



Supporting Mature Students since 1979

New Directions

Journal of the University of Adelaide Mature Students Association



From the President

Hello Everyone and welcome to all new members! This semester our membership topped 100. It's great to see that so many mature students have joined the club and are offering support to each other. It's even better to see so many of us taking advantage of the club-rooms and participating in the events.

This is our first newsletter written under its new name of New Directions. It's very much a new theme for this issue. We have a wonderful, active new committee for 2003. In fact, there have been lots of new things happening this year. We have a new website & email address (see the back page) and, earlier in the year, we were relocated to our new clubroom.

Last semester we held 3 events for members. As

fundraisers for the MSA, we had a sausage sizzle (free to members, \$2 non-members), and a chicken and gourmet sausages BBQ (members and non-members \$2) on campus, which generated some urgently needed funds for the Club. The sausage sizzle and the chicken and gourmet sausages BBQ both sold out in the first hour!

We also held a Wine and Cheese Clubroom Warming for members. The Wine and Cheese Clubroom Warming was a huge success as was the Wine and Cheese afternoon this semester.

Notices of this semesters events will be posted to the mailing list, on the clubroom blackboard & in the newsletter, so keep an eye out for upcoming events!

A club is only as good as the support it gets from

its members. As this years President, it is heartening and wonderful to have so much support from everyone. The committee and helpers all volunteer their time, which is especially appreciated by me. If you would like to be involved in the Club, let us know. There is always room for more volunteers.

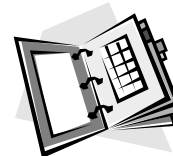
This semester always seems to be the busiest, maybe because it is shorter. Juggling Uni, work, jobs, and families isn't always easy for mature students. If you need support, help, encouragement or just a familiar and warm environment to spend some on-campus time in, pop into the clubroom.

Keep Smiling,
Di

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Dates for your diary:

- ⇒ Friday 10th October
Quiz Night
- ⇒ Tuesday 14th October
MSA General Meeting
- ⇒ Friday 24th October
MSA End of Year Party

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New MSA newsletter

At the last General Meeting (12th May) members voted unanimously that it was time for a change of name for the MSA Newsletter. Members were invited to offer suggestions during March and April, 2003. Innovative

and humorous suggestions were posted on the clubroom blackboard (my personal favourite was 'Front Row Sitters!') Members agreed that 'New Directions' reflected the motivation and drive for most mature students at Uni-

versity and was voted in as the new name for our newsletter. We don't know whose suggestion New Directions was, nor who posted all the other suggestions but thank you all for taking the time to participate.

Pssst Gossip

Mature gossip & other oxymorons

After the promotional frenzy of the recent "Sexuality Week" on campus a number of MSA members, disappointed at the heavy emphasis on gay and lesbian sexuality, have begun planning "Hetero-sexuality Week". During this week all heterosexual students, or those who think they may be hetero, will gather in the MSA clubrooms and go into a closet together. Not wishing to be exclusionist, the Hetero group committee is inviting our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters... (those terms being used in a non judgemental way and without wishing to impose them as specific gender stereotypes) they will... where was I again?

Oh yeah, the gay and lesbian members will be invited to stand outside the closet and chant slogans of support or derision depending on their personal attitude to heterosexuals.

Following heterosexuality week will be "Best-iality Week" during which all members of the MSA will be encouraged to experience the Best Sex. This also is a matter of personal choice and there will be no demands or expectations placed on anyone about anything.... Ever... so

it's amazing anyone gets anything done at all really isn't it? "Beastiality Week" activities had to be cancelled when lawyers for Sesame Street demanded their costumes back in time for their stage play.

Upcoming events: MSA members who are Psychology students will be presenting their research report entitled: "People with paranoid personality disorder and how to bug their phones" We'd like to tell you when this will be but we don't want "them" to find out.

The library has informed the MSA that the long awaited book "The art of papermaking" has finally arrived. The book weighs about fifty kilos but has just the one, really thick page.

Heard any good goss for the next issue?

Until Next time,
the Pssst Gossip

Dear Editor,

I heard on the grapevine that there was some activity in the MSA club-room during Sexuality Week. Well, I want to register my disappointment! As a bi member of the community, I'm miffed that my sexuality has been completely ignored in preference for gay, lesbian and heterosexuality. It's bad enough being on the "upper end of the aging scale" without being downgraded to the lower end of the

"information processing" scale. I think it only fair that any future activities

during Sensualities Week should be advertised, well in advance, so that all members of the MSA can participate.

yours sincerely,
miffed



Our gossip, hard at work studying for his next column

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★ Congratulations! ★

Sharon & Adam on their upcoming wedding on November the 29th. They've also both finally finished their BAs after seven years!

Dave & Brenda, who are engaged, with the date to be set.

Geoff Randall and Greg Driver who graduated in July!

Rose Magdalene, for winning the Zonta Prize.

Parents needed for study

My name is Nancy White I am a PhD student of Psychology and I am looking for participants in my study of parental responsibility for the illicit acts of their children. Participants must be parents (or step-parents) of a child between the ages of 10 and 18. The study involves 2 questionnaires, 8 small stories, and demographic questions. The paperwork should take about 1 hour to complete. Participants can take the paper home and drop off to me when completed. So if you see yourself as one of my future participants, or you can recommend anyone else I would be most delighted to hear from you. You can either contact me at nancy.white@psychology.adelaide.edu.au or phone my office and leave a message 8303 6458. Thanks, Nancy.

News & Events

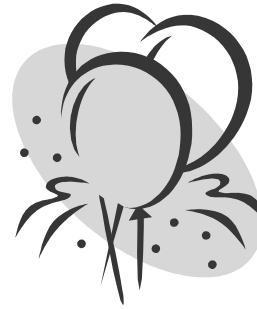
CA Awards Night

The MSA was nominated as Most Outstanding Club at the Clubs Association Awards Night. Although we didn't win, it was great to be nominated and it was a fun night.

Quiz Night

Nancy and Geoff are organising a Quiz Night. The date for this event is **Friday, 10th October**. A fun night is promised with prizes! More information will be posted on the blackboard in the clubroom and to the mailing list

soon! If you can help in anyway please contact us. Geoff and Nancy are especially looking for sponsors of prizes (thank you to those who have already offered sponsorship!), or any other help! If you know someone who can support us by donating a prize, please contact Nancy, Geoff, or Di.



General Meeting

The general meeting has been set for **Tuesday 14th October**, 12-

1pm. Notices will be posted around the Union Building, in the clubroom and on the mailing list closer to the date. This is every member's opportunity to have a say. All members are welcome.

End of Year Party

Our End of Year Party has been set for **Friday 24th October** and will be at the Gaslight Hotel

in Brompton. More information soon...

Clubroom & Facilities

Our Clubroom is located on 4th level of Union House (next to the upper exit of Uni Books and just down the ramp from the library). The clubroom is a social environment. The daily newspapers are provided. Tea Coffee and Milo are the cheapest on campus - just 40 cents!

Renovations

As part of the relocation from the old clubrooms, the Union will be renovating the space. This should give us more room to move and the chance to accommodate some potential members with access issues. There's no firm date for the changes, but fingers crossed it will be soon.

Contact the Stewards if the Clubroom is locked. They're under the stairs on the ground floor or call 8303 5992.

Lockers

There are still a few lockers available. The committee wishes to apologize for the delay in making these available. We have reduced the cost of these lockers to \$2.50 for the remainder of the year. This is a once off offer to compensate for delays this year. If you are interested, check the lockers list

posted on the cupboard in the kitchen, choose an available locker, sign for it, fill out a form and INCLUDE your payment in a plastic bag (kept inside the cupboard beside the filing cabinet) and place it into the correspondence box. Danna will let you know if you can have that locker *before* you put a lock on it.

is refundable up to 12 months after dropping membership. If you lose a key it will be replaced at cost. If you would like a key contact Di or Danna or leave a note in the correspondence box with your contact details. Please note that you don't need to have a key to access the club during semester.

Online Forum

Mature students have a forum on the MyUni website. Log in to MyUni as usual and click on the Community Tab. Then click Social Forum and click on the link to the Mature Students Forum. This forum is public & is open to all university students & staff, not just MSA members.

Extra space is available at our table on the balcony and in the Eclipse Room (Upper Refectory), where we have a permanent booking for study space (when there are no functions booked).

Clubroom Keys

The clubroom now has the MSA lock on it. This lock allows you access to the club during University hours (8am - nightly lockup). You might want a key if you come into Uni to do work during break times. There is a key deposit of \$5. This money

PGSA

The MSA wishes to express its concern at recent developments within the governing body of the Post-Graduate Students Association. The MSA does not support actions that are not constitutional.

University of Adelaide Mature Students Association

We are located at Level 4,
Union House (next to Unibooks)

 mature.students@adelaide.edu.au

 www.adelaide.edu.au/clubs/msa/

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About the MSA

The MSA was formed in 1979 to provide social and academic support to all students, undergraduate or postgraduate, who have taken a year's break from continuing study. Our members range in age between 20 and 60 plus and are studying in all the disciplines from first year through to PhD level. We believe life at Uni can and should be fun and rewarding despite the difficulties of juggling families, jobs, finances and academic workloads. The Mature Students' Association is committed to fostering friendship and understanding between all students and their families. As well as giving a voice on campus for mature students we organise social events throughout the academic year.

The MSA clubroom is located on the 4th Floor of Union House (down the ramp from the Library next to Unibooks). Access is also available via the elevator. We offer a warm and friendly environment and a quiet alternative to the hustle and bustle of Uni life. The MSA clubroom has lunchroom facilities, lockers, cheap tea and coffee and the daily newspapers.

MSA Committee News

Most of the committee members can be found lurking, debating, relaxing, arguing, bantering and generally being involved around the Clubroom. If you can help around the club, or have a special interest, or can see an area that needs some attention and are willing to lend a hand - let us know! Your committee members are:

President - Diane Hodge
Vice President - Greg Driver
Secretary - Susan Wilson
Treasurer - Danna Cooke
Clubs Delegate - Rose Magdalene
Information Officer - Michael Lindner
First Year Rep - Bill Brown

General Committee - Geoff Randall,
Shirley Goodman, Wendy Maxwell

Volunteer Helpers

Last Years President and Mailing
List Manager :David Groom
Coffee and Tea : Kim Rock,
Jo Atkinson
Clubroom Relocation and other sup-
port : Nancy White
Newsletter : Rose Magdalene

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Thankyou to Danna, Rose, Bill, Di,
Shirley, & Wendy for providing (at
no charge to the Club) the fantastic
munchies for the Wine and Cheese.

Thankyou!

The MSA would like to thank Iko Pindo for his generous support of our Sausage Sizzle and Wine & Cheese functions.

Iko is the owner of

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- ◆ 371 Prospect Rd, Blair Athol
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Membership form (please place in correspondence box with your payment)

Name: _____

Student number: _____

Email address (optional): _____

Please add me to the members email list I've included my \$5 payment for 1 years membership