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## THE COMPUTER comes to the college

Computers are becoming more and more part of our way of life. An understanding of how they work and what they are capable of doing is an essential part of modern education. The College has therefore begun to develop computer education and students are now gaining an appreciation of computers and computing processes.

The College owns a terminal (a teletype) which is connected to the mini-computer at the Gordon Institute of Technology. The teletype can be used at any time during the school day and, as a result of a generous arrangement made with the Gordon Institute, costs are minimal.

The student uses the computer by means of a computer language called BASIC. Sitting at the teletype, he types in a number of messages, each of which the computer understands and to each of which the computer responds. This is called interactive processing, where the student and the computer are responding to each other. Gradually the student builds up his computing skills in this way.

Computing studies are introduced in both third and fourth forms and computing is one of the extra-curricular activities for those in fifth and sixth forms. Trained staff members assist and encourage the students in their studies.

School uses of a computer:

1. The initial use of a computer in a school is for mathematical computation and the solution of mathematical problems. This is what a computer was originally designed for. Nowadays, the computer

makes possible the solution of vast mathematical problems which would take many man-years to solve with pencil and paper.

2. Disciplines other than mathematics, such as business studies and biological stimulations, may be demonstrated by use of the computer.

3. The large files in a library can be very conveniently stored on magnetic tapes or magnetic discs.

4. Applications of the computer such as preparation of payroll, accounts, name and address files, student records, school inventories and similar administrative functions can be readily handled.

5. Special programmes can be written to explore the area of remedial education. By



The mini-computer to which the College teletype is connected

gradually testing a person's skills in a subject, that person's strengths and weaknesses can be isolated.

This is by no means a complete listing of the possibilities of computer use in a school. In fact, the limitation on the use of a computer is the limit of man's imagination.

New areas of computer assisted instruction (CAI) and computer managed instruction (CMI) are being developed around the world. Some major problems of making the computer intelligent in its responses to the human being have yet to be solved. This area of computer intelligence is generally called 'artificial intelligence' or 'machine intelligence.' Many people are offended to think that a machine could be called intelligent. Intelligence is basically a process however, and that process may as well be performed by an electronic device as by a biological device.

The computing facilities now in use at the College and those to be introduced have an important place in the education of today's student. The instruction received will further his ability to use this modern technological equipment imaginatively, and thus further extend the total educational impact of the College.



The teletype machine being operated by Wally Hunt (Form VI)

## Significant Items from— THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Principal (Mr. P. N. Thwaites) welcomed the guest speaker, the Right Reverend G. A. Wood, a past pupil of the College (1927-1930), previously a member of the College Council (1950-1963) and now Moderator-General of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

Mr. Thwaites began his report by referring to the relationships and responsibilities which exist between school and community. The Principal and staff, he said, are responsible not only to the College Council, the Presbyterian Church and the widespread band of individual Old Collegians and other supporters but also to the parents of boys in the school at any given time. Ultimately, the College has a responsibility to the Australian nation in general. Mr. Thwaites said: "No school can or should operate in isolation from the outside community. Indeed, it has always been the tradition and assumption of this College that we should not only prepare boys for mature leadership within the community but that the College itself should set an educational standard which can serve to demonstrate to the whole nation what a good school should be like."

Mr. Thwaites continued: "The quality of work generally, the quality of games and the quality of the wide range of other activities such as cadets, music, the House of Guilds, and so on, has been good. The variety of opportunities continues to grow, but will have to be kept under careful examination on purely economic grounds."

Referring to staff changes, Mr. Thwaites mentioned two of special significance. During the year Professor John Watson joined the staff as co-ordinator of Religious Education, a position which Mr. Thwaites described in these terms: "We have recently been operating without a Chaplain at Senior School, partly because boarders are members of St. David's Kirk and are cared for by its Minister, Mr. Corr, but more particularly because of a growing conviction that both the specific religious education teaching in class, and the total religious, ethical, value-judgement experience of boys, should be the responsibility of the whole school community, and in particular of those members of staff who are convinced and knowledgeable Christians. But we do still need one man to co-ordinate such activity, to take an overall view of these matters, to see that there are no conflicts in our approach in and out of class and in our assemblies, and generally to act as counsellor to boys and staff. Professor Watson has already impressed us with the adequacy of both his academic qualifications and his experience to undertake these important responsibilities."

The other major staff change, of course, was the departure of Mr. Davey. In a brief review of Mr. Davey's service to the College, Mr. Thwaites said: "Desmond Drewitt Davey has spent twenty-four years on the staff of the College; six years before his appointment as Principal of Scots College, Warwick, and eighteen years since his return to the College in 1956. In 1958 he was appointed Vice-Principal, and in 1973 to the new position of Deputy-Prin-

cipal. He has therefore been my second-in-command during the whole thirteen and a half years of my Headmastership here. No Headmaster could have been better served. Over recent years Des Davey has been increasingly involved in the processes of curriculum development, which are now a prominent concern of all good schools, and he has established a reputation in this field throughout Australia. His work here as Director of Studies has created a degree of involvement by all staff in the planning and implementation of new academic approaches which will allow us to continue the process without serious disruption, despite his departure. Nevertheless, he will clearly leave a substantial gap which will be hard to fill because his involvement has been so complete and so all-embracing. We wish him and his wife a happy, fruitful career at Eltham College."

In his comments relating to the Council's decision that the College shall become co-educational, Mr. Thwaites said: "Very little will happen in this direction in 1974. We have already enrolled some girls at Campbell House, and we are constructing an extra classroom there so that we will have a capacity of about ninety boys and girls up to and including Grade 3. There may be some competition for these places in the future, so parents would be wise to take early action in applying for entry in 1975. We are also hoping for some girl enrolments in our Business Studies course at sixth form level next year, but these girls will not become full members of the College. They will simply attend this particular course. The Council will determine at its meeting next February whether we will accept girls at all levels, provided there are vacancies for them, including girl boarders in the Senior School, from the beginning of 1975."



Professor J. H. Watson

Mr. Thwaites continued: "In a report such as this, it is impossible to set out adequately all the arguments for or against co-education. In my view, and I believe in the almost unanimous view of the staff, the change is fully justified on two grounds. Firstly, whether we like it or not, the society into which our children must enter from school has broken down almost all barriers, whether physical or organisational, which separate men and women in their daily lives. As soon as they leave school, whether it is to go on to tertiary study or to commence a job, our young men and women will find themselves having to share their activities with one another in a much

more intimate and permissive atmosphere than ever before. We are doing them a serious disservice if we do not give them a period of preparation for this whilst they are still under the benign restraints of school life.

"But I believe there is an even more important reason for the change. The basic cause of many disharmonies and much of the unhappiness of our society today is directly linked with the break-down of family life, and the alienation of adolescents from adults. One of the major tasks of schools must be to help to reverse this sad trend by enriching family life, and by involving adults more and more in friendly, sympathetic, understanding co-operation with the young. We must cater for families rather than just for boys or girls. I hope that one of the early consequences of our move into co-education is that we will have brothers and sisters here together, and therefore parents who are even more intimately concerned with and involved in the activities of the College."

In his remarks relating to recent political developments in educational matters Mr. Thwaites said: "The three areas about which I believe we, as a Christian school community, should be most concerned are: firstly, the failure of the Government to produce educational measures which will strengthen family life, by providing opportunities for greater freedom of choice for and involvement by families; secondly, the creating by the Government of administrative machinery involving increasingly centralist bureaucracies which may threaten personal freedom of choice, and local decision-making; and, thirdly, the attempt to use the school system for processes of social engineering for which schools are inappropriate, and which are more properly the province of taxation and social welfare.

"Serious danger arises because Australians, and particular Australian politicians, are inclined to assume that if the Commonwealth Government provides any funds it must control in detail the spending of those funds, forgetting that the funds in the first place came out of the pockets of every Australian taxpayer . . .

"It is good that there should be more money for education, but there is a grave danger, as we have already seen demonstrated in various ways, that the distribution of that money will be centrally planned and controlled in such a way that local knowledge and initiative are discouraged, that families are not given freedom of choice, and that grave injustices are done to individuals in the name of simplicity, efficiency and equality. For example, equality of opportunity is a fine ideal, provided it is balanced by an equally firm determination to give and preserve freedom of choice. Presumably even the slaves in ancient Rome had equality of opportunity.

"It is because of the importance of these issues that the College Council has allowed me to become, for this year, the Chairman of the National Council of Independent Schools. I hope the College is proud of the part it has played in this important debate. . . . we must not contract out of our important responsibility to see that these issues are not overlooked by our default. All that the College has stood for over its one hundred and thirteen years may be at stake."

## TWO YEARS

(A message from the President)

This year, as my second term as President of the Association reaches its closing stages, I have the greater opportunity to review a two-year period of continued progress.

Some Old Collegians may not be fully conversant with the management process of the Association and will probably be quite surprised to learn that those who contribute to the administration of the multiplicity of activities of the Association number in the vicinity of one hundred. These are the members of our Advisory Council (General Committeemen, Branch Presidents and Secretaries, and Year Chairmen). In recent years it has been our practice to hold an Advisory Council meeting early in the year at which all members are invited to make whatever suggestions they feel may benefit the Association. It may be that a new idea is adopted, that an existing procedure is improved or that some activity of lesser interest or importance is discontinued. This is the strength of your Association—the adaptability of the management team.

To look at each of these briefly in their own particular avenue of service:

**The General Committee** has met regularly each quarter and has reached important decisions on matters which had already received the more detailed and specialised consideration of sub-committees.

It will be recalled by many that a record number attended the **Old Boys' Day Re-union Dinner** in 1973. This was the direct result of careful preparation by a sub-committee.

Greatly improved support was noted at the **Boat Race Ball**. In this case I am pleased to express my thanks to a very active and competent sub-committee of Old Boys of the younger brigade.

Last year I referred to the new library as the most prominent recent development at the College. Later this year many of you will have the opportunity to attend the opening ceremony and inspection of the new Warrinn boarding house. Work on this building has now begun, behind 'Moss-giel', and the active support given by so many Old Collegians through our **Annual Giving** sub-committee (of which Project Pegasus is a most important part) has helped materially to make this dream of many years a reality of 1974.

These are but examples of the work of the many sub-committees which function throughout each year to supplement the work of the General Committee.

**The Branches** have again enjoyed a year of success in the promotion of re-unions in country districts. Again new records were achieved in some districts. When reporting the formation of a new Branch at Bendigo last year I did not anticipate that I would be in a position to report a repeat of this performance this year. Nevertheless, this is the case, and I was very pleased to attend the inaugural re-union dinner of the Camperdown Branch on Friday, May 9, 1973, at which some eighty people were present at a husband/wife gathering. It is my further pleasure to report that the Ballarat Branch, which had been in recess for several years, also held a most successful re-union dinner on Friday, October 19, with an excellent attendance of thirty-five Old Boys.

# 'MAGGIE' MEMORIAL



The original 'Maggie' Memorial plaque—dimensions 18" x 13"

Old Boys from 1909 to 1950 will remember 'Maggie' (Mary McOuat). She will be particularly remembered by those who were boarders in Warrinn, many of whom experienced her kindness and later returned to place their sons in her care.

Shortly after her death in September, 1950, Old Collegians subscribed a total of \$1600 to a memorial fund.

**Year Chairmen**, in these early months of the year, have indicated a continued interest in their work in maintaining contact with their members.

During last year a number of newsletters were written by Year Chairmen and some group re-unions were held. In all cases the response indicated the pleasure which Old Collegians experience in maintaining contact with their old school friends. Replies to newsletters have also provided several interesting items for the notes about Old Boys which appear in this issue of 'Ad Astra'.

And finally, to our very new Old Boys—the 1973 school-leavers. It was a matter of considerable regret to me that, due to business commitments out of Australia, I was unable to be present at the meeting of welcome which followed the Valedictory dinner. It is most important that those who have so recently become members of the Association, should know that they are both welcome and an essential part of a continuing vigorous Old Collegians' Association; an Association which binds its Old Boys together and shows concern for them and for the College.

**Recent school-leavers, and all other Old Collegians, are reminded that they are not only an integral part of the Association but also an integral part of the College and that the College retains an interest in them always.**

The continued enthusiasm and interest of members of the Advisory Council, the co-operation and assistance of the present College Community and the strong support of Old Collegians in general has made my job as President for the past two years a real pleasure.

J. G. W. Urbahns  
President

The General Committee at that time resolved "That a suitably inscribed plaque be erected in Warrinn, the balance of the money to be invested and held until the building of new matron's quarters, when the investment be realised and the amount together with the interest earned be applied towards the building of matron's quarters, as the Committee of this Association thinks fit."

Last year the College Council converted a substantial portion of the ground floor area of 'Moss-giel' into new quarters for the Warrinn matron and the General Committee approved "... the use of the 'Maggie' Memorial Fund to defray, as far as possible, the cost of the new matron's quarters presently being constructed at 'Moss-giel'."

There were supplementary conditions which required that the matron's quarters be known as the 'Maggie' McOuat Memorial, that the original plaque with an explanatory plaque be placed in a suitably prominent position in the new premises and if at any time the Warrinn matron's quarters were relocated the plaques and the name shall be transferred to the new quarters.

These proposals had the full support of the College Council. The memorial fund, which had increased by interest accretion through the years, has been sufficient to defray the greater part of the cost of this work.

The original plaque and a smaller explanatory plaque will be placed on the front wall of 'Moss-giel,' between matron's sitting room and the linen room, as a memorial to 'Maggie.'



The explanatory plaque—dimensions 5" x 2½"

# LES GIRLS

The Geelong College history is noted for ventures that began in a quiet and unobtrusive way. No-one was able to say precisely what the outcome of these ventures would be. In reflection we have been grateful for the foresight and faith that was shown.

The 1974 school year ushered in yet another venture—the enrolment of girls at sub-primary level.

Spectacular?—No. Who could say that the attendance of five little girls at the Prep School was spectacular?

Significant?—Yes. The new venture has aroused considerable interest. A decision has been reached after much forethought which in years to come may be referred to as foresight.



A new class-room has been added to Campbell House and Mrs. Sweetman (Directress) is pictured greeting two of the five girls who will become part of the College history.

## HONORARY MEMBERS

The Constitution of the Association provides that: "All masters who are serving as full-time teachers at The Geelong College and such other members of the full-time staff as the General Committee shall determine and all members of the Council of The Geelong College who are not Old Boys, shall be honorary members for so long as they are so serving."

For several years it has been the practice of the Association to present an Old Boys' tie to each male member of staff who has served the College for a period of five years in recognition of his contribution to the welfare of the College.

### AND NOW LADIES

The General Committee realised that some members of staff, who had served the College faithfully and well for a long period, would never receive such recognition. The only reason was that they were not MALE members of staff and the presentation of a tie would not be appropriate.

It was therefore decided that the Association should have a brooch made for presentation to the ladies concerned.

## What Happens at The College During School Holidays?

### DIABETIC CLINIC of the ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

During the last two Christmas vacations the Preparatory School has been host to summer camps for diabetic children throughout Victoria.

It is necessary for the children attending to live-in during the whole ten days of each camp and the facilities of the Prep are ideal.

These are education camps for diabetic children. They learn to live normally with the knowledge of their need for specific medical care to permit normal activity.

The camps are supervised by trained staff which includes two nursing sisters, two medical students, a dietician and a resident medical officer.

At the senior camp the children are taught how to administer their own injections and plan correct diets. The juniors are supervised by diabetic leaders (mostly past camp students) who look after small groups and help with their medical care.

The children play various sports, go on day trips and hikes and have barbeques and concerts. They learn that their disability is not insurmountable and that they can lead normal, happy lives.

In ten, fifteen or twenty years' time it will be interesting to research the current activities of:

Elizabeth Susan Apted, Catherine Jean Black, Joanne Chisholm, Katherine Naomi Hatton and Andrea Elizabeth Patchett,

the first five girls enrolled at The Geelong College.

### MUSIC CAMP

The National Music Camp Association held its annual camp at the College again this year.

During January specially selected music students from all States moved into the Senior School. The students' ages ranged from fourteen to twenty-one, and they were supervised by a number of experienced and more senior musicians.

Tuition, practice, opportunity to learn from each other and to gain orchestral experience are the important elements in such a gathering.

Public recitals given towards the end of the camp gave the audiences clear proof of how effective the 1974 camp had been.

### OGC GOLF DAY

Warm and calm—just the day for a round of golf. That was the opinion of the twenty-eight Old Collegians and friends who hit-off on Tuesday, August 7, 1973, in the four-ball and individual bogey competition.

The course was in fine condition and some very good results were carded.

#### Competition winners were:

Roger Boddy/D. E. Wilson (Xavier) 5 up

#### The individual trophy went to:

Eric Thom 3 up

#### Two special competitions were won by:

Eric Thom—longest drive (18th)

Lindsay Cooke—nearest the pin (17th)

The courtesy of the Geelong Golf Club in reserving the course for this special event on the Association calendar each year is sincerely appreciated.

## SCHOOL SPORTING RESULTS

### CRICKET

v CAREY lost 90 & 4/163—172 & 9/78  
v HAILEYBURY lost 201—6/283  
v SCOTCH lost 202—8/208  
v G.G.S. lost 63 & 123—165 & 3/15

### TENNIS

v CAREY lost 2/59—14/136  
v HAILEYBURY lost 1/76—15/143  
v SCOTCH lost 3/88—13/133  
v G.G.S. won 9/115—7/98

### ROWING—HENLEY ON YARRA

2,000 metres—Final  
1st VIII—Second to Mercantile  
800 metres—Final  
2nd VIII—Second to Melbourne H.S.

### SWIMMING

Interhouse Swimming Sports:

McArthur	— 156	Mackie	— 75
Warrinn	— 126	Shannon	— 73
Calvert	— 95	Morrison	— 72



HONORARY MEMBERS — LADIES' BROOCH

## What Are Year Groups?

Every Old Collegian is a member of a Year Group. The Year Group in which an Old Boy is placed is the year in which he entered Senior School—or, in the case of a later enrolment, would have entered.

Members of a Year Group, therefore, are those who were in the same form-group as they progressed through Senior School. The date of leaving the College bears no relevance.

Each Year Group has a Year Chairman, and quite a number of these men send out a newsletter to their members at regular intervals. This is one means by which they perform their basic function of maintaining contact with the particular group of Old Collegians who are their special concern.

A Year Chairman is always interested in news of his members because this information is what he wants to pass on to others. It is obviously of assistance to a Year Chairman if his contemporaries take the initiative and tell him what they are doing, and what other less-communicative colleagues are doing.

It is also of assistance and encouragement to a Year Chairman to receive suggestions from his members on possible functions and re-unions which he could organise.

The Association is a large one and there are obvious advantages in dividing it into smaller administrative units. That is what the Year Groups are, and in conjunction with the Regional Branches and the Association as a whole, they are becoming a strong integrating force.

## LIGHTS UNDER BUSHELS

Any Old Collegian who has found 'Ad Astra' reports of what other Old Boys are doing of interest, should reflect that there are those who would be interested to know what HE is doing.

The editor is always interested in news of Old Boys, both about themselves and about others.

## OBITUARY

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

H. T. Shaw	('03)
H. C. Elvins	('04)
N. A. Thomson	('09)
A. V. M. Rankin	('09)
G. J. Watson	('12)
S. S. Barber	('16)
P. R. Heard	('19)
D. G. Sander	('21)
R. Muir	('23)
D. A. White	('24)
J. B. Iverson	('26)
N. R. Calvert	('33)
R. I. Menzies	('37)
Chang, Ron Pin	('69)

## Distinguished Community Service

In 1973 two Old Collegians received awards in recognition of their work in different fields of community service.

### Roy D. Birdsey

President of the Geelong Hospital Committee of Management since 1955.

Roy Birdsey was awarded the Community Service Award for 1973, which is granted annually by the Develop Victoria Council to honour a citizen of Victoria who has made an outstanding contribution in the field of community service.

The citation of the award made reference to Roy's many areas of service; Grace McKellar House, service clubs, youth activities, and his continuous service to the Geelong Hospital since his election to the Committee of Management in 1944.

In the broader field of hospital service he has been Chairman of the Victorian Hospitals' Association, foundation Chairman of the Barwon Hospitals' Regional Council, a member of the Victorian Hospitals' Superannuation Board since 1965 and a board member of Community Systems Foundation (Australia), which is engaged in research into the most efficient use of community facilities.

### Gordon D. Murray

President of the Geelong and District Community Chest since 1960.

Gordon Murray was presented with a Victorian Council of Social Service Community Service award in September 1973.

Gordon represented the Association of Apex Clubs of Australia at a conference in Montreal, Canada, in 1947 and it was during this visit that he learned of the Community Chest principle of charitable fund-raising.

In 1952 the Apex Club of Geelong formed a committee of four of its members, with Gordon as Chairman, to investigate the establishment of a Community Chest in Geelong.

Since the first campaign in 1954 the Geelong Community Chest has raised almost two million dollars, and today receives tremendous support from management and employed personnel in all sections of the Geelong business and industrial community.

## TWO RE-UNIONS

The College Council and the OGCA jointly sponsored a re-union of Old Boys of the years 1897-1933 on October 20, 1973.

In February, 1974, they again combined to organise a re-union of those of the 1934-1943 years.

Both were highly enjoyable occasions.

### Veterans' Re-union

There was heavy cloud and a rather keen breeze, and it was natural that there should be some degree of apprehension in the minds of the organising committee as to how many of the College Veterans would brave such conditions.

But they came, representing Year Groups 1902 to 1933. In all, there were fifty-six Old Collegians together with thirty-two wives and friends.

The programme, although not complicated, had been arranged to provide something of interest for all ages.

The initial assembly was in one of the day-boy common rooms below the Morrison Hall. Many remembered this area vividly as dank and dark changing rooms.

A display of historical photographs, cups and old records had been arranged and this prompted much discussion of the old days.

Luncheon was served in the Morrison Hall and following this guided tours of the College buildings were arranged.

Those who preferred to remain under cover watched the quadrangular sports on the College oval, or returned to the historical display.

A cup of tea and a final chat concluded an afternoon which will be remembered by many as a highlight of 1973.

### 1934/1943 Re union

(The following description of this re-union, received from one of those who attended, is published without editorial comment.)

"It was a joy to all those present at the gathering held at the College, for members of the '34/'43 year groups and a great number of their wives, to arrive at the pre-arranged reception point in the most pleasant weather we could have wished for. Members of Council and OGCA readily and quickly saw that arrivals were introduced to others who had arrived ahead of them. We were then issued with a brief itinerary of the day's activities and adjourned to the Morrison Hall, where we were officially and briefly welcomed by Mr. P. N. Thwaites, Dr. Norman Wettenhall and Mr. John Urbahns (Pres. OGCA). Everyone participated at this point in a leisurely enjoyed, splendid luncheon.

"After this fine meal those present had plenty of time to enjoy the company of many old friends and to view the display of historical records. When everyone had had an opportunity to participate in this way tours of the school and its buildings were organised, those present being gathered into three or four groups, which were conducted on their tours by members of staff.

"At the end of this most enjoyable and informative hour we gathered once again for a welcome cup of tea and chat, before everyone went their own way.

"On behalf of all those attending this wonderful day, from whom I heard many comments of pleasure and appreciation, I would extend to those responsible for all the organisation our sincere thanks. May we have further occasions such as this.

"Footnote: To all those who were not present this time. Come on chaps, make it a point to be there next time, with your wives, and take this opportunity of the pleasure of such an occasion, as we did."

## RE-UNION NEWS

The departure of Des Davey has not been the loss some expected it to be. Most people closely connected with the College have an uncanny feeling that he is still about the place.

The reason is obvious. For a long time he was so much part of the fabric that his influence endures, and will endure, for as long as the College stands. Council, staff, parents, boys, Old Collegians—all who make up the College family—have been influenced by who he is and what he did here.

Many tributes were paid to him on the occasion of his retirement to take up the headmastership of Eltham College. His relationships with College parents and with the Old Collegians' Association were close, and that is why 'Ad Astra' must also record its appreciation.

In his own right he was one of us. He was the father of three Collegians and he remains an Honorary Life Member of the OGCA.

Praising this man and his achievements is embarrassing because it is so like praising ourselves.

## THE STAFF

New members of staff at the commencement of this year are:

### Senior School

Mr. J. H. Douglass (Mathematics)  
Mr. P. R. Ferrier (Social Studies)  
Mr. D. M. Gilbert (Biology)  
Mr. W. J. Harris (Mathematics)  
Mr. A. Keats (Mathematics-Part-time)  
Professor J. H. Watson (Religious Education)

### Prep School

Mrs. C. M. Candy (Campbell House)  
Mr. P. J. Connor (Grade 5)  
Miss C. Kennedy (Music)  
Mr. G. D. Prior (English, Form 1)  
Mrs. M. Reilly (Remedial Reading)

Messrs. Prior and Connor are both resident housemasters in Rolland House.

### Returned from Overseas

Mr. M. B. Keary (Classics) has returned to the Senior School after absence of one year on leave.

## MAKING MUSIC

Graham Hair ('55) has added to his successes in the field of music.

He received the Albert Maggs award for composition from the University of Melbourne. This award is a commission to compose a chamber music work.

More recently he has been offered appointment as a Fellow at Princeton University, New Jersey. It is expected that he will leave Australia during July to take up this appointment at the commencement of his new academic year.

### WIMMERA (HORSHAM) BRANCH

Those who missed the Horsham dinner-dance on Saturday, September 29, 1973, missed a great evening.

That was the unanimous opinion of those who were there.

Some interesting facts:

There were fifty-two present.

It was evident that the wives of Old Boys of the Wimmera enjoy the mixed company function.

Participation by younger Old Boys was noticeable.

A number found the changed date more suitable.

Parents of boys now at the College expressed appreciation for invitations received.

Other Branches, the College staff and Year Groups were represented.

Mrs. John Kumnick wants to activate Old P.L.C. in the district and is interested to discuss the possibility of a combined re-union.

A short business meeting will precede the function planned for September 28, 1974.

### MALLEE/S.W. RIVERINA (MILDURA) BRANCH

A small but active group of Old Boys gathered at the Riverland Motor Inn on Saturday, September 22, 1973.

Branch President, Ray Wagstaff, extended a welcome to President John Urbahns, who gave a brief outline of developments at the College and mentioned activities at other Branches and among Year Groups.

The date for the 1974 re-union was advanced to Saturday, August 10, 1974, and the decision was made to invite Messrs. Des Davey and G. Logie Smith as guests.

### BALLARAT BRANCH

The efforts of a small group of Old Boys of the Ballarat district were amply rewarded by the response of those who attended the re-union dinner on Friday, October 19, 1973.

There had been no activity in Ballarat for some five or six years and some doubts were expressed as to the likely result of this venture.

But any doubts were dispelled when thirty-five Old Boys arrived to enjoy a smorgasbord meal at the Ballarat Club.

The evening was notable for the great variation in ages, ranging from Years '12 to '66. Year Chairmen had been active and helped to swell the numbers by arranging for their members to attend in groups.

The growing practice of Old Boys from other districts visiting Branch functions has been noted in recent years and there is no doubt that this adds much to the enjoyment of these occasions.

## MORE FAMILY FACTS

The PIPER brothers were, for a time, listed as 'address unknown' but have now been located.

BILL ('57)—is teaching at a small public school in Kent. Any of his old friends visiting England will be made welcome at "Windflowers," Warm Lake, Sutton Valence, Kent, England.

GEOFFREY ('60)—is married, has a daughter and is living in Melbourne.

HUGH ('63)—is also in England, but the only information to hand is an address c/o Bank of New South Wales in London.

The three DAVID brothers are engaged in various fields of science and technology.

ROBERT ('60)—spent three years in the building construction industry after completing his degree in Civil Engineering. He has now joined the project planning and management division of P.A. Management Consultants Pty. Ltd. in their Melbourne office.

GRAEME ('64)—obtained his degree in Agricultural Science and is now with the Department of Soil Conservation, stationed at Broadford.

MURRAY ('66)—has now commenced the fourth year of his degree course in Medicine at Monash University.

## Level-crossing

Old Collegians must sometimes pass like ships in the night, but collisions do occur. In fact, one occurred recently.

When John Urbahns takes time off from his duties as President of the OGCA, he indulges his passion for bizarre occupations as a member of the Victorian Railways Board. The Board likes trains, and therefore goes for rides in them whenever it can persuade a driver that this is all in the spirit of progress.

The centenary of the Melbourne/Wodonga rail link provided the justification for a pleasant trip, so the Board set off, stopping the train here and there to participate in ceremonies of commemoration.

One stop was made at Longwood where the Chairman of the Board planted a tree and as Urbahns stepped off the train he met the President of the Shire of Nagambie, Fergy Ewart ('37), whom he had not seen since 1942—which was only about seventy years after the rail link was established.

The Association is trying to find out whether the tree is to be adorned with a commemorative plaque. If so, the suggestion is made that the wording be as follows:

"This tree was planted to commemorate the meeting of John Urbahns and Fergy Ewart who had not seen each other since their schooldays at The Geelong College—and also to mark the centenary of the Melbourne/Wodonga rail link."

If the plaque is not big enough to fit so much on it, the last clause could be omitted.

# Personal Glimpses

## NEWS FOR '42

**Les Reid ('14)**, erstwhile President of the N.S.W. (Sydney) Branch, keeps in regular contact. He now lives at New Lambton Heights near Newcastle and is ever anxious to meet Old Collegians in this district.

**Andrew Wall ('25)** has resigned from his position as Town Clerk of Box Hill and accepted appointment as a member of the (Commonwealth) Grants Commission. It was unfortunate that his removal to Canberra and the Veterans' Re-union were both arranged for the same day.

**Don Ingpen ('27)** ran into trouble on his trip to Hong Kong. The security scrutiny at the airport resulted in the request: "you will be good enough to come to the manager's office, pliss, yes?" The episode ended happily. Moral: Don't carry a pocket knife on an overseas flight.

**Dr. Roy Muncey ('30)**, chief of the division of building research of the C.S.I.R.O., has been appointed President of the Victoria Institute of Colleges for the next two years. Dr. Muncey, who has been deputy president for the last two years, succeeds Sir Willis Connolly.

**Ken Nall ('37)** has been appointed divisional stores executive in the Myer group. Ken will be responsible for the operation of all Myer stores in the Melbourne suburban area, Victorian country and Tasmanian stores.

**Lindsay Cartwright ('38)** has been given three years' leave by the Presbytery of Melbourne East to undertake work in India with Moral Re-armament. He will be based at "Asia Plateau," Panchgani, one hundred and sixty-seven miles from Bombay.

**Dr. Max Burleigh ('40)**, who for some years was at Warracknabeal, has moved to Ceduna, S.A., where he is continuing his practice as a dental surgeon.

**Alan Holmes ('48)** was appointed manager at the West End Branch of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney in London in August, 1971. In a recent letter he mentions that he has enjoyed meeting many Old Collegians there and expects to return to Australia during 1974.

**Roger Vines ('49)** became the first Australian to hold the position of works manager with Alcoa when his appointment began on 1st February. After he obtained his Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) at the University of Melbourne he joined Alcoa at Point Henry, as production engineer (smelting) in 1963. He then became production manager (smelting) and in 1971 transferred to Western Australia where he was assistant works manager until his recent promotion.

**Noel Stubbs ('53)** was recently awarded an Australian-American Educational Foundation Grant for University Administrators. This is the first time one of these grants

has been awarded to a member of the staff of the University of Melbourne. Noel is statistical officer at the University and will study practices involved in the collection, presentation and analysis of information relevant to resource allocation in tertiary institutions in North America and Europe.

**David Kefford ('56)** is now working in Perth, W.A., with the Australian Broadcasting Commission. His work as an education officer involves the production of TV programmes for schools.

**Ross McConahey ('60)** received the Geelong Chapter Jaycee of the Year award and has been referred to as '21st birthday boy', as his award co-incided with the chapter's 21st anniversary. Ross was secretary of the chapter's council and chairman of the diary committee last year. He joined Geelong Jaycees in 1971.

**David Lamont ('61)** has gone to Malaysia for two years.

**Brent Waters ('61)** is now in Ottawa, Canada, doing a four-year post-graduate course in psychiatric medicine. His wife and small daughter are there with him.

**Alan Julien ('63)** is now with the media, employed as a journalist with the Geelong Advertiser.

**Max Duggan ('63)** has been appointed to the staff of radio 3KZ, Melbourne. Prior to this appointment Max spent nearly six years on the staff of radio 3BO Bendigo.

**Kenneth Crawford ('63)** is a resident master at Haileybury College boarding house—Rendall. This year he commenced study at the University of Melbourne Conservatorium of Music for a Bachelor of Music degree.

**George Boyan ('64)** is following up his first-class honours degree in Zoology by undertaking a Ph.D. in Crustacean Bio-acoustics within the Zoology Department of the La Trobe University.

**Andrew Hutchison ('64)** is back in Geelong after two years in Western Australia with the Hammersley mining organisation. His present intention is to study for matriculation.

**Robert Head ('64)** spent a short time in the Public Service after gaining his Bachelor of Economics degree at La Trobe University. He is now with Thomas Borthwick and Sons working in the field of industrial relations.

**Robert Jeremiah ('65)** was elected President of the Whitney College Students' Club last year while a Law-Commerce student at the University of Melbourne.

Fred Elliott received some interesting replies to his newsletter, sent to members of the '42 Year Group.

**Peter Warren**, appointed initial representative of the National Bank of Australasia Ltd. in mid-town Manhattan, N.Y., in 1972, hopes to be home on leave in July, 1974, with his wife and two children.

**Ken Fargher** is now at R.M.I.T. after lecturing in Graduate School of Business at the University of N.S.W. and later in a position with the C.S.R. He passed on the news that **Barry Alsop** is in Washington, U.S.A.

**Keith Lane** has a printing business in Brighton. Keith says "We flog out office and school supplies."

**Rev. Bill Edwards** will be studying at the Pacific Theological College and University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji, this year.

**Peter Campbell** is histo-pathologist at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne.

**Barry Thomas** is a senior lecturer and currently Dean of the Faculty of Education at the University of Papua New Guinea. He is specialising in Administration in Developing Countries and assisting to prepare the indigenous population to take up senior administrative positions in the Department of Education.

**Don Grant** has been appointed Headmaster of Broadmeadows High School.

**Rev. Bruce Mackay** is celebrating his tenth year as minister at Ararat. He occupies the position held for thirty-eight years by Rev. J. J. Spalding, the grandfather of Alan and Ian Spalding.

**John Duigan** has left the Kyneton district and now lives in the middle of Bass Strait. He has a farm on Flinders Island, which, he says "... really is a beautiful place."

**Graeme Chisholm ('65)** completed his Accountancy course at the Gordon Institute last year, and has commenced work with Godfrey Hirst & Co. Pty. Ltd. in Geelong.

**Chris Grainger ('65)** spent his honeymoon in Singapore and is now a dairy research officer at Ellinbank Research Farm near Warragul.

**Kenneth Duggan ('66)** obtained his higher diploma of secondary teaching and has been appointed to the staff of Newlands High School, Coburg.

**Rob. Hastie ('67)** is in the employ of a Geelong masonry firm. He was recently promoted to regional sales manager.

**Adrian Holbrook ('68)** has been appointed a cadet health inspector with the Geelong City Council.

**Stephen Milne ('69)** is studying Agricultural Science at the University of Adelaide where he continues his interest in animal life and genetics.

**Philip Thompson ('70)** answered an advertisement which was posted on the College notice board late in 1973. As a result of his application he has joined the staff of John Connell and Associates where he is engaged in environmental draughting.

## Year Group '70

Chairman: Glen Amezdroz  
7 Maher Court, Werribee

Glen wants to know what last year's leavers are doing. He has started a list and urgently requires additions and corrections.

### UNIVERSITIES

#### MELBOURNE

Physical Education: Glen Amezdroz  
Engineering: Charles Bryant, Daryl Lawrence, Richard Lyon, Gregor Matheson  
Arts: Stuart Crosby, Peter Richardson  
Science: Andrew Johnstone  
Medicine: Geoff Winkie  
Town Planning: David Steel

#### LA TROBE

Economics: Scott Chimside, Tom Mullins

#### MONASH

Economics: John Macleod, David Morris

#### JAMES COOK—TOWNSVILLE

Marine Biology: Chris Bonfield

#### QUEENSLAND

Arts (Music): Bruce Mellor

### THE GORDON INSTITUTE

Business Studies: David Aingimea, Stephen Jones, Ross Mallett, Warwick Oman, Lance Wiffen  
Engineering: Michael Bott, Peter Dahnt, Chris Fenner, Trevor McMurrich  
Applied Chemistry: Peter Gallagher, David Herd  
Architecture: Tony Gibbs, John Lucas

### FOOTSCRAY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Catering and Hotel Management: Tim Carroll, Rod Wade  
Applied Chemistry: Ian Rose

### GEELONG TEACHERS' COLLEGE

Primary Teaching: John Fenton

### OTHER OCCUPATIONS

Lionel Fritz—Returned to Nauru  
David Grant—Home on land  
John Head—Apprentice, Alcoa  
David Hobbs—Home/Uni, 1975  
Andrew Keen—Crown Law Department  
Rowan Macdonald—The Royal Military College, Duntroon  
Peter Nicol—Bank Officer  
Graeme Shanks—Box Hill High/Matric  
Philip Thompson—Environmental draughting  
Peter Whyte—Teaching in Fiji

### OLD COLLEGIAN WEDDINGS

Maxwell Duggan to Judith McCulloch, Bendigo, March 17, '73.  
David Watson to Angela Lancaster, Geelong, October 12.  
Roger Nation to Beryl Coverdale, Geelong, October 13.  
Roger Lamb to Susan Gayer, Geelong, November 2.  
Kim Gorell to Helen Bone, Geelong, November 10.  
Christopher Grainger to Elizabeth Boekel, Koo-Wee-Rup, December 1.  
Trevor Chatham to Josephine Biles, Adelaide, December 2.  
Ross McBride to Lorraine Jones, Melbourne, December 8.  
Alan Bailey to Helen Lovell, Geelong, December 30.  
Ernest McArthur to Rita Bonneville, Crysler, Ontario, Canada, December 25.  
Peter Betts to Lynne Parker, Geelong, January 11.  
Robert Chishalm to Rosanne O'Keefe, Geelong, January 5.  
Peter Mitchell to Corinne Nicholas, Pt. Lonsdale, January 5.  
John Faulkner to Heather Hunt, Geelong, January 12.  
Jonathan Cole to Sally Macking, Geelong, January 18.  
David Henton to Frances Scholtz, Elwood, January 21.  
John Fewtrell to Helen Pizzoni, Angleson, February 1.  
David Wood to Jane Atherton, Geelong, February 1.  
Peter Hepner to Norma Winkelmann, Geelong, February 2.  
Andrew Carr to Elaine Don, Murrumbidgee, February 22.  
David Selman to Dorothy Marsden, Noorat, March 2.  
Ian Keith to Susanna Pilgrim, Adelaide, March 9.

## SPORTS SHORTS

### CRICKET—OGCA V COLLEGE

Normally 'boarders return' is rather irksome to a school boy and all possible delaying tactics are used to reach school as late as possible, within permissible limits.

Not so cricketers, or would-be cricketers, of the First XI on 'boarders return' day in each new year.

This is the day when College plays the Old Boys. Who knows, a century against Mike Gretton-Watson and John Rooke or a hat-trick, with Paul Sheahan the meat in the sandwich, may mean selection in the First XI, for the coming season.

The result this year was a win for the Old Boys:

College—156 for 8 wickets (time expired)  
OGCA—178 (all players batted)

The best performances were:

#### Batting:

OGCA—Mike Gretton-Watson, 52 retired  
Bill Farrow 35

College—Michael Vines 28, Jamie Davidson 26

#### Bowling:

OGCA—Rodney Robson 3 for 9

College—Tony Carter 2 for 17

Three Old Boys were the victims of run-out decisions, one of them claiming that he had been confused by metric conversion of linear measurement.

### TENNIS—OGCA V COLLEGE

The old brigade marginally defeated the College team in the annual encounter.

All sets were closely contested, with the Bell brothers still exhibiting masterly control in their stroke play.

The final result:

College 4 sets 44 games

OGCA 4 sets 55 games

### FOOTBALL MERGER

This year sees the emergence of the Old Geelong Football Club. The newly-named Club was formed when the Old Geelong Grammarians' Football Club adopted a resolution to invite the Old Geelong Collegians' Association to be co-sponsors with them on an official level.

In past years increasing numbers of Old Collegians have been associated with the club under the Old Grammarians' banner; some of the notable achievements being: Mike Gretton-Watson—100 games; Lyn Bullen—best and fairest 1971; Stephen Anderson—runner-up 1973; and Dick Hobday—captain of reserves 1972.

The General Committee of the OGCA accepted the invitation to co-sponsor the re-constituted Club which is financially self-supporting, thus providing Melbourne-based Old Collegians with the opportunity to retain their link with the College through football.

## FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

### MELBOURNE DINNER DANCE

STARDUST — ST. KILDA

Saturday — October 5

DEAR DIARY — A MUST

### OLD BOYS' DAY RE-UNION DINNER

IN THE COLLEGE

DINING HALL

Saturday, June 29

BOOK EARLY

to avoid disappointment

### BOAT RACE BALL

New Venue

ABERDEEN CHATEAU  
NEWTOWN

Friday, April 5

\$13 DOUBLE  
All inclusive

Tickets now available  
from OGCA Office