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programmes in our schools highlights the Mac.Robertson Girls' High School Victoria, Queen Margaret College in Wellington, New Zealand and The Wilderness School and St Peter's Collegiate Girls' School in Adelaide. Programmes for Gifted and Talented students, work experience and our infusion of Asia in School's Week are all elements of Alliance schools. I hope the sharing of other ways of undertaking these activities will provide interest, challenge and difference.

In this Olympic year, the Alliance Games held in May provided a showcase of excellence and athleticism. Sport and physical education are central to our schools. To improve facilities further, information is provided on the Australian Sports Foundation Limited.

Each year, members have taken the opportunity to link study leave or long-service leave with the National Coalition of Girls' Schools August Conference. As Barbara Stone notes in her report "the end of June is a good time to pause...for a healthy dose of inspiration."

As we head down toward the final weeks for Year 12 students, elections for new leadership teams are occurring and again leadership training for the 2001 group is sought. Following the highly successful Student Leadership

programs from attendees in the report in this edition acknowledge opportunities accruing.

With every good wish

Congratul

Noelene Horton, Principal Victoria, has recently been elected of AHISA. Noelene's father Chris Gleeson at the AHISA Bi-ennial Conference Sydney next September. Noelene is a member of EGGGS (Educational Schools), later to become an organisation with distinction and wish her well in this

ALLIANCE OF GIRLS' SCHOOLS & THE INTERNATIONAL BOYS' SCHOOLS (AUSTRALIAN CHAPTER)

JOINT CONFERENCE FOR EQUAL AND DIFFERENT

An interesting and thought provoking conference with a variety of excellent presentations

Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th August
The Southport School, Gold Coast

FRI 3 AUGUST

2pm Meetings:

IBSC & AGSA

4pm Registration

Opening Address

Conference Dinner

SAT 4 AUGUST

Session 1

Session 2

Session 3

Discussion Forum

Dinner

Full details will be distributed in the next issue. For further details contact the Executive Officer

ALLIANCE OF GIRLS' SCHOOLS AUSTRALASIA

LEADERSHIP FOR WOMEN OF THE FUTURE

The Conference for Student Leaders of the Year 2001

Presented by the Alliance of Girls' Schools, Australasia

JANUARY 16 - 21, 2001

Annesley College, Adelaide, Australia

Contact the Executive Officer, Sue Collister on 61 3 9828 3041 or Peter Gubbins on 61 8 8422 2288

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER ...

Over the past few months, I have had a number of phone calls from our member schools asking about the value of the Student Leadership Conference organised by the Alliance of Girls' Schools Australasia. I feel that the best way to explain its value is from comments I received from some of the 83 delegates who attended the 1999 Conference at Ipswich Girls' Grammar School:

"the conference has helped me build up my confidence" (Queensland delegate)

"this conference has given me confidence in my own abilities as a leader and inspired me to be an amazing leader" (Victorian delegate)

"I really learnt heaps of valuable skills that I believe will help me next year"
(NSW delegate)

"I really learnt so much about myself and this has given me confidence that I can carry out my role" (New Zealand delegate)

"I'm bursting with ideas and confidence in my own ability because of how much I've grown and learnt" (NSW delegate)

"one big learning experience ... meeting new people and learning new things ... thanks for the opportunity" (Qld delegate)

"before coming I was apprehensive - but it was fantastic" (NSW delegate)

"I learnt a lot which is bound to help me in 2000 and for the rest of my life"
(Tasmanian delegate)

"Friendship and new ideas from other schools... I also enjoyed the guest speakers"
(Western Australia delegate)

The next Student Leadership Conference will be hosted by Adelaide from 16-18 August. If your school would like to attend, please contact Peter Gubbins (ANZ delegate) on 08 8422 2288 (p.gubbins@agsa.org.au) or Sue Collister at the Gold Coast School, Gold Coast 3-5 August, 2001.

The other exciting news is that the 2001 AGSA is organising a National Conference of Girls' Schools Coaches. The Conference will be held at the Gold Coast School, Gold Coast 3-5 August, 2001.

Warmest regards

INSPIRATION , RELATIONSHIP AND COMMUNITY

Impressions from the National Coalition of Girls' Schools Annual Conference

It could be argued that the opportunity to conference with peers internationally is inspiration enough! This year's NCGS Conference at Dana Hall, Wellesley, Ma., however, also offered many other opportunities for inspiration with the preview of "A Hero for Daisy", the reflections of the President of Wellesley College, Diana Chapman Walsh, and the opportunity to laugh and learn with Professor Rosabeth Moss Kantner from Harvard.

How many of us have sought appropriate material to celebrate the power of "ordinary" determined women to make a serious difference in the lives of others? "A Hero for Daisy" does this on two levels.

The film itself has as its hero, Chris Ernst, a dedicated but, to use her own description, not a particularly outstanding rower, who not only became a two-time Olympian but also galvanised Yale, (and by so doing led other, previously all male, ivy league institutions) into finally doing something about providing adequate facilities for women.

feeling of community between the leaders of girls' schools from South Africa, United Kingdom and Canada (as well as the United States) and, indeed, between the girls within our schools. The emotional value of girls' schools for their students is highlighted in researchers' report on the success of girls' schools in generating student achievement, leadership and success. This is already familiar with the study from our own Conference in Toowoomba, the findings of the NCGS study were reinforced by the engaging panel of NCGS students and their families and "how we can grow together".

Rosabeth Moss Kantner, Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School and former Editor of the Harvard Business Review, was an inspiration of yet a different kind. Her emphasis on the importance of treating people as assets and of providing the conditions that liberate them to use their brainpower to their full difference, transcends time and gender. Her cutting-

The second level of heroism is provided by the successful quest of Mary Mazzio, lawyer and mother, making this film to provide a challenging and appropriate message for her daughter, Daisy. Chris Ernst was one wonderful role model; Mary Mazzio, the life-long learner, multi-skilling herself and following through to make such a powerful film was surely another! What a pity our video systems are incompatible with those in USA. Don't hesitate to watch it should "A Hero for Daisy" ever become available on cable!

Further inspiration came from the address by Diana Chapman Walsh, President of Wellesley College. Prompted by the recent sudden illness of her husband, Diana threw away her script and spoke instead on what gave her life meaning. Simply and very movingly this became a discussion of the strength of the sense of vocation which sustains all.

NCGS Conferences are always opportunities to discover the great

warm wisdom moved us all a little further along the about how we can manage today's issues while simultaneously innovating for tomorrow.

In other sessions, insights into developing girls' independence were balanced by stirring arguments for on the spiritual life of girls.

I'm sure that none of the representatives of the : who took part in the Conference would have left dis us have already promised to meet again at the 10th / Conference at the National Cathedral School in Was 20-22, 2001. The end of June is a good time to pause the year's 'busyness' for a healthy dose of inspiratic you will be inspired to join the NCGS CONFERENCE

Barbara S

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A SUCCESSFUL FOUNDATION

Some 8 1/2 years ago, I took up the position as Director of Development at Somerville House. Somerville House is an independent girls' school with 1000 students from Prep to Year 12. Established in 1899 and located in South Brisbane. I am extremely proud of the Somerville House Foundation and the involvement I have had in steering it through, challenging the pathways to its current success.

The profession of Development, Fundraising, Alumni, Marketing and Media has grown within schools over the last 15 years and many schools have established separate Marketing Sections, Development Offices and Foundations.

As a Founding member of ADAPE (Association of Development and Alumni Professionals in Education) and the Vice-President of ADAPE Queensland it has become evident that our profession is extremely transient. Perhaps the fundraising expectation of the School or Board cannot be met within the first 12 months or the incumbent is given too broad an umbrella of tasks and is therefore unable to carry out any one as effectively and efficiently as they might be expected.

families who had made financial contributions, the support of a Principal who, saw the need to encourage the Foundation Vision - Investing in our Future. We strength to strength.

At Somerville House we operate a very successful looking after the alumni (reunions on campus; we (marketing and media acti in special events such as (as well as co-ordinating a corporate sponsorship.

Through the success operate various committees investing these monies; it programs for deferred giv co-ordinating business ne opportunities; host social school community on the Foundation. We recently working with current stuc the benefits of the Found: