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## CHANGING SOCIAL PATTERNS AND ATTITUDES REQUIRE NEW SCHOOL INITIATIVES

In an address to parents recently commenting on impressions gained during his recent overseas trip, the Principal (Mr. P. N. Thwaites) spoke of the rapidly changing circumstances in which today's children are growing up and outlined plans the College has for meeting the challenges and difficulties which have resulted.

### The Changing Environment

He spoke of the changing environment which is confusing to adults and children even to the point where our society is regarded as 'sick'. The causes of confusion are many.

Instant and pervasive communication and easy travel have brought the whole world and its problems into everyday private lives. Generally what is reported as news is basically sensationalism, and what is not sensational is regarded as not worth reporting. Nevertheless, there is now almost unlimited access to rapidly increasing knowledge.

Our society is conditioned by massive commercial competition and advertising to believe that consumption of goods and self-indulgence are virtues. Yet, the comfort and affluence of the consumer-society are seen in contrast with local and global hunger, poverty and misery.

The complexity and frustration of such world problems as population, war and environmental pollution are now oppressive elements in our lives, and the young are confronted personally with these problems in an era of decline in the traditional strength of family life, parental responsibility and religious faith.

If anyone is to blame for the sickness of our society, it cannot be today's adolescents. Perhaps no one is to blame for it in total, but certainly adults must accept the responsibility for tolerating many of the double standards. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of adults to seek solutions to problems which can be overcome only by the co-operation of those in a position to help—parents, schools and governments. Only by such co-operation can the problems be understood, and then the framework must be created within which they can be solved.

A basic problem is the relationship of personal freedoms to the social restraints necessary to preserve those freedoms. After all, that is what 'civilisation' is all about. The questions to be answered are how much freedom? how much restraint through the structure of law and order? how can such a structure be created which will adapt itself to change?

The two extremes are both wrong. Static authoritarian conservatism is no worse nor better than unlimited personal freedom. What is needed is a social

structure of a biological rather than mechanical nature so that it can evolve with the changing climate of community life. Such development of our civilisation would require constant discussion, dialogue and communication between parents, teachers and the community in general as well as between adults and adolescents.

As part of the world in which our children are growing up, and as an instrument by which their lives are profoundly influenced, the College has responsibilities possibly graver than it has ever faced in the past.

### WHAT IS THE COLLEGE DOING TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME?

Space dictates that an article setting out some of the immediate future plans of the College must be included on the following page.



This property, in Noble Street, which adjoins land at the rear of Mossgiel, has been acquired by the College Council. It will be included in the overall planning of additional boarder accommodation mentioned in part 2 of article on next page.

## WHAT THE COLLEGE IS DOING

### 1. In the academic programme :

(a) The new library/resource centre will open in first term, 1973, to provide far better facilities for relevant, flexible academic studies.

(b) The teaching methods associated with the integrated studies programme introduced at Forms III and IV during 1971 and 1972 will be reviewed to ensure a more clear-cut and stronger element of direction for the students.

(c) The area created by the old library will be developed as more adequate teaching staff common rooms and working space to improve working conditions generally for the staff.

(d) The Vice-Principal (Mr. D. D. Davey) will become Deputy Principal and Director of Studies, and be given more time to devote to the academic area by the appointment of a new Vice-Principal (Mr. D. W. Stott).

(e) A number of particular areas of the academic programme will receive special attention, including

- (1) transition from Prep. to Senior School;
- (2) the teaching methods for modern languages;
- (3) the integration of religious knowledge with other academic disciplines;
- (4) the stabilisation of the total academic programme so that it may remain substantially unchanged in structure for several years.

### 2. In the Organisation of our School Community :

(a) The major impact of the building programme for the next few years will be related to the boarding houses and community facilities.

(b) The first step was the replacement of the old hospital, at the beginning of this year, by a much better equipped unit in part of the main school building.

(c) During this year, Morrison House has been changed from being a boarding house to a day house (with Mr. M. J. H. Roland as Housemaster) and in its dormitory area a Senior Resident Group for Sixth Form boys has been created (with Mr. I. L. Hore-Lacy as Co-ordinator). Reconstruction of the building will continue during 1973.

(d) Additional boarder accommodation is to be built during 1973 on the Mossiel site south of Noble Street, so that Warrinn House can be progressively moved onto this one site.

(e) A new self-serve style of providing meals in the Dining Hall will be introduced, so that seating arrangements can be more flexible, and members of staff can mix freely with boys for meals.

(f) A house tutor system is to be introduced so that there is one member of staff with particular responsibility for each year group in each House.

(g) The whole question of discussion and communication with parents will be reviewed in an attempt to create a more consistent approach by all the adults involved with each boy.

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## THE MEALS ARE GOOD — NO WONDER !

The well-fed gentleman (pictured at right) is Jim Rennie, who was appointed Catering Manager at the College when Mrs. Cloke retired last February.

The essence of success in preparation of boarding house meals is variety and Jim has had the training and experience to infuse this essential ingredient into the endless flow of food which emanates from the College kitchen.

After serving his apprenticeship with Swiss chefs at the Windsor Hotel, Jim travelled around Australia and worked at many leading hotels.

His early years of training with Swiss chefs made him restless for more of the know-how of catering, so he travelled to the Scandinavian countries to study smorgasbord decoration, taking in continental cuisine in Switzerland, Spain and Italy and learning how to prepare corned beef and carrots properly in England.

Still not satisfied he went to America, the home of 'custom-built', where he learned the intricacies of pre-packaged food and self-service meals.

In recent years he has been engaged as manager for large catering organisations and has had his own contract catering business.



Mr. J. J. Rennie

The jovial personality of Jim Rennie adds to the enjoyment of boarders' meals for like all great artists he imparts something of his own character to the handiwork of his culinary art.

## Attack On Defence

The Great Wall of China, Hadrian's Wall and the Hermitage Fence. Historic fortifications shrouded in mystery. Were they built to keep people in or to keep them out ?

The passage of time, no less than the assault of barbarian invaders, finally triumphs. The only exception is the case of Joshua's rams-horn septet which demolished the Wall of Jericho.

The bastion which seemed most impregnable has fallen at last. The iron fence bounding the Hermitage hockey field is no more.

**The shreds of grey flannel flutter no more on its ramparts as the chill wind blows down the street so aptly called Retreat Road.**

As the Hermitage prepares for its removal to Highton this familiar landmark is the first to disappear. That which generations of Collegians could not even imagine was accomplished in a day, not by seven musical priests of Israel but by a few workmen with crowbars.

## Phantoms At The Opera

There are Old Collegians firmly convinced that the Savoy Operas were written specifically for the College Glee Club, and that the Savoy Theatre used to be in Ryrle Street, Geelong.

They also believe that Gilbert and Sullivan is a pseudonym for George Logie Smith, and that all the female roles were created only to make sure that Prep. School youngsters could join in the fun.

These same people think that the last Mikado of Japan was really David Carmouche in disguise and that Admiral Joseph Porter, K.B.E., was in fact D. C. Hodge who ran away to sea at an early age and signed on under an assumed name.

All these myths were exploded when suddenly this year 'Pirates of Penzance' was performed in brilliant style in Morrison Hall. There they were—the pirates, the policemen, the general's daughters.

This is not a review, and therefore no more can be said except that for three nights packed houses watched and listened as College and Morongo wove the old spell. Nostalgia was heavy in the air, and from time to time involuntary snatches of chorus escaped the lips of old-timers.

As someone said, "The Major-General played Bob Leggatt's part very well, didn't he ?"

## THE COLLEGE COUNCIL

Nomination for appointment of Mr. J. G. W. Urbahns as a member of the College Council has been passed to Assembly for confirmation. Mr. Urbahns was elected President of the Old Geelong Collegians' Association at the Annual General Meeting held in July and has been a member of the General Committee of the Association since 1965.

He attended the College during the years 1941 to 1946 and in his final two years was a member of the First XI and the First XVIII and was a School Prefect. He is Chairman of year group—1940.

## PREP. OPEN DAY

If your heart is warmed by the sight of young children going to no end of trouble to make a school function really successful, then you should attend the Prep. Open Day.

The opening parade is in itself a masterpiece, and in preparation for this parents and children have spent much time together making the colourful and novel costumes, as may be seen in pictures on this page.



There are numerous stalls, some organised by parent groups but these are outnumbered by the many novel stands arranged and attended by the boys themselves. Can you pick one key out of thirty that will open a locker in which a box of chocolates is the prize? Is your aim straight? If it is, you have the chance to win a prize by knocking coconuts out of a jam tin, or by knocking a woolly doll down with the squirt from a water-pistol. Or, perhaps, you would get more enjoyment from a 'bull's-eye' hit on Ted Davies' ace with a dripping wet sponge.

These are only some of the highlights of Open Day, in addition mini-golf, nail-driving, donkey rides and the Prep. Band all add to the enjoyment of the afternoon.

Needless to say it is a financial success and, indeed, a social success—you meet so many nice people there.



## Seriously

It is difficult to know just what it is that makes a Prep. School tick, so Second Form was asked to comment on any facet of school life that had interested them this year. The following comments are a sampling.

Everyone probably thinks I'm an idiot for enjoying the Helicon, Bellerophon football match since my house was beaten by eighteen goals, but it was the most satisfying match I've ever played in. I hadn't played even one game with the school 'B' team, and here I was up against a team made up entirely of 'A' players. You've no idea how good I felt when I took a high mark over one of their players.

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Until this year, I had not given the Library much attention. I had borrowed books and returned them, not even knowing how they got back on the shelves. This year I became interested and I learnt how the filing system worked, where the non fiction books were kept and how to classify books. Now I know how the library works and that I help to keep it working.

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I found the canoe trip most enjoyable and a lot of the time it was hilarious. Like when kids came around the camp and stirred us up at night, and when Bolton and Cuthbert tipped their canoe. Also after we had stopped for lunch, we found a long dead cow that churned our stomachs. The mud fights too were fun, though you ought to try cleaning a canoe standing in the mud that lines the Moorabool River. What slush!

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I have been very enthusiastic in English this year. The reason for this is that every assignment we have had, seems to contain topics that I am interested in. For example, I found designing a modern "perfect school" really enjoyable, and I didn't seem able to get my ideas down on paper quickly enough because I was thinking of new ideas all the time.

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Chess in the school has been a great thing. Suddenly tough footballers become meek, mild chess players, exercising their minds rather than their muscles. Surely chess must be the better game, I've never heard of a chess player being carried off the board.

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From these comments it is obvious that the boys are enthusiastic and involved in their school community. Let us see that our school remains flexible and open to change and experiment, for only in this way can it continue to evolve.

## ANNUAL GIVING

An earlier report on the progress of the College Building Fund stated that support for Project Pegasus remained strong, and it is pleasing to note that at the end of the second year contributions were only fractionally below the set target.

In 1971 Old Boys, who had preferred not to commit themselves for the five year term of Project Pegasus, again gave strong support to the College Building Fund by contributing a total of \$1875.

Old Collegians are reminded of Article 3 (c) of the Constitution, adopted in 1964, which reads, in part:

"Financial Members: Any contribution by an Old Boy to the Geelong College through the Geelong College Building Fund shall make him a financial member of the Association."

Those who are at present contributing through Project Pegasus are, thus, recorded as financial members of the Association.

Other Old Boys are urged to continue to make their Annual Contributions to the Building Fund and so continue as financial members.

To date, in 1972, the Annual Giving programme has fallen below the pattern set in 1971. The Chairman of this Committee, Gordon Murray ('30) appeals to all Old Boys who are, or have been, Annual Donors to—**"Put your pen to paper boys and let's make this a really good year."**

Further comment would be superfluous.

## PREP. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

This is a very active organisation which provides a bridge of friendship between the home and school, giving mothers the opportunity to meet each other in the pleasant surroundings of the school where they are able to discuss matters of mutual interest.

The Auxillary is not a fund-raising organisation although, as part of their activities during each year, a pool of used school clothing is in their care and they take charge of the cake stall on Open Day. At the 1972 Open Day, held early in August, nett proceeds of the cake stall were in excess of \$120.

The money that is raised by the Auxillary is used to provide a House Award for Work and Conduct. Each year this award is in the form of an original painting and an interesting feature of the award is that the boys, themselves, select the painting. A number of these are now on display at the school and a very interesting and valuable gallery of originals is being acquired.

Meetings are held on the last Monday of each month, during which a member of the College staff usually speaks on some particular activity—either academic or social—which is part of the school programme.

All mothers and their friends are most welcome to attend.

## THE HOSPITAL THAT WAS

For fifty-two years, College boys and particularly boarders have been familiar with the large weatherboard building adjacent to the Refectory Block—The Hospital. It was built in 1920 and opened by Drs. A. N. McArthur and J. M. Baxter early in 1921.

There is no written record of how many boys spent some of their school days within its walls. There have been periods of epidemic when wards have been crowded beyond capacity. Many will recall one or other of the occasions when measles have taken their toll. Mumps have also caused disruption to classes, and at one time an epidemic of scarlet fever caused concern.

Perhaps one of the most memorable outbreaks of more serious illness which taxed the capacity of the hospital was the diphtheria epidemic of the early thirties, when Mr. V. H. Proffitt was one of those compulsorily quarantined.

Fortunately, at most times there have been more than enough beds to accommodate those needing medical care.

The site on which the hospital stood is now the scene of great activity, as the new Library/Resource Centre is built.

The Hospital has not gone—it has been moved. An article dealing with the functional operation of the hospital in its new setting, contributed by Sister D. E. Healey, is published in an adjoining column.



Early stage in erection of new library/resource centre

Staff — —

Mr. David McCallum joined the humanities staff at the beginning of second term.

Mr. Ralph Humphries has left and taken his wife and family to England.

Mr. David Whitton leaves to take up an important assignment as Education Adviser to the Republic of Zambia. Interesting extracts from his past experiences have been held for later publication.



First stages of demolition

## THE HOSPITAL TODAY

The total area of the new hospital block is greater than that of the old building. It is more functional and the improved amenities and equipment have been located so that ample accommodation is provided for care of boys confined to hospital wards or requiring other forms of treatment.

There are two wards, one with five beds and the other with ten. These wards are bright, well lit and airy and may be heated when necessary. A patients' bathroom is situated between the two wards.

Convalescent patients are able to sit in the comfort of a heated day sitting room, where T.V. and other items for relaxation are provided. Dining accommodation for those on special diets has been included and the waiting room used by those requiring medical care or physiotherapy is warm and comfortable.

It is essential that the administrative area of a hospital block be well designed and equipped. This area has been carefully planned, with Sister's office, the doctor's surgery and the dispensary in close proximity to each other and with all necessary equipment well positioned.

The hospital, together with Siser's suite, is located in Morrison House above the administrative offices (old Junior House quarters). Some problems caused by the first floor situation, have been experienced, such as meal service from the kitchen and movement of non-ambulant patients up and down stairs. However, the advantages of the modern equipment, conveniently located in a well planned work area outweigh these minor disadvantages.

## URGENT — CAN YOU HELP?

With the encouragement of the College Council, material is being assembled relating to the life, personality and work of Sir Francis Rolland.

*It is hoped that a biography can be published in the near future. This possibility depends largely on having well-balanced information.*

SOME ASPECTS ON WHICH HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED ARE :

- \* Sir Frank's work as chaplain with the 14th Battalion, first A.I.F., 1915-18. Anecdotes and letters would be most helpful.
- \* His beginnings at the College in the 1920's; staff problems; his approach to boys, especially 'bad' boys.
- \* Letters to parents, especially regarding problems of boys' work and conduct, or their choice of careers. His term reports.
- \* The Second War: letters to men on service or to bereaved families.

Due discretion will be observed in the use of information; for instance, names need not be mentioned.

Please write and/or send material to :

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# Old Boys' Day

Old Boys' Day is that day in each year when there is a special opportunity for Old Boys to return to the College to relive the past, and to see what the present holds for those who are not yet Old Boys.

The 1972 functions differed little in form from those which have been held in recent years and yet they were remarkable, to some degree, in the number of younger Old Boys who were present, both at the Annual General Meeting and at the Re-union Dinner.

This year the Annual Meeting was held in one of the Day Boys' Common Rooms, below the Morrison Hall, where a display of old photographs, mainly of sporting teams and cadets of the past, had been arranged to kindle a spark of memory, particularly for those of the pre-1920 era.

Ewen McLean opened proceedings with a brief service, during which he made reference to the foresight of those who had been the founders of the College and to the sterling service rendered by so many in its 111 years.

The retiring President, Mr. Don Carmichael, presented the Annual Report in which he commented on the action taken during the year to revitalise year groups and made particular mention of the active participation of young Old Boys, especially in the social activities of the Association. Mr. Carmichael expressed pleasure at the continued support received from so many Old Boys and urged full participation to ensure that the Association continued to prosper.

Mr. John Urbahns was congratulated on his election as President. Mr. Fred Elliott was elected a Vice-President. All other office bearers were re-elected.

The Re-union Dinner was held in Sladen House, which was filled to capacity with 132 Old Boys.

During the evening Mr. Ken Nall presented Dr. Norman Wattenhall and Mr. Geoff Neilson with an Old Boys' badge and tie each in recognition of their election as Honorary Life Members of the Association, and paid tribute to them for the many avenues of service in which they had been engaged in their service to the College and the Association.

Mr. Maurice Brown's after dinner speech was a gem of wit and wisdom which provided a fitting climax to a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

## OBITUARY

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

H. E. Hurst ('02)  
H. I. Gibb ('14)  
I. R. Pearson ('22)  
J. P. C. Grace ('24)  
R. McR. Woodhouse ('26)  
G. L. Reid ('27)  
B. L. Duigan ('29)  
L. B. Crawford ('29)  
J. M. Gordon ('32)  
G. I. Cherry ('37)  
J. W. R. Yarnall ('41)  
J. R. Power ('65)

## ROWING—

### FAREWELL ALBERT B. BELL

The 1971 rowing season brought to an end an era in the history of College rowing. As Coach of the College First VIII over a period of more than a quarter of a century, Albert B. Bell became a legend in his own time.

Not only did he achieve remarkable success with his College Head of the River crews, which notched up five first, five second and five third places under his leadership but in this same period, he produced a senior eight in the Corio Bay Rowing Club which registered twenty-two successive wins and represented Victoria in the King's Cup in 1948. In addition he coached a club senior four which included the N.S.W., Victorian and Australian championships in its forty wins and won silver medals at the Empire Games in Perth.

Albert would be the first to admit that he was a hard taskmaster but other qualities, more important than the will to win, are indelibly imprinted on the minds of his many proteges.

The esteem in which he is held by Old Boys who have come under his influence was evident when more than eighty members of past crews and rowing associates attended a dinner in his honour early in June. Many of those who attended travelled interstate and from distant parts of Victoria and the tributes paid were warmly applauded by all.

The picture (below) caught Albert as he was farewelled by J. H. Campbell ('12) master in charge of rowing 1940-1963. All rowers look forward to seeing them together on the river bank, as spectators, for many more years.



—photo by courtesy Geelong Advertiser

### Mr. J. H. Campbell & Mr. A. B. Bell

The editor offers apologies for the following errors which appeared in the March, 1972, issue:

Ian Forbes Sayers ('65) went without a surname.  
Geoffrey Blyth ('66) obtained Diploma of Agricultural Science, which is in some ways different from the Diploma of Agriculture, wrongly recorded.  
Mrs. D. E. Faulkner, Matron of Morrison House was accidentally re-christened D. S.  
Ian Unsworth ('61) was incorrectly included in Marriages as Ian Ainsworth.



—photo by courtesy Geelong Advertiser

### Mr. D. B. Ramage

## ROWING—

### WELCOME DAVID B. RAMAGE

It was recently announced that David Ramage ('53) would succeed Albert Bell as coach of the College First VIII.

David has had a spectacular rowing career, which commenced as a member of the two College crews which won the Head of the River in 1956 and 1957 and did not end until 1969 when he was one of the Victorian King's Cup Crew which won at Bundaberg, Queensland.

As a member of Corio Bay Rowing Club, David rowed with great success in fours and eights and was a member of the senior four, coached by Albert Bell, which won thirty-two consecutive races and finished second in the Empire Games at Perth in 1962.

He was a member of the Victorian King's Cup crew which won in Brisbane in 1963 and again at Perth in 1964.

In addition to these victories David was selected to represent Australia at the Tokyo Olympic Games and as a member of Victorian King's Cup crews in 1965 and 1966. Other international appearances were in an Australian four at the World Championships at Bled, Yugoslavia, and in a coxless pair at the Olympic Games in Mexico in 1968. Unfortunately, in this latter race, he collapsed due to lack of oxygen at the high altitude.

With such a wealth of rowing experience David has much to offer as he dons the mantle of coach of the College First VIII. His personal record of sportsmanship and dogged determination are the ideal ingredients for one who is destined to make College crews a force to be reckoned with as they battle for Head of the River honours.

It is regretted that lack of space has made it necessary to defer publication of the regular features, Marriages, Degrees and Diplomas, and some contributed items until next issue of Ad Astra.

## BRANCHES

Members of all Branches will be interested to learn that:

At an O.G.C.A. General Committee meeting held earlier this year it was agreed that, in addition to those who may be invited to attend Branch functions as guests, other members of the Committee would also attend these Branch functions whenever possible.

On Old Boys' Day a well-attended meeting of Year Chairmen was held at the Prep. School. At this meeting the Executive Officer was asked to include Year Chairmen on the list of those who receive reminders of Branch functions so that they may have the opportunity to attend, particularly in areas where significant numbers of their year group live.

**SYNEY (N.S.W.)** held their re-union at a new venue, The Royal Automobile Club, on June 2. Guest speakers were Dr. I. W. Paterson, Principal at Knox School, and Graeme Wallace Smith ('46) a member of the College Council.

There were thirty Old Boys present and John Urbahns ('40) represented the O.G.C.A.

After some twenty years as "Branch President in perpetuity," Les. Reid ('14) asked that a new President be elected as he would be leaving Sydney to live at New Lambton Heights in the Newcastle district, during July.

Allan Rogers ('42) is the newly-elected President. Brian Kinder ('52) continues in office as Secretary.

**DENILIQVIN BRANCH** as foreshadowed in March Ad Astra held a successful re-union dinner on March 8, at the Coach House Motor Inn.

About thirty local branch members were present and also a party of five members of the General Committee, led by the President (Don Carmichael—'45). Des. Davey explained some of the aspects of the new Integrated Studies programme with descriptive slides.

At a short business meeting Grant Fyfe ('53) was elected President/Secretary.

It was agreed that the 1973 function be a mixed gathering to be held at Barham.

**ALBURY** re-union unfortunately clashed with another function which involved quite a number of Old Boys on March 24.

A move is afoot to hold a combined A.P.S. dinner dance in the area and arrangements were made to co-operate in the organising of such a function.

Malcolm Brown ('43) was not successful in his attempt to retire as President, and Colin Watson ('43) had no trouble in retaining his post as Secretary.

A party of four attended from the College and O.G.C.A. led by John Urbahns (then President-elect) with Bob Seaton (senior Physics Master) and Richard Moodie ('57).

**PERTH BRANCH** has a listing of only about fifty Old Collegians and these are scattered over many thousands of miles.

It is to their credit that they are able to hold a re-union of any description and worthy of note that five Old Collegians attended a dinner on July 7, arranged for Old Boys of the Associated Public Schools of Victoria. These five plan to help Lachie Simpson (W.A. Secretary) to gather a good representative number at a dinner planned for Show week, in September.

**HAMILTON BRANCH** moved into a new field this year by inviting non-Old Boy parents of boys now at College to join them at their re-union dinner on July 28.

On this first occasion only one of these parents attended but the decision of the Committee was endorsed by members at the meeting held prior to the dinner.

Doug. Hope Johnstone ('39) was elected President. Robert Stewart ('59) continues as Branch Secretary.

Ian Watson (Headmaster—Prep. School) and Alan Mahar (Mackie Housemaster) with John Urbahns (President) were guests. Sam Coulson ('59) was the first to attend a Branch re-union in his capacity as Year Chairman.

**GRAMPIANS BRANCH** re-union, held at the Willaura Hotel, on Friday, August 11, was a resounding success: Resounding because there were fifty-eight present, all of whom appeared to be trying to out-talk the others—and success because of the evidence of increasing interest resulting from the revitalisation of Year Groups and also the growing strength of relationships between Branches.

Age groups were represented over a range of forty-five years, from Hec. Cumming ('24) who left school in 1927 to the most recent Old Boy, Ian Moreton ('69) who left only at the end of Term 1, 1972. On the other hand, there were representatives from Wimmera (Horsham) Branch and from Western District (Hamilton) Branch, together with a party of eight members of General Committee and Year Group Chairmen. This all adds up to the making of a grand evening—in this instance a record for Grampians Branch—and it was evident that this exchange of representation will now gather momentum and other Branches must surely benefit from the tremendous spirit of goodwill which generates from such a truly successful function.

Ken Laidlaw ('44) and Marshall Jackson ('43) were re-elected as President and Secretary, respectively. There are some new faces on the six man committee.

The Executive Officer prefers not to be particularly listed on each occasion that he attends a Branch re-union. It might be said that this is one of the duties of his office but he regards it more in the nature of a pleasure. His one concern is that Old Boys may get heartily sick of seeing him at these functions.

## OFFICE-BEARERS 1972-3

**President:** J. G. W. Urbahns

**Vice-Presidents:**

E. K. Doery, F. W. Elliott

**Hon. Secretary:** A. McI. Scott

**Hon. Treasurer:** B. G. Thom

**Hon. Auditors:**

D. L. Cameron, G. W. Johns

### GENERAL COMMITTEE

**Elected Members:**

G. L. Bent, H. M. Clarke, T. S. Dennis, R. W. Farrow, J. E. Fidge, F. R. Herd, D. A. Jarman, R. A. Leggatt, K. A. I. MacLean, R. W. Moodie, L. A. Mulligan, G. D. Murray, R. J. Nation, G. L. Pearce, T. J. Rooke, B. J. Solomon, J. S. Weddell

**Ex-Officio Members:**

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

**Hon. Life Members of Committee:**

Past Presidents

**Executive Officer:**

T. L. Clark

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## OF 'PREMIER'

## IMPORTANCE

\*\* Roger Cumming ('60) hopes to follow in the footsteps of a number of his forebears. Roger has indicated his intention to nominate for Liberal pre-selection for the retiring Premier's seat of Hampden.

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\*\* Colin McKenzie ('55) of Lake Bolac is another Old Boy who aspires to political recognition. Colin is one of the many who will join Roger Cumming in an endeavour to win the Liberal pre-selection ballot for the seat of Hampden, which the retiring State Premier will vacate.

**LONDON BRANCH** were able to arrange a re-union during the time that Des. Davey was in England and he has sent a report which indicates that in these far-away places there is still great interest in the College and its people. There were twelve present and by fortuitous circumstance a re-union of Old Geelong Grammarians was held in an adjoining room of the Cafe Royale on the same evening. During the latter part of the evening old rivals became friends, hatchets were buried and Geelong came to London to celebrate.

## OLD BOYS JOTTINGS

\*\* Jack Carr, O.B.E. ('10) recently retired from the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust. He served for thirty years as a member of the Trust, of which period he was Government nominee Chairman from September, 1950, until his retirement in September, 1971.

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\*\* Dr. Hamish Macmillan ('17), one of the stalwarts of the W.A. Branch was seriously ill for some months. He returned to normal activities in mid-July.

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\*\* John Taylor ('25) was appointed National President of the Institute of Building, in June. He is the first from a provincial city to attain this office. John is a former President of O.G.C.A. and has also been President of Geelong Community Chest and Geelong Chamber of Commerce and Manufactures.

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\*\* Eric Johnson ('28) was elected President of Geelong West Lions Club for the current year.

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\*\* Dr. Norman Wettenhall ('29), Chairman of the College Council, has accepted a visiting appointment to the John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, U.S.A. where his responsibilities will include teaching post-graduates in the Department of Pediatric Endocrinology. He will be overseas from early September until the end of March, 1973.

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\*\* Harvey Lade ('38), after returning his sons to College in May, went off on a combined business and pleasure trip to America and Europe. On his home territory at Kuala Lumpur he has seen Pat Grutzner ('39) and John D. Legge ('34) as well as local taverner, George Milne ('31).

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\*\* Fred Herd ('39), who is senior Vice-President of the Victorian Meat Works Association has now been appointed to the executive of the Meat and Allied Trades Federation.

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\*\* Lyle Turnbull ('40) has been appointed Editor in Chief of the Herald-Sun in Melbourne and a Director of the Herald & Weekly Times Ltd.

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\*\* Alan McKenzie ('43) has returned after several years abroad to join the Architecture faculty at the Gordon Institute in Geelong.

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\*\* Van, Tolhurst ('45) is the newly appointed Chairman of the Victorian Dried Fruits Board. His appointment is for a period of three years and resulted from his background of legal experience which included a great deal of work for Government instrumentalities.

## HERE - THERE AND EVERYWHERE

\*\* Phil. Gridley ('49) was 'lost' for a couple of years but has now been 'found' by the College Bursar. Phil. is Bursar at Scotch College, Launceston.

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\*\* Graeme Quick ('49) obtained his Doctorate in Philosophy at the Iowa State University. After four and a half years in the U.S.A. he has taken his wife and three sons to Norway where he has accepted an appointment at the Aas University, about thirty miles from Oslo.

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\*\* Major Rob. Nash ('50) completed his Staff College course at Queenscliff in 1970 and is now O.C. 2 Base Medical and Dental Equipment Depot at Maroubra, N.S.W.

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\*\* Colin McDonald ('50) was a very small boy when he left the College and moved to Ballarat. He is now with External Affairs, Port Moresby, busy with the training of future native diplomats.

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\*\* Harley Dickinson ('52) has gone to the Department of Law, Papua-N.G., as full-time magistrate. Recently, while presiding at an inland station, he found Alastair Cawthorn ('55) appearing as prosecutor. Alastair has moved to Port Moresby as clerical assistant in the Executive Council. Bob Bucknell ('61) is an officer on New Hanover, New Ireland, almost on the equator.

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\*\* Ian Redpath ('54) is reported to be coaching at Charter House, England.

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\*\* Robert Baker ('56) is studying at the University of Toronto where he has taken the degree Master of Education. He was one of the only two—and the only non-Canadian—to be awarded a Doctoral Fellowship in Sociology in Education. In a letter home he mentioned that he had met Mr. Des Davey who, at the time, was lecturing in Toronto on Education in Australia.

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\*\* Ken MacLean ('57) is finding his present work demanding but interesting. He is one of the team supervising the laying of the 23-mile pipe line for the She-Oaks/Montpellier aqueduct.

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\*\* Ian Corr ('58) is National Officer of the Australian Union of Students, working to improve the plight of students in Papua & New Guinea.

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\*\* Geoff. Inness ('59) called at the O.G.C.A. office during his recent visit to Australia. Since he left the College in 1961 he has spent four and a half years at the Heidelberg library and for the past three years has been studying for B.A. and B.Ed. degrees at Acadia University in Nova Scotia, Canada. Geoff. would like to keep in contact with members of 1959 to 1961 year groups. Address: P.O. Box 1002, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada.

\*\* Bradley Olsen ('60) is on the staff at Yarram High School, teaching H.S.C. English and Geography.

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\*\* Charles Moodie ('63) recently returned from a comprehensive overseas tour which lasted for some two years. In his travels Charles visited England, the Continent, Israel, parts of the Orient, the Middle East and Malaysia. After all this he is finding it hard to decide just what his immediate future movements will be.

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\*\* John Duigan ('63) must have been one of the busiest men at Melbourne University, during the past two years. In addition to his daily task as Tutor in Ethics in the Department of Philosophy he has managed to cope with added responsibilities as Chairman of Committee for University Drama in Melbourne, President of Melbourne University Student Theatre and Co-Editor of the Melbourne University Magazine. As if that were not enough, he is also working for his Master of Arts under a Commonwealth post-graduate award scholarship.

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\*\* Wick McArthur ('65) enjoyed a few years of wandering in the remoter areas of Australia and New Zealand before settling down to a Geology course at University.

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\*\* David Clarke ('66) was awarded his Australian blazer in his second season of senior football.

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\*\* Boyd Craig ('66), in his final year at Dookie, holds a technical training studentship. He hopes next year to gain industrial experience abroad, in Spain according to present intentions.

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\*\* Lachlan McLean ('66), a third year chemical engineering student, won a Shell Refinery University Scholarship award for 1972.

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\*\* David McKenzie ('67) earned for himself a Mines Department cadetship.

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\*\* K. A. Sahabudeen ('68) from Penang, better known as 'Sabu,' is studying Electrical Engineering at Monash University.

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\*\* Courtney Pettitt ('72) left Form II, Prep. School last year, to attend another school. Although he is one of the youngest Old Collegians he wrote a very newsy letter to the Principal. Young or old, it's nice to hear how Old Boys are progressing.

## Sporting Pot-Pourri

### O.G.C. GOLF DAY

The course at the Geelong Golf Club was again the venue for O.G.C. Golf Day, when thirty players battled, for most of the afternoon, against a difficult cross wind.

Early cards returned indicated that old Colonel Bogey was a difficult opponent. However, Ian Donald ('46) and Russell Pink ('47) combined well in the four ball best ball to return a 4-up card. John Chambers ('45) finished square with par to win the individual trophy, on a count back from Ian Donald.

The eleventh hole was selected for a 'nearest the pin' award and John Williams ('42) set the field a difficult task when he left the marker peg on the green about 14ft. from the pin. His shot was bettered by only one player—Daryl Bell ('47)—with a tee shot which finished about 6ft. closer to the hole.

Old Collegians are indebted to officials of the Geelong Golf Club for their hospitality and to Ben Davis who again organised this enjoyable function.

**P.S.—GOLFERS—**There is ample room on the Geelong Golf Course for more than double the number who played this year. To be sure that you are included when reminder notices are sent in 1973, let the Executive Officer know NOW that you wish to be included on the mailing list.

Address your memo to :

Executive Officer,  
O.G.C.A., Geelong College,  
P.O. Box 5, GEELONG, 3220.

### FOOTBALL—O.G.C. v COLLEGE

The annual football match between Old Collegians and College on Wednesday, August 2, was closely contested throughout.

Many of the Old Boys showed that they had not lost their ability to kick the ball long distances. Had their direction been a little more accurate they may well have registered a victory.

Old Collegians' captain, Les Hatton, had good support from his side but lack of condition compared with that of their younger opposition was the final telling factor.

A sidelight of the game was that three of the Old Collegians' team are present members of the College teaching staff—Les Hatton ('54) playing his twelfth game, Michael Roland ('50) and David Wettenhall ('60).

With only five minutes left to play the scores were level, both sides having registered 9 goals and 6 behinds. At the final bell College had added a further 7 points, to run out victors by this narrow margin.

Final Scores :—

O.C.C. 9—6 (60)

College 10—7 (67)

### HOCKEY—AND OLD BOYS

The Old Collegians' Hockey Club is the most active sporting link between College and Old Boys. Note the careful selection of the adjective—'active.' Their claim is "We may not be top on the pennant ladder but we are top on the social ladder."

A well-conducted drive for recruits at the beginning of the season enabled the club to field two teams this year. This has given greater stability to the first team—which at time of publication is in the top four—and has ensured that those less-skilled in the art of synchronising stick and ball are also provided with adequate exercise in the second team. Unfortunately, this team, in this their first season, are finding it difficult to avoid the wooden spoon award.

The O.G.C.A. assisted the club by a grant of \$70 for purchase of equipment, so that the second team could take the field, and this assistance is gratefully acknowledged.

Off the field fun and females replace boots and ball in popularity. A swinging party was held at Roger and Mike Nation's home and a later event went under the title of a wine-bottling evening. The question is—how much was bottled?

Other social functions planned include a car trial and a theatre night in Melbourne.

The club can use more players, with or without past experience, for regular weekly or intermittent games. If you are thinking, even vaguely, of a winter sport, or if you would like to join on a social basis only, you will be warmly welcomed. This season is now nearly finished but there will be more social activities. Contact Roger Nation (21 3226) or Ian Keith (43 3390). They can give all the necessary information.

## Boat Race Ball

This is one of the bright and breezy social functions of the Old Boys' calendar. Numbers were less than usual this year but this did not reduce the measure of enjoyment of those who were there.

As may be expected, the younger group of Old Boys and their many friends dominate the scene at the Boat Race Ball and these do not display the same inhibitions in dress as those who are older. The scene was, therefore, one of very varied taste and 'style'.

For several years a number of ladies have spent many hours in decorating the Palais for the Ball. Those who attend and enjoy the evening are not fully aware of the time and effort which has been spent in making these preparations. It is fitting that this expression of appreciation should be recorded.

Present indications are that some of the more energetic of our younger Old Boys will join the Committee for promotion of the 1973 Boat Race Ball. Who knows—1973 may be the year of the 'new look' to celebrate a Head of the River victory.

Far, far away . . .

\*\* Justin Pennefather ('51), with family, has gone to Tanzania to manage a government beef cattle property for two years. Can be contacted at National Agricultural Company, P.O. Box 9113, Dar es Salaam. Visitors welcome.

\*\* Douglas Heggie ('52) is now Chief Engineer with International Nickel Indonesia, in a little known village 160 miles from Udjang Pandang, Sulawesi. He has spent some time surveying new nickel deposits by helicopter, and hopes to spend a month at home near to Christmas.

## Melbourne Dinner Dance

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