	4th	9th	Softball	1st	1st
Basketball (m)	8th	13th	Squash (w)	1st	3rd
Basketball (w)	12th	9th	Surfing	n/a	
Beach Volleyball (w)	1st	n/a	Swimming	n/a	6th
Cross Country	2nd	1st	Table Tennis (m)	4th	n/a
Fencing	n/a	1st	Table Tennis (w)	3rd	n/a
Golf (m)	3rd	n/a	Taekwondo	1st	4th
Golf (w)	2nd	7th	Tennis (m)	1st	1st
Gymnastics		n/a	Tennis (w)	5th	7th
Hockey (m)	2nd	4th	Touch (m)	7th	10th
Hockey (w)	6th	3rd	Touch (w)	5th	6th
Marathon (m & w)	1st	19th	Touch (mx)	14th	12th
Judo	2nd	4th	Triathlon	1st	8th
Karate	2nd	n/a	Ultimate Frisbee	3rd	3rd
Kendo	n/a	1st	Volleyball (m)	4th	14th
Netball (w)	1st	1st	Volleyball (w)	1st	4th
Netball (mx)	3rd	2nd	Water polo (m)	1st	1st
Orienteering	n/a	2nd	Water polo (w)	2nd	1st
Oztag	3rd	n/a	Windsurfing	n/a	3rd

### EUG – MERIT TEAM SELECTIONS

AFL (m)	Michael Higgins	Netball (w)	Meg Carrigan
AFL (m)	Anthony Neville	Netball (w)	Merryn Quayle
AFL (m)	Luke Taylor	Netball (mx)	Hayley Keeling
AFL (m)	James Terry	Netball (mx)	Erin McGushin
AFL (m)	Roland Wood	Rugby League 7's	Mike Davis
Baseball	Lee Corbett	Rugby League 7's	Murat Yildirim
Baseball	Jonathon Freeston	Rugby Union (w)	Monica Chew
Baseball	Timothy Snelling	Rugby Union (m)	Matthew Brecht
Basketball (m)	James MacCann	Rugby Union (m)	Ben Fletcher
Cross Country (w)	Kathryn Archbold	Soccer (w)	Leonore Carr
Cross Country (w)	Madeleine Heiner	Soccer (w)	Alison Hoggs
Cross Country (w)	Trieste Corby	Soccer (w)	Marta Kielich
Hockey (m)	Jarryd Hill	Soccer (w)	Emma Schiller
Hockey (m)	Adam Howard	Soccer (m)	Oren Nhaissi
Hockey (w)	Bess Prescott	Soccer (m)	Nathan Orié
Netball (w)	Elizabeth Bornstein	Soccer (m)	Brad Wiblen

## EUG – MERIT TEAM SELECTIONS

cont'd

Softball	Jacinta Fitzsimmons
Softball	Catherine Gulliver
Softball	Sheree Moore
Softball	Kristy Ryan
Squash (w)	Kirsty Champion
Squash (w)	Katie Crisp
Squash (w)	Louise Wilson
Tennis (m)	Michael Hayes
Tennis (m)	Adrian Somerville
Touch (w)	Kristee Arkle
Touch (w)	Kate Baseley
Touch (m)	Jonathon Rooke
Ultimate Frisbee	Gabriella Melo
Ultimate Frisbee	Keah Molomby
Volleyball (w)	Maja Anderson
Volleyball (w)	Cara Williamson
Volleyball (m)	Luke Carroll
Volleyball (m)	Chris Todd

## AUG – GREEN AND GOLD SELECTIONS

Athletics	Justin Merlino
Athletics	Lisa Grant
AFL (m)	Joel Carr
AFL (m)	Michael Higgins
Cross Country	Kathryn Archbald
Fencing	Jess Brooks
Hockey (w)	Georgina Brown
Hockey (w)	Margaret Buchannan
Hockey (m)	Tom Lobsey
Kendo	Takeshi Okazaki
Netball (w)	Carlie Hoffman
Netball (w)	Landell Archer
Netball (w)	Maree Tyndall
Netball (mx)	Erin McGushin
Netball (mx)	Hayley Keeling
Netball (mx)	Meg Carrigan
Rugby Union (m)	Joel Turner
Soccer (w)	Emma Schiller
Soccer (w)	Marta Kielich
Soccer (m)	James Pearce
Softball	Jacinta Fitzsimmons
Softball	Kathryn Snodgrass
Softball	Michelle Wykes
Softball	Samantha Poole

## AUG – GREEN AND GOLD SELECTIONS

cont'd

Softball	Sophie Gulliver
Squash (w)	Kirsty Champion
Squash (w)	Louise Wilson
Swimming	Tim Laforest
Tennis (m)	Adrian Somerville
Tennis (m)	Daniel Davies
Tennis (w)	Lauren Russell
Touch (m)	Jonathan Rooke
Touch (w)	Lauren Thorne
Ultimate Frisbee	Gabriella Melo
Ultimate Frisbee	Keah Molomby
Ultimate Frisbee	Sarah Crossie
Volleyball (w)	Hayley Warren
Volleyball (w)	Jennifer Baldwin
Volleyball (w)	Maja Anderson
Water polo (m)	Trent Franklin
Water polo (m)	David John Carrick
Water polo (m)	Samuel McGregor
Water polo (w)	Elise Ashton
Water polo (w)	Fiona Hammond
Water polo (w)	Yvette Balla-Gow
Water polo (w)	Taniele Gofers

### WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES

At the 2005 World University Summer Games in Izmir, Turkey, there were eight Sydney Uni representatives. Lisa Grant finished 12th in the women's 20km walk. In the diving, Alex Croak and Adele Meagher finished 12th in the women's 1m springboard and 10m platform respectively. Jacqueline Bonnitcha placed seventh overall in the women's 470 class sailing. Her brother Jonathon Bonnitcha placed 17th in the men's mistral sailing event. Swimmers Tim Laforest and Jono Newton finished 14th in the men's 4x100m freestyle relay under the tuition of coach Steve

Alderman. Newton placed 25th in the men's 50m backstroke and seventh in the 50m butterfly. Rob Maitland played in the men's water polo team that finished ninth. Aaron Jones, Thomas Whalan, Trent Franklin and Sam McGregor were also selected in the men's water polo team but had to withdraw. At the 2005 World University Winter Games in Innsbruck, Austria, alpine skier Fiona Rae competed in ski cross and finished 19th.

### INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCES

Other international performances from Sydney University students or club members in 2005 are

listed below:

•**American Football**

World Games, Duisburg, Germany – Fady Aoun.

•**Athletics**

America Series - Angela Ballard (wheelchair athletics).

World Race Walking Cup, Open Australian Team 20km – Lisa Grant.

World Cross Country Championships, France– Madeleine Heiner (junior) and Emma Rilen (senior short course).

•**Baseball Women**, USA Tour – Loren Vella.

•**Basketball**

Opals Squad Members – Belinda Snell, Trish Fallon, Natalie Porter, Alicia Poto, Michelle Musselwhite, Kristen Veal.

Wheelchair basketball – Sarah Stewart.

World Junior Wheelchair Basketball Championships, Birmingham, UK – Darren Skuse.

Osaka Cup, Japan – Jeremy Van Asperen.

•**Bobsleigh**

World Championships, Calgary, Canada – Astrid Loch-Wilkinson.

•**Canoe**

Slalom ICF World Championships, Penrith – Robin Bell, Kate Lawrence, Louise Natoli, John Wilkie, Rob Parker, Lachie Milne.

World Cup, German and Spain – Robert Parker.

Canoe Slalom World Championships, Prague – Emma Lefroy.

•**Cricket**

Women's World Cup, South Africa and Ashes Tour of England – Lisa Sthalekar, Kate Blackwell and Alex Blackwell. Australian Test Team - Stuart McGill.

•**Fencing**

World Junior Championships, Austria – David Barker.

•**Figure Skating Four Continents**

Championships, Gangneung, Korea. World Figure Skating Championships, Moscow, Russia – Joanne Carter.

•**Ice Hockey**

World Championships, Croatia – Alex Djamirze.

•**Karate**

World Championships, Cyprus – Zen Rajab.

•**Lifesaving**

South Africa National Championships, Johannesburg – Ben Orford.

•**Netball**

Australian Team, New Zealand and Jamaica tour – Sarah Barrett.

Fiji National Netball Coach – Megan Simpson.

•**Rowing**

Henley Regatta, England – Alex Handley, Renee Kirby, Laura Polin, Yasmin L'Estrange.

TransTasman, New Zealand – Liz Lang, Kylie Grant, Sarah Phillips, Cassie Noel, Kirsty McIntosh, Kirstie Fagg,

Caitlin Lang, Andrea McCarthy, Georgia McCaughan, Lizzi Chapman coach, Joe Power, Will Townsend, Harry Horwitz-Rourke, James Wilmott, Damien Hietbrink, Miles Foran, Murdoch Gatti, Will Chambers, Pat Wilson, Ed Boyce, Terrence Alfred, Justin Quigley, Toby Lister, James Tyree coach.

Invitational International Intercollegiate Regatta, I-Lan, Taiwan – Patrick Wilson, Oli Zuk, James

Wilmott, Joe Power, Henry Polkinhorne, Nicholas Edelman, Justin Quigley, Oli Mahoney, Georgia McCaughan, Fergus Pragnell, Chris Clyne. World U23 Championships, Amsterdam – Ian Allsop, Fergus Pragnell, Andrew Wilson, Andrew Randell. Senior A World Championships, Gifu, Japan – Matt Ryan.

Junior World Championships,

Brandenburg, Germany – Andrew Heffer, Mitch Estens, Andrew Connolly, Cameron Girdlestone.

•**Rugby League**

University World Cup, Brisbane – James Rahme. Australian Tertiary Rugby League Team, Georgia – Clark Webb.

•**Rugby Union**

Wallabies - Brendan Cannon, David Lyons, Daniel Vickerman, Phil Waugh, Alister Campbell, David Fitter, Alex Kanaar, Australian Sevens – Luke Inman.

Australian U21's – Dean Mumm, Daniel Halangahu.

Australian U19's – Ben Bates, David Dennis, Jono Jenkins, Pauliasi Taumeopeau, Jeremy Tilse.

•**Sailing**

World 29er Championships, San Francisco – Jacqui Bonnitcha.

•**Swimming**

Altitude Camp, Flagstaff, USA – Elka Graham, Tim Laforest, Jono Newton, John Carter, Geoff Heugill, Carl Probert, Joe Pemberton, Tim Shaw, Louis Paul, Steve Alderman coach.

•**Taekwondo**

World Festival, Taiwan

– Cameron Robertson.

•**Trampoline**

World Games, Duisburg, Germany – Damian Ryan.

•**Water polo**

World Championships, Canada – Thomas Whalan, Trent Franklin, Rob Maitland, Sam McGregor. Australian Women's Water polo Team, World Championships, Canada and FINA World League, Russia - Elise Ashton, Yvette Balla-Gow, Fiona Hammond, Taniele Gofers.

World U20

Championships, Perth – Taniele Gofers, Louise Robertson.

Deaf Water polo Team, Deaf Olympics Melbourne – David Brady.

•**Windsurfing**

European Championships, Rhodes, Greece – Allison Shreeve. Mistral World Championships, Sicily – Jonathan Bonnitcha.

RECREATION PROGRAM

In 2005 we advertised 15 different activities for students and local community members to take part in. Of the courses offered, fencing was again the most popular. Other courses that attracted good interest were kick boxing, sailing and the surf camp. Overall, the participant numbers decreased from 379 in 2004 to 349 in 2005 (2005 was up 46 enrolments from 2003). This is not a bad result given that were we not happy with the design

and distribution of the advertising material. The move to re-establish a relationship with the Student Union to produce the recreation brochure together has not met our expectations. We anticipated that with a wider distribution, our enrolment numbers would improve. For the cost of advertising in their publication for the past two years, there has been no significant improvement in participation numbers for the extra cost. In 2006 we plan to reduce costs by producing advertising material ourselves and target distribution. Market research undertaken in 2005 indicated that price and public awareness are the two major challenges for the success of this program. Despite not making budget, we still see value in continuing to provide a recreation program as an alternative to club sport.

We are continuing to run tailored recreation programs for Australian Business Week and various foreign exchange groups. Summer Discovery (American exchange program) only requested facility memberships due to their smaller numbers in 2005.

### SPORTS CAMPS

2005 was by the far the most successful year for sports camps at Sydney University. The success of the School Holiday Program, First Aid and PDHPE courses has resulted in the programs

### ENROLMENTS SEMESTER 1

Scuba Diving	14
Kickboxing	22
Salsa Dancing	8
Hip Hop Dance	13
Pilates	7
Belly Dancing	10
Fencing	56
Golf	7
Sailing	11
Indoor Climbing	7
Tennis	6
Surf Camp	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>

area of the Sport and Recreation Department finishing the year well ahead of budget. Enrolments in the sports camps held over the school holidays were increased largely by improving our database, targeted marketing and focusing on providing more camp options on campus. The number of camps on offer was increased from 56 in 2004 to 72 in 2005. Enrolments jumped from 2,229 in 2004 to 3,076 in 2005. New camps included water polo, five day swimming, rugby league and elite basketball. Other elite programs held during 2005 covered netball and tennis. Multi-sport continues to be the most popular camp and has booked out on several occasions, prompting us to plan for an additional multi-sport camp at St Andrews College in 2006. Key relationships were developed with the West Sydney Razorbacks and the Canterbury Bulldogs Rugby League Club to help promote and deliver

### ENROLMENTS SEMESTER 2

Scuba Diving	16
Kickboxing	33
Hip Hop Dance	11
Pilates	7
Belly Dancing	10
Fencing	39
Golf	7
Sailing	22
Tennis	7
Surf Camp	9
Outback Trip	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>169</b>

the basketball and rugby league camps respectively. Their assistance included player appearances, show bags, prizes and awards in addition to promotional assistance. The Sydney Uni Flames also provided coaches for the basketball camps.

Towards the end of the year Nike confirmed that they would not be renewing their sponsorship of the camps in 2006. The Gatorade sponsorship also lapsed in 2005. The Nike sponsorship has provided coaches uniforms, kids t-shirts and Nike athlete appearances. Uncle Toby's continues to sponsor the School Holiday Program through our relationship with Camp Australia. Alternate sponsors are actively being sought.

PERIOD	CAMPS	ATTENDANCE
Summer 04/05	19	673
Autumn	18	783
Winter	17	801
Spring	18	819
Summer 05/06	23	817

The Camp Australia contract was also due for renewal at the end of 2005. We have agreed to continue the relationship under the current terms for 2006. Support for disadvantaged community groups such as the Girls and Boys Brigade and Sydney City Council in the form of camp placements has been offered throughout 2005.

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

First aid, sports medicine awareness, taping and PDHPE courses offered to high school and commercial groups continued to grow in popularity. Enrolments for first aid (run in conjunction with Parasol EMT) were particularly pleasing with an excellent level of participation in 2005 ensuring that the budget was exceeded (468 in 2004 compared with 538 in 2005). The emphasis placed on database management and targeted marketing has paid off with retention of most clients from 2004 and recruitment of some new schools and commercial groups.

The PDHPE program covers topics in the year 11 and 12 syllabus such



as biomechanics of rock-climbing, physiological response to cardiovascular training, fitness testing, and resistance training for improved performance. These courses were again popular with terms two and three almost completely booked out. Overall 1,764 students participated throughout the year compared with 1,678 last year. Some good marketing initiatives instigated in term four look promising for improving enrolments in term one of 2006 which is traditionally quiet.

Taping was more popular in 2005 than the previous year. Enrolments were increased from 92 to 143. The only disappointment in the education programs was the decrease in numbers signing on for the Sports Medicine Awareness Course that we run in conjunction with Sports Medicine Australia (down to 157 in 2005 compared with 384 in 2004).

A new course, level one coaching principles, was offered to schools in 2005. Take up of this was poor with most schools preferring to participate in our established programs.

### SCHOOL SPORTS

Five primary schools participated in the school sport program this year. Annandale North, Paddington Public, North Newtown, Forest Lodge and Leichhardt Public all brought students on-campus for sports lessons. The groups

ranged from kindergarten through to year six. St Mary's College and Randwick TAFE also signed up for on-campus sport lessons with high school age students. Each school participated in a range of activities including kickboxing, rock climbing, yoga and handball. Terms two and three were better than 2004 with a higher number of students participating in the program while terms one and four were quieter in comparison to the previous year. Overall the school sport program was a success in providing a community service and quality sporting experience on-campus although finishing slightly behind budget.

### LUNCHTIME SPORT

Social sport increased in popularity with the



Ultimate Frisbee team - AUG 2005

addition of three-on-three basketball which was played at the HK Ward Gymnasium. Indoor soccer and mixed netball were a great success this year with over 1,000 participants playing in the competitions at the

Enrolments	PDHPE	Sports Medicine	Taping	First Aid
Classes	103	10	6	31
Students	1764	157	143	221
General Public	0	0	0	317

Enrolments	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Schools	1	4	4	2
Class/wk	2	20	20	6
Students/wk	50	450	450	180

Sports and Aquatic Centre throughout the year.

Interfaculty sport was played by in good spirits by over 850 students in 2005. 11 faculties participated in the lunchtime competition in 17 different sports and activities including rock climbing, basketball, softball, soccer, netball, touch, table tennis,

the interfaculty competition with vouchers to the winning participants. Medicine won the overall competition for the Emily Small Shield followed by Commerce and Science.

### AFFILIATED CAMPUSES

SU Sport supported the students based at the affiliated campuses by way of grants to the Medical Students Society, Westmead Hospital Dental Clinical School, Law Society, Conservatorium of Music Student Association, Cumberland Student Guild, Nepean Hall – Camden and Sydney College of the Arts. These grants were used to provide sporting and recreation opportunities on their respective campuses. Activities included sports days, tai chi, Alexander Technique classes, access to gym and swim passes, tennis court hire, kickboxing, and yoga in addition to netball, soccer and touch competitions.

-Michelle Nancarrow

FACULTY	Mixed Netball	Men's Soccer	Women's Soccer	Rock-climbing	Softball	Ultimate Frisbee	Touch	Table Tennis	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Volleyball	Squash	Hockey	Golf	Tennis	Cricket	5km Run
Education	1	5	10	1	7	1	10	6	7	3	7	1	10	1		6	
Medicine	7	1	5	10		5	5	4	5	5	1	4	7	11	5		25
Pharmacy		10	3			1	7	3	1		2	7					5
Vet Science	1	1	7	3		3	1	14	2	1	2		5		3		8
Engineering	1	4	1	7	10	2	5	1	3			4		7	1	6	1
Science	4	3		5		10	1	13		10	10	11	2	3	1	1	6
Commerce	11	7	1			1	2	9	10	7	5	1	2	5	10	6	19
Dentistry				1													
Law	4	2				1	1		1		1				7	6	6
Arts		1		1		7											
Architecture								8									
Faculties	7	9	6	7	2	9	8	8	7	5	7	7	5	5	6	5	7
Participants	63	100	70	48	20	80	80	30	70	50	70	8	70	10	24	60	70

### Lunchtime sport participation tally



## Athlete SERVICES

In 2005, 202 athletes from more than 32 sports were granted sports scholarship. Applications for sports scholarships totaled 342, slightly down from the figure of 358 received in 2004. Overall applications were of a higher caliber than in 2004, with the benchmark for success at a state level of representation for most sports. Two exceptional cricketers – Greg Mail (Bachelor of Science \_ Advanced) and Kate Blackwell (Physiotherapy) were awarded the Vice Chancellor's Sport Scholarships for academic and sporting excellence. Kate proved a worthy recipient of this award owing to her

superb efforts with Australian World Cup – winning women's team. Greg also enjoyed a stellar season as a key member of both the successful NSW Blues team that secured the Pura Cup and the premiership – winning Sydney University first grade team.

An invaluable partnership between SUS and the Faculty of Economics and Business commenced in 2005, with the announcement of the Faculty's Postgraduate Sports scholarships. The scholarships recognize the sporting achievements and leadership abilities of athletes currently

studying a postgraduate coursework program in Economics and Business. It provides up to 10 athletes a scholarship for a maximum of four units of study on an annual basis, with a maximum value of just under \$8000. Notable inaugural recipients included Australian representative and NSW fast-bowler Stuart Clark, NSW batsman Matthew Phelps, Olympian Carl Probert and Amanda Russell, from our national league women's water polo team.

Once again, the support of the University of Sydney with our scholarship program proved immeasurable, with the university continuing to support the senate sport scholarships. These scholarships were awarded to athletes with outstanding academic and sporting achievements. On average scholarship recipients performed well academically over the year – particularly given their sporting commitments – and collectively achieving a high credit average. The joint support of athletes living at the university residential colleges and Sydney University Village continued with more than 30 athletes receiving “all rounder sport scholarships”.

The 'Blue & Gold' club continued their support with two scholarships awarded to Ed Cowan (cricket, NSW Blues player) and Elise Ashton

(water polo Athens Olympics), and the Blues Association supporting Kyeema Doyle (rowing) and Sam McGregor (water polo). The Dr Philip Rundle Athletics scholarship was awarded to Justin Merlino (hurdles), and the Marie Gavel Memorial scholarship recipients for rowing were Edward Boyce and Sarah Phillips. The Faculty of Pharmacy scholarship recipient was Corianne Kwan.

An additional 47 athletes with outstanding potential were offered a place in the Talented Athlete Program, allowing them access to all services available to full scholarship recipients without direct financial assistance. Overall, 249 athletes received assistance from SUS, with the largest number of students coming from the Faculties of Health Sciences (45) and Economics and Business (44). 34 athletes from the NSW Institute of Sport also received a scholarship and their support once again was greatly appreciated. All new athletes were inducted in March at the Women's College, and also at the Cumberland campus.

#### ATHLETE RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS

2005 was dominated by several collective sporting performances – most notably. Premiership winning victories for the university's first grade cricket, rugby and water polo clubs. However,

several individual efforts from scholarship holders stood out – most notable, Robin Bell's courageous victory in the Canoe-Slalom world championships, Jacqueline Bonnitcha's history making efforts in becoming the first female to win a World 29er sailing championship, and the wonderful efforts of Kate Blackwell and former scholarship holder Lisa Sthalekar in guiding their team to a cricket world cup victory in South Africa.

Other highlights for the year included the addition of three new Wallabies to join Sydney University representatives David Lyons, Brendan Cannon, Phil Waugh and Daniel Vickerman in the Australian test side – Al Campbell, who made his test debut against France; Al Kanaar and David Fitter. SUFC first grade captain and sports scholarship holder Timothy Davidson also secured the 2005 Sydney Morning Herald club player of the year, with David Vickerman named the Super 12 player of the year. Other notable scholarship holders include Digby Beaumont (ACT Brumbies) and Gareth Hardy, Will Caldwell and Tom Carter (NSW Waratahs). SUS scholarship recipients Stuart Clark, Ed Cowan, Matthew Phelps and Greg Mail were all members of the NSW Speed Blitz Blues cricket team.

SUS scholarship holder Eva Afeaki continued her emergence as a player to watch in the future, while Natalie Porter provided plenty of heart and determination for the Sydney University GET Flames throughout their season. Former scholarship holder Michael Thwaite was a member of the Socceroos squad as they produced a historic win over Uruguay to earn themselves a place in the 2006 World Cup in Germany. Current scholarship holder Astrid Loch-Wilkinson claimed Australia's first bobsleigh medal, securing silver in the opening Europa Cup event in Austria.

Led by SUS scholarship holder Elise Ashton, Australia crushed world champion Hungary 6-4 in the bronze medal play-off at the FINA Water polo World League Super Finals in Russia. Six SUS scholarship holders competed in the FINA World championships in Montreal – Elise Ashton, Yvette Balla-Gow, Taniele Gofers, Trent Franklin, Sam Mc Gregor and Thomas Whalan. The Australian swimming team returned from the World University Summer Games in Turkey without a medal but with plenty of international experience. Swimmer Jonathon Newton was Australia's only male finalist, finishing seventh in the men's 50m butterfly. Former

gymnast turned diver Alex Croak also competed at the games, as did fellow diver Adele Meagher, sailing brother and sister team Jonathon and Jacqueline Bonnitcha and track athlete Lisa Grant.

21 year old economics student Robbie Farah secured his place in history with a series of great performances as hooker, earning a championship with the West Tigers in the NRL competition.

### SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

In 2005, SUS provided funding (matched by the university) to 35 student athletes and life members of clubs who were selected to represent Australia in an international event. Significant results included scholarship holder Jeremy Van Asperen's silver medal winning effort in the Osaka Cup wheelchair basketball tournament; Daniel Halangahu and Dean Mumm playing pivotal roles in the u21 Rugby World Cup; Jonathon Bonnitcha's effort in the Mistral World Windsurfing Championships in Sicily; and team contributions of several scholarship holders (including Australian captain Thomas Whalan) in the Water polo World Cup, held in Canada.

### ATHLETE SERVICES

The focus of academic achievement was highlighted by the

addition of supplementary tutorials provided across 20 subjects. Personal development seminars were held on topics such as time management, essay writing, dietetics and sport psychology. In addition, forums for our coaches were held throughout 2005 with a primary emphasis on enhancing coach-athlete relationships and improving coach effectiveness and athlete performance.

One of the more important initiatives for the Athlete Services department occurred in June when the University Academic Board approved a new policy aimed at providing necessary academic flexibility for all student athletes of the university with elite sporting commitments. This primary involved special arrangements for any student enrolled at the University of Sydney who is deemed unable to meet assessment requirements or attend examinations because of sporting or cultural commitments (where the student is representing the University, state or national). It also included special arrangements for assessment or examination such as alternative dates for submission, provision of alternative assessment tasks and alternative examination time/arrangements. This policy provides the necessary university policy/endorsement

required for student athletes and Athlete Services staff to negotiate with faculties to ensure the required level of flexibility is attained.

The tutorial program once again proved to be an essential service to the academic success of many student athletes, with more than 250 hours of tutorials conducted. The University of Sydney graciously accepted a proposal to assist with funding for this valuable service, with NSWIS also assisting their students.

The Athlete Induction was once again a great success with 80 attendees on the main campus and 39 on the Cumberland campus (compared to 85 in total for 2004).

Athlete recruitment was highlighted in August with a Talented Identification seminar held for approximately 120 students and parents. These athletes were identified as having significant academic and sporting potential by either SUS coaches or through targeted sporting schools. Athletes attended from: Regional Academies of Sport, the NSW Institute of Sport, NSW Sports High Schools – Westfield, Narrabeen and Endeavour, selected High Schools – including Newington and MLC. The aim of the seminar was to provide information to potential scholars, athletes and their parents about the sporting and academic

opportunities/support available through SUS.

Scholarship athletes continued to be provided with access to first class sport science services thanks to Martin Harland and his outstanding efforts as Athlete Performance Manager. Martin continued his wonderful work with the Sydney University Football Club Elite Development Squad and the Sydney University Boat Club athletes. Kirsty Mehalski and Susie Burrell provided invaluable dietetic support to both scholarship athletes and key sports such as rowing, rugby and swimming. Unfortunately our organization lost the services of Kirsty when she left our shores to return home to New Zealand. We would like to take the opportunity to thank Kirsty, as well as Susie and Martin, who have enabled SUS athletes to achieve great success in 2005.

### BLUES

The Blues Committee met in October and subsequently awarded 38 Blues from exactly 50 nominations. The Blue of the Year awards went to Robin Bell (canoe/slalom) and Jacqueline Bonnitcha (sailing). Bell, an economics student, became the first Australian to win a white water world championship when he took out the C1 canoe slalom event at the World Championships at Penrith in September.

Bonnitcha became the first female to win the World 29er Championship when she out sailed the competition on San Francisco Bay in July. An award was presented to SUS President Mr. Bruce Ross for his outstanding services as Academic Counsellor to countless sports scholarship holder throughout the year. The function was once again held in the Great Hall with more than 250 people in attendance and special guest Chief Justice Kim Santow in attendance.

#### SPORT SERVICES RESEARCH

SUS and the University further strengthened its relationship with the NSW Institute of Sport through continued support of athletes, programs, sport science research and professional placement of students. This was recognized by the continue support of the role of Sport Services Coordinator held by Kirsty Mehalski, in particular her role in monitoring athlete leukocyte profiles and food diary analysis. Dr Kieron Rooney (Lecturer, School of Exercise and Sport Science), whose work involving the design of a creative supplementation study for swimming in collaboration with Kenneth Graham at NSWIS proved extremely valuable, will take over Kirsty's role in 2006.

#### DEPARTURES

Finally, we must

acknowledge two staff that, during their tenures with SUS, made invaluable contributions to the Athlete Services department – Kylie Elbourne and Angela Harris. Kylie left in November after more than three years with the Athlete department. Angela left for the UK in late August after a wonderful career as Athlete Services Manager, making key contributions in the areas of recruitment, project management and athlete services provision. Her professionalism, dedication and expertise will be missed.

-Iain Evans



## Blues ASSOCIATION

In 2005, the Blues Association conducted four functions aimed at reuniting Sydney University Blues and raising funds towards Blues Association Sports Scholarships.

The Pin Function was held at The Grandstand Bar in July and attracted some 100 Blues and friends. The Chancellor Justice Kim Santow, a 1964 Boat Blue, presented pins to 33 Blues who had received their awards in a year ending in five. One of the highlights was a wonderful display of achievements by Jack Massie - the only student to have been awarded four Blues (for Athletics, Boat, Cricket and Rugby).

A Young Blues Reunion was held at the Sports and Aquatic Centre in October prior to the first home game of the G.E.T. Sydney Uni Flames. Blues from 1990-2004 were invited to a supper above the pool then given tickets to attend the WNBL game. This proved to be a popular initiative, so a similar function is being planned for 2006. Our annual Golf Day at St Michael's Golf Club raised over \$1000 towards scholarship funds, while the golfers enjoyed both the challenges of this wonderfully picturesque course and the traditional 19th hole drinks!

The Blues Dinner was held in November and

followed the format (introduced last year) of inducting the new Blues at the beginning of the evening. Subsequent segments involved entertainment, celebrity interviews and the announcement of the Blues of the Year. The Chancellor presented 38 Blues (21 male and 17 females) and five Golds including a special surprise one to Bruce Ross, President of SU Sport. This was a very popular award acknowledging Bruce's enormous contribution to SU Sport for over 16 years. The especially entertaining guest speaker at the Dinner was Tennis Blue Kaye Dening AM. The Dinner concluded with the Vice Chancellor, Professor Gavin Brown, presenting the Alison Hattersley Trophy for female Blue of

the Year to sailor Jacqueline Bonnitcha and the John Sykes Trophy for male Blue of the Year to canoeist Robin Bell.

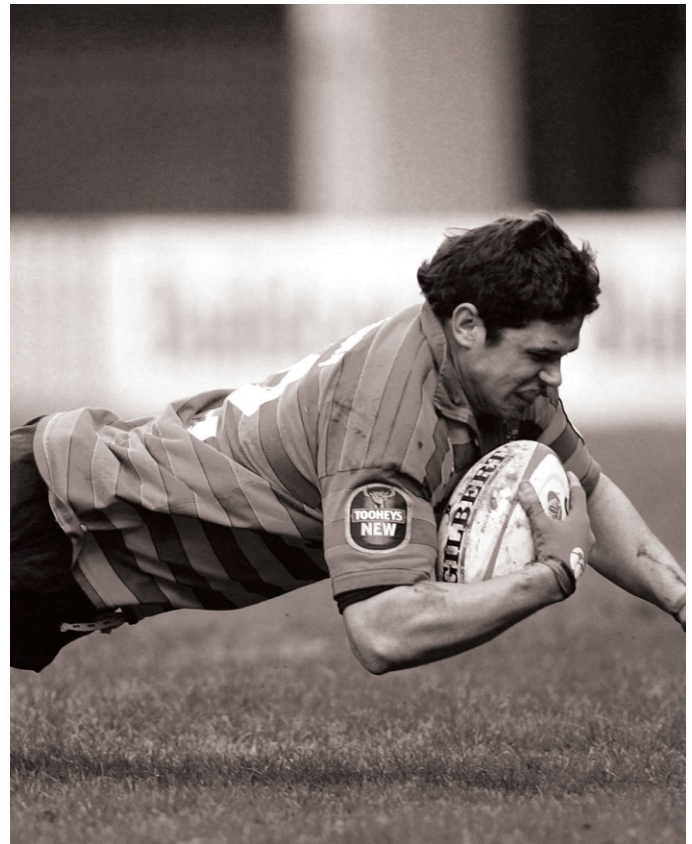
Several Sydney University Blues won awards in the Australian Honours List in January—congratulations to Dr Charles Blackburn AC, Dr John Copland AO, Peter Montgomery AM, Peter Hadfield OAM and Dr Mark Henschke OAM.

We are also pleased to be sponsoring three Blues Association Sports Scholarships in 2006 for Angela Ballard (EAD-

Wheelchair Track), Jacqueline Bonnitcha (Sailing) and Tom Carter (Rugby). This brings the total number of scholarships sponsored by the Association to 11.

With the federal government's abolition of compulsory student sport fees in December 2005, SU Sport will be relying much more heavily on the Blues Association to help fund more scholarships and attract more Blues as members of our vibrant alumni organisation. These are challenges for the Blues Association in 2006 and beyond.

-Ann Mitchell



# Corporate & Alumni

## RELATIONS

### THE 'BLUE & GOLD' CLUB ACTIVITIES

The 'Blue & Gold' Club is a well established alumni group, the members of which have all enjoyed playing and/or supporting sport at the University of Sydney. During 2005, the 'Blue & Gold' Club staged six major functions with distinct sporting themes.

### 'BLUE & GOLD' CRICKET LUNCHEON

The eighth consecutive staging of the 'Blue & Gold' Cricket Luncheon took place at CUB's Kent Brewery in February. This year the entertainers were four popular media personalities - Mike Coward, Richard Freedman, Geoff Lawson and Gavin Robertson. Adam Spencer

moderated the panel, so that there was plenty of trademark 'Spencer-humour' and all manner of questions from 'left field'.

### BARASSI CUP LUNCHEON

The 2005 Barassi Cup Luncheon was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Four Seasons Hotel, Sydney in April. Between entrée and mains, Adam Spencer conducted amusing interviews with the assistant coaches of the Sydney Swans (John Longmire) and the Melbourne Demons (Anthony Rock). There were also plenty of laughs when Adam moderated his Players' Panel, which comprised Jason Ball, Jude Bolton and Jared Crouch from

the Swans and Adem Yze from the Demons.

### 'BLUE & GOLD' ANNUAL SPORTS LUNCHEON

The 'Blue & Gold' Annual Sports Luncheon took place at CUB's Kent Brewery on May 27. Between entrée and mains, interviews were conducted with three of our elite athletes – Ed Cowan (cricket), Elise Ashton (water polo) and Lisa Sthalekar (cricket). The principal entertainment was Adam Spencer's panel of Aussie captains – Liz Ellis (netball), Trish Fallon (basketball), Chris Fydler (swimming) and Nathan Thomas (water polo). Both of the entertainment segments were very well received by our luncheon

guests.

### 'BLUE & GOLD' RUGBY LUNCHEON

The 2005 'Blue & Gold' Rugby Luncheon was held at Tattersalls on Friday 14 August. Between entrée and mains, Adam Spencer grilled the Sydney University Football Club's first grade coaches, Steve SurrIDGE and Billy Millard, who parried the interviewer's questions and humour with consummate ease!

The principal entertainment that day was the Annual 'Blue & Gold' Debate, which saw The Gentlemen of Rugby (Brad Lancken and Dominic Thurbon) successfully assert that "superior supporters

help make rugby the superior game". Although soundly defeated (according to Mr CP Crittle's very discerning adjudication), the Low-Life Academia team (Rhys Muldoon and Adam Spencer) created much mirth among our luncheon guests.

The entertainment continued on Saturday, when most of the luncheon guests used their 'Blue & Gold' Club-acquired reserved seats to attend the 2005 Bledisloe Cup fixture at Telstra Stadium. Sadly, the All Blacks got the chocolates.

#### 'BLUE & GOLD' CRICKET SUPER TEST BREAKFAST

A one-off 'Blue & Gold' Cricket Super Test Breakfast was held at Arena Restaurant within The Entertainment Quarter (formerly known as Fox Studios) in October. The food, beverages and table service were all first class. Our breakfast guests were also treated to a hilarious interview of Kerry O'Keefe by Adam Spencer.

Following the breakfast, our guests had a relatively short walk to their behind-the-wicket reserved seats in the SCG's Churchill Stand for the first day's play in the Johnnie Walker Cricket Super Test.

#### 'BLUE & GOLD' XMAS HAMPER GOLF DAY

The ninth consecutive 'Blue & Gold' Xmas Hamper Golf Day was

once again held at the New South Wales Golf Club in November. This event is very popular with its regular participants and there is great rivalry amongst the competing teams.

Comfortable winners on the day were the Finn Foster APB team, captained by Kevin Whelpton and very ably assisted by Geoff Bland, John 'Sparrow' Dowse and Phillip Paull.

Second place went to the St Vincent's Clinic team, which comprised four very experienced



golfers/doctors in Ben Barry, Chris Brown, Frank Cheok and Michael Neil. The Gainsworth Group team (Brett and Kim Kingston, Gerd Lattacher and Mike Retter) also registered a podium finish, but everyone was a winner, given that all participants took home a Xmas hamper.

#### SPONSORSHIP ACTIVITIES

During 2005, Group

EventTravel became a major sponsor of SU Sport and the naming rights sponsor of the Sydney Uni Flames for a three year period. Gregro Pty Ltd and Simpson Sports Pty Ltd also agreed to become major sponsors of SUS and corporate sponsors of the G.E.T. Sydney Uni Flames.

Southern Design & Print Group, Powerade (Coca-Cola Amatil), Sydney University Village and Guinot all agreed to renew their sponsorships of the G.E.T. Sydney Uni Flames for the next three WNBL seasons. The

Runners Shop also agreed to become a corporate sponsor of the G.E.T. Sydney Uni Flames for three years. By the end of 2005, negotiations were well down the track with potential beer and wine sponsors of SU Sport for the next five years.

#### UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY'S ANNUAL FUND APPEAL & FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES

For the very first time in more than 150 years, Sport was nominated as a recipient of donations to The University of Sydney's Annual Fund or Appeal for 2005.

110 Sydney University alumni donated \$25,965 to either sporting scholarships or the following capital works projects:

- new change rooms for St John's Oval
- new pavilion and change rooms for University No2 Oval
- a state-of-the-art hockey field for The Square
- a new water polo pool

These donations will be the forerunner/catalyst for the 2006 launch of a Sporting Scholarships Division and a Sports Infrastructure Division of The University of Sydney Sport Foundation.

The Office of University Relations has also indicated that Sport is likely to become a regular option in future Annual Fund appeals.

-Rodney Tubbs

# Club REPORTS

## AFL (w)

2005 proved to be another challenging and exciting year for the Sydney University Women's AFL Club. Following the influx of a huge number of new players, we entered two teams in the SWAFL competition - a first for any club in the league. With two teams came the challenges of sourcing double of everything - coaches, managers, volunteers, equipment, uniforms, medical kits, as well as working out how to grade the teams. Recognition must be made of our club committee and coaches who worked tirelessly to ensure the fruition of two teams. Thanks also to SU Sport, Forest Lodge Hotel and SWAFL for their contribution to our success this year.

Considering the relative inexperience of our coaches and the large number of rookies that we had (14 in Gold and 19 in Blue) both

teams achieved some great things on and off the field. The Gold team was defeated by Wests in the preliminary final and the Blue team finished in sixth place.

Congratulations to both teams for combining and taking out the Annual SWAFL Vision title once again! Congratulations also to Jemma Still, Kim Rielly, Victoria Rawlings, Meredith Gray, Anna Barker, Jane McDonald, Rebekah Lucas and Melinda Hyland on their selection to the 2005 NSW team.

The following players were presented with club awards for their performance throughout the season:

### Gold Team:

Best and Fairest - Meredith Gray and Monica Chew.  
Player's Player - Jemma Still  
Golden Boot - Meredith Gray  
Rookie of the Year - Monica Chew  
Coach's Award - Stacey Lancaster

### Blue Team:

Best and Fairest - Melinda Hyland



Player's Player - Gianna Abbonizio

Golden Boot - Amelia Dever Kavanagh and Belinda Barter

Rookie of the Year - Emma Yuen

Coach's Award - Wen Fei Long

-Mel Hyland

## AFL (m)

Very few years are marked with as much success as 2005, with our Senior and Reserve grades winning premierships and a Blues runner-up performance. A credible showing by the Reds throughout the year is also not to be discounted in terms of the club's overall development. These achievements are to be savoured and shared with all who have had any involvement with the club. We exist due to Sydney University Sport and acknowledge their continual support of the club, financially and administratively but most particularly in relation to

access to excellent facilities. Further, as VSU looms the club needs to secure new sponsors as a matter of priority to help underpin our financial position. The Forest Lodge continued in 2005 to provide not only financial sponsorship but our "virtual" club rooms. We thank Terry, Tammy and Janelle for their support again this year.

This year we welcomed Relate IT Solutions in an arrangement which has delivered to us the best football website in the Sydney AFL. We hope we can build this relationship into a closer association next year. Thanks also to our club event supporters Cleggett Wines, Everything But Flowers, Inlighten Photography and Reddog Design without whom our major events this year would not have been possible.

Thank you to the 2005





club committee for their efforts: Samuel Ellyard, Leigh McWhirter, Roland Wood, Matthew Leibowitz, Dean Bentick, Luke Higgins, Tim Colquhoun, Wil Honner, Robert Goodall, David Pattison and Joel Carr. In particular I would like to pay special tribute to the outstanding contributions this year from the Treasurer Roland Wood and the Secretary Leigh McWhirter. Not only have these two discharged their administrative responsibilities they have closed all of the usual gaps at training and match day. A just reward for their efforts was the club receiving the Sydney AFL Division 1 Club of the Year Award. Thanks to club icon Harvey Gordon whose efforts are unmatched and we would be lost without him. Thanks also to Robert Goodall, Simon Nash, Sean McGrath, William Granger and James Terry.

Finally, the efforts of Brett Petersen, elected as Club President for 2005 (but due to employment considerations had to step down before the start of the season) should be acknowledged Brett's loss to the club has certainly been Sydney AFL's gain.

New senior coach for 2005, past Port Adelaide and Fitzroy player and premiership coach Roger Delaney, not only performed to his credentials in leading the side to a premiership, but he is to be congratulated

for the way he adapted his methods to suit the unique nature of the club. The implementation of a successful training and playing program by Roger would not have been possible however without assistant coach, Tony Malakelis, of Geelong and Port fame. Tony's contribution to the campaign should not be underestimated as players benefited hugely from his experience and he was able to compliment Roger's abilities to get the most out of the available playing group. The playing group, led by captain Luke Higgins is to be congratulated on the commitment they displayed to execute to coaching staff's directions on field.

The Reserves were again in the capable hands of club stalwart David Pearson who ensured the side strived all year to provide the appropriate response to last year's disappointing grand final performance. Not only did they win the premiership, they were undefeated all year, a very special achievement at any level of football. The experience gained over the past few years as a coach was particularly on display in David's coaching in 2005. His performance rose another level in 2005 and was truly excellent, as was the performance of the playing group led by captain Dave Philpot.

Shevki Shevki, with Tony

and their Blues were probably the hardest working unit within the club this year, as evidenced by their effort to reach the grand final to play off against a side which dropped back from Division 1 this year and had the luxury of filling only one side per week. It was the focus and determination of the coaches and squad which enabled the Blues to have such a great year. To do this in a division which had volunteer umpiring and very few resources is a credit to all involved, particularly to captain Steve Stojkoski and the players.

It is a significant achievement that the club fielded full Reds sides in every game this year and the team was extremely competitive in most of its games. New coach Daniel Taylor performed extremely well without much support at times and indications are that the Reds fulfilled their objective of providing a game to those who want one and were a breeding ground for new footballers to learn their trade and possibly move through the grades.

The gold medal at the Eastern University Games and seventh place at the Australian University Games is a fantastic effort by the student members involved. Team manager (and University captain) Roland Wood is to be congratulated for his efforts, as is coach Sean McGrath. The games provide an opportunity

for student members to receive much deserved recognition for sporting excellence, as evidenced this year by the selection in the Green and Gold team of Joel Carr and Michael Higgins.

Season 2005 was a great club wide effort. Remarkably in such a successful year there is huge room for improvement in many aspects of the club's operations. It is hoped that with a dedicated membership in 2006, refreshed as always by new faces, the club can continue to improve and look forward to more success.

Thanks again to all members and supporters for contributions.

-Jason McLennan

#### AMERICAN FOOTBALL

2005 was one of the most successful in the club's history, culminating in our second consecutive undefeated season and our third straight state title. The team has a winning streak of 31 games.

Stephen Dunne entered his sixth year as Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator. Craig Morgan, 13 year veteran and defensive leader, was promoted as player/coach for the defensive unit. On offence the league's most prolific passing attack was decimated in the off-season with the departure of three of the top four wide

receivers. The team focused on ball control and a stronger running game to take pressure off the defence. The team's kicking game was exceptional, including one game where four enemy punts were blocked. The defence allowed only 77 points during the entire season with a shutout in the championship game. The offence ran the ball for over 1,500 yards. The aim to control the ball was met with defence forcing enemy fumbles and intercepting passes 25 times, offence giving the ball up only seven times. At the end of the season the Lions had registered a second straight undefeated NSW GFL season and third straight title, blitzing the Bondi Raiders 23-0 for the state Championship.

A number of records were marked during 2005. The 2005 title win was the first time that the Lions have won three straight gridiron titles. In winning a seventh title the Lions are now tied for number one in most NSWGFL titles.

This was the first time a club had made six straight championship games. In the last three championship games the Lions have not had a turnover on offence. The defensive shutout was only the fourth time in 22 seasons that a championship game has seen one team held scoreless. This is only the second time in the league that a club has registered back-to-back

undefeated seasons (1985/1986 Lions). During the season the club played its 250th game in the league (league record) and in game ten registered the 200th win for the club (league record). The streak of wins stands at 31, now a league record (last loss 25 October 2003).

**State representatives:**

Fady Aoun, Dave Allen, Ryan Wonser, Nick Baldwin, Anthony Sinton, Petar Lackovic and Kiernan Dorney.

**Australian**

**representatives:**

Played: Fady Aoun, Anthony Sinton. Selected: Ryan Wonser, Nick Baldwin and Petar Lackovic.

**Team captains 2005:**

D: Ryan Wonser, Joe Lim, Greg Wernecke. O: Tim Snape, Christopher Snagg, Mac Shine.

**Major award winners**

'Pride of the Lions': Tim Snape, Dave Thode, Greg Wernecke, Anthony Sinton, Matthew Freeman, Dave Allen and Christopher Snagg. League Offensive MVP: Christopher Snagg.

-Stephen Dunne

**ARCHERY**

2005 has been by far the most successful year for the club. Members competed at state and national level events with good results. Furthermore, it was also the first year that an Archery Blue has been awarded. The results from this year have shown the hard work



from our members over the many months and the benefits from our relocation to St Paul's College Oval.

In 2005 our members participated in the NSW State Target, NSW State Indoor, Australian National Championships for target and field, Australian National Indoor, and the Eastern University Championships for archery. Across the events, we had a total of 23 competing members, a rise compared to previous years.

Highlights of the year were Donald Chiou finishing 17th, Robert Talbot 20th and Kirsten O'Hara 22nd in the overall national rankings for target and field events. Talbot finished fourth at the National Indoor and was selected to represent NSW at the National Target and Field. Another highlight of nationals was Chiou defeating Talbot in the first round of the matchplay event to face Athens 2004 bronze medallist Tim Cuddihy in the 1/16th elimination. Cuddihy won in the final

end to score 152-117. The 2005 Eastern University Archery Championships were hosted by Sydney University. Fifteen of our members took part and secured a convincing win against archers from UNSW, Macquarie University, UTS and UWS with four first places from six divisions.

The 2005 State Indoor Championships were also hosted by our club at the Penrith Sports Stadium. This proved to be an excellent fundraiser for the club and ran much more smoothly compared to 2004 with no major problems. Talbot held on to win third place on a count-back after being tied at the score of 539 with a competitor from Illawarra Archers.

Our club's first ever Blue was awarded in 2005 to Robert Talbot. His success has inspired other archers in the club to take their training more seriously to reach the top and meet personal goals.

Looking ahead to 2006,

our membership numbers have started well, and things are looking good with Kirsten O'Hara selected in the NSW State Team for the 2006 Australian Target and Field National Championships to be held in Morwell in April. There are no plans for an Archery EUC or AUC in 2006, however an event has been planned to fill that gap in the shooting calendar, and a new league competition for club members is being started.

-Donald Chiou

## ATHLETICS

Sydney University Athletics Club had a very successful summer season with many athletes competing in the Telstra A-Series and recording competitive performances. A highlight was our domination of the 800m where there were three SUAC finalists, with Nick Bromley taking the title. Other title winners included Lachlan Chisholm in the 1500m, Lisa Grant in the 20km walk and Justin Merlino in the 110m hurdles. Gillian Ragus placed second in the National Championships in the heptathlon. Emma Rilen placed third in the women's 1500m which was a major breakthrough for her.

The club took out the NSW Club Championship for the fourth consecutive year in the men's competition and also won the women's competition. It was the first time the club

has won both men's and women's Club Championships in the same year. The men's team went on to the national Club Championships where they finished a narrow second. This was despite having lost a number of team members to representative duty. On the same weekend the Sydney University men's 4x800m relay team recorded a victory at the national level when they won the 4x800m Relay Championship. The team of Nick Bromley, Frazer Dowling, Mark Abercromby and Tom Richardson ran extremely well to hold off the Eureka Club from Victoria.

The Sydney University Track Classic was a highlight for 2005. Several international athletes competed and personal best times were recorded by several SUAC athletes in the 800m and 1500m races. The event was covered by SBS and Sports Tonight and received coverage in the Daily Telegraph and the Sydney Morning Herald. Congratulations to all who gave up enormous amounts of time and energy to help put the event together.

At the conclusion of the season a number of SUAC athletes were asked to tour overseas as part of Australian teams. Madeleine Heiner, Russel Dessaix Chin, Emma Rilen and David Byrne competed in Japan's Chiba Relays

while Justin Merlino and Nick Bromley took part in Australian Junior Development tours in Beijing and the USA respectively.

The winter season saw the cross country athletes thrive. SUAC was victorious in the NSW Road Relays in Wollongong in both the men's and women's events - another first for the club. At the Cross Country Relays the women posted a victory and the men's team finished third. David Byrne and Russell Dessaix Chin both recorded wins at the NSW Championships in different events and Madeleine Heiner won both the U20 state and national cross country titles. Kathryn Archbold finished second at the NSW Cross Country Championships.

Lisa Grant collected several individual NSW titles in the road walking events. Additionally, Lisa was selected in the Australian World University Games team, where she placed ninth in the 20km walk in difficult conditions.

A small group of talented runners competed at the Eastern University Games with Madeleine Heiner winning the women's cross country event and Sydney University placing second overall. The 2005 Australian University Games also saw Sydney University well represented on the medal dais, with 17 athletes recording gold medal performances. Sydney

University placed second overall in athletics, behind the dominant University of Queensland. Justin Merlino and Lisa Grant were selected in the Green and Gold team. The final day of the championships saw the club produce arguably its best single day performance winning nine gold medals; the highlight being the men's medley relay team falling just short of breaking the 40 year old Australian University record.

Tom Richardson and Justin Merlino were University Blues for athletics as a result of their strong performances and contribution to SUAC.

Sydney University fared well at NSW State Relays, with the men placing second in both the 4x400m relay and 4x800m relay. The women secured first place in the 1600m medley relay, third in the 4x200m relay and second in the 4x400m relay and second in the 4x1500m relay. The Masters men were victorious in the 4x800m +120 years (combined age of all runners) and won silver in the 4x800m +160 years.

Sydney University was well represented in the 2006 Commonwealth Games trials. Clinton Hill was selected in the Australian Commonwealth Games team. Madeleine Heiner (A-qualifier) and Lisa

Grant (B-qualifier) also qualifying but missed out on selection due to the limited number of athletes permitted in each event. Veronique Molan, Daniel Sumpton, David Byrne, Gillian Ragus and Justin Merlino all made the finals of their respective events. Mark Abercromby and Tom Richardson were both within one second of qualifying for the Commonwealth Games, which was an admirable performance.

Overall it has been one of the best years in the club's long history and the club looks to be in an even better position for the year ahead.

-Dean Gleeson

### BADMINTON

2005 was a fine year for Sydney University Badminton Club with respect to achievements of the University team and club members. Membership continues to thrive with over 50 annual members and many casual members.

The USBC has a long tradition of performing well in competitions. With strong performances in the local interclub competitions, our reputation of being tough competitors was galvanized. Individual club members participated in several tournaments throughout the year, procuring swags of silverware.

Adrian Mansukhani, a regular on the local B grade men's circuit,

snatched several titles throughout the year and has since progressed in leaps and bounds to the A grade circuit, proving to be a tough opponent. Newcomer Lucas from Switzerland proved to be a great competitor by reaching the semi-finals of the Sydney Open B grade men's singles whilst a relatively new pairing of Adrian Mansukhani and EwJin Chen were close runners up in the B grade men's doubles. The standout for 2005 has to be Clarina Wang with a haul of gold medals and trophies in Open, A and B grade ladies doubles and mixed doubles in the Sydney Open and Sydney University autumn doubles competition.

In autumn the club hosted a doubles tournament where we received over 100 entries. The Open grade event provided a great spectacle and boasted a pool of players that included state representatives and champions, Australian junior champions and humble University Games participants. The tournament raised over \$1,500 for the club and aided in sponsorship of the Australian University Games team.

The men's team selected for EUC included Ewjin Chen, Richard Chi, Tony Gao, Nathan Gunasekaran, Adrian Mansukhani and Druvi Perera. The women's team consisted of Lynn Duong, Clarina Wang

and Sophia Yeung. Both teams achieved bronze medals.

The AUG men's team was made up of EwJin Chen, Richard Chi, Nathan Gunasekaran, Adrian Mansukhani, Alan Ng and Druvi Perera. Lynn Duong, Corianne Kwan, Catherine Tjoa, Clarina Wang and Sophia Yeung made up the women's team. The men finished eighth while the women finished fourth.

The successes of the year were celebrated at the annual dinner which was held at Satasia, Balmain in November. Guests of honour included former president Virag Kushwaha and our supplier of shuttlecocks Mr James Kuo of Calibre Pty. Ltd.

Thanks go to all those that contributed to the club's administration. Particularly our Secretary, Adrian Mansukhani and Treasurer, Druvi Perera. Without the countless hours spent organising tournaments, bargaining down shuttle prices and liaising with SU Sport, the club would have struggled to have courts set up on time let alone reap the success that we did in 2005. Our coach Ms Marianne Loh was tireless in her efforts to run drills for the university team and coach beginners as well. Her efforts are truly appreciated by everyone who has had the privilege of attending her training sessions. Finally, special thanks go to our members who have assisted in looking after sessions and brought

sanity to the office bearers. I look forward to further successes in 2006 and hope that our partnerships in badminton will continue long into the future.

-EwJin Chen

### BASEBALL

The Baseball Club started 2005 on a high note after the successes of our centenary year celebrations and third grade premiership in 2004. Jason Moir combined with Sydney University Sport scholarship holder Jonathan Freeston as the club coaches. This proved to be a strong pairing, with 2005 being a particularly strong year for our first grade side. A record of 10-4-1 saw the side finish in second place and make it all the way to the grand final. Unfortunately we could not get across the line on the day, falling to the minor premiers and heavily favoured Petersham.

Both second and third grade finished outside the top four. Second grade finished with a record of 7-7-1 in sixth place. Third grade finished in fifth place with a record of 5-6-4.

The Club also competed in both the Eastern and Australian University Games. This team was weaker than those fielded in the past few years as many team stalwarts finished their undergraduate degrees. The team finished fourth at EUG and a disappointing ninth at

AUG.

At our presentation night, Scott Moran was awarded the Pam Garrett Award for Clubman of the Year. This was recognition of the years of service to the club provided by Scott. Koji Honda received the Jenny Finlay Award for Club Undergraduate as well as the league batting title for third grade. Jonathan Freeston was awarded MVP and Huw McKay, for the third year in a row, took out the club batting title. Luke Goldsmith was the first grade Player's Player. Lee Corbett took out second grade MVP and Player's Player for a strong utility season, and club Treasurer Peter Moore took out similar honors for third grade.

Special mention must also be made of Jono King, who is hanging up his boots after many years of service to the club. Jono was a student at Sydney University, recipient of a Blue for baseball, and was selected in the club's Team of the Century. Rob Heggen, the club's top pitcher over the last four seasons, is also wished the best of luck in his quest to play professional baseball in America. His presence on the mound will be sorely missed in 2006. We would also like to congratulate former student Andrew Graham who was selected to represent Australia at the inaugural World Cup of baseball.

In 2006 we hope to build

on the success of the last two years, both on and off the diamond.

We need to implement a plan to attract young players both to the club as well as the University. More than anything we hope that in 2006 the club remains a fun and enjoyable place to play baseball and continues to grow despite the threat of VSU.

-Anthony Gray

### BASKETBALL (w)

2005 was another exciting year for the Sydney University Women's Basketball Club under the new management of Laura Giaquinto, Marion Matheson and Lucy Buchanan, and guided by the expertise of Tanelle Dun. The Club signed up a large number of members which were then entered into the City of Sydney competition at Alexandria. We registered five teams across Divisions 1 to 4 and easily catered for each player's requests, whether it was playing for fun or playing against more competitive teams. It was a successful and fun year.

The highlights of the year were the Eastern University Games in Tamworth and the Australian University Games in Brisbane. There were many new faces in Tamworth. There was a lot of fun to be had by everyone and the tournament provided the women's team with experience and an

appetite for the University Games competition and atmosphere. The whole team showed great dedication, sportsmanship and enthusiasm towards every game and took on every opponent giving 110% effort. Unfortunately we were not able to record a win.

Huge thanks to Matt Paton who coached the team and remained optimistic and full of encouragement during the competition. Team members included Leslie Castillo, Michelle Gray, Simone Walsh, Kate Mossemeneer, Shayne Orriss, Katherine Bennell, Sasha Banki, Alice Goldsmith, Laura Giaquinto, Lucy Buchanan and Marion Matheson.

The University of Sydney qualified for the AUG's thanks to Cumberland campus who managed to take fifth position in Tamworth. A great standard of basketball was played by the team, always playing hard with great sportsmanship on and off the court. With a small team of seven players we performed well and just missed out on playing the bronze medal match. Injuries hindered numerous team members and with only two subs we left Brisbane in tenth position. Our most notable win was against Melbourne University where the game went into overtime and we stole the win by only a basket. There were outstanding performances by Alison

Tyrell, Sarah McGrath and Hayley Hughes. The team can be commended on excellent team spirit, and again, at least 110% effort. In every game the team played solidly and with drive until the very last second.

-Marion Matheson

### BASKETBALL (m)

It was a year full of promise for the men's basketball team. We selected a young and vibrant bunch of players to represent at the Eastern University Games in Tamworth. Our team was talented but largely inexperienced.

Our talent was confirmed in the first game, with Alex Angel and Gamer Allahverdian completely dominating the opposition to register a big win. The next game was against arch rivals UNSW and was a battle of epic proportions. Point guard James MacCann was inspirational and was backed up by forwards Chris Zajko and Marko Jankulovski. The lead changed regularly throughout the game, with both sides trying to gain the upper hand. UNSW eventually won by three points. We managed to regroup in the afternoon and register another solid win. However this meant that we were pitted against Macquarie in the quarter finals. The boys came out firing with Ben Turner leading the way. We played extremely tough defence and gave it everything, but were



unable to maintain the intensity in the final quarter and lost by 10. Macquarie went on to win the tournament undefeated.

Our spirits were lifted when we were granted a wildcard to the Australian University Games in Brisbane. Our first game was against EUG runners-up Wollongong. After a lacklustre start we trailed by 25 points at three-quarter time until we finally found our rhythm. Adi Causevic was unstoppable as he hit four three-pointers in the final quarter and made eight consecutive free-throws to get us back in the game, and was aptly supported by big centre John Hennessey and guard Alex Angel. We got within two points in the last minute and had a shot to win the game with just three seconds to go, but unfortunately it didn't drop and we were left pondering what might have been.

Another high intensity game followed against Queensland University, winners of the Northern University

Games. With our star centre being forced out halfway through the game due to illness the other players had to stand up. Kassim Durrani played exceptionally well in his first University Games appearance while Michael Ashe was inspiring. Some questionable calls from the referees late in the match ended our momentum and we lost by five points. We then had a tough game against Melbourne Institute of Technology. Awesome performances from Ivan Popovic and Ben Turner gave us a comfortable lead early, only to be overtaken in the final quarter as our lack of experience again showed.

With a disastrous outcome for the tournament looming, we put in our best effort for the year against UNSW in an emotional game, to finally get some retribution for that loss in Tamworth. Daniel Brajkovic and George Pallett provided the spark we needed from the bench and we showed great hunger to

eventually win the game by 12. We outclassed Queensland University of Technology with Adi, George and Ivan all playing well to continue our run of good form. Kurt McFarland also stepped up from the bench to register his first points and then provided some "magic" in our last game of the tournament, which we absolutely dominated to win by 50 points. It was a good way to finish off the season and gives us a lot of confidence to take to Coffs Harbour and Adelaide in 2006.

It was great to see all the boys get on so well and eventually play some great basketball.

-Kurt McFarland

### BOXING

The club was fortunate to have club members Brendan Gallagher and Andy Murray lift the club banner at the O-Week stall of 2005, encouraging a new set of novice boxers to training.

The club expresses its sincere and profound thanks to the coaching staff. Dr Tony Collings returned with his sage of reason and acute insight into individual techniques. The club was also greatly assisted by Jonny Lewis and Justin Rowsell on weekday afternoons, Dean Haniff undertaking a mammoth workload at night not only looking after novices but preparing an elite squad for competition. Thanks to Pardeep Jagdeu, Laurence Abdul-Reheim,

George Psellis, Dennis Moffat and Tyson Rowsell for all their hours of dedicated coaching, Patrick Cunningham and Bryce Sait for college training. The combined knowledge and experience of all coaches has greatly improved the fitness, defence skills and sparring abilities of all club members.

On Melbourne Cup night we held a novice and inter-college tournament before a crowd of 500 students on No. 1 Oval, featuring nine bouts and 18 boxers. The first, second and third bouts were won by Sam Rutty, Paul Castley and Greg Stanton respectively. The first of the inter-college bouts featured Wesley's Sam Tindal, 71kg, and St Andrew's Andrew Harvey, 69kg. The crowd's eruption, as both boxers entered the ring, galvanised both. The first round was dominated by a series of toe-to-toe exchanges with equal points awarded. The exchanges continued into the second and third rounds but the superior training of Harvey gave him the edge and he was awarded a points win.

Bout five was won by middleweight Daniel Wilson before the second of the inter-college events took place. Wesley's Ben Handsaker, 82kg, took on St Andrew's Peter Walsh, 86kg. The taller and leaner Walsh engaged elusive hit and run tactics which paid points dividends.

In the highest point-scoring bout of the night, bout seven saw the more experienced John Barrott, 77kg, face Navid Nasseem, 75kg. In the third and final round Barrott's hands dropped slightly allowing Navid to seize the opportunity for points, edging to victory.

In the eighth bout, Wesley's Pat Cunningham, 90kg, fought St Andrew's Daniel Farrel, 110kg. The battle lines were drawn between old and slow versus youth and speed. With an attacking style continuing in the second round, Farrel formed a decisive points lead. His adrenalin had dissipated markedly by the third round and Cunningham started to return the favour with some double jabs but the lead could not be pegged back, with a clean sweep of the inter-college matches going the Drew's way.

The last bout of the night held out strong promise and delivered in a flurry of glove work. Trent Allan, 63kg, took on Mitchell Dawson, 63kg. The second round proved decisive as Allan was taken by surprise by the tactics of Dawson who skilfully cornered him on several occasions to take a valuable point lead before the last round. Round three saw Allan counter with probing combinations but they did little to overtake Dawson.

A major feature of the club's year was the progress of Arts student Paul Miller in the professional ranks. Miller turned professional after winning the Commonwealth Games gold medal at Manchester. After nine fights, he has seven wins and two draws under his belt. In 2005 Paul fought an eight-round non-title bout against the current IBF Pan Pacific champion, winning a unanimous points decision. Paul also challenged for the IBO Pan Pacific belt with a technical draw declared after a head clash.

Another club member doing well in the amateur ranks in NSW is Roman Savchyn, trained by Justin and Tyson Rowsell. Savchyn is the current middleweight state champion and won an interstate bout in November 2005 in Caboolture, Qld. He will be taking time out in 2006 to visit his family in the Ukraine but we look forward to his return as a valuable future representative of boxing in Australia.

The club has made strong advances this year with members taking part in the NSWABA matches at South Sydney under tutelage of coaches Justin Rowsell and Deen Haniff. We look forward to further members competing and hopefully success at state titles later in the year.

-Patrick Cunningham

## BUSHWALKING

2005 saw 140 new members join the Bushwalking Club, most of whom have participated in bushwalks throughout the year. During March we had our annual Freshers trip. New members were guided to the lovely Blue Gum Forest for an overnight bushwalk. We must thank the experienced walkers in the club for providing valuable knowledge and guidance essential to our club's success and safety record in the outdoors.

Under club traditions, and one of the highlights of the year, was the President's Bludge Trip, held on the October Long Weekend. Twenty four people made the pilgrimage to the pristine Kowmung River in Kanangra Boyd National Park. Involving three days of bludging, swimming, socialising, singing, twister, volleyball and of course bushwalking it was a great social weekend.

While walking remains the club's main activity, we also participate in a range of outdoor pursuits including mountain bike riding, cross country skiing, canyoning, climbing and rogaining. One of the club's aims is to make people aware of the magnificent valleys and bushland that Australia boasts.

Hard core trips involved expeditions to remote and distant places including skiing, ice climbing and walking in Canada, exploration in

the Wollomli National Park, walking in Patagonia and Iceland, walking and mountaineering in New Zealand and walking in rugged parts of Tasmania. The total number of trips for 2005 came to over 220, which shows how active the club is. The last Wednesday of each month is our slide night. This is a time to chat about any club issues, conservation issues, meet new club members and show or watch slides from previous trips. In 2006 we are struggling to find a location to hold our slide nights. We hope this will be solved soon.

Keen walkers, runners and navigators in the club participated in rogaines throughout the year. The club participated successfully in many events. Of note this year SUBW won the Class 2 NSW NavShield event run by the Bushwalkers Wilderness Rescue Squad.

Ensuring the safety of members is of utmost importance. This year we replaced a lot of old equipment including ropes, tents, sleeping bags and mats.

Summarising 2005, SUBW has had a great year and look forward to our 60th anniversary in 2006. Special recognition should be given to all those members who have led trips, especially beginner trips, and passed down the

experience and knowledge that they were once given.

-Joanna Boyd

### CANOE

2005 was another good year for the Sydney University Canoe Club. The year got off to a good start with some entertaining beginner trips. The Harbour Paddle saw a bunch of new members causing havoc in the harbour and the beginners' Whitewater Weekend saw another crew learning the ways of rapids, rocks and trees. Come Easter, the club found some water that was actually flowing and managed a trip to Goolang Creek and a quick run down the Nymboida. This was followed by the now annual Barr Island trip, with the emphasis being on safety inductions to the newer and older members of the club.

The often quieter middle of the year was once again slow but a quick trip up to the Moppy section of the Barrington provided relief before momentum was gathered again for trips out to Macquarie River, the Barrington, a possible first SUCC descent of the Cobart River following heavy rains, a couple of attempts for the Murrumbidgee and another trip to the Nymboida in the new year. Various paddling days were held out at Penrith also.

In calmer waters, the marathon contingent of the club strengthened over the year, thanks to Ric Barnes' continual enthusiasm. Weekly paddles at Lane Cove were a fixture, as well as monthly marathon meets. A few members enjoyed the 111km of pain in the Hawkesbury Classic. Congratulations to those who gave it a go.

Back in the pool, SUCC had another great canoe polo year, with two teams in A grade and a team in B grade. All performed well and Ami managed to walk away with a lot of loot.

The club looks forward to another successful year in 2006. Hopefully we can get some more young members hooked on the sport.

-Richard Wood

### CRICKET (w)

The 2004/05 season was a challenging and exciting year for women's cricket at the University of Sydney. A historic merger between Sydney University and the University of New South Wales Women's Cricket Clubs led to the formation of the Universities Women's Cricket Club (UWCC).

Gaining New South Wales and Australian representatives Lisa Sthalekar, Kate Blackwell and Alex Blackwell allowed the club to build on a solid foundation. Lisa, a University of Sydney graduate, was appointed club captain

and coach, while Alex and Kate are current students and scholarship holders at the University of New South Wales and University of Sydney respectively.

In our first season, over 50 players were registered with the club, ranging from beginners to Australian representatives, university and school students, and community members. The club was able to enter three teams in the first, second and third grade competitions for the 2004/05 season.

Our first grade team narrowly missed out on a berth in the semi-finals, finishing fifth in their first year of competition. Three players scored centuries, Lisa Sthalekar (120 n.o.), Sarah Tsukigawa (108 n.o.) and Kate Blackwell (111), while Rosamond Kember became the first Universities player to claim a hat-trick during her spell of 5-16. Our second and third grade teams also performed amiably and continually improved throughout the season.

Playing cricket is not the only focus of the UWCC. Throughout the year, there were many fun and interesting social events, including the club's season launch at The Grandstand, dinners and drinks at our club sponsor The Boundary Hotel, social BBQs after matches, and great fundraising competitions such as the "Ugly Shirt" training day.

The club would like to acknowledge those who have made this venture possible, especially SU Sport and the University of New South Wales Sports Association, Ann Mitchell, Jeff Hargrave, David Brady and Nicole Searle. We would also like to thank the Sydney Cricket Association and the SUCC for their support, in particular Darby Quoyle, Greg Matthews and Geoff Lawson. Thank you also to Rebecca Lane and most of all, thank you to all the players for an exciting and wonderful first season.

-Lena Caruso

### CRICKET (m)

Season 2004/05 was surely the most successful of Sydney University Cricket Club's 141 year history. The first grade side finished both the limited overs and grade competitions as minor premiers by a considerable margin. Both finals were played on the University No. 1 Oval, with the blue and gold claiming the Belvedere Cup in a thrilling three day final. The entire club contributed to our second Club Championship. Every Grade contested semi-finals and sixth grade were Metropolitan Cup premiers.

The season began with a determination to improve upon a disappointing 2003/04 campaign. Hard work in the off-season by the SUCC board saw



several significant changes to the structure and personnel in the club. Perhaps the most important of these decisions was the appointment of former NSW and Australian representative Anthony Stuart as Head Coach. His enthusiasm, emphasis on hard work and his forthright nature left no player in doubt about his commitment to the club. Anthony was also a key selector in a streamlined three-man panel. I would personally like to thank Anthony on behalf of the entire club for the enormous role he played in our winning the Club Championship.

SUCC was also very pleased to welcome current NSW player Greg Mail into the fold. His experience at the top of the order as well as at training was invaluable to many players. Other new faces included Marty Pascal who had a stellar debut season, Hayden Danks who started in sixth grade and finished in second grade, and lower grade sensations Nick Burke and Alex Braid.

There were many brilliant individual performances during the year. Ian Moran took 48 wickets at 18, passed 100 wickets in first grade and 3000 runs for the club. Shane Stanton also passed 3000 runs with his 865 at 46, and his 51 dismissals took him past 200 for the Club. Ed Cowan made 917 runs at 61, and his prolific scoring earned him his

debut for both the NSW one-day and Pura Cup sides. Tom Kierath took 40 wickets at 18, and Greg Matthews chimed in for 38 wickets at 14 runs apiece. Brendan Smith shared the bowling aggregate with his 48 third grade wickets at 15. In Poidevin-Gray, Kieran Lahey smashed the club record with 467 runs at an average of 93.

Special congratulations are due to James Rodgers who is now the highest wicket-taker in the history of the club. His 33 wickets, at the miserly average of nine, took him to 784 wickets, passing Mick O'Sullivan's 781. Jimmy has been a tireless servant of the club who, through his astute leadership and vast experience, continues to teach young players how grade cricket should be played. It is not an accident that a very large number of first grade players in recent times have begun their careers under Jimmy in the lower grades.

Training sessions were ably run by Anthony Stuart with assistance from Greg Matthews, Darby Quoyale and the senior players. Bob Simpson attended one session and Adam Spencer ran a batting 'Master Class', interviewing Blues stars Mail and Cowan. Malcolm was the ever-reliable Practice Captain who always made sure everyone got a bat, bowl and field. Thank you to Greg Matthews and

Darby Quoyale who were always on hand to offer technical coaching and advice. The club was very fortunate to have players like Matt Phelps, Greg Mail and Ed Cowan along with Test players Greg Matthews and Stuart MacGill, to impart their knowledge and experience to the younger players. SUCC has leadership that is second to none. We acknowledge Ian Foulsham, Chairman of the Board, for his tireless work behind the scenes, and his unwavering dedication. Ian retires from this position ahead of the 2005/06 season and leaves behind him a club that has never been in better shape. The sincerest thanks of all players and supporters go to Ian.

Around Ian Foulsham was a hard-working and dedicated Board who ensured that the club functioned smoothly and well. Thank you to Greg Harris and the staff of SU Sport, and Bruce Ross for his support and guidance of players in their off-field development. Congratulations also go to Bruce Collins for his elevation to the Board of Cricket Australia.

Congratulations to Graham Hunt and his grounds staff for their many hours of hard work on the ovals. It is never an easy task to repair the grounds after the rigours of a full rugby, AFL and soccer season, but it is testament to the diligence of the Hunt team that Oval No. 1 was in such good condition

that both the one-day and three-day first grade finals were hosted on it. SUCC also has the best training facilities of any cricket club.

A major attraction of playing at Sydney University has been the extensive touring undertaken. Over the Christmas/New Year break, many players were fortunate enough to tour India and Sri Lanka. Hartley Anderson had a vision for organising the tour and a genuine passion and enthusiasm to make it happen. The cricketing and cultural experiences gained by the players were unique and will never be forgotten. Of course the timing of this tour coincided with the devastation of the Boxing Day tsunami, and I am very proud to report that the touring party donated its tour kitty to the Red Cross and also volunteered to assist the Red Cross in its relief efforts in Colombo.

SUCC's most immediate challenge will be to improve our Green Shield and Poidevin-Gray Shield performances. I am certain that, with the hard work and dedication that has made SUCC club champions and first and sixth grade premiers, we will soon be favorites in the under-age competitions as well.

The club has a wealth of talented young cricketers who will

provide the nucleus of one of Sydney's leading clubs in the coming years. When combined with the leadership and management of senior players and officials, SUCC is in an enviable position within the Sydney Cricket Association. The club has now come to expect success, without taking it for granted. A good example of this was the muted victory celebrations after the Club Championship title was won in the last round. The players realised that only part of the job had been done, and that the serious business of winning finals matches was only one week away. Of course, at the annual dinner in the Great Hall, there was a rather different atmosphere when the real celebrating was done!

I would like to send out a personal request to all players to double their efforts for the upcoming season. I challenge all players, no matter what grade, to increase their level of responsibility and ask how they can put more into the club. If each player does this, the ongoing success of the SUCC is guaranteed.

-Paul O'Halloran

### CYCLING AND TRIATHLON

The Sydney University Cycling and Triathlon Club is back after a long hiatus and 2005 has been a year of strong growth and steady results. We started the year with a new group of members,

the majority of whom had never competed in a triathlon but were keen and enthusiastic. It was extremely encouraging to note that we had more competitors at the Eastern University Championship than any other university, especially if you include our Cumberland campus compatriots. We not only provided the most competitors but took out



the mixed team event and the individual female. Congratulations Lisa.

After EUC we had to prepare for Australian University Championships in Mooloolaba. This was an expensive undertaking and only two athletes took part, however they made an impact with Kristie taking second and John doubling the points for Sydney University.

This effectively ended the triathlon year, but there were a few competitions and a national team to be selected. We had three athletes accumulate

enough points to qualify, but unfortunately only one could make the trip to Hawaii.

Winter is a quiet time for triathletes but we amused ourselves with regular training sessions and dreams for the approaching summer. Ocean swimming became a focus with members regularly placing well in their age

groups although sometimes paying more attention to fish than racing.

It is with a friendly atmosphere and outlook that we approach the 2006 season. However, triathlon has taken a blow with EUC being scrapped and AUC just three weeks after the return to classes it will be tough to put a team together. We now look forward to dominating AUG cycling. We have also moved to cater for more participants by combining the occasional circuit training session with the Gymnastics Club and those who don't feel like swimming, riding or

running.

So we shall bask in the relaxed, social atmosphere that the athletes enforce, despite the coaches' best efforts, and explode on race day. Remember, triathletes do it faster, longer and stronger.

-Karl Boss-Walker

### FENCING

The Sydney University Fencing Club maintained its position as one of the top clubs at the 2005 Australian University Championships and at state and national competitions. The club was well represented at the open national circuit, junior, cadet and veteran National Championships and state level events.

We gained a total of 18 medals attending the national circuit, with top results from Ania Smialkowski, Alistair Sutherland, Brendan Nicholson, Jess Brooks and Chris Markey. A further six medals were gained from the junior (U20), cadet (U17) and veteran (Over 40) nationals, with the best performers being Charles Gwynn (veteran men's sabre national champion), Victoria Rawlings (second, junior women's epee) and Jess Brooks (third, junior women's sabre). Nineteen club members were selected to represent NSW in team events. At state level, we collected a total of 38 medals in the A and B grade events and a

further 14 in the age based events.

In July, Sydney University hosted the fencing AUC. Fifteen universities were represented at this event. The Sydney University team performed strongly, taking out the overall championship, as well as the trophies for best overall men's team and best overall women's team. The men's sabre team, and the women's foil and sabre teams won their respective events. Jess Brooks won the individual women's sabre and received a Green and Gold selection.

Club training continued to be well attended throughout the year. The club welcomed new coach Tuko Maia. Ongoing coaching was provided by Angelo Santangelo, Simon Jin, Julian May and Bill Ronald. Thanks are also due to senior club members Tony Watts, Mario Ferraro and Brendan Nicholson, who have worked tirelessly in the development of the club's junior members.

2006 marked the 60th anniversary of the Fencing Club and a formal dinner was held to celebrate the occasion. Representatives from almost every decade of the club's existence were present, including numerous Blues and former club presidents.  
-Harriet Jordan

### GOLF

2005 was a good year for the Golf Club, with both the men's and women's

teams placing in the club's only intervarsity competition of the year, the Eastern University Games. The men's team placed a close third behind rival golfing powerhouses UNSW and Macquarie. While no one gained selection in the EUG merit team for this year, Matt Mason finished sixth in the individual championship and only five shots behind the eventual winner.

Also performing well was Peter Wylie who has been the University's most consistent golfer over the last three years, finishing eighth. The women's team placed second in the teams behind the runaway winners UNSW with the team of Lucy Rowe, Sarah Clark and Camilla Crane all competing in their first university games and performing very well.

Unfortunately, a lack of interest forced the cancellation of our Western Australia tour in December to compete in the Australian University Championships. We hope to build on these solid results from last year in Coffs Harbour and Adelaide later on this year.

-Henry Yeung

### GYMNASTICS

2005 was an active year for the club, competitively, socially and structurally. We were advised before the beginning of first semester that we could lose our training space in the Old Teachers

College and may need to find an alternative venue. Greg Harris and Robert Smithies of SU Sport are in the process of developing a proposal to the University that could see Sydney University gymnastics eventually relocate to a state of the art, purpose built facility within the University Sports and Aquatic Centre. This is a very exciting prospect for the club which would allow us to expand and develop junior and adult programs to serve the local community as well as university athletes.

Our club successfully maintained its competitive standing throughout the year, beginning with the Trans Tasman Masters games, in April. In the advanced women's category, Yasmine Loupis placed first overall, and Kyra Clifton finished third overall. In the beginner men's category, Brendon Wong placed first overall and Jacob Henwood placed second overall.

In July our club participated in the Eastern University Championships in Tamworth, achieving excellent results. In Level 3 were Trieste Corby, Laura Ingram and Elisabeth Andrews placed first, second and third overall respectively, as well as receiving a placing on all individual apparatus. In Level 4 were Meike Stindt finished fourth overall, and placed second in the individual vault and beam events.

Following EUG, our competitors travelled to Coffs Harbour, where some of our club members had already assembled for our annual training camp.

Our cheerleading competition team represented our club at the State Championships, placing third, and the National Championships, finishing 12th. The club's social squad, Sydney University Gold, represented the club and university at Sydney University gridiron games.

2005 was an important year regarding promotion and sustenance of our club. In August, four members participated in the Haldon Street Festival, a street parade in Lakemba. They proved very popular with all local residents and businesses, and challenged the Mayor of Canterbury Council to a handstand contest. In September we initiated a project with Sydney University Recreational and Clowning Around Society for Verge - the University's Arts Festival. The 'Fireflies' performance, which we designed and created, was incredibly popular, and may make a return next year due to public demand.

-Yasmine Loupis  
-Tristan Worledge

### HANDBALL

It was another great year for the Handball Club with our men's team

winning one of two state league competitions and the women's team dominating the year undefeated as champions for both competitions. The new women's coach, Rajan Pavlovic, will surely continue the winning streak into 2006.

Club members Pascal Winkler, Christoph Niebel and Vernon Cheung made the NSW men's team while other members Lance Yao, Hugh Ronzani and Herve Le Feuvre were selected in the squad. Unfortunately, NSW was unable to defend the title and Queensland won by one goal. Next year will hopefully be a different story. Hugh Ronzani was also selected for the Australian U21 team that toured Sweden and Denmark in July.

The NSW women's team comprised mainly of Sydney University members - Rajan Pavlovic (Head Coach), Vernon Cheung (Assistant Coach), Norma Traube, Michell Payne, Daniela De Santos, Kelly Morgan, Kim Briggs, Nicole Hughes, Wibke Scheler, Kristine Pederson and Noa Peer. This strong team was unstoppable, winning the National Championship against Victoria 22-17. Kelly Morgan played the game of her life to secure the win in this memorable encounter. From this team, Nicole Hughes was selected into the national squad but due to her study commitments was unable to commit for the

whole year.

Congratulations to Dorothy Potocka who did an outstanding job as technical official at the Oceania qualification tournament and Pacific Cup in May. Australia qualified for the World Cup in Russia and won the Pacific Cup. As an on-going commitment to development in handball, Nicole Hughes, Kim Briggs and Vernon Cheung updated their skills by attending the NSWHA referees course. Vernon, who is the men's club coach, was also appointed national men's team manager up until the World Cup 2007 in Germany. During the junior nationals he and assistant coach Nicole Hughes led the U18 state women's team to victory over Queensland 14-7.

Congratulations to all of our coaches and players for a great 2005 performance. We look forward to continued success in 2006.

-Vernon Cheung

### HOCKEY

Having gone through a year of restructuring in 2004, 2005 was a year of consolidation and development for the Sydney University Hockey Club. Hopefully the setting of solid foundations, leading into our centenary in 2007, will see a return to the winning ways of old.

The women's first grade team, having been second division premiers in 2004, was promoted to first division. The team

proved that they were worthy of their place in the top competition, and it is hoped that with a year's experience under their belts, they can turn the draws into wins, and finish in the top four in 2006. Two players from the team, Georgina Brown and Reita Holmes, were finalists for the Best and Fairest award, finishing third and fifth respectively.

Other successes were achieved by our women's third, fourth and sixth grade teams, who all made the finals series. Women's sixth grade, a team largely made up of U16 girls progressing through from our junior club, were extremely unlucky not to be playing off for the premiership, narrowly losing their finals in extra time, golden goal.

Our men's teams were similarly successful with fourth, sixth and seventh grade teams all making the semi-finals. The men will also be a year older and wiser in 2006 and it is hoped that they too will finish in the top four. David Bourke and Darren Baxter were nominated for significant achievement awards. David was a finalist for the association's Best and Fairest, while Darren, having already received the award for Highest Goal Scorer in the indoor competition, took out the outdoor Leading Goal Scorer title. 2005 saw the addition of our first women's veterans team, made up primarily from club old girls. The

addition of this team means that a pathway now exists for both men and women to play for the club right through from U9s. Our juniors were very successful, particularly our U11 team who were premiers.

Our men's team finished second at Eastern University Games in Tamworth and fourth at Australian University Games in Brisbane. The women finished fifth at EUG and took home the bronze from AUG. Players named in the Australian University merit team were Georgina Brown, Meg Buchanan and Tom Lobsey.

Other representative achievements are listed below. Special congratulations must also go to Catherine Alston, who was the recipient of a Sydney University Blue. Lastly, thank you to the committee, all of the coaches, and particularly to the executive. A special thank you must also be extended to our outgoing, long-serving juniors vice president, Sharne Aldridge, without whom we would not have a junior club, nor as such a senior club.

-Brian Gunner

### JUDO

2005 marks another very successful year for the Judo Club. It was our 51st year of operation and our club continues to show why we are among the strongest in



Australia.

Continuing with the expert instruction of coaches John Buckley (fifth Dan), Kristof Frankowski (fourth Dan), Randall Jones (first Dan), and new beginners coach John Moen (first Dan) SUJC went on to produce solid results.

One silver and two bronze medals were won at the Sydney Open. Two gold and two silver were won at the Summer Championships. Two seventh placings were achieved at the ACT Open. Three silver medals were won at the State Titles. In the Kyu Grades, the eight competitors won three gold, two silver and one

bronze medal. At Eastern University Games, the club won a gold, three silver and three bronze medals while at Australian University Games, we won three bronze. The Masters team won silver at the State Teams Championships. At the Australian Masters Games, the club won four gold and one silver.

At the World Masters in Canada, we won two silver and one bronze. Two bronze medals were won at the NSW International Open and two gold and a silver at All Grades.

Other highlights of the year include Tom White receive a University Blue,

and John Moen receiving his first Dan black belt!

-Gareth Rose

### NETBALL

The 2005 netball season saw strong representation from the Netball Club. It was also a promising year for the club's overall development. The NSW State League Division 1 and 2 teams finished sixth and seventh respectively in a tough competition. The introduction of National League feeder teams into State League Division 1 has increased the standard of competition and pushed several teams into Division 2. Inter-district finished a strong second going down by one point in the final to Newcastle.

Sydney University continued their dominance of both Eastern University Games and Australian University Games. The women's team went through both competitions relatively unchallenged, demonstrating the

strength and depth of talent within the club.

The mixed team also proved that they too have the ability to perform consistently at higher levels by finishing third at EUG and second at AUG. Green and Gold selections were deservedly awarded to Landell Archer, Carlie Hoffman and Maree Tyndall from the women's team and Erin McGushin, Hayley Keeling and Meg Carrigan from the mixed team.

Congratulations to the women's netball team who won the 2004 Ann Mitchell Award for the Best Performance at an AUG/AUC. Also a big congratulations to Kate Pallister who received a University Blue last year, and to Tania Finikiotis, President from 2002-2005, whose dedication to the club was recognised by receiving the Club Administrator of the Year award.

2005 also saw changes

David Bourke	NSW Opens & U21's, Aust U21 squad
Kent Haigh	NSW Open squad
Michael Irby	NSW Vets
Justin Friemann	NSW & Aust O/40's Vets.
Catherine Alston	NSW U21's
Zoe Michaleff	NSW U21s squad, NSW Open Indoor
Lauren Hogan	NSW U21's squad
Georgina Brown	ACT Open Indoor, Australian Indoor squad
Tom Lobsey	NSW U21's squad
Jarryd Hill	NSW U21's Indoor
Andrew Fenten	NSW Open Indoor, Australian Indoor squad

### Hockey Representative Honours

to our coaching staff. We welcomed Megan Fleiner as player/coach of Division 1, Lisa McConchie again coached Division 2 and Merryn Quayle was Inter-district coach with the assistance of Alison Evill. All coaches did an excellent job and are to be highly commended.

The club was fortunate enough to form an alliance with a new sponsor, the Empire Hotel in Kings Cross. This was a wonderful boost for the club providing an exciting new venue for a number of successful functions which aided in raising some much needed funds. The club looks forward to continuing this partnership in 2006.

Thank you to Lynn Quinn and all at Fairfield City District Netball Association for their guidance and assistance throughout the season. Another thank you goes to the SU Sport staff for their help and support. A special mention must be made of outgoing president Tania Finikiotis. Tania has placed much time and energy into the club not only in 2005 but for many years prior. She has had a major hand in fashioning netball at Sydney University into what has become a very successful and dominant club. Although stepping down, Tania is staying on in an advisory role and we look forward to her guidance in the future.

-Kobe Sloane  
-Erin McGushin

## RIFLE

There was an air of excitement about the 2004/05 season for rifle shooting. A large influx of new undergraduate shooters ensured a strong base for the club, a renewed membership in the Metropolitan District Rifle Association grade competition ensured a competitive atmosphere and everything looked bright



for the coming season.

However, Mother Nature showed us she was not one to be meddled with. After a series of hurricane-force winds in July 2004, our clubhouse at Malabar was left without a roof and with all of its contents thoroughly saturated by untimely monsoonal rainfall. This left the club with water-damaged equipment and rifles, a structurally unsound clubhouse and a generally grave resolve about the upcoming season. However, never a group to surrender in the face of adversity, the club set about the restoration which ended up taking

the best part of a year.

New equipment was purchased to replace the shooting jackets and gloves which were damaged beyond use, the rifles were thoroughly cleaned and repaired and a generous donation of new chairs and curtains brought the clubhouse to an even better state than it had been before the storm. Many thanks go

to SU Sport for their help during the arduous insurance claim process.

Unfortunately, due to these unforeseen circumstances, the regular operations of the club had to be halted for most of the season. The club did manage to compete in two MDRA grade shoots at the beginning of the season, posting admirable results both times.

Thankfully, with the club restoration complete we can focus on the future. An enhanced recruitment drive planned for the 2006 O-Week should ensure a fresh crop of new undergrads for the

coming season, and our close ties with the Sydney Grammar School Rifle Club will provide access to the up-and-coming GPS shooters interested in continuing into their university years.

The administration side of the 2006 season will focus on updating the qualifications required for University Blues. As there are no current inter-university competitions in shooting, new avenues must be explored to determine sufficient achievements for receipt of this award.

Despite the setbacks this past season, 2006 looks bright for the club. The new equipment will ensure optimal performances from all shooters and the new clubhouse is sure to boost morale.

-Hugh Turner

## ROCKCLIMBING AND MOUNTAINEERING

Over the last five years the Sydney University Rockclimbing and Mountaineering Club has made outstanding achievements in the climbing community. 2005 was certainly no exception. Whether guiding mountaineering expeditions abroad, making first ascents of remote peaks in Pakistan or cranking their hardest on local sport crags, members are certainly making their mark. These achievements demonstrate that, aside from an adventurous

spirit and a passion for the outdoors, climbers require exceptional skills, determination, courage and wisdom.

2005 saw more climbers embark on overseas expeditions than ever before. Ice climbing was a popular sport this year and several members spent time in Canada which features some of the most spectacular ice climbing routes in the world. Mountaineering was a major focus for many members and successful attempts were made of various peaks in India, New Zealand, Argentina and Pakistan. Richard Wood and Andrew Mitchell's unbelievable ascent of Mt Aspiring (3027m) from Queenstown via Fjordland is particularly noteworthy as is Mic Rofe's successful attempt of Aconcagua (6962m) in Argentina. Most remarkable was Jonathan Clearwater's stunning first ascent of the 1600m West Ridge of Trango II (6327m) in the Central Karakoram Mountains, Pakistan. The route consisted of five days of challenging climbing on sustained technical rock and ice in committing alpine style.

Experienced mountaineers weren't the only ones putting their down jackets to the test. The biggest event in our 2005 calendar was the Nepal Three Peaks Mountaineering Expedition where ten SURMC and SUBW members climbed Pokhalde (5809m),

Lobuche East (6119m) and Nirekha (6159m). The trip was successful despite various struggles with altitude sickness.

Those who preferred skimpier outfits and warmer weather journeyed across the United States, France and South America climbing awesome multi-pitch routes. The bolt-clippers gravitated to the chilled-out atmosphere of sport crags in Thailand and New Zealand where they cranked hard along many difficult routes.

Developing leadership skills is a core aspect of SURMC's activities. Our levels system provides an important opportunity for experienced members to develop leadership skills while allowing a safe environment for new members to acquire climbing skills. Several members this year have led some exciting trips on a professional basis.

Outstanding achievements include: Mic Rofe guided a client on Denali (6200m), Alaska and worked as an assistant leader for two Jagged Globe trips climbing Pisco Oeste (5700m) and Huascarán Nord (6700m) in Peru; Sumit who is establishing himself as a reputable mountain guide in Nepal and lead SURMC's Three Peaks Nepal Expedition; Bronwen Waters who worked as a guide with World Expeditions in Tasmania; and Steve Kassar who is currently

guiding in Tasmania. All four members are outstanding climbers and no doubt their amazing abilities will see them reach great heights in 2006.

Throughout the year, several members attended advanced training days with internationally acclaimed mountain guide Adam Daragh. Bronwen Waters attended an advanced mountaineering course in the northern regions of India. Due to the large number of people committed to attending these training courses, 2005 saw an increase in the amount of outdoor training days we were able to provide for less-experienced members. These trips were so popular we are considering outsourcing them in order to keep up with the increasing demand. Particular thanks go to Pete Butcher. Without his patience and dedication we would have struggled to provide half the trips.

With over 200 members social activities are always guaranteed to be exciting. The implementation of an annual calendar made social trips and events easier to organise. While the weekly training sessions at the Ledge, followed by the obligatory beer and steak, continued to be the main regular social activity, many members took advantage of the newly negotiated member discount at the St Peters Climbing Gym to increase their training to

twice-weekly. There were also many outdoor social trips including the annual Arapiles pilgrimage and Frog Buttress (150km from Brisbane). Other highlights were the Festival of the Shoalhaven, adventure climbing in the Wolgan Valley, and snow camping in the Snowy Mountains.

The annual dinner was certainly a night to remember. Held at the Roxbury Hotel in Glebe, we paired up with Fret Industries who organised a wonderful evening of local acoustic talent. A slideshow of photos from our photography competition served as a backdrop to these sensational musicians and this provided a great summary of the many outstanding accomplishments by club members throughout the year. A special congratulations go to John Mader and Ben Wiesner who won first place in the photography and writing competition respectively. Both of these competitions are a new initiative to encourage the documentation of club trips, provide inspiration to club members as well as assist with club promotion.

Thanks to all the committee members for making 2005 another fun and successful year.

-Danielle Carey

## ROWING (w)

The Sydney University Women's Rowing Club has enjoyed a very successful year in 2005. The club now has over 80 active members including those from the colleges.

At the Sydney University Sport awards dinner the women's Rowing Club and men's Boat Club were jointly awarded Club of the Year for 2004, in recognition of our recent performances. Congratulations to all involved in the great performance last year.

In January our high performance and intermediate squads had the opportunity to attend a rowing camp in Canberra. Alan Bennett ran the camp with assistance from Zita Briones and Megan Crawford. This camp provided a platform for good performances by the high performance rowers at NSW Championships and Nationals and inspired greater efforts from our intermediates who performed well at the Medals regatta.

At NSW Championships the club won the Open Eight for the second year in a row with the crew as follows: Elsa O'Hanlon (bow), Kylie Grant, Hilary Stiel, Laura Polin, Sally Macready, Yasmin L'Estrange, Renee Kirby, Kyeema Doyle (stroke), coxed by Katie Foulkes. We also won the Lightweight Double scull with the Elsa O'Hanlon and Yasmin Burraston from ANU. Hilary Stiel

and Kylie Grant placed second and these two crews combined to win the Lightweight Quad. Four rowers were in the winning U21 Eight: Renee, Yasmin, Laura and Elsa. Renee won the U21 single. Elsa was third in the Lightweight Single and AIS scholarship recipient Brooke Pratley came third in the Heavyweight single. Sydney University again won the overall point-score for the Championship.

Following our performances at the NSW State Championships, the NSW State Team that would compete at the Australian National Championships was announced. SUWRC had seven athletes named in the team: Laura Polin (Y8+), Renée Kirby (Y8+), Yasmin L'Estrange (Y8+), Kyeema Doyle (O8+), Elsa O'Hanlon (L4x), Kylie Grant (L4x) and Brooke Pratley (1x). Alan Bennett coached the Youth 8+ and Terry O'Hanlon coached the Lightweight Quad.

At Nationals we achieved good results. Elsa won Bronze in the U23 Lightweight double. Hilary and Kylie won bronze in the Open Lightweight double. Zita and Hilary won bronze in the Senior Lightweight quad. Kyeema, Yasmin, Laura and Renee were third in the Open eight. Elsa and Kylie were third in the U23 Lightweight quad. Renee was fourth in the U19 single. Yasmin and Laura were fourth

in the U23 Coxless four. Kyeema won silver representing NSW in the King's Cup Interstate Eight. The NSW King's Cup Interstate Lightweight Quad Scull won Bronze with Kylie and Elsa in the crew with Hilary as reserve and Terry O'Hanlon as coach. Laura, Yasmin and Renee won bronze in the NSW Youth Eight and Alan Bennett was coach of that crew.

We have performed well at the intermediate level. We won the Medals eight with crew as follows: Andrea McCarthy (bow), Antonia Fong, Kirstie Fagg, Kirsty McIntosh, Jane Reynolds, Lauren Sedgman, Sarah Phillips, Liz Lang (stroke) and Katie Fitzgerald (cox). We also won the coxed four and placed second in the quad.

Five rowers participated in Australian trials: Yasmin L'Estrange, Laura Polin, Elsa O'Hanlon, Kylie Grant and Renee Kirby. While none of these rowers were successful this year, we anticipate all will benefit from the experience.

Coaching for the club's high performance program has further developed this year. We are very pleased that Alan Bennett has been reappointed and it is anticipated that the high performance group at Linley Point will grow. Rhett Ayliffe's appointment as Director of Rowing, funded by NSWIS, Rowing Australia and SU Sport, will also boost our coaching ranks.

The annual Intercol regatta was run out of the Glebe Shed and results were as follows:

**Freshers:** Women's, Wesley, St Andrew's.

**Seniors:** St Johns, St Andrew's, Women's.

**Overall:** Women's, St Andrew's, St John's.

**Sancta** (Sancha Gray), St Johns (Ann Mitchell) and St Andrews (own boat) trained from our Boathouse. We aim to recruit more college rowers and look forward to their participation throughout the season.

During July, the Trans Tasman series was conducted in New Zealand's South Island, racing in Ashburton, Queenstown and Dunedin. Sydney University was successfully represented by three crews, with both men's crews winning all three races and the women's winning two from three to take the series. The women's eight comprised: Liz Lang, Kylie Grant, Kirsty McIntosh, Sarah Phillips, Kirstie Fagg, Cassie Noel, Caitlin Lang, Andrea McCarthy, Georgia McCaughan (cox) and Lizzi Chapman (coach).

In July, two women's crews and Alan Bennett went to the Women's Henley Regatta in England. Whilst one crew had the fortune of winning the Double Scull event overall, the other had the misfortune of being disqualified due to steering issues and a contentious call by the



umpire.

On the political front the club continues to campaign against a proposed \$90 million 850 boat dry boat store proposed for Rozelle Bay and enjoys very strong community support on this issue. The water-based part of the dry boat store has already been reduced in size in response to our representations but we remain opposed as we do not believe powerboats and rowing boats are compatible. It is anticipated that the Consent Authority Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority in June/July will make the Develop Application available for comment. Protecting the few remaining safe areas for passive recreation is a big issue for the rowing community on Sydney Harbour.

Our masters program is performing well with two rowers currently training in the NSW Masters Eight: Jo Pollett and Kerrie Bigsworth. Our first masters' novice intake in many years has injected some additional rowers into the program.

On the fundraising front the first Sydney University

Rowing Foundation event was held at Paul Espie's home. Pledges for both men's' and women's rowing totalling over \$400,000 were made at the event. Thanks to Paul Espie for initiating the foundation and for hosting the first event. As a separate fundraising event for the Friends of Sydney University Women's Rowing Club, we hosted a 10 Years at Glebe Celebration and Reunion at the Boathouse. Ann Mitchell christened the Denise Wee; a new coxed four, at this event.

Thanks must also go to all the SU Sport staff whose help and support of both the club and our scholarship holders continues to be tremendous. We should recognise in particular Kate Charge who has done an excellent job looking after our club over a number of years and we wish her well in her new role at NSWIS.

-Jane Spring

#### ROWING (BOAT)

2005 saw the rewards of a twelve-year investment by Sydney University Sport in rowing with the club having its most successful year ever in competition.

The NSW Championships finished with The University of Sydney winning the eights in both men's and women's and the overall trophy for the leading club. Our win in the men's eight was our first in this event since 1975 and one of only a few wins in the history of the club in this event. Other highlights of the regatta were our domination of the U23 category, winning all of the sweep oar events, our win in the U21 (Youth Eight) and Francis Hegerty's win in the Open Elite Pair (with Dave Chapman of UTS). The final points score was University of Sydney 69.75 (first) and Sydney Rowing Club (second) 26 points. From the State Championships we had a large number of athletes selected in the NSW team. Results at nationals were also outstanding with continued domination of the U23 events in sweep and outstanding rowing from Mat Ryan in the senior A heavyweight division.

Sydney University Rowing was recognised at the NSW Rowing Association annual dinner in May. Awards were presented to our captains for the 2004-5 Men's Elite Shield and Women's Elite Shield and the 2005 Honours Trophy.

In 2005 Mat Ryan became our first heavyweight rower selected in an Australian senior A team since Tony Anisimoff and Phil Winkworth in about 1980. Mat was selected in the

coxless four, our priority boat, to contest the 2006 Senior World Championships in Gifu, Japan. The club congratulates Mat and his coaches, Andrew Randell, Marty Rabjohns and Tim McLaren (of UTS) on achieving this milestone. Fergus Pragnell and Ian Allsop also join Mat Ryan and Francis Hegerty at the top level. A number of other rowers and coaches were selected in our U23 and junior national teams.

During the season a group of our men and women began preparation for a tour of New Zealand in July, representing Australian Universities against New Zealand Universities. During a ten-day tour of the South Island our men and women's teams contested nine races with New Zealand Universities winning eight. NSWIS appointed Andrew Randell as their Head Coach of rowing in 2005. Andrew has an outstanding record in coaching and has made an important contribution to University rowing. Without his "push", inspiration, innovation, quality coaching and mentoring of other coaches, our club would not be achieving the results it is today. I can say without qualification that on the water Andrew has been the primary catalyst for recent success. We wish Andrew all the best in his new role. Following Andrew's departure



Rhett Ayliffe was appointed Director of Rowing with Marty Rabjohns Head Men's Coach and Alan Bennett Head Women's Coach.

In September we sent crews to the Youth Cup in Adelaide, the Ilan International Collegiate Regatta in Taiwan, and Australian University Games at Hinze Dam just behind the Gold Coast. Our team achieved the most comprehensive victory in the overall competition at AUG taking out wins in seven of the 16 events and retaining the Oxford and Cambridge Cup. This was our first consecutive victory in this event since 1960-61. We were fortunate to have Tom Herschmiller (Canadian Olympic silver medallist in the coxless four at Athens) compete for us at intervarsity. Tom, who is studying medicine, stroked our men's eight and four to wins.

In late 2005 Rhett was offered the job of Head Coach of the Tasmanian Institute of Sport rowing program and finished up after the 2006 January camp. We were fortunate to attract Phil Bourguignon who had already proven himself at international level in junior and U23 coaching and who had just completed a year as the AIS Scholarship Coach. Marty Rabjohns replaced Rhett as Director of Rowing and Phil joined as Head Men's Coach. The new coaching arrangement has begun operating in good

harmony with further terrific results in competition.

Congratulations to our new Blues Pat Wilson, Terrence Alfred and William Chambers and well done to Chris Clyne and Pat Wilson who were the national U23 pair champions.

Fundraising for the Sydney University Rowing Foundation was launched this year. In the first year we are concentrating on securing alumni contributions. About \$600,000 has been pledged over five years and just under \$200,000 was collected. In 2006 the Foundation will concentrate on contacting all existing alumni to request their support and seek support from the parents of the current rowers. The objectives for 2006 are to increase pledges to \$1m and underwrite initial purchases of equipment as part of a plan to replace all SUBC equipment. The club records its particular thanks to those core supporters who have become patrons of the foundation and underwritten its initial success.

2005 also saw Rowing Australia begin a program of development funding for elite rowing programs. Sydney University was one of six clubs selected nationally to be supported by this program. Our thanks go to Rowing Australia for this support.

At the university level we were assisted by some dedicated staff, who have created a culture of supporting athletes and offering services to allow them to perform at the highest level. Thanks to Marty Harland, Susie Burrell and Iain Evans. Special mention and thanks must go to Angela Harris who left SU Sport in August after a number of years in athlete support. Angela's work and dedication over a number of years have had a major positive impact on our rowing program. Thanks also to all the office staff at SU Sport for ensuring upkeep of the boatshed, management of the club accounts and administrative and financial support. SU Sport remains our club's major benefactor with substantial grants to cover our operating budget and maintenance of the support system that allows our club to train rowers at the elite level.

Areas in which we can improve are the management of our budget and the administrative function of our committee. The committee did not meet regularly and too much of the work was left to the coaches. While this does fall within their purview the committee needs to ensure that they retain their functions in setting club policy and oversee the operation of the club. The club must ensure that it does not overspend its operational budget.

To summarise, 2005

was the most successful year for SUBC possibly ever and definitely since 1975. The club is well-placed to continue this success into 2006. I will end by thanking again those key dedicated people whose work ensured this success, our coaches, Marty Rabjohns, Andrew Randell, Rhett Ayliffe and Alan Bennett.

-Christopher Noel

### RUGBY LEAGUE

It was a momentous year for the club, a year of great change and new beginnings. At the start of preseason preparation there were a lot of things missing from the club such as money, jerseys, a home ground, coaches and most of all players. The committee made several extremely important decisions early on in the hope of restoring the club to its rightful place within the university. The home ground was moved to the university and the centre of operations became the local pub.

Unfortunately there were only 15 returning players for the 2005 season. Most of the new players were fresh to the game and were signing up for the social aspects of the club. Thankfully, amongst these were a number of very talented athletes so we were able to fill our teams. Everyone involved with the club should be very proud of upholding the important tradition of fielding teams in both divisions of the student

league. As the season progressed both grades began to show strong improvement. Second grade gradually learnt the skills, beat the lesser teams and frightened some of the stronger teams that eventually played in the grand final. First grade stormed its way through the table and won the first semi-final against Cumberland College but lost in the second final against UTS. It was very gratifying for the coaches, administrators and players to see the club have these encouraging successes. One of the surprise finds of the season was first grade utility back Clark Webb who excelled throughout the season and has been trying out for professional clubs.

Everybody is deserving of thanks after the season but the significant contributors were Sean Ryan and Clive Fitzgerald who came out of retirement to help the club and share the workload. Lastly it must be mentioned that having greater collaboration with SU Sport has been a resounding success in 2005 and this will surely earn the club premierships in the coming season.

-Nick Forwood

### RUGBY UNION (w)

The women's rugby squad opened the season with a large turnout. O-Week was successful for our club and we were able to drum up interest and

support at the stall. Not only were there many returning players but also newcomers that had little experience or girls who wanted to try a new sport. Rugby is not only popular with the local community but also with international women. In 2005 we recruited Canadian 5-8 Kelly McCallum, Japanese Haruka Takashi, New



Zealander Tanya McGregor, Irish Roisin McNulty, and Americans Michaela Reagan, Christine Hsiao and Karen Ulrich. Such interest demonstrates the ever-growing popularity of women's rugby. With Ross Cullen coaching and Rochelle Pirie captaining, the team fought a tough competition and finished fourth in club competition and third at Eastern University Games. With the help of Amy Kermode our website was maintained with up to date results and player profiles to promote the team. By the end of the season many players had been recruited to train for the Australian team. Awards went to Tanya McGregor

for Most Improved, Cassandra Williams for Best Forward, Alena Summers as Best Back, and Rochelle Pirie as the Most Valuable Player. The Merrin Hodge trophy was awarded to Kate Lancaster for commitment and contribution.

Thank you to Jeremy Porteous who volunteered his time with us this

season as the team strapper and masseur. Farewell to coach Ross Cullen who has recently returned to his home country. In his three years coaching at Sydney University he was not only an integral element of the team but also contributed greatly to the Sydney City competition. We wish him all the best in New Zealand. There is no doubt the club will continue to improve in the upcoming season, our women are forming a cohesive powerful team to fight for the title once more.

-Christine Hsiao

### RUGBY UNION (m)

The 2005 season has to be regarded as one of the most successful on record

for the Sydney University Football Club. After winning the Tooheys Cup minor premiership 10 points clear of Eastwood, the First Grade 41-5 win over the Woodies in the grand final capped off a great season. Sydney University made the finals in all eight grades (including four Colts) and ended up contesting six grand finals. In addition to first grade, the students won second grade, fourth grade, first grade colts, and third grade colts. Along with taking out the colts Club Championship and the overall Club Championship, we became the first club to achieve the double in the one season.

Other record breaking events included First Grade winger Peter Playford scoring 29 tries during the season surpassing the previous record of 25 tries which has been held since 1971. Congratulations to Nathan Trist who was the club's highest point scorer for 2005, amassing 192 points from 18 tries, 30 goals and 14 penalty goals. Other outstanding individual achievements included Tim Davidson being awarded The Sydney Morning Herald Club Player of the Year, Dan Vickerman being named Super 12 Player of the Year and Steve SurrIDGE earning the NSW Rugby Coach of the Year award.

The club provided three



new Wallabies this season to join David Lyons, Brendan Cannon, Phil Waugh and Dan Vickerman.

Congratulations to Al Campbell, Al Kanaar (the club's 100th Wallaby) and David Fitter. On the Super 12 front, SUFC supplied David Fitter, Lenny Beckett, Al Campbell and Digby Beaumont to the ACT Brumbies and David Lyons, Phil Waugh, Daniel Vickerman, Al Kanaar, Winston Mafi, Gareth Hardy and Will Caldwell to the NSW Waratahs.

During 2005 SUFC was pleased to congratulate so many of its players who earned representative honours by being selected in one of the following sides: Australia A (three SUFC players), Australian U21 (two), Australian (five) and NSW U19 (nine) sides, Australian 7's (one), Australian Universities (nine), NSW Academy (three), ARU high performance unit (one) and the Waratahs Development tour (seven).

For the first time in the club history, SUFC fielded a side in the NSW Junior Rugby State Championships, via the joint initiative of Canterbury Junior Rugby Club and SUFC. We provided Sydney University jerseys and coaching expertise for the U11s, who played a number of trial games before entering the State Championships.

Congratulations to a number of players who passed milestones during the 2005 season. Scott Stumbles reached 100 First Grade games, Tim Davidson, Nigel Staniforth and Tom Carter reached 50 First Grade games. Notching up 100 Grade games were Bo Paraha, Simon Kinsey, Kieran Shepherd, Luke Inman, Al Campbell, Tim Morane, Alex Waite, Angus Dorney and Nick Hagen.

The success that the SUFC enjoyed in 2005 is the result of a great deal of work over an extended period of time by many different people. Many of these people are no longer

directly involved, but their legacy remains.

-David Mortimer

## SAILING AND BOARD SAILING

2005 was a busy year for sailing, with the club drawing large numbers each Saturday and Sunday for the summer season's weekend match racing at the Woollahra Sailing Club. Winter club racing was a little more relaxed, especially in the Taser class. The Lasers were a popular class of racing all year round.

The proposed dates for this year's Australian University Championships were too close to university exams so most students chose not to travel interstate and compete at that time. The event was subsequently cancelled.

The NSW Windsurfing State Championships is resurrecting interest in the local arena. Several Sydney University students chose to compete in the event early in the year, however it failed to generate interest for the subsequent event in October. This competition will prove to be very interesting and exciting when entrant numbers increase.

This year was stable financially for the club. A different approach taken at sailing induction and open days instilled a respect for the equipment and care for its wellbeing amongst new and old sailors alike. Consequently, repair and

maintenance costs (which normally represent the greatest portion of our budget) were minimal, leaving the club with a healthy surplus. Gear storage costs did increase but were easily accommodated.

Sailing social events were also successful this year, with our trip away to Pittwater drawing significant numbers of students keen to learn to sail and windsurf.

Hopefully 2006 will see the inclusion of new kite surfing and windsurfing short boards for a bit more excitement in the world of wind and water sports at Sydney University.

-Daniel Zafir

## SKI

In 2005, the Boarders and Skiers Club had its largest number of members totalling 2175. The club was represented by six executive committee members and 24 general committee members.

At the 2005 Australian University Championships held at Thredbo, the University of Sydney was extremely well represented. Sydney University was the only university that had the maximum number of competitors in every race. Seventy-five athletes competed at the Snowsports AUC and helped the team accumulate points to finish second overall.

The women's team was particularly strong and

won the overall women's championship. The women's cross country relay team of Alex Back, Heidi Ainge and Edwina Biancardi won silver in a very competitive field. Sydney University had five members in the top ten in the women's individual cross country race. The women's team also collected a bronze in the giant slalom courtesy of Emma Wilson and silver for Heidi Ainge in the total individual women's alpine.

The male team controversially finished second by a nail-biting margin of only eight points. Special notes go to Nick Gregory-Roberts who finished ninth in the total male alpine standings as well as Nick Humphries who finished an amazing fifth overall in the male moguls. Anthony May finished third in the male rails competition which was arguably the most competitive event of the week rivalled only by the male cross country relay, in which the University of Sydney team won a hard earned fourth place. Fantastic snowboarding efforts came from Will Shean who won bronze in the male big air event as

well as Daniel Bryar who came fourth in the total male snowboard standings.

-Patrick Gaynor

### SOCCER

Season 2005 began with the merger of the men's and women's soccer clubs to form the Sydney University Soccer Football Club. The combined club now offers elite and social football to men and women, girls and boys, all in the one club. This has brought our numbers up to 500 members.

SUSFC again tasted success at club, team and individual levels during 2005. We all enjoyed former SUSFC star and 2002 University Blue, Michael Thwaite, being selected to play for the Socceroos. The club's other highlight came when the men's U20 team won the premiership and championship in the NSW Super League; the team's first trophy at this level. The U20s goalkeeper, Anthony Costa, was awarded U20 Player of the Year from Soccer NSW. First grade coach Jimmy Campbell also collected Super

League Coach of the Year for SUSFC. This is the second year running that the club has won this prestigious award. The first grade men's team finished a very creditable seventh.

In their first year at the top level, the Super League women gave a good account of themselves in all divisions, right through from U12s to first grade. The first grade team led by example, finding their feet after an earlier struggle. Most notable was club golden boot, Astrid Larssen, who contributed a massive 22 goals and won the Soccer NSW silver medal for winter Super League Player of the Year. Moreover, the efforts of the teams off the pitch, led by the tireless efforts and outstanding service of Jim Zammit, will continue to serve as a model for the club going forward.

In intervarsity play, the women went close at both the Eastern University Games and Australian University Games, losing semi finals in both tournaments. However, two individuals from those teams brought great credit to the club; Marta Kielich and Emma Schiller were selected in the EUG merit team, AUG Green and Gold team, and awarded University Blues. The men negotiated the EUG tournament with a qualification for AUG, and then went through the AUG competition undefeated to win gold.

The team's best and fairest, Peter Gavaghan, was also awarded a University Blue.

In the lower grades, the club entered eight teams in the Eastern Suburbs Soccer Football Association, six teams in the North West Sydney women's soccer, and one men's Over 35s team in Canterbury District Soccer Football Association. The men's AA4s capped a memorable season as undefeated premiers and champions. Their celebrations were joined by the champions from the women's AA7s, men's AA8s and women's AA9s. The women's AA4s and AA5s, and men's AA5Bs all went close, losing in closely contested grand finals.

Many thanks go to Sydney University Sport who make a tremendous contribution to the club each year.

All in all, 2005 was a great year for the club. On the field, we consolidated our position at the highest level of winter play in both men's and women's football. While off the field we were driven by a team of volunteers with a professional approach to administration and led by the incalculable contribution of outgoing club President, David Shaw. So in 2006, perhaps the biggest year for football in Australia, we look forward to even more success both on and off the pitch.

-David Shaw



## SOFTBALL

2005 has been another stellar year for the Softball Club both on and off the field.

The final at the Eastern University Games in Tamworth was an unprecedented, all Sydney University affair. Main campus was victorious over Cumberland campus in a competitive, yet friendly match. We are proud to have had many players from both teams selected in the merit team.

On the strength of that win, our squad travelled to Brisbane for Australian University Games where we won gold against the University of Ballarat in the final. Congratulations to Sophie Gulliver, Michelle Wykes, Samantha Poole and Kathryn Snodgrass on being selected in the Green and Gold merit squad.

The 2004-05 Manly-Warringah competition was unfortunately not as successful as our other endeavours. Our A grade team made it to the semi-final but did not progress. Nevertheless, the girls had a fun season and are hoping to go all the way in 2005-06. Our B grade team disbanded mid-season due to other commitments.

Other representative achievements of club members that should be recognised include Sheree Moore and Samantha Poole, who represented NSW at U19

nationals, and past President Rochelle Sangster, who will captain the NSW U23 team at nationals in April 2006.

Thank you to the team manager Kristy Ryan for her undying enthusiasm for university games and for doing the job that no one else would take responsibility for, Lucy Armitage for her continual ability to pull social events together and Erin Coggins for her role as treasurer and managing to raise money from the most difficult people.

-Rebecca Davie

## SQUASH (w)

The women's Squash Club had an outstanding year on the court, notwithstanding a small but active membership in 2005. The club entered one team in B1 grade in the Sydney autumn and spring Pennants. The autumn competition ended with a finals appearance but the team unfortunately missed the grand final due to player absences during Eastern University Games.

In the spring Pennant the team narrowly lost the semi-final but with the introduction of new players is confident of playing A grade in 2006. Congratulations to team members Louise Wilson, Michelle Boon, Flavia Fayet, Tara Pearce and Trish Wylie.

The EUG in Tamworth provided a better experience for the team this year. Louise Wilson,

Kirsty Champion, Katie Crisp, Flavia Fayet, Jade Cook and Kym Casey combined well winning the title for the first time. It also gave them qualification to the Australian University Games in Brisbane.

At the AUG the competition was much tougher, with a number of universities fielding State and A grade players in their squads. Nevertheless, the team of Louise Wilson, Kirsty Champion, Flavia Fayet and Jade Cook battled their way through to the semi-finals and finished third.

Congratulations are extended to the team and to Louise Wilson and Kirsty Champion, who were both selected in the Green and Gold merit team. All in all, it was a very successful year for the club and has laid great foundations for the club to aim higher in 2006.

-Michelle Boon

## SQUASH (m)

The men's Squash Club provides an environment for both social and competition players to develop and practice their squash skills. All levels are catered for, with Sydney Pennant grading from state through to A, B, C and D grades in the South-East Sydney division.

During 2005 our club fielded teams in the regular autumn and spring Pennant competitions and the summer handicap

competition. The club was represented by 70 players, who made up 11 teams in the autumn competition and ten teams in spring, making us one of the larger clubs in Sydney. We have the potential to cater for up to 20 teams, and welcome any newcomers.

The 2005 autumn Pennant saw two semi-finalist teams, but unfortunately neither finished on top. In the spring Pennant, we went two better, with four of our ten teams reaching the semi-finals, two of which made the grand final. Our best team in A1 finished second, whilst the gents in our D2 team did us proud by taking out the pennant.

Each year we conduct a club championship, where individuals from within the club can compete for bragging rights for the ensuing 12 months. Our 2005 champion was the club's highest ranked player, David Wong, who defeated his A1 team mate, Chris Savage, 3/1 in the final.

Another notable award coming the club's way in 2005 was the recognition by Sydney University Sport of our Secretary, Mohammed Alkhub. Mohammed was awarded a University Gold, for his efforts over many years at the helm of our club.

Thanks to SU Sport, the club saw the Manning Courts repainted and

the floors revarnished at the end of the year, which has been well received by the club's patrons.

-Mohammed Alkhub

## SWIMMING

It has been another busy season for the athletes and coaches of the Swimming Club with the majority of the team engaging in both domestic and international travel. As part of the preparation for the season the team travelled to Flagstaff, Arizona to take part in a high altitude training camp for three weeks. Following this intense camp the team began a series of domestic competitions starting with the Australia Skins. They then competed in the three major state championships which finally culminated in the Commonwealth Games selection trials in Melbourne. The team consisted of the following swimmers under the tutelage of coach Steve Alderman: Elka Graham, Yvette Pilgram, Jonathan Newton, Geoff Heugill, John Carter, Tim Shaw, Anthony Fine, Joseph Vraca, Louis Paul, Carl Probert, Joe Pemberton, Kikai Kobayashi, Tyson Young and Simon Mullard.

The results from the trials are listed below.

**Finalists:** Elka Graham eighth 200m freestyle (2:00.30); sixth 400m freestyle (4:16.25); sixth 100m freestyle (55.91); Geoff Huegill fourth 50m butterfly (24.10); Louis Paul- sixth 200m individual medley

(2:05.53); Jon Newton fifth 50m freestyle (22.88); Tim Laforest - sixth 50m freestyle (23.03).

**Semi-finalists:** Tim Laforest 100m freestyle (51.40); Jon Carter 50m freestyle (23.56); Tyson Young 50m breaststroke (29.67).



(2:05.53); Jon Newton fifth 50m freestyle (22.88); continues to expand under the guidance of age group coach Jamie Cole and development coach Vanessa Smith. This program ensures an enjoyable and progressive pathway for our junior swimmers. The continued development and success of the Swimming Club could not be possible without the support of the committee, parents and SU Sport. We look forward to the upcoming season and some fast swimming in the pool.

-Stephen Alderman

## TABLE TENNIS

2005 began with over

100 members of the Sydney University Table Tennis Club. Gender balance was achieved with the recruitment of many new female students, including Shuang Ru Goh, Min Jeong Park and Vivian Fung. We welcomed back our existing talents Bird Chan, Tony Tong, Aaron

Yap and Ting Ting Yuan. SU Sport Scholarship holder Daryn Lu was also welcomed.

The club catered for all levels of play with many beginners and social competitors enjoying our regular training sessions. A pilot coaching program proved to be quite popular among the beginners and it will be implemented again on a weekly basis in 2006.

Throughout the year we held a couple of internal competitions that have raised the motivation and enjoyment of our social players.

The strength of the club

was highlighted in the Eastern University Championships, held on our home ground at HK Ward Gymnasium. Macquarie University, UNSW and UTS competed against Sydney University for the regional championship. Our women's team performed well, just missing out on silver to UNSW. The men's team was a strong finals contender but was unfortunately disqualified.

Our players did exceptionally well in the individual and doubles event. In the men's single finals, Lu fought a seven set battle against George Tang of UNSW but gave way, eventually losing 15-13 in the final set. Chan took the bronze medal. The Lu-Chan pair, however, proved too strong for UNSW in the doubles, taking the gold medal. Ting Ting Yuan and Shang Ru Goh came fourth in the women's doubles. Chan won another gold medal in the mixed doubles event. Overall, the standard of competition at the 2005 EUC was very high with the top players internationally ranked.

The three day competition was a great spectator event. The club would like to thank Steven Lee, our official, for ensuring the event ran smoothly. There will no longer be an EUC due to VSU. However, a table tennis intervarsity competition in some form will continue to run.



Second semester saw a reshuffling of the committee, with our long serving President Jamie Powell stepping down due to work commitments. Other members also resigned after graduating from the university. The new committee thanks the past members for establishing a great club, and will implement new plans in 2006 to improve upon the current standard.

2005 ended with more achievements, with Lu being awarded a University Blue. Lu's success includes winning NSW U18 and U21 men's singles and representing Australia at the World Junior Circuit. In 2005 Lu was ranked 40th in Oceania, and our other Blue, Chan, was ranked 147th.

As a final word, we would like to thank all those who participated in the club's activities throughout the year.

-Jamie Gae Vahn

#### TAEKWONDO

2005 was another successful year for the

Taekwondo Club. We have continued to grow and our club now has over 130 members. Member recruitment was assisted by the introduction of special beginner focused classes, offering new comers a more welcoming step into the sport. A big thank you goes to ZiChuan Lim, our outgoing President, for organising and running these classes.

Another landmark event for the year was that our club landed its first sponsor, an important step towards post-VSU survival. As a result, we have enjoyed many a tasty crepe during our club meetings, thanks to our new sponsor, the Sunflower Café.

On the competition front, we won the Eastern University Games for the second year in a row. We walked away with four gold medals and five silvers, an impressive effort for the team. The Australian University Games was dominated by large contingents from the Victorian

universities who took the top three places. The club cemented its position as a growing challenger finishing in fourth place, our highest national ranking so far. All of our competitors were placed in the top three of their divisions at AUG which is an incredible result for the team. Sean McCallum won his division for the second year running, and Daniel Kim and Vicente Carlo also won their respective divisions.

Five club members competed in the Chung Do Kwan Asia South Pacific Championships this year. Joanne Zhang achieved an impressive second place in a tough final fight against a competitor who usually competes in a higher division. Leon Shen and Cameron Robertson both managed to win their divisions, bringing home two gold medals for the club. Robertson also competed in Taiwan in the World Taekwondo Festival where he finished second in two Kyukpa (board breaking) events.

These results can be credited to our instructor, Master Zoo Yong Seo, who has been taking time off work, as well as time out of his weekends, to offer special training classes for our tournament teams. Sydney University Taekwondo has been very lucky to enjoy the continued support and effort that our instructor has consistently put into our training during the last five years.

We are looking forward to the opportunities presented to us in 2006. A new executive group has been handed the reigns as many previous club executives graduate. Outgoing executives are to be acknowledged and given due credit for the successful past performances of the club.

-Cameron Robertson

#### TENNIS (w)

2005 was an active year for the women's Tennis Club. Social tennis was organised for student club members during term, one team was entered into the Metropolitan Grass Court Clubs Association autumn Badge competition, and teams were sent to the Eastern and Australian University Games.

Our best results for the year were at intervarsity. Bianca Chidrawi, Sophie Knott, Amy Lathwell and Lauren Russell from Cumberland campus won the tennis EUG competition while the main campus team of Anna Donaldson, Nicole Forster, Sarah Sherwood, Carly Vallotta and Marie Virueda finished fifth. At Australian University Games Anna Donaldson, Nicole Forster, Sophie Knott and Lauren Russell finished in seventh place.

Thanks must go to Nicole Forster for coordinating the representative teams and congratulations to Lauren Russell for making the Green and



Gold merit team.

In 2005 there were two SU Sport scholarship recipients: Bianca Chidrawi and Lauren Russell. Lauren was also awarded a University Blue.

-Marie Virueda and Nicole Forster

### TENNIS (m)

The Lawn Tennis Club enjoyed much success on and off the court. Highlights for the year were the performances of our badge and inter- varsity teams. Social tennis during term was also a success.

The scholarship recipients this year were Daniel Davies, Jonathan Downs, Michael Hayes, Adrian Somerville, Jason Wright and James Yeung. University Blues were awarded to Daniel Davies and Adrian Somerville in 2005.

At Eastern University Games in Tamworth the team of Ashley Cowan, Michael Hayes, Stephen Ritchie, Adrian Somerville and James Yeung recorded a good win while the Cumberland campus boys finished fifth (Wade Byrnes, Daniel Davies, Ross Lalic and Jason Wright). Congratulations to Daniel Davies, Michael Hayes and Adrian Somerville for their selection in the EUG merit team.

The intervarsity success continued at Australian University Games where David Brady, Daniel Davies, Michael Hayes,



Adrian Somerville, Jason Wright and James Yeung retained their title as champion men's tennis team. Daniel Davies and Adrian Somerville were selected in the Green and Gold merit team.

The work of James Yeung in organising the teams for university games must be acknowledged and we all extend our thanks to him for his efforts.

Our club teams performed well in 2005. We were runners-up in the Tennis NSW State League competition. We entered six teams in the Metropolitan Grass Court Clubs Association autumn Badge competition where the 1.1 team placed fifth and the 1.2 team was unbeaten premiers. Four teams were entered in the spring Badge competition with S2, S3 and S4 teams all making the semi-finals. Daniel Davies, Robert Jackson, Jarrod Yip and Nicholas Yip all competed in the annual MGCCA North versus South Invitational Challenge.

The club is appreciative of the support of SU Sport for provision of courts and club facilities. We also thank groundsman Graham Hunt who has worked hard to improve the lawn court surface.

-Robert Jackson and James Yeung

### TOUCH FOOTBALL

This year was another successful year for the Sydney University Touch Football Club on many fronts, however some aspects were a little below what the committee had been hoping for.

In semester one the Touch Club signed up many students at O-Week to play in our Monday night social competition. We had a total of 28 teams register in that competition and 23 teams in semester two. These competitions continue to be the financial mainstay of the club.

For the fifth year in a row, we have had the depth of talent within the club to qualify three teams for both Eastern and

Australian University Games. The journey to Brisbane for AUG took many turns and the efforts of Paul Hickey in ensuring that all of the teams had enough players must be acknowledged.

After two good years in the Sydney competition, this season was a little disappointing.

Following our AGM in 2005 we held a meeting asking some of our key representative players how they wanted to treat the year. Would we be a social club that played at a higher level or would we try and walk the path towards being one of the stronger Sydney clubs? The meeting was in favour of the latter and hard earned money was spent on obtaining suitably qualified coaches for our teams. Unfortunately the commitment to training and performances throughout the year were not indicative of such and the teams under-performed in the Vawdon Cup.

Leading into the State Cup the problems found in Vawdon Cup were exasperated off the back of a poor season and AUG's where the social aspect of the sport had flourished. The club needs to re-evaluate the worth of this program. 2005 should be chalked up to experience and the club should look to facilitate, rather than fund, these teams in the future.

In October I announced

at our annual awards night that I would be resigning as President. I would like to thank everyone who has been a part of the Sydney University culture in that time. I have fond memories of all of you.

Lastly, I would like to especially thank the following people who have taken an active role in determining the club's future: Katy Allen, Kristee Arkle, Mille Baker, Andrew Bennie, Matthew Conroy, Martin Dempsey, John Doherty, Jess Gardner, Mark Heiss, Paul Hickey, Andrew Lees, Liz McCartan, Jonathan Rooke, Kim Taylor and Katy Townsend.

-Gary Reynolds

#### ULTIMATE FRISBEE

2005 was another fun and successful year for Sydney University Ultimate Frisbee Association. The year began with our three summer league teams all performing commendably, each making it to the quarter finals in the Northern Suburbs League. Our five winter league teams experienced similar success, all but one reaching the quarters, with one of our Division 2 teams finishing as runner-up, losing in the final by just one point.

O-Week was very positive with more than 100 new members joining the club, over a third being female.

Successfully established in 2004, the SUUF League continued to provide

access to ultimate frisbee for people in the Inner West with two seasons of league held in 2005. Through some strong recruiting and two successful Learn2Play clinics run by senior club members, SUUFL increased in size to support eight teams in each season. Many thanks to Anson Chun who did a great job throughout the year as commissioner.

SUUFA's annual East Australian Mixed Championship Tournament, Wyntre Roots, was again very successful, with over 160 people attending from all over NSW and the ACT. A big thank you must be given to Anson Chun and Jimmy Tod-Hill, who did an excellent job coordinating teams and organising supplies for the tournament. Both Wyntre Roots and SUUFL netted the club well-earned profits, which were crucial in subsidising club members league fees and reducing the costs for our university games representative team.

At Eastern University Games the SUUFA representative team came fourth. After a strong win over UNSW to make the semi finals, the team unfortunately fell short of a medal. However, big congratulations must go to Andrew Glover, Keah Molomby and Gaby Melo who were all selected on the EUG merit team thanks to strong performances

during the tournament.

Australian University Games were more successful. After a hard fought tournament, we faced the EUG silver medal winning team from Macquarie University in a battle for the bronze medal. A strong team effort saw the team through to victory! Special congratulations to Jimmy Tod-Hill, Gaby Melo, Keah Molomby and Sarah Crossie who were all selected for the Green and Gold team. A huge thanks must also be given to Owen Shepherd who coached the EUG and AUG teams. Shepherd was recognised by our sport's governing body with the award of Coach of the Year, a fitting acknowledgement to a coach whose hard work, guidance and enthusiasm were beneficial to even our most senior players.

Over 20 club members were selected to play in teams at the Australian National Ultimate Championships in Perth. SUUFA players demonstrated their skills amongst the Australian ultimate elite, with many gaining positions in top teams. Congratulations to Melissa Gangemi and Nicole Hare who were members of the victorious Southside women's team at nationals, and coaches Owen Shepherd and Matty Faulkner who were members of Fakult, runner-up in the men's division.

The most significant

ultimate frisbee event of 2005 occurred in July, when teams from around the world converged upon Duisburg, Germany to contest the World Games. Teams containing the best players from their respective countries competed at the highest level for ultimate frisbee. Club Coach Owen Shepherd and former graduates and Blues Anthony Dowle and Liz Edye were among 11 players representing Australia in this competition. After several strong performances the team achieved a silver medal, only just losing to the US by two points in the final.

Huge congratulations must go to Shephard, Dowle and Edye for not only being selected in the team, but also for representing Australia so admirably.

Brett Latham and Camilla Moss were awarded the club's male and female Fresher of the Year awards, while Jimmy Tod-Hill and Isobel Macaulay received Male and Female of the Year. Matthew Faulkner was also welcomed as the new club coach for 2006.

Overall SUUFA had a great year. As always, some club members have graduated and are unfortunately leaving Sydney University. They will be sorely missed.

However, with much fresh talent blossoming

in the club, 2006 holds much promise and should be an exciting year.

-Jimmy Tod-Hill

## VOLLEYBALL

Sydney University Volleyball continued to grow and foster players through social and elite competitions in 2005. The club was involved in the Australian Volleyball League, Sydney Volleyball League, Eastern University Games, Australian University Games and social competitions and training. 2005 also saw the inaugural running of the Sydney University Lions Cup.

The year started well with the retention of a number of high quality athletes and new scholarship holders Luke Carroll, Danny El Miski, Michelle Hilditch, Chris Todd, Nea Toivanen, Jen Baldwin, Maja Andersson, Catherine Barnes and Cara Williamson.

The 2005 Sydney University Lions Cup was a first on the indoor volleyball calendar. Over 50 athletes and coaching staff attended the elite indoor volleyball tournament which saw Sydney University take on the University of Technology Sydney in the women's match and Sydney Cedars in the men's match. The event drew a total of 120 spectators to watch these exhilarating matches. The Sydney University teams competed strongly in both matches making

UTS and Sydney Cedars work hard for their victories. Sydney University Volleyball undertook the planning and management of the indoor volleyball event with the support of Volleyball NSW.

Sydney University entered five teams into state volleyball league in 2005 – Division 1 men, Division 1 women, Division 2 men, Division 2 women and a junior men's team. The Division 2 women ended up sixth in a very close season, Division 2 men came eighth and the Division 1 men came seventh in both seasons. Match performance improved considerably towards the end of the season and they were unlucky not to make the finals. The Division 1 women finished fourth in the regular season and won the third versus fourth final play off against UTS. The junior men were a team from Christian Brothers Burwood and were a great addition to the club. The boys played strongly each week and improved continually, finishing the season fourth.

Australian Volleyball League is the highest level of indoor volleyball in Australia with matches played in most states and territories in the second half of the calendar year. There are a limited number of licenses to compete in AVL and in 2005 Sydney University was successful in retaining one of the two available NSW

licenses. In 2005 the club had both a men's and women's team competing. Home matches were held at the Noel Martin Sports and Aquatic Centre which was recognised as a high quality volleyball venue. Both Sydney University teams competed strongly throughout the competition and at the end of the season the men were in eighth position just missing the finals. The women had a particularly successful season and were unlucky not to make the finals missing out by a few percentage points and finishing fifth. It requires considerable commitment and dedication to organise and play in a national sporting competition, particularly when most do so in a voluntary capacity. Coaching staff, players, club assistants and supporters should be very proud of their efforts last year.

The Volleyball club runs a social volleyball competition at the Robyn Webster Stadium at Tempe on Thursday nights. This competition continued to grow in popularity during the year. Last competition involved eight teams. New teams and players are contacting the club regularly from both within and outside of the university. Aside from the opportunity to play, the social players also enjoyed a number of weekend BBQs and grass court days, plus a regular lucky door prize raffle.

2005 saw the introduction of social training primarily targeting new volleyball players. These sessions also attracted more experienced players. Training was held at HK Ward Gymnasium on Tuesday evenings between March and early August. The sessions were well attended, with some involving around 50 players. Social training participants improved considerably throughout the year which was a great base for them to move into other competitions.

Thank you to players, coaching staff, supporters and committee members for their ongoing hard work and commitment to the club and sport in 2005.

-Edward Binnie

## WATER POLO (w)

The Sydney University Women's Water Polo Club has once again maintained its high standard.

First grade were winter premiers in the 2005 season. Second grade were controversially beaten in the winter competition receiving a second place.

The club has continued to grow in junior team members as well as increase the number of adult girls playing. The club has been very fortunate to have a coach for each team and for every game the club was able to supply referees.

Taniele Gofers, Elise Ashton (nee Norwood), Yvette Balla-Gow were members of the Australian team at the World Championships held in Montreal. Gofers, Ashton and Fiona Hammond went to the World League in Russia where they won a bronze medal.

The national league continues to improve with the team making the finals but being knocked out by Brisbane.

Hannah Ingle and Melissa Hammond were part of the Australian Youth side which toured America winning the series against the US.

We were lucky to have dedicated coaches and supportive parents assisting in running the club, as well as willing office bearers. The ongoing support from Sydney University Sport is much appreciated.

-Lynn Hammond

#### WATER POLO (m)

The Sydney University Water Polo Club enjoyed an extraordinary 2004/05 season which was without question our most successful and, it could be argued, one of the most success for any sporting organisation in the country. Outstanding results were achieved throughout the club during the regular NSW state summer competition, national league and state winter season.

The M1 team was the first to enjoy success in the

NSW state summer competition. Having shown strong ability throughout the regular season the M1 team took the NSW summer Championship in a well disciplined and hard fought match. The U20's team showed vast skill and determination in winning the U20s Col Smee Championship. From this competition James Young, Nathan Cargill and Ben Turner were named in a train-on squad for the NSW junior men's team.

Throughout the season both the M2 and M3 teams displayed strong ability and determination. This was never more so than in the M3 Grand Final with the result decided in a penalty shoot out where Sydney University was victorious by a single goal. The M2 team, while needing to display similar determination, were able to dispose of their competition in regular time. Both teams led by a core of senior players were ably assisted by junior players, dedicated coaches and managers.

The senior teams, M4 and M6, displayed talent and enthusiasm. The M4 team reached the final series and the M6's displayed their talent in the water by taking the NSW Championship for the tenth year.

The junior teams have grown enormously over the past year with two U14, two U16 and an U18 team competing. While

both U14 and U16 teams struggled at times through the summer season, each of the A teams made their final and competed strongly. The U18 team were led by a group of powerful and mature players and showed that quality coaching and dedicated training result in strong performances. They came together in the grand final to win the NSW Championship.

Following a M1 grand final win before Christmas, the highlight of the season was undoubtedly National League. With the return of Nathan Thomas and Thomas Whalan from European competition and a number of senior players returning from the previous season, the team looked promising. A strong start to the competition proved once again that the Sydney University Lions were the team to beat.

Throughout the regular season the team performances were strong. Each member displayed eagerness and willingness to ensure victories. Having played 24 matches in the regular season, dropping just one of these to Fremantle, scoring 356 goals while conceding just 169, and clearly finishing a win and a draw ahead of the second placed team, the Lions finished the National League season as Southern Cross trophy champions. From here the team travelled to Brisbane for the finals series. The Lions quickly accounted for the Brisbane

Barracudas in the semi finals and defeated the Fremantle Mariners for the National League title in three hard fought matches, two games to one.

A number of players were named as part of the national team as a result of the national league result and their outstanding success. These players included Thomas Whalan, Trent Franklin, Alistair Visch, Rob Maitland and Sam McGregor. Congratulations should also go to James Young and Nathan Cargill for being accepted as scholarship holders to the AIS for 2005.

The club has enjoyed an enormously successful 2004/05 season, with victories National League, State League M1, M2, M3, M6, U20s Col Smee and U18s Championships and was named as the premier state club winning the NSW Club Championship. The success of the club would not have been possible without the support of coaches particularly Damian Fanning, managers and administrators Greg Turner, Ross Skeals and Stuart Moar, supporters and sponsors. Particularly I would like to thank our major sponsors Sydney University Sport, Bob Tate and the Clovelly Hotel, and Aussiebum for their enormous generosity and support over the 2004/05 season.

-Rod Owen-Jones

## WATERSKI AND WAKEBOARD

2005 was an exciting year for the club, after taking delivery of our new pride and joy in March, just in time for O-Week. For those who know boats, it's understandable why we're so excited about this new addition. A generous sponsorship arrangement with Vodafone was struck, and with our own fundraising effort and proceeds from the sale of the old boat, we are now blessed with an American built Supra, with all the options!

It features a fantastic wake for wakeboarding, which can be adjusted (on the fly from the driver's seat) in height and shape using the built-in ballast system and trim tab. It also has a Perfect Pass system (which is essentially cruise control to ensure your favoured speed is held perfectly), CD player stereo with speakers on the wakeboard tower, board racks and everything else that opens and shuts.

The club spent the last few months of summer out on the river in the new toy, as often as possible, making use of the last of the warm weather. Part of our sponsorship agreement with Vodafone was that they take the boat to Perth for the Gravity Games, for which they are the major sponsor. The boat was picked up in August and shipped over to Perth.

Unfortunately during it's

time over there it met with a submerged piling in a notorious stretch of water, damaging the hull, propeller, shaft and rudder. We finally received the boat back in early December, and proceeded to ride as often as possible!

Lots of events are planned for 2006 including the Australian University Waterski and Wakeboard Club Championships in Victoria. There will be more road trips, inter-university get togethers, ride weekends and shenanigans to come!

-Brett Turner

## WRESTLING

The Sydney University Wrestling Club was extremely well supported during the season on and off the training mat. A huge thanks to our coaching staff; Leonid Zaslavsky, Deniz Nedim, Andre Venning and David Ro, who made sure that all of the training sessions were supervised. The addition of grappling on Tuesday nights has made it even more attractive for those interested in submission wrestling styles. We are also starting to have some Greco-Roman Wrestling at the club with a few wrestlers excelling in this style.

We have had some success in Freestyle Wrestling and Submission Wrestling competitions. In Freestyle Wrestling Avtar Dhesi was runner up at the Australian Junior



Championships and the Australia Cup. Hakan Er, who in 2004 was the school-age champion, and Lionel Moldavsky, represented Australia in the Asian Cadet Championships in Japan. We also had excellent results in the local tournaments. David Ro came third in the Abu Dhabi trials (ADCC tournament) in submission wrestling which is a first for the club.

We were sad to say goodbye to Mr. Toshio Asakura, former world champion wrestler and head coach of the Kokushikan University in Tokyo, who was here on a coaching exchange. Mr. Asakura was invaluable in our continued success performing at a competitive level. He is truly a world class coach who taught all of us a lot. We would gladly have him back anytime.

Leonid Zaslavsky also had some success in the coaching department being selected as the National Head Coach for the senior squad attending the 2005 World Championships in

Budapest, Hungary. Unfortunately there were no Sydney University wrestlers in attendance.

-Len Zaslavsky

# Honours & TRADITIONS

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### Vice Chancellor's

Gregory Mail	Cricket	Science
Yvette Balla-Gow	Water Polo	Science (Honours)

### Senate

James Alcorn	Soccer	Pharmacy
Catherine Alston	Hockey	Physiotherapy
Maja Anderson	Volleyball	Science
Kathryn Blackwell	Cricket	Physiotherapy
David Brady	Tennis	Law
Ben Chidrawi	Tennis	Exercise & Sport Science
Thomas Corte	Soccer	Pharmacy
David Dreverman	Athletics	Commerce (Liberal Studies)
Jeremy Dwyer	AFL	Medicine/ Surgery
Jonathan Freeston	Baseball	Exercise & Sport Science
Taniele Gofers	Water Polo	Arts
Daniel Gorman	Hockey	Medicine/ Surgery
Kylie Grant	Rowing	Vet. Science
Fiona Hammond	Water Polo	Ed. Human Movement
Melissa Hammond	Water Polo	Science
Michael Healey	AFL	Vet. Science
Madeleine Heiner	Athletics	Pharmacy
Michelle Hilditch	Volleyball	Occupational Therapy
Luke Inman	Football	Surgery
Alice Klien	Water Polo	Science/Arts
Rhys Lavery	AFL	Engineering
Katrina Lawrence	Canoe	Science (environmental)
David Llewlyn	Canoe	Science
Lucy McClymont	Soccer	Science
Samuel McGregor	Water Polo	Commerce
Zoe Michaleff	Hockey	Physiotherapy
Lachlan Milne	Canoe	Medicine/ Surgery
Cara Morris	Soccer	Medicine/ Surgery
Bridget Murphy	Soccer	Science (Adv.)
Edward Noel	Soccer	International Studies

Elsa O'Hanlon	Rowing	Pharmacy
Kate Pallister	Netball	Physiotherapy
Tiffany Patrick	Cricket	Ag. Economics
Joseph Power	Boat	Physiotherapy
Susan Pratley	Netball	Commerce
Lachlan Renshaw	Athletics	Engineering/ Commerce
Lauren Russell	Tennis	Physiotherapy
Emma Schiller	Soccer	Arts
Annabelle Smith	Athletics	International Studies
Sarah Stewart	Wheelchair Basketball	PhD Philosophy
Danielle Thrassis	Soccer	Health Science
Jeremy Van Asperen	Wheelchair Basketball	Medicine/ Surgery
Mark Watts	Athletics	Commerce/Law
Thomas Whalan	Water Polo	Commerce/Law
V.A. Khevyn Williams	Hockey	Physiotherapy

### Senate/St Andrews College

Melissa Smith	Basketball	Pharmacy
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### Senate/St Pauls College

William Chambers	Boat	Commerce
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### Senate/Wesley College

Martin Paskal	Cricket	Economics Social Science
Matthew Woolvern	Football	Science

### Senate/Women's College

Emma Fitzgerald	Swimming	Engineering/ Science
Luczia Bain	Tennis	Music

### Senate/Sancta Sophia College

Kate Johnson	Swimming	Science
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### Economics & Business Postgraduate

Digby Beaumont	Football	Commerce
Stuart Clark	Cricket	Commerce
Trent Franklin	Water Polo	Commerce
Paul Harvey	Kayaking	Business
Tim LaForest	Swimming	International Studies
Nathan Moulds	Cricket	International Business
Matthew Phelps	Cricket	Business
Natalie Porter	Basketball	Business (Marketing)
Carl Probert	Swimming	Commerce
Grant Richardson	Water Polo	Commerce
Amanda Russell	Water Polo	Business

## DONORS

### Blue & Gold Club

Elise Ashton	Water Polo	Physiotherapy
Edward Cowan	Cricket	Finance

### Blues Association

Angela Ballard	Wheelchair Athletics	Psychology
Jacqueline Bonnittha	Sailing	Commerce
Thomas Carter	Football	Science

### Dr. Philip Rundle Athletics

Justin Merlino	Athletics	Physiotherapy
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### Marie Gavel Memorial

Edward Boyce	Boat	Ag. Science
Sarah Phillips	Rowing	Agriculture

### Faculty of Pharmacy

Melissa Smith	Basketball	Pharmacy
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## RESIDENTAL

### St Andrews College

Russell Abel	Hockey	International Studies
Leo Afeaki	Football	Ed. Human Movement
Mark Faraday	Cricket	Law
Daniel Farrell	Football	Ag. Economics

### St Johns College

Patrick McCutcheon	Football	Science
Jarryd hill	Hockey	Arts/Science

### St Pauls College

Chris Clyne	Boat	Commerce/Law
Nicholas Dunford	Cricket	Commerce
Fergus Pragnell	Boat	Arts

### Sydney University Village

Eva Afeaki	Basketball	Psychology
Matthew Leonard	Football	Science
Nathan Moulds	Soccer	International Business
Benjamin Osmond	Football	MRS - Radiation Therapy
Alicia Poto	Basketball	Ed. Human Movement
Nathan Seivert	Football	Health Science

### Wesley College

Samuel Egan	Football	Medical Science
Miles Foran	Boat	Economics
James Rogers	Water Polo	Science

### Womens College

Joanna Way	Surf - Lifesaving	Education
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### Darlington/University Housing

Yvette Pilgrim	Swimming	Ed. Human Movement
Kikai	Swimming	Engineering

### Sydney University Sport

Henry Adams	Football	Arts
Edward Alexander	Boat	Health Sciences
Terrence Alfred	Boat	Commerce
Kathryn Andrews	Soccer	Music
Peter Armstrong	Football	Ag. Science
Jemima Bartlett	Hockey	Arts/ Social Work
Robin Bell	Canoe	Economics
Elizabeth Bornstein	Netball	Ed. Human Movement
Justin Bosilkovski	Football	Commerce
Werner Botha	Athletics	Education and Social Work
Daniel Bragg	Cricket	Commerce/Law
Elias Boukarim	Soccer	Exercise & Sport Science
Jessica Brooks	Fencing	Arts
Timothy Broomham	Football	Exercise & Sport Science
Georgina Brown	Hockey	Commerce
Harrison Brown	Football	Commerce
William Caldwell	Football	Ag. Economics
Joel Carr	AFL	Engineering (Aeronautical)
David Carrick	Water Polo	Arts
Megan Carrigan	Netball	Education and Social Work
Christopher Cawte	Football	Nursing
Ben Chiarella	Hockey	Business
Andrew Connolly	Boat	Exercise & Sport Science
Alex Croak	Diving	Health Science
Daniel Davis	Tennis	Exercise & Sport Science
David Dennis	Football	Physical & Health Ed.
Kyeema Doyle	Rowing	Science
Jolyon Dyer	Cricket	Science
Jack Farrer	Football	Commerce
Hayley French	Volleyball	Visual/Fine Arts
Felicity Goodwin	Cricket	Occupational Therapy
Lisa Grant	Athletics	Exercise & Sport Science

Daniel Halangahu	Football	Physical & Health Ed.	Veronique Molan	Athletics	Health Science
Asher Hammond	Boat	Health Science	Keah Molomby	Ult. Frisbee	International Studies
Alexandra Handley	Rowing	Health Science	Kym Moore	Soccer	Physiotherapy
Duncan Hardy	Football	Exercise & Sport Science	Sharmane Motuluki	Athletics	Health Science
Tim Harrington	Football	Ag. Economics	Dean Mumm	Football	Applied Finance
Joshua Hately	Football	Engineering	Michelle Musselwhite	Basketball	Education
David Haydon	Football	Arts/Commerce	Jonathon Newton	Swimming	Science
Nicholas Haydon	Football	Medicine/ Surgery	Kate Odgers	Touch	Arts
Thomas Healey	Football	Business	John O'Brien	Soccer	Physiotherapy
Jessica Heazlewood	Athletics	Commerce/ Liberal Studies	Louis Paul	Swimming	Economics & Business
Nicholas Hensley	Football	Health Science	James Pearce	Soccer	Health Science
Michael Higgins	AFL	Engineering	Joe Pemberton	Swimming	Arts/Commerce
Clinton Hill	Athletics	Media Practice	Laura Polin	Rowing	Social Work
Carlie Hoffman	Netball	Ed. Human Movement	Tom Richardson	Athletics	Engineering (Aeronautical)
Lauren Hogan	Hockey	Arts/Commerce	Louise Robertson	Water Polo	Ed. Human Movement
Andrew Holmes	AFL	Commerce	Lachlan Rosengreen	Football	Health Science
Nicholas Hudson	Boat	Science	Joshua Ryan	Cricket	Land & Water Science
Blair Jackson	Soccer	Arts	Prashanth Sellathurai	Gymnastics	Health Science
Elizabeth Jenkins	Athletics	Commerce/Arts	Timothy Shaw	Swimming	Science
Victoria Johnson	Hockey	Education	Ania Smialkowski	Fencing	Medical Science
Aaron Jones	Water Polo	Science	Adrian Somerville	Tennis	Science
Alexander Kanaar	Football	Natural Resources	Nigel Staniforth	Football	Land & Water Science
Daniel Kelly	Football	Sports Business	Pauliasi Tamoepeau	Football	Sports Studies
Emma Lefroy	Canoe	Music	Montgomery Taylor	Cricket	Arts/Law
Phillipa Lees	Volleyball	Education	James Terry	AFL	Science
Yasmin L'Estrange	Rowing	Science	William Thom	Soccer	Health Science
Daniel Lewinski	Football	Ed. Human Movement	Jeremy Tilse	Football	Construction Management
Samuel Lobsey	Hockey	Urban & Reg. Planning	Chris Todd	Volleyball	Science
Thomas Lobsey	Hockey	Agriculture	Nea Toivanen	Volleyball	Science
Astrid Loch-Wilkinson	Bobsled	Vet. Science	William Townsend	Boat	Health Science
Daryn Lu	Table Tennis	Commerce	Kristen Veal	Basketball	Physical & Health Ed.
Robert Maitland	Water Polo	Economics & Business	Loren Vella	Baseball	Exercise & Sport Science
Louise Matthews	Hockey	Ed. Human Movement	Nicholas Gregory Watts	Skating	Engineering
Kynan Maley	Canoe	Engineering (Mechanical)	Laurence Weeks	Football	Arts
Thomas McColl	Football	Ed. Human Movement	Bradley Wiblen	Soccer	Ed. Human Movement
Kaarle McCulloch	Cycling	Education	James Willmot	Boat	Science
Lachlan McCutcheon	Football	Agriculture	Julius Wolf	Soccer	International Studies
Karl McGrath	AFL	Engineering (Aeronautical)	Georgia Woodyard	Basketball	Law
Paul Miller	Boxing	Arts			



Nicholas Woolf	Football	Ag. Economics
Jerry Yanyanutawa	Football	Physical & Health Ed.
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Alexander Kanaar	Rugby	UNE
Alexandra Croak	Diving	Health Science
Alicia Poto	Basketball	Education
Amanda Russell	Water Polo	Economics & Business
Angela Ballard	Wheelchair Basketball	Science
Astrid Loch-Wilkinson	Bobsled	Vet. Science
Carl Probert	Swimming	Economics & Business
Christopher Clyne	Boat	Economics & Business
Clinton Hill	Athletics	Arts
Elise Ashton	Water Polo	Health Science
Fergus Pragnell	Boat	Arts
Fiona Hammond	Water Polo	Education
Jacqueline Bonnitcha	Sailing	Economics & Business
Jeremy Van Asperen	Wheelchair Basketball	Medicine
Kathryn Blackwell	Cricket	Health Science
Kate Lawrence	Canoe	Science
Kristen Veal	Basketball	ACPE
Kyeema Doyle	Rowing	Science
Kynan Maley	Canoe	Engineering
Lachlan Milne	Canoe	Medicine
Luke Inman	Rugby	Medicine
Madeleine Heiner	Athletics	Pharmacy
Michelle Musselwhite	Basketball	Education
Natalie Porter	Basketball	Economics & Business
Paul Miller	Boxing	Arts
Paula Harvey	Sprint Kayak	Economics & Business
Prashanth Sellathurai	Gymnastics	Health Science
Robert Maitland	Water Polo	Economics & Business
Robin Bell	Canoe	Economics & Business
Samuel McGregor	Water Polo	Economics & Business
Sarah Stewart	Wheelchair Basketball	Arts
Stuart Clark	Cricket	Economics & Business
Taniele Gofers	Water Polo	Arts
Thomas Whalan	Water Polo	Law
Trent Franklin	Water Polo	Economics & Business

Yasmin L'Estrange	Rowing	Science
Yvette Balla-Gow	Water Polo	Science
<b>Blue &amp; Gold Recipients</b>		
<b>BLUES</b>		
Terrence Alfred	Boat	
Catherine Alston	Hockey	
Maja Anderson	Volleyball	
Jennifer Baldwin	Volleyball	
Digby Beaumont	Football	
Robin Bell	Canoe	
Kathryn Blackwell	Cricket	
Jacqueline Bonnitcha	Sailing	
Jess Brooks	Fencing	
Joel Carr	AFL	
William Chambers	Boat	
Daniel Davies	Lawn Tennis	
Katie Foulkes	Rowing	
Peter Gavaghan	Soccer	
Gareth Hardy	Football	
Michael Higgins	AFL	
Marta Lielich	Soccer	
Kate Lawrence	Canoe	
Yasmin L'Estrange	Rowing	
Daryn Lu	Table Tennis	
Kristina Mah	Karate	
Christopher Markey	Fencing	
Adele Meagher	Diving	
Justin Merlino	Athletics	
Elsa O'Hanlon	Rowing	
Kate Pallister	Netball	
Robert Parker	Canoe	
Matthew Phelps	Cricket	
Lauren Polin	Rowing	
Zen Rajab	Karate	
Tom Richardson	Athletics	
Lauren Russell	Tennis	
Emma Schiller	Soccer	
Darren Skuse	Wheelchair Basketball	
Adrian Somerville	Tennis	
Robert Talbot	Archery	
Thomas White	Judo	
Patrick Wilson	Boat	
<b>GOLDS</b>		
Mohammed Alkhub	Squash	
Lyn Hammond	Water Polo	
Paul Hickey	Touch	
Gary Reynolds	Touch	
Bruce Ross	SU Sport	

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1963 - 66 Prof. A.J. Dunston

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1978 - 88 J.P. Kean

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1922 - 25 A. Ingram

1925 - 26 J. Street

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1932 - 33 M. Telfer

1933 - 35 M. Peden

1935 - 38 D. Dew

1938 - 42 G. Dakin

1943 - 49 J. Bartlett

1949 - 51 K. McCreddie

1951 - 54 B. Archdale

1954 - 57 L. McKinney

1957 - 59 M. Swain

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1963 - 74 M. Dive

1974 - 76 S. Knox

1976 - 78 S. Pratt

1978 - 79 J. Lenton

1979 - 80 I. Parsons

1980 - 81 A. Alcock

1981 - 82 I. Parsons

1982 - 83 C. Mills

1983 - 92 C. Wilson

1992 - 00 J. Thom

2000 - 02 D. Wee