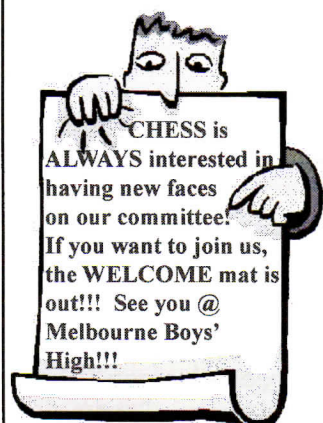
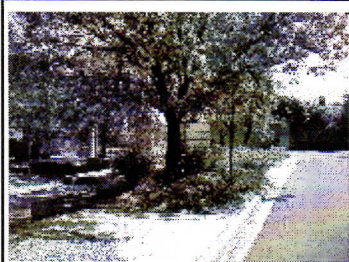




IN THIS ISSUE:

- ✱ President's Report
- ✱ Principal's Message
- ✱ Secretary's Report
- ✱ 70s Reunion photos
- ✱ Discourse - Allan Carter
- ✱ Vale Notices



MEETING DATES:

11 February

14 April (AGM)

We now are holding our meetings bi-monthly at Melbourne Boy's High, off Alexander Avenue. No catering so please eat before you leave home. Anyone interested in joining us can phone Bernard on 9416-3155 (W) or 0407-300678.

CHESS MOVES

CAMBERWELL HIGH EX-STUDENTS' SOCIETY INC.

<http://www.chessmoves.com>

November 2007

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear CHESS Members

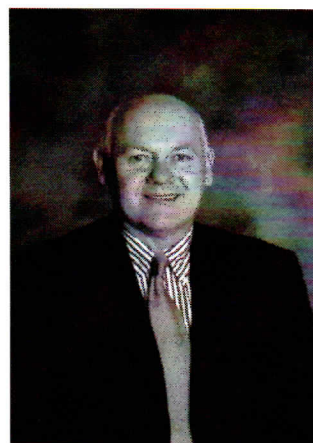
I have just returned from Kooyong after the inaugural CHESS speaker's luncheon. Bruce Hayman, a CHESS committee member and a member at Kooyong, sponsored this event. Bruce's aim is to provide a speaker and venue each year, allowing an ex-student the opportunity to address fellow ex-students on whatever topic may be of interest. My presentation was a digital slide show of my recent trip to Gallipoli and the Western Front. I would like to thank the 26 attendees and Bruce for the effort in making the event happen.

Last week, Bruce Hayman and I met with Colin Green the driving force from the Melbourne High Ex-Students group. He has offered some guidance to us and also offered the use of premises to meet in. I asked how many state high schools had viable ex-student groups. The list included Bendigo, Wangaratta, Frankston, Geelong and Eltham. CHESS was established in 1991 and is very keen to examine ways to survive not only by its work on document preservation and newsletters but the vital act of attracting new members for the committee and executive.

Our 1970's reunion was held at the Kelvin Club and over 100 attended. Deb Johnson again performed with a huge data presentation of photographs from the archives. This continuous presentation event was a source of great interest and some amusement.

I would like to thank my committee for their work in 2007 and look forward to working with them next year.

Regards
Bernard Corser (Class of '71)
Disco Consulere Aliis



NB. We are holding our next CHESS meeting - February 11th @ 7pm - at Melbourne Boys' High. Newcomers, please ring Bernard first if you wish to attend.

PRESIDENT

Mr Bernard Corser
331 Highett Street
Richmond 3121
(W) 94163155
(H) 94295026
(M) 0407-300678
bc@corserproperty.com.au

SECRETARY

Pat Douglas
PO Box 201
Chirnside Park 3116
(H) 97394829
patjdouglas@iprimus.com.au

TREASURER

Neil Bouvier
10 O'Dwyer Street
Mordialloc 3195
(H) 95880328
booves@optusnet.com.au

EDITOR

Deb Johnson
2 Duval Court
Wheelers Hill 3150
(H) 95606735
(M) 0412-844175
landie@bigpond.net.au

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. Also please consider our chessmoves website for your advertising!

CHESSMOVES
DEADLINE FOR NEXT
ISSUE:

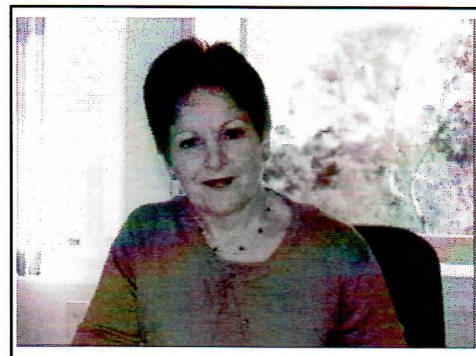
February 15th, 2008.
Send all articles to Debs.

**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Camberwell High has had an amazing time lately with lots of events in the life of the school.

On the morning of Wednesday, 24th October, the Senior School staff cooked breakfast for the Year 12s as they (the students) frolicked and enjoyed themselves in casual dress and almost relaxed manner! The next day, our Year 12s were farewelled by the whole school at their Valedictory Assembly and later that night, all of us present at the End-Of-Year Music Concert were delighted by the experience.

We farewelled the Year 12 Class of 2007 at our annual Valedictory Evening on October 25th and congratulated all students, but in particular the students who achieved most highly in all aspects of the school's life. "Vale" of course means "farewell" and this is what we did, with a sense of loss as the students we have taught, worked with, encouraged, taken on camps and trips, sometimes despaired over and mostly believed in, were being acknowledged individually as they crossed the stage for the last time. Our guest speaker, Prof Sally Walker, is the Vice-Chancellor of Deakin University (and the No. 1 Female Ticket Holder of the current Greatest Team of All, The Geelong Football Club) and we found her words to the students very relevant and of value.



It is appropriate for us to acknowledge the achievement of some students by name:

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award: James McMahon

Citizenship Award: Melissa Oberhofer

All-rounder Award: Emma Beanland

Jurgen Tauchert Award: San Tran

CHESS (ex-Students Society) Award: Jack McNamara

Principal's Award: Chris Longden

International Student Award: Christian Chang

Congratulations are also due to Year 12 students Chris Longden and Sam Corcoran, who have been awarded the honour of being CHS's inaugural Kwong Lee Dow Scholars. This is a statewide program of the University of Melbourne, and is named in the honour of former Vice-Chancellor and eminent educationalist Prof. Kwong Lee Dow, who is also a former student of Camberwell High School! Well done, Sam and Chris, and you follow a humane and gracious man in Kwong Lee Dow.

Two of our students became State Champions at the VSSSA State Athletics Championships and another was third in Victoria, so it has been a wholesale time of celebration of our students and their supportive teachers/sports coaches, in the VCE, and across the school. Helen McRae won the State title in the 1500m race, and Darby Kitchin won the 1500m steeplechase. Jack Ymer was placed 3rd in the 100m hurdles and Alex Davie came 8th in the shotput.

Recently, the Music Centre, a mix of upgraded and new music rehearsal and classroom spaces, plus a recording studio, was opened in an intimate ceremony by the local Federal member of Parliament, Petro Georgiou MHR. This was in recognition of the \$150,000 given to our school under the Investing In Our Schools program begun by Dr Nelson when he was the Federal Minister for Education.

Speaking of music, in September, we had the James Morrison Master Class on the afternoon of September 20th. Then the fabulous James Morrison/CHS Senior Stage Band, Wind Ensemble and Chamber Strings Concert that evening - a full Hawthorn Town Hall with excellent music from our students with genius and comedy from James Morrison.

Thanks to all well-wishers in the school community who have been gracious about my role (Margaret Murray) in "Summer Heights High". I was head-hunted by the ABC after being referred to them by the President of the Victorian State Secondary Principal's Association, said "No" for ten days, then agreed to take the role if it involved no or minimal school time. Between November 25th and February 8th, I took three and a half school days on official leave and the rest of the filming occurred outside school hours. I do love working with young people in my real role at Camberwell High School and Chris Lilley I admire greatly.

Elida Brereton
Principal

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP/SECRETARY'S DESK.

On the 18th February 1991 the Inaugural Meeting of Camberwell High Ex-students Society (C.H.E.S.S.) was held in the Camberwell High School Hall. Barry Garnham introduced the meeting and the agenda.

Ann Rusden - then the CHS Principal - welcomed everyone and explained how the school buildings had developed since the school had the use only of the "Old Building." In 1969 the "New Wing" and Hall were built and 1989-90 alterations were made and a "flyover" line built at upper storey level. The Governor would open the new works on 20th March 1991 along with the Jubilee. The school then had 850 students.

On Monday 4th March 1991 a committee meeting was held at CHS to elect office bearers. Those elected were Barry Garnham - President, Don Kerr - Vice President, Bob Knowles - Treasurer and Pat Douglas - Secretary.

That year we had approximately 450 members of C.H.E.S.S. Unfortunately over the years the interest has lessened. We usually finish the year with approximately 250 to 280 members.

During the year I can have several calls from ex-students requesting information on re-unions. Some just want to hold their own small event and others want to join in with the re-union that C.H.E.S.S. organises during the year. These have been very successful and in the last few years we have held them at the Kelvin Club in Melbourne.

The school database addresses is constantly changing with people shifting and others passing away. The re-unions help to keep our addresses reasonably current.

This year we held an Inaugural Luncheon on 13 November 2007 at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club. Bernard Corser was the speaker and we anticipate this being an annual event.

We always look forward to meeting new ex-students and anyone who would like to attend our committee meetings is always welcome.

Hope to see you in the future.

Pat Douglas



The 70s Reunion @ The Kelvin Club October 13th 2007

Things were looking a bit grim for a while with only 50 people booked with a month to go but, luckily, another 50 tickets were purchased and so we had about 100 ex-students on the night. That was on top of the usual suspects from the committee and upon seeing all these people, I suggested we have the CHES AGM during the night just so we could have about 20 times our normal attendance.

There was a good sprinkling of the various years with 1974 year finish of about 25 heading the list (some out on parole) and 1970 being rounded off (thanks Jim Davidson for your sole representation). The President had the foresight to employ a third barman which came in very handy and was particularly chuffed to see the coffers of his beloved Kelvin Club being filled due to the bar activity. Deborah put



on a bit of a (film) stripshow which was a highlight of all these shots of CHS during the seventies and Bernard did an exemplary job recounting all his sporting trophies in the absence of Peter Knights who was unable to attend.

We had our group photos upstairs photos split into two groups of 1970 to 74 and 1975 to 1980 which took a few takes for latecomers who had trouble recollecting what year they left school (special thanks to Victor Harney and Patrick O'Dowd). Admiration and awe was in abundance as the CHES

Treasurer's school reports were put on display as no-one ever had "Class Clown" "Lazy unco-operative student who has made no effort" and "H - less than 20%".

There was talk of past romances (even amongst people present on the night), old teachers (Fritz, Barney, George, Macca, librarians, Dethridge, Drent etc), biggest spunks, expulsions, fights outside the school, smoking behind the gym, music lessons with Mr Trevare and the frightening rockers Chris Owen and Les Byjaki.

Everyone had a good time and enjoyed the amenities including the billiards room and look forward to another occasion. Remember 1980's in Oct 08.

Neil Bouvier
Treasurer





We had a GREAT night with a good turnout!

Now CHES thinks we have the reunion format down to a fine art - the Kelvin Club is a fantastic venue. Cosy atmosphere. Great bar staff who kept up with our orders. Nice finger food. An adjoining room for anyone wanting to relax over snooker tables. And Dennis our photographer can set up his group photographs conveniently upstairs.

The slideshow of CHS archival photos was fun....lots of laughter and some yelling out when faces were recognised. The hairstyles and hitched-up uniforms. Teachers in loud seventies shirts or else hippy gear in class photos. Bernard did a welcome speech and outlined a program for the evening, also

outlining what CHES does achieve and a few of our objectives. We have decided to purchase a digital projector and we received two donations totalling \$400 on the night that will go towards the purchase.

Yvonne and Phil Giltinan (former CHS students from the 60s) were our guests - Yvonne, a former school pianist and the driving force behind our CD - played magnificently on the piano with Mary Hill conducting the massed choir for a loud rendition of the school song. And it sounded fantastic. In fact, much better than our usual efforts at Monday General Assemblies!

Many of us hung out till late, with some mid-seventies students commandeering the arrow keys on Bernard's laptop so that they could checkout the class



photos for longer than the presets. I think that this really illustrated how relaxed and informal the evening was.

We had past students who had flown from all over Australia to attend and Bernard received a lot of positive feedback on the night. For me, I had great fun catching up with girls from my year and flitting between everyone, taking photos for this newsletter and the website wrap-up. Plus seeing how much pleasure others were having. I am looking forward to our next decade reunion as I think they are CHES's raison d'être.

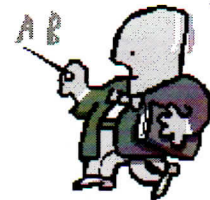
Deb Johnson
Media



DISCOurse

Our 13 question questionnaire.....

Replies from Allan Carter (1953- 1957)



Which teacher inspired you at CHS?

John Foster, Norm Higgs and Harold Begbie in particular.

Your funniest school memory?

The original Room 2 had a hole in the floor towards the back of the room. This hole led directly to a sporting equipment storage area off the woodworking area in the basement at the opposite end of the school. This storage was usually kept locked but one day somebody found that the door had been left unlocked.

As it happened the next class in Room 2 was taken by a teacher who was perhaps not as perceptive as he or she should have been. So the class got under way and then when the teacher's back was to the class one of the boy's slipped down the hole, crawled down to the basement and around to Room 2, came in and sat down. Then another did the same, and then another, all much to the bewilderment of the teacher who could not work out how all these boys were coming in but he/she had not seen them go out and who, he/she thought, had been in the room from the start. I believe that the hole may not have been repaired until a very long time later. I also suspect that this prank may have been repeated a number of times.

What subject did you hate and why?

I couldn't handle Maths I & II, and the mathematical side of Physics and Chemistry.

What school house were you in?

Montgomery

Can you hit the high note at the end of the school song?

What high note? I always have to drop down an octave - which makes for some interesting sounds. However I used to sing the descant lines of many of the songs we sang, such as Jingle Bells, Crimmond, etc

Do you still have any school library books?

What! Can you borrow books from the school library? I don't recall being able to do that in my time.



The 1956 Matric Class with Allan (inset)

Your favourite sport or, conversely, what sport did you try to get out of?

Athletics and Hockey. For a time a number of us in Leaving/Matric years organised ourselves into a cross-country running squad and ran around all the streets and parks in Camberwell within a 5 km radius of the school. Eventually this was discontinued because the school felt that it may be too dangerous without any staff supervision (no teachers wanted to come running with us). However we were very well behaved and there were never any problems, except we couldn't get a shower until we got home..

What did you do on the last day of school? (we won't tell the police)

Can't remember if we did anything. As Matric students we finished school much earlier, before the Matric exams started, and rarely returned to the school afterwards.

Who were your best friends at school?

Allan Meiers and Ken Petrie

What book are you reading now?

I often have two or three going at once. At the moment I am reading "The Devil is Dead" by Roy Lewis – one of my favourite mystery writers – and "Not Quite The Diplomat" by Chris Patten (The last British governor of Hong Kong.

Did you have a crush on a classmate?

Many. Don't forget that this was raging hormone time. All harmless and unrequited I am sure.

What classroom prank can you recall? (we know nothing)

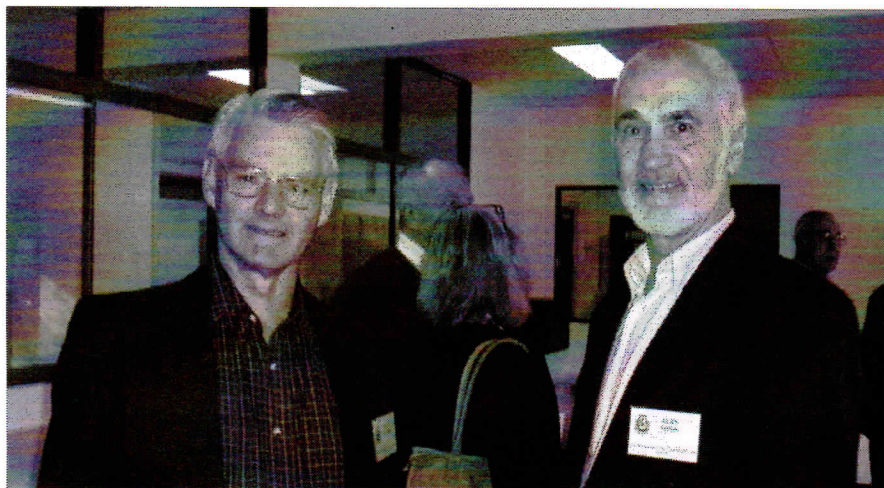
There used to be a two-classroom temporary building in the corner of the former schoolyard near the old boys bicycle shed. These two rooms each had a continuous row of coat and bag cupboards with sliding doors, running across the back of the room. One day some of the lads (who shall still remain nameless – mainly because I cannot remember who they were) decided that they would play a trick on Mr Cyril Hallett (Ponce) who was about to take us for an English or French class there. Just before he arrived they hid in these cupboards, and then as the depleted class took place they moved from end to end along the cupboards making queer noises. Mr Hallett of course, noted the fewer number of boys, and as nobody claimed to know where they were, he proceeded with the class with these noises from the back of the room. Being smarter than those in the cupboard he soon worked out what was going on, but just continued with the class for its 40 minutes duration. totally ignoring the distractions from the back. Then he left, leaving a number of very uncomfortable pranksters to emerge from the cupboards. Another case of the biters bit.

Did CHS have a lasting influence on your life?

Yes.

A bit about me.....

After two years of Matric at CHS trying to gain a Teaching scholarship for a BA at Melbourne University, I left CHS without the scholarship and hung about the house. Finally my parents decided I should stop being sorry for myself and go to work. I hadn't any idea what to do, however my father (who seemed to know almost everybody) ran into an acquaintance who suggested that I could join the Commonwealth Public Service.



Allan Carter seen here with Elemer Sipos at the 1956 Matric Students 50th Reunion

So early in 1958 I joined the Postmaster-General's Department in its Victorian office, Personnel Branch, and embarked on a 35 year career in the CPS. At the same time the Department encouraged me to start a part-time Commerce degree at Melb Uni. After an interesting 18 months in the PMG's, including being assistant Staff Clerk for the Branch; and Branch payroll escort careering about the streets of the City with a loaded .32 Browning pistol in my pocket (and who said these are dangerous times!), I decided to advance myself with a promotion to the Dept of Air at Victoria Barracks.

At Air I worked in the statistical directorate, which included the punch card computing section, where I did programming courses on early computers. At this time I also met my wife Judy, at the Box Hill Town Hall dance, and we became engaged in 1961. Consequently, we decided that if we wanted a house to live in, then a good idea would be to become part of the huge number of Victorians in the Defence group of departments who were moving to Canberra in the late 1950s and early to mid 1960s. Two incentives to move were a promotion and a house to rent.

Therefore, I moved to the Joint Intelligence Bureau of the Dept of Defence in Canberra, and transferred my course to a B.Ec at ANU, forfeiting some units in doing so. Judy and I were married 7 months later and settled into a house in Watson on the then northern outskirts of Canberra. When we moved in we were the first residents in our street with only the houses across the road between us and the edge of Canberra. We didn't even have street lights for 6 months. Our daughter was born in 1964, so parenthood took up quite a bit of time, particularly as I managed (after a number of misses) to finish my BEc. degree at ANU. JIO was an interesting place to work, with quite a few unusual characters with very varied backgrounds among the staff.

After about 4 years I moved to the Department of Trade and spent another 4 interesting years there. I also graduated during this time and my older son was born. In 1970 I returned to Defence to the Logistics organisation where I stayed until I took the irresistible offer, ie a redundancy package, and retired. My younger son was born soon after this move. During this time we experienced the major restructure of the Defence group of Departments, ie Defence itself, Navy, Army, Air & Supply into one mega Department.

Then secondly I attended the Joint Services Staff College for six months. This was similar to a university course, plus lectures from significant people such as politicians, academics, journalists, bankers, and senior public servants. It also involved a number of visits to Defence and other establishments, mainly by RAAF Hercules, and finished up with a ten day overseas trip to PNG via Fiji. During a visit to Richmond AFB, one of the officers briefing us was Sq Ldr Dave Henry, who was in my year until Leaving, and was also a House Captain in 1955. We were both very surprised to see each other after such a long time, having completely lost touch, as you do.

Around this time I was also becoming involved in ACT Hockey as my two sons started playing the game. I started playing again and also umpiring which I did for about 25 years. Later on I became Treasurer of the ACTHA for 12 years. Both my sons became state players, attended the AIS in Perth, and my younger one represented Australia at Indoor and Under 21 level and played National League for an English club for four seasons.

Since I retired we have done a number of overseas trips, touring and visiting relatives and friends in the UK and Italy. We also have done quite a bit of looking after our five grandchildren at various times. Recently we celebrated our 45th wedding anniversary by doing the Sydney Harbour Bridgeclimb - a magnificent experience.

At the moment I am also the convenor of the ACT chapter of CHESS, and we are always ready to welcome new members and CHESS visitors to Canberra.

Allan Carter
(02) 62581445



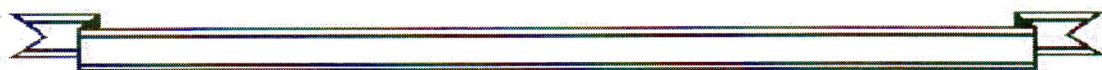
VALÉ Bruce Nosedà (CHS 1951 - 1956)

Bruce attended Camberwell High in the mid 50s and was a member of the Football Team and also on the Prospice Committee. During his working life, he was a hospital engineer and, in later years, on the Board of Management of Eva Tilley Hostel for the Aged in North Balwyn and served a term as a President. His wife, Pat, also had an involvement with CHS as she was a staff member for some 16 years and held the position of Business Manager.

Sincere condolences are extended to Pat and family on the recent passing of Bruce

President and Committee Members
CHESS

VALÉ Neil Fuller (CHS 1952 - 1957)



The views expressed by contributors to every Chessmoves are the reflections of private individuals and not those of the committee. All articles are edited for grammatical purposes only...and we accept articles in good faith.