

Ere Nola

HEAH

- 3rd Cousin once removed
* Sara Daughter in law in Kentucky
① Daughter "Neta" Taylor.
Early 20's

(Patricia)
Pat & Walter Taylor 70's
12 Burgess St
Amindale 2350

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Fayloys Cousins

~~Eric - Easy Telstra~~

27/3/02 Re look

Henrieville

Black Butt Plateau - "Snow hicken"

William Cr. Rd. to put fine starter
creek

to Orange & Cafe

Girl in Cafe Barnes get OK.

2 hrs ⁻³ climb to top, slippery
rocks. - Full day.

Start early in day -

R/ David Brodbeck for name/contact
of owner.

Need to site ref to.

Follow pink tapes
"Snowhicken"

Go after rain - ^{say} previous days

Dear dad

My Life This Year (Summed Up in Under 3 pages!)

LEAH

December 2001

Dear all,

I found myself writing letters to various people which covered different parts of my year, and I thought that it would be a better idea to write it up as one complete letter that I can send to all of those people who may wish to know what I have done this year.

The year started, in terms of college and uni life, when I went back to college about mid February to go on a training camp with the Resident Common Room Committee (RCRC) for Mary White College (MWC), because at the end of last year I was elected Treasurer of the RCRC for 2001. Being Treasurer this year has been interesting, because when I started I really had no idea what I should be doing, but the thing that really made me not too concerned about this was the fact that I could only do better than last year, where we didn't have a Treasurer at all. The training camp was a lot of fun, and the committee for 2001 was made up of a lot of new people, so we had a great time getting to know each other, and being full of energy and ideas (as usual for the beginning of the year). We organised Orientation Week for the new students in College, and I started to work out how to look after the money.

Throughout the year the RCRC organised a lot of activities for college, and we had weekly meetings. I have been involved in a lot of different activities as well as the money. I helped with the College Ball, was on the Constitution Review Committee, organised a college gardening day at a local Historic Homestead, and I participated in Inter-College cultural and sporting competitions. In Performance, where each college does a 10-minute performance, we did Mary Poppins. We worked quite hard, had a lot of fun, and came first. I really enjoyed this, and didn't know that I could have so much fun with other people on stage. I also played sports, such as cricket, soccer, badminton, softball, volleyball, and even a game of squash. These were great fun, although MWC is not very sporting, and we often had to have the rules explained on the day. We knew we weren't likely to win anything, and had a go anyway. But it had its highlights, like when we scored one goal in soccer all day, and even the opposition cheered for us.

My subjects in first semester were Introductory Biochemistry, Introductory Genetics, Organic Chemistry, and Plant Taxonomy. As usual I started the year with great plans for being very organised. I managed for a little while, but with everything else I was doing, it didn't go quite as well as it could have. But somehow I worked through and succeeded in getting High Distinctions in all of these subjects. I was also awarded a book for getting the top mark in Plant Taxonomy. During first semester I also received a 'Noel Beadle Prize in Botany', worth \$150, from my results last year.

During the July mid-year holidays, my friend Kate from college, and I, went to Melbourne, where we represented Mary White College at the Annual Conference of the National Association of Australian University College (NAAUC). We stayed at Ormond College at the University of Melbourne for a week, and attended talks by a range of Speakers, participated in Discussion Groups and Workshops on relevant college issues, as well as attending various social activities. We recently completed the report on the conference, which turned out to be about 13,000 words, and 32 pages, and I was quite proud of our efforts.

While in Victoria I took the chance to visit some school friends now living in Melbourne, and to stay with Nola and Frank, as well as seeing the rest of the Nagorckas in Tarrington/Hochkirch. And then I flew home on my birthday! But while in Melbourne I was proud of my ability to get around, and successfully navigate trains and trams, (I must be getting older!) which is good for future times when I come to Melbourne.

On Wednesday 18th July I had my wisdom teeth taken out. This all went relatively well, until I got home and started to swell up like a chipmunk. The following morning I was feeling nauseous, so the surgeon prescribed an anti-nausea drug. This helped a lot, and I was able to drink and keep my tablets down. Unfortunately the doctor didn't say stop taking them, and by Friday afternoon I thought there was something wrong. My jaw was feeling funny, and I started getting cramps and spasms in the jaw. Mum came back from work, and after a little while I couldn't stand it anymore, and we went to the Byron Bay Emergency Department. The Doctor was on his dinner break, but there were two lovely nurses who figured out that I had overdosed on the anti-nausea drug, and were able to give me an intravenous injection of a muscle relaxant. After a while I did feel much better, but when walking I felt a bit faint and wobbly. In fact even the following morning I was wobbly enough to walk into the corner of the desk. I went back to college on the Sunday, four days after my operation, still a bit sore and swollen. I recovered very well after that time, and now have noticeably more space in my mouth.

At the start of second semester I was a bit slower to get into it than my lecturers, which I partly blame on my wisdom teeth, and the extra activities I was still doing. I think I was running behind in everything from the word go. This was not helped by the fact that I didn't even get a chance to catch up in the September/October holidays. I had two weeks, and spent the first week doing Voluntary work at the New England Herbarium (which is basically a collection of dead plants on cardboard, but with lots of scientific significance) in the Botany Department of the University. This was a great week and I really enjoyed it. The following week I had to attend a Botany Residential School, and I got to appreciate the identification of mosses and ferns for my assignment. It was really hard!

This basically led straight into 4th term, which was a really short one, and I was still trying to do lots and keep up with my work. Things got very stressful from this point, and I struggled to get everything done in time. Also, by the time I got near my exams in November, I had been in college since July, without leaving, except for the occasional trip into town. The thing that really helped me was a friend in town said that I could come and visit her house in town anytime I liked. I hardly had time to leave college, but I did go there for one day to study, so at least I knew I had not been in college the whole time. And to top of this busy semester, I had my 4 exams in less than one week, right at the beginning of the exam period.

My subjects in second semester were Biochemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Agricultural Botany, and Fungi & Flowerless Plants. I didn't mind Biochemistry, but I really struggled with 2nd year Chemistry, and won't be doing any 3rd year Chem. But I loved the Botany! Unfortunately I didn't get to put in the work that I would have liked, but I think that Botany is what I want to keep doing. Despite everything I did, I have received my results, with 3 High Distinctions, and a Distinction in Chemistry.

So I have had a very busy year, but have really enjoyed it as well. I love being involved in college activities, and when I am not too stressed, I like what I am studying also. My hard work and activities were recognised when I awarded the Nancie Priestly Memorial Prize

(Shared) for which I received \$150, for 'outstanding contribution to College, University and Community activities'. My peers also gave me the 'Don Burke Green Fingers Award' based on my reputation for having so many plants in my room, and being so fond of gardening. The other thing that happened in September this year is that I got a boyfriend. His name is Mark, he lives in the same college, studying Arts/Teaching, and comes from Canberra, and I think he is very nice (obviously!).

As for the rest of this year and next year, I have been accepted in the Student Botanical Internship Program with the Centre for Plant Biodiversity Research (part of the CSIRO) in Canberra. This is two months of training and voluntary work, with 20 Interns from around Australia. It also involves the National Botanic Gardens and lots of exciting botany people. I am really looking forward to it, but at the same time it seems like a big thing to be doing. I'll be living in Canberra, and housing sitting for Marks family while they are on holidays for 3 weeks, so I will get to look after myself in a house in a place I don't know which I have never done before!

Next year at college I am involved as Treasurer again, and already have had to get into stuff for that. I have plans to start a College Grounds/Garden Committee. I am going to study more botany related subjects, and it looks like next year is going to be as busy as this year, although hopefully I'll have learnt to manage it better (sounds familiar!).

Hope this has been somewhat interesting, and filled you in on what I have been doing this year.

Love to you all, and have a wonderful holiday.

Your granddaughter, cousin, niece, daughter, sister, friend,

Leah

love you lots
♡ Leah

Additional note -
my apologies for not getting these
sent sooner. I really did have all
the right intentions, but things have
been busy since then.
Jan '02

17/12/00 Ex. Nola

Rev. William Hamilton (emigrated to Australia) and
married Margaret Clow.

They had several children, including:-

- A son, Andrew Hamilton (my Grand Father)
- A daughter, Jane who married Sam Fraser.
They had 6 children, one of which
was Alexander Fraser

Alexander Fraser married Christine Wade and they
had a daughter called Patricia.

- Patricia married Walter Taylor (my second
cousins). They have 3 children - 1 son &
2 daughters - (the youngest is probably
about 20.)

Patricia and Walter Taylor, ^{now} live in Annisale
(probably in phone book).

Leah's "in law"

↓ Rev William Hamilton = Margaret Clow

Rev Andrew (Grand Father) Jane = Sam Fraser

Alexander = Claire Wade

3rd Cousin → Patricia = Walter Taylor (of Armidale)

4th Cousin →
(Age about 20)