



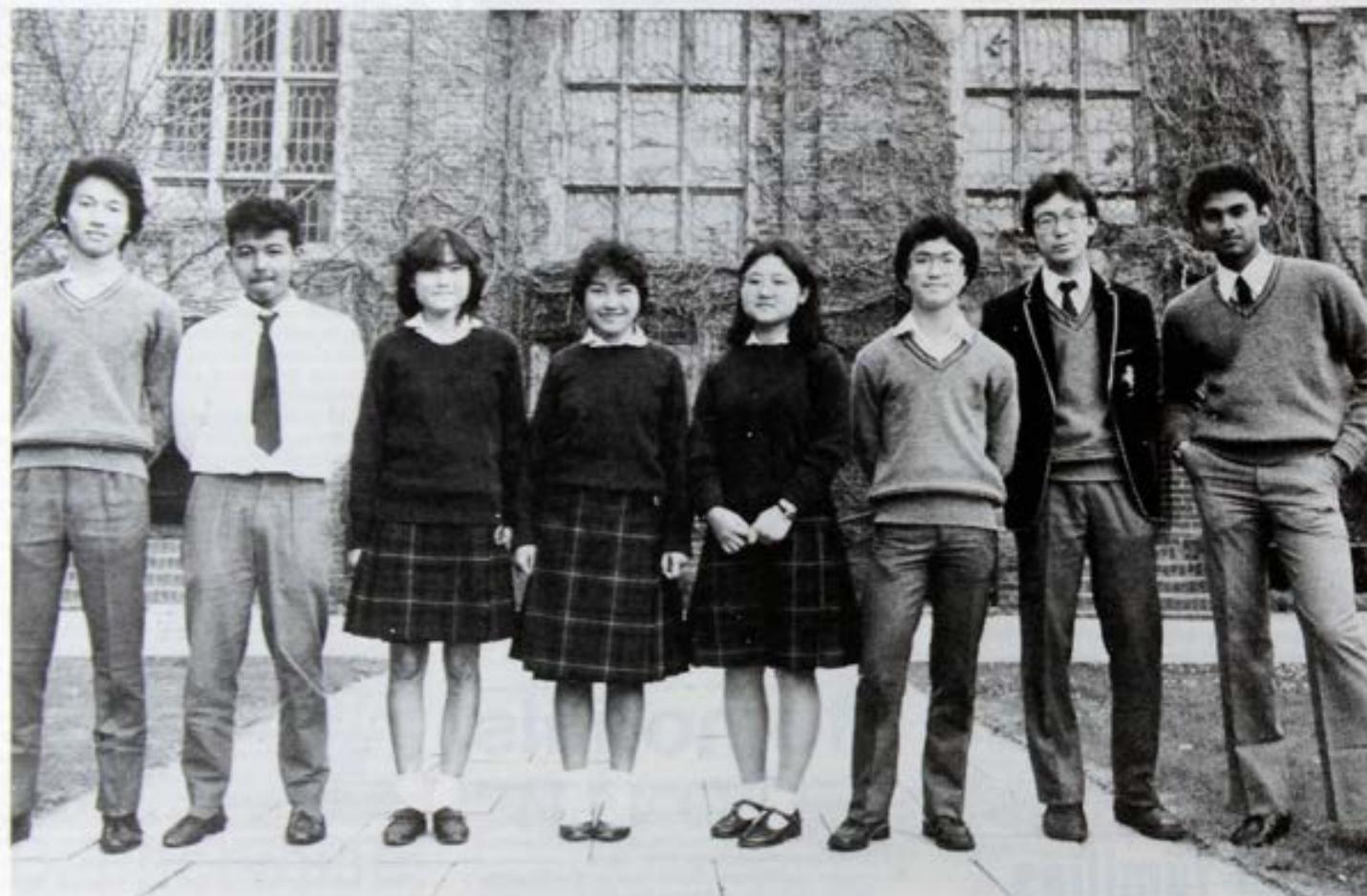
The Old Geelong Collegians' Association

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This year the College has eight boarding students from South-East Asia.

There has been an increase in the number of overseas students following relaxation of Federal Government policy.

Pictured left to right - Andy Lau (Hong Kong), Nain Ismail (Kuala Lumpur), Eileen Wong (HK), Diana Ng (HK), Chinglyna Chan (HK), William Chan (HK), Gilbert Yu (HK), and Neal Varghese (Brunei).



## Death of Dr. Thwaites

The College community was shocked and saddened to learn of the death on February 18 of the former Principal, Dr. Peter Nelson Thwaites.

The work of Dr. Thwaites for the College between 1960 and 1975 was recalled by Mr. Peter Gebhardt at a special thanksgiving service held in St. David's Church, at which the present school, the Council, parents, friends and Old Collegians were represented.

Mr. Gebhardt spoke of the building developments under Dr. Thwaites, as well as improvements in efficiency and the capacity to meet the intellectual needs of students, especially the introduction of co-education. He concluded: "We are his beneficiaries and we can rejoice

that he chose to put his gifts to use for boys and girls, for teachers and for the wider cause of education."

While still at the College, Peter Thwaites was working for the establishment of a university at Geelong, a dream which was realised in 1978 when Deakin University was opened with him as foundation Chancellor. His continuing vigorous work brought him the degree of Doctor of Letters (honoris causa) "for distinguished service to education and the university" and the friendly title of "father of Deakin". In 1977 he received the honour of OBE, also for services to education.

The OGCA has expressed regret and sympathy to Mrs. Thwaites and her family, who were represented at the thanksgiving service by Timothy, our fellow Old Collegian.



# AT THE COLLEGE

## Rolland Centre Stage 2 opened

St. Patrick's Day 1984 was a great day for the wearin' o' the green, white and blue.

In perfect weather, Senator Ryan, Federal Minister for Education, opened Stage 2 of the Rolland Physical Education Centre at the College.

Old Collegians who contributed their efforts and gifts towards the first stage can only approve the College Council's enterprise in adding a magnificent multi-purpose stadium which caters for all-weather physical education classes and a number of sports, including netball, volleyball, badminton and squash.

There will also be provision for use of the facilities by Old Collegians, subject to certain conditions.

The plaque unveiled by the Minister defines the centre as a memorial to Sir Francis Rolland and includes reference to the opening of Stage 1 in 1970 by Mr. Lindsay Hassett MBE.

Sen. Ryan spoke of Australia's poor education record compared with other western countries and referred to government policy on the funding of schools.

"While the gap in resources between a school like Geelong College and government or parish schools is in our view much too large," she said, "it is still the case that the kinds of developments for which Geelong College is respected can in some cases provide guidance as to how our poorest schools can be improved."

"Insofar as change may be thought desirable in the national education system, under the Hawke Government it will be gradual and reformist rather than abrupt and radical."

Sen. Ryan announced that the Principal of the College, Mr. Peter Gebhardt, has been appointed to the 12-member council of the national Curriculum Development Centre.



Senator Susan Ryan accompanies the architect, Mr. P.N. Everist, on an inspection of the new facilities.

## Curriculum Questions

The appointment of the College Principal, Mr. Peter Gebhardt, to the national Curriculum Development Council, may prompt some Old Collegians and parents to ask what is involved in this increasingly newsworthy subject of curriculum.

At the College in 1864, according to Mr. Morrison's prize list, matriculation students made up their courses from nine available subjects, and schooling, like world politics, seemed stable and predictable. Last year College HSC candidates between them took 23 subjects, while the total number examined in Victoria is almost 50. Also, with approval, some subjects are designed and tested within the schools concerned.

It is obviously right that students are not all stretched or lopped to fit a standard bed, since ability, inclination and expectations are infinitely variable. Care must be taken, however, in this age of the soft option, that their studies are worthwhile both in training for a career and as preparation for life, remembering at the same time that it is impossible to impart more than a small fraction of the mass of human knowledge.

So what should be taught? How do we guide our young people towards an increasingly complicated world of career, citizenship, parenthood, finance and leisure and constant decision making? How much time can be allotted to religion, sport, sex education, car driving and computers? Which studies should be compulsory for all? Versatility has been lauded as the critical skill in job seeking, but can this be deliberately inculcated?

It has been suggested that the school day and the school year should be lengthened to allow a fuller program, which would in turn affect staffing, equipment and finance. All of these problems are compounded by the knowledge that many present students will be performing tasks which do not now exist.

Associated with the questions of program and subject content, and the availability of relevant teaching materials, are those of testing and marking, and whether tests achieve their objective. Although not as many candidates suffer from examination neuroses as is sometimes claimed, it may be that examinations test only the ability to do examinations. As a consequence more and more evaluation of pupil achievement is being done through the school year, and it appears that by 1987 in Victoria most external examinations will be abolished, results being based on assessments made internally. There will then arise the problem of comparability between schools, particularly with a view to predicting success and awarding tertiary places.

Such are some of the questions: the experts must strive to produce answers while confronted with a large number of unknowns. They carry a frightening responsibility.

Congratulations to Mr. Gebhardt on his appointment, which is an acknowledgement of the standing he has already achieved in the education world. Ad Astra wishes him and his colleagues success in their important work for the rising generation of Australians.

## Memorials

The College Council has designated the following as memorials:

- Quadrangle, north wing, to be known as "The Peter Thwaites Wing" to honour the late Dr. P.N. Thwaites, Principal of the College 1960-1975.
- Council meeting room, to be known as "The Alexander Campbell Room" to honour Rev. Dr. A.J. Campbell, chairman of the committee which founded the College in 1861.
- Forecourt between the 1871 entrance and the Morrison Hall to be known as "The Tait Forecourt" to honour Mr. Alan T. Tait, a distinguished Old Collegian, member of the teaching staff 1920-1930 and Vice-Principal 1939-1957.
- Mackie House Common Room to be known as "The Carrington Room" to honour Mr. J.A. Carrington, housemaster of Mackie House 1940-1967.
- Weight training room of the Rolland Physical Education Centre to be known as "The E.B. Davies Room" to honour Mr. E.B. Davies, master in charge of physical education 1955-1976.

## Overseas

Margaret Gregory is in Canada this year as a Colac West Rotary Club exchange student.

She is hosted by the Woodstock Rotary Club in a rich dairying district about 100 kms south-west of Toronto and west of Niagara Falls.

She is doing year 13 (equivalent to 1st year University) and managing very well. The weather, until now, has been cold, of course — down to -20 deg., but the winter sports are great.

Margaret will live in with 4 different host families and spend some 6 weeks travelling Canada and USA during the summer vacation. She is due home in January, 1985.

P.S. Margaret is attending College Avenue Secondary School.

## Host families

The executive officer or committee members would like to hear from any Old Collegians or family, that would be interested in acting as "Host Family" for one of the overseas students.

The idea is to provide some family life for the students who are often here for the full year, so being unable to travel home for all holidays because of distance.

It is not expected that the host family would necessarily provide accommodation during the holidays, but short outings such as sports events, barbecues, theatre and a home cooked meal would be much appreciated.

Also because they meet people outside the institution they are attending it has many benefits for the students and their hosts.

## Ted Haines

Many post-WWII Collegians, especially cadets who wore the kilt, will have happy memories of Mr. E. ("Ted") Haines, who died last month.

As Warrant Officer at army headquarters in Geelong, he assisted in the training of cadet corps in the district and attended the annual camps.

Since his retirement from the army he had been school secretary at St. Joseph's College.

## STILL GOING

In 1904 this small boy, John Hollis Campbell, alias Jack Campbell, alias (much later) "J.H.", was enrolled at the Geelong College and was dux of the preparatory form in the same year.

We do not know whether he then had any idea of the future, the proverbial "forty years on", but it is safe to assume that he was not thinking eighty years on to 1984.

In this record period as an active Collegian he has been associated in some way with seven of the College's eight Principals.

In his final school year, 1912, he was jointly dux and won the College Cup.

He was on the teaching staff, notably in history, 1925-30 and 1932-63 and has appeared also as head of the Prep., house-master of Warrinn, an officer of cadets, master in charge of rowing and teacher of the flute.

He still retains a very keen interest in the College, particularly through the Albert Bell Club.



## Bechervaise Honoured

Friends of the former Mr. John Bechervaise are delighted to know that he has been awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters in Deakin University.

Dr. Bechervaise was Warden of the House of Guilds 1935-6 and 1945-9 and is remembered for his leadership of camping and exploration parties.

He is the author of many books dealing chiefly with travel, geography and history, and is still busily writing, though not too busy to attend OGCA functions from time to time.

### GRADUATIONS

We have been advised of the following graduations:  
 B. Com. - J.C. Nagle, S.J. Vile, D.R. Gordon, P.A. Duffield, M.T.A. McCallum.  
 B. Ec. - C.M. Thoms.  
 B. Eng. - R.A. Fyffe (Hons.)  
 B.A. - Barbara L. Fyffe.

## Association notes

### Notice of meeting

In accordance with the constitution of the association, notice is hereby given that the 83rd Annual General Meeting of the association will be held in the meeting room (above general office), Talbot Street, Newtown, on Tuesday 26th June 1983 at 7.30 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 19th June, 1984.

S.J. COULSON, Honorary Secretary.

## OGCA Dinner

This year the Annual Dinner will be held on Friday October 12th at Sladen House, Pakington Street, Newtown. Guest of honour will be Professor J.E. Richardson - Commonwealth Ombudsman. Seating will be limited so early booking essential. Cost \$23. Full-Time Students \$18.

A bus will run from Melbourne. Reservations: The Executive Officer or Committee Members.

### Dates to Note

Sydney Branch Dinner .....	June 15.
OGCA Annual Meeting/Committee .....	June 26.
Ballarat Branch Dinner .....	September 7.
OGCA Committee Meeting .....	September 11.
OGCA Golf Day .....	September 19.
West. Aust. (Perth) Reunion .....	September 28.
Annual Dinner .....	October 12.
Reunion Year Groups	
'74 '64 '54 '44 '34 '24 .....	October 12.
Canberra Branch .....	October 20.
APS Golf Day .....	November 20.
OGCA Committee Meeting .....	December 4.

## New OGCA Life Members

(In their year group)

1979 S.L. Royal	G.C.J.D. Haigh	A.M. Orchard	C.M. Williams
R.P. Warwick	A.C. Heard	L.J. Radcliffe-Smith	T.C. Wilson
S.S. Wylie	E.B. Heffernan	R.V. Ramsden	P.G. Wolf
1980 P.W. Bowers	J.M. Henderson	A.G. Rau	
F.J. Brown	J.A. Herbert	A.McK. Richardson	1981 A.R.T. Ferguson
R.W. Brown	R.S. Hindson	A.V. Richardson	Y.C. Gilbert
T.J. Galthness	G.J. Hutchins	T.J. Routley	S.B. Johnstone
V.L. Caldwell	J.P. Ide	S.D. Ryan	J.B. Levinson
C.W. Collins	S.L. Ingpen	S. Savery	B.A. Marsden
S.B. Coultts	T.J. Kent Hughes	S.C. Sewell	J.M. Simkin
A.N.D. Cowton	L.J. Le Griffon	T.E. Smit	B.A. Strange
L.C. Crafter	E.G. Lewis	C.K.G. Smith	J.L. Walpole
C.S. Cross	G.I. Mayor	T.J. Stephens	
P.G. Cross	J.B. Mawson	D.M. Stewart	1982 C.C. Crafter
I.R. Cumming	D.J. Millard	K.G. Taylor	P.G. Cross
J.L. Dalitz	L.S. Monotti		J.B. Donachie
W.H.R. Dickinson	C.J. Moore	C.J. Thom	I.M. Thompson
E.L. Dickson	P.N.R. McDonald	R.L. Turner	R.L. Turner
J.M. Dimmick	C.A. McKenzie	R.D.J. Verrell	R.D.J. Verrell
R.J. Emmett	B. McLeod	A.B. Walscott	A.B. Walscott
A.G. Findlay	A.P. Neagle	M.J. Ward	M.J. Ward
D.L. Gordon	A.P. Nagle	M.A. Wilks	M.A. Wilks
P.L. Habal	A.L. Nosedo	A.P. Williams	A.P. Williams
			1984 M.J. Brady
			J.P. Illingworth
			K.M. Spargo

### Obituary

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

I.S. Edgar (04)	A.H.M. Storer (33)
F.S. Daley (07)	G.A. Grummett (40)
A.G. Jones (12)	B.E. Vertigan (40)
H.I. McKenzie (13)	R.H. Wootton (41)
L.J. Foreman (15)	R.G. Williams (43)
R.J. Madden (16)	N.L. Sykes (45)
N.O. Callan (17)	W.J. Adams (46)
J.C. Rose (20)	W.J. Worland (46)
E.C. Barber (23)	N. Mangan (51)
E.A. Farrell (23)	C.C. Campbell (55)
A.W.J. Giddings (25)	A.G. Stewart (55)
D.S. Wood (28)	I.D. Clarke (57)
P.M. McCann (28)	G.P. Hallebone (57)
J.D. Hede (30)	J.D. Crellin (63)
A.C. McFarland (31)	

### WEDDINGS

William Forbes to Sally Bell, South Yarra, August 18.  
 Margaret Porter to Terry Smith, Naringalook, November 19.  
 Susan Ingpen to Bruce Putland, Geelong, December 10.  
 Stephen Davey to Gayle Cook, Ballarat, December 17.  
 Wally Lawler to Margaret Munyard, Geelong, December 17.  
 Rowan Jenkins to Natalie Hammett, Geelong, January 9.  
 Felicity Carr to Jim Harpley, Gnarwarre, January 14.  
 Stuart Brumby to Lynn Cameron, Geelong, January 14.  
 Vivien Webb to Geoffrey Pedemont, Geelong, January 21.  
 Peter Solomon to Diane de Bruyn, Geelong, January 21.  
 David Wishart to Kerry Dredge, Grovedale, January 26.  
 Greg Plumridge to Helen Gardner, Herne Hill, February 15.  
 Richard Bartlett to Judy Rigby, North Geelong, March 10.  
 Miranda Gant to Michael Wild, St. Albans, April 7.  
 Stuart Crosby to Elizabeth Blackman, Ocean Grove, April 14.  
 Graeme Wurm to Gayle Tarrant, Highton, April 21.  
 Sally Manning to Colin Peel, Highton, May 5.  
 David Gillett to Katy Layton, Newtown, May 5.

## RETURN VISIT

Mr. Albert Simpson, physical education master at the College in the 1940's, returned recently to Geelong to visit his son,

Mr. David Simpson, who is on the staff of the Preparatory School.

Mr. Simpson sen. lives in Adelaide, and by his good work for the OGCA has earned the title of patron of the S.A. branch.

# Retailer retires

There's little that Ken Nall ('37) does not know about retailing and what he doesn't is probably not worth knowing.

Ken has just retired as a Myer executive, a firm he joined after the closure in 1968 of Bright and Hitchcocks Pty Ltd, a store previously owned by the Nall family.

His life in retailing started in Bright's and after three years as a pilot and flying instructor with the RAAF he stepped into the business as an assistant managing director to his father.

The family sold the business in 1959 but the Nalls continued on as professional directors until it closed after 118 years' operation.

With Myer he started as Geelong store manager, then was in charge of all Melbourne stores, later Victorian provincial and Tasmanian stores, with a short stint before retirement in charge of personnel.



Ken Nall

# SHARING VOTERS

Stewart McArthur ('51) and Harley Dickinson ('52) are rubbing shoulders in the political world but in different spheres.

Both are in the Liberal Party and both are members of parliament.



Stewart McArthur

In fact parts of their electorates cover the same area in and around Geelong.

Stewart is the recently elected member for Corangamite in the House of Representatives and Harley has just completed his second year as member for South Barwon in the Legislative Assembly.

They were at the College during those elite years of rowing under the late Albert Bell.

But ironically, despite the one year difference in entering the senior school, they did not row in the first eight together.

Stewart rowed to Head of the River wins in 1955 and 1956, and Harley picked up his in 1957.



Harley Dickinson

# The Late Mr Rea Dickson

The death occurred recently of Mr. Rea Dickson, one of Geelong's leaders in music for more than 60 years.

He will be remembered by Collegians of the 1920-30 era as the pianist for the community singing sessions which were then the chief corporate

# HERE & THERE

Schooldays for Alan Blackwood ('37) are finally over. He has retired after 35 years at Christ Church Grammar School in Fremantle - first as a physical education teacher and the last 25 years in mathematics.

Stuart Brumley ('72) reports he is working on a property at Mullewa, north of Geraldton.

Back at the Camperdown farm after 22 years overseas is Alistair McArthur ('55). Working stops were New Guinea, Britain, Antarctica, South America, USA and the most recent appointment as executive director of Canadian Outward Bound Wilderness School.

Peter Lowe ('67) completing final year of Master of Business Administration at Melbourne University.

From New Zealand, Dick Lee ('15) enjoying golf in retirement, Stuart Blake ('66) livestock drafter for Dalgety-Crown Ltd, Stephaniah Mehchan ('78) undertaking arts degree at University of Canterbury.

Steve Hope-Johnstone ('69) with the Australian Wool Corporation in Melbourne.

Doing this and that is Jim Macgugan ('66). Completed BA, two years at Brankholme family farm, then working with explosives at Groote Island and North-West shelf natural gas project, last heard buffalo catching at Pine Creek in Northern Territory.

Ian Hiscock ('64) with Attorney Generals Department, Melbourne.

Mark Lade ('73) research scientist with New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture, and Stephen Lade ('71) is specialising in pathology at Queen Victoria Hospital in Melbourne.

Employment sends John Day ('61) to South Africa for four years.

David Sutton ('68) later this year back at Raymond Consulting Engineers in Perth.

Flying C120 Hercules out of Richmond RAAF base, Craig McKenzie ('71) expects to be there until mid-1986.

Peter Webb ('60) in Geelong as 2IC of the Gordon Technical College hairdressing department.

Back from the missing, Allan Bullen ('47), living in Mulgrave and is credit manager of Repco Clutch Co.

In Geelong Campbell Mathews ('59), assistant manager of Clark Maples.

In the video section at Channel 2, Melbourne, Phillip Seymour ('56).

Andrew Fairhead ('65) teaching English at St. Monica's College, Epping (Vic).

In local government are Richard Anderson ('65), Box Hill, and Robert Chisholm ('64) Geelong West.

Teaching at St. Joseph's College, Geelong, Simon Taylor ('72) after completing BA at Deakin University.

Graeme Balfour ('67), with the Rural Finance Commission in Warrambool, reports that his father, retired MP Jim Balfour ('29) still resides in Trafalgar.

Ron Byrnes ('58), resident engineer at the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Farm at Werthebe.

Adrian Davey ('64), now in ACT, as principal environmental consultant with NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service he has had published a report on development of the Kosciuszko National Park.

He says its different from the dry gap at the school of military engineering, but Sgt Michael Keen ('61) Australian Army Engineers, putting up a Bailey bridge over Wada River in Papua New Guinea.

Clan Maclean Association of Scotland has Ross Roper ('41) as its Hamilton branch president.

Chairman of Geelong's Springding Festival for six years, Barry Solomon ('48) received a gold medalion and certificate of appreciation for service.

Alan Currie ('60) appointed accountant administrator for the Geelong Performing Arts Centre.

Tony Smart ('77) managing the "Cork and Bottle" wine bar in London's Leicester Square.

Nick Richardson ('77) film archivist with the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies.

Steven Parkes ('77), Glen Downey ('78) and Keith Baillie ('79) studying at ANU, and Gillian Abbott ('77) transferred from ANU to Sydney University.

George Milne ('31) has recently been appointed to the Hotel Consultancy and Management area of the GAZEBO groups of Hotels operating in Sydney and Brisbane.

Andrew Nicholson ('49) has completed his history of the Corridale Sheep in Australia which encompasses a number of O.G.C.'s activities in the sheep breeding world.

musical activity in the school. He also composed the music for the College song "The School on the Hill"

His son Robert attended the College from 1942 to 1948 and a younger generation of Dicksons is now on the roll.