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**WCOBA COCKTAIL
PARTY**

*in conjunction with
the
Quadrangular
Tournament.*

**Wednesday, 30 July
@ 5.30pm**

**Wellington College's
Brierley Theatre
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**QUADRANGULAR
TOURNAMENT**
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THE LAMPSTAND

THE ANNUAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE WELLINGTON COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

ONZ FOR OLD BOY

In the Queen's Birthday Honours, announced earlier this month, Old Boy **Dr William Pickering** KBE (1924-1927) joined the elite list of members of the Order of New Zealand as an Honorary Member.

Dr Pickering joins another esteemed Wellington College Old Boy, **Ken Douglas**, and surely Wellington College must be the only college in New Zealand to have two members. Only 20 people are admitted to the Order of New Zealand at any time.

Dr Pickering becomes an Honorary Member because he is now an American citizen. He moved to the United States in 1929, eventually becoming responsible for the United States' first satellite, and leading its unmanned deep space research as Director from 1954 till 1976 at California's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Under Dr Pickering's leadership, the laboratory helped develop ballistic missiles with the capacity to deliver nuclear warheads around the Globe. He has received many international awards for his work, including an Honorary Knighthood. He was in New Zealand in March this year to unveil a monument in Havelock, near Blenheim, in his honour, and that of another atomic physicist Lord Rutherford, and to receive an honorary doctorate from Canterbury University.

Readers of the 2002 *Lampstand* will recall the front page article on Dr Pickering, when he visited the College to open the newly refurbished Gifford Observatory.

You may recall the front page item in the 2000 *Lampstand* on **Ken Douglas** (1949-1953), a Past President of the New Zealand Council of Trade Unions (CTU), who

was awarded the New Zealand Order of New Zealand in 1999.

Ken made an outstanding contribution to the trade union movement in New Zealand and is widely respected internationally.

The award was in recognition of Ken's invaluable services rendered to the CTU and trade unions over the last decade and a half.

Mr Douglas's union career began in his twenties when he became firstly president, and then secretary of the Wellington Drivers' Union in 1963. He held this position until 1979 when he was elected to the post of secretary of the Federation of Labour, then the central organisation of private sector unions. In 1988 the Federation of Labour merged with state sector unions to form the CTU and he was unchallenged for the position of foundation president. Ken was elected to the Porirua City Council in 1996.

Ken has come a long way from his days as a pupil of the College; when he was a member of the 1B Rugby Team, the 2nd Hockey XI that won the Wellington 4th Grade Championships, the winning Intercollegiate Senior Cross Country Teams' race, and the winner of the senior mile handicap race.



Dr William Pickering - Honorary Doctorate of Engineering & ONZ
Photo by Duncan Shaw-Brown, C&D



Ken Douglas at his 1999 Investiture with another Old Boy, Sir Michael Hardie Boys

2002 saw another successful Cocktail Party, held in October, in Firth Hall for around 100 Old Boys, staff (past and present), and partners.

The 2003 Cocktail Party takes place a few months earlier this year - on Wednesday, 30 July, to coincide with the Quadrangular Tournament, hosted by Wellington College. The Executive Committee thought this was an excellent opportunity to bring Old Boys together for two occasions at the one time.

An invitation to this event is enclosed with your Lampstand and we hope that if you are living locally or happen to be in Wellington at this time, you take the opportunity to attend both the Quadrangular Tournament and of course, the Cocktail Party. Ring around a few of your fellow classmates and see if you can attend as a group.

Please make sure you send your **RSVP** in by **Monday 21 July** and an entry ticket will be sent to you to confirm your acceptance. The cost is \$10.00 per person and a subsidised cash bar will be operating with complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Partners are also invited to attend this function.

Details regarding the Cocktail Party and events planned for Quadrangular Tournament can be obtained from the **WCOBA Secretary - Stephanie Kane**, Telephone (04) 802 2537 or email: oldboys@wellington-college.school.nz.

WCOBA ANNUAL COCKTAIL PARTY



OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Wellington College Old Boys' Association for the 2002/2003 year:

• Lampstand Publication

The main communication with Old Boys was mailed to members in September 2002. It provided a fascinating selection of items reflecting the activities of Old Boys. Many recipients of *The Lampstand* have expressed appreciation to the Editor, Stephanie Kane, who is also Secretary of the Association, for the quality of the publication.

• Prefects' Honours Boards Plaques

Work is now in progress to upgrade these Boards and have them rehung on the walls of Firth Hall. We anticipate that the work will be completed prior to the Quadrangular Tournament in late July. The restoration of these Boards is an important element in preserving archival material of the College and particular thanks are due to Mrs Paddianne Neely, the College Archivist, for her help with this project.

• Social Function

On 18 October last, the Annual Cocktail Party was held in Firth Hall and an enjoyable evening was highlighted by an address from the Headmaster, Mr Roger Moses.

• Assistance to the College

The Association was pleased to be able to offer financial support to the College in a number of ways. We agreed to a request from the Board of Trustees for an interest-free loan of \$60,000 to be sourced from the Centennial Trust, to facilitate the building of a mezzanine floor for the new Library at the College. The Board anticipates being able to repay this advance within two years.

We were also pleased to be able to make a grant to ensure the continuation of the tradition whereby members of the 1st XV were able to be supplied with the jersey worn only for the traditional rugby fixtures. In this, a year in which Wellington College hosts the quadrangular tournament, it seemed appropriate to ensure that the "traditional jerseys" should be maintained. The parents/caregivers and boys in the 1st XV are themselves required to raise over \$15,000 for the playing schedule, travel and gear for a playing season.

The Trustees of the Centennial Trust were again pleased to agree to subsidise each of the most prestigious academic awards made by the College. \$3,910 was sourced from the Trust in 2002 for that purpose.

• Entry into Wellington College

In his address to the Senior Prizegiving in December, the Headmaster again drew attention to the fact that sons of Old Boys are no longer given right of entry to the College. Old Boys might like to reflect on this situation and for that purpose I quote from the Headmaster's address:

It would be regrettable indeed if Wellington College with its deep roots

and worthy traditions should be allowed to develop into just another zoned school. All predictions made three years ago when the Education Act was changed are now coming to fruition. Our zone is becoming more exclusive. 'Wellington College zone' is now a much more regular feature of Real Estate advertisements. Selection for the College is becoming increasingly determined by those who can afford to purchase a property in the zone. Anecdotal stories abound of people renting in-zone and doing all they can to abide by the minimal legal requirements.



Ross Macdonald
(1952-1956)

It is a tragedy in my opinion that the sons of Old Boys are no longer given right of entry to the College. Family links are crucial in a school such as ours, and bureaucratic decisions by those who have no understanding or sympathy for the great traditional state schools of New Zealand can have extraordinarily negative consequences. Ironically, in Auckland in particular, the beneficiaries of this legislative change, have been the independent schools. Parents will do anything to provide their sons and daughters with an education which suits them temperamentally and philosophically.

• Executive Committee

We are most grateful to our Patron, Headmaster Roger Moses, for his support during the year and for the leadership he brings to the College.

My sincere thanks also go to members of the Executive Committee (Barry Jobson [Immediate Past President], Ray Arbuckle, Robert Anderson, Matthew Beattie, Konrad Kelling and Aaron Sherriff) for their contribution during the year, and to our Secretary, Stephanie Kane.

• Conclusion

Wellington College continues to be a school in which Old Boys can take pride. The level of academic attainment, the success and range of cultural and sporting activities provide wonderful opportunities for those fortunate enough to attend the College. The Old Boys' Association has made every endeavour to support the College during the past year and we look forward to continuing that tradition.

Ross Macdonald
President
26 May 2003

WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE THE OLD BOYS?

Would you like to catch up with fellow Old Boys near you? Contact one of the following Old Boys, who have set up a local branch, hopefully in your 'neighbourhood'. An excellent opportunity to meet up and reminisce - and of course, we need more photos and stories of gatherings around the country and the world.



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If you would like to be the contact point for Old Boys in your town/city/country, please contact the Secretary at oldboys@wellington-college.school.nz or fax: (04) 802 2541. We will include your details in the next issue of *The Lampstand* and in the interim, add your details to our Website.

If you wish to make contact with an Old Boy, or find out if we have a current address for any of your old classmates, please contact the Secretary. If you have a change of address, don't forget to let us know. Each year, we get a few 'gone no address' Lampstands returned to the College.

PLEASE SEND US SOME NEWS

We would like to receive updated information about what you have been doing to include in the next issue of the *Lampstand*. Blow your own trumpet and share your story with us.

2003 COMMITTEE

President: Bob Slade (1954 - 58)

Immediate Past President Ross Macdonald (1952-1956)

Secretary: Stephanie Kane

Treasurer: To be appointed

Members

Robert Anderson (1969 - 73)

Ray Arbuckle (1953 - 57)

Matthew Beattie (1970 - 72)

Barry Jobson (1953 - 57)

Konrad Kelling (1989 - 1993)

Roger Moses - Headmaster

WCOBA'S NEW PRESIDENT

At the recent WCOBA AGM, Mr R (Bob) Slade was elected President of the Executive of the WCOBA.



Bob Slade
(1954-1958)

Bob attended Wellington College from 1954-58 as a day boy, travelling from Karori each day. He was a Form Captain and was appointed as a Prefect in 1958. His favourite sports at school were rugby and athletics. Bob was in the McEvedy Shield team for his last three years at the College (half mile and mile) and held three College athletic records. He also represented the College for three years in the inter-college Cross-Country championships.

After leaving school, Bob obtained a BCom from Victoria University and became a Chartered Accountant. He has spent most of his working life in public practice as a chartered accountant including a period with Price Waterhouse in Los Angeles in 1969 and 1970, and started his own practice in Johnsonville in January 1989.

Bob has been the WCOBA Auditor for a number of years and has also had a long involvement with the Western Suburbs Rugby Football Club, including at separate times management committee, auditor and president.

Bob is married to Janet and they have four grown up children.

Bob and Janet have recently moved to live in Manakau near Otaki and have started semi retirement from accountancy work.

His current interests are following sport, particularly rugby, cricket and athletics, jogging, and with Janet, utilising with frequency their two 15-year memberships at the Westpac Stadium. Bob can be contacted at Slade & Co, 128 Johnsonville Road, Johnsonville, Wellington. Telephone (04) 477 0027 or slade.co@xtra.co.nz.

1964

Class of '64 Reunion 40 YEARS ON

Planning is underway to hold a reunion of the class of '64 in October 2004. This will be for all Old Boys in the year group who were third formers in 1960 and would normally have finished school in 1964. However it includes those of that year group who may have come to Wellington College after 1960, or left before 1964, or in a few cases left after 1964.

A steering committee is working on establishing a database of names and addresses. Old Boys of this year group are invited to register their interest as soon as possible by writing, with their current address, to John Marshall, PO Box 328, Wellington, with a cheque for \$30 payable to Wellington College Class of '64 Reunion as a contribution towards administration costs. Old Boys are also encouraged to write with names and addresses of others in the year group so we can bring this reunion to their attention.

A SLICE OF QUADRANGULAR HISTORY

History has focused on Nelson and Wellington as the main areas of early school development in rugby, with the first inter-collegiate rugby match played in the world played on 20 July 1876 beginning at 2.30pm between the two colleges at the Basin Reserve. Nelson had arrived earlier that morning travelling on the SS Phoebe, and arriving in Wellington at 8.00am after a rough crossing. The game was played in calm conditions and was divided into four half-hour spells, and was called off five minutes early when it became dark. Wellington won by two potted goals and a try, 14 - 0.

As was so often the case, a master played in the game. In Nelson's case, it was **Mr JP Firth** (weighing 16 stone), with 12 boys to support him against Wellington's XV.

The Wellington Captain, **AWG Burnes** was the first school boy to represent his province at rugby, in 1875. He was described thus... "a full grown man, tall active, powerful. he was very bald and wore a black bushy beard - Obviously "boys" stayed at school until in their 20's".

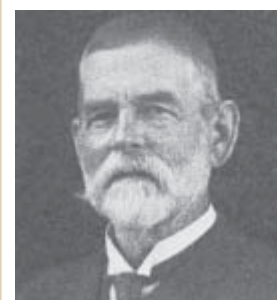
Firth's influence on rugby's development was not long in coming. He refereed the 1878 Wellington - Nelson Colleges' game

and amazed players and spectators alike when a Wellington player made a break. Firth forgot his whistle-blowing role and tackled the player to prevent a try being scored. Firth, according to the story of the time, apologised profusely and awarded a penalty to Wellington. The match was finally drawn 3 - 3. The incident did not appear to have any long-term effects on his career as he was welcomed to the staff of Wellington College in 1881. He left to go to Christ's College in 1886 in order to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree at Canterbury University and in 1892, returned to Wellington College as Headmaster. He then made sure that his school had a permanent rugby field of its own and must be considered responsible for establishing secondary school rugby in Wellington, Nelson and Christchurch.

Some of the best play in New Zealand college rugby has come from the stimulus of tournaments. Some have lapsed because of billeting difficulties, or lack of finance in hard times, or the problem of sacrificing school time. But one that has persisted in the face of all difficulties - the Quadrangular Tournament - occupies a special

place in the history of New Zealand Secondary School rugby. Christ's College began playing Wellington College in 1884, the first contest being a scoreless draw fought out on a very muddy ground at Newtown. Wanganui Collegiate voyaged to Port Nicholson in 1885 through such rough seas that their game was postponed for two days to allow them to recover, but they were still beaten by Wellington 24-0. Wanganui came again to Wellington in 1889 and in 1890, their visit coincided with the arrival of Christ's and so began the Triangular Tournament. These three teams evolved into the present Quadrangular Tournament, which began in 1925 with the addition of Nelson College. It was first intended to invite Nelson in 1890, but because of a tiff between the two schools over some criticism of Wellington's gymnastic team printed in Nelson, the Nelson team were not asked to participate for another 35 years.

The first Triangular Tournament was held at Wellington in the last week of August 1890. On the Thursday, Christ's College beat Wanganui Collegiate by a try to nil and on the Friday Wanganui beat Wellington College. On the Thursday evening, Wellington College's Headmaster



"Mr Rugby"
JP Firth, the man who introduced rugby to Wellington College

entertained the teams and on the Friday evening a ball was held. The strain of hospitality must have proved too much for the hosts for on the Saturday Christ's scored eight tries, four of them converted, and Wellington scored only one try.

There was no regular rotation of venue, in fact it was twelve years after the tournament began that it was first held in Wanganui. After that, the colleges took turn as host and a day's rest between matches was instituted.

From 1898 to 1907, Wanganui won nine consecutive games with Wellington, which would help to account for the fact that Wanganui won the Triangular Tournament eleven times, Wellington ten times and Christ's seven times. On seven occasions there was no outright winner.

In 1925 the Triangular Tournament became the Quadrangular Tournament, with Nelson College now competing in a contest where winner plays winner and loser plays loser in the final round.

The tournament of 1936 held more than usual interest. It was played in Nelson and the host team met Wellington College on the 60th anniversary of the first inter-collegiate game ever played in New Zealand. Messrs JH Harkness and H Burnett of the original Nelson team led Nelson College on to the field and **Mr JC Webb** of the original Wellington team led on the Wellington College team. Nelson beat Wellington 25-8, thereby reversing the result of the first game of 1876 won by Wellington two goals and one try to nil.

Perhaps this is the magic of secondary school Rugby: the best teams believe the aim of the game is to score more tries than the opposition.

WELLINGTON COLLEGE'S FIRST TOURNAMENT TEAM - 1890



Back: W Oldham, Mr JU Collins (Master & Referee), C Marchant, RW Wallace, Mr J Bee (Master & Coach), M Myers, F McGovern, E Duthie, CP Knight (Old Boy)
Seated: OJM Thompson (Captain), N Bodmin
Front: H Nair, A Bell, HE Wilson, S Stafford, D McDowell

1st XV • 1963 - QUADRANGULAR WINNERS

Forty years ago, the 1963 1st XV played in an extremely vigorous U20 grade and displayed high quality rugby. They were fourth in the grade and the top college team and they only had four "old caps" in the squad.

Wellington College was host of the Quadrangular Tournament and in the first match of this tournament, Nelson met Wanganui, drawing 9 all.

The match between Wellington College and Christ's College was a scrappier and less exciting match than the earlier Nelson-Wanganui encounter. Wellington's inside backs combined well and made some telling breaks and the

forwards worked tigerishly in both the loose and tight play to give Wellington the win 11-0.

In the loser's final, Nelson beat Christ's 29-3. At half-time Nelson led by only 5-0, but in the second spell they took complete command and were scoring almost at will.

The final between Wellington and Wanganui saw two very determined teams, both equally intent on victory.

The following account is based on reports appearing in *The Evening Post* and *The Dominion*: "Four fine tries by the three-quarters and a conversion gave Wellington College a convincing 14-0 win over Wanganui Collegiate in the final of

the quadrangular rugby tournament at Wellington College. Wellington's win was a splendid team effort. Its forwards conquered the powerful Wanganui pack and its backs moved with vim and purpose. Wanganui continued their good form of the first day, but although they were a good match in the forwards, their backs did not have the speed or assurance of the Wellington backline. Wellington led 5-0 at half time after a torrid, even first half. In the second half Wanganui wilted badly in the face of Wellington's sustained pressure and the home team added three more tries.

The Wellington backs relished to the full the advantage gained by their forwards. Centre three-quarter Crotty was an elusive runner but at times had handling lapses. The inside backs, Monaghan, Sayers and Heather linked well despite the efforts of the fast breaking Wanganui flankers. Fullback Waddel was rocklike on defence and directly responsible for one try. Jack's opportunities, unfortunately, were too limited, however about the only times he received the ball in favourable circumstances he scored. The scoring went as follows: centre Crotty went in for a try in the early stages, winger Naulls added one early in the second half, then 15 minutes from full time winger Jack raced in for two more magnificent tries. Fullback Waddel converted the first try".

From this successful team of 1963, all but four players are listed on our database as readers of the *Lampstand*. **Al Keown** and **Steve Letica** are missing, both sadly passing away at relatively young ages through illness. More recently, brothers **Richard** and **Graeme Ussher** have both passed away.

QUADRANGULAR 2003

Old Boys are invited to the 2003 Tournament and watch some competitive inter-college rugby.

PROGRAMME

Monday 28 July:

12.30pm

Nelson v Christ's

2.00pm

Wellington v Wanganui

Wednesday 30 July:

12.30pm

Losers Final

2.00pm

Final

3.30pm

Afternoon Tea in College

Hall for all College

supporters.

5.30pm

WCOBA Annual

Cocktail Party

Firth Hall (RSVP)

For further details regarding the Tournament Events, please contact the WCOBA Secretary, Stephanie Kane on (04) 802 2537 or email: s.kane@wellington-college.school.nz (also 1st XV Manager)



Back: M Sayers, RP Cheyne, GB Maclachlan, GH Ussher, ET Purdie
 Centre: AE Keown, RJ Ussher, JH Whitwell, GDM Jack, SL Letica, DJ de Lisle
 Seated: PR Gully, DA Lingard, DK Heather (Captain), A Clare (Coach) DA Coombe (Vice Captain), GT Naulls, BP Waddel
 Front: GH Uttley, RM Crotty, MG Monaghan

COMEBACK FOR '75 MEMBER

The 1975 Tournament final between Wellington and Wanganui was a thriller. Wanganui's hard running backs and rugged forwards made the second spell very even but good tackling led to Wellington's continued dominance. Right on full-time however, Wanganui's prop took advantage of some untidy play and scored in the corner. With a conversion from the sideline, the game was drawn six all.

One of Wellington's team members that day, was **Chris Wells** (1971-1975). Chris returned to Wellington College as Head of the PE Department in 2000 and became

assistant coach of the 1st XV under Mr Dave Murphy. With Mr Murphy's retirement, Chris became head coach in 2001. Last year the 1st XV won the Wellington Secondary Schools' Premier One competition.

Chris enters this year's tournament with as much determination to succeed and to improve on last year's third placing.

Chris is supported by assistant coach and ex-All Black, Mr John Mills who was Christ's College's 1st XV coach between 1986 - 2001. Mr Mills joined Wellington College in 2001 as Assistant Principal.



Gallant winger Chris Wells ensures his catch. (*Wellingtonian*, 1975)

"A GOODLY HERITAGE, PROUD TRADITIONS, CHERISHED MEMORIES"

Over 80 Old Boys and visitors have visited the Archives in the past year. Quite an amazing feat considering the conditions. Regrettably, current students are excluded now because of lack of space.

After the disaster of the flood in 2002, I approach the Archives in trepidation when there has been a heavy downfall. Although the roof is safely sealed, I was horrified recently to find in another area, ten boxes containing *Wellingtonians* stored on shelves of a unit, badly damaged by a seepage of water. Somehow this water had leaked through the roof, possibly an electric light fitting again. Thankfully the contents were safe due to the thick double covering of wax lined boxes. But it is a worry and \$50 replacement costs, a concern.

The necessity to have a stand-alone Archives for the College is emphasised by this serious problem. Our national treasures and 7,000 plus valuable items deserve better than a crowded, converted corridor.

At last a decision has been made to upgrade the Prefect Honours Boards and hang them in Firth Hall. We have them dating back to 1907. If you were a Prefect and have not yet contributed to this worthy cause, please send your donation to the WCOBA. The removal of these boards from the Archives will be something of a relief for me. Hopefully no more torn clothes!

Another successful Schools' Archives Conference was held in Auckland, this year at Epsom Girls' Grammar School with about 45 attending. I am grateful to the College for their help in enabling me to be there again.

The long list of Old Boys' deaths each year always upsets. Two; **W H (Bill) Dormer** (1922-25) and **E W K (Kent) Beard** (1951-54) I knew well. Bill Dormer

one of the oldest Old Boys (95 years) and his brother, **Orm Dormer**, were the two former pupils who lit the memorial candle at the Sunday Church Service at the 125th Jubilee. Their nephew and son, Mike (The Willows Cricket Club) assisted them over the whole weekend and with this task.

Kent was a friend of my cousins, the Crowe boys, and my brother, and played "cricket tests" on the front lawn of the Crowe home in Seatoun in 1940s. Being the only girl present I was allowed to field the balls hit down Falkirk Avenue. Years later, when I started work in the College Archives, Kent's brother, Denis, provided me with much memorabilia for our collections from his own and his father's (**Tommy Beard**, former pupil and staff member) saved material.

Sincere thanks to Headmaster Roger Moses for his wonderful support throughout the year. College staff, including Heather Benfield, Kelwyn D'Souza, Ted Bree, Heather Oldershaw and Angela Maude have helped too.

Ted Clayton is a real treasure! He comes each Monday to the Archives armed with newspaper articles he has found and his research skills, honed on thirty-one years of teaching here, are of enormous value. I thank him for his help and friendship.

Please keep the memorabilia coming in. It is a joy to open the letters and parcels every week. It makes the job so exciting.

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OLD BOY DEATHS

It is with regret that we mention the passing of the following Old Boys, recorded since the 2002 Lampstand was issued. Some are recent, some we only have just been notified of. We wish to extend to each family, our deepest sympathy in their loss.

WEBSTER, Ivan Jardine	b: 30/11/33	d: 25/09/02	(1948-1951)
CRAVEN, Montague Assheton	b: 01/09/17	d: 2002	(1931-1935)
ROBERTSON, Wayne Fraser	b: 24/05/51	d: 09/02	(1965-1969)
GUINIVEN, Michael John	b: 05/08/45	d: 06/09/02	(1958-1962)
GOTLIEB, Colin Campbell	b: 18/09/16	d: 17/02/87	(1933)
VINCENT, George Frederick	b: 31/03/20	d: 28/10/01	(1932-1934)
WILLS, Ronald Edward	b: 30/08/43	d: 29/01/00	(1957-1961)
TREVELYAN, Keverne Royston	b: 1939	d: 25/10/02	(Staff 1960's)
WALLS, Matthew Young (Hew)	b: 13/03/17	d: 21/10/02	(1930-1933)
BEARD, Edward Wetheral Kent	b: 17/07/36	d: 21/10/02	(1951-1954)
BAKER, Alan Glynn	b: 26/11/32	d: 01/51	(1947-1948)
<i>(Lost on Yacht ARGO in Centennial Yacht Race - January, 1951)</i>			
STURROCK, Keith Nelson (FH)	b: 07/03/42	d: 17/10/02	(1956-1960)
USSHER, Richard John Hilder (FH)	b: 29/12/45	d: 01/03/03	(1956-1960)
USSHER, Graeme Hilder (FH)	b: 20/06/47	d: ?	(1961-1964)
POTTINGER, Christopher George	b: 02/07/29	d: 07/02/03	(1942-1946)
DORMER, William Henry	b: 08/07/07	d: 20/11/02	(1922-1925)
URRY, Douglas Newton	b: 23/03/32	d: 23/02/03	(1946-1949)
HANAN, Alfred Josiah Clarke	b: 17/08/04	d: 06/04/03	(1918-1921)
SHEEHY, John Earl Stevenson	b: 03/05/45	d: 13/04/03	(1960-1964)
CHRISTIE, Ross Ernest	b: 01/03/32	d: 11/04/03	(1946-1950)
HANAN, Frank Marcus	b: 26/01/07	d: ?	(1920-1924)
SLADE, Donald Manning	b: 05/04/35	d: 05/03	(1949-1953)
JAMIESON, Timothy	b: 01/03/80	d: 01/02/02	(1993-1995)
VASAN, Kantibhai Lakha	b: 23/04/41	d: 06/06/03	(1955-1958)
BEZAR, Howard	b: 1948	d: 06/06/03	(Staff 1972)

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP? MATERIAL WANTED FOR COLLEGE ARCHIVES

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.**
- **Photographs/ snapshots:**
Days at College, pupils, staff, Old Boys.
- **Individual Photographs:**
Head Prefects, Duxes for a special collection.
- **Original Uniforms:**
School Cadets, ATC, Sea Cadets, Pipe Band.
- **Caps:**
Colours & Sports Caps, Straw Boaters, Sports Gear.
- **Medals:**
Dux Medals, Badges, Awards.
- **Book Prizes.**
- **Art work** by pupils and Old Boys.
- **Books** by Old Boy authors.
- **Musical recordings** by Old Boys.
- **School Reports, Certificates.**
- **Papers:**
Board of Governors, Headmasters, Parents' Association, College Mothers, Correspondence, Old Boys Newsletters.
- **College Crockery**
Firth House

Anything relating to the College would be of value.

**Please contact:
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THE KIWI SPACE CADET WHO BECAME A STAR



Douglas Mudgway (1928-31)

As he told students at his old college, Old Boy, **Douglas Mudgway** (1928-31) has metaphorically “been there, done that in the toughest environment of all - far beyond Earth and the sun, way out in the deep space amongst the distant planets”.

Douglas, a spry 79-year-old, played a big role under another old boy, **Sir William Pickering**, at Nasa’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory during its formative years, when it pioneered the exploration of our solar system and deep space.

One of the probes he delights in talking about is the appropriately named Pioneer 10, the most remote man-made object.

Douglas, visiting New Zealand for the past month, was manager of JPL’s deep space network when Pioneer 10 was launched from Cape Canaveral on March 2, 1972. “It’s now 7.6 billion miles from Earth, that’s 12.3b kilometres,” says Douglas.

When Pioneer 10, the first spacecraft to travel through the asteroid belt, finally ran out of fuel in February, a letter to *The Times* in London demanded: “Which fuel, and why does my car not run on it?” Douglas smiled “It wouldn’t be practical in your car, but it’s still moving away from us”.

Pioneer 10 is coasting silently, a ghost ship through deep space moving into interstellar space. “It’s going out to wander among the stars forever and is heading towards the red star Aldebaran, which forms the eye of Taurus [The Bull]”.

And it will take a while to get there. “Aldebaran is about 68 light years away and it will take Pioneer more than two million years to reach it”.

While Pioneer has clocked up the most mileage, Douglas’s personal favourite spacecraft was Galileo, which was launched from the cargo bay of the space shuttle Atlantis in 1989.

After a “long, complex journey” it finally reached Jupiter in 1995. “It was the grandest spacecraft of all,” he says. Galileo has been in orbit around the planet since 1995 exploring its atmosphere and the nature and dynamics of its satellites, especially Europa.

“It has led scientists to believe that the second most likely place to find water is beneath the surface of Europa,” says Douglas.

But Galileo is now steadily running out of “attitude control access” from the Earth and there is “a danger it might crash into Europa and contaminate the environment”.

Douglas, who joined JPL in 1962 after 15 years in guided missile research and testing at Woomera, Australia, says there has always been public interest in space exploration. “There was great interest in Viking, which went up in 1976 when President Ford wanted us to provide a space craft presence on Mars before the Russians did it. When Pathfinder - a Mars probe the size of a microwave - went up, JPL’s website had the heaviest traffic for a website ever, 536 million hits, seeking information on its progress. That’s more hits than the Atlanta Olympic Games website ever had”.

Douglas, who is the holder of Nasa’s Exceptional Service Medal for his contribution to the Viking Mission to Mars and its Exceptional Achievement Medal for his work on the Galileo mission, is now working on two “space” books.

The author of a history of the deep space network, *Uplink-Downlink*, hopes to have his book on the big three satellite dishes - situated in the desert outside Los Angeles, near Madrid and outside Canberra - out soon.

“It’s more of a human interest story about the engineers who made them work,” says Douglas. “They were brilliant people - and rather eccentric”.

After that, there’s a Pickering biography.

Douglas’s association with various spacecraft - Pathfinders, Pioneers, Vikings, Voyagers, you name ‘em - has helped bring a wealth of scientific information back to Earth.

“It has helped us understand the nature of the universe of which we are an infinitesimally small part and will eventually help us to understand the origin of life itself,” he says.

The Dominion Sunday Times, April 6, 2003

FOOTNOTE

Douglas was with Dr Pickering when he received the phone call to tell him he had been made a Member of ONZ and mentioned how thrilled he was.



Douglas takes a look at the telescope in the restored Gifford Observatory on his recent visit to the College

FIELD OF DREAMS



Wellington College Old Boys outside The Willows Pavilion
(L-R) Brian Hastings, Mac Gapes, Ken Elliott

The game of cricket originated from the farms and rural villages of England more than 300 years ago. During Labour Weekend 2002, the College's 1st XI were guests at The Willows Cricket Club, a private cricket ground in Loburn, North Canterbury. The ground is the nearest equivalent to the original setting of cricket in New Zealand.

Surrounded by tall shelter belts of pine and macrocarpa with the Southern Alps in the distance, strutting peacocks, a duck pond and cherry walk and an original cob cottage, the ground is an artist's dream. The only signs of the modern game are the enchanting pavilion with its clock and Old Father Time weather vane on the roof, balustrades of wickets and bats, the precisely placed scorer's box, immaculate playing surface, larger than the Basin Reserve and an excellent cricket wicket.

The owner of The Willows, Mike Dormer, has a strong connection with Wellington College, even though he is an Old Boy of Nelson College. His father **Orm E. Dormer** played rugby in the 1st XV in 1920, his uncle **WH (Bill) Dormer** captained the 1st XI Cricket team in 1922 and was one of our oldest Old Boys at 95 years. Sadly Bill died just before Christmas.

Three visitors to the game that day were Wellington College Old Boys. **Brian Hastings** (1953-57), NZ Cricket Representative and International Match Referee, was match manager of the game. **N Mac Gapes** (1936-41), Head Prefect, Captain 1st XV, 1st XI Cricket, McEvedy Shield team and JP Firth Scholarship winner was another distinguished visitor. Mac joined the Air Force after leaving College and after the War became Stock and Station Agent for National Mortgage. The third visitor was **Ken G Elliott** (1935-38), an A grade student, winner of the Life Saving awards and member of Maranui Life Saving Club. Ken did not play in the 1st XV while at College but went on to become an All Black, playing two tests against Australia in 1946. He won the crocodile swimming race in his last year partnered by **DF Mason**, also a future All Black (1947). Ken later became South Island manager of AMP.

One of the pleasures Headmaster Roger Moses had during his stay at The Willows, was meeting these three Old Boys in this idyllic setting. Regrettably a fourth, **Trevor Barber** (1938-41), Captain 1st XI 1941, was indisposed and was unable to take his place as one of the umpires.

One of the objectives of The Willows is "to encourage players in the secondary school 1st XI's to meet, mix and play with and against experienced players, many of whom are present and past test and first class players". Although Wellington College lost the match, there was some fine batting by Jay Newdick, Liam Crisp and Hamish Templeton.

The day was a memorable cricketing occasion for the current members of the 1st XI. It is hoped that the match may become a regular fixture every second year and thus fulfil the second objective "to offer quality cricket to cricket lovers in a country atmosphere where families may come to watch and picnic" as they did in 2002.

Paddianne W. Neely
College Archivist

A GIANT IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

When **David Howman** started at Wellington College in the third form in 1962, he was a slightly built boy besotted by sport. In the fourth form he won the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Singles Tennis titles, an outstanding performance for a 15-year-old. He won the Senior Title again in 1965, defeating long-time friend **Onny Parun**, who later went on to play the world professional tennis circuit.

For two years while at Wellington College, David was chosen for the New Zealand Linton Cup Junior Tennis Squad. He was a member of the 1st XV Rugby team and he competed at the McEvedy Shield as a middle distance runner. He was a Prefect in 1966 and a recipient of a Turnbull Scholarship in the same year.

During his career as a lawyer, David continued his interest in sport. As all major sports embraced professionalism so his star continued to rise. He was on the Board of New Zealand Tennis for over a decade and its Chairman for the last four years.

For several years he was the citing commissioner for the NZ Rugby Union. As All Black Jeff Wilson's lawyer, David was closely involved when Wilson signed with the Rugby Union in 1995. This marked the beginning of professional rugby in the form of the Super 12 and ended the fierce proposal for rebel competition. His involvement with cricket saw him act for Martin Crowe, Stephen Fleming, Nathan Astle and Craig McMillan.

During the last Olympic Games in Sydney, the Winter Games in Salt Lake City 2002 and the Commonwealth Games in Manchester, David was involved with the anti-doping committee. The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) was formed in Lausanne in 1999 and its headquarters moved to Montreal in 2001.

Recently, it was announced that David was to be the Chief Operating Officer of WADA's head office in Montreal, with a staff of 32. He will oversee WADA's research, medical testing, legal and financial work.

David Howman, sports buff of 3A Wellington College 1962, has become one of the major administrators in world sport.

David has become a Goliath.

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WELLINGTON COLLEGE SENIOR A TENNIS TEAM Winners inter-College Tournament - 1964 Played 12 - Won 12



Back: (L-R) DA Parun, JD Howman, TR Pickett, NE Parris
Front: O Parun (Captain), C Barry (Coach), J Alnek

THE OLD BOY WHO HAD HIS OWN TREASURE ISLAND

Most people have heard of Robert Louis Stevenson, the colourful author of such great adventure stories as *Treasure Island* and *Kidnapped*, who lived a romantic life in Samoa. What most people do not know is that he was the step-grandfather and legal guardian to a Wellington College Old Boy, **Austin Strong**.

Austin was born in San Francisco in 1881. His bohemian parents moved first to Hawaii and then to Vailima, Samoa to live with the Stevenson family, when Austin was nine. He attended the local missionary school and quickly became fluent in the Samoan language often acting as translator between his parents and the giant Samoan handimen around the house. He became the favourite of a Solomon Island cannibal who built him a one-string harp.

R L Stevenson tutored Austin in his lessons and taught him French. Stevenson's mother, Belle, taught him poetry. The remainder of the family were all involved with art and writing. At the age of ten, Austin announced he had written a book, which he read aloud to his delighted family. But it was the special times he spent with Stevenson that Austin loved most.

In 1892 the young Austin sailed to Monterey, California, to further his education. Stevenson jotted a poem which included the lines 'When far away pursuing your education, O' don't forget your friend of 'umble station'. Austin returned to Vailima in 1894 only to have his world shattered by the death of his beloved guardian.

The following year, aged 14, he left for New Zealand where he attended Wellington College (1895 - 1898) and excelled in debating, swimming and showed an aptitude for draughtsmanship.

The study of landscape architecture in New York followed. In 1901 at the age of twenty he won a contract and designed Cornwall Park in Auckland.

He left New Zealand and met up with his mother's brother, Lloyd Osbourne, who was involved with publishing and writing. Together they wrote a play *The Exile* (Napoleon on St Helena) which was produced in London in 1903. Austin decided that his chosen career was to become a playwright.

Over the next thirty years he wrote or adapted fifteen plays. One of his

most successful plays was *Seventh Heaven*, which ran for over 700 performances. In 1927 it was made into a film with Janet Gaynor and Frederick March and won the Photoplay Medal - the precursor to the Oscar.

Another play, *The Drums of Oude*, proved a success in London and New York and resulted in Austin meeting his future wife, Mary Wilson. They spent their honeymoon on the island of Nantucket, where they purchased an old dwelling and enjoyed the next forty-six summers there, away from the heat of New York.

Childless, Austin continued to write

plays and film scripts and create stage sets. His love for the island of Nantucket grew and his energies were poured into fund-raising ventures for the Nantucket Yacht Club, the Cottage Hospital, The Rainbow Fleet - a special sailing school for children, and producing decorative maps of the island.

During the last years of his life, Austin recalled the idyllic years spent in the South Pacific and began work on his memoirs. They were never completed. He died while writing them in Nantucket in 1952.

Paddianne W Neely
College Archivist



Austin at 17 in his college uniform sporting a silk waistcoat, watchchain and the trace of a moustache. This photo appeared in the *Historia Nantucket* magazine, 2002 on loan from the Wellington College Archives.

FOOTNOTE

An article written by Austin Strong in the 1939 *Wellingtonian* tells of the heartbreak he felt on leaving his home and all he knew in Samoa.

After several frightful boat trips to New Zealand and on down to Wellington, Austin was received by cold, distant relatives and felt like a trapped wild animal. He arrived at school dressed in strange cut down adults' clothes which were still too big for him. He had rarely seen white children in his life until then and was bullied unmercifully because of the way he looked and spoke.

Austin tells how he sat alone to watch a strange game being played. His eye was black, his lips swollen, he was afraid and very sorry for himself when he noticed a tall man had stopped batting and sauntered casually over towards him. He was in white flannels, his bat under his arm, pulling off his batting gloves.

"He was a prodigious man, and his lofty brow gave him the appearance of some mythical giant stepping down from high Olympus. His face, in repose, was stern and awe-inspiring. He looked like Zeus, the god of wrath. Everything about him was big, his height, his head, his hands, his character, his heart. This was 'the Boss'".

"He came towards me like the mountain to a very small Mohammed. I rose and removed my cap. He towered over me, looking down with interest. I found myself looking into the kindest eyes I had ever seen. Without speaking, he sat down beside me. I knew that my troubles were over. I was in the presence of a true friend. He had the rare art of healing the troubled souls of homesick boys".

Austin was of course referring to Headmaster Mr J P Firth (1892-1920) who, as a small boy, boarding at Nelson College; had



JP Firth

been comforted on his first night away from his family by Mr J. Mackay who was later to become Headmaster of Wellington College (1881-1891). Firth was to be one of his junior staff members.

FORGET THE MATRIX, WELCOME TO THE GRID



Ian Foster

The College's current Head of Science, Sean Hann recently brought to the attention of the staff, a feature in *Scientific American* (Issue April, 2003) of a relatively unknown New Zealander who has made a significant impact into computer science in the United States. **Ian Foster** (1954-1956) left Wellington College some 25 years ago so I took the opportunity to look Ian up on the Internet and see if I could track him down to learn more about his breakthrough in the United States, in particular Grid Technology. By linking digital processors, storage systems and

software on a global scale, grid technology is poised to transform computing from an individual and corporate activity into a general utility.

Ian (now living in Chicago) was kind enough to respond immediately and brings us up-to-date on his achievements since leaving Wellington.

Ian leads computer science projects developing advanced distributed computing (Grid) technologies and computational science efforts, applying these tools to problems in areas ranging from the analysis of data from physics experiments to remote access to earthquake engineering facilities.

After leaving Wellington College, Ian went to Canterbury University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Hons I) degree in Computer Science in 1979. He then completed a Doctorate in Computer Science from Imperial College, London in 1988. He has been a member of the technical staff in the Mathematics and Computer Science Division of Argonne National Laboratory (Illinois) since 1989, where he is now Associate Division Director and Senior Scientist. He is also a Professor of Computer Science at the University of Chicago. Ian's research interests are in distributed and parallel computing and computational science. An internationally recognised researcher and leader in the area of Grid computing, Ian has published five books and over 200 articles and technical reports. The Distributed Systems Lab that he heads at Argonne and Chicago is home to the Globus Toolkit, the open source software that has emerged as the de facto standard for Grid computing in both e-business and e-science. Ian is a fellow of the British Computer Society. His awards include the British Computer Society's award for technical innovation, the Global Information Infrastructure (GII) Next Generation award, and the Lovelace Medal.

If you would like to learn more about Grid Technology, and Ian's exceptional achievements, log on to www-fp.mcs.anl.gov/~foster. Congratulations Ian not bad for a small town student!

UNDERWATER HOCKEY

Four recent Old Boys, (**Jeremy Barker, Darren Foo, Richard Taylor, and Richard Maxwell**) gained their first test caps in the NZ Underwater Hockey Men's team that played at the Southern Hemisphere Championships in Hobart in April. **Nat Marshall** was the Captain. The team lost in the final.

The Men's Under 21 Team included another four recent Old Boys; **Richard Dunsheath, Reuban Friedlander, Angus Lithgow and Michael Casey** (Vice Captain). The team lost a seven-test series to World Champions Australia with **Richard Maxwell** playing well.

FULBRIGHT AWARD TO OLD BOY

Old Boy and now Wellington lawyer, **Thomas Geuther** (1991-95) is the 2003 Fulbright Buddle Findlay Law Award recipient. He will use his \$55,000 grant to study at the prestigious New York University Law School.

Thomas will study toward his Master's Degree in Law, specialising in Constitution Law and Economics when he goes to New York in August on an Arthur Vanderbilt Fellowship.

The Wellington College Old Boy graduated from Victoria University with a First-class Honours Degree in Law and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics and Philosophy in 2000.

He worked for two years as a judge's clerk at the Court of Appeal and for former President of the Court, Sir Ivor Richardson.

Thomas said he was looking forward to starting his Masters at the University in Greenwich Village which was founded more than 170 years ago. "They [United States] have really good law schools and you get a much broader perspective than you probably would here".

The award is given annually to a law graduate who shows academic excellence, leadership potential and has the ability to be a cultural ambassador for New Zealand.

During his final year at Wellington College, Thomas was Dux of the School with the distinction of achieving Scholarship Level passes in all six subjects, played *Holofernes* in *Love's Labour's Lost*, and was a member of the Premier 'A' Debating Team which won the Wellington Regional competition.

The Dominion Post, 16 May, 2003

OLD BOYS HEAD TO FRANCE

France plays host to the sixth FIFA Confederations Cup, which will be held from June 18 to 29. The champions of the six confederations; France (defending champions), Colombia, Cameroon, United States, Japan and New Zealand - will compete alongside world champions Brazil and Turkey.

The All Whites flew to Europe on June 10 and took up residence at the French National Rugby Centre at Marcoussis in Southern Paris. The complex is home for the team until their departure from the Confederations Cup.

The squad of 23 players for the Confederations Cup was named in April and included three Wellington College Old Boys; **Mark Burton** (1988-91), **Simon Elliott** (1987-91) and **Duncan Oughton** (1991-95). Refer to the 2002 *Lampstand* for their personal profiles.

We wish all three a very successful campaign.

The All White's Schedule is:

June 18 All Whites v Japan, Stade de France, FIFA Confeds Cup
June 20 All Whites v Colombia, Lyon, FIFA Confederations Cup
June 22 All Whites v France, Stade de France, FIFA Confederations Cup
June 26 Semi-finals, FIFA Confederations Cup
June 28 3rd/4th play off, FIFA Confederations Cup
June 29 Final, FIFA Confederations Cup



Mark Burton



Simon Elliott



Duncan Oughton

BILLY T AWARD GOES TO AN OLD BOY



Profiled in the *North & South* magazine (March, 2003) was Old Boy Dai Henwood (1991-95). Dai has launched an explosive career as one of the country's most recognised comedians, working full time in Auckland. In a relatively short space of time he has performed throughout New Zealand and is also a regular feature at The Classic Comedy Bar.

Dai has starred in three series of TV2's *Pulp Comedy*. In 1999 he won *Pulp Comedy*'s Best New Face and this year, Dai earned his own *Pulp Comedy* half-hour TV special, featuring his individual brand of sketch and character comedy.

In 2002, Dai wrote *The Story of Funk* for which he won the New Zealand Comedy Trust's TV2 Billy T Award - making him the youngest person ever to win the coveted prize, which recognises a New Zealand comedian with outstanding potential. Nominees are chosen on their proven comedic ability, talent, dedication and potential.

Dai's talent extends beyond the just comedy scene, successfully appearing in the TV shows including *Xena: Warrior Princess*, *Revelations* and *The Tribe*.

Dai was interviewed late last year and it was great to see him give Wellington College a plug; "Before I did my BA at Victoria University, I went to Wellington College. I was always involved in the Senior and Junior drama programmes there. I even managed to be voted president of the School Council using the slogans "Never rub another man's rhubarb" and "Dai-brows to serve you," (at the time I had not heard of tweezers and had a mono-brow and full moustache)".

AUCKLAND OBA SPONSORSHIP



A bird's eye view below Hamish's legs

In Early December 2002, I was given the opportunity to sail on the Spirit of New Zealand. Forty teenagers and twelve crew members set sail from Napier and after ten days and numerous excursions through the Coromandel, we arrived at Auckland. The trip was a great experience on which I learnt much about the sea and sailing ships. I had to live in close quarters with other teenagers from numerous different backgrounds, which was really interesting.

On the last day of the voyage we were given the responsibility of sailing the ship without the help of the crew. I had the honour of being elected first mate for the last day which meant I was in charge of the running of the ship and this was a definite highlight for me. We managed to arrive in Auckland in one piece and there were celebrations all round as we passed under the Harbour Bridge.

The trip was an amazing experience on which I met some great people and learnt numerous skills, I was also lucky enough to be one of only four people not to lose their lunch overboard at some stage of the voyage. I would like to thank the Auckland Old Boys' Association for supporting me on this voyage. It was an experience which I thoroughly enjoyed and one I will not readily forget.

Hamish Thomas
Year 13 Prefect

PLANTING THE SEEDS



Since the heady days of Shihad, Weta, Head Like a Hole and Fur Patrol, things have changed in the Wellington music scene. These days, the influence of Bob Marley (as opposed to Led Zeppelin) have struck a chord with the latest rank of live music-goers. That is obvious by the audiences that throng to see the band, Black Seeds.

The Black Seeds were back in Wellington recently and band member and Old Boy, **Bret McKenzie** (1990-94) was interviewed prior to their concert.

With nine members in the Black Seed band alone, their appearance immediately makes a lively gathering, with the audience making it a right old party.

The Black Seeds have recently returned from a successful set of gigs in Melbourne, and are putting the finishing touches on their second album which Bret says will be more funk orientated this time around. "Heaps of people came to the gigs", says Bret, "and they really loved us". Their Pacific reggae funk style is different, which makes them stand out, he says. Playing a lot

more instrumental funk jams are great live and really get people up dancing.

Bret reckons DJ Mu is responsible for the birth of roots music in the capital with the establishment of the Roots Foundation in 1992, which put out Jamaican, electronic dub and, well, basically black music.

All the people in the Black Seeds grew up in Wellington and the friendships are solid. Some of them go back more than a dozen years.

FIXTURE REACHES CENTURY NOT OUT

The ton was brought up on March 1, 2003, but instead of a player reaching the magical three figures; it was an inter-college traditional cricket fixture. Wanganui Collegiate hosted Wellington College in the 100th game between the two sides.

The first fixture between the two schools was played in 1898 at Wellington College and Wanganui Collegiate won by five wickets.

Wellington College scored 109 in its first innings and had their opponents all out for 61. In the second innings, Wellington College managed just 77 and Wanganui finished 150-5 to win the match.

Wellington College's first win came in 1903. A year later it comfortably beat Collegiate, winning the 1904 game by an innings and 166 runs.

In that game, Wellington College bowled out Collegiate for 59 in the first innings and 27 in the second.

That match still features in the record books for the game. Not only was the second innings of 27 the lowest score by a Wanganui Collegiate side but it was also the biggest winning margin for Wellington College.

Wanganui Collegiate has dominated the fixture, having won 44 of the last 99 games and Wellington College only managing 24 wins.

It is also Wanganui Collegiate players who feature in the statistics. Nine of their players have taken four or more wickets in a game, compared to just

three from Wellington College. The best individual performance with the ball from a Wellington College player was **Thomas Grace** in 1905 and 1906. He took 6-26 and 6-53 in 1905 and then a year later he finished with 5-66 and 5-29.

It is not quite as dominant in the batting with statistics showing seven Wanganui Collegiate players scoring centuries compared to six from Wellington College.

The highest run-scorer is A Harding from Wanganui Collegiate, who scored an unbeaten 175 in 1936. Wellington College's highest scorer is **Alan Preston**, who scored an unbeaten 161 in 1950. This record was broken in 2001 by **Brad Jones** (1997-01) who scored 191 runs, comprising 23 fours and 10 sixes in 124 minutes, against Napier Boys' High School.

The 2003 1st XI spoil the Wanganui celebrations with a comprehensive victory over the old foe.

Bowling Wanganui out for 170 and 89, Wellington College made 174/8 declared and 86/1. Highlights included Jared Sewell taking 5/25, Gerard Roache 5/25, Scott Rennie 4/35 and 4/25 and Nick Angus 75.

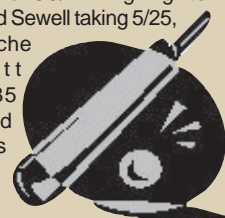


Former Wellington College and Wanganui Collegiate School 1st XI Cricket Team Members (1949-50), at a reunion held in Wanganui 2003, to commemorate the 100th match between the two schools.

*Back: Bruce Hamilton (WCS), Jim McGuire (WC), Alan Preston (WC), Tim Warren (WCS), Murray Glenn (WCS), Unknown (WCS), Jon Tidswell (WCS), Bob Mirabito (WC)
Front: Gordon Hare - Captain (WCS), Graeme Cameron (WCS), Don Hamilton (WCS), Trev Turner (WC), Rod Haldane (WC), Sir Paul Reeves (WC)*



From Left: Headmaster Roger Moses with Trev Turner (WC Organiser), Frank Crist (former WC Coach), Jonathan Hensmen (Headmaster, WCS) and Don Hamilton (WCS Organiser) at Wanganui for the 100th 1st XI Cricket Match between the two schools.



WCOB CRICKETERS - WHERE ARE YOU?

Since 1933, an annual cricket match has been played between Wellington College Old Boys and St Patrick's (Silverstream) Old Boys.

In recent years, both teams have only managed to field a full eleven by "ringing-in" some current College boys.

The next match will be hosted by Wellington College Old Boys at Wellington College in October or November this year.

If you are interested in playing, please contact the WCOBA Secretary, Stephanie Kane (contact details on front page).

The format is a 30-over match, starting at 11.00am on a Sunday, interrupted by lunch, and a few drinks after the game.

The organisers in recent times have been **Malcolm Perrett** followed by **Alastair Wright** and more recently **Barry Jobson**.

Indicative of the friendly nature of the match, and the 'Friendly Cup' name, is this excerpt from a brief history written by LA

Hammond of SPOB, "If a batsman appears to be staying too long at the crease, his Captain should recall him. Similarly, the bowling should be arranged to 'temper the wind to the shorn lamb', when an older batsman goes in to bat!"



WELLINGTON COLLEGE V ST PATRICK'S (SILVERSTREAM) AT SILVERSTREAM (c 1970s)

(L-R): Simon Taylor (SS), Not Known, Tony White (SS), Eric Flaws (WC), Dan Kelly (SS), Peter Jackson (WC), Deane Davis (WC), Phil Jackson (WC), George McLellan (SS), Peter Brooks (WC), Bob Keith (SS), Mick Dawson (SS), Pat Turner (SS), Alastair Wright (WC), Noel Brooks (WC), Brian McKay (SS), Ken Pettit (SS), Jim Kelly (WC), Nick Cooper (WC), Doug Alexander (W), Alf Amies (WC).

REACHING A CENTURY

Our Oldest Old Boy (going from the Database records), shows that **Maurice Noel Manthel** (1917-18) will celebrate his 100th birthday in December this year.

Noel started Manthel Motors (a longstanding Wellington firm) in 1933, which was first located on the corner of Cable and Taranaki Streets. They moved across the road when Manthel's bought the new building in 1945. They refurbished the building and moved into the building in 1948. The building on Wakefield Street was used as a showroom for Buicks, Chevrolets and Oldsmobiles. Manthel Motors left the building and it has been used as a market, furniture store and theatre since 1988.

Noel lives in Oriental Bay, not too far from his old school.

We congratulate him on his forthcoming milestone.



Noel Manthel in Oriental Bay

MORE THAN PIPE DREAMS

Photographs of the Wellington College Pipe band are rare. Thankfully **Bob Simpson** (1937-40) and **Bruce McRobie** (1938-41) have managed to find some and have kindly donated them to the Archives. Are there any more out there? Are there any items of College Pipe Band uniform you may care to donate to the Archives please?



The Wellington College Pipe band leading the City of Wellington Scottish Battalion to the Railway Station en route to the Military Camp at Waiouru 1940.



The first public appearance of the Wellington College Pipe Band at Athletic Park at the annual match versus St Patrick's (Town), July 8, 1940. Wellington College won 14-3.

GATHERING IN LONDON

A mini Reunion of 4A of 1941 is being held in London this month, Old Boy David Salkeld (1940-43) has told us.

The event will use New Zealand House in Haymarket as a base. The programme includes a visit to Wellington College, Crowthorne, Berks, dinner at the Royal Air Force Club, Piccadilly - and a boat trip to Greenwich and the Thames Barrier.

Several of those attending will be visiting/staying with David at Hartham Park before or afterwards. He hopes to persuade the most eminent academic among those attending to write a summary account of the weekend and take photographs to send to the Archivist for inclusion in next year's *Lampstand*.

All the best for a great and memorable reunion from those here in New Zealand.



SOME THINGS JUST NEVER CHANGE

The McEvedy Shield athletics competition is an intriguing insight into school rivalry and brotherhood in the Wellington area.

At 8.00am the chanting starts. The venue is Wellington Rail Station. It's Tuesday, 4 March - 81st McEvedy Shield day. To the left, hyperactive-looking Wellington College boys pour out of the buses and trains singing school songs and some very creative chants that, under normal circumstances, would not be allowed by any teachers within earshot. Two bus lanes separate them from St Patrick's equally exuberant singers.

A Wellington College seventh former climbs onto a stone wall and rips a St Pat's singlet in half - first blood to "Coll" over their "Dooley" rivals.

It is all fun and games, but teachers keep a keen eye out as the students clamber onto buses heading for the Newtown stadium where near 3,000 pumped-up pupils from Wellington College, Rongotai, St Patrick's (Town) and St Patrick's (Silverstream) surround the track.

Face painting may have been banned several years ago, but the atmosphere is still probably the closest you can get to an English football game in New Zealand.

As athletes go through their warm ups, the supporters begin their own contest of hakas and chanting classics such as "look at the scoreboard", (a speciality of the present leaders) alongside jibes created specially for the occasion.

The volume tends to ebb and flow with who is leading the current race, but by the time the meet culminates with the 4x400m relays early in the afternoon, Silverstream has reached a near frenzy as they win the shield for the second year in a row. Two blue, spandex-clad Silverstream 'supermen' dash onto the field doing flips and gesturing to the scoreboard.

The Rongotai boys throw caution (and their shirts) to the wind, breaking out into an impromptu haka directed at Coll. A battle of masculinity ensues before watchful teachers settle things down.

Surprisingly, the only funny business comes from a school not even in the competition. Girls from inner-city schools decide to give their own performance to the bemusement of the boys. The girls clamber through the bushes beside the stadium, keen to attract the attention of the boys. They leave rather dejectedly, leaving the boys to get on with what they do best right now - more chanting...chanting...chanting.



Just another day at McEvedy

A FLEETING VISIT

In May 1937, a young boy and his parents arrived in Wellington having journeyed by ship all the way from Germany. New Zealand was in the grip of a poliomyelitis epidemic and all schools were closed. When the crisis was over and school commenced again, **Klaus Heymann** remembered the victims of the scourge trickling back to school, some half dragging a "foot dropped" shrunken leg, supported by a caliper. Young lives were permanently blighted.



An Old Boy returns; Klaus G Heymann (R), (1937-40) with Roger Moses (L), next to the Memorial Window

This was one of the sad memories Dr Klaus Heymann shared with the College Archivist after his visit of sixty-six years on. He had returned to New Zealand in January 2003, for a Medical Reunion in Dunedin.

But, not all his memories were sad. Some were of former staff:

• **Headmaster W A (Bill) Armour**

"An imposing figure, always well-groomed, a handkerchief peeking from his suit's breast pocket. At Assembly, he was an eloquent, frequently impassioned speaker. I still recall his impressive homily on the death of Lord Tweedsmuir in 1940. At times, his articulation could be explosive, eliciting from the front rows of his captive audience dark comments on the possible need for an umbrella".

• **A N B McAloon**

"I believe that it was only Mr McAloon, a tall, sharp-featured figure, who could match the Headmaster in sartorial elegance. His height could be something of a handicap. To see 'Loony Mac' as he was affectionately known, fold himself, Houdini-like, into the equivalent of a parcel, in order to fit into his little Austin 7 car, was a wondrous experience".

• **T B (Tibby) Brodie**

"Deputy Head, and a true 'salt of the earth', I always thought, even if we had our differences".

• **J (Jimmy) Hall**

"He was one of the few masters still wearing stiff, stand-up collars, Mr Balham being another. I have never forgotten a quite frequent classroom stern retort of his: "I - beg- your-pardon?" He did have a twinkle in his eye when he said it".

• **J S (Garry) Lomas**

"Bald-pated, benign, he officiated as 'choir-master' at Friday mornings' assembly. In order to encourage the others (Voltaire!) he would often add his own voice to those of the assembled boys. It was unfortunate that he seemed to be so much out of tune that it raised the intriguing question whether he might have been tone-deaf?".

• **J R (JC) Cuddie**

"J.C. was in the nature of things a perfectionist, never sparing himself, leading by example. No wonder, therefore, that there was never a discipline problem in 5A, when J.C. held the floor. I still believe that my pass in maths was almost all his doing".

• **L B Quartermain**

"Q", more than any other of my teachers, actively promoted my still-faltering confidence in the English language. For that I certainly owe him a debt of gratitude".

... and like all Old Boys when they return to their Alma Mater, Klaus and Headmaster, Roger Moses migrated to the Memorial Window in the assembly hall - a familiar landmark in a changed environment - and continued to chat.

It was a pleasure to welcome this Old Boy home again, if only for a few hours.

Paddianne W Neely
College Archivist

URBAN LIFE



Karl Urban (1986 - 90) has crossed swords with Xena and Hercules but as a fierce warrior of the Rohan people, he has met his match against another great Kiwi battler - Peter Jackson, of *Lord of the Rings* fame.

While preparing to attend Victoria University, Karl was offered the role of ambulance driver Jamie Forrest, in the New Zealand television drama *Shortland Street*. He attended university for one year, then left to pursue his acting career. From there, he landed a number of theatrical roles in Wellington.

Karl moved to Auckland where a number of television roles followed. Some notable work includes *Shark in the Park*, *Once at Chunuk Bair* and *White Fang*.

Having scored several international roles, Karl is best known for his ongoing roles in *Xena*, where he played the parts of Julius Caesar, Cupid and Mael. He also starred in the local movie *The Price of Milk*, which won the best film award at the Korean film festival in 2001.

Karl's recent work includes roles in the feature films *Ghost Ship* and his biggest role yet is Éomer in the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy *The Two Towers* and its follow-up, *The Return of the King*.

Karl is currently in Los Angeles where he is working on pre-production for *Riddick*, a Universal picture with Vin Diesel, Dame Judi Dench and Thandie Newton.

In a recent *Sunday Star Times* feature, Karl was listed as one of the 'Next Big Things' to make it in LA - watch this space as we expect to see more from this talented actor as he shines in Hollywood.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

WELLINGTON COLLEGE 1st XV • 1949



Back: WE Yates, MO Mexted, PS Kronfeld, JF Jones, LK Mansell, RA James
Sitting: DN MacLeod, RT McKenzie, RI Murray (Captain), Mr OS Meads (Coach), JA Wells (Vice Captain), RC Natrass, DG Tierney
Front: **RMH Bowater**, PJ Jobson, TW Turner, P Burnett

WELLINGTON COLLEGE PREFECTS • 1952



Back: KW Jobson, EC Seville, **AAT Ellis**, SG Lockhart, DS Campion, BJ Dodd, PA Taylor
Front: EE Thomas, AM Main, PL Jones (Head), PR Kemp, WE McKeich

Two other Old Boys were recognised in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List, together with **Dr William Pickering**:

The Honourable **AAT (Tony) Ellis** (1948-52) was made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for his services as a Judge of the High Court.

RMH (Manly) Bowater (1946-50) of Nelson was awarded the MNZM for services to the community. Manly has been retired for 15 years, after working as the company secretary for the then *Nelson Evening Mail* for almost 30 years. He was involved in Scouting from the 1960s, as a leader and adviser. He also participated in the Nelson Scout Gang Show from 1969 to 1981.

Manly has kept active over the years by coaching and refereeing

rugby, coaching croquet and teaching Scottish Dancing.

He also took leadership roles in each pursuit, including serving as President for eight years and Treasurer for ten years of the Hinemoa Croquet Club, Secretary of the Nelson Croquet Association and President of the Schiehallion Scottish Country Dancing Club for 17 years.

Manly still teaches Scottish Dancing and was council member of the Royal Scottish Dance Society New Zealand branch for eight years, as well as Nelson-Marlborough President for four years. And to make him even more of an all-rounder, he has been a member of the Stoke Methodist Church Choir for 46 years.

The WCOBA extends its warmest congratulations to you both.

ARTHUR H. CARMAN CORNER

WHAT IS THAT ROOM?

Have you ever wondered what the small room in the right hand corner at the top of the RA Vance Stand, at the Basin Reserve, Wellington was? The stand was named after Old Boy **Robert A Vance** (1938-42) for his contribution to New Zealand Cricket. The small room in question was named after another Old Boy, **Arthur H Carman** (1916-17) for his contribution to cricket, rugby and the community.

Carman was a sports journalist and writer, bookseller, publisher, pacifist, local politician and historian.

He wrote *Birth of a City*, *Tawa Flat and the Old Porirua Road*, *The Ranfurly Shield Story* and *New Zealand International Cricket 1894-1974*. But the books that Carman is most remembered for are *The Rugby Almanac of New Zealand* from 1935 and the *Cricket Almanac of New Zealand* from 1948 until 1982. These almanacs are packed with statistics. Sports without statistics lose their history and heritage. Carman has helped conserve the history of both these sports for future generations.

The Wellington Cricket Association named Carman's Corner in his honour. It is the official room for members of the Press from all around the world to gather reports on international matches.

Paddianne W Neely - College Archivist



THEATRE NOTES

A measure of the strength of the performing arts in the College can be gauged from the activities of some recent Old Boys, performing in the various facets of "live" theatre here and abroad.

SIMON ELLIS (1983-86)

After completing a Masters Degree in injury prevention kinesiology from Otago University, Simon completed a post-graduate degree in Dance from the Victorian College of the Arts in Melbourne. He now works as an independent dancer and choreographer. On this side of the Tasman he has appeared in recent productions by Shona McCullagh during the 1998 NZ International Festival of the Arts- (*Quick*); Michael Parmenter's *Jerusalem* (1999); a nation-wide tour of Daniel Belton's *Soundings* in 2000; and Douglas Wright's 2002 Festival production - *Inland*. Added to his artistry as a contemporary dancer, Simon has also had notable successes as a choreographer - *Touch* (1998); *Full* (2001) which later toured to Perth and Sydney; and his most recent work *Indelible*, about which a critic wrote: "...his work [has] a high visual arts finish, usually by way of exquisite lighting, sound and textiles....his own muscular movement and loaded presence...Ellis's hallmarks."

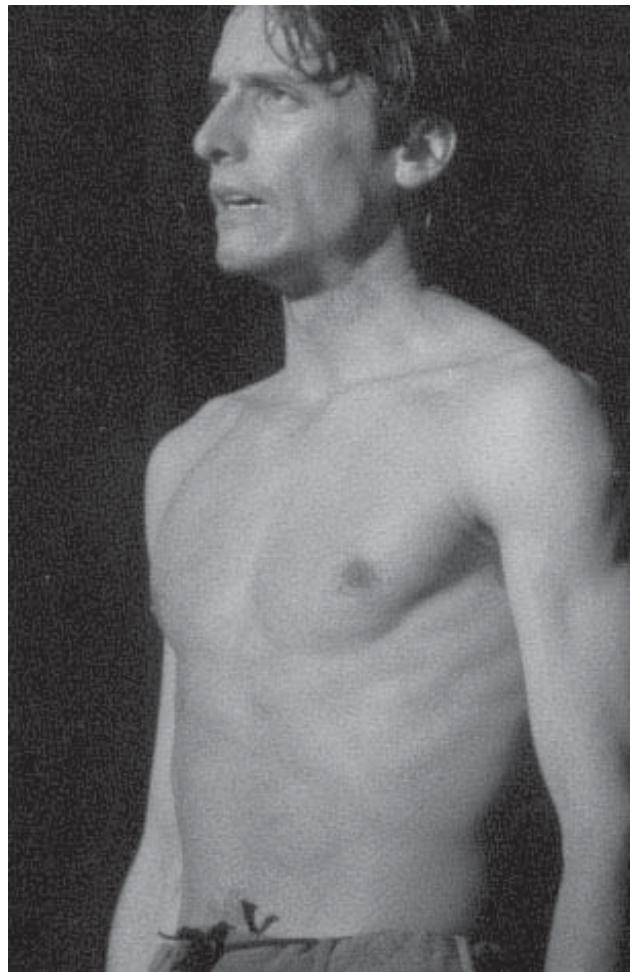
TANEMAHUTA GRAY (1988-92)

In February this year, over a short season of three days, a pilot presentation of a production which could become a future cultural milestone was staged in the Toi Whakaari: NZ Drama School Theatre - *Te Ao Marama* - the artistic vision of Tanemahuta Gray. Tanemahuta conceived the idea over five years ago during a period spent with *De La Guarda* - one of the world's leading aerial theatre companies, and aims to create and explore a bi-cultural, multi-media theatrical experience which can be taken to the world. A performance was staged by this former Head Boy of the College for a specially selected group from College, who were awed by the production's energy, colour, soundscape, synthesis of ideas, and sheer entertainment. Amongst the performers were two other Old Boys - **Tama Kirikiri** (1987-90) and last year's Head Prefect **Te Puoho Katene**, and a unique piece of College history was created with both former Head Boys of Maori descent appearing in the same production.

A number of other recent students of Wellington College have also had notable successes in the theatre world. **Jacob Rosevear** (1997 - 2001) (a notable Hamlet at College in 2001) presently studying at Otago University, appeared as Rosencrantz in Tom Stoppard's *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* at Dunedin's "Globe" Theatre, which, according to the NZ Theatre News critic "came off brilliantly". **Dan Caddy** (1996-00) presently undergoing his first year at Toi Whakaari, will soon reprise his role in the second series of TV2's *The Strip*. Dan is one of three Wellington College Old Boys at the Drama School - **Nick Balasoglou** (1994-98) and **Richard Knowles** (1991-94) are also studying there.

All but one of these Old Boys has appeared in at least one of the College's Shakespearean productions of the past fifteen years - productions which have gained the College an enviable reputation, and helped to launch some promising careers.

Jan McLean
HOD Advanced
Programmes
Director of
Shakespeare
Production



Tanemahuta Gray



Simon Ellis

ROWING • MAKING A BIG RIPPLE



Wellington College Rowing Crew - 1907
(L-R): MR Stewart (2), HB d'Oyly (Bow), H Bothamley (Cox), WB Fitchett (St), AB McColl(3)

The first ever inter-school rowing race was a one-mile race held at the Wellington Regatta on 23 February 1889. The race was "open to pupils only of Colleges or Public Schools". There were three entries; Wanganui Collegiate, St Patrick's College and Wellington College, but the St Pat's crew were debarred from starting because the crew contained two teachers! An annual four-oared fixture between Wellington College and Wanganui Collegiate began in 1907 and continued until 1911. All five races were won by Wanganui Collegiate.

Following WW1, rowing faded from the 'repertoire' of Wellington College sports but was revived at various times in the 1970s and 1980s. In the mid 1990s, there was another revival when a small squad was formed. Mrs Joy Dunsheath, a teacher at the college, managed the squad and invited one of the legends of NZ rowing, Noel Lynch to be the coach. From a small beginning, rowing has gone from strength to strength at the College. As numbers have grown of those wishing to participate, the Wellington College Rowing Club was formed in 2000 to co-ordinate the squad's activities such as fundraising, coaching, regattas and training camps.

In June of each year, the squad begins a rigorous training regime in preparation for the racing season

which begins in October. Wellington Harbour is not the ideal place in which to train, so each holiday the squad goes into camp at Wanganui so that they can be guaranteed good training conditions on the Wanganui River. In February and March, training steps up in preparation for the big regatta of the secondary schools rowing calendar - The Maadi Cup. This training involves up to 12 weekly sessions, with half of them starting at 6.00am. Those who select rowing as their sport are very dedicated and a strong squad ethos of mutual support and focus on rowing goals exists.

We have always been fortunate to have outstanding coaches. What is particularly pleasing is that some of the senior boys assist with coaching the novices.

The redoubtable Noel Lynch is still one of the coaches. At the 2000 Maadi Cup, the Novice U17 four made history when they became the first ever college crew to win a medal at a Maadi Cup and it was a gold medal. Two years later, two members of that crew, **Ned Lee** and

George Bridgewater were rowing in the NZ U21 eight in the final of the World Junior Champs at Duisburg in Germany.

At the 2001 Maadi Cup, according to *The Rowing Magazine* "unfancied Wellington College had a remarkable regatta". The U19 four won the Springbok Shield, the second most prestigious race after the Maadi Cup. Another gold medal was won in the U19 pair as well as a silver and bronze medal. For a squad of just 24 rowers it was a stunning performance.

This year's Maadi Cup was the biggest ever with 1,800 rowers representing 105 schools present. Our squad of 28 performed creditably making six A finals, winning two silver and one bronze medal. Following the regatta, four boys were invited to a three-day North Island U18 rowing trial. From that, two boys; Robert Macann and Matthew Archibald were selected for the North Island team to race the South Island in a three-day regatta at Lake Ruataniwha. Robert and Matthew were in two crews which won both their races.

As the College was at the beginning of last century, they are affiliated to Star Boating Club and are fortunate to be able to use Star's facilities. At the local inter-club regattas our boys row as The Star Boating Club.

Recent Old Boys who have continued to row have done well. **George Bridgewater** is currently training with the NZ elite squad. Four rowers from the 2001 squad are now in the New Zealand University Squad and at the Rowing nationals, several former college rowers were among the medal winners.

Soon we will be preparing for the new novice intake and the 2003/2004 season. Building on what has gone before, further successes for past, present and future Wellington College rowers at local, national and even international level seems assured.

Robert Anderson
Assistant Principal & Old Boy Teacher in Charge of Rowing



Wellington College Rowing Crew - 2003
(L-R): Peter Tong (Coach), Simon Hill, Nick White, George Tylee, Rob Macann, Matt Archibald, Peer Nielsen (Coach)

COLLEGE NEWS • 2002-2003

Term III ERO gives Wellington College the “thumbs up” with a positive report on the balanced and rounded education that the college offers.

Work began on the new Student Services Centre replacing the very original staffroom, photocopying room and Deans’ Room. The new centre contains the Careers Office, the Deans’ Suite, the Bursary, the Stationery Shop, First Aid, the Bag Room and a classroom.

In the Traditional versus Palmerston North Boys’ High School, only the 1st XI Soccer and the Senior A Basketball won their matches.

At the Quadrangular Tournament in Wanganui. Wellington College lost to Christ’s College 18-14 in the first round but went on to beat Nelson College in the loser’s final 22-3.

The 1st XI Soccer team finished 3rd equal in the National Secondary Schools’ Tournament.

The 1st XV won the Wellington Secondary Schools’ Premier One Competition, beating St Patrick’s (Silverstream) 24-23 in the final.

The 1st XI Hockey team won the Wellington Competition beating Kuranui 2-1 in the final.

Term IV The Foundation’s Sport & Cultural Awards Dinner at the Westpac Stadium was a great success. It was extremely hard to reduce the total of seven junior nominations, 11 senior nominations and 12 team nominations down to three finalists in the sports category. The Sports Team of the Year award went to the 1st XI Cricket Team from 2001, who won the Gillette Cup. The team also went on to win the Team of the Year at the College Sport Wellington Regional Awards. In the Cultural section, eight students were nominated for the junior award, six in the senior section and four in the cultural group category. The Stage Challenge performers won the Cultural group of the Year award for their runner-up entry *Boys can do Anything*. Captain of the 1st XI, **Simon Allen** went on to be selected for the New Zealand Under 19 Cricket Team for the World Cup.

The 1st XI Cricket team beat Palmerston North Boys’ High in a very close run match but unfortunately lost to Wanganui Collegiate, eliminating their chance to go through to the top eight round. However they beat Napier Boys’ High School, and Wanganui Collegiate, in the 100th match fixture.

The Student Services Centre was completed and will be named after Mr **Robert Bradley**, the longest serving staff member in the history of Wellington College, who retired in 1995.

The construction of the new Library began and will be approximately two and a half times the size of the former library, including an AV room, a classroom, and will feature up-to-date IT services.

Term I **James McNamara’s** 96% in Bursary English earned him the accolade of Top English Scholar in NZ.

St Patrick’s (Silverstream) won the McEvedy Shield for the second successive year.

The recently formed College Softball team won the Wellington Championship and were placed fifth in the national tournament.

The Senior Tennis team came second to Palmerston North Boys’ High School in the annual Quadrangular Tennis Tournament.

At the National Athletics Champs, Head Prefect Matthew Prosser won the Under 18 boys 800m and Mark Tinkle won the Under 18 High Jump. Old Boy **Tim Hawkes** won the Senior Men’s 400m.

The Dragon Boat Team came second in the National Championships.

The Senior A Golf team won the Phillips Cup for the first time in the 20 year history of the Cup.

Another new sport to the College, Lawn Bowls, saw the team win the Wellington Competition. They will head north to the Nationals later this year.

The rowers won two gold, two silver and two bronze medals at the North Island Secondary Schools’ Regatta and a further three medals at the Maadi Cup in the U5 Double, U17 Quad and U17 Double.

The Yachting Squad won the Wellington Secondary Schools’ Championship and will represent the region at the Nationals in Napier.

Rehersals are underway for the 2003 production of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, directed by Mrs Jan McLean, in her 16th production for the College.

The new ceiling to floor glass Atrium opened adjacent to the College Hall and Canteen as an alternative wet weather venue. With picnic style tables and chairs, the students have a stylish place to eat lunch and shelter from the winter weather.

DID YOU KNOW...? That in 1891, there were just three sporting activities undertaken at the College; football (now known as rugby), rowing and cricket. Now, some 113 years later, the plethora of sporting activities offered at the College totals around 35. Not included in this figure are the sporting activities undertaken by students outside the college through local or national organisations. Aside from the traditional sports offered at the College: Athletics, Cricket, Hockey, Rowing, Rugby, Soccer, Swimming and Tennis, there is now also Badminton, Basketball, Cross-Country, Golf, Life Saving, Orienteering, Rock Climbing, Skiing, Squash, Table Tennis, Triathlon, Underwater Hockey, Volleyball, Waterpolo and Yachting. Add to this list is the resurgence of Croquet and Lawn Bowls, and a few new-comers which would amaze many of our older Old Boys; American Football, Canoe Polo, Dragon Boating, Mountain Biking, Multi Sports and Touch Rugby. However, other sports have faded away, including archery and boxing. Where do the boys find the time?



The Student Services Centre



The Library gets underway



The Atrium



The Rees-Thomas Science Block

WANTED... HEAD PREFECTS' & DUX PHOTOS



Good quality photographs of former Duxes and Head Prefects of the College are required for recording in two special albums to be kept in the Archives.

Please would you help by sending a photograph of yourself and/or any Old Boy relatives who may have held either of these positions. We have numerous gaps over the last 129 years.

Incidentally, **Peter Stokes** (pictured) (Head Prefect - 1960), has kindly contributed several books he has written to the collection of Old Boy authors. If you are an Old Boy or former staff member author, please consider sending a copy/copies of your work to the growing collection in the Archives.

CLASSIFIEDS

• MEMORABILIA

The Wellington College Uniform Room now stocks a selection of memorabilia:

Wellington College Crest Badge	\$5.50
Pens	\$3.50 - \$6.00
Umbrellas: Golf or Telescope	\$22.00
Beer Mugs	\$7.00
School Scarf with Crest	\$34.00

Orders and queries can be telephoned on (04) 801 5069.

• WCOBA ACCESSORIES

The WCOBA stock Old Boy Pins and Ties:	
Silver Pins	\$3.00
Ties	\$20.00

Orders can be placed on the accompanying feedback form.

REUNIONS

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 regret that I 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, if you would seriously like to look at arranging a reunion, whatever your anniversary, I would be only too happy to assist in getting an event together. You would firstly need to gather a few classmates to form a committee of such, then contact me to order class lists and contact details. I can then advise you of other related details ie venues at the College, catering contacts etc to assist in your planning.

Please contact the WCOBA Secretary, Stephanie Kane on (04) 802 2537 or email: s.kane@wellington-college.school.nz.

FIND OLD BOYS ON THE WEB

Ever wondered what happened to all those people you shared your school days with? Where are they now? Where are those kids you bullied or conversed with on the playground; the teammates from the rugby team? A few great sites on the Web can help you track down old schoolmates, and thanks to these sites, we found quite a few Wellington College Old Boys to add to our mailing list and database. You will need to register and it's free for the basic package.



Here's what we found: www.findakiwi.co.nz • www.kiwisreunited.co.nz • www.oldfriends.co.nz (was the most successful).

THE LAMPSTAND

Please support the *Lampstand* and join the Wellington College Old Boys' Association today. Your support assists in producing the *Lampstand*, Old Boys' activities and events, as well as funding College Awards, Building Activities and maintaining the Archives.

Annual Membership \$25.00
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(including Certificate of Membership)

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FROM THE EDITOR

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed in some way to make this 2003 issue of the *Lampstand*, the biggest ever.

Special thanks must go to the College Archivist, Paddianne W Neely who has spent countless hours sourcing material for inclusion. Thanks also to Mr **Ted Clayton** and Mrs Jan McLean for their proof-reading skills and to current staff and Old Boys who have submitted material.

If you have any news, suggestions or feedback, please contact the Editor for the 2004 *Lampstand*.

Stephanie Kane
WCOBA Secretary

WELLINGTONIAN

Many Leavers from 2002 will not have received their copy of the 2002 Wellingtonian as they did not leave a self-addressed envelope with the Bursary prior to leaving. If you have not received your copy, please contact the WCOBA Secretary, Stephanie Kane, to arrange delivery.

If Old Boys' would like to order a 2002 copy, they are available for \$25.00 each. Orders can be made on the accompanying feedback form.

Were you involved in Young Enterprise? We are searching for past participants. If you were involved, please register as a member of the YES Alumni. www.yesalumni.co.nz