

# OUR PIONEER WOMEN

In March 1974 Ad Astra announced that the first girl pupils had been enrolled into Campbell House.

To quote:

"Spectacular? — No. Who could say that the attendance of five little girls at the Prep School was spectacular?

"Significant? — Yes . . . A decision has been reached after much forethought which in years to come may be referred to as foresight."

The article continued that, in 10, 15 or 20 years' time it would be interesting to research the then current activities of those first little girls.

## Swift Change

Already, after only eight years, they, with the hundreds who have since joined them at various levels, have changed the life of the Geelong College in a manner which is certainly significant and which last year reached the spectacular.

Watchers had perceived an outstanding group of girls moving up through the school and reaching Year 12 (From VI) in 1981, which some have now called "the Year of the Girl". Sarah Henderson became Captain of the School; Elizabeth Lomas was Dux; College won the inaugural Head of the River for girls, and in other positions and activities girls performed with credit. The boys were still there, outnumbering the girls two to one and doing as well as usual, but the girls had clearly arrived. Act I had ended.

## Together

What happens next? Today nearly 400 young women are Old Collegians, less than eight per cent, it is true, of the total number on the files, but holding precisely equal status with the Old Boys.

Moves have been made by the OGCA to involve and to cater for these young women. For a time there was a danger that they would form such a small minority on a



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committee or at a reunion that they might feel self-conscious, or that there could be too few of them to form a sporting team.

But the situation improves every year and there are areas in which the problem — if it deserves the title — has been overcome with ease, for example at Camperdown branch and Albert Bell Club dinners, where Old Girls have taken part happily along with women coaches and the wives and daughters of Old Boys. The netball club, which the OGCA sponsored last year with one team, is now fielding two. Without being asked, some girls have sent in notes for this issue of Ad Astra.

## The Way Ahead

No doubt there is more to do: it is a pity that the proposed women's hockey team did not become a reality this year; women members of the general committee have not yet had a great influence on that body's deliberations; and the attendance at last year's annual reunion can only be considered disappointing.

The OGCA — men and women alike — is therefore under challenge to develop further programs to provide for its changing membership. Those with the experience, mainly male and older, must accept a share of responsibility, but they can also fairly expect the young women themselves to suggest and initiate lines of action and assist with organisation.

As we have seen, this is not impossible, and willing workers can be confident of finding support.

As the very next step, can we ask for a good attendance of members of every category, younger and older, men and women, at the annual meeting and reunion dinner later this month?

## CALENDAR

### SOCIAL

- 25 June Geelong Annual General Meeting and Reunion Dinner (see page 3)
- 23 July Sydney Dinner
- 6 Aug Hamilton Dinner
- 22 Sep OGC Golf Barwon Heads
- 8 Oct Ballarat Dinner

### COLLEGE TERM DATES

- Term II 26 May — 13 Aug
- Term III 8 Sep — 10 Dec

### APS FOOTBALL (at first-named school)

- 26 June Caulfield v G.C.
- 3 July G.C. v Scotch
- 17 July Carey v G.C.
- 24 July G.C. v Haileybury
- 31 July St Kevins v G.C.

### APS ATHLETICS

- 20 Oct Combined Sports (heats)
- 23 Oct Combined Sports (finals)

## MONEY TALK

Readers of Ad Astra are aware that the OGCA is in a slump, with its assets diminishing in real value as costs rise (for example, since the last issue, increased postal and telephone charges).

The committee of the OGCA will not let it sink without a struggle. It enjoys the privilege of presenting the Geelong College to the world through its clubs, branches and years, and through the interest of individual members, and through Ad Astra.

This year a sub-committee, chaired by Roger Nation, investigated the whole matter of costs with the thought that advertisements in Ad Astra might be profitable. It concluded that a small amount can be earned from advertisements, but that the process involves time, work, business acumen, new costs and serious risks which make it less than attractive. It found several methods of making minor economies, some of which will be put into effect, such as the use of wrappers for Ad Astra instead of envelopes.

The problem is widespread. Our President (Brian Thom) has been in touch with the other APS old student bodies, which are pooling details of income and costs in the hope that an optimum program may emerge.

In the meantime the OGCA is grateful for the support it receives from the Principal of the College — and aims to continue to deserve it.



COLLEGE FIRST XI, APS PREMIERS 1982

Back Row (l. to r.): Dean Herbert (V-C), Michael Hay, Michael Johns, Gray Bowden, Russell Simpson, Cameron McKenzie, David Tart. Front Row: David Richards, David Pearson, Mr. Gordon McKay, Simon Holloway (C), Mr. Mark Seeckts, Lyle Banks, Matthew Backwell.

## THINKING POINTS

It is nonsense to imagine that school will always be enjoyable or fun; there will be trying, dull, boring moments, moments when work may hurt. The child that says, "I've got too much work" is usually saying, "I don't want to push myself." They have to push themselves. We will, from time to time, have to nudge, coax and cajole.

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To ascribe "wealth" to a school is divisive, harmful and inaccurate. I suspect that what really makes a school is the quality of both its curriculum and its teaching. That quality may be envied by others, but that is not

grounds for the label "wealthy" unless the ascribers mean that the particular quality is a priceless resource — which it is.

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What we are not is as important as what we are:

- We are not a psychiatric clinic.
- We are not a babysitting agency.
- We are not the children's parents, that is we cannot perform what reasonable parents can be expected to perform.
- We are not an agency of indoctrination and propaganda.
- We are not a country club.

- We are not a social laboratory nor a social escalator.

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Independence grants us the opportunity, indeed the obligation, to pursue our own directions, to expend our autonomy constructively and fully, to forgo our own identity, to set our own standards, to initiate programmes to respond to the community, to develop a favourable learning environment and to espouse quality.

Extracts from Newsletter, Term I, by the Principal (Mr. S.P. Gebhardt).

### Vintage Year

In 1981 87% of College candidates satisfied the requirements for the V.I.S.E. Higher School Certificate at the external examination.

All College candidates in Applied Mathematics, Pure Mathematics, Physics, Latin and Eighteenth Century History gained passes or better.

Elizabeth Lomas, Dux of the College for 1981, gained four As: Biology (100%), Latin (99), Chemistry (97), General Maths (96).

Andrew Fletcher and Wayne Smit gained five As and four As respectively.

Elizabeth Lester scored 100% for General Maths.



**ELIZABETH LOMAS**  
Dux of the Geelong College 1981

### Full House

The total enrolment in Term I 1982 was 1018, made up of 663 boys and 355 girls. In the Senior School there were 358 boys and 193 girls.

### Appointments

School Captain: Keith Baillie.  
Vice-Captains: Dean Herbert  
Kate Stevenson.

## AT THE COLLEGE

### Rolland Centre

These Old Collegians who worked 12-15 years ago to build the new physical education complex, the Rolland Centre, will be delighted to learn that its second stage is "in the pipeline" and no longer a pipe dream.

This addition, the gymnasium proper, is to adjoin the present building on its south side. It will cater for various games and class activities and will be of full indoor basketball stadium size. It will also allow the provision of changing facilities for girls.

The word is that it will be in use in 1984.

### Overseas Visitors

The Preparatory School played host for a fortnight to 14 American students travelling under the auspices of the Californian Youth Sports Exchange. Class work, excursions, football and the billeting of the various visitors with College families, all made for a genuine exchange of points of view.

### Sports

The winning of the APS premiership by our First Eleven, and the second successive Head of the River by the Girl's First Four, were highlights of Term I. Two Under-14 cricket teams playing in Geelong competitions also won their sections.

The annual sports carnival was held at College in the May vacation, with visiting teams from Scotch (Adelaide), Hale (Perth), and St. Mary's (Perth) contesting football, netball and girls' hockey. This is College's

first turn to host the carnival in co-ed format.

For the winter term students can choose among fifteen sports, so there must be something for everyone — a far cry from the days when it was football or .... football!

### Staff

An interesting newcomer is Mr. Richard Wait, teacher and oarsman of note, who represented Great Britain in international crews between 1961 and 1970 and was National Coach of Junior Rowing from 1978 to 1981. The Boat Club welcomes him as co-ordinator of coaching and wishes him a happy stay among us.

### Music

Those who regretted the demise of the brass and pipe bands of a few years ago can take heart as the newly formed College Concert Band rises in importance. Under the direction of Mr. Harry Hood, who led the Geelong West Technical School band to international fame, our players have already entertained the school and given their first public performance.

## CRICKET DRAMA

**Our XI opened the season well and hopes were bright till that disastrous loss to Haileybury in the fourth round. However, more wins followed, with several good individual performances.**

And so, facing Melbourne Grammar School in the last round, we realised that it was still possible to be premiers by registering an outright win, provided also that Scotch could keep St. Kevin's from doing the same.

MGS were dismissed for 88 and 171, Dean Herbert having the remarkable figures of 7/31 and 7/55. College had scored 9/202 in the first innings and therefore needed 58 runs in 14 overs. Hopes rose and fell; two wickets were lost early as batsmen attempted to score quickly; but then Russell Simpson took control and made 41 in short time, his final stroke a mighty six!

We had won outright, but tension was still high as frequent urgent phone calls were made to Scotch to learn whether their batsmen were holding St. Kevin's out. Eventually, amidst great excitement, the news came that they had succeeded and we had indeed won the premiership and the Hamilton Cup.

Warmest congratulations to the team and their coaches, Messrs Gordon McKay and Mark Seeckts.

During the season Dean Herbert took 52 wickets — a College record — for 462 runs. His 14 wickets against MGS place him in a select group with H.R. Collier (14 for 89 against Scotch in 1908) and B.J. Solomon (14 for 72 against GGS in 1953).

## ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

### Office

The OGCA office at the College is normally open on Mondays and Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Address: P.O. Box 5, Geelong, 3220. Phone (052) 21 1939, Tim Hill, Executive Officer.

After more than 10 years' valuable service in the Association office, Mrs. A. McKeown resigned at the end of 1981, her position being filled by Mrs. I. Anderson.

### Committee

Bill Farrow having resigned as vice-president, for personal reasons, the general committee appointed Stuart M. Anderson to the position.

### Ad Astra

The literary staff welcomes Garry Cotton who as a journalist offers his professional expertise as well as an eagerness to re-familiarise himself with the College and OGCA environment.

### Branches

It almost goes without saying that ACT members have held their usual barbecue at Captains Flat and are dining at the Wellington Hotel, Forrest, on 5 June.

Campberdown, too, can be relied on for their pleasant mixed company dinner. This year they had Douglas Aiton, Australian representative of "The Times", to speak on his experiences in journalism. (We learn that his book on the same subject, entitled "Who came to my Funeral", is to be made into a film).

Calendar, page 1, lists coming functions.

### Sports Epitome

**Skating:** The Pegasus Alpine Club building at Mount Hotham is being extended and improved to provide a cleaner and less noisy environment with a reliable power supply. Bookings are heavy: enquiries to Roger Nason, (052) 21 3226, business hours.

**Hockey:** The OGCHC again has teams in the two top divisions of the Geelong association. Now that the club and its earlier members are advancing in years, some past players have become social members, so maintaining their interest through newsletters and club functions.

**Netball:** This year we have two teams in the Geelong YWCA competition, comprising mainly '80 and '81 leavers. Between 20 and 30 girls have taken part at some time, and results are improving as players accustom themselves to their new conditions.

**Bowls:** Ten schools entered the APS Old Boys tournament at Kew on 28 March, when Scotch were the winners, with College a little down on 1981 form. Lex Vivian is our manager for the event. It is a pity, but inescapable, that only 16 players per school can be accommodated.

**Albert Bell Club:** College coaches this year have been using the video equipment presented by the club. At the annual dinner, guest speaker Richard Wait gave members a sample of his thinking on the philosophy, physiology and psychology of rowing. Congratulations to Wally Lawler on his successful presidency, and to Scott Chrisside who inherits the post.

**Cricket:** Once again College defeated Old Boys in the traditional year-opening match. The Cricketers' Club is sending out a letter to members. New members welcome: contact Graham Hallbone, phone (052) 21 3331.

## Old Geelong Collegians' Association

### NOTICE OF MEETING

In accordance with the constitution of the association, notice is hereby given that the 81st Annual General Meeting of the association will be held at the Austin Gray Centre ("Old Prep." area), Aphrasia Street, Newtown, on Friday, 25 June 1982 at 6.00 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 18 June 1982.

M.J. BETTS, Honorary Secretary.

### WEDDINGS

Tim Wood to Judith Sams, Griffith, 5 December.  
Geoffrey McAdam to Lesley Earle, North Balwyn, 5 December.

Colin Brown to Carmel Tobin, Horsham, 12 December.  
Stephen Hope-Johnstone to Julie-Anne Briggs, Toorak, 17 December.

Garry Thewlis to Sue McIntyre, Geelong, 19 December.  
Richard Kefford to Andrea Dingemans, Geelong, 1 January.  
Robyn Cook to Ian Knight, Campberdown, 1 January.  
Richard Law to Claire Taberner, Geelong, 6 January.  
Mark Williams to Fleur McPherson, Ararat, 8 January.  
Marie Van Someren to Mark Wardle, Geelong, January.  
Andrew Boyle to Jane Mercer, Colac, 22 January.  
Alistair Wattenhall to Margaret Monk, Dunedin (N.Z.), 23 January.

Ross Mallett to Barbara Gill, Glen Waverley, 6 February.  
David Harrisson to Lorene Russell, East Geelong, 16 February.

Steven Duff to Sue Haig, Pymble, 6 March.  
Richard Barley to Susan Dean, Lorne, 12 March.  
Philip McLean to Jenny West, Belmont, 3 April.  
Ian Miller to Olivia Parke, Noosa Heads, 10 April.  
Murray Doak to Lorraine Fleming, Geelong, 17 April.  
Robert Meredith to Kerrie Hind, Moriac, 17 April.  
Andrew Payne to Jenny Hutchison, Geelong, 8 May.  
Neil Craig to Patricia Garnsey, Leopold, 15 May.  
John Hunt to Ann Tonkin, Geelong, 22 May.

### OBITUARY

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

F.E.S. Scott (09)	L.E. Errey (31)
A.A.W. Hooper (12)	N.A. McKinnon (34)
W.H. Sloane (16)	N.C. Carroll (35)
C.D. Madden (22)	J. McC. McIntyre (35)
J.C.B. Moodie (23)	J.H. Ruxton (59)
S.R. Purnell (23)	G.A. Horne (63)
W. MacG. Troup (23)	M.R. Jolly (64)
H.H. Saw (26)	A.J. Cox (73)
F.C. Whitford (27)	J.P. King (75)

Sister Irma Howard (Matron, Mackie House 1940-1942).

## REUNION DINNER

The Old Geelong Collegians' Association reunion dinner will be held on Friday 25 June at the Geelong Art Gallery, Little Malop St., Geelong.

Guest speaker will be Mr. Garnet Fielding, LLB, chairman of the College Council. 7 for 7.30 p.m.; lounge suit; tickets \$21 (\$18 full-time student rate).

Bookings must be received by the Executive Officer, OGCA, PO Box 5, Geelong, 3220, by Friday 18 June. Late applications, if places available, (052) 21 1939, Monday 21 June.

A bus will travel from Melbourne, leaving Kew Civic Centre, Cotham road, at 5.30, picking up at Red Cross Headquarters, City Road, South Melbourne, at 5.45, arriving Geelong 7 p.m. and departing for Melbourne 11.30 p.m. The return fare is \$5.

## MEMBERSHIPS

OGCA subscription rates:

LIFE MEMBERSHIP	\$85
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP	\$20
Full-time student concession annual	\$5

Applications to The Executive Officer, OGCA, PO. Box 5, Geelong 3220, enclosing subscription.

Since the last notice the following have taken out Life Memberships:

1936: Alan McK. McDonald; '40: J. Maxwell Anderson; '53: Ian Burch; '65: Andrew Hewitt.

1970: Andrew Hermiston; '73: Herman Rockefeller; '74: Charles Rockefeller; '77: Robyn Knight, Robert Rockefeller.

1978: Dean Bayden, Nigel Bullen, Paul Gorell, Michael Livingston, Norman MacLeod, Stephanie Mechen, Catherine Opie, Ashley Sellar.

1980: Peter Jones.

There is also a number of Annual Memberships.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Colin Murray ('36), whose citizen award in 1981 was followed by the royal honour of MBE in New Year.

To Geoff Morrow ('66), umpiring his first senior day game in the VFL 1982 opening round: a thrilling occasion for our "man in white", his family and those who remember him umpiring house football while still at school in 1969.

To Harley Dickinson ('52), newly elected MLA for South Barwon.

To Alan Backwell ('42), recipient of the Scout Association's silver acorn award for meritorious service.

To Christopher Wright ('60), NSW manager of Colonial Mutual Insurance.

To Richard Kelso, Chung Lim and Ross George, who came second, third and fourth in final mechanical engineering at Melbourne. We hear that Richard is doing post-graduate fluid mechanics, Chung is an engineer in Kuala Lumpur and Ross has joined Australian Synthetic Rubber in Melbourne.

**Iain Pattison ('28)** has written a book entitled "John McFadzean: Founder of Modern Veterinary Research", published by J.A. Allen & Co. Ltd. Also completed and soon to appear is his history of the veterinary profession.

**Peter Evans ('47)** has become a veteran cycling ace — a sport he took up in recent years to control high blood pressure; has just completed a marathon ride through five states and later this year competes at the world veteran titles in Austria.

**Malcolm McDonald ('63)** is spending two years in the division of infectious diseases, Duke University, N. Carolina. At the other end of the academic ladder, **Andrew Fletcher ('77)** has been offered a student place at Yale. **Geoff Donnan ('63)** has taken up a fellowship in neurology at the Mayo Clinic, Boston, Mass.

**Hin Chew ('66)**, Bachelor of Engineering (Monash 1973), Master in Ocean Engineering (Massachusetts Institute of Technology 1978), is in the family construction business, State of Brunel, Borneo.

## HERE AND THERE

**Hadley Falconer ('73)**, practising dentist in Gisborne.

**Angus Cameron ('71)** and wife, Rose, have set up their studio-home in the historic butter factory at Euroa; much of their work is with classes of children and adults.

**Andrea Pullin ('74)** recently announced her engagement to **Stephen Sutcliffe ('74)**. Andrea is teaching at Buckley School, Stephen at North Geelong H.S.

**Roger Vines ('49)**, general manager, alumina division of Alcoa in WA, following US appointments with the company. Likewise **Andrew Lawson ('56)** returns from Canada to Geelong.

**Sandy Cameron ('73)**, research officer in the department of animal production, Muresk Agricultural College, WA; undertaking a sheep fertility project with department head, **Ian Fairnie ('56)**.

**Lindsay** (alias, phonetically, Lindzee) **B. Smith ('53)** is a resident of Manhattan, NY, involved in experimental film production, direction, acting and marketing.

**Julie Schofield ('75)**, sister in charge of the hospital at Morongo.

**Neville Price ('47)**, now in his fourth year in Jubail, Saudi Arabia; a civil engineer with Arabian Bechtel Co. Ltd.

**Lachlan McLean ('66)**, newly production manager with A.P.M. at the Spearwood plant, W.A.

**Geoff McAdam ('65)**, M.B.A., Melbourne, now with Sedgwick Forbes Leslie.

**Michele Macauley ('76)**, teaching phys. ed. and history at Hopetoun.

**Sandra White ('76)**, completed occupational therapy course at Lincoln Institute of Health Sciences; working in Melbourne.

**Hugh Torode ('67)**, registrar in obstetrics and gynaecology at Hillingdon Hospital, Uxbridge, Middlesex, England.

**Sally Manning ('75)**, graduated B.A. (Education) from Deakin.

**Pamela Wiffen (Spratt) ('76)**, employed by Social Security Department, Geelong.

**Gary Bent ('51)**; president 1982 of the Geelong Law Association.

**Dick Colvin ('18)**, has moved from Wallan to join the OGC colony at Point Lonsdale.

**David M. Rolland ('65)**, is a civil engineer with CRB; **Peter ('67)**, works at Nabarlek, NT; **Christopher ('68)**, also civil engineer, with Mount Newman Mines, WA.

**Douglas Ooi ('67)**, a director of Kim Eng Securities, elected to the committee of the Stock Exchange of Singapore.

**Felicity Carr ('75)** phys. ed. teacher at GGS, Highton.

**Birgit Wieland ('76)**, completing honours degree at Melbourne University, specialising in biology.

**Sarah Henderson ('78)**, reporter with Channel 7 News, Melbourne.

**Robert Lawry ('70)**, after service at sea in the RAN, now with Defence Department, Canberra.

**Tim Hinchcliffe ('59)**, a magistrate in NT, residing in Darwin, looking for other OGCs.

**Gary Willson ('70)**, in charge of the canvas proofing plant at Yarraville Textiles.

**Ian Rogers ('60)**, superintendent of parks and reserves with Geelong City Council.

**Dr. Peter Champness ('67)**, completed a two-year commission in the RAN; now radiology registrar at Preston and Northcote Community Hospital.

**Peter Troy ('53)**, just back from the Himalayas, made a pilgrimage to his beloved Bells Beach for the Easter surfing titles.

**Susan Marshallsea ('73)**, completed B. Sc. in geology at Melbourne.

**Allister McLeod ('44)**; joint general manager of CSR's new coal division.

## Professor Honeycombe F.R.S.

**Professor Robert Honeycombe, Goldsmiths' Professor of Metallurgy at the University of Cambridge, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, the latest step in a brilliant career as a research scientist.**

In 1938, after his six years as a student at the Geelong College, Robert undertook a science course at Melbourne with metallurgy as a major subject. By 1942 he had qualified M.Sc. and become a research officer of the lubricants and bearings section of the CSIRO. So began a rapid rise which took him to Cambridge, then to a senior lectureship in physical metallurgy at Sheffield, where in 1955 — only seventeen years from leaving school — he was appointed to a Chair in the same discipline.

In 1966, by invitation, he took up his present post at Cambridge, where his research work, his numerous papers and his book, "The Plastic Deformation of Metals", led to a number of awards and visiting lectureships in many parts of the world.

The crowning moment came last year when Professor Honeycombe added his name to the large parchment book containing the signatures of all Fellows elected to the Royal Society since its founding in 1662 by Charles II, whose signature adorns the first page. (On the second are famous names such as Isaac Newton and Christopher Wren).

Professor Honeycombe, while an enthusiast, is also a modest man whose recreations according to "Who's Who" are gardening, photography and tennis. He visits Australia periodically and is always interested in news of the College.

While congratulating Robert on this great honour, his fellow Collegians may dare to enjoy a glow of reflected glory.

### REGALIA

The following items may be purchased by Old Collegians:

Woolen Tie (10 cm)	\$ 9.00
Polyester Tie (10 cm)	\$ 6.50
Badge (lapel, screw-in)	\$ 3.00
Brooch (bar type)	\$ 3.00
Tie Bar (crocodile clip)	\$ 4.00
Cuff Links (pair)	\$ 6.00

The following are available to all:

Car Stickers	.60
History of College 1861-1961	\$10.00

Obtainable from:

The Executive Officer, O.G.C.A.,  
The Geelong College,  
P.O. Box 5, GEELONG, 3220.

Please enclose remittance and goods will be sent post free.

## WE WERE CONFUSED

In our last issue, having innocently merged two races into one, we did less than justice to **Robert Leach ('76)**, who stroked the FISA four to fourth place in Bulgaria, an extraordinary achievement against strong Eastern Bloc crews.