


# Nosehair

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Welcome to the fourth Nosehair of 2005, kicking off what promises to be an exciting second semester. As we ponder over the Church after AnCon, see all the new friends we've made, and settle back into small groups for the semester after the holidays, we look forward to a semester of seeking out people on campus for Christ's sake. Read on, and keep up-to-date with EU Science.

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 *Nosehair recommends:  
Get a whiff of these!*

## Questionable Christianity?

Ok, picture this... Wednesday afternoon, week 4 of uni, the wind is rustling the trees outside the "bar formerly known as Wentworth Bar". You're sitting there, thinking "Gee, it'd be great if there was an EU Science outreach dinner that I could invite a not-yet-Christian friend to."

Funnily enough, the Science Faculty-Based Evangelism committee was thinking the same thing. So, in week 4, on Wednesday 17th August, we are doing just that! The afternoon will start off around 4:30pm at the ex-Wentworth bar, where we will be hanging out, relaxing after a hard day at Uni. Around 5:30-6pmish, we will wander up King St to Thai La-Ong, where we will partake in an evening full of fun, friendship, food and most importantly, we will have the chance to openly chat about Christianity, and the beliefs that each of us have.

The dinner will be really relaxed; Clive will be giving a very short talk on the topic of "Questionable Christianity". It will be a fantastic night and a great opportunity to invite a friend along to. Remember to be praying for your friends, and invite them along!

**When:** Wed, 17th August (Week 4)

**Where:** Thai-La-Ong from about 6pm onwards, BUT before that we're going to be hanging out at Hermann's (formerly Wentworth) bar.

**Topic:** "Questionable Christianity"

**Speaker:** Clive Lam

**Cost:** \$20 (\$10 each, you pay for your friend)

It would also be great if you could quickly sms Mick or Clive, just to let them know you and your friend are coming, so they know how many people to expect - Mick: 0424 479 104 or Clive: 0414 339 321.

### EVANGELISM RATING:

Contains a solid Christian message and challenge, however would not be particularly intimidating to invite a friend along to.



# Annual Conference 2005

*Rachelle reflects on her experience at church after a challenging Annual Conference.*

Coming back to church after a week away at Annual Conference can often be a difficult experience. The music is just not quite as good, the people perhaps a little less friendly and the "away from everything" conference vibe is replaced by the "we all start work/uni early tomorrow morning" dragging kind of feeling. However, this year, after spending the week at AnCon learning all about the Church I was able to view my own church in a different way when I came back to it on the Sunday after.

At Annual Conference I was really challenged to know that the Church are God's people and that Christ is with us there. This put a whole new spin on some of the perceived inadequacies of my church. It doesn't matter if everything at my church and about my service is not exactly as I would

want it because the reality is that the word is being taught there and the Spirit is present in the hearts of the believers there and so this is the one great holy and apostolic church founded on Christ our Lord. Which is pretty cool.

Furthermore I was challenged that the church is a community of grace, that Jesus loves every single person in my church and therefore I need to too. I was particularly struck by Romans 15:7, "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Now, I won't pretend that I turned up at church on Sunday as suddenly this amazing super welcomer who was able to run around and have a meaningful encouraging conversation with everybody in the entire church straight after the service. It might take a few more weeks of the Spirit's transforming power before I reach that stage. However, I certainly found myself much more aware of the need to not just talk to my friends, the people who I really like and get on well with, but to look outside of that circle and remember to view the whole church as Christ sees them. So going back to Church was a wonderful experience because I was refreshed and challenged about why I am there and I had the opportunity to immediately try and put into practice everything I had learnt over the week at AnCon.



*Belinda recounts the fun times and great learning that was AnCon 2005.*

What comes to mind when I mention AnCon?

Just another crazy EU acronym? Stanwell Tops, from 18th-22nd July? A time of delving deeply into God's Word? A fun time to make new friends? A time to examine the idea of "The Church"? All of the above?

AnCon represents all these things, and so much more! To me, what made AnCon extra special was the Science Faculty. Who can forget the ingenious game, "In Christ's name I love thee"? For the first few days of AnCon, Science students were traveling around in packs, fearful of being killed by other Science students. This strange assortment of terror and the need for protection actually helped many of us to meet new people. The Lukabyo Cup this year, unfortunately, did not return to the Science faculty after a 3 year winning streak, instead going to the Arts faculty. However, I am convinced it was a glorious achievement in Science faculty history. We had two teams playing - Science I and Science II, however, and there was a huge amount of participation, which in my opinion, better reflects the spirit of the Lukabyo Cup. The beautiful Science Lukabyo shirts were worn with pride that day. Evenings were often

spent with other science students, and often involved late night poker, or just chatting.

The rest of AnCon was amazing too. Katay challenged all of us to practice "Church by Grace". The complex talks really gave a new meaning to "loving the Lord with all your mind". Ian Powell blew us away with the stories of Christians in the past giving up everything to serve the risen Lord Jesus. Bible Studies and Review Groups were inspiring and thought-provoking. Katay got swung off a cliff, much to everyone's amusement. The food was really good, even though there was potato at every meal. The music was fantastic. The seminars were helpful. The Mission launch was phenomenal. What more can I say? AnCon was an amazing experience and well worthwhile.

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the day approaching." - Hebrews 10:25



# UNFAILING GOD MISSION

## Dates for the diary...

**Week 3** - Think Week posters and book-discussion stall continue

**Week 5** - Saturday night 27th August is the Mission Fundraising Ball!

**Week 6** - Mission advertising - wear your mission T-shirt

**Weeks 7 & 8** - Unfailing God mission events - attend, invite, pray

## People ARE interested...

Connie became a Christian through doing a God's World course with the EU. And Richie became a Christian through some walk-up evangelists from the EU. Our mighty and powerful God, who raised our Lord Christ Jesus from the dead, is certainly at work on the campus of Sydney University! And He's at work in the lives of your friends. Your task is to find out which ones... and watch our mighty God use you - even you - in his great work.

People are interested...

Just think about the number of books that have been given away or sold at the book-discussion stall outside Fisher Library so far. 'The Case for Christ' by Lee Strobel is running hot! Not to mention the numerous great discussions that are being had. We can see a glimpse of God's work through this in the number of people that have signed up for a 'God's World' course (to investigate Christianity) - 6 on the first day alone!

People are interested...

One of the science small groups picked up 4 new people previously unconnected to the EU this semester. One of the Pharmacy small groups has 2 members who are exploring Christianity at the moment, and someone who came to small

group last semester as a non-Christian, and rejoins this semester as a Christian after Annual Conference!

People are interested...

So let's get praying, inviting and discussing, and enjoy the immense privilege of being on God's team and being used by him to lead someone along the path to salvation in Christ, just as someone else once did for us.

## How YOU can get involved...

### SEEK5!

Share your life with your friends  
Express your faith in words  
Invite your friends to events  
Kneel in prayer

Pray for and invite 5 of your friends.  
Pray for and follow up 1 of your friends.

### Unfailing God Mission Fundraising Ball

Eat, dance, chat, and bid for rare EU merchandise! Buy a ticket to support mission, and come along for a fun night!

The Masquerade Ball will be held on Saturday August 27th, at St Thomas' Church Hall, North Sydney. Tickets are \$25 for 'poor students' and \$35 for 'not-so-poor students', and will be on sale from week 3 after Public Meetings.

### Buy a mission T-shirt!

2 colours available. \$20 at Public Meeting. Literally wear your faith on your sleeve (in week 6!)

# UNFAILING GOD

## Worthy of your trust

### Mission events during weeks 7 and 8

<p><b>MON 5/9</b> Has God failed us? <i>A debate on the existence and relevance of God (Great Hall and McLaurin Hall)</i></p>	<p><b>MON 12/9</b> Unfailing BBQ <i>Free on front lawn, Main Quad</i></p>
<p><b>TUE 6/9</b> The horror of Suffering: the failure of God?</p>	<p><b>TUE 13/9</b> Unfailing LOVE in a selfish world</p>
<p><b>WED 7/9</b> The power of Science: the failure of God?</p>	<p><b>WED 14/9</b> Unfailing PEACE in a conflict-torn world</p>
<p><b>THUR 8/9</b> The failings of the Church: the failure of God?</p>	<p><b>THUR 15/9</b> Unfailing HOPE in a directionless world</p>

# Small Groups

God speaks to us through his word, in the Bible, and as Christians we should see time spent reading, discussing and understanding God's word as one of the most important parts of our busy week.

What better way to spend an hour a week than to gather with like-minded science students and delve into the meaning and teachings found in the Scriptures. EU Science runs many small groups throughout the week, and there's bound to be a time that suits your timetable. These groups are there so you can take time out during uni to meet and share your life with fellow science students, read and investigate God's word together, and also pray with each other. An hour a week is all it takes!

## Prayer Meetings

Why not come along to the EU prayer meetings? They're held twice a week; 8:30am on Tuesday and 4:00pm 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.

Small groups are essentially the heartbeat of the EU - Christian students making it a priority to gather around God's word and study it with the help of his Spirit. If you can only make it to one EU event a week, make small groups the one!

We run groups for first years and seniors (second years and above). This semester, the first year groups will deal with juicy issues such as the Christian community, prayer, and the Kingdom of God. The senior groups will be having an equally meaty semester, wrestling with Paul's letter to the Romans.

First year group times for this semester are

- Monday at 2pm
- Tuesday at 10am
- Wednesday at 11am
- Friday at 1pm

Senior times are

- Monday at 10am
- Monday at 11am
- Tuesday at 12pm
- Wednesday at 10am
- Wednesday at 11am
- Friday at 1pm



These groups meet on Carlaw level 3, near the blue chairs and glass pyramids. If you would like to join a group, just drop in to any of these groups, or contact Clive ([cywlam@gmail.com](mailto:cywlam@gmail.com)) for first year groups, or Sean ([sean.carritt@gmail.com](mailto:sean.carritt@gmail.com)) for senior groups.

Once upon a time, there was a boy named Fred. Fred was rad. He studied hard for his uni exams, but as he did so, he was worried because he didn't want to be bored in his holidays and he wanted to hang out with really awesome people.

Then one day he heard that EU Science was going to have a Shindig on the first Tuesday of the holidays. "Yay!" said Fred. So that Tuesday, after his exams were finished, Fred got in his fluoro purple Mazda and headed to Bicentennial Park, Homebush Bay for the Shindig.

When he got there, oh what a sight he did see! Some of the awesomest people he had ever seen were standing right there near the barbeque, and some more of them were kicking a football around nearby. Fred liked football. He

# Rad Holiday Shindig

played some football, and a bit of soccer too, and was glad that his holiday wasn't as boring as he thought it would be.

He ate some delicious sausages and some lovingly prepared salads and said to himself, "I'm so glad I could hang out with these people." He even tried a bit of barbequed Krispy Kreme donut! The sun shone, everyone was smiling, and the food and company was great. Fred was stoked that his holiday had turned out to be so rad.



*"In Christ's name, I Love Thee"*



*We survived AnCon!*



Nosehair wants to hear from you! Send questions, comments and contributions for future issues to [danny.liu@student.usyd.edu.au](mailto:danny.liu@student.usyd.edu.au).