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WHAT ARE THE ANSWERS?

A study tour is an arduous task. This is evident when reading notes provided by the Principal, for Ad Astra.

Mr. Thwaites has just concluded a tour which enabled him to study general educational trends, particularly at primary and secondary level, and involved meeting many educational administrators and politicians. He visited schools in Britain, on the Continent, in U.S.A. and in Canada. In the United States he studied in some detail the operation of the National Association of Independent Schools, and has investigated the methods employed by various governments in the financing and administration of education.

It is interesting to note the varied sources of information which Mr. Thwaites has tapped. Among them are the Organisation for Economic Consultation and Development in Paris, the Association of International Schools in Switzerland, UNESCO and the International Institute of Educational Planning in Paris, the Ministry of Education in London, British Universities and the National Association of Independent Schools in Boston.

Recent developments at The Geelong College toward greater diversity and flexibility involving much more varied and individual programmes, individual research motivation and the breakdown of the barriers between subjects and more formal class-room methods appear to be in line with those now accepted and practised in many places overseas. These involve new developments in individual study and living areas, provision of resource centres to replace traditional libraries and reassessment of the environmental factors in the learning process.

The principle of co-education has been almost universally accepted but there are differences of opinion as to how the change should be effected. Schemes of co-operation between schools are being worked out in cases where integration is more difficult. "In

all democratic countries, educational administrators are gravely concerned with the problems of financing and administration of education," Mr. Thwaites writes.

There appears to be no real unanimity of thought and the point seems to have been reached where no government can provide sufficient funds to meet aspirations which communities have been encouraged to expect.

Mr. Thwaites has concluded that Australia needs greater administrative decentralisation and autonomy within the state systems to encourage greater local participation. Greater Commonwealth Government involvement in long-range planning and research in education is necessary and the provision of considerably greater funds by the Commonwealth Government to the states and to other educational authorities is needed so that freedom of action at the local level can be encouraged.

The alternatives are depressing. Must we lower educational standards by restricting educational budgets? Do we enlist a policy where only a restricted number of our boys and girls are given the opportunity of a full education?

It may be that alternative sources of finance for education to the

central taxation pool will be important factors in the future of Australian education.

The experience Mr. Thwaites has gained will be of value to the College Council and other educational bodies in meeting problems which have to be faced. Solutions will not be easy or immediate, but close observation of what is happening in modern democracies all over the world will become increasingly relevant.

THE PEGASUS

The editorial staff of 'The Pegasus' wish to inform all those to whom the 1972 publication will be forwarded that there will be no June issue. There will be only one issue during 1972.

All normal features and record of the full year's sporting activities will be included in the December issue.

Old Copies of

THE PEGASUS

and

THE PREP. NEWS

are still sought

Please contact O.G.C.A. if

you can help.

SCHOOL SUITS AND BLAZERS WANTED

Has your son grown out of a good school suit or blazer? These should not be discarded, as there is keen demand for them. Demand is always greater than supply. Mrs. D. S. Faulkner, Matron of Morrison House, will be pleased to receive used school clothes and will help in every way possible if you wish to buy.

DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

"Third form day-boys have the option of wearing a school suit or blazer on formal occasions . . ."

(This minute of the Committee became effective this year).

THE BUILDING FUND

Project Pegasus was launched on Friday, February, 27, 1970. At the close of the intensive phase on June 8, in that year, members of the College family had indicated their support of the project to the extent of \$315,000 to be subscribed over a five year period.

The donations which have come to hand have been a constant source of assurance to the College Council that this sum will be fully subscribed, thus making it possible for them to proceed with the planning of essential improvements and additions to the College buildings.

It is only natural that some, a very few, have found that changed circumstances have forced them to alter their original plans to support the fund. On the other hand, it is pleasing to note that others have been able to give greater support than they had at first indicated.

Total of contributions which have come to hand now amount to \$140,845.

The College Council has approved plans for the new Library and a tender has been accepted. Work will commence at an early date, with completion anticipated so that the building may be in use from commencement of First Term in 1973.

F. W. R.

Consideration is being given
to the preparation of a
biography of

SIR FRANCIS ROLLAND

If you have suggestions or
relevant material please
contact

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
O.G.C.A. OFFICE

Excerpts from

the Acting Principal's Report, 1971

Mr. D. D. Davey prefaced his Speech Day Report with the observation: "The beginning of the second century of The Geelong College on this site this year is an opportunity to reflect briefly on the remarkable changes which have occurred in our school, and in our education system, over that period. 1971 has also marked the Jubilee year of our Preparatory School."

The guest speaker, Dr. Ainslie Meares, a medical man and psychiatrist of international reputation was welcomed by Mr. Davey, and his report continued:

INTEGRATED STUDIES

"... our decision to begin the integrated studies programme in the middle school this year was timely. I am pleased to report its success. There has clearly been more genuine enjoyment by the boys of the courses, far less behaviour difficulty, and more effective involvement by the students in the process of education than ever before. I have not the slightest doubt that the emphasis on individual study methods will reveal more genuine self-motivation for learning than we have previously seen."

"Next year the programme will extend into Form IV."

"A basic concept of the new course is the striving for excellence by each boy. A student competes against himself, at his own pace, encouraged and supported by his mentors. He can look back on his progress with a growing sense of self-criticism and awareness of his own potential. Progressive assessment of each boy and his standards of work have been undertaken by the staff. As a result of regular review meetings, I shall be in a position to make a specific comment, in the Third Term Report, about each boy's academic prospects."

IMPROVED FACILITIES

"We are all keenly looking forward to moving into the new Library, construction of which will begin early next year. This will complete the set of basic laboratory buildings in the teaching complex of the Senior School and will provide for the integrated programme the proper setting for its development."

"With the opening of the new Biology laboratory next February, the College will provide the widest possible range of science facilities in which can be practiced every kind of physical science."

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION AND PARTICIPATION

"This year the matter of our Christian teaching and observance has come under serious review. All parents, I believe, are aware that young people today are far less ready than previously to accept traditional patterns of worship."

"With the support of the School Chaplain, several voluntary meetings of staff were held during the year to begin the re-appraisal. The meetings, themselves unprecedented, involved most members

of the Senior Common Room, including nine elders of our Church. The Rev. J. C. Alexander, until recently Convener of the Education Policy and Consultative Committee of our Church in Victoria, has been most helpful with advice about course content. As a result of these deliberations and with the approval of the School Council, the Religious Education programme in the middle school next year will be intergrated into the Social Science work, and leadership for its presentation will be shared by a considerable number of masters. A similar team approach will be used at higher levels."

ALTERNATIVES TO HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

"One of the drawbacks of education in Victoria is the necessity for parents to decide on a High School or a Technical School for their children at the age of 11+, at which age very little is usually known of the real capacities and interests of the individual student. It seems logical that a comprehensive school should attempt to provide for both possibilities. This is, of course, what the College has done. The Council has approved the introduction, from 1972, of a Sixth Form course as an alternative to the Higher School Certificate. The Business Studies Certificate is a recognised two-year course which qualifies for membership of the Institute of Affiliate Accountants (M.I.A.A.) and at least eight other business institutes or professional bodies. It has the distinct advantage of introducing the student to tertiary studies more gradually than do the purely academic courses. The Geelong College is the only registered school in Victoria which offers this variety while still maintaining the strength of its purely academic tradition. It is worth mentioning that there has been no diminution of this academic standard. Despite a dozen less candidates last year, at Matriculation level, the number of first-class Honours remained as it had been in the previous year."

PASTORAL CARE

"Details of new course developments have taken some time to explain. I must complete the picture by referring to the concern for the boy's individual soul, struggling for identification and enlightenment. May I say how I continue to be astonished at the hours spent by boys and masters in discussion, in argument, and in agonising over many problems, both public and private, a process which consumes huge amounts of staff time but which is of inestimable value, since it is at the heart of the pastoral system."

"This report set out to convey something of the liveliness of the College and the centrality of our concern for the best interests of the boys. We need constantly to remind them that School life is not simply a mining operation, and education is not an extractive industry. Nevertheless, most boys invest something of their own talents into the school. It is here that our Christian example can be a powerful stimulus for good."

"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die," said Jesus, "it abides alone; but if it die, it brings forth much fruit."

"May all investments in the Geelong College be so rewarded."

LABORATORY FOR BIOLOGY

The Opening Function

Mr. A. Dunbavin Butcher, M.Sc. ('28), Director, Fisheries and Wildlife, Victoria, was guest of honour and addressed a gathering of parents and Old Collegians before officially declaring the new biology laboratory open on Wednesday, February 2. In his remarks Mr. Butcher asked, "Why do we attempt to learn biology?" and answered this question by saying "The School or University which allows pupils to pass through it without informing them, throughout the years which they spend there, that there is an important role or use for biology, and a great need for people who understand biology, in gaining an understanding of the world of which we are part, so that we may use it intelligently; has failed." He concluded by saying, "May this new laboratory, an integral part of this great school, assist those who spend some of their years here in gaining an understanding of our relation to other living things, of ourselves and of the environment which we have the power to maintain in a condition fit to live in, or to literally destroy."



The Biology Laboratory

A delicate instrument in use in the new biology laboratory, which has been added as an extension to the Sir Arthur Coles Science Building. Many features of modern laboratory design have been incorporated in this building. The furnishings can be arranged in different ways for different types of classes. It has a preparation room and a spacious project room with plant growth cabinets and benches.

The new laboratory will serve as a resource centre for junior biological and earth science units and provide valuable preparation for tertiary study in physiology, genetics, ecology, and related fields of scientific investigation.

The additional facilities provided by this laboratory have made it possible to include biology as a science for Leaving Certificate classes as well as at Higher School Certificate level.

OPEN DAY at the College

"Sunday, November 21, 1971, from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m." This was how the invitation read; to all who would like to visit the College and inspect the classrooms, grounds, gymnasium, House of Guilds or laboratories. In fact visitors were welcome to inspect or ask about any area of College development.

And they came; not just ten or twenty, nor seventy or eighty; no accurate count could be made but it is generally agreed that nearly three hundred people accepted the invitation.

Among those who came were Old Boys taking advantage of the opportunity to reminisce, parents of the boys attending the College, parents who were wondering whether their boys would attend the College, boys who weren't sure how they felt about it all, and even girls—but they were there for the afternoon only.

A comprehensive tour of inspection had been arranged and the visitors were divided into groups of about twenty, accompanied by a member of staff to make the inspection.

In all centres a senior master was on hand to outline to each group the purpose of the equipment provided and the manner in which it was used.

There were constant expressions of surprise at the variety and quality of the equipment in use in so many of the tuition areas. The language laboratory was a centre of interest for both Old Boy and prospective pupil. Here each student may occupy a separate carrel either for personal study from a tape recorder or for group work linked through the control panel for class discussion.

Practical work in progress in the science laboratories attracted favourable comment and added meaning to the display of many items of equipment.

A telling example of modern teaching aids was provided by the audio-visual presentation of an outline of the integrated programme being followed in the Third Forms.

In the Rolland Centre a continuous display of weightlifting and other gymnasium work was in progress. Comment on the excellence of this equipment was frequently heard.

Extra-curricular activities were not overlooked, and many visitors were amazed at the diversity of opportunity available to the boys in their leisure hours. Woodwork, leatherwork, pottery, printing, photography—there need be no boy with idle hands, for opportunities of every description are provided in the House of Guilds, including the use of light machinery.

The Preparatory School was also involved and many parents succeeded in fitting in a quick tour of both the Senior and Junior School sites.

The opportunity to discuss all aspects of school life over a cup of tea, at the conclusion of the inspection by the several groups, was welcomed.

This Open Day proved to be an ideal way of telling the story of the development of the education programme within the College, since it is difficult to convey the fact of diversity and flexibility in a printed document.

Perhaps the most persistent questions heard were: "Will this be a regular feature?" "Will it be held each year?" and "When will the next of these functions be held?" Such curiosity and interest are a great encouragement.

"Nor Free Nor Secular"

The provocative title of this new book by Dr. I. V. Hansen does not indicate yet another attack on Independent Schools.

An "in-depth" survey of six Victorian schools, including the College, this authoritative work examines sympathetically the place of Independent schools in the modern Australian education context.

It is basically a sociological work based upon considerable time spent by Dr. Hansen in the schools themselves where he was given opportunities to see school communities in action going about their daily affairs.

Written in very readable style, this is a book which ought to be read not only by professional schoolmen but also by many others who are, or should be, interested in the present and future of schools like the College.

("Nor Free Nor Secular," by Dr. I. V. Hansen, Oxford University Press, \$12.50).

TERM DATES

TERM I ENDS :

Prep. May 4; Senior May 5.

TERM II BEGINS :

May 23.

TERM II ENDS :

Prep. August 17; Senior August 22.

TERM III BEGINS :

September 12.

TERM III ENDS :

Prep. December 5; Senior December 6.

PRESIDENTIALLY SPEAKING

How gratifying it is in these days when man is striking and protesting in a climate of political and industrial unrest to find that fellowship and hospitality are as prolific as they ever were.

In the past few months I have enjoyed the fellowship of our wide College community, both at the school and in the field. To our hosts in many country centres, too numerous to name individually, I say a very sincere—Thank you.

The keen interest shown in what is happening at the school and the obvious delight in swapping news on various personalities provide all the evidence necessary to pronounce the verdict that the O.G.C.A. is in great heart.

There is a remarkable vitality on the school scene, morale is high in both boys and staff. The start of this year has seen the opening of the new biology laboratory and the hospital has moved into portion of Morrison House in preparation for the construction of the new Library on the old hospital site.

Your Association has this year provided the funds for Old Geelong Collegians' entry bursaries to be awarded at the discretion of the Principal. It is hoped that more can be done in the future to assist along these lines—the greater the numbers attending our dinners, dinner dances, boat-race ball and re-unions, the more able your Association will be!

We are keenly seeking the help of our younger old boys in the coming year for assistance in organising prior to the various functions. The great success of last year's Melbourne Dinner Dance was very largely due to concerted efforts from this direction.

It is pleasing also to report that 'good vibrations' are coming from your committee in search for new avenues of creating better fellowship and communications between old boys. They are now planning to revitalise the communication lines within the year group system. Postal costs are high, so when you receive a mailing, calling for your response to an activity or a re-union, please respond promptly, thus making the planning and mailing worthwhile.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to the return of Mr. and Mrs. Thwaites in March, and hearing of their activities abroad. In May, Mr. and Mrs. Davey are leaving to tour overseas. We wish them well and hope Des. will take time to relax after the strenuous past few months which have enabled him to hand back a ship that is indeed in great shape.

As usual, we have been guests at official functions of other Associations and have been pleased to entertain their representatives at our own official functions. These 'get togethers' are well worthwhile. It is pleasing to note the great interest shown in our Association and its constitution.

Towards the end of last year I was delighted to attend the Vaedictory Dinner and enjoyed the opportunity of meeting several of those young men who are going on to tertiary education or taking up their new vocation. I would suggest there is very little wrong with the school system that assisted these young men to be what they are. We shall watch them with interest. I earnestly invite them all to give some help where they can—it's not a bad policy to leave things a little better than you find them.

Don Carmichael

PLANNED PROVISION FOR SCHOOL FEES

After investigating several schemes the College Council approved a School Fees Plan as provided by a prominent life office.

A brief summary of the principal functions of this scheme are:—

1. The cost is spread over an extended period of years.
2. Use of endowment policies attracts tax free bonuses and premiums paid are allowable tax deductions.
3. Premiums for the policies cease in the event of the death of the assurer, but funds are still provided for fees when required.
4. The proceeds of the policies are not taxable.
5. Provision is made for refund of premiums, plus interest, or payment of full policy proceeds, in the event of the death of the child (according to age at death).
6. The plan is simple and may be tailored to suit special requirements of the assurer.

The actual cost of fees is reduced by the bonuses earned and taxation deductions which may be claimed. It should be noted that present income tax legislation allows a maximum of only \$300 for school fees per child per annum, but as-surance premiums may be deducted to a total of \$1,200. The scheme merits your consideration, particularly in the early years of the life of your children.

For full detailed information contact the Bursar, The Geelong College, P.O. Box 5, Geelong, 3220.

NEW FACES

In the Old Boys' notes it has been recorded that Michael Roland and David Wettenhall have joined the Senior School teaching staff.

Other new members of staff are: Miss M. R. Neal, who is a member of the team at the Mathematics Centre.

Mr. K. Diradji, has been a Teaching Fellow at Monash University and has now taken over the teaching of Indonesian at the College.

Mr. Ian Sheppard is in charge of the newly commenced Business Studies Certificate course in sixth form.

Mr. R. J. Casey is also a member of the Mathematics Centre staff.

Mr. D. J. Whitton and Mr. C. McPherson have also returned to the School after periods of leave.

MRS. J. B. CLOKE

After serving the College faithfully for 12 years, Mrs. Cloke retired at the end of February. Boarders of the 1960-1972 years will remember her for many years to come, and wish her well.

Mr. J. Rennie has been appointed as Catering Manager.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

A CONTINUING PROCESS

The Christmas vacation is always a busy time in the classrooms and boarding houses as this is the only time when major repair work or building alterations can be undertaken, without interruption to classes or disorganising accommodation.

There was greater activity than usual during the last vacation period as, in addition to what may be considered normal alteration work, it was necessary to relocate the Hospital to make available the site for the new Library. Also, modifications of the 'Old Prep.' area to house the Mathematics Centre had to be completed.

The list below is by no means fully comprehensive. It will, however, give some indication of the problems which beset the Bursar and the diversity of work which must be done, at a time when most trades are working with reduced staff over a recognised holiday period.

(a) Modification to the 'Old Prep.' area for Mathematics Department.

(b) Modifications for Library in Rooms, J, K and L.

(c) Replacement of electrical water heating system at Mossiel with gas-fired, quick recovery units.

(d) Removal of remaining section of old gymnasium.

(e) Surfacing of 'basketball' area south of Rolland Centre.

(f) Modifications to upstairs area to allow transfer of Hospital.

(g) Alterations for classrooms E and D1 to dormitories for Morrison.

(h) Removal of wood-fired steam boiler and replacement by gas-fired hot water boiler for Refectory Block.

(i) Installation of gas-fired hot water boiler for Morrison House area and installation of 3" gas main.

(j) Replacement of old steam hot water boiler in servery and steam ovens in kitchen with new electrically powered steam generating equipment.

(k) Completion of Junior Dining Hall annexe for resident staff.

(l) Modifications to Refectory Block, upstairs.

(m) Installation of special shelving in Woodwork centre for storage.

(n) Painting—Mathematics Department, Hospital and Morrison House.

(o) Blackout curtains for Chemistry Laboratory.

(p) Re-surfacing of tables in Physics Laboratory.

There were other items for attention, which were to be purchased, floor surfaces to be reconditioned, book room stocks to be ordered and checked.

These, together with general supervision of work on the College grounds, which is constant and knows no holiday period, are some of the many matters which receive regular attention to ensure that the College functions smoothly and efficiently.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NOTES

The Annual Meeting of the Parents' and Friends' Association held on October 8, 1971, re-elected Mr. W. Wishart as President. All members of the committee were re-elected, with power to co-opt new members.

Mr. Wishart made particular reference to the authority given to the committee 'to co-opt new members.' He paid tribute to the efforts of committee members and invited any interested in joining the committee to discuss the matter with him.

The guest speaker at 1971 Third Term meeting was Mr. Brian Sanger who is involved with executive selection and training. His subject was 'Job Opportunities, Job Satisfaction and Jobs in the '80's'.

At the First Term meeting in 1972, Mr. D. D. Davey and senior masters involved with the Third Form integrated studies programme and Mathematics Centre briefly explained the development of these modern educational methods.

The next meeting of the Association will be held on Monday, July 10, at 7.45 p.m., to co-incide with boarders' return from Second Term exeat.

DATES TO REMEMBER

BOAT RACE BALL, APRIL 7.

OLD BOYS' DAY, JULY 15.

DINNER DANCE, SEPTEMBER 16.

O.G.C. GOLF DAY, AUGUST 8.

YOUR OLD BOYS' CALENDAR IS
ENCLOSED WITH THIS ISSUE.

THOSE TREES!

A Memory from the Past

At a meeting of the Old Geelong Collegians' Association at Hamilton, the Acting Principal, Mr. D. D. Davey, was astonished when Mr. David Russell ('39) informed the meeting, in reply to a question, that the cypress trees along the Noble Street frontage between the Principal's house and Mackie House, were planted under Mr. Rolland's direction by boys of Dorm 1 in Junior House in 1935.

David then listed, from memory, in alphabetical order, the names of the boys concerned. List follows. They may be interested to know that the trees now make a distinctive hedge line bordering Mackie oval.

Aitken, R. R.	Hill, T. J.
Browne, A. M.	Hope, E. C.
Chirnside, R.	Lade, H. W.
Cumming, C. G.	Marshall, J.
Doery, J.	MacRae, I. C.
Dixon, W.	Murdoch, K.
Dow, S. S.	O'Connor, B.
Dennis, Robert	Phillip, D. W.
Dennis, Richard	Russell, D. K.
Drury, D.	Russell, R. J. K.
Ferguson, J. M.	Steele, I.
Hamilton, I.	Troup, J.

THE PREP. SWIMMING POOL



The Stuart Laidlaw Memorial Pool is, without any doubt, the most popular place at the Prep. School. In warm weather it is used from early morning until late evening by a most appreciative throng of young boys. The boarders of Rolland House find it a wonderful place at weekends. The day boys with their families were able to use it though the long summer vacation—although the weather proved to be quite fickle.

Mr. P. J. S. Longley (Sportsmaster) returned from Western Australia two weeks early to give swimming instruction especially to non-swimmers and learners. A bus load of girls from Morongo use the pool each Friday morning and several Senior School boys use it each Tuesday afternoon for special life-saving instruction and practice. The youngest Collegians of Campbell House enjoy regular swimming on Friday afternoons. Their 'Big Splash' Swimming Sports, in early March, defies description.

Three of the features of the 25-metre pool that have brought special comment have been:

1. A safety walkway around the inside of the pool giving safe footing and confidence to learners even at the deep diving end (9' 6" depth).
2. A wide apron of cement on all four sides of the pool making an ideal area for life-saving drill and sunbathing, especially when the extensive lawns are covered in dew.
3. Attractive starting blocks incorporating hand bars for backstroke events: these were designed and constructed by Mr. J. C. Anderson.

In his annual report Mr. Watson said: "The Stuart Laidlaw Memorial Pool in its first year has proven to be a wonderful addition to the School. The physical education classes used it 'non-stop' throughout February and March with the largest number ever of Swimming Certificates gained: 10 Heralds, 42 Juniors, 97 Seniors, 59 Intermediate Stars, 29 Safe Swimmers, 16 Survival Tests, 62 Proficiency Awards and 32 Bronze Medallions. Instead of one protracted Swimming Sports we enjoyed three separate sports occasions—one for Campbell House, one for the primary forms and one for the secondary forms."

During the week swimming is now an alternative to other sports activities, and we are able to enjoy inter-school competition on Saturday mornings.

In recent competition against Xavier College Junior School, final scores were College 78, Xavier 38 points.

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

John Wilfred Carr ('10) was made Officer of the British Empire in the 1972 New Year awards—for services to the community.

Neil McPhee ('42) was elevated to Queen's Counsel in November, 1971.

Alex Heaney ('53) sent a Christmas card with much interesting information of his work and achievements. He received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Waterloo, Canada, in 1971. Is currently Visiting Professor in Civil Engineering at the Catholic University in Rio De Janeiro, where he expects to stay until . . . at least December, 1972, and possibly much longer."

Chris Wright ('60) is now an Associate of the Institute of Actuaries (London), after 2 years' study at the Macquarie University, during which time he was living at Barker College, Hornsby, N.S.W.

Bruce Costin ('64) qualified with distinction for the Diploma of Agriculture at Lincoln College, University College of Agriculture, Canterbury, N.Z. He was awarded the Leonard White Memorial Cup for 1971 as runner-up to the student gaining highest aggregate marks in the Diploma of Agriculture course. Bruce spent a few months at home from December until March, and is returning to Lincoln College to do a Farm Management and Valuing Course.

Richard Moore ('66) has been awarded a valuable Commonwealth Scholarship which will enable him to undertake a course in Forestry at the National University.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It has not been normal practice to accept correspondence in this news sheet, under the above heading.

As Sam Bickford has had such a long association with so many who are now Old Boys, it is fitting that an exception should be made.

Here is his personal message to the Old Boys for whom he obviously has a high regard. Sam writes:

Dear Sir,

When I was speaking to the boys of the College, on my departure at the end of last year, I thanked them for the very pleasant treatment they had given me during my sojourn with them. Throughout my stay, I said, whenever I thought a boy was wrong, I had never hesitated to tell him so. Often I had not paused to choose the terms in which I told him; and I frequently added an opinion of him in words which he could not have imagined were intended to be complimentary. But I could not remember anyone who actively resented what I had said or done to him, or who tried to get his own back for it. I hope that this was because he knew that however much I was ticking him off, I still liked the blighter.

Although this was actually said to the School of 1971, at the time they were to me only the current representatives of all the boys who had passed through the College between 1946 and 1971. What I said was addressed to all the boys and Old Boys of that time; and I am equally grateful to every one of them. I hope, therefore, that you can find a small space in your pages for this letter, so they may all know.

GRADUATIONS

(known at date of publication)

Ian Jamieson	Bachelor of Science (Melbourne)
Gerald Irvine	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (Melbourne)
Barry Cole	Doctor of Philosophy (Melbourne)
Michael Read	Diploma in Town and Regional Planning (Melbourne)
Donald Gibb	Master of Arts (Melbourne)
Brent Waters	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (Monash)
Jamie Roydhouse	Bachelor of Pharmacy
Geoffrey Blyth	Diploma of Agriculture

The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them.

—Mark Twain

Part of the inscription in a very handsome book which was presented to me on the occasion mentioned above, read, "We will never forget you." This is probably not true, and in any case it is slightly ambiguous; but I am sentimental enough to believe that when they wrote it, they meant it—and meant it kindly. It is thus, I think, about the most heartwarming thing that has ever been said to me. If I can persuade myself that some small percentage of the 1946-1971 Old Boys subscribe to it, I shall always think that the Archangel Gabriel himself could not have been given a better send-off.

C. A. Bickford



Mr. C. A. (Sam) Bickford

BRANCHES

Mildura has a re-union with a difference. The re-union dinner was well attended on the first Saturday night in September when J. H. Campbell ('12) was guest of honour. On the Sunday, Old Boys with wives and families gathered for a river trip and barbecue lunch on the Murray. This is a very pleasant way to spend the day-after.

Don Carmichael ('45) Alan Scott ('47) and Tom Clark (Executive Officer) enjoyed the weekend with Old Boys of the Mallee-S.W. Riverina area.

Tony Douglas ('50) relinquished his dual role of President/Secretary in favour of Daily Messenger ('52) and Don Mackay ('39) respectively.

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Horsham Branch departed from the usual annual dinner in October in favour of a dinner dance. The function was a great success and will probably grow in popularity. Don Carmichael made the trip to Horsham, with Mrs. Carmichael, to represent the O.G.C.A. and enjoyed the opportunity to meet old friends in the West.

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As Ad Astra goes to the printers, **Denilquin Branch** is busy preparing for its re-union dinner on March 8. Again President Don will be one of the representatives of the Association, together with Des. Davey and Tom Clark.

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Keep your Old Boys' Calendar in a handy place at home. Other Branches all warmly welcome the visiting Old Boy who is able to attend their re-union functions.

MELBOURNE DINNER DANCE

The 1971 Melbourne Dinner Dance was a great success. It provided opportunity for Old Boys of all ages to meet old friends and enjoy a pleasant evening. Other Associations were fully represented and functions of this nature add considerably to the friendly relationship which exists between these organisations.

One of the main reasons for the success of this function was the tremendous effort of the organizing committee. This year a much larger committee, with many representatives of the younger age groups, set out to give the Dinner Dance a new, way-out, face lift. And they succeeded.

One of the most pleasing features was the large number who travelled from Geelong. By their own enjoyment of a great evening they contributed much to the success of the function.

TIES AND REGALIA

For your Old Boys' Badge, Tie Clip, Cuff Links and Wool or Silk Ties, contact the Executive Officer, O.G.C.A. Office, at the College.

OBITUARY

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

R. L. Dennis ('06)
H. Paul ('11)
D. Sinclair ('14)
A. D. M. Longden ('19)
J. L. Paterson ('20)
E. C. W. Wynn ('24)
J. McA. Cochrane ('28)
A. J. Campbell ('28)
G. J. Henderson ('36)
G. A. D. Lynch ('37)
P. D. McIntyre ('54)
T. J. C. Fenton ('60)

Mr. THOMAS HENDERSON

The death occurred suddenly on October of Mr. "Tom" Henderson, a well-known figure in Geelong educational circles. A graduate of the ancient University of St. Andrews, he joined the Geelong College staff in 1929 as senior science master, a position he continued to hold till his retirement in 1964. Since then he had been teaching at Morongo and The Hermitage in a part-time capacity. Generations of Geelong College boys recognised in him a talented and thorough teacher; some achieved prominence in their professions, several reaching the rank of professor.

He was a friendly man with a forceful character and had a wide circle of friends both within the College community and beyond it. He was an active member of the Kelvin Club and for many years was secretary of the Board of Management of St. David's Presbyterian Church. During World War I he served in Mesopotamia with the famous Black Watch Regiment and was awarded the Military Cross. He is survived by his widow, a daughter and a son, to whom sincere sympathy is extended.

SIR JAMES HARRISON

Major-General Sir James Harrison, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.B.E., represented Her Majesty The Queen as Governor of South Australia during the years 1969-1971. He was an Old Collegian ('25) who maintained an interest in the College and attended Branch functions in Adelaide whenever able to fit these in, among his busy round of official duties.

Sir James died on September 15, and a memorial service was held at St. Clement Danes Church, London, on Tuesday, October 26.

THE COLLEGE COUNCIL

In October, 1971, Mr. D. S. Adam and Rev. R. Waters submitted their resignations as members of the College Council. These two vacancies have been filled by the appointment of Mr. N. L. Davidson and Rev. A. A. Richardson.

Earlier in 1971, Mr. H. N. Day retired from the office of Minute Secretary to the Council, a position which he had held since April, 1953. Mr. R. B. Jamieson, the College Bursar, was appointed to fill this vacancy.

WHAT ARE ALL THE OLD BOYS DOING ?

Lawrence H. Mountjoy ('09) moved from his Newtown home to No. 4 Brequet St., Manifold Heights, shortly before Christmas.

Bert Keith ('15) travelled far and wide on a caravan holiday with Mrs. Keith, late in 1971. He has now satisfied himself that Geelong is not such a bad place to live and can be contacted at 5 Hutcheson Avenue, Highton.

John A. Henry ('19) retired from the Geelong Advertiser 50 years to the day after he joined the staff in January, 1921. He was appointed Editor in 1951 and in 1940 wrote the centenary history of Geelong for the "Advertiser" and produced its centenary issue. At one stage of his career he was a well known 3GL commentator on V.F.L. matches.

Neil McKinnon ('23) is a Judge at the Old Bailey. For some time his address was unknown but recently Vautin Andrews ('27) located him when in London and more recently Mr. Thwaites had lunch with him, as a guest of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs.

Keith Vickerman ('23) has been manager of the National Bank at Kyneton. He will shortly be retiring to live in Highton.

George Milne ('31) has moved through the field of hotel management to the 18th floor of the 700-room Merlin Hotel in Kuala Lumpur. One-time manager of Menzies Hotel and the Southern Cross, he is now general manager of Merlin Hotels for Malaysia.

Max Cooke ('36) is president of the Guild of Australian Musicians and is active in the struggle to gain greater recognition for local artists through increased performance opportunities.

Donald McLean ('38) a Professor in the Medical Faculty at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, met Mr. Thwaites on several occasions while the Principal was in that district.

Geoff Neilson ('42) has been busy in his year as president of Geelong Rotary.

Malcolm Lyon ('43) is Deputy High Commissioner at the Australian High Commission, Singapore.

Michael Roland ('50) is again resident in Newtown after 5 years in South Africa, during which time he was teaching at Clifton, Durban. He also studied speech and drama at Natal University, where he completed his degree, B.A. (Natal). He has returned to the College as a Social Science master in the Senior School.

George Deacon ('50) recently joined the Registrar's Division of Administration at the Melbourne University, as Organisation and Methods Officer.

Noel Stubbs ('53) has been appointed statistical officer in the Vice-Principal's office of the University of Melbourne. In addition to his Bachelor of Commerce degree, Noel is an Associate of the Australian Society of Accountants. For the past four years he has worked at Monash where he played a leading part in the establishment of the statistical system of that university.

John Preston ('57) was commissioned by the Presbyterian Church in November, 1971, to take up the position of Business Manager at the Ernabella Aboriginal Mission in the Northern Territory. In a recent circular letter he has given many interesting details of the projects in hand at Ernabella, which is a station of some 2,500 square miles.

Steven Miles ('57) is teaching in Washington, D.C. The school is of the liberal progressive style. No doubt he had much to discuss with the Principal of The Geelong College when they met.

Ken Leach ('58) retained the State Sculling Championship in January.

Jock Holland ('58) is gaining engineering experience in Europe. He was at the House of Commons in London at the same time as Mr. Thwaites was there late in 1971.

Colin Blair ('59) left Geelong in December, 1970, and is now working for Rhodesia's national newspaper, the 'Rhodesia Herald' in Salisbury as a senior journalist. He has travelled extensively in Rhodesia and the Republic of South Africa. In 1972 he hopes to arrange a transfer to the London desk of the Argus newspaper group and thus fulfil his ambition to work on Fleet Street.

David Wettenhall ('60) has joined the staff at Senior School after teaching for 2 years at Hamilton Tech. and before that at South Shepparton.

Lindsay Wright ('60) is now teaching at Heathfield School, Wolverley, near Kidderminster, Worcester in England.

Bill Farrow ('61) has been appointed Secretary of the Pyramid Permanent Building Society in Geelong.

John Duigan ('63) acted the role of Kevin Agar, Editor of the Bolo Magazine, in the film production "Bonjour Balwyn" locally produced by Nigel Buesst, and recently screened at the Hawthorn City Art Gallery.

Ford Strachan ('63) joined operation "For those who have less" by taking 170 polwarths to India by sea. After delivering his charges he toured India and then visited Britain and the Continent.

Ian Forbes ('65) is now an Engineer Grade I, with the Victorian Railway Department.

Gary Hodgson and Geoffrey McAdam (both '65) were members of a charter flight of the Australian Union of Students who recently enjoyed 10 weeks sightseeing in U.S.A. They spent Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. John Nelson of Jackson, Tennessee, who were Gary's hosts during his year as an American Field Service Student in 1967-68. Gary is studying architecture at the Gordon Institute in Geelong and is president of the Students' Representative Council. Geoffrey is doing engineering at Melbourne University.

Sam Bickford (Honorary Life Member) retired after 26 years as a member of the College teaching staff. He can be found at Adventure Bay, South Bruny Island, Tasmania; probably fishing.

SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

• Don Roydhouse ('37) occupied the President's chair at the Geelong Golf Club during 1971.

• Stewart Lord ('55) was honoured with life membership of the Camperdown Football Club at the club's dinner and trophy night at the end of the 1971 season. Stewart coached Camperdown senior team for 7 seasons and led the team to 2 premierships—1968 and 1970. He set a record of 121 consecutive games.

• Bryan Langsford ('61), the 1971 Geelong Golf Club Champion, added his share of effort to win the Club Four-some Championship. Bryan was also captain of the pennant team.

• David Clarke ('66) was awarded the Geelong Football Club best and fairest award for the 1971 season in his first year as a senior player.

ANOTHER HISTORIC OAR

In the September, 1971 issue of Ad Astra it was recorded that Adrian Douglas ('32) had made a gift to the College of the stroke oar used in the first Head of the River won by the College in 1936. This has resulted in yet another memento of the past being made available to the College for display.

Don Mackay ('39) mentioned that he had recently rescued the stroke oar of the victorious 1944 crew (second Head of the River winners) from the hands of a novice rower at the Mildura rowing shed. An approach made to Norm Spalding ('40), the stroke of that crew, by one of his contemporaries has resulted in his reply that he "— — — would be delighted to have the College give it a permanent home—particularly as it would be paired with the 1936 oar."

Arrangements to transport this oar to Geelong are now being made.

O.G.C.A. World of Sport

COLLEGE v OLD BOYS

A tennis match between Old Boys and a College team was closely contested. Old Boys were defeated 5 sets to 4 but they were not disgraced, winning 63 games to 60.

At cricket the Old Boys were more successful. In a match, in which each side batted for a fixed period of time, Old Boys scored 226, College scored 185 for 8 wickets.

O.G.C. HOCKEY CLUB

Roger Nation was the 1971 Captain and the team enjoyed mixed fortunes in their games. At a wind-up evening at Dave Baker's place, trophies were presented to D. Baker (most consistent), M. Bowden (best and fairest), N. Patchett (runner-up). Ken MacLean is 1972 President. It is hoped to field two teams in the coming season. Intending players should contact the O.G.C.A.

O.G.C. GOLF DAY, 1971

Old Collegian golf enthusiasts and their friends gathered at the Geelong Golf Club on September 28 for the 1971 O.G.C. Golf Day.

Lindsay Cooke and Clive Kirkwood won the 4 Ball Best Ball Bogey—5 up, on a count back from Gordon Laidlaw and Ian MacDonald.

In the individual event Lindsay Cooke was again victorious—3 up, with John Chambers and Gordon Laidlaw breathing down his neck, each 2 up.

Don Roydhouse, President of the Geelong Golf Club presented trophies to the winners and runners-up. The work of Ben Davies in organizing an enjoyable day was successful, as usual and the hospitality of the club was much appreciated.

MARRIAGES

Gregory Barratt to Melody Lord, Currie, K.I.s., July 29.
Ian Prenter to Alison Norwood, Albury, August 27.
Philip Marshall to Jay Hahner, Geelong, Sept. 25.
Ian Scott to Ecce Cole, Selby Oak (Eng.), Oct. 1.
Douglas Laidlaw to Jennifer Bond, Geelong, Oct. 16.
Stephen Gibson to Kerry Johnson, Brisbane, Oct. 16.
Peter Grant to Julie Sear, Geelong, Nov. 13.
Anthony Laidlaw to Gail Hogan-Taylor, Hawthorn, Dec. 2.
Lochlan Leishman to Gill Burgin, Colac, Dec. 11.
Ian Rogers to Julie Palmer, Dec. 13.
Christopher Wright to Rosemary Thwaites, Parkville, Dec. 18.
John Hedley to Janice Simpson, Melbourne, Dec. 28.
Donald Calvert to Jane Leishman, Ballarat, Dec.
Christopher Malkin to Marilyn Stribley, Geelong, Jan. 1.
Ian David Laidlaw to Megan Fowler, Reid, A.C.T., Jan. 7.
Ian Ainsworth to Elizabeth Lourey, Parkville, Jan. 8.
Hugh Strahan to Sue Wilson, Palmerston North (N.Z.), Feb. 5.
Robert David to Di Bortrum, Brighton, Feb. 11.
Garth Craig to Yolanda Fehling, Leopold, Feb. 11.
Kelvin Spiller to Jillian Ward, Geelong, Feb. 12.
Rex Deaath to Sue Bramley, Belmont, Feb. 26.
Alastair Campbell to Suzanne Halford, Brighton, March 4.

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