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The President's Message

I Hope everyone had a great time during the festive break with their dear ones!!

We had a successful year with all events functioning well. The Royal Thomian Cricket and Stag Night being well patronised. A great time was had by all at the two dances as well, whilst the Transfiguration Service / Seniors Lunch needed more participation.

The Carol Service was initially cancelled due to adverse weather conditions damaging the Church, but with the help of past president Vasee Nesiah we were able to find an alternate venue at very short notice. Despite this setback we had a reasonable attendance. Thanks must go to Vasee for his persistence in finding a venue.

On a final note, I thank the Exco for their tireless work and commitment in the past year.

I wish all Thomians and their families a fantastic 2018!

ESTO PERPETUA

Mahes Heenetigala



Editor's Note

Firstly, let me take this opportunity to wish everyone of you a very happy and prosperous New Year!!

Secondly, I would like to thank the membership for their patronage at the various events and also for the support that we have received at various stages. It is humbling!!

This edition has a distinct slant towards articles written by Thomians and Staff. All of which makes interesting reading. Hope you enjoy it as much as I had putting it together.



Titbit

"The necessity of instituting colours for the school was first considered by Warden Miller in 1883. In a letter to his wife in England he wrote that the general opinion is that the best combination would be one of Dark Blue and Black, Black in the middle and Blue on the outside. The College Colours were first used on 15th January 1885.

There is also a generally acceptable interpretation of the College Colours. Blue is the colour of the sea and the sky that which is eternal and infinite. It stands for all that is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, praiseworthy and most of all divine. Whilst Black is the colour of darkness, ignorance, sin, shame and all that is evil and sad.

The Blue meets The Black, but it does not stop there. Instead, it emerges as Blue again. Positivism, optimism and divine meets that of negativism, pessimism and diabolical and emerges and triumphs in the end.

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Kumar Hensman

Dr. R. L. Hayman – His Story Lives On

By George Pillai



These are my experiences and I am relating them as they come to my mind. I also think that I appreciate goodness in everybody. Yet, in fact, one of the things that comes uppermost to my mind is the indebtedness and gratitude owed to The First Headmaster of S. Thomas' College, Gurutalawa. He led a life that was both, successful and fulfilling, raising our standards, so much so, that, today, we are able to enjoy and give thanks for what we have achieved.

He was an excellent leader. We have to value him for how he touched our lives day by day. There has never been another like him and this compels me to relate some of the incidents that took place, making everyone feel loved and appreciated, during his tenure at S.T.C.G. He taught us to walk with honour and manifest character and integrity in everything we did.

Dr. Hayman came to Ceylon through the offices of 'Society for the propagation of the Gospel'. Warden K. C. McPherson (1926-1930) wrote of the recruitment of Dr. Hayman. "In the year 1928, I went to England on short leave and while I was there I met four men. Dr. R.L.Hayman, Rev.

A.J.Foster, Rev.J.G. Elliot and W.T.Keble, who wanted to return with me to Ceylon". All of them, subsequently became members of the Staff.

One of them, Dr. Hayman, gave many years of devoted service and also made some generous gifts to the College, remarkably the Swimming Bath and Fives Courts. Imagine, Swimming Pools were unheard of in Ceylon and he had one built in a school. As the person -in-charge of swimming he had to take the students to the sea for practices. He thought this very dangerous and felt that he had to change. He did not confine himself to swimming alone and because of his love for all forms of sports, donated the Fives Courts, besides involving himself in other activities.

Dr. Hayman personally coached Allan Smith, the only representative from Ceylon, for the Olympic Diving event. He was also responsible for coaching the Ardnt brothers who excelled in the All-Ceylon two-mile swim. Imagine my surprise, when in Ethiopia, to receive a letter from Bournemouth. He wrote me that he had made it a point to be on the spot, in Dover, when V.S.C.Anandan successfully swam the English Channel. Anandan had already swum across the Palk Strait. An entry in the Guinness Book of Records credits Anandan for creating a record for Treading Water. Anandan began swimming in Gurutalawa. He was also a member of the Junior Scout troop.

1942 was a significant year for Ceylon. The war with Japan was at its height and was drawing dangerously close to our shores. On the 4th of April, a delegation from the armed services inspected the school buildings in Mt. Lavinia. On April 5th the Warden was asked to hand over the School to the Armed Services in five days. Dr. Hayman was the Sub-Warden then. He was sent to Gurutalawa to make provision for a Branch of the School. Fortunately, in February 1942, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie de Saram had offered to gift their 46 acre Gurutalawa Farm with its orchard, buildings, equipment, furniture and livestock, to the school.

This magnanimous offer was gratefully accepted and in the space of two months S. Thomas' College, Gurutalawa was born and began to thrive with Dr. R.L.Hayman, at the helm as the First Headmaster. The school began as a Boarding School. Day to day work was rigid. Bell Simon was always punctual.

The rising bell tolled at 5.45 am. And 'lights out' was at 9.30 pm. We worked in two sessions. There was 'prep' in the morning followed by breakfast and classes, a short break and a lunch interval. After the second session we had a tea-

break. Games were compulsory and students, properly attired, moved on for swimming, tennis, badminton, basketball, horse riding with the rest making the long trek to the football, hockey or cricket fields. Games ended at 6.00 in the evening. Half an hour for showers and then we had 'prep' followed by dinner. Dr. Hayman, usually entertained us with a movie afterwards.

The war ended in 1945. There was intense speculation about the future of the Gurutalawa Branch. Would it be able to continue when the Military Authorities vacated Mt. Lavinia! Their fears were unfounded. Gurutalawa was a viable Institution. Dr. Hayman was much more than the first Headmaster. He, with his expertise and goodness, gave of his time, energy and most of all, his money, for the school. He gave Gurutalawa a Swimming Pool. Dr. Hayman wished to see that Gurutalawa became a school where boys of different races and religions mingled freely and harmoniously.

Dr. Hayman taught Physics and Mathematics. He also had a devoted Staff. The students were assigned to different Houses- Read, Garnier and De Saram. Those in Lower and Upper Fourth were in Winchester House. Mr. Pegler was the Farm Manager. We had our own supply of vegetables, milk, eggs and bread. Mr. Scott taught Woodwork. He carved the statue of S. Thomas The Apostle. Mrs. Scott played the Organ in the Chapel. Rev. A.J. Foster was the Chaplain. Every week, Dr. Hayman with Rev. Foster, by his side, doled out 50 cents to each student as Pocket Money. Unfortunately, Rev. Foster took twenty five cents from each student, for the Chapel.

Dr. Hayman met Mary Rudd, a Military Nurse, in Diyatalawa. They were married in England in 1945. Mrs. Hayman returned to Gurutalawa as Sick-room Matron. She was assisted by Bharathan and later by Ariyadasa. Ramiah was the School gardener. He worked under the supervision of Mrs. Hayman and tended our lawns, hill slopes and beds of flowering plants and shrubs, promoting beautiful blooms. Mrs. Hayman had her Persimmon trees securely fenced and considered all trees as valuable living beings.

I had a lesson on the value of trees. The School Boxing Ring was sited in an open space in a wooded area. In order to provide more access, I got a few branches cut from the trees by the Boxing ring. Mrs. Hayman heard about this and I was at the receiving end of a long and merciless harangue. I apologized and moved away utterly saddened by this event. The next day, Dr. Hayman met me and to my surprise, he apologized on behalf of Mrs. Hayman and asked me to ignore the incident. The same morning, at Assembly, he praised me and also thanked me for my work and contributions to the school. I recall this event as a lasting memorial to this great educationist.

Dr. Hayman played a leading role in instilling discipline in the students by involving them in hiking, laying trails, bird watching and most importantly, Scouting. He also acted as a building supervisor. He taught the students to make mud-bricks. U.K.G. Dayananda and his assistants built the first Fives Court in the School with the bricks they made. As a servant of God, with his caring love and generosity, Dr. Hayman showed a special concern for the school domestic staff. Apparently, this concern made him study Sinhalese. Gunadasa, who worked in the kitchen, fell ill and was away for some time, Dr. Hayman walked to his house in Boralanda. At the door he met Gunadasa's wife. He rubbed his hands together and softly asked: "Obe Samiya suwatha".

On 14th February, 1963 the Junior Scout Troop set out to camp in the Yala National Park. This was recorded as a farewell camp for Dr. Hayman. On the final morning, the Duty Patrol got up unusually early and prepared 'Egg hoppers' and 'Katta Sambol'. Dr. Hayman was pleasantly surprised and wrote in my Log Book. "I have enjoyed my camp with the Junior Troop and have been fed sumptuously". On 14th March, 1963, The Junior Troop assembled by the Chapel and formed a guard of Honor to the departing Haymans.

When Dr. Hayman returned to England he was appointed a MBE in the New Year Honor's List in 1964. The Investiture took place in Buckingham Palace. Dr. and Mrs. Hayman and his sister travelled by train to London and stayed overnight. The following day, they had breakfast, changed and left the hotel. They enjoyed directing the taxi-driver to Buckingham Palace. In one of his letters, he described in detail the entire proceedings. When they got there he was directed through a series of halls to the Green Room. Here the officials checked and separated the holders of the different awards. When they reached the Throne Room, they were lined up in order. The Lord Chancellor called his name and he took his place in front of the Duke. After hanging the medal the Duke asked him if he had retired, and who was his successor

and how the school was now. The Duke had shown a great deal of interest in the answers made by Dr. Hayman and finally shook his hand as a dismissal. Dr. Hayman was surprised by the Duke's remarkable memory.

Piyasena was Dr. Hayman's driver. He drove his Lancaster and then the Holden. Piyasena had arranged to get married. Dr. Hayman drew the plans and instructed Cassim Bawa to build a house. This was built but Piyasena insisted on having a pit latrine built outside. The only site available was about 60 yards away from Mr. F.L. Amerasinghe's house. The siting of the pit latrine annoyed Mr. Amerasinghe and he complained to Rev. Foster, who had succeeded Dr. Hayman as Headmaster. The quarrel was bitter and the wrangling persisted. Besides, Piyasena was enamored with Dr. Hayman's Holden. He secretly wished that Dr. Hayman would gift it to him. This was not possible. Dr. Hayman had not drawn any of the funds due to him from the College. He told Piyasena that he would sell his car for Rs.10,000. Piyasena had a brother doing business in Kurunegala. He went to him and came back with the funds. After the Haymans left, Piyasena intended to hire the vehicle to the Staff and thus try to re-imburse his brother. This did not work out. Piyasena took the car to Kurunegala and sold it and came back with a small vehicle. Rev. Foster wanted to payback the monies due from the College, to Dr. Hayman. He was successful. And I believe a substantial amount was repatriated.

I was corresponding with Dr. Hayman. He had begun teaching in a school in Bournemouth. He also had visits from past students. I would write about incidents in the school and he would inform me about the students he met. D.C. Kannangara was working on a ship as an engineer. Dr. Hayman was puzzled when Kannangara changed his name to Gazara. Dr. Hayman felt that it was time to retire as he found that he was making too many blackboard mistakes.

I was in Nuwara Eliya when I heard about the death of Rev. Foster. Mr. A.K. Chapman succeeded him as Headmaster. Mr. Ratnasingham, the Cadet Master was in the field with the Cadet Troop. They were being filmed. Mr. Chapman over-reacted. He went to the field and ordered the students back to their dormitories. This provoked the students and they rioted. The subsequent inquiry by the Board determined Mr. Chapman had acted hastily and was at fault. Mr. Ratnasingham resigned, on his own. I continued to have good relations with Gurutalawa, keeping Dr. Hayman informed. Mr. Chapman was removed and Mr. Frank Jayasinge was appointed Headmaster. Mr. Frank Jayasinge visited me in the Hill School and he and his wife enjoyed a meal with us.

The Ministry of Education, Ethiopia was recruiting teachers. A team was sent to Sri Lanka and interviews were held. I was selected. Two planes were sent and over 200 teachers and families were air-lifted in November 1969. At first I was posted to Harer. Later I joined The General Wingate Senior Secondary School in Addis Ababa. I taught Mathematics in Grades Eleven and Twelve. Every year we get a long Summer Vacation. I continued my correspondence with Dr. Hayman. Tharmaratnam, a student from Gurutalawa was now a very successful business man. Dr. Hayman was very proud of him. Incidentally, when his parents passed away in Malaysia, Dr. Hayman handed a check to the school office and said, "Tharmaratnam's fees have arrived". It was later discovered that Dr. Hayman was paying the fees. Tharmaratnam was able to continue his education at Gurutalawa and Mt. Lavinia. He graduated as an Engineer in Sri Lanka, joined the firm of Walker & Sons and when a fire destroyed our school buildings, Tharmaratnam drew the plans and supervised the construction of the new building. He also renovated the existing electrical system using new concrete poles constructed in the school. In England, Tharmaratnam's business flourished. He had large and successful operations in Nigeria too. In 1982, he gifted a car to Mrs. Hayman.

In the summer of 1982 my wife and I went to England. We were met by Kamal Nilaweera. We went to Bournemouth by bus and were met by Mrs. Hayman and Rev. Foster's sister. We spent the night with the Haymans. We had curry and rice for dinner. The next morning, Mrs. Hayman brought us 'bed-tea'. Dr. Hayman took me for a long walk along the coast. Later Mrs. Hayman drove us to the shops. In the evening we travelled to London and were met by D.C. Kannangara. We stayed with Kannangara in Enfield. In the morning we went to his office where I met other old boys.

The buildings in Gurutalawa bear testimony to this dedicated man whose very nature was to mould us in his image. He was in Mt. Lavinia as a teacher, coach and Sub-Warden. He founded Gurutalawa. Today we have a portrait of him along with a commemorative tablet in the Dr. R.L. Hayman Science Laboratory. The words inscribed, "To spend and

be spent in the service of others”. Summarizes the purposeful life of this sincere, godly man, who did much while playing a leading role in our lives at S. Thomas; Gurutalawa.



About the Author

George Pillai was a Teacher, Scout Master, Coach and Master in Charge of Boxing, Cricket and Soccer (1954 – 1964) at St. Thomas' College Gurutalawa. He was very well liked by all the students. He still has many old pictures, logs and historical documents from STC- an invaluable resource that he used to write this article. He now lives with his family in Orange County, California and attends all of the TAC functions and activities



09 February 2018 – Annual General Meeting

@ Mount Waverley Community Centre, 47 Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley.

Registration from - 6:30pm

AGM Commences – 7:00pm

100 Years at Mount

The Warden, has organized a series of events to commemorate the completion of hundred years at Mount after shifting the college campus from Mutual in 1918.

Amongst them is the Gala Banquet dinner to be held at the Galle Face Hotel, Grand Ballroom on 17th February 2018 from 7.00 p.m. onwards.

Some of the other events lined up are as follows.

1. Jan 26th. - Thanksgiving Service / Assembly and other ceremonial activities
2. Jan 27th - Thomian Parade
3. Feb 17th - Gala Banquet
4. March 27th - Armed Forces and Lt. Basil Horsefall commemoration.

First Ever Rugby Team of S. Thomas' College - 1955

Although some unofficial rugby games had been played by S. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia, under the team name of Thomian "Tigers" in the early 1950s, the first official inter-school rugby match between Trinity College, Kandy, and the Thomians was played on June 25, 1955 at Longdon Place, Colombo 7. What S. Thomas' College achieved in 1955, now shows the wholesome fruit that has been produced from the seed that was planted at Longdon Place, in that first encounter with Trinity. When judging the current strengths of both schools, Trinity and STC rugby has grown in leaps and bounds and have risen to the top rungs of schools in Sri Lanka.

For the record Trinity College won that game by a score of 13 - nil.



Standing Left to Right: L.W Abeywardana (Master in Charge), Rohantha De Silva, D.M.Seneviratne, Asoka Wickramanayake, Rodney Ingleton, Michael Tissera, T.Gray, R.Kandiah, Thissa Molligoda.

Seated Left to Right: P.B. Jayasekara, L.Hewawasam, Lester Shockman, K.S.Ananthan(C), WARDEN R.S. DE SARAM, S.B.L.Perera, Ifthikar Cader, Errol Jocotine, Dan Piachaud, Sudath Weerasuriya

On the Ground: VanCulenburg and Mack

Absent: Coach Mahesh Rodrigo

S. Thomas' Dominate Schools' Rowing Nationals

The 6th Annual Sri Lanka Schools' Rowing Championship organised by the Sri Lanka School's Rowing Association was held from the 3rd to 5th November 2017 at the Colombo Rowing Club.

The regatta hosted three days of intense rowing as the schools battled it out to finish on top. Royal College, S. Thomas College, Ananda College, Asian International School, St. Josephs College, Gateway International School were amongst the boys Schools while Musaeus College, Ladies College, Bishops College, Visakha Vidyalaya and the Defence Service School fought out the Girls category.

POSITION	BOW
AGE	19

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The regatta was held over a 1000 metre course on the Beira Lake and races were rowed under different age categories including Under 14, 16, 18 and 20 in both girls and boys section.

Hashen Hettigoda of Royal College emerged victorious in the Under 20 Category in the single sculls as he raced against Arjun Wickramanayake of St. Thomas and Chamika Perera of Royal College.

Meanwhile in the concurrent girls' single sculls, Davina Koch and Sanjula Boteju of Ladies College came First and Second place in the finals.

In the boys Under 20 double sculls Arjun Wickramanayake won yet another gold medal for St. Thomas College as he and Dharath Senanayake beat Waruna Hewamanne and Ishara Rambukwella of Royal College. Apart from this, Shalindra Jayasekara and Kavindu Mediawaka again won the coxless pair event in the Under 20 Category for St. Thomas College.

In the Under 20 Girls double sculls event, Ashvini Subasinghe together with Nihara Waravita won the gold medal for Ladies' College by beating Ishanka Hewakakuruppu and Thanushi Perera of Musaeus College. The only gold medal for Bishops' College in the Under 20 Girls category was won by Anagi Fernando and Thavisha Athanayake in the coxless pair event.

The Under 20 coxed fours event featured some exciting races as Avishka Jayaweera, Hashen Hettigoda, Sajaad Ajmal, Prathap Perera and Charin Wijethileke placed in the Boys category while Musaeus College walked away with the gold medal in the Girls category with Mayanthi Weerakoon, Maedhini de Alwis, Binali De Alwis, Lishadi Mayadune and Senuri De Silva.

In the Under 18 category races Suhith Alexnder of Ananda College was placed first in the single sculls event followed by Yumia Perera of Royal College and Ramesh Nithushan of St. Thomas College. Binali de Alwis of Musaeus College walked away with the gold medal in girl's single sculls event.

The double sculls race in the Under 18 Boys category saw Ramesh Nithushan and Dhaharath Senanayake of St. Joseph's College reign supreme as they beat Mario Fredricks and Gavishka Athanayake. Madhani de Alwis and Senuri de Silva

grabbed the double sculls event gold medal in the same category by beating Kiara Kumarayogan and Shannon Perera of Ladies College.

The coxless pairs races saw Royalists Charin Wijethileke and Lasindu Gamage beating Janith Welarathne and Dasith Wickramasinghe of Ananda College to clinch gold while Nihara Waravita and Ashvini Subasinghe of Ladies' College won their second medal in the Girls category.

In the much awaited Under 18 coxed fours, Mayanthi Weerakoon, Binuri Gunawardene, Hashini Hettigoda, Randini De Silva and Thanushi Perera of Musaeus College took the gold medal home while Ananda College grabbed the boys victory. Ananda College crew comprised Menula Minuranpitiya, Janith Welarathne, Dasith Wickramasinghe, Suhith Alexnder and Asel Krananangoda.

GCE Advanced Level Examination 2017

The year 2017 ended with very encouraging news from our alma mater. The release of the GCE AL Results showed that our boys have done exceptionally well. Over the last few years, The College has produced exceptional results in the academic area and that trend has continued in 2017.

1. 18 Boys got 3 A's
2. 9 Boys got 2 A's and 1 B
3. 1 Boy has scored the highest in Mathematics in the Colombo District while being placed 16th island wide
4. 72% of students are eligible to enter our universities.

This is a reflection that our education standards are of note and as such congratulations must be passed to the candidates, The Warden and the dedicated band of teachers who help make this possible

Esto Perpetua

Eddie Appathurai
Vice President of the OBA



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Anita (Jeevie) Nesiah
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Niranjana (Nimo) Tirimanne
Mrs Nesam 'Emily' Hensman
Larry Schokman
Malini Jasinghe
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Hubert Ralph "Buddy" Hesse
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Ramchandra Velupillai
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John Christoffels
K.K.G (Kirthie Kumar Gamini) Peiris

The Installation of Headmaster - S. Thomas' College, Guruthalawa



Venerable Selliah Philip Nesakumar has been appointed as the 15th Headmaster of S. Thomas' College, Guruthalawa.

Venerable Nesakumar is a senior and experienced Priest in the Diocese of Colombo - Church of Ceylon who held the office of Archdeacon both in Jaffna and Nuwaraeliya. He has been in the ministry for the last 30 years.

Venerable Nesakumar did not stop his career in education with theological studies but completed a Post Graduate Diploma in Education at the University of Jaffna. During his Sabbatical, he also successfully completed two Master's Degrees. Venerable Nesakumar was also the recipient of the International Peace Day "Peace Award – 2008".

Venerable Nesakumar, not only served in the administration of the Church, but in the field of education he held offices such as Teacher and Chaplain of St. John's College Jaffna, and Chaplain of Chundikkuli Girls' College, Jaffna for over twenty-one years. He was also a past Headmaster at S. Thomas' College, Bandarawela. It is significant that 24 Years of experience in the field of education has now lead him to S. Thomas' College Guruthalawa as he steps into his 25th Year.

The Service of institution and Installation of the new Headmaster Venerable S.P Neaskumar, was held on the 10th January 2018 by the Rt. Revd. Dhiloraj Canagasabey, Bishop of Colombo at the College Chapel of St. Francis of Assisi.



By Rev.Fr.Nihal Fernando

Thomian Ball - 2017



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No changing partners, no changing sides

By Mithraka Fernando



In January 1970, around ninety of us six year olds walked in through the College gates to join Form 1 (Grade 2) of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia thanks to the vision and foresight of our parents in ensuring that we received the best education in the world. Although rumoured to be next to the graves of two World War 2 pilots, the Lower School building was for us the cradle of civilisation, the incubator which lovingly nurtured us to become Thomians; hopefully civilized ones.

The current Sub Warden N.M.P Billimoria in his book '75 years at Mount' records that Mr. C.S. Weerasinghe was the Headmaster of the Junior School comprising Form 1 to Upper IV from 1968 – 1970. However, I have absolutely no memory of this gentlemen as for us the Headmaster was the revered teacher Mr. Orville Abeynaike (Pol Abeya as he was affectionately known) whose gentle manner camouflaged the educationist within. He ensured that tiny tots from diverse backgrounds learnt Thomian traditions and respected discipline. In an era where corporal punishment was allowed and actually welcomed by parents, the 'cuts' given by Mr. Abeynaike with a cane were much feared by us all. There is a story, probably fictitious, of a boy who was sent by a teacher to Mr. Abeynaike for "cuts". The boy had cleverly hidden a used blackboard duster inside the back of his shorts. The first cut had landed on the duster thereby creating a cloud of dust. In the blinking of an eye the offender had vanished.

I vividly remember Mr. Abeynaike standing in his immaculate white suit, on the highest step at the centre of the lower school building, while we lined up in pairs according to the class we belonged to. He would say "Good morning boys" to which all of us replied in unison "Good morning sir". Then he would make announcements if any and dismiss us with the 'Go in please'. (Or was it Go in peace?). This was the age of fortnightly reports and the students coming first in all classes from Form 1 to Upper 3rd received the report from the Headmaster's hands during this mini assembly. During our four-year period in the Lower School, the College had double sessions with a one hour lunch interval and school ending at 3.00pm. The shorter single session ending at 1.30pm came in to effect from the second term of 1974.

Lining up twice a day, once in the morning and once after the interval had its own rituals for us. Usually best friends would partner each other when lining up. However, whether it was best friends or fair-weather friends, when you grab a partner the inevitable, simultaneous chant from both would be 'no changing partners, no changing sides'. This was to prevent your partner from ditching you as well as to stop him from switching sides and gaining an advantage when sprinting to the classroom. The first and second person to reach the classroom would jubilantly raise his hands and indicate with the finger to slower mortals his position in the race to the classroom. I was not sure whether the twice daily ritual of 'no changing partners, no changing sides' was a subliminal message and lesson in monogamy which The College has secretly devised.

Source: Celebrating 25 Years: 'OL Class of 78' - S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia. March 2012

Reflections of Yesteryear

By Godfrey Yogarajah

It was the year 1997, the government had just changed and of course with it changed the colour of buses, name boards, bridges and more. The education system too was not spared – which was a blessing in disguise – and we at STC Preparatory School were spared the indignity of sitting and answering a worthless piece of paper, our pre-university entrance exam which was called the NCGE. We were all packed off to prepare for our GCE Ordinary Level exams at the hallowed halls of S. Thomas' College Mt. Lavinia; the School by the Sea which we all loved and wanted to be part of.

This was the Promised Land for all of us who were cooped up at Prep where every teacher knew every student's name. There was no room there for indiscretion, indiscipline or a 'free spirit'. STC Mount was to us the fresh air of independence and freedom; freedom of thought, action and a whole new world. We were awed by the vastness of the land and space, the beautiful architecture, the lush greenery, the tiered wooden lecture halls, the 1st ever pool in Sri Lanka, the well-equipped laboratories and the well-stocked library. It was a new world for those of us from Prep. We found S. Thomas' in some ways more British than the British. The traditions were hallowed. The classes were not according to grades but had a completely different system. From names like lower 3rd, lower 4th to upper 3rd, upper 4th and the seniors being called College formers was new to us. Col. Science A and Col. Arts B were all part of tradition.

Amidst the Old World charm, there was also an elegance about this school – the lush green quadrangle which was out of bounds during normal school days, was the popular venue of the Old Boys Day traditional formal evening tea party. Towering over the quadrangle is the imposing Chapel of the Transfiguration with its famous mural by David Paynter. On the side of it is the Boarding House and the College Hall where some of the most famous of Sri Lankan actors like Gamini Fonseka and Richard De Soyza learnt their Theatre skills. The College was well known for its quality theatre productions.

The College Parliament was a personal favourite of mine; sitting for hours after school and listening to the debating skills of the likes of the late Chanaka Amaratunge, Rohan Edirisinghe, Richard De Soyza and Nigel Hatch. The subject Current Affairs opened a new horizon for me and later was instrumental in my brief flirtation in politics with the Liberal Party of Sri Lanka.

Education at STC Mount was not just memorising text books and reproducing it at exams. Those who came with that expectation were disappointed. Education at S. Thomas' was to prepare the individual to face life. It was a holistic moulding of a student to think for himself and develop his body, mind and soul to face the challenges in life. It taught values for life and not temporary behavioural patterns.

Our classes were a mix of Sinhalese, Tamil, Muslim and Burgher boys. This was a richness we experienced for the first time at Mount.

Music, English, Art, Current Affairs, Religion, and Greek Roman Civilisation are just a few of the common classes where we would learn together as a community with English as the medium of instruction. Our English teacher was Mr. Wilson fondly called Koti Wilson by the boys. A kind-hearted gentleman, a product of Jaffna who carried a cane which he was not shy to swing around!



I remember Janz, Vaughn De Kretzer and Indoe Bartlett who sat around me during English class and made it a point to supplement Mr. Wilson's teaching with their own comments.

Mr. Bartholomeusz, our music teacher was yet another gift. He was brilliant and highly excitable. Paki who later became a Squadron Leader of the Air Force truly tested his patience and it ended up with an argument with Batho telling Paki to go jump in the canal, with a high pitched augmented chord scream. Another tradition of Mount was that new comers had to bring a chocolate Swiss roll and all Prepites had to comply with this.

If you hit a boarder the wrath of the entire boarding house was on you. Oblivious of this, within the first few weeks of joining Mount, I had a fight with Mohan Raj a boarder in my class. A little while later a group led by Molamure came and called me out of class. I knew I couldn't tackle all of them and wisely challenged their ego saying if you guys really have guts I will fight each one individually. Fortunately, the prefects intervened and I was taken into the prefects' room with Mohan Raj where they gave us boxing gloves to fight each other. We sparred for a few minutes and I got off easily as one of the Prefects was Sukumar Thamber who happened to be a friend of mine from Church.

Reminiscing about my class mates, one cannot forget Theivanayagam and Thananjayan and Rohan Niles who was from Prep. All three of them got 8 distinctions at the GCE O Level, 4 A's for A/Levels and 3 A's for their London A/L's. Sadly, all of them are abroad now. Niles went on to do two PhDs – one in Engineering and the other in Bible and Theology. The last I heard he was a missionary in Uganda. Then we had Aravind Sivasubramanyam who is now a leading lawyer in New York. He was the first to bring a bike to school from our class. It was a Yamaha 90 cc. but we thought the world of it and took turns learning to ride it. Then there was Elmo Nathaniel who bought a MB 8 and we would all swoon over it. We had Suresh Yogasunderam who would giggle for the slightest thing and had a reputation for dissecting a cockroach meticulously; the only one of our classmate to enter Medical College. The cockroach dissecting skills made him the favourite of our Zoology teacher Mrs. Visvenderaraj who was fondly called V V by the boys. Then there was G. Veerakone in to whose shirt the dissected cockroaches will be dispensed into and smashed up. There was also Sekar whom we all thought would make it to the first eleven cricket team but didn't make it. Rohan Thuraisingham who got us into more scrapes than anyone else. Lakshman Yogarajah my name sake who was never found in class but in the evening, we would cheer him at the first fifteen college rugby matches. He later donned the jersey for Havelocks and Sri Lanka. There was Chriso Handy who is today a Pastor hence I won't dwell on his past. Ragavan was another we took pride in. He represented the College in Rowing.

Of the teachers, there was the famous Mr. Manoharan known as Bombax Malebericam who pronounced his words with great care, took great pride in the fact that he knew everyone by name and injected formalin into apples and cucumbers so that we wouldn't eat them during his botany class.

There was Quentin Israel who caned our whole class twice during my stay at Mount. His energy was boundless and he was never out of breath even after caning 33 boys nonstop. No wonder he was our rugby coach for many years! The gentle Mr. O.A. Abeyanaiké our Sub Warden, whose signature was mastered by my namesake L. Yogarajah, was very useful for one to obtain a half day from School. I had the privilege of serving under three Chaplains; Revd. Duleep de Chickera, Revd. Lloyd Weerasooriya and Revd. Sunil De Silva. This was due to my long involvement with the Student Christian Movement (SCM). I was President of the SCM during Rev. Lloyd's and took up the Presidency of the Colombo Inter School Christian fellowship (CISCF) during Rev. Sunil De Silva's time. Two of my closest friends during this time were Deshan Atapattu and Siri Herat. Interestingly, even though they were not from the Tamil medium, I spent more time hanging out with them, partying, visiting, going on camps and being in each other's homes than with any of the CISCF. I am glad that even today we maintain this friendship as families. This is another aspect S. Thomas' taught me; to relate and love beyond my ethnic boundaries and transcend such narrow man-made limitations. Sadly in 1983 I witnessed the exodus of almost all my Tamil medium class mates. Many were affected by the ethnic riots of July 83, and lost their homes and livelihood. Some vowed never to come back.

It was nostalgic this year in January to meet with Theivanayagam and many others in Sri Lanka after 30 years. I had also met up with Aravinth, Elmo, Sonna and John at various times. All of them didn't forget to visit the School by the

Sea to which they owed so much. It is a pilgrimage a Thomian makes when he comes back. It reminds us of the values that keep us going. The Thomian girt, the spirit that says, “never say die” and the will, to build from the ashes a better tomorrow. To dream again, in the words of Martin Luther King, “... a dream that my children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin, but by the content of their character.”

“S. Thomas’ sends out so many men into every walk of public life; men not necessarily born with advantage of wealth, influence or superior intellect. Men who will stand firm against the bogus doctrines which emerge from time to time in the life of every nation: men who stand for common sense, integrity courage and faith in the tradition of liberty and fair play” (Hon. Justice E F N Gratian, chief guest at the prize giving, 29th July 1953)

I close with a verse from our College song:

*We rejoice in victory,
When our foes we beat,
We have learnt, when fortune frowns
How to take defeat,
All unfriendly rivalry
From our lives we bar
To the College therefore sing
For all we have and are*

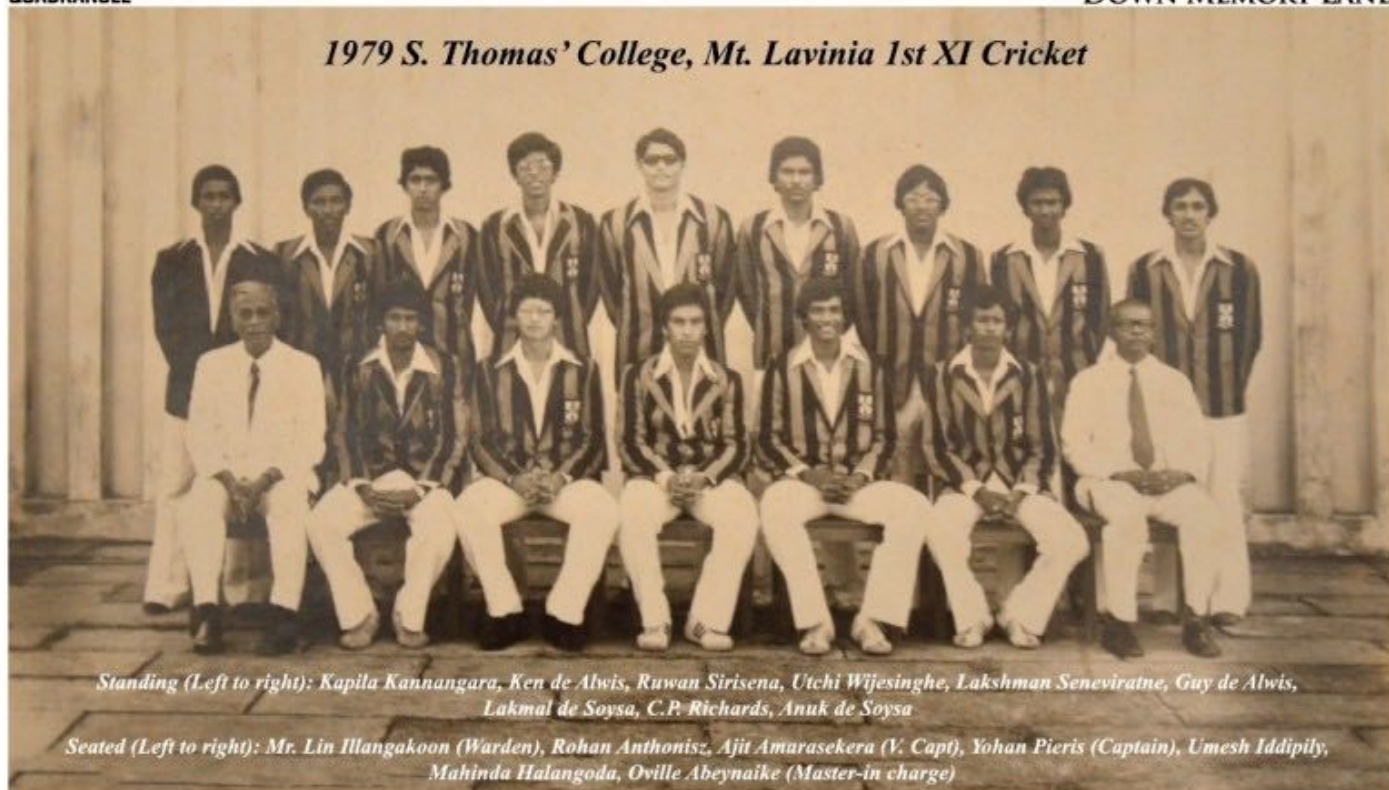
Source: Celebrating 25 Years: 'OL Class of 78' - S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia. March 2012

Down Memory Lane

QUADRANGLE

DOWN MEMORY LANE

1979 S. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia 1st XI Cricket



Standing (Left to right): Kapila Kannangara, Ken de Alwis, Ruwan Sirisena, Uichi Wijesinghe, Lakshman Seneviratne, Guy de Alwis, Lakmal de Soysa, C.P. Richards, Anuk de Soysa

Seated (Left to right): Mr. Lin Illangakoon (Warden), Rohan Anthonisz, Ajit Amarasekera (V. Capt), Yohan Pieris (Captain), Umesh Iddipily, Mahinda Halangoda, Oville Abeynaike (Master-in charge)

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Confessions of a Cricketing Tragic

By Dinesh Chelvathurai

If the game of cricket could be bottled, it would probably carry the label “Warning – this product is addictive and can be harmful to your health”. What is it about this game played with a bat and a ball that can arouse such unbridled passion and fanatical zeal in grown men and schoolboys alike? The same game that brings about emotions ranging from sheer apathy to downright loathing in others, especially among the female of the species.

I have no answer to this question. All I know is that some of us go through life singing from a different song sheet, a tune that may seem strange to some, but one which nevertheless results in endless hours of unfettered joy for the cricketing tragic. How does one explain to the uninitiated, the immense pleasure derived from watching a perfectly executed cover drive or a beautifully controlled outswinger. Admittedly, trivial in comparison to Neil Armstrong’s giant leap for mankind or Albert Einstein’s Theory of Relativity, but nonetheless an emotion which has its own secure place in history.



An upbringing in Sri Lanka was virtually impossible without some involvement with the game. Some of us became more involved than others and the initial seeds of fanaticism were sown in classrooms where starry-eyed schoolboys pitted their heroes against each other and lived vicariously through the glorious deeds of their idols. Lunches were surreptitiously devoured during school hours so that the entire recess could be gainfully spent playing cricket. The stumps were marked on tree trunks and like Blackadder’s man servant Baldrick, we would come up with “cunning plans” to outwit the opposition and “book” the kottamba tree and the playing area with the longest run-up for the bowlers. These plans would include requesting permission from the teacher to go to the toilet five minutes before the break so that we would be strategically positioned to run and hug the tree trunk as soon as the bell rang, in order to lay claim on it!

My first experience of a Royal-Thomian match was in 1967 as a six-year old when I was in Grade 1 at St Thomas’ Prep. Even today, every time I see the number 137, it brings back memories of the Thomian first innings total. The Royalists replied with 193/9 before declaring and that is when the glorious Thomian fight back began. The Thomian openers Ajit Jayasekera and David Ponniah (subsequently Warden of St Thomas’ College) put on 118 for the first wicket before Jayasekera was run out for a swashbuckling 75. Ponniah went on to make a dogged unbeaten century, the first debutant to do so. St Thomas’ declared at 263/3 leaving Royal to score an improbable 208 to win in 10 overs and the game petered to a draw. Even though I experienced the excitement of many more Big Matches (the last few as a Royalist!), my first taste of a Royal Thomian match in 1967 is indelibly etched in my memory. Having to leave a game of street cricket and go to church on Sunday evenings became more palatable when I discovered that David Ponniah also worshipped at the same church and I would keep turning around frequently during the sermon to sneak a glance at my hero much to the embarrassment of my parents.

It is commonly thought that men mature with age. This is a myth. The difference between a 30-year Government Bond and a man is that the former eventually matures! As time passes, the dreams and ambitions of the cricketing tragic become more and more grandiose and improbable. His imagination becomes increasingly vivid and in his mind’s eye he sees himself piloting his country to victory after victory. These wins are never humdrum affairs. Invariably, there is the last ditch 10th wicket stand in which our hero batting with a fractured arm scores a dazzling century in 29 balls, or claims eight wickets including a hat-trick, with the opposition needing one run to win the match. Once he reaches an

advanced state of fanaticism, he fantasizes about leading his country to a World Cup victory and being forced to come out of retirement due to a hunger strike by his countrymen to lead his team to a second successive World Cup title!

Life as a cricketing tragic is never boring, even less so in this information age in which we live. Those of us who have put up with the hardship of listening to ball-by-ball commentaries on short wave radio sets where the commentator's voice was often drowned by the crackle of static, are totally pampered by the high-tech nature of today's television coverage. The internet is an added bonus with the Cricinfo website providing the fan with a plethora of news articles, statistical information and the ability to delve into the archives. Picking World XI's provide a tried and tested method of alleviating potential boredom while hours of pleasure can be derived through compiling teams for each letter of the alphabet or even each month of the year. There was a period when I was convinced that the England selectors were also playing the alphabet game and were confined to picking players whose names began with the letters A, B or C when they came up with a team comprising Cook, Carberry, Ballance, Bell, Bairstow, Buttler, Ali, Brennan, Batty, Broad and Anderson.

The faraway look, the vacant stare, the irresistible urge to play an immaculate forward defensive stroke with an imaginary bat or to turn the arm over down an empty corridor – these are some of the characteristics which distinguish the cricketing tragic from the mere mortal. He dreams not of acquiring wealth or climbing the social ladder. His mind is fixed on loftier goals. The exquisite late cut or the googly which completely bamboozles the batsman; the well thought out field placing or bowling change; the spectacular diving catch at second slip. These are moments which are encapsulated in time and etched forever in his memory. Moments which when reminisced upon bring about a nostalgic smile to his lips. To the uninitiated, it may well seem like a case of bringing in the men with white coats and straitjackets, but the true cricketing tragic owes no explanation to his fellow human beings. He marches to a different beat, a beat which keeps reverberating through his soul until his dying breath.

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Looking back at the Class of 78

By Indra Silva

Thirty-four-year-old Mrs. Indra Silva joined College as an English teacher in 1978. Those in U6C were her first Thomian students. Mrs. Silva passed away in 2006 in USA. During her years battling cancer Mrs. Silva wrote her autobiography 'Looking Back'. The following is an extract from the chapter on 'The Class of 78'.



“I was appointed to teach English in the Lower and Upper 6th classes (grades 9 and 10). On my first day, the headmaster accompanied me to the Upper 6t English class. A few heads turned towards the door and the boys stood up. The headmaster introduced me as their new English teacher, Mrs. Silva. I think I had a scared, serious face. I had taught for 12 years in a convent setting, just nice docile girls. And now I was going to teach STC boys. IT was a daunting task. I looked at an equally serious set of boys. I did not know what was going on in their minds. Much later they told me that they were expecting an older male teacher [Editor’s note: Mr. E.F.C. Pereira] and were overjoyed to have a young lady teacher whom they could bully.

I still keep in touch with my first batch and some of the others I taught at STC.

Charles Dickens when referring to David Copperfield said that “Every mother in her heart of hearts has a favourite child”. Well, I assiduously tried not to have favourites, but this class has been close to my heart. In their winsome and caring way, they made the transition from a girls only to a boys only setting an easy one for me.

The boys enjoyed trying to play practical jokes. One day Maithri and Arjuna were trying to make me sit, as I usually taught standing up. So my suspicions were aroused and when I looked I saw that they had placed a stink bomb under the legs of the chair. I had a narrow escape much to the disappointment of the boys.

Another day Arjuna with a serious face, asked me to bring some jokes. I thought it was a good idea and immediately thought of my husband’s book of jokes. Why not I thought, it could be an educational experience. So I went home, located the book and attentively copied some really funny but decent jokes. Next day I was quite excited to come to the Upper 6th class. As I entered the class I saw an eager anticipation on the faces of my students. With a nonchalant air I opened the textbook and innocently pretended to begin the lesson. At once several voices chanted ‘Today is the day for your jokes, remember?’ Since they were demanding the jokes I felt good and had no feelings of guilt for missing a lesson. So I looked at my note and cracked the first joke. I looked up for the expected laughter but all I got was a general stare and a look of non-comprehension. So I went to the next joke and I observed some of the boys examining their finger nails. Others wore a frown or a dreamy look. I thought the jokes were not funny enough and picked a real funny one and then after the joke was completed Maithri asked me “Was there a punch line?” I said I could repeat it. Then came the fourth joke and Arjuna with a long yawn remarked “Miss, can we go home and laugh?” and then turned to his classmates and loudly exclaimed “Machang you can tickle yourselves if you want to laugh”. Everyone broke in to raucous laughter which even woke up Ellawala (who usually slept through the entire English period). It took a while for me to realise that I was the victim of an elaborate plan to pull my leg.”

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New Defence Secretary Kapila Waidyaratne

Mr. Kapila Waidyaratne was appointed as the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence on 04th July 2017 by His Excellency the President and the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. Prior to his appointment Mr. Waidyaratne worked as a Senior Additional Solicitor General of the Attorney General's Department of Sri Lanka.



Being a prominent past pupil of the prestigious St. Thomas' College - Mount Lavinia, Mr. Waidyaratne received multiple awards during his school career including the Victoria Gold Medal for his outstanding performance in both academics and sports. He obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Arts with a specialization in Economics and Master's Degree in International Relations from the University of Colombo.

Following his legal studies at Sri Lanka Law College, Mr. Waidyaratne was also enrolled as an Attorney of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka in the year 1982. He is also a solicitor for Wales and the United Kingdom.

In the year 1983, Mr. Waidyaratne joined the Attorney General's Department as a State Counsel and was promoted to the position of Senior State Counsel in the year 1994. He was elevated to the position Deputy Solicitor General in the year 2005 and an Additional Solicitor General in the year 2014. In 2015 he was appointed as a President's Counsel of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for his unblemished service record and his noteworthy contribution to the Legal Profession of Sri Lanka.

During his career at the Attorney General's Department, Mr. Waidyaratne was involved in a number of complex and controversial criminal prosecutions in the country. He also headed the Criminal Division of the Attorney General's Department and has provided supervision in areas such as human trafficking, migration, bribery and corruption, money laundering etc. He has advised the Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL) and related institutions on various legal issues, related to criminal and civil matters. Mr. Waidyaratne has been a member of the National Committee – UNCAC Review, Legal Consultant to the Financial Intelligence Unit in the Central Bank of Sri Lanka from 2010 – 2011 and a visiting lecturer on Migration Studies (Diploma Courses) at the Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies. He is also a life member of the Sri Lanka Bar Association and was member of the Environmental Law Review Committee under the Central Environmental Authority of Sri Lanka. His professional affiliations extend to institutions such as the Medico-Legal Society and the Asia Crime Prevention Foundation of Sri Lanka.

Mr. Kapila Waidyaratne also served as a Prosecutor and a Trial Attorney at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) from the year 1998-2003. He has acted as a resource person for the International Labour Organization, the International Organization for Migration in Sri Lanka and Australia - Sri Lanka Mutual Legal Assistance programme. He also served as the Chief Examiner at the Sri Lanka Law College and a visiting lecturer of the Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies.

Waidyaratne is a life member of the Sri Lanka Bar Association, the Medico-Legal Society of Sri Lanka and a member of the Asia Crime Prevention Foundation.

Source – Ministry of Defence-Sri Lanka



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Friday 09th February 2018
TIME: 6.30 p.m. - Registration / Address check / payment of subscriptions
 7.00 p.m. - AGM commences
VENUE: Mount Waverley Community Centre, 47 Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley

AGENDA

1. President's Welcome
2. Apologies
3. In Memoriam
Prayers
4. Adoption of Minutes of the last AGM held on Friday 10th February, 2017
5. Matters arising from these minutes
6. Adoption of the Honorary Secretary's Report for 2017
7. Adoption of the Honorary Treasurer's Report & Accounts for 2017
8. Outgoing President's Address
9. Election of Office Bearers & Executive Committee:

a) President	e) Honorary Treasurer
b) Three (3) Vice – Presidents	f) Honorary Assistant Treasurer
c) Honorary Secretary	g) Honorary Editor
d) Honorary Assistant Secretary	h) Seven (7) Committee Members
10. Appointment of Honorary Auditor
11. President's Address
12. Any Other Business (about which notice in writing should be given to the Honorary Secretary at : 1 Trafalgar Court, Narre Warren Sth. , VIC 3805 by 01 February 2018)
13. The President declares the meeting closed
All stand and sing the College Song

All members and their partners are cordially invited to dinner immediately after the meeting. A delicious Sri Lankan dinner with dessert will be available at \$15 per person. A limited bar (Beer & soft drinks) will also be available. B. Y. O. Spirits.

Chris. J. Lawton
Honorary Secretary

** Members may seek clarification on any matter in the Reports, especially Accounts, by phoning the Office Bearer concerned or the President, BEFORE THE MEETING. This will enable the meeting to proceed expeditiously.*

PLEASE NOTE – Subscriptions are due in January 2018. Please pay by Bank Transfer with a transaction description giving "Your Name" and "Subs" or, if you have not already done so, at the AGM by cash, cheque or credit card.



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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2018
NOMINATION FORM**

We,

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2. _____

being current financial members of the Association hereby nominate

also a current financial member of the Association, for the position of

*in the Executive Committee of S. Thomas' College Mt. Lavinia, Sri Lanka O B A
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Proposed by: _____ (sign)

Seconded by: _____ (sign)

Nominee: _____ (sign)

Date: _____

Please mail directly to: Chris. J. Lawton
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**NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 2nd FEBRUARY 2018
(or before the AGM by prior arrangement with the Hon. Secretary)**

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(1) APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I desire to become a member of S. Thomas' College Mount Lavinia, Sri Lanka O.B.A. Australian Branch Inc. On admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the Association.

Surname:			Date of Birth:	/	/
Given Names:					
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College Branch Attended:	From:	To:			

Signature of Applicant: Date:

I, a member of the Association, nominate the applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the Association.

Signature of Proposer: Date:

I, a member of the Association, second the nomination of the applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the Association.

Signature of Second: Date:

(2) MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Membership renewal	Change of Address
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(3) PAYMENT METHOD

NOTE: 2017 subs = \$25; Full-time students' & pensioners' concession = \$10.

Cash/Cheque/Money Order* for \$ _____ is enclosed (in favour of S. Thomas' College OBA)

I have credited STCOBA's account online at CBA, Mount Waverley BSB 063-151, Account No. 1002-9468, in the sum of \$ _____ having clearly recorded my name as remitter for identification purposes.

Debit my Credit Card Number: _____ with \$ _____

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Plus bank charges

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KANAGASABAI, Satkuna Ananthan (Ana)	2015
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SCHOKMAN, Larry	2023
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