

THE OLD AND THE NEW

The old year ends. Another brave new year opens — a very special one in more ways than usual.

The College has completed 100 years on the Newtown Hill site and is moving energetically into the second century, while its younger brother, the "Prep," has reached its Golden Jubilee.

Always the same, yet always different, the College continues to zoom in to the distant vision of the few who founded it and the many others who have worked to sustain it.

RESTORATION

A timely tribute to the first Principal (Dr. George Morrison) is the repair and replacement of the finial to the spire on the 1871 section of the main building. Resembling a weather vane, the ornament bears the initials "G.M."

At the same time repairs were made to flashing and spouting on the tower, which was struck by lightning about two years ago. Structurally the building is in very good condition.

JUBILATION

The Preparatory School began in 1921, operating for one term at St. David's till its own home, the Aphrasia Street building, was opened on May 14. Its first headmaster was Mr. Ken Nicolson, who guided its first seven years and who will have a part in the Jubilee celebrations.

A thanksgiving service will be held in St. David's Church on Tuesday, April 6, and a Festival of Art is proposed for the last day of term. Old Boys, parents and friends are invited.

EXPANSION

The College property has increased with the purchase of the house and land at 85 Aphrasia Street from Mr. H. R. Leach. This is the last addition which can be made to the main senior school area.

PROVISION

The Council announces the establishment of a Geelong College Endowment Fund, income from which is to be applied in the first instance to scholarships and bursaries for College boys.

This fund is based on the bequest of \$10,000 from Mr. Alan T. Tait, formerly Vice-Principal. The Council has added a similar amount and will probably direct other bequests and gifts to the fund as

they become available. Contributions are welcome at any time.

While forced to raise fees almost every year, the Council is well aware of problems which face parents, and has sought a way to give assistance where and when it is most needed. The Endowment Fund provides one answer.

VISION

Dr. Norman Wettenhall (Chairman of Council) and Mr. Hugh Wettenhall are presenting to the College an area of about 150 acres of bushland beautifully situated in the Grampians a few miles south of Hall's Gap.

This wonderful gift will offer parties of College boys a base for camping, hiking and natural history and conservation studies. It is expected that beginnings will be made by groups of Form III boys in May and September this year.

REVOLUTION

And now, 1971 in the classroom: another break with tradition. The approach to education has taken a revolutionary change with an exciting experimental programme at third form.

Ability grouping is discarded, old subject boundaries have disappeared. Boys are encouraged to develop research techniques in five major areas, as follows:—

- physical sciences (mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, ecology, etc.);
- social sciences (English expression, history, geography and social studies);
- fine arts (music, painting and literature);
- languages;
- crafts.

All boys take religious and physical education.

Much class activity is based on assignments. There is great dependence on the Library as a resource centre, and there is more co-operative teaching, with groups of masters forming teams to cover each area of study.

The progress of this venture will be carefully assessed and could have a significant influence in keeping the College to the forefront of educational practice in the 'seventies.



PREP. PICNICS — REMEMBER ?

The annual picnic became a feature of Prep. School Life. Here are the young Mr. Nicolson and friends at the first one in 1921.

Summing Up

Extracts from the Principal's Report, 1970

As from next year, the only two remaining significant restrictions placed on any school in the planning of its educational programme will be the external Higher School Certificate Examination required for selection for entry to universities, and the specific demands of some employing authorities or other educational institution; and even these are under active review.

We here have welcomed the changes, and have begun to plan our response. There are three ways in which boys should benefit, firstly by the availability of a wider range of areas of study, secondly by a better integration of the separate parts of what they are learning into more meaningful relationships, and thirdly by more opportunity for individual and small group study at a pace and standard to suit the needs of the boy concerned.

We are fortunate that, in addition to our major effort in building this year the new Rolland Centre, we have been able already, with government assistance, to extend the Preparatory School Library, and to be well advanced in planning a new Senior School Library. There is, however, mounting evidence that these material needs in our Australian schools can only be met over a relatively long period, and by a substantially higher level of community expenditure than is at present accepted by our various governments.

The mechanism of any genuine democracy is highly complex, and any attempt to over-simplify it will lead to quite unjust and unrepresentative decisions.

It has, for example, become clear in many university contexts that majority votes taken at student meetings often do not represent the opinion of the student body as a whole, but rather the views of some active radical minority who are the only ones who have bothered to vote. We have a duty to teach each new generation the complex technique of democracy, and the limitations of any system of decision-making, however idealistic it may be.

We must try very hard to gain the confidence of boys and girls by showing them

that, although we do not necessarily agree with all their opinions or activities, we are nevertheless willing and able to help them to learn how to organise their own affairs. We must resist the temptation to do it all for them; we must be patient with their relative inefficiency or immaturity; and we must be available to help when they ask. These qualities seem to me to mark out both the good schoolmasters and the good parent.

One of the problems is, as always, that there are a number of boys in the school who seem unwilling to take any interest or active part in the affairs of the College community. They want to accept all the many advantages and opportunities they are given by being members of the school, without giving anything back in willing co-operation or service. And, sometimes, I am sorry to report, they are encouraged in this attitude by their parents. Fortunately these are only a minority, and most boys will and do respond to the right sort of leadership.

I am convinced that one of the great needs of our Independent schools, if they are to survive and prosper, is for the building up of their administrative strength, both internally and by appropriate associations of schools, so that they are in a stronger position to examine and analyse their own strengths and weaknesses, and to take a more active part in developing the interest of the general community in education.

In all these matters, the final consideration must always be the well-being and growth of maturity in your sons. We live in a puzzling era when it is not always easy to know what is best to do for them. But, in concluding this report, there are two statements about which I have no doubts at all. These are, firstly, that whatever we adults have done for good or ill, the College has had within it this year some very fine young men who will go out into the world well equipped to carry out the service to humanity which their idealism has led them to seek; and secondly that, whatever we adults have done for good or ill, we are only the feeble instruments of a grace and power far beyond our imagining.



MR. THWAITES

World Education Problems

During the first fortnight of February the Principal of the College (Mr. Peter Thwaites) was in Canberra attending the Fifth British Commonwealth Education Conference, as a member of the Australian delegation, and as the representative of the Headmasters' Conference.

The gathering was attended by representatives of all the British Commonwealth countries, ranging from the largest, like Great Britain, Canada and India, to some of the smallest and newest like Fiji and West Samoa. There were a great many most impressive representatives of nations in Africa.

Mr. Thwaites reports that he was a member of the committee which was dealing with such matters as the supply, training and status of teachers, and the problems of administration, planning and financing of education systems. He found the discussions and the personal contacts extremely interesting, and has brought back with him a great number of interesting documents ranging over educational problems throughout the British Commonwealth.

One of the problems in which he took a particular interest, since it is of such immediate significance in Australia, is the question of financing the increasing demands for education at all levels.

It is becoming clear in all nations, whether the richer and more developed ones or those which are at an early stage of development, that it is going to be increasingly difficult to meet the demands of education from taxation sources alone. The theory that all education should be free may therefore have to be abandoned.

The final report of the Conference includes a suggestion that governments might well look at the question of financial resources other than general taxation. These would include fees paid by parents, contributions made by industry, and private benefactions towards education, no doubt encouraged by taxation inducements.

This is of course a field in which the Independent Schools have a good deal of experience, and would strongly support any move by governments in this direction.

TERM DATES

The following is a fuller statement of this year's key dates:

Term 1 ends:	Preparatory	May 6
	Senior	May 7
Term 2 begins:		May 25
Term 2 ends:	Preparatory	August 19
	Senior	August 24
Term 3 begins:		September 14
Term 3 ends (Speech Days):	Campbell House	December 6
	Preparatory	December 7
	Senior	December 8

WHERE DO THE ODD CENTS GO?

Despite assertions to the contrary by the ill-informed and the axe-grinders, who like to speak of "privileged" and "affluent" Independent Schools, the College has no secret wealth, no cattle stations or nickel mines or city blocks, no revenue producing endowments.

Each year moneys received are spent in the running and maintenance of the school, often with the assistance of as large an overdraft as can be reasonably serviced—particularly in periods of large building development.

Naturally contributions to special funds, as in the case of Project Pegasus or gifts for the provision of scholarships, are reserved for their stated purposes.

But school fees are the only "normal" income, and in March 1970 we published figures to show that the full amount of fees is spent each year on salaries, catering, interest and debt reduction, administration, etc.

The word "etcetera," especially in its abbreviated form, is easily passed over. But when a business handles amounts approaching \$1,000,000 annually, the odd cents in each dollar can add up to an important part of the year's trading. In a College context, "etc." can be taken to mean minor capital works, repairs and maintenance.

Such minor works in 1970 included:—

- classroom equipment;
- hot water service for laboratories;
- curtains for Morrison Hall stage;
- shelving in library;

- modifications to refectory block; including new electricity supply;
- fire escape improvements and warning devices;
- furnishings and plant for tuck shop;
- development of north quadrangle (between Rolland Centre and Morrison Hall);
- electric clock in score box;
- drainage of Mackie oval;
- etc., etc., etc.

And what is happening—materially—at the College this year, apart from major building developments mentioned in another column? That is, what will happen if those four or five cents can again be found in each dollar of turn-over?



MR. BRUCE JAMIESON (BURSAR)

Some months ago the Bursar (Mr. R. B. Jamieson) submitted to the Finance Committee of the College Council a list of projected expenditures for 1971 on minor capital items, including school equipment and property improvements.

In considering submissions from the various departments of the school, the Principal and the Bursar arranged items into several degrees of priority. Among the most urgent are:—

- fence for the Stuart Laidlaw swimming pool at the Preparatory School (now completed);
- redevelopment of Geography room at Senior School;
- improvements to storage and lighting at House of Guilds;
- conversion of hot water system for Mackie and Warrinn Houses;
- machinery for woodwork department;
- replacement of accounting machine, mini-bus and two pianos.

Relegated by financial necessity to lower ranking, for the time being, are such items as science equipment, calculating machines for the mathematics department, servery ventilation in the catering section and, unfortunately, microscopes requested by the science departments.

There is a good enrolment at the College this year. Some of these needs may therefore be met at a later stage.

And so the battle of the cents is re-fought annually with a delicate balance between victory and defeat.

SENIOR SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

Urgency is the keynote in Council deliberations at the College these days for two good reasons:

* Developments at Senior School, as outlined in Project Pegasus, are needed to enable College to give the best possible service, as soon as possible.

* Moneys available, whether personal gifts, legacies or government grants, will buy more if spent sooner.

The great achievement of 1970 was the completion of work on the middle block of the Rolland Physical Education Centre, the remodelling of the undercroft of Morrison Hall, and the laying out of lawns and terraces on the north front of the school to give an entirely new centre of gravity to the grounds.

What comes next?

The first fruits of 1971 will be the construction of the new Biology Laboratory and a classroom at the west end of the Sir Arthur Coles Science Building. This item already has the green light to proceed to tender stage, and work could begin about the middle of this year.

A kind of "shunting" operation involving classrooms, dormitories and hospital will then clear the way for the commencement of work on the new Library in 1972.

Because of its central function in the academic process, the Library is being given top priority in the MAJOR building operations of the new development programme.

And then . . . ?

The timing of further progress will inevitably be controlled by the availability of dollars. Looking into the year 1973 we see the next stage of the Rolland Centre and/or a new Boarding House unit emerging from the mists, provided that subscriptions to the Building Fund are maintained at a high efficiency.

The ideal finished state of the Rolland Centre is well known. The need for it is so urgent that stop-gap measures are being talked about. The area of the gymnasium proper, on the south side of the existing block, will have its surface sealed as a basketball court. Perhaps the swimming pool, on the north side, could be constructed in the first instance as an open-air pool.

As regards Boarding Houses, preliminary discussions are taking place and it could be that definite planning will be the great preoccupation in 1972, with some construction under way the following year.

Sometimes progress may seem slow, and delay is costly, but detailed design, with the eventual production of working drawings, is an exercise which cannot be rushed.

A great deal of thought and action is being put into forward planning of the whole project by Council, Principal and Staff, working closely with the College architect (Mr. P. N. Everist).

The Project Pegasus continuation committee, led by Mr. F. R. Herd, has taken on a five-year contract to maintain the flow of contributions to the Building Fund. So far it has been most successful, only a few nudges to the absent-minded being necessary.

A GOOD FRIEND

The death occurred at Ballarat on February 5 of Mrs. Eleanor Hamilton-Calvert, the widow of Mr. Stanley Hamilton-Calvert, who was the first honorary secretary of the O.G.C.A. and for many years chairman of the College Council.

Mrs. Hamilton-Calvert was 90 years of age. She was always a good friend of the College and Collegians. Her sons, James and Maxwell, Collegians of the 1930 period, lost their lives in the 1939-45 war.

THE COLLEGE SCENE

EXAMINATIONS

Once again, in 1970, academic results reached a high standard:

16 boys won Commonwealth Secondary Scholarships; 23 Commonwealth Tertiary Scholarships; 4 University College entrance scholarships.

53 boys gained the Higher School Certificate. 2 gained distinctions: P. L. Champness in physics, D. C. N. Dunoon in economics. 35 gained honours, aggregating 37 A's and 55 B's.

Dux of the College was P. L. Champness, with three A's, one B, and pass in English expression. G. C. Wood was Proxime Accessit with similarly outstanding results.

H. G. Seward, after a particularly busy and successful year as Captain of School, gained four A's.

NUMBERS

A further gain in enrolments, in both junior and senior schools, raises the total attendance to 770, the highest ever.

BY-PASS

For some years now, about one third of the boys in each year have been presenting for Technical School examinations instead of the previous University-set examinations.

For the first time, these boys reached Matriculation (or Higher School Certificate, as it is now called) in 1970. 15 qualified to sit for H.S.C. by this means and, in fact, 10 returned to school to do so. This year the numbers are higher.

Thus a new route is provided for Collegians to reach tertiary education.

HOLIDAYS

Perhaps this year there were fewer organised holiday parties than usual. The event which made headlines was the landing on Rodondo Island by five boys accompanied by Mr. Ryan and a university botanist, Mr. James Kilpatrick. The results of their investigations are not yet fully assessed, but it was a memorable adventure.

An independent group spent a fortnight hiking in Tasmania's rugged south-west.

NEW YEAR

A new staff post is that of school warden to which Mr. B. Stead, formerly R.A.N., has been appointed. Besides having general oversight of the campus, he will assist in gymnastic work.

Captain of the school is Hugh Torode, with Stephen Anderson as vice-captain. Other prefects are: Doug. Abrecht, Peter Crockett, Jamie Ford, Max Kroger, Greg. Lindquist, Noel Russell and David Sutton.

STAFF RETIREMENTS

Colonel Harry Dunkley, D.S.O., M.C., B.A., was forced by ill-health to retire somewhat earlier than expected. Last year, indeed, his health caused concern, but he has gradually gained ground. He first joined our staff in 1935. He had a distinguished war record and, after university studies, returned in 1948 to the College, where he will be long remembered as master in charge of social studies and cadet training.

Miss N. Grenfell has retired after 20 years as matron of Rolland House on both old and new sites.

Another retirement, also after 20 years' service, is that of Mr. Geoff. West, a member of the ground staff.

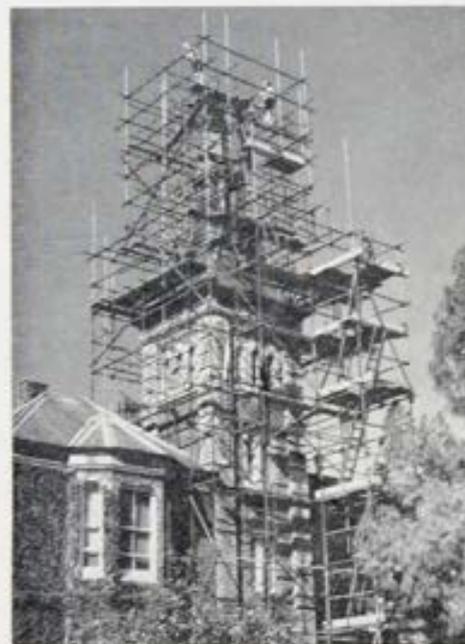
RACING EIGHT

The College Council has provided a new racing eight which will be used in the coming Head of the River. The boat is being named in honour of Mr. A. Austin Gray, one of the Boat Club's strongest supporters.

SPORTING

The XI has had mixed fortunes, with a clear win over Scotch and losses to Haileybury and Geelong Grammar.

Mr. Albert Bell is again hard at work on the river, and crews are beginning to take shape.



Mr. R. B. Jamieson (Bursar) and Mr. B. E. Keith (Exec. Off. O.G.C.A.), at the highest point of their careers at the College, carry out an inspection of improvements.

House Swimming at senior school, the first event decided for the year, saw McArthur, 164 points, and Shannon, 131, well clear of their rivals.

The Stuart Laidlaw pool at the Preparatory School is immensely popular. It will allow the Prep. to conduct its swimming sports in ideal surroundings and at convenient times.

ACTIVE

Some clever time-table engineering has made lessons end at 4.30 p.m. on Tuesdays, the resulting extended lunch break allowing an uninterrupted session for clubs, societies, etc. There are at least 35 of these extra-curricular activities to choose from, so every boy should be able to fit in somewhere. Subjects range from pottery to politics, or carving to car driving.

PARENT GROUPS

The Parents' and Friends' Association, with Mr. W. Wishart as President and Mrs. H. Revie as Secretary, will have its first regular meeting on March 19, when attention will be given to the work of Third Forms.

The Association received several letters of thanks and praise from kindred bodies at other schools for promoting last year's lecture by Mr. T. Timpson on the changing examination system.

The Women's Group, guided by Mrs. N. Lindsay (Hon. Sec.), appears to be filling a need, and will continue to meet each term. Notices will probably be sent home through the boys.

CAPITAL

To co-ordinate the work of different groups interested in raising moneys for the College, the Council has reconstituted its Capital Funds Committee, inviting representatives of parents, Old Boys and Project Pegasus to join in discussions and planning.

Si monumentum . . .

Recent developments about the College grounds have caused the temporary disappearance of some of the well-known landmarks, which, however, have gradually returned to view as the new order has taken shape.

The bird-bath-fountain in memory of Hugh Mackay, previously in the garden of the original Principal's house, near Talbot Street, has found a place in the grounds of the present Principal's house on the Noble Street frontage.

The sundial which stood between the Morrison Hall and the old pavilion now marks time in a fairly sunny position east of the Hall and may be moved again. It is the memorial to Mr. J. B. Kerr, a member of the teaching staff 1889-1909, Vice-Principal 1904-9.

Questions are often asked about the fate of the Morrison Hall clock. Its mechanism is still preserved, but, as well as being seriously worn, it is so bulky as to make its re-location a problem. The clock was put up in 1929, largely through the efforts of the 1928 boys, led by their senior prefect, Jock Adam. Last year the Council installed a modern electric clock in the MacRoberts score box.

Those who do not often visit the Preparatory School will be interested to know that the little score box which once stood beside the main senior oval, then the Prep. oval at the old site, today overlooks the top oval on the new site.

The small room on the north side of the Senior School quadrangle (the masters' common room before 1917, then the bookroom of sinister fame) is now the boot room for Morrison House. Its successor in the book business, situated in the south wing opposite the hospital, is now occupied by Mr. Ewen McLean as Registrar, and books are dispensed from one of the rooms under the Morrison Court.

There is no truth in the rumour that the old gym. has been marked down for preservation as a national monument. Part of it is a store room, and it seems destined for early demolition after almost a century of hard use.

THE FIRST "PREP" : A Diary

DECEMBER, 1920

Few events in the long history of the College are more worthy of record than the recent decision of the Council to build an entirely new school for boys between the age of six and thirteen. It will be opened in the Diamond Jubilee Year of Geelong College.

For the first time it will be possible to obtain in the city of Geelong a complete Public School education. A boy will be able to go forward step by step, without a break, from the year he leaves the Kindergarten to the year he leaves the College.

DECEMBER 14, 1920

The foundation-stone of the new Preparatory School has been laid to-day. As new classrooms had to be erected, it seemed wiser to build an entirely new school in which the younger boys could have a life of their own, and yet begin at an earlier age their connection with the College. In this way their education will proceed without a break from the time boys can read till the age at which they enter the University.

MAY, 1921

We extend a hearty welcome to our new colleagues in the Preparatory School, Miss Trumble and Mr. K. W. Nicolson.

We are very pleased to see that the new Preparatory School is imitating its big brother—the Big School—in producing a magazine of its own, containing all its own news, written solely by its own members. Though this first edition of "The Prep. News" has not attained the dignity of print, yet no doubt sooner or later it will follow in the steps of "The Pegasus." We congratulate Miss Trumble on the amount of energy she has put into the paper; also those boys who contributed to it; and wish "The Prep. News" every success in the future.

MAY 14, 1921

The first function was the formal opening of the new Preparatory School, a handsome brick structure containing several large well lighted and ventilated class rooms. The ceremony took place from the steps in front of the school, and proceedings opened with prayer, offered by the Rev. E. M. Baird. Mr. Charles Shannon, who presided, in asking Sir John McFarland to formally open the school, mentioned that it was five months that day since the foundation stone of the building was laid, and the contractors had done their work so well that the institution was now ready for use.

AUGUST, 1921

We shall always have pleasant memories of this term, for we have had a very happy time indeed. The House competitions, combined singing and drill, concerts, and picnics have all brought us very much together. The two Houses have continued their struggle very energetically, but Pegasus has been unable to gain a lead from Bellerophon, for the latter excels very considerably in class work, for which the majority of points are awarded.

WHO ARE THESE
ENTHUSIASTIC
YOUNG
SPORTSMEN OF
50 YEARS AGO ?



DECEMBER, 1921

On Friday evening, Dec. 9, the boys of the Prep. were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Rolland at a Fancy Dress Party, held in the Morrison Hall. The costumes, which were not to cost more than 2/6, were excellent, and when all were assembled, made a very pretty and interesting scene. After the boys had thoroughly inspected one another, they promenaded before the judges.

Games and House competitions, in which Pegasus was phenomenally successful, helped to pass the time away, and at the height of the fun, a smart young herald entered, craving admission for Santa Claus, attended by a band of sprites and pet animals. Most of the children were overawed by these visitors, but soon recovered, and crowded round Santa Claus while he distributed fruits, nuts and lollies from his sack. He then proceeded to call up the boys, one by one, to receive a musical instrument from a gorgeous Christmas tree, which suddenly sprang into view, lighted by a myriad of small candles. After the distribution of pre-

sents, the children crossed over to the main building where supper was served in the boarders' dining room. Supper, as usual, was the "piece de resistance" to the small boy, and the evening ended in a crescendo of enjoyment and noise.

It is with extreme satisfaction that all those who take an active interest in the welfare of the Prep. look back on the year that has passed. The end of this term marks the end of the first year of the Prep's existence, and a happier or more fortunate year it would be hard to imagine.

The devotion of the boys to their own Preparatory School seems to surprise their parents. It is, of course, largely due to the personality of the staff who have worked with enthusiasm and originality, and taught their classes better things than books can give. In a few years the senior school will feel the full influence of having a stream of boys coming to it already well grounded in its subjects and imbued with its spirit.

SURVEY OF SCHOOLS' NEEDS UNDER WAY

Like all other Independent Schools in Australia, the College has recently been engaged in completing a comprehensive questionnaire issued by the Department of Education and Science.

The information is to be used by the Federal Government as part of a national survey of educational needs, and schools are required to make projections of financial demands to be met during the next five years.

This follows a similar survey among Government schools in 1969, when the Australian Education Council concluded that the amount required over the next five years would be in the vicinity of \$1450 million. The survey now being conducted in Independent schools will no doubt produce a smaller total, but the amount will nevertheless be similarly staggering.

The National Council of Independent Schools was given the opportunity of assisting the Department, even at the stage of drafting the questionnaire. It became apparent that any survey would be difficult because of the wide range of capital and recurrent expenditure Independent schools are engaged in, while the overlap of many aspects of school finance makes it difficult to analyse costs into neat compartments.

The present rural recession and the unpredictable variations in costs and income are factors which make projections for the future very difficult in any school, but the survey of needs is a reminder that schools like the College are part of the Australian education scene and that the cost of independent education can no longer be a purely private matter for parents of Independent School children.

O.G.C.A. ACTION

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

A committee has been formed, representing the Association and the College Council, to define qualifications for the position of Executive Officer and to call for applications. The new appointee will need to take up his duties in July or August.

1970 LEAVERS

The President (Mr. W. Wishart) spoke to senior Collegians at the valedictory dinner in December. All leavers who attended were presented with an O.G.C. tie and have since received a personal letter of welcome.

BRANCHES

Most Branches this year were able to make advance announcement of their reunion dates, which appear on the fixture card.

YEARS

Urged on by Roger Cumming, Bill Farrow and Richard Morris, Years '60, '61 and '63 are running a woolshed dance on March 13. Thanks to John Steel for his co-operation.

BOAT RACE BALL

The Ball will again be held at the Palais Geelong, on Friday, April 2. Details, with form of application for tickets, are on the back page of this issue.

Help in organizing parties and decorating the Palais will be most welcome.

OLD BOYS' DAY

The traditional reunion in Geelong is fixed for Saturday, June 26. With the recent building improvements, the committee is arranging to provide more comfortable conditions for visiting Old Boys.

Sporting attraction will be the P.S. football match on the main oval between College and Melbourne Grammar.

The annual general meeting of the O.G.C.A., also at the College, will be followed by the reunion dinner in Sladen House, Pakington Street, Newtown, which has proved a very pleasant venue in the past.

MELBOURNE DINNER DANCE

This year's dance is fixed for Saturday, September 18, again at "Stardust," Toorak Road. Last year's function was a great success in every way except that higher numbers would mean less anxiety for our "managers," Messrs. John Urbahns, Don Carmichael and Keith Doery. Who will help by arranging a party?

SPORTING

The hockey club had its annual meeting last month and hopes to field another strong side this year. Ken MacLean is again President.

August 4 is the date for the football clash, O.G.C.A. v G.C. Let the Executive Officer know in good time if you want a game: probably two teams can be matched if sufficient players offer.

Unfortunately the corresponding cricket fixture for February 3 was washed out.

MEMBERSHIP

The constitution of 1964 states that financial membership of the O.G.C.A. is conditional upon a contribution to the Geelong College Building Fund during the current year, the exception being that Life Members (accepted prior to the adoption of the new constitution) shall be deemed to be financial at all times.

A member must be financial to have the right of holding office or of voting at meetings.

While the Association continues to honour its responsibilities to Life Members, some of them do realize that their Life sub. of five or ten guineas—as it once was—yields a very small income in present values. Many of the most generous supporters of Project Pegasus and Annual Giving are Life Members.

CORRECTION

In Ad Astra No. 24 the name of Mr. M. T. Wright was replaced by that of Mr. C. A. Bickford on the list of new Honorary Life Members.

Mr. Wright was Hon. Sec. of the O.G.C.A. 1946-59 and President 1963-4.

Mr. Bickford has now completed twenty-five years on the teaching staff of the College.

ANNUAL GIVING GOES ON

It is repeatedly pointed out that schools like ours must rely heavily on the goodwill of their friends if they are to remain in existence.

For this reason the O.G.C.A. in 1964 redirected its constitution towards supporting the Geelong College Building Fund, while also retaining its traditional role of promoting good fellowship.

The phrase "Annual Giving" became familiar in the years 1965-9, when almost \$50,000 was provided for the Rolland Centre. An idea had crystallized into bricks and mortar.

In 1970, when Project Pegasus was seeking five-year promises to the Building Fund, there was no official Annual Giving activity—though some men maintained their contributions without being asked.

Project Pegasus is a very special kind of Annual Giving in response to the College Council's needs, and has priority over the other kind for five years. The Annual Giving Committee of the O.G.C.A. is "bending over backward" to avoid the impression that gifts are being sought under two systems at once. If a man has this impression, someone has made an error.

However, a good number did not enter into a five-year contract last year. Some did not have the opportunity, because they could not be contacted: there are so many Old Collegians, so widely scattered. And, understandably, with the best will in the world, some were not in a position to undertake forward commitments.

In view of these circumstances, the Annual Giving Committee has now resumed work, giving an opportunity to the uncommitted to make a single contribution to the Building Fund for the current year. One mailing has gone out; there is a fair response so far, with gifts continuing to arrive. The work goes on.

Gifts to the Geelong College Building Fund are tax deductible.

MASTERS WE HAVE MET: THE TEMPERAMENTAL

(Smith minor splits an infinitive)



By Mr. Robert Robertson, The King's School, Parramatta (Geelong Collegian 1899-1903)

DOWN THE YEARS

John McRae (1891), always mindful of the College's interests, has presented to our records section a medal which he won in 1895. That was the first year of the Sargood Shield rifle shooting contest, and, when College won, Dr. Morrison awarded each member of the team a silver medal.

A small thing in itself, this medal is a priceless relic from College history. It was in the 'nineties that shooting assumed great significance here. It was said that preparations for competitions were so intense that for a time they gave the grounds the appearance of a military academy.

Yet another memorial to a great Collegian is the George Ernest Morrison Lecture, founded by Chinese residents in Australia with the object of stimulating interest in Chinese art, literature and culture.

Two eminent Old Boy clergymen have died in recent months. The Rev. Alex Houston was Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria in 1948. The Rev. Dr. Edgar Collocott was a Methodist missionary in Tonga for 13 years and earned high regard for his work in anthropology.

Norval Grano (1900) returned to the College to identify the older landmarks and to find his own photograph among the 1902 first football team.

Eric Russell ('09) received congratulations from Old Collegians, among others, on reaching his eightieth birthday.

John D. Rogers ('13) has retired as a trustee of the Combined Schools' Superannuation Fund after serving since its inception twelve years ago.

The Rev. Allan McAdam ('27) retired from the Preparatory School staff after ten years of teaching and chaplaincy.

Garry Armstrong ('29) has passed on sports medals and cap badges from the early years of the century, kindly presented by Lady Cohen and Mr. N. Evans.

Richard Gibson ('30) is in charge of the Gordon's Architecture Department, in which Alan Collier ('46) is a lecturer.

Collegians are always strong in the service clubs. Just now Jim Chisholm ('31) has heavy responsibility as Governor of Rotary District 278. Ken Nall ('37) is president of Geelong Rotary, with Geoff Neilson ('42) president-elect.

With regret we note the deaths of Mr. John F. Rusden, a master at College 1930-7, and Mr. H. T. Crunden, 1941-4.

Professor Donald McLean ('38), professor of virology at Vancouver, paid a brief visit to Australia, including the College, in December.

Colonel John Salmon ('39), formerly deputy director of staff duties, Army H.Q., Canberra, was appointed Chief of Staff, H.Q. Australian Force Vietnam, as from early this year.

Dr. Peter Campbell ('42) was invited by the International Union Against Cancer to take part in a study of childhood cancer in Geneva, and was elected to the committee as Australian representative. Eight pathologists from widely separated areas discussed regional incidence and diagnosis. Before returning home, Peter visited several other countries to investigate recent trends in diagnosis.

After holding several important positions with the Victorian Farmers' Union, George Campbell Curtis ('42) has been appointed to the full-time position of secretary to the Union's grains division.

Don Lawler ('45) has returned to his old haunts at The Hague, Netherlands, where his son, Peter ('69) is continuing school. Don may be found at the Australian Embassy Migration Office, Mauritshoekade 19.

The Rev. Neil Toilliday ('46) plans to return to Australia this year, after four years experience in the Presbyterian Church in Canada and England.

John Lade ('48) is shipping manager for Brambles International, North Sydney.

Bruce Lloyd ('49) is putting up a strong fight in the Murray electorate in the hope of continuing C.P. representation in Canberra. A future minister?

Doug Richardson ('51), previously with A. C. Goode & Co. in Perth, is now at their Brussels office, 5 Place du Champ de Mars.

The Rev. Hugh Eadie ('52), head of the Institute of Human Relations at the Cairn-millar Institute, has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in practical theology and applied psychology by the University of Edinburgh.

The Rev. David Sloane ('53), newly ordained after studies at the University of New England, has the joint Presbyterian-Methodist charge centred on Lockhart, N.S.W.

Don Braden ('54) is the College link with Old Scotch athletics.

Michael Gretton-Watson ('58) may get into Wisden's for his remarkable no-hands catch, when the ball lodged in his shirt. Question: Did the ball catch Michael (unawares)?

Nick Walter ('55) is in architecture practice at Southampton, Doug Aiton ('56) on the staff of the London "Times."

Alistair McArthur, Chris Penna and Adrian Davey joined forces on the staff of the Christmas camps of Outward Bound at Howman's Gap.

Murray McLean ('60) is secretary to the Australian Trade Commission, Hong Kong. He and Kate have done an intensive course in Mandarin. They would welcome O.G.C. travellers at Union House, Connaught Road.

John Funston ('61) goes to the University of Adelaide as lecturer in Malaysian History.

Warrick Cozens ('61), reaching the world's top flight of dressage riders, has been invited by the Equestrian Federation of Australia to join the Olympic squad in Germany next January. He has had experience in the famous Spanish riding school, and continues training in Vienna under Colonel Podhajski. In May he will move to Germany to ride in the International Circuit, in which he won at his last two starts and has never been unplaced in twenty-two starts.

John Day ('61), Associate of the Institute of Actuaries, is branch actuary in South Africa for the National Mutual Life Association.

David Myers ('60) has completed his law degrees at Monash: B.Juris. and LL.B.

Roger Just ('61) put a splendid finish to his Classics at Melbourne by taking first place with first-class honours and winning a Wyselaskie scholarship.

Grant Jones ('64), in the R.A.A.F., has gone interstate for training.

Mark Robertson ('65) has been working on Ord River Station, W.A.

Christopher Lamb ('66) won the Consolidated Goldfields scholarship, open to students throughout Australia, which will assist him to continue his metallurgy studies at Ormond.

Michael Menzies ('67), true to his first love, entered the Traffic Section Administration Branch of Victorian Railways and is taking a course in transport admin. at R.M.I.T.

In a trampolining accident, Nigel Steele ('67) suffered a back injury, the seriousness of which is not yet determined. All wish him well.

DEATHS

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

Rev. Alex S. Houston ('96)
Eric A. McFarland ('96)
Rev. Dr. E. Edgar V. Collocott ('98)
Rowland W. Hope ('12)
Walter Myers ('16)
Allan R. Wettenhall ('22)
Frank W. Walter ('29)
Timothy G. Johnstone ('67)

Attention Mr. Scott!

Who is the generous gent who walked into the College office, handed over some apparently non-fake cash, said—we are told—that his name was Scott and went away as happy in his innocence as the young office assistant?

We wrote to the most likely Mr. Scott, who sent us a strong denial—and his gift to the Building Fund. Perhaps this policy should have been carried further.

Would the real Mr. Scott please stand up, or identify himself in some other way? (Reward: one receipt, worth money in tax rebate.)

OLD COLLEGIAN WEDDINGS

Graham Perkins to Heather Wiltsher, Geelong, Oct. 23.
Roger Bellby to Glenda Russell, Geelong, Oct. 24.
Emie Knight to Irene Adams, Shepparton, Nov. 11.
Ric Walter to Noni Paterson, Geelong, Nov. 13.
Philip Johnson to Merryl Graham, Geelong, Nov. 21.
Richard Moodie to Diana List, Geelong, Nov. 30.
Ress McConaghy to Debrah Wiffan, Geelong, Dec. 5.
Andrew Laidlaw to Jan Goldstone, Lilydale, Dec. 7.
Barry Jacobs to Margaret Driverman, Geelong, Dec. 11.
Bert Milne to Belinda Morris, Geelong, Dec. 12.
Peter Richardson to Julie Birrell, Geelong, Dec. 21.
Graham Senior to Elizabeth Reid, Geelong, Jan. 4.
Bradley Olsen to Adele Mapperson, Greensborough, Jan. 5.
Roger Crank to Helen Cameron, Apollo Bay, Jan. 9.
Rodney Webster to Margaret Wiebusch, Adelaide, Jan. 6.
Ross Day to Kathy Durk, Perth, Jan. 16.
Stephen Funston to Jennifer Hulands, Leongatha, Jan. 16.
Edward Rentan to Alison Falkenberg, Hamilton, Jan. 16.
Peter Mann to Wendy Langney, Glen Iris, Jan. 22.
Barry Knight to Pamela Hewitt, Camperdown, Jan. 23.
John McHarry to Lynette Haywood, Geelong, Feb. 6.
David Sloane to Valerie Forge, Tamworth, Feb. 6.
James Dennis to Claire Farnbach, Teerak, Feb. 9.
John Reynolds to Suzanne Davis, Drysdale, Feb. 20.
David Powne to Jennifer McNaught, Blackburn, Feb. 27.

Education Notebook

Worrall Jones ('46) is still on the land near Alexandra, married, with two sons, the elder of whom, aged five, is severely deaf. For three years this boy has been a member of a small group of deaf children receiving instruction from a Manchester-trained kindergarten of the deaf.

This year the group becomes the nucleus of a special unit at Yarra Valley School, Ringwood, using modern amplifying equipment and controlled acoustic conditions under trained staff.

Even in this first year a degree of integration with normal-hearing children will be achieved in some subjects, such as art. It is hoped that this integration will increase over the years: the concept of handicapped children being educated in a normal environment is to be commended.

If the private schools did "wither away" over a period of five years it would greatly increase the burden on the State system and mean that there would be less to spend per child than previously.

—Mr. Lindsay Thompson

The average Australian is physically vigorous and mentally lazy. He would rather run half a mile than sit and think deeply for five minutes.

—Dr. P. G. Law

It was stated recently that there are 2000 vacancies for Physical Education teachers in Victorian Education Department schools. And the Dip. Phys. Ed. course at the University of Melbourne is in danger of being discontinued.

Learning to drive, or driving, is not what it used to be in grandpa's, or pa's, young days. New cars registered in Victoria alone last year, placed bumper to bumper, would stretch for about 350 miles.

The independent school, particularly as it is increasingly freed from bondage to the university, has a high responsibility for justifying itself as independent. If it does not become innovative in the next decade and beyond, it has a poor chance of, and a poor case for, survival.

—Prof. Zelman Cowan

"Independent Schools can survive, if they and all who support them are sufficiently determined that they shall . . . Those schools will survive which enjoy sufficient goodwill from their Parents and Od Boys to be able to build up moral and financial support."

—"Conference" (Journal of the British Headmasters' Conference).

Melbourne High School Form VI pupils were still waiting for an answer to their plea for help from the striking teachers.

"It would be an awkward situation," said a spokesman for the teachers. "After all, we are on strike."

Clifton College, England, was founded about the same time as the Geelong College. Among the parcels of land it occupied, there was one bought on condition "that no noisome or offensive trade or business (except that for a school for boys or girls) may be carried on therein."

"The Prep. News"

The Preparatory School's own magazine, which first saw the light in 1921, has lately gained strength and is attracting contributions from a large number of our younger Collegians.

A special Jubilee Edition is to appear during the year.

After 50 years, the earliest issues of the News are very seldom seen. Anyone who is willing to lend or donate copies to the Prep. on this special occasion will earn the gratitude of the boys and the school authorities.

1971 BOAT RACE CABARET BALL

Friday, April 2, 8.30 p.m., Palais, Geelong

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