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VICE-PRINCIPAL — SENIOR SCHOOL

Mr. David P. Happell, B.A., Dip.Ed.(Melb.), M.A.(Wisconsin), began his appointment as Vice-Principal at the commencement of this year.

Mr. Happell has had teaching experience in the State Education Department, at Marlborough College (U.K.), at Mercersburg Academy (U.S.A.) and more recently at the Geelong Grammar School where he has been a Housemaster and was Head of the Department of Modern Studies for six years.

Complementary to his academic qualifications Mr. Happell has had extensive experience in coaching sporting teams.

At the College his duties will be similar to those carried out by Mr. Murray, and will include special responsibility for extra-curricular activities and matters relating to the boarding houses.



Mr. D. P. Happell

OLD GEELONG COLLEGIANS' ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Constitution of the Association requires that "Notice in writing of this meeting and of the business to be transacted shall be sent to all financial members not less than fourteen days before the date of the meeting".

'Ad Astra' is sent to all Old Collegians whose addresses are known.

This is the official

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the

OLD GEELONG COLLEGIANS' ASSOCIATION

The meeting will be held - - - AT THE COLLEGE
on - - - SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1977
at - - - 5.30 P.M.

Business to be transacted: All those matters which are provided for in the Constitution of the Association.

A. Mcl. Scott,
Honorary Secretary.

OLD GEELONG COLLEGIANS' ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting of the
Association will be held - - -

AT THE COLLEGE - - -

on SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1977
at 9.30 A.M.

Business to be transacted: To receive a recommendation of the General Committee for the repeal of the Constitution and for the adoption of a revised Constitution and to proceed to vote on the recommendation.

A. Mcl. Scott,
Honorary Secretary

HEADMASTER

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Mr. Ian W. Macmillan, B.Comm.(Melb.), B.Ed.(Calgary), is an Old Collegian ('49) who now returns to the College as Headmaster of the Preparatory School.

At present Mr. Macmillan is completing an M.A. in Psychology at the University of Melbourne. He has taught at Caulfield and Melbourne Grammar Schools and at Cochrane High School in Alberta, Canada. He has also lectured at Mercer House, the State College of Victoria, and at the time of his appointment as Headmaster he was lecturer at the Institute of Special Education at the State College of Victoria (Burwood) where he was responsible for establishing a full-time Graduate Diploma Course in Special Education.

In addition to his teaching background Mr. Macmillan is (inter alia) a member of the Parliamentary Committee on Special Education, the Australian Remedial Association and the Society of Educational Counsellors.

Mr. Macmillan has also been associated with sporting activities, particularly rowing, in all his previous appointments.

His extensive background of experience in the primary, secondary and tertiary fields of education will greatly benefit the continued growth of the Preparatory School.



Mr. I. W. Macmillan

WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

In 1976 the College initiated a 'work experience week' for students in Form V. This took place during the last week of Term II, when one hundred and fifteen Form V students each spent the normal working day, for the whole week, engaged in occupations which they had selected from a wide variety of opportunities.

The organising of a work program of this magnitude presented many problems and involved the Master in Charge of the project, Mr. Noel Patchett, in much detailed preliminary preparation.

In the actual task of finding work opportunities he received an encouraging response and active co-operation from employers, parents and students. This contributed much toward the success of the project.

Positions for students were obtained in a variety of ways. Students were encouraged to find their own positions, parents were asked to provide work opportunities for students in their businesses, personal contact was made by Mr. Patchett with executive members of many business organisations.

Students were not employed in their family work-place. It was stressed that the project was a 'work experience' with the object of learning how others manage their businesses.

Opportunities provided covered a varied field and students were able to select from such widely diverse occupations as: **Office Work** — in accountancy, banks, insurance, legal, government departments and libraries; the **Practical Field** — engineering, architecture, agriculture, medical laboratory and computer operation; and **Social Work** — teaching, the Church, journalism, hotel management, nursing and welfare, the police and armed services.

From these sources opportunities were provided for students to:

- experience the work pattern of a possible future career,
- investigate the opportunities available in that career,
- assess personal capabilities and skills in a work situation,
- investigate the importance of the career as a benefit to the community,
- make a wise choice of subjects to implement a career choice,
- link the school with the community.

The overall result of this work opportunity week may be assessed from samples of replies to questionnaires received from employers, employees and parents. The employer response indicated that 80.7% would like to be involved in a future work experience. Comments from employers such as "Thank you for the experience we gained from entering the program" were NOT uncommon.

One student response read: "The work was a good experience and it has been very successful in more ways than one. It was valuable just to see what goes on and what is expected of you."

And from a parent: "We consider the work experience of great value . . . as it gave him an insight into the type of work he is interested in and what to expect when he starts working."

Work experience week will be held at the end of Term II again this year. An increased field of occupational opportunities is sought and Mr. Patchett will be glad to discuss possibilities with anyone who may be able to assist. He can be contacted at the College (052/21 1006).

EDUCATION IS AN ADVENTURE THE PRINCIPAL, SPEECH DAY, 1976

The Principal seldom resorts to marathons of oratory. Nevertheless, he frequently goes on record to express his views. Some of the fundamental objectives of education were the subject of his address at Form VI Speech Day on Saturday, November 6.

(The full text of this address may be obtained on request to the editor)

"The advent of a new Headmaster is a perilous adventure for staff, students and parents. It is also somewhat perilous for the Headmaster himself.

"Essentially education is an adventure, or ought to be, of the mind, of the spirit, of the body and of the emotions. New perceptions and new perspectives should daily reveal themselves to both students and staff. There have been occasions in the course of the year when I have seen, with delight, an enlarging and enriching of perceptions: the student who, when involved in the Form V Work Experience Program, had to catch his first train and find out which way the train went: that student was being educated through experience. So was the student who witnessed an operation, and so on. In that particular program there were unassessable outcomes deriving from the sense of adventure, there were new dimensions of experience, there were changes in perceptions; there was, I hope, an enrichment of vision.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish"

"What we do must encourage students to take adventurous risks, to espouse risky adventure, to think to the limits, to imagine with versatility and originality and, having done that, we must not be too worried where such risks, thinking, imagining and inventiveness will take students. Too often we ask that schools should teach students to do all these things and then criticize the student for doing them.

"The world needs originality to enable it to escape from the obvious shackles, which can, through originality, be turned to advantage. We can, for example, use technology rather than be browbeaten by it.

"Within a school it is vital that students be exposed, forcefully and forcibly if necessary, to as many varied and vivid experiences as possible, that such experiences should expand students' visions of their own potential, their own purposes and their own powers which so often exceed their and our estimations. Such experiences should enlarge students' visions to their responsibilities to society, of the needs of society and of the future possibilities of society. A school and its staff cannot condone provincial or parochial pettiness in perceptions, cannot ever be satisfied. Enough is never enough if we are really committed to vision, to perception, to perspectives and to adventure. Our education system must respect all sources of experience, for, as I have said, every experience is, or ought to be, educational. Thus there must be exposure to experience, excellence in experience and ecstasy of experience.

"A school is a growing organism in a growing society: a school is a dynamic organism in a dynamic society. We would

wish to contribute humanely, humanly and humorously to the dynamic growth of the whole and of the individuals who make up the whole.

"As educators, and parents and students are as much educators as staff are, we should always be looking to and thinking in terms of the deeper and larger issues of education, rather than in terms of the trivial 'isms' which so captivate and titillate those who enjoy splashing around in the murky ponds of mediocrity.

"In the end we are judged by the challenges we set for ourselves and our responses to those challenges. Fundamentally a Headmaster can do little more than create an atmosphere and ambience in which challenges are established and, hopefully, responded to by all.

"Today, for tomorrow, we accept the responsibility to challenge students to think and act in multi-dimensional ways so that they may not become stale stereotypes, so that they may not be repelled by the problems they face, so that they may enjoy becoming adventurers in humanity, freed from competitive philistinism and from the fear of being outstanding contributors to life's banquet.

"We cannot quarantine ourselves in a past, in a tradition, which does not fully provide for a future in which today's students can look back and say that, for them, the past has served them well. That is not an easy prescription; nor is running a school easy. Sufficient is it to state that education and idealism are inseparable: may we hope that we can keep the spirit of idealism alive."

3rd and 4th Generation Collegians

Disappointingly few responded to the request in the last issue of 'Ad Astra' for information relating to families who now have, or have had, students at the College who are third or fourth generation Collegians.

The ten replies which have been received are being held pending receipt of information from other families. One of the replies to hand indicates that one student now at the College is a sixth generation descendant (through the maternal line) of Mr. A. S. Robertson, a member of the Committee which resolved to establish The Geelong College on April 18, 1861.

BUT, ONLY TEN RECORDED THIRD OR FOURTH GENERATION FAMILIES IN

A SCHOOL WITH ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN HISTORIC YEARS! It is known that a number of other families have been represented at the College for three and four generations.

Research of records, no matter how carefully carried out, may result in accidental omissions.

FAMILY KNOWLEDGE IS A VITAL FACTOR TO ENSURE THAT THE PREPARATION OF THIS VALUABLE HISTORICAL DATA IS ACCURATE.

Information addressed to: The Editor, 'Ad Astra', The Geelong College, P.O. Box 5, Geelong, 3220, will be appreciated.

MR. E. B. DAVIES

The death on November 7, 1976 of Mr. Ed Davies came as a sudden and sad blow to the College. Few men have been involved in such a wide variety of College activities and to record all Ed's interests and responsibilities looks almost like a school prospectus.

He was, primarily, involved in College sport. He was originally appointed, in 1955, as physical education master following his retirement from the Army. He was, at various times, master-in-charge of cricket, athletics and baseball. He coached not only first teams but junior teams as well and, consequently, for twenty years nearly all College sportsmen were directly involved with him.

He took a leading part in the Cadet Unit and he was also closely involved in the boarding school being, in fact, Housemaster of Mackie House at the time of his death.

More important than the range of his interests, however, was the energy and enthusiasm which characterised everything he did. As Mr. Davey said in his address at the memorial service, in St. David's, the current slogan "Life . . . be in it!" sums up Ed's philosophy.

His close involvement in the Church, in the YMCA and in the Geelong Football Club earned him the same sort of affection and admiration as was felt by members of the College community. It is not only the College which has suffered loss, nor only Ed's family. Society in general suffers when men of Ed's calibre are lost, yet society gains permanently through the contribution such men make during their lives.

Ed was known to the boys as 'Digger' Davies and this nickname was more than a reference to his Army career; all the traditional Australian connotations applied.

Mrs. Lilian Davies, John and Judy wish to take the opportunity to express appreciation to their many friends through the columns of 'Ad Astra' for the kindnesses shown to them in November, following Ed's death. The family were not able to meet all those present at the service at St. David's and would like them to know how much their presence at the service meant to them.

MR. R. C. DENNIS

The death of R. C. Dennis ('25) whose life-long connection with Geelong College began with his father, a president of OGCA, is recorded with regret.

After attending the College from 1923 to 1929, where he fully and happily participated in its life, Charlie returned to Warrcoort and was a skilful farmer on his fine property 'Bleak House'. He constantly displayed a keen interest in community affairs and was also an elder and Presbytery representative of the Birregurra Church. Ranked high among his interests was the College and he was a member of the Council from 1961 to 1974, loyally attending its meetings and giving close attention to its affairs. He was also a member of the OGCA General Committee between 1954 and 1957.

His outstanding loyalty and service to the College are acknowledged with gratitude.

Mr. Michael F. Murray

Mr. Murray resigned his position as Vice-Principal at the end of last year to take up his appointment as Headmaster of Westminster School, Adelaide.

Mr. Murray was appointed to the staff of the College in 1974 and his particular responsibilities related to the boarding community and to extra-curricular activities. He brought wisdom and wide experience to bear upon these important aspects of College life.

He leaves the College with every good wish for success and happiness in his important new career.

Mr. Ian R. Watson

Mr. Watson retired at the end of 1976, thus ending an association with the College which began in 1940 when he joined the staff of the Preparatory School.

His time at the College was almost immediately interrupted when he joined the RAAF. His Air Force career was a very distinguished one and he was eventually discharged with the rank of Squadron-Leader to rejoin the College in 1946.

Mr. Watson played a leading part in one of the most significant developments in the history of the College—the establishment of the Preparatory School on its new site in 1960. At the time the late L. J. Campbell was Headmaster of the Preparatory School and Ian Watson was his First Assistant. A protracted illness suffered by Mr. Campbell led in 1962 to Mr. Watson's appointment as Acting Headmaster.

When Mr. Campbell retired Mr. Watson was chosen, from a strong field of applicants, to succeed him and took office as Headmaster at the beginning of 1963.

His achievement may be seen both in the development of the new Preparatory School and in the profound influence he had on the lives of the many students and others connected with the school.

Mr. Watson's activities extended beyond the College. He served as chairman of the Association of Heads of Junior Schools, for example, was a most active churchman and was a keen Rotarian.

In all he did for the College Mr. Watson was splendidly supported by Mrs. Watson and the many tributes paid to him on the occasion of his retirement invariably made this point.

The College community wishes Mr. and Mrs. Watson every future happiness.

OBITUARY

Information relating to the deaths of the following Old Collegians has been received since publication of the previous issue of 'Ad Astra'. Sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved families.

J. K. Carmichael	('15)
A. E. Purnell, B.E.M.	('15)
D. W. Hope	('17)
C. K. Carmichael	('21)
J. H. L. Barber	('22)
R. C. Dennis	('25)
P. McPherson	('26)
D. C. Cole	('34)
D. J. Laidlaw	('49)
D. S. A. McQueen	('72)

Directress of the Kindergarten
1941-1949, Miss Lorna Hamer
(Mrs. Parnam)

The OGCA as the President sees it

During the past two years I have been particularly interested in visiting as many of the branches of the Association as possible. The branch functions now provide for a variety of tastes ranging from formal male dinners to family get-togethers.

It has been very encouraging to the organisers of branch functions to have visitors from Melbourne, Geelong and other branches attending. Might I commend the idea to you? You can be assured that the effort will be amply rewarded. A list of the re-unions is on the calendar, more detailed information may be obtained from the OGCA office.

An article by the Secretary in this issue deals with proposed changes to the Constitution. Much careful work has gone into the new draft and the General Committee hopes that you will make yourselves familiar with the proposals.

The President's report to the Annual General Meeting will deal with the events of the past year and I do not wish to preview that report now, but I do wish to say this: When you consider the number of Old Collegians who are involved in country and city branches and year groups; in the Albert Bell Club, the Pegasus Alpine Club, the Geelong Amateurs, the Geelong Football Club in Melbourne, the Old Collegians' Hockey Club, the golf days and the bowls days; in the cricket, football and tennis matches v College teams; in the General Committee and the Advisory Council, you will realise that the OGCA is very active indeed.

To all those who have assisted in the success of the year's activities I offer the thanks of the Association and to this I add my own personal thanks to them for making my term in office such a rewarding one.

F. W. Elliott.

ROLLAND BIOGRAPHY TO GO AHEAD

With the notice of the 1976 annual meeting of the OGCA, a circular to Old Collegians was enclosed inviting support for the publication of a biography of the late Sir Francis Rolland, former Principal of the College, written by Mr. Bert Keith.

The response to this circular, and subsequent offers by numerous Old Collegians to underwrite the publication, have been sufficient to enable the College Council to enter into a contract with Rigbys, publishers.

The sponsoring committee is very grateful for the interest and support and is confident that the book will amply justify the offers of help.

The College has agreed to be responsible for 1,500 copies, and expects that the copies will be available late in 1977.

Mr. Keith has devoted years to the collection of material and to the writing of the manuscript. The story which emerges is that of a great Australian whose achievements are indeed worthy of such a biography.

It is likely that the title will be "The Lives of Frank Rolland".

At present no definite indication of the cost of this publication can be given but those who wish to receive further information, when it is available, should address enquiries to Rolland Biography Committee, C/- The Geelong College, P.O. Box 5, Geelong, 3220.

PARENTS' AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTRE PROJECT

At a general meeting held on Monday, July 12, 1976, a proposal was submitted that a project be undertaken by the Parents' and Friends' Association to assist in the development of an arts and crafts centre at the College.

A motion was carried; 'that the proposal submitted, which would be a positive step toward recognition by this meeting of the need for a cultural centre at the College, be adopted and that action be taken to appoint a working committee'.

The Committee of the Parents' and Friends' Association was appointed as the working committee, with power to co-opt. This committee ascertained that the College Council would welcome assistance in the provision of furnishings, such as display boards and cabinets, for use when arts and crafts displays are mounted and which could become part of the furniture of a proposed arts and crafts display centre.

Immediate action was taken by the working committee to mount two displays of students' art and craft work. The first of these was planned for Athletic Sports

day and the other at Form VI Speech Day early in November.

Preparations were made to provide a barbecue lunch and several stalls, in conjunction with the display of students' art and craft work on Athletic Sports day with the object of raising funds to purchase some of the furnishings needed.

There was every evidence that the day would be an unqualified success as more than five-hundred people indicated that they expected to be at the College on that day but unfortunately the sporting program had to be postponed until the following Wednesday because of bad weather.

The barbecue was cancelled but several stalls were manned by a team of volunteer workers. The proceeds from these stalls realised more than \$300 which will be used to purchase stands suitable for mounting displays and for inclusion as part of the furniture of the arts and crafts centre when it is completed.

Further activities are being planned for 1977. Information relating to these will be provided through the Principal's circular letters to parents.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN

Robert Vickers-Willis

JOINT VICE-CAPTAINS

Scott Davies

Kirsty Elliott

Congratulations are extended to these students for their appointment to these important offices.

Kirsty (daughter of OGCA President Fred Elliott) has the honour of being the first girl ever to have held the office of Vice-Captain.

1976 H.S.C. RESULTS

Outstanding results were achieved again this year when University entrance requirements were gained by 87% of College students.

The following awards were particularly notable:

4 A's — 1 B J. L. Green, H. C. Rockefeller,
4 A's A. W. N. Cameron,
3 A's — 1 B H. C. Folconer, J. E. Harbison,
I. Mackay,
3 A's Michele L. Macauley, J. A. Thom,
A. W. N. Cameron gained distinction in five subjects, Virginia Cook, P. A. George and J. A. Thom each gained one distinction.

Scholarships:

Major resident to Ormond College — G. van Erst.
Minor resident to Queen's College — J. E. Harbison.
Minor resident to Janet Clarke Hall — J. L. Green.

ORMOND STATISTICS

Some facts and figures published in the June, 1976, issue of the Ormond Newsletter make interesting reading.

In a review of students at Ormond the Newsletter read: "The balance between the Faculties in the College as a whole is quite good. This is also true of the sixty-five freshmen.

"The schools from which we draw students are many and various;

18 come from country high schools;
9 come from metropolitan high schools;
12 come from Geelong College;
7 come from Presbyterian Ladies College;
5 come from Methodist Ladies College;
and the rest come from 37 other schools in no case more than 3 from the one school."

With somewhat pardonable pride one of the above lines has been printed in bold type.



A wing of the original 'Warrinn' boarding house, ready for removal to Campbell House.

BUILDING PROJECTS

During the recent long vacation the Maintenance Department worked under extreme pressure to arrange for certain modifications to existing facilities to allow for several new developments. These developments arise from such things as the change to co-education, the substantial increase in enrolments, and some significant changes to be made during the next few years in the curriculum being offered.

Some of the major developments were:

- A home economics teaching area is being established in the original Prep school complex. This will include facilities for cooking, sewing, needlework, spinning, etc.
- Preparation for a social sciences centre in old Senior House, with a resource centre, staff work room and a teaching area, quite different from the old pattern.
- An art and craft exhibition centre is being developed in the south wing of the cloisters.

- A section of the old Warrinn dormitories was moved to Campbell House to provide additional classroom space, and the house originally occupied by 'Snow' Hobbs is to be used to provide for library activities.
- Gradual conversion of Prep boarding areas to provide academic accommodation, following transfer of Prep boarders to Mackie House.
- Modification of accommodation in Mackie House, to provide bed/study facilities in all dormitories except old dorm. 'E'.
- Provision of additional accommodation for Day Houses to provide each day-house with its own quarters.

The College Council, with assistance from a staff committee, is investigating the development of an integrated creative arts centre. It is hoped that this project will be developed in time for use at the beginning of the 1978 academic year.



The removal process — wide load proceeds along Aphrasia Street, accompanied by police motor cycle escort.

Honours

Congratulations are extended to

Dr. I. S. M. Murphy ('20)
of Emerald, Victoria,
who was awarded the

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

in the Queen's New Year Honours List,
the award was made
"for services to community health".

and to

Peter N. Thwaites, Esq.,
Principal 1960-1975

who was awarded the

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

"for services to education".

OGCA v COLLEGE — CRICKET

The Old Collegian team this year was drawn mainly from those who played College cricket in the 1950s, loosely classified as a 'sub-veteran' side.

The match was played on a time basis, with three hours of batting for each team, but College had difficulty in compiling runs quickly, as early morning showers had made run-getting rather hazardous.

College captain, Vickers-Willis, top-scored for his team and had added twenty-seven useful runs before being caught off the bowling of Ian Redpath.

Adrian Illingworth ('53), fielding in the slips, must surely have soaked his fingers in glue as he held three catches. One of them, a full length dive to hold the ball only inches from the ground, was undoubtedly the outstanding feature of the OGC fielding.

At the end of their three-hour session the College batsmen had lost 10 wickets (from their team of 12) for 100 runs.

The OGCA were in difficulties early when College opening bowler, Binder, rattled the stumps behind **John Rooke ('51)** with an excellent ball moving in from the off in his first over. His second over saw the dismissal of the other opening bat, **Tony Lawler ('54)**, when 'keeper Vickers-Willis snapped up a catch from a top-edge. Two wickets for four runs!

In a partnership of forty-three runs **Ian Redpath ('54)** and **Jock Bromell ('50)** relieved the situation and an additional nineteen runs were added in partnership with **Paul Sheahan ('59)** before Bromell fell victim to the most successful College bowler, Bell, who finished with 6 for 36. Bell took a wicket in each of his first four overs, conceded only three runs in the fifth over and gathered the other two wickets with successive balls in his sixth over.

The OGCA passed the College score an hour before the close of play when six wickets had fallen. The game continued in order to give all Old Collegians an opportunity to 'swing the willow'.

Barry Solomon ('48), perhaps a little too anxious to open his account, hit the wicket instead of the ball and shortly after this incident the last OGCA wicket fell with the final score at 148.

OGCA players were impressed by the standard of College bowling and fielding and good wishes were extended for the coming season.

OLD GEELONG COLLEGIANS' HOCKEY CLUB 1967-1977

Hockey at the College is an enigma. It is not one of the major sports, such as cricket, football, athletics, yet it pre-dates other alternative winter sports.

The Old Geelong Collegians' Hockey Club is unique as it is the only wholly sporting group drawn from and closely associated with the College. It directly relates itself with College sport by including students in teams fielded and by providing coaching assistance to College teams. **The OGC Hockey Club really is unique.**

The Club was formed on February 6, 1967, and the April issue of 'Ad Astra' in that year included a short article noting official support for the Club and seeking interested persons to form the first team. Of the six teams entered in the 1967 competition the Old Collegians' and the Geelong Hockey Club are the only two clubs which have entered teams continuously through the intervening years. Highlights of the decade include the Club's first premiership in 1968, a feat which was repeated last year when the B team were premiers in the second division. The Club has also had two Association 'best and fairest' players in Mike Bowden (1972) and Noel Patchett (1975 and 1976).

The ten years have not all been easy, however. Recruiting difficulties were experienced in the early 1970s and for a time there was some doubt as to whether the Club would survive. By mutual co-operation between the College and the Club these difficulties were overcome, though, and the introduction of co-education at the College has seen the game increase in popularity as hockey is the College's only winter sport for both girls and boys. The revived interest has been helped greatly by the appointment of

Mr. Chris Ingham to co-ordinate hockey throughout both junior and senior schools.

Two new hockey grounds have been prepared at the College for this season and the OGC Hockey Club has offered to flood-light part of these for night training. In addition, the Club will provide coaches for College teams and will have students playing in all its teams. This close liaison between the College and the Club will do much to ensure the future development and success of hockey in both areas.

To celebrate its ten years of existence the OGC Hockey Club has planned some major social events. The first of these will be a wine bottling/barbecue to be held at Ceres in April, of which details may be obtained from the club president, Roger Nation (21 3226), or from the OGCA office. All former players, students, parents and friends are invited to attend.

On Old Collegians' Day a re-union is planned which will feature inspection of the new facilities at the College, a lunch, a re-union match (for those who can still take the field) and a barbecue on the following day. Again, everyone interested is invited.

Finally, and of particular importance, the OGC Hockey Club will field one women's team and three men's teams in the 1977 competition. The women's team and the men's C team will comprise predominantly student players. Anyone who would like to play in any one of the Club's teams, or even just lend sideline support, will be most welcome. Some present players are looking for an excuse to retire, after ten years, and what nicer way to go than to find that other Old Collegians can fill their places!

The Old Geelong Collegians' Hockey Club would like to hear from all interested.

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

Form III tour - Term 3, 1976

A group of ten Form III boys went on a seven-day tour, arranged by Mr. Charles Harbison, which covered an interesting cross-section of Victorian primary industry.

The first day's program indicates the variety of the experiences shared by the group. They travelled via the Maddingly Coal Mine to the Artificial Insemination Centre at Bacchus Marsh, through the Mount Macedon Forest Nursery, with a night stop at a Broadford farm where horse riding and other farming pursuits were enjoyed.

Other items of interest during the tour included the Murray River historical display at Echuca, rice fields, irrigated wheatlands, red gum and cypress pine forests.

The huge machines used for the cultivation and harvesting of cereal crops in the Wimmera district, the Great Western vineyards, Mafeking goldfields, a large feedlot at Stawell and visits to several pastoral properties provided a wealth of opportunity for discussion and learning.

The generosity of those Old Collegians who provided overnight accommodation, entertained the boys on their farm properties and conducted them on several of the inspection tours is sincerely appreciated.

MARRIAGES

- Rex Jones to Michelle Ryan, Ballarat, November 29, 1975.
Robert Herd to Susan Duffield, Belmont, August 14, 1976.
Douglas Winckle to Jennifer Bartlett, Geelong, September 18.
Barry McDonald to Glenda Phillips, Brisbane, October 16.
Graeme David to Helen Marshall, Wangaratta, October 30.
Philip Jarvis to Lisa Powell, Yarra Glen, October 30.
Peter Lowe to Susan Poulston, Highton, November 5.
Geoffrey Dannon to Elizabeth Ayton, Melbourne, November 6.
Timothy Greene to Mary Carew, Mt. Moriac, November 6.
Andrew Wall to Annie Seymour, Ripponlea, November 8.
Mark Donald to Sally Cook, Barrabool, November 26.
Michael Acocks to Heather Seymour, London, November 29.
Grant McBride to Jennifer Down, Thornbury, December 4.
Campbell Murdoch to Vicki Keyes, Sydney, December 8.
Jamie Campbell to Peta McLaren, South Yarra, December 10.
Donald McLean to Joyce Hicks, Vancouver (Canada), December 29.
Graeme Kelly to Dawn Crabbe, Geelong, January 8, 1977.
Robert Jeremiah to Katrina Hampton, Brighton, January 15.
Simon Coulson to Ingrid Sheppard, Mt. Waverley, January 15.
Grant Lindsay to Janet Gorman, Geelong, January 29.
Ralph Strong to Sue Bowtell, Albury, January 29.
Andrew Webb to Jillian Bradley, Natimuk, February 5.

A NEW CONSTITUTION FOR OGCA

For over twelve months, now, a sub-committee has been at work drafting a new Constitution for the OGCA. The final draft, as approved by the General Committee at its meeting early in March, will be put to a Special General Meeting of the Association at 9.30 a.m. on April 2, (Boat Race Day).

The present Constitution was adopted in 1964 when the general organisation of the OGCA was altered considerably in many ways. The new Constitution makes no major variations to the organisational aspects of the Association but seeks to tidy up the document in the light of developments and experience over the past thirteen years.

The drafting sub-committee could have achieved much the same effect by proposing a long series of amendments to the 1964 Constitution but the end result would have been a confused and confusing document. It seemed better to compile a new document in which the various Articles would relate to one another more closely than they could in an amended version.

Some aspects of the new Constitution arise because of changes in the College itself. For example, as the College is now co-educational the OGCA is no longer a male preserve and the Constitution has to make provision for this.

RE-UNION REPORTS

Mildura

For the second successive year wives of Old Collegians were present at the Mallee/S.W. Riverina Branch re-union. This has become loosely known as the Mildura Branch but it covers a much greater area than the city itself. In fact, a new venue was chosen for the dinner on September 4, when eleven Old Collegians, most of them accompanied by their wives, met with the OGCA President and Executive Officer to toast the College at Red Cliffs Community Hotel.

Graham Mockridge ('41) and **Don Mackay ('39)** were re-elected President and Secretary, respectively, for the ensuing year.

Albury

Again, this is a misnomer for it is really the Albury and District Branch.

Attendance at re-union dinners has been disappointing in recent years but the decision to hold an all-day family barbecue on October 10 obviously struck the right note with the predominantly farming community of this district, which encompasses Wagga Wagga, Jerilderie, Tocumwal, Wangaratta, Bright, Jingellic and Tumut.

Malcolm Brown ('43), Branch President, provided an excellent venue on the lawns of his property 'Kilchamaig', Mountain Creek. He also provided an airstrip adjacent to his home where **Warrick Wettenhall ('43)** and his family landed in their Piper-Cherokee, flown from Jerilderie.

All brought their own food and refreshments, barbecue units were provided and the twenty-two Old Collegians, eighteen wives and twelve children had a most enjoyable day.

At a short business meeting, held on the house verandah, Malcolm indicated that he wished to retire as president. **David Bent ('58)** was elected president and **Dr. Robert Robinson ('49)** filled the secretarial post vacated by David.

The close relationship which exists between the financial management of the Association and the management of the school is an important factor now and although the 1964 Constitution embodied this principle it could do little more than foreshadow its outcome. The new Constitution, it is believed, embodies the current realities satisfactorily.

In all important respects, the Association operates efficiently and beneficially in fulfilling its objectives. The task of the sub-committee has consequently been easier than it would have been if major alterations were necessary. The 1964 Constitution has demonstrated its usefulness as an instrument of organisational change and the new document is one which consolidates arrangements which for some time now have been the basis of an Association which is widely accepted as among the very best of its type in Australia.

Ballarat

The Ballarat re-union dinner, held at the Ballarat Club on October 8, attracted a number of Melbourne Old Collegians, notably from the 1940 year group. Does this indicate that they are attempting to wrest the Year Group Gong from the 1970 year group?

The meal was again prepared and served by Mesdames Oliver and Drennan, wives of the Branch President and Secretary respectively. The results of their hard work were greatly appreciated.

The OGCA President introduced the Principal (Mr. S. P. Gebhardt) to the twenty-nine Old Collegians present. Mr. Gebhardt mixed humour with serious thought in his reply to the welcome he received on his first visit to the Branch.

Bendigo

This year members of the Bendigo Branch enjoyed a double surprise when **Bert Keith ('15)** and **Des Davey** (past Deputy-Principal) joined them at the Terminus Hotel on November 12 for the re-union dinner.

A scrap-book containing a record of College events dating back to 1957, kept by Des in his usual meticulous fashion, was a source of great interest. Des has kindly agreed that this may be cared for in the OGCA office, at least for the time being, so that Old Collegians may enjoy the opportunity to revive past memories when visiting the College.

An election of office-bearers was held at which **Lachie Ritchie ('65)** was elected Branch President, **Robert Coultis ('63)** accepted nomination as Secretary/Treasurer and **Tony Gross ('55)**, **John Powell ('54)** and **Lachlan Taylor ('61)** agreed to act as members of a district liaison committee.

South Australia (Adelaide)

Fewer than forty Old Collegians live in the suburbs of Adelaide yet the enthusiasm of those who meet at the annual re-union dinner is ample evidence of their interest in the College and the Association.

OGCA President Fred Elliott made a hurried overnight visit to Adelaide to be at the Feathers Hotel on November 5. Old Collegians were pleased to welcome **Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stott**, who had been particularly active at the College when Doug was Deputy-Principal.

Duncan MacKenzie ('55) again proved his ability to organise a successful gathering of Old Collegians and no action was taken to upset the status quo.

Veterans

There is no age barrier when Old Collegians meet. Three super-veterans, those who have passed the four-score mark, attended Branch re-unions during 1976.

'**J. H. Campbell** is a welcome visitor at any Branch re-union. He was given no opportunity to refuse when asked to say a few words at the Grampians dinner in August.

Brian Cavanagh, who has missed very few re-union dinners at Mildura in recent years, received a special welcome at the dinner held in September.

Selwyn Scott, who recently moved from Scotsburn to Mt. Helen, was warmly welcomed by many of those very much his junior when he attended the Ballarat re-union in October.

Others of more tender years, veterans not yet eligible for 'super' classification, who attended Branch re-unions during the year were:

Ian McKenzie ('13), **Leslie Reid ('14)**, **Dick Howell ('18)** and **Dr. Pat Reilly ('20)** at the N.S.W. (Sydney) dinner in June; **Eric Philip ('15)** at Hamilton in July; **Jim Hunter ('13)** at Ballarat in October; **Bert Keith ('15)** at Bendigo in November.

Horsham

This, of course, is the Wimmera Branch which lives up to its reputation as the dry area of the State, climatically at least. The 1976 re-union was varied from the dinner dance which has been a feature of the Branch for the past five years. A dinner was held at the Royal Hotel, Horsham, on October 22 to which Old Collegians and fathers of present and recent past students were invited.

Mr. Bob Seaton, Senior Physics Master, accompanied the OGCA President and Executive Officer to meet the fourteen Old Collegians and four parents who attended. **Mr. Seaton** was guest speaker. Branch office-bearers remained unchanged.

Informal Dinners — Melbourne and Geelong

The Hawthorn Club was the venue for four very successful dinners in Melbourne during 1976 and a similar dinner was held in Geelong early in the year.

With a regular attendance of about thirty Old Collegians, the Melbourne group endorsed remarks made by **Norman Charley ('44)** at the November dinner, when he said that this popular function should be more widely publicised. It was considered that numbers could be doubled or even trebled if a Melbourne committee were formed. **Norman** accepted appointment as Committee Convenor and will be supported by **Roger Colvin ('51)**, **Robin Dennis ('50)**, **Alistair McIlwain ('47)**, **Graeme Dickson ('67)** and **Dale Fraser ('68)** who will contact other Old Collegians in the metropolitan area.

Four dates have been arranged for Melbourne dinners during 1977 and Old Collegians of all ages will be welcome.

In Geelong the initial response to informal dinners, similar to those held in Melbourne, has been to some extent disappointing. Possibly this is because Geelong residents see each other more frequently or perhaps the ideal venue is yet to be found.

Plans have been made to hold two informal dinners in Geelong this year.

Dates for the Melbourne and Geelong dinners are listed on the back page of this issue of 'Ad Astra'.

OGC NEWS - from here and there

Reg Taylor ('13) of 'Valleyfield', Epping Forest, Tasmania, attended the Public Schools Old Boys' dinner in Launceston to celebrate the College Head of the River victory.

Keith Angwin ('31) and **Harvey Lade ('38)** both live in Wellington, N.Z., and keep in regular touch with one another. Both continue to take a keen interest in the College.

Prof. A. F. (Alan) Davies ('36), Chairman of the Political Science Department at Ormond College, has accepted appointment as a member of the National Steering Committee of the Study of Education and the Arts under the joint sponsorship of the Schools Commission and the Australia Council.

Dr. Donald McLean ('38) is Session Clerk of the Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, Canada. He has been Professor of Medical Microbiology at the University of British Columbia since 1967.

Norman Spalding ('40) was based at the London office of Thos. Borthwick and Sons Australasia Ltd. for two years. He is now back in Melbourne and is general manager for Australia of that company.

William Salmon ('42) held an exhibition of his brightly painted landscapes at the Toorak Gallery, East Melbourne, during November, 1976. He lives near Lithgow in N.S.W. and paints in a studio which is next to a creek and surrounded by bush. In a Melbourne 'Age' report it was stated: "Mr. Salmon maintains that art is different from other forms of education because the end result is unknown. If you give the answer with techniques it cripples the style and awareness of the artist."

Tony Macdermid ('47) has undertaken a study course in data processing, an essential for his recent appointment with the Melbourne Diagnostic Group.

LTCOL Robert Nash ('50) relinquished his appointment in Headquarters Logistic Command late last year and is now on the staff of the Joint Services Medical Adviser in Department of Defence (Central Office), Canberra. It is interesting to note his comment — "LTCOL, as written, is correct, service ranks are now all in block capitals without full-stops."

John Newberry ('54) has moved to Bendigo where his wife is a Social Welfare Officer. He recently completed his Arts Honours Degree at the University of Melbourne and is now studying for a Diploma of Education.

Duncan MacKenzie ('55) has been elected national president of the Micro Film Association of Australia. He is also a member of the executive of the South Australian Branch of the Records and Management Association. His most recent appointment is as a Counsellor with the Schools Commission, Special Projects (Innovations) Programme.

Brian Tymms ('56) was awarded the John Clemenger Memorial Prize in the final year of his M.B.A. Degree.

Peter Mayne ('57) was recently promoted to Pilot Officer in the Territorial Air Force of New Zealand.

Simon Hood ('59) moved to Tasmania about three years ago. He operates a mobile seed cleaning machine on farm properties in the north of the State and is frequently in contact with **Rob Wall ('58)**, Launceston, and **Stuart Johnston ('59)** Longford.

John Funston ('60) was lecturing at the Jabatan Fejarah University in Kuala Lumpur and returned to Australia late in 1975. He is now in Canberra with the Department of International Relations at the Australian National University where he is studying for his Ph.D.

John Duigan ('63) directed the film 'The Trespassers' which was shown in the Longford Cinema, South Yarra.

Alan Julien ('63) is a member of the editorial staff of the 'Age' publication 'Greyhound Weekly'.

Malcolm McDonald ('63) has been appointed a Member of the Royal College of Physicians.

Peter Holland ('64) will be overseas until mid-1978 as he is currently embarked on a Masters Degree course at Harvard University.

Terry Johnstone ('64) became licensee of the Ellis Beach Motel and Licensed Restaurant, which is in the vicinity of Cairns, Queensland, on November 1, 1976.

Alistair Wettenhall ('64) is a shepherd in New Zealand. Unfortunately his letter was so brief that it contained no further detail other than his address.

Rex Jones ('67) joined the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd. in 1971. He worked at the Ararat Branch before being transferred to the relieving staff and is currently at Ballarat. Obviously Rex reads his copy of 'Ad Astra' and wants to maintain his contact with the OGCA as he says, "I am having my mail sent to the bank so I won't get lost."

Michael Menzies ('67) does more than 'play' trains. He is secretary of the Geelong Steam Preservation Society which has embarked on a major project to establish an operating museum railway between Queenscliff and Drysdale and to establish a museum of operating steam machinery at Drysdale as a major tourist attraction.

Geoff Lumb ('68) has become known to track racing commentators as the "Bannockburn iron-man". He has reached the finals of Gifts at Wangaratta (where he filled second place), Maryborough, Rye and Frankston. At Wangaratta he won the 400 metre event and was first to the tape in the 70 metre sprint at Maryborough. In the immediate future he plans to contest Gift events at Lavington, Moomba, Bendigo, Waverley and Sunbury and the Centenary Gift at Stawell.

Hugh Champness ('69) was awarded the Sword of Honour as the top RAAF graduate for the year at a parade held at the RAAF Academy, Point Cook, last December.

NAURUAN OLD COLLEGIANS

It is appropriate that appreciation should be expressed in this newsletter to Aiboroma Akubor (who was known as Fred Aiboroma while at the College) for providing comprehensive information about Nauruan Old Collegians.

The information in OGCA records was very sketchy and in some cases non-existent but 'Fred' has supplied details which are of considerable value.

Old Collegians of the '60s and '70s will no doubt be interested to have the following information concerning their friends, all of whom are now in Nauru.

- Akubor, Aiboroma ('68)**, known as Fred Aiboroma, single, clerk, Department of External Affairs;
- Aingimea, David ('70)**, married, recently promoted to deputy postmaster;
- Batiua, Mamwe ('69)**, married, able seaman, Nauru Pacific Line (currently on leave);
- Bop, Parcella ('63)**, single, assistant manager, Menen Hotel;
- Botelanga, Nimrod ('68)**, married, acting deputy secretary, Nauru General Hospital;
- Deduna, Roy ('69)**, single, clerk, accounts office, Nauru Local Government Council;
- Fritz, Lionel ('70)**, single, clerk, Treasury Department;
- Harris, Rene ('61)**, married, Nauru agent, Nauru Shipping Line, member of Nauru Parliament;
- Stephen, Patrick ('74)**, single, private business;
- Tamakin, Rudan ('70)**, married, private business;
- Tamakin, Wilson ('70)**, married, recently resigned from police force, now partner with brother in restaurant and night club business;
- Thoma, Godfrey ('71)**, single, assistant customs and immigration officer.

Addresses may be obtained from the OGCA office by those who may wish to contact any of the above Old Collegians.

A FAMILY TREE OF OLD COLLEGIANS

Graeme Balfour ('67) provided a wealth of information about himself and Old Collegians to whom he is related in a recent letter to the OGCA President.

After gaining his Diploma of Agricultural Science at Dookie Agricultural College, Graeme worked for some time in Gippsland and in June 1975 he commenced work with the Rural Finance and Settlement Commission. In 1976 he began a five year part-time course in Valuations at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

In 1975 Graeme was best man for **Douglas Bath ('67)** who married Trudy Hepburn (ex Morongo), sister of **Ross Hepburn ('64)**.

An additional Morongo/College link is provided by Graeme's wife, Janet, who is the sister of **Kim Byrnes ('58)**.

Three brothers are Old Collegians: **David Balfour ('59)** is working on a dairy farm in Gippsland,

Peter Balfour ('56) spent several years on a dairy farm and is now working with the Moe City Council and studying to become a building inspector,

Russell Balfour ('52) is also dairy farming in Gippsland.

The Honourable **J. C. M. Balfour ('29)**, Minister for Fuel, Power and Mines, is Graeme's father and a cousin, **Archie McLeish ('59)**, sometimes known as 'Snow', has been in England for about two years.

OLD COLLEGIANS' DAY

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1977

OGC Hockey Club Special Features to celebrate the 10th Anniversary

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
(See Separate Notice)

ANNUAL RE-UNION DINNER
in the

COLLEGE DINING HALL

Early bookings are recommended.
Seating capacity will be limited.
Address enquiries to OGCA Office

Social Activities

Throughout the year the OGCA provides a wealth of social activities which provide the opportunity for Old Collegians to meet. Many also enjoy the chance to reminisce and on all occasions information is provided of current activity at the College. Old Collegians' Day is a feature of OGCA activity each year;

Most branches hold regular re-union functions;

Informal dinners are held at regular intervals in Melbourne and Geelong;

Year Group re-unions are held from time to time;

Affiliated sporting groups organise a variety of social activities.

Those who have never attended any of these social gatherings or who have 'given them a miss' for some time will be agreeably impressed with the great spirit of good fellowship which is evident on these occasions.

The enclosed OGCA calendar lists the majority of the functions planned for 1977.

Keep it handy

ALBERT BELL CLUB

THIRD RE-UNION DINNER
at

"ROSNASHANE"

11 Aberdeen Street, Newtown
THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1977

acclaimed as one of the
most popular functions ever
held by Old Collegians.

There is a strict capacity
limit. Bookings will be
recorded in order of receipt.

Reservations may be made
by forwarding cheque for
\$15.00 to the

Executive Officer, OGCA,
P.O. Box 5, Geelong, 3220

INFORMAL DINNERS

MELBOURNE:

HAWTHORN CLUB,
627 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn.
March 9 — June 8 — September 21
November 23.

GEELONG:

PRESTON HOTEL,
opp. Twin Cinema, Ryrie Street, Geelong.
May 4 — October 19

Other dates may be added if requested.

MAKE A DIARY NOTE NOW

Notice of intention to attend these
dinners is preferred but not essential.

BOAT RACE BALL

a return to the more formal style
AN EVENING FOR THE
YOUNG

and young at heart
GROVEDALE HOTEL

Torquay Road, Grovedale
FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1977

An excellent date for fun and
jollity.

\$9.00 DOUBLE

chicken supper provided
(bar service refreshments)

Full information obtainable from
the OGCA office.

They continue to row:—

Several members of College crews of recent years have been active during the 1976-77 rowing season with a series of wins to their credit.

Greg and Bruce Longden ('69) are members of the Melbourne University Boat Club Senior VIII which has been first past the post in a number of events. Greg is stroke of this crew. Bruce is bow-man and is also captain of the club.

Simon Gillett ('72) is a member of the Melbourne University Senior Lightweight IV. Among its many successes this crew has won the Victorian Sprint IV and the South Australian Senior IV title. It has consistently defeated last year's Australian Champion lightweight IV and was recently selected to represent Victoria in the Penrith Cup to be rowed in Perth at the King's Cup regatta.

Neil Myers ('72), Don Cooper ('72), Brad Fenner ('72) and John Olliff ('73), rowing for Corio Bay Club, have figured prominently in many wins in youth and maiden races this season, among which was the Australia Day Cup for maiden VIII's at Albert Park. Myers and Cooper also combined to win the maiden pairs event at the Victorian Universities' Regatta at Ballarat.

Andrew Steel ('72) who, with Myers, Fenner and Gillett, was a member of the crew which won the Australian Champion Youth VIII event in 1976, is making another late season comeback.

'73 YEAR GROUP

From the cross-section of members of the '73 Year Group listed below, this group may ultimately gain the title of 'College Wanderers'. They will be represented at Universities in two States, the A.C.T. and New Zealand. Three will return to their homes near the N.S.W. border, two will enter Colleges of Advanced Education and one (aptly named Richard LAW) plans to join the Police Force.

UNIVERSITIES

NEW ENGLAND

Rural Science: Andrew Morrison, David Jackson.
Agric. Economics: Michael Laidlaw, Andrew Kelso,
Hayden Cock.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL

Arts: Stephen Laidlaw.

MELBOURNE

Law: Michelle Quigley, John Green.
Arts: Guy van Erst.
Commerce: Sandy Hutton, Mark Leach.
Vet. Science: Sandy Cameron.

MONASH

Science: Michael Kelso.
Pol. Econ.: Julie Schofield.

VICTORIA, WELLINGTON, N.Z.

Science: Mark Lade.

GORDON INSTITUTE

Fashion and Design: Sarah Leach.

RUSDEN COLLEGE

Phys. Ed.: Michelle Macauley.

DEFERRED UNIVERSITY

Melbourne: Peter George
Monash: David Everist.

HOME PROPERTIES

Norman Graham — Deniliquin.
Jim Hamiston — Deniliquin.
Bill Sloane — Mulwala.

POLICE CADET

Richard Law.

Members of the '73 committee would like to compile a much more comprehensive list of 'who is where'. Spare a minute and drop a line to one of them:

Julie Schofield, 45 Roeback Street, Newtown, 3220.
Stephen Laidlaw, "Tarrantas", Glenhampton, 3292.
Sandy Hutton, P.O. Box 111, Hamilton, 3300.

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A day which every bowler
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KEW BOWLING CLUB

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 1977

when teams from all APS
Associations meet to compete
for the

Sir James Darling Trophy.

Play begins 10.15 a.m.

Entry \$4.00 per player which
includes barbecue lunch and
afternoon tea.

Bowlers who wish to play in this
competition should contact the
Executive Officer without delay.
Phone 052/21-1939