

PAST - PRESENT - FUTURE

Preoccupation with the present and anxiety about the future are common human traits. The College, as a human institution, lives in the present and works for the future.

It is a good idea to know where we have been as well as where we are and where we are going. There are lessons to be learnt from the past, and the past of the College now spans 114 years.

One of the lessons to be learnt is not to live in the past, of course, and schools like the College are sometimes criticised by those who do not know much about them for being hidebound by tradition and resistant to change.

A knowledge of our past has its practical usefulness. It is also important, however, for the sheer pleasure it brings. Sentimental respect for the past seems at variance with the way in which modern affairs are conducted, yet unashamedly nostalgic folk-museums, historical publications and conservation groups proliferate.

It is in some ways ironical that the latest building developments at the College provided the opportunity for a tangible expression of interest in the past. The original front hallway of the 1871 building became available for the storage and display of memorabilia. The ancient bookcases, originally from a great Scottish house and

A view of archives displayed in the hall of the 1871 building. The bookcases from the old library have been preserved and converted for display purposes.



for many years part of the College library, have been moved into the hallway and items of historical interest are displayed in them.

For the first time, the College has facilities to exhibit its 'family treasures'. Many people have generously given photographs, trophies, prizes and similar relics knowing that they will be safely stored

and displayed from time to time for the pleasure and interest of the College community.

It is evident, no doubt, that in many parts of the College there are buildings and objects of some antiquity which are in everyday use and will continue to serve in company with new developments and facilities. All that is old was once new; all that is new will some day be old.

Perhaps that is what tradition is about. More than a looking back at the past, it is also a realisation of the effects of what is done now upon the future.

Australian education, according to many, has been seriously neglected for many years. The emphasis in the activities of the Schools Commission is to improve sub-standard education at least to a 'standard' level. The quality of the best schools, while respected, is assumed to be more or less fortuitous, as though no one deliberately set high standards and worked towards their achievement.

Assumptions are made about the continuation of this work, and in the Schools Commission's Report "maintenance of effort" in the independent sector of education is referred to as part of the justification for a policy in which those who choose schools of high quality for their children are financially penalised.

If independence and self-reliance and the exercise of initiative are worthy qualities, we need to consider carefully whether or not what is happening at present will allow that tradition to flourish.

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A section of the archives display

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It is a mistake to believe that the alleviation of a current problem automatically sets the pattern of the future. It is as though the replacement of a broken window could be the basis of planning a splendid new building.



Two Collegians look at the 1861-1910 Dux board

The archives and artefacts of the College, its buildings and grounds, its people who worked for its good—all these are part of the College. It is necessary that they be remembered because they are not only our past and our present but also our future.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

David Hunt, a College student who is spending a year in Japan as a Rotary exchange student, has kept his family well informed of his activities. As may be expected, many of these are both interesting and unusual.

Among his unusual experiences he lists:

- * Travel on the monorail from Tokyo—fast and silent.
- * Sleeping in a Japanese style bed—comfortable and warm.
- * Japanese meals, one of which included squid—the squid was 'lovely'.
- * Use of the word 'fight' in competitive games—you 'fight' badminton.
- * Acupuncture to relieve pain—painless and effective.
- * Bean throwing, an annual ritual to scare devils and bring happiness—you must eat one bean for each year of your age.
- * Discipline for misbehaviour in class—half hour kneeling on a wooden floor.

David says he follows the rule, 'when in Japan, do as the Japanese do'. He uses chopsticks for all meals and has been complimented on several occasions for his skill in handling them.

Dr. M. A. Buntine

Dr. Mariyn Arnold Buntine, M.A., Ph.D., was Principal of The Geelong College from 1946 till May, 1960. He came to the College with a fine record in scholarship, educational administration, the army and sport and for fourteen years he did not spare himself in his role as Principal.

A detailed appreciation of his work as Principal was published in the 'Pegasus' of June, 1960, after his retirement. A large number of Old Collegians and Staff members remember him with gratitude and affection.

He made a lasting contribution to the College in a number of ways, including the new Preparatory School, which was planned and built under his direction; the provision of the killed uniform for the Cadets, thereby greatly increasing the smartness of their appearance; and the Combined Schools Superannuation Fund, which he helped to establish for the benefit of the staff.

After leaving the College and having a brief period in retirement he went to Knox Grammar School, Sydney, where his talents and wide experience made him a most valuable senior member of the staff for a number of years.

For the last twelve months he lived at 'Kirkbrae', Kilsyth, till his death on February 26, 1975.

Old Boys' Day

There are peaks and troughs in all aspects of life. Yet, it is difficult to understand why a peak attendance of one hundred and sixty-five was attained at the 1974 re-union dinner and numbers fell to ninety-two at the dinner on May 31, 1975.

It has become a tradition of this dinner that guest speakers are of high calibre and those who were privileged to hear the Rev. Mervyn Himbury were treated to a most interesting address laced with a wealth of typical Welsh humour. The tradition had been faithfully upheld.

Again, the College dining hall was endorsed as the ideal venue for this annual gathering of Old Collegians and the catering manager, George Lewis, and his staff are to be congratulated on the meal and the professional excellence of the service.

At the Annual General Meeting, held in the Morrison Hall at 5.30 p.m., a recommendation from the General Committee was submitted as a motion by Mr. F. W. Elliott. His motion that **Mr. J. H. Campbell, Dr. H. N. B. Wettenhall and Mr. P. N. Thwaites** be elected Fellows of the Association and that **Mr. R. C. Dennis, Mr. A. E. Simpson and Mrs. M. E. Gray** be elected Honorary Life Members was carried with acclamation.

The newly-elected President (Mr. F. W. Elliott) performed the formal ceremony of presenting Fellows' and Honorary Life Members' certificates and insignia at the dinner, although Mrs. Gray (remembered by most Old Collegians as Miss Hair) was unable to be present.

Something new was added at this dinner. A Year Group Gong presented to the Association for use at Old Collegian functions for the purpose of stimulating Year Group

Women's Auxiliaries

Ladies of the College family meet regularly in three groups, The Prep Women's Auxiliary, Campbell House Women's Auxiliary and the Senior School Women's Group.

Members of staff have spoken on a variety of subjects, Prep School pupils have entertained with music prepared for the Easter Service, Campbell House tiny tots delighted everyone with their presentation of Jack and the Beanstalk and the Form 1 drama group performed the first act of a play which they had written.

At the Senior School the used clothing pool is open on the afternoons when the ladies meet. This provides opportunities for the sale and purchase of articles of school uniform in good condition at very reasonable cost. Normally, demand exceeds supply and Mrs. Strachan is always pleased to receive parcels of good used clothing. A nominal commission is charged which the Parents' and Friends' Association uses to support school projects. The balance of proceeds is sent to the owner.

OLD COLLEGIAN ANNUAL GIVING

In recent years many who normally support College development by regular subscription to the OGCA Annual Giving programme have been committed as contributors to the Project Pegasus fund.

Annual Giving returns have diminished during the period of this project, which was soundly supported by Old Collegians.

Nevertheless, there have been those not committed to Project Pegasus who have regularly supported the Annual Giving programme. Also, during this five year period many younger Old Boys who were at school when Project Pegasus was launched have made Annual Giving a habit because they wish the College to maintain a second-to-none educational standard.

In 1976 support of capital development at the College will revert to the Annual Giving programme.

There are innumerable examples of past improvements achieved through this programme. The Annual Giving committee is confident that these are but forerunners of what will be achieved in the future.

attendance at Branch re-unions and the Old Boys' Day dinner, was presented as a perpetual trophy to Mr. G. D. Amezdroz, as Chairman of the 1970 Year Group. This Year Group had the best attendance record for the year at these functions.

In addition to representatives from other APS Associations, the Association was pleased to have as guests Fellows of the Association, Sir Arthur Coles, Mr. A. Austin Gray and Mr. B. R. Keith, together with the Deputy-Principal (Mr. D. W. Stott) and the Vice-Principal (Mr. M. F. Murray).

Old Collegians were delighted to renew acquaintance with past members of staff, Mr. G. J. Martin (Bursar) and Mr. D. D. Davey (Deputy-Principal), and to have the opportunity of meeting several present members of staff.

Old Boys' Day is a memorable day for those who attend. It is the Mecca of Old Collegians, except that it must not be regarded by the faithful as a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage.

FORM 1 ADVENTURE

Cruising the Gippsland Lakes—May 1975

"Days long anticipated and now infinitely memorable" was the comment of one parent at the conclusion of this year's tour.

Led by Mr. Philip Connor, Physical Education master, with Mrs. George (Grade 4) and Mr. Jeff Hopkins (Form 1) to assist, three girls and twelve boys from Form 1 spent a week aboard three hired six-berth cruisers on the Gippsland Lakes.

In perfect weather, a daily pattern of cruising, exploring, fishing, swimming, camping, cooking and camp-fire fun kept everyone completely involved.

This tour is now an established 'must' in the Form 1 adventure programme and Mr. Connor is planning to enlarge the group for future tours.

PREP OPEN DAY

Why do barbequed steaks, sausages and hamburgers taste so much better **on Open Day**?

Why does hand-ball have an extra appeal, and throwing a wet sponge at someone's head delight so much **on Open Day**?

How do the organisers and pupils think up so many interesting and varied activities **for Open Day**?

Where do all the cakes, sweets, jams and plates of fruit salad come from **for Open Day**?

The Prep School has an ever-willing band of parents and pupils who spend many hours preparing for this special day each year.

New attractions are added, donkey rides and 'smashem' this year, and the old are revived.

This is Open Day at the Prep.

YOUNG SCIENTISTS

Science Talent Search is organised each year by the Science Teachers' Association of Victoria.

It attracts entries from all parts of the State and is judged by an impartial panel of experts.

This year the number of entries submitted by Prep School students exceeded those of previous years. Several were awarded bursaries.

The exercise provided valuable educational experience through self-imposed study of such diverse subjects as:

- An artificial reef
- Hovercraft
- Flowers' reaction to sound
- Balyang sanctuary
- The weather and its moods
- Wave action

An important aspect of this project is the opportunity given to check why an experiment was not initially successful. Some of those who carried out an investigation as to why their experiment did not work also won a bursary.

Entries are displayed in Melbourne. A group of Prep students went to Melbourne to view the display and receive their awards.

PROJECT PEGASUS

The Project Pegasus Building Fund Appeal was launched on February 27, 1970. The objective was to raise as much as possible of the estimated cost of the planned programme for development of the College, by gifts spread over a five year period.

The accompanying figures show the result achieved during the five year period.

	No.	Amount
Intended gifts recorded at close of intensive phase—June 8, 1970	999	\$305,232
Add		
Further gift intentions recorded	318	34,508
	1,317	\$339,740
Additional amounts subscribed by those already listed		16,481
		\$356,221
Deduct		
Those from whom no contribution has been received	33	4,831
ACTUAL NUMBER WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED	1,284	
		\$351,390
Reductions through decease or for other reasons		25,677
		\$325,713
Amounts now currently listed		
—which have not yet come to hand		
or—about which no definite information has been received		15,269
ACTUAL MONEYS RECEIVED AT JUNE 30, 1975		\$310,444

It will be noted that an amount of \$15,269 has been recorded as "not yet to hand, or about which no definite information has been received". Even though Project Pegasus has now been finalised, the continuing programme for College development will obviously benefit from such further contributions which may yet come to hand.

Capital development at the College during the past five years

The following summary of additions and improvements to the College buildings indicates the positive value of the generous support given by all who contributed through Project Pegasus.

Biology Laboratory —construction of extension to the Sir Arthur Coles science block, laboratory and class-room	\$50,000
Storage Building —provision of building to store school equipment and furnishings	20,000
Library, stage i —construction of a modern library with audio-visual equipment	130,000
Library, stage ii —provision of additional classrooms and laboratory conversion	100,000
Mossgiel/Warrinn —development of the new boarding house complex to replace Warrinn	220,000
Building improvements —development of the 1871 front entrance hall and other improvements to existing buildings	65,000
	\$ 585,000

OLD COLLEGIAN ENTERPRISE

Extracts from a letter received from: (Victor) Graeme Watson ('55)

Graly Designs
(Graeme Watson)
Handmade Silver
Mexico

"After a B.Comm. at Melbourne Uni and a fitful year at Shell, I represented Australia at Istanbul at an Economics Students' Conference; then jobs in market research in Greece, France, California, New York and Boston. Great for travel but no future; so to school again for an M.A. In Economics of Air Pollution, but I saw that in Alabama, as in most U.S.A. States, control of air pollution was talk and little action.

"So after being to Mexico several times I returned here and started a silver business

with a Mexican friend as partner. This was in 1971.

"We now design, have artisans in the mountains make by hand, export, and through our agents (generally Australians living overseas) promote and sell sterling silver jewellery as a modern fashion. With few overheads or employees we have time to travel extensively to sell or buy as the need arises.

"To work in a creative field, for oneself, and to enjoy the myriad of exciting experiences there are for the open-minded traveller makes my life at this present time very fulfilling. To be a major influence on fashion is also a challenge, and a lot of fun."

MR. K. W. NICOLSON

Old Collegians and other members of the College family were saddened to hear of the death on July 25 of Ken Nicolson. He is best remembered as coach of the First XI from 1942 to 1956. An excellent cricketer in his younger days when he played for Victoria, Ken combined his love of cricket with his affection for schoolboys and all who were at school at the time remember the 1946 APS premiership as a great triumph for him.

He was also an outstanding footballer and played for the Geelong side as a young man. He was a gentleman, a sportsman and a good friend.

That great judge of men, Frank Rolland, regarded Ken's personal and professional attributes so highly that he appointed him first headmaster of the Preparatory School when it opened in 1921.

His influence extended beyond the school and he was particularly interested in the Geelong Association of Music and Art for which he produced some plays.

Following his retirement from the College in 1966 he remained in Geelong until Mrs. Nicolson's death and later moved to Melbourne.

All over Australia there are old photographs of College cricket teams hanging on walls or stowed away among family archives, and in the centre is "K. W. Nicolson, Esq. (Coach)".

He was very much part of the College, very much part of its tradition, and therefore very much part of those who through their association with the school enjoyed the privilege of his friendship.

OFFICE-BEARERS 1975-76

President : F. W. Elliott

Vice-Presidents :

G. L. Bent, A. McL. Scott

Hon. Secretary : A. McL. Scott

Hon. Treasurer : B. G. Thom

Hon. Auditors :

D. L. Cameron, G. W. Johns

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Elected Members :

S. E. Appel, H. M. Clarke, I. C. Everist, R. W. Farrow, J. E. Fidge, R. G. Hepburn, F. R. Herd, D. A. Jarman, R. A. Leggatt, I. M. McIlwain, K. A. I. MacLean, L. A. Mulligan, G. D. Murray, R. J. Nation, T. J. Rooke, H. G. Seward, R. J. Sheringham, J. S. Weddell

Ex-Officio Members :

The Chairman of the College Council, The Principal, Branch Presidents

Hon. Life Members of Committee :

Past Presidents

Executive Officer :

T. L. Clark

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Mrs. Kath Pell

Mrs. Pell has spent fifteen years as a member of the College domestic staff and is consequently well-known—especially to boarders.

Mrs. Pell joined the College staff in 1959 and worked for a year as a waitress. In October, 1960, she was asked to help out for two weeks and that two weeks has somehow s-t-r-e-t-c-h-e-d from day to day and year to year to the date of her retirement on July 31 this year.

In her own words, Mrs. Pell has been a 'girl Friday', and this means that she has been able to do any of the many tasks that attach to work in the kitchen and dining hall.

In more recent years her ability to organise has resulted in her appointment as Senior Supervisor of the domestic staff.



Mrs. K. PELL

The Old Collegians' Association is aware of Mrs. Pell's organisational skill because the excellent re-union dinners of 1974 and 1975 were the result of her painstaking work.

Mrs. Pell will remain in Geelong where she has two married daughters. She believes that a fair share of baby-sitting with some open air relaxation, possibly bowls or croquet, will keep her active and alert.

HONOURS AWARDED

Congratulations are extended to two Old Collegians whose services to the community were recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

Officer of the Order of Australia (A.O.)

Professor Geoffrey Malcolm Badger ('29), Springfield, South Australia.

For distinguished service of a high degree in the field of university administration, education and science.

Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (M.B.E.)

Mr. Ian Ritchie Redpath ('54) of Waurin Ponds, Victoria.

For services to cricket.

POSITIONS VACANT YEAR GROUPS

Most Year Chairmen are prepared to occupy this position for a period of several years. Many are very active and maintain regular contact with members of their group. Some, perhaps, are not quite so active yet they are aware of the value of this continued contact with old school friends.

Naturally, the time comes when some ask for a replacement to be appointed. Quite frequently the Year Chairman through his contact with other members of his group, is able to suggest the most suitable person to take his place.

There are, however, a few Year Groups without a Year Chairman. A gregarious person, one who enjoys the company of his fellows, who enjoys social functions and who wishes to foster goodwill and promote the welfare of the College and the OGCA would find the role of Year Chairman a rewarding venture.

Those who would consider appointment in any of the Year Groups listed below are asked to contact the Executive Officer.

Year Chairmen are required for the years :

1939 — 1944 — 1953

YEAR GROUP BARBEQUE - 1956

One really good Year Group re-union leads to another. This has been the experience of those of 1956 vintage.

In 1972 this Year Group held a family barbeque at **Gary Fenton's** property, 'Heb-uirn Park', Coghill's Creek (near Ballarat). It was a thoroughly enjoyable occasion.

More recently, Year Chairman **Andrew Lawson**, ably assisted by **Peter Young**, organised another family picnic day barbeque, this time at **Rod Hanson's** property, 'Eddington Estate', near Camperdown.

Members of the year group travelled from near and far, bringing their wives and children, to enjoy a day in the country and in the company of their old school friends.

The organisers showed a touch of genius in arranging for **Mr. J. H. Campbell** and **Mr. Albert Bell** to join the throng. Nostalgic memories of Warrinn and College rowing in the fifties left many looking forward to the next '56 re-union with keen anticipation.

THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

[Of necessity it is only possible to print brief extracts from this report. Copies of the complete report will be forwarded by the Executive Officer, if requested.]

In this year eleven Branches have held re-unions. Of these, Tasmania and Shepparton had not met during the last four years. At Branch functions alone attendance has been in the vicinity of two hundred and fifty Old Collegians.

YEAR GROUPS are the intangibles, the hidden assets. Year Chairmen are in regular contact with many of those in their Year Group and if they only talk about the College and what it is doing they are advancing the ideals of the Association.

This year we returned the hospitality of other APS Associations by inviting other Presidents and their wives to a **PRESIDENT'S AT HOME**. It is now a generally accepted principle that all APS Associations will not necessarily hold such functions every year but a strong liaison will be maintained.

Changes in the ordered pattern have occurred during the year. After very careful consideration of the cost to organise the **MELBOURNE DINNER DANCE**, the committee was forced to the conclusion that it should be abandoned as the cost would be prohibitive. An alternative type of function was held in August, 1974. This was an **INFORMAL MELBOURNE DINNER** to which Old Boys came to enjoy a meal together at the Hawthorn Club. Three of these functions have been held and the original attendance of eighteen has swelled to thirty-five. A **GEELONG INFORMAL DINNER** was held in May. Numbers at this first dinner were small but there is reason to believe that this function will gain in popularity.

The **BOAT RACE BALL** was a resounding success. The committee to organise this function is now an interested and active group of younger Old Boys who deserve full credit for the excellent result achieved.

There have been two extensions in the development of Old Collegian activities during the year:

(1) The formation of the **Aibert Bell Club**, with the aim to further the interests of rowing at the Geelong College in any and every possible way.

(2) The first APS Lawn Bowls competition, held at Kew Bowling Club on March 23, at which our Association was represented by two rinks.

The OGC Hockey Club has continued as an active body both on and off the hockey field and many Old Boys played in football teams fielded by the Old Geelong Football Club and the Geelong Amateur Football Club.

At a seminar of the Association of Victorian Public Schools' Old Boys (AVPSOB) held in 1973 it was proposed that action be taken to form a wider Association with the object of promoting the interests and

well-being of independent schools. This new Association, known as the Independent Schools Past Students' Association (ISPSA) held its inaugural meeting in October, 1974. A committee has been appointed on which your Association is represented.

During the one hundred and fourteen years from 1861 to 1974 there have been 6,637 College enrolments. At December 31, 1974 your Association had on record the names and addresses of no fewer than 4,160 Old Collegians, (that is to say six in every ten of all who have **EVER** been enrolled are still accounted for). Contact is maintained with all these Old Collegians at least twice each year through the College newsletter 'Ad Astra'.

'Ad Astra', the newsletter of the College community, is edited by members of your Association. There is always a strong Old Boy content and this may be attributed to the fact that Old Boys, themselves, contribute much of the material. We express our thanks to the many who have contributed in this way and invite others to follow their example.

More than nine hundred Old Collegians contributed an amount in excess of \$210,000 during the five year period of Project Pegasus. Others have contributed to the College Building Fund through the Old Collegian Annual Giving Programme. I feel confident that many of those who have so generously supported Project Pegasus will continue to promote the welfare of the College and retain financial membership in the Association by annual contribution to the Annual Giving programme.

For a number of years Messrs. Austin Gray, Ken Nail and Matt Wright have been the three nominees who have represented this Association as members of the College Council. During 1974 Mr. Gray filled a vacancy as a nominee of the Council. At about the same time Mr. Nail resigned from the Council due to business commitments. Mr. Brian Thom and I were nominated by the General Committee to fill these vacancies and these appointments have since been approved by the Presbyterian Assembly.

In this year we have seen two major developments at the College:

(1) The College is now a co-educational school. At the beginning of 1975 there were fifty-three girls enrolled at all levels from kindergarten to sixth form.

(2) The new Mossiel/Warrinn boarders' complex was completed. This modern concept of accommodation is unique. It provides College boarders with bed/study-room facilities more closely akin to a normal home atmosphere and makes possible a more personal link between housemaster and student.

By natural progression, in the near future, girls will be completing their educa-

A New Principal

Mr. S. P. Gebhardt, LL.B. (Melbourne), A.M.T. (Harvard), has been appointed as Principal to succeed Mr. P. N. Thwaites, from January 1, 1976.



Mr. S. P. GEBHARDT

Mr. Gebhardt was educated at Geelong Grammar School, took his degree at the University of Melbourne and returned to Geelong Grammar to teach English and History from 1958 to 1960. He was teaching at Sydney Church of England Grammar School (Shore) from 1961 to 1963 and was in the U.S.A. in the years 1963 to 1965 at Harvard and at Milton Academy, Massachusetts.

After a further year teaching at Shore, Mr. Gebhardt was appointed Headmaster at All Saints' College, Bathurst, in 1966 and will relinquish this position to take up his appointment as Principal of the College.

In addition to his role as Headmaster at All Saints', Mr. Gebhardt has been editor of the Headmasters' Conference Journal, has represented independent schools on the National Committee on English Teaching and is an executive member of the Arts Council of Australia (N.S.W. Division).

A cordial welcome awaits Mr. Gebhardt, his wife and three children at the College.

tion at the College. It is anticipated that changes which, in the opinion of the General Committee, should be made to the Constitution will be submitted to the 1976 Annual General Meeting.

An Association which does not grow is no longer alive. Your Association is growing, each year something new is done, each year something new is achieved. I have no doubt that it is so alive that it will continue to grow.

E. K. DOERY (President)

BRIEF BITS ABOUT BRANCHES

N.S.W. (Sydney) :

The regular annual re-union dinner was held at the Royal Automobile Club on Friday, June 6.

Keith Doery was unable to visit the Branch in his year as President, as he had retired from that office on the previous Saturday. However, this did not deter Sydney-siders from making him very welcome as Immediate Past-President.

During the evening a copy of the centenary History of the College was presented to Mr. Wilfred Winter. Although not an Old Collegian, he has a great interest in the College and for several years assisted Les Reid ('14) in organising Old Collegian activities in Sydney and took care of much of the Branch clerical work.

Sydney has been an interstate stronghold of the Association for many years and visitors from other states are always assured of a warm welcome.

Hamilton :

The change of venue to Alexandra House, Hamilton, was the subject of much favourable comment at the re-union dinner on Friday, July 25.

Several Year Groups were well represented and the previous year's attendance was bettered yet again.

The bi-annual election of officers will be held at the 1976 re-union dinner.

Guest speakers for the evening were Stewart McArthur ('51) as representative of the College Council and Mr. Bob Casey, Housemaster of 'Warrinn' and coach of the 1st XVIII.

Jock Whiting ('68) ably proposed the toast to the College, to which Fred Elliott ('42), OGCA President, responded.

A welcome was extended to Mr. Michael Murray, Vice-Principal, who was visiting the Branch for the first time.

A social committee was appointed to co-operate with the Grampians Branch, and other Branches which may be interested, to arrange the promotion of a mixed company dinner function, proposed to be held two weeks prior to the 1976 boat race heats.

Grampians :

The Willaura Hotel dining room was comfortably filled by the forty-one Old Collegians who attended the re-union dinner on Friday, August 8, 1975.

President John Woodburn ('37) extended a warm welcome to the visitors, among whom were Mr. Charlie Harbison, Agricultural Science master, and Fred Elliott ('42), OGCA President.

In his annual report the Branch President referred to the Branch donation of \$100 to help purchase a boat trailer for transport of rowing shells. His proposal that a further \$100 should now be donated to assist with the development of the College land at the Grampians, near Lake Bellfield, received unanimous support.

The following office-bearers were elected :

President : N. Alex Colvert ('54)

Vice-President : W. T. (Bill) Slattery ('69)

Secretary/Treasurer : Ivan D. Jacobs ('48)

with a committee of five Branch members

TRAVEL

(extracts from correspondence)

Stuart Anderson ('63)

"We were lucky enough to meet up with a French family at Cognac, their hospitality was overwhelming."—"A month travelling through Spain visiting small villages, sampling their beautiful food and wines."—"We were in Monaco when the Monte Carlo Grand Prix was on."—"Today we left Italy. Rome, Florence and in particular, Venice are fabulous places."

Stephen Davey ('66)

"France, Spain, Italy, Greece and now Turkey. Turkey has been the most interesting although most depressing country. The poverty is chronic."—"Traffic in Paris, Rome, and Istanbul is unbelievable but we managed without too many dents."

Tasmania :

As only thirty-seven Old Collegians are scattered throughout the State, re-union functions are not held regularly each year in Tasmania.

Thirteen Old Boys, from north, south, north-west and midlands districts gathered at the Launceston Hotel on Saturday, April 19. The President (Keith Doery) and the Executive Officer joined them for the evening. Slides of the College, both as it was and as it is, were shown and many questions answered.

Branch President, Reg Taylor ('13) set the pace with tales of earlier years which those of later vintage had difficulty in matching.

Reg Taylor and Secretary Barry Harding ('47) will continue in office until the next re-union.

Camperdown :

For the third successive year the Commercial Hotel, Camperdown, was the venue where Old Collegians and their wives and some parents of present pupils, enjoyed a smorgasbord meal on Wednesday, April 23.

Mr. Ivo Dean, Principal of Marcus Oldham Agricultural College, gave an interesting talk in which he outlined the co-relation of academic and practical work included in the agricultural education programme.

Stewart McArthur ('51) retired after two years as foundation President of the Branch. Ian Holmes ('45) was elected President and Rodger Mulligan ('55) agreed to continue as Branch Secretary.

As is often the case in Branches, the secretarial work had been shared on a family basis and thanks were expressed to Mrs. Jenny Mulligan for a job well done.

Shepparton :

Off to a good start after a four year spell, Old Collegians in the Shepparton district entertained their wives and visitors from Geelong and Melbourne at the Victoria Hotel on Saturday, May 10.

Secretary Ian Barnet ('56) was concerned that many apologies had been received due to conflicting engagements, but there is evidence of strong support for future functions in the district.

Election of office bearers was deferred until the next re-union.

Families

THE MACK BROTHERS—

William S. Mack ('55) is a chartered accountant. His home is in Perth, W.A., but he and his wife left during July for a trip to England.

Andrew R. Mack ('57), who was for some time Secretary of the South Australian Branch, is at present a full-time student at Flinders University, Adelaide, and as a consequence is reputed to be 'very hard up'.

Stephen A. Mack ('63), now married, is managing 'Ardune' property at Lucindale, S.A.

THE RUNIA BROTHERS—

Anthony P. Runia ('74), Calvin N. Runia ('72), John D. Runia ('67), have returned to The Netherlands and are living with their parents. Their obvious interest in new developments at the College is further evidence of the value of contact maintained through the pages of 'Ad Astra'.

David T. Runia ('65) stayed in Australia, and is living in Avoca.

DEGREES CONFERRED

B.Eng. : G. A. McAdam (Mech.), D. I. Silke (Mech.).

B.A. : P. B. Henshaw, J. W. M. Dickson.

B.Sc. : D. E. Thom.

LL.B. : P. B. Henshaw.

B.Arch. : P. G. V. Holland.

B.V.Sc. : T. R. Chatham.

Ph.D. : R. B. Davey (Microbiology).

M.A. : F. P. R. Just (Classical Studies).

R.M.I.T. Graduate

B.App.Sc. : T. R. Power (Mathematics).

Swinburne Graduate

B.Bus.St. : P. F. Winter.

Gordon Graduates

B.App.Sc. : P. S. McKeon, D. G. Thompson.

Diploma of Applied Science : D. G. Scott.

Diploma of Business : J. L. Barkley.

Diploma of Engineering (Civil) : R. G. Campbell.

OBITUARY

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

N. V. Grano ('98)

L. M. Whyte ('08)

E. K. Russell ('09)

W. R. Jewell ('11)

I. R. Craig ('17)

B. H. Ford ('20)

C. G. Greeves ('21)

K. R. V. Paull ('22)

W. H. Stone ('24)

W. T. Melville ('28)

I. L. Chisholm ('39)

W. B. Hensley ('45)

ON THE GRAPE VINE

Tom Hall (1900) celebrated his ninetieth birthday on February 28, 1975. He lives alone, looks after himself and has an excellent memory of Old Geelong and people. Visitors are always welcome at 24 Barnsbury Road, Balwyn.

Harvey Lade ('38), now Owners' Representative for the China Navigation Co. Ltd. in Wellington, N.Z., spent a few hours at the College when on a recent trip to Australia. His son **Stephen ('71)** is now studying first year medicine at the University of Melbourne.

Beldon (Ben) McGee ('44) was recently elected to the board of directors of H. J. Heinz and Co. Aust. Ltd.

Geoff Vines ('45) is now Engineer in Chief at the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust. For the past two years Geoff has been chairman of the Parents' and Friends' Association (Senior School) at the College.

David Ebbels ('50) spent six years in Tanzania as cotton pathologist with the Cotton Research Corporation. On his return to England he worked for his Ph.D. while engaged in preparing material for publication at Rothamsted Experimental Station. In November, 1974, he joined the scientific staff of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food where he is concerned with the plant health aspects of the English crop certification schemes at the Plant Pathology Laboratory, Harpenden.

Robert Ingpen ('50) received one of the awards made by The Visual Arts Board of the Australian Council Award for Illustration for his illustration of the book 'Storm Boy', in the twin publication section. His appointment as a member of the College Council was recently announced.

Barry Robinson ('52) recently hosted **Michael Roland ('50)** and family at his home at Currumbin, Qld. He teaches social sciences and physical education at The Southport School and is studying Educational Administration at the University of New England. Barry would like to see Old Collegians when they are in his district.

Barry Cogle ('52) enjoys the sunshine at Coffs Harbour where he is engaged in land development and real estate work.

Alistair McArthur ('55) has written to say how much he enjoys reading 'Ad Astra' and keeping in touch with the College. After gaining a B.A. degree in Innovative Education, he is currently enrolled in a Master of Education degree programme with the University of Colorado and the Colorado Outward Bound School.

Stewart Lord ('55) made a football comeback for Colac on July 12 which nearly cost him his life. After breaking his leg below the knee, bone marrow circulated through the blood stream to his lungs. This prevented oxygen reaching the brain and doctors at the Warrnambool Hospital had to work furiously to save his life. His condition is now reported as satisfactory.

Andrew Lawson ('56) left for the U.S.A. in July where he will gain added experience from a two year extended top management training programme with the Huyck Felt Division in New York State. He will participate in corporate staff exercises and attend managerial courses at universities in several states.

Richard Twite ('61) has a cattle stud, 'Carlyle Simmental'. The name links the family name, 'Carlyle', dating back to 1033, with the breed of cattle, 'Simmental', which originated in the Simoni Valley in Switzerland. The cattle are of similar colouring to the Hereford breed. Currently the stud is in the care of his father at Mooropna while Richard specialises in artificial insemination.

Chris Malkin ('61) has returned from a sojourn of three years overseas during which time he and his wife toured the Continent and East Asia extensively. While in the United Kingdom, Chris worked as a consulting accountant, mainly for the motor vehicle industry. He has now accepted appointment as group internal auditor with Sanyo-Guthrie Australia Pty. Ltd. in the television field.

David Whitcroft ('61) left the College to pursue a career in law. As a clerk of courts he became concerned at the constant stream of teenagers who appeared before the courts on stealing, malicious damage and similar charges. He became actively engaged in youth work and later became an honorary probation officer. David is now Director of the Geelong Community Adolescent Centre, 'The House' in Gheringhap Street which was started by Dan Van Otten. He does not subscribe to the theory that there is a generation gap, but claims that much of his work at the Centre is directed at closing the communication gap between generations.

Douglas Silke ('66) has moved to Eastwood, N.S.W. and is employed as a plant maintenance engineer with C.S.R. Chemicals Ltd at the Rhodes factory.

Rick Church ('66) is still at the Indiana State University where he is studying for a Bachelor of Science degree in Safety Management. He remains keenly interested in the College and his old mates. He says "... after graduation I'd love to visit my 'second' home—Australia".

Stephen Anderson ('67) left for England in June and will spend a year or more on an overseas working holiday.

Max Kroger ('67) is studying Industrial Design at the Gordon Institute of Technology. He has been nominated to attend a conference of the International Congress of the Society of Industrial Design which will be held in Moscow, U.S.S.R., from October 13 to 17, 1975. His outward flight will touch-down briefly at Tokyo but return flight arrangements allow a twelve day stay in London with final transit stop at Hong Kong.

Christopher Olsen ('68) was awarded the Alan Docking Memorial Prize at the University of Melbourne. This prize is awarded on the recommendation of the Dean of the Faculty in the subject of Dental Materials Science. Chris is now in the third year of a degree course in Dental Science.

Robert Lawry ('70) has been attached to H.M.A.S. "Cerberus" as a radio operator since January, 1975.

Bruce Mellor ('70) is engaged in a full time music course at the University of Queensland. In holiday periods he has gained experience and limited financial support in an organ-maker's workshop.

Peter Barreit ('70) has been working in the hardware department with Burns Philp and Co. Ltd. in Darwin since May. He is enjoying the magnificent weather and the friendly atmosphere of the north.

Robert Anderson ('71) has, for the present, by-passed options to continue his studies in photography, the media or physical education in favour of work with a photographer. Wedding groups and child studies are a feature of the work he is doing. He has also set up a dark room to process his own work.

Stephen Gough ('72), is now employed as a management trainee with the Myer organisation in Geelong.

FOOTBALL OGCA v COLLEGE

Of the twenty-two Old Boys who matched their skill against the College 1st XVIII in the game played on Wednesday, August 6, 1975, fifteen had been members of the College 1st XVIII when at school.

There was a sixteen-year gap between the ages of the two oldest on the field, veterans **Les Hatton ('54)** and **Jim Fidge ('54)**, and the youngest of the Old Boys. Despite their antiquity, Les and Jim each managed to score a goal.

College were quickly away with a fourteen point lead but the Old Boys gradually pegged the margin back to a single point.

From then on the game was close with the Old Boys retaliating each time College scored. At half-time with 4-5, 29 on the board the Old Boys trailed by seven points.

With four fresh players afield during the second half the Old Boys countered many attacks by a consistently good College team and at the final siren had reduced the lead to three points.

Final scores : College 8 - 12, 60
OGCA 8 - 9, 57

OGCA goal-kickers :
R. G. Harrison ('68) 3, T. H. Silcock ('70) 2, L. G. Hatton ('54) 1, J. E. Fidge ('54) 1, G. G. Oman ('64) 1.

After the match the Old Boys adjourned to Mossiel where they were entertained by the coach of the College 1st XVIII, Mr. Bob Casey.

OLD COLLEGIAN WEDDINGS

Stephen Mack to Victoria Stevenson, Frankston, January 18.

Ken Nation to Patricia Swicks, Geelong, March 22.

Anthony Downey to Kerrie Murphy, Geelong, May 23.

Ian Forsyth to Sandra Lowe, Belmont, August 9.

THE ALBERT BELL CLUB

Surely, there is no need to explain that this newly-formed Club is connected with College rowing. The name Albert Bell is synonymous with rowing at the College. He is a legend in his own time with five Head of the River crews, five runners-up and five third place crews to his credit in a quarter-century of hard work as coach of the College 1st VIII.

The Club held its first meeting and dinner on the eve of boat-race heats, Thursday, April 10, 1975, when fifty-nine past members of the Boat Club elected **Stewart McArthur ('51)** as the first President. Messrs. **Albert Bell** and **J. H. Campbell** were elected Patrons, with **Robert Purnell ('44)**, Secretary and **Robin Lawson ('53)**, Treasurer.

Country members are represented on the committee by **Hugh Bromell ('55)**, Western District; **Murray McDonald ('56)**, Northern Victoria and N.S.W. **David Calthness ('52)** is Melbourne metropolitan representative.

The purpose of the Albert Bell Club is to support rowing at The Geelong College in any and every possible way.

More than ninety past members of the Boat Club are already enrolled as members.

A comprehensive list of all senior crews has been prepared and the first newsletter was circulated in July.

It is possible that some names may have been inadvertently omitted from the list. Any past member of the Boat Club who did not receive a copy of the newsletter should contact the Executive Officer.

PEGASUS SKI CLUB

There was enthusiastic response to the suggestion published in 'Ad Astra', September 1974, that Old Collegians may be interested to form a ski club with the possible objective of obtaining an alpine lodge. This resulted in the formation of the Pegasus Ski Club.

A committee has been appointed and application has been made for allocation of a site at Mt. Hotham. Two sites are available at Devonport but the committee hopes to obtain a site closer to the snow fields.

Interest in this venture has been expressed by the College, with a possible view to use of the lodge for school out-door activities at suitable times.

Architectural Department students at the Gordon Institute of Technology are working on plans for the lodge as an assignment. These are expected to be ready for committee attention in October.

Financial plans have not yet been fully developed but it is anticipated that these will be based on debenture subscription.

Further information may be obtained from the Club Secretary, **Max Gillett ('40)**, 'Jalna South', Settlement Road, Highton, 3216.

Father was duly reprimanding son for the number of D's and E's on his report. Son asked the question, "What do you consider to be the cause of these results, Dad, heredity or environment?"

College Sport

Rowing :

Much has been said, and almost as much written, in praise of the College 1st VIII which this year nearly won the Head of the River and one week later demonstrated its rowing supremacy by winning the **National Youth VIII** race on Friday, April 18, 1975, and the **Australian School-boys VIII** event two days later.

The boys and their coach, **David Ramage ('53)**, richly deserve the congratulations showered upon them.

Football :

The annual triangular football carnival against Hale School, Perth, and Scotch College, Adelaide, was held during the Term 1 vacation in Adelaide.

A well balanced College team, with good potential for the season ahead, won both its matches by a comfortable margin to retain the C. D. Fisher Plate.

This result is a great encouragement to **Mr. Bob Casey** in his first year as coach of the 1st XVIII.

Hockey :

This year the 1st XI, a very strong side, won all its matches except the last.

In the second last match of the series College met Mentone Grammar. These were the top two teams as Mentone had lost only one point in a drawn game.

This was the match that really counted and the College team met the challenge with a display of magnificent form. It won the game 6-0, thus ensuring the premiership.

Baseball :

As there is no schoolboy baseball competition, the College fields a team in the Geelong Baseball Association 'C' Grade open competition.

The College team won the grand final in 1974. At the end of the 1975 roster games College was on top of the ladder and were thus assured of playing in the grand final.

The grand final match, played on Saturday, August 16, was a disappointment to those who had played so well throughout the season. Guild won the match and the premiership.

Cross Country :

This sport receives scant recognition, yet there are those who compete regularly against strong competition from other larger schools.

Results achieved are creditable. At the APS/AGS meeting held during June, with numbers in the vicinity of two hundred and fifty contesting each event, four College competitors were among the first thirty past the post.

APS LAWN BOWLS

The first competitive lawn bowls match between APS Associations was held at Kew Bowling Club on March 23, 1975.

The success of this enjoyable occasion at which eight Associations were represented, resulted from the splendid organisational work undertaken by Mr. Gordon Greer (Old Scotch).

Two rinks from the OGCA took part in this competition which was won by a Wesley rink with Melbourne Grammar runners-up.

A well-preserved set of bowls, dated 1912, has been donated as a perpetual trophy. These are to be mounted with suitable inscription and a winner's shield will be added each year.

Old Collegians were unanimous in voting this addition to the APS sporting calendar a great success.

Those who wish to be notified of the date on which the 1976 event will be held should contact the Executive Officer so that names may be recorded.

TWO DATES

for diary entry

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GEELONG INFORMAL DINNER

Thursday, October 23

Preston Hotel

Ryrie Street, Geelong
(opposite twin cinemas)

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MELBOURNE INFORMAL DINNER

Thursday, October 30

Hawthorn Club

627 Glenferrie Rd., Hawthorn

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Both these dinners are completely informal; no speeches, no strings attached
at

6.00 for 7.00 p.m.

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Please notify the Executive Officer, by the preceding Monday if you plan to attend, to assist with catering arrangements
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The function will be held on the morning of Speech Day, Saturday, November 8, and will begin with tea and coffee being served in the Dining Hall at 10.30 a.m.

At 11.00 a.m., the formal proceedings will commence on the lawns adjacent to the Norman Morrison Hall (if the weather is fine) or in the Hall itself (if the weather is inclement).

If you are able to attend, would you please complete the form below and send it to the Bursar no later than October 31.

During the function, a presentation will be made to Mr. Thwaites on behalf of the College community. Those who wish to contribute to this presentation should send their donation to the Bursar before October 31. Cheques should be made payable to "P. N. Thwaites Fund".

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