



THE KINGSMEN

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The Principal's Report

Dear Old Boys,

At long last I can report a start on the Performing Arts Centre construction after many years of frustration for so many people. Progress is slow as the engineers have conspired to battle with the 'South Dunedin' factor in relation to the ground conditions that they have to deal with. I am sure many of you will have had first hand knowledge of our swampy origins. They haunt us still!!

The project is scheduled to be completed early next year and we will be planning an opening which will suitably recognise the 70th year of King's High School. Included in the building is a dedicated space for the Old Boys Association—a place to meet, store archival material and display the many treasures currently held.

Included with this newsletter is a plea for help from our loyal old boy community. The \$1.2million shortfall is significant and an issue which has challenged my sleep patterns in recent months. Many a time I have been regaled with tales of the large number of rich King's old boys spread across New Zealand, and the world, who will 'rise to the occasion'. My response has usually taken the form of a comment similar to: "if they do exist they didn't become rich by giving their money away."

Undeterred, however, I plan to track down, and meet, as many of you as possible (rich or otherwise) over the remainder of 2005 and at least ask the question: "Are you able to help?". I have already attended the inaugural meeting and luncheon of the Nelson branch of King's Old Boys and plan to get to all branch gatherings this year.

A long shot is my plan to hold a branch meeting in London during September as I journey home from an international student recruiting visit to Germany. I have heard of a number of King's old boys hiding away on the other side of the world, what with the conversion rates of pounds to dollars we could be on a winner!!

Another plan for my visit to England is to attempt to meet up with the five King's boys currently holding professorships at Cambridge University. This story deserves to be told and I am sure it can be used to illustrate to the young Kingsmen of today the potential for greatness that they all have.

The recent Queen's 50th Jubilee was a wonderful occasion and as I commented at the foundation girls' assembly, one great regret I have is not being an Old Boy of Kings. This was delightfully reinforced during this assembly as story after story flowed of dubious goings on between the sexes across the lane. It made my conservative days of secondary schooling in Gore sound downright puritanical.

I was very impressed by the sheer dedication and commitment of your esteemed President, Warwick Larkins, over the Jubilee weekend. Despite being hugely outnumbered by gaggles of squawking females, he manfully stuck to his task of defending the honour of you all.

The past year has seen a great deal of publicity about schools and education in general. Much of it has little impact on the day to day operation of King's. We are positive about the new qualification opportunities for our students and we are confident that NCEA will provide our graduates with a meaningful New Zealand qualification which will reflect accurately their abilities. It should perhaps also be noted that NCEA will not provide any barriers to the wishes of students to use their qualification outside New Zealand, it is recognised across the world.

In closing I would once again repeat my plea for help. Our new facility will play a key part in the history of the King's of the future. It is a building with style and one that we will be immensely proud of. It will further reinforce the spirit of what makes King's and its Old Boys just that extra bit special.

Kind regards,
Colin Donald



50 Year on Reunion of 1956 1st XV

A reunion of the school's 1st XV is proposed for the middle of 2006, preferably to correspond with an annual interschool fixture held at school.

All those interested should respond with their current contact address to email: ggd@xtra.co.nz or by letter to P.O. Box 163, Dunedin.

OVER THE YEARS

This issue's aerial photograph is probably the last taken of the old buildings before demolition and rebuilding in stages over the 1990s. It was taken over the 1988-89 school holidays from a plane flown by A. F. (Alex) Armstrong (1948-52) who was on the Technical staff for half of 1986.

The photograph excludes the additions and prefabs to the right behind the houses in Bay View Road. On the other hand alterations since the 1978 photograph shown in our previous issue can be seen. The woodwork room has been demolished to make way for a new boilerhouse to heat both King's and Queen's. The Fives courts have been demolished to make way for three more locatable classrooms.

The photograph shows a better picture of the Gymnasium block. Housed in there is a basketball court which has served as an 'Assembly Hall' once a week for many years with the boys sitting on the wooden floor. In addition, there is another gymnastics area which is used for volleyball, plus a squash court, changing rooms, showers and storeroom.

The school roll had advanced very quickly up to 870 in 1989 from 480 in 1981.

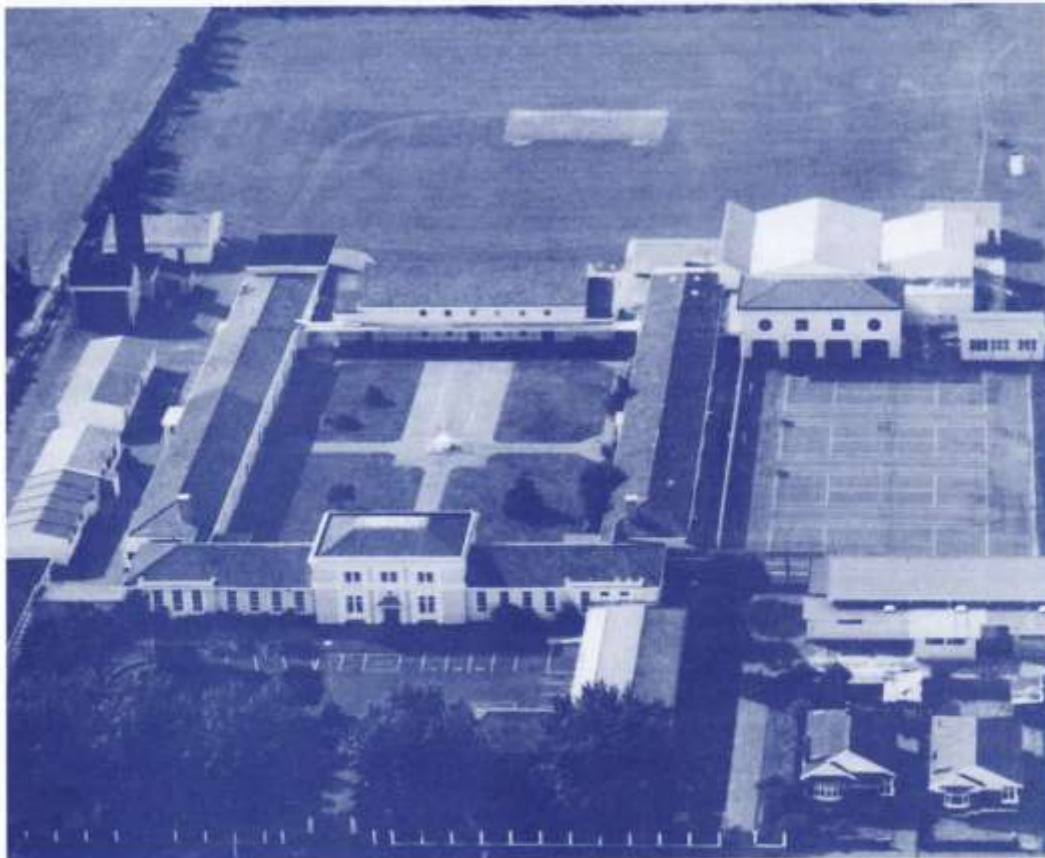
We have mentioned the changing times in relation to Fives, but what about bicycles? Below is a piece written by Warwick Larkins.

"Obviously each of us has memories relating to our own times at King's. One of my most vivid memories coming from Andersons Bay to the school is the horde of bikes going down Bay View Road, not only from King's boys, but also those pupils going to Queen's. Three abreast was common and Bay View Road was not as wide then as it is today in places. It must have been a nightmare for motorists. Then one arrived at the school and made for the bike stands—row after row of bikes in two major areas of the school—one long stand against the fence by the path between King's and Queen's and several stands near the northern entrance to the school near Freddy Jones milkbar.

I walked passed the only remaining stand near Queen's on Monday 20th June and there I saw them—lonely and padlocked—a grand total of 3 cycles from 830 boys on the roll.

Times have sure changed as I noticed almost every street off Bay View Road was chocka with boys' cars."

(In my day cars were not allowed to be brought to school except in extreme circumstances as with the wearing of longs at school. Who owned a car anyway and many parents did not !! Ed.)



Administration

Office Bearers

Patron:	Colin Donald (Principal 01-)
President:	Warwick Larkins (1960-63, Staff 01-)
Vice President:	Ron Paterson (1948-50)
Secretary:	David Horne (1954-58)
Treasurer:	Bob Glass (1948-52)
Registrar:	Hugh Kidd (1950-54)
Committee:	Graham Dalton (1945-48), Irvine Duncan (1947-49), Darren Elliot (1979-83), Graham Helm (1979-82), Doug Jackson (1960-62), Darren Munro (1979-84), Mack Stephens (1952-56).
Auditor:	Brian Cuthbertson (1952-55)

Sub-Committees

Newsletter: Hugh Kidd, Bob Glass with contributions from Warwick Larkins

Jubilee Building Fund Trustees: Graham Gosney (1950-55), Graham Sinclair (1949-53), Warwick Larkins, Bob Glass

Dinner: Warwick Larkins

Subscriptions

These are again \$15 for the year. If the school magazine is wanted a further \$15.50 is required for the 2005 issue which will be forwarded in December.

With the weight and size of the school magazines they are classified as parcels for posting overseas. The rate varies and is not known until the time of posting. Based upon last year an additional \$9 is required for Australia and \$19 to Europe and North America.

Ties and Badges

The Mark III version tie is available to association members for \$27 delivered within New Zealand. An extra \$10 for sending overseas. It has our shield and motto within two narrow diagonal blue lines on a dark blue background.

There are two lapel badges available for sale at \$7 delivered within New Zealand and \$9 delivered overseas.

1. The school coloured badge with their shield and motto.
2. For the Golden Jubilee in 1986 we were granted a Crest to be used as a badge which was presented to the school. At the time of the 50th we had these lapel badges for sale and have a further small stock. This badge is silver coloured with the face of a lion, and is not the Arms and Motto as granted and given to the school for the Silver Jubilee in 1961.

Orders and payment to P.O. Box 163, Dunedin and indicate which badge is required.

Membership

In our November 2004 issue we showed an analysis of our membership which totalled 781 at that time. Since then our numbers have advanced to 810 despite a handful letting their subscriptions and thus membership lapse.

Lost Members

We have had 'Kingsmens' returned from B.A. (Brian

Colquhoun (1949-50), Wainoni Christchurch, and N.D. (Norman) Sinclair (1964-66) of Omarama. Has anyone any idea as to where they now reside? Even as a guide what town or city?

New Members

We wish to welcome the following who have joined the Association since June last year:

R.J. (Russell) Elmes (1957-60), South Australia, D.R. (Ross) Simpson (1952-56) London, W.M. (Warren) Amos (1964-68) Richmond, R.W. (Ralph) Anderson (1942-45) Auckland, I.R. (Ian) Bagley (1940-43) Nelson, G. (Graeme) Barbara (1969-71) Wanaka, A.J. (Anthony) Boomer (1979-83) Dunedin, N.J. (Nick) Bovett (1961-65) Wellington, T.W. (Tony) Branks (1978-81) Dunedin, P.G. (Peter) Buckmaster (1954-56) Auckland, C.L. (Charles) Burrell (1949-53) Taieri, A.J. (Andrew) Campbell (1984-88) Dunedin, M.R. (Ray) Carson (1937-39) Nelson, G.B. (Gordon) Cathro (1945-47) Dunedin, F.A. (Fred) Chaney (1954-55) Dunedin, N.H. (Neville) Chin (1978-83) Dunedin, R.A. (Robert) Clark (1965-69) Otago Peninsula, S.J. (Stephen) Clarke (1982-86) Lower Hutt, K.L. (Keith) Couling (1942-46) Richmond, W.J. (Warwick) Crooks (1953-56) Waikanae, S.J. (Simon) Cushen (1987-91) Cambridge, R.C. (Craig) Dickson (1972-76) Otago Peninsula, G.E. (Grant) Dowland (1969-72) Dunedin, G.A. (Graeme) Downie (1958-61) Christchurch, P.R. (Paul) Facoory (1965-70) Dunedin, C.M.J. (Colin) Gilbert (1954-55) Ashburton R.D., B.R. (Bryce) Gilchrist (1973-77) Nelson, P.T. (Peter) Haslemore (1967-72) Dunedin, C.P. (Peter) Hazeldine (1963-68) Wellington, N.L. (Lex) Howie (1954-57) Clyde, W.J. (John) Hyde (1951-55) Nelson, I.G. (Grant) Jeffery (1957-61) Tauranga, S.G. (Stuart) Kemp (1974-78) Dunedin, D.W. (David) Kennedy (1954-55) Gore, J.C. (John) Laidlaw (1958-61) North Harbour, I.D. (Ian) Lauder (1968-71) Christchurch, M.D. (Murray) Lewis (1969-72) Tauranga, G.F. (George) McGimpsey (1937-40) Dunedin, A.M. (Alan) McKenzie (1956-59) Motueka, M. (Michael) Maguire (1951-53) Orewa, J.D. (John) Miller (1955-59) Dunedin R.D., N.J. (Neville) Miller (1980-83) Dunedin, P.R. (Phillip) Morris (1965-70) Dunedin, I.A. (Ian) Murdoch (1936-37) Mosgiel, P.J. (Peter) Nimmo (1954-58) Dunedin, J.W. (Jim) Olsen (1956-60) Gore, D.R. (Donn) Parsons (1954-57) Broadwood R.D. Northland, N.R. (Nathan) Peacock (1939-42) Invercargill, J.L. (Lin) Rayner (1938-41) Dunedin, E.J. (Ed) Reddington (1952-54) Nelson, G.S. (Gordon) Roberts (1942-46) Rotorua, A.T.G. (Gil) Ross (1936-37) Nelson, H.J. (Hugh) Ross (1945-49) Wanaka, G.T. (Gary) Russell (1966-69) Raumatī, M.R. (Mark) Scales (1972-76) Tasman, J.R. (Rex) Sim (1944-45) Dunedin, R.E. (Roy) Steel (1978-81) Mosgiel, I.M. (Ian) Stevens (1944-45) Auckland, M.A. (Mark) Stevens (1971-75) Dunedin, D.D. (David) Strang (1955-59) Wanaka, M.J. (Mike) Sydney (1954-57) Dunedin, L.M. (Rusty) Taylor (1945-47) Nelson, R.M. (Rex) Telfer (1954-55) Dunedin, T.J. (Tim) Townsley (1961) Dunedin, M.E. (Murray) Turner (1979-82) Dunedin, R.S. (Russell) Wall (1959-64) Napier, K.R. (Keith) Wallace (1957-59) Dunedin, G.G. (Graeme) Watt (1963-67) Dunedin, R.M. (Russell) Williamson (1954-57) Christchurch, M.L. (Michael) Young (1954-57) Waimate.

That is a total of 70 new members following 63 and 58 in the previous two years.

Activities Around the Country

Dunedin

1. You will have found an insert informing you of the Dunedin Annual Dinner to be held on Thursday 18th August 2005.

2. A golf match between Old Boys and the School was played for the Finnie-Stephens trophy for the third time on a sunny Friday 4th March at Chisholm Park with no wind. This year the school won a close match 5.5-4.5 with the last game being a tie. The players were Russell Bell (1954-58), Jack Cain (1940-41), Graham Dalton (1945-48), Bruce Finnie (1954-56), Doug Jackson (1960-62), Barry Oats (1967-69), Mark Pearson (1971-74), Eric Shaw (1949-51), Ian Simpson (1954-58) and Mack Stephens (1952-56).
3. Five fours teams represented us in the second annual bowls match against Otago Boys' Old Boys at the Tainui Bowling Club on Wednesday 6th April winning by 4 games to 1 to secure the trophy from our opposition.

The players were with the skip named first and the lead last as follows:-

Andersons Bay Club—Don Dabinett (staff 1995-2005), Terry Maguire (1949-53), Neville Mercer (1951-52), Alan Bremner (1951-54)

St Clair Club—Jock Padgett (1948-49), Alan Tomkins (1941-43), Alan Stevens (1947-49)

St Kilda Club—Tim Townsley (1961), Ron McLean (1948), Guy Robinson (1959-60), David Horne (1954-58)

Tainui Club—Rex Sim (1944-45), Noel Gillan (1943-46), Warwick Larkins (1960-63), George McGimpsey (1937-40)

Composite—Ken Walker (1960-63), Rodney Fleming (1983-86), Bill Lennox (1941-42), Russel Walsh (1943-45).

Non-regular bowler Warwick Larkins appeared in his cricket whites plus his Albion Cricket Club cap. He bowled the correct way underarm as opposed to his usual left arm slow overarms.



Players and supporters sitting in the sun after the golf are around the table from the left Eric Shaw talking with the Principal Colin Donald, Warwick Larkins, Russell Bell, Ian Simpson, Bruce Finnie, Barry Oats, Eric McAuslan (staff), Mack Stephens and Bob Glass with three of the boys standing.



Noel Hudson (1943-47) our non-playing captain receiving the bowls trophy back from Bill Butler of Otago Boys.

4. We have received an invitation from the Otago Boys' High School Old Boys' Society to have lunch with them prior to the interschool 1st XV rugby game at Littlebourne on the 6th July.

We are requesting as indicated elsewhere e-mail addresses for short notice occasions like this in future.

Christchurch

1. John Hair reported that the Interscholar Old Boys' bowls tournament was held on the 27th February 2005 at the Elmwood Bowling Club. Last year it was rained out. We were once more represented in the event and managed to finish after Southbridge High School and Christchurch Boys' High School No 1. We commenced the day with a game against Rangiora High School losing narrowly by 1 shot which in all probability cost us the overall tournament. After this setback we played very well for the rest of the day accounting for Christ College, Waitaki Boys' and Christchurch Boys' No.3. The win against old rivals Waitaki Boys' was particularly sweet as in our own days they were great rivals on the rugby field.

The other highlight of the day was scoring eight shots against Christchurch Boys' all drawn whilst they drove their own bowls off the head. The team comprised Russell Brinsdon (1953-55) as lead followed at second by Eric Richardson (1947-51), at third Laurie Kenworthy (1946-49) and skipped by John Hair (1946-48).

2. Contacts in Christchurch

Chairman Murray Dunbar (1953-57) 44 Ashgrove Street, Rangiora. E-mail: dunbars@ihug.co.nz

Secretary Ian Gamble (1955-58), P. O. Box 5178, Christchurch. E-mail: meadowpark@xtra.co.nz

Treasurer Alan Malcolmson (1970-75), 10 Parkham Drive, Burnside. E-mail: amalcolmson@foodstuffs-sl.co.nz

Database Alister Campbell (1949-53), P.O. Box 52, Lincoln. E-mail: alandpat@xtra.co.nz

Wellington

Contacts

Chairman John Bray (1944-48) 14 Biddle Crescent, Taita

Secretary Morris Barling (1961-63) PO Box 26118, Wellington. E-mail mbarling@xtra.co.nz

Treasurer Brian Farrant (1952-55) 19B Kowhai Street, Eastbourne. E-mail bandmfarrant@xtra.co.nz

Database Alex Ross (1942-46) 62 Collins Avenue, Linden. E-mail: joyce.alex@paradise.net.nz

'Ceud Mile Fáilte'

From Nelson, at the top of the South. The newest branch of the Old Boys' Association. This branch was conceived through a chance meeting with Hugh Kidd (1950-54) whilst he was holidaying in Stoke. Hugh asked the writer if he would try and find some Old Boys, who he thought could be living in the region. This was duly done, and lo and behold, Hugh's cunning plan started to unfold, because by the 10th May a newsletter to all known old boys was circulated regarding an informal meeting/luncheon to be held on 12th June with view to forming a branch. This meeting was attended by 26 out of

the 46 Old Boys, plus 15 of their wives/partners. It was decided we would go ahead and form a branch. Something we believed was innovative was the inclusion of a Ladies Representative on our committee, which would give balance and bring new ideas from another perspective.

Duly elected were Chairman J. H. (Jim) Cochrane, Secretary/Treasurer K. J. (Kevin) St John and Ladies Representative J. N. (Jan) Reddington, wife of E. J. (Ed) Reddington (1952-54). Jan was very quickly nominated after someone heard her say "Oh what a good idea, I wouldn't mind that!!". Apologies were received from the following Old Boys and their wives, R. J. (Jock) Burrige (1963-66), A. D. (Alex) Johnston (1955-57), A. M. (Alan) McKenzie (1956-59), M. R. (Mark) Scales (1972-76) and Dr. G. B. (Graeme) Skeggs (1966-70). Also a belated apology was received from W. M. (Warren) Amos (1964-68) whose intention was to attend, but due to a previous meeting that morning over-running, couldn't make our function.

The following Old Boys attended the meeting/luncheon: I. R. (Ian) Bagley (1940-43), M. R. (Ray) Carson (1937-39), J. H. (Jim) Cochrane (1951-52), K. L. (Keith) Couling (1942-46), T. M. S. (Max) Cunliffe (1941-43), A. G. (George) Dyer (1966-70), W. J. (Bill) Earland (1950-53), I. L. (Ian) Edwards (1943-44), Dr M. L. (Murray) Farrant (1953-57), B. R. (Bryce) Gilchrist (1973-77), W. J. (John) Hyde (1951-55), T. M. (Terry) Kreft (1966-70), S. J. (Scobie) McKenzie (1939-42), C. M. (Colin) McLaren (1939-43), L. A. (Leslie) Milnes (1936-38), G. D. (David) Myles (1939-41), F. A. P. (Pres) Peterson (1941-44), E. J. (Ed) Reddington (1952-54), A. T. G. (Gil) Ross (1936-37), K. J. (Kevin) St. John (1957-62), J. R. (John) Stevenson (1961-64), L. M. (Rusty) Taylor (1945-47), P. C. (Phil) Thomason (1956, 58-60), T. G. (Graeme) Todd (1944-47), A. J. (Tony) White (1961-65), K. F. (Keith) Williamson (1956-58).

We were especially pleased to welcome Colin Donald, Principal of King's High who gave a very interesting and detailed talk on the current situation at King's. This included the completed and future building programme. Viewing at first hand aerial photographs of the school that Colin had brought with him, and seeing the demise of the 'Five's Courts', assembly hall, woodwork room, rifle range, etc., some of the Old Boys took a minute or two to adjust to the fact that King's had really and truly moved on from 1936. We understand that Colin was at Dunedin airport before 7am and did not arrive home until after 8pm that day; having to fly back via Wellington made a very long day for him. We really appreciated his giving up a 'free' day to be with us.

After a very enjoyable luncheon the opportunity for Old Boys and their wives to meet and mingle, found that some of the wives knew each other from their time in Dunedin. One lady was heard to say to another, "I didn't know you came from Dunedin"—it truly is a small world!

The above was supplied by an enthusiastic Jim Cochrane (1951-52) who requested the following article from L. A. (Les) Milnes (1936-38) one of Nelson's three first day pupils.

"It was a most enjoyable luncheon on Sunday. As discussed, I have written a few lines on my memories as a foundation pupil. After completing Form 3 year at Otago Boys' High in 1935, I was transferred to King's High for the next 3 years schooling. The classrooms at King's were most impressive—light and sunny with a view of the surrounding land (so different from OBHS). Although further development was planned, all pupils were accommodated from the opening day. My new form was 4G with 16 pupils.

The Rector, Mr Chisholm, and staff were friendly and

approachable, contributing to a happy atmosphere amongst staff and pupils. Being rather more interested in sport than school subjects, my memories are mainly sports related and I certainly appreciated the time the teachers spent outside school hours in coaching and counselling. I recall the following: Cricket—Teddy Hayes, Rugby—Frosty Fraser, Boxing—Curly Richards, Surf Life-Saving—Win Wood. The school can be justifiably proud of its outstanding record in producing so many academic and sporting achievers since 1936."

The School

Anzac Service

The service was held after return from the term holidays on Tuesday 3rd May, again in the quadrangle on another fine and still autumn morning. The guest speaker was H.R. (Huia) Ockwell (1949-52, staff 1961-63, 69-74, 94). A special guest this year was Professor Jocelyn Harris, a former head of English at Otago University who is the daughter of the late Windsor Wood whose name appears on our Roll of Honour 1939-45. He was one of the original staff members in 1936 who transferred from Otago Boys' High School and he died in Egypt whilst serving in the army in 1944. Also in attendance were Jim McCready (1937-40, former Deputy Rector), Graham Dalton (1945-48), Bob Glass (1948-52), Hugh Kidd (1950-54), Mack Stephens (1952-56) and Warwick Larkins (1960-63).

Principal's Extra Appointment

The principal Colin Donald has been appointed the scholarship regional co-ordinator for Otago and Southland. He is one of the five regional co-ordinators nationwide helping to implement the change recommended by an expert review panel in the wake of the debacle over scholarship results from last year's exams.

School Visit

At times ex-pupils visit Dunedin after a long absence and some decide to have a look at the school, perhaps only from the street. You are welcome to view all the changes.

Interschools

The remaining winter interschool events this year are against Southland Boys' High School to be held on Wednesday 3rd August in Dunedin.

As mentioned previously the 1st XV rugby game against Otago Boys' High School was due to be held on the 6th July. Other sports and activities with that school were being held on Friday 8th July. This year they have been extended to involve not just the elite, but as many as possible with over twenty teams.

Outdoor Activities

Subjects and activities are many and varied these days. Year 10 (4th form) pupils at the end of the year have the opportunity to choose a camp to attend such as tramping, sailing, surfing, fishing, or touring Otago golf courses at times.

The New Zealand magazine "Troutfisher" for June/July 2005 had an article relating to King's in which it was quoted: "One year we were struggling for cooking pots and were forced to use a spare coal bucket for the stir fry. Due to a mix up in communication, it only received a quick wipe rather than a scrub. Luckily the black specks nestling in the cabbage was easily explained away as cracked pepper."

Queens High School

1. Queen's High School celebrated their 50th Anniversary over appropriately Queen's Birthday weekend with the photograph below being located sometime before. P.G. (Peter) Buckmaster (1954-56) visited King's in March after many years in Auckland and inquired about a photograph taken of him on the opening day of Queen's which appeared in a newspaper of the time.

Inquiries to Barbara Newton (nee Turner) who is the authoress of *Our St Clair—A Resident's History* and the wife of G.P. (Graeme) Newton (1966-69) came up trumps. She procured a photo from Heather Hay and thus the King's/Queen's connection had worked.

The personnel are as follows—L. to R. Barbara Cameron, Heather Hay, Annette Arnold, Mary Macandrew and the "hopeful".



2. The recent Queen's High School 50th reunion had of course significant interest for many Old Boys. On your behalf our President Warwick Larkins and the Principal Colin Donald attended the special assembly held on Queen's Birthday Saturday morning. It was quite an occasion with the premiere of an excellent video record of the school's first 50 years followed by a parade of Queen's pupils in their school uniform down the years. The period of the mini skirts saw a Queen's pupil stroll across the stage dressed in a King's uniform complete with cap and blues blazer hotly pursued by several Queen's gals in their mini's. The 50th Jubilee Dinner in the Dunedin Town Hall saw the Queen's/King's Jazz Band provide classy music prior to the commencement of the dinner and mid-way through the event those present who had married a King's boy were asked to stand. Close to a third of those present stood.
3. On Monday lunchtime a mini-reunion gathered for a meal at the Waterloo Hotel. Initially this was to meet Graeme Maskell (1960-64) who was to have been present as a partner at the Queen's celebrations from Australia, but a last minute hitch prevented his attendance. Those who met were Warwick Larkins (1960-63), Rick Mains (1957-61), Hartley Meder (1960-64), Ian Morrison (1960-64), Ronda Tatnell (nee Murray—Queen's) and Ann Sharp (nee McQuarrie) the latter being one of a small group of Queen's ex-pupils who attended Jim McCready's Chemistry classes in the early 1960s.

Honours

As has become the norm, King's has featured in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, this year's recipient being C. L. (Les) Batcheler (1949-50), who was appointed a Member of the NZ Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to the environment. Les attended King's in his 5th and 6th form after transferring from Waitaki BHS. Although not a member of the Old Boys' Association, when contacted recently he vividly recalled his days at King's and remembered the time when the 1st XV played the OU "Med. boozers". He says the average King's player was 10 stone 4lbs and some of the University players were 14 and 16 stone. Les broke his neck tackling one of the larger opposition, another team member broke a leg in the same match, and another two ribs; the important thing that he recalled was that King's won! He was also a member of the athletics team, and a corporal in No. 3 platoon, A Company. Les has had a long career as an animal ecologist in the NZ Forest Service, part of which was later transferred to Landcare Research following government restructuring. Les' research work (together with data from other researchers) improved techniques for estimating introduced animal numbers, in particular red deer and the brush-tailed possum. In the 1950s and '60s, deer were seen as a threat to alpine vegetation and a contributing cause of erosion. Trials at reducing animal numbers were undertaken at Haast by helicopter shooting following his recommendation. After seven years the population was reduced by 80%. This demonstrated that the wild population could be managed. Live capture and commercial deer farming followed. With deer numbers under control his attention turned to control of the brush-tailed possum and the development of control mechanisms using compound 1080, baits and dyes. This is still the standard (albeit now controversial) method for

Obituaries

- M. J. (Mervyn) Burton (1938-42) died at Nelson 7.11.04
J. D. (James) Brown (1941) died at Christchurch 1.2.05
W. G. (Bill) McKenzie (1942-44) died at Dunedin 23.2.05
N. C. (Norman) Stanley (1938-39) died at Dunedin 25.2.05
J. C. (Jack) Whitworth (1939-42, Staff 1950-53) died at Blenheim 5.3.05
S. A. (Stuart) Lenz (1936-37) died at Hamilton 30.3.05
E. A. J. (Eddie) Randle (1944-47) died at Dunedin 7.4.05
G. E. (George) Maxwell (1938-39) died at Christchurch 24.4.05
G. O. (Garnet) Ball (1948-49) died at Dunedin 4.5.05
G. M. (Gerald) Armstrong (1951-53) of Otautau, died at Dunedin 11.5.05
L. S. (Les) Shaw (1940) died at Dunedin 15.5.05
M. R. (Michael) Duke (1982-84) of Green Island died at Dunedin 20.5.05
R. T. (Ron) Moss (1943-44) died at Dunedin 21.5.05
A. E. (Allan) Joyce (1949) died at Company Bay 24.5.05
M. W. (Murray) Edmond (1943) died at Brisbane 7.5.05
R. J. (Russell) Gunn (1969-71) of Roseneath, died at Christchurch 5.6.05
L. W. (Laurie) Boyer (1946) died at Invercargill 7.6.05
P. J. P. (Peter) Aburn (1946-49) died at Dunedin 26.6.05
K. G. (Keith) Murray (1947-49) died at Linden, Wellington 29.6.05

the Department of Conservation to control introduced animal numbers. Les, since retiring to a home beside the estuary in Christchurch has, along with other researchers, put a lot of effort into 'issues and options' for the discharge of the city's waste water. It appears now as though there will be an ocean outfall and a cleaner estuary largely as a result of the Estuary Association's work. Les and his wife Dorothy have 18 grandchildren, and as he puts it "these days I'm busy spending their inheritance". He was humbled by the award, and intrigued that the KHSOBA would be interested in the reasons behind the citation for "services to the environment" [However, this is because *The Press* and other northern newspapers do not usually print a biography of those receiving honours; this is in marked contrast to the *ODT* which usually prints a half-column on each recipient within its circulation area].

Cultural Affairs

G. E. (Garth) Campbell (1972-74) a professional musician currently playing in a punk band called 'The Puke', is unlikely to be playing in his new home! His English-born wife Kate Kavanagh and her backpacker friend Lucy Hobbs have recently purchased Dunedin's oldest pub, the Empire (in Princes St, near to where James Wren & Co. used to operate) and are refurbishing the building. It opened for business in 1858 as the Queen's Arms, later became the Union, and finally in 1899 became the Empire, which traded under that name until its closure in 1999, since when it has been used as a family holiday home for its Australian owner. The front of the three-storey brick Victorian building has a heritage listing and so cannot be altered, and unique wood panelling (supposedly from Cargill's Castle) and beam ceilings inside. The plan is for a public bar on the ground floor, a lounge bar taking up part of the first floor, and accommodation and a lounge for about 20 backpackers occupying the rest of the building. During the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s, the pub was a popular live music venue, and hosted top Dunedin bands such as 'The Clean', 'The Verlaines', and 'The Chills' (who provided the pre-match entertainment at Carisbrook for the Otago vs Lions match recently!), while Garth himself played there in the 1990s in a band called 'Rampant'. It is the intention to bring back live music to the venue, but featuring quieter jazz and blues bands.

Less than 24 hours after the birth of his second child, C. D. (Chris) Fennessy (1984-88) was on an aeroplane bound for Wales. The Dunedin baritone had won a spot in the finals of the BBC Radio 2 Voice of Musical Theatre competition, held as part of the Cardiff International Festival of Musical Theatre. This world-wide competition which was launched in 2000 (when he made it to the semi-finals) is open to young professional musical theatre performers, and this year Chris was one of the six finalists. However, the experience brought home to him how much he missed the performing he had gotten used to when he lived in London and sang in *Les Miserables* and *Napoleon*. Sadly it had proved difficult to obtain work of similar calibre in Dunedin, and 18 months working mainly as a real estate agent just hadn't grabbed him. So he and his young family have left to settle in Brisbane, where he spent four years studying at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music.

In May, R. K. (Reg) Graham (1944-48, Staff 1955-56, 1958-66) staged an exhibition at the Fortune Theatre of 31 black and white photographs featuring a selection of Dunedin's Victorian architecture. Several of the images celebrated the designs of Frank Petre, also known as 'Lord Concrete', who was the subject of a lecture presented by Guy Williams from the NZ Historic Places Trust.

Two Otago photographers with an eye for quality recently scooped six major awards between them at the Photographic Society of NZ national competitions: A. J. V. (John) Hart (1952-56) won 2 golds, a silver, and an honours ribbon in the slide category, while Dr. T. (Terry) Maguire (1949-53) won 2 golds and a silver in the print section. John now has a total of 11 golds, more than any other photographer in the history of the competition. Like many of their contemporaries, both are converts to digital technology: on a recent visit to the canyons of Arizona, John took 1800 digital images, while Terry's three film camera bodies have lain dormant for the last 18 months and his cold darkroom is fast becoming a wine cellar!

K. R. (Keith) Lees (1961-65) has recently been appointed to the New Zealand Press Council. He began a four year term as one of the five members representing the public on this body, earlier this year. The Press Council provides the public with an independent forum for the hearing and resolution of complaints against the press, from national newspapers and magazines, to local community papers and special interest publications. The Council are also charged with promoting freedom of expression and the general freedom of the media.

Business Sector

Before moving to Brisbane to observe the start of a West Indies vs Australia cricket series, R. J. (Russell) Elmes (1957-60) worked for the BNZ in Dunedin, Wellington and Fiji. After a brief stint with Mobil, he shifted to Victoria and purchased a hotel in Ballarat, before moving to South Australia in 1985 to purchase a hotel in Mt Gambier. Over the next 16 years he owned six hotels in and around Adelaide, and initiated the 'Charlie's Buffet Dining Concept'. Currently he owns the Watermark Hotel in the Adelaide suburb of Glenelg, is involved in a consortium planning to build a super-accommodation facility in Glenelg, and has an interest in a South Australian vineyard. A former junior representative cricketer and a Junior National Cup soccer representative, Russell now follows the fortunes of Carlton (Aussie Rules), the Highlanders, and international cricket (his father was a NZ representative), and keeps fit by fishing and swimming.

C. P. (Peter) Hazeldine (1963-68) is a general manager-energy sales for N. G. C. (Natural Gas) Holdings Ltd and is based at head office in Wellington.

R. (Russell) Hendry (1952-56) has been re-appointed to a second four-year term as a trustee on the Community Trust of Otago.

Wanaka Paper Plus, which is owned by B. P. (Brian) Kreft (1961-65) was convicted and discharged without financial penalty for breaching the Shop Trading Hours Act by trading during Easter 2004. At Easter, Wanaka regularly hosts the 'Race to the Sky' and the Warbirds Air Show which attract crowds totalling more than 100,000, yet retailers are not allowed to tap into such a market for their goods. Brian is irritated that in such tourist destinations as Queenstown and Taupo retailers are exempted from the provisions of the Act, whereas those in Wanaka and Rotorua aren't, but claims a 'sort of moral victory' in that the judge didn't find in favour of the Crown!

A family move to Palmerston North saw J. C. (John) Laidlaw (1958-61) enter the pharmaceutical industry initially with Glaxo, mainly in such areas as customer services, sales and marketing (rather an unknown entity at that time). His career path moved easily into the photographic industry, as he had spent much of his time at Glaxo dealing with pharmacists,

who at that time controlled the photographic processing market. Soon he was managing a pharmacy co-operative imaging laboratory, which led to him joining Kerridge Odeon as a general manager for the Canon distribution business in NZ. In the late 1980s John and family relocated to Australia to take up a position with Agfa, which led to several years of involvement with the Photographic Imaging Council of Australia (PICA), and he was president in 1996: in the Council individuals were expected to work for the industry as a whole. John had joined Hanimex in 1990, the Australasian distributor for Fujifilm, where he was involved in a variety of roles in the sales and marketing area before moving back to NZ in 1998 as general manager, sales and marketing, and he is now managing director of Fujifilm in NZ. The company is vertically integrated, with a retail arm (Camera House) and a wholesale processing laboratory (Viko NZ), and is involved in a full range of imaging products: picture taking, picture making, computer media, medical, motion picture, and digital technology. This last is radically changing the industry: digital camera sales topped conventional sales in 2003, two years earlier than predicted, and instead of family photo albums, images are stored in computers which could become corrupted and the images lost forever. This is today the main problem for the industry—making the printing of digital photos easy and affordable. John's company is heavily involved in the North Harbour sporting community, sponsoring netball (Fujifilm Force), rugby, and the North Harbour stadium. For his services to the photographic industry, John was in 2000 awarded PICA's prestigious Golden Tripod award—the only Kiwi so far to have been so honoured. He relaxes by cruising and fishing from his 34ft yacht.

In April the Electrical Contractors' Association of NZ held the Otago regional competition for apprentice electricians. Six Dunedin competitors had eight hours to complete two tasks that involved installing commercial, domestic and industrial equipment, and were judged on how well they read plans, their technique, their safety, and their accuracy. Nationwide there is a shortage of electricians, but this industry initiative is encouraging people to join the sector: Otago apprentice numbers have grown from 100 to 230 in two years. One of the competitors was B. D. (Brendan) Legg (1999-2002).

Coincidence of names! There has been confusion for years regarding insurance brokers. Fraser & Macandrew Ltd of Dunedin bears the names of two people with B. D. (Bruce) Macandrew (1959-62) being one; G. R. (Graham) Helm (1979-82) is also a part-owner. On the other hand there is Macandrew International Ltd in Christchurch with the principal being F. J. (Fraser) Macandrew (1964-67), son of the late Fraser Hunter Macandrew (1936). The confusion has been solved by a merger together with a third insurance broking firm, and the resultant combination is called Fraser Macandrew Ryan Ltd.

The vision of J. B. (John) Olssen (1960-64), his partner Heather, and their daughter Karen in being the first to establish a winery in Felton Rd, Bannockburn is now bearing fruit [sorry!]. At the Royal Easter Show in Auckland, Olssens Slapjack Creek Pinot Noir 2003 won Champion Pinot Noir, and Champion Wine of the Show out of 1261 entries. In April their vineyard was named Otago Ballance Farm Environment supreme winner, acknowledging their philosophy of sustainable viticulture and responsible land use.

In a survey carried out by Safety First Company (Otago) Ltd for the Otago Chamber of Commerce, operations director N. R. (Nelson) Redshaw (1951-54) found that 53% of small to medium Otago businesses spent little or no time addressing

occupational safety and health (OSH) issues, which could lead to insurance companies declining claims. The survey found that a small business with five employees would spend 205 hours (or \$10,000) per year dealing with an ever-increasing raft of compliance issues, and that small businesses had to spend a disproportionate amount of time on compliance issues, compared with large businesses.

G. M. (Graeme) Smart (1970-72) went to South Africa recently to enlist 30 locomotive engineers because of the serious shortage in New Zealand, there having been a drift to Australia over many years. Graeme is the Operations Manager for Toll NZ, based in Christchurch but also controlling locomotive engineers based in Picton and Westport.

Mack Stephens (1952-56) who is the principal of Metro Realty Ltd in Dunedin has been awarded a Fellowship of the Real Estate Institute of New Zealand.

R. M. (Rex) Telfer (1954-55) is company director of T. L. MacLean Ltd, an 84 year old company which began life as a specialist electric welding firm servicing boilers and traction engines, now located in Green Island. Rex and his son-in-law Barry Armour have established a subsidiary, Armour Transport Technologies (ATT) Ltd to service the transport industry, and recently developed a crouching truck (basically a flat bed truck deck which can be lowered hydraulically to facilitate the easy loading and unloading of vehicles or bulky goods) together with a new type of load anchor (a hitching point for securing loads on decks). But the company faced the dilemma of deciding whether to secure international patents, or merely sticking to NZ and Australia. However under the guidance of Upstart, Dunedin's new business incubator, a licensing agreement has been signed with a U. S. company, opening an international sales channel which has the potential to earn the company millions of dollars.

Sporting Triumphs

The decision by radio networks to put more emphasis on national rather than local sport has led to the retirement of Dunedin sports broadcaster W. L. (Warren) Shirley (1952-56). A life member and former president of the Otago Cricket Association, and former Otago cricket selector, he began his part-time job in April 1978 when local broadcasters were on the air for six hours; nowadays it is only for three hours, with the rest of the programme coming from Auckland. When asked by the ODT to choose the best Otago rugby team from those who played during his 27 years of service he included T. E. (Tony) Brown (1993) and C. J. (Carl) Hayman (1993-97), while in his best Otago cricket team since he began selecting, he included W. K. (Warren) Lees (1965-69) and K. R. (Ken) Rutherford (1979-82).

Skeggs Foundation

Recent recipients of grants have included: N. L. (Nathan) McCullum (1994-98) cricket, T. O. R. (Tane) Cambridge (1999-2003) orienteering, A. E. (Andrew) Newton (2000-04) surf lifesaving, and R. C. (Rhys) Applegarth (present boy) swimming.

Westpac Otago Sportsman of the Year

B. B. (Brendon) McCullum (1995-2000) presented the Sportsman of the Year award at this year's function, and was one of several guests to offer insights into elite sport. M. A. J. (Max) Smith (1998-2002) was male athlete of the year, and

veteran administrator R. T. (Ron) Cain (1945-47) received an award for his contribution to athletics.

Athletics

In April, the Caversham Harrier and Athletic Club, highly respected throughout N. Z., held its centennial. It continues to provide positive leadership for the young (and not so young!) having organised the annual Dunedin Moro Marathon for the last 21 years (along with pre-race seminars), while for the last 17 years it has organised the annual Secondary Schools' Road Relays—in which teams from King's have enjoyed considerable success. The club has attracted many former athletes from King's, several of whom have contributed to its proud history. International representatives include P. N. (Pat) Sidon (1947-48) in cross-country (captain in 1965), L. A. (Lindsay) Clark (1958-60) in rugby, R. S. (Stuart) Melville (1963-67, Board of Governors 1988-89, Board of Trustees 1989-2001) in track and field, A. R. (Alan) Thurlow (1968-71) in track and field, G. A. (Geoff) Anderson (1970-74) in cross-country, and B. S. (Blair) Martin (1988-92) in junior track and field. The club has set 4 NZ records: including L. R. (Lindsay) Fortune (1950-54) 5000m junior road walk; 7 NZ Cross-country championships: including Pat Sidon, both junior and senior; 17 national titles in track and field: including Lindsay Fortune junior road walk, D. B. (Bruce) Burns (1958-60) one mile, Geoff Anderson, junior 5000m, Stuart Melville 1200m and 5,000m, and Alan Thurlow 10,000m; and 13 veteran NZ championships: including R. T. (Ron) Cain (1945-47) cross-country and road race. One of the proudest moments for the club came when its team of 8 came second in the 1977 Christchurch to Akaroa road race: 6 of the runners were R. D. (Ross) Thurlow (1972-75), Alan Thurlow, K. S. (Keith) Dowland (1968-72), Geoff Anderson, M. P. (Mason) Stevens (1970-73) and Stuart Melville. Other strong performers over the years have included J. H. (Jack) Cain (1940-41), the late J. E. (John) Sherwood (1942-43), N. G. (Neville) Madigan (1953-54), B. R. (Bruce) Cowan (1962-66), J. J. (John) Stinson (1964-68) club historian, D. G. (David) Stinson (1965-70), R. M. (Ross) Dowland (1968-72), and N. D. (Neil) Gaudin (1972-76). Life members Jack and Ron Cain have given more than 60 years of service to the club, while life members Pat Sidon and Neville Madigan more than 50 years. Ron Cain is a life member and has been president of Athletics Otago (and was a NZ cross-country selector for 15 years, and was team manager on three occasions) while Jack Cain has served as senior track judge throughout NZ since 1972.

P. E. (Eddie) Smith (1993-97) was third in very slippery conditions (the race had been postponed for a week because of snow) in the Three Peaks (Flagstaff, Swampy and Mt Cargill) mountain race.

Bowls

K. G. (Ken) Walker (1960-63), skip of the Dunedin pairs combination won his eighth inter-centre title at Palmerston North in March.

The Forbury Park team, skippered by G. G. (Grant) Stumbles (1981-84) and including M. G. (Mike) Bracegirdle (1975-76) have done it again by winning the Dunedin Champion of Champions triple final.

Cricket

B. B. (Brendon) McCullum (1995-2000) has been selected for the World XI test and one-day squads to play Australia in October.

Green Island won the national club cricket championships

in Auckland in April, for the fourth time in seven seasons. The team included A. D. (Alun) Kennedy (1987-92) and B. E. (Bradley) Scott (1993-97). Bradley was named player of the tournament by taking 16 wickets and scoring 134 runs (av. 34).

Cycling

Cycling Otago, of which P. (Peter) van der Loo (caretaker 1982-88) is secretary/treasurer and M. D. (Melvin) Tudor (1961-64) a committee member, has approached the Dunedin City Council requesting that a roof be built over the Mosgiel velodrome (as is happening at other such venues) before Dunedin, which staged the national championships in 2001 and 2003, is struck off the list of national track venues. Seventy cyclists use the track each week, and it is estimated that that number could increase to 200 if the track could be used in winter. BUT estimates of the costs vary between \$1-4 million.

Jigger Racing

This event, organised by J. C. (John) Ingram (1968-72) who is the visitor programmes co-ordinator for the Otago Settlers' Association, is staged behind the Museum at Dunedin's railway station. Thirty-nine teams of 3 took part: University of Otago Physiotherapy School team (which included J. A. (Josh) Kronfeld (Staff 1994-95), nowadays a second-year student) won the event, with a team from King's coming third.

Motorsport

The Otago Motorcycle Club has revived the Bethunes Gully hill climb, formerly a 1.5km gravel race that dates back to 1924 but which has been in recess for several years. Former winners who gathered to reminisce included J. C. (John) Martin (1947-49) who broke an 11-year record in 1957 (by not braking when coming into the corners) only to have it equalled by Colin Marsden on the same day! However their dual record stood for 10 years, when it was broken by Bill Veitch.

The Otago Sports Car Club stages a 2 km twisting gravel road climb for petrol heads at Church Rd (from Omimi on the Coast Road to the top of the Kilmog). The winner this year was B. D. (Bruce) Saxton (1977-79) in his Mitsubishi Evo 3, through following his own advice—"go fast!".

Rugby

Perhaps it is the rampant Lion on our coat of arms that makes our former students so popular with those selecting teams to oppose the visiting British and Irish Lions team! So far six have done so: D. G. ('Sam') Young (1995-98) and J. D. (John) Willis (1992-96) for Taranaki, C. J. (Carl) Hayman (1993-97) for NZ Maori and N. Z., J. M. (Joe) McDonnell (1986-88) Wellington captain, J. M. (Jason) MacDonald (1995-98) for Otago, and P. C. (Paul) Miller (1994-95) for Southland. They join nine predecessors: R. H. (Ray) Bell (1939-41) Otago 1950, I. M. (Ian) Stevens (1944-45) Otago 1959, J. W. (John) Levido (1953-56) Otago 1966, H. (Hugh) Morrison (1955-58) Otago 1966, C. R. (Chris) Laidlaw (1957-61) Otago captain 1966, N.Z. Universities 1966, NZ 1966 (4 tests), I. S. T. (Ian) Smith (1955-59) NZ 1966 (3 tests)—Ian was selected to captain the combined South Canterbury-Mid Canterbury-North Otago team, but was a last-minute withdrawal—E. S. (Evan) Taylor (1959-63) NZ Universities 1971, L. W. (Laurie) Mains (1960-64) Otago 1971, NZ 1971 (3 tests), and L. A. (Lindsay) Clark (1958-60) Otago 1971, Otago 1977. Three staff have also played against the Lions: N. L. (Norman) Wilson (1956-57) Otago 1950, E. W. (Earle) Kirton (1966) Otago 1966, and J. A. (Josh) Kronfeld (1994-95) Otago 1993—but only Earle

while currently teaching at the school. Laurie Mains coached NZ against the 1993 Lions, while A. L. (Alan) Fleury (1936-38) refereed the 1st Test at Carisbrook in 1959—Don Clarke converted six of the penalties awarded to NZ to defeat the Lions 18-17 (4 tries, 1 penalty, 1 conversion). Surprisingly only three of the above have scored against the Lions: Laurie Mains scored 27 points from 4 matches, Ray Bell 11 points from 1 match and Sam Young 4 points from 1 match; only Laurie has scored a try (for NZ). Only in 1983 was King's not involved, but Otago (coached by Laurie Mains, and including S. E. (Steve) Hotton (1973-74) and J. R. (John) Haggart (Staff 1987-94)) didn't play the Lions, and no Otago player was selected for NZ.

Carl Hayman was named by the *NZ Rugby Almanack* as one of its 5 players of the year for 2004.

L. M. (Luke) Herden (1991-96) is in the North Otago squad, and played his 100th premier game for Southern earlier this season.

R. H. (Dick) Haigh (1953-56), the ORFU referees' administration officer, controlled international referees selection at the Singapore Sevens Tournament this year. He has fulfilled this function for the past three years at the Wellington International Sevens.

This year the Taieri Club (currently without a premier team) held a reunion for the survivors of the team that shared the 1955 premier championship with University A. Taieri needed to defeat Southern to win the championship outright, but the match was played on a Carisbrook pitch where the curtain raiser was called off early in the second half because of the state of the ground! Both teams were lucky to draw, hence the shared title. L. M. (Laurie) Kenworthy (1946-49) and the late K. D. (Ken) Frew (1938-41) were members of the Taieri team.

Soccer

R. J. (Russell) Gunn (1969-71), an engineer at Hillside workshops, collapsed some 200 m short of the finishing line at the Christchurch Marathon and died shortly afterwards. A devoted fitness enthusiast, Russell was manager of a children's team Harbourside Juniors, and of Soccersouth Boys 15th, while he would also help in coaching younger 'midget' teams. Just days previously, his son Hayden, a member of the King's 1st XI, had been selected for the Milk Cup squad to travel to Ireland in July, and for an international squad for developing players to tour Brazil in November.

Surf Lifesaving

At the Mt Maunganui masters events in March, B. A. (Bart) Smaill (1954-56) won two golds and a bronze, P. T. (Pete) Haslemore (1967-72) finished in the money in nine out of ten events entered, G. P. (Graeme) Newton (1966-69) won or was placed six times, and K. A. (Kelvin) Williams (1964-66) had two successes.

At the NZ championships in Omaha, T. S. G. (Tim) Hunt (1998-2002), S. A. (Simon) Roberts (1996-2000) and P. J. (Pete) Ryan (1996-2000) represented Otago.

At the Otago championships, Pete Haslemore had two wins and one placing, his son A. P. (Adam) Haslemore (1999-2003) had one win, while Tim Hunt was 2nd in his event. In the under 19 events, A. E. (Andrew) Newton (2000-2004, and son of the above) was top overall with four wins and a 2nd, while H. (Heath) Ratten (2000-2004) was 2nd twice.

At the Canterbury championships, Andrew Newton achieved a 2nd and a 3rd placing.

Swimming

P. W. (Philip) Rush (1977-80), the Wellington-based swim co-ordinator is responsible for the conduct of Cook Strait attempts, and recently allowed an 11 year old boy from India the opportunity to make a successful attempt.

Tennis

When the first Otago team to play in the North Island since 1970 visited Wellington recently, it included veteran K. A. (Ken) Thomson (1978-82).

Bits and Pieces

G. I. (Glen) Denham (1977-82) now Deputy Head of a large Junior School in Chelmsford, Essex, wishes to advise that any notoriety he has as an Old Boy stems from the fact that he still owes Jim McCreedy two assignments and a detention. He is very proud and always will be to be an Old Boy of King's. He would be very happy to get together with other vagabonds and miscreants that are on parole in the UK. In closing he admits that it was he who left the taps running in the Science Lab in 1978 and with this disclosure feels significantly unburdened. Contact Glen at: glendenham10@hotmail.com

D. B. (Doug) Clark (Staff 1988-98) left King's to work for the International Red Cross, and has co-ordinated Red Cross aid work in hurricane-battered South Pacific countries. At 1.20am on 27 December he was telephoned from Geneva and asked if he was available to fly to tsunami-battered Sri Lanka as a Red Cross Field Assessment and Co-ordination Team (FACT) member. On 29 December at 7.30am the team met in Sri Lanka, and comprised a German team leader, a French relief specialist, a French water and sanitation expert, an Australian health specialist, a Russian telecommunications expert, and a Kiwi generalist (Doug) expected to have a broad understanding of all of the above. An office and control centre was set up within two hours, from where all International Red Cross activities would be initiated and controlled. Initially, assessment of the situation was by field observation, and liaison with government and other agencies was required, but the enormity of the situation meant that the FACT HQ became inadequate for the purpose, so the parliamentary debating chamber in Colombo was loaned to house the 165 different agencies present after 30 days. The second role of FACT was to determine how to respond to the information as it was collected, so Emergency Response Units (ERUs) were mobilised to attend to health care, water supply and sanitation, and relief distribution along an 800km coastal strip (e.g. Invercargill to Blenheim!). Decisions had to be made quickly, and by the second week, Doug was acting as deputy team leader, on top of his 16 hour days of liaison and co-ordination. Relief needs were assessed by the local Red Cross, and the target population was 80,000. At the end of the 4th week, the FACT was wound up, as the emergency stage had passed, and a recovery assessment team took over to plan how the Red Cross would spend the vast amount of money so generously donated by the world's people. The Red Cross is committed to not just return to the pre-tsunami *status quo*, but to improve on that situation. However, despite the best of intentions, the minds of the survivors would be forever scarred. It would also never be 'just another mission' for Doug. [Ten days after his return to Dunedin Doug left for Rarotonga to provide some training and a debrief for the Cook Islands Red Cross in the wake of cyclones Meena, Nancy, and Olaf, and for some recreation and relaxation. However, Cyclone Percy with its 200km/h winds called by, and devastated Pukapuka and Nassau, so the "holiday" was over!]

V. M. P. (Valentine) Guytonbeck (1966-71) who runs a swimming pool construction and maintenance business, has lived in Phuket, Thailand since 1989. Fortunately he, his wife, and twin daughters were away from the coast at the time, and so he didn't see the disaster area until next day.

C. J. (Kit) McCready (1964-68) is also a tsunami survivor, but in his case it was that caused by the Chilean earthquake in May 1960. A resultant tsunami had reached NZ during the night causing damage in the Banks Peninsula area, and also at Taieri Mouth, and a second wave was forecast to reach NZ in the early afternoon. Kit was a pupil at St Clair School at the time, and his teacher took the class of 30 to the nearby sand dunes so that they could observe the arrival of the tsunami as part of their nature study lesson! Fortunately for the class, and perhaps local residents, the forecast proved to be erroneous. Nowadays Kit teaches at St Clair School, and procedures have been changed: should a tsunami warning be issued, the pupils would be rushed up Jacob's Ladder! The writer remembers the tsunami warning, issued while he was assisting at a Geography field camp at Inch Valley, near Palmerston, and also went to observe the phenomenon—but from the summit of Puketapu!

S. W. B. (Stan) Duncan (1943-45) in retiring from the Dunedin College of Education's council after 28 years, has pulled down the curtain on 122 years spent in the administration of education! He spent 15 years as chairman during which time he signed more than 7000 graduation certificates. Stan's involvement, which often overlapped, began when his children started Tainui School, and went on to include High Street School, King Edward Technical College, and Logan Park High School, where he was on boards for 22 years. He was also on national bodies. He has expressed concern at the undermining of the College's autonomy, stated that the college was in good shape financially, and claimed that its graduates continued to find work more quickly than those from other training institutions. He also called for teacher training to remain in the hands of experienced practitioners, rather than educational theorists, and claimed that there were considerable risks when merging colleges with universities.

They say that old soldiers never die, so that Rev. W. J. (Winston) Baker (1954-58) has joined the army at the ripe old age of 64: the Presbyterian minister for the Maheno-Otepopo parish has left to become chaplain at Burnham Military Camp. However, he has had previous military experience, having spent 17 years as chaplain at Woodbourne and Wigram air force stations. Since being ordained Winston has also worked overseas in Sri Lanka and in Hong Kong, to which he went for a change after the closure of Wigram. While there he worked with an international congregation before accepting a call to the rural parish in North Otago—from one extreme to another. Winston was the last full-time minister in the parish, with Sunday service alternating between Five Forks, Kauru Hill, Kakanui, Maheno, Herbert, and Hampden—other models of ministry will now be trialled there, such as a local lay team. His military appointment is initially for 11 months.

Many ex-pupils were involved in Anzac day programmes. The obvious ones being J. A. (John) Campbell (1952-56) who as the national president of the RSA attended services in Gallipoli, whilst E. L. (Lox) Kellas (1960-66) fulfilled his functions as president of the Dunedin RSA. Speakers at Otago services included J. W. (John) Levido (1953-56) in the Maniototo; O. G. (Owen) Cook (1948-50) a former secretary of the Dunedin RSA at Green Park Cemetery, and Andrew Ashton the school's senior boy at the Peninsula service, whilst the Rev. K. D. (Ken) Baker (1961-66) was the minister at Green Island, G. C.

(Graham) Fortune (1955-59), the Secretary of Defence, laid a wreath upon behalf of the Minister of Defence at the National War Memorial ceremony in Wellington, which service was shown live on television. On the evening of the 25th April Dr S. J. (Stephen) Clarke (1982-86) who is the official historian/research officer for the national RSA appeared in a documentary 'Our Day to Remember' which revealed how Anzac day commemorations have fallen in-and-out of fashion since they started in the 1920s. Also appearing in the documentary that night was A. R. (Alan) Somerville (1952-53), known as 'Arch', along with his 4.2 metre, two-tonne bronze sculpture of a World War I soldier. This sculpture which Australians call 'The Digger' is at the western approach to the Anzac Bridge in Sydney. Arch had a complete change in lifestyle when after farming for 35 years at Gimmerburn he moved to oil painting in Dunedin, and then to producing large bronze sculptures in Sydney. In his younger days he was a good athlete and rugby player, representing Otago County and then Otago on the wing.

Officer Cadet E. (Fraser) Winskill (2000-02) was one of two NZ soldiers forming an honour guard at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris to commemorate the 60th anniversary of V. E. Day.

Recently R. W. (Ron) Smith (1937-41) flew into Norfolk Island as a passenger and holidaymaker, 60 years after he flew in as a navigator with No.4 squadron RNZAF while returning to NZ from the Admiralty Islands following the surrender of the Japanese armed forces in August 1945. While there, Ron visited the grave of R. W. (Robin) Ombler (1938-40) and made contact with Robin's widow Odette and three of their four daughters. After World War II was finished, the Australian government asked the NZ government if it could provide the services of a radar unit to help in establishing air transport to Norfolk Island, and Robin who had served in the Pacific with such a unit, volunteered. While there he met and married Odette, a Norfolk Islander of French extraction, and after living there for sometime, they moved to Queensland's Gold Coast, where Robin became involved in the operation of supermarkets, which at that time had yet to reach NZ. However, he did not enjoy the best of health there, and the family returned to Norfolk Island, where Robin subsequently died of a heart attack on 14.9.1985.

Emeritus Professor P. R. C. (Paul) Weaver (1940-44) who died in Canberra in January, was dux of King's in 1944, and went to Otago University to study law, but despite doing well he did not like the subject and switched to classics, completing a BA in general classics. He graduated from Canterbury University with an MA in Latin, before completing the second part of a classics tripos, specialising in history at King's College, Cambridge: he was awarded a first, and the A. A. Leigh studentship for research. He returned to lecture in classics at Canterbury University, before moving to the University of Western Australia in 1956. Ten years later he was appointed to the chair of classics at the University of Tasmania, where he remained until he retired in 2001, handling both bureaucratic and academic roles with aplomb. Paul was regarded as an all-rounder in his subject, believing that all aspects of classics should form part of the cultural understanding of the modern world. His own research revealed the lives and duties of slaves and bureaucrats in the households of Roman emperors, and was published as *Familia Caesaris* in 1972. He wrote many articles and contributed to many books in several branches of classics, continuing to publish until his death. During his career he held prestigious visiting appointments at Princeton and

Cambridge Universities. Paul was president of the Australian Society of Classical Studies, and editor of its journal *Antichon* for 10 years. After his retirement, he shifted to Canberra, where he played a major role in the establishment and management of the Cambridge Australian Trust, and was honorary secretary of the Australian Academy of Humanities. He also helped to establish a pinot noir vineyard near the Australian capital.

Lake Hawea 'battler' R. A. (Robin) Crimp (1945-49) died in January knowing the satisfaction of a courtroom victory against Contact Energy, thereby protecting his favourite fishing grounds from environmental degradation. He also learned that the Lake Hawea Community Association which he chaired for 11 years was entitled to claim for compensation for its efforts, and would have been pleased to learn that more recently Contact Energy had decided not to excavate the Hawea River when building its proposed power station. Robin was the elder son of S. R. (Bob) Crimp (Staff 1936-61), and never let anything beat him, surviving severe bleeding of the tonsils, and polio as a child to adapt and become a passionate and proficient sportsman, albeit left-handed. After training at Dunedin Teachers' College, he taught at George St Normal, Forbury, Hawea Flat, Morton Mains, Allanton, and finally Caversham School as deputy-principal for 23 years—the school library is named after him. He organised school hockey tournaments, the Saturday mini-hockey tournaments, and coached the Otago Hatch Cup team for 10 years. He was a former president and life member of the Otago Hockey Association and the Otago Primary Sports Association. Twelve years ago he and his wife retired to a holiday home they had built at Lake Hawea, where he threw himself into community affairs, wood turning on his lathe, Probus, his church, and fishing along the lakeshore in his aluminium boat 'The Tinny'. The community award mentioned in the previous *Kingsmen* has been described as a 'wonderful recognition' of his service to his community.

After leaving school, J. E. (James) Brown (1941), who died in Christchurch in February, completed a carpentry apprenticeship with Mitchell Bros before enlisting with the RNZAF in 1945. While serving with J Force (the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan) following the Japanese surrender, he was an NCO in charge of a carpenter's shop and responsible for the employment and supervision of many Japanese engaged in construction and maintenance. His diligence was rewarded with the award of a British Empire Medal (B. E. M.), the citation noting "the size of the projects and the variety of work he was called upon to do was beyond his normal sphere of duty, but in each and every case his work was carried out in a diligent and outstanding manner." Following his discharge in 1949, he joined Fletcher Construction, becoming the youngest foreman carpenter in NZ: in Dunedin he was in charge of the construction of Evan Parry House in Princes Street, the

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Medical School library, and sections of Wakari Hospital. Later in his career he became a construction supervisor, and consulted on projects throughout N.Z before retiring some 20 years ago. Despite being small in stature, he was an avid sportsman in rugby, cricket, boxing and especially bowls, although work commitments hampered his sporting career. A keen gardener, he maintained a large vegetable garden, and enjoyed propagating and growing roses.

On the 30th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam war, NZ's largest and most controversial, some Dunedin participants were interviewed by the *ODT* about their experiences. One of these was E. L. (Lox) Kellas (1960-66), the Portobello policeman, who when he arrived in Vietnam in 1968 was a 21-year old lance bombardier serving with the 161st Battery, Royal NZ Artillery. Despite having been trained for war, he said that his first action, after being dropped in by helicopter, was a five-hour long firefight with the Viet Cong, which felt like five minutes in a crazy shoot-em-up show! Lox spent 20 months on active service in Vietnam, and is now Dunedin RSA president in his non-working hours. In this capacity he has recently returned from leading a tour party of some 150 veterans, 15 from Otago, to Trieste to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the May 1945 ending of World War II in Europe.

We need your help!!

Can you remember any budding artists, designers, sculptors, jewellers, ceramicists, printmakers, etc. from your time at King's High School?

We are trying to track down any old boy who has gone into any of these professions. We are hoping to have your help in a fundraising venture for the new King's and Queen's Performing Arts Centre (more details to come).

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