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School Wall of Fame

Ross Murray 1948–50—Sport



Otago at rugby in six matches, kicking 24 points and playing in a Ranfurly Shield challenge match: indeed, in the match against Southland he produced one of the finest fullback displays ever seen on Carisbrook.

Therefore, Ross faced the dilemma of which sport, or sports, on which to concentrate his attention. A knee injury sustained, playing rugby, which still plagues him to this day, and having achieved a golf handicap of four when only twelve years of age, this steered him towards golf, which in those days was not regarded as being a school sport at King's. Ross joined the St Clair Golf Club and, in 1959, he first represented New Zealand at the Commonwealth Tournament in South Africa. He continued to represent New Zealand until 1975, playing in four Commonwealth Tournaments, held every four years, and in seven Eisenhower Tournaments, held every two years (and being the defacto World Tournaments). He was runner-up to teammate Stuart Jones in the Canadian Amateur Championships, and finished third-placed individual in the Eisenhower Tournament held in Rome. On the New Zealand scene, he won a record-setting seven South Island Championships, and was New Zealand Amateur Champion in 1972. He won the Jellicoe Cup twice for being the leading amateur in the NZ Open, plus two national foursome titles.

Ross also enjoyed a successful career in business, spending twenty two years with NZ Insulators in Temuka, rising to the position of Managing Director. He then took up the position of Golf Club Professional at Alexandra, serving in that capacity for ten years before shifting to semi-retirement in Rangiora, where he coached on a part time basis.

Ross came to King's as a fourth former, having previously attended Southland Boys' High School, and embarked on an impressive and versatile sporting career. In that year he was the junior swimming champion, while the next year he was senior swimming champion and swam at the national championships.

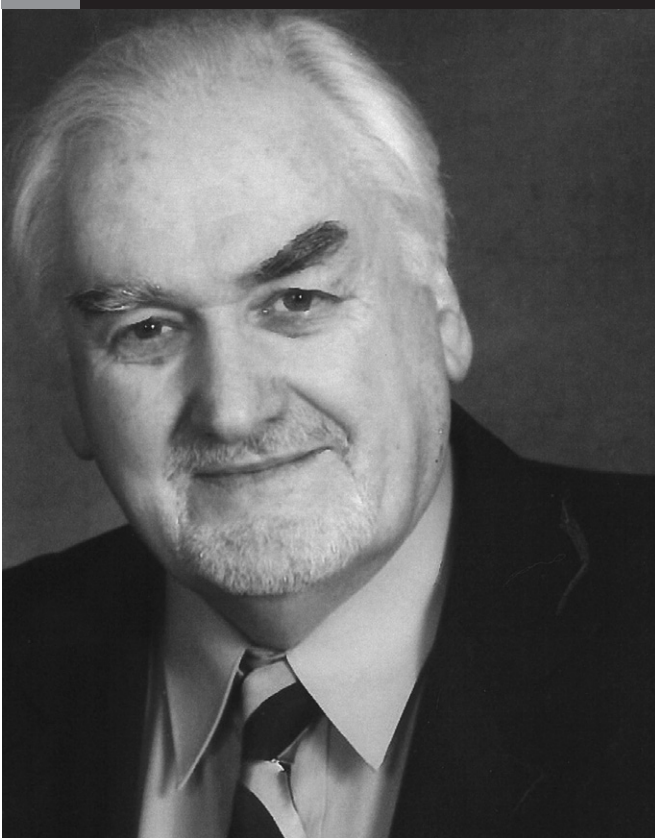
At cricket he was a member of the 1st XI as an all-rounder who bowled at medium-fast pace: against Otago Boys' High School from 1949 he took five wickets for 14 runs, and in 1950 versus Southland Boys' High School he took seven wickets for 19 runs, and scored 40 and 35 not out! He was also a member of the 1st XV rugby team, being awarded a blue in both 1949 and 1950.

On leaving school, he was selected as a member of the Otago Brabin Cup cricket team and, as a 19 year old, he represented



Murray Dunbar made the usual presentations to Ross at a Rest Home in Rangiora.

Peter Burns 1952–56—Humanities



Peter played hockey when at King's and in his final year he captained the 1st XI having represented Otago in lower-aged grade matches. He was also a prefect and a Company Sergeant Major (CSM) in the school's Cadet Unit. On leaving school, he joined the police force studying law part-time at the University of Otago (OU). In 1963 he graduated LLB and later that year graduated LLM with 1st Class Honours and was admitted to the Bar. In 1964 he married Charlotte Watson, a physiotherapy student, and joined the Law Faculty at OU as an Assistant Lecturer mainly teaching evidence and succession, shifting to Auckland University in 1966 where he taught criminal law and public international law, and was promoted to Senior Lecturer.

In 1968 Peter moved to Vancouver, British Columbia (BC) as an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of British Columbia (UBC) and over the years progressed to Associate Professor, Professor and ultimately Dean, before reaching the (then) retiring age: he is currently Dean Emeritus. He continued to teach and research torts and criminal law, adding international criminal law to his repertoire; has written or co-authored six books and has written more than 100 articles in the fields of torts, criminal law and procedure, and international criminal law and has served on several editorial boards. He has been in demand as a Visiting Fellow: to Oxford University, University of Manitoba, University of Victoria, and Melbourne University. He has also chaired the Scholarly Integrity Committee at UBC and participated in several university departments at UBC and Simon Fraser University.

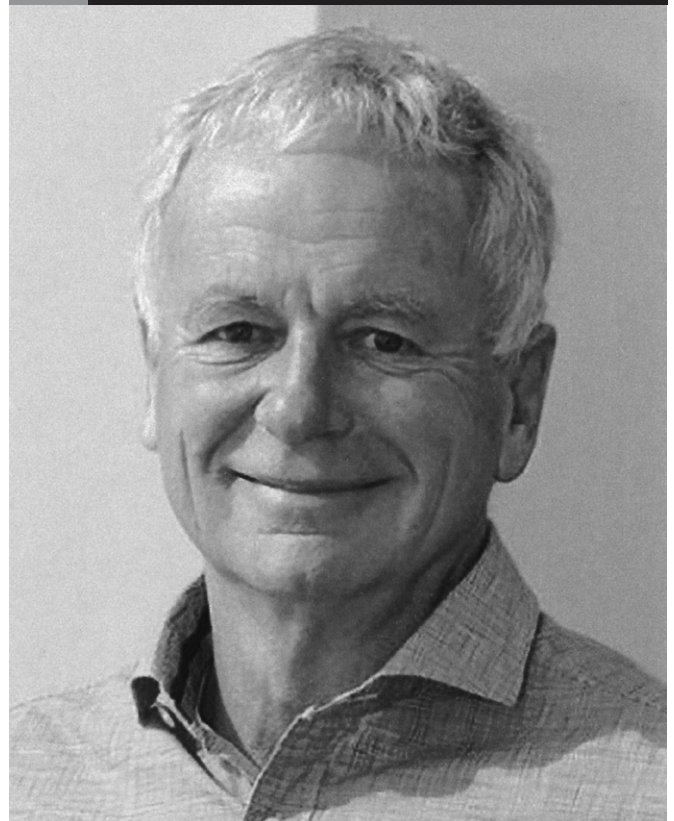
Peter was admitted to the Bar of British Columbia in 1975, and appointed Queen's Counsel (QC) in 1984. He served on the BC Law Reform Commission (1985–92); was BC Forest Resources Commissioner (1990–91) and a board member of the BC International Commercial Arbitration Centre for ten years. He is the Fairness Commissioner for the Insurance

Corporation of BC and a member of the Western Institutional Review Board, which monitors large pharmaceutical research projects. His opinion has been sought by Canadian national, provincial and local government organisations and by various legal firms in BC on a variety of issues.

Peter has also shone internationally. In 1987 the Canadian Government nominated him as a candidate for the newly created UN Committee Against Torture and Cruel Inhuman Punishment. He was elected for a term of four years and reelected for a further three terms, chairing the committee from 1998 to 2003. In 2002 he was appointed to head a three-person enquiry to investigate the practice of torture in what remained of Yugoslavia. In 1999 he was one of two investigators appointed by the UN Commissioner for Human Rights to enquire into a series of alleged political murders in Cambodia: their report resulted in the Cambodian Government setting up a formal judicial enquiry. He has also participated in many other UN workshops and meetings on international human rights, crime prevention, elimination of racial discrimination and elimination of torture. He has also been a member and past chair of the Board of the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy; past president of the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law, and an associate member of the American Law Institute.

Peter and his wife and family have now lived in Vancouver for more than fifty years but regularly keep in touch with New Zealand, holding both Canadian and New Zealand citizenship. He is now semi-retired but still maintains an office on the UBC Campus.

Roger Lampen 1958–62—Business



Roger was an athlete in his early years at King's High School being a member of the schools' athletics team in 1958–1959 and junior champion in 1959, but it would seem that drama became a greater focus of his life. He played the role of Charley

in the school's production of *Charley's Aunt* in 1961, and the part of Canon Chasuble in the 1962 major production of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*. By this time, girls from Queen's High School had replaced the female impersonators from King's who had previously filled the female roles! Roger was also a Prefect in his final two years, being Deputy Head in 1962, and Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) in the school's cadet unit. He moved on to Otago University where he graduated B.A. with a double major in Geography and English in 1966, and then graduated M.A. in Geography in 1968. A reviewer of his thesis on the impacts of Tourism on the Wakatipu area commented that refreshingly it was written in "real English" rather than "academic English." He spent 1967–1968 teaching English and French at King's before heading overseas to Europe.

While working for a multifaceted commercial company, it suddenly collapsed into receivership and Roger was left jobless. Some hasty thought about his situation led him into the field of personnel consulting and in 1972, he started up his own company in Auckland, Lampen Associates Ltd, an executive and specialist staff recruitment consultancy. Some ten years later, he added the recruitment of temporary and permanent office staff to his portfolio, and established Lampen Group Ltd, again as Managing Director. In 1995 he founded Work Choice Trust which linked secondary school students, schools and employers, to help the students make better informed career choices. About this time he became interested in the health field, founded and chaired Geneva Health International, which became a leading healthcare and staffing services group of companies in NZ and the UK. In 2006 he became a director, and later chaired, Veriphi in Auckland, a pre-revenue company developing an innovative drug verification system using laser-based technologies. He also chairs Pass Technologies, an international group operating out of London and using innovative technologies in the background screening sector. Since 2016 Roger has chaired the Project Kiwi Trust which is community-based and committed to conservation, with a special focus on Kiwi. His business methods have always led by example: he believes strongly in empowerment and delegation and in the value of education at all stages.

Roger's recreational passion is independent cycle touring and he has toured extensively in the UK, Europe, Australia and NZ. In 2007 while cycling across "the roof of the world" from Lhasa to Kathmandu, he suffered a stroke. Fortunately, the trauma manifested while he was in Xigaze (Shigatse) Tibet's second city, so he was quickly hospitalised and transferred back to Lhasa the next day, from where he was able to make somewhat slurred contact with his wife and insurance company back in NZ. After a few medically fraught days (during which time he was accidentally set on fire by a carelessly smoking visitor) he was evacuated to Hong Kong, and then home. Realising that he has been profoundly ignorant about what is NZ's third highest killer, and therefore unable to be proactive in preventing such an event, he has written an inspirational book, *It's All in the Mind*, about his experiences, and how to manage one's own recovery.

Roger's community involvement includes serving as a trustee for the Foundation for Alcohol and Drug Education (FADE) in schools; he played a major role in establishing Auckland's Performing Arts School; and he initially chaired the Life Education Trust in Auckland. He is also heavily involved in several not-for-profit community organisations.

1. The Ministry of Education figures for all Otago schools (secondary, co-education, intermediate and primary), show the top rolls at the official March figures as follows:

	2010	2019
Taieri College (co-ed and intermediate)	1009	1138
King's High School	727	997
Otago Boys' High School	879	827
Otago Girls' High School	843	815

Taieri College's roll has broken the 1100-pupil mark for the first time, whilst King's has just slipped below 1000 for the first time since 2013.

Central Otago numbers keep on increasing with:

Mt Aspiring College	706	1091
Wakatipu High School	776	977

The Southland schools with high numbers are as follows:

James Hargest College (co-ed and intermediate)	1846	1843
Southland Girls' High School	1176	1059
Southland Boys' High School	1057	1001

2. (a) This year the school had very good performances in many sports in the winter Tournament week and on other occasions.

In the rugby Otago Boys' and Southland and Boys' have dominated south of the Waitaki River for some decades. However King's beat the Invercargill team in the semi final to represent the area as the South Island representative in the New Zealand Top Four Tournament, but then lost to the boys from the castle on the hill, who then played the Crusaders area Champions.

The greatest achievement was left to hockey where they did what no other school south of the Waitaki River has ever managed in winning the Rankin Cup, the country's elite secondary schools tournament for boys, that dates from 1923.

The results are as follows:

Whanganui High School won 3–1.
 Rosmini College (Auckland Champions) 1–1 draw.
 Wellington College won 1–0.

Playoffs

New Plymouth Boys' High School won 3–1.
 Christchurch Boys' High School won 1–0.

Semi final

St Kentigern College (2018 Champion) 1–1 draw but King's won the shootout 5–3.

Final

Timaru Boys' High School won 2–0.

It is interesting that Nick McIvor who commenced in the third term at King's as the ninth Rector, came from being the head at Timaru Boys' High School for 8 years.

Defence was a key with only four goals in play conceded in seven games, which was about half of any other team.

Coach Dave Ross has been coaching King's for more than 30 years.

2. (b) We are unsure without researching all our histories, but this could be the only time a King's High School senior team has come first in a National TEAM'S sport competition.

Maybe basketball or volleyball? If you consider otherwise please give us a lead and we will check our histories.

Administration

Subscriptions

The year is heading towards the 31st December which is the end of our financial year. Although a good percentage of subscriptions have been received there are still some from not only 2018, but further back unpaid. We cannot carry on sending *Kingsmens* to those members.

They may be forwarded to Box 163, Dunedin 9054, or by direct credit to our bank, the Bank of New Zealand, George Street, Dunedin, 020900-0062936-00 *clearly stating your name*. Ex-pupils living overseas may forward their country's cheque direct to us for conversion and banking.

Communications

1. With Association and ex-pupil matters our mail address is PO Box 163, Dunedin 9054 and the email: djmosgiel@gmail.com

Lost Members

Kingsmens or subscription accounts have been returned "Gone no Address" from the following:

Roderick L. Cameron (1953–56) Darfield

Peter S. Williams (1957–61) Cromwell

Ivan A. Mitchell (1948–51) Queensland

F. Noel Pringle (1936–40) Queensland

We would appreciate any help.

Apology

In the July *Kingsmen* we made a grievous error. M. W. (Mervyn) Bradshaw (1953–56) of Pelican Waters, Queensland had emailed us with the good news that he and his wife Ursula had celebrated their golden wedding. Unfortunately, and we are struggling to begin to understand how it happened, we substituted her name with that of Yvonne. Somewhat naturally Mervyn and Ursula were horrified and embarrassed by this error, which has taken the gloss off what should have been a happy announcement; we are similarly shattered that our pride in the accurate presentation of material supplied to us has been so seriously dented. Sadly the *Kingsmen* is compiled by a dwindling group of octogenarians who have not only slowed down, but who live on their own, mostly sustained by medication, and are attempting to face up to somewhat bleak futures. Indeed producing the *Kingsmen* was once a pleasant pastime; nowadays it has become a somewhat stressful chore, and obviously we are not coping successfully with such stress. This is rather an unwelcome jolt to our confidence, for we do not wish to take refuge under Murphy's Law, which states (more or less) that unpleasant things just happen. We can only offer Mervyn and Ursula a sincere and unreserved apology for our error, and hope that it is not the forerunner of future serious errors to come.

Activities Around the Country

Dunedin

The annual dinner was again held at the Chisholm Park Golf Club in late August. The attendance of 47 ex-pupils, a few partners and guests was down on last year with some regulars away and others slipping out this year.

The speaker was Wall of Fame inductee Roger Lampen (1958–62) along with the Rector Nick McIvor. Dan Reddix who had chaired the Wall of Fame selection committee since its inception up to this year was also in attendance.

It was pleasing to see John Somerville (1950–54), who seemingly enticed his brothers Gerald (1958–60) and Bill (1963–67) to attend. John and Grahame Howley (1951–53) have been the workers and organisers of the North Shore/Hibiscus Coast luncheons held three or four times a year for many years.



George (Staff 1994–2004) and Darren Munro (1979–84)



Bill (1963–67), Gerald (1958–60) and John Somerville (1950–54)



Hartley Meder and Frank Stent both (1960–64)

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Cultural Affairs

Recently the Otago Secondary Schools Music Festival celebrated its 50th anniversary by presenting a concert in the Dunedin Town Hall, which showcased some 600 pupils from about 20 schools around Otago. The festival had been founded in 1970 by then district music advisor Roger Buckton, and since then one of the main driving forces to carry on the good idea had been Bayfield music teacher Aart Brusse. In an article in the *ODT* interviewing Associate Professor P. V. (Peter) Adams (1972–76) and written before the concert, he recounted how at the time the King's orchestra featured less than 20 players, so the 1972 festival was his first taste of playing in a full symphony orchestra. As a result music lessons ceased being an excuse to avoid maths classes, and became a passion: suddenly he was studying School Certificate music, and played in the National Youth Orchestra for three years. The first few festivals were very classical affairs, but since then the programme has evolved to include chamber, jazz, multicultural and rock music. It is believed that he is just one of some 30 musicians who have risen to high profile music positions due to performing at these festivals. After completing a MusB with honours, Peter spent several years in the UK as a free lance clarinet player for top orchestras before returning to Dunedin where he is one of the country's top conductors and composers. His photo in the *ODT* accompanying the recent article included an inset showing him as a schoolboy playing his clarinet while accompanying T. A. (Trevor) Coleman (1973–75), future three-time Emmy Award nominee and composer who was playing his trumpet.

I. M. (Ian) Dougherty (1966–70) wrote three of the articles for the October 2019 issue of the University of Otago's newsletter to OU graduates and supporters *Magazine*, which featured kidney research, the on-line MBA course, and Avant-garde Archaeology. He also supplied the information on motive power which Graham Hutchins used in his recently published *Going by Train: The Complete New Zealand Railways Story*.

Business Sector

The Craft Meat Company in the Kaikorai Valley, which has featured in recent issues of the *Kingsmen*, and which is owned and operated by G. P. (Grant) Howie (1978–82) and his wife Sherie, believes that it may have created a world first by using hemp protein in its plant-based mince. New Zealand's vegan, vegetarian, and flexitarian marketarian markets have continued to grow, and the consumers have been demanding new and improved products: the hemp protein has provided not only "great flavour" but also health benefits such as omega-3, omega-6, essential minerals, vitamins, and fibre. Earlier this year the *Washington Post* had reported that retail sales of plant-derived meat alternatives had risen by nearly 25% to an estimated value of \$770 million in 12 months, while

supermarkets and food-service channels in Australia were also showing strong interest in such products. Testing these new products is a family affair, as the couple's youngest daughter followed a vegan diet, and she and her friends welcomed the opportunity to try out the company's new ideas.

Metro Realty was originally established in the former Roslyn post office more than two decades ago, where a staff of six occupied the ground floor, and upstairs was rented out. Recently the firm merged with Bayleys, a national company and the staff now total 56 (which includes an office in Mosgiel), and their activities range from sales to property management and administration support. Metro Realty was owned by M. A. (Mark) Stevens (1972–75), formerly a self-employed forestry contractor; A. M. (Adam) Gain (1986–90); and Craig Palmer; and while it had been very successful as a small local company, merging with Bayleys was an opportunity to offer more than residential sales by expanding into areas such as commercial, industrial, and rural, thereby adding more income streams to the business. What will not change is that it will still be a people business.

Obituaries

R. W. (Roger) Aitken (1955–57) died at Bundaberg, Queensland 14.4.19

J. W. (Jimmy) Bennett (1973) died at Dunedin 10.7.19

G. A. (George) Lee (1951–53) died at Dunedin 19.7.19

L. R. (Lance) Pearson (1950–53) died at Dunedin 20.7.19

R. A. (Alby) Churchill (1951–53) of Little Waihi, died at Tauranga 21.7.19

A. S. (Andy) Fleming (1950–53) died at Palmerston North 21.7.19

J. D. (John) Hair (1946–48) died at Christchurch 27.7.19

J. A. (John) Mitchell (1948–51) died at Cromwell 31.7.19

S. J. (Stephen) Paton (1993–2001) died at Dunedin 7.8.19

G. R. (Graeme) Bassett (1952–55) died at Palmerston North 9.8.19

W. C. (William) Oliver (2007–09) died at Dunedin 12.8.19

D. A. (Darrell) Woods (1978–80) died at Dunedin 15.8.19

J. R. (Jeff) Ley (1978–79) died at Oamaru 22.8.19

R. J. (Ron) Smith (1951–54) died at Paraparaumu 22.8.19

L. J. (Les) Stewart (1945) died at Dunedin 3.9.19

D. W. (Digby) Flockton (1955–59) died at Momona 7.9.19

W. F. (Bill) Clapperton (1956–59) died at Cromwell 16.9.19

R. D. (Ryan) Boyce (1989–90) died at Dunedin 18.9.19

L. E. (Les) Laing (1949–50) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 18.9.19

P. L. (Peter) Bryant (1955–56) died at Dunedin 1.10.19

D. J. (Don) Nisbet (1949–50) died at Mosgiel 14.10.19

A. W. (Allan) Russell (1954–56) died Dunedin 24.10.19

I. R. (Ian) McNeill (1948–53) died at Alexandra 28.10.19

We are able to record that A. J. (Allan) Rennie (1938–40) and his wife Dorothy, nowadays resident in Mosgiel, recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary (i.e., a platinum wedding). Apparently all those years ago Dorothy was seeking a partner to escort her to an upcoming dance, and her mother suggested that she might ask that “nice young man” who was working in his father’s grocery shop next door in Abbotsford, and that is where it all started! Not long before, Allan had returned from naval service in World War II, where he had been a British trained radar officer attached to the Union Castle ships sailing the Atlantic between South Africa and Britain. Allan subsequently entered Dunedin Teacher’s College, then taught at various primary schools in Otago, including Kokonga, Green Island, Brockville, and Mornington. They had four children: their elder son J. A. (John) Rennie (1966–70) attended King’s, and formerly a bank officer is now a computer analyst with his own business in Greytown in the Wairarapa. Their son-in-law, G. D. (Garry) Kyle (Staff 1987–) was a geography graduate (MA) from OU, but his second academic interest was economics, which he was employed to teach. He duly became HoD Economics, and soon after HoD Commerce. Garry retired from teaching in 2014 after 28 years, and is now the school’s Attendance Officer, which is a full-time position.

L. J. (Lindsay) Brown (1956–60) and his wife Eleanor of Roslyn recently celebrated their golden wedding. He has often graced these pages because after graduating in commerce from OU, he joined a local accounting firm and was for two years treasurer of the KHSOBA. He served on the OU council for many years, culminating in five years as Chancellor, where he quietly applied a steadying influence necessary at the time. For his services to OU, Lindsay was awarded an honorary doctorate in law (Hon LLD). Now retired, he continues to offer his expertise to various charitable organisations.

The 2019 local government elections have revealed that candidates possessing a connection with King’s seem increasingly reluctant to participate in these days, the number doing so having declined by 50% since the 2013 elections, and the area covered considerably reduced as well. (Admittedly it is impossible for us to check for those seeking support and living north of the Rakaia river). Following the 2013 election there were 10 successful candidates: 2 regional councillors, 3 local councillors, and 5 community board members, and the area covered stretched from Southland to north of Wellington. The 2019 election revealed that we have only 5 elected candidates: 1 local councillor and 4 community board members, all of whom are domiciled within the confines of Dunedin City, and we are aware of only 1 unsuccessful candidate (also a Dunedin resident). Those successfully elected are the Honourable D. H. (David) Benson-Pope (1963–67) who was re-elected to the Dunedin City Council; E. L. (Lox) Kellas (1960–66) re-elected to the Otago Peninsula Community Board; and S. C. (Scott) Weatherall (1993–97), J. C. W. (John) Moyle (1984–88), and K. E. T. (Keith) McFadyen (1977–81) re-elected to the Saddle Hill Community Board.

When C. D. (Colin) Mantell (1953–57) began his final year at a primary school in the Maniototo, he aspired to become a wool classer. However the teacher encouraged him to raise his sights, and when he entered secondary school, he aimed to become either a veterinarian or a doctor. When he entered the OU

medical school in 1959, he was one of only two Maori students in his year! Some 20 years later, and by then a specialist in obstetrics and gynaecology he started working with Auckland University’s medical school. There were still only a handful of Maori students on campus, and he was keen to change this. So Colin was put in charge of the fledgling Maori and Pacific Admission Scheme (MAPAS), a transparent programme supporting up to 40 students per year. Nowadays 20% (20) of the medical school students are either Maori or Pacific, which reflects the general population. Indeed the scheme has proved so successful that the university’s law, commerce, and engineering faculties have adopted similar programmes, as has Otago University. The programme stresses that it is not a matter of mere political correctness, for producing more Maori and Pacific graduates benefits everyone: sadly such graduates while increasing in number are not necessarily getting jobs, for only 5.5% of the country’s doctors are Maori or Pacific. Colin has now been retired and living in Wanaka for 14 years and is proud of the achievements of the scheme, but acknowledges there is room for improvement.

G. W. (George) Grindley (1939–42), who died in February, was the last of a rugged band of geologists charged with exploring NZ and its mineral resources following World War II. He tramped the mountains and valleys wherever the underlying rocks were exposed, deciphering and mapping the country’s complex geology. He had an extraordinary capacity to discern the essential geological structure of an area after a brief reconnaissance, and to describe and map the main formations. He produced numerous reports, maps, articles, and memoirs in the scientific literature, many illustrated with his own photographs. A productive and energetic researcher, he collected and carefully collated 3813 rock samples now lodged in the GNS collections, a record which still stands! As a field geologist, he was prepared to endure hardships and take risks to reach remote outcrops. After graduating BSc in 1947, and MSc in 1949 from OU, he moved north to start work with the Geological Survey, where apart from a year overseas, he spent his entire career. In the late 1940s he worked with Harold Wellman in developing the then outrageous theory of a huge 480km horizontal displacement along the Alpine Fault in the South Island: later they were to learn that this was the boundary between the Australian and Pacific tectonic plates which continue to slide past each other at about 35mm per year, causing NZ’s most destructive earthquakes. George also played a major role in the exploration and development for electricity production at Wairakei, and subsequently worked in an advisory capacity on geothermal projects in Mexico and the Philippines. He was an excellent mentor to younger colleagues one of whom claimed that he learned more from a fortnight in the field with George than he had during three years at university! In recognition of his contributions to understanding the geology of NZ and Antarctica, the NZ Association of Scientists presented George with its highest award, the Research Medal, in 1966; he was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of NZ (FRSNZ) in 1968; and OU granted him a DSc in 1974 in recognition of the quality of his publications. George formally retired in 1987, and having never married, lived independently in his own house on a hillside in Belmont, overlooking Hutt Valley.

B. A. (Bruce) McDougall (1966–70) writes from Sydney:

I am long term member of the KHSOBA, and subscriber to the Kingsmen. I have good memories of King’s and well remember many of the teachers there. Jack Bremner replaced Harry Craig

as Rector early on during my time there and the head prefect was Grahame Sydney, later to become one of NZ's finest artists.

I notice that my old commerce master, Mr Pelvin, passed on recently. An amusing story about him came via the physical education teacher in those days, Harry Salter, who claimed to King's boys at the time that they used to help Me Pelvin with his caning technique by practising on an old couch in the staff room. In those times if you were sent up to the "landing" it was for one reason—the cane. How times have changed!

I retired recently after a 47-year career in journalism that started on the Otago Daily Times as a news reporter in 1971. After three years I moved to The Christchurch Star in time to cover the 1974 Commonwealth Games, and then to the UK for the first of two stints working on newspapers in London.

I moved to Sydney, Australia in 1983 spending 18 months with Australian Associated Press before joining The Daily Telegraph where I worked as a news reporter, deputy chief of staff and sub-editor for almost 34 years. Across five decades I covered many major stories in Australia and around the world, a highlight being preparations for the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000 for which I was the Telegraph's senior news reporter in a national team of 300 writers, photographers, artists and editors.

I also wrote on politics, crime, education and sport winning a number of awards including Australian and NSW Racing Writer of the Year. My journalism career started on a typewriter in the age of hot metal, spanned the era of instant online publishing and took me around the world. Quite a journey.

I am married to a Sydneysider, Rhondda, and we have two grown up sons Brett and Scott who both live in Sydney. It is terrific to see how the school has evolved and developed over the years since with facilities and a reputation up there with the very best.

Mr F. A. (Frank) Charlton (Staff 1945–53) has been the subject of some speculation from several Old Boys who attended the school during his tenure as to whether he had served during World War II. To many he didn't appear particularly enthusiastic concerning the cadet unit, which led to speculation that unlike most of the staff in the decade following the war that he had no war record: he certainly never hinted that he had. On the other hand there were those who claimed that he had been a test pilot! In an effort to discover what his life history really was, the following sources of information were consulted: *OBHS Old Boys Register 1963*, *Dunedin Teachers College Centennial Register 1975*, *University of New Zealand Alphabetical Roll of Graduates to 1938*, and *the Roll of Graduates of University of Otago 1989*. A letter seeking information was also sent to the NZ Defence Force Archive in Upper Hutt. What follows is what has been discovered to date.

The *OBHS Register* reveals that Mr Charlton was a pupil there from 1926–1929, and that in 1927–28 he was a member of the 1st hockey XI: and the bald statement that he had served in the 1939–1945 war. The *DTC Register 1975* reveals that he enrolled as a student in 1931, and that he was deceased. In the University Rolls of Graduates, he is recorded as having graduated BA in 1934, and MA with 2nd Class Honours in 1936. It seems from the Defence Force archive that he may have taught in the Wellington area, for on the 25 September 1942 when he was attested for service at Wigram, he declared he had three month's territorial service, and four year's cadet service as a 2nd Lieutenant with the Wellington West Coast First Cadet Regiment.

After initial training at Wigram as a Wireless Mechanic, 4211049 F. A. Charlton was posted to Gisborne on 22 February 1943, and from there to 30 Squadron. He was posted overseas on 7 February 1944 as part of Base Works, and was disembarked at Bougainville, Solomon Islands on 11 May 1944. On 10 July 1944 he was posted from Bougainville to Guadalcanal, where he remained until he was posted back to NZ on 24 February 1945. He arrived back in NZ on 25 February 1945 and was eventually discharged in Hamilton on 7 June 1945 as an Aircraftman Class 2. As a result of his war service he qualified for the 1939–45 Star, the Pacific Star, the War Medal 1939–45, and the NZ War Service Medal: he never displayed such evidence while teaching at King's.

It appears that Mr Charlton returned to the NZ Cadet Corps in 1945 as a 2nd Lieutenant in the King's High School cadet unit, and was promoted to Lieutenant on 1 July 1947. He transferred to Whakatane BHS cadet unit on 12 October 1953, and was subsequently posted to the Retired List on 15 September 1961 while he was with the Te Kuiti High School cadet unit. When he died, believed to be during the 1960s, he was Senior Lecturer in French at Auckland Teachers' College. While at King's he had mainly taught French, and was the coach of the 1st hockey XI.

The Sew Hoy family recently celebrated 150 years since their forbear Choie Sew Hoy, importer and goldminer, arrived in Dunedin from the Californian goldfields, after having left his Chinese homeland when aged 13. Because the Chinese custom of using family names first was foreign to his NZ contemporaries, he became known by his given names as Mr Sew Hoy, so all family members since then have their roots in Dunedin, and are all related. Eight Sew Hoy's have attended King's over the years, beginning with Justin (1948–51), and his brothers Duncan (1953–56), and Donald (1954–59); Kang Sew Hoy (1950–52) and his brother Jarn (1952–56); later they were followed by A. L. (Andrew) Sew Hoy (1959–63), M. E. (Mark) Sew Hoy (1976–78), and D. J. (Dallas) Sew Hoy (1979). Some 250 family members attended from California, Singapore, Australia, and elsewhere in NZ, and participated in a walking tour of the city, where their former business building is still a landmark in Stafford Street.

Duncan shifted to Auckland, and owned and was managing director of Glacier Investments Ltd, a clothing supplier to major retail chains in NZ, and an exporter of NZ products to China. He became a huge supporter of community and charitable initiatives, and a pillar of the NZ Chinese Association. He received the Queen's Service Medal (QSM) in 2008, and in 2015 was adjudged Senior New Zealander of the Year at the Kiwibank awards.

Professor T. R. (Tony) Merriman (1987–91) is a member of a group of OU principal investigators who have been granted \$3 million over the next three years by the Marsden Fund to investigate genetic predisposition to metabolic diseases such as diabetes among Pacific peoples.

Sporting Triumphs

Athletics

As was forecast in the July *Kingsmen*, C. H. S. (Caden) Shields (2002–06) was selected to represent NZ in the marathon at the World Athletic Championships held in Doha, Qatar, along with Malcolm Hicks. Despite a lead-in camp of a

fortnight in Cyprus, the daily temperatures in Doha of 45° (and filled with humidity) were still a shock, but which Caden accepted positively and prepared for mentally. The race began at midnight, when an offshore breeze had decreased the humidity to a mere 50%! Caden (and Malcolm) ran the first 25km conservatively before slowly accelerating through the field from 60th to finish in 30th place in a time of 2 hr: 18 min: 08 sec (Malcolm finished in 27th place). The race was won by an Ethiopian in 2:10: 40. Caden has taken confidence from his performance, knowing that he had beaten several athletes who had previously run faster times. Sadly the competition between him and former schoolmate T. A. (Tony) Payne (2002–06) now representing Thailand didn't eventuate, for Tony was one of several who did not finish the race. Nowadays a physiotherapist in Christchurch, Caden is planning to run the summer track season, with possibly his next marathon in April or May next year.

D. J. (Daniel) Balchin (2004–08) finished third in the recent Auckland half marathon.

J. S. (Jonah) Smith (2012–13) a Taieri dairy farmer won the Otago Marathon and the Otago Half Marathon.

Cricket

At a general meeting of the Otago Cricket Association (OCA) in October, S. B. (Stuart) Heal (1965–70), former chairman of the Board, and subsequently chairman of the NZC Board was made a Life Member of the OCA. At the same meeting J. R. A. (Jason) Cushen (1986–90) stepped down from the Board following 13 years of service.

Cycling

K. (Kees) Duyvesteyn (2012–16) won the South Island's Calder Stewart series of races, thereby acquiring the elite and the under-23 jerseys. Earlier in October he had won Cycling Otago's Kelvin Hastie Memorial Handicap race, and recorded fastest time in the event. He is now Otago's leading hope in November's 63rd Tour of Southland.

Golf

W. J. (Bill) Trewern (1962–66) has recently retired from being the *ODT* golf writer since 1970, having enjoyed every minute of it. A former player who played in the NZ open in 1968 but failed to make the cut, he has since been watching, mentoring, managing, and writing about it. He has taught physics and was assistant principal at OBHS for more than 40 years, and was deeply involve in the sport there: twice in the 1990s he took the school team to the world championships, once gaining second place. He has been involved with 14 golfers who subsequently became professionals, including Greg Turner and Mahal Pearce. His mantra has always been based on the 4Ps: patience, practice, perseverance, and play for the present hole being played. Bill has also coached, refereed, and reported on basketball.

Hockey

The "Black Sticks" coached by D. C. (Darren) Smith (1987–91) have qualified to appear at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Indoor Bowls

Former international R. J. (Ray) Webster (1971–73) of Forbury Park won the champion of champions men's single recently, and with clubmate Jill O'Gorman won the Otago open pairs.

Powerlifting

B. R. (Bruce) Park (1951–54), a South Otago farmer who has been away from the sport for 18 months because of complications following open heart surgery, recently broke 26 records at the national powerlifting championships in

Christchurch. He not only set new marks in his own age group (he is 82), but set new marks in younger grades too.

Rugby

B. R. (Ben) Smith (2000–04) played his 84th test against Wales recently, thereby enabling NZ to place third in the Rugby World Cup (RWC), despite having defeated the ultimate winner (South Africa) in pool play. Ben has played the most test matches of any Otago player.

There is every chance that T. E. (Tony) Brown (1993) who is returning to Dunedin as assistant coach of the Highlanders after helping Jamie Joseph coach Japan into the quarter finals of the RWC, may be assisting the All Blacks as an attacking coach, for both Ian Foster and Scott Robertson who are both candidates for the job of All Black coach have expressed interest in Tony's abilities; and who knows what Jamie Joseph is planning to do?

B. T. (Brayden) Mitchell (2003–06) captained Southland in this year's Mitre 10 Cup, and switched from hooker to blind side loose forward because of a neck complaint. At the Rugby Southland awards evening, Brayden was named Rugby Player of the Year by the Rugby Southland Supporters Club, and the players Player of the Year.

J. A. (Josh) Clark (2000–04) and M. I. A. (Mike) Mata'afa (2003–2007) are two of the players who indulge twice-weekly in a 5.5 hour round trip by van to Oamaru and return, to train with the North Otago "Old Golds." Such a journey is repeated for home games, and North Otago won this year's Meads Cup. Josh was also selected for the NZ Heartland squad to play Samoa.

Sevens

M. A. (MacKenzie) Haugh (2009–13) won the best back award for the Otago Sevens at the ORFU awards evening, and his brother T. (Taylor) Haugh (2011–2015) was adjudged Most Valuable Player. Taylor has also been picked for a national development squad to play in the Oceania championships in Fiji.

Snooker

G. A. (Gary) Hale (1985–87) teamed with Canterbury's Brent Jones to win the national pairs title held in Blenheim recently.

Surf Lifesaving

The White Island race celebrated its 50th year in October, which attracted 120 entrants from clubs ranging from Kaka Point to Mount Maunganui. Former "Black Fin" A. E. (Andrew) Newton (2000–04) won the men's board. Veteran B. A. (Bart) Smaill (1954–56) aged 80 (but almost a new man following several surgical procedures) teamed with J. L. (John) Bryant (1977–80) aged 55 (whom he had mentored some 40 years ago) to enter a double surf ski: unfortunately their steering gear stopped working on the return journey and they had to be rescued!

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Email: djmosgiel@gmail.com and not that of the School. Contents for the March *Kingsmen* to be received as soon as possible and by 25th February. We would appreciate information from outside Otago which may be legally published relating to ex-pupils.

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