



CHESSMOVES

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CHESS MEETINGS:

5th March
2nd April
14th May - AGM
4th June
16th July
13th August
10th September
8th October
12th November
3rd December*

*Annual Xmas break-up party - details later.

Meetings are held at CHS (except school holidays) at a staff room opposite the main entrance from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. All ex-students are welcome.

Welcome to the CHESS annual bumper mail out.

Each year CHESS supports the mail out to all ex-students on our database to publicise our activities. This year should see 4700 letters sent.

2001 marks sixty years from the establishment of Camberwell High School and there will be open days at the school in March, together with the opening of the new school wing. You are all welcome to attend.

I recently had lunch with the previous president of CHESS, Barry Garnham, who is planning to have more retirement time in the lushness and plushness of his new Queensland escape. He enquired about the success of CHESS and its member contacts. This was the ideal opportunity to encourage him to remain active in his interest and submit any news to Deb, our editor, via email. We know that ex-students are keen to hear about other ex-students and welcome the submission of news and views for publication. I will be in Europe for March, so wish you all the best for your celebrations for the 60th and look forward to your input to CHESSMOVES and emails to our website.

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Bernard Corser
Class of '71

CHESSMOVES DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE:

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We welcome any contributions from past students. Please contact Deb by post or email with any written articles. Also, if any CHESS members wish to place ads, please contact Bernard.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to welcome over 230 new students and their families to the Camberwell High School community, and to welcome back around 850 students, as we commence the 2001 school year. We have fifteen new members of staff this year and I hope

that each of them feels at home and committed to the best of CHS's traditions while bringing to us fresh ideas and energy.

While recognizing that last year's Year 12 students were, as a group, not as academically strong as other years, we are proud of their achievements: most have gained university places, our Dux, Grace Pang {ENTER score 99.75} entering dentistry or medicine at the University of Melbourne for example. CHS was placed in the top 10 government schools in five Year 12 subjects and I commend our Year 12 teachers for their fine efforts for their students.

Elida Brereton

NEWS FROM CANBERRA::

The Canberra Chapter (seven years old now) is just about to have its first function for the new millennium: a barbecue at the home of Allan Carter and his wife, Judy. We have three or four get-togethers a year, sometimes at a member's home, sometimes at a good restaurant or hotel, and, once a year at least, at one of the local wineries. A good meal and a tippie or two are always at the heart of it. As I've been preoccupied with other activities during the past twelve months or so, the Chapter members have been sharing the Convenor's duties around. I'm especially grateful to Lyn Turner (Young), who organised all three functions for us in 2000, including a delicious, FREE catered lunch at her home. There was a trick involved, but you have to ask Lyn!

We were saddened by the news of Don Whitehead's death. Some of our older members remembered him, and I was privileged to serve with Don and his then wife-to-be, Lesley (Dixon), on the Committee of the original CHSOPA way back when. We also noted with regret the passing of Paul Lyneham. Paul wasn't a member of our Chapter, but he was well-known and liked in Canberra - and beyond. Once again, we welcomed a Year 11 CHS Science student on a flying visit. From an initiative developed by our member, (Professor) Graeme Cox, we have played host to an outstanding student in each of the last four years. Our guest is able to spend a day at the John Curtin School of Medical Research, looking at the opportunities offered by such an institution in comparison with other avenues of pursuing a career in medicine. For each of the past two years, this has been supplemented by a visit to Canberra Hospital, where another member, Dr. Rosemary Wright (Harewood) escorts the lucky visitor on Grand Rounds. Rosemary and her brother, David, a Radiographer at the Hospital, have also been so kind as to accommodate the young student in their home overnight, as the total visit now takes two days. Our guest in November 2000 was the delightful Evie Shaw, who said she was most impressed with what she saw.

Graeme Cox has now retired from JCSMR, and his successor doesn't have Graeme's commitment to CHS, unfortunately. He has signalled that these visits probably can't be kept up in perpetuity, although that was no doubt what Graeme had planned. Funds for research bodies are as scarce as hens' teeth, and JCSMR has put us on notice that other demands on them might take priority. However, we hope to repeat the exercise this year and are keeping everything crossed.

Isn't it an interesting perspective on things to consider that the School is celebrating 60 years of existence in the same year as the nation celebrates 100?

Your friends in Canberra

wish all CHEAD members good fortune during this auspicious year for CHS. Some of us are living in hope of getting down to Melbourne to participate in the School's 60th birthday celebrations. Maybe we'll see you there?

Fred Roberts

Convenor
Canberra Chapter, CHESS

MEMORIES FROM PAST STUDENTS

WHAT I HAVE BEEN DOING SINCE 1946

Looking back on the past 54 years

- by Allan Paull

In late 1945, my last year at the Hartwell State School, having chosen Camberwell High as the next step in my education, it was with great trepidation that I fronted for the entrance exam, only to find that all applicants were to be admitted. It seemed that the school needed students - any students - and I was in!

My talents revolved around art, consequently classes of Miss Crane, Miss Tellick, Mr White and Mr McCance, to mention but a few, were neglected. Art masters, Mr Dawkins and Mr Inchley, had my undivided attention. My parents were always given Prospice with my creative contributions, before my report book. Intermediate year, 1949, again saw many of my drawings in the school magazine, but, the last line in the report book said it all, 'Allan **will not** be promoted next year'. In disgrace, I was out. For the next 4 years I continued my education at the Melbourne Technical College (RMIT), doing a Diploma in Advertising Art.

During this time I was making a name for myself as a Concert piano accordionist and, during an eight-week session at the Tivoli Theatre with the touring French Folies Bergere, I sat for the Diploma of Art examination. I was surprised to top the course!

The next 6 months, 1954, was spent in the airforce at Point Cook fulfilling my deferred National Service obligations.

Employed by day as a designer, I also performed at most of Melbourne's fashionable night spots as a cabaret artist - Menzies, Scotts, Chevron, Federal and the Savoy Plaza hotels, etc. leading into the 1956 Olympic Games. It was during the Games that, on stage at the Melbourne Town Hall, I won the outright prize in the 3KZ talent show, Swallow's P & A Parade; a world trip by sea and expenses to pursue my musical career overseas. Art was on hold as I toured the UK and Europe. A BBCTV appearance as soloist with the famous Joe Loss Orchestra and top billing at the World Accordion Festival on BBC Radio representing Australia, were highlights.

Back in Australia after two years, I continued to be a graphic artist by day and entertainer by night.

Cabaret, radio and TV variety shows, including Graham Kennedy's IMT, made for a full life. From 1959 to 1971, I also taught graphic design three nights a week at the now RMIT.

Early in 1966 at the Australian Government's invitation, I toured South Vietnam with the Frank Rich Show, entertaining allied forces fighting there. Feeling like Bob Hope, our jet landing on the American aircraft carrier *USS Ranger* and the concert for 3000 sailors was memorable. The remaining 1800 sailors on duty saw the show on the ship's closed-circuit TV next morning!

As a consultant designer of high security documents the excesses of the 80s created good business. Everyone was printing 'money' and whilst the Promissory Note 1 did the for the

Bond Corporation had the look of substance, my redesign of the Australia Post Money Order outlasted it. The wine label for Chateau Tahbilk, which I designed in 1963, has lasted even longer.

In September 1984, I became a political candidate for the December Federal election, facing a 16.5% margin. After gaining the biggest swing in Australia in 1987, I tried for the third time in 1990, reducing the margin to 1.9%. Leading by over 3000 primary votes, the still unbelievable loss of over 75% of the Democratic preferences cost me.

Shocked by the tragic events in Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 1989, I came up with the idea of jamming the 'dob-in-a-dissident' phone lines in China and created a chain of callers. Spreading it around the world, the phone-jamming network was to save hundreds of lives and my idea became international news.

Looking back, I am proud that the advertising industry has seen fit to recognise my humble input during a 50 year career, with life memberships of the Australian Journalists' Association (AJA), The Australian Commercial & Industrial Artists' Association (ACIAA) and the Advertising Club of Victoria (ACV).

Now retired, I'm looking forward to being more closely involved with CHESS to perhaps make amends for my lacklustre attention and ingratitude to those long-suffering teachers at CHS 1946-1949.

ATTENTION:

WA EX-CHS STUDENTS

Elizabeth Karol (nee Camins) from the year of 1965, wishes to contact any past students living in WA, with a view to having a reunion there. If anybody is interested, please contact Elizabeth on (08) 9381-8743.

NAMES FOR CHS SCHOOL BUILDINGS:

It has been suggested that current and new school buildings are to be given names of some of our past principals.....there have been discussions for naming of individual buildings with no firm plans in place as yet.

WEB SITE NEWS

Our web site remains under construction at present.
<http://www.chessmoves.com>

SEE YOU ALL AT THE 60TH REUNION!!!!

The Editor and Committee members of CHESS sincerely thank Creffield Reproductions (101 Rosslyn Street, West Melbourne, Phone 9329-5177) for their help in the production of CHESS MOVES.