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EDITORIAL

Life is Change

Somebody once brightly remarked that perfection is stagnation. We make no claim to perfection. Life is change, growth is change.

Once upon a time there was no Geelong College. It was born in 1861, it lived, it grew. Its lands and buildings and other material equipment have changed and expanded, its personnel has undergone constant change, as is inevitable in any human society. Its teaching methods and emphasis have altered to meet the needs of a rapidly changing pattern of life. But it has remained The Geelong College, strengthened now with a proud record of experience and achievement over the most dramatic century in our history, and facing with vigour and hope a future which seems largely speculation and a wild surmise.

Once upon a time there was no Old Geelong Collegians' Association. The need for it was obvious—the spontaneous desire of many old boys to maintain old friendships and to express their gratitude for the past and their hopes for the future—in practical assistance to the school—for many years before the association was formally constituted in 1901.

The brief constitution adopted then stands recorded in a fair round hand in the original leather-bound minute book. It was amended only in minor respects in ensuing years to meet specific difficulties which arose from time to time.

In recent years, however, it became apparent that wider and more efficient organisation and administration were required if the objects of the association were to be substantially realised among the ever-increasing number of old boys; and with this in view, the constitution was completely remodelled in 1964.

But the association retains its identity as the Old Geelong Collegians' Association. Its objects are as in the original constitution:—“(a) to promote the welfare of the Geelong College; and (b) to unite those who have attended The Geelong College as pupils and to foster good fellowship among them and between them and the College.”

Once upon a time there was no “Ad Astra.” It came into being with The Geelong College Centenary Building Fund Appeal, as a means of disseminating information connected with the school and with the appeal to all who were, or could be, or should be, interested.

We hesitate to say how well this journal served its original purpose; but we feel flattered to learn that, with the successful culmina-

tion of the building appeal, the Association has decided that “Ad Astra” will not fade out of existence but will be taken over as the news letter of the Association. Its circulation will now be limited to members of the Association, giving old boys news of each other and of the school. To a large extent it will take the place of Old Boys notes in “Pegasus” and relieve that magazine of so much pressure in space and expense.

May we hope that “Ad Astra” will be welcomed in its new role, and that old boys will co-operate in seeing that we are kept informed of all matters of interest to members.

Harry Fallaw

President's Column

Annual Reunion

My thanks to all those who contributed towards the success of the annual reunion on Saturday, 17th July. The annual meeting was well attended, the Chapel Service at St. David's was a memorable experience, and the dinner maintained the high standard of these functions in recent years. In particular, I should like to thank the College Chaplain, the Rev. J. D. Bentley, the Rev. E. C. McLean and Mr. D. W. Martin for their various contributions toward the Chapel Service, and to Messrs. B. R. Keith, V. H. Andrews and D. D. Davey for their addresses at the annual dinner. The dinner was attended by Presidents and representatives of other Public School associations.

Mr. F. R. Quick

We were all shocked to hear of the sudden death of our friend and Committee member, Ross Quick. He will be a very great loss to the Association, and—in particular—the move to initiate an amateur football team, will lose the drive and enthusiasm for which Ross will be well remembered.

Executive Officer

“Mac” McVittie was welcomed at both the annual meeting and the annual dinner, and he is fast becoming known to many Old Collegians. “Mac” is now stationed at our own office at the College, and I do hope that you will take the opportunity to make yourselves known to him when you are visiting Geelong. He will be travelling around the country later in the year to try to meet as many of you as he can.

Branch Reunions

Together with Ken Nicolson and Harry Dunkley, I had the pleasure of attending the Branch reunion

at Horsham during August. It was a thoroughly enjoyable function, well supported by local Old Collegians. Kevin Officer was elected as the new President. Several of us participated in the Gippsland reunion at Maffra earlier in the year (Jock Farquharson is the new President there), and “Mac” was accompanied by members of the staff to the Mildura reunion on 4th September. All these functions were very successful, reflecting the renewed enthusiasm in our Association.

Reorganisation

After a rather slow start, the reorganisation of the Association is now proceeding satisfactorily, and I should like to commend those members who have accepted the positions of Year Chairmen (listed elsewhere in this issue). I hope you will give them your energetic support so that we can bring into effect the revitalisation of the Association, which was the objective of the new constitution. There has been a good response to the invitation to donors to the Centenary Building Fund to become “foundation sponsors” of the Sir Francis Rolland Memorial Physical Education Centre. I hope that more of you will consider giving our initial project a good start in this way.—George Ewan.

At Queen's

An influx of OGC freshmen to Queen's College this year has raised our representation to a record level.

The most eminent Old Collegian in Queen's is the Rev. Professor Norman Young, a member of High Table and Professor of Systematic Theology.

The newcomers include Chris. Wright and Peter Hosford (both doing arts), Chris. Penna and Roger Walter (science), Tim Hinchliffe and Donald Lawson (law), Gareth Andrews (commerce) and Ian Walter (vet. science).

Among the older men, Tony Paterson and Philip Kidd are in second year vet. science. Tony performed well to take second place in the inter-collegiate hurdles, while Philip was a member of the first VIII.

Gerald Irvine, after passing first year science, has switched to medicine.

Third year law men, Kenneth Andrews and Roger Douglas, have gained notoriety, the former for his efforts in VIII and XVIII, the latter as winner of the Eggleston Prize for a speech on international affairs.

Graeme Morrison is in final year of his B.Sc. (Forestry).

THE NEW MORRISON HALL

Detailed planning is well advanced for the New Morrison Hall. Apart from the extension and modernising of the existing building, one of the significant aspects of the proposal is that the Hall and its facilities will now become satisfactorily related to the existing school buildings. As the floor levels of the Hall and main quadrangle are similar, it will be possible to walk from the main building across a raised courtyard to the south end of the Hall. The building will be encircled by a two-storied gallery which will provide easy covered access to all parts of the Hall and ground floor rooms. The northern end of the gallery will provide an elevated view of the oval. A well equipped modern stage will be provided at this end of the Hall, and an increased audience of at least 500 will be able to attend school dramatic, film, and musical activities. At the south end the extension will provide additional seating and space for small meetings.

The ground floor level will accommodate day-boy common rooms, and space for additional music and dramatic activity, and provision for storage will be made beneath the raised courtyard. In addition, a long-range scheme of landscaping and planting will be commenced. This will provide level terraced court-yards of grass, paving, and gravel in place of the sloping criss-cross of paths and lawn. A broad raised pathway will run between the Hall and the oval to form the main pedestrian access to the School, and on the oval verge there will be a group of oval sheltered seats.

MALLEE - RIVERINA

The Annual Reunion Dinner of the Mallee-Riverina Branch was held at the “Grand” Hotel — Mildura, on Saturday, 4th September.

The President, Don Mackay, welcomed the members and guests, who included Mr. D. D. Davey (Acting Principal), Mr. A. D. Mahar (Housemaster - McArthur), Mr. R. B. Jamieson (Administrative Assistant to the Principal), and our Executive Officer—Mr. A. R. J. McVittie.

A very happy evening was had by all, and in between reminiscences, congratulations were extended to Alec Smart (1939) who had just been elected Shire President.

OUR WAY AHEAD

You will remember that, in our last issue, we gave details of the revised constitution, the financial and administrative structure of which has been changed. As a first step in the new organization, we have been given our own office at the College and the Association's first Executive Officer, Mr. A. R. J. McVittie has been appointed.

"Mac" McVittie who joined us in May and whom many of us have already met, is in the process of taking over the administration of the Association, which has, up to now, been the responsibility of the Honorary Secretary and other co-opted members.

One of the most significant administrative changes was the listing of all Old Collegians into Year Groups, according to their year of entry into the Senior School, together with their private addresses where known.

This list was published and a copy sent to some 3,300 Old Collegians with the request that the details listed be confirmed by the individuals concerned.

In the meantime your committee appointed an Executive Committee consisting of Mr. K. S. Nall (Chairman); Mr. W. Wishart and Mr. G. D. Murray to plan and implement the Alumni Programme.

This Committee together with the Acting Principal, Mr. D. D. Davey, and the Executive Officer had frequent and regular meetings. It was decided that 4 Group Chairmen should be appointed, each one of whom would be responsible for a group of years, and who in turn would enlist his own Year Chairmen. It was also agreed that the first Year Chairmen's Conference would be held on August 6th at 6 p.m. at the College.

The following Old Collegians very kindly offered their services as Group and Deputy-Group Chairmen:

Mr. A. J. Campbell, 1890-1920.
Mr. M. T. Wright, 1921-1935.
Mr. H. M. Clarke (Deputy).
Mr. J. G. Mitchelhill, 1936-1950.
Mr. E. K. Doery (Deputy).
Mr. W. S. McCann, 1951-1964.
Mr. B. J. Solomon (Deputy).

The individual Group Chairmen then enlisted their own Year Chairmen, and to date the undermentioned Old Boys have gladly accepted the "Chair" for the coming year. As you will see they are in the Geelong and Melbourne areas.

This was considered essential in the inaugural Year as it was envisaged that there would be frequent meetings with the Committee before the new organisation got under way.

YEAR CHAIRMEN

1903-1909, J. H. Campbell, (Geelong).
1910-1913, K. A. Wilson (Geelong).
1914, H. I. Gibb (Melbourne).
1919, J. R. Griffiths (G'long).
1920, T. L. Macmillan (G'long).
1921, L. A. Illingworth (G'long).
1924, A. N. Walls (M'bourne).
1926, S. N. McDonald (M'bourne).
1927, A. J. McAdam (G'long).
1930, J. D. Hede (G'long).

1931, A. L. H. Lucas (G'long).
1932, L. H. Batten (G'long).
1934, H. M. Clarke (G'long).
1939, P. W. Grutzner (M'bourne).
1940, J. G. W. Urbahns (Melbourne).
1941, F. W. Elliott (G'long).
1943, R. A. Leggatt (G'long).
1945, D. I. Carmichael (M'bourne).
1946, W. Jones (M'bourne).
1947, D. A. C. Pigdon (G'long).
1948, J. M. Buntine (G'long).
1949, T. S. Dennis (G'long).
1950, M. J. Roland (G'long).
1952, D. C. Alexander (G'long).
1953, G. L. Pearce (G'long).
1954, L. G. Hatton (G'long).
1955, J. Fidge (G'long).
1956, G. R. Gill (G'long).
1957, D. A. Jarman (G'long).
1958, W. L. Lehmann (G'long).
1959, I. H. Opperman (G'long).
1960, G. W. T. Andrews (G'long).
1961, B. H. Pettitt (G'long).

On Friday, 6th August, the first conference of Year Chairmen was held at the College, which was also attended by members of your committee, and representatives of the College Council. Buffet dinner was served in the Refectory, after which the meeting adjourned to the new Science Block, where an interesting and thought-provoking discussion was held on the revised constitution and the role of Group and Year Chairmen in helping to shape this new policy.

As we go to press, many of the Year Chairmen have been in contact with all Old Collegians in their Year Groups, and through this personal contact we have been able to locate many of the 650 Old Collegians who had lost touch with The College over the years.

Your Year Chairmen will shortly be writing to you with details of the Old Collegians' first project under the new plan, "The Sir Francis Rolland Memorial Physical Education Centre," and your committee looks forward to your whole-hearted financial support to ensure the fulfilment of this plan.

In this connection annual members are reminded that they no longer pay an annual subscription to the Old Geelong Collegians' Association to retain financial membership, but, instead, we ask them to make an annual contribution, within their means, to the Geelong College-Building Fund.

Of course, Life members will always remain financial members but naturally we hope that Life members, of whom there are 2,100, will feel that they would like to continue to support the school.

Many Old Collegians have already sent in their contributions to the Building Fund for this year, but for those who haven't got round to it, may we kindly ask you to consider your support to our first project, so that we can make a start on the Building at an early date. Please make your cheque payable to the Geelong College Building Fund and send it to the Executive Officer at the College, who will of course forward the appropriate acknowledgement.

Our office at the College is now almost completed. The College has given us every assistance in setting it up, for which we are most grateful. Records are maintained of all Old Collegians, not only in alphabetical order but also in Year Groups and Regions. In this connection Branch Presidents are invited to make full use of the office when making arrangements for their Reunions.

With the best will in the world however, we cannot keep accurate records unless we have your co-operation. Would you therefore please advise the office immediately of changes of addresses, or the death of an Old Collegian.

The Executive Officer will be pleased to see you at any time should you be visiting Geelong. If you are coming out of normal hours or at weekends, drop him a line and he will be only too happy to meet you at The College.

WHO'S WHO?

Kenneth S. Nall

Ken, who is Chairman of the Alumni Executive Committee, was at the College between 1930 and 1942. He was a member of the first eight in 1942 and in the athletics team in 1941 and 1942 (being captain in the latter year). He was also a prefect in his last year at school. Ken is now Managing Director of Bright & Hitchcocks, the long established retail emporium in Geelong. Ken's interest in the College is evidenced by his

having been a member of the O.G.C.A. Committee since 1956, its President in 1962-63, and its representative on the College Council since 1960. Ken was honoured to be one of the Australian representatives at the Duke of Edinburgh's Study Conference in Canada a few years ago.

Gordon D. Murray

Gordon is joint proprietor with his brother Colin of the retail establishment, "Murray's Menswear," in Geelong. Since leaving the College in 1934, Gordon has been service with the A.I.F., has been National President of the Apex Clubs of Australia, and has recently been appointed one of the Commissioners of the Geelong Harbour Trust. Gordon has been most active in many public activities, including the Geelong Community Chest and the Rotary Club of Geelong.

William Wishart

Bill Wishart left the College in 1931, and is now a partner in the pharmacy business, "Bull & Ower" in Geelong. He has been very prominent in his profession, being an office-bearer in the Pharmaceutical Guild of Victoria and an examiner for that Guild. His public service has included work as an Apexian, and as leading member of the Legacy Club of Geelong. He has participated enthusiastically in College affairs, particularly in the Centenary Building Fund. Like Ken and Gordon, he is a member of the O.G.C.A. Committee.



The Alumni Executive Committee and Executive Officer
Left to Right: Bill Wishart, Gordon Murray, Ken Nall (Chairman),
"Mac" McVittie

Horsham Reunion 1965

On Saturday night, 7th August, the Horsham Branch of the O.G.C.A. held its Annual Dinner at the Royal Hotel, Horsham.

Covering the last 50 years, about 30 members were present. To take over from John Russell, Kevin Officer was elected President for the coming year, and Anthony Burgess was re-elected Hon. Sec.

Three guests of honour were present, Harry Dunkley and Ken Nicolson of the College staff, and

George Ewan, President of the O.G.C.A. In light-hearted vein, Ken Nicolson brought members up-to-date with news of the older identities on the College staff, and of the even older ones who are now Hermitage "mistresses": and Harry Dunkley, reporting on recent changes at the College, was amusingly satirical. George Ewan had the more serious task of explaining in some detail the Alumni Programme as adopted by the O.G.C.A.

A very happy and successful reunion was then rounded off by groups revelling in the usual "Do you remember . . ." reminiscences.

Traveller's View

Some weeks ago I sat on a seat under a huge oak tree at Winchester College, and tried to summarise my thoughts on educational Architecture.

I had seen many of the new State High Schools of California, the developing private schools on the East Coast of America, and now was surrounded by the traditions which had so much influenced the development of our own Public Schools. I was still to see schools in Europe and the Middle East and the rugged indigenous designs of Northern India.

No-one interrupted my thoughts (I learned later that the seat under the oak was reserved solely for the first eleven) and I remember deciding that good site planning made the first contribution to the well developed school.

Many schools I visited had grown with little consideration for an ultimate plan. The siting of buildings was related only to the immediate response to the needs of a period in which the individual units were demanded.

Whilst the siting may have been right at this time, even five years of rapid expansion rendered the next stage compromised by a costly error of judgment. The greatest contribution of master planning is flexibility, and only when developed with this fundamental objective have plans been successful.

I saw in some schools several sets of master plans which had been discarded as time moved on and changing requirements made them impossible to implement.

Planning the environment and surroundings was the next most important contribution to a well developed site. Here one had to be careful to relate climatic conditions to our own, for many countries lack the opportunity of developing outdoor areas and consistent year-round landscaping, which is possible in Australia. Schools with the greatest charm varied the historic formality of cloisters and quadrangles with informal building groups. The variation of ground pattern and materials, the use of leafy pergolas, sheltered seating, open vistas and changes of level, all contributed to a more inspiring environment. In addition the use of fountains and sculpture should not be beyond the range of our thinking.

The requirements and specific use of areas have been closely analysed in America, and careful thought is given to the different requirements for walking, reading, playing, talking and all informal outdoor activities which are so often neglected.

The result is that building groups become less institutional and more personal, but at the same time can reflect the unique traditions and aspirations of each school.

Where budgets were tight the next interesting facet of planning was revealed. This was the need to design the buildings themselves for the greatest use, and it was interesting to see just how hard some buildings can work at various jobs.

A gymnasium complex for instance can house a multitude of activities in the countries where outdoor sport is restricted in some months of the year, but this flexibility has application here also.

It is not always recognised that besides gymnastics, ball games, boxing, etc., a relatively large gymnasium unit can house indoor facilities for archery, tennis, skiing, rowing and cricket, and can be adapted for many other uses. In many countries the use of such facilities is also widened to a very broad school community, in addition to students, with great benefit to all concerned.

Another important factor is the need to analyse carefully existing space within schools, and this applies to grounds as well as buildings. When existing sound facilities become over-taxed or outmoded there must be thought to re-modelling and re-instatement. Columbia university preserved some important old buildings in its campus plan and finished with prime space at less than half the cost of new building in just this way.

Finally, particularly in reference to large projects, it is necessary to define an architectural vocabulary. In other words it is necessary to limit the design elements such as scale, materials, textures, colours, so that if these basic elements are retained through a long period of growth, the ultimate product will have unity even with considerable variety of architectural treatment. Thus, while buildings and groups of buildings and spaces can develop their own special characteristics, the general vocabulary will tie the whole together. San Mateo Junior College near San Francisco has recently been developed concentrating on this principle.

If there is consideration for siting and environment, flexibility, and the latest facilities, educational and architectural planners can combine to build schools which not only produce the highest standards, but also are pleasant places in which to live and work.

On world comparison, the Geelong College has achieved much, and continues to set its sights in the direction of this goal.—Neil Everist.

Annual Dinner Dance

The Association's Annual Dinner Dance, which was attended by over 130 people, was held at the "Stardust" Room—Palais de Danse, St. Kilda—on Saturday, 11th September.

The President, Mr. George Ewan received the members and their guests, amongst whom were our official guests—the Presidents of the old Collegians' Associations of other public schools in Victoria, and their wives.

A most enjoyable evening was had by everyone and our thanks are due to John Mitchellhill who, with his Committee, Don Braden and Jim Fidge, were responsible for such an excellent evening's entertainment.

For your diary—it is hoped to hold the dinner dance next year on the first Saturday in Show Week.

Ross—

An Appreciation

The following appreciation of the life and work of Ross Quick was given to the College at morning assembly on August 2, by the acting Principal (Mr. D. D. Davey).

Francis Ross Quick, B.A., B.Ed., Dip.E.E., Dip.Mech.E., joined the staff of his old school in 1949, and would therefore have concluded seventeen years of service as a Master at the end of this year. In 1925 he entered the Geelong College as a boy of fourteen. Now, forty years on, he has passed to his reward.

There can be none who will doubt his reward. There will be some who will wonder at the strange economy of God in calling so suddenly one who was but middle-aged in terms of years, but there will be few who do not appreciate that Ross Quick lived those years with zest and fullness, few who do not know that his friends, both here and elsewhere, are legion. Here was a man who possessed a boundless energy and a single-minded purpose when it came to teaching boys. His techniques were certainly often unorthodox. What attracted boys to him was his manly humanness, his human manliness. His bag was always bulging with his boys' latest efforts and with his own newest gimmick to sustain and promote the interest of his charges. Let it be acknowledged that he did not always have in his forms first-class scholars, or even sometimes, willing ones.

The boyish indiscretion he showed as to the use of his time was probably, throughout his life, his greatest fault. This indiscretion amounted at times, it seemed, to

Mr. Quick taught English and Mathematics, was Housemaster of Calvert House, was a constant coach of cricket, tennis and football teams throughout his seventeen years. All bore the imprint of his enthusiasm and knowledge.

It was natural that one who had been a league footballer, a first-class cricket and tennis player and a Davis Cup umpire should find his chief identification with boys who were keen on sport.

In fact it was as coach of the First XVIII, for a remarkably short period of only six years, that his most obvious effectiveness and success were shown. During this period the College rose to take the A.P.S. Football Premiership and be Champions in 1963. The event had been heralded by the appearance of the College team in the Grand Final in 1959 and 1962.

If Ross Quick made of the coach's position almost a way of life, he also extracted from it a huge opportunity for the pastoral care of the boys who came under him. His comprehension of the many factors peculiar to this school, which in themselves made the winning of an A.P.S. Premiership akin to the miraculous, caused him to plan with and train his team until it really was his team. We all know that there was no one more deserving of that premiership than Mr. Quick himself. This team members readily acknowledged. He gave of himself completely, regardless of the personal, physical and mental strain this imposed. The prestige that the school gained was immeasurable. But this day records that the coach himself had to pay the price. On medical advice there was removed from the oval, apparently too late, the familiar beret, the assorted football jumper, the odd socks, the boundless enthusiasm. Nevertheless there was still enough of the old element left to enable the team to share the premiership last year, and Mr. Quick's advice was always available in the inevitable process of team-building in 1965.

Within this school at least, Ross Quick became almost a legend in his own lifetime—a privilege given to few, and only to them who are of strong character. He was an Elder of the Church and tried to live out his Christian convictions in the trivial round of little kindnesses and the common tasks of every day. Despite the shock, we are not to mourn him. This is the Christian hope. Now we are to give thanks to God for a worthy witness who has gone; who, as he trod these boards and these paths lived out the Psalmist's song:

For what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justice and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God.



a vexatious prodigality, but it was a fault born of his reluctance to see good causes go unattended, or worthy projects unsponsored. So he would pile up for himself interest upon time-consuming interest. This school it is, I believe, which stands condemned for its lack of interest in the United Nations Organisation activities which he, despite his business, attempted to encourage.

It is hard, even unjust, to divide up a schoolmaster's witness and efforts into their constituent parts—to judge them as more or less valuable.

OVERSEAS TRENDS IN SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

In the middle of August, the Principal and Mrs. Thwaites returned from a three months trip abroad, during which Mr. Thwaites was able to visit a number of schools and universities in the United States and in England, and to meet many educationists. He has written the following article on one particular aspect of his investigations which should be of interest to all Old Collegians.

In the U.S.A.

The most striking impression gained by anyone examining the educational situation in the United States is of tremendous interest, activity and variety. Educational certificates of one sort or another have become important "status symbols," quite apart from the heavy demand for qualified personnel. Anyone with money to give away is as likely to give it to Education as to anything else. The State High Schools, to which most children go, are largely financed from local rates and administered by local authorities. There is therefore much parent interest in local Council elections and each district can vote to determine the school rate, and even the capital sum to be spent. This means that in the wealthier areas there are some very fine high schools, beautiful new buildings, well equipped and well staffed, but it also means that in the poorer districts the schools tend to be much less satisfactory.

These High Schools are almost all unselective, co-educational, day schools, and all the newer ones seem to be planned to accommodate between 2,000 and 3,000

students in the last three or four years of the secondary course. It is firmly believed by most educational authorities that it is not economically possible to run a school catering adequately for all intelligence levels, that is, a "comprehensive" school, with an enrolment less than 2,000.

The only alternative offering to parents who believe that schools of this size are too impersonal, or who want their children to be boarders, is to send them to one of the very limited number of Independent Schools.

The best of these Independent Schools, at first sight, are very like our own in Australia, except that they are almost all boarding schools, situated in beautiful spacious grounds and with magnificent buildings, equipment and staff. Upon closer examination, one notable difference becomes obvious; that these schools are highly selective, that is, only the most intelligent boys can gain entrance. For example, at several of the schools I visited, only boys who would be in the "A" stream if we had them at Geelong College, were accepted. This selection, coupled with very high fees and staff salaries, means that academic standards are exceptionally good, in marked contrast to the poor standards at many of the High Schools.

In England

The English situation is probably better known here. The three issues about which there was most discussion in England were:

(a) the changes from the tripartite system, established by the 1944 Education Act, with grammar, modern and technical schools and an 11+ examination, to large comprehensive schools with no entrance test, but with internal streaming.

(b) the future of the Public Schools. The Government is determined that they shall be more closely integrated into the public education system, but cannot decide how to do it.

(c) the acute shortage of University places, leading to a tremendous academic pressure in the schools.

Although any detailed comparisons would reveal many differences in basic assumptions and in methods, these trends are creating in England the same sort of contrasting school types as in America. On the one hand, there are the large public comprehensive schools, catering for all corners and planned to accommodate 2,000 to 3,000, because it is considered that any smaller number is unworkable; and on the other hand the Independent Schools, mostly boarding, much smaller in numbers, but highly selective and highly academic.

What about The Geelong College?

The College and other similar Australian Independent Schools are in many ways unique, because they are undertaking a task which most educationalists in America and England have rejected as impossible. We are attempting to be comprehensive, non-selective, providing an adequate education for boys of all intelligence levels, and at the same time limiting our total enrolment at secondary level to about 400.

We believe that, quite apart from the material problems involved, it would be contrary to the purpose of our foundation and the present needs of the Australian situation to deliberately adopt either of the overseas trends, selection or expansion in size.

But if we don't, we must pay the price. This price seems to me to fall chiefly into three areas:

(1) A school such as this requires for its staff, not simply men of adequate academic qualifications and teaching skill, but also men who can and will contribute more widely to the life of the school community, with the same devotion and enthusiasm as we have seen in the past. Such men are not easy to find, and, when found, must be adequately recompensed in salary and working conditions.

(2) Our material facilities need to be more varied than would be the case in a selective academic school, and this means we need the continued and growing generosity of all our supporters in contributing to our Building Funds.

(3) Above all, we need the understanding and support of all our parents and Old Collegians in the work we are trying to do, particularly a recognition of the fact that we have assumed here a task and a burden which in most countries is being avoided, simply because we believe by so doing we can do more for our country and our supporters than in any other way.

Around The Committee Table

New Members

At the first meeting of the Committee since the annual meeting a welcome was extended to the two new members—David Berryman and Keith Doery. David is now living in Geelong, and Keith is one of the small but loyal and enthusiastic group from Melbourne.

Representatives

The meeting appointed the following representatives for the year:

College Council—H. A. Anderson, A. A. Gray and K. S. Nall.

O.P.S. Golf Day—B. Davis and J. G. Mitchell.

Tennis Association—W. Cook and M. J. Marshall.

Endowment Assurance

The Committee was advised that amounts totalling almost £500 had been received on the maturity of endowment life assurance policies taken out by Old Collegians on the lives of their sons some twenty or so years ago. The Trustees of the fund had authorised the College to apply the proceeds to the Building Fund.



Happy at the prospect of another successful year's work for the College.
From left: Messrs. E. G. Cook (Vice-Pres.), D. D. Davey (Acting-Principal), G. W. Ewan (Pres.),
F. W. Brown (Vice-Pres.), D. G. Neilson (Hon. Sec.), seen at the O.G.C.A. Annual Meeting.



On Newtown Hill

What a wonderful position the "New" Prep. enjoys! On August 14, many of those who helped to put it there were able to rejoice over the beautiful buildings, while attending the annual open day. And the surroundings! Young trees and old, the Barwon valley, the bay, boys in fancy dress, boys in sporting togs on the green ovals, sunshine over all.

A solemnly impressive feature of Ross Quick's funeral was the line-up of College boys and staff on both sides of Talbot Street as the cortege passed by. At the end of the street a piper played a lament. The College flag flew half-mast over the Morrison Hall.

An Old Collegian has presented to the College Library a handsome volume of Australian nature studies as his personal memorial to the late Sir Gordon McArthur.

Will the Sir Francis Rolland Physical Education Centre contain an Old Boys' room? That is hardly P.E., but somewhere we hope to see a gallery of famous Collegians: statesmen, professors, sportsmen, philanthropists. Perhaps the new Morrison Hall could accommodate photos of the truly great.

The collection of back numbers of "The Pegasus" has made good progress, but Mr. Mahar would be pleased to receive copies from the years 1909 - 22.

Have you got "letters after your name?" Is D.L.O. your decoration? The reorganization of the O.G.C.A. has made good progress; there have been a few faults on both sides; but returns from the Dead Letter Office are decreasing. Please send your new address to Old Collegians' Office, c/o The Geelong College, Geelong.

The Principal of the College (Mr. Peter Thwaites) was admitted to a Sydney Hospital while in Sydney early this month for the Headmasters' Conference. It would seem that Mr. Thwaites worked at least as strenuously on his overseas tour, and immediately after his return, as he normally does at school. Latest reports are that he is making excellent progress.

Mr. Brian Lester is again seriously ill, has undergone a series of operations for a throat infection, and seems unlikely to resume school activities for the rest of the year.

Mr. George Martin will retire at the end of this year from his position as Bursar, which he has held since 1941.

Personal Pars

Professor Sir Macfarlane Burnet, O.M., Kt., M.D., Ph.D., Hon. LL.D., Hon. Sc.D., Hon. D.Sc., F.R.A.C.P., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.P. (Edin.), F.A.A., F.R.S., has just retired after 21 years as director of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute, a position in which he won fame, especially for his investigations of virus diseases.

This retirement does not mean that Prof. Burnet will give up working. His particular interest has shifted in recent years to immunology, on which he intends to write a book; and he is thinking ahead to the behavioral sciences and to the application of computers to medicine.

And, of course, cigarettes! "Cut them out," says the Professor. "They are about the worst menace to health there is."

The Rev. Norman Young has been conducting a notable series of television programmes, presenting a new type of religious service in which a modern "popular" format proves to be not incompatible with depth and dignity.

Lionel Walter, town clerk of the City of Geelong, has held this position since he succeeded his father (the late Mr. A. L. Walter) in 1939. Father and son have now completed 60 years in this important post.

Paul Sheahan had an abbreviated football season as a result of ankle damage and was seen on crutches at College matches.

Les Reid again came over from Sydney for Old Boys' Day and must be a strong contender for the record miles travelled to College functions.

Professor Stewart Fraser duly arrived with his party of American teachers to look over the College, but on a very wintry day, which is a natural hazard when northern hemisphere vacationists cross the line.

Harley Dickinson is on a course of anthropology, law, government, etc., at the School of Pacific Administration, Mosman, N.S.W., before returning to the practical side in New Guinea.

Alistair McArthur has been so convinced by Outward Bound activity in Cumberland that he is hoping to visit other O.B. schools in Wales and the U.S.

Gareth Andrews had a remarkably good first year with the Geelong Football Club and thus was lost to the Queen's College XVIII. However, he played in inter-collegiate cricket.

Barry Cole was convenor of a symposium on "The Cornea and Contact Lenses" at the ANZAAS conference in Hobart. His own

paper dealt with problems of vision in relation to traffic signals.

Also at ANZAAS, Alf Butcher addressed the pharmaceutical science section on "Wildlife Hazards from the use of Pesticides."

Gordon McMaster has been appointed chief industrial engineer at Alcoa, Point Henry, Geelong.

Donald Ingpen is president of the Legacy Club of Geelong.

David Ebbels has graduated B.Sc. (Hons.) in Agricultural Botany at Reading University. In October he is to take up a research studentship at Rothamstead Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts, in the Department of Plant Pathology. This will, he hopes, lead to the degree of Ph.D. at the University of Reading.

Tom McNair has made valuable suggestions on design and lay-out of this newsletter, and in particular produced the art work for the title block.

Sir Roland Jacobs and Malcolm John were among College supporters encountered on the Adelaide tour.

Alexander Smart was recently elected Mildura Shire President.

FOOTBALL College Football 1965

The full details of this season's Public School matches will be given, as usual, in the Pegasus, and the following information is intended merely as general comment on the season as a whole.

Of first importance was the appointment of Mr. R. B. Tattersall as coach of the 1st XVIII in place of Mr. F. R. Quick, who had announced his retirement at the end of the 1964 season. Mr. Tattersall is an Old Boy of The Geelong High School and played football, both with the School team, and with the High School Old Boys. While on the staff at Melbourne High School, he coached the School XVIII in 1963 and 1964, sharing the premiership in 1963 and winning outright in 1964.

For some years, the College has been a definite force in Public School football, but there has been a very big loss of top players over the last two years, and it was obvious that 1965 would be a year of team building. Mr. Tattersall has had a young team this season, and four key positions were held by 15-year-olds. While this is very promising for the future, it is even more promising that, after losing our first five P.S. games, we won the last two, and finally, during a visit to Adelaide at the end of the season, defeated Hale School (Perth) and Scotch College (Adelaide).

An Old Boys' Football Team?

Not the least of Ross Quick's many enthusiasms was his desire to see the O.G.C.A. represented by a team in the Victorian Amateur Football Association. He suggested it during a barbecue at Ernie McCann's following the Old Boys' Match last year, and, encouraged by a sympathetic response, especially from Barry Solomon and Bill McCann, he brought the idea before the Old Boys' Association.

Many Old Boys are keen to find activities whereby members can come together through common interests, thus giving further life and purpose to the Association, and the formation of a football team would certainly provide one such opportunity. Matt Wright and Ken Nail in particular were interested and, together with Ross, tackled the first problem, an oval.

They found the headmaster both sympathetic and co-operative, and with his blessing, inspected the new Prep. School site. They saw there the possibility of a full-sized oval. The provision of dressing-room facilities presented the next problem, and once again Mr. Thwaites was helpful. So long as the draw for the school matches could be arranged to fit in with Old Boy fixtures, he gave permission for the Old Boys to use the Senior School oval temporarily. Confident that arrangements for accommodation at the new Prep. could be completed by the 1966 season, the O.G.C.A. made official application for admittance to the V.A.F.A. for season 1965.

The V.A.F.A. has an investigation committee of three, whose job it is to look into all applications for admittance. Matt Wright and Ross Quick met this committee, and, finding that there was some concern lest an Old Boys' team would weaken the existing Geelong Amateur F.C., gave an assurance that they would not take anyone from the latter's training list.

Eventually, however, the application was turned down, the reason given being that new teams must begin in the lowest grade, and that players in this grade are young, and therefore might find the expense of a trip to Geelong beyond them! This was an unexpected set-back, but Ross refused to accept defeat, and, at the time of his death, was preparing for a further application.

Other enthusiasts will carry on with this work. Most of the A.P.S., and certainly all of the older ones, have teams in the V.A.F.A., and there is a feeling that a new application will receive a more sympathetic hearing.

Old Boys' Match

O.G.C.A. v. FIRST XVIII OLD COLLEGIANS' TEAM

Backs—D. Leigh, C. Gross, J. Leishman.
Half backs—L. Hatton, R. Robson, W. Lehmann.
Centres—R. Edge, I. Corr, M. Gretton-Watson.
Half forwards—T. Dennis, S. Mockridge, P. Young.
Forwards—B. Milne, M. Roland, J. Henderson.
Followers—P. Hamilton, R. Russell
Rover—T. Leigh.
Reserves—R. Dennis, M. Poulston, D. Jarman.

Due to heavy rain, the game was played in appalling conditions, the senior oval being a mass of mud and water. Despite the conditions, the match produced excellent wet weather football, both sides handling the wet ball with great skill. The match was a hard fought, close game, but the greater experience of the Old Boys enabled them to hold off the determined efforts of the 1st XVIII. Before the match, both teams observed one minute's silence for our late coach, Ross Quick.

FINAL SCORES

O.G.C.

5 goals 5 behinds 35 points

1st XVIII

4 goals 3 behinds 27 points

Goal kickers O.G.C.—T. Leigh (2), I. Corr (2), R. Russell (1).

Best players O.G.C.—R. Russell, I. Corr, R. Robson, P. Young, P. Hamilton, J. Leishmann.

Old Boys' Day

Old Boys' Day was held on Saturday, July 17, an unpleasant day with a cold southerly sweeping across the oval.

The annual match between the First XVIII and the Geelong Grammar School team was won by the Corians who, adapting themselves to the heavy, muddy conditions, were faster to the ball, and showing greater team work, won the match comfortably, thus ending College's recent run of successes in these traditional games.

The Annual Meeting of the Association followed, held in the Norman Morrison Hall. About 50 members attended, and heard the President, George Ewan, present his annual report, and Brian Thom present the annual financial state-

ments. George Ewan reported at length on the progress towards the re-organisation of the Association, and introduced the new Executive Officer, Mr. A. R. J. McVittie. Several minor amendments to the Constitution were proposed by John Mitchelhill, seconded by Harry Fallaw, and passed without comment.

After the meeting, members went across the road to St. David's Church, where a Chapel Service was conducted by the Rev. John Bentley, the new Chaplain of the College. A memorial address was given by the Rev. E. C. McLean, who spoke of the personality and life of the late Sir Francis Rolland. During the address he read a letter from the noted author, Alan Marshall, who remembered the very great kindness shown to him by Sir Francis early in his life. The scripture lesson was read by President George, and the organ was played by the Director of Music at the College, Mr. Bill Martin.

Mr. L. J. Campbell was among those attending the service, and was warmly greeted by many old friends.

The annual dinner of the Association was held later in Kirrewur Court, Newtown, formerly the home of the late Mr. Charles Shannon.

The theme of the dinner was the life and work of Sir Francis Rolland. Three speakers paid their tributes to him. The first was Bert Keith who viewed Sir Francis's work from the standpoint of a master working under him in the school, and reminded us that when his headmastership began in 1920 the College was at its lowest ebb, but under his wise leadership became, during the next 25 years, one of the great public schools of Australia, and he himself rose to be the doyen of headmasters.

Vautin Andrews, who was at school under Sir Francis in the 20's and 30's, spoke of the immense affection and respect which all his

boys had for him, and of their veneration of his memory.

Finally, Mr. Des Davey, Acting-Principal, reminded us of Sir Francis's great contribution to the community outside the College, especially his eminence in the Presbyterian Church, which he had served as Moderator General.

The three speakers left us in no doubt of the tremendous privilege that one generation of Geelong Collegians had enjoyed in having one of Australia's great men as their friend, counsellor, and Head for 25 years.

Absent Friends

We record with regret the death of several of our fellow Old Collegians, and offer sincere sympathy to the bereaved families.

Elsion Matheson (1923-8), who died in July, was a prefect, won the College Cup, and was prominent in cricket, football and athletics teams, playing at centre in the champion XVIII of 1927. For the greater part of his life he was a grazier in the Culcairn district, N.S.W., but lately had lived in Albury.

Sir Gordon McArthur (1909-15), died on August 19 and was accorded a State funeral by the Victorian government. He served in the first world war, then graduated in engineering and law, but entered Parliament at the age of 35 years. He was a cabinet minister for three years, became President of the Legislative Council, and was knighted in 1959. He was a member of the College Council for 20 years and also a member of the OGCA committee.

Ross Quick (1925-8), who died on July 31, was a member of College first teams in football, cricket and athletics. In the second world

war he served in the RAAF and returned to the college as a master in 1949. Being intensely interested in boys and sport, he became an outstanding coach, his efforts culminating in the winning of the APS football championship in 1963.

Graham Redpath (1946-8), died on July 13. On leaving school he went into the woollen manufacturing business, first with the Returned Soldiers' Mill and then with the family firm of W. R. Redpath & Sons, of which he became managing director. For some years he was a member of the OGCA committee.

Cedric Sewell, who entered the College in 1903, when Mr. Norman Morrison was Principal, died earlier this year. He had lived at Colac.

Frank Steele (1916-9), a generous benefactor of his old school, died on August 19. He was a member of first football and athletics teams and won the College Cup in his final year. He spent a large part of his life as a grazier at Jerilderie, N.S.W., and had only lately retired to Mt. Eliza, Victoria.

Dr. Roland Wattenhall (1897-1900), died on July 21. He was a foundation fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, a fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine of London, and honorary consulting dermatologist to the Royal Melbourne Hospital. At school he was in the senior football, cricket and athletics teams. He was always a generous supporter of the College, one whose benefactions cannot be fully assessed because he enjoyed doing good by stealth. He was President of the OGCA in 1926 and a member of the College Council from 1927 to 1958.

Over 100 boys will be promoted to the Senior School from the Preparatory School at the end of this year. Boarder vacancies which will result in Forms I and II have been completely filled, but it is still possible to accept some day-boys.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

There is a limited supply of last year's Christmas cards available at 1/- each, with envelope, post free.

These cards are undated and orders, addressed to The Bursar, should include the appropriate remittance.

GOLF

The Public Schools Old Boys Golf Day will be held at the Royal Melbourne Golf Course on Tuesday, 9th November. Those who wish to participate (team events) please contact:

Ben Davis,
26 Church Street,
NORTH GEELONG.
Telephone No.: 7 4705.

CORRIGENDUM

On page 88 of "The Geelong College 1861 - 1961" it is stated that in 1903 the senior rifle team secured permanent possession of the Cumming Cup. This cup was in fact a perpetual trophy, which the College boys won in 1903 and again in '05 and '06, completing a remarkable run of five victories in six years.