

ANOTHER GREAT STEP FORWARD



HOUR OF RECKONING

At the final Report Meeting, Mr. Fred Herd (Campaign Chairman) and other Project leaders wait excitedly for the figures, while Team leaders sit nonchalantly in the foreground, secure in the knowledge of a job well done.

CAMPAIGN CLIMAX

\$300,000 Mark Passed

The College community, which has a way of rising to an occasion, has done it again!

The intensive phase of Project Pegasus has produced a magnificent result.

This is the outcome of persistent work by a large number of people—Old Collegians, Parents and Friends—since the beginning of the year, combined with the generosity of those who were asked to support the Project.

\$305,232 appeared on the tally board at the report meeting on June 8. The latest available figure is \$315,000, the largest sum promised in any College appeal.

It comes within striking distance of the stated Campaign target of \$400,000, though still well below the \$650,000 which Principal and Council could apply to bringing the Old College—the "big school"—up to modern levels in all departments.

What has been achieved so far is an assurance that some of the most urgent requirements can be met in the very near future. All members of the College family must experience a thrill of pride and gratitude at this result.

Though the new works will not appear overnight, a steady flow of development can be expected as the amounts promised come to hand year by year.

As for the rest, the years ahead will decide how far the College can go in maintaining its traditional high standards and meeting the challenge of educational advances.

WORK GOES ON

... 5-year plan

Project Pegasus is a five-year programme which is only just getting under way.

Even the intensive phase is still in operation, as team members follow up prospects who could not be visited in the tightly packed twenty weeks of the campaign.

A number of remote prospects must be approached by mail—a less satisfactory procedure.

A Continuation Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Fred Herd will have its first meeting on July 10. Besides carrying on the work of recent months, this group will endeavour to unearth new resources.

It is felt that a number of College supporters, who were not willing to commit themselves to the Project for five years, may still take part as late entrants or on an annual basis.

... bricks and mortar

While campaigners have enjoyed their flurry of figures and their paper projects, the builders have been steadily adding to the College.

Stage I of the Rolland Centre is in use, while still receiving finishing touches. Public inspection is set for Saturday, October 10, when Lindsay Hassett, Esq., M.B.E., will perform the official opening.

The area between the Rolland Centre and the Morrison Hall has been landscaped, creating new vistas and a new focus for school life.

Workmen moved from the Centre direct to the Hall, where the ground floor was immediately stripped for remodelling.

The College Council has announced that the new library, the first fruits of Project Pegasus, will be located approximately on the site of the present hospital.

EXTRA

This extraordinary edition of A.A. is essentially a progress report on Project Pegasus; some usual features are curtailed or omitted.

A normal issue is planned for late September.

"WEALTHY" Independent Schools

In the mass media these days it is unusual to find Independent Schools mentioned without some prefixed, emotive attribute like "wealthy" or "privileged"—the perfect example of the hackneyed phrase, the cliché. It is sometimes used mechanically, but often deliberately. The uninformed or unthinking masses accept it slyly. What you see in print must be true! There is no longer such a thing as a plain, unadjectival Independent School!

There are in Australia one or two schools which possess wealth in the form of income producing property. They are quite exceptional. The rest live on a hand-to-mouth basis, at a level determined chiefly by the concern of parents and friends for the welfare of the current and future school population.

The last issue of Ad Astra showed that fees are the only regular source of income for the Geelong College; that government assistance (which could easily be varied or discontinued) amounts this year to 8% of total income; and that in 1969 the full 100 cents in the dollar were spent on running the school. The College Council operates on an overdraft which is usually stretched to the limit imposed by the bank.

There are no hidden financial resources.

The people who are most hostile to Independent Schools may have strong voices, but they also have weak eyesight. They do not see that millions of dollars, which would otherwise not have gone into education of any kind, have been spent on capital assets and organization by private citizens, who also, through taxation, support the government schools like anyone else.

It was recently stated that the Independent Schools in Victoria save the State Government about \$50,000,000 annually, about ten times the amount received by them in "State Aid", and one might have expected that champions of State education would be thankful for the relief which they gain by the existence of the non-State system.

They do not perceive the enormous burden which will pass to governments if Independent Schools are forced to close: the costs of acquiring and maintaining property and improvements, the purchase of equipment, teacher training, teacher salaries—all covered at present voluntarily by fee-paying parents.

What, for example, would be the effect on accommodation and class numbers in Geelong's State primary and secondary schools if the local Independent Schools were to close down? And such a failure is not beyond imagining if one simply compares the rate of increase of salaries with the ability of parents to meet ever-increasing fee charges. It has already happened in England, and today there are signs of weakening among schools in poorer areas in Australia, even where celibate teaching orders, sworn to poverty, help to keep running costs extremely low.

Certainly it is unfortunate that some critics, whether motivated by ignorance, imagined jealousy, or mere stupidity, are acting in a manner calculated to divide the community when it is rather a time for a policy of mutual support.

It is a fact that many Independent Schools are among those which achieve high standards, produce a good percentage of community leaders, and a larger number of discriminating citizens, and want to continue reaching for the educational stars. But it would be tragic to drag them down instead of bringing others up to their level.

The Geelong College is one of these, as the result of 109 years' struggle. It appears to be worth preserving, and the response to the present Project Pegasus campaign gives hope that it will endure for some time to come.

It seems, after all, that the College has one resource, an untold wealth, which is sometimes forgotten, but which has repeatedly shown itself when most needed. There are people who appear to want this type of school, this College in particular, and are prepared to take some responsibility for its survival.

The real wealth of the Geelong College is in its friends.

WORK FORCE

To give a detailed record of help received in the conduct of Project Pegasus is quite impossible. A great number of people responded to the best of their ability when the opportunity offered.

Acknowledgement must be made of the work of those who set the pace, especially Dr. H. N. B. Wettenhall (President), Mr. F. R. Herd (Campaign Chairman) and Mr. G. J. Betts (Key Gifts Chairman), who appeared to give the Project first priority in their lives for the duration of the campaign and personally achieved excellent results.

Other leaders were Mr. D. G. Neilson (Geelong Old Collegians' Chairman), Mr. W. Oman (Geelong Fathers' Chairman), Mr. F. H. Davey (Melbourne Chairman), and Mr. F. S. McArthur (Chairman of Regional Activities).

Members of Mr. Betts's Key Gift Committee were Messrs. V. Batt, R. Cook, G. Hall, L. Illingworth, D. Seward, F. Walter, A. R. Waterhouse, M. Wright.

Some very special praise was earned by the members of teams in Geelong and Melbourne, the men who went out night after night, week after week, to make contacts and persuade people of the worth of the project.

The patience required in making half a dozen visits before finding a person at home, the endurance needed for drinking cups of tea, were often rewarded by surprise recognition, friendly chats about old times—and another late night! Most of these workers frankly admitted that they enjoyed it.

Team members were:

Geelong Old Collegians

1. H. Cameron, N. Cameron, J. H. Campbell, H. Clarke, J. Knowles, C. McArthur, J. Williams.
2. L. Mulligan, P. Bartlett, R. Leggett, A. Lucas, C. Murray, G. Murray, A. McDonald, M. G. Poulston.
3. A. Scott, P. Ball, G. Bent, R. Dennis, I. Donald, G. Johns, S. Mockridge, J. Rooke.
4. B. Marshman, E. Urquhart, K. Dunn, P. Illingworth, G. Pearce, M. Piper, G. Randle, R. Slack, V. Watson.
5. G. Craig, C. Chapman, R. W. Farrow, P. List, C. Malkin, D. Whitcroft.
6. R. Grover, G. Roydhouse, P. Betts, G. Chisholm, B. Kinghorn, D. Murray, I. Pattison, R. Sheringham.

Geelong Fathers

7. A. G. Daher, B. Brumby.
8. R. W. Jones, H. Day, I. Fitzpatrick, D. Hardley, D. Hurley, G. Kroger, F. Lindquist, J. Lindros, H. Revie, R. Richardson, G. Thoms.
9. N. Lindsay, N. Boyd, N. Falconer, D. Kennedy, F. Payne.

Melbourne (Composite)

10. W. M. Lamb, J. Champ, H. Gibb, J. Hood, W. Hooper, J. Lamb, C. Whitford.



OLD GEELONG COLLEGIANS'
ASSOCIATION

OLD BOYS' DAY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 1970

PROGRAMME

LUNCHEON, Branch Presidents and Secretaries	1.00 p.m.
FOOTBALL, G.C. v B.G.S.	2.30 p.m.
AFTERNOON TEA, Morrison Hall	3.30 p.m.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Morrison Hall	4.30 p.m.
REUNION DINNER, Sladen House	6.30 for 7.00 p.m.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Old Geelong Collegians' Association will be held in the Morrison Hall, The Geelong College, Geelong, on Saturday, August 1, 1970, at 4.30 p.m.

BUSINESS :

- To adopt the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting.
- To receive the Annual Report, Financial Statements and Auditors' Reports.
- To elect Office-Bearers, Committee and Auditors for the ensuing year.
- To consider the recommendation of the General Committee for the election of nine Honorary Life Members, and to proceed to their election.
- To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following motion, of which due notice has been given, according to Article 11 (a) of the Constitution:
"That the Constitution of the Association be amended by inserting in Article 5 (a), after the words 'Honorary Treasurer' (where first occurring), the words 'the Chairman of the Council of the Geelong College for the time being'."
(The object of the proposed amendment is to make the Chairman of the Council ex officio a member of the General Committee of the O.G.C.A.)
- To consider any other business that may properly be brought forward.

Nominations of Office-Bearers, members of Committee and Auditors, to replace those retiring, must be signed by the nominee and two financial members and received by the Honorary Secretary on or before July 25, 1970.

The Geelong College
Geelong, Vic., 3220

B. R. KEITH
Honorary Secretary

ANNUAL DINNER

GUEST SPEAKER: The Hon. Mr. Justice Crockett

Judge Crockett, Old Geelong Collegian, was appointed to the Supreme Court Bench last year. He is known for his lively and forceful style of speaking, and will ask the question: "Who's afraid of the Law?"

PLACE: Sladen House, Pakington Street, Newtown (near river).

TIME : 6.30 for 7 p.m.

DRESS : Lounge Suit.

COST : \$6. (\$3 for 1968 and 1969 leavers and full-time students)

To keep ticket prices as low as possible, the cost of entertaining official guests is met from general funds.

BOOKING : Please return attached form, if possible by July 25.

Application Form, Reunion Dinner, August 1, 1970

To B. R. Keith (Tel. 21 1939)
The Geelong College, Geelong, 3220.

Please forward entree cards for the Reunion Dinner at \$6 each and at \$3 each.

I enclose \$

PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS Name.....
Address.....

(If applying for several cards, please attach names of Old Collegians attending, AND state whether tickets are to be sent to you, or direct to each Old Collegian.)



Mr. Stewart McArthur (Chairman of Regional Activities) announces results of the work of 200 men throughout the State. Progress total \$44,534.

11. G. Armstrong, K. Aitken, G. Baird, W. Dickson, G. Giderson, P. Grant, R. Lyall, D. H. Turner, D. Wood.
12. D. Carmichael, K. Myers, E. K. Doery, D. Grant, J. Ingpen.
13. B. Drennan, W. Cook, A. G. Gray, A. Holmes.
14. I. Blair, P. Barr, J. Dickson, R. Hepburn, B. Johnson, W. Lehmann, P. Osmond, G. Paton, G. Wettenhall.

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Methods were varied in the regions according to the numbers of people available. In some centres, regional dinners provided a climax to the campaigning. Local chairmen were:—

Albury : R. H. A. Wettenhall
 A.C.T. : J. R. Salmon
 Benalla : W. A. Martin
 Bendigo : I. G. Sides
 Camperdown : F. S. McArthur
 Colac : R. C. Dennis
 Gippsland : J. R. Jeffery
 Grampians : J. W. Heard
 Hamilton : P. A. Paton
 Horsham : G. A. Walter
 Kerang : E. W. Waters
 Mildura : I. A. Kneebone
 Seymour : A. E. Bidstrup
 Shepparton : J. L. Gerrard
 Warrnambool : J. J. Tait

No systematic working has been carried on as yet in the Ballarat, Deniliquin or Sydney areas.

PROGRESS SCORES

At June 8, gifts promised to Project Pegasus were as follows:

Key gifts		\$186,020
General gifts:		
Geelong	\$54,480	
Melbourne	17,163	
Regions	44,534	
		116,177
Mollings		3,035
		TOTAL \$305,232

THE COLLEGE SCENE

We always have magpies about the grounds. They enjoy the trees, with open areas between, where they can go into long, swishing glides or (at nesting time) into steep, fierce plunges on to unsuspecting heads.

And now there are plovers too. At first a solitary pair. But recently seven of them were counted, the odd man inspecting the turf area while the others looked on from the boundary line, perhaps discussing a suitable partner for him.

By good chance, Dr. M. A. Buntine and Mrs. Buntine were in Geelong in February and were able to attend the launching dinner for Project Pegasus. They are now realizing their long-standing ambition to roam round Australia.

This year has been greatly saddened for us by the loss of two of our younger members. At Easter time, Stuart Laidlaw was killed in a road accident. A month later, Tim Maltby died when undergoing a surgical operation.

A large number of friends, including College boys, attended both funeral services in St. David's Church. The whole school shares the sorrow of the bereaved families.

Mrs. V. M. Shore has presented to the records section a copy of "Feathers from Pegasus," selections from the verse of the late Mr. A. H. Harry, published in 1916 to assist Red Cross funds.

New College prefects appointed at the end of Term I are Tim Johnstone, Richard Moore, Christian Sutherland and Tim West.

Mr. David Whitton of the Preparatory School, was nominated by the French Embassy, Canberra, to take a course in French language and culture for specialist teachers of French. Mr. Whitton will be in France for the full European academic year beginning next October; and is backed by a scholarship awarded by the French Government.

Regional Strength

In the following summary of regional contributions, key gifts and mailings have been redistributed to their areas of origin:—

Albury	\$29,810
A.C.T.	555
Ballarat	1,004
Benalla	1,185
Bendigo	360
Camperdown	7,265
Colac	18,745
Deniliquin	2,500
Gippsland	2,775
Grampians	4,894
Hamilton	4,227
Horsham	3,670
Kerang	969
Mildura	275
Seymour	1,475
Shepparton	3,525
Warrnambool	1,800

Mr. A. McI. SCOTT



Alan McI. Scott ('47) has been appointed to the important position of Executive Officer of the newly constituted National Council of Independent Schools. For the time being, the Council's head office is at the Geelong College.

Predictably, College has experienced mixed fortunes in sport. The Eleven was narrowly defeated for the cricket premiership. Congratulations, Carey and College! The first Eight battled bravely against strong opposition; the seconds showed good form, coming second in the intermediate group. The Eighteen is developing into a keen fighting combination.

Great promise is shown by many juniors, as illustrated in the winning of the K. W. Nicolson cricket trophy by the Under 14A side, who narrowly defeated the firsts.

Outside the "major" sports there is plenty of action in swimming, tennis, baseball, hockey, and cross-country running—something for every boy. Terry Longton, Nigel Steele and Geoff Stokie played in representative A.P.S. tennis against Associated Grammar Schools.

Variation from classroom routine was supplied at the end of Term I by a successful cadet camp at Italian Gully, forestry work for seniors at Bannockburn, and a hike in the Alps. A month's Outward Bound course on the Hawkesbury was the good fortune of six senior boys.

The House music competition on June 19 was won by McArthur, led by Hugh Seward, with a consistently high standard of performance. Warrinn, under Peter Dickson, came next, and the others finished closely bunched together.

ROYAL HONOURS

In the Queen's Birthday honours list, two former Geelong Collegians were made Commanders of the Order of the British Empire.

Major-General Stuart McDonald, M.C. ('26) Commander 3rd Division, has given distinguished service to the army and particularly the Citizen Military Forces, which has benefited from his clarity of foresight, determination and exceptionally high calibre of leadership.

Mr. W. Langham Proud ('23) has rendered outstanding service to the community, especially as co-founder of the Association of Apex Clubs. This year Apex celebrates its fortieth anniversary.

Superintendent Lindsay Bent, who received the Queen's Police Medal, was one of the leading workers in the College Centenary Appeal and is the father of two Old Collegians. He was for some years Superintendent of the Criminal Investigation Branch in Melbourne.

Notebook

... dinner dance—

This year the Old Boys' and Friends' dance takes place on Saturday, September 12, in the new "Stardust," Toorak. The changed venue makes this function more attractive than ever. Double ticket \$12.

Please help the organizers by arranging your party now and booking tables early with one of the following:—

	Business	Private
Don Cormichael	211 7575	25 4130
Keith Doery	42 2465	96 1136
John Urbahn	26 6951	25 6186
Bert Keith	21 1939	21 5243

... mothers—and others—

On July 13 the Parents and Friends will learn about career possibilities from Mr. C. F. Bailey, student counsellor at LaTrobe University. Fathers, mothers and members of staff always attend these meetings. Morrison Hall, 8 p.m.

The Mothers' Group, which had a most successful inaugural meeting, will convene on August 3 to hear from a member of the teaching staff. Morrison Hall, 2 p.m.

... refreshment—

In the spring vacation the "Prep" will be host to a Refresher School for junior school representatives from all over Australia. The theme of the conference is "Creativity in the Junior School."

About 250 visitors will be lodged at Prep and Senior departments.

... more centenaries—

The original College building—the spire and its surroundings, much of Morrison House—reaches its hundredth anniversary in a few months. Its age may be apparent in its internal planning, but the structure is quite sound and fit for adaptation in any further development.

The College moved from Skene Street to Newtown hill for the opening of school year 1871, so a century of study here will be completed next Speech Day.

OLD COLLEGIANS

Sir James Harrison ('24), Governor of South Australia, is recovering slowly from a serious illness.

Some O.G.C.A. branch reunions have been deferred because of Project Pegasus activities in the regions. Deniliquin, however, staged another happy party in March, when a delegation from Geelong was given a warm welcome. A feature of the evening was film of the College, taken by Murray McDonald, Branch President.

Dr. Norman Wettenhall, Chairman of the College Council, was chief guest at Sydney's dinner—the usual high-standard Leslie Reid production, with tasteful and appropriate decorations by Mrs. Reid.

"Wizard of Gowan Brae" is the title conferred on Robert Buntine ('43) by a Sydney newspaper after his fourth successive win with King's School crews in the Head of the River.

Ed. Kayser ('51) won recognition from the Industrial Design Council for his range of quality glassware which is on show in the Australia pavilion at Expo 70 and was chosen exclusively for use at the Mascot international air terminal.

Max Beith ('45) is opening a branch of the Bank of N.S.W. at Bairiki, Tarawa, Gilbert and Ellice Islands.

John Douglas Harper ('04), who died at Woking, Surrey, in February, was for many years the official representative of the O.G.C.A. in Britain.

Mr. R. R. INGPEN



Robert R. Ingpen ('50) won high praise for his conservation mural at the Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research, opened by Her Majesty the Queen. His Cook bicentenary stamps are the first "mural" set issued in Australia.

Ian McK. Campbell ('59), research chemist with Australian Portland Cement, is in Europe to study X-ray techniques used in the analysis of cement and associated products.

Harry Saw ('26) is winning gold and fame at the Gaffney's Creek mine, where he is manager and a shareholder.

REMEMBER ?

- July 13: Parents' and Friends' Association, 8 p.m.
- July 31: 1949 Year reunion. (Write to Tim Dennis).
- August 1: Old Boys' Day: annual meeting and dinner.
- August 3: Mothers' and Friends' Group, 2 p.m.
- August 5: G.C. v O.G.C. football.
- August 21: Grampians reunion, Willaura.
- September 5: Mildura reunion. Barbecue next day chez Tony.
- September 12: Melbourne dinner dance, "Stardust," Toorak (See special notice).
- September 29: O.G.C. golf, Geelong Golf Club.
- October 10: Official opening of Rolland Centre. 1890-1930 reunion (NOT OCTOBER 17).
- November 10: O.P.S. golf, Royal Melbourne.