

THE KINGSMEN



Old Boys support this years first XV at National Secondary Schools Tournament



Old Boys

Top row: Colin Mantell (1953), Red Arnold (1956), Peter Montgomery (1956)
Bottom row: Murray Deaker (1958), Dave Scrymgeour (1942), Grahame Howley (1951)

There is only one event that could attract an informal reunion of Auckland based ex-Kings High pupils and that's a rugby match featuring the old school's first fifteen. For many of us who watched the boys from South Dunedin up against Kelston Boys' High at Western Springs Stadium, it was very much "forty years on."

Some things hadn't changed. Kings were still smaller than the opposition, still played in the same Cambridge blue jerseys and still stuck in it to the bitter end. I wouldn't have seen Kings play in decades and it would be even longer since I've been in the company of Colin Mantell 1953, Gary Inglis 1956, Red Arnold 1956, Ian Stevens 1944, Eric Munro 1943, John Taylor 1954, Peter Montgomery 1956, Bob Darracott 1940, Dave Scrymgeour 1942, Grahame Howley 1951, Lloyd McIver 1939, John Kempthorne 1936, Phil Thomason 1956,

Blair Stevens 1974, Russell Donaldson 1950, Adelaide Mitchell (late Jim Mitchell's (1939) wife).

With a bunch of rogues like that it was surprising we didn't adjourn to the nearest watering hole to tell lies about "what we'd have done to Kelston in the old days." Frankly, I think they'd have murdered us!

To the game itself. Our blokes were simply out muscled in every area, except the scrums, by a bigger more physically mature bunch. What pleased me most was that Kings never stopped trying and at 13-8 with just five minutes to go stood a real chance. Unfortunately, it was not to be. Nevertheless it was wonderful to see Kings play again, a sentiment I'm sure the other "oldies" would share.

Murray Deaker (1958)

AUCKLAND OLD BOYS

Recently some of us Auckland Old Boys had the privilege of seeing the First XV play here against Kelston Boys High and Rongotai College, on their first ever visit to Auckland.

The outstanding feature of both games was the wonderful, awesome scrum of Kings. Their technique and binding were such that its triangular shape when preparing to engage was very noticeable. Everytime the ball was put in, either by Brett Lawson or the oppositions half, they pushed them off the ball or had them reeling backwards. Great stuff!! The power of the triangle was manifest.

As Murray Deaker has said at 13-8 with five minutes to go we had a show. However, a bad knock-on when we were in for an equalizing try cost us. Kelston came away with two quick tries and that was that.

Our boys were absolutely "stuffed" afterwards, and no wonder, seven games in 14 days for most of them. They'd given 120%.

The community, parents, and school must be proud of them, we were. Eoin Willis must be complimented for getting them to such a high level of skill, along with Andre Bell.

One negative, missed first tackles, mind you seeing those big brown knees coming toward you would scare the bravest. Kelston and Rongotai were big in the backs and ran with power and strength.

It must be noted also that Kelston's Siaoasi Vaili has been picked to tour the UK with Western Samoa in November.



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King's High first XV attacking Kelston's line.

OVER THE YEARS

Five previous issues of "The Kingsmen" or a newsletter have included articles upon the Association history over the years.

Obviously with the Association being formed in 1939 members were all young. Many joined the organisation immediately upon leaving the School. This was maintained for a considerable number of years after the Association's foundation and some of those people are still members.

Others have joined only after being away at least twenty years. Membership has increased just before and after the Reunions.

Unfortunately for some years now few have joined upon leaving school. Thus the average age is increasing with time. Of course everyone has priorities but this is of concern.

Our organisation is not alone in this. For example service clubs in the Dunedin area have the same problem. Times seem to have changed.

However, it is not entirely new that some who were prominent or received the benefits of Kings have not become members.

As an object of the Association states it is "to maintain and foster the relationship between King's High School and its ex-pupils." Please encourage others to do this and maintain the contact and fellowship by joining.

BITS AND PIECES

J. D. E. (John) Melser (1936-38) who died earlier this year was an innovative educator who made his name in international teaching circles as the founding principal of a celebrated alternative school in Greenwich Village, New York. Following wartime army service in the Pacific, he graduated BA and MA from the University of Otago. After primary school teaching, serving on the inspectorate, and lecturing in English at Ardmore Teachers College, he became chief editor of the School Publications Branch of the Department of Education, which he transformed into a publishing house. He then went to Trinidad and Tobago to establish a similar organisation, before making New York his home in 1970, when he became a lecturer at Hunter College and at Bank Street College of Education. The following year he was approached by a group of parents to organise an alternative school, Public School 3, of which he was principal until he retired in 1990. One of the first alternative elementary schools in the U.S. public school system it achieved recognition for its fresh approach to open classrooms, mixed grades, whole language instruction with books rather than primers, and an emphasis on arts as an integral part of education. The school drew visitors and student teachers from the U.S. and abroad, and John also travelled widely to discuss his ideas on such an approach to education.

C. W. (Colin) Newbury (1943-47), Vice-Principal of Lineacre College, Oxford University, was William Evans Fellow in the Department of History, University of Otago, earlier this year.

Colin graduated MA at Otago, before winning a scholarship to Canberra, where he graduated Ph D. Following research fellowships at Nigeria and then Paris, he won a scholarship to Oxford where he graduated MA (again!) and became a Fellow at Lineacre. He has written seven or eight books on Pacific and African history, and has published many other scholarly papers.

T (Tuhe) Piho (1973-78) graduated B Ed from the University of Otago, and is now teaching mathematics at Logan Park High School. Involved in a number of sports, he coaches volleyball, and is co-ordinator of touch for Otago secondary schools. Keenly interested in community work, he runs "Kidsmas," a holiday programme for children aged 5-13 years, based on Moana Pool and Logan Park High School. His brother Aporo (1970-74) is a child welfare officer in Dunedin, whose work includes visiting schools to arrange enrolments and transfers for children in care.

G. M. (Grant) Robertson (1985-89), NZ University Students Association president, was part of a delegation attending a United Nations world youth leaders conference in Seoul, South Korea. They were intending to point out the growing evidence that the tertiary educational experiment was proving damaging and counter productive while also praising the promising quality audit initiatives being developed.

P. M. (Peter) Ruhen (1954-58) is teaching English in Brunei.

D. V. (Des) Shaw (1949-53) is one of two Auckland representatives on the National Council of the NZ Automobile Association. The Otago representative is B. R. (Barry) Clarke (1952-55).

R. J. (Ron) Smith (1951-54) is currently our man in Ulan Bator Mongolia, where his wife is a Red Cross worker. Since graduating from the University of Otago with a B Com, he has lived and worked in many locations (Punjab, Canada, Namibia) and has travelled extensively to get to such places.

A. G. (Andrew) Spence (1974-78) is a dentist in Blenheim, after previously practising in Christchurch and London.

Dr W. A. (Wayne) Temple (1962-67) is director of the Dunedin-based National Poisons Centre, which is facing serious (mainly financial) problems. Its very existence depends on the whims of 4 Regional Health Authorities: a single decision by even one of these could enforce closure! Funding and staffing has been frozen, despite overall inquiries having more than doubled, while the Centre has no direct 24 hour telephone link. Because of all this, the Centre is actually failing to honour its international commitments agreed to under Agenda 21 of the "Earth Summit" held at Rio de Janeiro in 1992.

S. W. (Shayne) Walker (1973) who was a sales rep in Sydney, returned to Dunedin in 1981 and joined Youth for Christ. This has involved running the Te Hou Ora Club, a Christian group offering guidance and support to disadvantaged young people. In connection with this, Shayne and his wife have fostered many children in their own home with often gratifying results. This work is done in co-operation with the Dept of Social Welfare, and Shayne runs courses for parents in the difficult work of fostering foster care.

P. V. (Paul) Yates (1974–78) graduated M Sc at the University of Otago and has since worked for the Dept of Physics there, first as a technician and subsequently as Teaching Fellow. He is also Senior Sub-Warden at the Hayward Hall of Residence. Keenly interested in astronomy since his school days, Paul has served as education director, and as president of the local Astronomical Society.

R. D. (Ross) Law (1974–78) after graduating in pharmacy from Palmerston North moved to England. After a further two year course, he joined Bristol Myers, travelling in pharmaceuticals through Britain, Europe, and North America, and is now Business Development Director for Innovex. A trombonist in the orchestra while at school, he nowadays enjoys playing in an English big band, which performs at charity concerts. He travelled the furthest to attend the 60th Anniversary.

A. J. (Anil) Lodhia (1968), an overseas student from Fiji, graduated B Com from the University of Otago. After gaining accounting experience in Dunedin and in Fiji, he moved to Vancouver where he has built up a successful accountancy business.

P. T. (Paul) McElhinney (1975–80) who died recently had worked at Foodstuffs Ltd in Dunedin for eight years, first as a credit controller, then as a computer operator.

T. S. (Trevor) McKinlay (1959–63, staff 1968) has resigned as principal of Wanganui Collegiate School, and will become principal of College House, a student Hall of Residence at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch.

Dr J. R. (Jim) Bruce-Smith (1948–52), a soil conservation specialist is currently our man in Botswana. Having worked as an agricultural scientist in Australia for many years, when he finishes his present contract, he will resume farming his small property at West Melton, near Christchurch, which he has named "Goondibloodwindi!"

Old Boys from the postwar decade will remember Mr W. R. (Bill) Mayhew (Staff 1945–54), the brilliant history teacher and rugby coach who tragically died so early in his career. His daughter Judith revisited Dunedin earlier this year to attend the O.G.H.S. reunion. A practising lawyer, who formerly lectured in law (appropriately?) at King's College, University of London, she is also deputy leader of the City of London Council. In this capacity she was responsible for instigating the "Ring of Steel." The tight security measures deemed necessary following the recent IRA bomb blast at the Docklands complex.

SPORTING TRIUMPHS

L. W. (Laurie) Mains (1960–64) won the Services to Sport Award at the Otago Sportsperson of the Year dinner in June.

Athletics

N. J. (Nick) Lee (1991–95) won the under 18 800m title at the national athletic championships held at Auckland in March.

Badminton

D. W. (Duncan) Rae (1980–84) represented Otago, and was subsequently judged Player of the Year.

Basketball

G. I. (Glen) Denham (1977–82) again captained the Tall Blacks.

T. D. (Todd) Marshall (1978–83) was judged Otago coach of the year.

Bowls

K. G. (Ken) Walker (1960–64), by winning the Dunedin Champion of Champions pairs title achieved his 19th Dunedin Centre title: a record he currently shares with three others.

G. J. (Gerald) Oliphant (1954–57) is president of the Dunedin Bowling Centre.

"Coast to Coast"

L. J. (Les) Coxhead (1938–39), grandfather of 13, was half of a team which completed the race for the 4th time!

Cricket

K. R. (Ken) Rutherford (1979–82) captained Transvaal to second place in both the one-day and first class competitions, and has been reappointed captain for this season.

Cross Country

B. S. (Blair) Martin (1988–92) won the Three Peaks Mountain Race in Dunedin in April, and finished sixth in the national cross country in Hamilton in August. Currently he is non-travelling reserve for the NZ road racing team.

Cycling

G. A. (Gordon) McCauley (1985–88), who took up cycling to lose weight after being the butt of "fat boy" jokes at school, has had an impressive year. His performances have included: first in the Tamahine Tour in Dunedin; second in the NZ road championship in Wellington (5th in the 40km trial); fifth in the Tour of Tahiti (1st in sprint ace section); first in the Tour of Southland (only the second from Otago to do so); 26th in the Commonwealth Bank Classic in Victoria; and the first Otago rider to be selected for the elite NZ men's road squad. He is currently regarded as being the best Otago road cyclist since World War II.

Dog Trialling

W. (Bill) Scorgie (1943–47) never won a NZ title in more than 40 years of trying. Just before he died last year, he gave his top dog, Pearl, to a local Hindon farmer, and this year she won a NZ title at Omarama, scoring 97.5 out of a possible 100.

Constable T. D. (Todd) Marshall (1978–83) and his dog Zeus, were crowned champions at the national police dog trials in Wellington recently.

Fishing

M. G. (Michael) Arthur (1977–78) won the annual salmon fishing contest, held in the Otago harbour by the Otago branch of the NZ Salmon Anglers Association. His 10.72kg fish was the heaviest of 81 landed, and won him an Ansett NZ holiday for two.

Golf

R. J. (Ross) Colquhoun (1988–92) represented Otago this year.

R. T. (Roy) Summers (1950–52) managed the NZ Junior team to the world championships in Japan this year—for the third time in five years. He was recently accorded life membership of the Otago Provincial Golf Association.

Hockey

D. C. (Darren) Smith (1987–91), representing Canterbury, again represented NZ this year.

Rugby

T. E. (Tony) Brown (1993) represented NZ Maoris, NZ Colts, Highlanders, and Otago.

B. J. (Brett) McCormack (1985–89) represented Highlanders, and Southland.

C. J. (Casey) Mee (1986–90) represented NZ Universities, and Otago.

A. C. (Andrew) Melville (1988–92) was judged club player for the year in Dunedin.

P. C. (Paul) Miller (1994–95) was an inductee to the NZRFU Development Academy, and represented Otago Colts.

I. R. (Ian) Snook (1964) coached Border in the South African Currie Cup competition.

C. W. (Craig) Somerville (1989–93) represented Otago Colts.

K. (Kupu) Vanisi (1990–91) represented Highlanders, and Otago.

Scrabble

K. M. (Kendall) Boyd (1981–85) won the NZ Masters tournament in April, was second in the NZ Championships in June, and will represent NZ versus Australia in November.

Snooker

G. A. (Garry) Hale (1985–88) won the Canterbury open championship, was the only unbeaten player when NZ defeated Fiji in October, and is presently playing in the World Amateur Championships in New Plymouth.

Soccer

G. I. (Graham) Marshall (1981–85) toured China with the All Whites.

Surfing

G. S. (Greg) Bell (1985–87) was 11th in the kneeboard event at the World Surf Championships, held at Huntington Beach, California.

Swimming

The Otago Harbour race was won by K. (Karl) Purdie-Smith (1991–95), with P. M. (Peter) Waide (1990–94) in second place. P. W. (Philip) Rush (1977–80), who came 24th, was using the race in his training programme to be the oldest to swim Cook Strait (in 2006!).

Touch

In the St Kilda Saracens team which competed with success at the NZ Masters tournament were: W. A. (Warren) Cope (1967–71), M. V. (Mike) Gain (1957–60), S. G. (Selwyn) Inglis (1956–59), L. A. (Les) Patrick (1964–69), and W. T. (Bill) Somerville (1963–67).

Kupu Vanisi and Tony Brown after the Auckland/Otago NPC game played this year at Eden Park.



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HONOURS

Mrs U. E. (Una) Wood (Board of Governors 1979–82) was awarded the Queen's Service Order (QSO) for community services in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours. A former St Kilda borough councillor and member of the Otago Hospital Board, she is currently manager of St Barnabas Home, a JP, a marriage celebrant and an executive member of the Otago-Southland Employers Association.

Dr R. M. (Roy) Dineen (1953–57), senior lecturer in French at the University of Otago recently received the award of "Chevalier" of the Palmes Academiques, France's top award for distinction in French language and literature scholarship and teaching. It was presented by the French Ambassador and recognised (amongst other attributes) his prominent role in organising annual oral French competitions for secondary schools.

J. H. (John) Heslop (1938–42) was elected a life member of the N.Z. Sports Medicine Federation of which he had been a founding member and indeed the first Vice-President in 1963.

D. G. (Don) Simmers (1965–69) of Queenstown was one of six GPs awarded a fellowship by the National Health Committee. This will involve specialist training in Auckland and Seattle, in order to improve the delivery of healthcare.

E. M. (Eoin) Willis (1967–71), who works for Norwich Union, was presented with the Life Office Association Pinnacle Life Award, for outstanding achievements in the life insurance industry, particularly in service and sales. In his spare time (!) he coached the King's 1st XV which was the only South Island team in the national finals in Auckland.

Dr J. A. (Jim) Valentine (1936–38), who has been on the council of St Margaret's College a University of Otago hall of residence, for 40 years was honoured by having its newly-built recreation facility named after him. Appropriately, the Valentine Room was officially opened on Valentine's Day!

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

G. C. (Grahame) Sydney (1962–66) was commissioned by the NZ Government to provide a painting which became the state gift presented to President Nelson Mandela by Prime Minister Jim Bolger when he visited South Africa. He chose to paint a moonrise over the Maniototo, despite his aversion to the commissioning of his work because of the deadlines involved.

When K. R. (Ken) Rutherford (1979–82) eventually hangs up his cricket bat he would seem to have a brilliant future as a best-selling author. His autobiography *A Hell of a Way to Make a Living* was a sell-out, as were subsequent reprints—

ironically in marked contrast to the two books on Martin Crowe which are languishing on booksellers shelves everywhere, despite being remaindered!

R. L. (Robin) Charteris (Board of Governors 1988–89, Board of Trustees 1989–91) won the 1996 Cathay Pacific Newspaper Travel Writer of the Year Award for his article in the ODT entitled "African Safari." He had previously won the award in 1993, and was runner-up in 1995.

OBITUARIES

J. W. (Jim) Mitchell (1939–43) died at Auckland 16/1/96

P. J. (Peter) Brook (1940–43) died at Auckland 19/6/96

W. A. (Bill) Harley (1940–41) died at Dunedin 30/6/96

A. G. (Tony) Hannah (1960–64) of Timaru died at Wellington 1/7/96

L. W. (Wayne) Crosbie (1960–63) died at Alexandra 14/7/96

M. G. (Martin) Harris (1958–61) died at Sydney, Australia 2/8/96

K. D. (Keith) McKenzie (1964–66) died at Dunedin 4/8/96

E. R. (Ted) Wix (1937) of Christchurch, died visiting Australia, August 1996

R. F. (Ritchie) Williams (1945–49) of Russell, died at Whangarei 1/9/96

J. M. (Jack) Bulger (1941) died at Dunedin 18/9/96

H. H. (Harry) Craig (Rector 1962–66) of Auckland died visting Australia 24/10/96

E. H. (Ewan) Ryder (1946) died at Green Island 4/11/96

B. D. (Brian) Townsley (1954–57) died at Dunedin 4/11/96

B. E. (Barry) Longmore (1970–74) of Dunedin killed near Clinton 11/11/96

Harry Craig

The rector of Kings High School from 1962 to 1966, Henry (Harry) Hodgson Craig died recently aged 82.

Mr Craig was born in Dunedin, brought up in Mosgiel educated at Otago Boys High School.

He graduated with a master of arts in Latin (first class honours) from the University of Otago, where he won the James Clark prize, and started teaching at Christchurch Boys High School. He later taught at Rotorua High School.

When World War 2 broke out, Mr Craig enlisted in the army and served in the Pacific with the 29th light anti-aircraft regiment.

He resumed teaching after the war and during his time at Kings gained a reputation for astuteness, possessing "remarkable" powers of observation and memory, a former teacher, Jim McCready, said.

After his stint at Kings, Mr Craig was appointed district senior inspector of post-primary schools in South Auckland. He later became northern regional superintendent of education.

Mr Craig is survived by his three children, Graham, John and Margaret, and four grandchildren.

APOLOGIES

In our haste to publish the previous issue of *The Kingsmen* as quickly as possible after the 60th Anniversary, there were both omissions and errors which we very much regret.

Despite featuring in two of the published photographs, the name of **Mr J. (Jack) Bremner** (Rector 1966–81) was omitted from the list of Staff members present at the Anniversary. **Mr Bremner** attended several functions despite difficult personal circumstances at the time.

In the list of registrants, we failed to acknowledge that **H. J. D. (Harry) Serymgeour** (1941–42) had subsequently been a member of the Board of Governors (1979–85)—indeed he was the Treasurer.

We also erred in the membership list, where misprints made it appear that **A. N. (Norman) Ritchie** (1947–50) and **W. M. (Murray) Woodrow** (1943–47) had spent 10 and 9 years, respectively, at King's!

In an earlier issue of *The Kingsmen*, we claimed that **R. S. ("Tom") Wall** (1959–64) had lost his livelihood, and was being treated rather stingily by ACC—it was another Hawkes Bay resident, also christened **Russel Wall**, who was being treated in such a cavalier fashion!

All the
Best to
You On
Christmas



THE SCHOOL

Third Stage of Kings High School's Redevelopment Under Way.

Work on a new \$1.5 million technology block at Kings High School began this week in stage three of the school's redevelopment.

The building is a first for New Zealand as a technology suite specially designed to meet requirements of the new school technology curriculum.

Three pre-fabs have been shifted to make way for the two-story block being built on the east end of the school property on Bay View Road.

The ground floor will accommodate four technology workshops—two for materials technology such as metal work, wood and plastics, and two for systems technology

such as electronics, hydraulics and pneumatics.

Upstairs will cater for a computer room and a computer-aided design studio.

The technology block follows the construction of a large L-shaped classroom block, built in three stages from 1991 to 1994, and a new library finished last year.

"It certainly will be the first of a new kind of technology centre for any school in the country," rector Ian Simpson said.

"It's just a coincidence in the timing of it. With the new technology curriculum coming on stream and an opportunity for us to create a new technology suite, we've been able to link the two things together," he said.

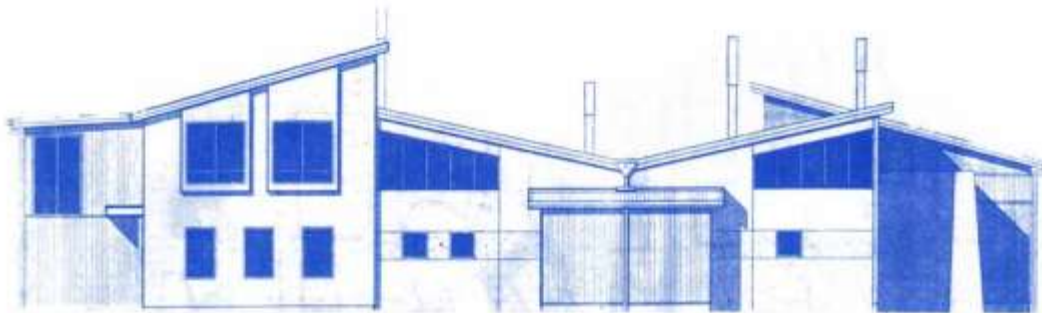
The block is expected to be finished by the end of June next year.

In the next phase of its upgrade, the school plans to redevelopment its administration wing.

The final stage will be the construction of a new auditorium, music and drama suite.

The contract has been awarded to Lund South Construction.

Courtesy of the OTD 4/12/96.



A Warburton Architects drawing of the new technology block at Kings High School. Building began earlier this week and is expected to be completed by the middle of next year.

AUDITORIUM APPEAL

As recorded in the August "Kingsmen" and advised to those attending the 60th Reunion the School would be grateful for any donations to the Jubilee Auditorium.

Donations may be sent to the King's High School Old Boys Association (Inc), P.O. Box 163, Dunedin and funds are being added to the Old Boys Jubilee Fund.

Also as advised in the last publication surplus Golden Jubilee (1936-85) booklets are available for \$10 including postage within New Zealand. An additional \$10NZ is required for posting overseas.