

CRICKET PREMIERS — 1979

1946 — 1947 — 1963 (shared) and in 1979 . . .

the first team to win every match played, a team quite different from any previously fielded by the College.

This was a team which gained results as a team. There were some spectacular performances by individuals but, throughout the whole season, during each of the seven matches played, it was a team effort and it was the whole team which won six of those matches on the first innings and gained outright victory in the other match.

Eight of the thirteen who played during the season played in all seven matches.

In batting, Tony Hodgson, a fifth form player, scored a total of 336 in his eight sessions at the crease. This included 60 not out against Carey, 100 not out against Geelong Grammar and 82 against St. Kevin's. These excellent figures resulted in the top batting average of 56.

Other excellent batting performances were the chanceless century (101 to be exact) by David Gordon against Caulfield, 58 not out by opening bowler Mark Russell, another fifth former, and 49 by Barry Mann. The overall average of the eight who played in all matches was 28.66 and two of these were essentially bowlers.

Evidence of team effort in batting was the overall average of the whole team, including bowlers, a remarkable 25.11, with only one of the thirteen players recording less than an average of eleven runs.

There was equal depth in the bowling results. The main attack came from four bowlers who delivered 381 of the 463 overs during the seven matches. Their figures were quite remarkable. Each of them contained the batsmen to three runs or less per over bowled and their average runs per wicket ranged from 13.48 to 15.36. They were well backed up by the change bowlers as the average runs per wicket taken by all bowlers was a creditably low 14.61.

There were some notable individual bowling performances. Geoff Allen opened the season well with 4 for 54 against Xavier. In the second match Mark Russell claimed 4 for 29 against Caulfield. Then Russell took 5 wickets against Scotch and St. Kevin's and Allen took 3 wickets in each of these matches. Tony Light took the most wickets in any one innings when he captured 6 Haileybury wickets for 39. This followed his fine performance in the two preceding matches when he took 5 for 35 against Scotch and 4 for 67 against Carey.

Congratulations to each member of the team and sincere thanks to their coach, Mr. Mark Seeckts, who took such a keen interest in their training throughout the whole season.



The Geelong College
A.P.S. Premiershhip Team — 1979

standing: B. S. Mann, S. Armstrong, A. J. Light, M. A. Russell, W. N. Thornton, A. J. Mitchell
seated: P. N. Holloway, D. R. Gordon, D. L. Howarth (Captain), Mr. M. W. Seeckts (Coach), G. R. Allen (Vice-Captain),
A. B. Hodgson, P. A. Rossiter
absent: A. S. Laidlaw

'AD ASTRA'

Publication dates

Some may have noticed that this issue of 'Ad Astra' is later than usual.

For many years 'Ad Astra' has been published and distributed each March and September.

It was necessary to have all copy for the March issue in hand before the end of February, consequently most of the school news related to the latter half of the preceding year.

In future 'Ad Astra' will be published and distributed in May and November each year.

It will now be possible to include news of school activity during Term 1 in the May issue, together with forward notice of sporting fixtures and similar events for the remainder of the year.

The November issue will contain news relating to the second half of the year, thus providing a more up-to-date coverage. Sporting fixtures and dates to remember for the early part of the following year will be included in the November issue.

News of interest about Old Collegians will be published in the first issue after the information has been received. These items are always a source of great interest to Old Collegians, scattered throughout the world, and the editors hope that a continued flow of items of this nature will be received.

Readers' comments, suggestions and constructive criticism will receive careful attention at all times, with the object of continuing to maintain a high standard in the publication of 'Ad Astra'.

Archives Display

Since he retired as College Registrar at the end of 1978, Ewen McLean ('27) has spent many hours sorting and cataloguing the multiplicity of photographs, programs, prize awards, items of school uniform (which have changed considerably through the years) and other memorabilia of the College which have been filed, found, featured and, in some cases, forgotten for decades.

In April Ewen arranged an extensive display of many of these relics of the past, together with some of the more recent items which will also gather historical value as the years roll by, in the Arts and Crafts Display Centre, now located in the area which once housed the long rows of wash troughs in the school block.

Among the many items on display was a series of photographs of the College buildings which showed the gradual development from the original building, erected in 1871, through to the completion of the cloisters quadrangle when the war memorial wing was added in 1950.

Of considerable interest were two bound booklets of **hand written news-sheets** dated March to May, 1882, (possibly the first ever to have been produced by College students). They are headed Vol. 1 — No. 1 and continue through to Vol. 1 — No. 11 and at the foot of the title page of each issue is an apparent acceptance of responsibility, neatly printed, which reads: "Printed and published by Alex H. Moore, Geelong".

The name plate 'Norman Morrison 1', which indicated the place on the racks which this famous rowing shell occupied,

THE GORDON DIRK

The Geelong College is the custodian of a Scottish military dirk, once worn by officers of the Gordon Highlanders.

On September 27, 1858, this dirk was presented to the Geelong Comunn na Feinne, a Scottish Society founded in 1856. Many prominent Geelong pioneers were members.

After the second world war the property of the Society was sold and dispersed. The dirk was in the possession of Senator Plain for safe-keeping and, after consultation with some former members of the Society, the dirk was placed in the care of the College.

Weapons similar to this were made between 1835 and 1882 by Johnston Jermyns of London. The blade of the dirk is heavily ornamented and engraved on both sides with bluebells and thistle motifs and the number '79' is prominent on both sides. This could refer to the year of recruitment.

The dirk is encased in a leather scabbard which is also elaborately engraved and decorated with gold or gilt ornamentation.

In addition to the other engravings, the dirk also has a list of battle honours, viz: Egmont op Zee, Egypt, Fuente de Onora, Salamanca, Nivelle, Nive, Toulouse, Peninsular and Waterloo. These were the battles for which the 92nd Regiment of the Gordon Highlanders received royal assent to include in their battle honours.

It is assumed that the dirk was a weapon worn by an officer of the Gordon Highlanders and issued after Waterloo as all honours to that date are engraved on it.

was 'saved' by Garry Armstrong ('29) when the old boat shed was replaced in 1933. This is now among the treasured College archives.

A photo of the oval taken on Sports Day, 1939, looks more like a picture of the Barwon River. On the other hand, the photo of the boat shed area during the record flood of 1891 looks nothing like the Barwon River on which so many rowers have toiled and sweated.

A cricket ball looked rather incongruous among the many historical records, but the inscription on the shield attached records that this is the ball, presented to J. B. Hawkes ('13), with which he took his hundredth wicket in APS matches against Wesley College in 1919.

Sporting photographs, copies of the 'Pegasus' (it was first published in 1909), a spate of school-boy journalistic efforts — 'Chez Nous' etc. etc., cups, portraits of Principals and so many other items which conjure up memories of years and years of College history were on display.

Few of those who had passed through the College portals in earlier years had an opportunity to view this excellent display but their sons and daughters and, indeed, their grandchildren showed considerable interest as the Arts and Crafts Display Centre is located centrally in the school block thus attracting the attention of students as they move from class to class during the day.

REV. E. C. McLEAN

The photograph of the Rev. E. C. McLean, looking at the Gordon Dirk was taken at the recent retrospective exhibition of the College archives which he arranged.

From early pictures of the rather gaunt 'Gothic' edifice to the charm of the present campus, the exhibition provided a fascinating backward look at the College fabric and life.

The Glee Club featured in the exhibition and one was reminded of Gilbert's lines from *The Yeomen of the Guard*, "Why, how you've grown! I did not recognise you! So many years!"

Ewen McLean served the College under four of its seven Principals and is remembered by many Old Collegians as being a first-rate teacher, as one who took Junior House on walks along the Barwon valley when the river ran between open paddocks, as Housemaster of Calvert House, as Master-in-Charge of the P.F.A., as Chaplain, as one who coached so many teams; in brief, as the man who for so many years demonstrated undemonstratively what service to his fellows was all about.

Ewen was a boarder in the early thirties and was a member of the teaching staff from 1940 to 1978. His Toast to the College at the OGCA Annual Re-union Dinner in 1978 will be long remembered by those who were there, as a masterpiece. To some who had failed to recognise the man behind the quiet manner it was a surprise as well.

In his retirement from teaching Ewen has continued his close involvement with the College archives where his knowledge, ability and interest will be of inestimable value.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Campbell House: Late in 1978 Miss Barbara Matthews was appointed as Director of Campbell House, to commence duty as from January 1, 1979.

From 1964 until 1974 Miss Matthews was Teacher-in-Charge of Canberra Grammar Northside Infants' School. When in England she was a remedial teacher at the Caldecott Community Residential School for Deprived and Maladjusted Children. She was also a classroom teacher at Bramcote Hall Preparatory School in Nottingham, Kent.

In the U.S.A. Miss Matthews was an instructor in the graduate program course, Fundamentals of Child Development, at the Bank Street College of Education, New York, and a classroom teacher and workshop leader at the University of Pittsburgh's Arsenal Family and Children's Centre.

Miss Matthews was awarded the Australian-American Educational Foundation Teacher Development Study Tour Award in 1972 and the Australian Pre-School Association Alice Creswick Scholarship for Master's Degree study in 1973.

In addition to her wide range of experience with lower-primary and infant grade children, Miss Matthews has a number of publications relating to young children to her credit.

Other Appointments:

- Mr. J. Jacobs — to teach English
- Mr. D. MacBryde — to teach mathematics
- Mr. R. McLaren — to teach mathematics and general science
- Miss W. Schofield — to teach mathematics and general science
- Mr. W. Underwood — to teach economics and social science
- Mr. D. Backwell — to teach Grade 3
- Mr. P. van Miltenburg — a teaching Fellow to be involved in fine arts and physical education
- Mr. D. Kornely — from Colorado Springs, U.S.A. is on international exchange with Mr. D. Wettenhall for the year.
- Mr. R. Morris — became Head of Wettenhall House.



REV. E. C. McLEAN

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

In the Academic Field

H. S. C. — 100% marks

Tim Neilson — English

Alistair Walpole — biology

Andrew Maclean — biology

In addition to his 100% pass in biology Alistair Walpole gained a distinction for general excellence.

Scholarships

Tim Neilson — a major resident scholarship to Ormond

Ian Crosby — a minor resident scholarship to Ormond

Richard Fyffe — an Ormond scholarship

Alistair Walpole — the E. J. Smart scholarship, Queen's College

Angus Brown — the Hitchcock scholarship, Queen's College

Libby Elliott) each awarded a

Tony Carruthers) Charles Shannon

Andrew Maclean) scholarship

Peter McDonald — the Neville Seward prize

Music

Kristine Mellens has been officially recognised on the basis of examinations held by the AMEB as the most promising pianist in the State.

Alliance Francaise Competition

Helen Tarr, Form IV, gained first prize in the language test.

Kristine Mellens, Form V, gained first prize in poetry, reading and conversation.

Four students received a 'Mention très honorable'.

Fourteen students received a 'Mention honorable'.

T.O.G.A. Story Competition

Sophie Gebhardt, Grade 5, was awarded first prize for her story 'The Animals of Stone'.

Skye Buchanan, Grade 6, was also a first prize winner with her story 'The Black Box'.

Gideon Haigh, Form 1, gained first prize for his entry 'The Impossible Possibility'.

Eisteddfod

Michael Hay, Michael Johns and Simon Royal played a clarinet trio by Mozart to win the U/14 wind ensemble section.

CURRICULUM INQUIRY

A Committee of Inquiry has been set up to investigate the curriculum of the school for years 7 to 12.

Submissions are being sought from a wide cross-section of people involved in and beyond the College community.

Those who would like to receive a copy of

THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

as prepared by the Committee, together with guidelines for presenting submissions,

are invited to write to:

Mr. J. R. Nelson,

Director of Curriculum,

The Geelong College,

P.O. Box 5, Geelong, 3220.

In the field of sport

Netball

A team of College girls won the AZ grade premiership in the summer evening competition of the Geelong Unity Netball Association. Lindy Pullin, Form V, was captain. Other members of the team were Form IV girls (Karen Braithwaite, Sarah Henderson, Robyn Humphries, Sally Lord, Sally Macmillan and Louise Vines).

Swimming

In the Geelong All Schools Swimming Championships the boys' team retained the Strahan Shield for the nineteenth successive year. The girls' team came second in the competition for the Batten Shield.

In the Victorian All Schools Swimming Competition, in which eighty-seven schools competed, David Stewart, David May, Graeme Morton and Michael Hand were fourth in the U/16 breaststroke relay final.

Rowing

The Head of the River results were somewhat disappointing. Hopes were high that the 4th VIII might come first in the winners' final in successive years when they won their heat. Unfortunately, they were defeated by Scotch College in the final by only two metres in very fast time.

The girls 1st IV had a most successful season. At the APS Junior Regatta (the girls' Head of the River) they won the final for the third successive year. At the YWCA, Mildura and Wentworth regattas they won, rowing as a Youth IV. In each of these regattas they defeated the crew which won the Victorian Youth IV Championship and Victorian Senior B Championship at regattas which the College crew had not been able to attend.

The crew, Bow — Nicole Mockridge, 2 — Karen Braithwaite, 3 — Mary-Margaret Tinney, Stroke — Helen Purnell, Cox — Sally Laidlaw, Coach — Mrs. S. Bullen.

OBITUARY

Information relating to the deaths of the following Old Collegians has been received since publication of the previous issue of 'Ad Astra'.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved families.

T. O. Hall	(1900)
F. L. Purnell	(05)
R. L. Crawley	(13)
A. F. Lang	(16)
A. A. Gray	(16)
W. N. Brushfield	(16)
W. R. Griffiths	(17)
R. C. S. Webb	(17)
R. W. Milner	(18)
J. J. Smail	(18)
A. P. Kendall	(18)
A. D. F. Griffiths	(23)
G. W. Hope	(23)
W. J. Lang	(24)
A. N. Lees	(25)
R. R. Smith	(25)
R. S. McKenzie	(34)
I. A. H. Turner	(34)
R. D. Purnell	(35)
W. H. S. Dennis	(51)
D. G. Rumpf	(52)
G. C. Leask	(75)

V. H. W. Profitt — Staff (1925-1963)

Miss Ruby L. Fraser

Matron Junior House (1936-1961)

SCHOOL OFFICERS

School Captain — Geoff R. Allen

Vice-Captains — Jennifer A. Logan

— Peter W. Hall

PREP SCHOOL NEWS

Miss Margaret Hoult, who teaches science, was one of four Victorian science teachers who were invited to attend the Silver Jubilee Symposium of the Australian Academy of Science, which was held in Canberra from March 27 to 29.

The invitation reflected how highly regarded Miss Hoult is as a science teacher. No doubt, College students will benefit from her involvement in this symposium.

Canoeing

The Prep School now has five double kayaks which are fully equipped with paddles and buoyancy vests. These provide opportunities for groups of eight students and two staff members to take part in canoeing activity during weekends. Several trips have been made to Barwon Heads, a Form II Murray River canoe tour was held and also a weekend canoe camp at Point Roadknight.

Staff members who have been involved have found that these excursions have proved a most successful means of developing staff/student relationships.

Moomba Float — Social Service Project

Students in Grade 2G prepared mural scenes depicting the four seasons which were used on a float entered in the Moomba Parade for the Victorian Deaf-Blind and Rubella Children's Association, to launch their 1979 Silent Night Appeal.

Sleep-out activity

The Prep School conducts 'sleep-out' evenings which provide opportunities for 'littlies' to experience an evening away from home — and mum and dad. One of the responses received read, "I was very excited to sleep out without my mother and father".

MR. V. H. W. PROFITT

Mr. V. H. W. Profitt, who died in October last year, was a member of the College staff from 1925 to 1963. During that time he served in a variety of capacities but will probably be best remembered for his close involvement in school sport.

In 1925 he coached the 1st XVIII to its first APS football premiership — in fact, that victory was the first APS premiership won by College in any sport. He was also actively engaged in a variety of other sporting activities, especially cricket and athletics.

In his younger days he was a fine sportsman himself and later enjoyed passing on his knowledge and experience to those he coached.

His teaching career spanned thirty-eight years, the only gap being the war years, and therefore many Collegians knew him well and remember him with affection.

MR. A. AUSTIN GRAY

The death of Mr. A. Austin Gray in April brought to an end a lifetime's association with the College.

From the time he entered the school in 1912 he involved himself closely in the affairs of the College as a student, Old Collegian and member of the College Council. His service to the College and his great generosity over many years were prompted by a deep affection for his school.

Collegians of the past, present and future have reason to be grateful for all he did and those many who knew him as a friend look back fondly at memories of how much pleasure he personally took in his work for the College.



THE CHANGING SCENE IN THE COLLEGE GROUNDS

In earlier years a considerable portion of the College property was in name and in fact the 'cow paddock'. Then the Mackie oval was formed and this is now an excellent playing field.

For some years the area between Mackie House and the old Prep School was left almost untouched. When hockey was introduced as a sport, this area became the hockey field.

With the advent of girls at the College in 1975 additional areas for sport were required, particularly for hockey and netball, so today the old hockey field has been extended by levelling much of the uneven ground on the western boundary and there are now two hockey fields in this area. In addition, during the latter months of 1978, the big mound of earth which was close to the western side of the Rolland physical education centre was removed and this is now a sealed area on which two netball courts are marked.

Within its limited boundaries the College grows almost daily.

In the previous issue of 'Ad Astra' information was published relating to the proposed development of the Creative Activities Centre on the site of the old Prep School. This work is now in progress.

One of the photographs on this page was taken from the north-western corner of the old Prep buildings (more recently known as the mathematics centre). It will be noted that the old toilet block has been demolished and construction work on the old classroom block, which is being developed

for art, woodwork and graphics, is well advanced. The other photograph shows a section of the pitched roof, insulated with Stramit, in the woodwork section, which is now nearing completion.

In the second stage of construction the area where the old toilet block stood and the tennis court which was on the western side of it, will be used to erect a new building (see plan and perspective published in the September 1978 issue of 'Ad Astra') in which a more modern House of Guilds will function.

It is expected that the re-development of the classroom block section will soon be completed so that art, woodwork and graphics classes will be able to utilise this re-constructed area during second term this year.

When the total complex is complete all handcrafts and creative arts activities will be housed in the one centre. The ultimate objective is that this centre will be accessible to the school and available for use by community groups to create a closer liaison between the school and the community at large.

HONOURS

Congratulations are extended to the following Old Collegians who received recognition in the Australia Day Honours — as

MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA (A.M.)

John Keith Buchanan J.P. ('39)

"Glen Eira"

Flinders, Victoria

"for community service"

Tulloch Graham Henze Hogg F.R.A.C.S.

known to Old Collegians as 'Tim' ('21)

Launceston, Tasmania

"for service to handicapped children"

CONGRATULATIONS

to

George Bennett ('39), who previously held the rank of Commodore and the position of general manager of the Williamstown Naval Dockyard, who was promoted to Rear-Admiral as from February 12 and became Chief of Naval Technical Services at Navy Office, Canberra.

and to

Sydney Stewart ('37) of 'Yan Yan Gurt', Birregurra, who was awarded the Queen's Fire Brigade Long Service Medal.

COLLEGE SPORTING FIXTURES

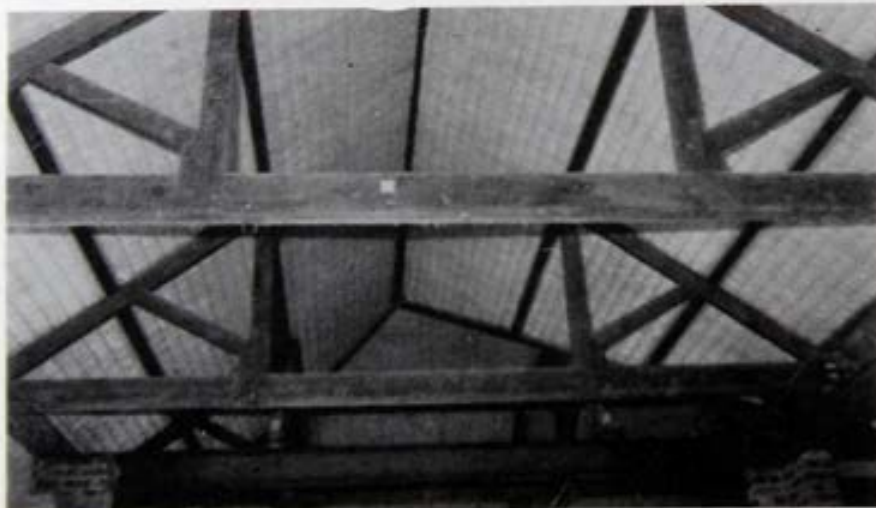
1st XVIII Football			Open A Hockey		
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June 2	MGS	home	Mentone	home	11.00 a.m.
June 9	BGS	BGS	Redden	home	11.00 a.m.
June 23	WC	home	CGS	home	10.30 a.m.
June 30	XC	XC	GGS	Como	9.30 a.m.
July 7	BYE		BGS	home	10.30 a.m.
July 21	CGS	home	CBC	home	10.00 a.m.
July 28	SC	SC	Carey	home	10.30 a.m.
Aug. 4	Carey	home	Yarra Vly	Yarra	10.30 a.m.

Girls Hockey A Reserve		Boys Baseball U/17 & U/15	
June 2	Newtown (L)	No match	
June 9	Grovedale (E)	Corio	
June 23	Wanderers (E)	Grovedale	
June 30	Ladies (L)	Guild	
July 7	Morongo (L)	All Stars	
July 21	Grammar (L)	Corio	
July 28	Newtown (E)	Grovedale	
Aug. 4	Grovedale (L)	Guild	
Aug. 11	Wanderers (L)	All Stars	
Aug. 18	Ladies (E)	Roster complete	
Aug. 25	Morongo (L)	Roster complete	

All girls hockey played at Stead Park, Corio at 1.30 p.m. (E) and 3.00 p.m. (L).

All boys baseball played on McKay field, Belmont Common between 9.30—11.00 a.m.

Girls Netball — 6 teams play at Kardinia Park each Saturday. The A Team plays at 12.30 p.m.; other teams later.



BRANCHES

Reports of Branch re-unions can become very repetitive in style, . . . 'the function was well attended' . . . 'this was a great evening' . . . and so on.

Sufficient to say that Branch functions have been well attended and that members of Branches have shown a keen interest in the College and the Association.

It is, however, important that information relating to Branch office-bearers is published for historical purposes.

At four of the six Branch re-unions held during the latter part of 1978 the offices of president and secretary remained unchanged.

- Grampians:** President, Bill Slattery ('69)
Secretary, Ivan Jacobs ('48)
- Mildura:** President, Graham Mockridge ('41)
Secretary, Don Mackay ('39)
- Horsham:** President, Geoff Heard ('56)
Secretary, Richard Lamshed ('70)
- Ballarat:** President, Geoff Oliver ('41)
Secretary, Brian Drennan ('49)

Office-bearers changed at the other two Branches . . .

Bendigo: As Lachie Ritchie ('65) had moved to Melbourne, George Wood ('63) was elected President and David Acocks ('61) replaced George as Secretary.

Adelaide, S.A.: Sir Roland Jacobs ('03) indicated that he wished to retire from the office of President. Mac Hamilton ('28) accepted nomination as President and Duncan MacKenzie ('55) will continue as Secretary.

Camperdown: At the re-union dinner held on April 11, 1979, David Selman ('63) retired as President and Gary French ('59) was elected. David Gibson ('57) and his wife Judy will continue to work in partnership as Secretary/Treasurer.

MARRIAGES

- John McLean to Jane Short, Colac, April 22, 1978
Neil Durnan to Julie McNally, Narrandera, August 11
Malcolm McKeon to Julie Wolfenden, Geelong, September 2
Graeme Chisholm to Caroline Armitage, Geelong, October 21
David Steel to Lindy Vizard, Winchelsea, October 28
Gary Hodgson to Jennifer Green, Geelong, November 25
Malcolm Gilmore to Lee Burridge, Balliang, November
Richard Laidlaw to Jannette Mitchellhill, Ivanhoe, December 1
Brad Karger to Carol Lynch, Marshall, December 10
Gary Willison to Heather Carlisle, Barwon Heads, December 16
Dan Simmonds to Catriona Williams, Geelong, December 16
Wayne Symons to Doreen Shepherd, Geelong, December 16
John McDonald to Julie Drummond, Geelong, December 16
David Clarke to Elizabeth Warren, Melbourne, January 1979
Rowan Hawthorne to Marlene Haygarth, Inverleigh, January
Peter Hill to Jill Schmidt, Geelong, January 19
Harvey Lade to Margaret Round, Wellington (N.Z.), February 1
Ross Barnes to Susan Wheeler, Geelong, February 3
Wayne Hill to Gillian McNaughton, Geelong, March 2
Tim Holt to Mary Rush, Warrandyte, March 3
Greg Farquharson to Allison Hutchins, Inverleigh, March 10
Andrew Keen to Gail Caddy, Geelong, March 10
Ian Begley to Kaylene Fultord, Highton, March
Robert Timms to Sylvia Young, Geelong, March 24
David Anderson to Julie Roberts, Ballarat, March 31
Peter Champness to Jillian Crowe, Parkville, May 5
Richard Hill to Leanne Cheale, Belmont, May 12
Steen Andersen to Maria Parker, Mt. Duneed, May 12

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been my honour and pleasure to be your President for the past two years.

Thanks to the support of the members, the Association has continued to grow and prosper and is now a very vital and active part of the College community.

Attendances at the Annual Re-union Dinner and the many Branch re-unions continue to increase. Re-unions at Sydney, Canberra, Adelaide, Tasmania, throughout the Western District, Mildura, Albury, Gippsland, and the quarterly dinners in Melbourne have all been successful functions run by enthusiastic members of the particular committees.

It is also pleasing to note that a number of Old Collegians met in London when Past-President Fred Elliott and the College Bursar Bruce Jamieson were there in April 1978. I am looking forward to attending a similar gathering when in London early in June this year.

CRICKET OGCA v COLLEGE

In response to requests received from two quite different sources, two matches were played on Tuesday, February 6, the day before school resumed in 1979.

The 1947 1st XI, winners of the second College APS premiership and always a very keen group, were able to muster nine of their twelve players and, with two College boys to fill the team, they played the potential College XI.

It was a case of 'the quickness of the hand deceives the eye' for, in chasing the College score of 220, the veteran team managed to amass only 57 runs.

The second match was played by a group of nine OGC fathers and sons, with two College boys to complete the team, against a composite team of five Old Collegians, two members of staff and four College boys.

This match was much more evenly contested, mainly because the youth of the OGC fathers/sons team scored well. They won with a score of 177 runs, to the composite team's total of 146.

While there is always a degree of serious effort in these matches, they are essentially of a social nature. The spirit of friendship and pleasure in returning to the College is evident when Old Collegians will travel from interstate and distant country centres to meet old school friends and see what is happening at the College today.

THE TEAMS

'47 TEAM

Geoff Blake	— Warrambool	Alister McLeod	— Brisbane
Geoff Burch	— Eltham	Brian Nutall	— Kyneton
John Chambers	— Beaumaris	Kevin Officer	— Horsham
Jeff Hallebone	— Beaumaris	Bob Leggatt	— Geelong
		Bob Bell (Captain)	— Hamilton

Apologies: John Dickson, Wanganeela, N.S.W.
Geoff Neilson, Geelong
David Wallace Smith, Hawthorn

OGC FATHERS/SONS TEAM

Dean and Andrew Humphrys, Maama, N.S.W.
Colin and David Murray, Geelong
Geoff, Michael and Robert Vines, Geelong
Bill and Angus Waugh, Bordenstown, S.A.

COMPOSITE TEAM

Rob Asplin	— Kyabram	Gary Bent	— Geelong
Bill Farnow	— Geelong	(OGCA President)	
Graeme Hallebone	— Geelong	Mark Seeckts	— Staff
Robert Inghen	— Drysdale	Rod Suttenshaw	— Staff

Several College players obliged by filling the empty spaces in each of the OGC teams.

The OGC Hockey Club, which provides excellent facilities for Old Collegians, continues to expand and the Albert Bell Club has had spectacular success in its short history since it was formed in 1975.

The school Council hosted a dinner to which all Past-Presidents and Secretaries of the Association, all members of the General Committee and all Branch Presidents, with their wives, were invited. This was an excellent evening, well attended, and all those who were there enjoyed the address from the Chairman of the College Council, Mr. Geoff Neilson.

Also, it is pleasing to report that after much consideration the General Committee has decided to present a recommendation to members at the next Annual General Meeting that the concept of annual subscriptions and life membership be re-introduced.

This year special congratulations are due to the 1st XI which, under the coach Mr. Mark Seeckts, won the APS cricket premiership. In fact, I am told, this is the first time that the College 1st XI has gone through a whole season undefeated.

While our Head of the River results were more encouraging than impressive this year, congratulations should be extended to the girls' 1st IV which won the ladies' equivalent of the Head of River at the APS Junior Regatta and defeated the Victorian Youth IV and Senior B IV champion crew at YWCA, Mildura and Wentworth regattas.

Special thanks are due to members of the General Committee for their support throughout my term of office, and I would particularly thank Mr. Tom Clark for his attention to the affairs of the Association.

TICK IT — LICK IT and STICK IT FOR CRICKET

This edition of 'Ad Astra' contains an important insert included on behalf of a group of Old Collegians who want to establish a group within the Association specifically for those interested in cricket.

The Albert Bell Club, of course, has provided this facility for rowers and it is envisaged that the cricket group would operate along rather similar lines.

It is necessary to find out how many OGC's would be interested and then to organise a meeting later this year so that ideas of what might develop can be discussed.

Whether they played in College cricket teams or not, OGC's who are interested in the formation of this group are urged to complete the enclosed form and return it immediately to the OGCA office — c/- The Geelong College, P.O. Box 5, Geelong, 3220.

If it is more convenient to reply by 'phone, Tom Clark will be pleased to record replies of this nature. The 'phone number is 052/21-1939.

THE O.G.C. ROUND-UP

Cyril Carr ('13) recently wrote to say "... having reached a good age, I decided to sell my car, otherwise I would have been down to see the good old school ere this". Cyril is now living at the Hampton Hotel in Beach Road, Hampton. As an old oarsman, he retains an interest in College rowing as a member of the Albert Bell Club.

David Howell ('18) has left New Zealand, where he lived for many years, and has taken up permanent residence in the same area as his only daughter in Cornwall, England.

Colin Baird ('30), formerly director of Dunlop Clothing, Footwear and Textiles group, has been appointed group controller of corporate development for Dunlop Australia Ltd. Colin became one of the 'lost' Old Collegians in 1976 when he moved from Clontarf, Sydney. From the above information, reported in the Melbourne Herald, he is now 'found' and a private address is sought for OGC records.

Bill MacGregor ('33), of the University of London, was in Kuala Lumpur last year and found that he was working alongside **Jim Watts ('45)**, Professor of Surgery at Flinders University, S.A. This year Bill is Visiting Professor in Obstetrics at the University of California, Los Angeles.

John Davidson ('39) is now Federal President of the Australian Institute of Architects.

John Pigdon ('50) has been elected a Councillor in the Noosa Heads Municipal Council after two years as a resident in that district.

Stewart McArthur ('51) is a man of many and varied interests. One of his most recent appointments was as chairman of the eighteen-member Victorian Advisory Council on Agricultural Education which issued its first activity report in December, 1978. One of the recommendations included in the report was that a State Proficiency Council for agriculture, horticulture and related farm crafts be established as a matter of urgency. In submitting the report, Stewart drew attention to the fact that in 1978 there were eight hundred people being trained in agriculture through technical institutions. The Council wants the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria to administer what it sees as an independent authority to assess standards of excellence in farm skills training.

Ian Scott ('53) was appointed a Professor of Law at Birmingham University in October last year. He gained his doctorate at King's College, London University, before joining the faculty of law as a lecturer at Birmingham University in 1967. In 1975 he became director of the Institute of Judicial Administration, which is involved in regulating the responsibility of judges. His most recent visit to Australia was in 1977 when he delivered a paper at an international law conference in Sydney.

David Wright ('53) left for London early in the year. He has been transferred by his employers, B.P. Australia Ltd. for specialised training for a period of two years.

Geoff King ('54) was in the news in November 1978, when the media reported that a bale of extra superfine lambswool from 'Bowmont', Tatyoon, had realised a record price of 980c per greasy kilo. In a later issue the paper stated that the record price was, in fact, 570d. per lb. (equal to 1047c per kilo) for a bale sold in Geelong in 1953. Extra superfine lambswool is not a new venture at 'Bowmont' as the record price was also for wool marketed by Geoff's father, Mr. R. W. King. In fact the bale for which the recent high price was paid was marketed under the original brand 'R.W.K.' over 'Bowmont'.

Tim Sproat ('55) has returned to Geelong after living for several years in Armidale, N.S.W. Tim's new appointment is as Union Manager at Deakin University. It would appear that the title Union Manager is not fully descriptive of his responsibilities. Between the date when he commenced duty, January 3, and the return of students to the Waurin Ponds campus he set out to provide: a cafeteria open from 7.45 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.; a bistro open for lunches; a chemist store; a branch of the A.N.Z. bank; a general store with sub-news agency; a bookshop; a health foods shop and a games room for students. As a spare-time occupation Tim recently accepted nomination as Secretary to the committee of the Albert Bell Club.

Peter Hobart ('59), who was with the RAAF in Darwin until 1977, is now stationed at RAAF, Amberley, Queensland. In December 1977, he was promoted to sergeant and is engaged in quality control of aviation fuel at the Amberley base.

John Funston ('60) holds a Political Science Research Fellowship with the Foreign Affairs Group of the Legislative Research Service, Parliament House, Canberra.

David Anderson ('60) has been sent by the Country Roads Board to Berkley University, California, U.S.A. to study for a master in engineering degree, specialising in road surfaces.

John Day ('61) is manager, actuarial division, at the head office of National Mutual Life Association of A/sia Ltd., in Melbourne.

Peter Deacon ('61) has been, or shortly will be, transferred from his post at the Australian Department of Trade and Resources in Paris to work with that Department of the Australian Government in Fiji.

Kenneth Crawford ('63), who was on the staff at Haileybury College, is now living in New York where he is completing the requirements for the degrees of Master of Arts and Master of Education at the Columbia University. He expects to return to Australia early next year.

Charles Andrews ('66) qualified for his Australian Professional Ski Instructor's Certificate last winter. During the northern hemisphere winter he has been instructing at Badger Park, Yosemite, California, and has a National Ski Patroller Certificate. He expects to return to Australia late in May and will, no doubt, be seen on the Hotham ski runs when the snow begins to fall.

Leith Doody ('66) sent good wishes to the crews for the Head of the River and remarked that it was "staggering to think that a decade has passed" since he rowed in the 2nd VIII. Leith is now living in the Sydney suburb, Woolwich.

John Embling ('66) had a book published late in 1978 titled "Tom: A Child's Life Regained". The book, which received a degree of controversial publicity, is based on the factual experiences of the author with an outer suburban Melbourne boy, abused by his father, rejected by his mother and brutalised by the education system. At the launching of his book John was reported to have said that he hoped to get the message across that the world is full of "Toms", the battered victims of broken homes whose plight is usually only worsened by their education experiences.

Geoffrey Morrow ('66) has been transferred from the St. Kilda Branch of the Bank of N.S.W. to Carnegie Branch, where he is legal and securities officer. Geoff has been a field umpire with the V.F.L. for five years. He had the honour of umpiring the last two reserve grade matches in 1978 and appears to have consolidated this status to date in 1979.

Rob Hastie ('67) is currently in Stockholm where he is working at hairstyling.

David Wood ('67) has been appointed to commence duties at once as Curator in Charge of Conservation at the Queen Victoria Museum, Launceston.

Peter Royce ('68) is now an intern at the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, following his graduation with distinction in medicine at Monash University.

John McLean ('68) worked at the Colac Branch of the National Bank of A/sia Ltd. after he left school in 1970. He then toured New Zealand for a year and stayed there for a further three years as a member of the staff of the Public Service Investment Society in Wellington. He is now living at Blackburn and is employed as assistant manager at the Frankston Branch of Fletcher Jones & Staff Pty. Ltd.

Robert (Sandy) Stewart ('68) obtained his B.Eng.(Elect.) degree at Deakin University in March 1978, and then went to Kalimantan, Borneo, where he was employed as a field engineer with Schlumberger Inc. until he returned home early in April this year.

Marc Kistner ('69) is attending the University of Southern California where he recently began Ph.D. studies in clinical psychology. He considers the time he spent at the College, and in Australia, an important part of his life and has every intention of coming back some day when he is professional and no longer a student.

James (Hin Chui) Chung ('69) called at the College early in November 1978, after having lived for several years in London, while studying for a diploma in Industrial Design which he gained at the Ealing Technical College, London. While in Australia he and his wife stayed with his brother **Phu Thi Chung ('70)** in South Yarra. He has now returned to Seria, State of Brunei, and has entered the family business engaged in off-shore engineering projects.

O.G.C. Round-up (cont'd)

Hugh Champness ('69) is now serving with the RAAF at Butterworth Base in Malaysia. He expects to be stationed there for at least eighteen months.

Ian Cole ('70) is employed at the Ford Motor Co. of Australia Ltd. where he is no doubt utilising the knowledge gained from his studies in the mechanical field of engineering.

Mark Sutherland ('70) came from a farm in Elaine. When he finished his schooling in 1973 he decided to broaden his experience before returning to the home property. He spent two years jackarooing on sheep and beef stations in Euroa and near Wilcannia and was then assistant stud manager at 'Barwidgee', Caramut. In order to learn the latest farming techniques he then entered a two year course at Glenormiston Agricultural College. Late in 1978 a dream came true when he was awarded a grant from the Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Trust which he is using to study beef marketing systems in the U.S.A. and Canada. He planned his own itinerary and among the many aspects of farming which he will investigate is the Market Intelligence Service run by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He has been reported as having expressed the opinion that the auction system in Australia is hopelessly out of date, ludicrously inefficient and totally unfair.

Rohan MacDonald ('70) received his commission from the Governor-General, Sir Zelman Cowen, when he graduated from the Royal Military College, Duntroon, toward the end of 1978.

Craig McKenzie ('71) is another Old Collegian who has graduated in the Australian defence services. He is a graduate of the RAAF Academy, Point Cook.

Geoffrey Cowan ('71) is employed on the audit staff of Lasky Weir & Associates in Melbourne.

ROWING King's Cup Regatta

The Youth VIII crew which represented Victoria in the Australian Championships at the King's Cup regatta, held in South Australia on April 21/22, was studded with Old Collegians.

There were twelve members of the selected squad: 8 crew, 2 emergencies, the cox and the coach. Of these, eight were Old Collegians.

The crew was coached by **Bob George ('45)**.

Those who rowed in the crew were:

Bow — **David Gillett ('75)**, 4 — **Andrew Egan ('74)**, 5 — **Bruce McNaughton ('75)**, 7 — **Clive Pugh ('74)**, and Stroke — **David George ('74)**.

Both emergencies were Old Collegians: **John Hill ('75)** and **Ross George ('74)**.

The N.S.W. crew won the race with the Victorians filling second place.

Andrew Stephens ('71) is teaching at the primary school in Gray Street, Hamilton. He is continuing his studies through an off-campus course with the Deakin University to convert his Dip.Ed. to a Bachelor degree. In his spare time he enjoys playing tennis, squash and volleyball.

Debra Trembath ('72) who, it will be recalled, won the Miss Victoria Sportsgirl contest in 1978, has returned from her trip to Europe which was part of the quest prize award. This year Debbie is doing her trainee year in pharmacy at Ken Allen's pharmacy in Highton.

Stephen Laidlaw ('73) has transferred from the Australian National University in Canberra to study law at the University of Melbourne. He has settled in well as so many Old Collegians of his year are already there.

Warick Magee ('73) received an award for best second year apprentice at the International Harvester Aust. Ltd. presentation dinner, held in Geelong early in May.

Ross Duff ('74) presented an electric router to the House of Guilds in order to repay the school for the many hours of pleasure which he enjoyed in that particular area.

William Ashburner ('75) was more than pleased to learn that he had been accepted as a student in Agricultural Science at the University of Melbourne. He was offered a place in University College where his mother and her two sisters were in residence when at University. In those days it was a women's college but, of course, times have changed.

A FAMILY QUARTET

Peter Hill ('66) worked at Cheetham Salt Ltd. for eighteen months after obtaining his Diploma in Mechanical Engineering. He then served a two year contract with Roan Consolidated Industries, in the copper refining industry in Ndola, Zambia. More recently he has been employed as a field engineer, mining and processing diamonds, with Mining Services Ltd. based at Dundo, Angola. It is possible that he will enjoy a short period of leave in Australia during May, at about the time that this edition of 'Ad Astra' is in the hands of the printer.

Wayne Hill ('67), with a B.Pharm. degree to his credit, served for three years in the pharmacies of Bull & Owen, Geelong. He then spent two and a half years as a relieving pharmacist in various centres of N.S.W. and Victoria. He has now returned to Geelong where he is managing an Amcal pharmacy in Ryrie Street.

Richard Hill ('69) obtained a Diploma of Catering and Hotel Management and then undertook a Diploma of Business Studies course, which incorporated a study tour of the U.S.A. He is now employed as an accountant at the head office of the Commodore Motel Group.

Geoffrey Hill ('70) gained much valuable experience on the land for five years, during which time he made two trips to Iran with sheep exports. He obtained his Diploma of Farm Management at the Marcus Oldham Farm Agricultural College and is now working as a stock and station agent with the Victorian Producers Co-op Ltd. at Bairnsdale.

AMERICAN OGC

JIM BALES

ALCOA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Jim Bales ('75) attended the College in 1974/75/76 and then returned to North Carolina, U.S.A. to continue his education.

He was a senior A student at North Stanly High School at Yadkin, North Carolina when he received the Alcoa Foundation Scholarship Award. The scholarship is for a period of four years and Jim will attend either the North Carolina State University or the California Institute of Technology and major in engineering.

In addition to his academic ability Jim is a talented musician. Among many accreditations in this field, he received a Charlotte Symphony Orchestra Scholarship for private study, special recognition for performances in several bands and was named most improved player and most outstanding player, 1976/77, and outstanding musician, 1977/78, in the North Stanly HS Band.

TRI-STATE SPORTS CARNIVAL

Hale School, Perth, Scotch College, Adelaide, and The Geelong College have staged a triangular football carnival each year since 1965 during the May term vacation. Each school has taken its turn to host the two visiting schools.

The trophy for which the teams have played, the C. D. Fisher Plate, has been won on eight occasions by Geelong College, four times by Hale School, once by Scotch College and in 1967 honours were shared equally by the three contenders.

In 1979 a new dimension has been added. The carnival will include sporting fixtures for girls as well as boys. Scotch College, Adelaide, and Geelong College are now both co-educational schools. Hale School remains a boys' school but Perth will be represented by girls from St. Mary's Girls' School.

The usual football matches will be played by the boys while the girls will play netball and hockey matches.

This is a mammoth venture which has been undertaken by the College as the first school to host the carnival in co-educational form. More than one hundred students will be engaged in sporting and social activities during the week from Saturday, May 12 to Saturday, May 19. Several members of the College staff formed a committee to organise the program for that week which will include visits to VFL matches, day trips, dinners and a dance in addition to the sporting fixtures.

The committee has received considerable support from members of the school community. Many parents have provided billets for players, the Parents' and Friends' Association will provide a barbecue meal in the school grounds and private cars will be used on many occasions to ease the transport situation.

The sporting results — these must be added very briefly, in Stop Press form, as they will not be known until 'Ad Astra' is about to go to print.

FOOTBALL: Geelong College (Boys)
HOCKEY: St. Mary's Girls' School
NETBALL: Geelong College (Girls)

OLD GEELONG COLLEGIANS' ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with Article 5.12 of the Constitution of the Association, notice is hereby given that the 78th Annual General Meeting of the Old Geelong Collegians' Association will be held at Kirrewur Court, 77 Prospect Road, Newtown, on Friday, July 27, 1979, at 6.30 p.m.

BUSINESS

- * To adopt the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
- * To receive the Annual Report, Financial Statements and Auditor's Report.
- * To elect Office-Bearers, Committee and Auditor for the ensuing year.
- * To consider such recommendations as may be submitted by the General Committee for the election of Fellows and/or Honorary Life Members and to proceed to such election.
- * To consider and if thought fit to pass a motion to amend the Constitution of the Association, of which due notice is given at the foot of this Notice of Meeting.
- * To consider any other business that may be properly brought forward.

Nominations of Office-Bearers, Members of Committee and Auditor to replace those retiring must be signed by the nominee and two financial members and received by the Honorary Secretary on or before July 20, 1979.

NOTICE OF MOTION

The General Committee of the Association recommend that the Constitution be amended in the following manner:

- a. by deletion of sub-sections 6:11 and 6:12 of ARTICLE 6:1 FINANCE — INCOME
 - b. by replacing these with the following sub-sections:
- 6:11 In furtherance of Article 2:1 of this Constitution, the Association shall provide the opportunity for Old Collegians to subscribe as Life Members or as Annual Members of the Association, at such rates as shall be prescribed by the General Committee.
- 6:12 In furtherance of Article 2:1 of this Constitution, any member of the Association who subscribes to The Geelong College Building Fund an amount not less than the Life Membership subscription, as prescribed by the General Committee, shall be deemed to have paid such subscription as a Life Member of the Association.
- 6:13 In furtherance of Article 2:1 of this Constitution, any member of the Association who in the then current fiscal year subscribes to The Geelong College Building Fund an amount not less than the Annual Subscription, as prescribed by the General Committee, shall be deemed to have paid the Annual Subscription.
- (The purpose of this amendment is to re-introduce provision for Life Membership and to retain provision for Annual Membership of the Association).

A. Mcl. SCOTT, Honorary Secretary.

DATES TO REMEMBER from the OGCA calendar

June 5	U.N.E. Armidale, NSW — Mixed Company dinner
July 6	Canberra, ACT — Old Collegian dinner
July 13	Hamilton Branch — Old Collegian dinner
August 10	Gramplains Branch — Old Collegian dinner
September 19	OGC Golf Day — Barwon Heads
September 22	Mildura Branch — Mixed company dinner
October 5	Ballarat Branch — Old Collegian dinner
October 31	Melbourne Group — dinner dance
November 13	APS Golf Day

Dates for some Branch functions have not yet been finalised. Included in these are: Horsham, Deniliquin, Bendigo, Adelaide, S.A. and Sydney, N.S.W.

Residents in these districts will be notified when arrangements have been completed.

Full information of time and place for all OGCA functions may be obtained from the Executive Officer, at the College (phone 052/21-1939).

OLD GEELONG FOOTBALL CLUB

There once was a football club known as the Old Geelong Grammarians' Football Club, with headquarters at Como Park, Melbourne.

Gradually Old Geelong Collegian footballers, of no mean ability, infiltrated the ranks of this Club until, in 1973, there were thirteen Old Collegians wearing the Old Grammarian colours.

At this stage the committee of the OGGFC decided that there is strength in unity and an invitation was extended to the Old Grammarian and Old Collegian Associations to become sponsors of the Club (with no financial obligation), which would then become the Old Geelong Football Club. Both Associations accepted this invitation.

As each school year ends a list of school-leavers who indicate that they intend to continue to play football in post-school years is sent to the Geelong Amateur Football Club and to the Old Geelong Football Club. It is then the responsibility of the Clubs to do their own recruiting.

The OGFC President, Peter Lemon (OGG), frequently makes contact with the Executive Officer. In a recent letter he said "... so far we have recruited from last year's (College) school-leavers — Stewart Kearney, Ian Crosby, Andrew Harlock and John Armytage and we are still hopeful of getting Russell Cook and Peter Howarth. This will give a very satisfactory intake from Geelong College. We are also hoping that Ian Whiting will be able to play and Peter Holland ('64) is back after three years overseas".

The OGFC circulates a newsletter

regularly to its members. This is a racy run-down on Club activity together with notes on the activities of some of the players.

The following items were culled from a recent issue of the newsletter:

Dale Fraser ('68) has resigned from the committee as a change in work responsibilities will take him out of Melbourne on most week days. New members appointed to the committee are **Hugh Brodie ('73)** and **Scott Moffatt (OGG)**, and **Jon Anderson ('70)** has been re-appointed. We have tried repeatedly to explain to Dale that the three new appointments are not merely to fill the gap he has left.

Jon Anderson ('70) is the new editor of the newsletter. (He has replaced Peter Lemon, an OGG who has joined with OGC's on many occasions at the Melbourne dinners, held at the Hawthorn Club).

Stephen Anderson ('67) recently recovered from a bout of hepatitis. He is joining the growing number of Old Geelongingtons overseas. Steve expects to meet up with **Hugh Torode ('67)** on the slopes of Austria.

Ross Kearney ('71) spent the Australian New Year in China. We understand that he returned with a souvenir poster removed from one of those Peking walls but, unfortunately, when translated it merely read "Post no Bills".

?? QUESTION ??

Can the College Pipe-Band be re-formed? Some College students are interested. Old Collegian pipers and drummers who are interested are invited to contact the Executive Officer — (052/21-1939).

OLD COLLEGIANS' DAY ANNUAL RE-UNION DINNER GUEST SPEAKER

Professor DAVIS McCAUGHEY

Master, Ormond College

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 1979

at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

preceded by the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The venue:

Kirrewur Court

77 Prospect Road, Newtown

Dinner subscription:

\$15.00 full rate

\$12.00 full time students

Tickets may be obtained from members of the General Committee and also from Presidents and Secretaries of Branches.

Mail applications may also be sent to the O.G.C.A. Office, P.O. Box 5, Geelong, 3220.

Please send applications together with remittances to arrive by Friday, July 20. Tickets will be sent by return mail.

OLD GEELONG COLLEGIANS' ASSOCIATION

C R I C K E T

NAME 'phone.....

ADDRESS

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1. I am interested in the formation of a cricket group.

I would like to attend a general meeting later this year to discuss how the group might operate.

3. I make the following suggestions about how I would like the group to operate and what it might do.

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