

CHAIRMAN of the COLLEGE COUNCIL

Dr. Norman Wettenhall retired as Chairman of the College Council at the end of 1977, after having held the office for a period of nine years. The appointment of Mr. Geoff Neilson, as his successor, became effective from January, 1978.

Mr. Peter Thwaites, immediate Past-Principal, kindly responded to a request to write the following article, which is a timely tribute to those who have contributed so much to the welfare of the College.

How many, even within the college community itself, recognise the crucial importance and heavy responsibility of the Chairman of the Council of an independent school? It is often assumed, and is certainly implied by tradition and enshrined in official histories, that great independent schools such as The Geelong College, owe their greatness primarily to the quality of their successive headmasters. This is, of course, only a partial truth: there are many other factors, involving a wide range of material, sociological and personal contributions, some of them purely accidental. One very significant factor is the quality and leadership of successive Chairmen of Council. A careful examination of the history of such schools will usually reveal that the great headmasters have enjoyed the support and encouragement of some remarkable Chairmen, and perhaps equally important, it has often been the wise guidance and courageous actions of the Chairman and the Council which have allowed the school to survive and prosper despite periods when leadership of headmaster and staff have wavered.

The Geelong College has certainly been fortunate in the quality of its Council, and in the strength and wisdom of its Chairmen. I believe this is due very largely to the structure of the Council, which allows a strong measure of continuity and flexibility, and therefore makes possible the selection of men (and more recently women) who can pass on from one generation to the next the loyalty and vision of the founding fathers and the important skills of the chairmanship.

I consider myself most fortunate to have arrived at The Geelong College in May 1960 when the Council was under the remarkable leadership of Sir Arthur Coles, and at almost the same time as the Council added to its membership Dr. Norman Wettenhall and Mr. Geoff Neilson. From my point of view, Sir Arthur had four characteristics which seem to me essential in a good chairman: firstly, having decided, rightly or wrongly, that I was the best candidate offering for the headmastership, he never wavered in his support and encouragement; secondly, he had a clear appreciation of the relative responsibilities of the Council and the Principal, and never permitted either of them to overstep their proper functions; thirdly, if he thought I was mistaken or unwise he never hesitated to tell me so, in private; and fourthly, he was always prepared to listen to my problems or uncertainties and to offer his advice. Moreover, although he had maintained a long and close interest in the College and was a generous benefactor, he was realistic about its strengths and weaknesses and recognised the need for any successful institution to change and adapt.

Norman Wettenhall joined the Council in 1960; he had been a boarder at the College from 1930 to 1934; his father had been a member of Council from 1927 to 1958; his two sons have now also been boarders at the College. He was appointed Chairman of the Council in 1969. It was remarkable to me that, despite the obvious differences in style and interests between these two men, Norman immediately demonstrated the same basic understanding and characteristics as I had found in Sir Arthur. Our relationship was perhaps a little different, because I was by then established in office, Norman was much more of my own age and generation, and the mode of operation of the Council, with several standing committees, had altered. But, nevertheless, it was the same sympathy, and commitment, which made Norman such a good chairman. Because of the growing complexity of education in general, and of the College in particular, and especially because of the increasing pace of



Mr. D. G. NEILSON

change with new buildings, new organisations, changing social patterns and major decisions such as the decision to enrol girls, the work of the chairman became more and more onerous. It did not surprise me therefore to hear that, after helping in the selection and settling in of a new Principal, Norman had decided to relinquish the chairmanship at the end of last year.

By the establishment of this high tradition, by the careful selection of its membership, and by preserving adequate continuity, the Council had now amongst its members several men who would have made first class chairmen, but none better than Geoff Neilson.

Geoff attended the College from 1935 to 1947. He has been a very active member of the Old Geelong Collegians' Association for many years, which has included twenty years as an office-bearer, as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President and President. More recently he has had the wisdom to send his daughter to the College. When he was appointed to the Council in 1960, he was already secretary of the Morongo Council, and closely involved in many aspects of both schools. He has therefore observed at close hand the style of several chairmen and several principals, not to mention his very wide experience of other

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THE LIVES OF FRANK ROLLAND

As was indicated in the previous issue of 'Ad Astra', the biography, 'The Lives of Frank Rolland', was launched at functions held in the College Library on November 3 and at Ormond College on November 8.

Both launching functions were well attended and the demand for copies of the book was most encouraging.

The author, Bert Keith ('15), has received many personal messages of congratulations and he wishes to convey his thanks through 'Ad Astra'.

Quotes from some of the numerous letters received serve as a compelling invitation to those who have not yet obtained a copy of this book:

— A remarkable job about a remarkable man.

— A picture of absorbing interest.

— Treated without bias and with complete fairness.

— Made Mr. Rolland emerge in all his charm and whimsy.

— One of the most gripping books I have read and proves that truth is greater than fiction.

— My father is always talking of Rolland, and now I know why.

It emerged that even members of the Rolland family were not aware of all the facts brought to light.

Copies may be obtained from the College Office (\$9.95), or by post (\$10.50).

PARENT DRAMA GROUP

A parent drama workshop was held at the Prep School on February 1 and 2. The interest shown has resulted in the formation of a Parent Drama Group, which will meet in room C23 at the Senior School each Wednesday afternoon, at 4.00 p.m.

All parents and friends will be welcome. Further information may be obtained from Mr. John Gibson at the College or at home (phone 50.1797).

HSC RESULTS — 1977

David Bath gained a distinction for general excellence and was awarded a senior scholarship.

Andrew Urbahns gained a distinction for general excellence.

Simon Cameron and **Marcus Thorne** both gained major scholarships to Ormond College.

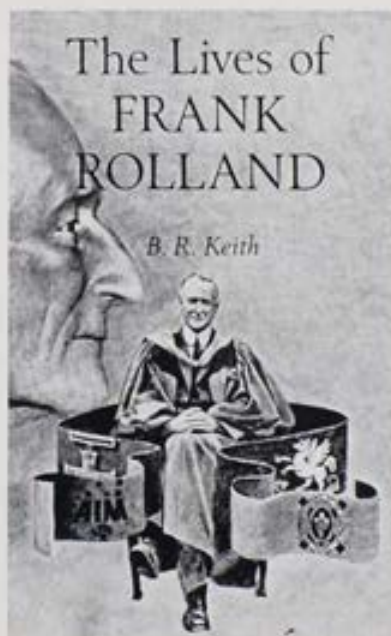
Matriculation standard was attained by 79.67% of those who sat for HSC examinations.

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committee and council work, including an active part in the Council of Deakin University. Moreover at this time of change within the life of the Presbyterian and Uniting churches, he has been closely associated with much of this process. Once again, I believe The Geelong College is most fortunate in its chairman, and have no doubt that he will be to the new Principal what his two predecessors were to me, a wise counsellor, a strong leader and a very close friend. I wish him well, and congratulate him upon election to an office which will require great wisdom and energy, but for which I can think of none better prepared.

UNDERWRITING

Owing to the good sales, those kind friends who were willing to underwrite production of the biography will not be called upon. Thank you for offering!



Summer School

The Prep School was the venue for a Remedial and Special Education Summer School, funded by the Victorian In-Service Education Committee, during the first three weeks of January.

The course, designed to provide instruction in diagnosis, assessment and teaching of children with learning difficulties, was conducted by lecturers from the Institute of Special Education at the Burwood State College, and added depth was provided by experts in the fields of psychology, speech therapy, remedial teaching and pediatrics.

Courses of this nature will be of considerable benefit to teachers from country centres, as it will now be possible for them to up-grade their qualifications by attending a number of these summer schools, thus avoiding the necessity to spend a full year of study in Melbourne.

The February, 1978, newsletter of the AISV concluded the report of this Summer School with the observation: "The Geelong College, in co-operation with VISEC and SCV, Burwood, has made an invaluable contribution to professional development and simultaneously helped thirty-three children in the local community and many others in classrooms in the State".

AT THE PREP SCHOOL

There was activity outside the classroom during 1977, when many of the pupils cultivated vegetables. Guidance was given but self-motivation was the basic principle. The fruits of the labour were harvested and checked weighed. Portion of the crop was sold and a sum of approximately \$50 is held which will assist to finance future development.

It is envisaged that this program may be extended to include the rearing of small animals in the near future.

This year an out-door program has been introduced for pupils from Grade 3 to Form II.

Its purpose is to develop out-door skills appropriate to the age of the child and to create interest in activities for leisure pursuits now and later in life.

Younger pupils will be taught how to establish a camp area and outdoor cooking.

Those who are older will receive instruction in bushwalking, map and compass reading, orienteering and canoeing.

MEMBERS OF STAFF

Senior School Appointments

Mr. G. D. Amezdroz ('70) — phys. ed.
Mr. B. J. Burton — teaching fellowship
Mr. R. D. Buttenshaw — biology and enviro. science
Mr. R. K. Doyle ('68) — English lit. and drama
Miss J. Eggleston — maths. and science
Mr. A. N. Gibson — Australian studies
Miss P. J. Goonan — physics and gen. science
Mrs. J. J. Jordan — home economics
Mr. J. V. Leyshon — biology and gen. science
Mr. I. Robinson — maths. and physics
Mr. R. A. E. Shaw — maths.
Mr. C. G. Wood — art (sculpture, form III)

Messrs. J. H. Douglass, D. M. Gilbert, J. Murphy, I. C. Sheppard, R. W. Seaton and Miss M. R. Neal left to take up other appointments.

Mr. F. W. Elliott is taking long service leave. Mr. R. D. Wells will act as head of the fine arts faculty and warden of the House of Guilds during Mr. Elliott's absence.

Mr. J. J. Casey has been awarded an International Teaching Fellowship Exchange to New York State, U.S.A. Mr. R. L. Harrison has come to the College as the exchange member of staff.

Miss M. A. Hoult is now co-ordinator of science at the Prep School.

Mr. J. R. Nelson is director of curriculum.

Mr. D. R. Wellenhall is housemaster, Mossgeil.

Mr. C. G. Ingram is head of Morrison House.

Mr. C. E. Harbison is teaching environmental science at the Prep School.

Mr. M. J. Riddon is co-ordinator, form III.

Mr. R. T. Cummins is co-ordinator, form IV.

Prep School appointments

Miss R. Archer — phys. ed.
Mr. N. Barnett — grade 6
Mrs. V. Bell — remedial education
Miss J. J. Conn — teaching fellowship
Mr. B. Edwards — grade 6
Mrs. J. Farnan — assistant librarian
Mrs. A. Fisher — art
Mr. J. Harris — maths. and science
Mrs. H. Lee — foreign languages
Mrs. B. Williams — librarian

Mrs. M. D. Reilly, Mrs. G. J. Torney, and Messrs. T. G. Cook, D. D. W. Cameron and E. Littlejohn left at the end of the 1977 school year.

ADVENTURE

Nullabor Plains: Last year a party of twelve students with four members of staff, led by Fred Elliott ('42), travelled to the Nullabor. Once again thanks are extended to David Morris ('45), who provided three Toyota vehicles which were loaded with personal belongings, cooking equipment, a new rope ladder donated by Rev. Longfield, safety helmets obtained by Robert Purnell ('44), food requirements and the variety of impedimenta required for two weeks of touring.

Valuable information about the caves, travel conditions and other essential detail was provided by Duncan MacKenzie ('55) and Adrian Davey ('64) which saved valuable time in locating interesting features in the dry vastness of the Nullabor.

The party were able to explore a number of the many caves which are scattered through the plains and to view clear lakes of water in immense caverns three hundred feet below the earth's surface.

PARENTS' AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

The Committee of this Association met on several occasions during the latter part of 1977 and early in the current year. At the first of these meetings Mr. Brian J. Magee was elected chairman.

One of the requests made by newly-elected members of the committee was that the objects of the Association be defined in order that members of the committee may be aware of the purpose of their involvement.

This was considered to be a matter of considerable importance, both to present members of committee and to those who would serve in future years. It was therefore resolved that the subject be given careful consideration and that such definition should be recorded at a later meeting.

The conclusions reached, as recorded in the minutes of meeting held on October 17, 1977, will be of interest to all parents and friends of the College.

The objects of the Association are:

1. To encourage parents and friends to become involved in the activities of the College with a view to:
a) Assisting the school through the provision of resources, both financial and personal
b) providing a reservoir of ideas and comments for use as considered appropriate by the Principal and Council
2. To assist to promote the social activities of the College by making parents more aware of the opportunities provided by these activities.

Opportunities of this nature are unusual and the care exercised by Fred Elliott in making the necessary preparations and ensuring the safety of all members of the party is always of the highest order.

Cradle Mountain National Park: Under the leadership of Michael Van Heeswyk twenty-six students and four members of staff set off at the end of Term III to explore the central highlands of Tasmania by hiking through the Cradle Mountain Reserve from Waldheim Chalet to Lake St. Claire.

All students were carefully briefed to ensure that suitable clothing was worn and that packs were adequate but not too heavy for the arduous climbing and rough walking to be undertaken.

Weather conditions experienced were severe but not too forbidding for the hardier element of the group to travel the planned route. For those less experienced the journey was modified to some extent and this group trekked through the scenic area surrounding Lake St. Claire.

University of New England Earl Page College

The following memo was attached to papers received by the Principal from E. Barrington Thomas ('42), Head of Earl Page College: "We have seven (Old) Collegians here this year, and would be happy to see more in '78."

A-C-T-I-O-N

Words are of little value unless they are accompanied by appropriate action.

The planned activities of the Association for 1978 are listed in the Hand Book. More specific information about these will be provided by circulars, sent home with students, at the appropriate time.

The first, the 'get to know you' evening, held on Friday, February 17, provided an indication of the interest of parents and their desire to become better acquainted with all aspects of school activity.

Parents are reminded that all members of the committee are, themselves, parents of pupils now attending the Senior School. They will be glad to help all parents, in any way possible, to get to know more about the College and what it has to offer.

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THE ARCHIVES

The responsibility for assembling and cataloguing the College archives is in the hands of Ewen McLean. Any relevant material which may be considered of value, as part of the historical records of the College, will be welcomed.

School Captain Vice-Captains 1977

Robert Vickers-Willis — School Captain

The youngest of three brothers each of whom attended the College for fourteen years.

Robert's brother Michael was entered as a pupil in Kindergarten in April, 1948. He continued to Form V in 1961.

In February, 1961, brother Simon entered Kindergarten and completed Form VI in 1974.

Robert became a Kindergarten pupil in June 1964 and progressed through the Prep and Senior Schools to HSC level in 1977.

It seems possible that these three sons of Mr. C. Vickers-Willis may have created a record for a single generation of any College family, with a continuous attendance period of thirty years between 1948 and 1977.

Their collective period as College students totalled almost forty-two years and Robert's year as School Captain was a fitting conclusion to such a long association between this generation of the Vickers-Willis family and the College.

Scott Davies — Vice-Captain

Also the youngest of three brothers who attended the College, the sons of Mr. T. W. Davies of Wagga Wagga, N.S.W.

John Davies entered Form II in February, 1966 and continued to Form V in 1969.

Robert Davies began at Form I in 1967 and completed his HSC year in 1972.

Scott became a Form I pupil during the year that brother Robert was in Form VI.

The Davies brothers' attendance spans twelve years with a collective total of sixteen years as College boarders.

Kirsty Elliott — Vice-Captain

The first girl Vice-Captain of the College. Due to circumstances beyond her control Kirsty was the first of her generation of the Elliott family to attend the College.

After persistent requests Kirsty and her sister Libby were able to persuade their Old Collegian father Fred Elliott ('42) that they should follow in his footsteps at the College. They were enrolled together in June, 1975, the first year in which the College became fully co-educational.

It is rumoured that Kirsty once expressed the ambition to be the first girl school-captain at the College. In the short period of two and a half years, by her appointment as joint vice-captain, she nearly succeeded.

TALENT

The ability of College students, the diversity of skills in which they are trained, the opportunities provided and the acceptance of these opportunities are all evident in the achievements here recorded.

Science Talent Search:

College students won the David Syme & Co. Ltd. Science Talent Search School of the Year Award.

The points gained by many entries from Prep pupils in Forms I and II together with several entries by Senior School students, made this excellent result possible.

National Stamp Design Contest:

David Martin won first prize in this national competition. His entry presented in water colours was a set of four stamps headed "Energy for the Future," which depicted a nuclear power station, a futuristic wind turbine, a solar furnace and a geothermal power station.

Hugh Bickerstaff was fifth in Victoria and twenty-sixth in Australia in this competition.

There were over fifteen hundred entries from Australia.

Rotary Exchange:

Heather Johns was awarded a Rotary Exchange to attend a high school in New York State for twelve months.

Photography:

Tom Fielding won prizes in this field at the Geelong Show. He also gained 'Print of the Exhibition' award in the Keep Australia Beautiful photographic competition arranged by Geelong Jaycees in conjunction with the Geelong Camera Club.

Alliance Francaise Annual Competitions:

Students from the College were awarded thirteen 'mentions tres honorables' and seventeen 'mentions honorables' in this competition. In addition to these awards, Kate Cameron gained first prize in the Form IV language test and Timothy Neilson was awarded first prize for Form V poetry, reading and conversation.

School Mathematics Competition - University of Melbourne:

David Bath gained an Outstanding Award in the senior division. Russell Creagh was awarded a Certificate of Merit in the junior division. There were four thousand entries.

Australian Goethe Society (Victorian Branch) Competitions:

Anita Ziemer gained a supplementary prize.

Victorian Schoolboys Cricket Championships

Geoff Allen, David Howarth and David Gordon were selected to play in the Under 16 Schoolboys Cricket Team, which competed in the championship matches at Shepparton from November 27 to December 1.

Geoff Allen was captain of the team for the second successive year.

'Youthsail', 1978:

John Armytage was one of the thirteen people selected to represent Victoria in Canberra in January.

HONOURS

Congratulations are extended to

Emeritus Professor

SIR MACFARLANE BURNET, O.M., K.B.E. ('12)

of Canterbury, Victoria, who received the award

KNIGHT OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA (A.K.)

"for extraordinary and meritorious service to medicine and to science particularly in the fields of microbiology and immunology" and to

ROY D. BIRDSEY ('22)

of Geelong

who was awarded the

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (O.B.E.)

"for community services" and to

JOHN S. SILCOCK ('39)

of 'The Gums', Gringegaigona, who received the award

MEMBER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (M.B.E.)

"for services to rural industry" and to

DAVID M. DICKSON ('22)

of Warrnambool

who was included among those awarded the

QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE MEDAL

MARRIAGES

Graham Brown to Ahdona MacLulich, Geelong, August 6. Robert Harwood to Joanne van den Dungen, Geelong, November 12.

Phipps Turnbull to Ann Rummans, Toorak, November 21.

Andrew Deans to Gay Harrison, Highton, November 21.

David Reddie to Anne Roope, Geelong, November 21.

Cameron Bull to Margaret McQuinn, Geelong, November 26.

Richard Neville to Julie Trickey, Geelong, November 26.

Bill Spencer to Christine Burleigh, Ocean Grove, December 1.

Robert Sheringham to Janet Marendaz, Geelong, January 6.

Robert Deans to Lesley Trickey, Geelong, January 13.

Gareth Andrews to Susan Trotman, Melbourne, January 21.

Keith Walls to Tricia Woodruff, Geelong, January 28.

John Campbell to Christine Pigdon, Queenscliff, February 4.

Garth Smith to Jenny Hicks, Geelong, February 4.

Victorian Schoolboy Surf Championships:

Warren Powell was first in the Under 15 section. Greg Brown was first in the Under 17 section. James Gubbins and Darren Powell competed in the Under 19 section and gained second and sixth places, respectively.

The Sporting Globe report included the observation "Surfing appears to be one of the few sports where students from a wide variety of schools compete together."

Victorian Under 15 Baseball Squad:

Wesley Thornton was invited to train with this squad.

Geelong West Netball Association:

Heather Johns was awarded the trophy for the most improved first year player in the 'A' section.

Gliding:

Kathryn Purnell was one of four students who received instruction in gliding. The instructors considered her to be one of the best women pilots they had taught for many years.

MR. JUSTICE TREYVAUD

Brian Treyvaud ('41) attended the College from 1942 to 1946, and matriculated with honours in Latin.

In 1952 he was admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria and, for some years, practised in Geelong as a principal in the legal firm Coulter and Treyvaud.

After being called to the Bar, in 1963, he left Geelong to practise as a barrister in Melbourne, where he built an extensive practice in all jurisdictions.

It is with pleasure that congratulations are now extended to him following his appointment, in October, 1977, as a Justice of the Family Court of Australia.

OLD COLLEGIAN TIES

The Australian textile industry has changed considerably since ties were last purchased by the Association.

Most weaving mills have drastically reduced staff and, to operate economically, are not able to process small volume orders.

Short-run material must now be obtained from overseas, with consequent delay in supply.

It is a matter of considerable concern that, for the foregoing reasons, the stock of Old Collegian ties on hand at the end of the school year was not sufficient to satisfy all orders.

New stocks of ties are expected to arrive by April. The Association will continue to purchase woollen ties, which will be processed overseas, and the silk tie will be replaced with a polyester tie.

All those who ordered but did not receive ties will be notified when the new stocks are to hand.

OTHER ITEMS OF OGCA INSIGNIA

(now in stock)
Lapel badges — \$1.60 each
Bar brooches — \$1.75 each
Tie bars — \$2.25 each
Cuff links — \$3.95 pair

The following items may be purchased by all members of the College community:

Rear window stickers — 50¢ each
(Please enclose stamped, addressed envelope)
History of the College 1861-1961 — \$10.00
(now a collector's item)

College shield plaques — \$16.80
(in natural grain wood) posted — \$18.00

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.

H. D. Sutherland	(1899)
E. K. Worland	('06)
D. H. Oliver	('14)
A. Bell	('21)
J. A. Pettitt	('22)
W. J. Moodie	('24)
R. J. Whiting	('27)
J. D. Baines	('35)
J. W. Hughes	('51)
P. J. Pritchard	('70)
Susan M. Emmett	('75)
S. Lappin	('77)

BRANCHES.

The focal point of the Association, quite naturally, is at the College in Geelong. While the many Branches are separated by hundreds of miles, in some cases thousands of miles, from this centre they yet represent a considerable degree of the strength of the Association as a whole.

In 1977 eleven of the fifteen Branches held a re-union function. More than two hundred and thirty Old Collegians attended these functions and, as wives, parents and friends are welcomed by several Branches, the total number of people who have kept in touch with the College through the Branches has been in excess of three hundred.

There is a great depth of continuing interest in the College throughout the Branch network. The Association appreciates the valuable support which it receives from so many Old Collegians in country districts.

Mildura:

Two hundred miles is a long way to travel to attend a re-union function. It was therefore to be expected that **John Waugh** ('49) and his son **John** ('74) received a hearty welcome from the local inhabitants of the Mildura district, at the Red Cliffs Hotel on Friday, September 3. The guest speaker for the evening, **Albert Bell**, was accompanied by his wife, **Doreen**, and the group of OGC's and their wives who attended were treated to a wealth of interesting stories of the origin and development of rowing in Geelong.

President **Graham Mockridge** ('41) tendered an apology due to an unexpected interstate commitment. Secretary **Don Mackay** ('39) extended a welcome to **Gary Bent** (OGCA President) who was accompanied by the Executive Officer. The election of office-bearers was deferred until the 1978 re-union.

Adelaide (S.A.):

It is not always wise to make particular reference to any one individual who attends a Branch re-union, but there can be no doubt that the Old Collegians who were at the Colonial Restaurant in Adelaide on Friday, November 18, would unanimously endorse special mention of Branch President **Sir Roland Jacobs** ('03), who attended the re-union dinner with Lady Jacobs.

This really was an excellent evening, attended by thirteen Old Collegians, **Albert Simpson** (former phys.ed. master), **Gary Bent** (OGCA President), the Executive Officer and twelve wives of Old Collegians; in all a total of twenty-eight, a rewarding result and evidence of the organising ability of **Duncan MacKenzie** ('55).

A number of 'regulars' were there: **Mac Hamilton** ('28), **Geoff Roope** ('37), **Keith Turnbull** ('45) and **Peter Mann** ('56).

Among the new faces were **Jim McColl** ('45), **Jim Watts** ('45), **Joe Bickart** ('53), **John Mullins** ('63) and **Grant Jones** ('64), each accompanied by his wife.

Expatriots (Victoria) **Ted Tansley** ('39) and **Hugh Seward** ('66), took the opportunity to meet South Australian OGC's while temporarily resident in Adelaide.

Adelaide and Sydney Branches have at least one common factor. They conduct an election only when such necessity arises. Consequently, **Sir Roland** and **Duncan** retain their respective offices as President and Secretary of the Branch.

Ballarat:

Now an accepted **MUST** on the OGCA re-union calendar. As usual there was a good muster at the Ballarat Club on Friday, October 7. Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Drennan have established themselves as experts in the culinary art so that the meal served and the wit-studded talk, on his tour of Red China, given by **Ian Gordon** ('40) ensured the success of the evening.

Geoff Oliver ('41), President, and **Brian Drennan** ('49), Secretary, agreed to continue in office for another year.

Perth (W.A.):

There are fifty-five Old Collegians in Western Australia. Of these thirty-one live in the Perth metropolitan area, two are in the Geraldton district, five at Esperance and seventeen are scattered around the Albany circuit. These latter live at places with such outlandish names as Kojonup, Jerramungup, Noggerup, Dwellingup, Narrikup and others are in places better known to residents of the eastern states, such as Bunbury, Busselton and Albany.

It is, therefore, fairly obvious that it is not an easy task to arrange a re-union of Old Collegians in Perth.

However, when Branch Secretary, **Lachie Simpson** ('40), learned that **Des Davey** would be in Perth for a few days he rang most of those in the metropolitan area and arranged an informal gathering at the King's Park Tennis Centre for the evening of November 7.

The unavoidable short notice meant that several were unable to attend, but, in the words of **Des Davey**, the eight Old Collegians and a former member of the College staff "swapped many yarris of old times." **Des** had his Fellow badge and citation with him, both of which created considerable interest. As **Bert Keith's** publication 'The Lives of Frank Rolland' was hot-off-the-press that week these OGC's, far distant from the hub of College activity, were among the first to see a copy of this biography.

Those who attended the Perth re-union:—

Jock Watson ('28) Medical Practitioner
Alan Blackwood ('37) Branch President; Senior Master, Christchurch Grammar School.
Lachie Simpson ('40) Branch Secretary; Insurance Consultant.
David Davies ('57) Medical Practitioner.
Tolly Paterson ('58) Veterinary Surgeon.
Peter Hamilton ('60) Real Estate.
Don Poynton ('61) Geologist with Woodside Oil.
Clive Gaunt ('63) Real Estate.
Don MacLeod (1954-60) First assistant, Preparatory School.
Des Davey — Principal, Eitham College; previously Deputy Principal, The Geelong College.

Bendigo:

At the re-union dinner held at the Terminus Hotel on Friday, November 11, **Stephen Davey** ('66) recounted a series of amusing (some hair-raising) incidents which he had experienced as a tourist coach driver on the European and African continents.

Bendigo and Mildura are separated by some two hundred and fifty miles. These two cities are the focal points for Old Collegians who live in the central north west of the state. Distance is a governing factor which deters some, yet the committee of the Bendigo Branch plans to try to persuade a number of Old Collegians from this area to make an annual pilgrimage to meet other Old Collegians at the re-union dinner. **Lachie Ritchie** ('65), re-elected Branch President, and **George Wood** ('63), elected Secretary, will make this their target for 1978.

A SOURCE OF NATIONAL STRENGTH?

Peter Ryan, director of Melbourne University Press and a frequent contributor to Australian newspapers, recently reviewed a book entitled 'The Public School Phenomenon' in the 'Age'.

The concluding paragraph says: "As the British State system (like its Australian counterpart) sinks below a mindless morass of envious egalitarianism, of courses without content and classes without standards, of trendy permissiveness and sixth-form students who can no longer use or understand the English language, the public schools have become a source of national strength. They are now too valuable to abolish".

This will be regarded by some as reactionary opposition to the marvels of 'progressivism' and as a slur on the professional competence of the experts who 'know best' all there is to know about the development of children and about the future of our society.

Others may see it as implying a responsibility Australian independent schools like the College can and should accept to exercise their independence by providing a genuine alternative to government schools. In part, at least, that alternative would be the antithesis of the spreading and deepening "morass" in which Mr. Ryan sees many schools engulfed.

Grampians:

It was unfortunate that a number who attend the re-union dinner at Willaura regularly each year were otherwise committed on August 19. As a consequence numbers were fewer than in recent past years.

Jim Fidge ('54) and **David Jarman** ('57) represented the Association, the former being guest speaker for the evening.

After two years as Vice-President, during **Alex Calvert's** ('54) term of office, **Bill Slattery** ('69) was elected President and **Ivan Jacobs** ('48) was re-elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Wimmera:

A changed format — an unqualified success. There have been ups and downs at Wimmera Branch re-unions in recent years. Formal dinners have not been well attended; the dinner dances, held during the years 1971 to 1975, were popular but, to some extent, unpredictable.

President **Geoff Heard** ('56) and wife, **Marjorie**, offered the use of their property for a family-day barbecue on Sunday, September 25. The venue was ideal, the weather perfect and the appreciation and approval of Wimmera OGC's were quite evident. The total attendance was in the vicinity of sixty people. Among these there were 20 Old Collegians, mostly accompanied by their respective wives and children, and, as has become a custom at Horsham, several parents of present pupils and Old Collegians were among the group.

Geoff Heard was re-elected President and **Richard Lamshed** ('70) accepted nomination as Branch Secretary.

James E. Fidge ('54)

On the day before his fifth birthday, in 1946, Jim entered as a pupil in the College Kindergarten. It must surely be assumed that this was the time when his manly bearing became evident as, prior to this, he had been attending the Morongo Nursery.

From that day in 1946 until he left to join the staff of the State Savings Bank of Victoria, at the close of the 1957 school year, Jim developed a feeling of warm regard for the College which has endured through the intervening years.

His name does not appear in any of the academic awards, nor did he excel in any sport, although he did win the Old Collegians' race in 1960. He might be regarded as a very average pupil.

Nevertheless, his contribution to the College, the Old Collegians' Association and to community projects has indeed been greater than average.

As a member of the Geelong Amateur Football Club, Jim served as a player during the years 1958 to 1968. He was a member of the senior side from 1962 until he suffered crushed ribs in a match in 1968.

His service to the Club in an official capacity has included three years as secretary, two years as coach of the Under 18 team and the office of President during the years 1970 to 1974, 1976 and 1977. He was an executive member of the Victorian Amateur Football Association during the years 1968 to 1975 and is currently one of the two Victorian delegates on the Australian Amateur Football Council.

Jim's service to the Geelong Amateurs was recognised by his election as a Life Member in 1971.

For the whole of his business career Jim has been in the employ of the State Savings Bank of Victoria. He completed twenty years' service in January and is now accountant at the Manifold Branch, Geelong.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

At the first meeting of the Council of Deakin University, which was held on Friday, February 17, Mr. Peter N. Thwaites was appointed chancellor and Mr. Niel L. Davidson was appointed deputy-chancellor.

Peter Thwaites was chairman of the interim planning committee and later became chairman of the interim council of Deakin University. After his retirement as College principal he was chairman (part-time) and acting executive secretary of the Victorian Institute of Secondary Education. His appointment as permanent executive secretary was confirmed by the council of the Institute in August, 1977. As chancellor of Deakin University Mr. Thwaites will be chairman of the council, the governing body of the University.

Niel Davidson ('37), as a member of the council of the former Gordon Institute of Technology, was vitally concerned with planning for the Institute's tertiary functions within Deakin University. He was a member of the interim council and is now a member of the council of the University. Niel has been a member of the College Council since 1972 and is also a member of the council of the Gordon Technical College.

Jim has given his support to the College and the Association in many ways. In the early 1960's he was a member of the committee which promoted the annual boat race ball, with considerable success, and in 1963 a minute relating to the annual reunion dinner reads: "the social committee, headed on this occasion by Jim Fidge, was warmly thanked at a (General) Committee meeting for its excellent work of organisation".

Jim's obvious interest in the Association and his ability as an organiser were recognised in 1963 by his election as a member of the General Committee. He continued as a member of that committee for fourteen years.

In his letter of resignation, which was received with regret at the September 1977 meeting of the General Committee, Jim said: "Although I'm not available at committee level, I shall continue to support the Association whenever possible", a generous offer, especially in view of his recent election as a member of the Geelong City Council.

The Association is indebted to Jim for the valuable service which he has rendered over a long period of years. His contribution has been far above 'average'.



Mr. J. E. FIDGE

PEGASUS ALPINE CLUB

The alpine lodge is ideally situated in the Devonport subdivision on the slopes of Mt. Hotham with a magnificent outlook to Mt. Buller.

Booking enquiries may be made by those interested in bushwalking — fishing — photography and similar pursuits by a telephone call to Eoin Barnett (66) 052/21 1711 after 7.00 p.m. week nights or to Randall Bell (57) 052/21 3615 on an evening.

ABBREVIATIONS The Modern Trend

At times the mind of the uninitiated must surely boggle at the present-day use of a series of capital letters which serve as a contraction of the full title of an organisation.

Independent schools are not blameless in this regard, as the following list will indicate.

OGCA — Old Geelong Collegians' Association

AVPSOS — Association of Victorian Public Schools' Old Students

ISPSA — Independent Schools' Past Students' Association

HMC — Headmasters' Conference of the Independent Schools of Australia

APS — Associated Public Schools

AGS — Associated Grammar Schools (APS — AGS, both Victoria)

NCIS — National Council of Independent Schools

AISV — Association of Independent Schools of Victoria

APC — Australian Parents' Council

VPC — Victorian Parents' Council

VATIS — Victorian Association of Teachers in Independent Schools

There are others and, by way of contrast, those who oppose the independent schools system have their own organisation:

DOGS — Defence of Government Schools.

Perhaps when the supporters of government and independent schools ultimately accept the need for unified effort in education a new organisation will be born.

CATS — Co-ordinated Australian Tuition Symposium.

1974 YEAR GROUP

A meeting of representatives of the OGCA with school-leavers, which followed the valedictory dinner, on the evening of November 3, was well attended and a lively interest was shown by those who will form the '74 Year Group.

The value and significance of the Association and its methods of maintaining interest and contact between members of the Year Group and between the Year Group and the College were outlined.

The following Year Group Committee was elected:

Brett Amador (Werribee), Kirsty Elliott (Newtown), Sally Carruthers (Pt. Lonsdale), Richard Kelso (Newtown), Scott Davies (Wagga Wagga), Doug McDougall (Maroon), Robert Vickers-Willis (Torquay).

With a committee based in both town and country it is not unrealistic to expect that the '74 Year Group will maintain a strong link among themselves and with the College.

OMISSION

It has been noted that in tracing the Waugh family through a century of association with the College one branch of the family tree was unintentionally lopped.

John Bruce Waugh ('27), the younger son of Henry G. and brother of William L. Waugh, attended the College from 1925 to 1929.

An apology is extended to John for this omission, an understandable error, perhaps, in the light of the complex strands of the Waugh clan and its connections with the College.

OLD COLLEGIAN — FACTS AND FIGURES

Kenneth McIntyre ('22), in his recently published book 'The Secret Discovery of Australia' propounds the theory that the Portuguese were the original European discoverers of this continent. Evidence includes the Geelong Keys found on the shore of Corio Bay, and the Mahogany Ship, uncovered years ago near Warrnambool but lost again through wind action. **Neil McKinnon ('23)**, a judge at the Old Bailey, was one of the Old Collegian contemporaries Ken met while in Britain for the launching of his book.

Dick Gibson ('30) has retired as the representative of Geelong and Ballarat architects on the Council of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects. College architect, **Neil Everist ('42)** succeeds him in this capacity.

Mac Mayne ('34) has been appointed assistant general manager of the Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia after a term of five years as chief manager for planning and marketing.

Colin Murray ('36) became convenor of the committee of management of the United Church — Kalkee Aged Peoples' Community, within the Alexander Thomson Church parish, shortly after the independent units in Francis Street, Belmont, were built, in August, 1972. More recently he has been chairman of the building appeal to provide accommodation for frail aged. His efforts were rewarded when a contract was signed late in 1977 for erection of a hostel as an addition to the present complex, which will accommodate thirty-eight frail aged when the contract is completed later this year. This is not Colin's only community interest. He is a member of Belmont Rotary, a member of the committee of Disabled Peoples' Industry, on the council of St. Laurence Park, Lara, and for several years has been chairman of committee of the Boys' Employment Movement.

Bruce Bishop ('39) stood as the Liberal candidate, opposing the sitting National Party member (Sir Bruce Small) and a Labor contender for the state electorate of Surfers Paradise in the Queensland State elections, held on November 12. Bruce has three menswear shops in Surfers Paradise and the state election results are now history. It was Bruce not Sir Bruce who gained the majority vote of the people.

John Borthwick ('43) has had considerable experience as a dealer in antiques. For some years he had antique shops in Sydney, Melbourne and Chelsea (England). Then for a short time he had a restaurant/motel at Coffs Harbour, N.S.W. His love of antiques took him back to London where, for five years, he was director of a firm of antique dealers in Mayfair. More recently he has purchased a country house in Gloucestershire where he plans to "deal nice and quietly and grow vegetables."

Graham Haultain ('43) is master of M.V. "Mount Newman," a bulk loader of one hundred and twenty thousand tonnes. After loading at Port Hedland the ship can enter only one port in Australia, Port Kembla, due to its size and draft. During July the ship was badly affected by strikes at Port Hedland where twenty-three ships of a total deadweight of about two million tonnes were anchored.

Peter Blakiston ('44) has been appointed chairman of the Geelong Harbour Trust.

Jack McDonald ('44) of Frankston breeds Afghan hounds and several have won championship awards. He travels throughout Australia as a representative of Rena-Ware Distributors Pty. Ltd., specialists in cooking equipment.

John Hill ('46) of Dalby, Queensland, had been in Geelong briefly at times since he left the College in 1950 but his visit late in February was the first occasion on which he had been able to take a good look at the changes which have taken place at the College in those twenty-seven years. While he expressed a certain nostalgic regret that the old pavilion no longer existed, he was, nevertheless, impressed with the Rolland Centre and, in particular, with the quality of the equipment in the gymnasium.

David Ebbels ('50) was promoted in 1977 to principal scientific officer at the plant pathology laboratory, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Hadden, England. He has recently become head of the legislation section at the laboratory.

Allan McDonald ('50) was appointed one of Her Majesty's Counsel (Q.C.) in November. For fourteen years Allan was Chairman of the Council of the Victorian Amateur Athletics Association and is now serving his second year as President of that Association. He is the only nominee for the office of President of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia, which appointment will become effective in March this year.

Bill Heath ('51) is controller of the South Barwon unit of the State Emergency Service.

Malcolm Marquardt ('51) now occupies the presidential chair of the Barwon Jaycees which was vacated by **Darcy Sellar ('52)**.

Ian Redpath ('54), returned to the international cricket scene as a member of the 'Packer cricket circus.' Unfortunately, a damaged achilles tendon has forced him to retire, at least for the current season.

Duncan MacKenzie ('55), who was previously reported as national president of the Micrographics Association of Australia, is now a member of the nine-man board of directors of the International Micrographics Congress. This appointment is of considerable significance as most countries of the world are involved in the I.M.C. Duncan's term as director will be for three years.

Peter Mann ('56) and **Duncan MacKenzie ('55)** are both directors of the Kiwanis Club of Burnside in South Australia. Peter's role is as Director Citizenship and Youth Services. Duncan is Director Fund Raising.

Ken Andrews ('57) is now president of the Geelong Amateur Football Club, after having served the Club as treasurer since 1969.

Geoff Inness ('59) has accepted appointment at a grammar school in Surrey, England, where he is teaching English and is in charge of religious education. Geoff confesses that he has lost contact with contemporaries and would be glad to hear

from any who have the inclination to write to 26 Peaks Hill, Purley, Surrey.

Ross McConaghy ('60) was honoured with life membership of Geelong Jaycees in recognition of seven years of service.

Ewan Simson ('67) is not a stunt pilot but he had to maintain careful control of the landing pace and trim of the Cessna 310 which he piloted from Sydney to Orange when it was confirmed that the nose-wheel would not lock in position for landing.

Two cars flanked the plane at 110 km. p.h. as it made the landing approach. They looped a rope over the nose-wheel and then accelerated to 120 km. p.h. to latch the wheel in position. This complicated, hazardous method of landing is not recommended for everyday use.

Tom Dickson ('68) moved to Queensland in 1970 and spent his final two school years at Brisbane Church of England Grammar School (Churchie). He has been in London for the past two years studying film production, script writing, etc., at the London International Film School. In all probability he will stay overseas for a time after he has completed this course of study.

Alistair Whyte ('69) completed a diploma course in ceramics at Bendigo College of Advanced Education. He left for Japan recently to begin a post-graduate course in ceramics at the Kyoto University. His future plans are then indefinite. Japan will be first major port of call.

Hugh Champness ('69), graduated from the RAAF Academy, Point Cook, as Flying Officer and has been posted to the Williamstown base in N.S.W.

Peter Whyte ('70) with a social science arts degree now successfully concluded, began a theology course at Ormond College this year.

Craig McKenzie ('71) completed his B.Sc. course in applied physics at the RAAF Academy, Point Cook.

Debra Trembath ('72) as 'Miss Renault', was selected, from the twenty-five final contestants, as 'Miss Victoria Sportsgirl'. The quest is organised to raise money for the Yooralla Hospital School for Crippled Children and is judged on sports knowledge, deportment and personality. Debra and her sponsors, Renault, raised approximately \$5,000 in the quest. This will be a big year for Debra as an overseas trip is included among her prizes and she is in her final year of study at the Victorian College of Pharmacy.

Andrew Cassidy ('72) was selected as a member of the squad to train for selection in the Victorian King's Cup crew.

Philip Bolton ('73) is now serving in the regular army as a gunner. He is stationed at Lavarack Barracks in Townsville.

Not Only But Also....

Under the terms of the new constitution of the OGCA, financial membership may now be gained in two ways. Either a contribution to the Geelong College Building Fund or payment of a subscription directly to the OGCA will qualify. An attachment to the calendar enclosed with this copy of 'Ad Astra' gives further information.

OLD GEELONG COLLEGIANS' ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with Article 5.12 of the Constitution of the Association, notice is hereby given that the 77th Annual General Meeting of the Old Geelong Collegians' Association will be held at Kirrewur Court, 77 Prospect Road, Newtown, on Friday, July 28, 1978, at 6.30 p.m.

BUSINESS

- To adopt the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
- To receive the Annual Report, Financial Statements and Auditor's Report.
- To elect Office-Bearers, Committee and Auditor for the ensuing year.
- To consider such recommendations as may be submitted by the General Committee for the election of Fellows and/or Honorary Life Members and to proceed to such election.
- To consider any other business that may be properly brought forward.

Nominations of Office-Bearers, Members of Committee and Auditor to replace those retiring must be signed by the nominee and two financial members and received by the Honorary Secretary on or before July 21, 1978.

A. Mcl. SCOTT, Honorary Secretary.

ALBERT BELL CLUB

The annual re-union dinner will be held at Kirrewur Court 77 Prospect Road, Newtown on Thursday, April 13, 1978, at 6.45 for 7.30 p.m.

(Please note the changed venue — made necessary due to the continuing increase in numbers.)

A short Annual General Meeting will be held in conjunction with the dinner

NOTE

It is not necessary to be an ex-rower to become a member of the Albert Bell Club. All those interested in supporting rowing at the College are invited to become members.

Subscription \$5.00 p.a.
(limit 2 years, single payment)

All financial members will receive a newsletter and dinner application form during March.

**NOTE THE DATE NOW —
THURSDAY, APRIL 13**

TENNIS OGCA v COLLEGE

Since the introduction of co-education at the College several girls have played in the College tennis team in APS competition.

It was therefore to be expected that the day would come when a member of the gentle sex would represent the Old Collegians in their annual match against a College team.

On November 16, 1977, Pamela Spratt (73) had the distinction of being the first girl to play for the Old Collegians. She paired with Craig McKenzie (71), Veteran of many of these encounters, Ross McConaghy (60), paired with Lindsay Jarman (58).

Due to unforeseen business commitments two Old Collegians were forced to withdraw at short notice and thanks are extended to members of staff Bob Casey and Bob Wells who paired with David Wettenhall (60) and Barry Bell (47), respectively, and so avoided disappointing two of the College players.

Melbourne Informal Dinners:

Good attendances were maintained at the informal dinners which were held at the Hawthorn Club in Melbourne during 1977.

The first of these dinners was held in August, 1974, and three or four have been held in each succeeding year.

Attendances average about thirty, but it is interesting to note that during the three years since these dinners were first held almost one hundred and fifty Old Collegians have taken the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and meet other Old Collegians.

It was noted that while the 1940's and the 1960's had been well represented, fewer members of the 1950's had attended. Action was taken by the committee to remedy this situation and Guy Gregg (56) is now a member of the committee and he will be making contact with many of his contemporaries in the Melbourne metropolitan area to invite them to attend during 1978.

An invitation issued by Des Davey to hold one of these dinners at Eitham College was gladly accepted. This will be held on Wednesday, March 1. Unfortunately, this issue of 'Ad Astra' will not be circulated in time to serve as notice of this dinner.

The planned future dates for 1978 are:

Wednesday — June 7
Wednesday — September 20
Wednesday — November 22.

Of necessity, mailing lists must be limited due to the high cost of postage. Please take note of the dates listed or notify the Executive Officer if you wish to receive a reminder shortly before these dates.

TENNIS

Two girls were members of the College team, the pairs being:

Liza Richardson and Stephen Vile,
Andrew Scott and Derek McFarland,
Rhonda Sutcliffe and Tony Spittle,
Peter Rau and Paul Atkins.

As HSC students were busy with their final studies the College was represented by third, fourth and fifth form players. They performed most creditably and the final result, OGCA 6 sets, College 2 sets, did not truly reflect the standard of play. Most games were evenly contested, the Bell/Wells v Rau/Atkins match being a cliff-hanger which the OGCA players finally won 9/8.

Geelong Informal Dinner:

Attendance at the Geelong informal dinner held at the Carrington Hotel, where Vic Sleigh (48) is mine host, on Wednesday November 9, was somewhat disappointing, although those who did attend all agreed that it was a most enjoyable evening.

The argument, sometimes raised, that Geelong Old Collegians see each other quite frequently in the street, at clubs and at sporting fixtures is quite true, but there is a different atmosphere at these dinners. Those of later years, the era when it is claimed that discipline has disappeared, marvel at the undisciplined pranks of the older brigade. History is recounted in a style which would be unacceptable to any publisher.

Those who have enjoyed the good-fellowship and repartee, the reminders of those good old days, unanimously acclaim these dinners as worth-while.

Similar dinners will be included in the 1978 calendar — they really are worth the effort. Dates planned for informal dinners in Geelong in 1978 are:

Wednesday — May 31
Wednesday — October 25

The venue — Carrington Hotel, Cnr. Yarra and Myers Streets. Contact the Executive Officer for full details.

OLD COLLEGIANS' DAY

ANNUAL RE-UNION DINNER

An active committee is working hard to make this a dinner to remember

GUEST SPEAKER
SIR JOHN HOLLAND

The venue:

Kirrewur Court
77 Prospect Road, Newtown
on

Friday, July 28, 1978
at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

For obvious reasons the mailing list must be limited. Those who wish to receive a reminder together with application form, late in June, are requested to notify the executive officer, by mail at P.O. Box 5, Geelong, 3220, or by phone, 052/21 1939.

OLD COLLEGIAN HOCKEY CONTINUES STRONGLY

Following a good year of hockey in 1977, Old Collegians Hockey Club President, Roger Nation (59) predicts that the '78 season will see a consolidation of the strength that the club and school teams have been building up over the last couple of years. This year, there will again be three teams fielded in the Geelong Mens Hockey competition, and two teams in the Womens association competition.

1977 RESULTS : OGC 'A' Team.
Under the expert coaching of Chris Ingham (Staff), the 'A' team found excellent form early in the season and entered the finals in third place, having dropped from second place on percentage after the last home and away match. In the semi-final they played SAINTS, and after an exciting game in which the lead see-sawed, both teams were level on 4 goals each at time. After 10 minutes of extra time both teams were still level, and the game proceeded to a sudden death tie breaker which the OGC team lost, thus being eliminated from the finals. The loss of Craig Ballinger (73) to Queensland, and Angus Waugh (73) to S.A. will weaken the 'A' team defence, however, several young players from the 'B' team look certain of being promoted to the 'A's and should prove worthy replacements.

OGC 'B' Team.
The function of the 'B' team is to provide a less serious game for those players who are no longer capable of, nor want to play the tough, professional type hockey seen in the 'A' Division. It also provides a training ground for future 'A' team players. Despite its somewhat casual approach to the competition, the 'B' team finished the season undefeated, and under the Captain/Coaching of Ian Sayers (65) went on to win the 'B' Division Grand Final. Amongst the star players on the day were Ian Keith (63) playing a dashing game on the forward line, John Lindros (72) solid in defence and Ross Champion (73). Tension mounted when goal keeper Bruce McNaughton (75) left the field injured 20 minutes before the end of the game. Despite heavy attacking by the SAINTS 'B' team, the OGC defence, led by substitute goalie, Roger Nation, held firm to win by 1 goal for its second premiership in two years. Ian Sayers and David Baker (58) created a record by being the only OGC players to have played in all OGC Premiership teams, 1968, 76 and 77.

OGC 'C' Team.
In the past this team has been a predominantly schoolboy team helped out by some OGC players. This year however, will see an emphasis on intergration of B and C teams, strengthening one and weakening the other in an attempt to provide greater experience for the students who play in the afternoon competition. In 1977 under the leadership of John Nelson (Staff) the C team won quite a few matches and finished up well off the bottom of the ladder - a creditable effort.

Womens Teams.
Under the coaching of Sarah Bullen (Staff) the school fielded two teams in the 1977 Geelong Womens Hockey competition, one in B grade and one in C. Both teams showed great enthusiasm, and the B grade team were Premiers of their division. This team included three Old Collegians, Sarah Leach Felicity Carr and Pam Spratt, and it is hoped that as more girls leave the school, this team will become progressively an Old Collegian team.

School teams.
The school fielded six teams in 1977; the

First XI and the Under 16A teams in the Independent Schools Hockey competition; and the Second XI, Under 16B and two Under 14 teams in the local Geelong competition. Despite poor weather and water-logged grounds, all teams played well and were particularly successful, the First XI finishing second in their division.

DAN SIMMONDS WINS BEST & FAIREST

Dan Simmonds (69) won the 1977 Geelong and District Mens Hockey Association Trophy for the Best and Fairest player. In the voting Dan was hard pressed by fellow half-back Vaughan Lamb, a fact that speaks volumes for the skills of both players and the OGC 'A' team as a whole. The only other Old Collegian to win this award was Mike Bowden (59) in 1972, while Noel Patchett (Staff) was Division B Best & Fairest in both 1975 and 1976.
At Club level, Best and Fairest awards were made to Angus Waugh ('A' team), Noel Patchett ('B' team) and Tim Cole ('C' Team).
Coaches awards went to Richard Carr ('A' team), Ross Champion ('B' team) and David Hunt ('C' team); while Bill Spencer and Andrew Keen received medallions for having played 100 games with the club.
A special award was made to David Baker for service to the club.



Above; The 1967 Team, with a little help(!) at the reunion.
Below; The 1977 OGC 'A' Team.



OGC REUNION MATCH JULY 28/29

IT'S ON AGAIN THIS YEAR!
REUNION DINNER (FRIDAY), INSPECTION OF THE COLLEGE & SCHOOL MATCHES (SAT. am)
REUNION LUNCH (SAT. noon Great Western)
REUNION MATCH (SAT. pm) SOCIAL FUNCTION (eve)

Keep JULY 28/29 Free & contact the OGCHC or the OGCA Office for details

OGCHC ANNUAL WINE BOTTLING AND BBQ.!

SUNDAY MAY 7, 1978

3 White wines, 3 Red wines & a Port to try
\$2 Admission cover cost of food and drink!
CONTACT THE OGCHC OR THE OGCA OFFICE.

RECRUITS NEEDED FOR TEAMS (MEN & WOMEN):

NO MATTER HOW LONG IT IS SINCE YOU PLAYED HOCKEY (PERHAPS YOU HAVEN'T!), IF YOU WANT TO GET FIT & PARTICIPATE IN A FULL SOCIAL CALENDAR... CONTACT ROGER NATION 21.3226 or the OGCA Office.

PEGASUS ALPINE CLUB

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WE INVITE YOU TO HOLIDAY WITH US IN OUR MOUNTAIN
TOP HOME.

LOCATION: Davenport Subdivision, Hotham Heights Vic.
FACILITIES: A comfortable, carpeted, centrally heated Lodge, containing eight fully furnished bedrooms suitable for families, singles or groups. Blankets and pillows provided. A fully equipped kitchen contains crockery, cutlery and a dishwasher. A large dining/living room with table tennis and stereo. A large drying room, shedding/ski rack area, and separate toilets and showers complete the facilities.

SUPPLIES: Groceries etc. are available at the General store nearby - at 'mountain prices'. The Snowbird Hotel is half a mile from the lodge and provides meals and entertainment. Meals are also available at several other commercial chalets.

SKI HIRE: The name to remember is Molony's, in Elizabeth Street, Melbourne; or on the mountain, Zirky's

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