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## THE NEW COAT OF ARMS OF KING'S

*Lloyd Richwhite (St. John's 1929-33) gives an account of his involvement for more than 25 years in the granting of Arms.*

Heraldry, the art and science of armorial bearings, still flourishes today, even though Knights no longer ride forth into deadly combat to win the favour of the king.

In the beginning, heraldry was primarily used as a means of identifying protagonists in war when their faces were covered by armour. The armorial bearings were emblazoned on shields, flags, banners and lance pennons, horse cloths and the surcoats worn over armour. It is from the surcoat that the term "coat of arms" originates.

Heralds, or "herald of arms" were first recorded at the end of the 12th century. Their duties were to organise and officiate at tournaments. On March 2nd, 1484, King Richard III of England established a College of Arms. Arms were recorded when these heralds visited various parts of the country to ensure that no two people had the same device, and that only those authorised to do so bore arms.

It quickly followed that those who sought arms applied to the heralds for them, so that from the 15th century the heralds have been granting arms. Until 1686, the heralds continued their visitations into the country recording and granting arms, but since this time, application has been made to the College of Arms in London, if a grant of arms is sought.

In the early 1950's, the King's College Old Boys Association decided to redesign its tie from the plain striped pattern then in use, to one bearing an appropriate emblem identifying more positively with King's College. To find a suitable emblem, interest centred on the College "badge", its origins, its meanings and its authenticity. Many variations of the badge had been in use over the years, but three elements were present in each of the various designs: 1. The Imperial Crown 2. Three Towers 3. Three stars.

No details concerning the design or the designers could be obtained, but it seemed clear that the Crown denoted kingship and was appropriate to the name of the College; the towers had their origin in the name of the property, "The Tower", which was the site of the College foundation in 1896; and the three stars which were later added represented the new relationship with St John's Collegiate School when it amalgamated with King's College in 1912.

### 1. THE IMPERIAL CROWN

The Imperial Crown, or St Edward's Crown, is used solely by the Sovereign, and can be used only by institutions under Royal Command such as the armed forces. Permission is rarely given for it to be used elsewhere. In England, its use is controlled by law, but this restriction does not apply in New Zealand.

The Imperial Crown has appeared on the King's College badge since the foundation of the school, and it is reasonable to suppose that no official sanction was ever given for it to be used.

An account by the late Mr H.T. Revell, longtime Housemaster at King's College at both Remuera and Middlemore, recalls that the Prince of Wales remarked the Imperial Crown on the Colours when he inspected the Battalion during a visit to New Zealand after the First World War. He is said to have asked how it came to be used, and when told that no permission had ever been obtained, gave his unofficial permission to continue using it.

Whatever the truth of this delightful story, there has always been considerable reluctance to take any action which might result in the removal of the Imperial Crown from the badge. Although no authority for its use appears to have been sought, there seemed to be general knowledge that the College was not entitled to the use of this crown, and this anomaly was at variance with the constant striving to preserve and observe the traditions common to the great Public Schools of England in whose image King's College was founded.

Although it was generally accepted that the College should have Armorial Bearings granted by the College of Arms in London, it can be fairly said that this earnest desire not to part with the Imperial Crown was the restraint which delayed registered Arms being sought. When in 1954, and again in 1963 approaches were made to the College of Arms, the retention of the Imperial Crown as part of the Full Achievement was dominant in discussions.

In July 1963, Mr A. Colin Cole, then Portcullis Pursuivant of Arms, advised that

the Home Office had said it would be necessary to put a request for a Royal License affecting King's School and King's College to the Governor General of New Zealand for the use of the Imperial Crown. If such a request was favourably received, it would be transmitted by him to Her Majesty for her consideration.

Approaches were accordingly made to the Hon. R.M. Algie, Speaker of the House of Representatives. Along with Mr Algie's representations, Mr Cole himself approached the Governor General, Sir Bernard Fergusson, whose son also was a pupil at King's School. His Excellency confirmed the standing and reputation of the two schools, and affirmed that both were eminently worthy of the honour of embodying the Imperial Crown in their Arms, were Her Majesty so minded.

Sir Edward Ford wrote from Buckingham Palace to the Governor General, stressing the jealously guarded use of the Royal Crown in Arms, and whilst he felt that the continued unapproved use of the Imperial Crown would not be challenged, it would be better for both School and College to incorporate some other form of crown or other royal emblem to symbolise the name, King's. The then Prime Minister, the Rt Hon. K.J. Holyoake, who along with Mr Algie advised the Governor General, did not feel able to pursue the request against the expressed disinclination of Buckingham Palace.

In the face of these responses, it seemed quite improper to continue to use the Imperial Crown which has such magnitude in the protocol of the Monarchy. Its continued use would be a denial of the principles to which both School and College subscribe, and Mr Cole's suggestion that the Ancient Crown replace the Imperial Crown in the Arms of both schools was accepted.



### 2. THE TOWERS

The appropriateness and the continued use of these symbols could not be disputed, but as towers standing alone already existed in other registered armorial bearings, they could not continue to be displayed in the College arms in their present form. It was therefore decided that the towers would issue from ancient crowns which would retain and enhance their significance, and be acceptable to the rules of heraldry.

### 3. THE STARS

These did not appear on the King's College badge before the amalgamation with St John's Collegiate School in 1912. They

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## ROGER BARTLEY ON ADOLESCENCE

A reflection on youth after 25 years of general practice in Otahuhu and 21 years as medical officer to King's College.

Shortly before I left King's at the end of last year, I was walking my dog in the College grounds and passed a boy who smiled and said "Hi Doc". 20 years ago he would have tipped his cap and said "Good afternoon Sir".

This is surely a reflection of the times and I think a healthy one, as boys who feel this way are more likely to be open and honest in their dealings with the school M.O.

It may be said that my knowledge of the adolescent is limited to a single sex boarding school but this is not so, as my practice encompasses the industrial area of Otahuhu and also I have been the Police surgeon for South Auckland for 20 years.

When adults reach the stage of life known as the menopause, there is understanding, expected symptoms, pacifying pills and a hope that it will soon be over. When young people reach adolescence (the first change in their lives) there is no reason to understand it as far as they are concerned. They need no pills (with one possible exception) and if only they knew how lucky they were, they would never hope to see the end of it.

The medical needs of the adolescent are numerous, ranging from growth disorders, varying rates of development, acne and minor psychological disorders, often stemming from these. Muscle and joint injuries, are of course common and the adolescent is under pressure to be active again as speedily as possible.

Adolescents, with few exceptions, are like sheep and move in groups and identify with group activities. They enthuse over team games and I feel very strongly that the strength of a school stems from the friendships formed during team pursuits.

There are always the loners who must be identified early by housemasters, teachers and the school M.O. as they present different problems from the mob. May I remind you of the value of the escape route via the College Hospital in a boarding school, when a boy or girl may seek asylum for 24-48 hours without too many questions being asked. This works as a safety valve

for those in need — overworked — over-worried — overtired.

In contact with adolescents we must avoid dwelling in the past. "In my day we did . . ." is anathema to them and must be replaced by "How do we cope with this in your situation?".

So far we are doing well, but what of those we cannot cope with, no matter how we try? Those who display every sort of irresponsible behaviour to the point of opting out completely.

For those we should require that the State be organized to provide total care. The doctor will have a part to play but it is more likely that a policeman, a probation officer, a social worker or even a drug squad officer will see them before the doctor.

Yet none of these working alone can solve the problem (certainly not the doctor who prescribes sedatives and tranquillizers).

What is missing is a pattern of care, where all those concerned can work together. Most adolescents will accept justice no matter how severe, if such is merited, explained to and understood by them. Capricious idleness is perhaps the worst enemy and results in gang warfare, mugging, stealing and violence.

There is then a need in many of our adolescents to be given an occupation that may be difficult and tiring but must also be productive with a clearly defined end point. The family may not be able to provide this and it may be beyond the resources of a caring team. So we must fall back on the State. This is not a foolish gesture as the future of the State rests on the future of its youth. I believe that today's youth are more capable, more amenable and more responsible than we have seen for many generations. We must build on this and profit by it. It may mean a period of National (not military) Service, but whatever form it takes it must be calculated to fill the months or years between leaving school and taking on their life's work.

I am convinced therefore that the major responsibility required of society today is a system of meaningful employment, statutory or voluntary, for adolescents in their immediate post-school years.

promoting international trade links, particularly in the Pacific region. In addition to being chairman of the Development Finance Corporation, he is a director of more than a dozen companies.

He has been active in community affairs in the Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, the Wellington YWCA, and Dr Barnado's. He is a trustee of the King's College Educational Trust (the forestry trust).

Old Boys have not been particularly prominent in banking, with the exception of Edward Fussell (1916-1918) a former governor of the Reserve Bank.

## KCOB v SCHOOL

On a cold, bleak Middlemore afternoon Old Boys teams played the 1st XV and 1st XI Hockey. Very strong Old Boy's sides were fielded and proved too strong for the College, in both rugby and hockey. However, it is hoped that the games at an early stage of the season proved useful training for the College. The Old Boys are keen to field more than one rugby team and the Secretary is anxious to receive names of those who would wish to play in future years.

Old Boys who turned out in the rugby match this year were: Richard Smith, Grant McCurrach, Mark Codlin, Joe Harvey, David Halligan, Rob Hargrave, Brent Cohen, Michael Litten, Jon Harrison, Ed Forsythe, Craig McGlaghan, Brett Wilson, Chris Morris, Peter Chalmers, David Jeromson, John Hunt, Jock Edwards.

The hockey players were: Bruce Mellor, Lance Wiltshire, Andy and Neil McCulloch, Roger Monckton, John Hardie, John Farnilton, Dean McDougall, Jamie Smith, Robin Heaney, Craig Lindberg.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the old boys our warmest thanks to ROGER BARTLEY (School 1943-47) who has given 21 years devoted medical care to the whole community of King's.

Our thanks to GRAEME REID a retiring old boy representative on the College board of governors and congratulations to his successor RODNEY MCKAY (Parnell 55-59) of Waipu.

Peter Wilson.

## WAIKATO REUNION

About forty-five Waikato Old Boys had their Reunion Dinner at the Te Rapa Racecourse on June 10. Mr Iain Campbell, accompanied by Laurie Smith and Peter Wilson from the Old Boys attended.

Tony Steel, ex All Black and now Headmaster of Hamilton Boys High School gave a very amusing speech marred only by his recollection of the scores in the last ten First XV clashes between King's and Hamilton Boys High School. At this point his audiences attention began to wander but he quickly regained it by saying he understood we had a very good First XV this year!

At the A.G.M. Norm Harris vacated the Chair for Guy Rathbone and Ross McLaren became Vice Chairman. New Committee members include David Wilson (son of Peter and attending Waikato University); Martin Bishop (son of Athol and into Hamilton Real Estate now) and Bill Ewen representing Matamata.

## Banker Knighted.

Sir John Mowbray, a member of the Town House from 1930 to 1933, was created a Knight Bachelor in the Birthday honours for services to banking, commerce and the community. He retired in 1976 as General Manager of the National Bank. He is believed to be the first member in the banking and finance area to receive a knighthood in the past 50 years.

Resident in Wellington for 25 years, he sent his son to King's in 1968. Stuart is now in Sydney as Assistant Manager, International Banking Services, Lloyds Bank International. Sir John has been very active in



# VALENTINE FREKE MAXWELL 1896 — 1983.

*The address by Dick Sibson at the funeral at the College on 24th June.*

We are here today to honour one who served his country and generations of King's Collegians long and faithfully; to say, Thank you to Almighty God for the life of Val Maxwell and to show our love and high regard for his family, his wife Judy, his children (June, Peter and Dale) and his grandchildren.

For more than fifty years the life of Valentine Freke Maxwell was closely interwoven with the growth of King's College, from the very day in 1907 when he entered the modest portals of the old school at Remuera. When W.W.I. broke out he was Head Boy. His versatility in many fields had earned him the Foster Prize. Commissioned in the 1st Auckland Regiment, he resigned his commission to go overseas as a corporal in time to experience trench warfare in all the ghastliness of 1917. He was one of the lucky ones. He finished the war as a Captain in the Rifle Brigade, with the British Army of Occupation in the Rhineland.

Back in Auckland as he adjusted to civilian life, he successfully captained a K.C.O.B.A. XV, — such are the burdens which fall upon the shoulders of natural leaders — and he became an Auckland rep. A broken ankle abruptly ended any hopes of further triumphs on the football field. About this time Val also toyed with the idea of going farming; but a visit from C.T. Major caused another abrupt ending to any dalliance with cows and ploughs. The returned soldier found himself back at King's and on the staff. Not only was he expected to teach in the classroom and coach games outside; he also had to qualify academically and gain a degree. C.T. Major was a demanding taskmaster.



Essentially Val was a practical man with highly skilled hands, a meticulous craftsman. Developments in boats, cars and the internal combustion engine fascinated him; and a spirit of adventure and experimentation made him a top racing-driver of speed boats. The advent of fibreglass was a challenge. How he loved to revamp and remodel old cars! From a bent

and bruised V.W. he fashioned what the College Magazine called "a smooth and curvaceous cream job, the wonder and admiration of many a schoolboy car fan." There were even allegations, made by some percipient boys, that sometimes when Val was in theory teaching history or book-keeping, his mind was in truth far away, dreaming of boats and engines. For years as we walked or cycled up and down Golf Avenue, we wondered if the 'Queen Mary' which occupied much of Val's garden, would leave the stocks and ever know the taste of salt-water; but she did, all 32 feet of her; and as *Umpire's Boat* for many years she graced the Tamaki in the good old days when the inter-school rowing took place on those unpredictable tidal waters.

At the outbreak of W.W.II Val was recalled to the Colours and was occasionally seen proudly wearing the kilt of the N.Z. Scottish Battalion. In one respect, at least, he was like the *Scarlet Pimpernel*. We seldom knew just where he was. H.B. Lusk, our headmaster, was equally in the dark. Eventually for a while Max disappeared among Pacific Islands. But back he came, when the war ended and the more or less even tenor of life at King's was resumed.

On the retirement of Harry Revell, Val became First Assistant and with unassuming competence presided over a very happy and industrious M.C.R. for 12 years. A man of quiet purpose and few words, Val was reluctant to raise his voice or seek the limelight; but such were his qualities that from time to time he found greatness thrust upon him! For half of 1961 he was Acting Headmaster. Under his benign and thoughtful regime, life at King's ran smoothly. The right things were done in the right way.

By the death of this gentle schoolmaster and fine soldier we are all the poorer. King's Collegians owe him a special debt for so many years of service so generously given. To his family we offer our heartfelt sympathy; but they can walk with heads held high and with pride in their hearts.

## Obituaries

Ian William Hewlings **CHISHOLM** died suddenly on 3rd July at the age of 39. He was in Selwyn House from 1958 to 1961 and played for the XI in his 3rd and 4th year. At the time of his death he was working for Enterprise Cars. He was the brother of Robert (Parnell 51-54), and Sam (Marsden 53-55) both of whom live in Australia.

Michael **KINGSFORD** died suddenly at the age of 46 on 24th July. He came to School House from Kawakawa, Bay of Islands, in 1949 and was dux in 1953 and won a University scholarship. He took an M.Sc in chemistry with first class honours at Auckland University in 1958 and a Ph.D in 1963. He joined the DSIR Lower Hutt in 1966 and was appointed Government Analyst DSIR Auckland in 1982. He was an accomplished musician and singer from his school days. He sang in opera in Wellington and Auckland and in the choirs of St. James, Lower Hutt, Wellington Cathedral and St. Peter's, Takapuna. He leaves a wife and two children.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of these old boys.

## HEADMASTER'S COLUMN

It was thoughtful of John Whelan to invite my wife and I to the Club Rooms before lunch in May to celebrate with the staff the milestone of a decade at King's. How quickly it has all gone. Ten years ago our house was not quite ready when we arrived from Rhodesia so we spent a few days in a motel in Parnell and then, to be near the scene of action, the College Hospital. Noel Fitzpatrick then settled us in and I began to learn the job. The thing that struck me forcibly then was the willingness of the staff to help and share the burden of unexpected crises.

They have been happy years; certainly not without their worries because the early 70's were witnessing a silent revolution in the whole educational system. Thankfully the pendulum of reason and common sense is swinging back now and some of the educational experiments which boys had to submit to then have not proved their worth. Discipline is at the heart of all true learning and this was one aspect which, ten years ago, was under tension.

In May 1973 in the Rose Garden in Parnell I was interviewed by a reporter about my philosophy of school and I murmured, among other things, that I felt College life ought to be fun. This remark made top headlines, if I remember, but I still feel very much the same. I just hope boys really enjoy their days here and fully contribute for it is only by this self discipline that they can really find their latent reserves.

This term has been another very full one and the weeks break at half term came at a most fortuitous moment when flu was raging through the school. The XV have had ten victories and three losses whilst the Hockey XI in competitions so far have remained undefeated. Recently we had a visit from a Rugby touring party from Cranleigh School, Surrey. It was good to renew ties with the School where I taught seven years in the 1960's.

The Greenbank Gymnasium has been in constant use, particularly the new Weight room where Mr McWatt has been in daily attendance. In Big School I have talked about the need to get into top gear with work and I just hope those who are faced with public exams in November realise that the year is sliding away fast. It was good to read of the unequivocal stand which the Minister of Education made with regard to external exams early in July at the Principals' conference.

And finally may I take this opportunity of wishing the Editor of the *Courier* continued success in the production of this most valuable link between the school and Old Boys.

## HOCKEY SUCCESS

Congratulations to the Hockey club on being the first school to win all four Auckland inter-school championships —

1st XI open Under 16  
1st XI knock-out Under 14

The XI coach is Robin Fleming. The club numbers total 150, more than one fifth of the school.



## PEOPLE

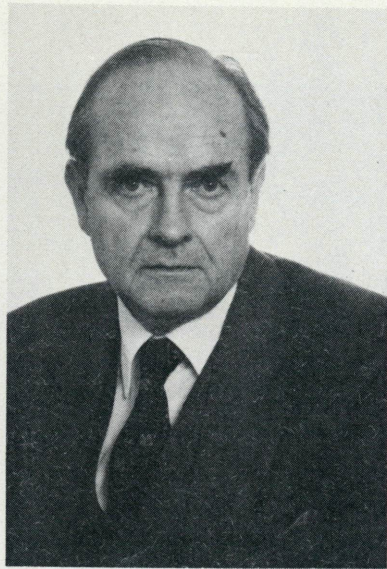
- Congratulations to **David Tompkins** (School 43-46) on his appointment as a High Court Judge. He has been the chancellor of Waikato University since 1981. The other three old boy High Court Judges have all come from St. John's. He is the father of **Simon** (70-73) and **Arthur** (73-76).
- **Bob Armstrong** (School 48-52) is the chairman of the council of the Waikato Technical Institute. He is also the national president of the Motor Vehicle Dealers Institute.
- **John Wallace** (St. John's 47-51) has been appointed chairman of the Human Rights Commission for a 5 year term. The Herald editorial on the appointment was headlined 'The man to repair an image'.
- **Chris Hardley** (St. John's 64-68) was awarded an M.B.E. (Military) for services as a territorial in the Royal N.Z. Artillery. Sub Lieutenant **James Tobin** (St. John's 73-76) who is a helicopter observer was flying Sea Kings in the Falklands war. He has returned to the Falklands for a 5 months tour of duty.
- **Graham Brabant** (Town 33-36) has been elected chairman of directors of Wilson and Horton Ltd. He was secretary of the KCOBA 1955-60. **William Wilson** (Parnell 52-56) has joined the board.
- An American writer in Time magazine (11/7/83) on the re-union of 800 Rhodes Scholars in Oxford said "it is still the world's most prestigious scholarship." The writer quotes **George Cawkwell** (Parnell 33-37) vice-master of University College, Oxford, and a N.Z. Rhodes Scholar in 1946: "Many scholars are brilliant. Most are not. But the world is not run by brilliant people. It is run by good sound individuals." Also at the reunion was **Ken North** (School 44-47).
- **Michael Malyon** (Marsden 64-68) has been appointed general manager of Faberge New Zealand Ltd. He is the son of **Rowley** (Parnell 31-35) and the brother of **Tony** (60-63).
- **Greg Banks** (Peart 70-74) is personnel manager of 3M N.Z. Ltd. He continues to run 100 miles per week. Also employed in the same firm: **Roger Hammond** (Major 63-67), **Steve Sutherland** (Averill 73-74) and **Shane McDevitt** (Marsden 73-76).
- **Chris Pierce** (School 69-73) is a member of the N.Z. Colts Rowing Squad.
- **Ian Archibald** (Selwyn 70-71) writes from Virginia where he has an orthopaedic practice. Graduating from Auckland Medical School in 1977 he married a nurse from Cleveland, Ohio, where he carried out his specialist training. While there he was captain of a rugby club and played for the Ohio State Team. He lives near the Alleghany Mountains and would welcome any old boys in the area. His address is 856 Palace Boulevard, Clifton Forge, Virginia 24422. He has two daughters of 5 and 2.
- **James Chalcraft** (Peart 56-60) has a Ph. D in Cell Biology and has been working for about 10 years at the Meat Research Institute at Hamilton. He left N.Z. in January this year to take up a 2 year fellowship at the Max-Plank Institute for Biochemistry at Munich.
- **John Gibbs** (Selwyn 48-52) professor of Anaesthesia at the Christchurch Clinical School, in the proud tradition of his former house, is a keen marathon runner. Other old boys in his year are still competing, but not near his time of a few minutes over three hours. **Philip Le Quesne** (Marsden 51-55) is professor of Chemistry at the North Eastern University, Boston.
- **E.J. Richardson** (1919-25) is still farming at Kawakawa Bay, near Clevedon. His sons **E.J. Junior** (Peart 50-54) and **G.J.** (53-55) are also farming.
- **Jonathon Olsen** (Parnell 51-55) has been to the Carribean to bring back his yacht 'Okere' to N.Z. Among the crew was **Perry Cannon** who spent one term in St. John's in the late 40's. He is Director of Internal Audit at Atari, the Californian makers of video equipment.
- **Robert Mules** (St. John's 60-64) is a specialist anaesthetist in Adelaide. His address is 34 Brandreth Street, Tusmore, South Australia. **Ross Ramsay** (Major 60-64) is in Melbourne with the State Geological Survey.
- All of the five **Ewen** brothers of Marsden have succeeded in their University courses: **Michael** (65-69) has an LLB (Hons) and is a partner in Towle and Cooper. **Robert** (67-71) has a BA, LLB and is marketing manager for Bing Harris. **William** (70-74) has a B.V.Sc and is working in Matamata. **Andrew** (71-74) has a B. Ag. Com and is managing a farm in Wakaiti, near Rotorua. **Simon** (74-78) is completing a 5th year in medicine at the Christchurch clinical school.
- **Michael Hogg** (School 59-62) is living near Chicago and is legal counsel to an international drug company. He has a wife and two children.
- **Ronald Paterson** (Major 69-73) is now teaching contract and company law at Ottawa University. His brother **Alan** (71-75) has recently become the father of a girl. **Graham** (74-78) is doing 5th year medicine.
- **John Hunt** (Selwyn 69-73) is a surveyor based in Singapore. His work has included oil exploration in China. A former member of the athletic team, he still runs with the Manurewa club when home on leave.
- **Robert Morse** (Averill 68-72) has returned from overseas and is working for a legal firm in Whakatane.
- **John Priestley** (Marsden 57-61) is practising as a barrister in Auckland on his own account. John was the first of many head boys of Marsden with legal qualifications: 1962 — **Peter Skegg**, 1967 **Rob Noakes**, 1968 — **Philip Merfield**, 1969 — **John Wiltshire** and **Paul Davison**, 1970 — **Rob Chambers** and **Richard McGrane** (on opposite sides in the Privy Council hearing in London on the Mt. Erebus case), 1971 — **Robert Ewen** and **Adrian Pagett**, 1972 — **Tim Russell**.
- **Anthony Kermode** (Selwyn 60-64) and **Tim Russell** (Marsden 69-72) are partners in Davenport, the lawyers.
- **David Strange** (Parnell 55-59) is the N.Z. Manager of T.N.T. Couriers. His brother **Pat** (65-69) took a Ph.D (Civil) at Auckland and went to England about six years ago. Since 1981 he has been working in Chicago as a consulting engineer for E.D.S. Nucleur. They are the sons of **C.J.** (29-30).
- **Lachlan McLean** (Parnell 66-70), of the Otamatea Repertory Society, has produced "Oliver" at Whangarei and three centres in Northland. **Nick Ledgard** (School 59-63) is with the Forestry Service in Rangiora.
- The Foundation for Off-Shore Racing in N.Z., which is supporting the proposed entry by **Digby Taylor** (Marsden 55-58) in the next Round-the-World yacht race, is headed by **Don Brown** (Town/Parnell 27-32).
- A familiar voice on the radio is that of **David Steemson** (Peart 65-68) who is the agriculture reporter. Another radio reporter is **Michael Gowing** (Averill 1962) who is based in Auckland. His brother **Peter** (St. John's 61-64) is a partner in Farry & Gowing the Christchurch lawyers.
- Like Michael Gowing, **Brian Perry** came from Christ's College for a final year, in 1963. After 13 years overseas he has returned from London to Auckland as assistant general manager of Citicorp New Zealand Ltd. His brother **Dennis** (Marsden 63-66) is assistant general manager of Copenhagen Re-insurance Co. in Sydney.
- **Terry Way** (Peart 51-55) and his brothers are all living overseas. He has been a magistrate in Hong Kong since June 1982. **Warren** (53-57) has been in Johannesburg since 1976. **Kevin** (57-61) is in Sydney with a firm of optical wholesalers.
- The headline in the Herald announced that the coach of the Wanganui team, in preparation for their Lions game, had called in a 'secret weapon'. This proved to be **Ross Brown** (Parnell 48-52) the former All Black, who was to help in organizing the backline. The last time Ross played at King's was in 1966 when a full-scale game between the top old boys of King's and Grammar was played to celebrate the 70 year old school fixture. Grammar fielded five All Blacks and King's had four. Perhaps 1986 will see the 90th anniversary celebrated in similar fashion.
- **Jo Harvey** (Selwyn 72-76) and **Brett Wilson** (Major/St. John's 71-75) were in the Counties team which the Lions management described as their strongest provincial opponents.
- **David Wensor** (Marsden 71-75) and **Andrew Swan** (Peart 71-75) are the full back and scrum half respectively in the College Rifles senior team. Andrew has an LLB and is studying for a B.Com. He is a tax accountant with Lawrence Anderson Buddle.
- **Allen Walbridge** (Marsden 61-63) is the owner of "Wild Cherry" which he skippered in the Auckland-Fiji race. He was a member of the 1963 swimming team, the first to win all three grades.
- **Anthony Mosse** (Parnell/Major 78-82) was placed 5th in the 100 m butterfly final



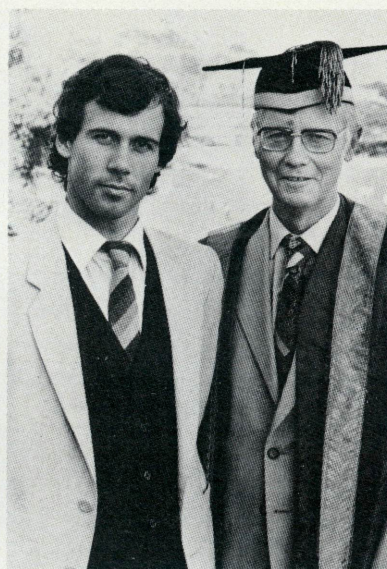
and 3rd in the 200 metres at the World University games at Edmonton in July. He has already beaten the N.Z. qualifying times for the Los Angeles games.

- **Michael Yock** (Marsden 52-56) is the father of Simon a third year in Averill who won the N.Z. under 16 cross country title.
- In 1933 **Colonel P. Savage** took up residence in Auckland after serving in India. He had three daughters and five sons who were at King's. In January this year seven of the family gathered at Ngongotaha to celebrate 50 years in N.Z. **Patrick** (St. John's 33-35) was formerly medical superintendent of Oakley Hospital. **Tim** (33-39) is a thoracic surgeon at the Wellington Hospital. **Richard** (40-43) sometime Solicitor-General and now High Court Judge. **Rodney** (Marsden 45-49) retired insurance manager, now with N.Z. Steel, and living at Waiuku and **Tony** (Town 45-48) who is in Australia.
- **Bill McGarry** (Peart 68-72) is back in Auckland and is working in Riddiford Holdings Ltd. **Gerald Tapper** (Peart 68-72) returned from several years overseas in late 1982 and is with Jordan Export Import Company.
- **Dean Ellwood** (Marsden 70-73) is in England with his wife and working in accountancy in Southampton. He plays for the Trojans hockey team and is a member of their squad which has reached the quarter-finals of the National Hockey Championships. He expects to return in June 1984.
- **John Liggins** (Major 65-69) is in Oman for two years as financial director of the National Oil Company of Oman. He was senior athletics champion in 1968 and 1969.
- **Robert Storey** (St. John's 59-63) is managing director of Campaign Advertising Auckland.
- After four years as administration manager of BNZ Auckland **Chris Chisholm** (Peart 54-57) has been appointed manager of the Remuera branch. He was a member of Peter Hardley's hockey XI in 1957, the first King's team to win the senior competition. He is the son of **Michael** (Parnell 30-33) and the brother of **Tim** (58-60).
- **Kerry O'Halloran** (Selwyn 52-55) has been working for ICL Computers in London and Sydney. He is now a systems analyst on his own account in Sydney.
- **Cluny McDonald** (Averill 67-71) has been in banking since leaving school. He and his wife left N.Z. last year for Perth, WA, where he is employed by ANZ bank. He would like to meet other old boys in Perth. His address is 6 Sandown Road, Willetton, Perth, WA 6155. **Philip Massey** (Parnell 712-75) has completed a B.Com and is marketing manager for Allied Liquor Merchants. **Jeremy Boys** (Selwyn 69-72) is an engineer in Masterton.

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Richard Savage



William Ferguson (St. John's 70-74) after a medical graduation ceremony in Auckland. He is with his father Mr Lindo Ferguson the eye surgeon and Chancellor of Auckland University. His grandfather was Sir Lindo Ferguson, former dean of the Otago Medical School.

## GOLF FIXTURES

6th Nov v Wanganui  
 20th Nov v Grammar  
 Old boys wishing to play, contact Michael Cormack, Box 5745 Auckland or phone 797 333 (office).

## FACTS FROM THE A.G.M.

Graeme Reid reported that the 4 yearly inspection of the College had produced favourable comments. In response to the demand for a girls hostel, the board had decided to build on the Golf Avenue site to accommodate up to 22 boarders, to be ready in February 1984. The maximum number of girls is to be set at 45 on the basis of half boarders and half day girls. The library is to receive an increase in staff, a new lay-out in the main room, and the provision of new carpets and curtains.

Iain Campbell reported there were boarding vacancies for 1984 but more applicants for 1985. He said that there were 6 bands or orchestras at the College and 200 learners of instruments, which he hoped would increase to 350.

Hylton Le Grice spoke for the Prep Board and announced that Richard Pengelly would be visiting North America on sabbatical leave and that Arthur Lennan had been appointed deputy headmaster to succeed Dale Maxwell who had resigned. As a project to celebrate the 60th anniversary and with the assistance of the JAB Hellaby bequest, the chapel had been extended to accommodate more boys.

The extension is on the harbour side and is not visible from Remuera Road. The inspectors report was very favourable. Richard Pengelly reported that only 50% of applicants were able to be offered places at the Prep. Plans for the future include re-vamping of the boarders accommodation.

The elections to serve as officers of the Association resulted as follows: President

— Peter Wilson; Vice Presidents — Bob Armstrong, Michael Cormack; Senior Committee — Peter Ferguson, Richard Vernon, Michael Skegg; Junior Committee — Christopher Morris, Brent Cohen, James Elliott; Magazine Editor — Donald Skegg; Magazine Publisher — Robin Beckett; Secretary — David Kingston. Thanks were extended to the retiring president, Laurie Smith and the retiring committee members, Warne Rowllings, Murray MacDonald, and Peter Chalmers.

It was agreed that the annual subscription be increased to \$14 and foundation membership to \$140.

## ANNUAL DINNER

The Dinner took place at the club rooms of the University Cricket Club at Merton Road and was attended by a mixed company of about 160. The speakers were Iain Campbell, Peter Wilson, Bob Armstrong and Ray Hogg, who received a presentation of goblets on his retirement.

The guest speaker was Mick Brown, the first Maori to become a District Court Judge and well known for his work in the Henderson area and for his ready wit. He suggested that he had been invited to speak because he was a member of the race who owned N.Z. before it became the property of Hugh Fletcher. As an old boy of Mount Albert, he said that the football team was really the Nuku'lofa 1st XV.

Perhaps such a distinguished speaker could have an early time slot in future, rather than having to begin around 11pm.

It was a very successful evening although lacking the support of the under 40's.



## The champions in 1948.



Seating Plan for both groups.

Back Row:	P.J. Osborne, D.R. Simcock, R. Vernon, D.J. McKenzie, D.E. Caughey, F.J. Williams, R.K. Morrow, R.D. Jolly.
Middle Row:	A.G. Greenhough, V.D. Hadlow, I.C. Macalister, H.L. Smith (Capt.), K.H. Alison, D.W. Ludbrook, W.E. Hindmarsh.
Front Row:	J.R. Savage, I.H. McCorkindale, R.K. Young.



35 years later — 1983  
 “Time hath dealt kindly with them”.



## 1948 1st XV REUNION

“WELL DONE MEN, EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE ALL OVER FIFTY”. That’s the sort of comment G.N.T. would have made had he been able to attend. As you can see from the photo, everyone is present and not looking too bad after 35 years!

This 1948 1st XV were equal winners of the Auckland Secondary School’s Rugby Competition with Sacred Heart. Perhaps their greatest achievement was beating Grammar twice in the same year, once by 20 points to 3.

At last year’s K.C.O.B.A. weekend Vic Hadlow suggested that it might be great fun to meet our 1948 football mates again and Ian McCorkindale and Dick Vernon said they would set about organising it.

In September 1982 letters were sent out and the response was terrific. Arrangements were made to hold a dinner in the private room at the Bonaparte Restaurant on Friday 24th June, which coincided with the K.C.O.B.A. weekend and of course, the King’s Grammar match. We decided to invite representatives from our old rivals SHC, MAGS and AGS.

Dick Vernon was the Master of Ceremonies and toasts were proposed by Vic Hadlow (to Geoff Greenbank), Laurie Smith (to SHC), David Caughey (to MAGS) and Ian McCorkindale (to AGS). The team presented a framed copy of Don Binney’s cartoon of Geoff to hang in the Greenbank Room at the new Sports Centre.

At this stage the Master of Ceremonies directed every second man to get to his feet, marched them half way around the table and told them to sit down again. The noise

level at this stage was very high so each person who had not spoken before was asked to say a few words about himself and what he had been doing for the last 35 years. This was a great success and was enjoyed by all.

The eighteen players in the photo plus two reserves comprised:- 4 doctors, (Laurie Smith, Vic Hadlow, David Caughey, and David Ludbrook), 3 farmers (Don McKenzie, Ray Young and Rod Polson), 8 businessmen (Peter Osborne, Dick Vernon, Rod Morrow, Derek Simcock, Harvey Alison, Bill Hindmarsh, Rod Savage, Ian McCorkindale), 2 teachers/lecturers (Fred Williams, Bob Jolly), 2 opticians (Ian Macalister, Graeme Brice), and 1 architect (Tony Greenhough). The evening slipped by very quickly and it was great seeing each other again.

We certainly recommend that other College teams arrange similar functions.

## 1943 — 40 YEARS ON

*The Hon. Mr Justice Savage, High Court Judge and formerly Solicitor General writes on 1943.*

**“Forty years on,  
when afar and asunder  
Parted are those  
who are singing today”**

So runs the Harrow school song; and 40 years on from when I last sang “O Floreat semper, Collegium Regis” while at King’s the song shows what it says is as true here as it ever was there. I looked through the list of those who left King’s at the end of 1943 and the few whose whereabouts I actually know are certainly “afar and asunder”. Sandy Macalister, writing last year in the “Courier” about 1942, said 40 years ago, or on, seemed to have an almost Biblical connotation. It certainly sounds a very long time and yet it can seem so short. At least so it seemed to me when, a few weeks ago, I was back at King’s, living in for a weekend. One of my sons is now a master at the College and has a house in the school grounds, tucked in behind Averill. Of course, Averill did not exist in 1943 and to get to where it is now one goes through what was then jungle country beyond the rifle range. On my first morning, which was a Saturday, I was up promptly and out on the drive near the Chapel to see the boys from Selwyn, Parnell, Averill, St. John’s and School walking up to the main block for breakfast. That had not changed much in 40 years, though the numbers were a good deal greater and I gather the meals are run on a staggered time basis.

Your editor suggested I might write something of King’s in 1943. By 1943 the tide had started to turn in our favour in Europe and during that year the Germans were driven out of North Africa and the invasion of Italy had started; in the Pacific, though the Japanese had been stopped, the situation was still bleak but improving. The trenches in the school grounds, dug the year before, we filled in. Rationing was still fairly stringent and applied to sugar, butter

and meat; petrol rationing had some effect on leave Sunday buses but this improved during the year. But it was not all patriotic pride and enthusiasm, for there were times when the grimness and tragedy — sometimes it was hard to appreciate tragedy in our safe little corner of the world — were brought home to us.

In St. John’s at 9.00 each evening at the end of prep everyone had to be present in the common room for prayers. The Housemaster, Mr Revell, would come in, the wireless would be turned up for the 9 o’clock chimes from Big Ben, and Mr Revell spoke. If an old St. John’s boy had been in a casualty list he spoke of him. There was a very moving quality in what he said; and, though I have forgotten the content of it or the names of the men who had died, the impact of it upon me remains strong and clear. To us most of the names were merely names, though as time went on one or two became people, but to him it was very clear that each name represented a living boy, and I venture to say that no more moving memorials were ever offered to them than those in the common room of St. John’s. At the weekly Big School the Head, H.B. Lusk — “Boot” as he was known — would also say something about old boys who were in the casualty lists or had distinguished themselves. He spoke with imagination as well as with feeling. I remember him speaking of one boy who had distinguished himself quite considerably in the R. A. F. and had been decorated. He did not get past the lower fifth, said Boot, but he had a flair in some directions that had marked him out and made him remembered. He devised a most ingenious instrument of wire and wood with which in one movement he could rip open every fly button on a boy’s trousers and make his escape before the victim realised what had happened. No doubt, as Boot observed, this kind of quality had contributed to his success as a fighter pilot.

Sandy Macalister referred to Boot’s reading of the lesson at Evensong and how he captured the attention of everyone. He could also do it when he sang. I remember very clearly a night he came down to St. John’s for a House Supper and sang to remind us of how “England for many a day would talk of the bloody fray of when the Blue Bonnets came over the border”. He was a

man of modesty and restraint and yet if I am any example he left an indelible impression upon hundreds.

In passing I mention something of the ostensible reason for our being at school, class work. The forms were divided into upper and lower classes with the specially bright boys in what was called the Remove. What they did I never found out. All the masters caned, as far as I recall; school prefects caned; and house prefects could use a sandshoe or a belt. I expect it is a good thing that boys punishing other boys in that way should have stopped, but I must say I have not detected any brutalising effect left on those of us who did do it; and in my work I certainly see the consequences of a good deal of brutality.

Let me come back to my recent weekend at King’s. I had chosen a good one; it was the day of the King’s Grammar match, played at King’s. It was sadly a day of defeat but it took me back to the second Grammar match of 1943. In those days there were only six teams in the secondary schools’ competition: King’s, Grammar, Sacred Heart, Mt Albert Grammar, Takapuna and Seddon Memorial. Each school played each other school twice, 10 matches in all. We used to play as well Wanganui, Whangarei and Hamilton. Anyway, our second Grammar match was played as the curtain raiser to the main game on the number one field at Eden Park. We won 10-0, Grammar’s first defeat in 22 matches. Great was the sound of the King’s cheers as we ran under the grandstand. It was a hard-earned victory. Geoff Greenbank coached the fifteen and “Toots” as we called him then would never let you rest. An afternoon’s practice would include tackling and passing, followed by a short game. Then there was a run which ended up in the old gym and one finished with some sparring.

In 1943 the school roll had increased again: 200 boarders and 86 day boys. The Board decided to build a new and additional boarding house. The academic results were good but not outstanding; the same might be said of the sporting record. Everything was on a modest scale but the movement forward which has led to the striking achievements of today was clearly started.



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clearly come from the arms of the Diocese of New Zealand, the letters patent for which are held at Bishopscourt in Auckland. The Arms of the Diocese are also reproduced in the stained glass windows of St Mary's Cathedral in Parnell. These arms show three "Estoiles" or stars on a pale blue shield.

Discussions were held at the time with the late Canon Jones in Auckland who had some interest in heraldry. He referred to the Estoiles simply as "stars", and was of the opinion that Bishop Selwyn, requiring a stamp to make an impression on sealing wax as was the custom of the time, chose the three stars for the arms of the Diocese. In his view, stars were chosen because his duty in New Zealand was a heavenly one, and three stars in number because of the Holy Trinity.

It seems likely that because the Estoiles represented stars, they were referred to as such, and were transferred to the King's College badge in the more common form, i.e. a five or six pointed star with the usual straight arms.

#### 4. THE SHIELD

The shape of the shield has no special significance, and many forms have been used over the years. At one time, the badge consisted of a shield within a shield, the three towers being on the larger, and the three stars within the smaller shield.

## THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OF ARMS

In October 1954, on the authority of Bishop Simkin, inquiries were made in London at the College of Arms as to the procedures necessary to obtain a Grant of Arms. These discussions and subsequent correspondence took place with Mr W.J.G. Vercoe, Rouge Croix Pursuivant of Arms.

In July 1960, the Board of Governors of King's School considered applying for Arms, and invited the King's College Board to make a joint approach. This was declined, and the School also took no action at that time.

In April 1963, King's School decided to make application to the Earl Marshall of England for Arms, and King's College was again invited to submit an application with the School, as both institutions had a common foundation. The College Board agreed, and the joint application was made.

It was fortunate that Mr A. Colin Cole, then Portcullis Pursuivant of Arms, was the officer Waiting — i.e. the officer of the day who dealt with inquiries or callers — when a visit was made to the College of Arms in London to present the joint application. It was his arrangements and design which culminated in the Armorial Bearings for both the School and the College. Mr Cole is now Sir Colin Cole, Garter Principal King of Arms, which office is the senior King of Arms. It is a matter of special

satisfaction that the arms of the two schools were prepared and carried to their conclusion by such a distinguished authority.

As King's School initiated the application for arms and invited the College to join with it, the negotiations were carried out for both institutions by the School. At a later date, the College decided to take over the discussions concerning its arms, and the progress and activities from that time are unknown.

The Arms and Letters Patent for King's School were finally received in September 1966. It was with some surprise that, during discussions with Sir Colin Cole in London in 1980 on another matter, it was learned that the King's College Arms had never been uplifted from the College of Arms. When advised of this, the Arms and Letters Patent were obtained in 1983.

It is reasonable to suppose that the unwillingness to give up the use of the Imperial Crown — which was obsessive in some quarters — in spite of the efforts in high places to retain it, played a part in not allowing the new Arms to be brought to New Zealand and used. But this delay of 17 years adds another quaint twist to the story of the Armorial Bearings of the College, which should now be an authentic and important tradition in the life of King's.

*The Colledge Arms are maroon gold and blue with stars in the chevron (an inverted v). The Prep Arms are similar but in maroon and gold only and without the stars.*

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