

Tech Tales

Tall tales, strange but true, of the mysterious goings-on of Teachers and Students within those hallowed walls.

We are still looking for stories for this column: In the mean time, I did hear a story about a male teacher who had a very small car, I think it was an Austin 7. One day a group of boys picked up the car and positioned it between either a couple of cars or posts leaving only a few inches front and back. Then they concealed themselves waiting for the teacher's reaction. (I'm not too sure of the details, but I bet someone will clarify the story). Ed.

Thank You letter from 2006 IB Scholarship winner:

"I feel much gratitude to the ATHS Old Scholars' Association for allowing me to have this study opportunity. The grant I have received has allowed my parents more ease at spending money on my extra educational needs such as, tutoring cost, textbooks, and this year I have also taken up dance classes! I believe that without your help, the opportunities I now have would have come my way harder, if not at all.

Subjects I am studying for the IB Diploma include: English, Indonesian, Maths, Geography, Physics and Biology. After completing my diploma in November 2008, I look forward to studying a Physiotherapy course at university starting in 2009. I am very interested in the area of human movement/sport and would one day love to get into the research sides of things, maybe a PhD in physiotherapy... perhaps that is me being a bit ambiguous (sic) right now!

On behalf of my family and myself included, I would like to say thank you once again to the ATHS Old Scholars' Association for giving me this study opportunity, it has been greatly appreciated!"

Yours truly,

(Signed) Jana Phan

JOKE CORNER:

A lot of folks can't understand how we came to have an oil shortage here in our country.

Well, there's a very simple answer.

Nobody bothered to check the oil. We just didn't know we were getting low.

The reason for that is purely geographical.

Our OIL is located in: Bass Strait, East Queensland Shale Fields, Canning Basin, Perth Basin and North-West Continental Shelf.

Our DIPSTICKS are located in Canberra!!!

Any Questions??? NO? We didn't think so.

(Sorry Mark, I couldn't resist. Ed)

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION ON FUTURE EVENTS & THE STUDENT DATABASE.

www.athsos.com.au



Adelaide Technical High School

Old Scholars Association Inc.

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2007 proved a successful year with its well-attended luncheon and excellent Guest Speaker. Despite inclement weather the change of venue for the AGM/Picnic to Heywood Park proved a successful move and attracted good attendance. Changing circumstances necessitated the loss of a small number of dedicated and hardworking committee members. However, others have successfully stepped into the breach to ensure that the Association continues its work.

As our membership ages, such continuity is vital. Good attendance at the AGM is essential to our ongoing success. It's a good day so we trust that you will make every effort to be present at this year's combined REUNION PICNIC / AGM and, circumstances permitting, that you might consider taking an active part on the Committee in 2008.

This year marks a number of anniversary milestones for ATHS. Planning is in hand for a number of significant events. Put them in your diary now so that, if you live interstate or overseas, you might plan a visit back here to coincide with at least one of the functions.

Our positive relationship with Glenunga International High School continues to strengthen. At the AGM the Committee will seek approval for the introduction of a second International Baccalaureate Scholarship. The Committee has further resolved that these Scholarships should be named after our two Headmasters, Messrs. Moyle and Cannell. The Moyle and Cannell families have kindly agreed to this honour. The current Scholarship will be known as the "Sidney Moyle IB Scholarship" and the second, when approved, the "Cedric J. Cannell IB Scholarship".

With Chas Grimes, it was my privilege to interview a number of worthy applicants for the **2007 IB Scholarship**. It was difficult to make the final selection, there being not one, but several, worthy candidates. The recipient is **Stella Crawford** and she was presented with her Scholarship at a School Assembly on 26th February. Each of us was privileged in the unique education we received at ATHS. Glenunga has evolved to follow those traditions and the IB Scholarships are one way that we can give back something to the future in appreciation of what was done for us in the past.

Let's hope for a very successful and happy 2008. I hope to see you at our various activities.

Mark Brindal

New Face for an Old School:

Anyone passing the North Terrace/Frome Road. corner will have observed the major makeover in progress. For several months the Old School building has been deeply shrouded in scaffolding and coverings. She is in the process of a major facelift and is slowly emerging with a bright and cheerful facade. The City Council is applying an unobstructed, flow-through look to North Tce. and the school fence has been removed and the whole area is being landscaped. Uni SA is not sure whether the renovations will be completed by August when we hold our Memorabilia Display, but let's hope so.

REUNION PICNIC

(Incorporating the AGM)

Celebrating 110 years
of
ATHS HISTORY

SUNDAY 6th APRIL 2008
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

HEYWOOD PARK
Northgate St UNLEY PARK

FREE CHICKEN LUNCH
(to commence after conclusion of the AGM)

Please bring a Salad or Sweet dish
to share

BYO Drinks, chairs, table etc.

Adelaide Technical High School Old Scholars Association Inc.

In accordance with the Rules

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the above Association
will be held on

SUNDAY 6th APRIL 2008
11:30 am

HEYWOOD PARK
Northgate St UNLEY PARK

NOMINATIONS

Are hereby called for the following
Committee positions:

President	Vice Presidents (2)
Secretary	Membership Secretary
Treasurer	Committee Members (5)

Please lodge your Nominations with the
Secretary: Judy McKeough Ph: 8353 3910
By Friday 4th April 2008

ADELAIDE TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL 1939-41

What fun we had together when we went to Adelaide Tech.
Though the teachers there all seemed intent on setting out to wreck
Our zest for learning with their strictness, discipline and rule.
The girls and boys were not to mix - the image of the school
Would be destroyed if we were seen conversing in the street!
We had to think up devious ways if we desired to meet.

The teaching, though, was excellent and exam results obtained
Exceeded those of other schools and colleges, and gained
A reputation for the school of academic skill.
Our sporting teams were not a match for larger schools, but still
They tried their hardest and although their wins were usually few,
They managed to uphold the honour of the gold and blue.

Our annual picnic was arranged, but due to World War II
Was cancelled, so we had to wait another year to do
The things that students usually do at picnics in the hills,
With athletics, games and races providing all the thrills.
On picnic day in '41 we were told "Our Patron's dead.
The picnic's cancelled, but we'll soon have a sports day instead".

The girls took up their effort for the war by knitting socks
And scarves and balaclavas using wool from a huge box
Provided by the Comforts Fund. The teachers were impressed
By garments we had made with skills we found that we possessed.
Then many parcels were sent off, with happiness and pride,
To men who served their country in places far and wide.

Each Wednesday morning we assembled in the Brookman Hall
For instruction in the Bible, but at times that was not all
we learned, as we used the time to have a bit of fun,
But the words of the minister weren't lost on everyone.
On Speech Night at the end of year we sang the songs we'd learned,
And top students received the prizes which they had earned.

With mixed feelings we looked forward to our last days at "The Tech"
And faced our unknown future and started on life's trek.
A few found fame and fortune and some served in the war,
And others studied medicine, accountancy and law.
And some, like me, just settled down to be a loving wife
And raised their families hopefully and led an "average" life.

But now with old age creeping on, we feel we're near the end.
Our sight is blurred, our hearing's dim, our hips and knees all send
Us messages that we're no longer young and full of life.
Our loss of memory always seems to get us into strife.
And often we think back to times when we were, more or less,
A happy group of students learning at ATHS.

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Membership:

It's amazing the number of times you pick up an ATHSOS Newsletter or Magazine and you see a name or a photo of someone you remember from your school days. It might be an article about the years when you were at school or it might be about the successes that person has achieved during their life.

It's this sense of belonging to something special that drives our Old Scholars Association.

The Association actually provides us with a reason to think back to our times at Adelaide Tech. Every time you receive one of our Newsletters or Magazines, or a notice about an event we have organised, it sparks some memories about Adelaide Tech. The memory may only last for a few seconds after you open the envelope and you move on to doing something else, or it might bring back a flood of memories as you sit down that night and think about those days at school.

The Association provides a link between the past and the present. It provides a reason for us to keep in touch with schoolmates or in some cases lifelong friends. It enables the past we experienced to be recorded for the future knowledge of those who will follow after us and it enables us to contribute to the growth of future students with the support we provide in the way of scholarships.

These are some of the things that keep our Association alive.

But the Association will only survive if it has financial members. At the moment there are about 8500 names on the database of students who attended Adelaide Tech. Of these about a quarter have not yet been traced and another quarter are known to be deceased. This leaves about 4000 who could be financial members but only just over 300, or 8%, are such members.

This presents an opportunity for us to increase the number of financial members and we will be looking at ways we can encourage our Old Scholars to join. There may be some additional services we can provide or some different ways we can sustain the life of, and benefits arising from, the Association into the future. As an example there are times when people try and organise reunions of their classmates. Under privacy laws we are not able to provide member's details to others without their permission. However, we could contact the relevant members about the proposed reunion and invite them to contact the person trying to organise it. This is simpler and more effective than what an organiser has to go through at present.

Also the bigger the financial membership base, the greater are the opportunities to capture more interesting news about the life and times of our members during and after their school years, and to establish legacies for future student generations.

So please spend a few moments thinking about your times at Adelaide Tech and the foundation it gave to you for your future and join up as a financial member.

Membership Secretary

David Swift

Do you want your Name and Address added to the **UNI SA Alumni Membership?**

If yes Register on: <http://www.unisa.edu.au/alumni/join/default.asp>

RAFFLE: Congratulations to our 4 lucky winners. Unfortunately none of them were present at the draw. The Committee takes this opportunity once again to thank David and Pat WELFORD of Cape Cassini Wilderness Retreat KI for donating the 1st Prize (2nights B&B accomm plus 1 hour wildlife tour).

David is an Old Scholar, attending in 1959-63. He and Pat hope that other Old Scholars may wish to enjoy the opportunity to stay at their retreat and support their efforts to care for the environment.

David and Pat are very pleased to offer Old Scholars:

10% discount if booked directly on their website or by phone.



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2007 RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS:

1 st Prize:	Ticket No. 1322	George SEAGER
2 nd Prize	“ “ 1613	Betty PEDERICK
3 rd Prize	“ “ 0971	Roy HETHERINGTON
4 th Prize	“ “ 2207	Sally SCOTT

2008 ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE: We are holding another raffle this year.

Are there any Old Scholars who would like to donate a prize, large or small? Please contact a Committee Member ASAP. Your donation would be greatly appreciated.

Tickets: Available at our Anniversary Functions and drawn at the Luncheon in October.

G.J.H.S Principal Retires:

At the conclusion of the 2007 school year, after a teaching career of 43 years Bob Knight retired. When he was appointed Principal of Glenunga High School in 1992, the school was in **severe** academic decline and his mission was to “**make or break**” the school. He added the International in GIHS and the rest is history, as the saying goes. Bob's father was an ATHS Old Scholar, attending the school in 1918. In gratitude to Bob's assistance to our Association over the years, the Committee approved an amount of \$100 be paid towards his farewell present. We hope this decision meets with Old Scholars' approval. At Bob's Retirement party the Association was represented by Vice President, Chas Grimes.

A “Thank You” card received from Bob, reads: “Many thanks, Chas, for coming to my retirement and for your generous words in your speech. Please convey to the Old Scholars my very best regards and wishes for the future. They are a wonderful & highly committed group and it has been a privilege to be involved with ATHSOS.”

The new Principal is Wendy Johnson, who has transferred from Victor Harbor High School. The Old Scholars Committee looks forward to meeting with her in the near future.



IT'S CELEBRATION TIME AGAIN



2008 MARKS 4 SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES IN THE HISTORY OF "The Tech"

It's hard to believe that it is 10 years since we celebrated the School's Centenary and because, to state the obvious, we are all 10 years older the Committee agreed that there was no way that we could repeat a similar schedule of events. Instead we have organized 4 functions, one to celebrate each anniversary. By coincidence the dates for the last 3 functions are timed to coincide with the events they are celebrating. We have deliberately set the Archive Display and Cocktail Party a week apart to encourage interstate and overseas Old Scholars to make the trip worthwhile. We hope during that week classmates will renew old acquaintances. Please contact the Membership Secretary for a list of your year group to organize your class reunion.

110th Anniversary of the humble beginning of the school.

REUNION PICNIC: Sunday 6th April. Heywood Park Unley

which will incorporate the AGM. PLEASE don't let this put you off as this is only a small portion of the event and **without an AGM there is no Association**. The focus for the Picnic will be more about celebrating our history.

90 years since the school became known as "Adelaide Technical High School".

**ARCHIVES DISPLAY: Friday 22nd, Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th August.
Brookman Hall North Tee.**

Memories, Memories, Memories: Plus in August 1963 the School packed up for the "big move". Get in touch with your Classmates and come and walk those hallowed stairs (now carpeted), go on an archaeological dig (metaphorically) to find your old classrooms among the alterations *and* of course, check out our Archives Display.

45 years since the move to Glenunga.

COCKTAIL PARTY: Friday 29th August. Glenunga Int. High School

This event at the Centenary Celebrations was very popular, so we thought we would do it again. We are even considering using the same caterer, as those of us who attended last time will remember going home quite over-fed.

20 years on from our first Old Scholars Reunion.

OLD SCHOLARS LUNCHEON: Tuesday 14th October. (Venue yet to be arranged)

Yes it was October 1988 when we held our first reunion, a Supper Dance, in Brookman Hall. It seems like only yesterday. [There was a reunion at Glenunga High School a few years prior, but that was not organized by Old Scholars.] Even though this function is a luncheon and many of you are still working, because it's a special year, think about taking a flexi day, annual leave or just take a plain ol' sickie. Venue to be decided when we have an indication of numbers.

ANNUAL PICNIC

**SUNDAY 6th APRIL 2008
10:00 am – 4:00 pm**

HEYWOOD PARK Northgate St UNLEY PARK

REFER Page 2 notice regarding catering details.



MEMORABILIA DISPLAY & REUNIONS

FRIDAY 22nd AUGUST 2008

OFFICIAL OPENING 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY 23rd & 24th AUGUST 2008
11:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**BROOKMAN HALL, NORTH TCE, ADELAIDE.
(Light refreshments available)**



COCKTAIL PARTY

FRIDAY 29th AUGUST 2008

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
GLENUNGA INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
L'ESTRANGE ST GLENUNGA**

COST (Approx. \$30-\$35pp)



OLD SCHOLARS' LUNCHEON

TUESDAY 14th OCTOBER 2008

11:30 am for NOON start.

COST (Approx. \$30-\$35pp) & VENUE TO BE DECIDED