



Adelaide Technical High School OLD SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION INC.

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From the President

Your committee is excited. Things are coming together. As you read in this newsletter, the CD Rom of the Tech story is to be released at our Launching Luncheon on 13 Oct. Phone Chas Grimes now to book a place as seats are limited. Dr Don Beard will do the launch after Bryce Kohler has briefly told of the writing of the story. We thank Bryce for his big effort.

The bronze head of Sidney Moyle has been cast. It will stand in the entry foyer of Brookman Building. A pedestal has yet to be created. There will be plaques honouring Andrew Ferguson and Cedric Cannell.

We have been successful in our Honour Board grant application. We are looking to plan a great occasion in Brookman Building in March 2005 when the coffee table book version of the story will be launched, the Honour Board will be dedicated and the bronze head unveiled. Wait for details to be announced in early 2005. Looking forward to seeing those who can make it on the 13th Oct. 04

Don Warren (1943-46)

This is our Story!!

*We are proud to present to you the
Adelaide Technical High School
- The Story*

We congratulate Bryce Kohler, (Right) old scholar, junior teacher, teacher and educational administrator on this important work.



Read the story on page 3..

A New website for you!

We are happy to announce that we are now
on-line

www.athsos.com.au

Read the details on page 2..

Launching Luncheon Classics Restaurant of Walkerville 119 Walkerville Terrace, Walkerville Wednesday 13th October 12 Noon

*** Note it in your Diary now! ***

Contact classmates and share a table.

Cost \$22.50

A discount of \$5.00 will be given to financial members

Delicious main course and dessert. Tea, coffee, orange juice, wine supplied.

Other drinks at bar. Raffles and Door Prizes

BOOK EARLY!!

Contact Chas Grimes on 8379 5321

Bookings essential by Friday 1st October 2004

New Website for You

At the August meeting it was decided to go ahead and have a website professionally built for ATHSOSA. It should be operational in October. It is proposed to contain:

- A home page with an index to the rest of the website.
- A history page with a brief history for interested observers.
- A Who's Who page with former scholars' names listed by years attended, and a name search facility.
- Latest news, and current and past newsletters.
- A membership page with registration, payment and change of details forms that can be printed or downloaded, and either posted back or emailed.
- A contact page which will enable emails to be sent directly to the President, Secretary, Treasurer or Membership Officer.
- Other pages to be added later, such as a guest book for members to write comments or enquiries.

If you would like to be notified when the latest newsletter is available on the website, please send your email address to the email address shown on the holding page.

Membership

At this moment we have **437** financial members, almost **100 more** than last year.

WELCOME to New Additions to our Register

From records of those students who attended ATHS between 1963 and 1974 at the Glenunga school, now GIHS, we have added 411 names to the 6442 names on our register. So far, 170 of these former scholars have been traced, and so they will also receive this newsletter as an introduction. In all, there will be approximately 2000 more to be added, since these are only the As, Bs and some Cs.

- Please contact me or any committee member, or drop me a line via the email address on the holding page on our new website if you are interested in the Old Scholars Association, or if you have any questions.**

We recognise the work of Judy McKeough, Graham Maguire and Peter Keen in respectively typing, researching and listing the new names added to the register.

Treasurer's Report

It is very rare that I get the opportunity to say thank you to you all for your memberships & kind donations, but on this occasion I can, so Thank You. Membership is up & donations have also increased. Financially we are now quite strong & I think that you can all pat yourselves on the back as two years ago it was thought that we would be unable to continue but I think that from here on in we will be able financially to go onto bigger and better things. Once again, keep up the good work & I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Luncheon.

Don Thomson, Treasurer.

March 2005



Attendees of the Brookman Building Centenary in December 2003

Remember 12 Dec 2003? Make a note now to look out for a great Brookman Building event to be announced for launch of coffee-table book, dedication of Honour Board and unveiling of memorial to headmasters.

PLEASE NOTE!!

Thank you so much to all the people who returned their History Project Survey. As the book production has now commenced, we are unable to accept any more submissions. Once again we thank all those who filled in their survey and returned it.

History Project Committee.

Don't Forget to Bookmark your website:

www.athsos.com.au



Sidney Moyle

How Adelaide Technical High School - The Story was produced



Cederic Cannell

Dreaming the Dream

As readers will discover from the CD the idea of telling the story is not new. Sidney Moyle and Oscar Knauerhase both wrote slender accounts of the origin and development of the Tech. Annely Aeuckens in 'The People's University' and Erica Jolly in 'A Broader Vision' both gave the story fair and extensive treatment. Old scholars have thought about it and those who recommenced the OSA in the 1980's and 90's seriously mooted it to the effect of getting a committee started. Then Bryce Kohler made his offer and the results will soon be in your hands.

Writing the Text

Bryce Kohler says 'Preparing the story of The Tech has been interesting and rewarding. Research into the old records has revealed that the school was indeed unique, and enjoyed the reputation, hard won by students and staff, that placed it at the highest academic level amongst secondary schools and colleges in South Australia for more than forty years'.

Bryce spent much time in Libraries looking for primary source material. Many hours were spent in reading ancient minutes. Old scholars and former staff members or their families were consulted. Other people made suggestions. A committee member prepared and circulated an extensive questionnaire. Sub-committee meetings had to be attended. Writings of others were carefully read. Old magazines were a useful source of information. Then there was the task of actually writing.

'Almost without exception, old scholars have expressed their appreciation of the values which they learned at The Tech, and the realisation that rewards will follow hard work and diligent application to any challenge,' writes Bryce.

He goes on, 'This enthusiasm from old scholars

has made writing the book well worth the efforts which so many people have contributed towards its preparation'

Setting the Pages

The design and layout of the book is well under way. All photos have been scanned, even though some of the source material is up to 80 years old or from previously printed publications, very few photos were considered too poor to use and in most cases will fit the overall look and give an accurate portrayal of the history of the school. I am sure that most old scholars will be happy with the results.

Greg Lawson.

Raising the Funds

One of our committee members who has had experience in serious fund-raising has been diligent in contacting old scholars to invite them to participate in the story project by making contributions to the fund necessary to get the project afloat. We are grateful to the committee member and to generous old scholars. The University of South Australia has been the major donor in contributing \$5000. We thank the University and Ms Yvonne Clark its representative on the sub-Committee.

Launching the CD-Rom

The Annual Luncheon gave us a target date to aim for in the completion of the story. So a big effort was made by the author, the committee, the editors, the page-setters and all concerned to achieve this goal. We look forward to Bryce telling us how he did it and Dr Don Beard, our Patron, introducing the book to the community of old scholars and the public. **The CD will be available at the Luncheon at the cost of \$15.**

If you're not attending the Luncheon and wish to order a copy of the CD-Rom, Forward your order details to **Don Thomson, Treasurer, ATHSOSA, PO Box 52, St Agnes SA 5097.**

Name: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss

Address:

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Please forwardcopy(ies) of 'Adelaide Technical High School-The Story' CD-Rom Version at \$20 each incl postage. Total amount\$.....

You may pay by cheque payable to ATHSOSA or by Credit Card (Visa, Bank Card or Master Card).

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