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MORRISON HALL

In our last issue of "Ad Astra" we gave details of the "new Morrison Hall", and the part played by Parents, many of them Old Collegians, and Friends in raising the necessary funds for its extension and modernisation.

Since April, D.A. Constructions Pty. Ltd., with whom the contract for the alterations has been placed, have commenced work on the first stage, which is to complete the external reconstruction and the upper floor of the Assembly Hall. The Clock Tower and Flag Pole rapidly disappeared, as our photograph shows, under the heavy blows of a huge metal ball swinging from the end of a crane and used as a battering ram, and already, the pillars of the new building are slowly creeping skywards.



*"To everything
there is a season,
... a time to
break down, and a
time to build up."*

The second stage of the development will involve alteration to the ground floor, and the general landscaping and paving of the area immediately surrounding the Hall. This, however, will have to be deferred until alternative accommodation is available for the numerous rooms, such as changing rooms, prefect rooms and band room, which at present are housed on the ground floor. These facilities, it is hoped, will be provided in the new Rolland Centre. Those Old Collegians who were perhaps present at the laying of the foundation stone of the Morrison Hall on the 6th October, 1911, will be pleased to hear that, when this stone was recently moved in connection with the alterations, the various records placed under it to commemorate the occasion, were in an excellent state of preservation. The records consisted of— The Geelong Advertiser, The Melbourne Argus, assorted coins and various Geelong College Jubilee Notices. These, together with current records, have been sealed in a lead container and placed once again under the foundation stone. There is no indication as yet where the clock tower and flag pole will be repositioned. The clock is at present being examined by the makers to see whether it is in a satisfactory state of repair, while the flag pole has been fixed temporarily on top of the Sports Pavilion.

Old Boys' Day, 1966

The Annual Reunion of the O.G.C.A. was held on Saturday, 25th June, and was the most successful since the Centenary year, both in numbers attending and in the enjoyment provided.

It got off to a good start in the afternoon with an excellent, well-fought football match with Caulfield Grammar School, in which the College team showed that they realised their responsibilities by notching a victory. The match was followed by two meetings, very different in type, but each important in its own way. One was the Annual General Meeting of the O.G.C.A. This could not be held as usual in the Morrison Hall, so about seventy Old Boys met in the Lecture Room for the formal business of the day. This was followed by a short service in St. David's Church. The other meeting brought together a number of stars of the old days of the Glee Club under the leadership of G. Logie Smith in eleven-hour preparations for a Gilbert and Sullivan revival in the evening. The final selection of a programme had to be made, dependent not only on the time available but also to some extent on

numbers available, as well as the strange changes which had occurred in some of the voices. Memory had also to be stirred.

From both meetings and from the wide world outside, Old Boys flocked at 6.00 p.m. to Aberdeen House in search of refreshment. This was easily found by those able to move in spite of the crush, and many acquaintanceships were renewed.

From Aberdeen House to the College Dining Hall in search of more solid refreshment. Here Mrs. Cloke and staff had acquitted themselves nobly, and the 187 diners enjoyed a sumptuous repast. The installation of the new President, Eric Cook, was followed by his presidential address, in which he proposed the toast of the Geelong College. Mr. Thwaites responded in place of Sir Arthur Coles, who was regrettably absent through illness.

At this stage it has been customary to have a guest speaker, but this year there was a departure from the normal. We had a special guest, G. Logie Smith, who led a troupe of Old Boys, already referred to, in a number of items from the Gilbert and Sullivan operas. He presided at the piano and urged and conducted from there. Perhaps the word "presided" goes too far, because at times he was treated with considerable irreverence by the compere, Bill Rogers, and the various singers, who relished this opportunity to do what they would not have dared to do some twenty to thirty years ago. However, despite false starts and missing parts, the troupe sailed gaily through a large number of selections from the operas. Perhaps W. S. Gilbert or Sir Arthur Sullivan would not have approved of all the liberties taken with words and music, but the rest of the gathering seemed to approve, and lent their voices as well as their ears. After all, many of them had taken part in several of the productions. Altogether an innovation which was appreciated, and a very happy ending to Old Boys' Day.

Why was the attendance so good in comparison with other years? Perhaps the Gilbert and Sullivan revival had something to do with it. The annual performances of the Glee Club used to bring many Old Boys from near and far. Perhaps the recent reorganization of the O.G.C.A. had something to do with it. As a result of this, Old Boys have certainly been reminded that they are citizens of no mean city. Several Year Reunions have been held, one very successful one only the day before. If the new organization is seen, not only as a money-raising gimmick, but also as a means of bringing Old Boys closer together, this is a good thing and the better attendance is a very good sign.

President's Column

As I commence my term of office, I would like to thank you all for the confidence you have shown in me by electing me as your President; it is indeed an honour and one which I value highly. During my term as President I hope I shall have the pleasure of meeting many of you, and trust that when you are in or near Geelong, you will find a few minutes to spare to visit The College.

I would also like to express my thanks to all of you who attended Old Boys' Day on Saturday, 25th June, and helped to make my first duty in "the chair" such a memorable one. The Annual Meeting was very well attended, and the service at St. David's, which was conducted by The College Chaplain, the Reverend Jack Bentley, with Mr. Bill Martin, Director of Music, at the organ, will I hope become a traditional part of our Annual Reunion.

The success of our Annual Reunion was, I feel, largely due to the renewed interest being shown in the Association, and its activities on behalf of The College, through the alumni programme. This is not surprising, considering the enthusiasm shown by Group and Year Chairmen over the past eighteen months. Those Collegians have done much to get the scheme operating. I am the first to appreciate that it is not always possible to give of one's time to the

administration of an Association such as ours. However, nearly all of us can assist the committee by replying to our Year Chairman's letters, and by helping to provide the financial backing for the things which have been planned for the betterment of our school.

Everyone of us must now be aware of the offer made by the Association to the College Council to finance the building of the Rolland Memorial Centre. This surely is a tremendous challenge, and Old Collegians throughout the history of the Association have never failed to accept a challenge.

Those who knew Sir Francis will readily agree that no greater person could be honoured by us. To those of you who could not possibly have known him, please accept the assurance that no man has done more for our school — and therefore you — or for education in Australia, than our late Headmaster; and the honours bestowed upon him by the nation and the church testify to the high regard in which he was held. He was a man who dreamed and saw visions, and then had the happy knack of getting them fulfilled. A new gymnasium was one of them, although he never lived to see it become a reality. With your assistance we can erect a useful and fitting memorial to Frank Rolland.

Sincerely,
ERIC COOK

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

"The Sir Francis Rolland Physical Education Centre." I can imagine the whimsical, and perhaps somewhat wry, smile with which Mr. Rolland would greet the news that this was to be the name of his Memorial in the School—a memorial to one who was himself utterly devoid of pretentiousness and disliked the least taste of it. I have referred to him as Mr. Rolland because that is how I shall always remember him. He was Mr. Rolland when he came to the School in 1920, and when he left it in 1945, having saved it from extinction and given it inward strength and outward beauty, he was still Mr. Rolland. I am sure that it is as Mr. Rolland that his Old Boys and his Staff think of him.

I suggest, therefore, that a simpler and more fitting name for his Memorial would be "The Frank Rolland Memorial", with, perhaps, the addition of some such word as "Building."

Yours faithfully,

Alan T. Tait

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 * interest to raise, or wish *
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 * tive criticism and would *
 * like your letter published, *
 * send it to The Editor, *
 * Ad Astra, O.G.C.A. *
 * Office, Geelong College. *

MALLEE-RIVERINA REUNION

A large number of Old Collegians and their guests assembled at the Grand Hotel, Mildura, on Saturday, 3rd September for their Annual Reunion Dinner.

The President of the Branch, Mr. Donald Mackay, welcomed the members, guests, and visitors who included, Mr. B. R. Keith, Mr. Alan Mahar (Housemaster McArthur), Mr. Barry Tattersall (Maths Master and Master in Charge of Football), and Mac McVittie, our Executive Officer.

Mr. Keith was a surprise, and most welcome, visitor. He had been with the members of the exploration society who, with Mr. Fred Elliott, were spending a holiday in the vicinity of Werrimull.

After the traditional toasts, Mr. Keith and Mr. Mahar gave some interesting news of the College and of members of the staff.

It was unanimously agreed to hold the 1967 Reunion on Saturday, 2nd September, at the Grand Hotel.

OLD BOYS' DAY

Arrangements were made to have the Science Block and Preparatory School open all day on Old Boys' Day, and we extend our thanks to Mr. Ian Watson, Headmaster of the Preparatory School, Mr. Arthur Grainger, Senior Chemistry Master, and Mr. Bob Seaton, Senior Physics Master, who very kindly arranged to have some of their senior boys available to show Old Collegians around these buildings.

Alumni Programme

For the Old Geelong Collegians' Association, the past year has been a busy one, with many new problems to be solved, and much rewarding new experience.

The Association has continued all its normal activities, the activities it has built up over half a century, but at the same time it has attempted to reorganise itself to face more effectively the next half-century. This has required a great deal of rethinking, of adapting ourselves to new methods, and of careful attention to detail. It is not surprising, therefore, that there have been moments of uncertainty, some doubts and criticisms, some suggestions that "what was good enough in the past is good enough for the future." But, despite all this, the majority opinion seems happy with what has already been achieved, and optimistic about the future.

Certainly, to those Old Collegians who, over the years, have voluntarily accepted the task of managing the affairs of the Association, it was clear that a change had to come in order to keep pace with the demands of our rapidly changing educational and social patterns. And in making the change, they have, throughout the first year of the Alumni Programme, had the backing of a great majority of Old Collegians, both young and old, at home and overseas. This is indeed encouraging.

Now that the wheels of the new organisation are beginning to turn with gathering speed, powered by the enthusiasm and support which the Year Chairmen have given and are continuing to give to the Committee, together with your understanding and support for the work that we are all trying to do, there seems no doubt of the success of the Alumni Scheme.

The Geelong College is the first in the field in Australia with this type of Alumni Scheme, and our efforts are being closely watched by other schools; indeed some of them have already started to follow our example.

For it is worth pointing out that the support which we are aiming to give the College is no less a need in every Independent School throughout the country, and is not just peculiar to The Geelong College. They, too, realise the necessity for the continuous support of their Old Boys, if the type of education which the Independent School provides is to survive.

During the past year we have managed to double the percentage of participation by Old Boys, and this is exactly as we planned to do. However, it is still not sufficient by a long way, and next year we must again double the percentage at least. We need the assistance of every Old Boy if we are to achieve what we have set out to do—to keep The Geelong College in the forefront of Australian Education, in the first instance, by building a new Physical Education Centre.

Although we "think big", there is nothing grandiose about the Rolland Centre. It is a basic requirement if we are to give the boys a useful and lasting physical education, and develop their personality and powers of leadership.

It is clearly important that we remain in the forefront of the Public Schools, and to do this we must surround ourselves with the necessary buildings and equipment, as others are also doing.

There was nothing grandiose either about the new Preparatory School, or the new Science Block, or the completed cloisters. They were necessities, and the results achieved with and by the boys who have had the advantage of using them, more than testify to the wisdom of those who suggested them, and fully justify the confidence of Old Boys who gave so generously to ensure their fulfilment.

Many of your Committeemen and Year Chairmen travel up to 200 miles to attend the Committee meetings. They neither seek nor ask for reward, but it is most encouraging to them when they hear that Collegians are showing their appreciation and faith by responding in a practical way.

Will those of you who have not yet done so please show your confidence in us and your interest in the College by giving your support to the Rolland Centre? **We just cannot do without you.**

GOLF

The Public Schools Old Boys Golf Day will be held on Tuesday, 8th November at the Royal Melbourne Golf Course.

Would those who wish to play please contact:—

Ben Davis,
 26 Church Street, North Geelong,
 Tel. 7 4705 (Business), 7 1668 (Home)



CHRISTMAS CARDS



The College has a limited supply of Christmas Cards at 10c each including envelope (post free). The cards are undated, and orders addressed to the Bursar should include the appropriate remittance.

Horsham Reunion

There was a small but very happy gathering of Old Collegians at "The Bull & Mouth" Hotel, Horsham, on Friday, 16th September, for the Annual Reunion of the Horsham Branch.

The President, Kevin Officer, together with the Hon. Secretary, Anthony Burgess, welcomed the members and guests, who included Mr. J. H. Campbell, and our Executive Officer, Mr. Mac McVittie, who had travelled up together from the College.

Everyone was in a particularly festive mood as several inches of much needed rain had fallen in the district throughout the week, and was in fact still falling heavily as we gathered around a huge log fire for a buffet dinner. After the official business had been dispensed with, "J.H." spoke in light-hearted vein of amusing incidents during the many years which he spent at the College, and there was no doubt that his presence added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

As always, a very happy and successful reunion.

NEWS FLASH

It was reported in a Melbourne Evening Paper that Prince Charles said goodbye to The Geelong College Captain and other College boys in the airport V.I.P. lounge, before boarding his aircraft for Jamaica.

Unfortunately, we had no vacancies at the College when it was decided to send the Prince to school in Australia, otherwise this report might well have been true.

FORMATION OF THE GRAMPAINS BRANCH

Over 50 Old Collegians assembled for dinner at the Willaura Hotel, Willaura, on Friday, 26th August, 1966, to form a branch of the O.G.C.A. in that area. The Reunion was also attended by the President of the O.G.C.A. (Mr. Eric Cook), Mr. B. R. Keith, representing The College, and Mr. A. R. J. McVittie, our Executive Officer.

Mr. Ian Laidlaw, who had been responsible for the arrangements, was in the chair. Following an excellent dinner came the more formal duties of forming and naming the branch, and electing office bearers. After some lively and amusing discussion, it was decided to name the branch "The Grampians Branch," and Mr. Ian Laidlaw was duly elected the first President. Mr. Marshall Jackson was unanimously elected Secretary.

The toast of "The College" was proposed by Marshall Jackson, to which Mr. Keith made suitable reply. He also brought everyone up to date on College personalities. Mr. Jack Heard duly proposed the toast of The Old Geelong Collegians' Association, to which the President, Eric Cook, responded. Mr. Claude Pagels proposed a vote of thanks to the visitors. We convey our best wishes to Ian Laidlaw and the members of the newly formed Grampians Branch, for a successful future.

PERSONAL PARS

1928 YEAR GROUP

We had two representatives at the Annual Reunion Dinner on 25th June — Bill Wishart and Gavin Baird — sorry Garry Armstrong was prevented by illness from being present. In 1967 we aim to have a "1928" table — but more of this later.

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Congratulations to T.R. (Bob) Coulstock. From February this year, Bob has been Head of Williamstown Technical School, although living at Anglesea.

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Retirement! A. D. (Don) Houston from B.P. after many years service — but Don now holds an appointment at Head Office — Country Roads Board.

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If any of our group are in the Highbett area, they will find W. B. (Bruce) Kennedy in the Building Research Division — C.S.I.R.O. had to hear from you Bruce.

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D. R. (Dave) Adam writes from Anglesea. Letterhead as follows: David R. Adam, Stock and Sharebroker, P.O. Box 14. Dave will be pleased to advise any of our group having surplus funds!

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Welcome to K. C. (Ken) McAdam of 3 Pollock St., Colac, who has transferred to our group.

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Director of Fisheries and Wild Life — A. D. (Alf) Butcher is at present on a round-the-world trip. He will be away about three months.

★
Alan Backwell, Chairman 1942 Year Group, has heard from quite a number of his Year Group, but would like to hear from those who live in the country and interstate.

★
Peter Cawthorn (1952), who has just finished two years as a volunteer farmer in a village development plan in Bengal, is so keen on farming possibilities there, that he has bought a farm and intends to settle in Bengal. On 11th June, he married Annie Dandapath, daughter of an Indian doctor.

★
John Grant (1952), who recently attended a seminar in New York conducted by the American Management Association, delivered a paper on "Australia at a Glance." He is a chartered accountant, and is currently pursuing post graduate studies in Business Administration at Columbia University.

★
Mr. K. McM. Davidson, Chairman of the 1890-1902 Year Groups, has most reluctantly relinquished the position of Year Chairman, due to ill health. Mr. Davidson has done much within his Year Groups to further the aims of the new Alumni Programme, and we are indebted to him. We all wish him a speedy recovery to the good health he has enjoyed in the past.

★
Don Lawler (1945) Senior Information Officer at Australia House, London, has been transferred to Holland in a similar capacity. He expects to stay at

the Hague for the next couple of years, during which time his area of responsibility will also cover France and part of Scandinavia. We would like to thank Don Lawler for his efforts on behalf of the Association, and we wish him well in his new post.

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 Amongst those present in the Wigmore Hall, London, recently, to hear a solo recital, by Julian Moyle (1940) baritone, were the Vice-Principal, Mr. Davey, and Mrs. Davey. Julian Moyle is a member of the Sadler's Wells Opera Co. and is making a fine musical reputation in London.

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Old Collegians travelling to England can be assured of a warm welcome and "good steering" from Tom Robertson (cox 1934) who was recently elected Chairman of the provisional committee of the London Branch of the O.G.C.A. Tom may be contacted at George Cuming Ltd., 159 New Bond Street, London.

★
 Amongst those who sent apologies for absence from the London meeting in April were Malcolm Lyon (1943), Julian Moyle (1940), Frank Tait (1937), Russell Cole (1931), Lt. Col. A. W. J. Turnbull (1937), A. D. McG. Steele (1949), J. D. Harper (1904), I. H. Pattison (1928), Graham Wood (1951), Bruce Thomson (1939). Keen hopes and support for the London Branch were expressed in many of the letters received.

★
Michael Road (1952) who graduated in Architecture in 1963 (equal top of his year) is working with Gerd & Renate Block, Architects, Melbourne.

★
Peter McArthur (1926) found sufficient time to leave his grazing property at Naracoorte (South Australia) to attend the Old Collegians Annual Re-union functions on 25th June.

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 He commented on the vast improvements effected since his last visit some 20 years ago and also on the receding hair line and change in weight of his contemporaries over that period.

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Lindsay Wright (1960) who is doing a Primary Teachers Course at Mercer House, Melbourne, is living in at Grimwade House, one of the Boarding Houses of Melbourne Grammar School, where he is a Resident House Master. He recently visited Geelong College with a M.G.S. football team and umpired the second eighteen match.

★
Geoffrey Walker (1954) who has been on the staff on the Shire of Ballarat for the past seven years has recently been appointed Secretary of the Shire of Kaniva.

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David Salmon (1943) completed another very successful year as coach of the Ormond Crew. Upon his retirement from this position he was elected an honorary member of the Ormond College Students' Club.

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J. F. Nimmo (1923) who is secretary of the Department of

Housing at Canberra, was awarded the C.B.E. in the recent Birthday Honours List by Her Majesty the Queen.

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A. Yule (1953) has commenced studies for Doctorate in Systematic Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, U.S.A.

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I. T. Harrison (1950) is at present teaching at Kingsdale School in London, but hopes to return to Australia in the not very distant future.

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M. J. Alexander (1924) has left for Hong Kong to take up an appointment as Assistant Crown Counsel in the Attorney-General's Department there.

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D. R. Messinger (1952) and A. Kidd (1953) have formed a partnership as a legal firm in Mildura.

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Another lawyer, B. H. Stott (1949), has been admitted to partnership in the firm of Hedderwick, Fookes and Alston, Melbourne.

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D. Ramage (1953) continues to achieve fame as an oarsman. At present he is overseas as a member of an eight representing Australia in the world rowing titles in Yugoslavia.

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Peter Troy (1953) returned home recently after three years packed with adventure, having travelled 125,000 miles and visited eighty-four different countries. As he plans to write about his experiences we can look forward to hearing more about him.

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After acting as an instructor with the Outward Bound Movement in England, Wales, Scotland and the United States, A. H. McArthur (1955) is soon to join the British Antarctic Survey Expedition for two years in the Antarctic. He leaves England in October.

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Saturday, May 14th, was a memorable day for the family of Reverend G. A. Wood (1926), for Graeme (1951) married Ailsa Lunt in Gattey, England, while Vernon (1956) married Marily Miller at Warrnambool.

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J. Penfold Hyland (1926) was leader of Australian representatives at a recent trade fair in Osaka, Japan.

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Bruce Wigley (1943) is senior engineer with Sandwell Professional Engineering and Management Services, Toronto, Canada.

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Ron Webster (1937) has left to study for a year at the Graduate School of Public Administration, Harvard, U.S.A. He is Investigating Engineer with the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, which has sent him to make a particular study of economics and public policy in water supply and other development works.

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Cam Seward (1957) won the open championship at the Gordon Athletic Sports, and with Wally Lehmann (1958) played a leading part in the Gordon's win at the Victorian Senior Technical Colleges' Meeting.

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Don Stewart (1947) is new president of the Great Ocean Road Promotion Council.

Robert Burn (1950), honorary associate in conchology, National Museum of Victoria, has contributed to the proceedings of the Malacological Society of London a paper on "The opisthobranchs of a caulerpan microfauna from Fiji".

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A. Lindsay Hassett (1925) has been appointed a trustee of the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

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Weston Elvins (1940), who was at Stawell, has recently been called to Koonung Heights, an eastern suburb of Melbourne.

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At the recent conferring of diplomas at the Gordon, the following Old Collegians received diplomas:—A. J. E. Lawson (1956) Textile Industries; C. D. Hassall (1948), N. F. Walter (1955) Architecture; P. J. Leach (1954), G. D. McCracken (1957), M. A. Taylor (1956) Civil Engineering; W. E. Penrose (1958) Electrical Engineering; W. E. Lester (1953) Mechanical Engineering.

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Geelong has been well served by Old Collegians in public affairs for many years, but few have done more for the city than H. Roy Fidge (1922), the present Mayor. Roy was recently elected for his fifth term, which has been accomplished only once before in the city's history.

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Amongst his other interests are the Geelong Harbour Trust, of which he is the Chairman of Commissioners, and the Red Cross Society. Although he has retired as a partner in the legal firm of Price, Higgins & Fidge, he remains a consultant and is still actively engaged in legal work.

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Because of his outstanding community service, Roy was recently made an honorary member of the Geelong Rotary Club, a distinction given previously to only three people in the forty years since the Club was formed.

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John D. Hede (1930) has recently been appointed President of Geelong Legacy. John, who has been a member of Legacy for 17 years, was secretary 1963-1964, and a vice-president from 1964-1966. He is also Chairman of the 1930 Year Group of the O.G.C.A.

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Cameron Thomson (1956) and Mrs. Thomson, who are at present in England, received an invitation from Her Majesty the Queen to attend the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

MARRIAGES

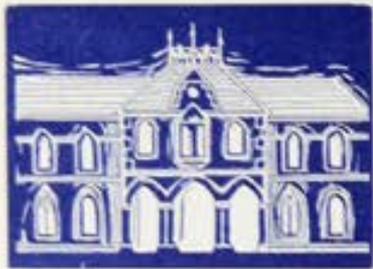
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John Bromell (1950) to Heather Rosalind Gardner at Benalla 7th May, 1966.

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Gordon McGregor (1953) to Leora Moffatt in Canberra, 10th September, 1966.

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Peter Glover (1957) to Judy Hartley at Highton Presbyterian Church, 16th July, 1966.

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Peter Busbridge (1958) to Margeurite Henderson at SS. Peter and Paul's, Geelong, 2nd July, 1966.

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William Mitchell (1957) to Helen Perkins at Wesley Church, Geelong, May, 1966.



From Newtown Hill

Our roving representative in the East, Colonel Harry Dunkley, has sent back a full report on his findings. Once deciphered, the despatch made it clear that little is escaping scrutiny. Two signs in Singapore were singled out for mention; "Ah Yow, Dental Surgeon" and "O. Pong, Restaurant Supplies."

When Professor Davey was at the Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee, we received news of the Professor's visit with Mrs. Davey into Indian territory. We now look forward during this final term to hearing some incredible tales of these excursions.

Mr. A. C. Johnstone who took over Mr. Dunkley's Social Studies classes also gave some very valuable expert assistance to the hockey teams, and took an active interest in the small band of golf enthusiasts in the school.

On the sports fields the College has won a fair measure of success this season. The first XVIII finished equal second and the Baseball, Hockey and the Cross Country Running teams have had good results. The ovals themselves have been in particularly good order, due to the care of Mr. Stewart Rankin and staff and the absence of much heavy rain. The buildings and furniture of the school require continual maintenance. Much of this is taken for granted or passes unnoticed because of the efficiency of the maintenance staff. One major, but painstaking task undertaken recently has been the painting of all the window frames and sashes in the school.

Odd things happen in old buildings. A seepage in the lawn outside Morrison House (Senior House) was investigated and a lake under the building was discovered. Its source was found after a master mentioned that he always heard running water when he sat at his desk in the inner common room. When the floor was lifted, an old broken pipe was found to be happily gurgling water into the Morrison Lake. And all this while discussions were being held concerning fire risks in the building above.

Mr. Alan Mahar's production of the play "J.B.", a modern version of Job, again demonstrated the high acting ability of Morongo girls and College boys when under such capable direction. Because of the absence of the uncertainty so often found in school productions, the play itself and not the players caused much comment. As ever, the brilliantly incisive stage setting, designed and executed by Mr. Donald Webb and helpers, added greatly to the success of the play.

Obituary



"L.J."

On Monday night, 5th September, Mr. Leslie James Campbell passed away suddenly at his home, 17 Bell Parade, Drumcondra. Since his retirement from the position of Headmaster of the Preparatory School in December, 1962, Mr. Campbell had been in somewhat precarious health and was unable to move much outside his home or to attend school functions, although he retained a very deep interest in school affairs.

On his retirement in 1962, an article in the "Pegasus" gave an outline of his career, and an appreciation of his work by Sir Francis Rolland was also published. It is not intended to repeat now what was well said then.

Old Boys who passed through the Preparatory School during the thirty-three years he was Headmaster will no doubt remember that he often stressed what he called the Prep. School's second motto, "Facta, non verba." Anything in the way of insincerity was anathema to him and he mistrusted the glib speaker. He would prefer to be judged on his deeds, which included not only the major share in building the Preparatory School, but also the influence which he exerted in the lives of a multitude of boys during their impressionable years.

Here was a man who devoted his life and his talents to Geelong College and its boys, both of whom gained beyond estimation from his loyalty, care and love. We thank God, to Whose Service he dedicated himself, for his devotion, and we express our sympathy with his sister, Miss Nell Campbell.

It is with regret that we record the passing of the following Old Boys, and we extend to the bereaved families our sincere sympathy.

Robert Washington Gray (1951) attended The College from 1949 until 1956. He was a prominent member of the College Glee Club and played the part of Mikado in the Glee Club performance. Robert Gray, who was quiet by nature, had some unusual talents. He had a most promising career with B.P. Australia, and his untimely death in a motor cycle accident at the You Yangs in June was a great shock to his many friends.

Stuart Struan Robertson (1894) who was at The College from 1890 to 1902, died at Albury on

the 17th March, 1966, aged 88 years.

Edmund Charles Somerset Webber, who entered The College in 1902, died in Geelong on August 26th, aged 72 years. He was very prominent in Masonic Circles in Geelong.

John Cameron Hirst, who was at The College from 1923 until 1933, died on Monday, August 8th at Geelong. He was a grandson of the founder of the Woollen Mills, Godfrey Hirst & Co., with whom he was associated for many

years. During the second world war he served as a Lieutenant in the A.I.F. and saw service in the Middle East and New Guinea.

Sir John Dwyer, who died in Perth on Thursday, 25th August, 1966, aged 86, entered The College in 1890, and at only 14 years of age was dux of The College. He qualified in Law at Melbourne University and was admitted to the West Australian Bar in 1904, where he had an outstanding career. In 1946, he was appointed Chief Justice of Western Australia and held this appointment until his retirement in 1959. Sir John was also Lieutenant Governor of Western Australia for 14 years, and as such was quite unsparing of himself.

Troward Frederick Harvey (1919) died in Geelong, after a brief illness, on 29th July. Mr. Harvey was born in Geelong and attended The College between 1916 and 1919, being a second generation Collegian. After working in Geelong for some years, he transferred to Melbourne where he remained for seventeen years, but returned to Geelong after his retirement. He was a quiet humble man and a very loyal Old Collegian.

Thomas Harriott, who entered The College in 1907, died in Geelong on August 22nd, 1966, aged 73 years.

Frank McFarland (1947), who attended the College from 1942 to 1945 and 1947 to 1950, died at Wangaratta on 13th June, 1966, after a long illness, aged 34 years.

David Edwards Davies who attended the College from 1922-1924 died suddenly from a heart attack in September. For many years David Davies was with the School Dental Health Service and spent much of his time travelling in Victoria for this service. When his health deteriorated he settled in Melbourne where he worked in the Dental Hospital.

William Vernon Purnell, who entered The College in 1896, died at Geelong on 5th August, 1966, aged 80 years.

Ralph Harry Crisp (1911) attended The College between the years 1908 and 1911, coming as a boarder from his home in Ballarat. His ability as a cricketer enabled him to play in the first XI while at school, and later to play Inter-state cricket for Victoria. After graduating in medicine at the University of Melbourne, he served as captain with the 1st A.I.F. Then he became the first resident Superintendent of the Perth Children's Hospital, and the first practising Children's Specialist in Western Australia. He died in London while on an overseas trip.

Mrs. Bell, the wife of Mr. Albert Bell, the College Rowing Coach, recently passed away, and we know that Mr. Bell will be very much in the thoughts of all Old Boys at this sad time.

Education—A Traveller's View . . .

The Vice-Principal and Mrs. Davey returned to Australia early in September after a six months' period overseas. During this time, Mr. Davey visited schools and universities in New Zealand, Fiji, England, Scotland and the U.S.A. He also enjoyed a month's holiday travelling in France and spent the summer as Visiting Professor in Comparative Education at the George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tennessee. At the Editor's request, he has written of his impressions in the following article.

Overseas, education is a big business. It is an important topic in conversation, in newspaper correspondence columns and in professional journals. The history and traditions of the people however, are still powerful factors in the shaping of a national education system. This truth was brought home to me during the past six months, when I had the opportunity of examining, at first hand, aspects of education in Great Britain and the United States.

The systems in these countries and in Australia offer many things worthy of rejoicing, but all three also suffer from educational tyrannies in one form or another. In this matter it is unlikely that we can rid ourselves of the tyranny of the past any more quickly in Australia than is possible elsewhere.

In Australia, there is the tyranny of the matriculation examination, as a result of which most of the secondary syllabus is dominated by the needs of the one person in six who will some day enter a University.

England, it has been the 11+ examination, which "creamed off" 5% of the "best" students into grammar schools and left the rest to eke out an education in secondary modern schools until leaving age. One might describe the tyranny of the United States Education system as "permissiveness." Arbitrary standards are played down, local administration emphasizes flexibility and independence, so that educational standards in two adjacent boroughs of the same state may differ widely. The pupil's personality is always to be considered. So there are syllabuses including courses in Social Adjustment and Driver Education glibly equated with Physics and Foreign Languages for credit purposes. This huge willingness to try new things, borne out of the cultural pluralism of the United States, has presented educationists with some mixed educational blessings, but has also raised the country to the point of world leadership in effective educational experiment.

In America, vast sums of money can be found for new educational ideas, the assumption being that expenditure is worth while if even a modicum of educational progress is achieved. The visitor is constantly staggered by the great quantity and high quality of the educational aids available, not only in the Universities and the well-endowed Independent Schools, but also in many of the nation's High Schools. Of course, it would be a mistake to believe that American teachers do not make good use of the more traditional teaching aids, in addition to their use of language laboratories, closed-circuit television and many electronic gadgets for improving reading speed and comprehension. The evident problems of structuring effective programmes for teaching machines are also being pursued keenly.

A most successful means of increasing teacher effectiveness has been created by the Federal Government, as a result of the passing of the National Defence Education Act in 1958. Institute Courses established under the Act, as well as University Refresher Schools, enable a large proportion of American teachers to spend the summer in self-improvement or further qualification, in refreshment both of subject-matter and teaching techniques. I visited a number of Universities and watched these Institute Courses in operation in Modern Foreign Languages, Library Science and Educational Media.

Teachers in Australia, by contrast, have hitherto either not had the opportunity or shown the inclination to spend their holiday time in this way. This is a national loss of considerable magnitude.

In many cases, the key to the success of a teacher's efforts lies in the ready access of aids and the assistance of trained staff to prepare them for his use. Some remarkable progress has been made in this area in the U.S. School Librarians, for instance, are trained not only in Library skills but also in the handling of visual aids of all kinds. The Library is thus not only the key resource-centre for the School, but a focal-point of development for staff as well and the hub of much of the School's activity.

The typical good High School Library will employ two full-time qualified Librarians, at least one partly qualified person, and probably a maintenance man or woman. Electronic study carrels, a mysterious title for a student desk activated with boy-proof strip projector, tape-recorder, headphones, microphone and television screen, increase individual study horizons tremendously at comparatively small unit cost.

It is obvious that an enormous development in educational interest and expenditure must occur before Australian schools can look forward to enjoying the use of such educational plant as is currently at the disposal of many teachers in American schools. So it is more usual

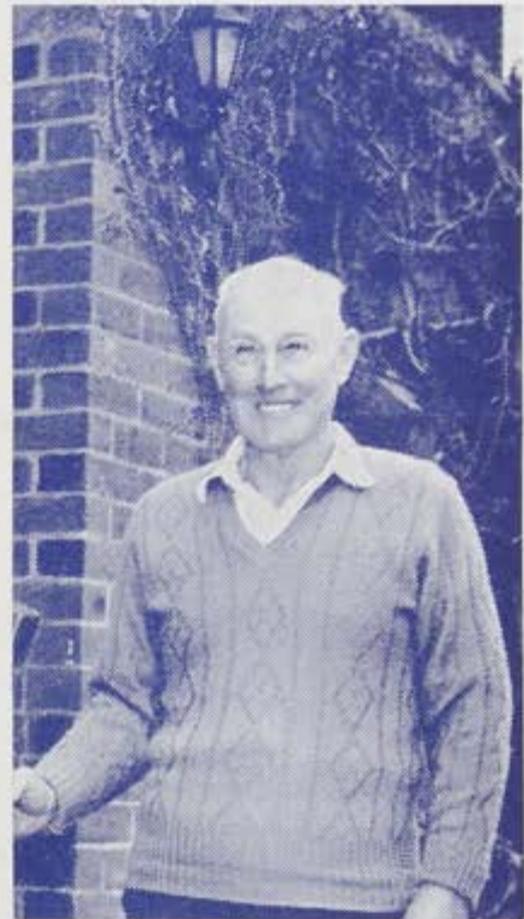
to look to English experiment and practice for more "realistic" ideas, as these make much less severe demands on the "economy."

However, at the College, in the extra-curricular field particularly, our Music, House of Guilds and Exploration Society activities cover many of the best English ideas already. Although these are doubtless capable of extension and improvement, I believe our progress will depend upon the effective and economic harnessing of American technological developments in education to Australian needs.

One is not to be deluded into believing that "instruction" is synonymous with education or that good equipment alone makes a good School. What is needed is a combination of devoted teaching, wise administration and generous alumni support. This is not at all beyond the powers of the College "family."

By these means, taken together, our sons may well enjoy the best of both educational worlds.

Bill Ketchen Retires



Mr. William Ketchen, or "Bill" as he is known by so many old boys, retired from the grounds staff in June, 1966, after 18 years of service to the school.

The men who maintain the College grounds in such a fine state also provide a constant source of good company. The cheery wave and greeting from a muffled figure driving the tractor on a cold morning, or a yarn outside "Teddy's Room" after school, make for a pleasant and enduring memory of life at The College.

These men are so much part of the College scene that we tend to forget that they have interests outside the school.

Bill, who has lived all his life in Geelong, played cricket for many years with North Geelong, and achieved considerable success as a slow bowler. It was his love for the game which eventually led him to joining the College grounds staff.

He is also well known in Geelong as a talented player of the bag

pipes, his association with various bands extending over fifty years. In fact, he has been secretary of the Geelong Highland Pipe-Band for the last fifteen years.

Another noteworthy facet of his life has been his work for the Glastonbury Orphanage, which recently honoured his work by creating him a Life Governor.

Mrs. Ketchen also served the College for many years, and she and Bill now intend to go on tour for three months before settling down to their retirement. Bill has been invited to become a member of the Bareena Bowls Club. Long may the wiles of the ex-slow bowler control the slower bowl.

BIRTHS

Alistair Lord — a son — Scott Alistair — August 15th.

Rev. W. D. Dearnaley, a son, John David William, June 19th.

John Robb, a daughter, July 5th.

Around The Committee Table

CAR BADGES AND COLLEGE CREST TRANSFERS

Enquiries have been received concerning the availability of car badges and College crest transfers. Quotations for these were obtained but in view of the initial outlay, together with the possibility of very limited sales, it was decided to take no further action at the present time.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Vacancies on the Committee caused by the resignation of Mr. S. K. Pearson (on medical advice), Mr. R. W. Purnell (due to increasing business commitments), and by the election of Mr. V. Andrews to the position of Vice-President, have been filled by Mr. D. I. Carmichael, Mr. H. M. Clarke and Mr. J. G. W. Urbahn. A warm welcome is extended to these three Collegians as they join the Committee to further the work of the Association and the College.

Old Boys v The College Football Match

The Old Boys versus The College football match took place at The College on Wednesday, 3rd August, at 3.30 p.m.

It was a warm and sunny afternoon, and one of the largest crowds ever seen at this Annual Match saw one of the best and most exciting games of the season. The twenty-six Old Boys who came to play in the match created selection difficulties for the team manager, David Leigh, but with a great deal of understanding and goodwill by everyone, together with allowances for the aged and the portly, the Old Boys finally arrived at their positions on the field.

A most exciting game ensued, with The College keeping just in front for most of the game. However, a magnificent spurt by the Old Boys in the closing stages resulted in a drawn game, (10.13-73 to 10.13-73), which everyone agreed was a fitting end to this traditional match.

1949 YEAR GROUP REUNION

On Friday, 24th June, some 56 members of the 1949 Year Group and their guests assembled at Kirrewur Court for a Reunion. This was by far the largest Year Group Reunion held to date, and its success was undoubtedly due to the efforts of their Chairman, Tim Dennis.

After an excellent dinner, Stuart McArthur and Neil Everist addressed the gathering and this was followed by question time, when the Principal (Mr. P. N. Thwaites) was very much in demand to reply to the numerous questions raised on almost every aspect of the College curriculum.

Visitors came from as far afield as Sydney, South Australia and Tasmania, and many Collegians remained until Saturday in order to attend the Old Boys' Day celebrations.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee was pleased to see Jock Farquharson (1939) President of the Gippsland Branch, 1965 - 1966, — at one of the General Committee Meetings.

Peter Mayne (1957) newly elected Secretary of the Albury Branch also attended a General Committee Meeting to discuss the formation of the Albury Branch.

SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

The Committee unanimously approved the suspension of membership of two Old Collegians.

THE UNIVERSITIES CONFERRINGS 1965-66

Ph.D.: P. J. Buryan (1952).
M.App.Sc.: B. L. Cole (1947).
LL.B.: J. J. Tait (1955) with honours.
LL.B.: P. A. McC. Doyle (1950).
B.A.: R. G. Hazeldine (1946).
B.A.: A. R. Webb (1953).
B.E.: E. J. Hazeldine (1956).
M.B., B.S.: A. C. Lawler (1954).
B.Arch.: N. F. Walter (1955).
B.Com.: R. K. Ackland (1951).
B.App.Sc.: R. A. Both (1956).
Dip.Ed.: I. R. Yule (1956).
LL.B.—M. A. Brian (1954).
LL.B.—R. J. Bell (1957).
LL.B.—A. G. S. Kidd (1953).
Ph.D.—J. F. Nelson (1931) B.Sc.

Notes From The University Colleges

ORMOND

Times have changed from the days when Ormond was made up for the most part of either Scotch or Old Geelong Collegians, but even today about ten percent of present Ormond men are Old Geelong Collegians.

This year ten Old Collegians have come into residence for the first time, eight as freshmen and also Dugald Williamson and Jim Robson, who were non-resident men last year.

Old Collegians continue to play a very significant part in the life of Ormond, administrative, academic, sporting and social. Representatives in the football team were— Birks, Hobday, Williamson and David, while Gray and the Robson trio took part in rowing. Others showing sporting ability were Sheahan in cricket, McLean in tennis, Carney in athletics and Davey and Johnston in hockey. David Birks and Peter Hobday were also prominent in the organisation of Ormond's social life. All told, there are not many activities in Ormond in which Old Collegians are not involved in some way or another.

QUEEN'S

The number of Old Collegians in Queen's is nineteen, including six freshmen this year. This number is beginning to rival that in Ormond, which has been the traditional College for the majority of Old Collegians in the past.

The Old Collegians have helped Queen's to win the few sporting events it has won and have done their best to make sure that when Queen's came last (as it did with depressing regularity) it did not come as far last as would otherwise have been the case. In the football team were — Olsen, Corr, Kidd, Lawson, Irvine and K. Andrews. No doubt G. Andrews and Robson would also have made this team except for a rule prohibiting league footballers from Inter-Collegiate football.

Others prominent in various sports were— Wright, Hinchliffe

and Paterson. As well as playing a leading part in College teams, Old Collegians have also managed to obtain at least twenty-four honours at the University exams (including six first class). Also on the academic side, Roger Douglas is a member of the Debating Team and secretary of the Willie Quick Club. There is one Old Collegian at the High Table in the person of Norman Young, who is Professor of Systematic Theology. Old Collegians are making a significant contribution to the life of Queen's.

Melbourne Dinner Dance

Over 140 Old Collegians and their guests assembled at the "Star Dust Room" St. Kilda, on Saturday, 17th September, 1966, for the Association's Annual Dinner Dance. The President, Mr. Eric Cook, and Mrs. Cook welcomed Old Collegians and guests.

This is the one occasion during the year when we have the pleasure of entertaining in Melbourne, the Presidents, and their wives, of other Old Collegians Associations, and we were pleased to see that Scotch College, Haileybury College, Geelong Grammar School, Melbourne Grammar School, Brighton Grammar School, Caulfield Grammar School, St. Kevin's, and Carey Grammar School Old Boys' Association were represented.

Some Year Chairmen also took advantage of this social function to reserve tables for their Year Group, and as a result, many Old Collegians were happy to meet each other again for the first time for many years.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming our own Principal, Mr. Thwaites, and Mrs. Thwaites, who unfortunately were not able to be with us last year. Mr. D. Davey, the Vice-Principal, and Mrs. Davey, looking extremely well after their overseas trip, were also present.

After the Dinner Dance, several Old Collegians and their wives went to the home of one of the Year Chairman to continue the party. If George Logie Smith could have only heard the rendering of excerpts from the Gilbert and Sullivan operas at the party, he would have realised that his teachings had not been in vain.

Our thanks are due once again to John Mitchelhill, who, with his assistants, Don Braden and Simon Appel, was responsible for all the arrangements for this most successful Dinner Dance.

It is hoped to hold the Dinner Dance next year on the first Saturday in Show Week.

WHO'S WHO IN THE O.G.C.A.

Mr. Donald W. Mackay, the President of the Mallee-Riverina Branch, Mildura, was at The College from 1942 - 1944.

In 1944 he rowed in the 1st VIII which that year won the Head of the River. He was also a member of the Glee Club.

He served in the R.A.A.F. 1945 - 46, and on being released from the service returned to Red Cliffs where he helped to start the Cardross Rowing Club of which he was captain and President until 1951. He then went on to coach the Mildura Rowing Club, which he also captained and of which he was Vice-President for two years.

His interest in the operas led him to become a member of the Redcliffs Musical Society and the Redcliffs Players, and on many occasions he has taken the lead in Musical Comedies.

An extremely keen golfer, he was, for two years, captain of the Riverside Golf Club. He is a valued member of the Mildura and Mallee Regional Committee of the R.A.C.V. on which he has served for 15 years, including 4 years as Chairman. In 1958 he organised the first Reunion of the Mallee Riverina Branch and has, since that date, occupied the Presidential Chair.