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PURPOSE OF THE WCOBA

The Wellington College Old Boys' Association was founded to:

- Further the interests of Wellington College and its past and present members and to keep former pupils in touch with each other and with the school.
- Maintain a register of names of all who have passed through the College since 1867 and endeavour to record the addresses of all those alive.
- Arrange reunions and other functions for Old Boys.
- Support current students at the College where needed.

These aims are met by the Association undertaking the following tasks:

- Production of *The Lampstand* each year, covering activities of Old Boys and other relevant information.
- Maintenance of a computerised database giving details of all Old Boys of the College including teaching staff. This includes addresses where known. The Secretary will release addresses to bona fide Old Boys but will not allow any access for commercial purposes.
- Financial support for College activities including sporting and cultural activities, sponsorship and academic prizes as well as supporting the Archives.
- Organisation or assistance of various reunions or other social functions either at the College, nationwide or internationally for members which the Association wishes to encourage and extend.
- Administration of charitable funds managed by the Association for current and past students including assistance with fund-raising appeals.

The WCOBA is situated at the College and is run by the Association's Secretary throughout the year. Communication can be made by telephone, post mail, email or facsimile.

Please send us your email address to add to our database so that we can keep you up-to-date with reunions, gatherings, meetings, sports events and results and any other news from the WCOBA.

When you email us, please add your full name and years at the College to identify yourself and let us know if there is anything in particular you would like to hear about.

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WHERE ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU DO?

Ever wondered what your old classmates are up to? Ever thought they may be interested in what you do?

This newsletter belongs to you, Old Boys of Wellington College. We need your help to make these pages more interesting and informative. Write a few lines to fill us in on what you have been doing since leaving school, or what you are about to do, a recent achievement, a momentous event or any other item of interest. Alternatively, we also welcome more in depth articles, as appear on these pages. You may also have news on other Old Boys, family, friends, staff associated with the College.

Pictures speak a thousand words. In this digital age, it's really easy to provide a photo, but please email all digital pictures at maximum resolution. Alternatively send us a photo, which will be returned if required. We look forward to hearing from you.

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(Includes a Certificate of Life Membership)

If you have misplaced your Life Membership Certificate and would like another, please contact the WCOBA Secretary and a new one will be mailed to you. Details are on the enclosed feed-back form.



Please remember to advise the WCOBA Office if you are changing address to eliminate the number of returned Lampstands with 'Gone, No Address'.

WITH THANKS

Special thanks to Paddianne Neely, our College Archivist for her extensive efforts in providing material for the *Lampstand*. Thank you also to staff and Old Boys for sending in news that helps form the *Lampstand* each year. Lastly, thanks to Gary Girvan for his proof-reading expertise.

**Cover Shot:
The New Memorial Hall
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President's Report

PRESENTED AT THE WCOBA AGM WEDNESDAY, 24 MAY 2006

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Wellington College Old Boys' Association for the 2005-06 year.

• Lampstand Publication

The annual newsletter to Old Boys was mailed in September 2005, and with 44 pages equalled the previous year's record size. This absorbing high quality publication continues to be received with great enthusiasm by Old Boys, many of whom respond by sending emails, letters, photos and memorabilia to Editor Stephanie Kane, who is also Secretary of the Association. Stephanie is to be commended for her excellent work in the preparation of the publication.

• Wellington College Achievements

Old Boys I meet are usually very proud of Wellington College and the achievements of its pupils. 2005 was a vintage year of achievement. The NCEA results produced a total of 85 scholarships awarded to Wellington College boys, the highest of any school in the country. This brilliant result bears testimony to the focus and commitment of Headmaster Roger Moses and his dedicated staff who work so hard to ensure that the boys are very well prepared and give of their best.

Sporting and cultural achievements in 2005 were also exceptional and 45 Wellington College boys represented New Zealand in their chosen sports.

• Development Office

In partnership with the Wellington College Foundation and the Wellington College Board of Trustees, the Old Boys' Association Executive Committee has agreed to assist with the recent establishment of a Development Office at Wellington College. Two of our members sit on the Development Office Management Committee along with two representatives each from the Foundation and the Board. The purpose of the Development Office is to raise on behalf of the Foundation, funding to be applied towards required capital works at the College. First priority is a new Assembly Hall with a design that is as close as possible to that of our beloved Memorial Hall sadly lost to the College in the early 1970's. Second priority is a permanent home for our Archives.

Our Secretary Stephanie Kane is now employed by the Development Office as the Events and Communications Manager which fortunately not only includes continuing



to be the WCOBA Secretary but also involves now becoming the Foundation's Secretary. Her role includes the preparation of the College's Communications, arranging events for the College and for Old Boys and in general, is the friend-raiser for the Development Office. It is proposed that the Development Office will also employ an experienced fund-raiser. The Old Boys' Association Executive Committee has agreed to contribute towards one third of the establishment and operating costs of the Development Office but it is hoped that it will become self-funding out of money raised within a year or two.

• Honorary Membership



Very rarely is an Honorary Life Membership awarded but at the WCOBA Annual Get-Together held on 12 October, 2005 it was my very great pleasure and privilege to present such a Membership to **Barry Jobson** (1953-57). Barry's faithful and energetic work for the Association and the Wellington College Community extends over many years and includes being the WCOBA President for several years and also Chairman of the Centennial Trust. In addition, I was also honoured to present Barry with a Certificate of Exceptional Service. Barry is the first recipient of this new WCOBA award.

• Annual Get-Together

This function held on 12 October 2005 was well attended and gave Old Boys an opportunity to see the restored Firth House and School Prefects' Boards. In addition to the award to Barry Jobson, I was also honoured to make



Bob Slade

a floral presentation of tribute to Mrs June Deterte and to our Archivist Mrs Paddianne Neely. June, along with her husband **Morrie Deterte** (1941-45) and their three sons, has been a strong supporter and stalwart of the Wellington College Community for many years. Paddianne continues to do sterling work for us and is much appreciated.

• Reunions

Last year I reported that the 'Class of 1964' had held a magnificently successful '40 Years On' reunion and that the 'Class of 1965' were planning their '40 Years on' to be held in October 2005. This too was magnificently successful and so the scene has been set for further '40 Years On' reunions. The 'Class of 1966' have taken up the challenge and are presently planning theirs to be held in October 2006. The reunion pace is gathering with the Class of 1946 organising a '60 Years On' under the direction of 1946 Head Prefect **John Hunt**. The 1955 1st XV are also coming together with Coach Frank Crist to recall that wonderful season and the decisive home Quadrangular Tournament win. They will be attending our AGM on 24 May, 2006. A group from the 1st XV of 1956 are planning a get-together at Quadrangular Tournament in Wanganui this year and all Old Boys at the Tournament are invited to attend a function to be advertised. There have also been a number of less formal reunions of Old Boys from various years in recent times.



• Archives

Our Archivist Paddianne Neely continues to work in unsatisfactory conditions and our grateful thanks are extended to her. Many thanks also to **Ted**

Clayton for his help with the Archives. Last year I reported that an Archive Building Fund had been established which currently totals \$7,000. My thanks go to Old Boys who have donated to the fund so far. There could be 'light at the end of the tunnel' however as I understand there is a proposal to make available the large room under Firth Hall to become a permanent home for our

Archives. I also understand that the timing of this proposal depends on new rooms being built at the College to enable the availability. The room under Firth Hall is large enough for our Archives, well located and should be most suitable so long as it is outfitted to Paddianne's requirements.

• Old Boys' Database

The effort by WCOBA Secretary Stephanie Kane to update our database has been magnificent. Work however continues to define the achievements and activities of each Old Boy and their family connections, and to establish form class categories. Email addresses are also being listed as obtained. There is always ongoing work concerning the database.

• Assistance to the College

The Association continues to offer financial support to the College towards the maintenance of the Archives; a subsidy towards the Annual Prize-Giving and donations for various other activities. As WCOBA President, I attend College Foundation Trustee meetings by invitation and am in a good position to assist co-ordination between our Association, the Foundation and the Development Office for the ultimate benefit of the College.

• Executive Committee

I wish to thank the Executive Committee for their loyal support during the year, particularly Headmaster Roger Moses for his enthusiasm and our Secretary Stephanie Kane for her excellent work.

• Conclusion

Wellington College is a school to be very proud of which is so well led by Roger Moses and his dedicated staff.

Old Boys are always welcome to contact Stephanie Kane to arrange a tour of the College and to attend an Assembly or look at holding a reunion.

Old Boys are also reminded that our Association has its own website containing current Old Boys' information and the last four issues of *The Lampstand*.

Bob Slade (1954-58)
May, 2006

REPORTING BACK FROM THE 2006 AGM

The 2006 AGM was held in conjunction with the Traditional Fixture against St Patrick's (Town) featuring the College's 1st XV's and 1st XI's on Wednesday 24 May. The meeting was attended by a good number of Old Boys and members of the WCOBA Executive.

Following the formalities, the visitors enjoyed their lunch whilst watching the two Traditional fixtures; unfortunately the 1st XV went down to Town but the 1st XI won their match.

The AGM always take place in conjunction with the Traditional fixture against either St Patrick's (Town) or (Silverstream). The 2007 AGM will precede the Silverstream Traditional in the Cricket Pavilion - the date yet to be set (keep an eye out on our website or via email).

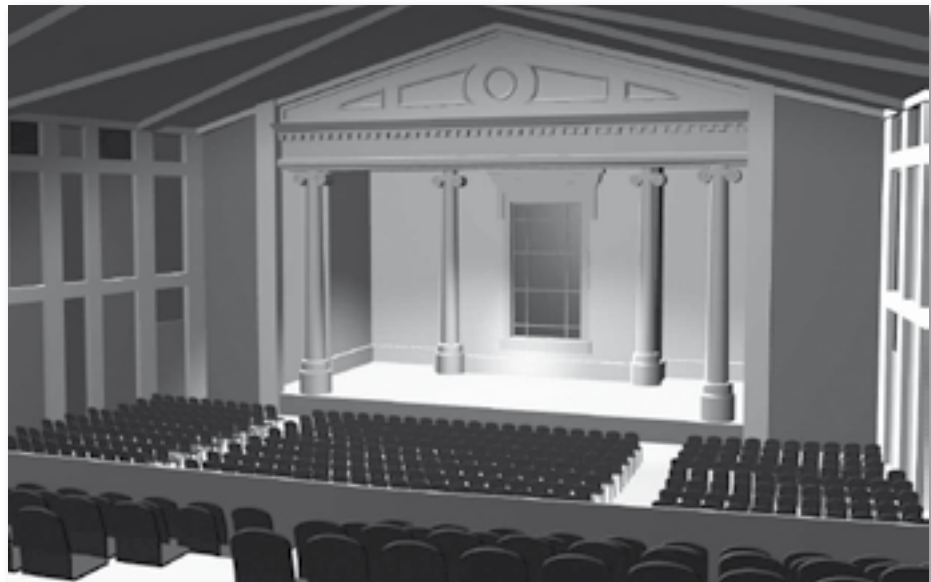
Advertising of the AGM will feature in *The Dominion Post* at least three weeks before the meeting but if you would like to receive personal notification, please complete the enclosed feedback form. All Old Boys are welcome to attend the AGM and Luncheon.

If you would like to join the Executive (younger Old Boys in particular) or add an item to the Agenda, please contact either Bob Slade (President) or Stephanie Kane (Secretary).

One item that was raised again was the facilities for the Archives. As most Old Boys are well aware, the working space for Paddianne and Ted leaves a lot to be desired. This has been a concern for the College and the Old Boys and is something that the Executive wish to act upon with much importance. What Old Boys need to be aware of is that any building or structural change to the College must go through the College's Board of Trustees. The BOT have announced a new strategic plan for the next ten years; which includes a great deal of refurbishment and is covered elsewhere in this issue of *The Lampstand*. **In the interim, we have asked Matt Beattie (Chairman of the WCOBA Centennial Trust) to update Old Boys on where we are heading):**

The plain fact is that there is no facility on campus large enough for the entire College, a population of approximately 1550 at present, to gather. The leadership of the College Community (School, Board of Trustees, WCOBA, Foundation, Parents' Association and College Mothers) have agreed that a new College Hall is a priority but it will take time and a massive, united fundraising effort which we as Old Boys will be fully supporting. The same community is also committed to ensuring that our College history is properly preserved and proudly displayed and to that end it is intended that Archives:

- 1. In 2006, relocate some items to temporary storage, thus giving Paddianne Neely and Ted Clayton some breathing room for their current work.*
- 2. From late 2007, new classroom facilities funded by the Ministry of Education will be started. Media Studies, which currently occupies the room at the bottom of Firth Hall, is to move into this new accommodation.*
- 3. The facility at the bottom of Firth Hall is to be completely refurbished to a standard appropriate for housing and managing archives and into*



which our Archivist will have significant design and layout input.

4. Archives will then move into new and permanent accommodation. The new facility is in the oldest part of the School and will provide easy access for Old Boys, visitors and students.

Matthew Beattie

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Development Committee (which includes representatives of the Board of Trustees, the WCOBA Executive and the Foundation Trustees as well as the Headmaster) was formed this year to develop fundraising initiatives to support the planned refurbishments to the College.

At this stage, WCOBA Secretary Stephanie Kane has been appointed as the Events and Communications Manager; responsible for all College communications and events as well as acting as the WCOBA and Foundation Secretary. Stephanie's purpose is to act as a 'friend-raiser' which encompasses arranging reunions and gatherings for Old Boys across the country. The Development Committee is also looking to appoint a Development Director:

**POSITION AVAILABLE
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR FOR
WELLINGTON COLLEGE.**

Are you a self starter, a 'people person' with leadership and management skills, keen to initiate a philanthropic, programme and raise money for Wellington College? Wellington College needs to hear from you.

For the job description and details please call the Headmaster's PA: Heather Oldershaw, Telephone (04) 802 2523 or h.oldershaw@wellington-college.school.nz

The two main projects will be the relocation and refurbishment of the College's Archives and a new Assembly Hall. The Assembly Hall will resemble the frontage of the old Memorial Hall which was tragically demolished in the late 1960's. Both the front façade and the inside stage (including the stained glass window) will also resemble the old Hall. The new Memorial Hall will accommodate the entire school of 1550 students over two levels and will mean school assemblies will cater for all year groups and not just three as is presently in place.

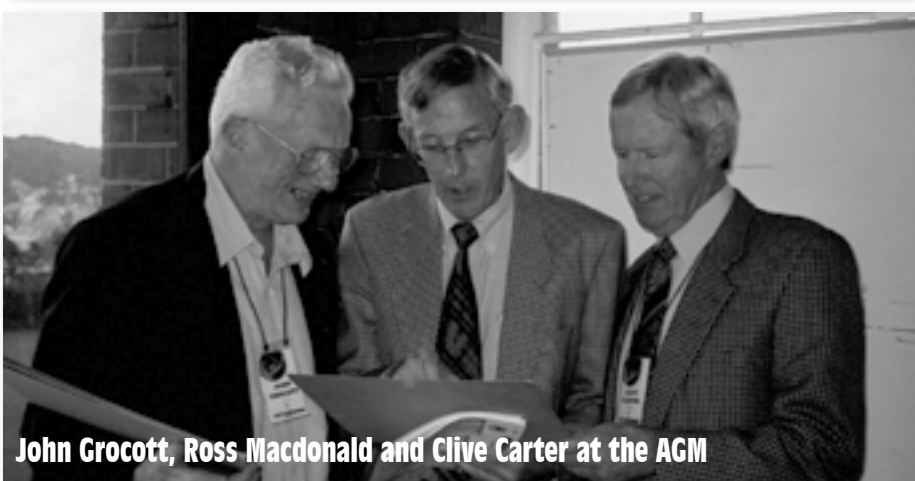
Other refurbishments include the building of a new classroom block of eight classrooms – replacing the old prefabs, the building of the Rugby Pavilion, refurbishing the administration block, upgrading the terraces as well as general renovation of current classrooms.

In an ideal world we would love to be rid of the tower block, an ugly eyesight to one and all, but realistically, is just not financially feasible.

Further news will come to hand on how the fundraising initiative will be carried out.



John Cook (left) with Frank Crist at the AGM



John Grocott, Ross Macdonald and Clive Carter at the AGM

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HONOURING BARRY JOBSON

At the 2005 Old Boys' Function held in Wellington in October, the WCOBA presented an Honorary Life Membership award to **Barry Jobson**. Barry's faithful and energetic work for the Association and the Wellington College Community extends over many years and includes being the WCOBA President for several years and also as Chairman of the Centennial Trust. In addition, Barry was presented with a Certificate of Exceptional Service. Barry is the first recipient of this new WCOBA award.

Barry's involvement with Wellington College goes back over 50 years. He attended College from 1953-57 and was a Prefect in his final year and vice-captain of the 2nd XV.

Barry was elected to the WCOB Executive in 1962, then aged 22.

For the College Centennial Celebrations in 1967, Barry was appointed Rural Areas Fundraiser. This involved writing to all Old Boys (principally ex-Boarders) now living in country areas seeking donations to the Centennial Trust. The Trust was originally set up to provide teachers' accommodation.

Barry played rugby for the WCOB Rugby Football Club as a five-eighth from 1958-1965. He also joined their committee in the early 1960's and later became Assistant Secretary and then Secretary.

On being transferred by Lion Breweries Ltd to Palmerston North as Central Districts Manager in 1974, Barry joined the Old Boys' Manawatu Branch Committee.

From 1979-1986, the Jobsons lived in England, so Barry had a rest from Old Boys' matters for that period!

Returning to Wellington in 1986, **Malcolm Perrett** (Past-President and Life Member), was virtually running the Old Boys' Association single-handedly, and he asked Barry to join the Committee, which he did so for the next 20 years.

In 1992, Barry was Treasurer



for the College's 125th Jubilee Celebrations. From 1995-97 he became Bursar of Wellington College, starting just shortly before Roger Moses was appointed as Headmaster.

From 2000-01, Barry became President of the Association. From 1999-2005 he was Chairman of the Centennial Trust. One of his principal achievements was to instigate the refurbishment of the gold-leaf Prefects Honours Boards now hung in Fifth Hall.

In 2005 Barry decided to end his long innings and retired from both the WCOB Executive and as Chairman of the Centennial Trust.

During his term as President, Barry:

- (a) Kick-started the updating of the Old Boys' database of names and addresses.
- (b) Brought together the Old Boys' branches throughout NZ, (even though they operate independently), more closely into the fold.
- (c) Was instrumental in re-energising the Association and its social activities.
- (d) Organised, in recent years, the annual WCOB v St Patrick's Old Boys' Friendly Cup cricket match.

His family connections to the College include Barry's two older brothers attending the College. **Peter** was hooker in the 1st XV in 1949, and (the late) **Ken** was 1st XV Hooker and a Prefect in 1952. Barry's eldest son **David** came to Wellington College on their return from England in 1986, and youngest son **Simon** was Deputy Head Prefect in 1991, in the 1st XV and previously in the College's Soccer 1st XI.

The Executive are sure that you will agree that Barry's Honorary Life Membership is well deserved.

Barry and his wife Zena have recently retired to the Kapiti Coast and even though life is no doubt a little more relaxed, Barry continues to keep in touch with fellow Old Boys. He even travelled to Quadrangular this year as part of the 1956 Reunion.



Barry Jobson (left) with WCOBA President Bob Slade



Barry with family and friends at the WCOBA Get-together (L-R): Steve Jones, Barry Jobson, Simon Jobson, Antony Spellacy and David Jobson



An invitation is extended to all
SOBS, MOBS and YOBS
 (Senior Old Boys, Mature Old Boys and Young Old Boys)
 to the **Annual Wellington Get-Together of
 the Wellington College Old Boys' Association**
 on **Wednesday, 11 October 2006**
 Firth Hall, Wellington College from **5.00pm.**

A great opportunity to catch up with FOB's (fellow Old Boys) of all eras and past and current staff members for a few hours of reminiscing AND hear of current news and the refurbishment plans for the College.

Cost: \$20.00 per person
(Covers Beer/Wine/Juice & Finger Food)
RSVP Essential · Please complete the feedback form or
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**SPREAD THE WORD TO SOBS, MOBS, YOBS & FOBS -
 GET A GROUP TOGETHER AND MAKE IT A DATE TO ATTEND.**

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If you would like to be the contact point for Old Boys in your town/city/country, please contact the WCOBA Secretary. We will include your details in the next issue of The Lampstand and in the interim, add your details to our Website.

"A Goodly Heritage, Proud Traditions, Cherished Memories"

NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES PADDIANNE NEELY • COLLEGE ARCHIVIST

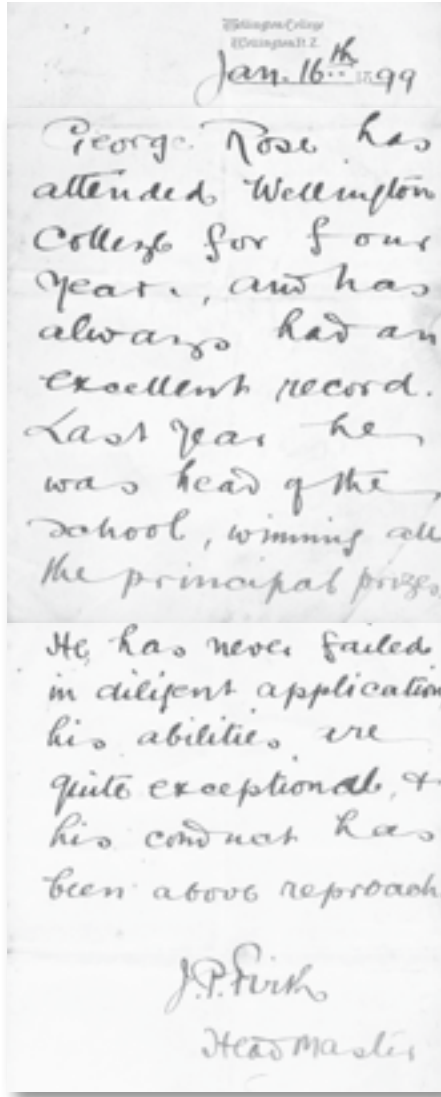
One of the most stunning donations to the College Archives 2005/06 was a gift from Mr Bob Cameron. It consisted of facsimiles of several letters, postcards and sketches (with typed transcriptions) from Old Boy **Leslie Gower** (1909-09), when he was aboard his troopship in 1914 en route to Egypt and Cape Helles, and from the Field Post Office in 1915. It was a good viewing platform for our students studying WWI to see first hand the method for correspondence home to New Zealand.

In addition, there was a collection of personal papers of Leslie's brother-in-law, **George Rose**, Dux and New Zealand Scholar, 1898. These papers are all of George's Wellington College School Reports, 1895-98, a hand-written letter and testimonial from Headmaster JP Firth, and certificates awarded to George as Dux of the College. Also included were his Education Board District of Wellington examination pass certificate in subjects of the First Standard while at Newtown School in 1888, sundry university papers, and work correspondence up until his retirement in 1943. All these form part of this welcome collection. My thanks again to Mr Cameron and to **Chris Lendrum** (Head Prefect 1998) who arranged the handing over of this material.

In contrast to Leslie Gower's correspondence, a series of 33 letters from Eleanor Rutherford to her son **Frank Irwin Rutherford** while he was in England and France during WWI have been transcribed by his granddaughter, Christina Mathew, and sent to the College Archives. These letters open up a world of thoughts and concerns, and show the love of a mother in New Zealand as she endeavours to keep her son in touch with what is happening back home on the farm with family and friends, and tries to keep his spirits high while he is so far away and involved with the war.

Frank, an Old Boy of Wellington College (1909-1912) was wounded at the front in France. After an operation, he was sent back to New Zealand to recuperate, and then he returned to England for further operations on his leg. Once well again, he worked in the War Office in London until the war ended. He was awarded the Military Cross for bravery. Despite being wounded under constant heavy shelling, he saved three men from certain death by carrying them one by one to safety.

The Archives is most grateful for these collections, and wishes to encourage Old Boys and the relatives of Old Boys to share their stories and photographs of both WWI and WWII, and the Korean and Vietnam Wars.



Wellington College.

REPORT FOR THE 2nd HALF OF THIRD TERM, 1898.

Rose

No. of half-days absent: 0

Term	No. of Days in Term	Days in Term	Percentage of First Marks	Percentage of Excess Marks	Preparation	Work in Home or Practice	Special Remarks (if considered necessary)	Marks
Term	8	1	79	79	a	a	Good credit in exam	4.00
Mathematics	8	1	93	61	a	a		1/2
English	8	1	90	90	a	a	An excellent exam.	11.00
French	6	1	95	83	a	a		2.00
Science	6	1	95	87	a	a		9.00
Dispositions								
Notes								

A selection of testimonials and certificates lauding George Rose

We are honoured to hold **Alan Armour's** WWII medals which have been donated and form a most interesting display in the Archives. Alan (1930-34) was one of Headmaster WA Armour's sons, and is the father of Jenny Mainwaring who is a present staff member at Wellington College.

Among the many items donated to the Archives this year have been:

- Mrs Marilyn Gillett: Clive Cunningham Steele's numerous Wellington College and NZ Universities' boxing and athletic medals.
- Mr Hylton Parker: Wellington College cadet hat badge.
- Mrs Dora Flaws: Papers of Eric Flaws.
- Mr Michael Clements: 1950s Firth House bottle of wine (unopened!)
- Mr RC (Bob) Pope: Wellington College school reports, testimonial and Education Department certificates.
- Bob & Elsie Ewing: Crested beer mugs from the 125th Anniversary celebrations.
- Mr Bruce Cockburn and Rongotai College Old Boy Andrew Collins: Radio NZ documentary interview with long-serving Wellington College groundsman, Harry Howard (1923-1962).

The Archives Old Boys' authors' library increased by 18 publications this year, with books donated by **Ron O'Grady**, **David Salkeld** and **Alan Preston** (via Tilly Lloyd). Videos and CDs have also added to this growing collection.

Twelve years after his last visit to Wellington College, Old Boy **Graham Allwright** (1940-44) returned to entertain students at assembly and the staff at morning tea. This well-known French folk singer was touring New Zealand visiting family and friends along with a French film crew, who were recording Graham's early life in New Zealand before he moved to Paris where he made his name as a recording artist.

The reunion of the Rugby 1st XV 1955 proved to be an outstanding success, and an Archives photographic display helped bring back many memories.



Three members of a French Film Crew assemble with Headmaster Roger Moses (centre) and Graham Allwright (second from right) in the College Staffroom.

David Salkeld from England (class of 1941) with his wife Elizabeth made a fleeting visit to Wellington and met up with former classmates. It was indeed a pleasure to catch up with them at the home of classmate **Peter Macdonald** and his wife Doris. Congratulations too to David and Elizabeth who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary! The 1941 group decided to wind up their finances and donated their remaining funds to the Archives via **Lester Franks**. My sincere thanks to the class of 1941 for their generosity.

Another worthwhile Schools' Archives' Conference, the 16th, was held at Glendowie College, Auckland, this year and my thanks to Wellington College for ensuring my attendance.

During the last 12 months, I have had the honour of representing the College and speaking at the NZ Founders' Society at the Wellington City and Sea Museum, and the RMAA, ARANZ Australasian Conference held at the Wellington Town Hall. I was also asked to be present at meetings conducted for the Public Records Act for the NZ Archives Bill, the only state secondary school in Wellington to be represented.

Wellington College is most fortunate to have thousands of items in the Archives, some of national importance. Regrettably, few people have viewed these treasures. This is due to crowded, cramped conditions. Although these items are stored archivally correctly, it saddens me to think that countless numbers of present-day boys are unable to enjoy this rich heritage during their years at the College.

The WCOBA funded a large display and storage area 'as a permanent home' after the 125th anniversary celebrations, but this was taken for a classroom and offices, and the Archives was shifted to its present site – a converted corridor.

We once led the country with our Archives, and colleges and schools visited us from all over New Zealand. These organisations have now surpassed us and our College Archives lag behind.

Old Boy architect, **Ted Percival** (1946-50), distressed by these conditions, made numerous trips down to Wellington from Hawkes Bay last year to discuss with me the ideal conditions for work, storage and research. He then drew plans for a proposed stand-alone Archives. These suggested plans appeared in last year's Lampstand and elicited much feedback.

However, a swell of support has come from the Old Boys and plans are afoot to return the Archives to beneath Firth Hall, in time, with a complete overhaul of this space so that it will have controlled atmospheric and archivally correct work and storage space, along with display and research facilities. Firth Hall was the old dining hall. The music room/stables beneath is the proposed area for the Archives.

My thanks for continued help and support throughout the year are extended to all the donors of material, the Headmaster Roger Moses, the Old Boys' Association, Stephanie Kane, Ted Percival, Kelwyn D'Souza, Heather Benfield, Heather Oldershaw, Marilyn MacLennan and finally **Ted Clayton**. Ted gives unstintingly of his time. I value his assistance and friendship, and his ability to work in such poor and cramped conditions.

My best wishes to you all for the coming Festive Season, and please remember the Archives when you shift house, move offices, or browse through photograph albums.

CAN YOU HELP?

Are you an Old Boy or former staff member of the College? Do you have relatives or know friends who are, or have been? If so, you may be able to help the Archives obtain some of the following:

- Memoirs. Please send us your stories.
- Photographs/Snapshots: College Life: pupils, staff, Old Boys.
- Head Prefects & Duxes.
- Original Uniforms: School Cadets, ATC, Sea Cadets, Pipe Band.
- Caps: Colours/Sports, Caps, Straw Boaters.
- Sports Gear.
- Medals: Dux Medals, Badges, Awards, War Medals.
- Book Prizes.
- Art Work by Old Boys and staff.
- Books: Old Boy authors.
- Musical recordings by Old Boys.
- School Reports, Certificates.
- Papers: Board of Governors, Headmasters, Parents' Association, College Mothers, Correspondence, WCOB Newsletters.
- Firth House Crockery.
- Architectural Plan Drawers.

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Gerry Barnard, Wellington • 1941-45

I have two apologies to make, first to readers for including incorrect information in my letter to **Ian Aarons** published in the 2005 *Lampstand* and secondly to **Don Silver**. My apologies to Don in announcing his very premature demise. I was very pleased to hear a voice from the past on the telephone last year saying he was very much alive Thank You! After a friendly and light-hearted conversation we agreed I had (in an elder moment) muddled him up with a close relative. I would appreciate it if you could publish this apology and the reincarnation of Don in the next *Lampstand*.

Don Silver, Wellington • 1940-43

It is not everyone's privilege to have a 'Mark Twain' thrust upon them, but I was prompted to write to you when I read about my demise in a letter by **Gerry Barnard** in last year's *Lampstand*. To the surprise of many [and especially Gerry when I rang him] and perhaps to the disappointment of a few, I can assure everybody that indeed – the report of my death was an exaggeration!

As the dates show my time at the College were entirely within the war-times, and the events and emotions of those turbulent and epic times reverberated through the school – I remember in particular 1940, with the great German blitz and the Battle of Britain, and our own local 'time of troubles' with the Japanese thrust southwards in early 1942. One result was the requisition of the College, by I think the Air Force and the subsequent farming out of the various forms around Wellington. My particular form ended up in the then Technical College – an impressive sized school and having not only a Headmaster but a Principal as well. My teachers were the usual suspects; Tibby Brodie, Jimmy Cuddie, Slug Cameron, Dreary Cameron etc etc – feared or beloved eccentrics then, now towering legends.

My subsequent past college life can almost be summed up in Gerry's remarks about meeting at athletics and in libraries.

In my first year after leaving College, I joined well-known Scottish Harriers. I was a member for 42 seasons at one time being club captain, and twice runner up to the club champion. I was a provincial representative in cross-country and in 1950, Victoria University Mile Champion. It was while running for the University that I first encountered Gerry, he who pronounced my premature obituary – though on reflection, perhaps not that prematurely, as I turn 80 in October!

The other 'activity' mentioned by Gerry was libraries, and here also my career was pretty straight-forward. I joined the staff of the Wellington Library, while studying for a University degree in 1946 and stayed until

I retired in 1996 with the status of Deputy City Librarian. Such a career path would be unthinkable these days, but I enjoyed it.

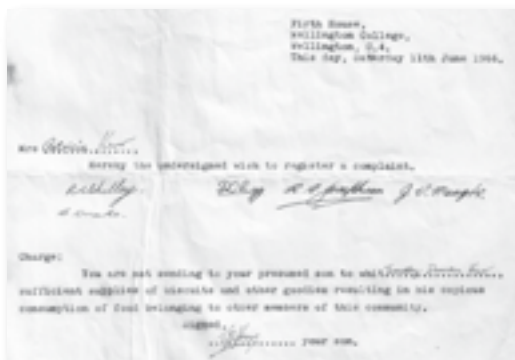
My biggest break in this was 18 months' leave of absence in 1952. As with most others at the time, it was Europe and especially the UK that was the goal and even more different from today – it was a proper passenger ship that I went on. I was determined to be able to say that *I've been around the world*, so I went to England via Panama and came back via the Suez. Strangely magic for one who had never been out of New Zealand. I had the privilege of being in the New Zealand stand at the Coronation in 1953.

I should also mention the third trilogy beyond athletics and libraries – I married a Napier girl, Margery and have three children – two have become part of the great NZ diaspora, with an artistic daughter in London and a biotechnical son in Taiwan and our other son living nearby in Aro Valley. We hope to have all three together for the first time in many years for the aforementioned 80th birthday party. That should be quite a celebration.

Tim Kerr, Christchurch • 1962-66

A delightful letter arrived from Tim with two enclosures of school related papers:

The first one is a typed note to my mother requesting a better supply of food (so I wouldn't eat too much of the other kids!). Food was always an obsession at Firth House! I can't remember having access to a typewriter as students did not have them.



The other is an account, which included an amount of 18/- for a term's dry cleaning – a fair bit of money for 1966. Boarders had to have their school shorts dry cleaned once or twice a year. None of us thought to wash them, which is why we had two pair so we could have – by hand of course.

William (Bill) Fraser, Wellington • 1942-46

I am the above named Old Boy. On my return from an overseas trip at the end of September 2005, a letter awaited me from my long time College friend **Brian Mexted** enclosing a page from the 2005 *Lampstand* that noted my demise. Brian of course knew that I was still very much alive, and we both had a good laugh about it. As I was reported as having passed away, I never received my copy of that

issue of the *Lampstand*, so I had to borrow his to catch up on all the very interesting articles, and letters, contained in that issue.

Presumably this error arose as a result of an article in *The Dominion Post* earlier in 2005 that related to a W. Fraser, who like myself was also known as Bill. Somehow his passing had been connected as being that of myself. The Bill Fraser to which the obituary referred, was actually an Old Boy of Hutt Valley High School, and attended there at about the same time that I was at College. I believe I played against him in our 1st XV clash in 1946.

I am pleased to report to all those that may know me that I am still very much alive, in good health, and still working full time. I intend to attend the sixty year reunion of the 6 Special class of 1946, in September of this year.

For the record, on leaving College, I obtained a Bachelor of Engineering degree from the University of New Zealand, at Canterbury College, and then spent two and a half years working in Rugby, England, with the British Thomson Houston Company. I managed to play some good rugby there with the Rugby Rugby Club. At the same time I was there, the late **John Hudson** worked with me at BTI-I, and **Graham Stairmand** worked nearby at Brush Electric. We were all at College and at Canterbury College at the same time.

On my return to New Zealand in 1953, I commenced work at my family's company Acme Engineering Ltd. I am still working full time at Acme Engineering Ltd, a company with workshops in Petone, Mt Maunganui and Christchurch. I was Managing Director for many years. My son Duncan now holds that position.

I fondly remember my years at College. They were the war years, and things were fairly austere for much of the time. This I believe, helped my generation a lot, as we learned to enjoy the simple pleasures of life, with few of the distractions that today's young people have to cope with.

I wish the school all the best for the future, and look forward to receiving future copies of *The Lampstand*. Life membership of the WCOBA in 1946 if I remember correctly was one guinea. Sixty years on that seems like one of my life's best bargains.

Chris Renouf, Queensland • 1966-70

I have some news that may be of interest to readers. I attended College 1966-70 and was a member of the 1st XV from 1968-70. My wife and I now live in Australia and we have two sons. Our second son, Brent has just been selected to play for Australia. I can hear you say, at what sport? AFL. Yes! He is 200cms and aged 17. They are playing Ireland in a three-test series, first at the MCG, second the AAMI stadium in Adelaide and third at Subiaco in Perth.

Most Kiwis don't realise and probably don't care but AFL is the number one sport in Australia. There are 23 rounds in a season and 16 teams. The average attendance per match is 45,000. The cheapest ticket is \$45. The television rights have just been sold for \$780m. Michael Voss, who plays for the Brisbane Lions is acknowledged as the best AFL player at the moment and he earns approximately \$3m per year, through contracts and endorsements. Imagine if these guys played rugby?

Brent has five team mates who are 195-200 cms and weigh 95-100 kgs at 17 years of age! Brent was selected in the All Australian Under 18 AFL side. The first test was a draw, incredibly so was the second and we won the third test in Perth to win the series for the first time ever. Our eldest son Chris junior, is a professional golfer with the Australian PGA.

Some of the Old Boys may be interested to hear this news and where I am? chrisr@ausec.com.au

Ray Williams, Wellington • 1938-41

From his daughter, Christine Curry

I wondered if it would be of interest so I have sent you this photo. **John Jamieson** and **Ray Williams** celebrated their 81st birthday together and shared wonderful memories of their time at Wellington College looking over their *Wellingtonians*. Who would believe all these years on, that the school magazine can revive such a good feeling of good times? Both my father, and my godfather (John) went through primary school together in Wellington and then Wellington College and then Teachers' College, and have a life long friendship to this day. Ray's grandson Nelson now attends Wellington College.



William Goldstone, Canada • 1939-43

Just a belated note to thank you for publishing my article and picture in the 2005 *Lampstand*.

It triggered emails from a number of former friends with whom I had lost touch and it was most interesting to learn of their experiences over the last 60-odd years.

We have experienced an unusual cold spell in this part of the country, with a month of temperatures ranging from 0 to -14C but today it is warmer and we should be up to 7 or 10 by Christmas day. All our snow has melted.

Once again I am treasurer of our Condominium complex and enjoy keeping busy. I plan to correspond again in the New Year; until then I wish a very Merry Christmas and prosperous and happy New Year to you and those around you.

Neil Hibbert, Auckland • 1949-52

Thank you for kindly redirecting the 2005 *Lampstand* to me. My mother, in 1954 gave me the option of a Christmas present or a Life Membership of the Wellington College Old Boys' Association at eleven pounds I think? I took the Life Membership!

I was a member of the first soccer team formed at the College and was very proud last year to present to the Archives my Blazer and photos. I am looking forward to visiting the College soon to see the display.

Thanks again for your help and please keep me informed of any reunion around my era and of course soccer.

Keith Mulligan, Wellington • 1934-36

It seems that having two grandsons at Wellington College does have its advantages, I am most grateful for the *Lampstands* you sent me, which sent me on a nostalgic tour of times long gone.

I went to Wellington College in 1934, following a much brighter twin, **R T (Trevor) Mulligan** 1933-36 and an older brother, **W (William) R Mulligan** (1931-33).

I look back on my two and a half years at the College with immense pleasure, taking a little more interest in learning and lapped-up any out-door activity, light weight rugby in particular, loved it all.

In September 1936, I left to go farming in Dannevirke. Farming became my chosen future apart from a successful four years in the RNZAF. (I won a successful ballot in a rehabilitation block, only eight miles out of Martinborough).

I never returned to Wellington to live, losing touch with my College friends. However, with a youngest son and his delightful family in Wellington with boys at the old Coll, I am really in touch again.

I retired to Paraparaumu some years ago and now reside in a delightful rest-home on the hill with my second wife, 'Topsy' and we find that life has still much to offer.

I have very much enjoyed this 'brush' with the past. *The Lampstand* gives me clear pictures of the College as I knew it, as well as the present. I am sure that my grandsons will keep me well informed.

Doug Wright, Hamilton • 1944-48

Robin Raleigh, an Old Boy who lives near to me has loaned me the last two years' copies of *The Lampstand*. I note you are updating and



Doug Wright (left) with Sir Michael Hardie-Boys

seeking information which will contribute to the accuracy of the database. I am unaware if I am on the database. I have had some contacts with Paddianne in recent years and have provided her with information.

I was at Wellington College 1944-48. I seem to recall that when I left my father paid a Life Subscription for me but I have never heard directly from the Old Boys' Association.

For your information and in case my name is not on the database I add the following summary:

BSc 1952; MSc List Class Hons] 1954, PhD 1958; D.Sc 1983 Appointed Companion of the NZ Order of Merit [CNZM] in 1999 Justice of the Peace. Former scientist, science director or lecturer in the NZ Defence Science Corps, RNZAF; Department of Agriculture and Ministry of Agriculture; Dept of Scientific and Industrial Research, Canterbury University, University of Montreal, Canada and University of California, Davis; National Dairy Research Institute of India. Former Chairman of the National Science Strategy Committee on possum and bovine tuberculosis Control, Former Chairman of the Government's Science Priorities Review panel. Represented Wellington, Otago, Canterbury, Manawatu and Waikato at tennis and table tennis. Represented NZ at the Australasian Masters Tennis Championships. Winner of the Manawatu and Auckland Christmas tennis tournaments. Winner of seven New Zealand University table tennis titles and awarded NZU Blue for table tennis.

Elton Smith, Auckland • 1950-54

Whilst I haven't read it completely yet, I notice there are two important omissions from the Judges listed from the 2005 *Lampstand*; **Tom Goddard** and **Sir Michael Hardie-Boys**. I was at School the same years as Tom, who went on to become President of the Employment Court. He recently tried to

mediate in the problems in Tonga.

I am glad to see some concrete steps have been taken to house the Archives in a manner befitting our School! I have visited Paddianne a couple of times, to hand over some memorabilia from both my father, and myself, and was appalled at the area she and Ted have to work in, and where precious Archives are stored. Paddianne needs all the support we Old Boys can summons, and to that end, we WCOB 'Jafa's' may be able to rally some interest for the project, in this far flung post of the Empire.

Barry Ward, Tauranga • 1948-52

Some time in 2005 you were kind enough to send me a copy of the 2004 *Lampstand* including a note re BOP Old Boys and a feedback form.

I am most embarrassed to tell you that I have only just opened the magazine and read it from cover to cover — it was with a pile of publications which went back some little way!

Anyway, I have now completed the feedback form and include it with this letter and cheque for Life Membership.

I have been living in Tauranga for 14 years now and have attended several of the 'get-togethers' and enjoyed them immensely. I (with everybody else) was very impressed with Roger Moses when he spoke last year and the year before Frank Crist gave an excellent speech on all the College masters from my era. Memories!

I was one of the 'Northland boys' who always seemed to be in trouble with Jimmy Cuddie, then Deputy. Our group included **Charles O'Donnell** (who set and held for years the Junior 75 yard record), **Don Baker**, **Doonie Douglas** and many others. One of our 'tricks' was to have a foot sticking out of the open doorway area of the tram when it passed the points-man on duty between the lines at James Smith's Corner - he did not appreciate that at all.

I was not a good scholar, in fact quite the reverse and did not like (and appreciate) the College but eventually I knuckled down and left school with School Certificate. I then sat and passed UE and studied/passed Accountancy and BCom while working at the National Bank followed by the William Cable Group and UEB Industries. I stayed with UEB for 27 years, the last 17 being Company Secretary.

I was working in Australia in 1967 and came back for the Centenary - I still have and use the biscuit tin with the Memorial Window on it. I am looking forward to attending the 150th celebrations in 2017.

I also went to several Old Boys' dinners while I was in Australia so have maintained a tenuous link with the school.

I mentioned to Roger Moses that we should

form a branch of the WCOBA in Tauranga as there are many of us living in the area. I believe that he was to look at it in due course. [*John Sheering has this in place – refer to contacts on page 7*].

My father **Laurence Arcus Ward** attended College around the WWI era as did his elder brother before him, **Roland Ward** who was killed on Gallipoli. There is a memorial bell in the Wellington Carillon in his memory - I think it is called 'Hill 50'. My elder brother **David Roland Ward** was at College from 1947-48 I think, and I had some nephews also following. In fact, **Michael Ward** is now one of the 'leading lights' of the Auckland Branch of the WCOBA.

Another point of interest is that in January, 2005, Joy Drayton (nee Stock) turned 90 and had a party with over 60 attending. Joy was of course, one of the four female teachers seconded to the College from 1941-45 and she tells me the odd story of those times. Joy remains 'as sharp as a tack' and continues to have an overseas trip each year. Some years ago she learned the Polish language so that she could easier search out her forbears from that country!

Best wishes to all and keep up the good work.

Ian Laurie, Melbourne • 1945-49

Thanks for putting me back on the mailing list for *The Lampstand*.

I'm sure others will have written to you recalling the music for the school song: *Our fathers toiled long* etc.

However, just in case you are stuck, I can tell you that I recall at least the voice version of it perfectly. If you can bear to listen to someone who has a pretty terrible, totally untrained voice, I could even sing it to you or, if that is really too painful, whistle it to you. Someone could then transcribe it for a thunderous piano. I cannot recall ever playing it on the violin when I was in the school orchestra. Perhaps Mr Fastier found it unacceptable.

That said, it is curious that the song, of which only the first stanza was ever sung in assemblies at all frequently, sank without trace. I well remember being somewhat taken aback when at those Centennial ceremonies a while back, surprise was expressed by, I think, the Headmaster, that there had never been a school song. I did point out the mistake and the existence of *Our Fathers*... but, it seems, to little effect.

It may well be that the words were already found to be so dated, even politically incorrect, that the song was dropped with relief from the repertoire. It does, however, have at least an historical interest, not least the last stanza, which reminds me of those sweaty days in school cadets, marching along with old WWI rifles (probably unsafe to be fired) with my uncle, Major Dighton, taking the salute.

Perhaps one of the old school songbooks may even give the name of the composer and date of composition. It would seem to be worthwhile unearthing such facts.

Archivist's Note: We have recently received a tape recording by Ted Percival (1946-50) lustily singing the School Song. All we need now is someone to transcribe it into musical notes and then it will be completed. Can anyone help?

Bill Shirer, Wellington • 1942-45

MBChB NZ, FRCS(Eng), FRACS

Bill wrote to the WCOBA office late last year about his career path since leaving Wellington College. Bill, one of the early 40's students left the College in 1945 for Victoria University for pre Med before moving to Dunedin to complete his medical studies.

Following an internship at Wellington Hospital from 1953-1955, Bill moved to London for further training before returning to Wellington as a Cardiac and Vascular Surgeon. From 1964-95, Bill was Consultant General and Vascular Surgeon and pioneered Vascular surgery from infancy to its own speciality. He was Founding Chairman of the NZ Society Vascular Surgery.

From 1995 to 2000, Bill went into private practice at Wakefield Hospital and was a Foundation Committee Member of that Hospital. Now days, he assists at Wakefield Theatre and runs a clinic for leg ulcers for the Home of Compassion as well as researching leg ulcers and the efficiency of Leg Calf Pumps. So he has not fully retired [a note to **Bob Balchin** and those great guys of 1945].

Bill also notes that his class of 6A 1945 had 16 in the class; five received scholarships, five were on the credit list. Five became doctors (all surgeons); **Ivan Cheer** in Optical, **Ron Hayward** in Cardiac, **Ray Windsor** also in Cardiac, **Frank Kwok** in ENT and Bill of course in Vascular.

Letters to the WCOBA
are most welcome and
appreciated.

If you have a story, memories,
information or just want to
catch up, drop a line to the
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News in particular would
be appreciated from those at
University.

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CLASS OF 1996 - TEN YEARS ON

Students who left Wellington College in recent years have been asking about proposed gatherings ten years down the track. In the 2003 Lampstand, we stated; Old Boys who left the College in the late 1980s right through the 1990's would have received an invitation to attend a '10 Years On' Reunion at their Leavers' Dinner. A number of Old Boys have queried as to when their 'Year Reunion' might actually be held. It is with regret that we advise that no formal events are in place as it was felt that many Old Boys were not in the country or were at a stage where ten years was just too early to reunite.

However, there seems to be a resurgence of interest, especially from those who left in 1996 so I contacted Head Prefect of 1996, Hugo Shanahan (who is currently living in London) to see what he thought. Hugo thought too, that ten years may be too soon to reassemble; however he welcomes feed back from those of 1996 to see what the consensus may be and whether perhaps something could be arranged for 1997. If you are interested in following up with news or ideas, please contact Hugo at hugoshanahan@tiscali.co.uk. Likewise, for those who left in 1997 and beyond, please contact the WCOBA office if such a gathering still appeals.

Hugo Shanahan's Update

10 Years On - Only 30 More to go until the lyrics of *Forty Years On* ring true for the Class of 1996. I received an email the other day asking to attend a Ten Year Anniversary, which came as some what of a shock as it's hard to imagine it has been that long that we said our farewells.

I recently missed catching up with Roger Moses here in London, but reading the latest *Wellingtonian* it is great to see the school continuing to evolve as one of our country's best. It was also great to see a few familiar faces in the staff photo who played such an important part in our time at school.

It is also Mr Moses' ten year anniversary since he had his first full year leading Wellington College, a daunting task no doubt, but he did an outstanding job and has led the school through a great period of development. Apart from the cream pie incident, we were a pretty good bunch. Good sportsmen, outstanding musicians, art historians and intellectuals the list goes on...

Now at 27/28, getting on as Old Boys with 30 approaching, safe to say I still feel young! So what's been happening? Most of us would have followed **Gareth Barnes** and the *Black Seeds*' success with great passion. He's also doing some great things outside of the band too. **Tom Voyce** with *Rhombus* is another brilliant band with roots going back to our year group.

Hadden Morrison is really enjoying heading up *Chow Cabaret* in Wellington. **Craig Pearce** created his own clothing label *Gifted*, and is also a manager with the *Black Seeds*. There is a strong contingent of us living in London, in the likes of **Miles Davis**, **Ollie** and **Dan Martin**, **Bobby Hughes**, **Mike Doig**, **Dave Calder** and **Andrew Smith**. There are probably more I just haven't bumped into them. All these guys are really well and enjoying life here. **Tim Lorigan** after years on the farm switched to being a livestock agent and is now working on boats in the South of France.

Byron Powell is working for Vodafone in Auckland, I haven't seen him for years so will be great to catch up later this year. We travelled to New York together over the Millennium where we worked in bars. We even tried tapping into



Hugo Shanahan with his two deputies;
Anthony Houlding and Andrew Greer (1996)

the Old Boys' network to help get work. Well worth while, but we were only successful in getting two free beers. **Ken Wright** is working for Telstra in Sydney having been transferred from Melbourne recently. I bumped into **Tim Belcher** in Melbourne some years ago now and he was a photographer for *The Melbourne Age*, and working in bars. **Rob Wilkin** is doing really well with his company *Remote Heads*, working in the film industry, and weds Michelle this summer in Queenstown. Have a great day Rob.

Me personally, I've been living in London for a few years working as a freelance PR consultant. London is a great place to live, for a while, and the work experience has been invaluable. It is shortly coming to an end, and Kate and I are off to do a vintage near Villefranche, close to Lyon in France. It will be a good opportunity to scratch up on my Third and Fourth Form French again, albeit I was the only one in the Third Form to answer all the English in French, and all the French in English amassing a total of 13% for my final French exam. Nice one! After our final European tour we're heading back to Wellington for the summer before moving to

Sydney, and I can't wait.

Personal highlights since leaving school - university days come high up on the list. The degree finally came after a few solid years enjoying the freedom and making new mates. The next highlight would have to be travelling. There's nothing like sketching out a rough plan and heading for the new and unknown with some good friends. Of the countries I've visited so far Sri Lanka is top of the list - cheap, great food and people with landscapes and beaches to boot.

Obviously we can't all catch up on what everyone is or has been up to here, but I have been in touch with a few old class mates who are keen to, so given geography is the main barrier here's a BLOG to help start the banter rolling: www.wcoba96.blogspot.com

Hopefully this gives us the chance to tell a yarn, shed a tear and or have a laugh. If people want to share info on other subjects then that's what it's there for also. The key to getting it moving will be to forward it onto class mates you still keep in contact with.

Looking back on ten years, the one thing we continue to share are the memories and traditions learnt from our time and experiences at Wellington College. These were great days that have had a significant influence on the people we are today. We were a lively bunch, with a great cross section of characters that got on well, worked hard, played harder and gave everything a go. So hopefully in thirty years time, we'll be sitting together again belting out a few notes to *forty years on, when afar and asunder*... Until then, I hope to hear from you on the BLOG and all the best for the rest of 2006 'Year of the Dog'- Hugo.

**Hey There Class of 1997...
Where is Jon Adams, your Head
Prefect? Where are YOU?**

**What sort of interest is there to
assemble ten years on in 2007?
Email the WCOBA office with your
suggestions/contact details etc.
Keep in touch. What about Class of
1998 and beyond? Do you want a
10 Years On Assembly?**

CLASS OF 1965 - FORTY YEARS ON



1965 Supporters at Tournament, Nelson
(L-R): Arthur Nazaris, Moose Cox, Tim Taylor, Ross Smith, Ken Houston, un-named, Robert Snowball

Following the extremely successful '40 Years On' reunion of the Wellington College 'Class of 1964', the 'Class of 1965' followed in their footsteps with their just as memorable reunion in late October, 2005. Class members and partners from all corners of New Zealand as well as Australia and the United States were in attendance.

The celebrations began with a special school Assembly where Assistant Principal and Old Boy **Robert Anderson** (1969-73) welcomed the guests in the absence of Headmaster, Roger Moses. 1965 Head Prefect **Michael Monaghan** and Deputy Head Prefect **John Raine** addressed the school and spoke of their lasting memories and continued friendships with the College and their year group.

After a cup of tea in Firth Hall, the Headmaster took the group on a tour of the College. Much has changed in the 40 years since these Old Boys were here but it was very evident that the College is vibrant and in great heart.

The first official social function, the Friday night cocktail party was held in Firth Hall, with much talk and laughter. An official welcome was made by Headmaster Roger Moses and responded to by class member **Hamish Hancock**. Many adjourned, much later in the evening to a Courtenay Place restaurant for a very late night, and more reminiscing and singing.

Saturday night's dinner in Firth Hall was a highlight of the weekend. **Andy King** did an outstanding job as Master of Ceremonies. There were toasts to the College from **Michael Monaghan**, absent friends from **Peter Martin**, Firth House from **John Wedde**, teaching staff from **Pete Rodger** and many anecdotes from the Class of '65. The College Boys' Barbershop Collective sang beautifully during the evening, and much later the Class of 1965 itself, also sang beautifully (or so they thought) around the piano.

Throughout all the official occasions, and the informal gatherings there was a most wonderful spirit. Old friendships remain, and grow stronger with the years and new friendships have been made with those they



Back Row: Roy Opie, Hugh Cromie, Russel Gordon, Jim Lynch, Warick Ashton, Brian Smythe, Phil Pacey, Bert Lamb, Greg Dayman, Monty Black, Russell Morrison
Fourth Row: Garth Cheyne, Stewart Whitney, William Sommerville, John Culliford, Hamish Hancock, Steve Taylor, Ross Smith, Keith Carman
Third Row: Peter Rodger, Graeme Gunn, Bryan Lawrence, Roger Lawrence, Iain Woodward, Duncan Milne, Bob Sadler, Norman Parris, Bruce Sheerin
Second Row: Gerald Cooper, David Hamilton, Keith Woodford, Paul Martin, Peter Barker, Rob Earles, Dave Gilbert, Ted Raba, Ken Houston
Front Row: Hugh Fyson, Tony Lendrum, Peter Martin, Michael Monaghan, Roger Moses (Current Headmaster), John Raine, John Wedde, Andrew King, Barry Hellberg

didn't know so well at school in 1965. All will agree, that Wellington College was and still is a fine institution and certainly the Class of 1965 look forward to meeting again in the not too distance future.

This successful format of '40 Years On' will continue, with plans well underway for the Class of 1966 reunion in October, 2006. There are also other year groups who are also in the midst of planning their get-togethers later in 2006 and beyond.



1963 FIRTH HOUSE BOARDERS REUNION

Dartrey Lamb has already started the 1963-67 ball rolling by arranging a Class of 1963 – Firth House Boarders’ Reunion.

On Wednesday 21st December 2005 the *Dog & Bone* hotel in Lambton Quay, Wellington was the venue for a dormitory reunion for the ‘Class of 1963’, Firth House boarders.

The purpose of the reunion was to welcome home **John Rutherford** on one of his infrequent visits back to Wellington from his home in Boston, Massachusetts.

John, from Lower Hutt attended Wellington College from 1963-67 and boarded at Firth House for all but the final two years of his secondary school education. A gifted student, John was ‘A’ stream from 3A in 1963 through to 7A in 1967, where his high scholarship grades ensured his direct entry into Canterbury University’s Electrical Engineering class of 1968.

After graduating in 1971 with a Bachelor of Engineering degree, he attended Harvard University doing an MBA 1972-74. On leaving, John went consulting with Bain Consulting Group in Boston before striking out on his own forming Parthenon and later on Parthenon Capital.

Former Firth House inmates came from far and wide for the get-together. **Malcolm King** from Christchurch, **Peter Speedy** and **John Drake** from Palmerston North, **Nick Taylor** from Hamilton and **Paddy Battersby** from Auckland.

There was an excellent local turnout from Wellington, **John Ahradsen**, **Prior Rowland**, **Andy Tie**, **Dartrey Lamb**, **Evan Joyce** and former teacher and House Master Sandy Yule. Apologies from **David Carter** of Auckland and **John Gifford** of Hawkes Bay as well as former Head House Master and teacher John Craig.

A highlight of the evening was the conference call to former Firth House inmate **Tom Mark** now resident in Sydney. We caught Tom completely unaware by the call as he had not heard from any of the boys for almost forty years! A wonderful surprise for all concerned.

After a marvellous evening of reminiscing and banter we left the *Dog & Bone* vowing to meet again at our ‘Forty Years On’ celebrations in 2007, where we hope many other Old Boys of our year will join us. We would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm invitation to those of our year to join us in 2007.

Calling classmates of 1963-1967. Based on starting in Form 3 in 1963 subsequently Form 4 in 1964, Form 5 in 1965 and so on. Your 40 Years On Reunion is planned for the last weekend of 26-27 October 2007. Express your interest in attending this weekend by contacting the WCOBA Secretary.

The WCOBA Office has supplied Dartrey with a list of classmates of 1963-67 to get plans underway. If you can help by providing details and/or contacts for those for whom we don’t have current addresses for, please let both Dartrey and myself know. Dartrey can be

contacted at dartreylamb@gmail.com

He and we are particularly looking for AC Taylor, IM Small, IF Voyce, JB Barber and JL Bree. If you know the whereabouts of any of these, get in touch.



(L-R): Nick Taylor, John Ahradsen, Dartrey Lamb, Malcolm King, Peter Speedy, Prior Rowland, John Drake, Andy Tie, Evan Joyce, Paddy Battersby, John Rutherford, Sandy Yule



(L-R): Sandy Yule, Evan Joyce, Paddy Battersby, Malcolm King

1966 AND BEYOND...

There are already over 60 who have registered for the 1962-66 reunion, taking place on 27-28 October this year at the College. **FOR THOSE WHO ARE ‘SITTING ON THE FENCE’ IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER.**

The 1967-2007 Reunion will take place 26-27 October 2007. The last weekend of October seems to work best for both Old Boys and the Wellington College calendar.

HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR YEAR:

IE: 1962=3rd Form • 1963=4th Form • 1964=5th Form • 1965=6th Form • 1966=Upper 6th/7th Form so for those who were third formers in 1962 and would have/did go through to 1966, 1966 is your 40 Years’ On. These calculations can be applied to years onwards to work out when your reunion is planned.

And for those who fall into the ten year era ie 1997, 1987, 1977, 1957, 1947 ... or for any reason at all, any occasion, any team, any class get in touch. Don’t be a ‘IF ONLY’.



Wellington College School Dance 1966
(L-R): Bruce (Chips) Morrison, David (Dave) Howman, Graham (Drews) Drury

WELLINGTON COLLEGE REUNION • OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION UK BRANCH

At the end of June 2006, Old Boys based in London and its surrounds gathered to reminisce and celebrate the memorable years they enjoyed at Wellington College. The event was held at the *Suze* in Mayfair, where a fine selection of New Zealand food and refreshments were served. Our hosts Tom and Sue Glynn went well beyond the call of duty to accommodate one of the largest gatherings of former pupils since the establishment of the UK branch.



Roger Moses was the star of the show, with his humorous and informative narration of a recent DVD detailing the most significant events of 2005. At the conclusion of the screening, conversation centred on various attendees recounting the glory years of their respective year groups. With the assistance of father time and a few too many Speights most of the attendees recounted how 'back in their prime' they had either been knocking on the door of All Black selection, or on the verge of a career in Hollywood. The merriment continued until closing time and a thoroughly enjoyable night was had by all.

I would like to thank **Martin Conway** and **Adrian Risman** for their continuing hard work for the UK branch of the Old Boys' Association and we are confident that future events will rival the success of June 30.

If any Old Boys are making their way to London in the near future it would be great to add your name to our ever-expanding database. Please forward your email address to oldboys@wellington-college.school.nz in the first instance or Martin Conway. Martin's contact details are on page 7.

Richard Townley, London • 1994-98
thouse27@hotmail.com

Referring to our database, there are 294 Old Boys residing in Australia. The United Kingdom has 87, the United States has 50 and Canada has 23. Countries with five include Germany, Hong Kong, and Israel.



No doubt there are many more residing in these countries but many Old Boys doing their OE still use their parents' New Zealand address for mail. Keep in touch via email if you would like news of any forthcoming events taking place overseas.

CLASS OF 1988 REUNION PLANS ARE UNDERWAY

Following a visit to the College last year, Andrew Dome (1984-88) wrote of his good friend and class mate Eddie Charles who passed away in 1995.

Eddie and I were at Wellington College during the years 1984-88. Eddie was the Deputy Head Boy in 1988 and I was also a Prefect. We both played in the 1st XI soccer team in the last two years at College under Ross Durant.

As for Eddie, he was one of the most popular and well-liked guys at College when I was there. Everyone knew who Eddie was; he was larger than life. In his early years, he was a sprint champion and this was transposed into his soccer ability where he played right wing in the 1st XI.

Eddie was always the first person in our group to 'do things'. What I mean by this is that Eddie was the first one in our year to get his driver's licence. I remember Eddie turning up to College in his mother's Honda Civic in the Fourth Form... most of us didn't turn 15 till we were in the Fifth Form. Eddie was also the first person that I could remember to get his motorcycle licence and without a doubt he was definitely the first to get his pilot's licence.

Eddie's father was a pilot and this was Eddie's passion from an early age. I can remember Eddie driving to the airport after school to go for his lessons, which is pretty amazing now when I look back. I even had the privilege of being flown over Wellington in a small plane (solo) by Eddie when I was about 19. I remember Eddie in my physics class. He only did the subject because he needed to for his flying. That was Eddie - flying really was his passion.

After school, Eddie went off to Papua New Guinea to fly over there and kick off his flying career.

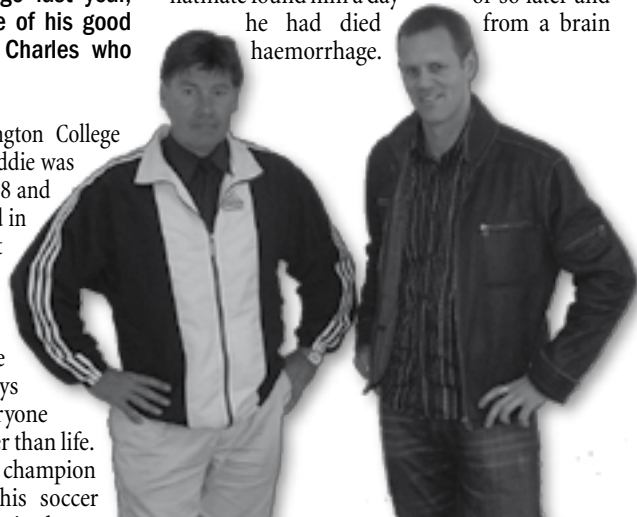
I went off to University and completed a BCA in Management at Victoria University. Afterwards I went to work for the Panasonic Business Centre and ended up as the Sales Manager. Eddie meanwhile continued flying in Papua New Guinea.

Although Eddie didn't get back to New Zealand that often, whenever he was in town he would pop into Panasonic in Taranaki Street and we would have a good old chat and catch up. I was one of the lucky ones to still keep in contact with Eddie.

Unfortunately at the age of 25, Eddie passed away. I received a call from **Alex Blades** (Head Prefect, 1988) and before he spoke to me I knew it must have been something to do with Eddie.

It seems that Eddie had come off a flight in Papua New Guinea and complained to his flatmate who was also a pilot, that he had a headache and that he was going to bed. His

flatmate found him a day or so later and he had died from a brain haemorrhage.



Andrew (right) with Ross Durant

As I said before, I was one of the lucky ones to know Eddie. A week before he died, he had sat in my office and told me that he had been just been selected to fly Boeing 747s out of Hong Kong for Cathy Pacific. At that time Eddie would have been the youngest pilot in their history to do so. But then that was Eddie always the first to do these things!

This is the reason that I would like to honour Eddie with a trophy to remember him by. He was a great guy and touched a lot of people that knew him. I think a trophy to do with the 1st XI would be fitting (best player or most improved player - something along those lines). [Currently in discussion with the Soccer Club].

As for me, I moved to London eight years ago originally for my one year OE. Eight years later I am still here. I am now a Programme Manager in IT, the last four years I have worked for Lloyds Bank. I am currently managing a project to rollout Windows XP to 80,000 users across 2500 branches and Head Office sites.

London is great but New Zealand is still my home. Last year I took my girlfriend (who is from Brazil) for an eight-week tour around the country. We did it all from walking on Franz Joseph Glacier, sea kayaking in Able Tasman National Park, whale watching in Kaikoura, quad bike riding on 90 Mile Beach etc. New Zealand is the only place in the world where you can do all of this and so easily. Admittedly at the age of 34 it was my first real experience of my own country!

My next great experience is running the London Marathon this month. I may still be hobbling along when you see me in New Zealand.

Andrew is also arranging a reunion for the Class of 1988 and has been in touch with those for whom he has contact details. Great interest has resulted in a proposed reunion at Wellington College in February, 2008. If you wish to be part of this, please contact both Andrew and myself to get into the loop. andrewdome@yahoo.com

1st XV of 1955 PACKS DOWN FIFTY YEARS ON

On Wednesday May 24th, the Wellington College 1st XV played St Patrick's (Town) 1st XV at Wellington College in the Annual Traditional match. The date coincided with the first reunion of the 1955 Wellington College 1st XV.

Frank Crist together with fifteen of the team assembled at Wellington College. In 1955 Wellington College beat St Patrick's (Town) 48-6, and to quote *The Evening Post*, played like juggernauts! Unfortunately the 2006 1st XV had a loss against Town.

Warwick and Trevor Bringans (Auckland) were two of the key organisers and wrote the following report.

It may be newsworthy that this team was regarded as the best XV produced by the College according to HA Heron in his book *The History of Wellington College*. In 1955, the team won the Quadrangular Tournament for the first time since 1938 and also won the WRFU 3rd 1st division championship.

The team was coached by former WRFU representative forward Frank Crist, a maths and science teacher at the College. He employed methods not universally known at the time to produce an extremely fit and fast group of players. He was 35 years of age at the time and remains in good health today at the age of 86.

Frank Crist called in outside help when he considered it necessary. As an example Bob Scott, the All Black fullback, gave some timely advice on ball skills prior to Tournament.

In 1955, the need for a strong rucking technique was paramount to winning possession and Frank placed the football in a sack to train the forwards. The training method was not popular with the players but it was effective!

At the conclusion of rugby practice the team was required to run to the top of Mount Victoria and back to strengthen the stamina and endurance of the players.

The playing method was simple but effective. From the start of each game the ball had to be passed along the backline to the wing without any player taking more than two or three strides, and with every player backing up the ball carrier. No back was allowed an inside break in the first twenty minutes of the game. In addition the fullback was encouraged to come into the backline outside the wing. This meant the games were played in an open manner that was enjoyed by players and spectators alike.

To be effective the players had to be fit and fast and in this regard the team was fortunate to have at centre, **Ed Young**, the team captain, who was the Wellington Intercollegiate senior sprint champion. There were other notable athletes in

the team as well. **Bill Fleming**, a future Junior All Black, played inside and outside centre with Ed Young, a concept not generally employed at that time. **Lance Leikas**, on one wing, was the intermediate intercollegiate sprint champion.

The final of Tournament, played at Wellington College, was won by Wellington 26-3 over Wanganui Collegiate School.

On the Monday of the final, an estimated crowd of 10,000 packed the College grounds. In addition the match was broadcast live over the local radio station.

A permanent record of newspaper clippings has been saved and reprinted into a book which has been presented to the College and all team members.

WELLINGTON COLLEGE 1ST XV • 1955
Summary: Played 17; won 15; drew 1; lost 1.
Points For: 409. Points Against: 65



Back Row: WH Cooke, P Pokino, RW Mitchell, WS Fleming, BS Sundborn, G Walpole, DA Cameron
Second Row: JM Hunn, S Rarere, JW Grocott, WJ Bringans, TR Bringans, PA Steele, PR Seville, SL Childs
Seated: ER Ruwhiu, LC Leikas, EE Young (Captain), Mr F Crist (Coach), GK Roberts (Vice-Captain), RW Bramwell, MJ McHalick
In Front: NH Muir

WELLINGTON COLLEGE 1955 1ST XV • 2006



Back Row: Roger Moses (Headmaster), Clive Carter, Don Stewart, John Laurenson, John Grocott, Trevor Bringans, Peter Seville, Pa Pokino, Bill Cooke, Bill Fleming.
Front Row: Warwick Bringans, Mike McHalick, Geof Walpole, Ed Young, Frank Crist, Graham Roberts, John Hunn, Sam Rarere.

REUNION PLANNED FOR OLD BOYS 30 YEARS ON

A group of Old Boys who were in the 3SHB/4SHB/5B2 Form Classes in 1971-1973 are organising a '30 Years On' Reunion later this year.

Those involved in organising the weekend include **Paul Craven, Robert Fox, Mark Hardie, Ken Johnston, Jonno Suppree** and **Philip Wong**.

Of the 44 surviving Old Boys who passed through those form classes, all but nine have been contacted. Virtually all are hoping to attend, a number intending to come from abroad.

The plan is to meet for drinks on the evening of Friday 17 November, a casual lunch arranged by the WCOBA in the Wellington College Cricket

Pavilion on the Saturday (it is hoped that there will be a match in progress) followed by a tour of the College and the Archives, a dinner that evening at a local restaurant and a lunch for the Old Boys and their families at the home of one of the locals on the Sunday.

The following who passed through 3SHB/4SHB/5B2 in the relevant years cannot be found to date: **Stuart Fraser; Rolf Hansen; John Loong; Lindsay McGavin; Tad Skidmore; Christopher Ward, John Wrothall and Glen Young**. Anyone who may be able to assist with contact details or leads for those Old Boys can contact **Robert Fox** at rob@silverfox-ts.com, **Ken Johnston** at k-johnston@clear.net.nz or **Jonno Suppree** at suppreej@douglaspartners.com.au. Please also let the WCOBA Office know if you know any of these missing Old Boys.

CANTERBURY BRANCH OF WCOBA

Peter Morrison is keen to get a function in place for Old Boys residing or visiting the Canterbury area. Please email Peter on morrisonh@xtra.co.nz or Tel: (W) (03) 377 7905 or Mobile (027) 434 0568.

It would be great to get a function in place this year (sooner than later) so if you contact Peter with your interest, a date will be set and advertised on the WCOBA website and to those for whom we have email addresses.

HOROWHENUA & MANAWATU OLD BOYS

Des Patching (Levin) and Robert Bruce (Palmerston North) would like to reactivate these provinces of the WCOBA. Des in particular would like to revive the annual Golf Tournament, played regularly some years ago for the Alex Heron Trophy. The Trophy has actually gone walk-about, so having that back would be a start.

Plans are afoot for a WCOBA Golf Tournament, later this year in Horowhenua as well as a separate Dinner and/or Drinks again in Horowhenua as well as one in Palmerston North.

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Rob Bruce • rabrauce@inspire.net.nz • (06) 329 7858**

The Auckland Branch of the WCOBA invite Old Boys living in Auckland or visiting at the time to their Annual Dinner on Wednesday, 18 October 2006 at Richmond Yacht Club, Westhaven Marina.

*Please contact in the first instance - Mike Ward
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(027) 275 0911*

wcobauckland@gmail.com

AUCKLAND OLD BOYS MEET UP

The Auckland Branch of the WCOBA are finalising details for their gathering after a very successful dinner last year. One of the key arrangers, **Mike Ward** reported back that around 60 attended the dinner in 2005 at Alexander Park. The group welcomed three important visitors from Wellington – Headmaster Roger Moses, retired deputy head Gary Girvan and 2005 Head Prefect Michael Hobbs.

The new email address for Auckland Old Boys' is wcobauckland@gmail.com. Mike also holds an Auckland WCOBA database and we are trying to get both his and the master WCOBA database to tie in so that emails can be sent to those in Auckland directly advising them of news/visits and functions. Please help both Mike and the WCOBA in getting these details in place.

If you would like to plan a reunion or get-together in your town, city or country, please contact the WCOBA office to get things underway. New branches of the WCOBA are always welcome!

Remember to send us your email address so we can keep you informed of news and events in your 'neighbourhood'.

1957 1st XV • PAST COMPARISONS AND FORTHCOMING REUNION

Bruce Heather (1954-58) writes about an amazing historical rugby record in conjunction with the article written in last year's *Lampstand* on the 1909 1st XV. He says "that the 1957 1st XV along with the 1955 team would be regarded as the best two teams to play for Wellington College during the 1950's". As a member of that team he has tried to be objective!

Bruce goes on to say, 'The splendid article in the 2005 *Lampstand* on the 1909 1st XV and their involvement in WWI written by staff member Colm McNulty, highlighted some interesting comparisons with later Wellington College teams.

In 2007, the College will be hosting a 50-year reunion of a highly successful 1957 1st XV which like 1909 team remained undefeated in College matches.

It was coincidental that this 1957 team was exactly in the middle of the 96 year time span between the 1909 team and the 2005 1st XV that won the Tournament in Nelson at the time of the *Lampstand* article.

The similarities did not end there, as we shall see later.

The 1957 team could claim to be the top College team in Wellington. The season started well, a 30-6 victory over Wellington Technical College (now Wellington High School) and a hard fought 9-3 win over a strong Rongotai College team led by Mick Williment.

The first traditional against St Patrick's (Town) was played at Athletic Park. The Wellington College backs turned up the heat in the second half to run in seven tries to win 21-0. Goal kicking was not a strong point in the 1950's and all seven tries were unconverted!

Around this time, Coach Frank Crist was incapacitated with a leg injury. He called in the great All Black fullback Bob Scott to take over the coaching. His training sessions were something to behold and the team's speed and fitness reached peak levels. Bob Scott was the first of the running fullbacks and **AB (Tubby) Wright** was quickly commissioned into an extra three quarter from fullback.

Wright together with wingers **Felix Wendt** and **Lance Leikis** and centre **Brian Hastings** had two months earlier blitzed the field in the inter-collegiate senior relay event setting a new record of 45.5 seconds.

Wellington College's brilliant back play was already being noticed and the team was matched against St Patrick's (Silverstream) at Athletic Park as a curtain raiser to a Wellington Ranfurly Shield defence. The game resulted in a 9-9 draw with once again our three tries being unconverted.

Two weeks later Wellington hosted a powerful Hutt Valley High School team on a slushy middle ground at the College. HVHS had also drawn 8-8 with Silverstream. In a tremendously exciting match the end result was yet another draw 11-11. The 1st XV completed the season at the Quadrangular Tournament in Nelson with an unbeaten record in College matches.

Meantime HVHS had already lost to Nelson College 14-3 and drawn 8-8 with Rongotai College whilst St Patrick's (Silverstream) had been toppled 8-6 by New Plymouth Boys' High School and also drawn 3-3 with Rongotai.

The rock hard surface at Nelson certainly suited Wellington College and the team responded by turning on some spectacular rugby.

The highly mobile forward pack was splendidly led by **JH (Hugh) Williams** who is now a High Court Judge in Auckland. The forwards and the inside backs were drilled to give quick ball to the speedsters in the three quarter line.

Comparisons with those two other College XV's became apparent when the 1957 team scored five tries in crushing Christ's College 23-6. Thirty eight years earlier, the 1909 team beat Christ's College in similar fashion 23-5. More remarkably 48 years later, the 2005 team similarly defeated Christ's College and when we scale this back to today's points for a try we also read 23-6. All three teams went on to win the final with comprehensive victories.

The '57 team ran in seven tries to defeat Nelson 29-15. Tournament rules stipulate 35 minute spells and at the end of normal time the scoreboard showed Wellington 23 Nelson 12. However, the Nelson College clock stopped at 4.20pm The referee was obviously going by the school clock rather than his watch and the second spell ran for a full 60 minutes.

The crowd of over 5,000 were given a bonus 25 minutes but with the speed of the game the players were almost exhausted by the finish.

Tubby Wright, our fullback and also the fast bowler of the College's 1st XI cricket team was overheard appealing against the light to the referee who finally got the message!

The Tournament win in Nelson was the first win for Wellington College in the South Island for 60 years, the last time having been back in 1897.

Meantime in 2006 Wellington College has won the tournament for the fourth time in a row and will be trying to extend this record when the 1957 team meets at the 2007 tournament for their 50th reunion.

We wish them well.

If you were one of the 1957 members, please contact Bruce at russellandsomers@compuserve.com so that arrangements can be put in place for 2007. **1957 1st XV REUNION DINNER TENTATIVELY BOOKED FOR SUNDAY 22 JULY AT WELLINGTON COLLEGE.**



DO YOU REMEMBER THE SUCCESSFUL BALLS RUN BY THE WCOBA?

Morrie Deterte (1941-45) donated a copy of a photo taken in 1946 at the WCOBA Ball at the Majestic Cabaret in Willis Street. From all accounts, these Balls were a fantastic occasion for both Old Boys and their partners. What interest is out there now to run future WCOBA Balls? Drop a line to the WCOBA Office.

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HISTORY AT A PACE - Brian Smythe, Nelson (1954-58)

A Wellington College Old Boy joined the 2006 History and French Study Tour of Turkey and Europe – 24 June to 12 July.

A chance conversation with Old Boy and history master **Gregor Fountain** (1986-90) at an Old Boys' function last year resulted, to my surprise and delight, in an invitation to my wife Liz and I to participate in this amazing tour. Why would two depreciating 65-year-olds be attracted to the prospect of a strenuous schedule covering NZ army war zones in Turkey, Italy, France and Belgium, coupled with related historical and cultural place visits, all crammed into 18 days – in the company of 34 fit seventh-formers and four robust college Masters?

The simple answer was that this was the only chance we would ever get at our age to see these iconic places, rich in College and Kiwi history, in such a well planned and intensely interesting format, and with the benefit of informed commentary from masters **Rob Anderson**, **Colm McNulty** and **Guy Mance**, together with the organisational skills of **Nic Hill**. Also, for me this experience would be valuable research for the historical novel I have had in mind for years, based on ancestral characters and military events from 1066 to Passchendaele, and on to my time as RSM of the Wellington College Cadet Battalion in 1958. I was unable to resist such an opportunity.

Liz and I, strangers to the College group, joined it from Nelson at Auckland International on 24 June. Within three weeks we would be close friends – you can't share planes, buses, hotels and all the joys and challenges of travel without becoming intimately acquainted. Here is a concise summary of what happened:

- Auckland to Istanbul via Singapore and Dubai [an astonishingly opulent modern terminal on the desert edge] took nearly 30 hours; our tour bus from Istanbul along the coast of the sea of Marmara another five hours, and the ferry across the Dardanelle narrows to Cannakale another hour or so. The Kolin hotel was magnificent, as was the food and sleep after 40 hours non-stop was deep. The Turkish landscape, as in much of Europe, included vast and healthy fields of wheat, barley, maize, potatoes, and sunflowers. The hay harvest was in full swing with [mostly] modern machinery. With secular government Istanbul [Pop.18m+] is modernising with motorways and high rise apartments and office blocks sprouting among the traditional mosques and minarets.

- The next day, our chartered ferry took us around Cape Helles and up the outer Gallipoli Peninsula coast to Anzac Cove which we circled just offshore before retreating to the small port at Gaba Tepe, where our tour bus met us. We moved slowly along the major battlefields and monuments – Lone Pine and its large Australian cemetery and memorial [where the boys helped me locate the name of my great-

uncle **Lance Bridge**, a WCOB]; Courtney and Quinn's Posts; The Nek [A black spot for the Aussies as depicted in the film *Gallipoli*]; and Chunuk Bair [pronounced *by-er* according to our excellent Turkish female guide, **Guldan**]. At this significant place the boys performed a spine-chilling haka in front of the NZ memorial, a poem was read, and a commemorative note affixed. The ghost of Colonel Malone was tangible as we left in the bus and returned to Cannakale. I was overwhelmed by all this – as I would be again later, at a particular cemetery near Passchendaele in Belgium. The mixture of Turkish and Commonwealth graves and memorials laced through this steep and narrow barren land gave poignancy to the consoling words of **Jemal Atatürk**, inscribed in many places on the peninsula and on the Atatürk memorial on the South Wellington coast.

- Next day we bussed an hour south to Troia [Troy], the remains of the ancient city of Homer's "Iliad", somewhat compromised by the modern theme park set-up, including the Hollywood-style reconstruction of the wooden horse. On the bus back to Istanbul our Turkish driver caused major concern with reckless overtaking, until the engine gave out on the motorway. The delay until a replacement arrived meant we proceeded, dishevelled as we were, straight on to our scheduled dinner ferry cruise on the Bosphorus, an exotic experience in the warm evening on the busy shipping lane that still demarcates West from East.

- A day and a half in this fascinating capital revealed the Topkapi Palace [past playground of Sultans and concubines], the Blue Mosque [huge Moslem shrine] the sprawling Grand Bazaar, the aromatic Spice market, and one of the carpet showrooms where Liz and I splashed out on a handsome rug and some of the boys bought carpet squares to send home. Kiwis in Turkey are very welcome – *Kiwi I love you*, during a stallholder hard sell, and *Kiwi, you break-a my heart*, when you decline to buy. Liz nearly lost her heart to one of these persuasive street vendors. **Shaun**, boastful that he had paid the least for a "genuine" classy wristwatch in the Bazaar, was mortified when the hands fell off next day! Many fez's, ornate skullcaps, and boxes of Turkish delight will now be displayed and enjoyed in Wellington.

- A two-hour flight to Rome was met by our next tour bus and guide, the curvaceous and voluble **Gabriella**, an Austro-Italian. She provided commentary on the two-hour drive south next day, past urban sprawl with numerous clusters of building cranes, and down to Monte Cassino. At the base of the mount is a large allied cemetery which includes the graves of some 400 Kiwis killed in the 1944 battle. The boys laid poppies for the WCOB's there and I read excerpts from **Helen Clark's** speech at the 60th anniversary two years ago. General **Bernard Freyberg's** involvement in this key battle is well recorded. Although we drove right up the zigzag to the monastery it was closed, so we lunched at and visited the nearby Polish

cemetery, before visiting the modern multi-media museum back at Cassino township. The presentation of the battle for Cassino was so loud and graphic one emerged with ringing ears and a sense of the appalling terror and human waste involved. This theme became a constant in museums we later visited in Paris, Normandy [Arromanches and Bayeux], Caen and Ypres. In these places you could either walk through and settle for a shallow sense of events, or spend hours taking in every harrowing and gruesome detail. It was a relief to find in all museums an underlying message of reconciliation between former enemies, and a determination that *it shall never again be allowed to happen*.

- After another two-hour flight across northern Italy and the Alps we were in Paris, checking out of the ultra-modern Charles de Gaulle Airport terminal, meeting our Galloway Tour coach and Englishman **Fred**, its genial unflappable driver who would be with us through to tour end at Heathrow. As in Rome, Paris was obsessed with the soccer World Cup. The French loss to Italy in the final and the shame of *Zid Vicious* was mourned throughout the country.

- While we were in Caen we decided to walk to the town of Pont le Veque where the Tour de France was to pass. While we waited for hours on a crowded street corner we watched an endless pageant of cars, floats, dancers and actors, all celebrating the event and scattering hats sweets and other handouts into the crowds. The blur of cyclists when it finally fizzed past was almost an anti-climax.

- The D-day beaches of Normandy, while not involving the NZ forces, were another absorbing, sobering war theatre. The large American cemetery at Colleville near Omaha beach and the 360 degree war documentary cinema at Arromanches were memorable. Of particular interest to myself and Liz, who grew up in Hastings, England, [near Battle], was the original Bayeux tapestry on display in Bayeux township, depicting the preparations and actions of William the Conqueror and the battle in 1066 which changed the course of English history. It was interesting to compare the French commentaries with those we had heard across the Channel at Battle Abbey, where the fighting actually took place, and which we had visited in 2004.

- We then moved on to northern France and Belgium, which as well as Gallipoli, were the main focus of our tour. From our hotel in Arras we went out among the battlefields of the Somme, visiting with increasing wonder some of the major cemetery/memorials – Notre Dame de Lorette [French]; and Thiepval on Vimy Ridge where an enormous arch carries some 73,000 names of British and Commonwealth soldiers killed in battle. One of the many NZ memorials in this historic area is at Messines, where a major military success was won. All the NZ memorials are inscribed with the simple, evocative line: *FROM THE UTTERMOST ENDS OF THE EARTH*. The

statistics of war death became oppressive as we travelled past the many clusters, large and small, of headstones – all kept in immaculate settings by The Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Cemetery registers, especially in the huge German cemeteries, contained conciliatory visitor comments expressing cross-cultural sympathy and regret; family groups were often seen gathered tearfully around individual graves.

- The Somme and Ypres were places of whose military history Colm McNulty was deeply and passionately knowledgeable. His well-researched commentaries and stories of individual College Old Boys involved in these wars had a dramatic influence on our understanding of their character and motivation, as well as their detailed exploits.

- Ypres is today a town of considerable size having been rebuilt since it was virtually demolished by WWI shelling. Important features are the Cloth Hall, faithfully restored to its original architecture but now the home of 'In Flanders Fields' Museum; and the Menin Gate at which the brief *Last Post* ceremony is performed at dusk every evening, and which is attended by large crowds – including ourselves one evening.

- Our last full day in Europe was spent among the battle sites of Passchendaele and its environs, scenes of terrible and disastrous frontal assaults that devastated the NZ Division and others. In no other place is the impact of Wilfred Owens's bitter war poem so evident: *The old lie: Dulce et decorum est Pro patria mori*- [How sweet and noble it is to die for one's country]. A visit to another major British commonwealth cemetery at Tyne Cot, while further opportunity for us to pay respects to the NZ dead [this time at the memorial for the missing], also served to emphasise their irretrievable sacrifice.

So it was that we moved to our final and for me the most moving, war cemetery of this tour – at Polygon Wood. Here is the Buttes New British cemetery, beautifully kept and set in forested seclusion within a few kilometres of Ypres. My maternal grandfather Hugh Decimus Bridge had volunteered in late 1916 in solidarity with three of his nine brothers, **Lance** [killed at Gallipoli], Cyprian, and **Lionel** [all College Old Boys]. A Corporal with the Wellingtons, he had survived the three battles for Passchendaele in October 1917, only to be killed by a sniper's bullet at Reutel near Polygon Wood on 25 November. As we found his headstone and planted a rosebush, I was emotionally overcome, experienced a profound sense of closure, and appreciated the respectful sympathy of the masters and boys who were with me.

- The postscript of this journey was at Le Quesnoy, a French town near the Belgian border which the NZ division had been assigned to liberate from German occupation two weeks before the WWI Armistice on 11 November 1918. Rather than shell the inhabitants, the Kiwis scaled the ancient 30-foot ramparts surrounding the town with ladders, surprising



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A STUDENT'S VIEWPOINT OF THE TOUR BY ALISTAIR MILLER (YEAR 13)

For all of us, it was undoubtedly the trip of a lifetime. Many of the group had not ventured out of Australasia before, so visiting Europe, and more specifically Turkey, was a large culture shock. But the trip and experience gave us something more. The photos of Old Boys who fought were not much older than we were, and the seas of white crosses showed us what a waste of life and talent the war really was. Even amongst the horrors of it all, the Old Boys on the front line still kept in contact and told of their fond memories of their old College, and we realised that they were once "coll boys" too.

OLD BOYS MEET UP IN CAIRO

All dressed up and ready to go to a Wellington College Old Boys' dinner in Cairo early in 1940. Also present at the dinner was Old Boy General Freyberg!

Back (L-R): J L Griffiths, P R Wheeler
Front (L-R): J M Todd, R M Wood

Jack Griffiths, who captained the All Blacks in 1936, went on to be ADC to General Freyberg with the rank of Major, and died in 2000. **'Doc' Wheeler** was wounded in Crete and died shortly after the war. **John Todd** died of wounds in Crete. **'Bob' Wood** was captured in the desert, escaped from an Italian prisoner-of-war camp, finished the war in the Italian campaign as a Major, and now lives in Australia. All four Old Boys served in the 19th Battalion, 2 NZEF (First Echelon).

Bob Wood wrote, *You will note that Jack Griffiths and I were Lance Corporals. Shortly after, our Platoon Commander told us that one of us was to be made a full Corporal and he couldn't decide which. Jack said, 'Why don't we toss up?' We did. He won! We wondered what the British Army would have thought of this method!*

Donated by R M Wood (1928-30)



HOLY MOSES – IT’S AN ALFA ROMEO

Wellington College Headmaster Roger Moses is held in such high esteem that two of the school’s Old Boys gave him a new Alfa Romeo 147 to use over the summer holidays.

Tory Continental Alpha Romeo Managing Director, **Myles Gazley** (1985-89), and his brother **Oliver** (1989-93) are both Old Boys of the school and recognise the part it played in the successes they have had in their respective lives.

Myles, who attended the College when Harvey Rees-Thomas was the Headmaster, says Roger Moses works incredibly hard and deserves some luxury in his life.

“For the amount of work that man does you would expect him to be paid an absolute fortune, but he isn’t. We thought it would be nice to see

him turn up to dignified pre-Christmas events in something a bit better than an old, old car”, says Myles.

The old car that Roger drives is a 1996 Nissan Sentra, and though it might not be a rust-bucket, he admits he has a shoddy reputation when it comes to his choice of vehicles.

The Alpha, which had “Roger Moses – Headmaster – Wellington College” written on the side, was presented to Roger at Wellington College in November.

“It was a lovely gesture but it is not the kind of car to which I am accustomed, or one that I will be driving in the future. But it is going to be nice to use for the next three months – minus my name”.



Myles Gazley (left) with Roger Moses and the ‘new company car’

RUGBY FELLOWSHIP WINNER

Dominion Post sports reporter **Toby Robson** (1988-91) was the 2005 winner of the Mike Robson Rugby fellowship.

The fellowship, open to all Fairfax journalists, will allow Toby to spend four weeks the *Sydney Morning Herald*. During that time, he will write about sport and study larger issues such as political and business involvement in professional sport today.

The fellowship, which is run in conjunction with the New Zealand Rugby Union, has a special meaning in that Toby is the younger son of Mike Robson, a former managing director of Independent newspapers, who passed away in 2000.

IT’S A HELL OF A BUSINESS

Hell Pizza (see 2005 *Lampstand*) are going global and Londoners should shortly be chomping into Hell Pizzas says Hell Director **Callum Davies** (1986-89).

From small beginnings in Kelburn in 1996, Hell now has 44 stores New Zealand wide and is still looking at expanding throughout New Zealand. Callum and partner **Stuart McMullin** (1987-91) plan to open two outlets in London initially, and then look to expand and franchise the operation.

Hell Pizza was judged Wellingtonian Business of the Year in 2005.

THE SMELL OF ROSES



Old Boys of the Harvey Rees-Thomas era may be interested to know what their old Headmaster has been up to since he retired from Wellington College in 1995. In 2004, Harvey accepted the role of Acting Rector of St Andrew’s

College in Christchurch. He was asked to come in and run the school for a period following some internal issues which required resolution. We hear now, that St Andrew’s is once again in great heart.

In 2000, Harvey was called in to head Auckland’s prestigious Kings’ Prep School in similar circumstances. He had previously led Hutt International Boys’ School in 1998 when they too were going through internal strife.

All of these attributes bear testimony to the very high esteem in which our former Headmaster is held in the wider community and his wonderful ability to restore harmonious relationships after times of division.

Current Wellington College Headmaster Roger Moses acknowledges Harvey for the wonderful support given to him in his eleven years as Headmaster and of Harvey’s on-going interest in Wellington College.

CONGRATULATIONS...

Congratulations to Hon **Bill Young** (1927-29) and his wife Joan who celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary in April this year.

Bill, a former High Commissioner and National MP met Joan after he returned as an injured soldier from Egypt, where he served in WWII.

They have five children, 11 grand children and one great-grandchild. Three of their daughters have also been involved in Politics.

Mrs Young’s father Sir John Pearce Luke was also an Old Boy of the College in 1896. He was Mayor of Wellington from 1913-1921 and an MP for the Reform Party.

Aside from a four-year stint in London when Bill was the High Commissioner, they have lived in Wellington all their married life.

Congratulations also to Laura and **Ken Porter** (1935-37) on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary which they recently celebrated. Best wishes from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Australian Governor General, the Australian Prime Minister and the Premier of Victoria were also received.

CONGRATULATIONS...

Congratulations to **Grant Beck** (1973), who was awarded a MNZM (Members of the Order) in the New Zealand Honours List for 2006, for his services to yachting and boardsailing. Grant coached Bruce and Barbara Kendall to numerous Olympic medals and world championships, and remains closely tied to the NZL Olympic yachting team as well as Team New Zealand.

International aid agency Save the Children recognised the efforts of **Martyn Turner** (1959-62) when he was awarded a distinguished service award in the 2006 Queen's Birthday Honours.

Martyn has worked with Save the Children's Northern Suburbs group from 1986 and continues his involvement today. He was national president for five years from 1999.

BESS, THE MARE WITH EXTRA

Forget rows about politicians and their left testicles – the rampant stallion atop of the Cenotaph by Parliament in Wellington has been unfrocked as a mare.



A Kapiti horse trainer discovered the model for Richard Goss' sculptured stallion was Bess, beloved battlefield mare of WWI colonel **Guy Powles** (1918-21), father of New Zealand's first Ombudsman.

When Bess posed for the sculpture, Goss decided to transform her for posterity into a rather well-endowed stallion – seeing fit to add male horse appendages the size of melons, which only goes to show she was a mare with balls.

The truth was discovered when research on the history of NZ's wild horse population was carried out.

Bess and Colonel Powles returned to New Zealand after a tour of duty in Egypt, Sinai, Britain, France and Germany – where Bess took part in the victory march in the streets of Berlin.

From 1922, Colonel Powles and his trusted mare were based at Trentham Military Camp where Bess and another soldier were chosen to model for the statue in remembrance of all who served their country and lost their lives.

It is astonishing that, while we are living in an age when most of our leaders are women and we were the first country in the world to give woman the vote, it was not socially acceptable to portray Bess as a female.

AT THE HELM - SIXTY YEARS APART

When 77-year-old **John Hunt** handed Wellington College's head prefect badge to his 17-year-old grandson, Jono Anderson, he could have offered plenty of advice.

Sixty years ago, Mr Hunt had the same role, serving as the College's Head Prefect in 1946.

Jono Anderson was one of 20 prefects announced at a special assembly, with John drawing special applause from the 1500 pupils after giving Jono his badge.

Mr Hunt said he felt no need to offer too many tips to his grandson. *All I told him today was that we were proud of him.* He said the school was much smaller in his time, with a roll of 900, and that misbehaving students usually ended up doing fatigue work after school. *But I don't think things have changed that much.* Jono, whose father **Robert Anderson** is an Assistant Principal and also an Old Boy of the college, said it was humbling to follow in his grandfather's foot steps. He had been aware for some time of his family's tradition at the school. *When I was in the third form I remember reading one of the school honour boards. I saw a name that looked familiar.*

Jono (who is the 1st XI Hockey Captain), is ably served by Deputy Prefects Arty Papageorgiou (who's father **Spyros Papageorgiou** attended Wellington College (1965-69), is a distinguished



public speaker and debater – Arty recently was placed second in the world in the English Union Speaking Competition in England, and Charles Gallagher, who, with four caps is the 1st XI Cricket Captain and a 1st XV team member.

On 22 September 2006, the 60th Reunion of the 1946 Form 6 Special will take place at the College. John, as Head Prefect, has arranged for a number of the class to meet up for lunch, attend Assembly and have a tour of the College.

KIWIS FIND MORE OF THE NILE

The world's longest river has just got longer thanks to two intrepid New Zealanders.

Surviving a rebel attack and braving waters full of crocodiles, two New Zealanders and a Briton have completed an 80-day voyage up the world's longest river to reach what they say is the source of the Nile.

Garth MacIntyre (1976-80) and two others claim to be the first to have travelled the river from its mouth to its 'true source' deep in Rwanda's lush Nyungwe rainforest.

It had by their measurement, been 6802 kilometres since they set off in small inflatable boats from the Mediterranean. That made the world's longest river 107km longer than previously thought.

The group will return to Britain to present their findings to the Royal Geographical Society. If they are proved right, textbooks may have to be changed.

The expedition travelled through five countries, suffered a rebel attack that killed one of their team and overcame testing climates, rapids and crocodiles.

The expedition set off in September 2005, crossing into Sudan. In the swampy Sudan, they relied on a 1937 Belgian chart in addition to GPS.

In early November, as they travelled to a camp with a single armed guard, they were ambushed by Ugandan gunmen. One of their party was fatally shot and while the others fled in all directions, the rebels looted their supplies and set fire to their vehicle.

Garth suffered a bullet graze to his head.

Following their mourning and recovery, the group resumed their expedition just upstream from where they were ambushed.

On March 26, their tiny boats grounded and they trekked 70km through thick forest, using Global Positioning System satellite navigation computers at the source, sometimes having to wade in the fast-running Nile waters, till on March 31 the water stopped moving.

Their expedition record is on line at www.ascendthenile.com

TOWERING FIGURE IN EMPLOYMENT LAW RETIRES

A 'towering figure in the landscape of employment law' was one of the many superlatives used to describe Judge **Tom Goddard** (1950-54) during his valedictory sitting as Chief Judge of the Employment Court this year.

This description of Judge Goddard's contribution came from Wellington District Law Society President Pam Davidson, one of seven speakers at the valedictory. Their major themes focused on Judge Goddard's huge contribution to employment law, his integrity, his fairness, his wide knowledge of law and his great intellectual ability.

Speaking on behalf of the NZLS, Vice President **John Marshall** (1960-64) paid tribute to Judge Goddard's *outstanding contribution as Chief Judge of the Employment Court*, and to his *notable career* as a prominent practising lawyer in Wellington.

Your achievements are even more remarkable when one remembers that you came to New Zealand as a 10-year-old, shortly after the war, speaking no English but fluent in Polish, Russian and Ukrainian, John Marshall said.

Little more than 10 years later, having mastered not only the English language but also French and Latin, you began practising law in Wellington and became a leading defamation, media and industrial lawyer. Those who worked alongside you, or as opposing counsel, recall your great intellect, your thorough preparation, your brilliant lateral thinking and your skill as a court room and jury lawyer. Your last court appearance in 1989 was your most pleasurable as you moved your son David's admission to the Bar.

Your judicial career has been notable for many things, but it is worth pausing to observe the huge amount of change which has occurred since 1989. The court then was the Labour Court and its statute the Labour Relations Act 1987. In 1991, you had a completely new statute and court to come to grips with, and again in 1999. In no other jurisdiction can judges have had to master so many changes in such a short time, he said.

On behalf of the New Zealand Law Society, I thank Your Honour for your immense contribution to the law both as a practising lawyer and as Chief Judge of this court, and wish Your Honour a long and happy retirement, John Marshall said.

In paying a tribute to Judge Goddard, the Wellington profession was *honouring one of its own*, Pam Davidson said, outlining his Wellington education and law firm connections.

Your Honour has always had an instinct for fairness, justice and equity. That instinct impelled you, Sir, in your practising days and in the finest traditions of this noble profession, to take on difficult and un-remunerative cases for no other



(L-R): Attending an ADLS bar dinner at the Northern Club in honour of Chief Employment Court Judge Thomas Goddard are from left Judge Colgan, Justice Laurenson (1951-55), Chief Judge Goddard (1950-54) and law society president Gary Gotlieb.

reason but that, in your mind, everyone deserved a fair go and the best legal representation that they could get.

She said that same instinct ensured that litigants and their representatives who came before him as a judge were treated fairly and with courtesy and respect. They would have left feeling they had been properly and fully heard, which was very important as employment disputes invariably involved individuals and their livelihoods.

The fairness, integrity and quality of Judge Goddard's approach also received accolades from Phil O'Reilly of Business New Zealand and the Council of Trade Unions President Ross Wilson.

COFFEE BREAK

With so much quality coffee already on offer, it would be ambitious for another roaster to enter the market. But this hasn't put off the new bean in town, **Andrew Meo** (1976-80), from The Immigrant's Son roastery. Andrew admits that breaking into the coffee market is no easy feat. 'Wellington cafes have really good working relationships with their coffee suppliers' says Andrew, 'so are unlikely to change to another supplier'.

The Immigrant's Son (so named because Andrew's father, Antonio arrived from Italy in the 50's with a passion for good coffee) has been roasting coffee beans at the bottom of Elizabeth Street in Mt Victoria this year and has recently put in an espresso machine and a couple of small tables and chairs in which clientele can sit and enjoy their coffee.

**The Immigrant's Son
Elizabeth St, Mt Victoria
(opposite Liquor King)
(04) 920 0019**

Responding, Judge Goddard said that the kindness and generosity of the remarks he had received were *overwhelming*.

There's no more valuable asset that a person could have than the respect of peers, he said, referring to the judges. *Whatever I have achieved has been possible only with the help ... of the judges of the court.*

And that is one thing, Judge Goddard says, that he will miss - *the collegiality of judges*.

Judge Goddard has been made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to the court. At age 68, he retired from the court earlier this year after 16 years on the bench.

HYPNOTIC VIEWS AT SOUTH COAST GALLERY

South Coast Gallery is a stunning creation by **Cameron Drawbridge** (1989-92) and Tanya Ashken - You can find it at 302 The Esplanade, Island Bay, with the Cook Strait practically lapping at its door. A converted garage on the family property, hypnotic ocean views through gorgeous old windows (taken from the bridge of the sunken Frigate Wellington), the gallery is gathering up history and offering an inspired destination rather than something en passant. Cameron says, *It really feels like you are viewing art in a natural environment and that's exactly what we wanted to achieve.*

Cameron and Tanya decided to open the gallery after the death of their father, husband and well known artist **John Drawbridge** (1944-47). *We wanted to continue showing John's work and to also have the scope to show other artists we appreciate, it certainly keeps everything alive and we most certainly didn't want to set up a memorial.*

KEN DOUGLAS: PRAISED AND REVEILED



A recent documentary on TV One featured Old Boy **Ken Douglas** (ONZ). Titled *Ken Douglas: Traitor or Visionary*, the documentary unravelled the contradictions and contrasts of New Zealand's leading trade unionist.

The documentary focused on the many twists in Ken's fascinating life, from a working class upbringing to his globe trotting consultancy work of the past ten years.

Ken attended Wellington College from 1949-53. He loved school but failed SC twice. He was fired from his first job; he didn't trust union officials and he didn't like Communism. Yet he was asked to join the union executive of the first trade union meeting he went to and, at 22, became the youngest president of a union in New Zealand history. He was to become a stalwart unionist and a long-time Marxist.

Today, Ken is a Porirua Councillor, Deputy Chairman of NZ Post, and Board member of NZ Trade and Enterprise, Air New Zealand, Asia-New Zealand Foundation, Health Care New Zealand, the NZ Trade Liberalisation Network, the New Zealand Rugby Union and elected member, Capital and Coast Health. He has been an adviser to Government delegations at World Trade Organisation Ministerial Conferences in Singapore and Seattle. Formerly President of the New Zealand Council of Trade Unions (CTU), from 1990-99 Ken was a member of the Prime Minister's Enterprise Council, and has also sat on various committees and boards dealing with technology, training and employment issues. Ken was appointed to the Positively Wellington Business Board by Porirua City Council. He also mentors several young people, including golfer Michael Campbell.

Ken is also a welcome visitor to Wellington College and supports our Leadership programme.

One prominent businessman says that Ken's story is one of an 'extra-ordinary man's extraordinary journey.

SUCCESS AT BUILDING WEBSITES



From left: Sam Minnee, Sigurd Magnusson, Tim Copeland. Founders of SilverStripe.

Two Old Boys **Sigurd Magnusson** (1994-99) and **Sam Minnee** (1994-98) plus a Scots College Old Boy have gone into business as technical website experts by partnering with graphic design agencies to produce award-winning websites that companies can easily update themselves.

Founded in 2000, SilverStripe was soon one of the first three successful (out of over one hundred) applicants to the Creative HQ business incubator. During the time at the incubator and since their 'graduation' earlier this year, they have grown to over ten staff and are currently aiming for about \$1 million turnover this year.

Key websites include City Gallery of Wellington

(www.citygallery.org.nz) and online art auction website www.fishersonlineart.com, both of which illustrate the attention to aesthetic design, usefulness and user-friendliness of their websites.

One of the ways SilverStripe is useful to lots of businesses big and small, is by ensuring changes to the websites are easy. All clients are given an intuitive editor similar to Microsoft Word that lets them perform the majority of changes without needing a programming or graphic design degree!

You can see a full portfolio of work and a demonstration of their system at www.silverstripe.com

ROCK 'N' COLL

Readers will be interested to know that two very popular bands of the moment both feature Old Boys in their line-ups.

Fat Freddy's Drop – 2005's Best Group, Best Album, Best Aotearoa Roots Album and the People's Choice Award includes **Toby Laing** (1989-93).

The Black Seeds have three Old Boys amongst its ranks **Barnaby Weir** (1992-96), **Bret McKenzie** (1990-94) and **Rich Christie** (1987-88).

Since forming in 1998, *The Black Seeds* have gained the reputation as one of New Zealand's finest live acts. The band regularly sell out shows and tours throughout New Zealand. *The Black Seeds* have named their third studio album after their practice room at the 'The Surgery' in Wellington where it was recorded.

It seems apt as *Into The Dojo* is a more assured album than 2001's *Keep On Pushing* and 2004's *On the Sun* and has a song-craft that suggests endless hours of practice and refinement.

Having already raced to number one on the charts in New Zealand, *Into The Dojo* is yet another addition to a growing list of classic Kiwi dub recordings.



If someone has the time and the inclination, we would love you to be able to assist us in compiling a Hall of Musical fame by reading John Dix's book *Stranded in Paradise* and highlighting the vast number of Old Boys who feature in this 2005 version of this ultimate Kiwi music nostalgia and reference guide from the 1950's to the present.

A number of Old Boy names are recognisable but there are no doubt many who have been overlooked. Any offers of assistance would be greatly received by Old Boys with a good knowledge of New Zealand music. Please get in touch with the WCOBA Office.

DESIGNER OF DISTINCTION



For those who travelled to France to recover our Unknown Warrior and the 100,000 plus Kiwis who lined Wellington streets in November, 2004 to see the warrior pass through their ranks on the way to his internment, or the more than 10,000 who visited the warrior lying in state, it was a highly emotional time. Many travelled from all around the nation to Wellington to be part of this unique event, many thousands watched the ceremonies on TV, or listened to the live radio broadcasts.

The Tomb of the Unknown Warrior was designed by a team of artists, architects, typographers, structural engineers, stonemasons, other specialist craftsmen and Maori advisers under the leadership of Wellington-based artist and designer **Kingsley Baird** (1971-75).

The design, inspired by the Southern Cross constellation, possesses a distinctive New Zealand character, with the choice and treatment of materials, the use of symbols and language, strongly reflecting the unique cultural identity of this land and its people.

Kingsley's design talents have been recognised again recently with an \$85,000 stainless steel sculpture called Cloak of Peace, to be erected on behalf of New Zealanders in Nagasaki later this year.

The Japanese city was destroyed by a nuclear bomb 61 years ago, three days after the first such weapon was dropped on Hiroshima. The gift of friendship to Nagasaki, was designed by Kingsley. It will be unveiled by Defence Minister Phil Goff in October when he travels to Nagasaki for a global conference on the elimination of nuclear weapons. Kingsley, who also designed the New Zealand Anzac Memorial in Canberra, won the commission from ten other artists. The project was commissioned by the Peace Foundation and funded by the Government and local authorities.

I was delighted to get the commission as it fits well within the kind of work I'm interested in, which is about memory and memorialisation, Kingsley said.

The Cloak of Peace, Te Korowai Rangimarie, is 4m long and 2.5m high. The satin-finish stainless steel cloak features a laser-cut kowhai pattern and will stand above an "island" or circle of woven-patterned Coromandel granite pavers surrounded by a "sea" of loose gravel.

TOP 100 NEW ZEALANDERS INCLUDE THREE OLD BOYS



Sir Brian Barratt-Boyes



Lord Bernard Freyberg



Sir William Pickering

The book *New Zealand's Top 100 History Makers* by Joseph Romanos (2005) features three Wellington College Old Boys in the top 30.

Sir **Brian Barratt-Boyes** (1937-40) was a pioneer in heart surgery; Sir Brian did groundbreaking work on the development of the cardio pulmonary bypass, advanced the treatment of babies with complex congenital defects and developed coronary artery surgery using veins from the leg to bypass blocked arteries to the heart.

For 25 years, he headed the Cardio Thoracic Surgical Unit at Greenlane Hospital. A room at National Women's Hospital has been named after him. Sir Brian is the recipient of the prestigious Rene Leriche Prize and Medal from the International Society of Surgery. He also has the rare privilege of having a New Zealand stamp issued in his honour.

Sir **William Pickering** (1923-27) worked for Pasadena-based Jet Propulsion Laboratory for ten years and was its director for another 22 years.

Considered 'one of the titans of the United States space programme, it was his leadership that took USA into space and opened up the moon and planets to the world'. He played a pivotal role getting astronauts into space and finally in getting man on the moon.

Sir William appeared twice on the cover of *Time Magazine*. President Gerald Ford presented him with the US National Medal of Science. The New Zealand Government awarded Sir William its highest honour, that of the Order of New Zealand.

Lord **Bernard Freyberg** (1897-04) was the Soldier who became Governor General. Freyberg's first military involvement was with the school cadets at Wellington College.

From there he went on to become one of New Zealand's great heroes. He was awarded a VC in WWI and by the end of WWII was our most decorated soldier.

Winston Churchill described him as *the salamander of the British Empire*. He was a man who played an important role in British-New Zealand government relationships and as a soldier who moulded the New Zealand Division into a superb fighting machine in WWII.

Lord Freyberg was made Governor General of New Zealand after WWII. Later he became the 1st Baron Freyberg of Wellington and Munstead, Surrey. Numerous streets, venues and parks are named after him. Bronze sculptures are featured in his memory in both New Zealand and Britain.

Joseph is soon to release a follow-up book titled *New Zealand's Top 100 Sportsmakers* which will include Golden Boxer and Wellington College Old Boy **Ted Morgan** (1921-22). Ted won the first gold medal for New Zealand at an Olympic Games, in Amsterdam 1928.

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College Archivist



Ted Morgan

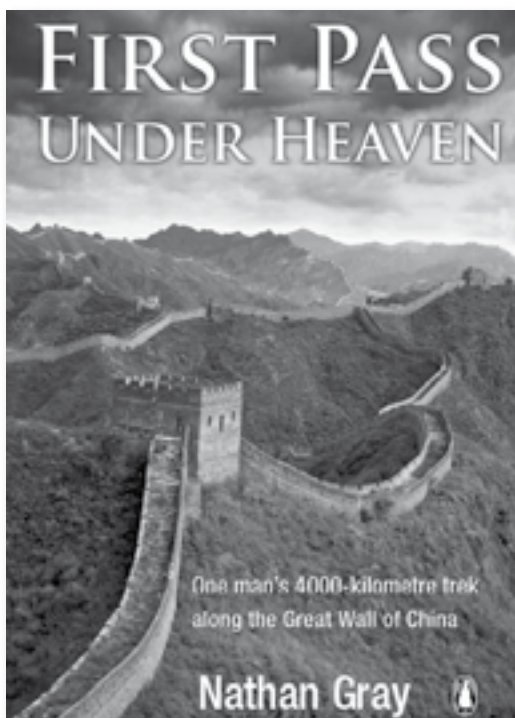
NOT A SHORT STROLL FOR THIS OLD BOY

First Pass Under Heaven
One man's 4,000-kilometre trek along the
Great Wall of China
Nathan Hoturoa Gray
August 2006 Penguin (NZ) \$29.95

The Great Wall of China is one of the world's last surviving ancient wonders and the planet's longest graveyard. It is over 2,000 years old and said to be visible from space.

In 2000, five men set out in an attempt to become the first Westerners to walk and document the entire length of the Wall. The group included a Buddhist monk, Mormon golfer, Jewish photojournalist, Catholic recording artist and **Nathan Gray** (1988-91), a Maori lawyer. Given the extreme environment they were about to enter, this was a combination destined to cause disharmony and eventually division.

From the outset, Nathan experienced thirst and starvation, raging blizzards and extreme temperatures. He was to enter into serious encounters with the Chinese police and army, witness unexplainable apparitions, disease and



murder. He was also the recipient of breathtaking kindness from the Chinese peasantry.

First Pass Under Heaven is a spellbinding story of personal growth, valuable not just as a great piece of travel writing and geopolitical commentary but also as a literary work.

Nathan Hoturoa Gray (Ngai Tahu, Rangitaane -Waikato whangai) has spent much of his life exploring the social intricacies of over 50 countries. He holds an LLB (Hons) and a BA in International Relations from both Victoria University and UC Davis, California and can communicate in 7 languages.

Nathan's passion for travel stemmed from being the first Rotary Exchange Student to reopen the exchange programme between New Zealand and South Africa during the build up to their first free democratic elections. Having a preference for overland exploration, he has hitchhiked over 20,000 kilometres through Europe, Africa, Asia, the Americas and the Middle East.

Back in New Zealand, Nathan served a stint at the Waitangi Tribunal as research clerk to Chief Judge Joe Williams and most recently as a communications advisor to the Ministry of Maori Development.

AWARD FOR A WEEDBUSTER

Pedro Jensen (1991-95) knows a thing or two about weed. Not the sort you smoke but the ones that grow in your garden.

Pedro, the Wellington regional weedbusters co-ordinator for the regional council, recently brought home the Rob McGuinness Stook Award from the New Zealand Bio Security Institute Conference in Paihia.

He won the award for giving the best speech at the conference, attended by nearly 250 delegates from a range of private and public organisations. The Stook is described as a cross between a stick and a book.

The name of each recipient is engraved on to it, and Pedro gets to keep it until the next Institute conference. National Weedbuster's co-ordinator Carolyn Lewis said many past recipients had gone on to become leaders in the Institute. Pedro spoke about getting children enthused about Weedbusters, and his passion for working with children to help make a difference for New Zealand's environment.

I was inspired to put this talk together after taking a class from Clyde Quay School in Mt Victoria, up into a local bush reserve to remove climbing asparagus. When I saw the enthusiasm of these kids, it made me realise that there may be hope for the future, Pedro said. *If we all take environmental education seriously enough, then we may have a chance to change the attitudes and behaviours of an entire generation.*

Pedro said he also wanted to inspire people to think outside the square, and to be innovative with how they could introduce pest plant

awareness into schools.

To illustrate my point I performed a pest plant rap I've put together for when I go into schools to give a talk. The rap really engages the students so they want to listen to what I have to say about pest plants. My speech to the Bio Security Institute was the first time I had presented a talk to my peers and a big change from talking to gardening clubs and schools. So I was stoked to win the Stook!

Pedro graduated from Victoria University with an Ecology Degree, and spent six months volunteering at the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary before joining the Greater Wellington Regional Council nearly four years ago. He first gained an appreciation of the environment from the Otari Native Plant Museum, which was right across the road from where he grew up.

NO TIME TO BE IDLE

Old Boy **Ian Stables** (1987-88) has been appearing on NZ Idol; not as a performer but as one of the judging panel.

Ian began his broadcasting career 14 years ago and has risen through the ranks to become one of the best hosts of ZM radio.

Famous for his high profile pranks, cheekiness and at times, irreverent style, Ian has brought a fresh approach to NZ Idol. His no nonsense manner indicates the ability to say what we are all thinking about this NZ talent showcase.

A WEBSITE OF INTEREST

The Cenotaph Database - eRemembrance

Earlier this year, the Auckland Museum announced its online access to a major database compiled at the Museum over the past eight years. The Cenotaph database of more than 35,000 deceased New Zealand service men and women, from the South African (Anglo-Boer) War to East Timor peacekeeping, is a unique combination of roll of honour and biographical details, supplemented by photographs, references to Museum collection objects and manuscripts. The great majority of the records are about those who served in the First and Second World Wars.

The database was developed as part of the Armoury Information Centre in 1997 and has been accessible to visitors to the Museum since then. Staff and volunteers have contributed a huge amount of effort to data entry and research.

Information in each record can include details about their family and life before enlistment, war service and, where relevant, work and activities post war. It is used by family members and family and military historians and increasingly by class visits with Education staff.

<http://www.aucklandmuseum.com>

RETURNING TO CLASS



It was a pleasure to welcome back **Peter Cass** (1954-56) who called in to the College last month – his first visit to the school in many years. Peter has just retired as Professor of Mathematics at University of Western Ontario, specialising in Classical Summability, Classical Banach Spaces, Sequence Spaces and Operators on Banach Spaces.

Whilst walking around the College, Peter stopped by a Year 13 Statistics class and was invited to participate in the lesson.

OLD BOYS' ACTING UP

Earlier this year **Nic Sampson** (2000-04) finished the filming for 32 episodes of the children's action TV series *Power Rangers*. It was filmed from September 2005 to March this year in Auckland and has been being screened in the United States since the beginning of the year. *Power Rangers* is filmed each year in New Zealand with new cast each series. Nic was the only New Zealand Ranger for two years. Nic's character is Chip, the yellow Power Ranger and he now has a talking action toy based on him!

Nic is in rehearsal for the world premier of a new Ken Duncum play *Picture Perfect* to be staged at Circa Theatre from September 9 to October 7. The play is set several years in the future and is about a family who has lost a son, played by Nic and thanks to a futuristic entertainment system, the mother is able to create an interactive hologram of him.

Karl Urban (1986-90) has a lead role in the controversial movie *Out of the Blue*. The movie, directed by Robert Sarkies, depicts a day in 1990 in Aramoana where a man, David Gray, killed 13 of his neighbours. Karl plays the role of the cop who didn't shoot. It will air at the Toronto Film Festival in September and premier in New Zealand in October.

DEFENCE FORCES IN RECRUITING MODE



Three former students of Wellington College returned to their old school in July, to share with current students the benefits they are receiving by choosing the NZ Army as a career.

(L-R): Roger Moses, Officer Cadet George Tylee (1999-04); Year 2 of Kippenberger Scheme, Warrant Officer Class One Steve Bougen (1980-84); Recruiting Warrant Officer and Officer Cadet Rupert Randall (2000-05); Year 1 of Kippenberger Scheme.



The following week, Flight Lieutenant **Robert Arrowsmith** (1992-96) offered his services to his old school by bringing an Iroquois helicopter to help promote the RNZAF as a career. Landing on the Number One field, generated huge interest from students and staff, and boys were given an opportunity to inspect the 40-year-old machine and talk to Robert and his Air Force colleagues.

Earlier this year, we also had another careers visit by an Old Boy; Commanding Officer of HMNZS Endeavour **James Routledge** (1975-76) who accompanied the Navy Recruiting Staff to the College.



James is now the captain of New Zealand Navy's only tanker - the HMNZS Endeavour.

Commander Routledge was born in England in 1958. He moved to the capital in January 1975 and went on to complete his secondary school education at Wellington College from 1976-77.

The lure of the sea was in his blood even as a youngster and he started his naval career as a midshipman in January 1977.

He was handed command of the Endeavour at a formal Change of Command ceremony at the Devonport Naval Base, Auckland, on January 2006. The ceremony is full of naval tradition and included the commander receiving a taiaha (a traditional Maori hand-to-hand combat weapon) from the Chief of Navy, Rear Admiral David Ledson.

However, Commander Routledge will have to wait a while yet before getting his hands on the wheel of the Endeavour as the ship is undergoing maintenance work that will keep it out of the water for the next two months.

WELLINGTON COLLEGE SOCCER, SIXTY YEARS ON • John Taylor (1945-49)

Early in 1946, it was announced in Assembly that those boys who wished to play soccer that winter should meet at lunchtime in Mr (Froggy) Balham's Room, [he was born in France].

Fifteen or so boys turned up and we were told by Froggy that he was pleased to offer his classroom for our needs but he knew nothing about the game.

A senior boy, **Konstandinos Gerondis**, aided by another senior **James Mastrogeorge** recorded our names and experience.

Shortly later, we had our first practice which entailed positional play with drawings on the blackboard. This continued over several lunchtimes and then the first team was picked. I was only 14 but as I had played for two years at Mt Cook School, I was selected.

Our first two games were a non-event for us – we weren't even in the same league.

More senior boys came on the scene and I was dropped to the grade 5th B/3rd XI team. Things were not much better there; we played six games and had two draws.

The hockey team had a jersey with a gold sash going across the chest from the left shoulder. We purchased the black rugby jersey and supplied with a gold sash which our mothers sewed on going from right to left across the front. Our socks were our own everyday black school socks and we had white shorts.

1947 came around and I was made Captain of the 5th grade B team. Two men from the WFA; Messrs Malder and Shanky and later Mr Guppy came to coach mainly the 1st XI – we did our own thing. We won four and lost three games that season.

Our training was on an excavated park on the eastern side of Mt Victoria – the same site of the army camp which housed the anti aircraft guns and search light crews on the crest of Mt Victoria.

There was a road at the top of Constable Street and Alexandra Road which gave access to the area. I remember it was a military zone during the war and an army sentry was posted at its entrance. We climbed to the park up the 'zigzag' track from our top ground. [known now as the gut buster].

In 1948, I was chosen for the 1st XI. We had three teams in each grade 4th and 5th. At this point in time, the WFA introduced a secondary school competition, which was great as we did not play in the May holidays and therefore did not have to default because of boys going on leave. We were going nowhere to win any championship under the old system.



ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL 1ST XI • 1949

Back Row: PF Brown, RG Lea, RHJ Anderson, BE Legge, JC Taylor, I H Temple, GD Hollyman
Front Row: BS Beer, AG Fry, AH Preston (Captain), Mr N Swain, RW Gould (Vice-Captain), PR Preston, DH Sim

We hit the jackpot. We won all our ten games and were therefore the first College to win the inaugural competition. The team included **Alan Preston** (Captain), **Ron Gould** (Vice Captain), **Don Barrowman**, **Brien Legge** (goalie), **R Fisher**, **I Temple**, **P Mastergeorge**, **W Glass**, **A Fry**, **D Sim** and myself. We scored 65 goals for and 9 against.

Practices were now available at Wellington East Girls' College hockey ground with Mr Johnny Shanky still coaching us. We were told not to talk to the girls; they must have got the same instruction as we never saw any of them. We changed in the Old Boys' Gym and climbed the hill at the back of the Gym.

On wet days Mr Shanky came up to the College with a magnetic board which stood on an easel with metal discs which he moved around showing moves.

Mr Balham retired and Mr Noel Swain came to us from Mt Cook School as our new woodwork teacher and looked after the football boys.

My last year, 1949 saw us with five teams, three senior and two junior. The 1st XI played 11 games; winning six, losing four and one draw. I did not keep a record of games but I remember Alan Preston got a goal from kick-off against Petone Technical College. We won 1-0.

Nearly all our games in 1949 were played at the Basin Reserve, the curtain raiser to the Wellington senior competition. Our Headmaster, Mr E Hogben and his wife attended most of our games which was appreciated.

After our last game, Alan Preston came to me

and said *What happened to our team this year?* I couldn't put a finger on it – maybe commitment – we did have a good team.

It was during the year that our hockey code changed their jersey to a panel design. To keep faith with our uniform supplies, George & George Ltd Drapers in Cuba Street, we adopted the hockey jersey. Our socks were black with gold stripes. We still did not have our own soccer ground at the College though.

May I say at this point, Alan Preston put soccer on the map at Wellington College. He had represented us at secondary school level, as a Wellington representative and later went on to play for New Zealand, the first Wellington College boy to do so. Alan could kick a lightning shot off either foot. He was also a good cricketer making the 1st XI early in 1949 and had scores of 114, 39, 61 and 60. In 1950, Alan got the record of 161 not out against Wanganui Collegiate. A score that stood for 51 years until eclipsed by **Bradley Jones** with 191 against Napier Boys' High School. [The 191 has now been eclipsed by Joe Austin-Smellie early in 2006]. Sadly, Alan passed away in 2004.

On our 50th Soccer anniversary in 1996, I made a request to the WCOBA to sponsor the 1st XI caps but it seems the boys prefer medals which were agreed to. The Headmaster Roger Moses invited me to present the medals in 1997 to which I gladly accepted his invitation.

In conclusion, it seems the time has come to form an Old Boys' Soccer Association and I would be happy to assist in anyway.

OLD BOY JOINS THE BIG BOYS IN ENGLISH SOCCER



Fulham Football Club has signed 31 year old **Simon Elliott** (1987-91); kick-starting his English Premier League career. Simon has been capped over 50 times for his country. Before joining Columbus Crew in 2004 from Los Angeles Galaxy, he helped lead the west coast side to its first league championship title in 2002. During his spell with Galaxy he was part of the side that reached three MLS cup finals in 1999, 2000 and 2002. Simon is the fourth New Zealander to play in the Premier League when he debuted in a 1-0 win over Newcastle.

Since joining Fulham, Simon has adapted well to the Premiership and has great delivery from his left foot as he has already proved from dead ball situations.

Fulham is the oldest of London's first class clubs and its long history began back in 1879 with some Sunday-school boys knocking a ball around on a long-forgotten park pitch. All a far cry from the multi-million pound internationals who make up the Premiership team of today.

Other Old Boys hitting the Soccer headlines include **Duncan Oughton** (1991-95), **Leo Bertos** (1994-99) and **Tim Brown** (1994-98) who have been a part of the All Whites 2006 squad.



If you are able to help with updated details on our Old Boys' involvement in Soccer, please drop the WCOBA Office a line. It is extremely difficult to get current news at the College so we rely on word of mouth.

GOLDEN OLDIE



George Bridgewater with Assistant Principal and Master in Charge of Rowing, Robert Anderson (left) and Headmaster Roger Moses (right)

George Bridgewater (1996-00) literally got off the plane at Wellington Airport after a lengthy flight from Japan and headed straight to Wellington College and its weekly Assembly to receive the congratulations from his old school after he won Gold, together with Nathan Twaddle in the Men's Pairs at the World Rowing Championships in August, 2005.

George was also a member of the Men's Coxless Pair who narrowly missed out on the Bronze Medal at the Athens Olympics. He first started rowing at Wellington College and in 2000, was a member of the Under 17 Novice 4 crew that won Wellington College's first ever gold medal at a Maadi Cup Regatta. George moved from Wellington to Christchurch in 2001 after leaving school to study engineering at Canterbury University. He is now based at Lake Karapiro with the rest of the New Zealand squad but continues to row for Christchurch superclub Canaviron.

ALL BLACK NUMBER 32 FOR WELLINGTON COLLEGE

It has been five years since Wellington College has been able to add another All Black to its Honours Board of 31 past selections.

Neemia Tialata (1999-00), aged now 23, played in our 1st XV for two seasons. Previously a loose head prop, Neemia now predominantly plays on the tight head side of the scrum.

His ability to play both positions was a key asset to the team that toured on the Grand Slam Tour last year. He made his debut against Wales on November 5, 2005 at Cardiff and also played against England and Scotland later that month.

Neemia has also been part of the Hurricanes squad since 2003 and has 23 caps for Wellington. Weighing in at 124kgs, he surely must be our heaviest College All Black.

Our last All Black was **Filo Tiatia** (1985-90), selected in 2000 and before him was **Marc Ellis**

George said that he and men's pairs partner Nathan Twaddle decided at the start of 2005 their aim was to win gold at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, and it looks as if they are well on the way to realising this dream.

Waikato University celebrated a unique double success with two of their students winning the top awards the NZ Universities Blues Awards Ceremony at Te Papa, Wellington.

World champion rower George Bridgewater carried off the supreme NZ Universities Sportsman of the Year award for his outstanding performance winning gold with fellow Waikato student Nathan Twaddle in the coxless pairs at last year's World Championship in Japan. The star oarsman, who was absent for the ceremony en route to the defence of his world title in the UK, was preferred ahead of an all star cast of finalists.

(1985-90) who was in the squad from 1992-95.

Keep an eye out for other Wellington College Old Boys on the premier rugby fields. The Hurricanes, Wellington and now Counties have **Ross Kennedy**, Bay of Plenty and the Chiefs have **Ben Castle**, the Highlanders and Southland have **Kane Thompson**, and Taranaki has **Brendon Watt**.



Neemia (centre) with 2006 1st XV Captain, Dylan Johnson and Headmaster Roger Moses

INTERNATIONAL CAP FOR OLD BOY



An overseas experience that started in 1995 has ended in a call-up to the England rugby team for former Wellington and Wellington College forward **Perry Freshwater** (1987-91).

The 32-year-old Perpignan prop was named in England's 30-man squad to play against the All Blacks, Wallabies and Samoa in November 2005.

For Perry, it completes a remarkable journey for the former NZ Colt who headed to England hoping to get a game or two for Leicester. He ended up playing more than 100, joining the club as an amateur then becoming a key member of the side during the professional era. His teammate included England captain Martin Johnson. At 1.83m and 110kg, Perry qualified for England through his father Tony.

An athletic prop, Perry played for the premiership All Stars XV against England before the 1999 world cup and represented the country's 'A' team in the Churchill Cup in Canada. He left the Tigers at the end of the 2002-03 season for France where he is now based.

Perry was an outstanding player at Wellington College as well as a strong leader.

19 TESTS - 70 WICKETS... STILL ONLY 25 YEARS-OLD

The last twelve months have seen further improvement in the world of test cricket of **James Franklin** (1994-98). During this time, he scored his first test century, 122 not out, against South Africa in Cape Town. At the age of 25, James is one of only two players in the history of test cricket to have captured a hat-trick as well as score a century, the other being the great Pakistan player Wasim Akram.

In the off season, James has been playing county cricket in England for Glamorgan.

UP AND RUNNING

College Athletics Coach, Neville Paul updates running news on our Old Boys. **Tim Prendergast** (1992-96) is based in London for six months before he heads to Holland in September for the IPC paraplegic world champs. He has done personal bests in the 5000m and the 1500m in races in England recently which is a good indicator.

Ben Ruthe (1993-97), who lives in Tauranga, won the North Island Cross Country Championships in the last school holidays.

Ben Revell (1994-99) received a NZ University Blues award for his performance last year at the World Mountain running Champs where he finished 31st. The NZ team finished second in the teams' event.

Rees Buck (1989-94), returning from injury, won the Wellington Cross Country Championships in July.

Victoria University recognised **Tim Hawkes** (1996-00) as their Sportsman of the Year for 2005 to add to his 2003 crown. The award recognises the highest recognition the University can give to people who have brought credit through its institution through their sporting prowess.

THE CRIST-WALLACE TROPHY

When Wanganui Collegiate played Wellington College in the first round of Quadrangular Tournament, a new trophy was at stake - the Crist-Wallace Trophy.

The trophy was donated by the RCP (River City Press) to be contested when ever the two teams meet at the quadrangular tournament. The Crist-Wallace Trophy honours two coaches with exceptional ability - Frank Crist (Wellington College) and the late Jim Wallace (Wanganui Collegiate School).

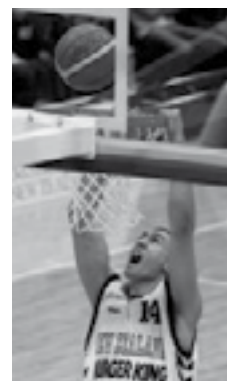
The donation of the trophy, and its name, has been approved by the schools' current principals, Craig Considine (Collegiate School) and Roger Moses, and has also been warmly supported by Frank Crist and Jim Wallace's wife, Roma.

RCP managing director Debbie Jarrett said she was pleased to donate a trophy associated with the long established tournament and recognising the contributions of two eminent coaches. She was aware that Messrs Crist and Wallace had helped to shape the lives of thousands of boys not only on the playing fields but in the classrooms, she said.

Frank Crist and Jim Wallace played rugby at a high level before turning to coaching their school 1st XV's and building outstanding records. Frank represented Wellington as a lock and Jim was an accomplished first five-eighth for Wanganui. Their coaching careers overlapped and the pair knew and respected each other.

REACHING GREAT HEIGHTS

Even though he only attended Wellington College for a year, we will still claim Tall Black forward **Craig Bradshaw** (2001-01) as one of ours as he goes from strength to strength as a 2.05m member of the New Zealand Tall Blacks.



After starting as an NBL rookie with the Saints in 2002, Craig also started as a freshman at Winthrop University, and in 2003 helped the Eagles to the Big South title and the NCAA tournament with an nation-leading 18-game winning streak. After returning from his first year at Winthrop, Craig showed improved strength and three-point range, and made his international debut against Australia in 2004. He went to the Athens Olympics and is now regarded as an integral part of the Tall Blacks' future.

Jim Wallace was deputy-headmaster at Collegiate School, while Frank Crist was a senior master at Wellington College before becoming headmaster of Hastings Boys' High School.

Wellington College has produced 32 All Blacks over the years; Collegiate School provided New Zealand's World Cup winning captain, David Kirk who, along with another All Black halfback, Andrew Donald, who was mentored by Jim Wallace.

For the record, Wellington College beat WCS 38-0 to hold the inaugural trophy.



Wanganui Collegiate Captain Ross McDonald and Wellington College Captain Dylan Johnson with the Crist Wallace Trophy

80th QUADRANGULAR TOURNAMENT

Having convincingly beaten Wanganui Collegiate in the first round by 38-0, the 1st XV came up against Nelson College in the final. Playing extremely well in the first half they went to the turn 19-3 ahead. Withstanding an onslaught from Nelson in the second half, they came out winners 25-13 to win Quadrangular for the fourth time in a row.

Just prior to the Tournament, the College was delighted to welcome back Old Boy and All Black member **Neemia Tialata** (1999-00) who came to Assembly and presented the caps to the 1st XV. Neemia is the College's 32nd All Black. (The caps are awarded with the compliments of Old Boys' University Rugby Club).

Quad was well supported by a great number of Old Boys who made the trip to Wanganui. Numbers were boosted by members of the 1956 1st XV, organised by **Malcolm Perrett** who came and supported the current 1st XV.

On the day off, a function for Old Boys was arranged at the Collegiate Motor Inn, hosted by WCOBA President **Bob Slade**. It was a great evening, attended by members of the 2006 1st XV who gave a haka to the guests, which included a number of Old Boys who lived locally, as well as further away. The 1956 1st XV gave a reciprocal haka which was enjoyed by everyone there. The 2006's were suitably impressed and using their mobile phones, filmed the haka to show their team mates. They were actually touched to be given such an honour.

Malcolm Perrett writes...

A group of 16 enthusiast Old Boys from the 1955-58 era travelled to Wanganui to support the 1st XV and to celebrate old friendships. Our highlights were catching up, the camaraderie and the shared activities. Tournament associated events included a special function for Old Boys on the Tuesday evening arranged by Stephanie and attended by some players, the coaches and other Old Boy supporters. Thank you. Very enjoyable.

The spirit of Tournament is as exciting as ever and the players inevitably feel strongly sensitive of the history and traditions involved and in turn contribute to it. All this capped off by an inspiring performance of individual effort and skills by the team, a very well conceived game plan and ultimately

victory in their year. Memories to treasure. Our Old Boys group have certainly not seen their last Tournament.

STOP PRESS

The 1st XV ended their local competition with a great win over their nemesis St Patrick's (Town) in the Premier One final. On a wet night at Hutt Recreation Ground, Wellington College turned their earlier season loss to SPT with a 20-11 win. The win put the College into the Top 8 play-off against Gisborne Boys' High School, played in

the last weekend of August. With three days to arrange training, travel and accommodation, the team departed for Gisborne on the Friday with a ten-hour bus trip. The match, played in very humid conditions and in front of one of Gisborne's biggest crowds, the boys played their best but went down 32-7 against an extremely large and strong local side dashing their chances to go on to the Top 4 knock-out competition. A return journey of ten hours immediately following the game didn't dampen the boys' spirits and they can be proud of their 2006 Premier One and Quadrangular triumphs.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Per annum, it costs around \$17,000 to run the 1st XV which includes subs, gear, travel, accommodation, meals and our worthwhile Homework Club. The Homework Club was established three years ago for the team to assemble on Friday afternoons after school for a meeting, meal, then two hours of study to complete assignments etc. With the team training two-three times per week as well as rep training for many, study still needs to take priority over part-time jobs and some boys do find it financially difficult to pay for travel in particular.

From a manager's perspective, the 2007 1st XV would be interested in hearing from any Old Boys who may be interested in sponsoring the team or individual players (as Silverstream Old Boys do) in some way. We are fortunate to receive funding from The Village Goldsmith and Fuji Xerox. The Riddiford Laundrette clean our jerseys each week and Sports Resources provided us with a set of jerseys at the start of the season.

Please contact me if you may be able to assist in some way.

Stephanie Kane • 1st XV Manager



Wellington College 1st XV • 2006



The 1956 1st XV, with their version of the College Haka



(L-R): Steve Phillips, Chas Anderson, Des Patching, Al McRae

2007 QUADRANGULAR TOURNAMENT

MARK YOUR DIARIES NOW FOR THE 2007 QUADRANGULAR AT WELLINGTON COLLEGE.

Monday 23 – Wednesday 25 July. WCOBA Get-Together on Tuesday 24 July @ 5.00pm at the College, no doubt also, a few 1st XV reunions will take place over the Quadrangular days, in particular the 1957 1st XV.

TOP SCHOLARS FOR 2005 WELLINGTON COLLEGE IS TOP OF THE COUNTRY - 85 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED IN 2005



(L-R): Simon Anastasiadis, Pieter Vanderpoel, Michael Young, Robert Osman, Professor Richard Beasley, Roger Moses, Max Harris, Drew Chappell, Peter Clark, Sebastian Templeton, Chris Harker. Nicholas Braae and Shahed Yassaie were unable to get away from studies at Otago University.

A special assembly – the Scholars' Assembly – was held on 19 May to recognise the top performing scholarship winners from 2005.

Each scholar received a Turnbull Scholarship and a coveted scholars' tie. Some students returned from their studies in other centres for the Assembly. Those unable to return were represented by members of their families. The guest speaker at the Assembly was Professor **Richard Beasley** (1969-73). Richard was Proxime Accessit in 1973. When he left Wellington College he went to Otago University and graduated from the Otago medical School. He is a world authority in asthma research and is currently a consulting physician at Wellington Hospital, a Director of the medical Research Institute of New Zealand, visiting Professor of Southampton University in the UK and an Advisor to the World Health Organisation on the global asthma project.

Max Harris won one of 12 Premier Awards for top scholars who scored outstanding grades in at least three Scholarship exams, worth \$30,000 over the next three years.

Max scored the highest marks in classics, 100 per cent, and media studies, 87.5 per cent. He also got 100 per cent in English, 96 per cent in history and 87.5 per cent in drama. *I was pretty much studying all day in the weeks leading up to the exams... I got lucky. And... I had some good teachers. It was a bit of a surprise.*

With his University fees covered by a scholarship, Max plans to save his prize money. To get the \$10,000-a-year payments, he must maintain at least a B grade average at university.

His success comes amid concern about boys' underachievement, raised at an education conference in Auckland earlier this year.

Girls' superior literacy skills saw them blitz boys at all levels of NCEA last year, continuing a long-term trend, with single-sex girls' schools dominating regional pass rate statistics published on the Qualifications Authority website.

In Scholarship exams, a separate monetary award entered by the brightest students, Wellington College boys entered more subjects and won more scholarships, 85, than other schools in the country.

Wellington College headmaster Roger Moses said boys liked the competitiveness of Scholarship. *All this talk about boys not succeeding, I think boys can achieve. We got the most scholarships in the country. There may be something in the nature of assessment.*

OTAGO ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FOR WC STUDENT

A group of 11 first-year University of Otago students from around New Zealand, as well as one from Australia, received 2005 Alumni Annual Appeal Scholarships at a special function held at the University's Dunedin campus.

Applicants were asked to write essays about their connections to the University of Otago as part of the application process. The one-year scholarships, open to students who are New Zealand citizens or permanent residents, cover the cost of tuition fees for the first year of study.

OLD BOY BESTOWS NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR WELLINGTON COLLEGE STUDENTS



Prestigious Darryll Courtney-O'Connor Gold Scholarship goes to Wellington College Student

Deon Baker, a year 13 Tourism student in 2005, is the first ever winner of a new scholarship offered by the International College of Tourism and Hotel Management in Manly, Sydney. The scholarship, worth A\$32,770, over two years, will cover Deon's studies for a Diploma in Tourism.

The scholarship was the result of a tremendously generous initiative by Old Boy **Darryll Courtney-O'Connor** (1962-67) who owns this prestigious College, and Headmaster Roger Moses, and will be awarded annually to a Wellington College student.

Deon received the congratulations and ovation of the College at an Assembly in May, which was attended by his very proud mother. Deon is the first member of his family to go into tertiary education. His family, from the Tokelau Islands, is very proud of his achievement.

The scholarship has generated big interest in Tourism, offered as a Year 12 and 13, subject at Wellington College, and is attracting increasing numbers of students.

Nicholas Braae, who finished at the College at the end of 2005, was one of the lucky recipients. Nicholas plans to go into the teaching profession and is studying music, politics, economics and French in preparation for that. His interests and hobbies while at Wellington College included being a prefect and peer mentor, a member of the Hillary challenge team and the squash team, as well as involvement in rowing and cricket. Nicholas was also a jazz band pianist.

LEAVERS' DINNER FOR CLASS OF 2005

The 2005 Leavers' Dinner was another highlight of the school's calendar for Year 13 students and selected staff and guests. Students eagerly availed themselves for this opportunity of seeing each other for what was for most of them the last time as members of the same school.

The tradition of being seated in Year 9 form classes was well accepted and rivalry between these classes was still in existence five years on. Representatives from the 2001 Year 9 form class spoke to their peers with stories emerging on sporting and cultural challenges, the trials and tribulations of particular staff and the overall consensus that Wellington College was and is the place to be.

Masters of Ceremony for the evening, Drew Chappell and Casey James ran the evening with professionalism and flair. A montage of photos and video clips were run throughout the evening, bringing back five years of memories and showing the strong camaraderie between this year's group of 250 plus young men.

Guest Speaker was Old Boy **Don Sharpe** (1967-70) who founded Imagelab; a graphics and display company, servicing New Zealand through offices in Wellington, Christchurch and Auckland, specialising in high quality graphics and signage. Don regaled the audience of his times at Wellington College and the friendships and memories he has maintained for some 35 years.



Bob Slade (President of the Wellington College Old Boys' Association) also spoke to the students about the Association and encouraged all those in attendance to continue to support their school by becoming Life Members.

Headmaster, Roger Moses concluded the evening by wishing all the boys the very best in their futures as they move on to the big wide world and thanked them for their enthusiasm, contribution and commitment to Wellington College.

This brought the proceedings to a close and the boys dispersed, hoping that many more such gatherings may occur in future years.

For the inescapable fact is that tomorrow's leaders will come from today's schools.

NO LONGER DOWN THE RIVER WITHOUT A PADDLE

Edward Wiley (Y13) knows it is a pain when a rigger comes loose in the middle of a rowing race. Ed, who also plays as lock in the 1st XV, has represented NZ at rowing and knows the predicament rowers face when riggers – protrusions that hold oars in place – come loose. They can come out and you lose an oar which can be dangerous, leaving a boat without steering and at the mercy of tides and currents.

Ed, (son of David Wiley 1964-67) thought there had to be a cheap toolkit that rowers could use when a screw was loose. Finding nothing suitable on the market, he and fellow rower Lewis Richards set to work designing one.

Their biggest problem was to find a way of holding the kit in place without disrupting the structural integrity of the boat or slowing it down. They solved that by using magnets. Having successfully tested their prototype, they are now in business.

Ed, Lewis and fellow students set up the IRE International Ltd to market their kits.

They also entered the Wellington Region Young Enterprise Scheme where they finished runners-up.

Their biggest expense is the \$5000 cost for each mould. However sales volumes will help pay for that – they've got orders for 200 already.

LEADERSHIP AWARDS WELCOME OLD BOYS

The re-introduction of the Year 13 Leadership Awards went a long way to recognising the commitment and involvement of our Year 13 students at Wellington College. The School Prefect selection remains by student and staff vote, but with only 25 places there are obviously many who would otherwise miss out on a leadership opportunity.

There are three basic elements of the Leadership Award. Firstly, extra-curricular involvement (with participation in two different sporting or cultural activities or teams) requires Year 13 students to involve themselves fully in the vast array of opportunities that take place at Wellington College, while still retaining an academic focus. Secondly there is the Service dimension, in which 276 positions were created, each with its own job description, which must be applied for much in the same way as applying for a job. Successful candidates are then required to perform that task to a high standard throughout the year. Finally, there is a peer recognition factor in which the student must exhibit the leadership qualities we all profess to hold dear at such an esteemed establishment as Wellington College.

79% of the Year 13 Year Group in 2005 were involved in extra curricular activities, of which 29% of the Year Group qualified for the Leadership Award. Not everyone has the maturity of aspiration to lead while they are at school. This system allows those who do aspire to step up to be able to do so.

Nine special guests attended the Leadership Luncheon to recognise those students who achieved the Leadership Award. Our guests were all distinguished Old Boys from many different backgrounds, eras and ages, who all shared the common factor that they are all recognised for their community leadership. Guests included Messrs **Doug Catley, Myles Gazley, Barry Hellberg, Matthew Beattie, Jono Phillips, Phillip Lewin, Ken Douglas, Chris Lendrum, Tim Prendergast and John Cook.**



ENTERPRISING BOYS REAP DEMAND FOR HEALTHY DIET

Another group of enterprising Wellington College students want children to enjoy a healthy diet.

To help them out they are selling bags of fruit to primary school students around Wellington. The five Year 13 students got the idea after talking to a fruit supplier about how they could make eating fruit more attractive to children.

The five have already been to Wellesley College in Eastbourne where they took 85 orders for their bags – each of which sells for \$7.

The bags are really good for keeping fruit cool and hold a mandarin, apple and banana. The bags come in a range of bright colours which appeal to children and are made of synthetic materials that have cooling and insulating qualities. The group say their bags also help kids to continue with healthy habits. Once they get fruit into them, they'll keep reusing them all the time.

Already their product has attracted wide interest. The Health Ministry is interested in meeting the students. They also want to promote their product to a bigger and equally unhealthy sector of the population. They are looking at moving into the adult market, where most do not eat a lot of fruit. The group is also looking at diversifying into fruit drinks for kids.

The five worked on the project as part of the Lion Foundation Young Enterprise scheme, which aims to help secondary students get a taste of the business world.

The group have learned a lot from taking part, orders, dealing with people in the business world and tax.

Each of the students plans to continue with the business until the end of the year when they will leave school and head to university. They'll keep it going next year if demand makes it viable.

WELLINGTON COLLEGE CRICKET CLUB

The WCCC will be hosting a dinner for parents and Old Boys on **Thursday, 15 February 2007** at Wellington College on the eve of the One-Day International between Australia and New Zealand as a fund-raiser for the Club. The evening will include celebrity speakers and an Auction.

If you would like more information about attending, please contact in the first instance Brent Stephen on annie-brent@xtra.co.nz.

MAKING A PROFIT FROM PESTS

One Wellington College student is doing his bit to keep possum numbers down while making some money from the fur. Christopher Mitchell (Y13) regularly traps possums in the Orongorongo Ranges, a pastime he started at the age of 12, sometimes putting in a 12-hour day walking more than 20 kilometres up and down hills checking his traps and skinning possums. Roughly 18 adult possums provide a kilogram of fur, which sells for \$70.00. A successful day's trapping can see the student come home with a 4kg bounty. "The money's a bonus – I do it for the fitness and the environment" Possum fur is mixed with merino and they make garments including socks and jerseys.

Chris describes himself as a person who likes to work with his hands who has a good eye for property and how it can be developed. He wants to look for a building apprenticeship when he leaves school.

Chris possesses three essential qualities for being an effective possum trapper – unlimited stamina, a good business brain and resourcefulness.

He has trapped more than 1500 of the pests in the last year – which conservationists estimate has saved more than a tonne of vegetation.

STUDYING PAYS OFF

Congratulations to **Nick Chan** (2001-05) who was awarded a Johnsonville Youth Grant worth \$3000 which will assist him in covering his course fees during his first year at Victoria University where he is studying law and commerce.

Nick was considering Medicine and even went as far as sitting a UMAT exam that is taken by first-year Med students and accounts for one third of their final grade. He came through that okay and was looking at moving to Auckland. However, Nick received the grant to attend Victoria so medicine's loss is law's gain.

Aside from studying fulltime, Nick runs his own clothing company Nick James clothing. His unique T-shirt designs can be seen on his website www.nickjames.co.nz

Keep Up-To-Date with current news of Wellington College, by reading the monthly newsletter 'The Collegian' on the College Website under News.

The WCOBA site is located under the Communities Section.

www.wellington-college.school.nz

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING



Congratulations to teacher Martin Vaughan whom the New Zealand Association of Mathematics Teachers (NZAMT) honoured by bestowing on him a Jim Campbell Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Martin is a superb classroom teacher of Mathematics at Wellington College where he is the Assistant Head of Department. At all times, he brings credit to the teaching profession. He demands the very highest standards from his students who are eager to be in his classes. They feel that he is always trying to get them to reach their full potential, no matter what level they start at. He shows great respect for his students, never belittling them or making them feel awkward for asking questions. He has a profound subject knowledge and a wonderful rapport with his students.

Martin is extremely well organised and efficient. He has a delightful sense of humour, both in the classroom and the staffroom, and he contributes hugely to the morale of the whole school with his willingness to be involved with many extra-curricular events, including swimming, speech competitions and debating.

Martin is the staff liaison for teacher trainees at Wellington College and such is the esteem that he is held in by the Wellington College of Education that he was awarded a College of Education scholarship to travel with a delegation to Korea in 2004 to observe Mathematics Education there and share our best practice with them. Student teachers who come into contact with Martin find his constructive criticism a great help in developing their knowledge and understanding of the craft of teaching. The documentation that he has prepared for use with student teachers has been used by many other schools to help prepare future generations of teachers and ensure the survival of our profession.

THE WILLOWS CRICKET CLUB



In North Canterbury, beyond Rangiora, lies a private cricket club 'The Willows'. On a ground similar in size to the Basin Reserve, surrounded by grazing sheep, the northern reaches of the Southern Alps, and a shelter belt of macrocarpa trees, the Wellington College 1st XI team journeys to play every second year.

Just before the 1st XI headed off to their Annual versus Rongotai College, **Bob Pope** (1938-1940), came to the College Assembly to present the Caps to the 1st XI members. Bob generously 'shouted' the 2005 1st XI to the Willows fixture in Christchurch and accordingly, the team presented him with a framed print of Wellington College in the 1940s. Bob is pictured with 1st XI Captain, Charles Gallagher, who incidentally received his fourth cap.

The objective of 'The Willows' is to give secondary school cricketers from around the South island and Wellington College and Wanganui Collegiate School from the North Island, the opportunity to play against players, some with first-class sides or test experience, on an excellent wicket in a country setting similar to when cricket was originally played. The Willows hosts about 25 fixtures each year.

The Wellington College team of 2005 were awarded the '49ers Cup' at 'The Willows' prize giving. The cup is awarded to the College XI that provides the most meritorious performance against 'The Willows'. It is not necessarily awarded to a winning team, but to a team playing the game in the correct manner.

The cup remembers the New Zealand Cricket team that toured Great Britain in 1949, where they played 32 games and lost only one and drew all four tests. They played cricket to the highest standards of sportsmanship and good humour. They played all their games for fun and fellowship.

Don Neely
Cricket Historian

SPORTING NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE

New Zealand Schools' coaches included three Wellington College students in their 24-strong New Zealand Schools' rugby squad for its internationals against Australia and Australia A late last year.

The team played Australia A in Sydney on 4 October losing 13-14 and Australia in Canberra on 8 October, winning 22-19.

Joe Hill (Y12), Michael Hobbs (Y13) and Chris Middleton (Y13) were part of the NZSS Team. The last time Wellington College had three international representatives in one season was in 1991 when **Marc Ellis**, **Perry Freshwater** and **Filo Tiatia** were selected.

Michael and Chris went on to play for the NZU19 team in Dubai, who unfortunately lost in the final to Australia.



(L-R): Michael Hobbs, Chris Middleton, Joe Hill

2005 was a remarkable year of sporting success. 45 students represented New Zealand in their chosen sports; athletics, basketball. Canoe Polo, Cricket, Golf, Karate, Kayaking, Mountain Running, Rowing, Rugby, Shooting, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Waterpolo, and Yachting. Three students were also selected for the NZSS Choir.

Already half way through 2006, 25 students have or will be representing New Zealand this year in their sporting code.

WORLD VISION 40-HOUR RUNATHON

In its seventh year, Wellington College students took part in the 40-hour run around the Basin Reserve to raise money for World Vision.

With thanks to sponsors and donations, the school raised \$70,000 which will go towards benefiting street kids in Ulan Bator, the capital of Mongolia. The money will help build a shelter for the street kids where they can be given food and clothes.

Peter Spearman-Burn (Y12) won the New Zealand U19 **GOLF** Tournament and NZSS Golf Tournament. Peter was part of the team that won the NZSS Golf Tournament in August by 22 shots over four-time winner Rotorua BHS.

The Under 15 **RUGBY** team won the NZ Under 15 Tournament in Tauranga in August. This is the first time that the College has won this tournament in its history, having been runner-up on two occasions.

Wellington College have locked away the **MCEVEDY** Shield for one more year after another comprehensive performance. We finished the competition with 175 points, 25 clear of our nearest rivals, St Patrick's (Silverstream).



The Wellington College **DRAGON BOATING** team took out the National Secondary Schools' title at the March Championships beating Shirley Boys' High School and St Bede's College.

The **TENNIS** Senior A Team won their Quadrangular over Auckland Grammar School, Hamilton Boys' High School and Palmerston North Boys' High School.

The Senior A **UNDERWATER HOCKEY** Team won the NZSS Tournament. (This will be of special interest to **Hugh Perrett**!)

Wellington College took out the silver medal at Maadi **ROWING** Cup in the Under 15 double and a bronze in the Under 15 Quad.

WATERPOLO's Senior A squad finished with a bronze at the National Championships.

Five Wellington College students have been selected for the NZSS **SOCCER** team tour to Europe.

Wellington College were runners-up in the **STAGE CHALLENGE**. Originally placed first, the team were penalised on a technicality and demoted to second behind Wellington Girls' College.

The **CROSS-COUNTRY** Team won one gold, four silvers and one bronze medal at the NZSS Championships.

The **TOUCH** Team won the Wellington Secondary Schools' Championship.

Year 12 Student Joe Austin-Smellie had the highest score ever by a Wellington College student with 212 not out in a Traditional **CRICKET** fixture. Playing against Wanganui Collegiate, Joe and fellow team mate Reece Cargill put on a record-breaking partnership of 323. Joe's knock surpasses **Brad Jones'** (1997-01) record of 191 in 2001 against NBHS and **Alan Preston's** (1946-50) 161 in 1950 against WCS.

TEACHING STAFF WITH 20 YEAR'S SERVICE OR MORE • Ted Clayton

Old Boys will have been taught by one if not many on the following list of staff who have taught at Wellington College for 20 years plus.

W Alexander	(1909-33)	JP (Joseph/The Boss) Firth	(1892-1920)	BA (Bernie) Paetz	(1933-74)
RW (Robert) Anderson	(1979-)	AC (Uncle Charlie) Gifford	(1895-1922)	MB (Mike) Pallin	(1973-)
DJ (Dave) Ashby	(1986-)	GR (Gary) Girvan	(1964-70, 1975-2001)	VE (Vic) Paulson	(1974-)
WFC (Froggy) Balham	(1916-25, 1927-45)	AB (Alan/Flash) Gordon	(1947-77)	LB (Q) Quartermain	(1930-57)
TE (Tommy) Beard	(1918-45)	AW Griffin	(1926-52)	FM (Fritz) Renner	(1900-27)
R (Robert) Bradley	(1947-95)	JR Griffin	(1926-51)	JD (Dave) Sowerby	(1974-96)
T (Tibby) Brodie	(1897-1945)	J (Jimmy) Hall	(1913-45)	LJ (Foxy) Sutton	(1944-70)
EE (Ewan) Cardale	(1961-81)	G (George/Flea) Halliday	(1946-70)	N (Noel) Swain	(1949-69)
EN (Ted) Clayton	(1953, 1959-90)	S (Sean) Hann	(1987-)	KR (Kim) Tattersall	(1981-)
RC (Rob) Corliss	(1979-)	A (Augustus) Heine	(1882-1921)	PG (Pete) Thomson	(1921-54)
E (Edwina) Cormack	(1981-) [part-time]	TD (Chook) Holmes	(1941-63)	FE (Greasy) Thornton	(1917-44)
JE (John) Cormack	(1975-96)	AK (Tim) Holt	(1939-69)	HB Tomlinson	(1910-30)
TGC (Tim) Costeloe	(1987-)	F (Frank) Joplin	(1917-54)	GM (Gillian) Thomas	(1986-)
JR (Jimmy) Cuddie	(1916-54)	KR (Kerry) Lloyd	(1986-)	MR (Martin) Vaughan	(1983-91, 1994-)
JL (Jack/Inkie) Dighton	(1922-67)	JS (Jack) Lomas	(1911-45)	PJM (Peter) Walls	(1965-69, 1977-98)
J (Joy) Dunsheath	(1986-)	ANB (Norman/Looney Mac) McAloon	(1930-67)	AC (Sandy/Yogi) Yule	(1964-83)
RW (Ross) Durant	(1981-)	J (Jan) McLean	(1973, 1984-)		
BH (Bruce) Farland	(1965-99)	RJ (Ray/Mickey) Michael	(1947-83)		



WELLINGTON COLLEGE STAFF • 1934



WELLINGTON COLLEGE STAFF • 1966



WELLINGTON COLLEGE STAFF • 2006

HEART SURGERY PIONEER Brian Gerald Barratt-Boyes



On March 8, 2006, Sir **Brian Barratt-Boyes**, Wellington College Old Boy and famous heart surgeon died in Ohio at age 82.

His name appears in the College register as Brian Gerald Boyes and he attended the College 1937-40. While a pupil he won the EE Martin Prize for Mathematics, the S Eichelbaum Prize for Literature and the Sir Alexander Grey Memorial Cup. The Wellingtonian in 1937 mentions him as a promising junior tennis player which he proved to be. Later as a senior pupil, he helped coach younger boys.

Sir Brian went to Otago University where he gained his MB and ChB in 1946. From 1953-55, he worked at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota as a Fellow in Thoracic Surgery. Two years later he was given a Nuffield Travelling Fellowship to go to Bristol University.

He became a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in 1952, a Fellow ChM in 1959 and a Fellow of the Royal Society of NZ in 1970.

By 1959, Sir Brian was back in New Zealand and appointed thoracic surgeon at Greenlane. For the next 25 years, he was surgeon in charge of the Cardio Thoracic Surgical Unit at the hospital and known affectionately by his colleagues as B-Cubed.

Sir Brian did ground breaking work on the development of the cardio pulmonary bypass, advanced the treatment of babies with complex congenital defects and developed coronary artery surgery using veins from the leg to bypass blocked arteries to the heart. During his eminent career, he lectured all over the world. He co-wrote a text book that is now the standard reference book in the field of Cardiac Surgery and co-edited Heart Disease in Infancy Diagnosis and Surgical Treatment.

For his outstanding services to medicine, Sir Brian was knighted in 1971 and in 1987 received the prestigious Rene Leriche Prize and Medal from the International Society of Surgery. In 1955, he had the rare privilege of having a stamp issued in his honour. There is a room named after him at National Women's Hospital. Sir Brian belonged in the company of pioneers; South African Christian Barnard and Argentinean Rene Favolare and Barnard acknowledged this.

After his retirement from Greenlane in 1989, Sir Brian continued his research into heart tissue valve replacements through an American funded private research company Systematics and continued lecturing around the world.

Ironically, the man who knew more about hearts than most had problems himself from the age of 50. He underwent a double by-pass in 1974, performed by friend and Colleague Dr Alan Kent and a triple by-pass in 1983. Both operations were carried out at Greenlane. A third bypass in the 1990's and it was after the fourth, to replace two valves, in the USA this year, that he died from complications.

Sir Brian Barratt-Boyes worked in a dramatic life and death area in which his skills and innovation made international impact. He left a legacy of surgeons, particularly paediatric surgeons saving thousands of lives all over the world.

It was not unusual for Sir Brian to perform a 6½ hour operation on a patient of 60 years plus followed by a four-hour operation on a month old baby and be back at the first patient's bed checking to see if she was comfortable at 1.00am. I know this to be so, the patient was my mother. Sir Brian gave her over four years of extra life.

Paddianne Neely • College Archivist

BUSINESSMAN AND ALL BLACK Kenneth George Elliott

Ken (1935-38) was born in 1922 and died on 19 February 2006.

Ken was one of the finest men I ever met, an honourable man, delightfully human and wonderfully understanding said Vicar Canon Craufurd Murray. *He was an outstanding good man, the sort you never heard an ill word about,* said a friend John Fletcher.

The family man, sportsman, businessman, churchman and handyman died after a lingering death with dignity and courage in Christchurch at age 83.

Ken was born and raised in Wellington. He attended Wellington College 1935-38. At age 16, he left to join the AMP Insurance Company as a clerk. It was the start of a long and successful career, although one interrupted by WWII. Initially he failed for military service on his eyesight. However having studied a book on



improving one's eyesight (which for Ken simply meant memorising the eye chart before being tested), he was passed fit.

His war years in the Army, including service in the Pacific, provided opportunity to rise through the rugby ranks, as many older players were overseas. A big man, who played lock, he won selection for Wellington, North Island as well as Army and Combined Services teams.

In 1946, Ken was selected to play for the All Blacks against the Wallabies. His side, captained by Fred Allen, was the first to wear the All Blacks Jersey since the outbreak of war and Ken marked his debut with a try in the opening 31-8 victory.

It is interesting to note that Ken did not play in the College 1st XV but still became an All Black.

His moving upwards in the ranks of AMP limited his time he could dedicate to rugby. However he still managed to represent Manawatu and Waikato. His rugby playing days were followed by a keen interest in squash, both as a player and administrator. He was made a Life Member of the Hawkes Bay Squash Club. Golf took over as his major sporting activity. His enthusiasm for the game saw him play in the snow during his time in Canberra. Members of Shirley Golf Club would no doubt have been relieved when Ken's funeral was announced for Friday rather than Thursday – Tuesdays and Thursdays are committed to a competition for the Ken Elliott Cup!

The whole of Ken's working life was with the AMP Society. He retired as South Island Manager after senior postings in Napier, Dunedin and Canberra.

Ken became Master of his Lodge in Canberra and served as Secretary for 35 years to the Lodge Fendalton in Christchurch becoming Grand Chaplain of the South Island. In 2002, he received his 50 year badge.

Ken was a great servant to the church and had the title Canon Emeritus. The Age Concern

Canterbury, the IHC, Lions and Civil Defence benefited from his tireless work.

Woodwork was another interest for Ken and he produced many fine pieces for the Cathedral and Christchurch Churches.

Ken and his wife Margaret (nee Hatch) decided to donate his All Black blazer to the College Archives. This was accepted with pleasure. It will help keep alive the memory of a very fine man.

Paddianne Neely • College Archivist

Dutchy du Chateau



Dutchy du Chateau at the Wellington College Sports and Cultural Assembly, 22 October 1994, with fellow Old Boy Jack J L Griffiths

Victor Henry (Dutchy) du Chateau, businessman, sportsman, co-founder of a cricket club. Born 1911; Patron Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club 1966-2005; Died: Auckland, September 26, 2005.

Victor Henry du Chateau (1924-28) was, for most of his life known as Dutchy. As a youngster his mother's family – the Roberts, influenced his growing up. Grandfather Harry was a member of New Zealand's first rugby touring side to Australia in 1884. Uncle Teddy captained New Zealand against the Springboks in 1921. Both played cricket for Wellington.

Dutchy was a top order left-hand batsman for the Wellington College Old Boys' Club in the Wellington senior championship throughout the 1930's. In December 1932 he made the first of his six appearances in the Plunket Shield. At the time of his death he was the fifth oldest living first-class cricketer in New Zealand.

His demeanour as a person was identical to his demeanour as a cricketer – stately. He was a throwback to a time when players wore cream

flannels and viyella shirts buttoned down to their wrists. They walked when they snicked the ball into the slips and they equipped themselves to bat with gloves, box and bat from a battered team gear bag that lay in the centre of their changing room.

At the end of World War II, Dutchy and his close companion, John Standish, decided to form a club to play against College 1st XI's mid-week and arrange social fixtures on Sundays for invited cricketers from all clubs. Thus was born the Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club.

From the start of the 1947-48 season, New Zealand and first-class players journeyed to schools throughout Wellington, acting as missionaries to young students eager to learn the skills, the fun and the friendship of cricket.

Some years later they were able to convince Peter Fields, a farmer from Waikanae, to convert one of his paddocks into becoming the Wanderers permanent home ground. By 1960 the ground was opened and over the next 28 years improvements were made when finance permitted, though the deposits by the livestock and the undulating surface made for interesting cricket.

For over 30 years Dutchy was the accountant for Nicholson Products and on retiring accepted, what he termed, 'the best job in the world', for the next ten years as the secretary of the New Zealand Press Association. When tests were being played in Wellington Dutchy would join Terry McLean, Alex Veysey, Dick Brittenden, Don Cameron and others in the Britannia Hotel and stroll through the great moments in his country's sport. And Dutchy loved a chat.

Dutchy was wonderful company. He was a man of conspicuous personal modesty who had the gift of smiling quietly at failure and triumph alike. There was a stately dignity about him and he epitomised the true spirit of cricket.

His wife of 67 years, Ote, and their three children, Ann, Paul and Michael, survive Dutchy. As do 12 grand-children and 13 great grand-children.

Don Neely • Cricket Historian

Harry Bertram Hawthorn

O.C., Ph.D., F.R.S.C • 1910-2006
"the father of modern anthropology in British Columbia"

Harry was born in Wellington, in 1910, the elder boy in a family of five. His father, Henry, was a civil servant in the Treasury Department and his mother, Louise, one of the first women to write and pass the newly established civil service exams.



After schooling at Wellington College from 1924-27, Harry paid his way through two degrees by working on various farms. Graduating

with a Masters degree in mathematics during the depression on 1935, he and his new wife, Aileen, were hired as a 'teaching couple' in the remote Maori community of Whatawhewhe in the north of New Zealand. It was there that his interest in anthropology began and, in 1938, with the encouragement of Sir Peter Buck, the Maori anthropologist, he left New Zealand for the University of Hawaii, to gain a second Masters in Anthropology. From there to Yale University on scholarship to work on a PhD which he received in 1941. His thesis dealt with the Maori community he knew so well. A teaching job at Sarah Lawrence College followed and, in 1947, he travelled to Canada to be interviewed by Dr Norman MacKenzie, President of the University of British Columbia, for a faculty position in the Department of Economics, Political Science and Sociology. He was the University's first anthropologist and is credited with developing the field of anthropology in British Columbia.

In 1948, he arranged the first major conference on aboriginal art in B.C., and included First Nations peoples as delegates and sponsors. A year later, he began a study of the Doukhobors for the provincial government which was not released until 1955-its recommendations unfortunately not followed by the Socred government. The Canadian Dept. of Citizenship and Immigration commissioned a report on B.C. Indians in 1954 which was published in 1958 under the title *The Indians of British Columbia* and is a classic in its field. In 1955, Harry became the head of UBC's new Department of Anthropology, Sociology and Criminology, a position he kept until 1968.

With his second wife, Audrey, he established the UBC Museum of Anthropology. From its humble beginnings in the 1950's in the basement of the UBC Library, under his direction the museum grew to be the stunning resource that is today; now well-known across North America for its outstanding collection of Northwest Coast materials. Another major work was the editing of *A Survey of the Contemporary Indians of Canada* published in 1996. For his outstanding contributions to Canadian anthropology, Harry received the Order of Canada in 1973.

Harry retired in 1976, the same year that the Museum of Anthropology opened, a retirement that he thoroughly enjoyed, both in Canada and New Zealand, pursuing his hobbies of gardening (he was, at one time, Secretary of the Rhododendron Society of Canada), photography, fishing, swimming and the companionship of his beloved wife, Audrey, until her death in 2000.

After his wife died, Harry continued to live in their home and tried to console himself for her loss by framing the watercolours she had painted until her eyesight failed. He was in good health until recently, when he suffered a fall and had to be hospitalised and moved into extended care. He died in Vancouver on July 29, 2006. He was 95.

Peter Haywood Malone CNZM, OBE, QCM, BVSc (Hons):

Peter was born in 1928 and died in Nelson on 5 March 2006. He attended Wellington College from 1941-44.

A retired veterinary surgeon, Peter was mayor of Nelson 1980-92 and he held executive positions in local government, the energy sector and in many community and sporting organisations. As well as a past Chairman of the Network Tasman Trust, Peter was a member of the Nelson/Marlborough National Parks Board for nine years and he also represented his profession on the National Hydatids Council.

Peter was a strong and vocal advocate for the wellbeing of Trusts and their beneficiaries. It was good to have him on side and enjoy seeing his persuasive abilities during Conferences and when we met with industry leaders on ETNZ affairs. We will miss him.

The WCOBA are most appreciative of a donation made to the Association from Peter's estate.

Gordon Edgar QSO, 1913-2006

Gordon Edgar (1927-31) was a man with itchy feet – he adventured and wandered the world at every opportunity, but was much more than a wanderer.

Few have matched veterinarian Gordon's contribution to farming, to agricultural science and to the Waikato community. His academic and scientific stature is internationally recognised.

For 14 years he was director of Ruakura Animal Research Station till retirement in 1978. He influenced progress in herd and flock improvement – and the income of farmers.

Gordon was a foundation member of NZ National Field Days Society, a former president and a life member. He was also a strong voice for establishment of Waikato University, and served on the University Council for a number of years. In 2006 the university recognised his service with an honorary doctorate degree.

Gordon's powerful energy flagged in his final years and ran out in March this year. He was a few days in Waikato Hospital before transferring to Hamilton's Kintala Rest Home where he peacefully died a week later on March 27. He was 92.

Born in Ashburton in 1913, Gordon was the son of Irish immigrants. They moved to Wellington and he attended Kelburn Normal School, Wellington College, and Victoria University.

Sense of adventure and need for personal challenge showed early. In 1927 he tramped more than 500km in three weeks in the Urewera area. The next year he walked the Heaphy Track, and in 1929 biked the South Island West Coast and explored the glaciers.

Those trips, perhaps, were preparation for a six-week cycling adventure in Europe in 1938 with younger brother Robert. They explored many countries – including Nazi Germany.

Dad never spoke much about his assessment of Germany, says son David. Nor did he talk much about his war experiences.

However, Gordon was immediately in line for the army when war was declared. His regimental number was 543. He was one of a mixed bag of Kiwi recruits in the United Kingdom who signed with 34 Battery, 7th Anti-tank Regiment, formed on New Zealand Government instruction.

Gordon had worked his passage to England in 1936 after dabbling in law and commerce at Victoria University, but not completing a degree – he still had exploring to do to find his niche. Work in an Oxford Street department store funded wide travels till war was declared.

As a soldier he was in the Western Desert, then Greece. In 1941 he was commissioned, and in the Middle East and Italy rose to the rank of captain. *The war was just a small segment of his life, says David.*

On demobilisation Gordon briefly worked at Wallaceville Animal Research Station. This, together with earlier experience with horses when visiting Irish relatives, set his sights on a veterinary career. He returned to Victoria University to earn credits needed for entry to Edinburgh University. His purpose gained even more focus in 1946 when he met Edinburgh's Alison Muirhead. They married the following year.

He completed his BSc in Veterinary Science in 1949 and became a Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. A NZ Wool Board fellowship aided doctoral studies at Cambridge University, completed in 1952.

Gordon's academic and scientific stature were recognised from early days – between 1949-76 he represented New Zealand at 14 international scientific conferences.

In 1952, he joined Ruakura Animal Research Station as a veterinary research officer. He was the lead author of two key publications in the late 1950s. One, *The New Zealand Farmers Veterinary Guide*, written for farmers, was a widely used resource running to further editions through the years.

Gordon was a Visiting Professor at Cornell University in 1959-60 – yet another opportunity for wide travel for the young family. He was also a Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences of the USA.

He returned to Ruakura as senior principal scientific officer in 1961 and three years later was appointed director. This was a particularly important period for agricultural research and many initiatives were taken.

Gordon's service to many organisations was

beyond measure. He was president of the NZ Veterinary Association, a member of Massey University's Veterinary Faculty Board, a member of the NZ Herd Improvement Council, a member of the NZ Wool Board Advisory Panel, a Young Farmer of the Year judge, and president of the Waikato branch of the Economics Society.

For community service he was awarded the Queen's Service Order in 1979.

On retirement, wanderlust (never abated) was again a prime interest. He became an interesting travel tour leader, guiding travellers to adventures in many parts of the world – China, Asia, Europe, South America. Adventure was his oyster.

Gordon is survived by wife Alison, daughter Joan and sons David and Ian.

Advised via Roy Burke (1946-47)

John Lawrence Carlyle Builder and fisherman. Born 1951; Died; September 21, 2005.

When a Bible-basher came knocking on John Carlyle's (1965-69) Houghton Bay home one day, he pointed out to sea and said "that's my God, the ocean".

John, 54, was a man who loved the sea and enjoyed it as a surfer, boatie, diver and fisherman.

He made his living as a builder but it was his irrepressible enthusiasm for the sea and fishing that made him such a character.

John was a risk-taker, always out to "give life a nudge" and his spirit was infectious - he made and cemented many friendships doing what he loved.

He introduced many to the best that the Wellington and Wairarapa southern coasts could offer. For two to three weeks each summer, he set up fishing camps at Ngawi, near Cape Palliser, where his family would be joined by friends and their families. Camp Carlyle included a kitchen sink complete with running water from a local stream.

He was a larrikin, a character with big glasses and cheeky grin. Guy Fawkes parties at Princess Bay were an annual fixture. He loved pyrotechnics— each year, the highlight was supposed to be a big bomb going off on a raft floating offshore.

The music would be turned down and other fireworks would be halted in anticipation of the blast.

Almost without fail, it would be a fizzer. He tried all sorts of fuses and one year, even bought a radio-control kit to set off his bomb but that too, failed. Another time, in frustration, he rowed out to try to figure out what the problem was — it went off just as he was about to draw alongside.

He made a point of getting to know just about every other boatie and fisherman on the south coast. To help efforts to keep the Island Bay Surf Club going, he took children around the bay and Taputeranga Island in Old Yella, his inflatable dinghy.

When John left Wellington College, he began working as a builder and set out to make his fortune by buying and renovating properties in Wellington. At 21, he owned three properties in Mt Victoria and Mapuia. He could have become a property tycoon if he had stuck with it, but he preferred a riskier life in the great outdoors.

He joined the Forest Service, working as a deer culler in Kaingaroa Forest before heading off to North America.

There he fished for salmon, crab and herring in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, dived for abalone and kneeboarded off California and Mexico.

He was diagnosed a diabetic at 26, but was determined never to let it slow him down. When it became too dangerous for him to continue scuba diving, he skippered for his diving friends.

The Island Bay Surf Club rooms were packed for his funeral in September, 2005 and he was given a noisy farewell. Crackers, cannons and the foghorn off the soon-to-be-sunk frigate Wellington gave him a final salute as a helicopter carried his body away to be buried at sea off Cape Palliser.

Arthur Pleasant Oliver

MSc (Hons), FNZIC r

From Peter Oliver (1959-63)

My father Arthur Pleasant Oliver (1933-36) was an old boy of Wellington College, and although he died five years ago, I was wondering if you would be interested in including the attached resume of his life.

He was born in 1920 (Wellington) and died after a short illness on 24 June 2000 (at Nelson).

Arthur was educated at Northland Primary School and Wellington College from 1933-36. He completed a BSc in Chemistry at Victoria University, and following the Second World War, an MSc with honours.

He served in the Royal New Zealand Navy between 1940 and 1944 and was involved in the development of ship and shore-based radar, including a number of deployments to the Pacific and Australian waters on HMNZS ACHILLES. Arthur was discharged early (with the rank of Petty Officer) to undertake essential wartime research into New Zealand fish oils, notably shark oils, for supply to the Government of United Kingdom.

Prior to 1940, Arthur joined the Department of Agriculture as a clerical cadet in the mid-1930's and later transferred to the Chemistry Division

of the department. Following the Second World War, Arthur worked as a chemist in the vitamin preparation plant of R Cresswell Limited, Auckland. He transferred to the Fats Research Laboratory, of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, and then as a toxicologist in the Chemistry Division of the Dominion Laboratory, Wellington.

In 1954, Arthur joined New Zealand Breweries Limited (later Lion Nathan Limited), Wellington, as chief chemist. In this capacity, he was charged with the responsibility of establishing a head office laboratory (Wellington) and developing control laboratories in each of the company's many branches. As well as his management responsibilities, he took particular interest in a wide range of brewing fields, including the agronomy, chemistry and grading of hops, the vitamin requirements of brewing yeasts, the non-biological stability of packaging beers and water filtration improvements. Arthur was intimately involved in the scientific aspects of developing continuous fermentation as new commercial venture that included 'Steinlager'.

During the period with New Zealand Breweries, Arthur was well-known for his conscientious reading of brewing and scientific literature, allied to an extremely retentive memory and inquiring mind, which led to an international respect for his knowledge of brewing as a science and its associated technology. He established a wide network of contacts in major brewing countries, notably the United States, Canada, Germany, Belgium, Ireland and the United Kingdom, as well as Australia. He retired in early 1978.

Outside of brewing, Arthur was involved in developing food technology courses at Massey University; he represented the New Zealand Manufacturers' Federation on the Executive Committee for Science of the Technician Certification Authority; and participated in the Geology Syllabus Revision Committee for the body. He was also actively involved in the New Zealand Institute of Chemistry for many years, including a period as Honorary Secretary. He always showed a keen interest in New Zealand flora, especially ferns, and a lifetime interest in geology. Sporting interests included tramping (Victoria University Tramping Club), tennis and badminton, as both a participant and administrator. In Nelson, he continued his interest in geology and took-up golf. For a while, he assisted with the local industrial production of pottery clays.

Arthur and his wife Marie had five children, fourteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Marie passed away in June 2002. Three sons and two grandsons are former Wellington College pupils.

Robert Jackson Binning

From Elton Smith

I guess it is better you are told several times, rather than not at all, but wonder if you are aware of the recent death in Queensland, of R.J.(Bob) Binning (1948-53)

Bob was a very good piper, changing to Drum Major of The City of Wellington Pipe Band, and leading them to 'The Worlds' in Scotland in 1958 - the first NZ Pipe Band to attend this prestigious event. And of course, Bob was an excellent fencer, being NZ's Sabre Champion for four years, and representing NZ at the Commonwealth Games at Cardiff. In April 2005, eight members of the 58'ers visited Bob, and his wife Maxine at Surfers Paradise. Bob was a piper in the School Band in 1950 when I started, and Pipe Major the following year.

Gerry Gotlieb

Born 1923; Died August 19, 2006; aged 83.

Furniture was his business but family and flying were the ebullient Gerry Gotlieb's (1936-38) passions.

He joined the air force at 18 and flew Spitfires in the European theatre of World War II. He was smitten by the power and romance of flight but the need to make a living and family responsibilities kept him out of the sky from then till 1968, when he got his private pilot's licence through the Wellington Aero Club.

Gerry's father, Maurice, had a furniture manufacturing and retail business with shops in Wellington's Willis St and Palmerston North and it was into this family business that he went on leaving Wellington College. Eventually, he branched out into a small furniture factory of his own in Kilbirnie.

It was while delivering a lamp to customers Mr and Mrs Wolman that he met his future wife, their daughter Ruth. Their marriage flourished though early on, they had to cope with the challenge of having four children in five years. Later, he became a constant support to her in her years as a Wellington City Councillor.

Whenever he could, he flew. In the 1970s he had a tiny Volkswagen-engine monoplane which he flew acrobatically and regularly about 100 hours a year. Little planes, he said, were *much more fun than anything bigger*. He crashed the monoplane about 20 years ago. He was not seriously injured and his love affair with flight endured. When he was 67 and chief instructor at the Upper Valley Gliding Club at Kaitoke, he won all the trophies at the National Gilding Club Class Championships held at Waipukurau, despite terrible weather that cut the 10-day contest to two.

In 1996, at 73, he won the club class title at the Auckland gliding championships. He was the oldest competitor, or *the oldest codger competing*, as his admiring wife put it.

Gliding, he had decided, was a bigger challenge than powered flight, *keeping up in the air when, by all the laws of gravity, you should be on the ground. You're pitting your knowledge of where the lift is coming from, and there's the adrenaline when you're stuck up in the mountains and looking for somewhere to land and there's not a paddock in sight. It's the peak of detachment—there's nothing up there but the wind.* He last went

gliding just a few months before his death.

If detachment in the air appealed, it was not something that characterised his life on terra firma. He was a member of numerous clubs relating to flying, including the Amateur Aircraft Constructors Association, the Wellington A Club and the Brevet Club. He was lover of jazz and an adept musician on the piano, trumpet and keyboard. Until shortly before his death, he continued to play the keyboard as an accompaniment to Laurie Penny's singing in homes for the elderly around Wellington.

He was interested enough in range of issues to write regularly, often tongue-in-cheek, to the editors of Wellington papers over the years, on everything from tooting in the Mt Victoria tunnel (he disapproved, and sparked voluminous correspondence from other letter writers) to the televised kiss of two women at a cricket match in Napier earlier this year (he couldn't see why two women couldn't kiss in public in a country that sanctions same-sex unions) to serious issues deeply important to him such as Israel and the Middle East.

The good humour with which he characteristically approached all aspects of his life often came out in his correspondence. Writing of the success of an Anzac Day concert in the Wellington Town Hall, he enthused *No one came away feeling they had been hit on the head with an 80kg speaker.*

He was, with his wife, active in Wellington's Jewish community and a member of the Wellington Hebrew congregation.

Sam Nolan (1985-2006)

Younger Old Boys will be saddened to hear of the death of **Sam Nolan** (1999-03) in August this year. Sam died tragically in a car accident just south of Levin, together with his friend. The boys were off to a Skiing Festival up in the Mountains.

Sam was an active participant in sport at the College - in his last year, a member of the highly successful Under 75A team (aka 2As) and was an instrumental part of that winning team, says coach and teacher Mark Callagher.

When Sam left the College in 2003, he began an apprenticeship as an electrician. He also continued to enjoy his outdoor interests; particularly, fishing and skiing.

With in excess of 800 people at Sam's funeral; many who had travelled from around the country, the number was testament to Sam's popularity from both former students and staff of Wellington College. Eulogies from past classmates showed Sam to be a young man, who was full of vitality, with an effervescent personality and genuine warmth. Our condolences to Sam's family, in particular to Sam's brother **Matt Nolan**, who was at Wellington College from 1997-01.

It is with regret that we mention the passing of the following Old Boys, recorded since the 2005 Lampstand was issued. Some are recent, some we have only just been advised of. We wish to extend to each family, our sympathy in their loss.

SURNAME and FORENAMES	ATTENDANCE	BORN	DIED
ALSTON, Neil Gilbert	1947-51	01/01/34	02/02/05
ARNOLD, John Frederick (Jack)	1933-35	23/04/19	05/09/06
ATKINSON, Emmanuel (Manny) Bhaired	2001-01	26/07/87	22/07/06
BARRATT-BOYES, Brian Gerald (Sir)	1937-40	13/01/24	08/03/06
BINNING, Robert Jackson (Bob)	1948-53	28/11/35	2005
BROWN, Arthur Maxwell	1948-51	14/09/35	Not advised
BURKE, Richard Gordon	1964-67	10/11/50	24/11/05
CABLE, James Verney	1922-25	24/03/08	05/2005
CARKEEK, Graham Peter	1941-42	02/02/27	26/05/05
CARLYLE, John Lawrence	1965-69	29/07/51	21/09/05
CARTER, Cyril	1934-34	18/06/19	23/07/06
COLLINS, Charles <u>Maxwell</u>	1933-38	10/08/20	17/05/06
DALLASTON, Alister Derek	1933-37	19/07/20	Not advised
du CHATEAU, Victor Henry (Dutch)	1924-28	01/08/11	26/09/05
DUNN, Graeme Lambert	1945-46	17/07/31	2005
DUSTON, Maurice (Maurie) Charles	1938-40	13/06/24	17/05/06
EDGAR, David <u>Gordon</u>	1927-31	11/12/13	27/03/06
ELLIOTT, Kenneth George	1935-38	03/03/22	19/02/06
FLEMING, Douglas Michael James	1962-67	23/09/48	06/10/05
FLUX, John Harman	1942-45	28/08/25	24/09/05
FRANCIS, John Campbell	1941-43	31/10/27	23/09/05
GALLOWAY, Ian Thomas	1933-36	25/12/19	09/2003
GEORGE, Peter Panayiotis	1947-51	02/05/33	18/02/05
GOODALL, Arthur Brian	1945-48	25/04/31	2004
GOTLIEB, Gerry	1936-38	23/05/23	20/08/06
GRANT, David Gavin Lambert	1952-56	09/02/39	03/09/05
GRAVES, Ian Ivatt	1929-32	30/01/15	13/05/03
GROCOTT, Gavin Kay	1930-30	16/01/14	2005
HARPER, Laurence Robert	1925-26	02/04/11	13/07/06
HAWTHORN, Harry Bertram (Dr)	1924-27	15/10/10	29/07/06
HODGSON, Graeme Norrie	1960-63	20/12/46	11/10/05
JAMIESON, Thomas (Tom) Laurence	1930-31	06/07/17	14/08/06
JOY, Ivan Theodore	1929-30	19/11/14	26/10/05
JULIAN, Brian Pringle	1938-41	26/01/25	15/08/06
KEETON, Peter Cecil Calthorpe	1941-45	14/01/28	16/10/05
KELTON, Herbert <u>Maxwell</u>	1937-38	01/08/22	2005
LAPSLEY, William <u>Robin</u> Rev.	1924-27	04/05/11	1992
LIVINGSTONE, Stanley Alan	1938-41	03/03/24	23/09/05
MacRAE, William Neil	1932-35	03/03/18	02/09/05
MALONE, Peter Heywood CNZM , OBE	1941-44	22/03/28	05/03/06
McARTHUR, John George	1942-46	18/06/30	30/11/05
McLEAN, Robert George Mowbray	1926-27	05/07/10	04/05/01
MILLER, Bruce Cedric	1949-51	02/06/35	25/08/06
MORPETH, Myles Johnston	1932-36	24/09/19	10/07/05
MORRIS, Philip Grant	1957-58	21/07/43	28/08/05
NOLAN, Sam	1999-03	23/10/85	05/08/06
O'DONNELL, John Brian	1931-34	19/08/18	07/08/06
OLIVER, Arthur Pleasant	1933-36	18/01/20	24/06/00
ONGLEY, Thomas Milne (Dr) MB, ChB	1929-33	05/06/15	25/09/05
PARR, William (Bill) Harold Freeman	1942-45	04/02/28	22/04/06
PASLEY, Philip Gilbert (Bill)	1928-29	19/02/15	10/08/06
PASSAU, Gordon Owen	1954-57	07/12/40	05/07/06
PATIENCE, John Balfour	1953-57	26/01/40	01/07/06
PERRETT, Norman	1933-36	06/03/20	04/07/06
POTTINGER, James Keir	1938-42	14/11/34	2005
POWELL, Frank Jeffrey	1937-40	04/09/22	28/07/06
REW, Kenneth James	1938-41	29/10/24	18/02/06
RICHARDS, Charles Napier	1929-33	09/09/15	Not advised
ROBERTS, Eric Samuel	1929-32	16/06/16	13/08/06
ROSCOE, Ivor	1942-45	26/08/28	16/04/06
ROSE, Richard John	1926-29	25/03/14	23/10/05
SCHMIDT, Eric <u>Ronald</u>	1942-45	22/08/28	Not advised
SMITH, Rex Ian	1939-39	20/07/24	11/10/05
SPARKES, Arthur Fawcett	1935-38	12/05/23	27/08/06
STEELE, Hubert John (Professor Emeritis)	1943-47	13/04/29	21/07/06
STEVENSON, (David) Bruce	1927-29	25/03/14	27/08/06
TABNER, Claude Cyril	1958-61	15/05/44	21/08/06
TAYLOR, Melvin James	1944-45	13/03/30	15/10/05
TURNER, Raymond William	1925-25	24/04/11	01/11/05
WATERS, Hugh David Charles	1935-40	28/02/22	28/08/05
WEAKE, Phillip Walter Henry	1944-48	09/03/30	09/04/04
WOODFIELD, John Eric (Jack)	1947-49	14/01/33	14/02/05
WOODWARD, John Sinclair	1947-1950	05/08/33	09/03/05
WYLDE, Kenneth Eglesfield	1939-42	16/07/25	05/10/05
YATES, Brian Joseph	1937-40	25/07/24	25/06/03



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WELLINGTON COLLEGE'S STRATEGIC BUILDING PLANS • 2007-2012



1. 2007 Upgrade the Linkway / Tower Block connection
2. 2008 New Classroom Block of 8 classrooms
Move Archives to below Firth Hall
3. 2009 Upgrade the Technology Suite
4. 2009 Move and transform a prefab into sports pavilion
5. 2010 New Memorial Hall complex
6. 2012 Move the Caretaker's house and create hard-court space

Current Buildings

- A Headmaster's House
- B Rees Thomas Science Block
- C Tower Block
- D Maths Block & Girvan Library
- E Art Block
- F Arts Centre/Brierley Theatre
Computer Suite
- G Renouf Sports Centre
- H Old Boys' Gymnasium
- I Cricket Pavilion

GREETING CARDS

Wellington College has for sale a selection of greeting cards featuring different views of the College. The cards cost \$1.00 each and include an envelope. These cards add a nice gesture for students and Old Boys who wish to use them for correspondence or just to have as a keepsake.

Cards can be ordered via the feedback form. To be added to the collection shortly will be one of the Memorial Window and an aspect of the College in the 1940's.



MEMORABILIA

The Wellington College Uniform Room stocks a selection of memorabilia including badges, pens, umbrellas and scarves. Please call the Uniform Shop on (04) 801 5069 for more details.

The WCOBA Office stocks Old Boy Ties and Lapel Pins and can be ordered via the Feedback Form.

Silver Lapel Pins \$5.00
WCOBA Tie \$25.00



THE COLLEGIAN is the eight-page monthly newsletter, mailed to current families of the College, to keep them informed of academic, sporting and cultural highlights as well as other topical news relating to Wellington College.

If you would like to receive a free copy via Emailed PDF, please complete the Feedback Form. Alternatively, you can read it on-line at www.wellington-college.school.nz (News) or subscribe by mail at \$25.00pa.

THE annual WELLINGTONIAN (180 pages) can also be ordered each year and costs \$30.00 per year.

Old Friends

Ever wondered what happened to all those people you shared your school days with? Where are they now? Register on the www.oldfriends.co.nz website and you may be able to find that team-mate, the kid you bullied or conversed with around the school. The site (free for the basic package) requires you to register, but once sorted, you can find those who have registered under Wellington College.

A number of Old Boys for whom we did not have current contact details for have surfaced via Old Friends and we welcome them back to the fold and trust you enjoy the 2006 Lampstand.

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Wellington College Video

Year 13 Student George Blundell has produced a quality film that highlights all the major sporting, cultural, and academic achievements for the year 2006. Events such as the McEvedy Shield, the Run-a-thon, Sport, Drama Productions, French/History trip and many others will all be covered. The film is three hours long and will be arranged with a title menu and easy to access chapters. Priced at \$25.00, it includes postage. Payment can be made on the enclosed feed-back form. If you would like more information, please email George at: george.wcvideo@gmail.com

WADESTOWN SCHOOL, WELLINGTON, 125th Jubilee • 17-19 November, '06

A range of events will bring together past and present pupils, staff and other interested people, to celebrate a unique history for the school.

Contact details are: Wadestown125th@hotmail.com or www.wadestown.school.nz or PO Box 1213 Wellington.

NGAIO SCHOOL CENTENARY Queen's Birthday Weekend 2008

Calling all present and former pupils, parents, staff, trustees and friends of Ngaio School! Plans are underway for celebrations to mark the school's 100th birthday to take place from Friday 30 May to Sunday 1 June 2008.

Further details will be posted on the school website in due course. www.ngaio.school.nz or Margaret Pitt, Registration Secretary at: russell-margaret@xtra.co.nz

SISTER SCHOOL CELEBRATES 125 YEARS @ WGC

Old Boys who have connections with Old Girls from **WELLINGTON GIRLS' COLLEGE** are asked to let them be aware of WGC 125th Reunion, which takes place 20-23 March 2008 (Easter Weekend). Contact WGC on 04 472 5473 or email curriel@wellington-girls.school.nz

Check List

- Complete Feedback Form.
- RSVP to WCOBA Function.
- Send us your Email Address.
- Update your contact details as soon as you move.
- Plan to attend a Reunion or get motivated and arrange one of your own.
- Keep us up-to-date on any news, achievements, memories, obituaries etc.