



NEWS SHEET OF THE SYDNEY BRANCH  
THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL OLD BOYS UNION

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FIVE YEAR PLAN FOR T.A.S.

The Right Reverend John S. Moyes, Lord Bishop of Armidale presided at a dinner held at the Metropole Hotel on 12th November, which launched the Sydney Building Fund Appeal for T.A.S. *October*

The Headmaster Mr. G. A. Fisher was present as well as the Campaign Chairman Mr. P. L. Johnstone and the Parents and Friends Divisional Chairman Mr. D. M. Shand.

The dinner was attended by 120 old boys and parents and friends of the school.

As speakers rose in their place the great needs of the school were clearly expressed.

It was revealed that the original school buildings were built to house 120 boys. Today the school has 330 pupils including 290 boarders.

Fees are not struck to provide for the capital expenditure required for building construction and funds for this expenditure must be found from another source.

The school has no endowments like other G.P.S. schools which provide a capital fund for building renovation and extensions.

There is already a waiting list for entry of approximately 300, and this number must naturally increase.

Unless extensive building plans are executed, it can reasonably be expected that greater difficulty of entry will arise.

The school has an answer to these problems in a building plan which will require £45,000 to be raised over a period of five years.

This plan which is advanced to a stage where tenders can be called when money is available includes these things:-

1. Completion of the science block to provide more class-room space.

2. Constructing a new dormitory for 30 beds on Meadowfield.
3. Remodelling the kitchen. This will involve a re-location of the administration block and stores accommodation.
4. Remodelling the "covered way" and completion of the quadrangle, which will provide a more satisfactory common room and better facilities for the boys.

Forward of this plan lies a challenge and a vision of the future. Behind it has grown an administrative organisation unprecedented in the history of T.A.S.

Stemming from the central body in Armidale, the organisation extends to Sydney, Brisbane, Newcastle, Tamworth, Moree and "remote prospect" regions. It is anticipated that over 3,000 people will be enlisted in support of the school.

The Sydney Regional Chairman has been appointed.

Under this office lies the Key Gifts Chairman, the Old Boys' Regional Chairman and the Parents and Friends Regional Chairman.

Team captains have been provided for in the organisation, and these men will fill teams from those wishing to enlist.

The campaign plan for the raising of funds is spread over five years, and is divided into three distinct phases.

1. The preparatory phase - already completed.
2. The intensive phase - "do the job" phase, concluding Nov. 30th.
3. The follow-on phase - the gift collection period.

There are five basic requirements of the plan.

1. We must give an absolute priority to this appeal during the scheduled "Intensive Period".
2. We must use the first few weeks of our campaign to enlist the aid of the most influential school supporters.

3. We must recognize that the amount of money finally raised in this Campaign will depend entirely upon the calibre of the leadership we are able to enlist.
4. We must secure the best and most influential old boys and parents to form our working force.
5. We must all sincerely believe in our project, our plan and the importance to the school of our immediate goals.

The need is there - and so is the plan. Its success will depend on you and me.

To meet the challenge, to do a job and lend a helping hand - these things are the practical expression of brotherhood.

What we build is not for us, but for those who come after us, and there can be no finer thing than this.

Will you help?

"Binghi"

### BINGHI'S POPULARITY SPREADS

Thanks T.A.S. for the "Credit" par in your first publication of "Binghi" as a news-sheet issued by the School.

We are proud you find high merit in our local "rag", which has grown in popularity with our Sydney Branch Old Boys.

Though we were not sure of your ambitions during negotiations for its use, we are sure our local production will serve to advantage over the years ahead.

We hope that when the "Fun-d" is over "Binghi" will become our official Old Boys' Union publication.

So here we are again in print.

We're right behind the fund raising scheme - sorry can't afford the super paper, print and blocks. T.A.S. "Binghi" and other branches way copy!

"Little Brother"

## OLD BOYS WEEKEND

In August of this year I travelled to Armidale to attend my first Old Boys' Reunion since leaving school in the thirties.

I did so with some misgivings, but my fears were shortlived as the very kind and hospitable welcome awaited me not only from those I knew, but from perfect strangers, who seemed to consider it their right to make me feel "at home".

I cannot recollect spending a more pleasant and happy three days.

I had the greatest pleasure in meeting again, after so many years, friends of school days and to recall the pleasant memories of those days.

To be an old boy made me proud during this weekend and it brought home to me the value of a vigorous old boys' union, not only to retain friendships, but to pull together and help the school we all love and respect.

The school has gone ahead over the years and will continue to do so if we all work together for its advancement.

I attended the Old Boys' Reunion Dinner held in the school dining room and was most impressed to learn that there were 130 old boys, together with a number of the Senior boys of the School and Masters present.

The new memorial hall is a most impressive structure and a magnificent memorial to those old boys of T.A.S. who paid the supreme sacrifice in war for their country.

I was privileged to see the present boys of the school play "Yeoman of the Guard" to a capacity audience. Their delightful and enthusiastic rendition of this difficult opera was a fine tribute to their work and to those who were responsible for its production.

On Sunday before departing I attended the Old Boys' Service in the school chapel, where The Rt. Rev. The Bishop of Armidale preached an inspiring sermon.

The Headmaster and Mrs. Fisher were kindness itself and went out of their way to make old boys feel welcome with pleasant informality being the order of the day.

A Tribute must be paid to The Old Boys' Union in Armidale for sponsoring this Annual Reunion which has now become such an important feature of relations between old boys and the school.

I feel Sydney branch should be represented by larger numbers and it is time for us to be more vigorous in support of union matters and so help to make the school and its progress part of our every day thoughts, now and in the future.

Alec Bain  
SYDNEY

### T.A.S. SHOOTING TEAM - PREMIER OF PREMIERS - CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

In a feat emulation only on two other occasions by other G.P.S. schools, T.A.S. Senior Shooting Team has scooped the pool of all trophies in this year's inter-school shoot.

By registering straight wins over Kings and Grammar, in all events T.A.S. became the premier of premiers and the champion of champions.

Skipped by Falton Taylor and coached by Mr. Cutler and his son Graham, T.A.S. recorded these scores:-

	<u>T.A.S.</u>	<u>Kings</u>	<u>Grammar</u>
Rawson Cup	8	5	3
N.R.A. Shield	8	5	3
Buchanan Shield	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>24</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>9</u>

The straight points win also gave T.A.S. the Premiership Shield.

The T.A.S. team was made up by 19 boys - including 3 reserves. They were accompanied in Sydney by Mr. A. R. Yeomans and Mr. A. C. Mason.

To honour the occasion and pay a compliment to those who made the win possible, the Sydney Branch turned on a buffet dinner at the Cricketers Club on the 16th September.

It was Reg. McGoffin's night. He was quite pleased with the occasion and was prepared to demonstrate his pleasure by consuming the entire liquor supply.

Mr. Cutler was as unperturbed as a seasoned shikari - he thought the team did well!

Jim Vernon proposed The Queen, Bob Harvey proposed the toast to Mr. Cutler, Reg McGoffin proposed the team which was convincingly replied to by Falton Taylor.

Well done Falton, well done T.A.S.!

### T.A.S. - N.E.G.S. SYDNEY BALL

President Jim Vernon and Mrs. Vernon were charming hosts to other G.P.S. Old Boy Unions at the Sydney Ball held at the Hotel Australia early in June.

Mr. Fisher, as District Governor of Rotary was on world tour at that time and unfortunately unable to attend.

The astute councils of Barton Brown were not available to the Ball Committee on this occasion, but arrangements were in the capable hands of Norm Ledingham.

Special mention must also be made for the work done by Virginia Walker (N.E.G.S.) who again won our admiration for her ticket selling and unflagging keenness.

To avoid overcrowding, the Committee chose wisely to restrict ticket sales to 300, and the difference this made at the Ball was very noticeable.

The raffle was conducted once again by Michael Burnett. He carries out this job so admirably that he is going to find difficulty in avoiding the job next year.

A profit of £56 was made on the function and this was augmented by raffle proceeds of £78. One half of this combined total - £65 goes into the Sydney bank account to pay branch running expenses and for two publications of "Binghi".

Old boys came from near and far to be present and it was pleasing to see once again old friends and to yarn with acquaintances one does not see often enough.

The Ball ended at 1.00 a.m. to the strains of Auld Lang Syne followed by the customary round of war cries.

Our thanks go to the Ball Committee and to all those who contributed their part in making our Sydney Ball the success it always is.

### OLD BOYS GOLF DAY

A most enjoyable golf day was held on the 6th September at Campbelltown course the trophy being the Binghi Cup.

After a closely contested game, the trophy was won by Dennis Shaw who won from Alex Bain after a count back. The visitors trophy was won by D.M. Williams.

Everyone present was made an honorary member for the day by the Campbelltown Club and this gesture was appreciated by all.

After the presentation of trophies everyone journeyed back to Sydney with memories of a most enjoyable and pleasant day.

By special request from the organizers....

The golf day has become a very pleasant occasion and worthy of full support. Old boys are asked to note in advance the day it will be played off next year and perhaps this will ensure a larger turnout.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Matrimony seems to be stalking past Sydney Branch Secretaries. First, Owen Croft was married early in June in Brisbane to Sally Mansfield (ex N.E.G.S.) and now Stephen Bailey is to be married in January to Susan Wynn Jones, niece of the Dean of Armidale who will officiate at the ceremony.

We were pleased to see Theo Freeth in August. He came down from Southport on business and brought with him Margaret and the two children to see the folks. They took the opportunity to have young Richard christened at St. Albans, Lindfield where they were married.

The Freeths were hosts to Haille Smith (on his honeymoon), and Warick Lewarne (his best man - no comment) at a dinner party reunion in their new home in Southport last May.

Haille Smith has settled down in Moss Vale with his new wife, Jane. They have a charming house close to the heart of town. Haille extends an open invitation to go to see him - provided you take your working clothes.

Drayton Taylor played a good game of football for University in the Reserve Grade Grand Final at the Sports Ground. Unfortunately the team was narrowly defeated by Randwick for the Premiership.

Wedding bells will soon be ringing for Doug Turnock. He marries Patricia Symes at St. Swithuns, Pymble on 17th October. Like class mate Steve Massilos, Doug is in the pharmacy business.

Congratulations to Alec Bain who was recently appointed to the Grade Committee of the N.S.W. Cricket Association. As many of you know this Committee administers all grade cricket in Sydney.

For those old boys living within their income, we mention that Ken Pring is now a partner in the well known stock broking firm of Ian Potter & Co. He is managing their Sydney office in Hunter Street.

At an impressive ceremony at St. Swithuns, Pymble last April, Quenten Anthony was married to Jan Mills of St. Ives. Old boys present included Bill Amos and Bill Tweddle - down from the bush, Warick Lewarne and Haille Smith.

Bill Somerville seems to be enjoying life as a bachelor in Hong Kong. During the last twelve months he has successfully established himself there in his own business.

### UNIVERSITY NOTES

The advent of examinations is causing many old boys to think seriously about doing some work in an effort to combat the tricks of the professors.

Don Jackson at Wesley is sitting for his final medical exams late in October. We wish him the best of luck.

Third year med. students have completed their exams and Ken Atkinson and Peter Chavall must be congratulated for their success.

Don Cameron in Med. IV has also completed exams - but results are still (hopefully) awaited.

The law students start their exams next January - except first year students, which includes Warren Pengilley.

Old Boys have participated in University sport. Drayton and Peter Taylor, Ross Whitfield and Bill Cannington played football for the University Club while Darcy Wentworth and Ken Atkinson played for St. Pauls.

Others playing football include Peter and Graham Finlayson who played for Colleagues, Ian Richards who played for Briars and Mick Burnett who played with Lindfield.

Jim Cannington was on hand to do some "refing".

John Horrs was a member of the winning Pauls College team which dominated the inter-college shooting. Ian Johnstone shot for Andrews.

Can Anderson now at Andrews competed in the college athletics team.

Michael Brooker (Andrews) is completing final year Agricultural Science. Mick Burnett another final year student is doing Economics. Also in that faculty are David Pike, Nick Wright and Russell Lander.

Mick Bruxner has returned after a period overseas and is concentrating on Law II.

So far as we are aware, Monn McLachlan is our only representative among the Pharmacy students.

Cultural activities have not extended past the Uni. procession. Dig that. Most of the boys are not squares, nor are they rounds. Tan shoes, pink shoe laces, polka-dot ties and man oh man ..... Bill Cannington saved the side by his breath taking performance in "Troilus and Cressida".