



Newsletter

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From the President

I think, as we get older, and the pressures of coping with day to day life get fewer, that we reflect on the paths our lives have taken; where we have come from and where we are heading.

Many of us remember the old Tech on North Terrace with both pride and affection. For many it opened doors to career paths and opportunities which might otherwise have been denied us. While it held very differing views on the educational needs of boys and girls, it met those needs with a rounded form of education which was unique and, in its time, trail blazing.

After all, it took the State system until the '70's to work out that a comprehensive education, offering the best mixture of practical experience and academic rigour, offered the best opportunities for young South Australians.

But the school, which served us well because it was of its time, would have had to change, to re-invent itself, if it wished to have the same relevance for today's students.

Many Old Scholars do not feel any attachment to or responsibility for Glenunga International High School. Despite retaining the School Badge (slightly modified), the school colours and many of the traditions of our school, despite the unbroken lineage, they see it as a "new" school with which they have little or no affinity.

As your President and previously as the local Member of Parliament, I have had the privilege of attending Glenunga for open days, speech nights, school assemblies and other special occasions.

It is not and should not be the same school. But it holds the values for learning which our teachers held for us; it pursues excellence and encourages every student to strive to be the best that they can. I would like to believe that, had the Tech remained untouched on North Terrace, it would have reached the place in education which Glenunga holds.

You might be asking yourself why this matters? The "old Tech students" are rapidly ageing. Your committee must decide what direction we should take.

At recent meetings it was resolved to work actively with the school to encourage a somewhat separate but possibly annexed Old Scholars Association for Glenunga. Through this we hope eventually that, when the last of the Old Tech Old Scholars falls off the perch, the work of our Association might continue, both providing a bond for groups who shared an important part of their educational life together and hopefully putting a little back for the next generation of students.

We hope for the support of all members of the Association in these efforts.

Mark Brindal

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News of Old Scholars

We are seeking information from Old Scholars on what they or their friends have been doing since leaving school e.g. careers, life experiences, travel etc. Please forward articles to our postal or email addresses (details on front page)

Stanley Ernest Huddleston AM : 1927-1929

Stan Huddleston was a student at Adelaide Tech for the first three years of his secondary education.



He was Dux of the School in 1929 and then attended Adelaide High School in order to complete his matriculation to enable him to go to the University of Adelaide. This was not as easy as it seems as he was required to pass a foreign language at Intermediate level in order to meet matriculation requirements and this subject was not offered at the Tech.

Reluctantly he set about learning French and with the assistance of his teacher-trainee sister, he passed the subject.

Stan was awarded a Qualifying Exhibition in December 1926, an Intermediate Exhibition in December 1929 and a Government Bursary in December 1930. He was also granted a special advance from the Students' Loan Fund which was a departure from the usual practice of Adelaide University. It was the 'Great Depression' hence this was the only way that Stan was able to attend Adelaide University.

He chose Electrical Engineering at Adelaide University because it was the most expensive of the engineering courses. At Adelaide University he completed both Science and Engineering Degrees.

He joined the Adelaide Electric Supply Company where he worked from 1935 to 1937.

From 1938 to 1946 Stan worked for BHP Newcastle Steel works and the Sydney County Council as an electrical engineer. Whilst in Sydney, he completed an Economics Degree at Sydney University.

In 1946 he returned to Adelaide to the Adelaide Electric Supply Company which became the Electricity Trust of South Australia. He held many positions at 'The Trust' and in 1974 was appointed General Manager.

Key developments during Stan's period at ETSA were the development of Leigh Creek Coal Fields, the construction of the Playford Power Stations near Port Augusta, the signing of the gas sales contract with Delhi Petroleum (now Santos) which saw the construction of the Moomba to Adelaide high pressure gas pipeline and the Torrens Island Power Station.

In 1955 Stan was one of the Australian delegates to the United Nations International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy together with Professor Sir Marcus Oliphant.

He was particularly interested in Technical Education and was a member of the Council of the South Australian Institute of Technology and of a Federal Government Committee referred to as the Commonwealth Advisory Committee on Advanced Education which saw the establishment of the Colleges of Advanced Education around Australia. These were planned as vocation-based tertiary institutions as Stan believed that universities at that time were primarily research-based establishments.

He was also a member of the Committee of Enquiry into Post-Secondary Education in South Australia.

After retiring from ETSA, Stan became Chairman of the South Australian Energy Council and was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 1979 in recognition of his service to the community.

In his younger days Stan was a keen tennis player as well as an accomplished pianist who composed many country music ballads. A keen wood-worker, he built much of his own furniture.

Having been a student of Adelaide Technical High School in its early years, he always held the school in high regard. His contribution was significant to the State of South Australia and indeed to the whole of Australia and can be researched through the South Australian State Library.

Ian Haddow ATHS Student 1953 to 1957
Neil Haddow ATHS Student 1956 to 1960
Nephews of Stan Huddleston

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Ross Taylor : 1954-1956

For the past few years Vice President Ross Taylor, although not an ex-serviceman, has been closely associated with various Vietnam Veteran Groups. Here he explains what drives him and in so doing, provides a picture of a man of great compassion who is not prepared to stand aside when society as a whole acts in a way that he believes is unfair to people who have risked their lives for their country. This is his story:

I am often asked why a confirmed civilian like me would even be interested in helping the sometimes wild, rough-looking reprobates we all know as "Vietnam Veterans."

My late wife Hannelore was a friend of Errol Noack, the first Australian conscript killed in action in Vietnam. I was privileged to meet Errol just prior to his embarking for that "South Eastern Resort" in early 1966. Hannelore later attended his funeral which took place at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Adelaide a couple of months prior to us marrying in that same Church.

While the death of Errol remained in our minds, we were also concerned at the treatment many of our veterans received on their return from active duty. Through no fault of their own they appeared to be bearing the brunt of the public reaction against the war. The last straw was when I read in the paper one day that a Veteran by the name of Tony Bowder had passed away sometime between Christmas & New Year and had not been found for over a week. I became incensed with what I assumed was a complete lack of follow-up support for unwell Vets by the "Government". It later turned out that this assumption was wrong, but it provided a powerful motivation for me at the time.

Also at about that same time I read the book "Cry in the Wilderness - Guinea Pigs of Vietnam" by Jean R Williams and had written to the Editor of the Sunday Mail to say that the book should be made compulsory reading for all Secondary School Students. I later met Jean in my office and was inspired by this beautiful and compassionate lady and by the fire with which she represented "Her Boys". Her son Wayne is a Vietnam Veteran and was one of the victims of Agent Orange that she wrote about.

A week after the letter was published the Editor rang to advise me that several Vietnam Veteran's Organisations wished to contact me to have a "good old chinwag" about their current situation. Thus began my association with the groups "Veterans of the Vietnam War Inc." who had arranged a funeral service for Tony Bowder to save him from the indignity of a pauper's funeral and "the Troops" from The Peter Badcoe Complex. This brought me in touch with veterans of many conflicts together with their families and their stories have both saddened and inspired me. I have had the pleasure [and pain] of serving on the Board of the Ex-Military Rehabilitation Centre, a section of the Peter Badcoe Complex, the Vietnam Veterans Day Concert Committee and currently, The Fleurieu Peninsula Veterans Community Assn. Inc., based at the McLaren Vale R.S.L.

I will continue to serve my country's Heroes for as long as they want me for as long as I am able.

Mervyn S Paterson : 1938-1940

In the June Newsletter we sought contributions for our "News of Old Scholars" section. The following story was received from Mervyn Paterson, a student from 1938 to 1940. He remembers with affection his teachers Max Bone, Stan Tiver and Joe Canney and recalls the school started late in 1938 because of a polio epidemic. As a result, students did their lessons by correspondence until the epidemic abated. How like a school with the motto "Labor Omnia Vincit" (work conquers all things) not to let a mere epidemic stand in the way of learning! Let Mervyn tell his own story.

After leaving the Tech, I attended Adelaide University for four years, 1941-44, studying engineering, specialising in metallurgy. I finished the war-time interim B Sc (Eng) in 1943 but stayed on for a fourth year as a part-time tutor in mathematics (the first time the Maths department had tutors), at the same time completing the course requirements for the B E, which was awarded in 1945 after the required year's practical experience.

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In 1945 I was appointed as an assistant research officer in the CSIR Division of Aeronautics, Melbourne, where I spent 1945/46. In 1947 I went to Cambridge University (Clare College) where I did research in metal physics in the Cavendish Laboratory and received my Ph D degree in 1949. I came back to the Aeronautical Research Laboratories (as they had then become) but departed again a year later for a one-year post-doctoral appointment in the University of Chicago. In 1951 I returned to ARL in Melbourne for another two years.

In June 1953 I took up an appointment at the new Australian National University as a Senior Research Fellow in the Department of Geophysics, a change from working on metals to working on rocks. I am still there, although now in a retirement position as a Visiting Fellow. My research over these years has been on the mechanical properties of rocks under conditions of high pressure and high temperature, with a view to application to geological

conditions. This work has received recognition in various ways, including a professorship at ANU, the degree of Sc D at Cambridge, election to the Australian Academy of Science in 1972 and the award of the Bucher Medal of the American Geophysical Union in 2004. On my retirement from ANU in 1990 I became involved in the commercial manufacture of the high-pressure high-temperature (HPT) apparatus that I had developed over the years at ANU and I have effectively since had another career in scientific instrument manufacture. The HPT apparatus has become a standard equipment for rock deformation studies and there are now 13 such machines in various countries around the world.

I met my wife Katalin (originally from Hungary) in Chicago and we were married in January 1952. We have two children and two grandsons (both now in university). We have had a rich life with many overseas sojourns and still enjoy good health.

Letters to the Editor Section

As part of our drive to open additional channels for communication both between members and between members and the Committee, we are including a "Letters to the Editor" section. Its purpose is to highlight issues of concern to members and provide a means for them to influence Committee decisions. Surely there are members out there who are aggrieved about something the Committee has or has not done. **This is your opportunity to make your opinions known and to persuade others to your point of view.**

Letters should be sent to:

The Editor, Adelaide Technical High School Old Scholars Association, P.O. Box 4041 Norwood South S.A. 5067.

There is no guarantee that all letters received will be published and the Editor reserves the right to modify contributions as necessary to meet space or other limitations.

Letter:

On 17 July former Membership Secretary David Swift wrote:

"Please pass on my congratulations to the new Committee. Last night I had a chance to read the latest Newsletter and I must say it is very impressive. It looks modern, fresh and contains some good articles.

Well done. Keep up the good work. I sense good times ahead for the Association.

David Swift"

Editor's Response:

Thank you for your letter David. It was one of only four responses received to our request for comments on the changed design of the Newsletter, three of which were positive and one noncommittal. We would like more feedback from members on the new format to ensure we are meeting members' needs.

The Future of the Old Scholars' Magazine

Since its reconstitution in 1994, the Association has published an annual Old Scholars Magazine. The magazine has presented a variety of articles about former scholars, reminiscences of school days and reports on reunions etc. It also provides a means for publishing good quality photographs of students and Old Scholars from our extensive archives.

It has become apparent over recent years that the cost of producing, printing and posting the magazine is continuing to rise to the point where the cost of each magazine sent out now represents about half of the recipient's annual subscription. This is untenable in the longer term as the Association has other expenses which must be met simply to remain in operation, while we also have the expenses of the two memorial scholarships and of the ATHSOS Trophy awarded to students of Glenunga International High School.

Your Committee has discussed this issue at length over the past few months and is now seeking input from the membership to assist in deciding on what is to be done. The basic alternatives, in no particular order, appear to be:

- i. Do nothing until the Association reserve funds are exhausted and the Association is wound up. (It is estimated this would take about five years.)
- ii. Continue with the Magazine as is but increase subscriptions to cover the increases in magazine costs as they occur.
- iii. Reduce the size of the magazine to reduce its cost.
- iv. Reduce the presentation quality of the magazine to reduce its cost.
- v. Stop producing the magazine altogether.

There are of course variants within these alternatives. One such would be to take the cost of the magazine out of subscriptions and making it an optional extra for those who are prepared to pay its additional cost. Another would be to replace the magazine with three larger and higher quality Newsletters each year.

To assist us to gauge the opinion of the membership we ask that you fill out the attached questionnaire which details a number of alternative courses of action together with their consequences. The questionnaire also seeks advice from members on what types of article they would most like to see in the magazine in future if there is general agreement that it continues to be published. It is not necessary for you to include your name with your response. However, doing so will assist us should we need to clarify any of your suggestions.

The questionnaire will also be made available at the Luncheon for those who have mislaid their copy and may be lodged there. Otherwise, the completed questionnaire should be mailed to:

The Secretary at P.O. Box 4041, Norwood South S.A. 5067 or emailed to warren@gjc.com.au.

The closing date for submissions will be 23 October 2009 and the results of the questionnaire will be reported in the March Newsletter.

Subscription Year

In accordance with the Constitution, the Association's subscription year begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December each year. This means that we should have been sending out subscription notices in November/December. However, to avoid additional postage costs we have, in the past, sent the Subscription Form with the March Newsletter. This year a second form in an updated format was included with the June Newsletter to act as a reminder to those who had forgotten to respond to the first notice.



This appears to have caused confusion resulting in some members paying two subscriptions for the current year. Rather than incurring the postage costs involved in returning the duplicated payments and raising cheques to refund EFT payments, the Committee proposes to put them towards the individual's subscription for 2010. Any donations made with the subscriptions will be treated similarly. Nevertheless, if there are people who would prefer to have the duplicate payment refunded, they should contact the Secretary as soon as possible.

To prevent similar confusion in the future it is proposed that from now on the subscription renewal form for the following year will be sent out with the September Newsletter. Hence, the subscription form for 2010 is enclosed with this Newsletter. We have also modified the form to clearly state the year to which the subscription applies.

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Annual Luncheon : 21 October 2009

Date: Wednesday, 21st October 2009
Time: 12 pm for 12:30 pm
Venue: Rex Hotel, Richmond Road, Marleston
(dining room entrance from car park at rear)
Cost: \$30 per head
(2 courses, including self-serve tea/coffee)

Raffle:
Tickets may be purchased
either with the luncheon
booking or at the function.

Menu

4 Mains Choices:

Oven Baked Chicken Breast filled with asparagus and cheese
Roast Pork and Baked Apple served with brown gravy and vegetables
Grilled Barramundi served with lime mayonnaise, chunky fries and salad
Crumbed Beef Schnitzel served with rich brown gravy, fries and vegetables

3 Sweets Choices:

Fresh Fruit Salad with cream/ice cream
Hot Apple Crumble with cream/ice cream
Chocolate Mousse

Self-serve Tea/Coffee

- ◆ Food to be ordered on the day (not pre-ordered as previously)
- ◆ Bookings will only be accepted on the order form enclosed which can also be accessed on the ATHSOS website.
- ◆ Close off date for bookings and payment to be received— **Friday, 9th October 2009.**
The maximum number of places available at the luncheon is about 100.
Bookings will be accepted on a “first come, first served” basis so to ensure a place, book early.

Class of '53 Reunion : Date Correction



ATHS

Old Scholars Assoc Inc

Thursday, 27 May 2010

**Class of '53 Reunion
70th Birthdays**

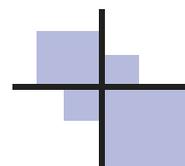
Achieving the biblical three score years and ten is an achievement worth celebrating. What better way could there be than to spend time with your similarly-afflicted school friends?

*Please note the correct date in your diary
or attach to the 'fridge as a reminder.*

One of the advantages of growing old is that you are less embarrassed by mistakes—mainly because you forget them so quickly!

Some of you will have noticed that in the last Newsletter the date for our 70th birthdays reunion was wrongly shown as 21 October 2010—the correct date is **27 May 2010**.

Warren West



Merchandise for Sale

- ◆ History book "ATHS—The Story"
ON SALE includes postage \$ 35.00
- ◆ Old Scholars' Badges \$ 5.00
- ◆ Cuff Links \$ 15.00 pr
- ◆ **SPECIAL PRICE**
Old Scholars' Badge and Cuff Links \$ 17.50
- ◆ Key rings \$ 1.00
- ◆ Placemats
limited numbers (from luncheons 2005-2008) \$2.00 ea
- ◆ Prints of Brookman Building Free
- ◆ Old Scholars' Magazines (1996-2007) \$5.00 ea
or 5 for \$20.00
(2008) \$15.00 ea

Please contact Ross Taylor,
Vice President/Merchandising Officer,
on 0431 987 901 or
email roscoet2910@bigpond.com
if you wish to purchase merchandise.

New Member Welcome

On behalf of all members of the Association, we welcome the following Old Scholars who have chosen to join us this year in helping perpetuate the memory of the unique school that was the Adelaide Technical High School:

CASSON Peter	1955-59	FARMER Brian	1961-62
CUMA Anthony	1965-68	RODDA Julie	1968-71
DIXON Tony	1970	SCOTTNEY-TURBILL (Clode) June	1949-51
DIXON Jane (Williams)	1968-72	WHITTINGTON Margaret	1965-65

Newsletter Distribution

All Newsletters are available from the ATHSOS website. It would significantly reduce our printing and postage costs, which last year were nearly \$3000, if more members were prepared to receive their Newsletters in electronic form. When you choose the electronic path you will be advised by email when the Newsletter is available on the website so that you can pick it up at your leisure.

To make the change simply email the Acting Secretary of your decision (warren@gjc.com.au).

Scholarship Fund Raffle

In the last Newsletter we sought donations of prizes for the Scholarships Fund Raffle which is to be drawn at the Luncheon on 21 October 2009. A number of monetary donations have subsequently been received and for these we thank the donors.

The prize list for the raffle:

Major Prize: A two-night stay at Barossa House, including cooked breakfast—Total Value: \$340 (website—www.barossahouse.com.au)

Consolation prizes: Bottles wine and gift vouchers



Tickets for the raffle are \$1 each and may be purchased with the booking for the Luncheon. Alternatively, they can be purchased from any member of the Committee or at the Luncheon.

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Membership Subscription / Renewal : January-December 2010

Present Surname: Surname at School:

Given Names: Years:

Postal Address:

Residential Address (if different):

Home phone: () Mobile:

Email:

- Enrol me as a financial member for year January to December 2010 — \$30.00
- Accept my donation for \$5 \$10 \$25 Other \$ (please tick relevant box)
- I wish to receive the Newsletter by post.
*For cost reasons, Newsletters will no longer be posted unless specifically requested.
Please consider carefully before indicating that you wish to receive Newsletters by post.*
- Email me notification when a Newsletter is posted on the website : www.athsos.com.au

Please note that your personal details will not be divulged to other Old Scholars except to those responsible for management of the Association nor to any person or organisation without your express permission.

Payment options:

Please note that receipts will be issued only if requested. Members requiring receipts should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with their completed subscription form.

- ◆ **Cheque / Money Order / Cash**
Please make cheque or money order payable to ATHSOSA Inc.
- ◆ **Visa / Mastercard** (please circle card type)
 Amount \$
 Card number / / / Expiry date /
 Name on card (please print) Signature
- ◆ **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) :** **BSB:** 105 125 **Account No:** 461 744 540
When processing please include your name as a reference and attach a copy of the deposit receipt to this form so that we know who made the deposit.

For Office Use Only				
Receipt No	Receipt Date	Amount	Ch/MO/Visa/MC/EFT	Date Recorded

Please post completed form and cheque/money order or EFT deposit slip to ATHS Old Scholars Association Inc, PO Box 4041, Norwood South SA 5067

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Annual Luncheon : 21 October 2009 : Booking Form

- ➔ Please reserve place/s @ \$30 per head = \$..... Total
- ➔ Please allocate raffle tickets @ \$1.00 each = \$..... Total
- ➔ Contact name:
- ➔ Telephone number:
- ➔ Attendee details covering the booking:

Surname	First Name	Surname at School (if relevant)	Years	Special Dietary Requirements

Please attach a separate list if required.

➔ **Payment options:**

Please note that receipts will be issued only if requested and may be picked up at the luncheon. Anyone requiring a receipt prior to the event should supply a stamped self-addressed envelope with their booking.

*** **Cheque / Money Order / Cash** (please make cheque or money order payable to ATHSOSA Inc.)

*** **Visa / Mastercard** (please circle card type)

Amount \$.....

Card number / / / Expiry date /

Name on card (please print) Signature

*** **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)**

BSB: 105 125 Account No: 461 744 540

(When processing please include your name as a reference and attach a copy of the deposit receipt to this form so that we know who made the deposit).

For Office Use Only	Amount Received \$	Date Recorded
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The Future of the Old Scholars Magazine : Questionnaire

Question	Yes	No
1. Do you wish the magazine to continue in the future?		
(a) Unchanged		
(b) Reduced in size		
(c) Of reduced quality		
2. Are you prepared to pay higher subscriptions to maintain the magazine in its present form? NB: It is estimated that the increase would amount to between \$2 and \$5 every two years.		
3. Would you support a reduction in magazine size in order to reduce its cost? NB: Reducing the size of the magazine would delay the effects of production cost increases but not eliminate them.		
4. Would you consider a proposal for producing the magazine every two years rather than annually and maintaining the present quality? NB: In the "off" year the size of the March Newsletter could be increased while in the "on" year it would be limited to matters concerned with the AGM.		
5. Would you support a reduction in quality of the magazine in order to reduce its cost? NB: As above, reducing the quality of the presentation would only delay the effects of production cost increases.		
6. Would you support the running down of ATHSOS funds in order to continue the magazine in its present form and winding up the Association in approx five years?		
7. Would you support the cessation of production of the magazine and improving the size and quality of the three Newsletters produced each year?		
8. Would you support the magazine being offered as an option at extra cost rather than its cost being included in the annual subscription fee? NB: This would in effect mean we would have two grades of member, those taking the magazine and those not. (This approach would not necessarily halve the present subscription cost).		
9. Do you have any further suggestions for dealing with the magazine cost issue? If so, please attach details to your response.		
10. What types of articles would you prefer to see in future Newsletters and magazines?		
(a) Current ATHSOS news and reports (scholarship awards, membership, coming events, etc)		
(b) Stories of Old Scholars and their careers after leaving School		
(c) Stories of School personalities		
(d) Recollections of School days		
(e) Details of class reunions		
(f) Excerpts and photographs (classes, sports teams, prefects, socials etc) from past School magazines		

Name: (if you wish) Contact number/email:

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