



WHAT IS THE O.G.C.A.?

The O.G.C.A. was formally constituted in 1901 with the aim of "promoting the welfare of Geelong College and uniting those who have attended the Geelong College and to foster good fellowship among them, and between them and the Geelong College".

After 86 years the aims and objects have not altered. Over the years many tangible objects of a lasting nature have been supported by the Association as well as many individual Old Collegians.

Among the items of a lasting nature there are such things as Morrison Hall, War Memorials, Mackie Oval, Rolland Centre, as well as memorials to "John" Kerr, "Bully" MacRoberts, Teddy Rankin, Perce Carter and "Maggie" expressing the affection of thousands for these rare characters.

Just the fact that you attended the College makes you an Old Collegian, whether you are a financial member of the Association or not. Thanks to the generosity of the College Council we are able to send this Ad Astra to as many as we know their whereabouts. If you enjoy reading it we would appreciate your support by joining the Association so we can effectively realize the aims as stated above. (Life Membership \$85.)

Fortunately, due to those that went before, we have contact with approximately 5,500 of 6,600 still known to be living.

Enough of the past, how do we fulfil the aims of the Association in this day and age? A committee of Old Collegians meets four times per year and is responsible for the general operation whilst the Executive Officer looks after the day to day affairs.

Social events are promoted wherever a group can get together, be it Year Groups, Class Groups, Past Crews, teams or Area Groups with regular dinners being held in Sydney, Canberra, Willaura, Hamilton, Ballarat, Camperdown, with the Annual Dinner meeting in Geelong or Melbourne.

Sporting events form a large part of the social activities through such organisations as the Albert Bell Club, Old Collegians' Hockey Club, Old Collegians' Netball Club, Old Geelong Football Club, Geelong Amateur Football Club, with teams being entered in the Associated Public Schools Scholars' Golf Day, OGG/OGC Golf Day, Associated Public Schools Bowls Day, and

competitions in cricket, tennis and football with present students.

Through all these activities we are able to promote the welfare of the College whilst providing good fellowship among the competitors.

Among the tangible items, the Committee has an opportunity to make suggestions for the efficient operation of the school - no doubt, whilst you were a student you often wished you could give your tutors some advice as to how it should be done - this is your opportunity.

As in the past, financial and moral support is given where possible. Many team coaches are Old Collegians, many of the extra coaching aids are donated and building programmes are supported.

One further development in the life of the College is the establishment of the Geelong College Foundation Ltd., a body whose role is to develop a long-term focus for the interest and support of the wider College community, ensuring the continued existence of the College as a major Christian education institution.

As with any expanding organisation, alterations and additions are always necessary to buildings and the College Council has decided to convert the House of Music, built in 1937, for use as a chapel.

There could be some Old Collegians who would welcome the opportunity to assist with this project. Although the cost of the building itself would probably be beyond their capacity, the furnishings are within range, and the pews, chairs, etc., could be dedicated to the memory of individuals as are the chairs and tables in the Dining Hall.

You may or may not agree with the thrust of the O.G.C.A. activities but, whichever it is, do make your ideas known, after all, it is your Association and the committee is there to consider your wishes.

OFFICE BEARERS AS ELECTED

JUNE 1987

PRESIDENT - Tim W. Sproat, ('55), 214161.

IMM. PAST PRESIDENT - Michael J. Betts, ('65), 439404.

VICE-PRESIDENTS Senior - Ross G. Hepburn, ('64), (03) 5683703; Junior - Sam J. Coulson, ('59), 216757.

HON. SECRETARY - Debra E. Trembath, ('72), 99555.

HON. TREASURER - Richard G. Carr, ('73), 218886.

PRINCIPAL - A. Paul Sheahan, ('59), 263111.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER - T.J. Hill (Tim), ('39), (Pri.) 441313, (Bus.) 263190.

Scott Mcl. Chirnside, ('70), (053) 694319.

THE COLLEGE FOUNDATION LAUNCHED

The Geelong College Foundation was launched in spectacular fashion at a formal dinner in The College Dining Hall on Friday, 13th November, 1987.

The guests congregated on the lawns in front of the Dining Hall before being piped in to dinner by parent Mrs Janet McConnel, and Mrs Dot Smith from the Geelong Womens Pipe Band.

The beautiful blue, green and white flowers and table settings enhanced the magnificent Dining Hall. A very convivial evening over a superb meal prepared by the College Catering staff was enjoyed by all who attended. The Rev. Ewen McLean pronounced Grace and The Mayor of Geelong, Cr. Jim Fidge, proposed the Loyal Toast.

Many renewed old friendships and made new acquaintances with those of similar school connections.

Guests came from as far as Queensland to attend and hear The College Chairman, Mr Garnet Fielding, who eloquently proposed the toast to the school.

The Principal replied to the toast to the school and excerpts from this and the response of the first President of the Foundation, Mr Geoff Betts, are found on pages 3, 4 and 5.



The Chairman of the College Council, Mr G.S. Fielding.

Alex G. Gray, ('49), (03) 8171530.
David A. Jarman, ('57), 214048.
W.C. (Bill) Phillips, ('68), 216416.
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Shane B. Coutts, ('80), 222355
Frank O. Herd, ('69), 97177
Ross H. McConaghy, ('60), 437379
G.N. Dan Simmonds, ('69), 785585
W. Ross Synot, ('56), 436831
Lindsay K. Jarman, ('58), 213243
Dennis G. McDonald, ('60), 216443

AT THE COLLEGE

CHAPEL

Members of the school community will be aware that the College Council has accepted in principle the recommendations of the Preliminary Strategy Planning Committee that will see a modest increase in the size of the school as well as the provision of certain facilities that the school presently does not have.

The conversion of the old House of Music, on the corner of Talbot and Aphrasia Streets, is one of those projects, and the building of a chapel is seen as an integral part of the provision for the spiritual well-being of the students. In addition, it is hoped that Old Collegians will consider using the Chapel for their marriage services. In this and other ways, the Chapel will be seen as a vital link between the present and past College communities and will be seen by all as, perhaps, the focal point of the lives of students at the College.

It will be remembered that individual Old Collegians contributed to the furnishing of the Dining Hall in 1929 by the buying of chairs on which there are name plates; with a similar idea in mind the College is encouraging its past students to contribute to the furnishing of this wonderful new chapel by making a donation for specific objects within it. Contributions for pews, lecterns, an altar table, even a pipe organ will be very gratefully received by the school and will be specially remembered by the College community as gifts from those individuals or families.

If there are readers of Ad Astra and others who wish to make a contribution of this sort, would they please direct any contributions to the Principal.

THE ARCHIVES

Mr. McLean has recently received several very interesting additions to the Archives.

Dr. O. Burger has presented a number of movies of College life in the late 1950's and early 1960's. These include some rowing scenes, some scenes of cadet activities and of the centenary service at St. George's in 1961.

David Collins has given a number of photographs of Gilbert & Sullivan productions of this period.

Elsden Partridge has presented a most interesting walking stick which was given to Col. Harry Dunkley by his Rifle Brigade in New Guinea in 1943 & 44 and which Harry used and valued very highly.

Miss Roadknight has presented a silver cup won by D. Roadknight in 1925, as well as some photographs of the first House teams of the Preparatory School.

Silver-framed photograph of Francis William Rolland as Chaplain of the Forces from Jim Ferguson.

COMING EVENTS

REUNION '59

It is proposed to have a social gathering of the 1959 Group at the College on the 18th June, 1988, the day the 1st XVIII play Geelong Grammar School at The College. Details will be mailed to all '59s during May. In the meantime contact Sam Coulson, (052) 216757 (Home), or Ian Gill, (052) 435801 (Home) for further information.

O.G.C.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at The College on 18th June, 1988. Official notice will be given in the June edition of Ad Astra. Keep the date free.

CRICKET AND TENNIS

Following a successful day this year the O.G.C.A. will again challenge the College students on Sunday, 31st January, 1988.

TERM DATES - 1988

Term I - 3rd February - 30th March (no exeat)

Term II - 19th April - 23rd June (no exeat)

Term III - 12th July - 8th September (no exeat)

Term IV - 5th October - 9th December
V.C.E. examinations begin 7th November

In recognition of 29 years association with the Y.M.C.A., including seven years on the Australian National Council and a term as Vice President, LANCE ILLINGWORTH, '22, was elected as an Honorary Life Governor in 1986. Only eight others have been similarly awarded in the 129 years since the "Y" was established in Australia. After 44 years with the Union/ANZ Bank, Lance joined the Board of Pyramid Building Society in 1967 and was Chairman of Directors from 1972 - 1982.



NEW LIFE MEMBERS

A.C. BRIGGS '83, P.M. JAMES '83, G.A. JONES '83, S.M. JONES '83, A.J. McDONALD '86, E.A. McKENZIE '83.

OBITUARY

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

E.O.J. PATTINSON	('13)
A.J.C. WAUGH	('15)
C.W. GREASY	('16)
J.G. LINCOLNE	('27)
M.H. RICHARDSON	('27)
G.W. CHINN	('28)
A.S. MCKINNON	('29)
E.H. CHAPMAN	('29)
G.D. MURRAY	('30)
P.A. ROADKNIGHT	('32)
C.G. SMITH	('33)
P.J.C. STRETTON	('33)
L. WILLS	('33)
A.D. HUMPHREY	('35)
A.F. DAVIES	('36)
N.J. SPALDING	('40)
D.J. SHUTER	('43)
D.N. PARSONS	('46)
B.D. McKENZIE	('52)
ROY SHEPHERD - Staff Member	1936-37

GRADUATIONS

We have been informed of these recent conferring degrees:

B.A. - Peter Bowers, Leonie Thompson, Samuel Golding (Hons.)
B.Sc. - Adam Findlay (Hons.), Paul Wells (Forestry), Diana Hale, John Hale
B.Com. - Stephen Stoios, Gail Smith
B.E. - Ian Cumming
B.App.Sc. - Gary Laidlaw, Carolyn Adams
M.D. - Peter Campbell
M.Phil.(Oxon.) - Jeff Holzgrebe
D.Min.(Fuller U.S.A.) - Roger Webb
B.Mus. and B.Music Ed. - Kristine Mellens
PH.D. - Stephen Thomson
LL.B. - Leonie Thompson
B.A. (Education) - Samantha Rattray-Wood
B.Ed. - Graham Stephens (Hons.)
B.Arch. - Lynton Bullen

WEDDINGS

Colin Fraser to Anne Read, Streatham, 10th January

Robert Vickers-Willis to Catherine Maxwell, South Yarra, 2nd May

Bronwyn Wackett to Peter Kirby, Geelong, 24th July

Kathryn Pickering to Mark Bieser, Ceres, 1st August

Kristine Mellens to David Jones, Geelong, 1st August

Louise Vines to Gerard Coutts, Belmont, 15th August

Robert Vines to Janet Bond, Highton, 3rd October

Richard Henderson to Victoria Reed, Norlane, 17th October

Mark Kershaw to Ruth Gove, Belmont, 7th November

Alistair Urquhart to Mary Lusby, North Sydney, 28th November.

THE GEELONG COLLEGE FOUNDATION INAUGURAL DINNER

The Chairman of the College Council, Mr Garnet Fielding, in proposing the Toast to the College said:

"Mr President, Ladies and Gentlemen: Some 15 years ago, in this Hall, the present Governor of this State said that one of the things our community needed most was **education with bite**. Never was a claim more truly made.

The desolation, apathy and discord in some areas of public education, the vulgarity and gracelessness of much in contemporary life, and the enormous difficulties faced by the young (on a scale never known before) convince us that never was good and sound education so vital for the restoration of the health of our society as now.

The College Council's charter is to provide for our students 'a liberal, humane and balanced education in which are fostered their intellectual, physical, moral, aesthetic and spiritual growth, and in which Christian faith, worship and practice find appropriate expression'. What a responsibility and privilege!

The College Council through its Principal and staff aims to encourage that reflective self-reliance which is the foundation of a fulfilled life.

The College aims at teaching students to **think** - not to emulate the flabby, gelatinous process that passes for thought in much of society but to use intellectual rigour; not only to know the right answers, but how to reach them. Not only to know, but to discern, to distil and to assess.

Beset as we are by the deadly malaise of passive recreation, the School aims to teach its students to avoid a paralysis of the imagination.

As a Christian school it aims to encourage consideration of the interests of others, so that when they leave here our students may be well-armed against the influence of the cult of the selfish.

As a Christian school it must always aim to articulate decency.

Mr President, the Council has four great advantages in discharging its office:

First, 126 years of rich tradition of providing education for the families of town and country. Years marked by the labours of committed and talented people who have put this School in the vanguard of Australian education.

Second, a truly first-class staff so ably led by our Principal. A staff whose didactic skills are only equalled by their dedication to the welfare and advancement of their students.

Third, an amenable and largely gracious fabric which provides an ideal setting in which to work and play. A fabric which is the result of careful management in the past, much generous benefaction and no little sacrifice.

Fourth, a reservoir of goodwill among those families who have enjoyed an education here, are doing so now, or aspire to do so in the future.

What then are the causes of concern?

There are three and they are of enormous importance for the future of the School:

We cannot and dare not be complacent. There are opportunities for improvement in and enrichment of the College's offering and they must be seized. To stand still is to slide back. The wages of complacency are mediocrity, and mediocrity must never be a word in the College vocabulary.

Second, through endowment the College must seek to open its doors more widely to the community. The community needs the College as never before. As a Christian school we owe it to our fellows that the financial bar against the entry of deserving scholars be lowered.

Fundamentally the aim of the College is to become free and truly independent. Our parents (who as taxpayers share the gargantuan cost of maintaining the Government education system) receive Government aid in the payment of a part of their tuition fees. This aid for some time has been under varying degrees of threat of withdrawal and as we know, in the case of the College and some other schools, has been diminished. There is a twin threat of political interference in school government and political interference in school curriculum in those schools where aid is accepted. Such interference is anathema to schools like this. We are determined to be independent and free.

Someone has said that challenges consist of threats and opportunities and the secret of success is to convert the former into the latter.

Council must, and the whole School community should, think not only in terms of minutes and hours but in the long swing of events. Just as we now have been provided for by the efforts and sacrifices of the past, so we, in our turn, have the obligation and privilege to provide for the future.

Mr President, more than 400 years ago one of the first generation of great Jesuit schoolmasters wrote:

'Puerilis instutio renovatio mundi' - 'In the education of our youth lies the renewal of the world'.

He was absolutely right and let us never forget."



BAROQUE FLUTE EXPERT GARY EKKEL, '76

After a year in Den Haag, Holland, studying with famous Barthold Kuijken at the Royal Conservatory of Music, Gary Ekkel has returned to Geelong and accompanied by Paul Jones (Cello) and Elizabeth Anderson (Harpsicord) given a concert at the Austin Gray Centre. During the past nine years, Gary has won eight awards and scholarships including awards by Belmont/Highton Rotary, Geelong College, Ormond College (Major Residential 1983 and the Charles Shannon from 1983-85), a post Graduate Scholarship by the University of Melbourne 1984-85, and the Netherlands Government Scholarship recently completed.



Above: Vivienne Partridge, Mrs E. Keith, Mr Bert Keith, Elsdon Partridge.

THE FOUNDATION DINNER

An edited version of the Principal's response follows:

"As our Council Chairman has put it admirably, this is indeed a most auspicious occasion for the school whose history has been studded with outstanding events.

In these days when there is great uncertainty about issues like the continuation of Government Funding and the ability of our schools to continue to provide the resources, both material and non-material, that are necessary, the launching and the establishment of a Foundation is absolutely necessary to maintain our enviable position in Australian education.

I do believe fervently in our current crop of youngsters who will become the leaders of society in the future. They are clear eyed, they are thoughtful, they are hard working and they are quite optimistic about the future. Youngsters have a great deal to cope with and an undeniable responsibility rests with schools like this to encourage in these youngsters the development of a strong and reliable moral framework. If we, in independent schools, cannot do it, then who can?

But I don't believe that students can achieve the ideals that we think are important and that we set for them - to become caring, compassionate, contributing and concerned adults - unless we, as the older generation, set some sort of example for them. The Foundation will draw together these avenues of support to help us achieve our worthy aims.

Already we have seen some mighty work undertaken by the Foundation Board under the tremendously energetic Presidency of Mr Geoff Betts, a highly respected member of the College community who is one of few Fellows of the Old Collegians though not an Old Collegian himself. Assisted by the two Vice-Presidents, Mr Geoff Neilson and Mr Robert Purnell, and the other Board members, Mr Scott Chirnside, Mrs Elizabeth Farrow, Mr Neil Gow, Mr Alec Gray, Mr Ken Nall, Mr John Richardson and the Foundation Director Mr Bob Grant, Mr Betts has already laid the groundwork for this extremely important arm of the College.



Paul Egan, Jill Gow, Paul Sheahan, Neil Gow, Wendy Egan.



We, in independent schools, must see that a narrow utilitarian aim for education is stultifying and degrading to the human spirit of endeavour and achievement but, we as educators at the College have been set a formidable task:

'To provide for students a liberal, balanced and general education with the purpose of fostering their intellectual, aesthetic, physical, spiritual and moral growth, and within which Christian faith, worship and practice find appropriate expression.'

How especially important it is these days for us to provide that liberal balanced and general education? Thus, small but important things to master like the art of conversation, the development of fruitful leisure time instead of constant and mindless television watching, assume considerable importance and are matters that independent school education should encourage and cultivate at every turn.

If we are to discharge our duties properly and achieve our goals, we need the help of the whole College community and the Foundation will galvanise this assistance.

Whilst I am pleased, therefore, to respond to the toast of the Chairman and to thank him for his kindness, it gives me great pleasure, also, to propose the health of the infant Foundation, a body within and without the school, that is dedicated to maintaining the well-being of the College.

This is a proud school. This is a school that has nurtured so many minds and souls in the past and will in the future. This is a great school. With the continued support of the College community, this will continue to be a great school. There are exciting times ahead, so I call on you to be upstanding and join with me in drinking this toast to The Geelong College Foundation."

Below: Dr Bill Huffam, Mrs Moira McLean, Rev. Ewan McLean.



THE FOUNDATION DINNER

The President of the Foundation, Geoff Betts, in response stated that the need for a new organisation to carry support for the College into the 21st Century had become apparent. The activities of existing groups were most valuable but the Foundation had a wider charter of membership and longer focus of action. To guarantee the future independence of the College we needed to rally our supporters by the thousands and a permanent fund of \$10 or \$20 million dollars was not an understatement. Our perspective needed to be of 10-20 even 50 years. The Foundation offered a different concept of membership.

- A membership that will not be limited by any short term factor such as student days or fee paying years.

- A membership that will provide an open door to the College campus at any time and a warm welcome to all College or Foundation functions in the future.

- A membership that will create a feeling of oneness with the future of this great school and an opportunity, through the nature of the Foundation, to have some influence on the future growth and direction of the College we all love.

Membership qualifications will be the same for everybody - one level which will not embody any hierarchy of relative wealth.

Our emphasis is, firstly, to develop the widest base of personal support on a friendly and welcoming campus, but the reality is that financial resources must be equal to the task so that membership of the Foundation will be actively sought.

Individual membership can be acquired by the gift of not less than \$3,000 over three years, or a bequest of not less than \$15,000. Corporate membership is based on a gift of not less than \$30,000. Tax benefits and deferred payments are possible and details are available from the Foundation office.

Geoff closed his remarks with an invitation to all present to show their support for the College by actively participating in Foundation activities and, as appropriate joining the growing number of dedicated members.

If you require more information or wish to become a member of the foundation, please contact - Bob Grant at the College on (052) 263111 or P.O. Box 5, Geelong. 3220.

Those who attended represented a wide spectrum of the College family - young and older Old Collegians and past, present and future parents:-

Ken & Jenny Andrews, Harold & Gail Armstrong, Jack & Georgina Ayerbe, Terry & Anne Bamford, Barry & Del Beach, Barry & Barbara Bell, Michael & Ros Betts, Geoff & Betty Betts, Winton Burch, Richard & Fiona Carr, Rod & Sandy Casboul, Scott & Deb Chirnside,

Below: Beverley Davies, Tim Sproat, Betty Betts, Geoff Davies, John Lewis, Robyn Lewis, Geoff Betts, Patti Skardon



Byron & Lyn Collins, Max & Karyn Collins, David Collins, Andrew Cowton, Des & Audrey Davey, Geoffrey & Beverley Davies, Frank & Maria De Stefano, Michael & Lynne Dowling, Paul & Wendy Egan, Neil & Jill Everist, Bess Farrow, Bill & Elizabeth Farrow, Jim Fidge, Garnet & Judy Fielding, Rodney Flavel, Bob & Jenny George, Neil & Jill Gow, Bob & Judy Grant, Charles & Annie Hider, Ian Hiscock, Alastair & Ellen Hope, Peter & Marilyn Hughes, Bruce & Morna Jamieson, Rob & Katrina Jeremiah, Bert & Elsie Keith, Peter & Jacqui Kelly, Charles & Pat Laidlaw, Daryl & Josephine Le Grew, John & Robyn Lewis, John & Veronica Major, Ewen & Moira McLean, Susie McManus, Ewen & Jenny McMillan, Bob & Carolyn Menzies, Murray & Jenny Mountjoy, Lyle Mulligan, Ken & Marj Nall, Geoff & Gwenda Neilson, John & Janet Nelson, Elsdon & Vivienne Partridge, Robert Purnell, John Richardson, John & Margot Robb, Angus & Gloria Robertson, Steven Sewell, Robert & Lorraine Sewell, Paul & Jane Sheahan, Patti Skardon, Kees & Corrie Smit, Tim & Jacqui Sproat, Ted Tansley, Duncan & Kirsty Tuck, John Urbahns, Frank & Rhonda Walker, Janine White.

Another wide representation of the College family attended the President's Reception at the College on December 4th.

Those present were:

Wendy Abrahmsen, David & Chris Alexander, John & Helen Anderson, Garry Armstrong, Roderick & Barbara Ashby, Jack & Georgina Ayerbe, Geoff & Sue Bail, David & Kay Barkley, Weston & Janice Bate, Randall & Jeanette Bell, Tony & Coral Benham, Bob & Gail Bett, Michael & Roslyn Betts, Geoff & Betty Betts, Peter & Kerry Betts, Joe Bickart, Samuel Blair, John & Anne Brown, Andrew Browne, Bill Browning, James &

Vinra Buchanan, Robert & Brigitte Bucknall, Joseph & Louise Calderazzo, Jack & Rosemary Calderazzo, Keith & Gillie Calvert, J.H. Campbell, Ken & Pauline Carr, Nicholas & Debbie Carr, Derek & Phillipa Challis, Len & June Champness, Scott & Deb Chirnside, Steve & Ruth Cooper, Susan Cripps, Alan David, Frank & Faye Denahy, Ted & Wendy Dimmick, Keith & Lois Doery, Piers Douglas, Tony & Margot Douglas, Michael & Morrell Earle, John Eastoe, Ross & Robin Elder, Cam Emerson, Lyndsay & Stephanie Farrall, Elizabeth Farrow, Garnet & Judy Fielding, John & Janet Fisher, Laurie & Lorraine Foley, Joh & GLoria Gilchrist, Kim & Jeni Goodall, Neil & Jill Gow, Heather Gow, Bob & Judy Grant, Alex & Pamela Gray, Bob & Jan Hale, Alan & Margaret Hendy, Frank & Susie Herd, Tim & Aimee Hill, Keith Holden, Bill & Anne Huffam, Peter & Marilyn Hughes, Robin & Judi Idle, Don Ingpen, Bruce Jamieson, Bernie & Hilary Jenner, Bert & Elsie Keith, Colin & Helen Kennett, Peter Lea-Wood, Robert & Susan Leggatt, Don Lester, Noel & Gaie Lester, Charles Lockhart, Trevor Lorimer, John & Veronica Major, Stewart McArthur, Gordon & Lee McGregor, Ewen & Moira McLean, Steven & Pauline Mitchell, David Moreton, Peter & Bronwyn Motteram, Ken & Marj Nall, Phillip & Sue Newson, David & Cecilia O'Brien, Gary & Carolyn O'Regan, Rachel Palmer, Lisa Perry, Hamish & Michele Petrie, Dianne Ransome, Peter Richardson, John Richardson, John & Margaret Selle, Graham & Libby Senior, Hugh Seward, Paul & Jane Sheahan, Ted & Patricia Siddall, Rod & Robin Smith, Rowan & Amanda Swaney, Jack Tansley, Debra Trembath, James Turner, Lindy Wall, Graeme Wallace Smith, Ric & Noni Walter, Syd & Susan Weddell, Ken & Lyn Wheat, James Wilson.

THE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

Photographs from top to bottom.

1. Stewart McArthur, Cam Emerson.
2. Pamela and Alex Gray, Aimee and Tim Hill.
3. Frank Denahy, Graeme Wallace Smith, Faye Denahy.
4. Margaret and Alan Hendy, Alex and Pamela Gray, Geoff Betts.
5. Bob Bett, Elizabeth Farrow, Neil Gow



O.G.C.A. DINNER - FRANCE - 1917

TONY DOUGLAS, ('50), of "Garston", via Wentworth, has sent an extract from the diary of his father GERALD DOUGLAS, ('10), detailing a dinner held by O.G.C.s and O.G.G. at the height of the First World War, 7th July, 1917, at Albert. We thought it worth printing:

July 7th, Saturday (At Rubempre) - Fine and warm. Leave application refused. Damn 'em. Take French leave. All in own time too. Out with Lewis Gunners in orchard all morning. About 4.30 went to Bde. Hdqrs. and there met Flo Pearson, Billy Leggatt, Tom, Ken, Keith Doig, and Lt. Kelly. Motor bus awaiting. 'cept Kelly all O.G.C. boys. K. a G.G. boy. Bumpy old ride thro Herricart, Contay, Warloy to Albert. Stopped at Officers Cafe. Went upstairs to room reserved for the reunion dinner of Old Geelong Collegians and Grammarians. Tables nicely laid out and waited on by Tommies, canteen chaps. About 36 of us there, and mostly old G.C. boys. Knew about 25 of those present. All ranks there from Ptes. to S't Colonel. Tres bon to meet old cobbbers again, and for a few hours we were all boys back at the old school. Recalling incidents and other what-nots. Wouldn't have missed the reunion not for something. Worth getting clinged for. Good dinner, wine in plenty. H₂O for me. Cigars a treat. Yarning after. Numerous speeches, toasts, concluded ab. 10 with Auld Lang Syne. Bus ready for us on back trip.

1st course, soup. 2nd Fish. 3 kinds of tripe. Jack had to know what animal it was from. 3rd, Ham, peas and spuds. Pudding, pears and apricot. Cafe Noir to end up. Champagne and Port flying and some other. Jack, Keith Doig president and Joey Porter chairman, both most capable. This reunion is the first of many I hope. A representative for each divn. has been chosen. Doig is for 5th. A few rather inky pinky as evening wore on. Chatting with all I knew. Jack Rodgers on one side and Hal Sewell on other for Auld Lang Syne. Got 32 names out of 35 down on my "me-and-you" card. Keep it as souvenir of the event.

Present were:

G.V. Cavanagh - 2nd Lt., Jack W. Fenton, Joe R. Porter - Doc, Keith Doig - Doc, Jim C. Kininimouth - Major, Roley W. Hope - 2 Lt., (Flo) C.R. Pearson - Q.M.S., (Tod) A.J. Sloane, Broncho Hearne - Lt., Hal Sewell - Cpl., Jugger Simson - Sgt., Frank G. Herman - Sgt., W.O. McPherson, Nonnie Thompson - 2nd Lt., Cocky McLennon - Capn., Jack Rodgers - Capn., Yabby Gadd, Peter Campbell - L.Cpl., Selwyn Scott E., Billy Leggatt, Gerald Douglas

Tony would like to hear from any descendants of those named and if any, like his father, are "still on deck".

BRANCH NEWS

SYDNEY

Thanks to John T. Cameron who has retired as Branch Secretary after 14 years service. He will be succeeded by David Wilson, C/- Shelston Waters, 55 Clarence Street, Sydney, 2000, Ph. (02) 291538. The Principal represented the College at a dinner held on 3rd July.

GRAMPIANS

The Willaura Hotel was the venue for a dinner held on 31st July.

BALLARAT

Once again the Ballarat Club was open to Old Collegians for their Dinner on 16th October when the Branch agreed to donate \$500 towards the furnishing of the new Chapel. The Principal and Mr. Bert Keith were among the guests.

TASMANIA

A Dinner was held at Launceston on Saturday, 5th December, 1987. Paul Sheahan and Tom Clark represented Victorian interests.

BRISBANE

The O.G.C.A. is represented in Brisbane by Richard Maddern, '42. Richard advises that the ex-Victorian Public Schools will be hold a Boat Race Dinner Dance in Brisbane on 25th March, 1988. Old Collegians will be notified as the time approaches, but meanwhile any queries can be directed to him on (07) 2631258 (Home), or (07) 2850711 (Office). Keep the date free.

HAMILTON

Alexandra House will be the setting for a dinner to be held on 15th April, 1988, when Mr. G.S. Fielding, Chairman of Council, will be the Guest of Honour.

DENILIQUN/WAGGA

Scott Chirnside, a member of the Foundation Board of Management, the Principal, Past President of the O.G.C.A. - Syd Weddell, and their wives, spent a weekend in the Riverina and Wagga areas recently.

A dinner at Deniliquin attracted about 130 Old Collegians and wives and the lunch at Wagga about 40.

In both areas great interest was shown in what was happening at the College and a renewed enthusiasm for the enrolment of boarders, especially now that the school accepts boarders at Years 7 and 8.

Apart from the opportunity to disseminate some information, both of these functions served the wonderful purpose of allowing Old Collegians in these areas to see each other and talk over old times.

SPORTS NEWS

NETBALL

The Old Collegians' Teams looked back on a successful season when they held the end of season dinner in the Dining Hall. The first team was runner up in the Geelong A Grade Winter Competition, whilst the second team was a preliminary finalist in the A3 Grade.

HOCKEY

The Old Collegians' Hockey Team once again had a successful season in the Geelong and District Men's Hockey Association. The first division team finished fourth, losing in the first semi-final to the team which ultimately won the premiership. A second division team, comprised mostly of school students under the direction of Ian Sayers was entered and had a successful if inconsistent year and ultimately finished seventh on the ladder.

A Year 12 student, Matthew Bradden as well as winning the club best and fairest award, finished second in the Association best and fairest award. Another student, Campbell Royal, won the Club second division team best and fairest award.

The club celebrates its twenty-first anniversary next year and it is proposed that there be a reunion of past players. Information in relation to this function will be forwarded to all past players during the course of 1988, but any person interested in obtaining further information at this early stage, or willing to assist in organising the function, is requested to contact the Executive Officer of the O.G.C.A.

FOOTBALL - OLD GEELONG FOOTBALL CLUB

We're not sure if it's the greatest-ever step forward for Women's Lib., but Penny King ('74) has just made history - by becoming the first lady member of the Old Geelong Football Club committee. She joins Geoff Lavender ('76), Rob Vickers-Willis ('74) and Rob Bennett ('74) as the Old Collegian Members of that Committee for 1988. Club Vice-President, Rob Vickers-Willis is delighted with her appointment, seeing it as continued useful input into the senior positions of the Melbourne-based club. "Last season we had Pete Holloway ('77) captaining the Firsts," he points out, "Date Fraser ('68) coaching the Reserves, and Rob Bennett and Rod Slattery ('74) establishing and then running the new Thirds team." Last season the Club had a healthy number of Old Collegians in its ranks, most of whom have left school in the past five years, but there is always room for more, he adds. "Old Geelong Collegian footballers of any age coming to Melbourne are urged to join the Club. We have the best ground in Melbourne apart from the M.C.G., a great group of people, a good standard of football and an excellent social programme." Rob can be contacted in Melbourne on 8220011 during business hours or on 5099957 at home.

ALBERT BELL CLUB

The Club continues to progress, both numerically and in the service it renders to the Boat Club; which includes provision of items of equipment and the services of many of its members, coaching crews and organizing regatta barbecues, etc.

The Head of the River Annual Reunion Dinner will be held in the College Dining Hall on Friday, 25th March, 1988. Full details will be sent to members with the February newsletter. Correspondence may be addressed to the Club, C/- O.G.C.A., P.O. Box 5, Geelong.

HONOURS LIST

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AO - Officers in the General Division of the Order of Australia:

Professor BARRY LEIGHTON COLE ('47), East Kew, Victoria; for service to medicine, particularly in the field of optometry.

The Honorable, Mr. Justice WILLIAM CHARLES CROCKETT ('37), Melbourne, Victoria; for service to the law, to the rules committee of the Supreme Court of Victoria, and to horse riding.

Dr. ALFRED DUNBAVIN BUTCHER, CMG ('28), North Balwyn, Victoria; for service to conservation, particularly to the redevelopment of the Royal Melbourne Zoological Gardens.

WILLIAM LESLIE DIX ('39), East Kew, Victoria; for service to secondary industry, particularly the automotive industries.

AM - Members in the General Division of the Order of Australia:

DR. WESLEY EARL FABB ('43), North Eltham, Victoria; for service to medicine and to health education.

DR. DAVID NOEL MORTON FEARON ('37), Hawthorn East, Victoria; for public service in the field of child health education.

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CBE -

DR. DONALD McC. WATSON ('27), Hamilton, Qld.; for services to Medicine.

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SCARVES — \$12

PULLOVER — \$35

SHIRT — \$25

HERE AND THERE

ALAN DREW, ('60), has been in North America as the Regional Director of the Australian Tourist Commission for the last four years. His efforts were recently recognized by the O.E.C.D. by naming Australia as the most successful tourism destination in the world. No doubt those Paul Hogan commercials helped. Alan has now been appointed chief executive officer of the Victorian Tourist Commission.

NEIL MYERS, ('72), spent July in Luzen and Zagreb coaching the men's coxed IVs and coxless pair at the University games. He is currently doing a B.App.Sc. (PE) at Footscray Institute.

ANDY BURNS, ('71), has returned to Melbourne as Chief Accountant for Norwich Union Life Insurance Society after a year in London.

After graduating as a Commercial Pilot and Flying Instructor, **DAVID DAWSON**, ('81), is now with Western Airlines in Wagga Wagga.

GLENN HUNTER, ('82), is mid-way on a Bachelor of Business Degree at Curtin University, W.A.

Bacchus Marsh Football team have the expertise of CRAIG TUCKER, ('81), and **JAMIE HUTCHESON**, ('81), to help them on their way. Craig is studying Mining Engineering at Ballarat C.A.E.

After 34 years with the Dept. of Defence at St. Marys, **BARRY ALSOP**, ('42), has taken over the Country Plaza Travel in Epping, N.S.W.

In July, **CHRIS MALKIN**, ('61), joined the accounting firm of Pile Partners as a partner. He is also a member of the Education and Recruitment Committee of Aust. Society of Accountants and the Croydon Chamber of Commerce.

Having jointly founded the Finance Broking Firm of Western Charter Pty. Ltd. in 1984, **RUSSELL SPINKS**, ('60), now has more time for golf at the new Joondalup Golf Club at Hamersley, W.A. We could use him at the A.P.S. Golf Days - he plays off 5.

The Victorian College of the Arts is fortunate to have **CHRIS PATERSON**, ('51), as a lecturer in Lighting and Sound.

IAN "OSCAR" BENGE, ('47), holds the position of Executive Director of the National Office Products Association of Australia.

After co-ordinating the introduction of A.I.D.S. Test Kits Australia wide, **ROB NASH**, ('50), has joined the Medical Division of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs in Canberra.

The Christian Outreach Centre in Geelong has as its Pastor **MARK WILLIAMS**, ('72). This is one of 90 such centres around Australia.

Fiji had a revolution when they heard that **BOB PULLIN**, ('56), was calling at the island whilst hosting a Sitmar Cruise. He has now returned to Warrnambool and starred in "Irene" under the Director of the Warrnambool Theatre Company, **GEOFF HUMBLE**, ('61). Geoff is also Choir Master of the Christ Church Choir.

While completing a B.A. at the University of New England, **STEPHEN BARKER**, ('82), has been involved with the Armadillos Theatre Co. and the Armadale Playhouse.

MARK FOTHERGILL, ('81), 3rd Year Chemical Engineering at the University of Queensland.

After gaining accreditation from the National Football League of Australia, **RIC WALTER**, ('61),

was appointed coach of the Geelong College Prep. U14A Team for 1987.

Having completed 28 years with Selkirk Brick Pty. Ltd. in Ballarat, **DAVID KARMOUCHE**, ('45), is now Sales Director.

PETER SWALLOW, ('72), is stationed in Geelong with Australian Microcomputer Solutions Pty. Ltd.

SANDY TODD, ('63), Barrister at Law, is concentrating in the fields of Equity and Family Law. He still lives in Sydney.

While in Melbourne, **TIMOTHY STEVENSON**, ('79), is studying to obtain a Real Estate Licence. He is getting practical experience working with Brian and Howard Kelly in Carlton.

The State Bank have promoted **ROSS BARNES**, ('68), to senior accountant with the bank in Cowes.

After 12 months with the Heinz U.S.A. in Pittsburg, P.A., **ANDREW RICKARD-BELL**, ('82), has commenced full time study at the University of Pittsburg to obtain a degree in Business Science.

Whilst living in Broome, W.A., **DAVID HAYDEN**, ('77), is completing a Master Mariners Ticket for the Pearling Industry.

On completing a Graduate Diploma (Education) at W.A.C.A.E., **BASIL COLLINS**, ('71), anticipates an appointment with the W.A. Education Dept. in the field of Drama and English.

West Australian, **REV. LINDSAY CARTWRIGHT**, ('39), is using the Victorian Council for Christian Education material "Religion in Life" whilst taking classes at the Aboriginal College, Gnarara, on the northern outskirts of Perth.

After the Annual Elections of the Victorian Stud Merino Sheepbreeders' Association, old collegians are well to the fore. **BOB WALKER**, ('39), (President), **GEOFF KING**, ('54), (Imm. P.P.), **JOHN RUSSELL**, ('52), (Vice-President), **DON VANRENE**, ('39), (Treasurer), **DERYCK RUSSELL**, ('56), and **PETER VANRENE**, ('65), as committee member.

Collegians on the Mornington Peninsula will be pleased to hear they will be able to pick up a quick snack from **ROB BERLIN**, ('63), who has opened a McDonald's franchise in Karingat.

In September following his brilliant performance at the "50 Years of Music", **LINDSAY SMITH**, ('46), was appointed as Australian Consul General in New York.

Both **STEPHEN MILES**, ('57), and **KEN CRAWFORD**, ('63), have completed the Bachelor of Theology Degree and have been ordained Deacons in the Anglican Church.

PETER CAMPBELL, ('43), who continues with his work at the Royal Children's Hospital, has recently completed the degree of Doctor of Medicine in Pathology.

After many years in the Geelong Region, **REX INGPEN**, ('28), has retired to live at Metung.

PHILIP HODGINS, ('72), has been awarded two national library prizes for his collection of poems "Blood and Bone" published last year. They are the 1986 Wesley Michael Wright Prize for Poetry and the 1987 N.S.W. Premier's Award.

After 25 years in P.N.G. translating the New Testament for the local people, **LANCE WOODWARD**, ('46), was forced to return to Australia for health reasons. Fortunately he is able to con-

tinue with this work, although under great difficulty at times.

The date of the Annual Reunion Dinner, 23rd October, coincided with the retirement of **DAVID COLLINS**, ('43), from the State Education Department after 40 years service.

JENNIFER SUPINA, ('78), has completed 3 years of her B.Sc. at Michigan Technological University, on her way to becoming a Metallurgical Engineer. She has just begun a 6 month sabbatical in which she will co-op with IBM in upstate New York before she returns to complete her degree. Her sister **KADEE SUPINA**, ('79), just graduated from the University of Michigan Phi Beta Kappa, with a major in Art History. She is currently working for the National Building Museum in Washington D.C.

Having endured two major operations in 1984 which resulted in no more farming, **STEPHEN TEMPLE-WATTS**, ('47), has moved to Goondwindi to open an office for the AMP.

When visiting Echuca, call on **JOHN CAMPBELL**, ('45), who has recently launched "Murray House" as a holiday destination, with self-contained flats. John sold his property at Camperdown and had a well-earned rest before starting this venture.

While **ANDY MORRISON**, ('73), helps on the family property, "Woolbrook", brother **DOUGAL**, ('74), has been in South Africa for some time working with computers.

Among the graduates from the Royal Military College, Duntroon, on Dec. 8th and to be commissioned as Lieutenants are **IAN CUMMING**, ('80), and **ADAM FINDLAY**, ('80). Both will be returning to the Australian Defence Force Academy in 1988, Ian to complete a Civil Engineering Degree and Adam an honours degree in Geography.

Have you heard the ABC Hobby Farm Programme on Sunday mornings? It is conducted by **IAN BLAIR**, ('51), who often obtains advice from **TIM DENNIS**, ('49), and **DUNCAN McDONALD**, ('48).

At a recent Dinner of the RAAF/RAF Europe Association in Melbourne, many O.G.C.s were noticed. They were **DAVID BORTHWICK**, ('34), **JAMES CAMERON**, ('36), **ROY DAVIDSON**, ('34), **DAVID DRURY**, ('42), **BILL KNOX**, ('35), **HARVEY LADE**, ('38), **GORDON LAIDLAW**, ('37), **ROD LYALL**, ('36), **RAY SPARGO**, ('36), **HENRY VANRENE**, ('29), and **HARRY WINSTANLEY**, ('28).

On returning from Europe in July 1986, **ROB JOLLY**, ('71), obtained the position of Senior Production Planning Officer, Bendigo Region, Dept. of Conservation, Forests and Lands and membership of the Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange Team to visit Nepal and N.E. India in January 1988.

LEONIE THOMPSON, ('76), is at present completing articles with the Victorian Government Solicitor.

After graduating from A.N.U., **PAUL WELLS**, ('74), is currently employed as a forestry consultant by R.L. Newman and Associates in Albany.

December will see the retirement, from the staff of Scotch College, of **DON MACMILLAN**, ('41), oarsman and athlete of great distinction before coaching many successful crews to a Head of the River win, and athletes for distance events.