ANZAC CEREMONIES — 1984

OBU WEEKEND

HON, J.C. MOORE GUEST SPEAKER

As will be seen on the Booking-Sheet that accompanies this “Binghi” the Weekend this year will include several new functions, largely suggested by the Headmaster. The time-honoured G. & S. has disappeared, having been performed earlier in the year, and is replaced by a short play, ‘Black Comedy’, by Peter Shaffer. This is being performed on three nights, the Thursday being really the dress rehearsal but people who are otherwise tied up on the Friday and Saturday will be very welcome. The School will be attending on Thursday. On the Saturday it will start half an hour later so that it can be seen after the Dinner.

On the Friday afternoon there will be a golf day at the Armidale Golf Club for O.B.’s or fathers of present boys with their sons. Two re-union Dinners are being held in the evening.

The Saturday will be the normal Sports day but this year there will be no Soccer match, the School 1st XI being engaged in an Armidale Competition match. At the O.B.U. Dinner that night the Guest Speaker will be the Hon. J.C. Moore who is President of the Queensland Liberal Party.

On the Sunday the Chapel Service will begin half an hour earlier than previously to allow more time for the Annual General Meeting and the Smorgasbord Lunch. And after that will come the third innovation, a concert in the Assembly Hall. This will be comparatively short, between 45 minutes and an hour, but will include a wide variety of items from a Bach cantata to ‘big band’ and including a performance by a new orchestra of T.A.S boys with others from the Armidale independent schools. It should be very interesting as a good illustration of the great variety of musical skills now being taught at T.A.S.

RUGBY SUCCESS

T.A.S. and St. Stanislaus, Bathurst, are now regarded throughout N.S.W. schoolboy rugby as the two best open teams outside the metropolitan area.

Both met last year for a trophy to determine the Country Champion — T.A.S. won 23–12. This was quite unexpected.

This year the match was well supported by a large crowd, by the press and was noted by the A.B.C. for results.

The T.A.S. 1st XV won 16–0 in what was the toughest schoolboy match I can remember for some time. The 2nd XV won 25–0 in a superb match in which they excelled themselves. The 14A’s won 14–12 in an exciting game.

Old boy John Manny handled the arrangements for the weekend for which we are extremely grateful.

K. McConville
LETTER FROM THE HEADMASTER

As a result of recent correspondence with the Department of Defence, the situation with regard to cadets is now clearer. It has been confirmed that no financial aid will be forthcoming for the running of cadets after 30th June, 1984. However, we are able to keep the equipment which, until the present time, has been on loan from the Army. As you can appreciate this is of considerable benefit to us.

At the present time we are looking to see the best way of incorporating a reduced cadet unit into the activities programme.

With the arrival of the XPT rail service to Armidale, we have been told that boys would not receive a great concession to their fares if they travelled on this service. We have just heard from the State Rail Authority that boys may use free passes on the XPT, on the overnight train at the weekend, and during the holidays for travel between home and school.

We have also heard from the Department of Education that the subsidy for private hire buses at mid term and holiday time has been confirmed and extended to the whole State.

Music Hall was a great success again this year. It was evident from the obvious enjoyment of the cast and audiences that all the work put into the production by authors, musicians, stage crew and the Parents and Friends was well worthwhile. Our congratulations and thanks go to all those concerned.

Mr Graham Macdonald is currently looking into the history of the School Colours and Crest. He is coming up with some interesting facts on how both the School Colours and the School Crest have evolved and changed over the last ninety years. He is keeping a photographic record of all the peculiarities and these will be on display at Old Boys’ weekend.

H.S.C. CHANGES

Mr. Rod Cavalier, the Minister for Education, has announced major changes to the Higher School Certificate for 1986. Pupils entering Year 11 in 1985 will be affected by the modifications.

The main purpose of the changes is to simplify the examination procedures, improve the efficiency of the H.S.C. as a measure of student achievement and to enable the results to be reported in simpler language.

The major changes are (1) the introduction of school assessments in place of the present school estimates; (2) the reporting of the examination mark and the assessment marks separately; (3) the setting of a common mean (average) for all 2 unit courses at 50 out of 100; (4) the abolition of the aggregate mark and some of the present scaling methods, including the “iterative” process.

It is not possible at this stage to comment on the reaction of tertiary institutions to these decisions or the selection procedures they may adopt from 1987. However the University of Sydney had, prior to these changes being approved, announced its intention to give greater consideration to an applicant’s performance in H.S.C. English before granting admittance.

FOUNDATION FUNCTIONS

Since the last report there have been five more functions, all well attended, in regional areas.

At the Canberra dinner organised by Stephen Bailey, there were 54 guests, the largest and most successful TAS function in Canberra. A welcome was extended to Jock MacKinnon, O.B., first Headmaster of Radford College, the new independent school in the capital. Jock, now in his third headmastership, spoke affectionately and proudly of his old school. The toast to the School was ably and confidently proposed by Sam Blanch. The Headmaster, Mr. Andrew, and the Executive Director, Mr. Cash, spoke on the school and the Foundation.

There was a large cross section there, from John Smith (1934-38) to last year’s leavers. Bob Grant (TAS Staff 1964-67) was given best wishes for his reign at Shore. Stephen Bailey received the Merit Award for his superb organisation and bubbling sense of humour.

One Old Boy, wanting to help a TAS boy as he himself had been helped to finish at TAS, was assured that gifts could be specified for scholarships and bursaries; unfortunately these are not tax deductible.

The Nazareth Dinner, ably organised and decorated by John and Wendy Moore, was attended by over 50. Not seen before were two Whiteman brothers, contemporaries of Reg. Magoffin and Bill Wetheruth.

Functions at Tenterfield (organiser Barry Brooks), Brisbane (Lloyd Hancock) and Toowoomba (Michael Moffatt) attracted 20-30 guests, excellent attendances for those regions. The video film was well received everywhere, particularly by those who had not visited the school for some time.

THE NEXT FUNCTIONS ARE:

- Saturday 21st July 1984, 12.30 pm in Big School — Luncheon with Video Film.
- Saturday 11th August, 1984, 12 noon (O.B.’s Weekend) — in Big School, Video Film showing.
- November (early) 1984, Foundation BBQ Port Macquarie.

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MUSIC HALL – 1984

This year’s performance of the T.A.S. Music Hall has been described as brilliant, the best ever and very professional. Only those absolutely determined not to enjoy themselves could have failed to be entertained by the enthusiastic and talented cast.

Jim Graham once again wrote, produced and directed the melodrama with his usual flair and happy sense of the ridiculous. Tim Scott cheerfully conducted the excellent orchestra with panache and dexterity. The very, and variously, talented Martin Homer accompanied the orchestra on the piano.

Of course credit must also go to those involved in the show who are not as immediately obvious as the cast. The stage and lighting crew, designers, waiters and all who worked behind the scene should be congratulated.

All profits from the Music Hall go to the Parents & Friends Association whose members in return spend many hours organising the seating, setting the tables and preparing and serving the meals. The new seating arrangements adopted this year successfully reduced the congestion which has plagued previous performances.

G.D.C.

THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY WALTZING MATILDA

"Once a jolly swagman *squatted by a personbong
Under the shade of a coolabah tree,
And he/she sang as he/she watched and waited till the thingsummydig got hot.
You’ll come a Waltzing (whistle, whistle, whistle) with me."

"*camped" was considered to be an unacceptable "in between" word.

A verse of Jim Graham’s anti-sexist version of “Waltzing Matilda” — one of the unforgettable moments of the Music Hall.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

In the last issue of “Binghi” we sadly reported the death of Sir Bernard Croft, a distinguished Old Boy, who left in 1921. Since that time a commentary of school life, written by Sir Bernard, has been found among the material in the School archives.

Unfortunately the date of writing and the addressee are unknown. George Crossle was heard to mutter darkly that he was glad he wasn’t on the staff at the time. Sir Bernard’s reminiscences are printed in their entirety. It is to be hoped they do not spark off a series of similarly spectacular and ingenious incidents.

“Rev. I. T. Perkins was Headmaster when I first went to T.A.S. He was small and dark with a five o’clock shadow. The boys all respected “Polly”. Although he was strict everyone knew where they were with him. If you got six with the cane you knew what it was for and remembered.

“Canon Forster was a nice old chap but knew little of handling boys. On Armistice night he told us we could go outside and make a noise for five minutes. Within minutes most of us were on the way to N.E.G.S. where a pair of bloomers belonging to a very unpopular mistress was hoisted on the flag pole while we marched down the road with the girls. We used to put carbide in the ink wells which smelted to high heaven. One night at prep, John, as he was known, stopped at my desk and said “Crawl” can you smell a smelly smell?”

“Some of the Junior Masters were not too good at keeping us in order. We used to put beeswax on the blackboards so they couldn’t write on them. One bright member used to connect a battery to class-room door handles so that the master got a slight shock when he tried to come in. Two boys used to milk any cows that came into the School grounds and also catch and ride any of the stray horses.

“Raffles were popular for getting rid of unwanted articles. One boy won a small revolver in the morning and shot himself through the hand in the afternoon. No serious damage done.

“Mr. L.R. Palmer was our football coach in 1919. He was a soccer player but made us train hard and gradually built the team up. We beat both Kings and Shore, much to their surprise. Jim Waters was captain and played lock. One of the second row boys was big but didn’t always use his weight in the scrum. Jimmy used to pull the hair on his legs to make him push. Des Booker was one of the centres – probably the brainiest centre I knew as a school boy.

“The 1920 football team was the start of a run of good teams and held their own with all teams. I thank Rev. Freddie McKewen was coach in 1921. He had the boys completely blurred and we weren’t game to try anything with him. I’ve heard since that the girls at N.E.G.S. used to do what they liked when he was taking them for Divinity. He was an excellent coach and well liked by the boys.

“Les Palmer always had a stock of jokes and was not above playing tricks on others. One night at the end of a school play when the N.E.G.S. girls were present he was walking close behind a very unpopular N.E.G.S. mistress. He fired a revolver used in the play right behind her. She was furious and Les made great efforts to find the culprit, but never did.

“Canon Archdall certainly built the School up. He was very keen on P.T. and had us all outdoors exercising. He was a great one for taking notes and we filled up books of them. Billy Wentworth used to read novels most of the time in class and then get around the 100 in exam marks. The masters didn’t like him much as he used to ask too many questions to which they didn’t know the answers. He’s been doing the same thing in Federal Parliament for years!”
SCHOOLS’ COMMISSION REPORT

The report “Funding Policies for Australian Schools” has been released by the Commonwealth Schools’ Commission. As well as dealing with public schools, it makes many recommendations concerning the independent sector.

This report cannot satisfy supporters of non-government schools because it does not recognise the right of all children to a basic grant regardless of need. It imposes apparently unreasonable accounting and financial impositions and it does not link the level of subsidy to the real cost of educating children in government schools. As well, it tends to restrict private effort by a commensurate reduction of subsidies to schools as their “resource” levels increase.

There are, however, some aspects of the report that should be regarded as beneficial to the independent school system. For instance, it does recommend some level, albeit in many cases quite small, of government assistance to all non-government schools; it does recommend quite substantial additional grants being made to schools offering boarding facilities and most importantly it does acknowledge the role of independent education in Australia. The present biased and often inaccurate advertising campaign being run by the Australian Teachers’ Federation and the Australian Council of State School Organisations is an indication that the report is seen as giving some support to non-government schools. It is therefore a pity that, in their quite justifiable criticism of some aspects of the report, the N.S.W. Parents’ Council and the Association of Independent Schools do not acknowledge its pleasing features.

The Government must make a decision soon on funding and it is to be hoped that it will not be influenced by the unreasonable and bitter hierarchics of the opponents of private schools.

G. D. Connah

CLASSICAL SUBJECTS POPULAR

This item on academic studies begins a series of highlights from the various curricula offerings at T.A.S.

In this materialistic age of computers, pragmatism, fractured grammar and mangled speech, it is pleasing to be able to report that the number of boys studying classical subjects is increasing.

Although the discipline of Latin and the mysteries of Ancient History are no longer forced on reluctant boys, both are available to those pupils anxious to gain as wide an education as possible and whose motivation for choosing subjects is not solely governed by their possible future occupations.

With only casual consideration, it is difficult to enumerate the direct benefits Latin and Ancient History give to boys determined to pursue business or scientific careers. However advocates of these and other related subjects will argue that they encourage precision of thought, writing and speech, teach the origins of modern civilisation and promote the understanding of our present philosophical heritage. The object of schooling is to give pupils as wide an education as possible, then at least some exposure to classical studies can only be desirable.

At present, in Years 11 and 12, 14 boys are taking Latin and 26 Ancient History (only offered in these Years). But, as an indication of increased interest, 28 boys have expressed a strong desire to continue Latin in Year 9 next year.

P & F NOTES

Music Hall was once again a great success due to the efforts of a small band of helpers who worked very hard on behalf of a great many others – their time and help was much appreciated.

I would especially like to thank, on behalf of the P. & F., Jim Graham for his time and talents given to producing the Music Hall, the cast, crew and the orchestra for staging a most enjoyable and successful performance from which the P. & F. benefits so greatly.

At this stage we are not sure of the final profits but I feel sure it will be a most worthwhile amount.

So far this year the P. & F. has given $6000 to the School for musical instruments. The list already covers a wide variety purchased including a French horn, an electric organ and 200 recorders!

The P. & F. will once again have a cake stall on the Saturday of Old Boys weekend and donations of cakes etc. would be much appreciated – they may be left on the day or with Mrs. Ruth Rowling beforehand.

In an earlier edition of “Binghi”, Mrs Diana Wood’s name was inadvertently omitted from the 1984 Executive of the P. & F. as Immediate Past President. This omission is regretted.

The next meeting of the P. & F. will be on Friday 10th August at 1.30 p.m. with a Committee meeting at 10.00 that morning.

Gill Belfield

CHAPEL PAINTING

Mrs. Roma Crosse, an accomplished artist and wife of George, has generously donated her painting of the TAS Chapel to the OBU for fund raising. It has been decided to raffle it over the OBU Weekend. Tickets will be $1.00 each and may be purchased by mail by those not attending the OBU functions.

P & F CAKE STALL

will be held on the
SATURDAY OF O.B. WEEKEND
Donations of cakes etc. will be appreciated

DIARY DATES

Thurs. 19 July – Year 11 Agriculture Excursion
Sat. 21 July – Rugby – Downlands 1st, 2nds, 16’s, 14’s, 12’s
Sat. 28 July – Choir to Gunnedah
Fri. 3 August – P.S.S.A. Athletics Carnival – Primary
Sat. 4 Aug. – Tyrell House Social
Thurs. 9 August – 8.00 p.m. “Black Comedy” Schools performance
Fri. 10 August – P. & F. General Meeting 1.30 p.m. (Committee Meeting 10.00 am)
Fri. 10 August – 8.00 p.m. “Black Comedy”
O.B.U. visitors and parents
Sat. 11 August – O.B.U. Weekend – “Black Comedy”
Thurs. 16 August – Primary Open Afternoon for Education Week
Thurs. 16 August – End of Term II, 3.30pm

SNOW!
On front drive.
O.B.U. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is now possible to report that we have reached the stage when materials have been ordered, locally, for the construction and placing of tables and benches near the memorial barbecue. The project was delayed somewhat because we chose to build according to our own design and the School Bursar very kindly offered to have the school erect a prototype table-bench assembly on Frontfield. This has now been approved by the school and a call for volunteers will be issued shortly to assist with the erection of two table-bench assemblies and seven separate benches in a half circle, west of the barbecue.

An additional benefit of the project is that this type of seating may serve a dual purpose in that an outdoor class could comfortably be accommodated around the barbecue area.

After considerable discussion and research the proposed tie design is nearing the final stages. The position has now been reached where a sub-committee will be meeting with a local textile designer in an endeavour to make a firm recommendation to the committee.

Some confusion has arisen regarding the new tie. It was never intended to replace the existing O.B.U. tie. Rather the intention of Old Boy John Mulligan, in kindly donating money towards the research of a new design, was to produce a tie which would be suitable for wearing almost anywhere, but would also be immediately recognizable by the T.A.S. community as a whole.

Mrs. Roma Crosfield has donated her excellent painting of the Chapel to the O.B.U. For fundraising purposes. We are most appreciative of this very generous gift from Mrs. Crosfield. We are sure it will raise a considerable sum for the O.B.U. – her painting skills being well known. Details of a raffle for the Chapel picture appear elsewhere in Binghi.

On behalf of all Old Boys, a compliment is due to the Headmaster and the School for the Anzac Commemoration Parade and function which was held on 18th instead of the 25th April. This, of course, was made necessary by the fact that the school closed a week before Anzac Day.

To an increasing percentage of Old Boys, the names of those who paid the supreme sacrifice in both World Wars are simply names read out each Anzac Day. While there are several Old Boys who can remember some of those who lost their lives in the 1st World War, there are many of us who remember most of the 2nd World War casualties and to hear their names called on such a solemn occasion is moving indeed.

With the change of plans we of the O.B.U. were most grateful to Mr. J.H.K. McConville for purchas- ing a wreath, to be laid during the above-mentioned function. Also, many will be interested to know that the Master-in-Charge of White House, Hon. O.B. Major Ken McConville was invited as guest speaker to the Anzac Day official service in Central Park. The school being on holidays meant that only a few boys represented T.A.S.: there were four, I think, in cadet uniform.

Your ever-reliable, loyal Secretary of the O.B.U., George Crosfield and myself were two of a few from the T.A.S. family who were privileged to hear Ken McConville's address. After his address and an interval of deep thought at least two men near me quietly said, "That was first class, magnifi-

cent."

Ken emphasized the futility, the stupidity of war. "Not stupidity on the part of the soldiers, for out of it came the spirit of our nation; they have given us a choice. To them we owe the vision of our future: we owe them, as a nation and our own right, a duty to stand up and see where we are going."

The thrust of his message was that we must value our freedom and be prepared to protect it.

We look forward to meeting many friends of the school at O.B.U. Weekend functions.

Max L. Taylor

G.P.S. O.B.U. REUNION
COUNTRY MEMBERS REUNION
Canberra, October 20-21, 1984

Following the very successful inaugural reunion at Dubbo in 1983, the GPS OBU Council has planned another reunion of all Old Boys and their friends. All present Headmasters have been invited to attend.

Come to your national capital for a weekend in the Spring and enjoy the company of T.A.S and GPS Old Boys and their friends.

Reply to:
Stephen Bailey, 86 Northbourne Avenue, CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601 Phone (062) 47 5444 (W) (062) 47 7868 (H)

I will attend the GPS OBU Council Reunion in Canberra on 20th and 21st October, 1984.

I will be accompanied by

I enclose my cheque for $32 per head, payable to GPS OBU Reunion to cover the dinner on 20th October, 1984.

☐ I request you to arrange accommodation for 19th, 20th, 21st October, 1984.

☐ I request you to book us for the Sunday tour.

Signed: _____________________________
Name: ______________________________
Address: ____________________________
Phone No.: _________________________

RIFLE SHOOTING

The School's rifle shooting continues to function despite the closure of the Armidale rifle range. This of course makes practice, other than with .22 calibre, very difficult.

In recent weeks groups have travelled to Warwick and Narrabri to gain valuable experience. The scores of J. Finlay (Captain), S. Kermode and B. Hægney have stood out on these occasions.

In July, a Shore rifle team visits T.A.S. and we will be shooting at Inverell. We also travel to Sydney to shoot against Shore in a return match.

Practice on the .22 range continues regularly on week afternoons for groups between Years 9 and 12.

Mac Horne

URGENT REMINDERS
Two re-union dinners are being held over O.B.U.'s weekend.

Paddy Flower and Bob Crossman have organized a dinner, for 1963 leavers, at the Armidale Ex-Services Club on Friday 10th August at 7.00 p.m. For further information, those O.B.U.'s intending to go should contact Bob at P.O. Box 191 Taree 2430 or Paddy by phone on 0298 688 Crossfield.

Pat Coupland and Col Dent are also holding a dinner on the same night for those O.B.U.'s who left in 1954 or their contemporaries who left in earlier years. This function will be held at the Cattlemann's Inn. Would those people who have not yet replied to their invitation please contact either Pat or Col as soon as possible so numbers can be finalised.

Paddy Flower has also advised that George Rahmert's dinner will be held at the 729 Club in Sydney on Wednesday 29th August 1984, not 1st August as was previously announced.

REG MAGOFFIN RETIRES

Mr. Reg Magoffin has just announced his retirement from the architectural firm of Magoffin and Deakin. Unfortunately this issue of Binghi was at the printers when the announcement was made.

Mr. Magoffin's considerable and unselfish service to the School will be the subject of an article in the next issue.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS


The editors would once again like to acknowledge the work of George Crosfield and the part he plays in the publication of "Binghi". George glean from many sources the information he reports so astoundingly in the O.B.U. notes. No O.B.U. is safe from his information gathering processes - he has agents everywhere. "Binghi" would not be the same without his contribution. In addition to this task, George is the secretary of the O.B.U. and is involved in other community activities.

Ken McConville also deserves our appreciation. Many photographs that appear in these pages are taken by him. He generously gives his time when ever requested, to take either special photographs or to print others of which he has the negatives.

Mr. F.M. ("Mac the Rifle") Horne.
COMINGS AND GOINGS

CHRIS STREETER, 75–77, has left Dalgety’s and is a full-time student at Ryde Horticultural School. Will probably go on to the Associate Diploma course.

GUY SMITH, 74–79, has accepted a tutorship at Macquarie Uni. involving research.

IAN RANKIN, 82–83, from Evans Head is at St. Andrew’s College, Sydney Uni., reading Economics.

News from Clan Guest. ROB, 60–61, has a son and daughter, aged 12 and 10, WILL’s, 64–67, are only 2 and 6 months, NIGEL, 72–75, is only recently married. All live close together near Narrabri and play poloocing in the Gallopping Gull team.

SAYS ROSE will become a flower if restored our contact with the WIDDUP’S. DOUG, 55–62, is with Westpac and lives in Gooulburn, JOHN, 53–60 is in Canberra constructing and maintaining aircraft pavements for the Commonwealth Government. Got there via B.H.F., Newcastle Uni., Purdue Uni. in U.S.A., and then the mitigation in Maitland, built wharves and roads in the N.T. etc. etc. is married with two daughters who don’t let go of their names.

MICHAEL POGGIOLI, 64–69, has moved from Cloncurry to the Dental Clinic, Charters Towers.

JOE PHANICHEWA, 81–83, has moved from Uni. of N.S.W. to Newcastle Uni.

JOHN STEVEN, 24–27, is now at 8 Moora-binda Street, Buderim, Qld.

GAVIN STRELITZ, 75–80 son of DAVID, 50–53, has moved from Blacksill, N.Q. has a contract to build 104 horses, and loves it.

DUNCAN McDONALD, 77–81, son of the late ROD, 47–52, graduated from Emerson Pastoral College, Qld., and is on a farm in S–E England after a spell in Scotland. His mother is visiting him there.

PETER ST. VINCENT–WELCH is back in Armidale at U.N.E. Is married and has a small daughter.

TIM ROGERS, 64–66, is running Jessie’s Bistro, previously The Galloping Grape run by the Philip brothers, RAVEL, 64–74, is in Armidale, STEPHEN, 72–77, at Crows Nest, Sydney.

JAMES VICKERS, 70–74, is with Raine and Horne in Newtown, Sydney.

THIEVES AND THOSE

JOHN MOORE, 50–54, of Burren Junction sent us grand notes on the Narrabri Dinner. O.B.’s ranged from the STIEGER brothers, 78–83, to FRED WHITEMAN, 20–26, a top athlete and footballer with the EWINGSTOWN Str Norths in Prometheous Bond. The words binghi and singhi were common in their days. Also there were the SADLIES, senior prefect in 1972, JERRY COWEN, 51–55, BOB MARSHALL, 52–54 and JOHN CANNINGTON, 49–54, who often sees MICHAEL FELTON–TAYLOR, 51–55, a lost sheep. WARRICK HANN, 58–62, an ex-lost sheep was there too. John Moore and MALCOLM CAMERON, 45–47, are busy conserving underground water on their properties, while BILL BUCHANAN, 71–77, is on the parental property near Narrabri. An excellent good party faith (Shamrock almost).

BRETT SOWBERY, 51–57 was at his leave’s reunion last year since when he has been coming up regularly to combine Midwest athletics, for which he is duly accredited. Noble effort. MAX YOUNG, staff, 61–63, is writing a paper on Education in a Democratic Society. Likes the Federal Minister’s ideas on technology education but wants them to come sooner. Prefers the term ‘educator’ to ‘teacher’, largely on what he learned there.

IAN DONALD, 64–67, brother of GRAHAM, 60–63, both Bobs, came and joined the U11. Another recent Member from ‘way back’ is TIM POCKLEY, 55–59, from Chester St. Woollalpa.

JANE CANE writes from back in Kuwait. He and Tina are ‘living well and happy’ impressed with the School. It was most encouraging in this age of rapid change to be able to sense the continuity of TAS’. While here he made friends with MAURER, 51–52, and ROBERT CHAPPELL but missed REX STOKES, who is now in Armidale for Westpac and hopes to be at the O.B.U. Week-end.

And a comment from BILL GIFFEN, 49–51, from Cooma. “The travelling through the Armidalian brought back many happy memories. It is not until one becomes older that one is able to judge the years and how the experience and appreciate the love, dedication and sheer hard work that go into the running of such an institute. It is evident that this school is still in good hands”. He has entered his son.

SIMON KITLEY, 60–67, brother of PHILIP, 59–63, and son of the late Canon Tom,writes from Sydney. He works for the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association at Surry Hills and has done printing, screen printing, artwork and pottery as well as 3rd Grade Organ. In his spare (?) time he writes poetry and visits his uncle in Neutral Bay.

When MAURICE WRIGHT, 31–33, launched his new book, “The Turning Horseman” sequel to “The Jeffery Method of Horse Handling”, in Sydney Sir James Rowland, Governor of N.S.W., was guest of honour. He comes from near Maurice’s home.

ENGAGEMENTS, MARRIAGES ETC.

The Armidale Express recently had an excellent piece of THE COWLEY WEDDING. Tim is leaving St. John’s Church, Canberra, after their wedding. Tim has picked a very comely lass – TAS obviously taught him his way around. RICHARD BLOOMFIELD, 61–63, son of GEORGE, 25–29, is engaged to Miss Judy Leftwich who runs the Chandelier School, Wolloomooloo. Still teaching in Newcastle but plans to move here. Young smiling. THOR wrote and acted in a play, “Bruce cuts off his hand”, that won rave reviews at the Adelaide Drama Festival.

REV. ROGER ZOHRA, 72–77 is also engaged. He has moved to McLachlan Ave., Orange. PETER COUTENS, Senior Prefect in 1973, is getting married at the end of the year to Miss Suzie Roylance who played Fanny Squeers in “Nicholas Nickleby”. We hear that Miss Roylance is a character quite sympathetic. Peter has chosen a real actress.

Congratulations to MAURICE TULLY, 67–72, and Robyn on acquiring a son, Brett James.

CONGRATULATIONS ETC.

JOHN MAIR, 26–28, has celebrated 50 years as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of N.S.W. Born in Sydney he started practising there but after war service transferred to Armidale where he has always taken part in many worthy causes, including the TAS Council and O.B.U. His son BRIAN, 63–67 is a town planning consultant.

JOHN PIDGEON, 54–55, was recently elected to the Armidale City Council. He and his wife, Ann–Aldeana, have five children and a grandson in HARRY’S, son at TAS, and are currently hosting a Japanese Rotary exchange student, Ayuko Dai, who goes to Duval High School.

The white family, especially DICK, 40–47 and GRAHAM, 41–49, has presented the old family home, Samaurus, to the National Trust as the central part of the New England Wool Village.

EAN HEANEY, 69–73, when he championed the 1st XV, was one of only three New England players chosen for their country Rugby sides.

PAUL JOHNSTONE, 32–39, has resigned after 11 years as Chairman of Armidale C.A.E., previously the Teachers’ College P.T.A., and a past president of the School. ROGER and RICHARD has also retired as Principal.

JOHN WAGSTAFF, 45–52, has left Court- House Hampton and in General Manager, NH & P Planning, of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, running Melbourne’s trains, trams and buses. Some job. He still enjoys “Binghi.”

DOUG HEAGNEY, 49–53, President of Uralla Shire Council, wrote a Presidential Minute opposing making Uralla nuclear-free on the common sense ground that the Council has no power to do so.

FUTURE EDITIONS

The Editors of “Binghi” are always grateful to receive copy. Please send contributions or photographs to G.D. Connah c/o- T.A.S., Armidale, Armidale 2350.

In brilliant fine weather, the Narrabri Foundation Dinner was held on Friday night: 30th March 1984. Fifty two people attended the dinner, including the Armidale residents in the person of the Headmaster, Mr. Geoff Andrews, and his wife Sarah, who had driven down Narrabri 45 minutes ahead of Dr. Peter Macfarlane and his wife Sandra, both having departed from Armidale at about the same time. Our straight road had an effect upon the Head and we hope the divine protection from the boys in blue remains with him. Bruce Wright, who travelled with the Andrew tail enjoyed the trip but did admit to falling asleep some of the time. John Pidgeon also attended and we were delighted to welcome Alan and Marie Cash back to Narrabri.

Our thanks go to John Richards who kept us amused with reminiscences of school days, mainly involving big ears and bedposts, and much laughter we managed to gain our feet to the Toast. We then proceeded to attack our delicious meal, during which the Headmaster promised us action, colour and nudity in the Foundation film. After watching the film, Dr. Peter Macfarlane covered the subject so thoroughly that we had to pay Mr. Pidgeon to ask the only question of the night.

The evening ended after midnight and a prospective parent was heard to mutter “Good show, will there be another dinner next week?”

JOHN MOORE

OBITUARIES

We record with deep regret the deaths of the following O.B.s:

CLIVE MORAN. PHIL VERNON sent us a cutting from the S.M.H. announcing his death. He was a day-boy here when Phil was in the School, and the only question of the night.

BLAKE FORSYTH, brother of KEITH and ROY, was in TAS 1931–33. He died suddenly in hospital in Sydney where he had had a chartered accountant’s practice for 20 years or more.

ROGER WYNDHAM, head of FATHER’s, 60–65, had been a Member for 17 years. He died at Narrabri Village, Castle Hill, and Hugh tells us that he was always interested in TAS and proud that his son had come back and won some of the small prizes that his father won for French and Latin.

WALTER RAYNER, 1922–23, died recently in England. A keen sportsman and a brilliant swimmer, he was a keen yachtsman in Sydney and joined the R.A.N.V.R., went to Britain during the War and won the D.S.C. for service against submarines in Western Approaches. He stayed in England as a naval architect and was internationally recognized.

Pictured at the Brisbane Foundation Dinner – O.B.’s Jim Hancock and Les Dodwell.

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