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ADVANCE KEEP PACE WITH THE TIMES WITH PANACHE, FINESSE — STYLE

The Principal, Mr. S. P. Gebhardt, was the major speaker at the Old Collegians' Annual Reunion Dinner in July.

As this was the first occasion since his appointment that Mr. Gebhardt spoke to such a gathering, the substance of his remarks is reported here.

His theme was "style". "Style," he said, "is elusive; it is easier to say that it is not there than to say what it is; it is easier to recognise it than to define it. Nevertheless, however indefinable it may be, we must seek after it and not knock it when we do recognise it."

Speaking of the importance of style in a civilised community, Mr. Gebhardt said, "Quality has to be maintained by the standards of society, by that society's sense of style. Style has to be encouraged, appreciated and rewarded; any counter-valuing ugliness or barbarity must be derided and scorned — Style is a pleasure, a grace, a delight and a joy. The person with style seeks allegiance with and to a civilised society, not to the yahoo, nor to the common ethos of the job and the slob."

Mr. Gebhardt spoke of the responsibility of educators to reconcile "the uniqueness of the individual with the wholeness of society" so that "the whole of society must try to understand the uniqueness of the individual, and the individual the wholeness of society."



A view of the original College building — 1871

On this point, Mr. Gebhardt said, "What education must strive to do is to bring into balance the forces that make up a person's uniqueness; the rational, the physical, the spiritual and the emotional forces must be integrated — then we will have people of integrity, not lop-sided people forcing upon us a lop-sided society."

Mr. Gebhardt spoke of the role of the College itself in undertaking its share of responsibility in modern society. "Within

a school of this size," he said, "one must develop small enclaves of excellence, echelons of excellence, all committed to doing whatever they do with a sense of perfection and grace."

Speaking of change, Mr. Gebhardt related this to the need for constant re-appraisal and improvement. "I am sure Geelong College will change," he said, "will advance and will keep pace with the times. I only hope this can be done with panache, finesse, élan — style. That is not an easy prescription because it is very un-Aussie, un-oz, to be stylish."

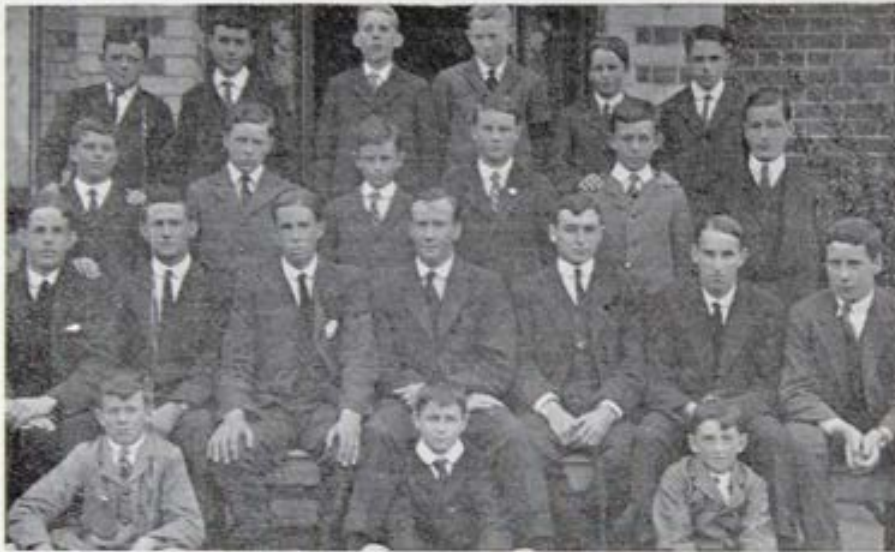
In his concluding remarks Mr. Gebhardt looked to the future. "Let us at Geelong College ensure for the future men and women of proportion, men and women committed to style, quality and excellence, men and women who are responsive and responsible, men and women who will fight — by example — for a society in which the civilised values will prevail against the uncivilised, the sensitive people will prevail against the insensitive, a society where taste and discrimination will drown the distasteful and the degrading, where the elevated and the ennobling will be seen to be worthwhile, where vision and vitality will erase short-sightedness and sloppiness, where the shabby and shoddy will not be allowed to pass unnoticed. Growth ought to be a civilising process and a school and its community is desperately concerned with the preservation and growth of a virtuous and beautiful civilisation."



Almost the same view today — 1976

SECOND GENERATION COLLEGIANS — 1916

This photo depicts sons of Old Collegians who attended the College in 1916.



W. Waugh, E. Waugh, T. Harvey, J. Madden, J. V. Palmer, J. D'Helin, C. McArthur, D. W. Hope, D. Morrison, R. K. McArthur, C. C. Bell, J. A. Wilson, M. N. Phillip, W. R. Macpherson, I. A. Campbell, L. E. Reid, J. H. Wough, E. N. Phillip, J. W. Hope, E. T. Greeves, G. Wough, T. Baird.

A photo of students now attending the College — sixty years later — who are third or fourth generation Collegians would be a valuable addition to the College historical records.

To ascertain who these students are would involve considerable research.

Parents or grandparents are invited to submit information relevant to the three or four generations of their family who have attended the College and from the information received it is hoped that a permanent photographic record may result.

Please address this information to: The Editor, 'Ad Astra', The Geelong College, P.O. Box 5, Geelong, 3220.

EDUCATION IS NOT JUST THE 3 R's

There is such a wide variety of activities at the College that it is difficult to reach a firm conclusion as to where formal education merges with that which is less formal.

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In Term II a series of **House Debates** was held. The subjects for these debates were of a varied nature, including for example: 'That Australian TV simply reflects the intelligence of the average Australian' and 'That those affected by decisions should have some say in the making of those decisions'. Fifteen subjects were debated and valuable experience was gained by those who participated.

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A **Form V work experience week** was planned for the final week of Term II. This provided the opportunity for many students to see at first hand how a business organisation operates. Much of the students' time was spent in looking, but to look is to learn and by this experience the fear of that first day at work will be lessened.

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Each term groups of students travel to Melbourne to see plays presented by the **Melbourne Theatre Company**, most of them being relevant to the curriculum.

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Encounter is a series of talks covering a wide range of interesting subjects. Conchology, Port Phillip Bay, 'the Rip' and its wrecks, and overseas travel are ex-

amples. The talks generate a widening interest in the world and broaden the students' field of vision.

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Seventeen members of the Form V biology class spent part of a term vacation at a **Biology Camp**. In addition to the normal program of environmental studies, they prepared their own meals, girls and boys accepting an equal share of all work. The scope of involvement and interest was rewarded by personal enjoyment and achievement.

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The **College Players** is the all-embracing title of the large group of students who rehearse regularly to produce plays performed at intervals during the school year. Recent examples have been 'Black Comedy', performed by Form VI students, and the fantasy 'Thurkaari — Demon of the Curry Powders'. Dramatic productions such as these enable the players to display their dramatic ability.

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There are those who take the stage only when the curtain comes down at College plays. Willing hands working in the **House of Guilds** provide almost all the backdrops, scenery and stage settings for these productions. The skill of the craftsmen and the ability of the players combine to provide creditable performances.

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GLIDING

Since 1974 gliding as a school activity has enabled boys to participate in a five-day introductory course organised by the Gliding Club of Victoria at Benalla.

In the first year J. C. McKenzie, R. P. Walpole, W. Spratt and S. B. Thomson learned the basic techniques of gliding under the watchful eye of chief flying instructor Ed McKeough. During this initial course the boys established an excellent relationship with the instructors and members of the Gliding Club.

The following year R. P. Walpole and W. Spratt were the first College students to experience the thrill of being completely alone on their first solo flight with their own lives and an expensive aircraft entirely dependent on their newly-acquired skill. After receiving the customary soaking from a bucket of water the boys then soothed the instructors' nerves in the traditional manner.

Due to poor weather conditions C. E. Ballinger, R. E. Champlon, G. R. Bridges and R. J. George finished the year only a few flights short of soling. However, this year Ballinger and Champlon should also reach the stage of soaring **alone** and be able to pass on some of their knowledge and experience to R. Kelso, D. G. Pavia, J. D. Olliff and S. A. H. Adcock.

The fact that the boys are treated as individual adults is only one of the many valuable experiences gained by attending the course. Perhaps the most important lesson learned is that of **self-discipline**. When seemingly casual instructors take extreme care over aircraft inspection, pre-flight and pre-landing checks the boys learn that to gain any new skill, particularly one with an element of danger, a very disciplined approach is required.

Thanks are extended to Pearce Talbot, the production manager at Avalon, for arranging several excursions to see the development of the Nomad and also to Group Captain Law who assisted the group with RAAF training films.

Mr. Bruce McLeod, the member of staff responsible for this activity, is forever on the look-out for new ideas and new opportunities for students to gain additional knowledge of aircraft production, simulated flight instruction and similar technical data in the field of aeronautics. He would be glad to hear from anyone who could help to provide opportunities of this nature.

This extra-curricular activity proved of such interest to **Craig McKenzie ('71)** and **Ronald Walpole ('72)** that they have now begun their flying career as students at the Royal Australian Air Force Academy at Point Cook.

A **Film Society** was formed this year with the idea of showing a variety of stimulating films to be followed, where appropriate, by a discussion over supper. The members of the Society include staff, parents and any other interested adults as well as a small number of senior students. The eight evenings so far held have been most successful and another four have been planned for Term III.

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These are some of the College activities which, combined with the academic and sporting programs, add to the experience of those who participate.

COLLEGE COUNCIL

Each year the College Council spends a full day in session to consider all aspects of the College operation, both immediate and long-term.

Matters which were determined at the meeting held in July included the following:

(a) boarding will cease at the Preparatory School as from the close of the current academic year. Any boarders at Preparatory School levels will, in future, be housed in the Mackie House area.

(b) additional accommodation will be made available to provide for increased enrolments at Preparatory School levels.

(c) architectural plans for extended accommodation at Campbell House have been requested.

(d) the College architects have been requested to investigate matters regarding use of accommodation within the main school building at Senior School, including the possibility of establishing an exhibition/display centre.

(e) the appointment of a planning group is proposed to investigate the development of a creative arts centre on the Aphrasia Street frontage, with the object of consolidating all creative activities such as music, art, craft, etc. in one place.

Bequests

The following bequests to the College are acknowledged with sincere appreciation:

the late Ruby M. J. Williams	\$500
the late Vautin H. Andrews, O.B.E. to provide the A. T. Andrews Memorial Prize	\$1,000
the late Jack McLennan for the establishment of an entrance scholarship	\$5,000
the late Louis M. Whyte for the Building Fund	\$10,000

OBITUARY

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

R. W. Littlejohns ('05)
E. R. Cavanagh ('06)
J. W. Robertson ('15)
J. W. Sheahan ('22)
G. S. Gray ('23)
N. S. Parry ('24)
R. A. Windsor ('24)
E. F. Prior ('26)
A. C. Hardy ('28)
E. S. Smith ('28)
A. G. McArthur ('31)
E. H. Williams ('32)
J. A. C. McDonald ('38)
G. C. McDonald ('51)
M. L. McDonald ('56)
R. H. Thomas ('66)
A. J. Henderson ('71)

RETIREMENT

Mr. Geoffrey J. Betts

Geoff Betts, an Honorary Life Member of the OGCA, has been a member of the College Council since 1958.

These have been difficult years financially for independent schools and Geoff's background of business experience as managing director of Target Australia Pty. Ltd. and group director of the Myer Emporium Ltd. has been of inestimable value to the College.

He recently retired from his business managerial posts and also from his position as Chairman of the Finance Committee but he will retain his seat as a member of the College Council.

Geoff Neilson ('42) will succeed him as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

CONGRATULATIONS Albert B. Bell

Late in March it was announced that Mr. Albert Bell had been awarded the Geelong and District Community Service Award.

Albert's service to the College, particularly his many years as coach of the 1st VIII, was acknowledged in 1967 when he was elected an Honorary Life Member of the OGCA.

The Community Service award recognises his outstanding work in a wide field of community service.

Mr. Donald Webb

Mr. Donald Webb left the College at the end of second term to take up the position of Executive Officer of the Regional Galleries of Victoria.

He takes with him the best wishes for success and happiness in this important task from all at the school and from the many others whose lives are the richer through their contact with him.

Mr. Webb's connection with the school began in 1939 and has continued ever since except for a few years in the late 1940's.

His most important responsibility was as warden of the House of Guilds and he occupied this post for thirty years. No one with any knowledge of this school could fail to recognise the significance of this post. Indeed, Geelong College was one of the initiators of an area of education now so widely accepted that it is easy to assume that it has always been an integral part of every school's program. In its early days, however, the House of Guilds was a startling innovation and Mr. Webb was among those to whom credit must be given for developing it.

As a senior and respected member of staff, Mr. Webb in recent years has been invaluable both officially and unofficially. Officially, he has 'held the fort' in 1972 as Acting Vice-Principal and in 1976 as Acting Headmaster of the Preparatory School. Unofficially, and perhaps this is an even greater measure of his calibre, he has been in recent times the doyen of the staff common-room. Tactful and considerate, wise and humane, he has been a good friend.

Mrs. Webb shares with her husband the affection of the College family and although their departure from the College will necessarily mean that contact is less frequent it will not lessen the depth of such a long friendship.

NEW HEAD OF PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Mr. I. W. Macmillan, B.Com. (Melb.), B.Ed. (Calgary), M.A.C.E., has been appointed headmaster of the Preparatory School to replace Mr. I. R. Watson who retires at the end of this year.

Mr. Macmillan is an Old Collegian, is married and has four children.

He has had wide experience in education in Australia and overseas. Currently he is a lecturer in the Institute of Special Education at the State College of Victoria (Burwood).

He will take up his appointment as from January 1, 1977.

A Memorial

The united action of the College Council and the OGCA has provided a fitting tribute to commemorate the great interest in the College of the late Louis M. Whyte and the substantial contribution which he made toward the establishment of the Preparatory School on the Fyansford Hill.

The Fellow Certificate which was presented to Mr. Whyte when he was elected one of the first Fellows of the OGCA was returned to the Association by members of Mr. Whyte's family to be preserved among the historical records of the College.

This certificate has now been mounted in a glass case in the entrance hall at the Preparatory School, together with a suitable inscription, in order that future generations of Collegians may be constantly aware of the significance of Mr. Whyte's association with the College and particularly with the Preparatory School which is built on part of his family property.



Mr. D. Webb

MR. D. W. STOTT

At the end of Term I Mr. Stott left the College to take up his appointment as Principal of St. Peter's Collegiate Girls' School, Adelaide.

In 1973 Doug Stott was appointed as Vice-Principal with particular responsibility for the community life of the College. The value of his work in this field is reflected in many areas of the boarding houses today.

He became Deputy-Principal in 1974 following the departure of Mr. D. D. Davey and during 1976 accepted full responsibility as head of the Senior School.

Many expressions of goodwill were extended to Doug and his family as they returned, from whence they had come, to Adelaide.

OFFICE-BEARERS 1976-77

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D. L. Cameron, G. W. Johns

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Elected Members

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

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PARENTS' & FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

At a general meeting held on Monday, July 12, 1976, there was enthusiastic support for a project, submitted as a recommendation from the committee, to assist with the development of an Arts and Crafts Display Centre at the College.

Mr. Brian F. Kemp, who was for some time Director of Arts and Crafts at the Preparatory School, spoke on aspects of the importance of arts and crafts in education.

The Principal (Mr. S. P. Gebhardt) emphasised the pressing need for a display centre and the Vice-Principal (Mr. M. F. Murray) outlined the practical steps which could be taken by parents in a collective effort to assist in the development of this project.

The initial planning of activity was placed in the hands of the committee with power to co-opt. A special committee meeting was held at which a program of activity was discussed.

It is hoped that the interest of all parents will be gained as the purpose of this project is to provide necessary equipment so that the art and craft work of pupils may be displayed at regular intervals. This will help stimulate interest in an important area of activity which merits greater emphasis than is now given.

Students' art and craft work will be displayed at the social evening to be held following the annual athletic sports meeting on Saturday, October 16. Another display of this work will be arranged for Saturday, November 6, in conjunction with Form VI speech day.

The furniture and equipment required

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

The Albert Bell Club provided an interesting diversion on the Friday morning prior to the Head of the River heats.

All members of the 1956 winning 1st VIII crew had been contacted and asked to make a special effort to be in Geelong so that the crew might take to the water again after a twenty year lay-off.

Six of the crew, together with the cox, were there.

This veteran crew looked almost ready to challenge the youthful oarsmen who were to contest the afternoon events as they set out for the starting line! The return lap was interrupted on several occasions in order to conserve energy for a full-powered burst across the finishing line.

The crew seating: Stewart McArthur (Str), David John — 1957 (7), David Colthness (6), Derek Norwood (5), David Ramage (4), John McDonald (3), Wally Lawler — 1955 (2), Peter Campbell (Bow), Tony John (Cox). Apologies were received from Dally Messenger (2) and Duncan McDonnell (7) who were not able to be there.

THE 'JHC 2'

Year after year the power boat 'JHC', used by coaches for crew training, gradually deteriorated until the time came when a new power boat became a necessity. The College Council approved the suggestion made by the Albert Bell Club that the new power boat be christened 'JHC 2' by the man himself — J. H. Campbell — on the Friday morning prior to Head of the River heats.

'JH' is pictured as the new boat is showered with champagne at the christening ceremony.

for the display centre will be purchased piece by piece as funds become available. This equipment will be used for display of art and craft work in various areas of the school and will be of a quality and style suitable to be included as part of the permanent furnishings of the display centre.

All parents and friends of the College are invited to attend the functions at which these displays will be mounted.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENT EFFORT

The Parents' and Friends' Association learned that students at the College planned to improve the furnishings and amenities of the House Common Rooms by their own effort.

The purchase of materials to be used in effecting these improvements is beyond the financial ability of the students alone.

A general meeting of the Parents' and Friends' Association adopted a recommendation submitted by the committee "that the Association offer \$100 to each House as an incentive to assist pupils to improve the House facilities, such moneys to be distributed at the discretion of the Principal".

VOLUNTARY HELPERS AN EXPRESSION OF THANKS

Many parents and friends of the College give willingly of their own time to help in various ways at the College.

The library and physical education staff have been greatly assisted in this way recently. Parents have appreciated the valuable role of those who conduct the used-clothing pool. Visitors to school functions have enjoyed afternoon tea served by voluntary helpers.

People who work behind the scenes are seldom praised for their good work. They deserve sincere thanks for their generous contribution to the welfare of the College.

MEMORIES

Don Macmillan ('41), a member of the 1944 winning head of the river crew and currently coach of the Scotch College 1st VIII, sculled down memory lane when he wrote, "I found the paragraph in the March 'Ad Astra' on the naming of the two sculls R1 and R2, most interesting.

"When at school I used to wonder why they were given such unusual names, but now I see that it was short for Ronaldson. One wonders if these craft, viewed by so many of us with both apprehension and affection, were named after the fashion of the first two submarines in the Australian Navy — AE1, AE2 and later J1, J2, etc. If so, they were very aptly named, as many Collegians over the years will testify. I have seen them submerge with most spectacular crash dives on numerous occasions."



College Sport

Some good results have been achieved in the winter sporting fixtures.

Football: The 1st XVIII had a good season. It did not win the premiership but it suffered only one defeat.

The match played against Scotch College on Old Collegians' Day was a real cliff-hanger. Scotch moved to a substantial lead during the third quarter but College rallied in the final quarter to level the score at the final siren.

Final results were — won 6, lost 1, drawn 1. The 1st XVIII finished third in the APS competition.

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Cross Country: There has been a significant improvement in the number of students participating in the APS/AGS cross country competition in recent years and performances have been quite pleasing. Alex Finlay and John Harbison have performed particularly well in the Open age group with best performances of ninth place (four times) and eighth place, respectively. The team results (first six placegetters) have been consistently good, indicating a pleasing depth of ability within the Open age group. The under 16 age group performances have not been up to this standard, but Alistair Walpole has shown a great deal of ability in coming twelfth and fourteenth in two of the competitions. It is hoped that good performances in the APS track competition will follow from the sound basis established during the cross country competition.

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Hockey: The 1st XI played in Division A of the APS competition. The team was young and inexperienced and success was limited. One match was won, against GGS, and the game against WC was drawn.

The 2nd XI played in the Geelong C grade competition but had little success during the season.

Hopes for the future rest with those who played in the under 16 APS competition. This team had some very promising young players and was undefeated throughout the season.

COLLEGE FIXTURES

Term I — 1977

Cricket and Tennis

College teams play	at
February	
4/5 Wesley College	Wesley
11/12 Brighton Grammar	HOME
18/19 Xavier College	HOME
25/26 Bye	
March	
4/5 Caulfield Grammar	Caulfield
18/19 Scotch College	HOME
25/26 Carey Grammar	Carey
April	
1/2 Geelong Grammar	HOME

Please Note: The date for the final match, v GGS, conflicts with the date on which the Head of the River regatta will be held.

This match may be played on another date, yet to be decided.

Baseball: The under 16 baseball team began the season in very mediocre fashion. As the season progressed results improved and after a series of hard-fought matches the team moved into the semi-final and then to the grand-final. Hopes for the premiership were not realised as the grand final was lost to the Guild Club.

The senior team played consistently throughout the season and held equal first position at the end of the home and home rounds. The semi-final match was lost and with it the opportunity to contest the grand-final.

It is to the credit of the boys that they are able to match their skill with older players, in open competition, with such good results.

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Girls' Sport: Girls have been active in netball and hockey matches during Term II and have performed well, considering the few girls who have been available for selection.

In netball two senior and two junior teams have been fielded. Few wins have been recorded but the matches have been close and keenly contested.

The junior netball team did particularly well in a round-robin tournament held at Morongo when they finished runners-up.

A House netball competition was played toward the end of the term. Calvert House was undefeated with Morrison House a close second.

The girls have done well at hockey. A team playing in the local competition won its way to the grand final but had the premiership wrested from it by a Winchelsea team after a very close game with the low scoring result 1-nil.

Social matches have also been played against other schools with a good measure of success.

In these early years of girls' sport at the College some difficulty has been experienced in arranging matches and fielding teams. The sports mistress, Mrs. S. Bullen, and coaches, Miss M. Hoult (Netball) and Mrs. M. Binney (Hockey), are to be congratulated on the results achieved under difficult circumstances.

ROWING

At this time of the year winter sports naturally receive the greatest publicity but the report of school sport would surely be incomplete if mention were not made of the great achievement of the 1st VIII in winning the Head of the River.

This was a relatively light crew which suffered several reverses during the training period due to accident and sickness. They had tremendous stamina, an excellent spirit of co-operation and the will to win. These attributes, together with long hours of training under the direction of a dedicated, experienced coach resulted in the hopes of all College supporters being fulfilled.

More than forty girls opted for rowing as a summer sport but due to lack of facilities at the boat shed the number who participated was limited to twenty. Each of the four IV's boated won a heat or a final during the season.

The Boat Club had a most successful year. Crews were entered in a number of regattas during the season with creditable results.

OGCA/COLLEGE ANNUAL FOOTBALL MATCH

Veteran of many matches, Les Hatton ('54), led the OGCA team in a hard battle against the College 1st XVIII on Wednesday, August 4. More than twenty Old Collegians found various ways and means of reaching the College oval by 3.30 p.m.

In the first quarter the OGCA team took advantage of a two goal breeze and led 5:2 to 1:2. The College team reduced the lead in the second quarter but still trailed by ten points.

The third quarter saw College at their best. With clever play-on tactics they moved to a lead of 2:4 which might have been considered a sufficient margin to ensure a win with OGCA kicking against the breeze in the final quarter.

BUT, possibly mindful of their three-point loss in 1975, OGCA took heart in the final term (it is rumoured that they took on a few fresh players too) and began the job of reducing the deficit.

With ten minutes to play College still held a five point lead and play moved up and down the field with neither side able to break through. A goal in the time-on period saw OGCA hit the front and at the siren there was only one point the difference — in favour of OGCA.

FINAL SCORES: OGCA 14:7 (91) COLLEGE 13:12 (90)

TRIANGULAR FOOTBALL CARNIVAL

This year the College was host to Hale School, Perth, and Scotch College, Adelaide, for the annual triangular matches, played during the Term I holidays.

With the generous help of a number of parents billets were arranged for all the visitors and with the assistance of other members of staff Mr. Bob Casey, coach of the 1st XVIII, provided an interesting program of events.

Unfortunately, the Scotch team was young, small and inexperienced so that both Hale and College won their matches against this team with heavier and more experienced combinations.

The final match between Hale and College was evenly contested throughout. College won the match by a narrow margin and the C. D. Fisher Plate was retained for the third successive year.

College player Andrew Morrison was elected captain of the 'all star' team, selected at the end of the carnival.

OLD COLLEGIAN WEDDINGS

David Botten to Ayala Levy, London, November 22, 1975

Greg Dannon to Mary Shrimpton, Highton, January 17, 1976.

David McLean to Jean Caghlan, Toorak, January 21.

Malcolm Newberry to Pam Blair, Geelong, March 6.

Alan Armstrong to Dianne Harrold, Drysdale, April 3.

Peter Fagg to Judith Wakefield, Blackburn, April 3.

Geoffrey Morrow to Robyn Pryor, Balwyn, April 10.

David Barkley to Kay Marks, Geelong, April 26.

Donald Lindquist to Pam Duffield, Geelong, May 8.

Neil Hancock to Jennie Logan, Carlton, May 8.

Bryan Kinghorn to Jan Marshall, Werribee, May 10.

Neville Lyons to Lynette Elliott, Geelong, June 5.

Lawrence Course to Marianne Zander, Toorak, June.

John Rocks to Diane Peel, Geelong, July 31.

Adam Wettenhall to Pam Bull, Deniliquin, July 31.

Ewan Sutherland to Meredith Kidman, Naracoorte, August 14.

APPOINTMENT

Mr. Gordon D. Murray

Gordon Murray ('30) was elected president of the Retail Traders Association of Victoria at its 68th General Meeting. This appointment is of particular significance as it is the first time that a small retailer has held this office and also the first time that the president has been chosen from outside the Melbourne metropolitan area. When supporting the nomination Mr. Wilfred Coles, a director of one of the largest retailers in the Association, said, "We believe that Mr. Murray's qualifications and background must be to the benefit and increased status of the Association."

Gordon's election to this important post was closely followed by the announcement of his appointment as a member of the Victorian Government's Small Business Development Corporation. This corporation, comprised of five businessmen, will investigate the needs of small businesses and make recommendations to the State Treasurer relating to the State Treasury acting as loan guarantor.

OLD COLLEGIANS' DAY

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held this year in one of the new class-rooms above the library.

It has been customary for the Association to present an Old Collegian tie to each member of the academic staff who has served the school for a period of five years. In the past, as the President commented, this has been a 'back door job', and ties have been collected from the OGCA office.

This year members of staff were invited to attend the Annual General Meeting when formal recognition of service was made. Three ladies were among those who were honoured. They received bar/brooches with the Pegasus emblem.

The President (Mr. F. W. Elliott) accepted nomination for a further term of office. Two new members of committee were elected. Mr. S. M. Anderson (who has been a co-opted member) and Mr. A. G. Gray, replaced Messrs S. E. Appel and R. G. Hepburn, both of whom were unable to re-nominate due to business commitments.

A recommendation from the General Committee: "That Sir John Holland, Kt., Mr. J. G. W. Urbahns, Mr. F. S. McArthur and Mrs. O. C. (Kath) Pell be elected Honorary Life Members of the Association", was moved by Mr. G. L. Bent and carried with acclamation.

Minor amendments to the Constitution to permit the admission of females as members of the Association were adopted.

Members were informed that in the opinion of the General Committee there was need for revision of the Constitution. A sub-committee will give consideration to opinions and suggestions submitted by members. A draft of the proposed revised Constitution will be forwarded to all financial members together with notice of a Special General Meeting at which the revised Constitution will be submitted for adoption.

Re-union Dinner

The annual re-union dinner was again held in the College dining hall. Attendance was greater than that of the previous

CHURCHILL SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations are extended to David Wood ('67) who was one of fourteen Victorians awarded a Churchill Scholarship for 1977.

David is working in the anthropology department of the Science Museum in Melbourne.

His scholarship was awarded so that he may study Art Conservation.

He will attend a UNESCO School in Rome for four months and continue his studies at the British Museum for a further two months.

At the completion of his scholarship studies he will further his knowledge by visiting art galleries and museums in England and on the Continent.

OGC's AT ORMOND COLLEGE

The latest count, which can be considered to be reasonably accurate, indicates that there are twenty-three Old Collegians in Ormond College.

A number of these were members of the Pipe Band during their College days. With the skirl of the bagpipes still ringing in their ears, several of these pipers have joined with a group who piped at Scotch College to form an Ormond Pipe Band.

Their first venture was a performance at the Ormond Ball, early in July, where they and their drummers paraded resplendent in the kilts.

ATTENTION

PEOPLE WHO OWN BAGPIPES

The College Pipe Band
needs bagpipes

ANY ONE

who owns bagpipes
and

is prepared to give or sell them
to the College Pipe Band

PLEASE CONTACT:

Mr. H. Newnham, Director of Music
(Senior School)

or

Mr. D. D. W. Cameron
(Preparatory School)

Letters may be addressed to:
P.O. Box 5, Geelong, 3220.

year. In addition to the many Old Collegians who were there the President extended a welcome to representatives from the other APS Associations, Mr. S. P. Gebhardt (Principal), Miss Olive Lamble, Mr. G. J. Martin (Past-Bursar) and several members of staff.

For the second year in succession the 1970 Year Group recorded the best attendance at annual re-union functions held during the year and the Year Group Gong, a perpetual trophy, was presented to Year Chairman Glenn Amezdroz.

Formal presentation of certificates and insionia to those elected at the annual meeting as Honorary Life Members was performed by the President.

The toast 'The Geelong College' was proposed by Mr. Robert Ingpen ('50) and the response by the Principal was the main speech of the evening.

GRADUATIONS

The University graduation lists which are received at the College are carefully checked in order that graduations may be recorded.

Old Collegians are enrolled at Universities and Colleges of Advanced Education throughout Australia and, unfortunately, some graduation lists are not received. This can mean inadvertent omissions.

Information of degrees, diplomas and other awards conferred may be sent to the editor and these will be included in the next listing.

LL.B.: R. G. Colvin, P. J. Dixon, R. J. Jeremiah

B.A.: J. N. Keddie (Hons.), C. S. B. Szaday (Hons.), P. J. Dickson, B. Lewis

B.Sc.: F. W. Davey (Hons.)

B.Com.: G. J. Archer, D. S. Bouchier, R. J. Jeremiah

B.Ag.Sc.: P. N. Cameron

B.Ed.: F. U. Pam

M.B.A.: B. G. Tymms

B.Eng.: R. J. Hobbs (civil), D. B. Sutton (civil) (Hons.)

Dip.Ed.: D. E. Thom

M.B., B.S.: G.G. Quali

B.Juris., LL.B.: S. W. Fraser

Gordon Graduates

Dip.App.Sc.: P. J. D. Bladen, M. G. Drinnan

Dip.Bus.: K. W. Nation, B. A. Kittelty

Dip.Arts: J. P. Kininmonth, M. D. Kroger, M. R. Jolly

Dip.Eng.: D. K. Lindquist, I. C. Revie

Brothers

Colin Chapman ('61) completed his pharmacy degree in 1970 and then spent two years as a national service trainee during which he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. He toured Australia in the latter half of 1972 and then began a degree course in veterinary science at the University of Melbourne from which he hopes to graduate this year.

Geoffrey Chapman ('64) commenced a course in architecture at the University of Melbourne and spent a year in Zurich, Switzerland, gaining practical experience as part of the course requirements. He worked with an architect in Melbourne for a short period and is now studying medicine in Tasmania. When he completes this course he plans to finalise his architecture degree.

Timothy Chapman ('68) attended Dookie Agricultural College for one year after leaving the College and then worked on properties near Seymour and Caramut, one of which was the Barwidgee Agricultural Stud. In recent years he has been furthering his experience in the agricultural field in Melbourne.

Douglas Ooi ('66) came from Singapore to enter Form V in 1969 and obtained his HSC the following year. At present he is serving in the Singapore army.

Ronald Ooi ('68) was at the College for three years, completing his HSC year in 1971. He is working in Sydney with Price, Waterhouse Associates Proprietary, a firm of management consultants.

OGC ROUND-UP

Bruce (Ginty) Waugh ('27) has been a resident of the Gold Coast for several years and had not had a good look around the College since 1949. Naturally, he noticed many changes and was particularly interested to note the improvements to the 'cow paddock'. He spent some time at the honour boards in the Morrison Hall and was interested to learn that **J. H. Campbell ('12)** still teaches the flute. He was accompanied by **Bill Wishart ('28)** and they left the College to visit **Swinton Gray ('23)** at his home in Aphrasia Street.

Rev. Bill Edwards ('42) moved to Adelaide in 1975 after a year of study in Fiji. He lectured in Aboriginal Studies at Torrens College of Adult Education and completed Qualifying M.A. Entrance in Anthropology at the University of Adelaide. He is now serving six aboriginal communities as Pitjantjatjara Area Chaplain. His present base is at Amata, N-W Reserve (S.A.) via Alice Springs.

Rev. Bruce Mackay ('42) spent twelve years in his parish at Ararat where his duties included ministering to patients at a mental institution and at a prison. He has settled into his new parish at Pakenham 'with ease'.

E. Barrington Thomas ('42) was senior lecturer in education at the University of Papua New Guinea until his recent appointment as Head of Earl Page College at the University of New England. This latter appointment commenced on June 23, 1976.

Jim McColl ('45), Victorian farm consultant and lecturer at the University of Melbourne in farm management economics, has been appointed Director of Agriculture and Fisheries in South Australia, to commence duties in August.

Max Beith ('45) opened the first branch of the Bank of New South Wales to operate in the Gilbert Islands at Bairiki, Tarawa, and returned to Australia in 1972. After three years in Melbourne he headed for the islands again and is at present Manager of the bank's Vila Branch in the New Hebrides. His home is set high on a hill with a magnificent panoramic view of two lakes amongst the natural island vegetation.

Dr. Arthur Steele ('49) is consultant ophthalmic surgeon to the Moorfield Eye Hospital, London. He is also senior lecturer in Ophthalmology to the Institute of Ophthalmology in the University of London.

John Walter ('51) was on a dairy farm in Queensland for eighteen months. He then moved to Pittsworth, Qld., where he has been assistant manager of a Mitre 10 hardware store for the past three years. He recently relinquished the office of president of the Toowoomba Field Naturalists Club, after a two-year term. His hobby is ornithology and he recently spent a month in the field in North Queensland and at the University of Queensland where he attended a congress of the Royal Australian Ornithologists' Union.

Graham Fram ('53) will commence duties as Campaign Director, Campaign Associates, National Council of YMCA's of the

United States of America on October 1, 1976. This appointment will involve Graham in travel throughout Canada and the United States to work with Boards, Committees and staff of YMCA Branches to assist with capital fund raising. Graham, who is a native of Hamilton, Ontario, was a student at the College from 1949 to 1955. In 1960 he joined the YMCA staff and has been Executive Director of the Hamilton Downtown YMCA, Ontario, since 1968.

Hugh Bromell ('55) is a man with many interests. He is a western district grazier, Year Chairman of the '55 Year Group and a member of the committee of the Albert Bell Club. A keen sportsman, he is currently President of the Casterton-Coleraine Hunt Club. **Alan Edgar ('64)** also has an important position in the Hunt Club as The Master.

Peter Young ('56) moved to Mosman, N.S.W. early this year. He hastened to enquire if there was any contact between Old Collegians in the Sydney area and attended the re-union dinner in June. As Chairman of the '56 Year Group during the absence of **Andrew Lawson ('56)**, who was transferred to America by his company for two years, Peter is already making enquiries for a suitable venue at which another Year Group family barbecue re-union may be held.

Graeme Watson ('58) continues to expand his fashion jewellery business, based in Mexico. His last letter mentioned a trip to the Basle Jewellery Fair in Switzerland, the purchase of a house in London and the opening of a big concession of Mexican jewellery on the ground floor of Harrods, London. He is planning to spend a few days in Australia at Christmas-time.

Rodger Cowley ('59) is now a manager in the family business, Cowley's Automotive Engineers, Geelong West.

Peter Hobart ('59) visited Geelong in May. He was on leave from the Darwin RAAF base while his baby was receiving medical treatment. Peter was posted to the Darwin base to assist with restoration work after cyclone Tracy. In his spare time he is a 'speedcar' mechanic. These vehicles comprise an engine on four wheels with a driving seat and roll bars and driving them is exciting sport. His long legs created problems when he entered the engineers' race.

Geoff Thomas ('60) has held various positions in the welfare field since he left College. As a representative of The Association of Apex Clubs and the World Council of Young Men's Service Clubs from the Asian and Pacific region he toured South African countries and attended a conference in Bulawayo, Rhodesia. An interview for the Rhodesian Herald was conducted by fellow Old Collegian, **Colin Blair ('59)**. At present he is studying Law at the University of Melbourne.

Noel Johnston ('60) is studying for his Ph.D in Veterinary Medicine at the Michigan State University, East Lansing, U.S.A. He has already obtained his Master's Degree in this field. He expects to return to Australia late in 1977.

Ian Borihwick ('60) intends to continue working in the research division of Babcock and Wilcox in Scotland until next

January. His baby daughter will shortly celebrate her first birthday.

Andrew Birks ('60) completed his B.Agric. Sc. degree at the University of Melbourne and obtained an R.D. Gen. degree at the Roseworthy Agricultural College. Since 1972 he has been a manager in the wine-making division of Lindeman Wines Pty. Ltd. in Corowa, N.S.W.

Russell Spinks ('61) joined the staff of Industrial Acceptance Corporation Ltd. in 1973 and shortly afterwards was appointed sales manager at Canberra. He was transferred to Perth in 1975 with responsibility for sales in the metropolitan area. Early in 1976 he was appointed to the position of manager at Bunbury, W.A.

Robert Coultis ('63) moved from Boort to Korong Vale some five years ago. He was elected a member of the Korong Shire Council when twenty-five years old and became the youngest Councillor ever to serve the Korong Shire. He hopes to continue carrying out his civic responsibilities and at the same time manage his farm property.

Ross Hepburn ('64) received a pleasant surprise when, at very short notice, he was informed that he was being transferred to the New York office of Australian Consolidated Industries Ltd. as Technical Liaison Officer. Ross expects to be overseas for two years. He has taken a list of Old Collegians resident in U.S.A. and Canada and hopes to contact a number of these.

Alex Stevenson ('64) is also overseas. He is spending a working holiday in Great Britain. For part of the time he was working for a travel firm in London and reports having met **Bruce Costin ('64)**. Before he returns to Australia he plans to visit Northern Ireland and hopes to be able to contact **Mrs. Cloke** who was in charge of the College refectory for twelve years until she left to return to Ireland in 1972.

David Batten ('64) returned to Geelong in June after a two years absence overseas. He is now working as a Textile Chemist with Roberts Company (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. in the field of adhesives and related products.

Robert Jeremiah ('65) has been admitted to practice in law following the completion of his articles with Smith and Emmerton.

Geoffrey Morrow ('66) is with the Bank of N.S.W. at the St. Kilda Road Branch. This is his second year as a member of the V.F.L. Umpires Association. He is umpiring major country league fixtures.

Greg Donnan ('66) is a computer technician with Adler Business Machines Pty. Ltd.

Peter Young ('68) was one of the six promising riders selected by the Equestrian Federation of Australia to groom Australian horses at the Montreal Olympics. Peter helped to care for the three-day-event horses.

Colin Bransgrove ('70) is sport representative on the committee of the Howitt Hall Society and **Rod Evans ('71)** has been treasurer and acting president of the student council of the Farrer Hall Society, at Monash University.

ABOUT BRANCHES

Camperdown:

The fourth re-union dinner was held at the Commercial Hotel, Camperdown, on Thursday, April 29. Twenty-four Old Collegians and four parents of present pupils were among the fifty-one present.

Miss Rosemary Barkley interspersed a series of lighthearted anecdotes on the re-action of boys and girls to co-education while speaking on the theme "What is expected of co-education at The Geelong College".

Rod Hanson ('56) was elected President and Rodger Mulligan ('55) will again seek his wife's help with secretarial duties.

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N.S.W. (Sydney):

With the Head of the River fresh in mind, Sydney Branch decided that the ideal man to talk about rowing at the re-union would be Albert Bell especially as he had coached many of those who were at the dinner.

The Principal was guest of honour and OGCA President Fred Elliott, with the Executive Officer, completed a party of four from Geelong.

In addition to the local suburbanites there were Old Collegians from country districts and from Canberra who enjoyed the evening at the Royal Automobile Club on Friday, June 4.

Sydney Branch has a reputation for retaining office-bearers who are doing a good job. As a consequence, Allan Rogers ('42) and John Cameron ('41) continue as President and Secretary respectively.

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Grampians:

Superstitious fears of 'black Friday', August 13, were forgotten when fifty-five people gathered at the Willaura Hotel for the annual re-union dinner.

Albert Bell and Charlie Harbison (staff) were guest speakers and there was unanimous approval when the President suggested that J. H. Campbell ('12) might say a few words.

Fred Elliott (OGCA President) conducted the election of office-bearers. Alex Calvert ('54) accepted nomination for a second year as President and Bill Slattery ('69) was again elected Vice-President. Ivan Jacobs ('48) had performed his role as Secretary so well that the call for further nominations met with a stony silence.

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BASEBALL

Some Old Collegians have suggested that consideration might be given to the formation of an

Old Geelong Collegians' Baseball Club

Those who would be interested in becoming members of such a club are invited to let the Executive Officer know.

If there is sufficient support for the proposal a meeting will be held so that prospective members may discuss all aspects of the matter with the object of entering a club team in the 1977 competition.

OGCA FUNCTIONS

Life seems so busy these days that many are inclined to view Old Collegian gatherings as just another commitment to avoid if possible.

A letter received at the OGCA office recently does, however, indicate the pleasure that these functions can bring: "What a wonderful evening the Sydney re-union turned out to be. Many thanks again for your letter which convinced me that it was about time I caught up with the Old Collegians again. I hope to be a definite starter in future".

It is interesting that quite often when Old Collegians attend gatherings almost through some 'sense of duty' (or because a contemporary has done a lot of arm-twisting) they are surprised to find that the occasion is such good fun.

ALBURY and district BRANCH

will hold an

ALL DAY FAMILY BARBECUE

at Holbrook

on Sunday, October 10, 1976

Those who attend

may

bring their own food
and liquid refreshments

or

obtain food at the barbecue
at minimal cost

All Old Collegians in the Albury district will receive full details in the mail during September.

Further particulars may be obtained from The Branch Secretary — David Bent 060/21 3277

MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATE — NOW —

Hamilton:

Several who were at the dinner on Friday, July 30, admitted that they had not attended any Old Collegian function for some time but thought they would 'try it again' this year. The pleasing feature was that they all said they were glad they had come.

At a short business meeting preceding the dinner Jock Bromell ('51) was elected President and Alex Baulch ('69) accepted nomination as Secretary.

The President allowed ample time for everyone to move around and meet old friends. Brian Wood ('53) proposed the toast to the College and the Principal responded (warning that the days of Old Boys only would soon fade away). Bob George ('45) recounted the problems which were overcome in producing a Head of the River crew and OGCA President, Fred Elliott ('42) extended good wishes from the Association and complimented the retiring President and Committee on the results achieved during the past two years.

A feature of the evening was the Fairbairn Cup which was prominently and proudly displayed on a table in the centre of the reception room.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 15 — Wednesday

Melbourne Informal Dinner
Hawthorn Club,
627 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn
6.15 for 7.00 p.m.
Street Dress

September 25 — Saturday

Horsham Dinner Dance
"La Fontana"
170 Ballie Street, Horsham
6.30 for 7.00 p.m.
Lounge Suit
All Old Collegians, Parents and Friends are welcome.

October 8 — Friday

Ballarat Old Collegians' Re-union Dinner
Ballarat Club
203 Dana Street, Ballarat
6.30 for 7.00 p.m.
Lounge Suit

October 10 — Sunday

Albury and District All Day Family Barbecue
at Holbrook
(refer notice this page)

October 12 — Tuesday

OGC Golf Day
Geelong Golf Club
Play will commence at 1.30 p.m.
Lunch available from noon.
Old Collegians, Parents, and their friends are invited to enjoy a relaxing afternoon of golf.

October 16 — Saturday

Senior School Athletic Sports Day
Family barbecue and social evening
Presentation of all sporting trophies
Senior School grounds

November 9 — Tuesday

APS Golf Day
Old Collegians may obtain entry forms from the OGCA office

November 12 — Friday

Bendigo Old Collegians' Re-union Dinner
Terminus Hotel
101 Mitchell Street, Bendigo
7.00 for 7.30 p.m.
Lounge Suit

To assist with catering arrangements, it will be appreciated if those who are able to attend any of the functions listed will contact the Executive Officer (052/21 1939), approximately one week prior to the listed date.

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Shepparton:

An organisation such as the OGCA cannot function without some disappointments. Unfortunately, the mixed company dinner planned for Friday, June 25, had to be cancelled through lack of numbers.

Many factors in country districts cause upsets such as this but the committee is now seriously considering some alternative style of re-union in the hope that this may prove attractive to more Old Collegians.

DON'T GET LOST, PLEASE

Some address changes were received in response to the request under the above heading in the March, 1976, issue of 'Ad Astra'.

About fifty names have to be withdrawn from OGCA records each year after exhaustive but unsuccessful efforts have been made to trace the current addresses of those whose mail is returned 'unclaimed'.

It is unfortunate that even 1% of Old Collegians should be lost in this way, perhaps forever.

If the address to which this copy of 'Ad Astra' has been directed is not current please let the editor know, by letter to P.O. Box 5, Geelong, 3220, or by 'phone (052/21 1939).

Can anyone help with the address of any of the Old Collegians listed below?

Baird, Colin C.	'30	Clontarf, N.S.W.
Baud, John H.	'43	Alphington, Vic.
Bowden, A. M. (Mick)	'59	Glen Waverley, Vic.
Boyd, Adrian G.	'53	Attadola, W.A.*
Boyd, Russell S.	'57	Geelong, Vic. *
Brumfield, David A.	'70	Farrer, A.C.T.
Bryant, Simon	'69	Highton, Vic. *
Bryant, Charles	'70	Highton, Vic. *
Cowan, Dale G.	'53	Terang, Vic.
Dalley, John	'28	North Balwyn, Vic.
Eastwood, Brian T.	'55	Ferntree Gully, Vic.
Farnum, Francis G.	'28	Doncaster East, Vic.
Kayser, Edward R. I.	'51	Bilgola Plateau, N.S.W.
King, Michael R.	'54	Adelaide, S.A.
Moreton, Adrian J.	'55	Potts Point, N.S.W.
Nelson, David E.	'57	Blackburn, Vic.
Oliver, David A.	'46	Gordon, N.S.W.
Poynton, Donald J.	'61	Nedlands, W.A.
Robertson, Angus S.	'44	Mymiang, Vic.
Robinson, John F.	'50	Thorpdale, Vic.
Russell, Colin S.	'61	Geelong, Vic.
Sauter, Murray I.	'36	South Yarra, Vic.
Smith, Robert R.	'25	Rosanna, Vic.
Thomas, Rodney D.	'64	both originally *
Thomas, Trevor J.	'69	Swan Hill, Vic. *
Willett, Lt. Andrew D.	'67	Holdsworthy, N.S.W.
Wood, Peter J.	'67	Geelong, Vic.

* indicates brothers

1977 HEAD OF THE RIVER (Social Functions)

March 31, 1977 — (Thursday)

The Albert Bell Club annual re-union dinner
"Rosnashane"
Early bookings are essential

April 1, 1977 — (Friday)

Boat Race Ball
"Silver Horse Shoe"
A return to the more formal style function

**THESE DATES ARE FIRM —
VENUES BOOKED**

End of Year

DANCE

for students leaving the College
and younger Old Collegians
at

Lincoln Inn
Toorak

Wednesday, December 15, 1976

\$23.00 double

Applications should be addressed to:
The School Captain,
The Geelong College,
P.O. Box 5, Geelong. 3220