



DRIBBLING BALLS

A Melbourne University Basketball Club Publication

ANNUAL DINNER!! ANNUAL DINNER!! ANNUAL DINNER!!

As you may have guessed, the 1995 Annual Presentation Dinner is fast approaching (**THIS FRIDAY, 24th Nov**) Anyone who doesn't already have a ticket, make sure you get one (now, today!). This is the biggest and best night of the entire year- picture the scene: everyone dressed in their best (dressed to impress....), enjoying a 3-course dinner and a few drinks, and awards being given out left, right and centre, including M.V.P.'s for each team, premiership medallions, overall club awards such as Best First Year and Most Improved, as well as distinguished service awards, coaches awards etc. etc. Not to mention a D.J (much dancing) and many people that you probably haven't seen in quite a while (the "theme" of this year's dinner being a "Back To" with lots of previous club members attending). For newer club members, this will mean you'll get to see photos of current club members in their youth (eg Dave Liddle with a hair-do that just might come back in fashion one day, but not soon!) Don't miss this night of nights! Tickets \$37 (students)/\$45 (Graduates).

PHOTOS PLEASE!

Anyone with any photos of basketball club members, either on court, or at MUBC social events, please let Tash, Tam or myself (Sam) know. We're putting together a photo board for the Annual Dinner, so we'd like to take copies of any photos people might have (the more embarrassing the photos, the better, of course!)

JAMES HUTTON, LEGEND

James came 5th overall in the CYMS M.V.P. award (voted by the ref.s after each A-Grade

game) for the Winter season. This is a huge effort considering the standard of the players in the competition. On ya James!

Just How Many Summer Season Winners Can MUBC Produce??

After such a huge week on court (22-29 Oct), this is a very valid question (and I hope the answer is: twice as many as Monash and RMIT put together!)

The Sunday night performances that stand out would have to be:

- a) The AR men whipping RMIT (yes, the team that ANDREW HANSEN plays in) to the tune of 50 points and
- b) Jan incurring a tech foul (yeah I know that's not unusual, but this time she was just standing on the court doing nothing, no ball or players within miles). Apparently Herman instructed ref. Tim that Jan just can't get into the game until after that first tech foul has been called...

But seriously, a huge night for Melbourne Uni, winning every game (well except the A women who had to play against WNBL players without any subs, and the C Men who forgot to turn up) so we're not counting those games! The D men had to overcome adversity, playing a team that could easily be described as "strange", after one particular play that saw their point guard down on hands and knees barking like a dog?? Here's a match report from coach Herm (*There should be more match reports, especially after games like the AR men's, but there are too many bad people in the club who don't ever write them. We need to recruit more good people like Hermie- ED.*) After a disappointing winter season, the

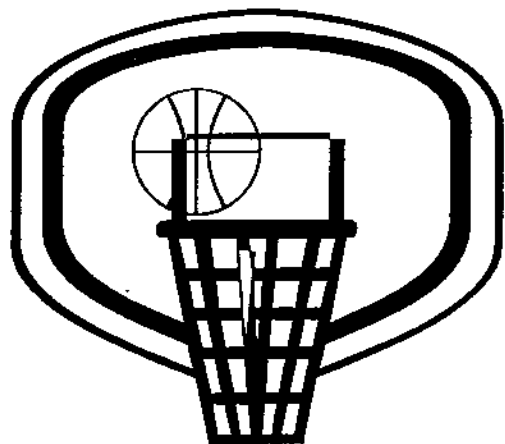
Sunday C2 men's team was dropped to D grade following the first few games of the summer season, even though our record was 1 win, 1 loss (by 1 point) and a bye. The team was thus pretty fired up for our second D-Grade game (having won the first by 14 points).

A mix of some old and new players meant we had a pretty powerful team and things were looking OK when we took an early lead. However, the opposition picked up their offence (ie banked a couple of threes) to take a 24-19 lead just after half time. After this we took control of the game at both ends to first tie the game at 26-26, and then go on to win 50-26! Some highlights were:

- * Alton (our American import, who wore #23) hitting 20 odd points, including a coast to coast tomahawk jam!!
- * James, Paul, Alton and Russell rebounding everything that came their way (*and a lot of things that didn't-ED*)
- * Phil and Brendan getting lots of easy fast breaks off great steals.

Hopefully we can produce more performances like this so that we can force our way back into C grade next season.

As mentioned before, the AR guys had a huge win, unlike the B women, who had to rely on a 3-pointer from the baseline in the last minute to win their game (hey, I had to mention it, it was from the baseline, OK!). We're making a habit of this, Viv nailing a 3 on Thursday to win the game in the dying seconds, too. Luckily on Sunday, the ref. didn't see the fact that I flattened the opposition's main scorer, as she desperately tried to set something up in the dying



MELBOURNE UNI
BASKETBALL CLUB

Tickets on sale **now!**

Annual Presentation Dinner

Friday 24th November, 1995

San Remo Ballroom, Carlton

Tickets: \$37 (Students/Unemployed)
\$45 (Graduates)
\$ 80 (Grad. Couple)

This includes:



FOOD: 3-Course Meal



DRINKS: Beer, Wine, Cider, Soft-drink



D.J.



AWARDS: Presentations of MVP's, Finals winners,
Special awards and Social awards.

seconds, as intentional....Enough said, I think.

The AR women managed a win, something they had so far found elusive. Strangely enough, 2 of their players fouled out, neither of whom was Jan!

The C women had things much easier, being handed a walkover, only to have 4 of the opposition turn up 30 seconds too late. Oh well, a friendly scratch match would do. I filled in for the opposition, which made things interesting as our girls kept passing me the ball. Uni's blocking out was excellent- in the opposition huddle at half-time, all we talked about was "gee, your friends certainly know how to use their bums!". It was fun to play against people that on Saturdays I usually play with. Er, you know what I mean.....

The B men had a win (despite the ref.ing, (bad- even by Albert Park standards), wrapping up a great night for the club. If we can find such form on a regular basis, we should have quite a few finals appearances. Lets see if we can't win ourselves a bagful of Grand Finals and really piss off all the other clubs.... Congrats to Howie and Sime, you're obviously doing something right!

Swan Hill and Warrnambool Tournaments

Before you go away for Uni holidays, put your names down for these two excellent tournaments, both of which are held before Uni starts again. Swan Hill is over New Year's, and generally goes for ~ 4 days (sunshine, swimming, camping, drinking and a little basketball- not necessarily in that order). Personally, I think this is the best tournament of the year, as you not only get to play, you get to see a high standard of games, as lots of CBA and a handful of NBL players also compete.

Warrnambool is great, too. Held on the Australia Day weekend in January, we all stay together at the Deakin Uni residences, making it a very social tournament (a great opportunity for newer members

of the club to get to know everyone!)

Anyone interested in spending some of their summer break in this (relaxing?) manner, should speak to James (the Legend) Hutton, or Michelle (Tiger) Hansen, and pay \$10 per tournament to ensure you're put in a team.



CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY

This annual club event is being held this year, on Saturday the 9th of December, so write that down in your diaries, kiddies. It promises to be a good night. It will be held at: Claire's flat- #3, 2-4 Warra St. Toorak. Everyone is invited, we hope everyone comes. Bring a bottle of something (the more interesting the bottle, the more interesting the cocktails we can make) and your happy smiling face, and brace yourself for a great time!

MASTER'S GAMES 1995

(Report by Coops)

Melbourne- A Sunday early in October, with sunshine streaming over a sea of faces in the Albert Park Stadium "beer garden". Picture the yard outside the bar completely chockers, absolutely wall to wall with people, and the bar not able to sell beer fast enough to satisfy the masses. This looks like my kind of tournament! Opening drinks was a bit of a concern, as people who had not sighted each other for ten or twenty (or more!!) years tried to recognise or be recognised. Onto the tournament!! How many of these names do you recognise....? Peter Beaumont, Phil Beart, Henry Cooper, Rick

Graham, Chris MacPherson, Len Miller, Mal Short, Les Walker, Steve Wojnarowski. All of these players are past regulars from Melbourne Uni, firsts or seconds- (check your old Dribbling Balls from the 60's, 70's or 80's). Average age about 44 years, so if you are a 20 year old undergrad, you might still have a few years left! In summary, we played 4 games, won three, losing to a team with a bunch (collective term for basketballers) of recently retired NBL players. Anyway, the moral of the story is: THIS TOURNAMENT WAS ABSOLUTELY BRILLIANT. THE MOST REWARDING (SOCIALY AND COMPETITIVELY) WEEK I HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SINCE INTERVARSITY DAYS. ANYONE CURRENTLY INVLOVED IN ORGANISING, PLAYING OR COACHING TOWARDS HAVING MELBOURNE PLAY INTERVARSITY- LETS PULL THE FINGER OUT AND MAKE US A REGULAR PARTICIPANT. IT'S A GREAT EXPERIENCE!



What's wrong
with you, little
boy?

I didn't go to
the Annual
Dinner and now
I'm a social
outcast!

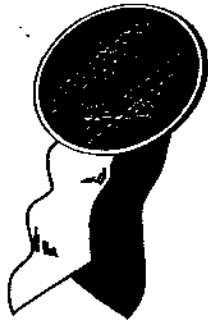


Don't Let This Happen to You!

Tickets on sale now from all Committee members. \$37
(Student)/\$45 (Graduate) includes:

3-course meal, drinks, D.J and awards (for both on-court and off-court
achievements). The biggest night on the MUBC calendar, don't miss it!

MELBOURNE UNI BASKETBALL CLUB



1995 Editors Choice Awards

(Awards that maybe should have, but definitely won't be, made at the Annual Dinner)

All awards fall into one of three categories- a) Vomit b) Snav or c) Soft, with the overall winner, the 1995 M.U.B.C. "Clubman of the Year" Award going to he (or she) with the best record in the first two categories. The Editors would like to point out that the nominations adhere strictly to the principle we have upheld all year (ie that the facts shall not stand in the way of a good story). Enjoy!

Category One: Vomit

*BEST FIRST YEAR

Nominations:

Michelle Chan's "I'll-follow-the-lead-of-my-coach-and-maybe-I'll-get-more-coûrt-time" vomit(s) at Tiger's Spa Party.

Joe Carroll (Skippy), for his efforts at Gambier

Ash Martin, also at Gambier (big tournament, hey Claire?)

Anna Rattray and Michelle Chan- Tag-team Rookie vomits at the 'Dome (These girls spent the entire evening sharing a cubicle in the toilets at the nightclub)

Dave Semmens "Trying-to-poke-it-down-the-plughole-at-Pizza-Hut" vomit during the End-Of-Season Pub Crawl.

And the Winner is: Michelle Chan, for making everyone else vomit when she left the AGM pub crawl with Brian Duggan.

*COACH OF THE YEAR

It cannot be said that our coaches don't lead by example.....

Nominations:

Simon Gaymer (Jan's 70's party)

Simon Gaymer (Spa Party)

Simon Gaymer (Booze Cruise)

Tammy Walsh (a wonderful "Toilet-Cuddle" at Tiger's Spa Party)

And the Winner is: Tim Nolan for his (untiring!?) efforts at Moe. We now have scientific evidence that "I've just filled up my glass again" is not the best way to avoid skulling when drinking songs are on the cards!

Special Mention- Most Consistent: Simon Gaymer

*MOST VOMITS IN ONE NIGHT (and the next day)

Nominations:

Michelle "Tiger" Hansen for her efforts at Wayne and Howie's housewarming (The next morning she was forced to ring her parents for a lift home, admitting "I think I've had a little too much to drink" Just 'a little' too much Tiges????)

Rod Ennis for his "Drink-Spew-Spew-Spew-Tech-Foul-Spew-Drink-More" Portland tournament efforts.

And the Winner is:

Herman "I've-never-chucked-on-beer" Tokatlidis, for 17 vomits in one night at Swan Hill, coining the phrase "Pass the Bucket, please Tiger".

*ONE VOMIT WONDERS

This category is for people who have attended lots of functions since their "event", but haven't repeated the said "event". Have they learnt from their mistake, or just gone soft??

Sam Sterling (Christmas Party) How Does Your Garden Grow, Jules??

Rohan White (Swan Hill) This effort, largely forgotten, as it was overshadowed by Herman

Herman Tokatlidis (Swan Hill)

Brendan Green (AGM Pub Crawl) Living up to his name...

Jan Long (Johnston St. Stagger) It was always going to be a big night when the girls decided to BYO on a pub crawl..... Well the Vodka and Solo was going down well (Jan commented- "Light on the fizz so you can slam it down fast") until the next morning, when Jan was forced to admit that it was "Light on the fizz so you can bring it up fast".

*TOP 5 VOMITS of '95

5 Rod Ennis "I had to lose my tournament virginity in a big way. I'm proud of that." Portland.

4 David Liddle- After celebrations for his 30th, he wasn't quite sure where he was. Went for the toilet cuddle (natural enough), unfortunately he was already sitting on the toilet.....

3 Dave Semmens (for embarrassment after the fact)

2 James "Helicopter" Hutton, for those who can remember last year's Annual Dinner

1 ??????? All will be revealed (pardon the pun) at the Annual Dinner.....

Category 2: Snav

*THE DOUBLE SNAV

For dual snavs in one night. These have been quite numerous, the implications of which illuminate the vital flaw, the inadequacy in moral fibre that makes the basketball club what it is today.....

Nominations: Tiger (Gillie and Paddy, Johnston St. Stagger)

Ellen (Simon and Choco, Jan's 70's Party)

Gillie (Tiger and Sam, Johnston St. Stagger)

Paddy (Tiger and Anna, Trivia Night)

Tash (Paddy and Jason, Booze Cruise)

And the Winners are: Tiger and Paddy (most consistent participants)

*BEST FIRST YEAR

No contest: The Rookie Snav (Booze Cruise) of Michelle (Mush) and Finn.

*COACH OF THE YEAR

Simon Gaymer:

For snavving most of the players in the team that he coaches- the AR women. (Most of the non-snavved players being married). See if you can recall all 4 ???!

*THE "ALMOST STARTING 5" AWARD

Award for snavving close to a starting 5 from one particular team, in the year since the last Annual Dinner. Unfortunately, most stalled at 4.....

Simon Gaymer (as mentioned above, he was the coach of the team in question)

Jan Long (Matt Roach and Simon are the obvious ones, the other two AR men???????)

Matt Roach (AR Women again)

??????? The Invisible Nominee (we all know who HE is!) The team being AR women again! And I thought the R stood for "reserve" !!!

*THE YOUNGER MAN SNAV

Nominations: Ellen Scott (Choco) At Jan's 70's Party
Mush (Finn) Booze Cruise

And the Winner is: Julie Randall, for snavving Adrian's little brother Damien (~ 18 wasn't he??) at Swan Hill.

*MOST OBVIOUS SNAV

Nominations: Mush and Finn (Booze Cruise- on the boat, outside the boat, in the hotel foyer)
Claire Jordan and James Hutton (in the spa at Tiger's Spa Party)

And the Winner is: Tash Sullivan and Rohan White (Moe)- and we thought he was shy!!!

Category 3: Soft

This category illuminates the poor performances of 1995, in order to promote improvement in '96.....

James Hutton- In '94 he was the most social, in '95 the least social, of the males in the club. Someone forgot to tell him that just because you give up drinking, doesn't mean you have to give up having fun!

"The Lonely Camper Award"

Goes to Michelle Hansen, for being the only one of 4 girls to sleep in their own tent one particular evening in Swan Hill.....

Stuart Verrier- As amazing as it sounds, Stu actually partook of a Booze Cruise without any boozing (not even a light beer!!)

Jan Long- It is rumoured that there was a game (possibly two) during this year, where Jan failed to get any tech fouls.....

Julie Randall- Snav Queen of previous years, has recently gone seriously soft. Started off the year in great fashion, just needs to improve current record.

The Inaugural, 1995 "Clubman of the Year" Award

This prestigious award recognises excellence in the fields of social participation and application to duty within the club. Henceforth, cries of "Legend, Legend, Deadset Legend" should accompany this person as they enter a room..... (Well either that or, Here's to)

Michelle (Mush) Chan- there have been few club functions where Michelle has failed to chuck, snav, or generally make a disgrace of herself. Her application to the task of socialising has been exemplary, especially considering this is her first year in the club. She beats contestants of the calibre of Simon Gaymer (many vomits and snavs, but has recently gone soft, electing to concentrate his attentions on Ms Long) and Tiger, who really hasn't done much this year, but we all know the potential is there. Not to mention, Tash "the quiet achiever" Sullivan and Matt "Van" Roach. Congratulations Mush, keep up the good work! Never before has a rookie won this award (well, it's never actually been presented before, but hey, it's still a big achievement). Here's to Mush, she's true blue.....



Mush '95 :)

Melbourne Uni Basketball Club

CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY

When? Saturday 9th December

Where? Flat 3/2-4 Warra St. Toorak

Why? Well it's a Christmas party and it's nearly Christmas, you work it out.

Who? Every single club member (we hope)

How? Bring a bottle (or a bottle between two if you get the good stuff) and you will be supplied with endless exotic and exciting cocktails. The more interesting the bottle you bring, the more interesting the cocktails you'll drink!

