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WHY DOESN'T SOMEONE DO SOMETHING?

The Question Is

WHICH SOMEONE? WHAT SOMETHING?

The report of the Interim Committee of the Australian Schools Commission (The Karmel Committee), entitled "Schools in Australia", recommends substantial grants, amounting to a total of \$660 million during the next two years, for all schools, government and non-government; of which the non-government schools content is \$179.3 million.

This article has been condensed from a statement prepared by the Principal for the information of all parents and friends of the College.

The grants recommended are to be allocated on a so-called 'needs' basis, though it does not seem clear whether the Government means the 'needs' of children, or of parents, or of schools, or of the community in general, or of the Labor Party. Nor is it clear whether the 'needs' are to be purely material or are to include cultural, ethical or social 'needs.' The Interim Committee has assumed that it is the 'needs' of schools, and assumes this can be separated from the 'needs' of parents, even in fee-charging schools.

The formula for assessment of needs appears to be grossly oversimplified and to discriminate unjustly against various types of schools. A datum point of 100 has been taken and the aim of the recommendations is to raise all schools to a level of 135 to 140 by 1980. All schools at present below this target level will receive increased aid, and those above will receive reduced aid or no aid at all.

The 'non-systemic' Catholic schools and all Protestant and secular independent schools have been assessed on the basis of a questionnaire sent to all schools (which seems to have been interpreted differently by different schools), and placed in categories A to H, according to the resources used in the school in 1972. No other information was used in the assessment.

In the cases of schools in category A, the report recommended that the present recurrent grants should be phased out over a two-year period, so that the schools would have time to adjust to the substantial loss of income (ranging between \$50,000 and \$200,000 per annum, according to the size of the school). However, the Government did not accept this recommendation, even though their decision could not have saved the Government more than about \$6 million in a total of \$660 million.

Whilst all educationalists welcome the recognition of the Government that a great

deal more needed to be spent on primary and secondary education, there is naturally some serious apprehension amongst those who believe in freedom of choice because the acceptance of some of the principles and assumptions underlying the Report

may mean that some non-government schools have to choose between lowering their standards or becoming so economically exclusive that they will be almost irrelevant to the Australian community. It

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Government stops all aid to the 105 rich

But 100 wealthy schools lose aid

Labor aims to defuse the State Aid issue

\$1600m for the schools

Karmel plans are really very modest

38 schools appeal over aid categories

Schools need \$2000m

Schools 'to raise fees' Independents axed

42 schools get repa

Beazley lets some rich colleges off the on aid and st

Senate blasts Govt over Karmel plan

Schools face 'ou facts: fees must go up

Beazley plans to... Injustice to schools is Cabinet's fault

WHICH SOMEONE ? WHAT SOMETHING ?

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is about these long-term basic principles, rather than the short-term gains or losses, that we should be mainly concerned.

The National Council of Independent Schools, the Catholic authorities, the Associations of Independent Schools in the various States, the Headmasters' Conference of the Independent Schools of Australia and the Association of Heads of Independent Girls' Schools of Australia, have all been active, but we must be aware that we are in a difficult position in presenting a balanced view of the situation. We cannot expect much sympathy for demands for grants to well-equipped schools.

This is why the emphasis should be on grants to **parents**, and the right of **parents** to freedom of choice, rather than on grants to schools.

Also, because of the consistently false reference to 'wealthy,' 'rich,' 'elitist' schools by the media it is difficult for the school associations as such to take more direct action than they are doing.

There are, however, two other important spheres of action in which parents and supporters can and must help.

1. The efforts of all who are fighting for the survival and prosperity of independent schools need to be carefully coordinated and guided. There are many talents and much energy available to us, but this can be effective only if it is united and carefully directed. The National Council of Independent Schools is already widely recognised by Governments and by the general community as representing the interests of the non-government sector of schools. The limitations of its effectiveness are almost entirely economic. Its manpower and other resources are limited by its meagre income. The present average level of contributions by parents (through member schools) for the work of both the National Council and State Association is about 50c per child per annum. **Parents and well-wishers could help greatly by advocating as strongly as possible the provision of a substantially increased fighting fund.**
2. The second important way in which individuals can help is by themselves taking every opportunity to make personal representation to the press, by signing petitions, by writing or speaking to their local M.P.'s, and indeed to anyone prepared to listen. In making such personal comments, factual information is important to support general propositions and principles. **To assist in preparing personal statements, it is suggested that they should all emphasise one of more of the following principles, included in the important statement issued by the National Council on August 2, 1973. These are:**

- (1) that every Australian child, irrespective of the school he attends, is entitled to economic support for his basic educational needs from the funds placed at the disposal of the Australian Government through tax-

DEGREES CONFERRED

UNIVERSITIES

- B.Agr.Sc.:** G. A. David
M.B.A.: P. F. Fenwick, P. J. Young
B.A.: D. F. Galbraith (Hons.), A. deG. Fairhead (Hons.), S. Andersen
B.E.: R. G. Hepburn (Civil), I. R. Borthwick (Mech.)
B.Sc.: R. F. Molony, I. W. Jamieson
M.D.Sc.: J. S. Robson
B.Com.: P. C. Hardy (Hons.), M. J. Betts, B. G. Fagg, P. L. Marendaz
M.B., B.S.: A. H. Cunningham (Hons.)
B.Ec.: A. R. L. Wettenhall
M.Sc.: I. E. Penrose
M.Com.: R. E. Wright

Gordon Graduates

- Business Studies:** A. A. Cherry, D. W. Hamilton, T. G. B. Wood
Civil Engineering: P. L. Betts, D. M. Roland
Mechanical Engineering: M. J. Anderson, J. R. Bowler, P. L. Keddle

Marcus Oldham

- Farm Management College Graduates**
Peter Fraser
Andrew Wall
Lewis Stone (Honours)

ation. This does not deny the need for additional assistance in cases of educational disadvantage;

- (2) that parents should have freedom of choice of the type of school they wish for their children, without losing Government support for basic education needs as a consequence of exercising this choice;
- (3) that the appropriate instruments for reducing the economic inequalities of families are the taxation and social welfare systems which deal with individuals and families—and not schools;
- (4) that the arrangements for the funding of schools must not discourage the endeavour to achieve improved quality by parental and local community effort;
- (5) that the funding of schools and school systems must provide them and the families they serve with a sense of security, and enable budgeting and long-term planning. Confusion and uncertainty resulting from annual reassessments, or from a too-rapid implementation of radical changes in Government policies, must therefore be avoided;
- (6) that local, private and parental involvement in education ought to be positively encouraged in every way possible.

**ANY SUGGESTION FOR
FURTHER ACTION
WOULD BE WELCOMED BY
THE PRINCIPAL**

Congratulations

Peter Keddle ('66) won the three top academic awards made by the Gordon Institute of Technology.

In 1970 he received the Staff Academic Award made to the student with the best academic record over the first two years of the course.

The other two awards were received at the completion of his year of graduation in Mechanical Engineering. These were the Princes Scholar and the J. C. Taylor awards.

The Princes Scholar is chosen on the basis of scholastic achievement, qualities of character and leadership, and sport.

The J. C. Taylor award is made to a final year student for academic excellence throughout the full course.

FOSSILS

Members of the biology department will appreciate help from Old Boys in augmenting their collection of fossils and rock specimens. They have taken responsibility for the care of the fossil and rock collection previously displayed in the House of Guilds. This collection includes a tooth and some bones of a Diprotodon (Australia's largest marsupial—now extinct), molluscs, echnoderms, petrified wood and other fossils yet to be identified.

Rock specimens are used for teaching 3rd and 4th form geology and much of the other material is used in senior biology classes.

As well as maintaining a display and reference collection, the biology department is keen to obtain class sets, each of about a dozen specimens, of fossil material.

Help will also be appreciated from any who are expert in the field of fossil identification as many of the original labels have been devoured by thysanurous insects, more commonly known as silverfish (non-extinct).

OLD BOYS' TIES AND INSIGNIA

Replacement costs have made it necessary to review prices. The following are available from the OGCA office:

Woolen Ties	\$2.00 each
Lapel Badges	\$1.00 each
Tie Clips	\$1.00 each
Cuff Links—	
Enamel	\$2.50 pair
Acrylic	\$1.65 pair

New stocks of Silk Ties have just arrived.

3" wide	\$4.50 each
3½" wide	\$5.00 each

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SENIOR RESIDENT GROUP

During 1972 Morrison House ceased to be a boarding house. The 3rd and 4th formers in it were reallocated to Mackie and Warrinn, their places being taken by volunteers from the three other day houses. The old Morrison boarding area, together with the Refectory Block, then became the Senior Resident Group's home.

In 1973 this includes all the 6th form boarders except eleven house prefects in Mackie and Warrinn. The members of the Senior Resident Group all retain their house affiliation for sport and similar groupings, but residentially they form a discreet unit enjoying up-graded accommodation and a measure of autonomy appropriate to their sub-tertiary status.

The school has spent over \$20,000 changing the 102-year-old building into a suitable residence. All the students are in double or single rooms with built-in wardrobes and desks, heaters, power points and wall-to-wall carpet (dark green, naturally). In addition, the bathroom has been upgraded, and a spacious carpeted living room provided. The Refectory Block has also been improved slightly.

As well as the 6th form, there are several Gordon students living in, and these help in various aspects of the school's life.

As in most changes in the pattern of running the school, there are advantages and disadvantages in the new arrangement. The argument that 6th formers grow up in a vertical house system better because they have the chance to justify their privileges (which are only ever seen to be relative) is still a strong one, though it applies much more to those who have house prefect responsibility. Other 6th formers have often not fitted into the vertical boarding houses, and there is some evidence that they are doing better in their new situation. There is the possibility of privileges and liberties being introduced when they are seen to be warranted, irrespective of the constraints of the boarding houses per se.

It is hoped that 1974 will see the further evolution of the Senior Resident Group as sub-adult transition society within the senior school.

BEQUESTS TO THE COLLEGE

In recent years the College has been most fortunate in receiving a number of bequests of a total value of approx. \$300,000.

Most of these have been applied, or will be applied, to building projects, although some have been used to create an endowment fund to be used for bursaries.

Some Old Collegians and supporters of the College have found that, although they may not have been able during their lifetime to donate funds to the College, they have been able to assist the College with bequests of varying amounts, large and small. In most cases, where the deceased lived in Victoria, such bequests have been deductible for the purposes of Victorian Probate Duty.

The programme of additions and improvements to the College buildings would not have been possible in recent years without these bequests. They have been used to supplement moneys received from Project Pegasus and the Old Collegians' Annual Giving Programme for the implementation of major projects and also to cover the cost of a number of smaller buildings.

The Bursar would be happy to advise those who might be interested in supporting the College in this way.



One of the Senior Resident Group bed-study rooms, in Morrison House



The sitting room used by members of the Senior Resident Group and Masters, for discussion and relaxation

OLD COLLEGIAN WEDDINGS

- Lex Spry to Wendy Watson, Nullawit, Aug. 19, '72.
- David Ruffin to Mary Eigg, Canberra, July, '72.
- Peter Laidlaw to Carol Roberts, May, '72.
- Donald Fogg to Pauline Pearce, Geelong, Feb. 23.
- David Dadds to Audrey Dew, Geelong, March 10.
- Jan Penrose to Ann Stevenson, Melbourne, March 17.
- Robert Nuttine to Pam Symons, Ballarat, March 24.
- Roderick Campbell to Alison Richardson, Geelong, March 31.
- Russ Yackins to Dianne Steward, Geelong, April 7.
- Peter Vuorenen to Robyn Hancock, Swanwater West, April 7.
- Geoffrey Nelmen to Dianne Williams, Skipton, April 28.
- Byron Collins to Lyn Crellin, Geelong, May 4.
- David Laidlaw to Jan Sparre.
- Bill McCann to Mardi Paulston.
- Ray Slack to Patricia McAdam, Geelong, May 11.
- Dennis McDonald to Marlene Uebergang, Geelong, May 12.
- David Clutterbuck to Heather Fox, Nighton, May 12.
- Andrew Hill to Helen Darby, Geelong, May 19.
- Colin Barr to Meredith Smart, Ararat, May 19.
- Greg. Donald to Lindy Andersen, Grevedale, May 25.
- Adrian Miles to Chris Howard, Belmont, May 26.
- David Koch to Jan Campbell, Torok, June 1.
- Robert Berlyn to Stephanie Parker, Warrambal, June 2.
- David French to Helen Hill, Geelong, July 21.
- Robert Goene to Alison Hill, Geelong, July 21.
- Peter Roberts to Jeanette Phillips, Belmont, Aug. 8.
- David Wertenhall to Elizabeth Macleod, Sydney, Sept. 1.
- Anthony Paterson to Robyn Chester, Perth, Sept. 8.

About Year Groups

A number of Year Chairmen have sent news-letters to members of their group and the response to these has been most encouraging. Replies have been received giving details of what Old Boys are doing, where they have been and whom they have met.

Hidden among these replies must be a wealth of information which could be shared with others through 'Ad Astra'.

The OGCA office will be glad to receive items of interest culled from such correspondence. These can be left at the OGCA office or passed on by 'phone or letter.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YEAR GROUPS ?

Primarily, the Year Groups maintain a link between Old Collegians closely related through the period of time when they were together at the College. Since the Year Group system was adopted more and more Old Boys have participated in College and Association functions, thus renewing and strengthening fellowship formed during school days.

The Branches have benefited as many Old Boys have visited Branch functions in groups after receiving personal invitations from Year Chairmen to join them at these functions.

The College has benefited because Old Boys are kept more fully informed of development plans.

The Association has benefited through the greater participation of Old Boys of all age groups. A number of those who have involved themselves more closely with Association activities have become members of the General Committee and other committees which promote the welfare of the Association.

The Old Boys themselves have benefited because of the opportunities they have had to renew old friendships among their class-mates of the past, and the opportunities these renewed associations have given to make new friends.

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF YEAR CHAIRMEN ?

The duties and responsibilities are not onerous. In fact, to those of a gregarious nature they bring considerable pleasure.

The initiation of contact among members of each group usually begins with a news-letter. Most Year Chairmen find it helpful and convenient to keep a simple personal record of each member of a group. The OGCA provides cards for this purpose and arranges for all typing, preparation of envelopes and similar clerical needs, leaving the Year Chairman with only the personal touch to add when making his letter contacts.

The Year Chairman is the direct link between the OGCA and members of that

COLLATERAL COINCIDENCE

The 1943 Year Group is loaded.

Malcolm Brown—is President of Albury Branch.

Ian Thomas—is President of Bendigo Branch.

Marshall Jackson—is Secretary of Grampians Branch.

Jack O'Brien—is Secretary of Gippsland Branch.

Colin Watson—is Secretary of Albury Branch.

Bob Leggatt—is a member of the Executive & General Committees of the Association.

John Moreton—succeeds Bob Leggatt as 1943 Year Chairman.

What a team, and John will keep all informed and interested—you can rely on that.

YEAR GROUP FUNCTIONS

Saturday, August 18, was a night of gaiety and fun at McCann's woolshed in Ceres, when about eighty gathered for a '64/'65 Year Group barbeque and dance.

The evening began slowly but as numbers grew so did the tempo. Was it the barbeque fires or the hot music or the refreshment bar which warmed the party? Only those who were there could answer that.

Some notable personalities of this era did not roll up. Perhaps news of the success of the evening will reach them and they will be 'in it' next time. Those who could stay the distance finished the catering left-overs the following day—and so to bed.

OGCA President, John Urbahns, invited members of his 1940 Year Group and their wives to gather at his home early this year for a wine bottling barbeque. He chose a bright sunny day and eighty-four people had a most enjoyable time.

It is unfortunate that John has to use his garage to house motor cars as it is ideal as a wine bottling cellar.

The barbeque was an unqualified success. This was achieved by combining a delicate balance of aesthetic and culinary excellence.

Year Group. Because he is in regular contact, sometimes by letter, sometimes personally and sometimes through other members of the group, he knows better than anyone else what the personal interests of these Old Boys are. It is from this personal contact, personal interest and personal knowledge that the strength of the Association is maintained.

YEAR CHAIRMEN ARE NEEDED

There are some years which need the care of a Year Chairman. Most of these are in the earlier years, between 1914 and 1938, although the 1952 year is also vacant.

The Executive Officer would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with interested Old Boys.

Boat Race Ball

It was a ball with a difference this year, organised by a committee of younger Old Boys. They planned for change and improvement and they succeeded admirably.

Attractive handbills and tickets were designed by Stephen Davey ('66). The old streamer decor was replaced by a nylon fish net filled with balloons, strung from end to end of the Palais above the dance floor. Special lighting effects were introduced and a different band was engaged.

There was music and laughter and even a burst of song at times. All this on Friday the thirteenth. Could the organisers, at any time, have had the slightest doubt that this year's Boat Race Ball would be other than a success?

Two hundred and sixty people came to enjoy the evening. Perhaps the official party did not appreciate the volume of the band quite as much as those of more tender years, but they were observed taking advantage of some of the (slightly) more subdued brackets.

For supper, half-chicken in basket with coffee replaced the old-style sandwiches, savouries and sweets menu. This was the subject of much favourable comment.

This was the Boat Race Ball, 1973.

What of 1974? Who knows?

If College win their Head of the River heat, perhaps the whole committee will have to man the doors to check the rush of those wishing to celebrate the anticipated, long-awaited, VICTORY.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

Morongo announces an innovation, the admission of adults to matriculation classes.

We respectfully draw attention to the fact that in 1873 William Stothert Rolland entered the College to study for matriculation with a view to entering the ministry. He was twenty-six years old—and succeeded handsomely, becoming eventually Moderator-General of the Presbyterian Church in Australia.

But

NOT THIS WAY—WE HOPE

An extract from the diary of Dr. Bromby, Headmaster of Melbourne Grammar School:

"Aug. 7, 1858. Sat. Football match with Scotch College, 40-a-side. It is the oldest educational institute in the colony: they number 187, we only 113. They had four masters on the field, we only three.

"The match was to be two games out of three. The game was fiercely contested for three hours, when Scotch won it.

"Aug. 21. Sat. Continuation of the great football match with the Scotch College; after a hard struggle of three hours, the game was adjourned for a fortnight. The boys were so exhausted they were obliged to go to bed an hour earlier than usual.

"Sept. 4. Sat. The great football match was contested with great vehemence, but was ultimately drawn when the sun went down."

Phewww!

OLD BOYS' DAY 1973

The Annual General Meeting was held on June 23 in one of the day-boys' common rooms below the Morrison Hall. Many at the meeting had followed the fortunes of the College 1st XVIII as they battled against a superior Scotch College team.

For those who preferred shelter from a keen breeze, a display of photographs of sporting teams and prefects from 1923 to 1933 had been prepared. Some of these photographs were without names and many of the gaps have now been filled.

The President's report reflected a growing interest in all Association activities. The following particular points were made:

The Advisory Council, representative of all avenues of activity within the Association provided a forum for interchange of ideas to widen the scope or in other ways add interest to activities of the Association.

Our Branches played an active part during the year. Evidence of new thought and ideas was seen in the various types of re-unions held. These ranged from the traditional Old Boys' dinner to the more recent concept of dinner dances. During the year new Branches were formed at Bendigo and Camperdown. There are now eleven Victorian Branches, centred in areas where the greatest number of Old Boys live. However, a pleasing feature of the re-unions held has been the long distances which many who live in outlying

areas are prepared to travel to these functions.

Year Groups have shown marked progress during the year. A number of functions have been held. Others are planned for the current year and contact between members of year groups, initiated by Year Chairmen through newsletters, has developed over wide areas fostering a growing spirit of good fellowship.

'Ad Astra.' One of the more challenging matters raised at the Advisory Council meeting was that our news-letter, 'Ad Astra,' had little impact on those who have left school during more recent years. As a result of this discussion it was decided that Old Boys of more recent age groups be encouraged to submit material on topical subjects of interest to school leavers of more recent years to be considered for inclusion in future publications.

A recommendation by the General Committee that the services rendered to the College and to the Association by Messrs. W. Wishart ('28) and K. S. Nall ('37) be recognised by their election as Honorary Life Members of the Association was unanimously adopted.

ANNUAL RE-UNION DINNER. It is usual at functions of this nature that actual attendance is likely to be a few less than the number of acceptances which have been received. This year the re-union dinner was notable for a reversal of this axiom. Table settings were provided for one hundred

and thirty-four and ten chairs were on hand for emergency use. The final total of one hundred and forty-eight delighted the President but caused minor panic behind the scene.

Several Year Chairmen who had sent personal invitations to members of their groups were pleased with the response and the growing number of younger Old Boys who have attended in recent years has attracted special comment from guests from other schools.

Another pleasing feature of this dinner is the number of members of staff who accept the invitation to attend and take the opportunity to become acquainted with Old Boys, a number of whom are fathers of the boys in their classes.

The presentation of certificates, ties and badges to the newly-elected Honorary Life Members by senior vice-president, Keith Doery ('40), a bright address by guest speaker Father John Brosnan and the time-honoured toasts and welcome to guests were all part of a memorable re-union dinner.

Many lingered on and the hands of the clock indicated a late home-coming for many as, in small groups, Old Boys revived memories of times past or related plans for the future.

OFFICE-BEARERS 1973-74

President: J. G. W. Urbahns

Vice-Presidents:

E. K. Doery, F. W. Elliott

Hon. Secretary: A. McL. Scott

Hon. Treasurer: B. G. Thom

Hon. Auditors:

D. L. Cameron, G. W. Johns

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Elected Members:

S. E. Appel, 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. L. 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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Mr. W. Wishart (above) and Mr. K. S. Nall (below) who were elected Honorary Life Members of the Association at the Annual General Meeting



OBITUARY

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

G. G. Honey	('01)
S. H. Sims	('02)
J. B. Gibson	('05)
A. V. M. Rankin	('09)
J. C. Hendy	('10)
C. Sinclair	('10)
A. I. Meakin	('11)
C. K. Moreton	('12)
C. H. Bouchier	('16)
L. A. Reseigh	('16)
R. J. Wilson	('18)
H. D. Harvey	('18)
A. J. H. Gray	('18)
E. E. Davis	('19)
T. L. Macmillan	('20)
S. J. McCosh	('21)
E. G. Cook	('22)
M. G. Humble	('24)
G. D. McDonald	('28)
R. A. Cook	('34)
N. J. Brady	('53)

We also record the deaths of two past staff members and extend sympathy to members of their families.

C. C. Shinkfield—Senior Maths. Master and O.C. Cadet Corps 1930-31.

R. R. Pavia—Maths Master, 1922

Interesting Facts :- about Old Boys

Angus J. Roffley ('17) was Dux of the College in 1921. His son, David, is now a member of the senior school teaching staff.

Jack Keays ('21) was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Hugh Reid ('38) has now directed twenty-five shows for the Geelong Gilbert and Sullivan Light Opera Company. His quarter century performance was the successful presentation of 'Princess Ida' in March.

Michael Cannon ('41) and **Ian Falk ('58)** were granted fellowships by the Literature Board of the Australian Council for the Arts.

Alan Rogers ('42) who was elected President of the NSW (Sydney) Branch of the Association at their re-union in June, has been appointed to the Australian board of Reckitt and Colman Pty. Ltd.

Robert Buntline ('43) has been appointed headmaster of Wolaroi College, Orange. His departure from The King's School, Parramatta, has been welcome to most Sydney schools because of his vast success as a rowing coach at King's.

Michael Aikman ('46) has been appointed Headmaster of Haileybury College. For more than seven years he has been Headmaster of the Scots School, Bathurst, and will take up his Haileybury appointment in the new year.

Graham Rice ('49) became Australia's first resident diplomat in the Arabian Gulf, when the existing Trade Commission at Bahrain was up-graded to a Consulate-General and Graham was appointed the first Consul-General. His previous experience in the planning and organisation of trade displays in the USA was immensely valuable in his preparation of a spectacular Australian trade display in the international airport at Dubai, which was reported in the 'Gulf Weekly Mirror' as "the most successful trade display ever held by Australia in the Arabian Peninsula."

Geoffrey Wills ('51), who was a member of the 1955 winning Head-of-the-River crew, has produced his own Olympic pair—twin boys, weighing 8 lbs. and 7 lbs. respectively—April 1, what a day!

Roger Bodey ('53) was recently appointed captain of the Geelong Country Week golf team. He and his partner (an Old Xaverian) won the four-ball bogey competition at OGC Golf Day, on a saturated course. Obviously, he finds his five handicap is really no handicap.

Nick Walter ('55) returned from England to Geelong to become a director of Buchan, Laird and Buchan Pty. Ltd., Architects.

Alistair McArthur ('55) was incorrectly reported as having returned to Camperdown, in the March, 1973 issue. Any inconvenience is regretted. In a letter written in May, Alistair comments "since returning from Alaska I have been working for the Colorado Outward Bound School as a senior instructor and in the administration as Director of Development. I shall continue this here in the USA for at least the remainder of this year and from then on my plans are 'fluid'. At the moment I do not plan to return to Australia within the next twelve months." A very interesting four-page summary of his travels and experiences headed "America to Alaska—1972", is on file in the OGCA office. Those interested should contact the Executive Officer.

Graham Hair ('55) recently learned that his Ph.D. (Sheffield)—Musicology had been conferred. At present he is lecturing at the College of Advanced Education at Wagga Wagga, NSW.

Graeme Chapman ('55) has been made a Doctor of Philosophy of the Medical School of the University of Georgia. Earlier he was awarded the Sigma Xi prize for the best research paper of the year in that institution. He was recently appointed to a NASA project in the biochemistry department at the Wayne Medical School of Detroit, Michigan.

David Ruffin ('55) is a Lieut.-Commander in the RAN. In October, 1972, he was posted to Port Moresby with the defence administration task force which is planning the integrated defence service in readiness for Papua—New Guinea independence. He expects to be stationed there for a further two years.

Douglas Aiton ('56) returned to Australia in November, 1972. He spent the early days of his stay overseas trekking across Asia and Europe and was then two years on the staff of the London 'Times'. The final year of his newspaper work with the 'Times' was as Assistant Foreign News Editor. Now a feature writer with the 'Age', he lives in Hawthorn with his wife and small son, Silas.

Tony Paterson ('58) has been lecturing in Veterinary Science in Perth. His immediate future plans include taking unto himself a wife and going to the UK for a working holiday. He is awaiting the result of an application to enter Guelph University, Canada, where he hopes to complete his Master's degree.

Simon (Sam) Coulson ('59) devotes some of his spare time as a supervisor of the Senior Resident Group at the College. He is employed in the product engineering section of the Ford Motor Company in Geelong. In April he spent four weeks in Detroit, Michigan, investigating evaporative emission control for the Company, and managed to fit short visits to Niagara Falls and Washington DC into his busy itinerary.

Hayden Wright ('59) has moved to Colac. Prior to his move he was accountant for the Newtown City Council.

Robert Bucknall ('61) is at Lincoln College, Canterbury, NZ, where he is studying for a B.Ag.Comm. degree. Before going to Lincoln College he spent some time in Papua-New Guinea.

Peter Lloyd ('61), promoted to Captain after his term of national service training, has been appointed Aide-de-Camp to the Governor of New South Wales, Sir Roden Cutler.

Warrick Cozens ('61) returned to his home at Anakie earlier this year. He has devoted most of his years since leaving school to improving his knowledge and ability in the preparation of horses in dressage contests in Europe. His training has been extensive and includes three and a half years under Colonel Podhajsky, the hero of the saving of the famous white horses of the Spanish Riding School during World War II, following which he won two big dressage shows and graduated to official international shows. Warrick was selected on a short list to represent Australia at the Munich Olympics but was forced to withdraw when he contracted hepatitis. He has decided to settle in Austria where he will have the opportunity to compete at Aschen, Germany, where the elite meet in the most celebrated international riding show in the world.

Milton Dickins ('63) is head accountant with the Australian Institute of Management and is lecturing in management and accounting.

Stuart Blake ('66) was working at the Merindoc Hereford Stud, Tooborac, before he left for Canada and the UK. He will spend some time at the Wenlock Hereford Stud in Hertfordshire before he returns to Australia.

Hugh Seward ('66) was elected Chairman of the Ormond Students' Club this year. He is the third Old Collegian to hold this office in the past five years. **Andrew Robson ('60)** was Chairman in 1969. **Ross Hepburn ('64)** was the 1972 Chairman.

Andrew Willett ('67) received his commission as 2nd Lieutenant at Portsea Officer Cadet School in 1972. Since then he has attended a school of Artillery at North Head and is now a Radar Section Commander at Holdsworth. He expects to visit the College before Christmas.

Robert Eastoe ('69) left Longerenong Agricultural College for New Zealand, where he will spend a year doing practical farm work, mainly connected with sheep and cattle. He plans to begin an advanced course at Lincoln College, Canterbury, NZ, after gaining this practical experience.

FAMILIES

News of the **NEW** brothers:

DAVID ('44) is design editor for the department of Press at Sydney University and is living at Balmoral Beach, NSW.

GEOFFREY ('48) is lecturer in Art at the Adult Education College in Gawler, SA.

JOHN ('49) is Dean of the University of Waterloo, Professor of History, Chairman of the Department of History and Political Science. He is a Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, and received the rare honour in Canada of Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. His home is in Ontario, Canada.

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and of the **CRAIG** brothers:

NEIL ('59), now resident in Rockhampton, has fishing interests in Yeppoon and is a director of Godwin Associated Companies.

GARTH ('63) spent some of his early days in London as travel manager for Celebrity Travel but has recently accepted appointment with the Bank of Boston in London where he is involved with an interesting variety of foreign exchange transactions. Mr. Watson (Headmaster, Prep School) and Chris Malkin are among those he has met while they were in London.

BOYD ('66) did a crash course in Spanish at Monash early in the year and left Australia in February to live and work in Spain. At present he is at La Coruna, in the north-west of Spain, where he is teaching English at a school for business men. He plans to return to Madrid later in the year.

PEOPLE BEHIND THE SCENE

Those who visit the College may wonder, at times, who is responsible for the smooth functioning of its many divisions. Office administration, building and grounds maintenance, catering and many other necessary duties must be performed.

Who look after these?

The evidence of their work is there. Who are they?

The College Office: This functions smoothly under the direction of the Bursar, **Mr. R. B. Jamieson**. With **Mr. H. P. Guthrie** (Accountant) and a bevy of beautiful young ladies, the clerical work is efficiently performed.

The Buildings: There is little that **Ray Deans** and his team are not able to accomplish to maintain the buildings in first-class condition.

The Grounds: This oasis is the handiwork of **Stewart Rankin** and his assistants, each expert in the field of garden and grounds maintenance.

The Catering: The way to a man's heart is via his stomach. **Jim Rennie** is well aware of this. To assist him he has **Mrs. Pell** and a number of cheerful lady helpers who make eating such a pleasure.

The Hospital: No one really wants to see **Sister Healey** or **Sister Lang**, yet they are always there to handle emergencies capably.

The Matrons: Morrison, **Mrs. Faulkner**, Mackie, **Mrs. Oswald** and Warrinn, **Mrs. Dale**. What would the boys do without them?

These are some of the people behind the scene. They help to keep the College running efficiently.

ON THE BALL

Mention of **George Milne** ('31) has been made in recent issues of 'Ad Astra' but extracts from an article which was published in the 'Sporting Globe' earlier this year must surely interest many Old Collegian cricketers.

"In 1935 George Milne was captain of cricket at Geelong College. A fast bowler, he took forty-eight wickets for the year. It was then a record for the greatest number of wickets for one season in Public Schools' cricket." (The College History and Pegasus credit him with forty-six wickets, but that was still a record—Ed.)

"Forty-eight wickets in one season in those days was a great effort because only five matches a season were played.

"That's thirty-eight years ago and today, although George is General Executive Manager of Sydney's new luxury twenty-five storey hotel, The Boulevard, he's still playing cricket.

"After leaving Geelong College, George played with VCA Colts and then with Melbourne. He was a recognised bat and fast bowler for Melbourne. Following service abroad with the AIF in World War II he returned to again play cricket for Melbourne.

"While gaining international executive hotel experience he played with Singapore CC (1964-66) and social cricket with the famous 'Non Benders XI' at Singapore.

"Malaysia saw George with the Selangor XI Social Club with another well-known Old Collegian, **Harvey Lade**.

"In Sydney competitive cricket he'll play with the Travelodge team.

"Although his work entails hours of executive duties, dealing with tourists of all nations plus the internal running of the hotel, George has proved that sport is not only a good foundation for business but also for mental and physical fitness."

COUNTRY GENTLEMEN

Polocrosse is a high speed game, played on horses and similar to polo, the difference being that the ball is picked up and thrown and not hit along the ground.

There are seven Old Collegians in the Casterton Polocrosse Club, the largest in Victoria: three **Carmichaels**—**Max** ('60), **Rod** ('68) and **John** ('70)—together with **Bill Coulson** ('58), **Wallace Koch** ('60), **Tony Laidlaw** ('56) and **Robert Lyons** ('61).

Of these, **Bill Coulson** with **Max** and **Rod Carmichael** played in the same 'chukka' in the Casterton team which represented Victoria in the Golden Racquet Tournament at Surfers Paradise, in June.

ON THE HOOF

Next time you pay \$1.40 per lb. for steak, don't complain. Recently the 'Craigielea' stud, Stratford, paid \$16,500 for Red Hill Burgess as an addition to their Hereford stud.

'Craigielea' is the home of Old Collegian **Jack Webster** ('28). His three sons are following in father's footsteps. **Rodney** ('61) is studmaster, **Paul** ('66) supervises the dairy herds and **Chris** ('69) is gaining valuable experience as an employee of meat-oric **Fred Herd** ('39).

THE KIRREWUR CUP

Race-goers are familiar with the scene near the saddling-paddock before the big event.

The crowd eyes the horses as they flex their muscles, and punters discreetly murmur their appraisal. Discerning glances are cast, doubtful heads are shaken. The curious mixture of social ease and nervous excitement make the occasion almost unique. But not unique.

The ante-room at Kirrewur Court on the night of Thursday, July 19, was similar. A gay throng gathered for the annual Council/Staff Dinner, and speculation ran high as to how the 'new boys' would handle the going in such experienced company.

Anxious members of the College Council asked trustworthy judges among old-time staff-members for advice. Whispered exchanges took place, resulting in confusion occasionally about who was really who in the big field.

Experienced campaigners shrewdly assessed who were the sprinters and who were the stayers. The slow starters were balanced against the brief-opening-funny-story-tellers who would then falter in the straight.

The browsing and sluicing were of their customary high and bountiful standard, and there was a whinny of excitement as the starters lined up at the barrier. Clerk of the course, **Dr. Norman Wettenhall**, presided in his firm and good-humoured fashion, acting also as starter.

No one actually shouted "They're off," but off they certainly were.

It was a great race, as usual, and each starter had the crowd on his side as he negotiated the tricky course bristling with obstacles. The cliché, the split infinitive and the spoonerism all claimed their victims. Likewise the story-everyone-knew-already and the cruel interjection.

The standard was high—the highest ever some said, inevitable, no doubt, with improvements in the breeding and training of teachers.

The judges declared the event a dead-heat, and even the worst prognostications of the tipsters did not materialise. Another Kirrewur Cup was over and it will produce its share of reminiscences in the College common-room.

Extravagant warnings will be offered about how poor **Bloggs** talked for too long and was summarily interrupted by the chairman, or of how poor **Figgins** told a story deemed scandalous and improper by the Presbytery members of Council. The most glib will be told that their speeches have to be in rhyming couplets or that the only acceptable attire is white tie and tails.

TENNIS ENTHUSIASTS

MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY NOW

O.G.C.A. v. COLLEGE

Wednesday, November 7

Ring the Executive Officer (21 1939) if you wish to match your skill and ability against the present College team.

COUNTRY CENTRES

On many occasions John Urbahns (OGCA President) has expressed his pleasure at the numbers who attend re-unions organised by country branches. These numbers include many from the cities and towns in which the re-unions are held but it is a tribute to their loyalty and interest that so many Old Collegians are prepared to travel very long distances to enjoy a pleasant evening with other Old Boys, and sometimes their wives, at these functions. No less tribute should be paid to the Branch Committees who spend valuable time in making the necessary preparations for these re-unions.

HAMILTON

The smorgasbord-style dinner at Hamilton Branch re-unions has been well received and the number present on July 28 (44) was greater than that of the previous year. There is opportunity throughout the meal for Old Boys to move around and meet each other over a plate or glass and the noise, at times, indicated that some rather remarkable escapades were being recounted.

This year Ian Hore-Lacy, senior biology master and master in charge of the boarders' senior resident group, spoke about work at the College in the science departments, with particular emphasis on the changing pattern of physical sciences as they relate to the agricultural field. Mr. Bob George, coach of the College 3rd VIII, showed film of some of the 1973 rowing and related the advantages of film of this nature for use in coaching.

The OGCA General Committee and Year Chairmen were represented by eight who travelled from Melbourne and Geelong.

GRAMPIANS

If you enjoy crowds, come to the Grampians re-union. The Willaura hotel management are never quite sure if they will have room to seat everyone. To date they have succeeded, but the committee will be giving the matter full consideration when planning the 1974 function. At the re-union dinner, held on 10th August, Ken Laidlaw retired after a two-year term as Branch President and the reins are now in the hands of J. S. B. Y. Woodburn (37). The meeting was able to convince Marshall Jackson that his services to the branch were too valuable to consider a change of Secretary.

A number of members of the OGCA General Committee and Year Chairmen attended. Ian Sheppard, master in charge of the general business education course briefly summarised the opportunities which this course offers to those who do not wish to proceed to University. A rowing film, shown by David Ramage, coach of the College 1st VIII, created considerable interest and discussion. When it was indicated that with a rowing-shell-trailer rowers could transport boats to Lake Bellfield for training camps, members voted an amount of \$200 toward the cost of this trailer and indicated their intention to provide the remainder of the cost within the next two or three years, so that the trailer could be specifically identified with the Grampians Branch.

ALBURY

The border town which attracts Old Boys from both NSW and Victoria always enjoys a small yet bright re-union. Malcolm Brown and Colin Watson were unanimously re-elected Branch President and Secretary, respectively. David Bent accepted the new appointment of Assistant Secretary.

Albury now invite both members and wives to their re-union dinner. This follows a short business meeting which is held while the ladies get to know one another. The Association was represented by President John Urbahns and Senior Vice-President Keith Doery. The Vice-Principal of the College (Doug Stott) spoke briefly of the work for which he is responsible, particularly that relating to the community life of the College. Twenty-four people enjoyed a pleasant evening on March 16.

GIPPSLAND

Here the traditional re-union is, in many ways, retained. Perhaps a little more formal than in other areas, yet the dinner jacket in no way inhibits the wearer. As usual the meal makes the long trip from Geelong to Maffra well worthwhile. The Old Collegians' banner hung behind the official table, the quality of the printed menu and the roll-call during the meal could almost be referred to as the symbols of the Gippsland Branch re-union. And yet, what a wealth of comradeship exists as Old Boys from near and far recount the escapades of yesteryear.

The Old Collegians' Association is indebted to members of the Dennis family for the indefinite loan of photographs of the 1905 and 1906 Geelong College football teams, each of which was Champion of the Schools Association of Victoria.

Rodney Webster ('61) is probably the youngest of all the Branch Presidents but he has much personal ability and with the experience of Secretary, Jack O'Brien, and a good committee, the Branch is in good hands.

A party of eight from Melbourne and Geelong including President John Urbahns, Past-President Bert Keith and Deputy-Principal Des Davey, visited the Branch and the overnight hospitality was greatly appreciated.

SYDNEY

This year John Cameron accepted responsibility as Secretary of the Branch as business commitments prevented Brian Kinder from continuing. As usual there was a good attendance and the Royal Automobile Club has proved to be a most suitable venue. Guest of the evening, Les Hatton ('54) is both an Old Boy and master at the Preparatory School and so was able to tell Sydney-siders something of what was happening at the College. Alan Scott (OGCA Honorary Secretary) was able to arrange his business commitments to allow time to attend and Past-President Leslie Reid had travelled from his new home, near Newcastle, to enjoy the evening.

The office of Branch President remains in the hands of Alan Rogers with John Cameron as Secretary.

LIVESTOCK HONOURS

Old Collegians continue to figure prominently in successes at sheep and cattle shows.

The following notes were gleaned from a recent issue of 'Stock and Land'. No doubt they are not fully comprehensive but they do indicate the excellent standards being maintained.

Rob Walker ('39) broke a six-year NSW hold on the top Merino stud award when he won the Lionel Weatherly trophy for the best exhibit of five Merino sheep at the 91st Australian Sheepbreeders' Association show in July. The 'Pleasant Park' stud had previously won the award in 1956 and again in 1961.

In addition to the above 'Pleasant Park' stud exhibits at the Horsham Sheep Show and Hamilton Show carried off several champion awards in ram, ewe and group classes.

Ken Moreton ('42) recorded the highest aggregate in the Corriedale section at Stawell and Ballarat Sheep Shows. He also received the champion award for shorn ram at Hamilton.

Hector Cumming ('24) exhibited the champion Polwarth ewe at the Hamilton Show.

Stuart Lewis ('61), John Gibson ('61) and Andrew McIntyre ('70) would also claim some share in the successes recorded by stock from their home properties.

On the administrative side, it is noted that:

Doug Hope Johnstone ('39) was British breeds convener at the Hamilton Show.

Don Vanrenen ('39) is treasurer of the Stud Merino Breeders' Association.

Rob Walker ('39) judged the fine and super-fine classes at Sydney Sheep Show.

John Richardson ('44) is a vice-president of the Victorian Stock Agents' Association.

Preparations are well in hand for re-unions in the following centres:—

BALLARAT

Friday, October 19
Re-union dinner

BENDIGO

Friday, November 9
Re-union dinner

The Executive Officer will be pleased to supply full information as to time and place to all Old Collegians who wish to attend these functions.

Veterans' Day YEAR GROUPS TO 1933

The College Council invites senior Old Collegians to join them at the College on Saturday, Oct. 20, 1973 when the Quadrangular sports will be in progress.

Please contact the Executive Officer, O.G.C.A., P.O. Box 5, Geelong, 3220, if you have not received an invitation.