



GESTA NON VERBA

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES.

Greetings again, and welcome to another issue of Gesta Non Verba.

I'm very excited to be able to announce that the new JRAHS Union website is ready. I have seen the new site, and it promises to allow greater participation from all Union members. We are now just awaiting all your contributions! A big thank you goes to Edward Yuen for the design, and Robin Legge for her assistance, as well as Yun-Huang Yong and Tristan Yau for their roles, too.

I hope with the new website and with ever-increasing number of members, the active participation of ex-students will continue to enhance the extended James Ruse community.

Carmen Kong (1997)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE.

Members of the Union now stands at 1471, an enormous percentage of past students considering you are one of only 4,300 who have graduated from Ruse. Last year's HSC with 7 100 UAI's and a medium UAI of 99.25 was outstanding however present statistical indications suggest the year of 2004 will make us all even more proud. The results will be published on Monday 21 December.

I highly recommend you try and make Yu Heng Lau's Recital in the Lecture Theatre October 20. Yu Heng is currently a Prefect in Year 11 and is possibly the best pianist our school has seen, he is already turning the heads of critics throughout Australia.

If any members of the union would be interested in mentoring the following students in their areas of interest please let Robin Legge know at exstudents@jamesruse.nsw.edu.au.

Harry Yan (M)	Yr 10	Law;
Hunter Wang (M)	Yr 11	Medicine; Medical Science; Biochemistry
Queenie Luu (F)	Yr 11	Medicine; Pharmacy
Bikram Karmdkar (M)	Yr 11	Medicine; Law
Mayooran Kandasamy (M)	Yr 11	Medicine; Aeronautical Engineering
Shay Suen (F)	Yr 11	Psychology; Common Law; Medicine
Indira Datta (F)	Yr 11	Psychology; Common Law; Medicine
Aparna Ramachandran (F)	Yr 11	Medicine
Vibha Thirumalai (F)	Yr 11	International Studies/ Law
Alan Lee (M)	Yr 11	Medicine/Science
Helen Le (F)	Yr 11	Medicine
Xin Jiang (F)	Yr 11	Law

Michael Quinlan

REUNIONS

Class of '79

Hi fellow 1979 Classmates,

To follow up on the reunion details we have set a date and place. Please spread the word and send any new contact details to me (Kathy Poole) so I can forward invites and get replies in due course.

Date: Sat. 27th November 2004

Place: North Ryde RSL

Time: 7pm – 12 midnight

Don't miss this event!!!

Contact: Kathy Poole 02 94162437

7 Ivey Street, Lindfield. 2070

kathy.poole@bigpond.com

Also it would be good to register with schoolfriends.com.au to keep up-to-date with the reunion.

Looking forward to catching up again.

Regards Kathy (nee Docker)

Class of '84

If anyone is interested in organising a 20 year reunion for the class of '84 please contact me, Robin Legge, at exstudents@jamesruse.nsw.edu.au.

Class of '85 are due for a 20 year reunion next year and the Epping Club has been suggested as a possible venue in October 2005.

Class of '94 – don't forget your 10 Year Reunion is on Saturday 25th September at 1pm. So far 80 people have confirmed that they will be attending and it's going to be a BIG event. Food & Beveridge provided at a cost of \$10 per head.

Venue: James Ruse Agricultural High School.

RSVP: <http://jamesruse.hengfam.com>

JRAHS MUSIC FESTIVAL 2004

OCTOBER

Yu Heng Lau in Recital

Wednesday 20th October, 7.30pm, Lecture Theatre

Year 10 Performers' Competition

Wednesday 27th October, 7.30pm, Lecture Theatre

NOVEMBER

Year 7, 8 and 9 Performers' Competition

Wednesday 10th November, 7.30pm, Lecture Theatre

DECEMBER

Ruse End of Year Concert

Monday 6th December, 7.00pm, J.C. Hoskin Auditorium

EX STUDENTS NEWS

Gary Hill (1968)

I attended Ruse in the good old days from 63 to 67 leaving in 5th Form. It was interesting to read James Hoskin's memo of capitulation re hair length, while there a number of students fell foul of that regulation. At the time we thought he tended to be a little old fashioned and restrictive at times but he always had the best interest of the school (staff and students) at heart and provided an incredible amount of support to those in need.

After leaving Ruse I tried a number of occupations in a number of industries in an attempt to find myself (I blame the times for that), now at the age of 54 I am pleased to say that I am still looking though at a rather more leisurely pace.

Recently (1995) I decided to finally take the advice given to me when I left school by James Hoskin and attend university. I moved to Bendigo to attend La Trobe University where I completed a BA (ceramics), Bachelor of Visual Art Honours, and am currently working on a PhD studying 13th to 16th century ceramic production in Thailand and other SEA countries. All very well but it is time consuming and, as I hope to finish in about 12 months, I need to think of where to look for myself next, ah life is far too short. Actually it's a good thing about Buddhism, lots of lives in which to try again although, depending on the branch you favour (Mahayana or Theravada), the rebirth process can be uncomfortable.

Enough of this, I must stop rambling on as I am not yet old enough to get away with it. If anyone has any further information, photo's etc from 63 to 68 but is unsure how to prepare them for a web page I am willing to help in any way I can. I can be contacted via the following email address g.hill@bendito.latrobe.edu.au.

MAJOR GENERAL Mark Andrew Kelly, AM (1974)

Major General Mark Andrew Kelly was born in Sydney, NSW on 31 October 1956. He was educated at James Ruse Agricultural High School.

He entered the Royal Military College, Duntroon in January 1975 and graduated with the Sword of Honour in December 1978. He was allocated to the Royal Australian Infantry Corps and was posted to the 5th/7th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment as a platoon commander. He served with the Commonwealth Monitoring Force in Zimbabwe/Rhodesia during the Independence Elections in 1980. As a captain, he served in a variety of regimental, staff and training appointments including Aide de Camp to the General Officer Commanding Field Force Command, Adjutant of the 1st Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment, and as an exchange instructor at the British Army School of Infantry, Warminster, UK.

In the rank of major, he served as a rifle company commander in the 1st Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment, attended the Australian Army Command and Staff College at Queenscliff and was the Brigade Major of the 3rd Brigade in Townsville. As a lieutenant colonel he served in the Directorate of Plans and the Directorate of Officer Career Management in Army Headquarters, Canberra. He then served as the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment from December 1995 until December 1997.

On promotion to colonel he served as the Chief of Staff of the Deployable Joint Force Headquarters in Brisbane. This posting included deploying the Headquarters to East Timor for OPERATION STABILISE, as the Chief of Staff, INTERFET. As a brigadier, he was Commander 3rd Brigade (Ready Deployment Force) from December 2000 to December 2002. He then served as the first Director of the Combined Planning Group at Headquarters US Central Command in Tampa, Florida. He was promoted to major general and assumed his present appointment as Commander 1st Division and the Deployable Joint Force Headquarters on 5 July 2004.

He received a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his service as the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, and as Chief of Staff of the Deployable Joint Force Headquarters. He was awarded the US Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) for his service at US Central Command. His academic qualifications include a Bachelor of Arts (UNSW 1978), a Graduate Diploma in Defence Studies (Deakin 1990) and a Masters of Defence Studies (UNSW 1995) He is a Fellow of the Australian Defence College in Canberra. He is married to Gabrielle and they have a son, Christopher. He is a keen sportsman and his interests include Rugby, Golf, Touch and Running.

Loved Sam Kemp's article; I want to go visit! She's got the life I want....

Margaret Stuart – 1983 – Mum to Travis aged nearly 6 and Adam aged 3, not living on a farm SADLY but working with farmers in the last ten years, especially in cotton and beef!!!

Catriona McNeil (1989)

Profiles of Garvan Researchers

Position

First year PhD student, Cancer Research Program.

Education

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, University of Sydney

Bachelor of Science (Medicine), University of Sydney

Research Interests

I am about to start a PhD in Prof Sutherland's group looking at downstream targets of oestrogen action that confer endocrine resistance in breast cancer.

Research Career Highlights

Deciding to do my PhD at Garvan

Future Research Goals

It would be a huge thrill to change the way we think about cancer in a way that positively affects how we ultimately treat it.

If you weren't a scientist, what would you be doing?

Probably trying to negotiate my way around the NHS.

What is the best thing about medical research?

It's meaningful and gives me a chance to expand my horizons.

What is the most difficult thing about research?

Having the patience to persist.

What do the next five years hold for your specific research?

The plan is to identify a subset of genes that are regulated by oestrogen and c-myc in breast cancer cells, to identify genes that are differentially expressed cells that over express c-myc, and to select from these, a small group of genes that are abnormally regulated by oestrogen and c-myc and aberrantly expressed in c-myc over expressing breast cancers, and test their ability to modulate sensitivity to endocrine agents.

Where can we find you when you're not at Garvan?

At the beach with a good book.

Andrew Legge (1991)

As warmer weather finally arrives here in Russia (mid teens at best!) a new challenge has arrived on site. It turns out that Sakhalin Island is the home to some of the biggest bears in Russia! Apparently they weigh in at about 400kg, which I guess is big for a bear? I must have missed the class on bears in high school, but 400 sounds like a lot.

So after a long, long winter the bears have awoken, and strangely enough they are as hungry as hell.

The site has two rivers that run along its boundaries and last summer they were a source of many a meal for me on site. One of the Russian geologists would get up early and go fishing for salmon. We would have salmon caviar for breakfast and salmon steaks for lunch and I get the feeling that the bears were on a similar diet.

Now that construction works have begun the rivers are now full of silt and dirt and not one salmon has been seen swimming up the river. Apart from the obvious environment damage this has caused to the rivers the second problem is that the bears have nothing to eat! When we brought this up with the contractors who were responsible for silting up the river, they informed us that the bears could also eat berries so it shouldn't be a problem! 400kg bear...a lot of punnets of raspberries in my books, but OK berries it is.

Then three kids from a nearby village were out playing in the woods, and to cut a gruesome story short, two made it, one didn't. So now we have human hunting hungry bears roaming around the area. Solution..our environmental department has hired a hunter! For me this is the first time I have worked in an environmental department which hires someone to kill fauna as opposed to protecting it. The hunter is a real dude as well, about 5 feet tall and broad, long beard and old army issue camouflages and instead of a civilised tranquiliser rifle he wields a sawn-off shotgun!

Next problem, one hunter, 250 employees on site! Solution, issue people with a whistle to scare the bear away if it attacks you. As I mentioned I missed the class on bears, but a whistle! 6 months of winter, no food, wake up, no fish, a punnet of berries, a juicy human blowing a whistle... when you explain to the locals why you have the whistle they give you this look like, 'this is what happens when you get Coke, MTV and Burger King!'

My favourite is one of the expats who works in the administration department for the project. This guy leaves the hotel, walks about ten paces to get on a bus, then gets to site and walks another ten paces and he is inside the office and the same to get home, but his whistle is permanently around his neck, at the ready. The only time this guy goes outside is to go to the toilet, and whilst the Russian diet makes you feel like you are wrestling with a bear from time to time whilst on the can, I feel a whistle would do little to help.

Jason David (JABBA) (1991)

Jabba is locked in a perspex bubble in Federation Square, Melbourne with the band Regurgitator for three weeks while they make a new album. Check out this website for further information.

<http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2004/09/03/1093939126902.html>

India Brown (1997) & Mitchell Isaacs (1998)

The above ex-ruse students are currently cycling around Japan for a charity awareness bike ride:

http://www.geocities.com/bee_japanteam/team.html

Email from Mitchell - 16/8/2004:

"The BEE Japan cycle tour has a web log at www.beejapan.org/journal - I'm sure they would love to hear that people are reading! They're currently about 800km into the ride. I join them in about 3 weeks from now."

James Groves (2000)

I'm writing from my room at Duntroon. I've been here since early January, after graduating from ADFA last year.

I am currently studying in I Class, which basically means I am in the Class which is in its final 6 months of training at Duntroon. There are three 6 month Classes at the College, with civilian recruits starting in III Class and ADFA graduates marching straight into II Class. I have also recently been appointed Platoon Sergeant, which not only brings responsibility for my floor's worth of cadets (of all Classes), but also a larger room!

We have just moved into studying Security Operations, such as the Australian Army has performed recently in East Timor and Iraq, which is really interesting and encouraging for us as it seems the most relevant course so far. After this package we will move onto Combined Arms Warfare which will entail studying the theory and practice of fighting with infantry side-by-side with tanks, with artillery in support and transport for mobility, etc etc. Once that package is completed and all exams have been passed (ceteris parabis) we will graduate on 14 Dec 04 as Lieutenants. We will be putting down our preferences for Corps within a few weeks.

I can't believe it's all happening so quickly now after 3½ years of such sloooooow moving. I intend to nominate Artillery as my first preference, which is another surprise for me. After all this time I'd been really pumped up to go to Intelligence, or even Armoured, but I was really stressing for quite a long time over that. Trying to choose which Corps you will put as 'first preference' is a hard feeling to describe.

But Artillery is where my heart is set. Gradually over the course of my time here at Duntroon I have met some of the most remarkable men, many of whom I hope to model my own leadership style on.

Media Release on **David Fung (2001)**.

Twenty-year-old Australian pianist David Fung has already established himself as an intellectual and dynamic musician, and was recently described by Andras Schiff as "one of the most inspiring young interpreters of music". David has won prizes in the 2003 Lev Vlassenko Piano Competition, the 2002 Symphony Australia Young Performer of the Year Award, and the Premier's Award. David has previously appeared as soloist with the Melbourne Symphony, Sydney Symphony, Queensland Orchestra, the Colburn Orchestra, the Shanghai Symphony, the China National Orchestra, the Orchestra Ensemble Kanazawa of Japan, and the Singapore Symphony.

David has been broadcast on ABC television, ABC Classic FM, KAJX 91.5-FM, K-Mozart, 2MBS-FM, 4MBS-FM, and SBS Television and Radio. He has recently performed in master classes with Marc Durand, Leon Fleisher, Joseph Kalichstein, John Lill, Heinz Medjimorec, Herbert Stessin, the Eroica Trio, the Raphael Trio, and the distinguished Australian composers, Carl Vine and Peter Sculthorpe. David is a recording artist for the ABC Classics label.

He is also one of forty selected from over 700 applicants to participate in one of the most prestigious piano competitions in the world: The 2004 Scottish International Piano Competition, Glasgow. September 8th – 18th. First prize of \$30,000.

Currently attending the Colburn School of Performing Arts, Los Angeles. The first AND only pianist to be accepted from the worldwide auditions to study at the school with Professor John Perry. All successful applicants study on a scholarship valued at \$75 000 per year, making this school the only one of its kind.

David received a UAI of 100 in 2001, and began studying medicine on a Scholarship at the University of New South Wales, 2002.