

# 84 + 20 Reunion Newsletter

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**5 DAYS TO GO!!!!!!!!!!!!**

It's nearly here – our big night of fun, laughter, reminiscing and catching up.

It really doesn't seem like 2 years ago that the fledgling idea of gathering together all those who went to Unley in 84 grew (like a fungus) and became the event that is happening next Saturday.

My brother (Brad) probably deserves all the credit, as he told me about the [www.schoolfriends.com.au](http://www.schoolfriends.com.au) site in the first place, which is where I saw Pete's name (we were in the same class for the final 2 years at Unley), joined as a full member and wrote to say hello. The rest is history (and you'll find it in Pete's profile)

PLEASE NOTE: The invitation requires a "yes" or "no" response, and to date we still have not received replies from all of you. Etiquette suggests that it is the polite thing to reply! Some invitations seem to have been delayed through our ever-reliable postal system or lost all together – contact me for a replacement to stick in your memory album (or the bottom drawer) so you can show the grandkids!

"Tickets" as such won't be sent out, you will receive a nametag on the night, and your name will go into a draw for a door prize.

Remember if you have any specific dietary requirements (eg vegetarian) that you must let us know NOW!!

You will see that our "MOST WANTED" list has shrunk quite considerably – if you have any idea of the possible whereabouts of anyone, please let us know, they may still want to attend.

This issue re-acquaints you with myself & Pete and the "stuff" we've been up to for 20 years. I hope you enjoyed reading about Carl and Linda as much as we did – we would all like to catch up with classmates on the night, but we'll also be pretty busy with behind-the-scenes stuff as well.

A number of "Mini Reunions" are likely/have been planned for the following weeks/months and Pete and I are more than happy to help facilitate these.

Check out Pete's "TOP TEN" on our website – excuses for not coming to the reunion & the appropriate responses to them. Check them out at: [www.users.bigpond.com/beag.sage/uhs/news](http://www.users.bigpond.com/beag.sage/uhs/news)  
See you on Saturday! I'll be the one running around like the proverbial headless chook!!

*Belinda*

PS: More thanks to Andrew B, Paul D, Paul G, Jonathan, Kenneth, Mike C, Caz, Cherie, and Anne C for their assistance in tracking down our "MOST WANTED".

## **THE CLASS OF 84'S MOST WANTED:**

Sophie ASLANIDIS  
Mary BECKMAN  
Sophea CHUUN  
Paul COPLEY  
Daniela DONNELL  
Michelle GRIBBLE  
Angus HALL  
Timothy JENKINS  
Darren JOHN  
Stephen KERMODE  
Yung LAM  
Norman LANGENBRINCK (not sure of spelling)  
Phan LY  
Sally McINTOSH  
Glenys MORPHETT  
Bronte MORRIS  
Nigel NICHOLAS  
Jim PAPAGEORGIU  
Miles POPE  
Brenda ROBERTSON  
Darren SCHULZ  
Ruth SMITH  
Robert VEALE  
Michael VELLA  
Jayne WHITE  
Dean WHITE  
John WOOD

## Belinda Heard

I was also in 5S (Mr Smith's class), together with Linda and Pete, in 1984.

Well, here we are with less than a week to go before the BIG EVENT and you get to find out a bit about what Pete and I have been up to these last 20 years. It sure doesn't seem like 20 years, and I don't look toooooo different in the mirror than what I did then (no grey hair yet, but a few laugh lines!)

Hmmm. Let's see.....

After Matric I landed a job at a small printing factory as an Accounts Payable Clerk. Looking back, I don't think I was really ready to go out into the workforce, but as they say, hindsight is 20/20!! I left at the end of the year to go to Texas for a couple of months. Why Texas? Texas is SA's sister state. I went as a representative of SA in a combined Service Club Exchange for Texas & SA's sesquicentennial (150th Birthday) as both Texas and SA were established in 1836. A fabulous experience and a beautiful place.

I returned to Australia and did some casual promotion work, where I met my first husband. From the promotions I went to the Julia Farr Centre, back into Accounts. I really loved the work and especially the environment and now wish I had stayed much longer. I got married in April of 1988 to Andrew and did some contract work for several months, in Accounts and Administration.

I then headed back into the Printing Industry, this time as a Bindery Assistant, which I actually really enjoyed. That summer (89/90) I did a stint grape-picking at some of SA's finest (like Seaview & Hardy's) which was a nice break and quite enjoyable. Back to the Bindery work, now pregnant with my first child. I had a very easy pregnancy and Mitch was born in August 1990. I revelled in being "first-time" mum, especially as he was an exceptionally good baby. I did a bit of evening work when Mitch turned 1 (department store cleaning) and then as he turned 2 I went back to the Bindery work again.

My marriage had been shaky, to say the least, and in January 1994 we separated. Finding myself suddenly as a single parent, I went for job stability at Mitsubishi Motors where I spent the next 2 years. In May 1995 I met my now husband – through "Connections" in the Sunday Mail - of all places! (a friend of his had put the ad in – long story, too long for here!!).

Mid 1996 saw a whole new change of employment at the 'Life. Be in it' Sport for All Centre Unley – based at Unley High School (added onto the existing gym)!!! It was quite weird at first, being "back at

school" – like being in a time warp with everything changing except me!! I was one of the Set-up Personnel there, my speciality being Basketball (I have a long history of playing, reffing, co-ordinating and some coaching in Basketball). I loved my time at Unley and regretfully my 3 ½ years there came to an end too quickly. In this time I moved up to Meadows (from Reynella), as the environment and school was much better for my son Mitch.

A quick 10 months with the Commonwealth Bank, with Ken and I finally getting married on "GST" day, a quiet ceremony with a few close friends and family. I left the Bank, definitely not my cup of tea, and went to work at Spotlight Edwardstown. (less selling there than at the Bank – say no more!!!)

My second son, Jeopard (pronounced like leopard) was born in January 2002, an incredibly quick labour and easy birth. Twelve months later I was pregnant with my 3rd child. Leilani was born at home last year (October 2003) – yes it was planned, we had a fabulous midwife, and I know it's not for everyone!! It was an amazing, wonderful experience, which I hope to repeat in the future.

I'm not sure what my "calling" in life is (other than I now know what it isn't!) apart from being a mother of course! I have really enjoyed the co-ordinating roles (paid & unpaid) that I have been involved in, so maybe that's where I'll end up. I'm also looking at the Bachelor of Midwifery (Direct entry) when my children are a bit older.

These days, I'm a "stay at home mum" (and I love it, 3 children, a cat, a dog & a goat), step-mum to 2 grown-up children & step-grandma to 3 grand-daughters(!), am involved in the local Meadows Community, the Meadows School and various birthing groups. I also deliver the "junk mail" to 300 houses or so, twice a week in Meadows (basically I get paid to walk – what a great deal!) and in my "spare" time I like to do crosswords, family history (genealogy) cross-stitch, surf ebay, bake, garden and I love to read a really good book!

I have absolutely LOVED being a part of this reunion team, and have really enjoyed chatting to various people about this event. I'm starting to get excited about Saturday – it's been such a long time organising that I almost can't believe it's here! I hope you all enjoy yourselves on the 18th. I know I am looking forward to catching up with former schoolmates and teachers. And I know one thing – if you only have HALF as much fun on the night as I have had helping to co-ordinate this, you're gonna have a BLAST!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

*Belinda*

## Pete Calvert

Another 5S escapee, and not really knowing what to do with the rest of my life, joined Kenneth, Simon and a few others doing engineering at Adelaide Uni. Took me a bit over a year to realise that I didn't want to be there (as did a few of the others), so much to the chagrin of my parents, and just about everyone else who knew me, I dropped out of engineering and did a degree in business at SAIT (now UniSA) instead (marketing major with a finance minor).

I actually managed to survive to the end of that degree, not really liking marketing, but enjoying taking electives in Analytical Philosophy and as many computing subjects as were available at the time. Got offered a job for the company that I did my final year marketing project on, the one job I hadn't applied for, and spent 3 months fending off advertising reps and fixing their computer system.

Having a pay packet was nice, but not enough to get me to stay there, so I left and happened to be visiting some of the lecturers I had whilst at Uni when some of their colleagues came around looking for tutors for a new Information Systems subject that was being introduced. Second semester of 1990 saw me teaching 5 hours of Information Systems at Adelaide Uni and 6 hours of basic Accounting at UniSA per week and earning more than most of my friends who had full-time jobs. Life was good, if a little uncertain in the long term.

I went to Thailand in January '91 and spent 3 weeks working in one of the slums of Bangkok with some missionaries, then a week up in the north of Thailand (ChiangMai and ChiangRai) where I bought some fake rolexes, real swords, and saw villages that survived on tourists and by selling opium.

Back to Adelaide and the School of Commerce at Adelaide Uni created a job for me so that I could work there full-time. I was looking after their student computer labs half-time and teaching the other half of my time. I did this for a couple of years before swapping managing computer labs to being the course advisor for the School, and then a couple more years before swapping to just teaching full-time.

During this time I also got married and, as my wife Julie worked at the IMVS at that time, we could drive in to work together and go home together as well. In addition to teaching Info Systems, Marketing, Accounting and Finance I also completed a Grad Dip in Computer Science and was part-way through a masters degree when my contract ran out and I decided to jump ship from academia to the corporate world. Going from t-shirt and sneakers to suit and tie, and shift-work on top of that was a pretty big change, but I started working at EDS early in 1998,

looking after web servers, and finding out that while the pay is better in the suit and tie world, the lifestyle of working at Adelaide Uni sure took a lot of beating. I moved to another area in EDS in late 1998 doing market analysis when the wheels started falling off their web-farm approach, and then I jumped to Drake as a systems trainer in late 1999. I had enjoyed teaching at Uni and now was in a position where I could focus on training without all the mucking about of writing research papers and also avoid marking exams. At this time too my son Sebastian was born six weeks early. Julie was rushed to hospital and could have died if we had delayed any longer. It was during my time at Drake that I got to know Kim Arnott, neither of us realising we were in the same year as each other at Unley until a new staff member who was a couple of years behind both of us at Unley pointed it out to us.

Makes me wonder how many others I've met over the years also went to school with me but I never realised. This got me thinking about school days and after discovering the schoolfriends website I signed up. There were a few (only a few) people there that I knew from school, but enough to prompt me to cough up the money to be a full member and send people messages.

One was Leslie Mohr, who suggested I should organise a reunion. Yeah - right! Got a message a bit later from one Belinda Heard who suggested she would beat me at chess (not sure we ever played a game against each other), and I passed along Leslie's comment. Well - that found fertile soil, didn't it?! And silly me offered to help.

In 2002 Drake suffered from the training market collapsing and I was one of the last of their trainers made redundant. This was likely to be hard as my daughter Alyssa had just recently been born, 3 weeks early, and jobs in IT were going backwards for the first time since whenever. Luckily a friend of mine had been trying to get me in to the company that he was working for, and the timing of my redundancy coincided well with their winning some work that no-one in their organisation was really suited for. I was. So before I had the chance to collect some dole money I started working for Vectra as an information security consultant, and have been pretty much there ever since.

And next Saturday? I'd lost contact with so many people over the years, and it can be pretty hard to find them again after so long. I'm looking forward to the reunion. Who knows, I may be glad I lost contact with so many - more likely though I'll be glad to be able to make up for lost time.

*Pete*

## **80'S TRIVIA & PHOTOS**

We have quite a bit of 80's memorabilia on loan for Saturday, including school uniforms. We are also hoping to have Unley's current uniform, which, in part, has changed a lot & a little since the 80's.

If you have any more "stuff" that you think would be interesting on the night, please contact us via the website, email [uhs1984reunion@bigpond.com](mailto:uhs1984reunion@bigpond.com) or call Belinda 0408 849 789 or Pete 0407 826 070.

## **Photos**

We STILL need those class photos – due to the missing 1984 class lists, the colour class photos are vital for the names that appear on the bottom, plus we want to be able to include them on your photo CD.

### **We still need:**

5E – Mr Evan's class  
5MN – Ms Mincham's class  
5SB – Mr Stradwick's class  
5V – Ms Veitch's class

## **Saturday 18th December 2004.**

Doors will open at 6.30pm (nibbles available from this time), and we are aiming to have some "meet & greet" time before the buffet is ready at around 8pm. This is a "stand-up" buffet, although there will be chairs and tables where you can sit if needed.

Parking is available on Kitchener Street and surrounding streets and also on the school grounds. Please be mindful that there is NO PARKING ON GRASSED AREAS and only designated parking areas can be used.

We are aiming to wind down by about 11pm as we are very aware that it is the Christmas period and lots of people have work and other commitments, plus the babysitters! For those that wish to party on, there are many local venues that would probably love a bit more revelry.

We have received our Liquor Licence, which allows for BYO, however consumption is limited to the hall only. We are providing soft drinks, OJ & spring water and we ask that you drink responsibly for everyone's comfort. Smoking is not allowed on Education Department property, but we will have "butt bins" located next to the fence on Kitchener Street.

We have organised a photographer for all the "formal" shots of the evening, but we encourage you to bring along your cameras and video cameras and we would like to be able to include your shots on the CD being sent out afterwards.

## **Sponsorship**

Big Kudos to Jasol who have provided a major sponsorship deal including \$\$, cleaning products and cups for the drinks.

Thanks to Drake Food Markets who are providing drinks at cost, and to Logovision who are providing some of the decorations for the evening. Panda Chartered Accountants will audit our account afterwards and are also supporting the event.

## **Reunion Website**

[www.users.bigpond.com/beag.sage/uhs/](http://www.users.bigpond.com/beag.sage/uhs/) is the "official" reunion website and beyond (mirror site: <http://www.users.on.net/~erucsbo/uhs/>)

You can still register **or change** your details on this site (all your contact details remain confidential) and check out the latest reunion news. PLEASE INCLUDE AN EMAIL ADDRESS!!

You will also need to give us your snail mail address so we can send out your CD after the event.

Contact us via: [uhs1984reunion@bigpond.com](mailto:uhs1984reunion@bigpond.com), Phone 0408 849 789 (Belinda) or send details to:

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PO Box 231, Meadows SA 5201

## **Belinda & Pete**

## **UNLEY HIGH TRIVIA QUIZ - Answers**

1. Name the four sports houses and their corresponding colours. (*Gates – Green, Giles – Blue, Kitchener – Red, Kyre – Yellow*)
2. Who was the Principal of our 1984 year? (*Don Wilkinson, Jack Hansberry retired in 1983*)
3. What was the name of the dog that used to be a regular around the Junior School? (*Ranger*)
4. What is the name of the street that runs into Kitchener Street from Unley Road? (*Tutt Avenue*)
5. Who were the Head Prefects in 1984? (*Jonathan Elcombe & Jenny Hall*)
6. Who sang "Counting the Beat"? (the Kmart la-da-di-dah, la-da-di-dah song) (*The Swingers*)
7. What kind of car did Mr Smith drive? (*various answers accepted!!*)
8. What was/is the school motto? (*The Utmost for The Highest*)
9. How much did a bread roll cost from the canteen? (*30c or \$1 would buy a roll + chips for a "chip roll"*)
10. What was a redskin? (*A pinky-red sticky sweet long lolly in a wrapper*)

Not mentioning any names (Nick) but we had one person who got every question right!! (Be afraid, be very afraid!!) Hope you had a laugh with the quiz!