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# COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT Rolland Centre Now Building

The banks and braes o' bonnie Newtown echoed the skirl of pipes, played by Sgt.-Piper Tim Johnstone. Mr. A. Austin Gray started up an earth-mover to initiate building operations for the Rolland Memorial Physical Education Centre.

It was July 26. The Development Conference was in progress—a review of a remarkable decade in the life of the College, an expression of gratitude to all who helped make it possible, the launching of the Rolland Centre, a look into the future.

The Principal (Mr. Peter Thwaites) had just explained the plans of the new building to the large gathering of friends of the College, who now saw its main features marked out at full scale and labelled on site.

The first stage of the Centre, now under construction, will provide a fixed equipment section for gymnastics and weight training, lockershower-lavatory areas, staff accommodation and tuckshop. The architects (Messrs. McGlashan & Everist) report that the contract was let to P. J. Hatwell & Sons within the estimates.

As soon as finance permits, the second and third sections will follow—the gymnasium proper, the swimming pool and more spectator accommodation. Besides benefiting present Collegians the Centre will give opportunities for the formation of Old Boys' clubs in gymnastics, basketball and weight-lifting.

Now proceeding also is the completion of the undercroft of the Morrison Hall, a happy ending to the efforts of College parents over five years. Concurrent with this work is the construction of the court area linking the Hall with the old school building.

It is intended that the completed Morrison Hall and the first stage of the Rolland Centre will be occupied at the opening of the 1970 school year.

# \$ Millions \$

At the Development Conference, millions of dollars rolled off the tongue of Mr. G. J. Betts, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the College Council, as he reviewed investments made in the College in recent years and suggested amounts which could be profitably applied in the nearer future.

Of nearly \$1,000,000 spent in the last decade, about \$600,000 produced the new Preparatory School. Other major allocations went into the two science blocks, Mossgiel and the Morrison Hall.

Mr. Betts said that a similar amount could be spent in the next few years at the Senior School. The principal requirements, with possible costs, include :--

Completion of Morrison Hall				\$30,000
Rolland Centre		++	44 144	\$250,000
"New Warrinn" Boarding-house		22	20.00	\$200,000
Expansion and re-location of Librar	у	101		\$80,000
Classroom and laboratory developmen				\$100,000

Some of the money for these projects is already in sight:—the parents' contribution for the Morrison Hall, and the Old Collegians' \$50,000 towards the first stage of the Rolland Centre. There are other assets, too, like the Wettenhall and Steele bequests, as well as the prospect of further substantial State Aid.

Mr. Betts's computer-like brain produced the answer to all this, namely, that an additional amount of \$500,000 for capital development over the next five years could bring the College up to the level of quality desired by the Council.

Which does not seem unattainable, in view of the past record.



Mr. BETTS

# PLANNING COMMITTEE FORMED

As a result of the Development Conference, steps have been taken to set up a committee in preparation for the launching of a capital funds appeal in 1070.

# objectif . . .

# les ASTRES!

Apollo-gies for the French! But we like this rendering of the College motto.

The way to the stars? Fine talk, indeed, but not so far-fetched as it was when the College was founded in 1861, or when Virgil's version, Sic itur etc., saw the light just 2000 years ago.

Accelerating change is now the normal thing. One must expect the unexpected and the impossible. People still hale and hearty can remember the first cars, the first aeroplane, the coming of electric lighting and automatic telephones, then radio, domestic refrigeration, and much later that upstart, television.

Computers, heart transplants, a moon landing—progress rocketing ever upward! It is the same story in all departments of life: medicine, transport, farming, marketing, and of course education.

The Geelong College, in its 108 years of service to succeeding generations, has adapted itself to conditions as they changed, in a stately manner during the nineteenth century, and when rapid advances were called for more recently.

The newly published brochure, "A Decade of Progress," makes exciting reading, though it is even more exciting to have lived the years which gave us the new Preparatory School and a dozen other developments.

And what of the future? There is no sign that the pace is slackening. Already the Rolland Centre is under way, and we can envisage the school of 1980, equipped with the best in library, boarding, laboratory, classroom and sporting facilities, enabling it to perform better than ever the education of "the whole man."

These aims will not be realized without effort and sacrifice, but there will be rich satisfaction for those who play their part.

We are entering another thrilling decade in our ascent to the stars.

Is the sky the limit? Well, at least, we can begin confidently to reach for the moon.

Vive le College!

# Generous Benefactors

The Council of the Geelong College has been advised that the College will benefit in due course by a substantial bequest from the estate of the late Jack G. Steele, who died in January 1968.

Jack Steele attended the College in the years 1916-19, when he was a prefect and rowed in the first eight in two years. He and his brother, the late Frank P. Steele, have generously helped their old school on many occasions, the most notable objects of their benefactions hitherto being the Boat Club and the new Preparatory School.



# A LIFELONG COLLEGIAN

Alan Taylor Tait, one of the College's greatest sons, died at Melbourne on August 10, 1969.

As a boy at school in the years 1903-8, he excelled in studies and sport and was a prefect. His education was continued at the Universities of Melbourne and Edinburgh. He served in the 1914-18 war, winning the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry. Later he joined the teaching staff of the College, which became his life's major work, interrupted only by a short period as Principal of Scots College, Warwick, Queensland.

At the Geelong College, Alan Tait held many positions of responsibility, indoors and out. He was Vice-Principal 1939-57, often Acting-Principal. He was a member of the Committee of the O.G.C.A., President in 1946.

After retirement he was in poor health for several years, but maintained the closest interest in developments at the College, which he visited when opportunity offered.

In expressing our admiration for a great Collegian, we also offer sincere sympathy to his family, including his Old Collegian sons, Dr. Alan S. Tait ('35) and Dr. Frank G. Tait ('37).

# FAITH AND WORKS

Like Moses, the Geelong College did well to survive its earliest years, but it justified the faith of those who launched it, said the Rev. Alan McAdam, addressing the school on Founders' Day, July 8.

We thank God that 108 years ago men were prepared to back their faith with deeds. They have been justified particularly by the quality of lads who have gone forth from the College to serve the community.

"Let me remind you," said Mr. McAdam, "that the Israelites would never have entered the Promised Land if Joshua had not carried on where Moses left off. And the College will never fulfil its responsibility, indeed it may not even survive, unless you in your turn are prepared to share in the responsibility."

In concluding, Mr. McAdam expressed the view that the future success of the College will depend on the team effort of a growing body of present and Old Boys of the College, members of staff and members of Council—remembering at all times that "Except the Lord build the House, they labour in vain that build it."

# FAMILY TALK

Mr. C. J. H. Barley and Mr. H. R. Newnham, abroad on study leave, are replaced by Mr. P. Fraser and Mr. R. Kendall.

"The Women of the College," whose regular meeting coincided with the initial meeting of the Development Planning Committee, sent word that they expect to be given opportunities to assist.

Mrs. Hamilton-Calvert has been in the Clunes hospital for some time and looks forward to College news in Pegasus and Ad Astra. Her late husband, Mr. Stanley Hamilton-Calvert, was foundation secretary of the O.G.C.A., 1901-39, and chairman of the College Council, 1922-39.

Greg Donald, Form VI, won the Port Phillip championship for International Cadet class yachts.

Mr. T. L. Macmillan and Mr. A. J. Firth are recovering from recent illness.

Striking decorations for the Boat Race Ball, with strong College motifs, were largely the work of O.G.C. committee members and their wives, led by Mrs. F G. Neilson and Mrs. E. W. McCann.

The death occurred in August of Miss Ellen Campbell, sister of the late Mr. Leslie Campbell, Headmaster of the Preparatory School 1931-62.

Mr. Ken Field, of Devonport, Tas., died in July 1968. Mr. Field was a strong supporter of the College, and gave great assistance to the music tours visiting the Island about 29 years ago.

The Pees Payment Plan, set out in the March issue, proved of interest to a large number of parents of young children.

Parents wishing to telephone their sons in Warrinn House should use the "Mossgiel" number, 21 5344, marked "Boys" in the directory.

Mrs. Faulkner always needs good used College clothes for exchange, especially the regulation suits and jumpers.

A friendly gesture by the Geelong Amateur Football Club was the presentation of a cup for the best College player in the annual G.C. v O.G.C. match. Paul Webster won the trophy, though his si was defeated.

Several Old Collegians are players and officials of the G.A.F.C.

### DANGEROUS THINKING

It is unwise to think that Departmental schools are necessarily the poor relations in the education family. The Geelong West Technical School, restored after partial destruction by a "disastrous" fire, is acquiring:—

- Administrative wing, with several offices, staff room, sick bay, rest rooms, store rooms.
- Four science rooms, three art and craft rooms,
- Humanities wing, with modern library.
- Classroom wing, with three instrumental drawing rooms.

The new library is five times the size of the old one, and the staff room about four times as big as before. Classrooms are of the most modern design. All the new buildings are in brick.

# THE COLLEGE YEAR

#### SPEAKING IN TONGUES

Mr. Keary's candidates gained outstanding success in this year's State-wide Latin and Greek reading competitions. At Matric level, Jeff Keddie was awarded first prize (aeq.) in Greek and high distinction in Latin. At Leaving, Tim Johnstone took first in Latin; high distinction was won by John Cherry and Peter Dickson, and distinction by Jeff Birrell and Chris. Sutherland.

Results of the Alliance Francaise oral examinations are not yet available.

On August 1, the play "Le Topaze" was presented by Alliance actors in the Morrison Hall for the benefit of matriculation students of Geelong schools.

#### PREP. OPEN DAY

There seemed to be an unusually large number of parents and friends at this regular attraction in August, many having come long distances. The weather was kind, boys and staff enjoyed dressing up gold-rush styles (authentic or otherse), and heavy trading was done from the stalls.

#### ACTIVITY

Refencing in the Lara fire area and work at the Shannon Park spastic centre have occupied non-cadet Form VI boys on Thursday afternoons.

During August they spent a week at Lake Bael Bael in northern Victoria assisting the Fisheries and Wildlife Department. This venture was part of the customary springtime dispersion, other parties going to Tasmania, Broken Hill, Canberra and Flinders Island.

### SPORTS SHORTS

With a team of all-rounders and too few specialists, the first cricket XI defeated St. Kevin's and drew with Melbourne Grammar in the first term's matches.

A jammed seat in the Head of the River heat put College in a desperate position. However they proved the best of losers winning their section of the finals.

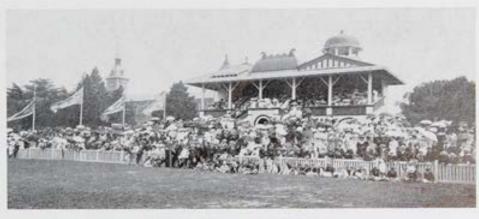
Strong College tennis teams won most of their matches in the schools' competition. Ten courts at the Geelong L.T.C. were used in training the many players.

For the first time, College played in the Independent Schools' hockey. Results at times were more salutary than satisfactory, but the season ended with a maiden victory and a draw.

At the football carnival in Perth, Scotch (Adelaide) won the Charles Fisher trophy from College and Hale. Crichton Collins was chosen captain of a selected combined interstate side. College will be hosts in 1970.

The first XVIII improved vastly during its season of A.P.S. matches, finishing up with a well-merited win over Carey. There was also a victory earlier against B.G.S.

Mackie won the Inter-House contests in music and rowing, Calvert in cricket, McArthur in swimming and football.



# PAVILION MEMORIES

A prominent land-mark for 65 years, the Pavilion has been demolished to make way for the Rolland Centre. With the main oval, it was officially opened by the Mayor of Geelong (Cr. Neil Campbell) on Sports Day, December 14, 1904. The College report informs us that considerably over £3000 was spent in providing "the up-to-date sports ground and pavilion for the accommodation of the boys of the school."

Let us read on :- "The buffalo grasssown mound on the south side of the oval is surmounted by a tastefully designed pavilion. The building, which is after the Parisian style of architecture, embraces a grand-stand, with seating accommodation for about 300 people; a store-room; caterer's apartments; and dressing and bathrooms for the boys. The dressing rooms are well-lighted, lofty and perfectly ventilated, and each boy has for his clothing a locker, which is also constructed on hygienic principles. Above the grandstand is a look-out tower, the circular roof of which is supported by jarrah columns . The colour-terra-cotta and cream-blends nicely, and pressed metal has been largely used in the ornamental work . . . The rear presents just as artistic an appearance as the front, and the whole does credit to Mr. Fred Purnell, the designer."

For over 30 years, the pavilion as described was prominent in photographs of the College. It made a memorable setting for sports days, when flags were attached to the white picket fence surrounding the mound, and pennants fluttered in the wind. However, at other times, there was a certain blankness about its appearance, for the grand-stand area was enclosed by large wooden shutters. "Teddy's Room", where sports equipment was stored, was much used by all boys, as was the adjacent "tuck" shop, which was run for many years by an employee of the College assisted by the Prefects, who served behind the counter at rush periods and helped to ensure that the margin of profit was very small. The variety of goods and services was much inferior to that offered today.

In 1936, the pavilion was deprived of its gargoyles, rotunds and turrets and "reconstructed to harmonise with the other buildings." In truth, it was neutralized, and for the second half of its life presented only a sombre, retiring shadow of its former gay, colourful and rather flamboyant character.

### ROUND THE GROUNDS

A programme of planting about 1000 new trees is being gradually carried out in the College properties.

A nicely planned piece of landscaping in front of the senior dining hall shows our finest building to advantage and opens up a beautiful vista through the garden. Removal of the pavilion gives a hint of another attractive open area soon to develop between the Hall and the Rolland Centre.

The painstakingly hand-carved names in the pavilion were not classified "A" by the National Trust, and some of the artists hurried for one last look before they vanished.

This year the Senior School crosscountry races started and finished in the Prep. grounds because of the peak-hour traffic hazard at Shannon Avenue.

In a thunderstorm some months ago, the College spire was struck by lightning, but the arrestor did its job efficiently, so that the only noticeable result was the electric welding of the copper cable to a down-pipe.

# **Coming Events**

# DINNER DANCE, SEPT. 20

"Arleigh," 119 Wattletree Road, Malvern

The Official O.G.C.A. Dance Parents and Friends specially welcome Details in enclosed Supplement.

# O.G.C. GOLF, SEPT. 30

Geelong Golf Club

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# O.P.S. GOLF, NOVEMBER 11

At Royal Melbourne

Ring (Melbourne) D. I. Carmichael 211 7575; (Geelong) B. Davis 7 4705; or Executive Officer 21 1939

# Listening to Modern Youth

The Rev. Professor Norman J. Young (O.G.C., '42) has kindly granted permission to print this abridged version of an address given by him to a Melbourne audience.

During the last few years I have seen quite a bit of student rebellion or activism, from riots at Columbia University, New York City, to demonstrations at the World Council of Churches Assembly in Uppsala; from marches in Chicago and sit-ins at Princeton to pamphleteering outside the Melbourne G.P.O. And I believe that however much it may go against the grain we must be prepared to understand what is going on and to listen to what is being said.

It is easy enough to find reasons for not listening—a lot of what is said is clearly one-sided, extreme, and lacking in logic. It is often accompanied by some pretty stupid antics too, and is sometimes inspired by people who are confirmed non-conformists and semi-professional agitators. At its worst the student movement is a disruptive power-play in which the majority are being manipulated by an unprincipled minority.

## Creative

But at its best, student activism is a genuinely creative movement; and to write the whole thing off because of a lunatic fringe, to refuse to listen to the main theme underlying the shrill discords, is to turn away from one of the really hopeful possibilities of our time.

Young people are not yet disillusioned; they haven't yet been forced to trample on their convictions in order to stay on the promotion ladder; they haven't yet had to compromise their principles just because they conflict with social conventions, because they are still free enough to question the conventions, to ask whether they are useful and creative or out-dated and repressive.

There can be no doubt that it is expedient for us to listen to modern youth; our society is headed for real trouble if we don't give them a hearing and don't let them feel they belong . . There is no quicker way of turning moderates into radicals and radicals into revolutionaries than for us to lump them all together and listen to none of them.

### Better Reason

But this is not the only reason, and certainly not the best reason why we ought to be listening to youth. Quite simply, we need to listen because we have as much to learn about ourselves, our homes and families, our educational system, our cities, our churches, our nation and we can learn a great deal about them by listening to youth.

We can learn, I think, from quite young children, to whom we usually listen only to see what they are learning. But how often do we try to learn from what they are learning? We could, for instance, learn a great deal about how not to provide housing by listening to children who live in high-rise developments.

Professor Young quoted at length from essays written by Carlton children, all expressing the difficulty and injustice of high-rise living, all stating pathetically that they would prefer to live in a house.

# Why Not?

One thing we do have in Australia is space; and yet we have built flats that are as cramped and devoid of play area as some of the worst of crowded tenements in Chicago and New York city. It could be different. In Sweden I lived for a while in a city-built apartment block, as high as the ones in Carlton; but it was separated from other blocks by trees and grass, rocks and space—room to live



PROFESSOR YOUNG

and breathe and play in. Why not here? Before ours were built, apparently no one listened to the social workers, the civic groups, the sociologists, the town planners who called for more space. And now the children who live there are talking. Is anyone listening to them? If not, we know what to expect from them when they become teen-agers and young adults.

To move up the age scale now from children to students in tertiary education . . my impression is that despite what we choose to call "immaturity," the present generation of students is serious and concerned both about study and about society and the needs of the world.

On many of the large issues that confront us and which we tend to ignore if we can, student views have been right, and former opponents have later acknowledged them to be right.

The Vietnam war and conscription is an outstanding example. When the majority of Americans supported the Johnson administration stand, students were among the few who denounced the escalation of the war and the bombing of the north, and insisted that it was immoral to try for, and impossible to achieve a military victory. Later the majority of Americans came to agree with them; a halt was called to the bombing, and now Mr. Nixon is hearing from a number of his advisors about the unfeasibility of military victory.

## In Australia

And I think it is time we listened more carefully to Australian students on the same issue. Can we continue to justify a policy of fighting an undeclared war with teenage conscripts selected by lottery? A war to which we are committed because the United States allowed itself to become involved in what is now widely acknowledged to be a ghastly mistake? We are told we must fight in Vietnam in order to resist communism, communism that is brutal and dehumanizing, a threat to our free way of life. And we often hear the argument: "Better to fight communism there than to wait until it reaches here." Presumably it is better that the civilians killed and wounded, the houses demolished and the countryside destroyed should be Vietnamese rather than Australian!

But how can any Christian, any nation that claims to be Christian, tolerate that argument? A society that endorses that attitude has no need to fear the brutalizing and dehumanizing forces of communism; it already bears the mark of these in its own life. This is the kind of thing students are saying, and surely they at least deserve a hearing.

Why is it that so often only the superficial antics of some and not the genuine concerns of most are reported? Why, since so many of them are not old enough to vote, are we so annoyed and surpris when they try to get their views acrosby other means, by demonstrations and handing out pamphlets? Is it because we think they aren't old enough to have ideas worth listening to—just old enough to have bodies worth conscripting and lives worth giving for a cause they can't even vote on?

#### Positive Side

Now I may have given the impression that it is only the protesters, demonstrators and dissenters among youth who ought to be heard; but I don't mean that at all. I have been pleading that we shouldn't turn a deaf ear to them; but I also want to say that young people are capable not only of protest that ought to be heard but also of positive action that ought to be followed. One of the best examples of this is the lead given by young Australians serving under-developed countries.

Here followed an autline of work done in Asia, Africa and the Pacific by young Australians, particularly university students.

We should all be very grateful that the future Australia will be represented in Asia not only by the army filling the gap when Britain moves out, but also by an increasing number of young people volunteering to serve these countries in ways like those just mentioned.

Here will be a group not of disruptive radicals or of naive idealists, but of dedicated realists who have taken at face value requests from these countries for help. These young Australians make no grandiose claims about what they will achieve; but the Ministers for External Affairs and for Territories have paid their own tribute; they said "Young Australians who spend a period abroad giving service as Volunteers make a real contribution in meeting urgent needs, as well as forging links of goodwill, and expanding their own experience to the enrichment of the the Australian community generally."

Listen to youth? Yes, by all means; and be prepared, when given a creative lead, to follow.

# CAREERS GALORE

In thinking of careers for young people, too much emphasis is often placed on academic attainments alone, said Mr. Alan Eustace, Officer in Charge of Youth Employment in Victoria, addressing a large gathering of parents in the Morrison Hall.

Mr. Eustace emphasized that enormous changes are taking place. There are new jobs, new methods of training, a new understanding of the work needs of human beings. Better communication between parents, schools and the work world can help young people choose careers more satisfactorily. It is most important for a person to find the work which suits him.

Spheres of work which offer increasing job opportunities in Australia include tourism and transport, cooking and catering, retailing, social sciences, computers, entertainment. Apprenticeships, a positive and practical way of learning while arning, are becoming more acceptable.

### Other points made were :-

- Less than 8% of all school leavers take full-time university studies; 16% go to other full-time tertiary courses. Parents must not feel that a child has failed in life if he does not achieve university level.
- Jobs with old names have changed vastly. Many of today's students will be performing jobs which do not now exist.
- There is often part-time study within the adopted industry. Without proper training there will be no real job.

# ADVENTURE

The rise of the Victoria Institute of Colleges has given opportunities to develop new courses, like the Diploma of General Studies. Never before have technical colleges offered a diploma in the humanities.

Within this framework, the Gordon stitute of Technology, Geelong, is at home to a pilot course in writing as a career. It is notable that there are few places in Australia where writing is taught as an occupation. In the new course, the core subject of vocational writing is supported by subjects such as history, psychology and political science.

The end product will be diplomates prepared to enter careers as script writers for radio and T.V., journalists, dramatists, novelists, public relations officers, press and publicity officers, etc., etc.

# . . . AND THE NEXT TEN?

Who, . . outside a few academics, would have predicted ten years ago the present necessity to give undergraduates in a wide range of disciplines an understanding of the use of the computer as a tool?

-The Hon, Malcolm Fraser



OLD COLLEGIANS MEET
His Excellency, the Governor of South
Australia, Sir James Harrison, is welcomed to the University by Professor
Geoffrey Badger, Vice-Chancellor.

# STATE AID NOT NEW

Much is read in the press about State Aid for Independent Schools, but for years the State Government has provided aid in the form of conveyance and living away from home allowances.

Conveyance allowance is payable to primary students living more than three miles by the shortest practicable route from home to school. For secondary students the allowance is based on the actual cost, up to \$100 per year, if the student lives more than three miles measured radially from the school.

For boarders an allowance of \$40 per year is available if the student is required to live away from home to obtain the education he requires, provided that his normal place of residence is more than three miles from a State secondary school or from a school bus route which serves it.

Whilst these allowances are not large, they do show that the Government is aware of some of the problems. The extension of the Junior Scholarship scheme three or four years ago is also evidence of this concern.

Further information can be obtained from the Bursar at the College.

# INSIDE, LOOKING OUT

Mr. Paul Sheahan, B.Sc., a man of many parts, turned up at the College as a trainee teacher specializing in mathematics. In spite of the urgency of his studies, he agreed to record some of his impressions for Ad Astra.

It was with a good deal of apprehension that I was told that my second teaching round of the Diploma of Education course would be at the Geelong College. I had been warned of the perils of revisiting one's old school too soon after being there as a student.

On the first morning, as I made my way to the common room, I wondered what it would be like on the other side of the Iron (sorry, Silk) Curtain. My mind went back to days when the old common room was at the end of the dark, dingy corridor, now between the two sections of the library; and when long-faced, fearsome creatures would appear from the smoky gloom of their den to see what all the fuss was about.

What a pleasant surprise when I entered, greeted by smiling faces and warm handshakes. The first hurdle was over. Fortunately, since I left school there had been major changes, so that not too many people remembered what I was like as a pupil. The common room was not such a frightening place after all. In fact it was amazing that so much industry could emanate from such seeming confusion.

During my stay I became much more aware of what the school was doing for its students and how much better the facilities for study now are. Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed my stay and settled into the schedule very quickly with the help of a very friendly staff. My time there made me proud to be an Old Geelong Collegian and proud to be associated with a wonderful school.

# HOME MADE

If the two houses of parliament cannot agree there is a double disillusion.

Louis Pasteur found a cure for rabbles. Some of his friends were bitten by rapid wolves.

Telephone Message:

for . . . Mr. . . . .

From . . . Scared Heart.

Too True to be Good





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Elected Members: G. L. Bent, D. C. S. Berryman, D. I. Carmichael, H. M. Clarke, R. S. Dennis, T. S. Dennis, E. K. Doery, P. W. Elliott, P. N. Everist, R. W. Farrow, J. E. Fidge, D. A. Jarman, R. A. Leggatt, G. D. Murray, G. L. Pearce, A. McI. Scott, B. J. Solomon, W. Wishart.

Ex-Officio Members: The Principal of the College, all Branch Presidents.

Hon. Life Members of Committee: All Past Presidents.

## Representatives

Council of the Geelong College: A. Austin Gray, K. S. Nall, M. T. Wright.

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# OLD BOYS' DAY

The chief feature of Old Boys' Day 1969 was the election of Sir Arthur Coles and Mr. Louis Whyte as Fellows of the O.G.C.A. They are the first members to be so honoured. The new rank was created by an amendment to the Constitution in 1968 and is awarded for outstanding services to the College.

#### REUNION DINNER

At the well attended dinner in Sladen House, the new Fellows were presented with hand-lettered leather-bound certificates, the work of Mr. Donald Webb, senior art master of the College.

Mr. Les Hobbs, well known as "Snow" to generations of Collegians, was made an Honorary Life Member.

The newly installed President (Mr. D. G. Neilson) proposed the toast of the College, to which the Chairman of the Council (Dr. H. N. B. Wettenhall) responded. The listing of four guest speakers may have caused slight apprehension, but, when Messra Peter Doak, Ian Redpath, Paul Sheahan, and David Ramage had related some of their highly irregular experiences in international sport, the evening ended on a merry note.

### LUNCHEON

A pleasant get-together of Year Chairmen and Branch Presidents took place at the Preparatory School. Conversation over lunch, followed by a short account of College progress and planning, helped to put these gentlemen "in the picture" before they adjourned to watch crews or cricketers in action.

#### IN COMMITTEE

The General Committee has taken the first steps towards forming special committees to cater for the interests of younger members, e.g. those under 30 and those in the 30-35 age. It has also been resolved that, in future, first and second year leavers and full-time students will be admitted to the annual dinner at half the full subscription.

It has been accepted in principle that Old Boys' Day 1970 will be held in July, in conjunction with an inter-school football match at College.

#### PHYSICAL EDUCATION CENTRE

As indicated elsewhere, the Rolland Centre is now a reality—in part at least and, while much remains to be achieved in the future, the Association is now discovering its real strength.

Gifts by Old Collegians to the Geelong College Building Fund have now passed \$20,000 gross for 1969, excluding contributions by Old Collegian parents to the Morrison Hall appeal. This is the best response since the inauguration of the Annual Giving System. I have been fortunate to be an officebearer of the O.G.C.A. for almost twenty years, and I feel that at no time during that period has the Association been more active or effective than it is at present. Some of the reasons for my making this claim are these:—

- Year groups are meeting for reunions and are providing a medium for enhanced contact between Old Collegians and the College.
- The number of branches has increased significantly in the last few years,
- An increasing number of Old Collegians are participating in the annual giving programme, thereby showing their active interest in the Association and the College.
- Bert Keith, as Executive Officer, is doing a splendid job as the focal point of Association activities.

The history of the Association, from 1901 to the present day, is full of evidence of generous support given to the College but I am particularly proud to be President in the year in which we have attained our chosen target of funds for the building of the first stage of the





YEAR CHAIRMEN

Rod McCann (left) new man for '58.

and Henry Clarke ('34) reunion ringleader

As always, it has cost something to raise this amount, but as we go to press the net receipts are very close to the \$50,000 target set in 1965. The usual report will be issued in December.

# THE YEARS

Jack ("J. H.") Campbell has accepted the Chairmanship of the 1910-13 group.

Leslie Hatton, returning from abroad, resumes his position as Chairman of 1954.

Rodney McCann has taken charge of 1958 in place of Wally Lehmann, who moved to Moe.

Austin Lucas ('31), Lloyd Batten ('32) and Henry Clarke ('34) co-opted Lew Wills ('33) and Bill Knox ('35) in running a most successful reunion for their group on August 2. About 40 were present.

Other reunions this year are :-

1951-5: Friday, October 3.

1921-5: Saturday, October 11 (this is being extended to include all O.G.C's up to 1925).

1960 : Saturday, October 17.

Rolland Centre. Now that building has commenced, we can look backward with pride, but we must also look forward with resolution to meet the challenges of the future.

I should like to congratulate the annual giving committee, the year chairmen, and the other members who have been responsible for our success in achieving our target. The task of promoting the programme has been most onerous. Through the efforts of devoted members, however, its success is now assured.

I hope that the trend of recent years towards more intense and widespread interest on the part of Old Collegians will be maintained, and that we shall see increased attendances at reunions, dinners, dinner dances and College functions.

Come and join your fellow "Ad Astranauts" in journeying into the future, with its exciting developments at the College.

Geoff Neilson

#### BRANCHES

#### Adelaide :

His Excellency, the Governor of South Australia, Major-General Sir James Harrison, was guest of honour at a reunion on May 14 directed by Sir Roland Jacobs and Mr. A. E. Simpson. Visitors from the College were Messrs. Peter Thwaites, Ian Watson and Bert Keith. It is expected that this revival will lead to regular activity in the region.

#### Sydney:

A party of 30 attended an enjoyable dinner on May 28, when Mr. Frank Brown, immediate past president of the O.G.C.A., was chief guest. Messrs. Ivan Jacobs and John Carr represented Victoria.

#### Western District:

The President of the Association (Mr. Geoff, Neilson) brought Messrs. Harry Dunkley and Roger Dobb, of the College teaching staff, to a pleasant function at Hamilton on July 19.

#### Grampians:

The annual gathering took place on igust 29, too late to be reported, but illaura has been drawing an average of 50 members to its reunions under the leadership of Messrs. Ian Laidlaw (President) and Marshall Jackson (Hon. Sec.).

#### Mildura:

The Hotel Wintersun is the venue for this year's dinner at 6.30 p.m., on September 6, when it is hoped Messrs. Peter Thwaites, Geoff Neilson and Bert Keith will represent Geelong. Activities con-tinue next day with a barbecue lunch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Douglas. Werrimull

#### Perth:

Our W.A. men, under Messrs, Alan Blackwood (Pres.) and Lachian Simpson (Hon. Sec.) are to forgather at the Captain Sterling Hotel, Nedlands, on September 24.

# Wimmera:

Mr. David Ramage, international oars-man, has accepted an invitation to attend nis Branch's reunion at the Bull and outh Hotel, Horsham, on October 4.

### SPORTING

The O.G.C. hockey players, premiers in 1968, have had another good season despite several injuries, and were battling to keep a place in the four. Special thanks to Mr. Sayers for transport and general assistance.

"Premiership Seats," to commemorate the cricket and football successes of 1963 were presented to the College by the President at the close of the Development Conference in July.

#### REGALIA

The new cuff links are now available, price \$2 pair, in enamel or acrylic finish.

Lapel badges and tie clips \$1, in either finish. Ties: Woollen \$1.50, Silk \$2.50.

to the Executive O.G.C.A., the Geelong College. Post Free.

# The Unibersities

# Degrees Completed

LL.B. (with honours); R. N. Douglas, B.A. LL.B.: R. J. Dufty, B. Juris B.A. (with honours): N. J. Funston B. Juris: G. D. Johnstone B.Sc. : A. P. Sheahan, D. T. Wilson B.Com.: R. O. Burger, J. H. B. Tait B.Ec.: P. F. Deacon, A. G. Stewart, R. F. Stewart B.Ag.Sci : A. J. Forbes

#### Excellence

Ross Robson was awarded the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia Exhibition in Accountancy Part IIa, and Douglas Roger Walter the Australian Society of Accountants Exhibition in IIb.

Roger Douglas took the Jessie Leggatt Scholarship in Comparative Law and has been awarded a further scholarship which permits him to study for a doctorate in Political Science at Yale.

Richard Burger, winner of the Commercial Travellers' Association Exhibition in Marketing, has joined a Melbourne firm of computer services.

Robert Spokes won the Sigma Prize for Physiology IIa in the med. course.

# Campus Notes

Professor John D. Legge ('34) becomes Director of the Institute of South-east Asian Studies in Singapore. A graduate of Mel-bourne, and Ph.D. Oxford, he has occupied the Chair of History at Monash since its foundation.

Professor Norman Young ('42) is enthusiastic about the total integration of theological train-ing by Ormond and Queen's. There is also co-operation with Trinity and with the Jesuit Fathers who have moved from Sydney to Parkville.

Professor Robert Honeycombe ('32), Gold-smiths' Professor of Metallurgy at Cambridge, was fortuitously in Australia for the 1931-5

Professor Stewart Fraser ('43) has again introduced a large party of North American teachers to the College. Stewart is Professor of International and Comparative Education and Director of the International Center at George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tennessee, and is editor and author of numerous works in education.

Alan Henderson ('58) returned to fulltime study at Monash after some months with the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Canberra,

As Chairman of the Monash Association of Students, Warrick Nelson ('60) has a strong following in dealing with some difficult situations.

Andrew Robson ('60) is president of the Ormond College Students' Club.

Warrington Cameron ('58) has gone to further his science studies at Cambridge.



FIRST FELLOWS

of the Old Geelong Collegians' Associa-tion: Mr. Louis Whyte and Sir Arthur Coles.

After three years' study at Princeton for his D.Th., Sandy Yule ('53) has been invited to spend several months as a tutor at Bossey Ecumenical Institute, Switzerland. It is understood that he is the first Australian to be so invited.

David Ebbels ('50) graduated Ph.D. (Reading) in 1968. Is now at the Western Research Centre, Ukiriguru, Mwanza, Tanzania, working with the Cotton Research Corporation as cotton pathologist.

Ian Macmillan ('49) obtained several honours in his work at Calgary University, Canada, and moves to Oxford and St. Andrews to complete his Education studies. Home before Christmas?

## GORDON GRADUATES

#### In Civil Engineering

- David T. Anderson, now on bridge design for C.R.B., Melbourne.
- · Kenneth MacLean, with Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust.
- · Richard Scott-Murphy, with consulting engineers. Bougainville.

## In Commerce

- · Wally Wiggs, at Alcoa, Geelong.
- · Hayden Wright, at Memorial Park, Malbourne\_

# In Electrical Engineering

· Horst Grufas, with Melbourne architects.

# OBITUARY

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

- D. Wadelton ('01)
- A. W. Dennis ('05) A. T. Tait (('08)
- N. G. Bourchier ('10)
- D. Ellis ('10)
- A. N. McLennan ('10)
- J. R. Porter ('10)
- S. S. Cousen ('16)
- R. P. Boyd ('18)
- R. L. C. Roberts ('24)
- A. C. Avery ('27) S. S. Blair ('32)
  - S. E. Doery ('40)
  - I. M. McIntyre ('52)

# \* \* Stardust \* \*

James Stewart Venters ('23) was a recipient of the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday honours for his services to the community in Stonehaven.

Stewart's outstanding work has been as a volunteer member of the fire service for 40 years. He is vice-president of Region 7 R.F.B.A. He is also a member of Morongo P.G.C. council.

Ian Turner ('34) reached headlines faster with his controversial "Cinderella Dressed in Yella" than by his usual writing on history subjects. The children's play-rhymes, says one reviewer, "come through in the full fruity richness of the playground . . . strictly not for the ears of adults; adults are so easily corrupted."



Gavin Baird (28) has presented to the College a personal testimonial given to his father, the late Rev. E. M. Baird (93) on his leaving the College. Dated January 28, 1899, it is signed by the then Principal, Mr. Norman Morrison.

Robert Ingpen ('50) found his mural on Geelong's development a centre of attraction at the opening of the rebuilt City Hall. His best-sellers, however, will be his four "Industry" postage stamps to be issued in a few days.

Max Eastwood ('47), honorary photographer to Ad Astra, has become sole proprietor of the Geelong Photographic firm of Robert Pockley,

Alan Callander ('31) has returned from being Assistant Manager, Commonwealth Bank, London, to take charge of the bank's Overseas Division in Melbourne.

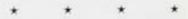
Bryan Langsford ('61), captain last year of the Victorian junior golf team,

has joined the staff of Precision Golf Forging, Sydney.

Ewan Hazeldine ('56) and Alan Seward

('54) are in Port Moresby with the Commonwealth Department of Works.

Don Dunoon ('46) is manager of testing and development in product engineering for Ford, Australia—a senior position suiting his engineering background and experience in motor racing overseas.



Noel Wallace ('32) has again visited the Ernabella area to pursue his researches into the mythology of the Pitjantjatjara people.

Rev. Geoff Burger ('54) of Bethlehem Church, Adelaide, concentrates on youth work, including camps and the editing of a monthly magazine.

Alistair McArthur ('55) completed his two years with British Antarctic Survey among snow and ice, crevasses and penguins, then found the mini-skirts of Punta Arenas a striking change of scenery. He took work on a Patagonian estancia of 40,000 acres and 23,000 sheep while planning a hitch-hike to the northern hemisphere—his B.A.S. money not being allowed out of Britain! Michael Read ('52) returns to Melbourne architecture after working on the new town of Cumbernauld in Scotland.

Ronald Webster (37) previously with State Rivers, is chief engineer to the Victorian Pipelines Commission.

Milton Lamb ('23) retired as manager of G. J. Coles' main Bourke Street store after 37 years with the company.

David D. Wright ('56) moves from Portland to Boort to be secretary of the Shire of Gordon.

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Russell Sefton ('51) is director of "Today," known as Australia's most complicated T.V. show, in which Craig Campbell ('59) features as news reader.

Cameron Thomson ('56) is at Commonwealth Ordnance Factory, Melbourne.

Gerald Evans ('47) is Australian manager of the industrial equipment division of Massey-Ferguson.

Peter Piddington ('64) assistant-buyer with Grace Bros., Sydney, finds recreation with Cronulla Police & Citizens L.S.C.

Rev. Neil Tolliday ('46) has moved from Medicine Hat, Alberta, to Trinity Presbyterian Church, Norwich, England.

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Tom Robertson ('32) our man in London, is always happy to see visitors from Geelong at 159 New Bond Street, Phone Mayfair 4736.

Lachlan Ritchie ('65) and Bruce Fletcher ('66) have gone jackerooing—Lachlan on the Jerilderie property of Peter Sloane ('26), and Bruce up Longreach way.

Moray Douglas ('43) and Tony Douglas ('50) rendered valuable assistance to a College party led by Fred Elliott ('41), which successfully navigated a long strip of the Mallee in May.

Lachlan Milne ('65), at Pearce, W.A., is wrestling with the 20 subjects of a Cadet A.C.'s course.

Michael Vickers-Willis ('57) is appointed to the new position of Industrial Relations Officer with Alcoa, Point Henry, after working for some time with the firm in Melbourne.

Neil Brady ('53), shipwright and boatbuilder, was a member of the crew of a small sailing vessel on a voyage from Denmark to San Francisco.

Keith Opie ('41), admitted as a partner of Price, Waterhouse & Co., chartered accountants, will be one of the resident partners at the firm's Brisbane office.

Commander David Falconer, RAN ('44), has been moved from Watson's Bay to HMA Naval Dockyard, Williamstown.

Rene Harris ('61) was one of the representatives of the Republic of Nauru taking delivery of the republic's first ship, built in Scotland.

# WEDDINGS

Robert Allison to Rhonda Ferguson, Geelong.

Wayne Renfrey to Dawn McGregor, Geelong, March 19.

Gregor McCann to Sandra Shoppee, Ceres, March 21.

John Funston to Kornvalai Indaratna, Melbourne, March 21.

Graham Hallebone to Pamela Stafford-Brown, Geelong, March 28.

John Latta to Helen Holdsworth, Geelong, March 29.

Daryl Heath to Denise Pinch, Beaumaris, March 29.

Philip Marshman to Janine Howell, Geelong, March 29.

Alan Seward to Elizabeth Maher, Melbourne, April 10.

Andrew Troedel to Margaret Rowell, Parkville, April 19.

Ian McK. Campbell to Yvonne Page, Geelong, April 24.

Allen McClelland to Laurice Thompson, East Kew, April 26.

Robert Houldsworth to Kaye Ednie, Kuala Lumpur, April 30.

James Troedel to Priscilla Watson, Me bourne, May.

Charles Fallaw to Marilyn Masterman,

Geelong, May 9. Lincoln Weddell to Lorraine Lucas,

Camperdown, May 10, Jeffrey Steven to Dianne Fitzgerald, Geelong, May 10.

Geelong, May 10.
Peter Bartold to Lyn Evans, Croydon,

May 16.

Max Carmichael to Annmerree Satchell,

Hamilton, May 23.
Anthony Lawler to Maryla Busko, Gee-

long, May 23.

Perry Leach to Renee Valent, Melbourne, June 13.

Ronald Griffiths to Delina Mumford,

Geelong, July 19.

James Fidge to Prudence Whitelaw,
Melbourne, July 21.

#### AFTER 25 YEARS

Three additional names have been brought to notice for inclusion on the Honour Roll of the 1939-45 World Withose of:—

Champ, A. J. K. Champ, W. B. N. Geddes, D. J. B.

Space on the brass tablets is now a problem, to which a fairly satisfactory solution can be found for a small number of additions.

If any other names are still outstanding, it is requested that they be notified to the Bursar not later than November 1, 1969.

Ian Kneebone ('46) used his long-service leave to assist the Apex service project, Walk Around Australia, Aid to Autism, in its Queensland stages.

Malcolm Florence ('58) is with A.B.C., Hobart.

John T. Cameron ('41), Sydney, becomes finance manager of Associated Products and Distribution Pty. Ltd.