

History display



HISTORICAL ITEMS ON SHOW, MAIN HALL, COLLEGE NORTH ENTRANCE

Cabinet 1 (above) contains cups and trophies, prominent among them being Old Collegians' Cups, the W.B. Haines Trophy of 1878, the Hamilton Cup (for cricket premiership 1982), Dux medal won by J. Cumming 1874, Geelong College Cup won by P.G. Pullar 1909, College china cup and saucer and tobacco jar (1920), silver cups won by Athol J. Wilson.

Cabinet 2 has trophies won by recent teams, rowing items (e.g. megaphone), College crockery from dining hall, pieces of china tea set with coat of arms, bust of Petronius sculptured by R.E. Radcliffe 1935, singlets worn by Russell Mockridge in Olympic Games, leather cushion used by Rev. F.W. Rolland on patrol in the inland 1911, silver cups won by F.P. Just.



Stuart following family tradition

When Stuart McArthur ('51) was elected president of the Liberal Party in Victoria last July he took on what could be the biggest challenge in his life.

The 44 years-old Western District grazier from near Camperdown is not new to the game of politics.

His father, the late *Sir Gordon McArthur* ('10), was a long-serving member of the Victorian Parliament, a cabinet minister, and President of the Legislative Council. He, too, was a member of the College Council.

Stuart defeated three other candidates to win the post in a time when the Liberals faced their first period in opposition for 27 years.

Holder of an MA in town planning from Cambridge University, Stuart is now a farmer and educationist.

As well as running the family's 2000 hectare property he is also chairman of the Victorian Advisory Council on Agricultural Education and a member of the Technical and Further Education Board.

PRINCE PHILIP DESIGN FINALIST

Bruce Hyett ('37) is a man who likes to be comfortably seated.

In fact it is one of the secrets to his success in business.

He is managing director of Wycombe Industries in Geelong, a company which specialises in furniture.

And to prove it a chair made by the company was a finalist in the 1982 Prince Philip Prize for Australian Design.

The chair was commended by the judges for its innovative design by a freelance designer and is one of a range being marketed.

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Polwarth history

The Polwarth - 'delicately poised' between the Corriedale and the medium wool Merino.

These are the words of author Noel Dennis ('40) in his recently published book on a century of Polwarth sheep, 1880 - 1980.

He is the grandson of the man who started this Western District breed of dual purpose sheep by crossing pure Merino and pure Lincoln.

Before the name Polwarth was adopted they were known as Dennis Comebacks or Comebacks.



In a history of some merit, Noel spends time replying to criticisms of the breed and pointing out, with some reason, the dangers of rash cross-breeding programmes.

'The patient and 'hasten slowly' efforts of stud breeders over the past 200 years have produced a standard and genetic stability in commercial animals that can withstand the haphazard onslaughts of science in the short term.

Answering criticism of the breed, he said it was a 'complete misnomer' that Polwarth were light cutting sheep.

He said that in recent times the main improvements in the breed were an improvement in skin, and a tendency to discard more of the finer sheep and retain more of the stronger.

'They are cutting much heavier fleeces and outcutting the finer woolled Corriedales.'

Review courtesy Colac and Coastal TELEGRAPH.

Association Notes

Committee

Richard Carr ('73) replaces Bill Phillips ('68) as OGCA treasurer. Thanks to both.

And a welcome to Stephen Anderson ('67) and Debra Trembath ('72), newly co-opted members.

Branches

Happy reunion dinners were held at Sydney, Grampians, Mildura and Ballarat, in all cases with representation from Geelong.

Prof. Jack Richardson travelled specially from Canberra to Ballarat to entertain guests with some of his experiences as Federal Ombudsman (or 'ambushman', as he has been called).

Ad Astra

A division of labour finds this newsletter now being edited by Garry Cotton, with Ewen McLean, Bert Keith and the OGCA office as major contributors. Stephen Davey presides over the final stage at List Print. Thanks to all who have helped: the many small news items are appreciated too.

Dinner Time

Ten months' notice! The OGCA annual dinner in Geelong is fixed for Friday 21. October, 1983, quite a departure from the traditional mid-year function. Kirrewur Court will be the venue.

Two-Day Week

The OGCA office at the College is open on Mondays and Tuesdays for personal service, sales of ties and badges, changes of address etc. But there is always the postal address, Box 5, Geelong 3220, or the phone, (052) 21 1939.

Situations Wanted

Our Executive Officer, Tim Hill, has been able to arrange the placement of several College students seeking work experience. Ring him if you can help in 1983.

Perhaps one of our farmer members can help Le Griffon, a student completing his HSC year at the college.

He is enrolled at Marcus Oldham Farm Management College but needs two years practical experience first.

If you can assist his home address is 55 Moore Street, Colac 3250, telephone 052 - 312503.

Missing Persons

The records department needs a photo - gift or loan - of the College First XI, 1933, with, if possible, the players' names.

Sports

Cricket.

OGC cricketers fixtures for 1983 are:
8 Feb. College First XI
13 Feb. English Cricket Club Conference
20 Feb. Old Geelong
13 Mar. Melbourne University Club
Details from Graham Hallebone, phone (052) 21 3331 (A.H.), or the Executive Officer.

Golf

Twenty-nine OGC's and guests played under perfect conditions at Barwon Heads.

Results:-

Individual handicap - R.F. Merriman 42,
4 ball stableford - R.F. Merriman & R. Leggatt 47,
from P.J. Hindnaugh & N. Cole 45,
and K. Nall & D. Jarman 45.

longest drive - B. Bell;
nearest the pin - M. Poulston;
visitors trophy - T. Noble (GGS);
encouragement award - P. Barrett.

The APS Old Boys' Golf Day at Royal Melbourne on November 16 was won by Caulfield Grammarians, with OGCA in seventh place.

Returning trees to the farm landscape

The trees in the life of John Fenton ('49) run into their thousands.

They are not a forest which belongs to the state but trees planted by himself to transform his Western District farm into an oasis.

The story of his labor of love was published in September in The Age - appropriately during the Year of the Tree.

What John inherited from his father at Branxholme was a 1600 hectare treeless, waterless landscape.

Stock and crop losses were high and the terrain was little short of boring.

Over 25 years he has planted 20 per cent of his property without any decline in farm productivity.

Plantations have reduced lambing losses by 50 per cent and attracted insectivorous birds which control pasture pests.

In addition he was quoted as saying he has not used any pasture spray or fertilizer for 17 years.

Features of his property included a hand-planted three hectare bush block, a reconstructed 65 hectare swamp to attract birds, native marsupials and frogs.

To cap it off, a project now underway is a wildlife dam for breeding with 10 different water levels.

GRADUATIONS

As the Universities do not send us lists of graduations, we are not able to publish graduations unless we are informed about them by graduates. We have been informed of the following:-

- B.A. - Kirsty M. Elliott (Hons), A.J. Warland (Hons), R.N. Everist.
- Ph.D. - C.A. Anderson (Botany), C. Grainger (Agric).
- B.Sc. - Felicity M. Brake (Hons), D.P. Mew.
- B.Com. - J.A. Hope, J.A. Hutton, P.D. Strachan, J.L. Barkley, P.R. Pickering, C.P. Pugh, R.R. Rau, R.W. Humphreys.
- B.Ed. - A.W. Payne.
- B.A. (Educ.) - G.J. Stephens.
- B.Arch. - C.M. Carr.
- Graduate Dip. Comput. - T.R. Power.
- M.B.A. - G.A. McAdam.
- B.Eng. - R.J. George, R.M. Kelso, V.C. Lim.
- B.D.Sc. - H.C. Falconer.
- Production Higher Technician Certificate - W.R. Magee.
- Wool-classing Certificate - D.R. George, A.J.E. McBean.
- Diploma Educn. - Art & Design - A.D. Hambling.

OBITUARY

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

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| H. Purnell | ('03) | J.M. Lang | ('30) |
| A.W. Coles | ('04) | D.B. Duffy | ('32) |
| J.W. Carr | ('10) | A.G. Brown | ('36) |
| R.R. Taylor | ('13) | R.S. Hills | ('47) |
| A.D. Sproat | ('22) | Eu Eng Teong | ('54) |
| C.E. Pook | ('27) | J.E. West | ('54) |
| G.W.F. McIntyre | ('27) | R.C. Olliff | ('73) |
| F.G. Funston | ('28) | H. Baker - Staff | |
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