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FMD "Doing it for Themselves"

As one currently involved in further education (third year BSc), I have become aware of a number of other FMD staff who are making the effort to upskill.

First, congratulations are in order to Priscilla Gini and Robert Moir. Priscilla has just completed a Diploma of Horticulture (Massey), and Robert the National Certificate in Carpentry. This will have involved many hours of study, both formal and at home, and the dedication required is not to be underestimated.

Second, Philip Jensen is also involved in trades study, and has completed about a year and a half of four years of study for NZQA Certificate in Maintenance and Diagnostics. Keep going Phil - before long, Drew will have to be calling you "Sir".

Third, Pieter Koers and Susan Jensen are working towards a Diploma in Construction Management. Pieter has nearly completed the course, which has also involved correcting and upgrading the course material for his examiners!! Susan is about half way through her Diploma, as well as being a busy mother - no mean feat!!

Finally, Laurie Drummond and Emma Coker are both studying for Graduate Diplomas at Waikato Management School - Laurie in Management Communications, and Emma in Strategic Management. Both have completed 2 courses out of 6 courses in their first year.

So well done, you lot - I know the time and effort that goes into it, and that the grades being received put most of your younger fellow students "in the shade". Before long, John C may become the Dean of the Faculty of Facilities Management and Higher Learning.

Good luck!
John Badham

Who says its glamorous going to a conference?

Tony, Trevor and John C set off from Hamilton on Freedom Air at about 7:30 on a Sunday morning and arrived at their hotel in Hobart some 13 hours later. The conference was large with about 650 delegates and the topics included facilities management as well as general administration issues. Waikato was quite well represented with the Management School, SASD, Education and FASS all represented. The presentations, addresses and vendor displays were all of the highest standard and a number of very interesting topics were discussed.

The addresses we attended included the efforts at optimising space utilisation, security issues, maintaining and integrating databases, rationalising the numbers of contracts on a campus, orienting designs to students not teachers, condition appraisals and different management philosophies.

There was also a site visit to the Sandy Bay campus of the University of Tasmania and another to the workshops, labs and maintenance areas of the Australian Antarctic Expedition organisation.

A few early morning walks around the city proved very enlightening - Hobart is older than most NZ cities and has a lot of seafaring, whaling and forestry heritage, as well as having close links with Antarctic explorations and former penal establishments like Port Arthur.

Of course there were also a few obligatory functions like the welcoming cocktail party, the Reception at Government House, the TEFMA Awards dinner, the TEFMA breakfast, the main sponsor's Happy Hour and the conference dinner which we all had to drag ourselves off to - all very tough going! Then came Thursday afternoon and we started the long haul back to Hamilton, finally arriving home at about 3:30 on Friday morning, having had to help the shuttle driver change wheels halfway home due to a puncture.

So you can see - it's definitely not that glamorous going to a conference is it?

Tony Dicks

NPC Rugby Competition

Always lots of fun finding out who beat who in the weekly rugby competitions. Overall winners were: 1st Gary Meyrick with 83 points, 2nd Derek Freeman with 81 points, and 3rd equal were Gavin Parker, John Badham and Trevor Harris with 80 points. Apart from the overall weekly challenge there are the competitions on the side (as seen here where Ron Wilson was beaten by Pieter Koers). *Before anyone asks, Ron is not sitting down!!*



FMD Staff Xmas Function

It's almost that time again!

Invitations will be going out shortly to FMD staff for the 2004 Xmas function

This will be a catered bbq/drinks in the FMD courtyard after work on **Thursday 2nd December 2004**

Please reserve this date in your diary!!

FMD Social Club Update

There are still spaces available for the following FMD social club trips. If you have any queries about these contact your Social Club rep.

MYSTERY BUS TRIP – SATURDAY 13th NOVEMBER:

The bus will leave the FMD courtyard early morning (time to be advised) and is expected to be back late that evening. Please put your name down on the noticeboard in the FMD tearoom.

BOAT TRIP “RIVERHEAD FERRY” – SATURDAY 4th DECEMBER 2004

Cost \$35 for FMD social club donators, payable by those who have not already paid and are interested in now going. \$50 non social club donators. All those interested in going please put your name down on the board in the FMD tearoom. Bus leaves Hamilton 7.30am. Those who went on the bus trip to Auckland on 28th February 2004 will be charged \$20 each for the bus.

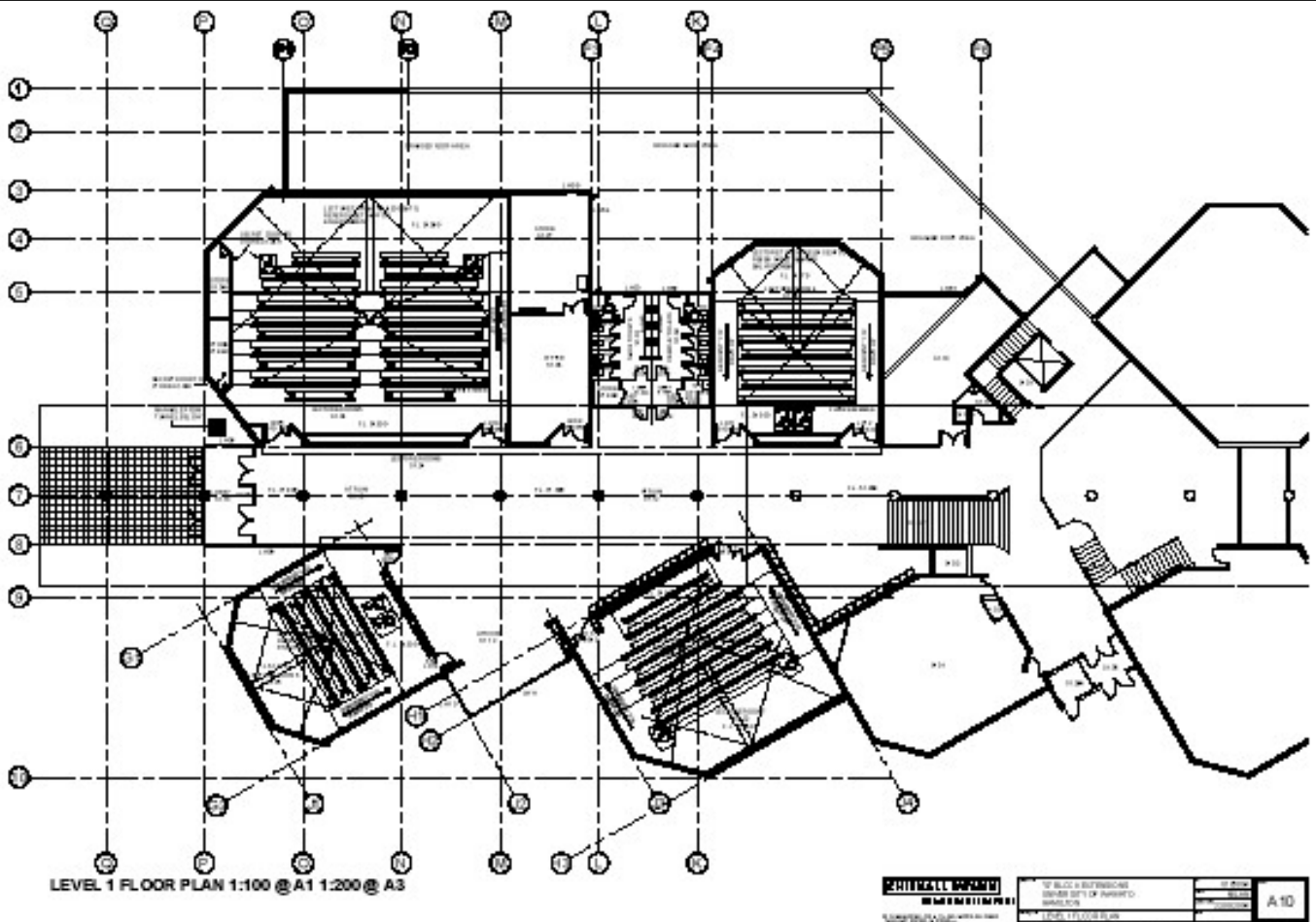
Block S, Stage 2

As some people may be aware, plans are rapidly advancing for an extension to the south end of S Block. The University presently has a shortage of medium-sized lecture theatres, and is also keen to replace ELT which was always a temporary structure. Thus the extension will involve three medium-sized and one large lecture theatre, all located at the present level 1 (top floor). These will be linked by a large foyer capable of accommodating approximately 450 additional students over the four theatres.

Below the theatres on the west side of the extension (level G) will be three computer labs for SCMS and associated ancillary rooms and foyer. The photograph shows the four new theatres at level 1, with the existing building at the right-hand end.

It is hoped that the plans and specifications for stage 2 will be completed soon to allow tenders to be called early in the New Year. If final approval by the University is subsequently given for construction to proceed, it is intended that the extension be completed and ready for use for B Semester, 2006.

John Badham



Letter of Thanks sent to John Cameron & Ray Hayward

My name is Weiwei Li and I am the technical administrator in Management Systems Department. I am writing you today to thank Ms Kel Thomas and Mr Tony Thompson who helped me re-start my car at late Tuesday night (05/10/04).

I was driving my car home after a long time studying and the car suddenly stopped on the slope nearby gate 7. I had no idea what happened since I just bought the car and started driving for a very short time. I therefore called the security staff and asked for help. Kel and Tony came to my car immediately. They found out that is because the car has run out of petrol (the petrol gauge is not working). It was very late at that time but Tony offered to take me to petrol station to fetch some petrol and made my car restarted. I really appreciate Kel and Tony's help, which solved a BIG problem for me that night. I think they did a very good job! I also thank you for developing such an effective team which is really beneficial when people, like me, are in a difficult situation.

Best Regards, Weiwei