



Notes from the Headmaster

More complete accounts of happenings within the School since the publication of the last Chronicle will be given in the next large Chronicle to be published in May.

STAFF

It is with great regret that we record the death on 15th December, 1962, of Mr. Maynard D. Close who had been Master-in-Charge of the Preparatory School since 1949. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Close, David, Robert, Andrew, and Bill.

We congratulate Mr. D. H. Prest upon his appointment as Headmaster of Wolaroi College, Orange, New South Wales, a Methodist day and boarding school.

Mr. H. E. H. Mutton retires from full-time teaching, but will be teaching half-time during 1963.

We congratulate Mr. B. H. Leak, for many years sports master and senior master in the Upper School, upon his appointment as Master-in-Charge of the Preparatory School.

Mr. R. H. Prest will succeed his brother as Housemaster. He has had experience of the house both as a boarder and as a junior Housemaster.

Our senior mathematics master, Mr. J. E. Duff, who has been absent on sick leave for the last half of 1962 will be with us again this year.

SPEECH DAY

Mr. G. M. Potts, M.A., for many years second master of the College, distributed the prizes on Speech Day. N. A. M. Paterson was dux of the School and A. R. Nankervis of the Preparatory School.

CRICKET

P.A.C. won an exciting match by three wickets.

ASSEMBLY HALL

Work has commenced on the construction of the assembly hall and it is anticipated the whole will be completed by the end of July. The tender of Peak Construction Co. was accepted and the cost of the building will be approximately £160,000.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

In the Leaving Honours examination, N. A. M. Paterson and W. D. Riceman each with four A passes gained places on the general honours list, while K. Gehan with three As was awarded a Leaving Honours bursary. J. W. Twining also had three As. M. F. Peard was placed first in economics.

In the Leaving examination, G. J. Searle had six As and L. G. Cleland, K. R. Hand, R. J. Heddle, J. M. Hunter, J. Overton, J. A. Trott, and P. T. Wiekham had five As. A very pleasing feature was the number of certificates and passes gained in all five leaving forms.

In the Intermediate examination P. A. Baghurst, R. S. Freeman, J. K. Metcalfe, and A. F. Wilson gained seven As and J. C. Bennett, S. J. Dundas, S. G. Hopkirk, R. G. Jarrett, J. R. Parham, P. Runge, and G. D. Wright six As. The results in VUA were particularly good with more than 150 A passes being gained. In mathematics thirty-three of the thirty-five boys had A passes. A. F. Wilson is to be congratulated upon winning the Tennyson Medal awarded to the student gaining first place in English in the Intermediate examination.

VUB, VUC, and VUD gained more certificates and more A passes than usual.

DATES TO REMEMBER

First Term

Friday, 8th March—Swimming Sports.
Saturday, 30th March—Intercollegiate Tennis.
Saturday, 6th April—School Sports.
Saturday, 20th April—Head of the River.
Saturday, 4th May—Preparatory School Sports.
Wednesday, 8th May—Combined School Sports.
Friday, 10th May—Cadets enter camp.

Second Term

Sunday, 30th June—Mid-year Church Service.
22nd-28th July—Old Boys Week.
27th July—Intercollegiate Football.

TERM DATES

First Term: Tuesday, 12th February, to Thursday, 9th May.

Second Term: Tuesday, 28th May, to Thursday, 22nd August.

Third Term: Tuesday, 17th September, to Friday, 20th December.

P.A.O.C. MONTHLY LUNCHEONS, 1963

Roster of Chairmen

January 15	C. L. McKay
February 19	A. E. Norman
March 19	E. V. Cox
April 16	B. A. Fricker
May 21	W. M. Johnson
June 18	M. B. McLachlan
July 16	J. T. Lang
August 20	Dr. A. J. Clarkson
September 17	A. W. Crompton
October 15	R. W. Piper
November 19	G. C. Hall

President's Message

The year 1962 has slipped by and the Committee of the Prince Alfred Old Collegians Association looks forward to the activities of the Association during 1963.

At the Annual General Meeting, held on the 22nd November, 1962, it was my honour and privilege to be elected to the office of President for the forthcoming year. Once again, a strong Committee has been elected to work together, to carry out the duties and arrange the various functions of the Association. Both Phil Clark, a past President, and Bon Gaetjens felt they could not seek re-election and, although their withdrawal will be a loss to the Committee, we are very fortunate to have Eric Cox and Malcolm McLachlan as new Committeemen.

A feature that has been giving your Committee some concern over the past two or three years is the diminishing number of members who attend some of the major old scholar functions held during the year. Your Committee and its sub-committees work hard in their efforts in this direction and it is their desire that more members take advantage of them, enjoy fellowship with their colleagues, and keep pace with the many happenings at the School. I am sure members will be made most welcome when they attend these meetings.

Arrangements for the Annual Dinner in July 1963, are well in hand. This year the Dinner will be held in the Wills and Helen Mayo Refectories at the University of Adelaide and the guest speaker will be Mr. George R. Fisher, one of the most prominent mining men in Australia and Chairman of Mount Isa Mines Ltd.

I look forward to meeting and renewing acquaintances with many old scholars during 1963.

D.L.D.

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CALENDAR OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS FOR 1963

February 13	Bowls versus Saints, South Park
February 15	New Old Boys "Get Together", P.A.C. *
February 27	Close Bowls, Toorak *
March 2	Broken Hill Branch Dinner and Dance
March 16	South-East Dinner, Bordertown (Bob Francis, convener)
March	Tennis versus Saints *
April 20	Head of River—O.S. Eights
May 3	Upper Murray Dinner, Berri (Bruce Downing, convener) *
May 11	Mid-North Dinner, Appila (Syd Catford, convener)
June 7	Yorke Peninsula Dinner, Maitland (Don Gunning, convener)
June 20	Close Golf, Grange
July 22-28	Old Boys Week
August 18	Ashbourne Picnic Golf Day *
September	Combined Squash Match and Smoke Social with Saints Old Scholars at Public Schools' Club *
October 25	Eyre Peninsula Dinner, Port Lincoln (Glen Walkom, convener)
November	Committee visit School *
November	Annual General Meeting of the Association *

* Date to be arranged or confirmed



OUR NEW PRESIDENT

DON DAVIES

Son of the late W. L. Davies, former Senior Master at Prince Alfred College.

Attended School 1934-1942.

School and Boarding House Prefect, 1942.

Member of Intercollegiate cricket, athletics, and football teams. Captain football, 1942.

Member P.A.O.C.A. Committee since 1954.

Served as pilot in R.A.A.F. (1943-1945). After discharge proceeded to University of Adelaide, took degree in Architectural Engineering 1950, Football Blue 1947, regular member of University cricket team.

Held place in South Australian Amateur League football team for a number of years

Engaged in private practice in the firm Brown and Davies Ltd.

Member of Committee and Architect for Public Schools Club since its inception in 1960.

Member of S.A. Methodist Church Building and Property Committees. Church Trust Steward at Beaumont Methodist Church.

Married, with one daughter, two sons (one now at P.A.C., second to commence in 1964).

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SPECIAL NOTE

New Old Boys Meeting. This meeting will be held at the School on 15th February. Any old scholar who has left the School within the last three years is urged to regard this gathering as important—information will be given as to the many facilities offered by the Association, both sporting and social. There are many teams wanting players. At the meeting you will also meet Committee members and be entertained at supper.

Country Dinners. Attention is drawn to the list of country old scholars Dinners to be held throughout the year at various centres. The local and central committees make a big effort to ensure the success of these gatherings, which would be guaranteed if local old scholars would insert the date of their particular Dinner in their diaries, and make prompt acknowledgement of circulars received.

City members wishing to attend may do so by notifying Ross Johnston of their intention.

Special attention is drawn to the Dinners at Broken Hill (2nd March) and in the South-East (Bordertown, 16th March).

Silk Ties. Because of the unprecedented demand for these ties supplies have been exhausted, and it is expected that new supplies will not be available until the end of March.

Purely Personal

Graham Chapman and Peter Whittam were chosen to play for the country side against the M.C.C. at Port Lincoln.

Max Lemon completed the course at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, in 1959, and entered the Royal Australian Corps of Signals. During 1960-61 he completed the five-year course at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology in Communication Engineering. He has been admitted to membership of the Institute of Radio Engineers. During the past twelve months he has been Officer Commanding Mechanic Training at the School of Signals, Balcombe.

Dick Bennett, David Barton, and Richard Southwood have recently been admitted as F.R.C.S., London. Dr. Bennett, now Senior Lecturer in Surgery with University Units at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, returned to Adelaide in November. Dr. Barton proposes to do a further two years' post-graduate work in England. Dr. Richard Southwood returned to Adelaide two months ago. At present he is Registrar to a surgical unit at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and proposes to commence duties at the Royal Adelaide Hospital in March as an Orthopaedic Registrar.

Dr. Douglas McKay is vice-chairman of the S.A. Duke of Edinburgh Award Committee, and Alan Crompton is a committee member.

Howard Kerr Smith has completed the three-year Diploma of Agriculture course at Roseworthy Agricultural College and is now with Elder Smith & Co., Ltd., at Port Augusta.

Captain Andrew Patten, who has been serving with the U.S. Air Force since he left Yale University in 1951, has been made operations officer to the 353rd Tactical Fighter Squadron, based on Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. He has been selected to serve with the U.S. Marine Corps Air Service for two years, during which time he will learn to fly the Crusader (F-8 U) and land on the deck of a carrier. His brother, Rick, is on loan from the R.A.N. to the Royal Navy; he is communications officer to 3rd Submarine Squadron, stationed on the Clyde. He expects to come home early this year, after three years abroad.

Garth Martin has been appointed as the first full-time secretary to the S.A. Retail Traders' Association.

Ern Cockington is a vice-president of British Sailors Society, and John Cockington and Peter McBride are members of the committee.

Dr. Donald Cheek has been appointed to a professional post at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, U.S.A.

Sir Will Ashton has retired from the Commonwealth Art Advisory Board. He has been a member of the board for forty-four years and chairman for the past nine years.

Douglas Verco has had conferred on him the Confederation of Australian Motor Sports first Award of Merit for his outstanding services to the sport.

Charles Dunn has been appointed assistant manager of the Bank of Adelaide in London.

David Cant has won first prize in a motel design competition sponsored by the Motel Federation of Australia.

John Waterson is a vice-president of the S.A. Branch of the Australian Dental Association.

Charlie Sutton has been appointed chairman of the S.A. Division of the Red Cross Society.

P.A.C. was well represented among the officers of the Adelaide Harmony Choir which presented the "Messiah" at the Town Hall in November. Sir Geoffrey Reed was Patron, Lewis Dawe was conductor, and Rolland May accompanist.

Ian Chappell, a member of the S.A. Sheffield Shield team, will play cricket with the Ramsbottom Club in the

Lancashire League next season. He will return to Adelaide for the start of the 1963-64 season.

At the annual Blues Dinner held in the University Refectory in December, the following Old Reds received their blues: R. G. Todd (football), and A. R. Clarkson (cricket). Two Old Reds were also included on the toast list: Sir Shirley Jeffries and Dr. Alan Clarkson.

John Williams has been accepted as a candidate for the Methodist ministry but his entry into Wesley has been deferred because of study.

W. S. (Stan) Kelly has recently published a book on Rural Development in South Australia.

RHODES SCHOLAR

The South Australian Rhodes Scholar for 1962 is Mr. Peter Rogers, an old scholar of Prince Alfred College. This award brackets him with several other illustrious old scholars who have been similarly honoured, and the Association offers its warmest congratulations to Mr. Rogers. Further mention of this matter will be made in the next Chronicle.

SUNDOWNER

Both Saints and Princes Old Scholars Committees were delighted when an opportunity was taken on 19th November, 1962, to return hospitality to several kindred associations in Adelaide.

The Public Schools' Club was an excellent venue for the gathering, and despite the near hurricane winds outside and the failure of the lights, a very pleasant hour or so was spent. Guests included the Headmasters of the following schools: Scotch, King's, Sacred Heart, Rostrevor, C.B.C., Pulteney, Adelaide High, Saints, and Princes, and also the President and Secretary of their respective old scholars associations. Guests were received by Sir A. Grenfell Price (S.P.S.C.) and Mr. A. W. Crompton (P.A.C.) and thereafter good fellowship prevailed, aided by words of welcome from these two gentlemen.

COMMITTEE'S VISIT TO THE SCHOOL

Members of the old scholars Committee were pleased to accept the Headmaster's invitation to attend School assembly on Thursday, 8th November. This is an excellent opportunity for the Committee to meet the students as a body and for the President to explain the activities of the Association—both social and sporting. Furthermore, students leaving the School are encouraged to join our ranks, thereby maintaining their contact with the School, and to swell the numbers of those who have its welfare so much at heart.

The Headmaster, in welcoming the President, intimated that Mr. Crompton would probably be the last of a long line of Presidents to address the School in the present hall, as it was hoped that the ensuing year would see the new Assembly Hall in operation. With the vacating of the present quarters many memories of happenings and incidents would be dimmed but the new Assembly Hall would more than compensate for these losses.

Mr. Crompton spoke well in thanking the Headmaster and urged the boys to become members of that Association which through the years has done so much for the School and provided so many activities for old scholars.

The School Chaplain, Rev. Kyle Waters, was assisted by the Captain of the School in the conduct of morning prayers.

BIRTHDAY HONOURS

In the last issue of the Chronicle the name of Mr. Trevor Olsson was omitted as the recipient of an M.B.E. (Military Division). This is regretted and details will appear in our next issue.

EYRE PENINSULA DINNER

The Association's long awaited pilgrimage to Port Lincoln took place on Friday, 26th October. A fairly large contingent of Committee members made the journey. Mr. Geoff Woollard represented the Headmaster very ably, though the Head's inability to attend, through pressure of work, is always a matter of regret to all and sundry, if and when it so happens.

A welcome member of the party was Mr. G. M. Potts, who was guest speaker at the Dinner, and will long be remembered at Prince Alfred College for his great influence and the affection in which he was held. Rev. Bruce Trigg (Eyre Peninsula Methodist Superintendent) opened proceedings at the Dinner by giving the grace. The chairman, Mr. Doug Pitman, introduced the Adelaide visitors and opportunity was given to all present to introduce themselves. Mr. Pitman, in a special reference to Mr. Potts, referred to his long association with the School—first as a student and finally as Second Master. Without a doubt Mr. Potts had become a legend in his own lifetime and at one time or another had identified himself with almost every facet of school activity.

Mr. Potts rose to propose the toast to the School and Headmaster amid much applause. He considered he was too biased regarding P.A.C. to be chosen for this particular toast. Among many reminiscences which concerned Charlie Dolling—a great cricketer—Mr. Bayly, a grand Headmaster—Mr. Iliffe, a great master—Mr. Potts recalled many interesting incidents which had occurred through the years. He spoke very warmly of Mr. Dunning and considered that the years served under him were the happiest of his career.

Mr. Woollard replied and very ably on behalf of Mr. Dunning. He gave details of the new Assembly Hall and further adjacent properties acquired by the School, and referred to the re-introduction of swimming in the School curriculum, the enthusiasm of the flourishing School Basketball Club and the winning of the Challenge Shield by the Life Saving Club. In concluding his remarks Mr. Woollard expressed appreciation to the old scholars for their loyalty and assistance to the School.

Mr. John Trestrail proposed the toast to the Association, referring to its many activities and the part played by its principal office bearers. The President (Mr. Crompton), in acknowledging the toast, expressed appreciation of the work done by Lloyd Clarkson and Glen Walkom in organizing the Dinner under considerable difficulties. He gave an excellent report on Association activities and concluded by presenting old scholar ties to Mr. G. M. Potts, Rex Dunstan (furthest distance travelled), Lloyd Clarkson (oldest Old Boy present, to his dismay and disgust), and Richard Catford (youngest).

The attendance at the Dinner was disappointing to those who do so much towards it, and Eyre Peninsula old scholars are urged to give this function better support.

Lloyd Clarkson and Hubert Mellor then transported the Adelaide visitors to Coffin Bay for a wonderful week-end of fishing and good fellowship. These two gentlemen really do their utmost to ensure the comfort and enjoyment of the visitors and the Association is more than grateful to them and Glen Walkom for the work they have done.

SPORTING CLUBS

Athletics

The season so far has proved quite successful for the Club, as we have at all times been within striking distance of the premierships leaders and have recorded wins against nearly every team in the competition. Despite weaknesses in the field games generally we have made up ground in the middle distance events, and our walkers have gained first and second almost every week. Congratulations to Peter Whitham for a Club record in the one-mile walk, and to Brian Dyke for sterling performances in the hammer and discus.

While still lacking the numbers to field strong "C" Grade and Junior teams, we have recorded wins in both these grades, the "C" team lying fifth at the present time. With an increasing number of schoolboys available from now on, further improvements can be expected here.

Cricket

The Cricket Club is again fielding two teams in the Amateur Turf competition, in Grade A1 and Grade A5. Both sides have done quite well. The As, led by Malcolm Doley, are lying seventh with four first innings victories, while the Bs have scored one outright win and two first innings wins to be in sixth position. Mention must be made of Bob Gibbs who took four wickets with four balls for the As, and was chosen in the combined turf team to play against a Victorian side at Christmas time. Des Ayres and Tom Moore have been bowling well for the Bs, while Murray Olsson has been making runs consistently for the As.

Squash

The summer season is more than half over and up to date our teams have not been having a very successful season.

The A Grade side has only won one match but the experience gained by all players should augur well for the coming winter season in B Grade.

The C Grade team is in a similar position having to play two or three promising juniors and although we have only won four matches and have only an outside chance of being in the first four, the experience will again be very helpful.

The F Grade side has been our most successful team to date having won six matches and at the present time they are very hopeful of making a place in the final four.

The A.G.M. will be held within the next month and any prospective players are asked to get in touch with either: P. Dalwood, 31 2497 (night); R. Butler, 37 1923 (day); or Bob Oliver 53 1669 (day).

Gillingham

If you are interested in playing in any of the following events please indicate as shown.

Tear off slip and post to:

SECRETARY, P.A.O.C.A. 185 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide

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| 1. Close Bowls, Toorak, 27th February | YES | NO |
| 2. Bowls v. St. Peter's Old Boys, South Park, 13th February | YES | NO |
| 3. Tennis v. St. Peter's Old Boys, March | YES | NO |

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