

Nosehair

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Welcome to the very first edition of Nosehair for 2005! In case you were wondering, Nosehair stands for News Of Science EU Having Articles, Interviews and Reviews*. We hope to bring you even more Nosehair in the future to give you a whiff of all the happenings of EU Science.



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Welcome!

Welcome to the Science faculty of the EU for 2005! This year is set to be an exciting one to be part of God's kingdom, on campus.

First of all, welcome to those who are starting at Sydney University this year. University is a great opportunity to grow as a Christian, and this year there are many events run by EU science to help you, some of which are outlined here. We hope that you will find them useful, and that we can get to know you over the weeks and months ahead.

One of the most exciting things about this year is the mission, which has been in planning for sometime, and which will run throughout the year. I can't wait to see the science faculty getting involved in the mission, and encourage everyone to personally do so.

With God's help, 2005 will be a great year of encouraging each other in the Lord, and reaching out to those around us. I look forward to seeing everyone striving together for these goals.

In Christ
Sean Carritt
Science Faculty Leader.

Small Groups

The EU runs weekly bible study small groups, and Maggie is quizzed here about what they're really like.

So Maggie, first a little bit about yourself. What do you do at uni, why do you do what you do, and what's your favourite TV show? I'm in my third year of Science/Law, which means I'm in my final year of science but have another two years at law school after that. I'm majoring in Biochemistry - people ask me what biochemistry has to do with law and I say "not much" but they're fun to do together because you get a lot of variety (and you don't have to do much reading for biochem, thank God!) My favourite TV show at the moment is Desperate Housewives.

The EU runs small groups every week. Can you tell us a bit about what these groups are and how they run? Sure. Small groups are grouped by faculties, so in science, we have small groups for 1st years and small groups for seniors (2nd year+). At small groups, we do Bible studies and pray together, as well as get to know each through the semester. We try to organise the time they're on to cater for everyone's timetables (so hand in your Yes forms!).

So how did you get involved in your first small group, and how was it? I must admit I was a bit keen. I probably filled in 2 Yes forms and kept pestering people until Marty (a much loved past staff worker) rang me during week 1 to tell me the time and place. That first small group was quite memorable - we had three male leaders but a group with 1-2 guys and about 8 girls.

What keeps you coming to small groups every week? I find that small groups are such a great chance to take some time out in the middle of the day (amidst lectures, tutes, pracs) to read God's Word and talk about it with other like-minded

people. They've also been a great place to get to know other EUers better - it's been so good to pray with them and encourage each other week by week.

Any gripes? Not related to small groups... but do you know how embarrassing it is to be reading a newsletter called "Nosehair" in public? Although I must admit it's a good conversation starter...but I can never remember what the acronym actually stands for =P.

What's the funniest thing that's happened in a small group you've been to? Last year, our first year small group couldn't find a room so we ended up sitting at the front inside Eastern Avenue auditorium. And that week, Clive came up with one of his usual brilliant questions - we had to share our worst vomiting experience. So we were all rolling around laughing (or cringing) at each other's graphic vomiting stories in the middle of a huge lecture theatre.

Who would you recommend small groups to, and why? Anyone and everyone! EU is so big and it can be easy to feel lost and overwhelmed when you don't know anyone. Small groups are the place to really get to know people - the way to get plugged into the EU community. Through studying God's Word, sharing and praying together, you'll find Christian friends to support and be supported by through uni and beyond.

To find out more about small groups or to join one, contact Sean or Liz, your friendly faculty leaders.



If you're after real spiritual food, great bible talks, good fellowship and something to do at 1pm on

Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, then the EU's Public Meetings are where you want to be.

As the name says, they're for anyone to come to, so feel free to invite your friends along. Many people find public meetings to be encouraging and strengthening in their Christian walk. There are so many great things to learn about God from what He has told us about Himself in the Bible, and the public meetings are a great opportunity to learn some of these things and grow from them. It's really good too, to learn these things together, to build each other up, and to grow as a community under our Lord Jesus Christ.

Public Meetings

Come along! The talks on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are all the same, so choose the day which fits your timetable best. Stay for afternoon tea afterwards if you can, to hang out with fellow EUers and talk about that inspiring talk you just heard!

Don't miss out!

This semester, hear challenging talks on Christ's death and resurrection, the beliefs of the EU, and campus-wide mission events from speakers including Andrew Katay, Peter Jensen, Ian Powell and John Woodhouse, teaching from John's Gospel, Hebrews, and other books of the Bible.

Dee recently interviewed Tim to find out more about the peculiarly named Science O'clock.

Dee: Hi Tim. Firstly, can you tell us your full name, year, major, and favourite ice cream flavour?

Tim: Timothy Iain (I think it's Scottish spelling) Pedley, 3rd year, Bachelor of science majoring in statistics, and ice cream... mango or something like that.

D: Yum... Moving on, last year you attended something that is called 'Science O'clock'. Would you like to tell NOSEHAIR readers a bit about it?

T: Okay, Science O'clock is a get-together of all EU science students. It's on Mondays at 1 o'clock, and it's a time of catching up, chilling out and escaping from uni.

D: And what sort of things did you do during this time?

T: Lots of hacky-sack, random soccer games, lots of 500, and general chit-chat.

D: Is this an activity that you have to be committed to and attend regularly?

T: Nah, you don't have to come along all the time, just when you want to skip tutes on Mondays at one.*

D: Hmm... And is this the type of event that would be good to invite not-yet-Christian friends to?

T: Yeah, it'd be a great opportunity for them to hang out with Christians, have a good time and not feel intimidated.

Science O'clock

D: Now I've been told that you're in charge of Science EU's socials calendar for the year, so can you let us in on some examples of other social events that are likely to happen?

T: A welcome BBQ that happens early on, we try to have a dinner each semester... and lots of fun stuff...

Science O'clock - Mondays from 1pm-2pm at the Eastern Avenue lawns and begins in the 3rd week of semester.

The Welcome BBQ will be on Monday, week 2, 12-2pm outside Stephen Roberts Theatre.

*Disclaimer: This suggestion is in no way endorsed by the wider EU community.



Faculty Weekend Away

Chrissie Heydon is studying 3rd year medical science. Liz talked to her about the Faculty Weekend Away (affectionately known as FWA, pronounced 'phwoar').

L: Have you been on FWA before?

C: Yes, I have been for the past two years - in first year we went up to Lake Macquarie and last year we headed up to Hazelbrook, in the Blue Mountains.

L: So what made you go back the second time?

C: I was actually really reluctant to go the first time because I was just a small first year student and I hardly knew anyone. But my small group leaders, Ang and Sean, really encouraged me to go (in other words forced me to go!) and I'm so grateful to them for that because I had such an awesome time away! I made friends with so many people and I heard some very encouraging and challenging talks from the Bible. Another

highlight was the food! So I knew as soon as the first FWA was over that I would definitely be back for the second one!

L: What do you think are the three best things about weekend away?

C: In this order: the Bible teaching, the food, the people.

L: And the worst?

C: In this order: getting up early in the morning (ie 7:30am), putting up with Sean's jokes, going home!

L: Will you be going again? And dragging all your friends along?

C: I certainly will be going again! And I will be dragging as many people along as I can - 'cause I have already been a victim of dragging, so now it's my turn for revenge!

L: You loved FWA so much that you're helping to organise it this year. So what will be happening?

C: This year we are heading up to a beautiful old guest house on Lake Macquarie. We will be looking at Joy and how, as Christians, we experience Joy. Our speaker is the famous Marty Kemp, a past EU staffworker. The theme for the weekend is the 80's, so come along in your best 80's outfit!

L: When will it be and how can we find out about it?

C: It's on the 8th-10th April. You'll get given a flier, and you can register through that.

To find out more contact Chrissie on chrissie170@hotmail.com.



Sean, Chrissie, Alex, Poker and Julia look on as Erin and Rachele struggle for supremacy in the thumb wars challenge at Science Weekend Away, 2004

Tasting God's Word

Sonia, in 2nd year science, tells about her encounters with God's word.

God's word is like chocolate. The first time you taste a piece of it you let it slowly melt in your mouth, rolling it around with your tongue so as to touch every taste bud. Then the more and more you indulge in it the quicker and quicker you eat it up, but every now and then you come across a particularly delicious blend and you let it sit in your mouth and it seems to taste even better than your first time because your palate has matured.

The first time I tasted God's word was long before I had any ability to fully comprehend its flavour. My inexperienced taste buds accepted it without detecting the impurities mixed in and the less than 2% cocoa content. My next encounter with the foil-wrapped bar was, unfortunately for my starved taste buds, much worse! I was fed carob 'chocolate'. Thankfully by the grace of God, the 2% cocoa in my first diluted taste aided me in recognizing the fake.

Then the good chocolate came along. For a while - I suspect though I have not yet confirmed it - some of my Christian friends in high school had been trying to give me some good chocolate: I was invited to many a youth group. But God's will for me to be one of His was finally fulfilled in the lunch-

room at Woolworths Rosehill. Amidst the stink of microwave scorched food and decaying lunch scraps I had a conversation with one of my supervisors who happened to be the son of a minister. I had questions; after my not-so-good experiences with various religions how could I not? My supervisor told me, before he signed off, to read Luke. There it was, so I took a tiny bite from the big Bible block and let it slowly melt in my mouth. Oh what glory was revealed to me, what delicious sweetness from a God who offered me so much.

After years of wondering why I had been dealt all the off cards, why wasn't I the smartest in any situation, why wasn't I the most beautiful, why was I the only one who didn't have a purpose, and so on - it was finally pointed out to me. It's not about me, it's all about God. I have ALL things in Him, maybe not the things that I want for myself, but the things that He wants for me and His love for me. So, on a normal day, probably eating chocolate in my room with the T.V. on in the background, I lost my life and gained life in Him.

"For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it." ~ Luke 9:24



Keep up-to-date with EU Science. Visit our website at <http://www.sueu.org.au/faculties/science>

Prayer Meetings

Why not come along to the EU prayer meetings? They're held twice a week; 8:30 am on Tuesday and 4:00 pm on Wednesday, on level 5 Wentworth. They're a great chance to pray together for the work of the EU, and the work being done in Christian groups all round Australia.

Your Friendly Faculty Committee

What *is* this thing called "committee"? The EU Science faculty committee is a bunch of regular EUsers and a couple of staffworkers who work largely in the background and make sure things such as small groups, faculty weekend away, dinners and other stuff gets organised.

Introducing the EU Science Committee for 2004/2005.

Male faculty leader: Sean Carritt

Female faculty leader: Liz New

Faculty committee: Deanne Quayle, Iain Fagg, Danny Liu

Staffworkers: Melissa Yager, Clive Lam



Sean
4th yr
B Sc



Liz
Honours
B Sc Adv



Dee
2nd yr
B Sc



Iain
2nd yr
B Sc / Arts



Danny
3rd yr
B Sc Adv



Mel
Staffworker



Clive
Staffworker