

Saint Laurence's Old Boys' Association Newsletter



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Important Dates

Thursday, September 26: Old Boys' A.G.M. at SLC in the main staff room commencing at 7.00pm.

Saturday, October 12: Old Boys' Dinner in Brady Hall

Reunions for the 2002 Annual Dinner: 1932, 1942, 1952, 1962, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992 and 1997. Start looking for your mates now and if you need any help contact Di at the office on 38496502.

2001 Dinner Report

The 2001 Annual Dinner was one of the most successful to date with an attendance of nearly 300 Old Boys and visitors. It was held in Brady Hall at the College

with the theme of 'Back to the Hill'. Michael Wendt, Craig Stanford and Scott Stanford organised and ran the Dinner. It was a great night. Michael went to a lot of trouble gathering, photocopying, laminating and displaying dozens of photographs and paper clippings of the College and Old Boys. The Committee would like to thank all the people who helped to make the night such a success.

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President's Report

Fellow Old Boys,

As we push on well into the new millennium, life seems to move faster and faster. I am sure you are always busy, as I am, with family and work commitments, leaving little time for reflection on our past. This is where we hope

and pray an association such as ours can keep pace with a fast



moving world.

The Association's primary duty is to assist current and past members of St. Laurence's College and we have offered the first of many half scholarships to the College over the last twelve months. It has been of great assistance to the recipient.

As some of you will be aware, the Old Boys' Association (SLOBA) has a foundation charged with striving to help people, particularly children, who may be disadvantaged by their circumstances, to live a normal and full life. To this end, the Old Boys' Association has held and will continue to hold several fundraisers to boost our coffers and meet the challenges that rise up every day for our foundation.

If the opportunity comes for you to assist in some way, either financially or in kind, please give it your generous consideration, as I am sure that from time to time we all contemplate "There but for the grace of God go I".

Over the last ten months, the Old Boys' Association has participated in a number of events including the Annual Dinner, which was a great success. It was held at the College, with almost 300 past pupils attending. We have also attempted to help the College in a more direct manner by participating in functions along with the P&F and assisting the school in their endeavours "on the hill".

An "old" Old Boys' lunch was held at the Irish Club in April in an effort to bring together many of the Old Boys prior to 1950, who because of their circumstances were unable to attend the normal dinner. This proved very successful. It also gave new Principal, Ian McDonald, a chance to chat to some of these Old Boys and get an insight into what the College was like back in the 1920's, 30's and 40's. Ian will put this to great use as he intends to write a history of the school, one of his pet projects. The response by many of these older past pupils was fantastic and it was agreed that an annual lunch be held early each year in a more formal setting to facilitate some "Older Boys" and be somewhat less boisterous than the normal robust dinner in October.

Numerous Old Boys attended the annual SLC-Ashgrove Rugby at the invitation of the Ashgrove Old Boys for the 50th game of Rugby between the 2 schools and the opening of the "John

Eales" Stand and "Des Connor" Oval. It was a great day even though we finished on the wrong side of the scoreboard. 1953 1st XV Captain Bill Heffernan suggested that we reciprocate at Runcorn in 2003, when the "real" 50 years are up.

The St. Laurence's Old Boys' net reaches far and wide, so if anyone has information about fellow Old Boys, please contact our registrar Di Taylor and pass on any information. It is always a great benefit to be able to keep in touch with any Old Boys who may be keen to find out how the old school is going and what events are coming up.

The AGM is on the 26th September this year at the College and all members should try to attend as there are a numbers of changes proposed to our Constitution and Foundation documents. These changes will bring us into line with current rules and regulations, so it is important that we all attend to have our say.

The Annual Old Boys' Dinner is to be held again at the College on the 12th of October in the refurbished Brady Hall and it promises to be another great event. This year our guests will be Neil Eiby and Andrew Slack.

Obviously, anyone who contacts our website should let us know their details, particularly their e-mail address, so that regular updates can be sent out advising of these forthcoming events.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM or our Annual Dinner.
Kindest Regards

Paul Hogan - President

Comings and Goings

Robert Ward, son of Robert Ward Snr (Life Member QIA) was

elected as the President of the Queensland Irish Association. Robert is of Irish heritage from Clare and Tipperary. He was educated at St Laurence's College and Downlands College. He attended the University of Queensland where he received a Bachelor of Engineering, Bachelor of Commerce and Diploma in Computer Science. Robert is an Accountant in public practice and a Member of CPA Australia.

Les Riley resigned in October 2001 as Managing Director of Channel 7 after 12 years in the top job and twenty-four years at the station. Les said he felt he needed a change and would pursue other business interests.

**Daniel Costigan McEnery
1913 - 2002**

Daniel Costigan McEnery was born at Glen Innes New South



Wales on 2nd February 1913, the sixth child of Augustus Thomas and Catherine McEnery. The youngest of that family, Dan's sister Sheila Foster, is the sole survivor. She was too ill to be with us today but sends her love and prayers with son Bruce and his family.

The family later moved to Toowoomba where Dan attended St Mary's CBC. Dan adopted an affiliation with St Mary's Old Boys' Association which was to become a lifelong bond.

From here, Dan attended and completed his education at St Laurence's College, South Brisbane. Once again a similar situation developed with the Old Boys' Association.

At fourteen years of age, Dan embarked on a career as a delivery boy riding a bicycle for the large plumbing and hardware emporium James Campbell and Sons. From here he worked his way up to become sales manager of Britains in Mary Street.

He met usherette Eugenia Clark from the Regent Theatre in Brisbane and they later married. This marriage, which produced three children, Denis, Bernadine and Brian, is sixty-two years young.

Following the war where Dan saw service in Townsville, Cairns and the Atherton Tableland, he returned home to take on the managership of Master Plumbers' Supplies Company at South Brisbane. Soon after he began his own business, Plumbers Supplies Pty Ltd in an underground cellar in Fortitude Valley. It was through this business that Dan became an icon in the industry both in Queensland and New South Wales.

The building up of his business required annual trips to North Queensland. Dan travelled by car with his long time friend, Jack Schrimpf, better known as Shrimpee.

On one occasion prior to a trip, Shrimpee decided to buy a

motor bike. He and Dan travelled to Redcliffe where after inspection of the motor bike complete with sidecar, Shrimpee handed over the money and the deal was done. However, at this point Shrimpee became nervous and suggested that Dan should ride the bike. Dan obliged by hopping on the bike and taking the handlebars, whilst Shrimpee made himself nice and comfortable in the sidecar. As they neared the end of the old Hornibrook Highway, heading towards Brisbane, Shrimpee suddenly made an unexpected sharp left hand turn in the sidecar, and was headed for the wilderness, whilst Dan continued straight ahead on the bike.

The North Queensland trips became a regular event and Dan and Shrimpee were known all over. On one trip Dan was in the passenger seat. He opened the glove box lid to see three circular metal indentations on the inside of the lid. Dan remarked, "These people who make Holdens think of everything. Look at this - just enough room for a bottle of rum and two glasses!"

Dan became widely known throughout the territory as "Dan the Man". Another story is told of how they were travelling through a small whistlestop late one night when Dan knocked up the local storekeeper and asked for a bottle of milk. Little did the shopkeeper know that the milk was to be matched with the bottle of rum in the car.

One night Shrimpee and Dan were having a few drinks at the McEnery home when Dan suggested to Shrimpee that he had had enough to drink and should be driven home. Shrimpee agreed. When they pulled up in Shrimpee's driveway,

Shrimpee enquired of Dan, "How are you going to get home?" Dan said, "I'll walk". Shrimpee replied, "No way, I'm not going to let you walk", as he slipped in behind the wheel to drive Dan back home.

As Dan was known outside as "Dan the Man" and "Mr Charity", at home he was simply known as "Poppa".

Whilst Dan was concentrating on business, he was also looking outside to the people in need.

1. He began holding picnics for orphaned children and hosted them over Christmas for many years.

2. He became a member of Stephens Sub Branch of the R.S.L.

3. He became a member of C.U.S.A. (Catholic Daughters of Australia).

4. He was a Senior Member of Tattersals Club.

5. He was a longtime member of the Xavier Society and the Knights of the Southern Cross.

6. He was a member of the St Mary's C.B.C. Old Boys' Association.

7. He was a member of the St Laurence's College Old Boys' Association.

8. He was a past patron of Souths Rugby Leagues Club.

9. He was a proud member of the Irish Club.

10. He was a member of the Knights of Malta.

11. He was a foundation member of Boystown.

Dan was for twenty-six years Chairman of the Board of Mount Olivet Hospital and highly recognised by the Sisters of Charity for the contributions he made.

During all this time he still managed to partake in the annual deep sea fishing trip to the

Barrier Reef along with the odd trip overseas.

Dan's life's work was rewarded by the Queen when she bestowed upon him the Order of the British Empire.

So now that he is in heaven, we say to Daniel Costigan McEnery OBE, JP, SMOM, Vale, Poppa.

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**Annual Dinner 2001**  
**Guest Speaker**  
**John Dickie**

*John Dickie attended St Laurence's College from 1951 to 1958. He was College Vice Captain in 1958 and played in the 1st XV for two years and in the first XI.*

*He began a journalistic career with the Brisbane Telegraph and then went to The Age in Melbourne. He became the first press officer for the Federal Attorney-General's Department in Canberra and served as the press secretary for six Federal Attorneys-General.*

*In 1998 he was appointed Australia's Chief Censor and presided over the Office of Film and Literature Classification for ten years.*

*After he retired from the Chief Censor's position he was appointed the first chairman of the Film Industry's Code of Conduct Committee, a part time position he still holds.*

*At the present he is the Communications Director for the Royal Commission inquiring into the collapse of the HIH insurance group in Sydney.*

*He has lived in Brisbane, Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney and is therefore able to barrack for almost any football team in any code.*

It's nice to be back here on the Hill in a formal sense for the first time in 43 years.

It's also pleasing to know that this Hill has outlasted the other one down the road. Given the number of times in years past we were told we were on the wrong hill, it can be regarded with quiet satisfaction.

I pondered about how I should address such a distinguished gathering here tonight. I gained inspiration from an old law case in the United States.

It was in Arizona in 1908 involving a \$22 plumbing bill. It was presided over by a Justice Waltron. Appearing before him was a United States Senator and Attorney, Henry Ashurst (You will have to make the appropriate adjustments to appreciate my apprehension).

"Your Honour, as I approached the trial of this case today, my heart was burdened with crushing and gloomy forebodings.

"The immense responsibility of my client's welfare bowed me down with apprehensions. A cold fear gripped my heart as I dwelt on the possibility that, through some oversight or shortcoming of mine, there might ensue some dreadful consequences to my client, and I shrank within myself as the ordeal became more imminent.

"Yet the nearer my uncertain steps brought me to this tribunal of justice, distinguished as it has been for years as the one court of the rugged West where fame attended the wisdom and justice of the decisions of Your Honour, a serene confidence came to my troubled emotions, and the raging waters of tumultuous floods that had surged hotly but a moment before were stilled.

"Your Honour, I was no longer appalled. I no longer feared the issue in this case.

"I reflected that throughout the long years of your administration as judge, there had grown up here a halo as it were of honour and glory illumining Your Honour's record, eloquent of fame that will augment with the flight of years and with increasing lustre light that pathway of humanity down the ages so long as the heaving billows of the stormy Mediterranean shall beat vainly upon the cliffs of Gibraltar..."

Justice Waltron:

"Sit down Mr Ashurst. You can't blow any smoke up this court's ass."

That seemed to me to be the sort of ground rule that should apply to a distinguished audience such as yourselves.

It is a great privilege to be asked back to address my fellow students, many, perhaps most, much younger than I am.

I acknowledge at the outset the debt that I owe to this place and the men and women who taught here. I must say there are considerably more classrooms here now than there were when I was here, though I understand that the number of pupils is roughly the same.

I thought I had made a reasonable fist of the education process until I read in the Sydney Morning Herald recently what was really involved.

The task was to tell all you could remember about your education in a poem of 200 words or less.

Julie Blair of Ashfield, in Sydney, remembered thus:

"I looked inside my Globite case, and this is what I found:

Twelve pence make a shilling,  
twenty shillings make a pound:

John Peel (in his coat so gay)  
was also called 'Dear Ken':

You make a pellet shooter  
from a busted plastic pen.

Cicero and Caesar were  
noted for their oratory,

Sodium in water nearly blows  
up the laboratory.

The eucalyptus tree is the  
koala's habitat

Je t'aime, tu aime, il aime, elle  
aime; amo, amas, amat.

Pi is 3.142, or at a pinch, it's  
3.

A poem is, to some extent,  
less lovely than a tree.

Iron filings on a magnet make  
a pretty pattern

If you see a prefect, be quick  
and whip your hat on.

I love a sunburn country, in  
spite of flood and drought.

Four balls and you take a walk;  
three strikes and you're out!

How blest are we Australians  
of the post-war generation

To wallow in the debris of a  
Fifties education!"

There was a rather sassy reply  
in the Herald some days later.  
titled

NOT QUITE HAIKU

"I went to school

For twelve long years

From Jan until November

And in that time

All I did learn

I can't f...ing remember."

Of course, I dismissed all that  
as the kind of ravings you might  
expect from those educated in  
Sydney. But I must say I became  
a bit apprehensive when I read  
one of the recent Life on the Hill  
extracts about the condition of the  
school in 1951, the first year I was  
at the place:

"The large numbers seeking  
entrance to St Laurence's  
provide a serious problem.

Grades 4 and 6 are altogether  
too large for proper control and  
teaching and inefficiency is  
harmful to the boys and harmful  
also to the school.

"Boys from outside the parish  
should not be allowed to swell the  
numbers in any class beyond  
manageable proportions.

"The Brothers deserve praise  
for a comparatively high standard  
of work done under difficult  
conditions in the larger classes.  
The boys are well instructed in the  
several sections of Christian  
Doctrine syllabus.

"Two weaknesses however  
were evident:

(1) many of the boys had a  
poor understanding of prayers

(2) comparatively few  
understood the nature and effects  
of Perfect Contrition".

So it was not until I read that  
little observation by Brother  
Marlowe that I realised what had  
propelled me to become Chief  
Censor.

I am no longer the Chief  
Censor. I held that position from  
1988 to 1998. As Chief Censor I  
was the head of the Office of Film  
and Literature Classification  
which did the classification work  
for the whole of Australia.

Each year, the 12 or 13  
members of the Classification  
Board classify over 500 cinema  
films, between 4000 and 5000  
video releases, another 1500  
referred to us by the various State  
police forces, 1500 computer  
games and about 6000  
publications.

#### COMMUNITY ATTITUDES

The task of the OFLC is to  
reflect community attitudes, not  
to lead them or to lag behind  
them. The Office attempts to  
keep abreast of this by  
appointing new Board Members  
each three years to bring fresh

thinking into the Board. In  
addition to that, the Office does  
formal research and we also use  
Community Assessment Panels  
as a check on the classification  
process.

It was our view that community  
attitudes do change and the aim  
was for the classification process  
to reflect those changes.

The most noticeable change  
in my view is the general  
tightening of attitude by the  
community towards depictions of  
violence, in particular sexual  
violence or the mixing of the  
concepts of sex and violence or  
child sex abuse either with or  
without violence.

On the other hand, the  
community has become more  
tolerant of sex and nudity if it can  
be justified in the context.

Jane Campion's film, *The Piano*,  
features Harvey Keitel  
floating about in the buff for a  
considerable time. It was an  
integral part of the film and we  
received no complaints at all  
about that. There was also a film  
featuring Madonna called *Body of Evidence*.

There was not too much that  
Madonna didn't attempt to do in  
that film but the public stayed  
away in droves. The great  
mistake in all of these things is  
to underestimate the innate  
commonsense in the community  
to make the right decision for  
itself.

The tricky question is that of  
language. Younger people do not  
blink an eye at the most hair  
raising language. People just  
slightly older than the Class of 61  
and myself can be easily  
offended and question why it  
should be used in the first place.

Perhaps I might illustrate the  
difficulty in making decision  
about this. I was talking to a group

of retired people in Gosford not so long ago and after the address in which I had touched on the topic of language, I was approached by someone afterwards. He had flown planes for QANTAS and had been sent this letter.

Belinda's Letter:  
*The Captain*  
*QANTAS Jet*  
*Sidney- America*  
*Dear Captain*

*Tomorrow my Grandma and Grandpop will be going on your plane to America. It is their first trip on a plane so could you be very kind to them and make sure there is a window seat for Grandma and room for Grandpop's long legs.*

*I know you give away nice presents on aeroplanes so please be sure they both get them. Gran sometimes gives hers to me.*

*My name is Belinda. I am seven years old and I go to Belrose Primary.*

*Look after them both because I love them lots. Love, Belinda.*

*PS: Please don't f... up the landing.*

During the time I was the head of the Office, the first Federal Act of Parliament dealing with censorship and classification was passed.

In it is the overarching principle that adults should be allowed to make the choice of what they want to read, see and hear, provided there are appropriate safeguards for young people and provided people don't have unwanted material foisted upon them.

There are some depictions and topics where the community is united about not wanting material of this kind to be around anywhere in our society. Child

pornography, depictions of sexual violence, recipes for explosives, all fit this description.

But beyond that, adults should make the choice for themselves and not have the Government doing it for them.

The OFLC regards its main task as providing the information in the consumer advice given to each film, video and computer games.

Adults should take that on board and then make their own decision. For parents the task is tougher. Our aim was to help parents as much as we could in the recommended categories.

All of you who are parents face the tough task of arguments from the kids about who's seeing what at sleepovers and how everyone at school's seen it. The consumer advice is there to help and if it is any kind of rock to hold onto, then use it.

The availability of material on the internet has made it even more important for parents to become involved in supervising material for younger children.

There are just a couple of things I would like to say in conclusion and they are to do with this place here on the Hill. However many laughs we may all have about our time here, all of us have very good reason to be grateful to the place for the values we learned here and the brotherhood of those who were here with us.

It is very much a matter of pride for all of us that some of our former colleagues are out there in the public arena applying those values which the teachers here held out with such high hopes.

And it happens in the law, in medicine, in sport and in the Government service. Often those who best uphold those values and

standards are not all that well known to the community at large.

So with that in mind, I just want to make mention this evening of one of our colleagues who I think upholds those values under more than a little pressure.

His name is Pat Barrett. He left the college in 1956 in his senior year after seven or eight years. He is the Australian Auditor-General. His job is to make Governments accountable for some of the frolics they get up to from time to time.

So, as you could imagine, he's not always popular with governments. And at the moment in Canberra, against considerable opposition, Pat Barrett is standing up to be counted by bringing governments to account for flouting acceptable standards.

Courage is not confined to the battlefield or the sports field. And it's blokes like Barrett of whom the old gold and black can be truly proud.

Which brings me finally to my fellow speaker. This is not by way of introduction because he is probably better known to most of you than he is to me.

However, I would not do him justice if I did not tell you about an incident on his second trip to New Zealand with the Wallabies. He'd probably be a bit embarrassed to tell you about it himself.

It happened when he was taking a train trip from Wellington to Rotorua in one of those first class compartments. There were four of them in the compartment. One was a middle aged New Zealand matron, one was a very pretty blonde, one was an All Black who better remain unnamed (although some thought it may have been Sean

Fitzpatrick) and the fourth was Dan Crowley.

At one stage, the train disappears into a long tunnel. There is a sound of a terrific slap, and when the train emerges, the All Black is rubbing his face where there is a great red welt.

The New Zealand matron is sitting there startled thinking, My God, the All Black must have tried to touch up that attractive young lady in the tunnel and she's slapped his face.

The young blonde is sitting thinking: That All Black must have been going to have a go at me in the tunnel and touched her up by mistake and she's given him a wallop.

The All Black is sitting there rubbing his face thinking: That bloody Crowley. He's gone the grope on the blonde and she's hit me by mistake.

And Dan Crowley is sitting there thinking ...I hope there's another tunnel coming up soon so I can give him a whack on the other side.

Thank you for asking me to come here tonight. It's been a great pleasure.

**Damon Kelly  
Weightlifter**

105+ kg Class, U18

**Born:** 1 December 1983,  
Atherton, Qld.

**Lives:** Meadowbrook, Qld.

**Club:** Cougars Weightlifting Club.

**Coach:** Miles Wydall.

**Occupation:** Student.

**Best Lifts:** Snatch 147.5kg,  
C&Jerk 185kg, Total 330kg -

**Detailed Statistics**

**Career Highlights:**

- World Junior  
Championship representative

2001, 2002.

- Senior Oceania Silver



medallist 2002.

- Junior Oceania

Championships Gold medallist  
2001.

- Senior National Silver  
medallist 1999.

- U20 National Gold Medalist  
2001

- U18 National Gold  
medallist 2000, 2001.

- Best Lifter at National U18  
2001 Championships.

**How and Why Did You Start  
Weightlifting?**

I started weightlifting at St Laurence's College. The weightlifting club had just started up at school and my mate and I went down to see what weightlifting was and decided to give it a go.

**Best Moment In The Sport?**

Representing Australia at the World Junior Weightlifting Championships in Greece, 2001.

**Worst Moment In The  
Sport?**

Dropping the bar on my head at training.

**Person You Most Admire in  
Weightlifting?**

Pyrros Dimas or Niam Suleymanoglu

**Favourite Exercise?**

Snatch

**Least Favourite Exercise?**

**Front Squat  
Favourite Venue To  
Compete?**

Cougars

**How many hours do you  
train per week?**

Approx 8 hours a week

**Brothers/Sisters, How  
Many?**

One Brother and four sisters,  
all older.

**Single/Married?**

Single

**Favourite Music?**

Anything that sounds good.

**Favourite Movie?**

Happy Gilmore

**Favourite Food ?**

Subway

**Favourite Book?**

A Farewell to Arms

**Do You Compete In Other  
Sports?**

Rugby Union

**What Do You Do When Not  
Training To Relax/Favourite  
Pastime?**

Hang out with my mates and  
have a good time.

**Why?**

It's a nice break from training  
and competing.

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**From the Vice-President
Scott Stanford**

Dear fellow S.L.O.B,

It is that time of the year again - Yes - our Annual Saint Laurence's College Old Boys' Association Dinner has again arrived. After last years huge success the venue will again be Brady Hall in the school grounds at South Brisbane. However, since last year, major renovations have taken place at the college and many of the small teething problems we faced last, such as the sound system, have been rectified.

Cost of the dinner has again been set at \$45.00 which will include the meal, beer, wine and soft drink as well as a shuttle bus to the city at the completion of the night. The cost has been kept to a minimum rate to encourage as many of you to attend as possible. The dinner itself is not a fundraiser. The fundraising activities of the night will be in the raffles and auctions we will run on the night. Last year we raised over \$3000.00, which went to putting our first student through the school at reduced fees.

To commemorate this great event we have obtained a number of engraved beer mugs and wine glasses at a cost of \$11.00 each. Please complete your details on the order form at the back of this Newsletter to order tickets, and if required, one of the glasses, and return the form to the address listed by Monday 1st October 2002.

Scott Stanford

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**St Laurences' College  
 Legend's Award - 2002  
 Mr Phil White**

Looking through the 1972 and 1973 annuals I noted that Phil White played for the 1st XI and the 1st XV twice. He was vice



*Phil White*

captain of both in 1973. He was a hairy young man peering into

the lens. There was only one more hairier - young Denis Owens.

Phil's hair has slipped from his head to his chin in the interim. He reminds me of Chi Chi Rodriguez - the older you get, the more you resemble a piece of furniture - your chest falls into your drawers. This applies to both men and women.

Bob Rea has had a great association with Phil both as a teacher and a Rugby Coach.

Bob Rea's earliest recollection of Phil White was in 1973, not as a 1sts cricketer or a 1sts Rugby player but as a poorly performing senior



*Noel Mather*

mathematics student. It was a few years later after interacting with Phil, mainly at Souths Rugby Club, that Bob realised that Phil's poor performance was not due to lack of ability but a contrived plan to fool the teacher. It worked! Bob currently teaches Phil and Jenny's eldest son Jack in Year 11 Mathematics B at St Laurence's College. Jack is an A level student but Phil's contrived performance in 1973 was so effective that Bob is convinced that Jack's A level performance is chiefly due to his mother's genetics and her nurturing influence. Next year Bob hopes to guide Jack to complete his senior mathematics with a very high level of achievement.

That will see thirty years of association between these very good friends; and the innings is not completed.

In 1985 Phil offered his services to coach Rugby at SLC. I said Bob would welcome a hand with the 2nds. That association started with a premiership that year. Since then they have been involved with six or seven premiership sides; getting back after a number of years to win an undefeated 15A premiership in 2001. Bob's son Daniel has assisted Phil in 2001 and 2002. The tradition of Phil assisting Bob continues with the annual coaches' seminar in October at Point Lookout, North Stradbroke Island. For the past seventeen years since 1985, Phil has been on that annual trip which Bob organises each year. Phil insists on referring to Bob as 'mother' throughout the weekend but Bob claims he relies heavily on Phil for food preparation, cooking, humour and keeping him focused when the Toohey's Old or the Bundy Whites (a drink named after Phil) might lead him to wander.

Phil has had a distinguished Rugby career outside of school - as a player with Souths (scoring try - pure vicious bloody glee scoring try versus Wests at Ballymore), representing Queensland as a Queensland selector, as Coaching Director at Souths, and the pinnacle of his career, attempting to coach Tasmanians in the finer points of Rugby.

Frank O'Callaghan, the doyen of Rugby writers, approached me in the South's dressing room after a grand final. He pointed to Whitey and said, "There's the best tight head in Queensland and the most underated".

Phil spent some time in South Africa playing Rugby and avoiding being killed. Ask him later to tell you about scrummaging against Johanne Straus, an African's prop with a mutilated hand and what he could do with that hand.

Phil White exemplifies the qualities that the SCL Rugby Committee are looking for in their St Laurence's Legends' awards - talented, humble, generous of both time and effort and upholders of the finest traditions of the College we are all proud of.

It's only a simple task Whitey and we expect you to do it well. Ladies and Gentlemen - Phil White - St Laurence's Legend.

*Noel Mather*

*After Phil received his award, six Old Boys expressed their gratitude to three men who coached them as members of the 2001 1st XV to a co-premiership.*

*The spokesman was Graham Murray and the Old Boys are Daniel Murray, Brenton Gault, James Dick, Patrick Hutchinson, Matthew Zemek and Nick Sumegi.*

Firstly, I would ask that the boys from last years 1<sup>st</sup> XV join me.

I have the pleasure in saying a few words about 3 important people in these boys lives, Pat Richards, Doug Fraser and Brad Misfud. Regrettably Brad and Doug can't be with us tonight, but I ask that Pat pass onto them our best.

Pat and Doug, as you all know have been the coaches for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV over the last few years. Brad the trainer.

These men put in their time and efforts every year into SLC



*Brenton Gault, Nick Sumegi, Matthew Zemek, Pat Richards, Patrick Hutchinson, Graham Murray, James Dick and Daniel Murray*

Rugby. Last year they inherited a team of boys, who from grade 5 had not won a TAS or AIC football premiership. And on the results of a few early trial matches it appeared that they would struggle, again.

However, the boys went away to football camp at Lake Moogerah and upon their return, there was a different spirit and belief in themselves.

The AIC draw favoured us. We started the season with Padua and finished with the old enemy Ashgove. Each game the boys improved, their belief in themselves was getting stronger. The Ashgrove match was a classical game of Rugby won by our team 30 to 25, a scoreline that flattered Ashgove.

That night Ross & Janet Gault hosted the premiership party, an all night event.

I recall speaking with one of the boys in the early hours. I was surprised that the team while having a few drinks were all in good shape. I stated this to the young man and his response was interesting.

He said, "In future years at school reunions we will all talk about this game and the weekend. I want to remember this feeling the way it really is".

What an impact winning this premiership had on that young man and all his team mates.

Pat, Doug and Brad you took 15 boys, moulded them into your football team. The old saying that A CHAMPION TEAM WILL BEAT A TEAM OF CHAMPIONS is so true. You three created that champion team.

In years to come, new batches of young SLC boys, will look into the school trophy cabinet. They will see the champion Rugby teams of the past, the teams that won the 1<sup>st</sup> XV Premiership. They will say that the 2001 team was great....and they will be right.

But what they would not see were the men who, through their passion made it possible. In the year 2001 those men were Pat Richards, Doug Fraser and Brad Misfud.

*Graham Murray*

### **Births**

Michael ('78) and Liz Carroll. A daughter - Sophie: 19th November 2001.

Matthew ('88) and Heather Rogers. A son - Connor: 4th January, 2002.

Paul ('85) and Sue Sawtell. A son - Angus: 9th January, 2002.

Paul ('92) and Linda Marks. A daughter - Isabella: 15th January, 2002.

Shaun ('87) and Colette O'Brien. A son - Liam: 18th February, 2002.

Gino ('91) and Martine D'Arienzo. A daughter - Olivia: 25th February, 2002.

Nick ('88) and Kim Gallen. A son - Flynn: 28th February, 2002.

Paul ('77) and Katherine Grealy. A son - Maconal: 6th March, 2002.

Mark ('84) and Josie Mellick. A daughter - Chelsea: 8th March, 2002.

Paul ('88) and Debbie Cannon. A daughter - Jamie: 8th March, 2002.

Brendan ('89) and Jenny Hawes. A daughter - Georgia: 13th March, 2002.

Michael ('89) and Fiona Bourke. A daughter - Elle: 16th March, 2002.

Brendan ('89) and Bronwyn O'Brien. A son - Patrick: 11th April, 2002.

Edmund ('88/'89) and Nicole Bowers. A son - Owen: 13th April, 2002.

Shaun ('88) and Tania Hansen. A daughter - Caitlan: 20th April, 2002.

Michael ('76) and Maree Cunningham. A son - Thomas: 3rd May, 2002.

Paul ('91) and Caroline Willmington. A daughter: Taylor: 17th May, 2002.

### Marriages

Adrian Hawes ('93) and Amanda Law - 23rd February, 2002.

David Cameron ('84/'85) and Kelly McConnell - 2nd March, 2002.

Matthew Baker ('86) and Samantha Cleary - 23rd March, 2002.

Jason Lindsay ('89) and Joanne Lawrence - 11th May, 2002.

Craig Maloney ('85) and Katrina Walsh - 11th May, 2002.

Troy Breen ('92) and Emma McGuire - 18th May, 2002.

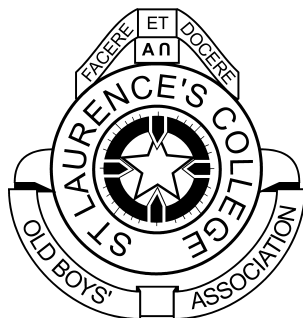
### Deaths

Alan Bowers ('47) - 7th April, 2002.

Brian McConnville ('58) - 25th May, 2002.

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