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## A DREAM COME TRUE

### Opening of Rolland Centre a Brilliant Occasion

One of the great events in the long life of the College was the gathering on October 10 arranged round the dedication and official opening of the first stage of the Rolland Physical Education Centre.

*It was not only the inauguration of another fine building, long awaited as that had been; not only the memory of a great headmaster or the presence of a famous guest to perform the ceremony; not only the gentle Geelong spring sunshine, the beautiful grounds, the thrilling pipe music; not even the excellent refreshments provided.*

Clearly outstanding was the personal involvement of the 500 visitors as parents or former Collegians or contributors to the Building Fund.

All of these things were the ingredients of a remarkably happy occasion, the memory of which must continue to give encouragement to those concerned in the direction and backing of the College, from Council and Principal downward.

Addressing the assemblage, Mr. Lindsay Hassett, M.B.E., described Sir Francis Rolland as a man of high principle, the greatest man he had ever met. He said that a large part of the College, as it stands today, is the result of Sir Francis's far-sighted dream of forty years ago.

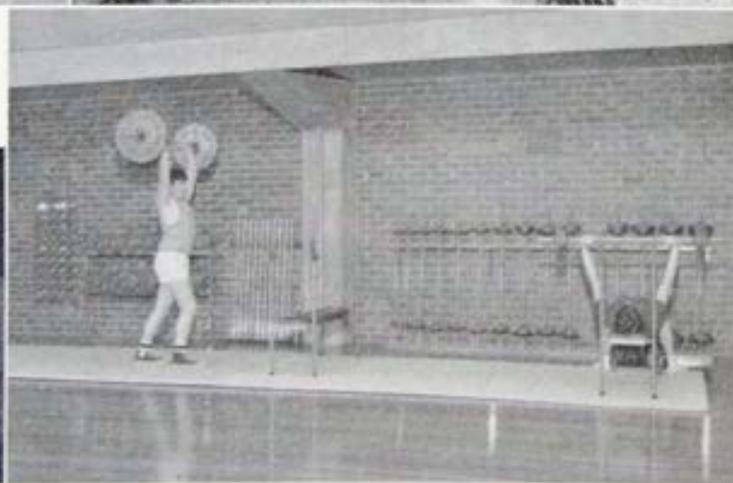
He referred to Sir Francis's love for sport and his considerable proficiency, especially in tennis and golf.

Mr. Hassett symbolically cut the ribbons leading to one of the stairways, and the official party was conducted through the building. During the period of public inspection, a squad of boys demonstrated the use of the equipment section.

Visitors also had an opportunity to see the finished Morrison Hall, including the modernized undercroft and the neat brick-work of the walkways. It is possible now to appreciate the new balance of buildings and landscaping in the redeveloped north front of the College.



## Seen at the Opening



# USING THE ROLLAND CENTRE

By Mr. Ed. Davies

The move from the old, worn-out gymnasium to the modern Rolland Centre has fully justified the anticipation and optimism of recent years, as well as the efforts of all who have had a part in making it possible.

The first stage of the Centre became available for use during the second term, even though some details were not yet complete. It proved to be of the high standard we had expected, and staff and boys are enthusiastic about the dressing and showering arrangements, the heated lockers, and the "equipment section"—a foretaste of the full-sized gymnasium to come.

During the September vacation the installation of equipment was completed and the area has worked to full capacity since. Beside formal classes, the area is open every day at lunch break and after school, as well as on Saturdays, and in the near future will be available for a short time on Sunday afternoons. Between 60 and 80 boys have been seen working at the same time.

## Quality

On viewing the equipment section, one is impressed by its cleanness, the good light, the height and space (which give ample fresh air), the excellent floor and the quality of the apparatus. The boys have already shown their appreciation of the fact that they are working in hygienic conditions, and are no longer likely to pick up dust and splinters.

This area which we are now using for general work will eventually be a specialized room for weight training, body building, remedial exercises for injuries or any other medical problem, and particularly for developing strength, stamina and agility in the sports participant. By this means we should achieve better performances in competition, but one must bear in mind that the games skills are still to be mastered on the field or on the river.

## Efficiency

One benefit which has emerged almost unexpectedly is a great increase in the efficiency of our Phys. Ed. operations. Internally the Centre is compact and well laid out: administration is concentrated, supervision is simplified, staff dressing accommodation and the arrangements for visiting teams and umpires are centrally placed. Externally the building is well related, close enough to the main school block and adjacent to the three ovals. In consequence, more work is being done, and done better.

## Still to Come

It is hoped that the swimming pool will be added in the not too far distant future, and also the third stage, which will house the large gymnasium proper, to be used for games such as basketball, and for more advanced gymnastics.

The Rolland Centre is undoubtedly an impressive addition to the campus, and we look forward to its final completion.

## BUILDING PROGRAMME

# What Next?

Project Pegasus is going to be a way of life for the College in the 'seventies. We can expect to have the builders with us for a long time; there are several proposed areas of development, and finance is expected from a number of sources.

When a new building is to be undertaken, there are several stages of preparation to be gone through. The inter-relationship of the site and the precise nature and dimensions of the job must be considered before working details and estimates of cost are arrived at and a contract let.

Right now we have almost completed the expansion of the Preparatory School library and its conversion to a resource centre with audio-visual facilities, which was supported by the Commonwealth Government to the extent of more than \$5000.

The Council's plans for a biology laboratory—to be added to the Sir Arthur Coles Science Building—and for the much needed main library are advanced almost to the point where they can be submitted to Commonwealth authorities in expectation of grants.

Discussions have now commenced on the nature of new boarding house arrangements.

The resident housemasters hope that the swimming pool at the Rolland Centre will be given a high priority. In addition to its obvious advantages in physical education and sport, the pool is seen as an important after-school and week-end facility, especially in view of the deterioration of bathing conditions in the river and the bay.

The boys at the Preparatory School will have the use of the Stuart Laidlaw Memorial Pool this summer.

The Council is mindful of the fact that money should be spent as soon as possible in order to receive the highest value for it. Of the amounts promised in this year's campaign, about \$90,000 has been received. Promises of contributions are still coming in, the total promises received to date being \$332,000. As well as these gifts, together with Commonwealth grants and the McCulloch bequest, several other amounts are expected as legacies or outright gifts; but unfortunately the total funds available still fall short of our total estimated needs in the next five years.

A revolution is taking place in educational thought. Nowhere is the new spirit more evident than in the approach to school building.

No longer can school planners act as if they were designing "a big box filled with equal-sized little boxes called classrooms." The hoary "egg-crate" concept that has long dominated school design is going the way of the dodo.

—"Pride"

# PREPARATORY SCHOOL PLAYS HOST

## JUNIOR SCHOOLS' CONFERENCE

During the second term vacation the Junior Schools' Association of Australia held its ninth biennial conference at The Geelong College. Sixty-six headmasters spent two days in lectures and discussions at the Preparatory School and were then joined by their staff members at the Senior School. After an ecumenical service in St. David's Church the gathering was addressed by Professor Frederick on "Technology for the Future."

He said: "It is unthinkable that schools should stand on an island of conservatism and refuse to accept innovations. The new educational hardware (television, video tape, programmed learning) would free the teacher from routine repetitive work and would encourage staff to place more emphasis on person-to-person relationships with their pupils."

## CREATIVITY

Mr. Thwaites delivered the opening address of the Refresher School with his provocative paper, "Creativity, an obligation of the Junior School." He said, "I would like to suggest that the essence of creativity is in the finding of a new relationship between two already existing ideas or relationships. Kepler related the moon and the tides; Pythagoras saw the relationship between musical notes and arithmetic; and indeed the whole scientific process of hypothesis and experiment is a combination of the use of scientific skill and creative imagination."

Further Mr. Thwaites said: "For those of us who accept the Christian faith I think there is no doubt that we believe that the ultimate purpose of mankind is to share in the creative activity of God. It is therefore of the utmost importance that our children should learn the technique of creativity early in their lives and in many ways this is what education is about . . . . If a junior school fails to be creative, it has failed in its essential function."

## ACTION

Other main addresses were presented by Rev. Doctor Cave (Melbourne University), Doctor R. S. Maddever (Geelong Grammar School) and Doctor A. M. Willee (Director of Physical Education, Melbourne University). There was a wide choice of teacher training sessions given by practising teachers, and each day syndicate sessions gave opportunity to discuss particular areas of educational activity. The newly completed suite of rooms under Morrison Hall was put to very good use for group discussions.

Letters arriving in large numbers are full of praise for the stimulating experience of a most successful conference. For many it was the first visit to the College and they went away more than happy with the experience.

# THE COLLEGE SCENE

## ABOUT THE GROUNDS

With the building operations at the Senior School temporarily halted, much is being done to improve the surroundings. Levelling and the sowing of new lawns have produced rapid and striking changes; the planting of many trees and shrubs will have a more gradual softening effect.

Cricket watchers will welcome the new large electric clock installed by the Council above the MacRoberts scoreboard facing the main oval.

At the Prep. School the most important operation has been the construction of the swimming pool presented by Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Laidlaw in memory of their son, Stuart. The official opening took place on October 30.

This is the season of athletic endeavour, culminating in the Combined A.P.S. meeting. Probably no other sport involves more boys at the one time, and those who do not excel against their fellows can have the satisfaction of lifting their own standards of performance.

## THE STAFF

Mr. Ewen McLean has been appointed to the new position of College Registrar, to deal with enrolment and associated matters. He continues his class teaching and his work as housemaster of Calvert.

Colonel Harry Dunkley, who had not been well through the winter, recently spent a few weeks in hospital, but has now returned home and is gradually regaining good health.

Three College masters are members of the Victorian Universities and Schools Examination Board's standing committees in their respective subjects: Mr. D. Webb (Art and Crafts), Mr. A. D. Mahar (English) and Mr. F. White (Graphics and Technical Drawing).

Mr. Maher represented the Headmasters' Conference at a recent UNESCO discussion on film and television education which led to the formation of an Australian Society for Education in Film and Television. Its aim is to encourage film appreciation and film making in Australian schools. Already the Australian Council for the Arts has shown interest. Mr. Mahar is a member of the planning committee appointed to launch ASEPT.

## SOMETHING FOR ALL

A wide range of activities was available to broaden the students' outlook during the August break.

Like Napoleon at Moscow, the cadet unit was at first defeated by the snows of Italian Gully, and camp training had to be abandoned. However a large group undertook a very successful leaders' course at Ballarat Airfield under Lieut. Peter Cronk and CUO Stephen Davey.

Two Sixth Form groups undertook forestry at Broadford and Mt. Gambier, and a third party was at the Serendip Wildlife Sanctuary. Third Formers took to the water, with cruises on the Murray and the Gippsland Lakes.

An assorted bunch went hiking in the Otways, where they found surprisingly good camping weather.

The range of interests presented to Collegians is ever widening. Seventeen boys recently gained St. John Ambulance first-aid certificates. A group has been going on rock climbing excursions through the winter. Senior boys are being helped to gain their driving licences and are qualifying at the rate of one or two per month.

## OPEN DAY

This year the Prep. Open Day had as its theme "The Space Age," which produced an outstanding crop of computers, space men, astronauts, rockets etc. It also produced very good returns to the stalls and sideshows. Fine weather assisted the barbecue lunch and all that followed.

## CATERING FOR A CAREER

College boys have many opportunities to obtain advice on possible careers. Mr. McLean is on hand with advice and documentary help. The O.G.C.A. is keen to assist where possible.

Two Old Collegians have addressed boys on their jobs. Mr. Jim McKenzie spoke on hotel-motel management and Mr. Adrian Howden dealt with pharmacy, showing a film which ranged from research to sales.

## Student Dissent



By the time you've learned all the answers — they've changed all the questions!

—Courtesy "Geelong Advertiser"

## THE CONCERT

The Morrison Hall was crowded for the College-Morongo concert on October 8 and 9. Most satisfying musically was the Purcell cantata, "Come Ye Sons of Art," while "Trial by Jury" was good fun on both sides of the footlights, but the main point was that enormous numbers of co-educatees had some part in the operation.

## PARENT GROUPS

The Parents' and Friends' Association has heard addresses from Mr. W. Bailey, student counsellor at La Trobe, and Mr. T. H. Timpson, of the V.U.S.E.B. Mr. Timpson spoke on "Education and Selection."

## Mr. W. B. McCulloch

### GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY

There has now been public announcement of a legacy exceeding \$100,000 bequeathed to the Geelong College by Mr. William McCulloch, an Old Collegian who died in November last year.

He was the son of a grazier in the Stawell district, but as a young man he took up a property near Balranald and spent most of his long life there.

He saw active service in the 1914-18 war.

Born in 1889, William McCulloch entered the College in 1906. These were the great days of Norman Morrison, and they were exciting times for the College. William McCulloch enjoyed his three years here and for the rest of his life he maintained an enthusiastic and generous interest in the school.

He was a fine sportsman, representing the College in cricket, rowing, athletics and football. 1908, his last year at school, was especially important to the College, as that was the year we were admitted to the Associated Public Schools. William McCulloch rowed six in the crew and was captain of football, leading the team to third place. Teddy Rankin, a famous Geelong footballer and head groundsman at the College for many years, who was regarded as an expert judge of footballers, considered William McCulloch a first-class player.

The College is fortunate in the tradition it has built up and the friends it has made. For more than sixty years Mr. McCulloch followed our fortunes, and there have been, and still are, many like him. The generosity of Mr. McCulloch's bequest is a wonderful demonstration of his interest, a demonstration his wealth enabled him to make. Naturally, the College community is grateful for this bequest, but it is noteworthy that Mr. McCulloch's generosity was aroused by his gratitude to the College. Those of us here now have an obligation to maintain and to pass on a Geelong College worthy of the faith many people have in it.

The Committee of the P. & F.A. is concerned that boys should be made sufficiently aware of conditions they are likely to encounter when they leave school, such as the pressures of advertising, the facts of the business world and the increasing permissiveness of society. It is good that school and home should join forces in such concern.

The Senior School Women's Group heard Mr. Peter Cronk speak on the Rolland Centre and the future Phys. Ed. programme.

## ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Students' Advisory Council formed this year has met regularly and is gaining strength. Matters of importance to the boys have been considered and public opinion is influenced. Some meetings are held in public.

A typical debate concerns the degree of compulsion which can be justified in persuading boys to watch school games or to join in particular activities.

# HERE AND THERE

News and Views on Education

While some of the older Independent Schools have their worries, there are newcomers who are making rapid progress. Yarra Valley, Peninsula and Gippsland are all pushing on with building schemes.

Under a new formula for joint action—i.e. co-education—the older Hamilton District and Alexandra College community is financing the building of two boarding houses, a refectory and a residence for the Principal.

There is a tremendous need for such a basic thing as a slide projector. There is no projector because an equipment subsidy depends on the amount raised by parents.

—At a suburban girls' school

If there were not enough teachers to go round, students with surnames from A to M would be taught one day and those with surnames from N to Z would be taught the next.

—At a Geelong school

Miss Lucy Shaw, M.B.E., is to retire this year as Principal of Morongo, a position she has held for 29 years. The new Principal will be Miss Dulcie Brookshaw, at present chief of staff and senior mathematics teacher at Shelford C.E.G. G.S.

Almost every "modern" notion about teacher relationship, curriculum and method appears to be older and dustier than blackboards. And the split between those who believe that studies should instruct the whole mode of life, and those who are concerned only about the earning of a crust, must have floated up in the talk aboard Noah's Ark.

"Moderating" is an operation in which a number of schools form subject groups, and their staffs agree on standards of examination, marking scales, etc. Individual schools retain complete syllabus independence, but standards are assessed by the group.

This year a group of Gippsland schools, St. Anne's, Gippsland G.S., St. Patrick's, Sion Convent and Sale H.S. were invited by the V.U.S.E.B. to become the first localized moderating group centred on a city outside Melbourne.

I am thoroughly sick and tired of reading about youth revolt, the generation gap, and so on, and of reading the well-meant but woolly-minded exhortations of certain clerics, academics, newspaper correspondents, and others, to to-day's young people in Australia, urging them to question everything they see, to accept nothing, to revolt against the past, to challenge authority, and so on. It is time someone stood up and told young people that all men have to believe in something good if they are to enjoy happiness and achievement in life.

—Sir Reginald Shell

In 1959 there were 4,700 students enrolled in the matriculation grade in Victoria. In 1969 the numbers were 17,200. In the same period the enrolments in Victorian Universities increased from 10,300 to 26,700.

Plans are being made in Japan to evacuate 257 primary schools next year in the worst polluted areas. More than 538,000 pupils will be sent to do lessons in youth hostels and other places in the country during the smoggiest weeks.

# N.C.I.S. IN ACTION

## Much To Be Done

The National Council of Independent Schools, of which Mr. A. Mcl. Scott (formerly of the College staff and an O.G.C.) is Executive Officer, has now begun operation. The emergence of a close-knit national body is an indication of the hard work done, of the optimism and enthusiasm shown by many people, and of the real need for such an organisation.

### United Front

It is becoming clear that there are two broad functions for the National Council to perform. One is to enable Independent Schools to present a united front to bodies beyond their immediate sphere. Obviously this includes governments. The other function is to establish and maintain close contact between individual schools so that the wealth of experience in education may be shared.

Any suggestion that N.C.I.S. has been set up as some kind of opposition to Government school systems would be far from the truth. This line of thought is promoted from time to time when the political dead horse of "anti-State-Aid" is dragged out for another pre-election flogging.

### Mutual Advantage

The Government school systems and the Independent Schools can and should work to each other's advantage. It is interesting to note that the proposed regional schemes to be established in the Ballarat and Latrobe Valley areas are, in a sense, an attempt by the Victorian Education Department to give some Government schools a degree of independence which they have never had before. It is to be hoped that the experience of Independent Schools may be available and useful in such ventures.

There is a great deal to be done. Independent education in Australia is based on a tradition of service to the nation over many years during which there has been an accumulation of experience, influence and wisdom. In an age of rapid development and serious social difficulties, education has quite suddenly emerged as a key issue, and the creation of N.C.I.S. will make it possible for Independent Schools to continue this tradition in a changing world.

# IMPORTANT

## PEGASUS AND AD ASTRA

A few Old Collegians have expressed disappointment at not receiving recent issues of The Pegasus, and it is possible that they overlooked announcements which appeared in that magazine, and also in Ad Astra, in 1968.

### Policy Decision

The committee of the O.G.C.A. had given long consideration to the questions of expense and content, as well as to suggestions of extravagance and waste. It therefore decided that The Pegasus would be sent only to:

- (a) all Old Collegians who have left the College during the previous two years;
- (b) other Old Collegians who request it annually on an order form which will accompany each December issue.

The request form has gone out with the December issue in 1968 and 1969.

### Changing Conditions

By its action, the committee hoped to give satisfaction to those who really appreciate the magazine. A considerable number of request forms have been completed and returned in the past two years.

At present all Old Collegians, as well as parents and friends of the College, receive Ad Astra.

It is quite possible that further policy changes will be forced on the O.G.C.A. and the College in the near future. Already the severe impact of the new postage rates, referred to in another column, has created serious problems.

### Action Now

A request form for 1971 will appear in The Pegasus next December.

However, it is open to any Old Collegian to cut out or copy and mail the following form of request now:

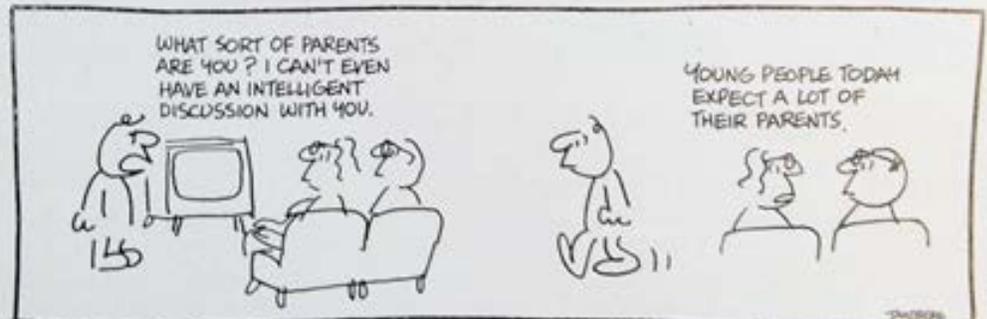
To The Executive Officer, O.G.C.A.,  
The Geelong College,  
P.O. Box 5,  
GEELONG, Vic., 3220.

I wish to receive The Pegasus in December 1970 and in 1971.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please DO NOT return this request if:  
(a) you left school in 1968 or 1969;  
(b) you have already requested for 1970.



The Generation Gap

—Courtesy "Herald"

# HISTORIC MOMENTS

## 1870 - 1 : End, Beginning

The end of 1870 found the College saying good-bye to Knowle House, in Skene Street, which had been its birthplace and very nearly also witnessed its early demise.

Knowle House laid no claim to anything which might pass as school grounds. Further embarrassment arose when Mr. George Morrison's academic success attracted more pupils than could be adequately accommodated in the building.

Soon the committee, tired of Mr. Morrison's importunings, was glad to hand over the whole concern to him "on condition of his paying all the liabilities."

Headmasters were ever a determined race. Mr. Morrison now owned the school and was prepared to spend money to ensure its future. In 1869 he purchased land on Newtown Hill, roughly the area covered by the present main Senior School block, Morrison Hall and the front garden. "It is so far out of town," he wrote, "that the air is as pure as country air."

Building went ahead in the later months of 1870—just a century ago—and in 1871 "the real College" opened. There was such an influx of pupils that the Head's private dining room was being used for classes.

More embarrassment! But the College had definitely arrived.

## 1903 : A Boy's Man

Mr. Stanley A. ("Sam") Marden, of Terrigal N.S.W. died on November 14, 1969. A month earlier he had attended the reunion of "veterans" at the College, and on November 12 he had written a long account of his school days here in 1902-4.

The following is an extract from Mr. Marden's last letter:

"Of Norman Morrison I have the fondest recollections. I use the word advisedly, because I could not conceive otherwise than that every boy in the school held him in the highest regard—in fact loved him.

"As an earnest of that, in my own case, I recall the cricket match of 1903 between the College and the Grammar school. On the last day of the match, with the College in apparently a hopeless position, I remember that I was confined to Room A or B for some misdemeanour. Gazing sadly from a window, I heard suddenly the sound of prolonged cheering. I wondered—but not in vain. Presently Norman Morrison himself came running—yes, running—up through the pine trees and told me to hurry down to the oval. He had not forgotten the lonely boy in Coventry.

"I was in time to see the last three or four wickets fall and the College gain a fantastic victory. Ford Shannon and G. A. Melville skittled the whole side for about 30 runs. That action of Norman Morrison's, in retrospect, almost brings tears to my eyes. Is it any wonder that I loved him and Geelong College?"

## 1970 : Family Affair



Mutual congratulations between Mr. D. D. Dovey, B.A., B.Ed., and his eldest son, Mr. Brent Dovey, B.Sc., after the conferring of which each took out a degree.

## 1920 : Acquisitions

[From "The Pegasus"]

On the opening day of the school year some members of the College Council were present at roll call to welcome our new Principal, the Rev. F. W. Rolland. Mr. Shannon addressed the boys, introducing Mr. Rolland and expressing his confidence that the high traditions of the College would be fully maintained under the present Principal.

We have to welcome three new masters on the College staff this year, Mr. C. Strover, B.A., Mr. G. Malor and Mr. R. McIntosh. Mr. A. H. MacRoberts has rejoined the staff after an absence of over four years.

[From the "Geelong Advertiser"]

Messrs. James and Eric Russell, of Barunah Plains, have presented new lawn tennis courts to Geelong College. They were formally handed over in the presence of the whole school.

Exhibition matches were played, Messrs. T. and J. Hawkes against Mr. Keays and Dr. Baird and Messrs. N. M. Freeman and Shepherd against Mr. C. Carr and Dr. Piper.

Two captured German field guns and several machine-guns figured in a parade through the city. They are a gift from the French Government and the Old Collegians' Association to Geelong, having been obtained through the efforts of Lieut. Colonel Purnell.

The guns were hauled by senior boys of the College with tow ropes, and seated on the limbers were several small boys. The Consul for France attended the presentation of the guns.



## ON OLD BOYS' DAY, JUNE 11, 1920

Delightful weather favoured the reunion. A football match between school and Old Boys resulted:—Old Boys, 10.2 (62); present boys 4.8 (32).

Best players. Old Boys—Rankin, Campbell, Carr, Sherland, Watt, J. Hawkes, T. Hawkes, Morris. Present boys—Ball, Brushfield, Bell, Russell, Henry, Greeves, McArthur, Mack, McCann.

With the possibility of an error or two, the above photo of the Old Boys' team appears to show: Back row—A. N. McArthur, C. Dennis, J. Carr, W. Sherland, I. Campbell, J. A. Gillespie, C. Carr, E. Russell, J. Russell, C. Myers, T. Hawkes, R. Bell. Middle row—S. B. Calvert, P. Callan, J. Watt, E. V. Gross (v.c.), B. Rankin (c.), T. David, A. Morris, J. Madden, J. D'Helin. Front—J. Hawkes, "Teddy" Rankin, J. R. D'Helin.

# O.G.C.A. ACTIVITIES

## OLD BOYS' DAY

### Reunion Dinner

Guest speaker at the annual dinner was the Hon. Mr. Justice Crockett, whose three-point address was the outstanding feature of the evening.

Referring to the College, Judge Crockett stated that he had not sent his own sons there for the sentimental reason that he is an Old Boy, but because the College in recent years has been publicly known for its rapid advances in education.

After recounting several highly amusing anecdotes from his legal experience, Judge Crockett went on to a forthright statement of his beliefs on law and order, emphasizing that those who dispute the rule of the law can hardly expect protection from the law which they are attacking. Everybody has to accept some laws which are not always to his liking.

### Business Meeting

At the annual general meeting of the O.G.C.A. on August 1, Mr. W. Wishart was elected President for the year 1970-71, with other office bearers as listed below.

Messrs. G. J. Betts, C. A. Bickford, D. D. Davey, H. L. E. Dunkley, E. C. McLean, P. N. Thwaites, I. R. Watson and D. Webb were elected Honorary Life Members in recognition of their long and loyal service to the College.

The annual report, presented by the retiring President (Mr. D. G. Neilson), included a review of the Association's first five years under its new constitution, a period in which social activity was expanded among the Years and Branches and the annual giving programme brought in \$49,000 for the Rolland Physical Education Centre.

It was stated that the committee is considering ways of adapting its social side to modern trends. Several O.P.S. bodies are finding that traditional dinners and dances, while always highly enjoyable, are often only moderately successfully financially.

## OFFICE - BEARERS 1970 - 1

**President :** W. Wishart

**Vice-Presidents :**

J. G. W. Urbahns, D. I. Carmichael

**Hon. Secretary :** B. R. Keith

**Hon. Treasurer :** B. G. Thom

**Hon. Auditors :**

D. L. Cameron, G. W. Johns

**Executive Officer :**

B. R. Keith

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**General Committee**

**Elected Members :**

V. H. Andrews, G. L. Bent, H. M. Clarke, R. S. Dennis, T. S. Dennis, E. K. Doery, F. W. Elliott, P. N. Everist, R. W. Farrow, J. E. Fidge, D. A. Jarman, R. A. Leggatt, G. D. Murray, G. L. Pearce, T. J. Rooke, A. McL. Scott, B. J. Solomon

**Ex-Officio Members :**

The Principal of the College, Branch Presidents

**Hon. Life Members of Committee :**

Past Presidents

## AT THE ANNUAL DINNER



(Photo "Geelong Advertiser")

Judge Crockett, Messrs. D. G. Neilson, W. Wishart (Pres.) and P. N. Thwaites.

The meeting adopted an amendment to the constitution providing that the chairman of the Council of the College be ex-officio a member of the General Committee of the Association.

## DINNER DANCE

This particularly pleasant function on September 12 was the opportunity for the President to entertain official guests from kindred associations. As it was generally agreed that the venue, the new Stardust in Toorak, is ideal for the purpose, a booking has already been made for next year's dance on September 18.

Most of the work for the dance in recent years has been borne by John Urbahns and Don Carmichael, who would be grateful for active assistance from other interested men on future occasions.

## BRANCH REUNIONS

### Grampians :

Under President Murray Slattery and Hon. Sec. Marshall Jackson, this group maintained its record for strong attendance and a happy evening. Visitors from Geelong were led by the president of the O.G.C.A., Mr. Bill Wishart, and the guest speaker was Olympic swimming champion, Peter Doak.

### Mildura :

Determined efforts by President Tony Douglas lifted this Branch to new heights in the week-end of September 5-6. College representation was strong: Messrs. D. D. Davey and A. A. Grainger were holidaying in the area; Colonel Dunkley and "J.H." were brought from Geelong by Bill McCann; other distant visitors included Barry Solomon and Graeme Williams (Geelong), Murray McDonald (Deniliquin), and Robert Money (Melbourne).

A family river cruise and barbecue picnic on the Sunday was such a strong attraction that supplementary road transport had to be organised.

### Hamilton :

After years of gallant effort, John Bromell and Leon Carter are succeeded by Hugh Sutherland and Robert Stewart as president and secretary respectively.

Messrs. J. H. Campbell and M. Stock were official visitors at the annual dinner.

## Executive Officer To Retire

The Committee has been informed by Mr. Bert Keith that he wishes to retire from the position of Executive Officer to the O.G.C.A.

Mr. Keith, who has held the position for the past two years, has indicated that he would like to be relieved of his duties in July, 1971.

Faced with the task of finding a successor, the Association wishes to hear from anyone who would be interested in taking the position himself or who knows any likely candidate.

The position of Executive Officer is a full-time one and entails not only work among Old Collegians but also a close liaison with the College. It is particularly suited to an Old Collegian or some other person well acquainted with College life and people.

Correspondence should be addressed to The Hon. Sec., O.G.C.A., P.O. Box 5, Geelong, Vic., 3220.

### Wimmera :

Kevin Officer (President) and John Kunnick (Hon. Sec.) arranged a most enjoyable evening for October 3, when attendance was boosted by a car-load from Serviceton and a representative from Hamilton. Messrs. Leo Hatton and Doug Cameron, of the College staff, as official visitors, were able to inform local men of what is going on at headquarters.

Next year's reunion is planned for October 2.

## YEARS

Tim Dennis staged another efficient reunion of his forty-niners on July 31.

Gareth Andrews, now on his way to Britain, has requested leave of absence from the chairmanship of 1960.

Murray Piper has agreed to be chairman of 1959.

About seventy "veterans" (members of the years up to 1930) enjoyed the opening of the Rolland Centre and their own special extension of the day, dinner in the main College dining hall.

## SPORT

Football proved to be a magnet for the more vigorous Old Boys when, on August 5, about 40 of them were attracted to the College to battle with present boys. Rodney ("Chirper") Robson had carried out a fine piece of organisation to produce almost the complete 1963 champion team, which worked itself into form to score a narrow win over the 1970 firsts. In the "seconds" match also experience brought victory to the senior side.

The hockey team again reached the final four with comparative ease, but was defeated in the preliminary final, thus finishing in third place. Unfortunately the services of Ken MacLean were lost during the season because of back trouble; David Baker finished the season as captain. David, with Robert Armstrong and Ian Keith, played for the combined Geelong side in the district carnival. Thanks to Mr. E. F. Sayers for his continued interest in the club.

## WEDDINGS

Garvin Feichney to Rosalind Eise, Glen Iris, January.  
Brent Waters to Mary Jurek, Monash Religious Centre, January 27.  
James Cox to Eleanor Johnstone, Mildura, February 14.  
Alexander Proudfoot to Kristen Erland, Melbourne, March 9.  
Gerald Douglas to Vera Murell, Melbourne, March 12.  
Maxwell Simpson to Jennifer Kent, Geelong, March 14.  
Alan Leigh to Lynette Hale, Geelong, March 14.  
Michael Bowden to Elizabeth Graham, Burwood, May 7.  
Paul Sheahan to Jane Fraser, Comberwell, May 9.  
Graham Peace to Diana Pearson, Heidelberg, May 9.  
Max Chappell to Lorelle Champion, Bateford, June 2.  
David Pawling to Solly Melville, Hamilton, June 6.  
Warrington Cameron to Patricia Major, Melbourne, June 13.  
Russell Thomson to Mandy Gibbon, Heme Hill, June 15.  
Alastair McDonald to Helen Blair, Glasgow, June 16.  
Colin Gross to Naida Peterson, Geelong, July 25.  
Bill Coulson to Pamela Todd, St. Kilda, August 6.  
Bruce Pettitt to Cheryl French, Geelong, August 7.  
Darryl Rickey to Susan Taylor, South Hurstville, August 8.  
Malcolm McKeon to Maureen Harrington, Geelong, August 8.  
Milton Dickens to Rawyn Watkins, Leopold, August 22.  
Lindsay Smith-Mair to Kay Riddle, Geelong, September 12.  
Peter Buffon to Ann Smith, Geelong, September 19.  
James Shane to Susan Kirby, Geelong, September 25.  
Bill Troedel to Prudence Hamilton, Teerak, September 25.  
Daryl St. John to Coralie West, Geelong, October 2.  
David Davies to Jenny Sargeant, Glen Iris, October 10.  
Ian R. Bishop to Linda Haywood, Geelong, Oct. 10.  
Gil Gordon to Shirley Piper, Newtown, Oct. 14.

## OBITUARY

With regret we record the deaths of our fellow Old Collegians and extend to their bereaved families our sincere sympathy.

Louis C. Mathews ('91)  
Stanley Warby ('93)  
Harold A. Maclean ('97)  
Albert J. Collocott, O.B.E. ('02)  
Arthur S. M. Collins ('04)  
J. Douglas Harper ('04)  
John C. Trumble ('05)  
George J. Rylah ('07)  
J. Vernon Dennis ('09)  
Stewart A. McKenzie ('11)  
J. Keith Spalding ('13)  
C. Mac Paul ('17)  
Frank R. Howell ('18)  
J. A. (Bob) Cochrane ('22)  
Egbert H. Harry ('23)  
Aubrey T. Berryman ('25)  
Douglas H. McKay ('27)  
Alan L. Taylor ('27)  
Peter D. Price ('28)  
Robert G. Robertson ('29)  
A. Gordon Campbell ('49)  
Bruce M. Hagger ('49)

## Personal Notes

John A. Taylor ('25) was elected national vice-president of the Australian Institute of Building.

Gordon McMaster ('34) is manager of market research, economic analysis and planning for Alcoa of Australia.

Bob Waterhouse ('40) led a surgical team at the civilian hospital, Bien Hoa, Vietnam.

Allan Deacon ('52) is on the staff of the Australian High Commission, Malta.

Richard Moodie ('57) joins the staff of Geo. A. List & Sons, Geelong.

Lieut. Roger Nation is nearing the end of his service with a Field Hospital in Vietnam.

Barry McDonald graduated Second Lieut. from the Officer Training School, Portsea. Ian Forsyth has entered a similar course.

John McKeon, RAAF, is in training in S.A.

Reported to be in the Army are Andy Bell, Graham Brown, Robert Peck, Robert Simson, Ian Threadgold and George Wood.

Rupert Wilson ('14) retires from Dennys Lascelles Ltd. after 53 years' service.

Bob Weddell ('29) has opened the Hamilton Hume Motel, Western Beach, Geelong.

Robert Pullin ('56) is training at the Commodore Motel, Glen Osmond, S.A.

Weddings about the end of the year are predicted for the Senior Brothers, Graham and Robert. Just now Robert is at Gunywarildid Station, Warialda, N.S.W.

Roy Garrett ('57) joins the mineral migration at Nhulunbuy, N.T.

Ric Walter ('61) as well as completing his wool classing at the Gordon, has become engaged to Miss Noni Paterson, Geelong.

Alex Proudfoot ('60) has a very new daughter, Cassandra, born October 15.

Rev. Barry Rowe ('49), on furlough from Korea, addressed the College assembly on present turmoil in Asia.

Brian Marshman ('58) has become secretary-manager of the Geelong Chamber of Commerce and Manufactures.

John Davies ('57), at his first attempt, coached and captained Ainslie to the A.C.T. premiership.

After his secretarial work for the Gramplains reunion, Marshall Jackson ('43) next day came from behind to win the Chalanbar golf championship at Ararat.

## POWER POLITICS

The Hon. Jim Balfour ('29) completes 15 years as M.L.A. and continues Minister for Fuel and Power.

Frank Hooper ('23), head of the Development (Policy) Division of the planning and Investigations Department, S.E.C., attended the Canadian Nuclear Association Conference in Toronto.

Eric Cook ('22) has retired from the Barwon Electricity Supply Branch after 34 years service with the Commission.

## THE UNIVERSITIES

### Degrees Conferred

Mus. M.: G. B. Hair.  
B. A.: A. M. McLean (Hons.), B. R. Olsen, L. B. Smith.  
LL. B.: R. H. Davey, G. D. Johnstone.  
B. Sc.: R. B. Davey (Hons.), A. D. Proudfoot (Hons.), A. J. Deans, A. S. Wall.  
B. Agr. Sc.: C. Penna.  
M. B., B.S.: D. E. Davies.  
B. Med. Sc.: R. B. Collins (Hons.).  
B. Ed.: D. R. Sellar.  
B. Com.: D. R. Walter (Hons.), A. M. Robson, R. McK. Robson, P. D. Watson.  
B. Ec.: A. G. Henderson (Hons.), E. E. Soon.  
B. Pharm.: C. B. Chapman.

### In Brief

Barry Thomas has returned to his work as Principal of Heywood H. S. after graduating Master of Education in educational administration from the University of Alberta.

Jim McColl, after a year of advisory work in Thailand, is undertaking post-graduate study at Melbourne with the support of a Reserve Bank grant. He also makes time to be principal of J. C. McColl & Associates, farm management and irrigation consultants.

Stephen Miles is finishing work at Hampton G. S., London, and moving to St. Paul's School, a large private boarding school in Concord, New Hampshire, U.S.A.

## GORDON GRADUATES

### Applied Chemistry

• Robert J. Newton, now with Marrickville Margarine, Braybrook.

### Architecture

• Campbell G. Seward, with D. Graeme Williams and Associates, Geelong.

### Industrial Design

• David J. McNeill, with Wycombe Industries, Geelong.

### Commerce

• Alan D. Currie, paymaster with Hawkes Bros., Geelong.

• Andrew R. Laidlaw, with chartered accountants, Melbourne.

### Civil Engineering

• Douglas C. Green, with consulting engineers, Melbourne.

• Malcolm E. Thomas, with C.R.B.

### Administration

• Dennis G. McDonald, operations analyst for Target, Geelong.

### Mechanical Engineering

• Simon Coulson, design engineer with Ford, Geelong.

A glorious spring afternoon at the Geelong Club was the perfect setting for the O.G.C. golf day. The four-ball best-ball was won by Clive Kirkwood and Lindsay Cooke, 6 up, and the individual par trophy went to Lindsay Cooke, 1 down, on a count back from Brian Thom. As usual Ben Davis operated smoothly as promoter and manager.