



THOMIANA

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members of the STC OBA,

Warm regards for the New Year.

The New Year heralds the AGM in February that brings promise of new members, fresh ideas and an infusion of energy that will drive the OBA's Calendar of Events.

I'm proud to report that the current committee worked hard and with great determination to ensure the success of all of our activities in a year that will be best remembered as the year of the Global Financial Crisis. Job losses, tighter purse strings and an overall sense of doom and gloom couldn't stop the Thomians in Melbourne. We started the year with the joint Royal-Thomian Dinner Dance and Cricket match in February and followed that up with two successful dinner dances in August and November, the Seniors' Lunch in June and the Members' Night in September. In addition, we'd also played cricket and feasted on hoppers with the Bendigo Thomians in April, celebrated the Feast of the Transfiguration in August and the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in December.

In planning our activities, we try to ensure that we have something for everybody. An association such as ours, however, is only as good as the sum of its members. We have more than 300 Old Thomians on our rolls but I am convinced that there are just as many who are not not. It is imperative that we make an effort to grow and that new members are brought in to the association. I challenge our members to spread the word and invite new members to sign-up. That will be my focus in the year to come.

Esto Perpetua

*Chris Varney
President*

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EDITORIAL

Oi! Oi! Oi!

Aussie! Aussie! Aussie! ... the Fanatics' battle cry that rouses the crowd at any Australian gathering and the ready raucous response may not flatter Australia's vocal traditions but it is a ready reflection of this young nation's psyche and identity.

Its a fair bet that this simple but rousing battle cry would have been repeated loud and clear at the Cricket, at the Tennis and at countless BBQs across the country on Australia Day.

Australia Day is a glorious celebration of a shared identity that has many lessons for Sri Lankans home and away. Whilst Australia celebrated as one on the 26th of January, an exercise in democracy threatened to split Sri Lanka in two. Even as Australians seem to revel in a lowest common denominator approach to identity, Sri Lankans seem to search for markers that differentiate.

Here in Australia, how many of us brown Sri Lankans have flinched at being called a Black? Or an Indian? We can they tell the difference, can't they?

Whilst these may seem derogatory remarks at one level, they are also a reflection of how little thought the average 'White' Australian gives to the matter of identity. The typical White Australian is often a blended product of English, Irish, Italian, Portuguese, Greek and even Aboriginal gene pools. If ignorance is the Australian excuse, what is ours? We Sri Lankans go to great pains to carve out distinct ethnic identities often conjured up by creative historians and visionless politicians. The Sri Lankan gene pool, however, must tell its own story of veddahs and missionaries, invaders and traders, all contributing to a chutney that is the real Sri Lanka. Oblivious to our composition, we fight, argue, elect, destroy, march and wave placards. To what end? What glorious past are we trying to hang on to? The two main contenders for the Sri Lankan presidency have each claimed credit for

uniting the country and yet that nation seems more divided than it has ever been. Not only is that evident in Sri Lanka, it is also apparently true of Sri Lankans in Australia.

At a recent hopper night in Mount Waverley, the 'Hopper Aunty' remarked to the young lady running the show that she'd never seen all the Sri Lankan ethnic groups enjoy themselves as they did that night. You'd think the Hopper Aunty would have seen her fair share of Sri Lankan parties in Melbourne and yet she was so "taken up" by what she saw that she charged a \$100 less for her scrumptious hoppers. Clearly, she hadn't been to many Thomian events in Melbourne.

At STC, we were Thomians first and foremost. Our Thomian identity was forged by values that were drummed into us at every opportunity through immersion, coercion, persuasion and indoctrination. Irrespective of ethnic or religious labels, we learned to play together, pray together, study together and get into trouble together. We were inculcated from Form One onwards and the school really made it difficult for us to behave like the rest of Sri Lanka, as is evident at almost every gathering of Old Thomians. We're told that old habits die hard... but, do they?

Sure we play cricket and fire up the BBQ on Australia Day but have we really left our baggage behind? Do we only behave like Thomians around other Thomians? Have we let go of the identity baggage that weighs us down in our other circles? There may not be much that we can do for the Sri Lankans in Sri Lanka but why can't we spread the gospel of STC amongst our friends, neighbours and colleagues in Australia?

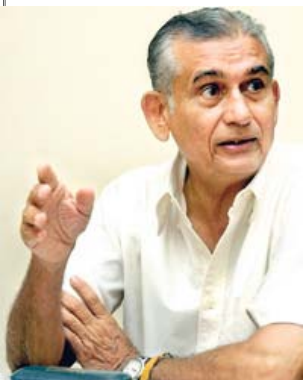
If the Thomian spirit is evident in the lives we lead, we are sure to "let the echo ring" under the Southern Cross.

Esto Perpetua

Vasee Nesiah
Editor

THOMIAN NEWS

Old Thomian appointed to MCC Cricket Committee



Old Thomian and Former Sri Lanka captain Michael Tissera, along with some other leading international cricket figures, were named as members of Marylebone Cricket Club World Cricket Committee.

Tissera (70), captained Sri Lanka before the country gained Test status and after retirement held several key positions at Sri Lanka Cricket, including Chairman, National Selection Committee and Manager of the National cricket team from 2005 to 2007.

Introducing the new panelists, the Chairman of the MCC World Cricket Committee, Tony Lewis said, "The position of the MCC's World Cricket Committee is one of absolute independence; indeed we lay claim to being the only true independent voice in world cricket, free from considerations of politics, money and race. Every decision we make is solely in the interest of cricket and cricketers."

The MCC World Cricket Committee comprises; Tony Lewis (Chairman), Michael Atherton, Mike Brearley, Geoff Boycott, Mike Gatting, Alec Stewart – all former England captains, former Test umpire David Shepherd, Martin Crowe, Tony Dodemaide, Rahul Dravid, Andy Flower, Majid Khan, Anil Kumble, Shaun Pollock, Barry Richards, Dave Richardson, Courtney Walsh, Steve Waugh and Michael Tissera.

STC Cricket ★ Fixtures



4th & 5th JANUARY - Lumbini College (Tournament) @ STC Grounds
 8th & 9th JANUARY - St.Benedict's College @ STC Grounds
 15th & 16th JANUARY - Ananda College @ STC Grounds
 22nd & 23rd JANUARY - Wesley College @ Wesley Grounds
 29th & 30th JANUARY - St. Joseph's College @ STC Grounds

5th & 6th February - Mahanama College (Tournament) @ Tyrone Stadium
 8th & 9th February - Prince of Wales College (Tournament) @ STC Grounds
 12th & 13th February - Old Boys Match @ STC Grounds
 15th & 16th February - St.Peter's College (Tournament) @ STC Grounds
 19th & 20th February - Trinity College Kandy @ Asgiriya Stadium
 26th & 27th February - Nalanda College (Tournament) @ Nalanda Grounds

Please see pages 12 & 13 for scores, photos and results of the STC First XI's 2009/2010 Season

5th & 6th March - St. Sebastians College @ STC Grounds
 11th, 12th, 13th March - Royal College @ SSC Grounds
 20th March - Royal Thomian Limited Over Match @ SSC Grounds

In Memoriam...

Dr Uthum Herath
 Claude Gonetilleke
 Vincent Burder
 Ivor Jansz
 Vincent Burder
 Rajah Rutnam
 Rukshan Perera
 Dr Indran Selvadurai
 Capt D A Wickramasinghe



Roy-Tho 2010 Announcement for STC OBA Members

If you intend to visit Colombo for the Big Match, please contact President Chris Varney before the 13th of February to organise your tickets for the Big Match. Chris can be reached via email (president@stcobaust.org.au) or you can speak to him at the OBA's AGM on Saturday, 13th February at the Mount Waverley Youth Centre (7pm onwards)



An Appreciation of Dr Uthum Herath - Central Bank of Sri Lanka Media Release

Dr. Uthum Herat, Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka passed away on the 23/10/2009 at the age of 52 years. His death cut-off a brilliant career in the Central Bank that had commenced 27 years ago and reached its zenith when he was appointed Deputy Governor in 2009.

A product of St. Thomas's College Mount Lavinia, Dr. Herat entered the University of Jaffna to read for a degree in Mathematics and Statistics. Due to disruptions that prevailed during the late 70s, students were relocated to the University of Sri Jayawardenapura and Dr. Herat completed the first degree with flying colours obtaining a first class honours degree in Statistics. By this time he had also completed the Final Examination of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants and went on to obtain his Associate membership in 1981. Despite the possibility of obtaining lucrative employment in the private sector, Dr. Herat joined the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in 1983. Even at this early stage of his career he stood out, not only for his brilliance and analytical ability, but also for his single minded devotion to duty, his amazing language ability, his oratorical skills in English as well as Sinhala and most of all for his many sterling qualities, of which humility, integrity and generosity were only a few.

Throughout his career, Dr Herat was always the first to get to office and often the last person to leave. He would report to work as early as 6 am, when many of us had barely woken up for the day. Once in office, he would work diligently moving out of his seat only to attend meetings and would spend only a few minutes to grab a hasty lunch, before settling down to work again. His extraordinary language ability made him much sought out for editing documents, which although a boring task to many he would undertake willingly and perform it to perfection. In later years, Dr. Herat was unanimously appointed as the chairman of the Toast Masters Club in the Bank.

In the days before MS Power Point was available speaking before an audience on a technical subject was a difficult exercise for most of his colleagues. However, Dr. Herat was always able to keep his audience in any forum spell-bound with his oratorical skills probably honed through his experience as a lay preacher in the Methodist Church, of which he was an active member. Yet despite being eminently articulate, he was willing to listen to the view points of others and to forward his own views of matters mildly and modestly, without hurting the feelings of others. He would never force his views on others and was always humble enough to learn from his subordinates the background of any subject in which he was not completely familiar.

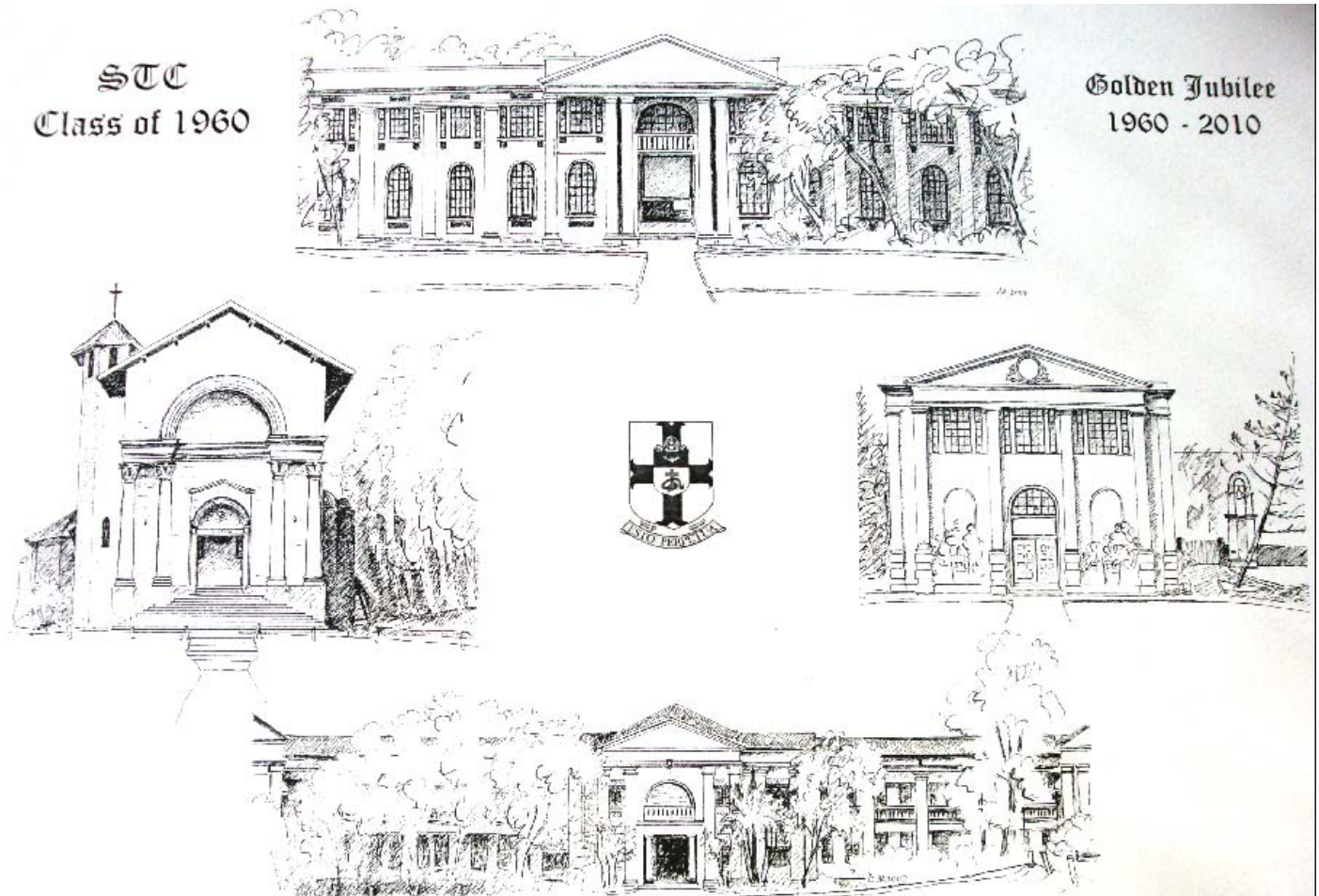
After a short spell in the Statistics Department, he proceeded for postgraduate studies and obtained his M.Sc and PhD degrees from the University of Purdue, USA where he specialized in Finance and International Finance. He was an outstanding doctoral student at Purdue University. In keeping with his commitment to his country, he focused his research on practical development problems facing Sri Lanka – seeking to understand the economy-wide impacts of large scale foreign aid projects. His work was thorough, and of the highest caliber, without being pretentious.

After his return, he served for a further period in the Statistics Department before being posted to the Economic Research Department as a Senior Economist. As Deputy Director of Economic Research in charge of monetary policy, he made a significant contribution to the Bank's monetary policy formulation and implementation by streamlining the decision making process and introducing new techniques to the conduct of monetary policy. He was the main architect of establishing Central Bank's Monetary Policy Committee, a sub-committee of the Monetary Board which continuously reviewed the monetary conditions and made appropriate recommendations to the Board for implementation. Since its establishment in early 2002, Dr Herat functioned as the Secretary to the Monetary Policy Committee. He also played a key role in the preparation of the framework for the introduction of active Open Market Operations System by the Bank. In addition, he has continuously assisted his colleagues to raise the standards of economic research in the Bank. In recognition of these outstanding contributions, Dr Herat was awarded an "Outstanding Service Award" in 2002.

He quickly rose to be Director, Economic Research, one of the most coveted positions in the Bank. His contributions to Central Bank publications were immense. He prepared a number of policy papers for the guidance of the Monetary Board and policy oriented research papers, some of which were presented at seminars both locally and abroad.

He was released to the IMF to function as the Alternate Executive Director of the Executive Board representing India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Bhutan. On his return to the Bank, he was promoted to Assistant Governor in charge of Bank Supervision, Supervision of Non-Bank Financial Institutions, Financial Systems Stability and Finance departments. He worked determinedly to strengthen financial system stability and contributed towards averting a major crisis in the financial system following the collapse of unauthorized entities. He was promoted to Deputy Governor and Chairman of the Financial System Stability Committee in May 2009 and could serve only five short-months before his young life was cut-down in its prime. Dr. Herat was also the Central Bank's representative on the board of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka and the Insurance Board of Sri Lanka and the Chairman of the Credit Information Bureau and the SAARC Payments Council.

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**Class of 1960 - Golden Jubilee - 1960 – 2010
- Michael Thiedeman**

The 2nd of January, 2010 will remain a memorable day for a group of Thomians. It was the day we celebrated the Golden Jubilee. Primarily, it related to the old boys who joined St. Thomas' College Mount Lavinia in 1960 and those who came from St. Thomas' Prep. School in 1964. The invitation to join in this celebration was also extended to those who joined college after 1960.

The day started at 8.00 am with a Service of Thanksgiving at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi Mount Lavinia. The Reverend Chrisantha Mendis led the service which was supported by the excellent church choir.

During the service I couldn't stop thinking of the beauty of the morning with old boys of other religions also attending this service. It brought back memories of our days in college and since when we didn't think of a colleague as Sinhalese, Tamil, Muslim or Burgher or Buddhist, Hindu or Christian. May it continue.

After the service, the next stop was the steps of the College Chapel for the customary group photo where strict instructions were issued to those in the front row to have their left hand over their right hand. It is fair to say we 'scrubbed up alright'.

We then had a short tour of the school, most of the time being spent near the old 'R' Forms where there was plenty of reminiscing about those who graced the hallowed walls of the 'R' Forms. It is fair to say these days, never a thought would be given to having 'R' Forms, for fear students in these 'privileged' forms would be psychologically scarred for life !!

The next stop was the Old Thomians Swimming Club for breakfast. A small group of old boys decided to take the long way instead of walking on De Saram Road and crossing College Avenue. We subsequently found out this group had both a guilty conscience and a fear the ghost from the past would catch up with them for the times when they 'obtained' various items of food (chocolate éclairs, scotch eggs, hamburgers, etc.) from 'Uncle's' Patisserie' without paying.

Class of 1960 - Golden Jubilee - 1960 – 2010 (cont...)

The breakfast menu was meant to replicate that which the borders were treated to on a Sunday for lunch all those years ago. After more reminiscing it was time to call a halt to the morning's proceedings.

The celebration continued in the evening at the Waters Edge Golf Club, Battaramulla. About seventy old boys and their partners dressed in their finest graced this great occasion.

Arun Dias Bandaranaike was the Master of Ceremonies, and as usual did a great job. There were some sombre moments at the beginning and a time to reflect when the names of old boys from the Class of 1960 who had passed away were read out.

Summing up the evening. The venue, service, food and entertainment was great. The camaraderie amongst the group was priceless. As expected, the digital cameras were working overtime.

To mark the occasion, a souvenir was published which contained a message from Godfrey Senaratne and an article from David Sansoni (STC OBA – Sydney Branch). The Souvenir Editor was Wimal Heenetigala, was a member of the STC OBA – Melbourne Branch.

In addition to the souvenir, each old boy was presented with a framed collage of sketches of the Chapel, Middle School block, the old Science block and the Hall, expertly done by Michael Anthonisz.

Some old boys from overseas participated in the celebrations. From 'Down Under' Anura Sirimane, Richard Roberts, Rod Grigson, Michael Thiedeman and their wives made the journey, and were glad they did.

Congratulations should go to the Golden Jubilee Organising Committee for a job well done :

Vijaya Ratnayake (Chairman), Gamini Kohona (Secretary), Michael Anthonisz (Treasurer), Wimal Heenetigala (Souvenir Editor), Abbas Esufally, Ananda Gunatilleke, Avantha Ratnayaka, Rajkumar Renganathan, Rohan De Alwis, Sarath De Abrew, Srinath Jayasinghe, Sunil di Costa, Thusitha Dias.

The Class on 1960 in 2010

EULOGY: VINCENT DAVID BURDER

(Eulogy delivered by Godfrey Senaratne on 21 Dec 2009, at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Oakleigh, Victoria, Australia).

First I wish to thank Mignon, Naomi and Sharmini for inviting me to deliver this Eulogy for my Teacher, Colleague and Friend, Vincent David Burder. It is interesting that we are gathered here to celebrate the life of a great Thomian Teacher, on the very day (December 21st) the Church calls us to keep the Feast of S.Thomas, Apostle and Martyr.

Vincent was born in Bangalore, India. After his schooling, he attended The University of Madras - and graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Degree. In 1949 he took up a teaching position at Carey Baptist College, Colombo. It was here that he first met Mignon. Mignon's father (The Rev'd. Wilmot Jayatunga, in his lineage a third-generation Baptist cleric), was the Principal of Carey College. Vincent and Mignon married in 1953. When Mignon's father died leaving a young family, Vincent became the father figure for Mignon's (five) siblings.

In 1951, Vincent joined S.Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia as a Science Teacher. This was the beginning of his major-career, for he went on to give 26 years of dedicated, valuable service to S.Thomas' College - At STC, Vincent held various responsible positions: His main areas of teaching were Botany and Chemistry. For 10 years he was House Master of Winchester House, which was the College- Boarding-House for Boys of age range 6 to 9 years. This responsibility was shared by Mignon (who was also a Teacher at STC) - as House Matron. The small boys were looked after and disciplined in the most kindly manner. He taught the boys to play and love sport: More importantly he inculcated a spirit of sportsmanship - by directing, supervising and judging their sports, as umpire or referee. He continued the tradition set by his predecessor, - whereby sports and other competitions within Winchester-House, were pitched between 'Army' (those who occupied the east-side beds in the dormitory) and 'Navy' (those who occupied the west-side or Indian Ocean side beds).

As Senior Science Master and later as Head Master of the Upper School, Vincent discharged his responsibilities with effectiveness, zeal and fairness. He was not feared by his students. He earned the respect of his students and colleagues. Vincent was Master-in-Charge ('Company Commander') of the Senior Cadets, and he held the rank of 'Captain'. (I remember him on a College Prize Day, how he stood erect and smart in his 'Army Uniform', when he invited the Chief Guest, the Prime-Minister, The Hon. Dudley Senanayake, to inspect the Guard-of-Honour by the College Cadet platoon). Vincent was also Master-in-Charge of Rifle-Shooting and of Tennis.

As President of the Staff-Club, Vincent initiated and managed a 'Gratuity-Scheme' for staff-members leaving after long years of service to STC. After leaving STC, Vincent took up a Teaching Position in Imade Secondary College - in Nigeria, where he served for 8 years. Vincent and Mignon migrated to Australia in 1986, to join Mignon's sisters Shirley and Lucille.

My knowledge of Vincent started in 1951, the Centenary Year - I remember him as a young member of staff at STC residing at 'Thalassa' - the big house (on the STC campus) which also contained the Warden's Office. I was then an 8 year old student in Winchester House in the care of Rev'd. and Mrs. Barnabas. I moved through the Junior and Senior Dorms and later I came back to STC as Teacher and Boarding House Master. It finally worked out that Vincent (and Mignon) and myself as student or teacher, became part of the STC campus - community for over 2 decades.

Vincent was a highly disciplined man. He was a gentle person - a true gentleman. He stood straight and stood tall. He always showed sartorial elegance. It was the stuff of his military cadet leadership. He was always kind, well-mannered and soft-spoken.

He was a very hospitable person. He displayed 'a touch-of-class' in what he served and in how he served - Just ask any friend who has been served 'cocktails' by him! He was an avid reader and a fine conversationalist - religion and politics were his favourite topics. He also liked to travel and to watch sports. He liked the songs of Nat 'King' Cole. Vincent was a great husband to Mignon- a relationship that can accurately be described as a long and intense 'love-affair'; a father who wisely guided and lovingly provided for his daughters Naomi and Sharmini, a good father-in-law to Eugene and Ananda and the most fabulous and loving grand-father to Ashan and Shehan. Vincent was a valued member of his extended-family.

To my family and me, he was a constant and true friend. Now that his course on earth is ended, I can see in my mind's eye, Vincent, the true-gentleman, immaculately dressed, tall and standing erect, fronting up to the 'pearly-gates', and gently requesting of S.Peter (with a 'cadeting- undertone'), 'Could I come in, SIR?'

Vincent, our Teacher and Dear Friend, May flights of Angels lead you on your way to paradise and heaven's eternal day. May S. Thomas and S. Mary and all Saints and Martyrs greet you at heaven's gate as you behold the face of Christ and attain your eternal-reward.

Vincent, Dear Friend, May you Rest-in-Peace in Christ and Rise in Glory.

OUTBACK NITE

The heavy downpour of rain did not dampen the enthusiasm of many who attended the Thomian Outback night held on Saturday the 28th November 2009 at the Hungarian Community Centre in Wantirna, Victoria.

The music by Rendezvous was very well put together and entertaining so much so that I could not stop dancing with my beautiful fiancée Joan Hamilton.

There were generous prizes awarded on the night, and if there was ever a prize for the best socialite of the night it would have gone to Nilani Perera because she was seen greeting everyone and making everyone feel at ease. Arasu Saravanamuttu would have been my choice for the most loyal Thomian on the night, seen sporting an elegant Thomian tie.

The dinner from Aus-Ceylon caterers was excellent with a sumptuous spread of food to cater for all those who attended.

I enjoyed myself immensely catching up with old friends and making new ones.

As an interstate member of the STCOBA, I congratulate everyone for an enjoyable evening and in particular every Thomian on the STCOBA Committee for their commendable efforts in organizing such a fantastic event.

Esto Perpetua.

Maxwell Gerlach
STC Preparatory School (1957 to 1962)
STC Mt Lavinia (Miller-Chapman A 1963-1964, Miller-Chapman B 1964 to 1966, Buck House 1967-1969)



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STC OBA FESTIVAL OF CAROLS & NINE LESSONS - 12TH DEC 2009

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An Appreciation of Dr Uthum Herath (cont... From page 4)

Humility was one of his greatest virtues. He sought no special treatment or favors on account of his designation. No task was too menial for him to undertake and as Deputy Governor, he even did his own photocopying!. He was always thoughtful and considerate, going out of his way to help others in need. One of the thoughtful acts he performed very early in his career was to prepare a list of personal items to be taken by those proceeding for post-graduate studies which would help those suffering from home-sickness to assuage their pain.

Dr. Herat's generosity was without bounds, though perhaps not so well known as he always insisted on anonymity when extending financial support. When there was any list to support someone suffering from ill-health or experiencing financial difficulties, Dr. Herat's contribution was usually ten times those of others. Often when he was abroad, he would request visiting friends from Sri Lanka to carry a cheque back for some worthy cause. He would buy presents for his colleague's children even if he had not met them at all.

Dr. Herat's loss will be deeply felt in the Central Bank particularly at a time when the financial sector needs to be strengthened to meet greater challenges and to play a catalytic role in the development of a vibrant economy. For his colleagues, friends and family who in the last few days of his life desperately attempted to do all they could to save his life, including religious observances and meritorious activities, the grief will be unbearable. The only consolation is that Dr. Herat contributed more to the Central Bank and his country, touched more lives and helped more people than any of us could do in the biblical time span of two score years and ten. As was said of Sir Thomas More, Dr. Herat was also truly a "Man for all Seasons".

May his soul rest in peace.

Central Bank of Sri Lanka



COACH BARNEY

- Milinda Hettiarachchi

(This article is extracted from an email that Milinda sent a few friends after he'd met Barney Reid at the Palm Beach Hotel Lounge in Mt Lavinia)

It was a privilege meeting the icon and to go thro' some of his highlights at STC . His entry to cricket has been a sheer fluke as he put it forward . He was a National TT player and it was not a sport at College . His activity chart had been blank which was considered poor ! Head Master Brookie had told him to stop playing that ladies TT game and requested him to play cricket like his illustrious brothers CE , RJ and BG . With a view to get his activity card ticked only , he had met Mr Orville Abeynaike the 2nd X1 coach . Barney never dreamt even to play for our 2nd X1, as he only wanted his activity card ticked . Mr Abeynaike considering the talent of his other three brothers, had given him to bowl . Barney had held the leather ball for the 1st time in his life to bowl , at the nets . As he seemed good , Barney was selected to play for the 2nd X1 against St Marys Dehiwela 1st X1 , ahead of some other seniors . After a few overs , he was given to bowl , with almost the new ball . He had got 5 wkts vs St Marys and followed it up with another good matchbag in the next game . Mr Abeynaike was made the 1st X1 coach and Barney was called to the 1st X1 squad . Barney had not played under 12 / 14 or 16 cricket . He had asked his 3rd brother Buddy , how to bowl with variation at the 1st X1 level . What Buddy told him had been Greek to him as a new comer . The rest is history from then on .

Barney was selected for the 1st X1 to play against Zahira in Maradana - Term 3 of 1962 , his first game . He had got a few wickets and had been impressive . The next game was at STC where he ran thro' St Sebastians all out 9 in 25 mts , Barney 8 for 2 . This is the freshers record at STC Mount Big Club grounds , probably never to be beaten . In the next game he got 8 for 9 vs Prince of Wales . A star was in the making as we witnessed as Lower school boys . He had many super matchbags in 1963 / 64 and 65 . His 50 vs Nalanda was touched upon by me , which surprised him . He could not believe that some still remembered it as he missed more than striking the ball ! His outstretched front foot saved the day in that innings many times and he agreed with me . Barney had been later selected to play for Ceylon vs India , after leaving College . As we had no Test status , India had played with a different name , though with the full squad . Barney had got a few wkts . The visit of Brian Close of MCC fame to STC and the exhibition batting at lunch time was touched upon by me . How Barney bowled him with a beauty was the topic of the day that noon and the batsman acknowledged it with a bow and the bat raised as I still recall . Brian lifted a few massive sixers but played Barney with caution as I remember . On his return to England , Brian had listed Barney as another Sobers in the making , as Barney had a super variety in his bowling ability . Barney as the opening bat in 1965 with Balasingham did draw a few good sighs and compliments . As an opener he was bowled first ball in the first game and he did agree with me . Barney looks quite young for his age !

Meeting the icon and talking about the old days was a privilege . He was surprised that some of us still recall his performances . Barney will be back in January to coach our boys . He was very optimistic about our squad . As he was found out by sheer coincidence , be known that Barney is discovering new talent and abilities in our squad as I gathered . You will get to know it in the 1st Term as the maestro is at work . He was thankful to Mr Abeynaike and Head Master Brookie for their esteemed assistance . No surprise that STC produces many icons on and off the field " cometh the hour - cometh the man."

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FROM STUDENT TO PROFESSOR - Professor Paul Rohan Mather

By Arasu Saravanamuttu.

Paul Rohan Mather now domiciled in Melbourne was educated at STC Mt Lavinia from 1963 to 1974. Paul was a boarder in Copleston- Cloughton and his leadership skills were noticed at a young age by his dormitory masters whereby he was given the mantle of being appointed a House Prefect and subsequently rose to the office of a School Prefect. He was a keen and interested sportsman in many of the disciplines that were on offer while being a boarder. His sporting achievements were Captain of Swimming, Vice – Captain of Basket-ball, Water-Polo and was awarded college colours in Rugby, Swimming, Water Polo and Basket-ball.

Paul mentioned to me the most lasting memories in the boarding house was that he was able to make friends with so many colleagues who came from different back grounds. Other interesting episodes as a boarder was scooting from the boarding for sea swims and attending 9.30pm shows at the Odeon. He also has less pleasant memories of regularly being caned by “Pol Weera” C.S. Weerasinghe Head- Master in the middle school. Teachers who had an impact during his school days were the Cadet Master, Mr Mandawela whom he felt was tough and a fair individual. The other was a young boarding house master, Revd. (now Bishop) Duleep Chickera who reached out to him and made him view Christianity in a very different light. He is of the view that Duleep would have been a very capable individual to have been the Warden of the College. The most important lesson that Paul has learnt from STC is that you never give up when the chips are down, but you raise yourself to greater heights with determination and courage.

Since leaving College Paul has been studying in the field of accounting. His professional qualifications are MA in Accounting and Finance (awarded with distinction), University of Lancaster, PhD in Accounting and Finance Monash University, FCA (England and Wales), FCPA.

Prior to becoming an academic, Paul trained and qualified as a chartered accountant with Ernst and Young in London and subsequently spent eight years with Price waterhouse Coopers in London and West Africa including 18 months as a general practice partner in West Africa. At this stage he became increasingly involved in corporate finance and other special projects in London and moved as a Senior Manager to the Corporate Finance Division of Pricewaterhouse Coopers in Melbourne. During this period he was involved in projects relating to mergers and acquisitions, due diligence reviews and business valuations. Over the years he has also been seconded to industry on several occasions.

At present Paul is a Professor in the school of accounting at Latrobe University in Melbourne and a Director of the School’s PhD program. Prior to this appointment he was Associate Dean (Research degrees) in the Faculty of Business and Economics and an Associate Professor at Monash University, Melbourne. He has held visiting appointments at the London School of Economics and the University of Liverpool Management School. He also teaches undergraduate and postgraduate financial accounting and analysis as well as financial accounting theory subjects and has been awarded a Dean’s commendation for teaching excellence at Monash University. He is also a member of the CPA Australia’s divisional Board Corporate Committee.

Another specialised area in accounting in which Paul is involved would be research. His knowledge is focussed on debt contracting processes, the role of corporate governance in mitigating agency problems, behavioural in accounting as well as the earnings and impression management of financial information. Current research projects include, technical default in private debt markets, the economic circumstances surrounding the use of covenants in private debt contracts and the impact of corporate governance mechanisms on the quality of managements earnings forecasts. Paul has also authored or co-authored papers in refereed journals such as Abacus, Accounting and business research, Accounting, Auditing and Accountability Journal, Accounting and Finance and the British Journal of Management. He has also won best paper awards for publication in the Accounting Research Journal and JASSA, the journal of the Securities Institute of Australia.

Paul is married to Dineli (also an academic) and has two children Tanya and Sebastian. The latter a keen cricketer and an opening batsman, who has benefited from the Barney Reid school of coaching. His other interests are keeping fit and coaching rugby. A level 2 accredited ARU coach has been coaching the Harlequin Rugby club for 12 years and also coached the Victorian Junior State teams for several years. Also visited his “Alma Mater” in 2004 and conducted a 3 day workshop for the college rugby coaches.



Note from Arasu: I would like to thank Paul for helping me with information for this article. I congratulate you on your academic achievements.

STC Cricket ★ 2009/2010



5th & 16th January 2010 - STC Vs Ananda College at STC Grounds

STC 1st Innings 189 all out
Kavinda Perera 25, Brayana Darmasena 21,
Nuwan Kavinda 36, Ashen Fernando 41

Ananda College 1st Innings 238 all out
Dinesh Walpita 2/8, Chamod Pathirana 5/50

STC 2nd Innings 52/6

8th & 9th January 2010 - STC Vs St. Benedict's College at STC Grounds

SBC 1st Innings 237 all out
Chamodh Pathirana 2/53, Dinesh Walpita 3/55,
Neomal Wickremasekera 2/28

STC 1st Innings 160 all out
Kavinda Perera 20, Ashen Fernando 24, Nuwan Kavinda 55,
Dinesh Walpita 31

SBC 2nd Innings 168/6 declared
Dinith Dolapilla 3/27

STC 2nd Innings 77/2
Nuwan Kavinda 46 run out

4th & 5th January 2010 - STC Vs Lumhini College played at STC Grounds

Lumbini College 1st Innings - 200 all out
Neomal Wickremasekera 4/36, Umesh Fernando 3/22

STC 1st Innings - 207 all out
Sachin Peiris 64, Chamodh Pathirana 61

Lumbini College 2nd Innings - 119/9
Neomal Wickremasekera 4/33, Umesh Fernando 3/26

6th & 7th November 2009 - STC Vs Dharmaraja College - Kandy, played at the STC Big Club Grounds

STC 1st Innings - 186 all out
Lalindra Pieris - 43, Nuwan Kavinda - 42,
Dinesh Walpita - 27

Dharmaraja College 1st Innings 30/2 (at the end of 1st day)
Chamodh Pathirana - 2/6

* 2nd day's play - cancelled due to rain

29th & 30th October 2009 - STC Vs Isipathana College, Colombo played at Colts Grounds

STC 1st Innings - 87 all out
Lalindra Periris - 37

Isipathana College 1st Innings - 110 all out
Neomal Wickremasekera - 3/10,
Madushan Ravichandra Kumar - 2/30,
Chamodh Pathirana - 2/19

STC 2nd Innings - 148/8
Dinesh Walpita - 53 not out, Chamodh Pathirana - 36,
Lalindra Periris - 27

23rd & 24th October 2009 - STC Vs Richmand College, Galle played at STC Grounds

STC 1st Innings - 305/6 Dec
Ashen Fernando - 83,
Nuwan Darshana Kavinda - 121,
Chamodh Pathirana - 58 (not out)

Richmand College 1st Innings - 99 all out
Chamodh Pathirana - 4/27, Janith de Silva - 3/12

Richmand College 2nd Innings - 111 all out
Madushan Ravichandrakumar - 7/29

STC won by Innings and 95 runs



STC Cricket ★ 2009/2010

12th & 13th October 2009 - STC Vs Thurstan College
played at Thurstan Grounds, Colombo

STC 1st Innings - 163 all out
Ashen Fernando - 62, Chamodh Pathirana - 33

Thurstan College - 276 all out
Madushan Ravichandrakumar - 3/53

STC 2nd Innings - 193/7
Ashen Fernando - 43, Lalindra Periris - 54,
Chamodh Pathirana - 43

9th & 10th October 2009 - STC Vs Joseph Vaz College
(Tournament Match) played at Albert Peiris Stadium
Wennappuwa

STC 1st Innings - 250/9 dec.
Anuja Fernando - 81, Chamodh Pathirana - 33

Joseph Vaz 1st Innings - 95 all out
Madushan Ravichandrakumar - 5/14

Joseph Vaz 2nd Innings - 197 all out
Madushan Ravichandrakumar - 5/45,
Nuwan Darshana Kavinda - 4/28

STC 2nd Innings - 43/4

STC won by 6 wickets



25th & 26th September 2009 - STC Vs Dharmapala College
(Tournament Match) played at STC Grounds

Dharmapala 1st Innings - 146 all out.
Neomal Wickremasekera - 4 for 31,
Madushan Ravichandra Kumar - 2 for 49

S.Thomas' College 1st Innings - 275 for 3 Declared
Nuwan Dharshana - 116 N.O., Anuja Fernando - 69 N.O.,
Kavindu Perera - 47, Ashen Fernando - 22

Dharmapala 2nd Innings - 179 for 7 at Close
Chamod Pathirana - 3 for 31,
Neomal Wickremasekera - 2 for 46

18th & 19th September 2009 - STC Vs D.S. Senanayake College
played at STC Grounds
(1st day - washed out due to rain)

2nd day STC - 189 all out
Nuwan Dharshana - 91, Ashen Fernando - 48

D.S.Senanayake - 77 for 3 at close
Chamod Pathirana - 2 for 15

11th & 12th September 2009 - STC Vs Mahinda College
at STC Grounds.

STC 1st Innings - 203 for 8 Declared.
Dinesh Walpita - 51, Sachin peiris - 37,
Nuwan Dharshana - 32

Mahinda 157 -all out
Neomal Wickremasekera - 5 for 32

STC 2nd Innings - 88 for 4 at close
Ashen Fernando - 37, Nuwan Dharshana - 31

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Warden and the gardener -mistaken identity

My Days at S.T.C (Episode 3)

By Quentin Israel

Within a year of joining S. Thomas', the Warden, C.H. Davidson asked me whether I would like to be a House Master in the boarding, as Lassie Abeywardena would be leaving and a vacancy would arise. Even though I was in my first year in College, he offered this post to me probably because I had been in the Trinity boarding, a prefect and had good references from the Principal, N.S. Walter and the Vice Principal, G.Y. Sahayam who taught me mathematics and Major Gordon Burrows, who was my choir master. I was also an Anglican. I was also involved in rucker at that time at Havelocks and the Warden had indicated that he required my services to help the college in rucker.

I informed him that I lived in Station Road, Dehiwela, just a five minutes bus ride to S.T.C. In any case, I continued, I would seek the permission of my father, which I subsequently obtained.

I thus, became House Master of Miller/Chapman and within the next few years, I was also appointed Senior Boarding House Master in charge of Copleston / Claughton as well. The boarding was the life of the school and the rivalry between Miller/Chapman and Copleston / Claughton was very fierce, particularly in the field of rugby, when players went at each other with animal ferocity, resulting in many injuries. Wardens Canon R.S. de Saram, Mr. C.H. Davidson and Mr. S.J. Anandanayagam have always forcefully stated that the spirit of S. Thomas' came from the boarding. The boarding at that time was full and vibrant, but alas, it is no more. Most of the college cricketers, rucker players and athletes came from the boarding, while the entire hockey team came from Miller and Copleston.

Class examinations for the second term and then for the end of the year went on till the last day of that term. This necessitated the staff having to wait for a few days into the holidays in order to correct answer scripts, attend staff meetings and write out reports, with attendant remarks etc.

It so happened that on such an occasion while I was correcting answer scripts in my quarters from where I could see the main gate, college drive, the quadrangle and many school buildings, a large Chevrolet drove down the main drive. The school was deserted but for a gardener of Burgher descent, who was dressed in khaki shorts and a large khaki shirt with a torn pocket. On his head he wore an old broad brimmed green felt hat, associated with the Founder of Scouting, Lord Baden Powell. I must mention here that the Warden took a great interest in the beauty of the compound, and apart from occasionally attending to flowers in the absence of the gardener during the vacation, he would even pick up little bits of paper lying on the quadrangle lawn and stuff them into his pockets.

I got off my chair and walked to the parapet like wall under the open arch of my living room, which gave me a good view of the proceedings below. It was a large open car with the hood drawn down. A fair, lean boy was behind the steering wheel. He saw the gardener and tooted his horn and the gardener responded by looking back after the third toot, which was prolonged. Having caught the attention of the gardener, the boy beckoned him to come to the car. The gardener, not sure whether the boy referred to him, quizzically pointed his index finger to himself and the boy nodded in affirmation. The gardener obediently left his little garden implements and meekly complied.

The driver then addressed him "Hey Gardener, could you tell me where I could meet the Head of this College?" "Yes, of course," he replied. He then pointed to Thalassa, a building which housed the Accounts Office and the Warden's office, and said - "There it is. I am afraid you will not be able to drive direct from here. You will have to drive back through the gates through which you came, drive left, turn left at the first road intersection and again left and you will come to that ground you see over there and that is the office," he said, pointing to the building again. He then continued, "The person you wish to see should be there within 15 minutes. Please wait for him." The gardener then turned and proceeded towards a small gate leading towards another building.

He was about to disappear from sight when the boy called him back - "Hey gardener! please come back." The gardener obliged and returned to the car. The boy reached for his wallet in his hip pocket, pulled out a note and with a smile, said "I'm terribly sorry, I forgot to thank you and give you this." The gardener blushed and said with perfect diction "Thank you very much, it is kind of you but that will not be necessary." He then turned around and walked off again.

The boy drove to the office and asked Lassie Abeywardena, the College Bursar where the Warden's office was. He was shown the room, sat down and patiently awaited the Warden's arrival.


He did not have to wait long for soon the Warden arrived, said "Good Morning" to the boy and took his seat at the Warden's table. The boy was speechless for some time and then in his American accent proffered a profound apology when he realised the gardener, who had changed his attire, was in fact the Warden.

The Warden politely brushed it aside as a matter of no consequence and asked him - "Now what can I do for you?" He replied, "My name is Cooper, I am an American and my father is here on an UN assignment. I have heard so much about this school and I wish to be enrolled here as a student." The Warden pressed the button under his large table and Mr. Ferdinends stood before him. The Warden told Mr. Ferdinends - "This boy is joining S.T.C. Please enroll him and let him know what is required."

The boy was a good student and also represented the college in under 17 rugby and basketball.

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