

JOHN DRAKE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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AT THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND



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The John Drake Memorial Scholarship is managed and awarded by the John Drake Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Trustees represent the University of Auckland, the Auckland University Rugby Club and John Drake's family, all of whom have joined together to honour his legacy in this positive, enduring way.

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John Drake, tragically, died while still a young man with much to offer.

His many friends from varied walks of life, but particularly his University Rugby Club and his alma mater, the University of Auckland, have formed a partnership to honour his life in a special way. A decision has been made to raise \$500,000 to establish the John Drake Memorial Scholarship. This will enable the Trustees representing the University of Auckland, the Auckland University Rugby Club and John's family to award a valuable annual scholarship to an outstanding all-round young person who is completing their secondary schooling.

Each year the winner of the scholarship is expected to succeed academically in their studies at the University of Auckland, play rugby for the University Rugby Club, continue to mature in character and further develop their sense of citizenship. This scholarship is renewable depending on the holder's continued excellence as a young New Zealander.

In this way, scholars will epitomize John Drake's qualities and strengths and his lifelong contribution to education, sport, business and the community.

I commend this invitation to commemorate the life of John Drake.

John Graham
PATRON



The University of Auckland is pleased to offer its full endorsement and support for the John Drake Memorial Scholarship.

We very much look forward to welcoming the first John Drake Memorial Scholarship winner to the University in 2010, and also to welcoming successive scholars in the years ahead.

We also welcome this closer, direct inter-relationship between the Auckland University Rugby Football Club and the University. It is vitally important that talented young school leavers from all over New Zealand understand that they can continue their post-school sports careers just as well through Auckland University as they can in any other part of the country.

May I take this opportunity to wish this important initiative every success, as a most fitting means of commemorating an outstanding All Black and alumnus of the University, the late John Drake.

Stuart McCutcheon
VICE-CHANCELLOR



The relationship between the Auckland University Rugby Football Club and the University of Auckland dates back to 1888 and now a great way to honour a part of history is the John Drake Memorial Scholarship. John's time at the club, along with many other Varsity rugby players, was a great part of his life. The friendships created within the Varsity club environment prove over time that the culture and diversity of the people involved in the club are second to none.

The club, along with the University, teaches young people how to conduct themselves in varying situations. The brand of rugby we play at Varsity is hard and committed which builds lasting friendships.

John said he would like to see the Varsity club win another Gallaher Shield and with this initiative we will strive to do so.

We move forward with this scholarship in memory of a talented man, the late John Drake.

Richard Cawson
PRESIDENT

JOHN DRAKE 1959–2008 ALL BLACK, FAMILY MAN AND MEDIA PERSONALITY

John Drake, “Drakey” to his friends, carved out an exceptional rugby career, followed by distinguished service in the media related to rugby.

Like his father, Laurence, John played rugby for Auckland Grammar, Auckland University, New Zealand Universities, Auckland and the Barbarians. He captained the Grammar School championship-winning fifteen which included the Whetton brothers, Grant Fox and Nicky Allen – a team that All Black coach Graham Henry said was the best in his time at Grammar.

After a year at the University of Otago, John returned to Auckland, eventually graduating with a B.Com from Auckland University.

He played for the Auckland University Club, where he honed his natural football skills and special talent as a scrummager. John was part of two Gallaher Shield winning teams (1984 & 1987). His Auckland representative career spanned seven seasons (1981–1987), during which he played 85 games. This coincided with the start of one of the greatest Ranfurly Shield eras of all time. Apart from his skills in the front row, John is remembered for scoring a rumbling try down the right touchline as the Auks wrested the “Log o’ Wood” off Canterbury in 1985.

Sean Fitzpatrick, who played alongside John for the University, Auckland and later the All Blacks, recently said, “John was the best tighthead prop I played with – and the most destructive.” He even acknowledged that John had taught him a few tricks!



John enjoyed three off-seasons playing for the French rugby club Bourgen-Bresse, where he made lasting friendships. It was from France that he was called in 1985 to join the injury stricken All Blacks, who were in Argentina at the time. He became Auckland University’s 12th All Black. John Drake went on to play 12 games, including eight tests, for the All Blacks as a rock-solid tighthead prop from 1984–1987. Along with Varsity Club mates Sean Fitzpatrick, Grant Fox and David Kirk, John was in the team that won the first ever Rugby World Cup.

Former All Black coach, John Hart, said recently, “To my mind John was, without doubt, one of the finest tighthead props ever to play in New Zealand.”

John retired from representative rugby at age 28, playing only social rugby after 1987. He joined the Barbarian committee and later became the club captain.

The dedication he showed on the rugby field carried over to his private life. John married Cathy in 1991 and was devoted to her and their three daughters. Apart from his business interests, he was actively involved in the community in supporting rugby, lifesaving, netball and programmes for youth at risk.

John started his media career doing radio commentary. He later joined the Sky Television team and became an expert commentator, known for his fairness and perceptive assessments of the games and players, as well as for his analysis of the breakdowns. He featured on the *Reunion* television programme and wrote weekly columns for the *New Zealand Herald*.

John Drake died suddenly in December 2008, at his Mt Maunganui home.

His friends describe him as a smart man, witty, sociable, a raconteur, ever willing to spend time with friends over a glass of red wine, a superb footballer and “one of the good guys”.

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FORMER ALL BLACK COACH

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VARSIITY CLUB – A PLACE OF SPIRITED CAMARADERIE

The Auckland University Rugby Football Club was established in 1888. Historical records testify to some very tough times early on, but the club would not accept defeat. In 1906 the club chose new colours – the heraldic blue and silver still used to this day, more than a hundred years on.

Despite its uncertain beginnings, the Varsity club has evolved to an institution of great spirit and camaraderie for its members. For its supporters, the club's performances are the source of intense pleasure... and occasional frustration! Still, it's good healthy fun for all involved.

For many, the club is a sanctuary after a week of hard work. Members and players come to the University Club to enjoy positive rugby, good beer and good cheer and to leave the stresses of assignments and high-pressure careers at the clubroom door.

The award winning clubrooms beside the main rugby field at Colin Maiden Park were built in 1977, providing members and supporters with a social facility most other clubs can only envy.

The Varsity club is known as a club for players. You won't encounter strict protocols or puffery at this club – we tend to do the right thing instinctively. This also shows in the style of rugby our teams play and the supporters like to watch. In all modesty, we think this style can be attributed to the educated intelligence of our players. The natural



enthusiasm and willingness of students to challenge the status quo is inherent in our playing style.

Rival clubs may view our philosophy as laid back, but to their chagrin it has brought the club more than its fair share of victories, with the University Club winning the Gallaher Shield more times than all but one other club.

Numerous outstanding leaders have worn the mighty blue jersey,

including rugby notables such as Sean Fitzpatrick, Grant Fox, David Kirk, John Tanner and John Graham. The club has also produced All Black coaches Bryce Rope and Graham Henry.

The club's alumni also made their presence felt in commerce and politics. Former members include Sir Harcourt "Pat" Caughey (of retailer Smith & Caughey), Winston Peters (former deputy Prime Minister), Ken Baguley (current chairman of Auckland Rugby Football Union), Colin Kay (former Auckland mayor) and Rob Fisher (former chairman of the New Zealand Rugby Union).

This short list of highly accomplished people is testament to our club's unique blend of sporting prowess, intellectual power and the willingness to challenge the status quo.

John Drake embodied all of these virtues. He was a great credit to Auckland University Rugby Football Club, fulfilling all its best hopes for player performance. A memorial scholarship is an honour befitting such an outstanding individual and is the most appropriate way to focus his example in the minds of young aspiring players so that they can emulate his achievements.

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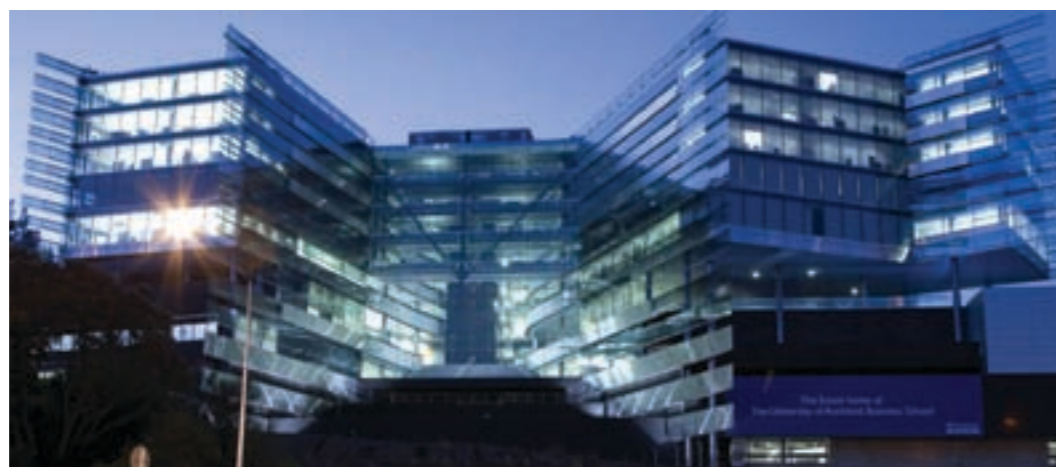
The University of Auckland is New Zealand's leading and largest university with 38,500 students, nearly 10,000 of whom graduate annually in a wide range of professions and fields.

The University has eight faculties: Arts, Business and Economics, Creative Arts and Industries, Education, Engineering, Law, Medical and Health Sciences and Science, offering a full range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. It supports a number of research centres and institutes including two large-scale institutes: the Liggins Institute, which is involved in biomedical and clinical research, and the Auckland Bioengineering Institute, which has pioneered computer modeling of the human body. A School of Theology teaches in conjunction with external Theological Colleges.

The main campus of the University is in the heart of the city, with four specialist campuses at Grafton, Epsom, Tamaki, and Whangarei.

The University's mission is to be a research-led, international university, recognised for excellence in teaching, learning, research, creative work and administration. It seeks to make a significant contribution to the advancement of knowledge and is committed to serving its local, national and international communities.

The University's students and staff come from all over New Zealand and all over the world. In 2008, more than 4,000 international students from some 93 countries studied alongside our domestic students. The teaching and research staff are similarly international.



THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND IS NEW ZEALAND'S LEADING AND LARGEST UNIVERSITY

The University of Auckland is New Zealand's pre-eminent research institution with the largest number of top-ranked researchers. University researchers attract about \$90 million each year from nationally and internationally competitive funding sources. Its research company, UniServices, manages the University's intellectual property and is the largest organisation of its kind in Australasia, generating revenue of \$100 million through the commercialisation of expertise and research. The University's contribution to New Zealand's economy has been estimated at over \$NZ4 billion per annum.



A SCHOLARSHIP TO HELP OTHERS WALK IN JOHN DRAKE'S FOOTSTEPS

The John Drake Memorial Scholarship is for an outstanding all-rounder to study at the University of Auckland and also to play for the University Club. It will be awarded to a school leaver with the potential to emulate the attitude and success of John Drake both on and off the rugby field.

The scholarship will be awarded on an annual basis from 2009, based on the decision of the Trustees of the John Drake Memorial Scholarship Fund, who will comprise the selection committee, chaired by Patron, John Graham. The scholarship will be renewable annually for the three or four years of the successful applicant's degree course, subject to the recipient meeting their obligation to perform at an acceptable level in both University studies and at the AURFC.

The scholarship and accompanying application forms will be advertised through both the University and the AURFC. An AURFC letter has been sent to all schools advising of the early September closing date. It is intended that the inaugural John Drake Memorial Scholar will be selected by the beginning of October this year.

"The combination of the powerful and positive influences at the University and University Club, as well as the involvement of the John Drake Memorial Scholarship Fund, will contribute to the rounding of the individual, so that they can mirror success on the rugby field with the development of their personal standing and example in the community," says former All Black captain and University player John Graham.

John Graham is also John Drake's former Headmaster, and will be Patron of the Scholarship Trust Committee, which comprises Dr David Caughey, John Taylor, Richard Cawson, Simon Johnston and Daniel Wein.

AN ENDOWMENT IN PERPETUITY

An anonymous donor has already paid for the first scholarship of \$5,000, to enable the first Drake Memorial Scholar to be selected for 2010. Depending on the success of the fundraising campaign over the next two years, a capital sum of, for example, \$300,000 raised by the end of next year will produce enough income to offer three concurrent \$5,000 scholarships per annum from 2011. This would mean that, at any one time, there would be three Drake Memorial Scholars studying at the University and playing for the AURFC.

The Trustees have determined that the Scholarship Fund will be vested in the University of Auckland Foundation with its own special deed of gift to ensure that the Fund is well managed, invested and income disbursed annually in perpetuity. The University of Auckland Foundation has kindly agreed to manage and invest the scholarship fund free of any charges.

YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THIS GREAT CAUSE

To honour the legacy of John Drake and give deserving young people the support to emulate his achievements through the John Drake Memorial Scholarship, we need the generous support of people such as yourself.

We would appreciate any support, no matter the size, to help us boost this Fund to our target of \$500,000 to make it sustainable.

You may do so anonymously or join the ranks of our Supporters.

Supporters will receive acknowledgement through the website and through our communications.

You can make your contribution in a manner which suits you.

■ Donations can be made by electronic fund transfer directly to the ASB Bank: The John Drake Memorial Scholarship Fund 12-3209-0432959-50

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The Trust has been incorporated under the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Act 1957, and the Trustees are in the process of having the Trust registered with the Charities Commission and having the Trust approved with charitable status.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SUPPORT, NO MATTER THE SIZE



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