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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Fellow members since the AGM on the 16th of February your committee once again has been that busy planning and organising the events and activities for you, and reality dawns that half the year is almost over.

We had as usual the Taradale outing and cricket match organised by Adrian De Zilva and his wife Thilaka, which has become popular with the members in April, followed by a well attended Members luncheon in May.

As mentioned in my last message we are looking forward to the visit of the College Rugby team in July to participate in the Melbourne Grammar Schools 150th anniversary celebration Rugby Tournament. The warden Dr David Ponniah will accompany the squad, and a reception will be held on 9th July to meet with them. Details of the reception are available elsewhere in The Thomiana.

The strength of the association is in its numbers, and renewing your membership is the core to it all. It is sad that almost one third of the members have yet to renew their annual subscription and I request those of you who have not renewed to do so.

In closing may I encourage you all to participate and attend the different events found on the events calendar and look forward to catching up with you.

Esto Perpetua !

Nalin Dassenaiké
President STC OBA
Australia (Branch)

STC TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 150TH YEAR CELEBRATIONS OF MELBOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL RUGBY CARNIVAL, JULY 2008

STC has been invited to participate in the Melbourne Grammar School's Rugby Carnival 2008. The current Headmaster Melbourne Grammar School, Mr. Paul Sheehan extended the invitation to STC as he and the Warden of STC, Dr David Ponniah, are old cricketers "foes".

A local rugby committee comprising of Messrs Stefan D' Silva, Frankie David, Selva Kanagasabai and Ralph D' Silva, have been liaising with MGS to ensure that the visit by the Thomian rugby team proceeds smoothly. The OBA is facilitating the Rugby tour arrangements in Melbourne.

The Rugby Carnival will be held from Tuesday 8th July – Friday 11th July, 2008. Monday 7th July and Wednesday 9th July are "free days" for the lads from STC. No doubt some training sessions will be held on each of these days. However, the lads will have some free time to enjoy Melbourne. The Thomian rugby team, will be accommodated at the MGS Boarding from Saturday 5th July to the morning of Saturday 12th July. Sunday 6th July is also a 'free day' with no activity scheduled as yet. There are some opportunities for Old Boys to billet members of the STC rugby team on the 12th of July 2008. If you are interested, we shall be pleased to hear from you.

The players will be provided with breakfast each day, and lunch on the days of competition only. On the 9th of July the OBA will be hosting a dinner for the rugby team, with details to be advised in due course to our membership. The OBA is seeking volunteers from among our Old Boys to host team members or to take them out etc for dinner each night from the 6th July, other than on the 9th and 12th July, as well as for lunch on the 6th, 7th and 9th of July. Obviously the volunteers need not host the players every night as we would hope to spread the task.

Please provide your support and demonstrate your hospitality to our rugby team. Let us step forward and give our rugby boys a great time in Melbourne.

If you are interested, please contact Trevor Meares on 0402 338 637.

Stop Press /Urgent Urgent Attention to all members

FELICITATION

**WARDEN, S. THOMAS' COLLEGE MT. LAVINIA
AND THE THOMIAN RUGBY TEAM**

Mount Waverley Youth Centre
Miller Crescent
Mount Waverley

Dinner cost: \$15.00
BYO Drinks

The STCOBA would like to see as many old Thomians as possible at this felicitation which will be the STCOBA's official welcome to the Warden and the rugby team to Melbourne.

The STC Rugby team arrives on 5th July 2008 to participate in Melbourne Grammar School's 150th celebrations, which includes a rugby carnival.

For bookings, please contact
Trevor on 9763 9825 or 0402 338 637
Mark on 9772 2438 or 0408 990 146

Date:

**Wednesday
9th July 2008**

Time:

6:00 to 9:30pm

RSVP:

Thursday 3rd July



The above function is for members, spouses and partners.

SENIORS LUNCH 2008

We have all heard the Toyota jingle "O what a feeling" but I wish to refer to the Seniors Luncheon on Sunday 29th May as "O what an afternoon". The lunch was held at the Good Shepherd Church Hall at Mulgrave, and as the notice in the last Thomiana referred to it as "Winter Warmth". This would have been the best Seniors Lunch I had attended and I would have been at most of them since it was first started. A record crowd of over 130 Old Boys and their spouses/partners were present. The afternoon was one where we saw groups of Old boys chatting away and was filled with fun and fellowship. It was great to catch up with your class mates and contemporaries and find out what's happened over the years. It was heartening to see many young old boys there as well and it was great to see Mrs Nora Pereira, DN's wife grace the occasion.

As we entered the hall to register we were given copies of the new revised rules/constitution which were approved earlier this year. There were copious amounts of wine beer and soft drinks provided. Thanks to Frankie David for some great wines. Good old fashion music was provided by Tyrell Anthonisz and his group and a scrumptious lunch of Lampries followed by a dessert of Wattalappan from Curry and Chips thanks to Glen La Brooy. Following the lunch Tyrell played some old songs of yesteryear and the crowd joined quite lustily.

Trevor Mendis conducted the raffle and while the guests sorted the tickets the College Song was sung with great feeling and fervour. The afternoon continued with many couples taking to the dance floor and finally we called it a day with Godfrey Daniels thanking "The Spice Girls" who were the wives and partners of Committee Members for all the work behind the scenes to ensure that we had a wonderful afternoon. It would be remiss of me if I do not thank the co-ordinators Peter, Trevor and Mark for organising the lunch and Violet and I left looking forward to next year's Seniors Lunch.

Errol Jacotine



More photos of the Seniors Lunch can be found on website www.stcobaaust.org.au



May 4, 2008
Sunday Island

Sports 19

Former Thomian cricketer now in Sri Lanka

'Barney' Reid and a unique family feat

BY REX CLEMENTINE

The game of cricket has its unique traditions and a famous aspect of the sport is the families associated with this bottle game. Speaking about families, the Chappell brothers immediately come to mind alongside the Hadlee, Waugh and Ranatunga who dominated the sport during different eras.

While the exploits of the Ranatunga brothers are well documented, only a few are aware of the achievements of the Reid brothers, who could have become household names had they played cricket in the post-Test era.

Claud, Ronnie, Barclay (Buddy), Bryan (Barney) and Johann (Tiny) Reid all played in the annual Royal-Thomian encounter, representing S. Thomas', Mount Lavinia, and two of the brothers even went onto represent Sri Lanka in the pre-Test era with 'Buddy' even captaining the country against England. Apart from Reid, five Ranatungas also represented Ananda College and these two families' unique achievement is unlikely to be equaled.

Bryan 'Barney' Reid, the Schoolboy Cricketer of the year in 1965, and a contemporary of one of the finest technically correct batsmen the country has produced, Anura Tennakoon, represented the country in table tennis like a few of his brothers and migrated to Australia about 40 years ago. Barney is in the island for a brief holiday and 'Sunday Island' caught up with

this fourth brother of the famous Reid family.

"Although we played cricket, there was nothing really happening as far as international cricket was concerned. So in cricket we used to support either England or Australia. I was a strong English supporter. With the table tennis team, we used to go to many places, but in cricket, you were just waiting here for a foreign team to come and play," Barney started off our discussion.

Barney represented the country in table tennis at the age of 15 and his introduction to cricket came a few years later.

"Playing cricket was sheer fluke. I just showed up at practices one day and the coach felt that since my brothers had played cricket I also had some talent and gave me a second XI game. It all started to happen from thereon. But my first love was table tennis," he revealed.

Barney who opened bowling and batting for S. Thomas', Mount Lavinia, went onto represent Sri Lanka Schools.

"At that time our school cricket could have been the best in the world. Club cricket got no publicity at all. I remember playing Indian Schools XI that had Ekkrath Solkar and Amarath brothers and we simply thrashed them and there was no contest," Barney said recalling his past encounters as a schoolboy cricketer.

Barney's cricket heroes are Garry Sobers and Englishmen Colin Cowdrey, Tim May and Fred Truman. He also



Bryan (Barney) Reid

admires the talents of Mark Waugh and, speaking of former Sri Lanka stalwart Stanley Jayasinghe says, Stanley was an awesome talent.

After migrating to Australia he played club cricket in Melbourne and tried his luck with umpiring as well and is now involved in coaching. His first job, however, was as a junior reporter when he worked

on Sundays for Lake House reporting on club cricket matches.

"I did a bit of work for Lake House. My friend Nimal and I were paid ten bucks for an article and at that time it was big money. That was our first pay. Now my friend is a leading newspaper publisher," Barney said.

All five brothers came home to see the 125th Battle of the Blues and Barney like

the other brothers likes to come frequently to see the annual encounter.

"Those days Royal - Thomian had a lot more grandeur. At the start of the game the ground was packed. The stands are empty these days. I wanted to come this season as well, but with my coaching in Australia, it wasn't possible," he explained.

He also has a plenty of happy memories on the Royal - Thomian that attracts worldwide attention.

"Three of the four opening bowlers who played in my year are dead now I am the only one surviving. Ganendra

Balasingham opened bowling and batting with me for S. Thomas' while Sugi Rajaratnam and Lasman Thilasingham were the opening bowlers for Royal.

"One of the fine memories of the Royal - Thomian was my nicking the first ball of the 1965 encounter. Thilaya (Thilasingham) was the bowler and fortunately the keeper dived in front of first slip and the catch was put down. We won in 1964 and came very close to winning in 1965," he recalled.

Barney has a private coaching clinic in Melbourne and has volunteered to coach youngsters during his stay here. He has spoken to Chairman of Sri Lanka Cricket Arjuna Ranatunga and will conduct coaching sessions in the coming week.

Barney Reid can be contacted on the following numbers: 2344250, 2874114 or 0777-676 889.

SERVICE RECORD OF OBA AUSTRALIA

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*First meeting convened by Pro Tem Chairman Morley Pereira***OAM***Attendees were : Ivor Jansz, Nimal Wickramanayake, Michael de Jong, Adrian Hancock, Odath Weerasinghe, Trevor Maartensz, Reginald Wydeman.*

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Feb	2003	Jan	2004	Arasu Saravanamuttu	Peter Weerakoon	Rohith Amaratunga	Trevor Mendis	Chris J. Lawton	Jayampathy Silva	Chris A. Lawton
Feb	2004	Jan	2005	Arasu Saravanamuttu	Peter Weerakoon	Rohith Amaratunga	Jayampathy Silva	Chris J. Lawton	Niral Fernando	Peter Weerakoon
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Feb	2007	Jan	2008	Nalin Dassenaik	Peter Weerakoon	Rohith Amaratunga	Chris Varney	Mark Nanayakkara	Lalith Aponso	Peter Weerakoon
Feb	2008	Jan	2009	Nalin Dassenaik	Peter Weerakoon	Chris Varney	Trevor Meares	Mark Nanayakkara	Niral Fernando	Jayantha Wanigatunga

Thank you to the ex Presidents and a special Thank You to Delwyn Lappen for his untiring efforts to get this into order as much as possible.

If anyone can fill in the blanks found on this roll of service, please let us know.

Taradale Cricket Match

The annual trip to Taradale in April or May, which combines a cricket match against players associated with the Sri Lankan community in the Bendigo area, has now become a firm fixture in the Thomian calendar, and it has been pleasing to see that the numbers continue to grow steadily. This year the event was initially organised to occur on the 13th of April to coincide with the Sinhala and Tamil New Year. However, it had to be postponed to the 27th April as our Bendigo hosts were unable to secure the cricket ground.

The day began, as it so often has on previous occasions, with rain and overcast conditions. But



it did not dampen the spirits of all of those who came to enjoy a quiet outing far from the usual bustle of Melbourne. An enjoyable cricket match was played and it was won by our Bendigo hosts, but no one knew the score, nor cared!

Lunch was a delicious rice and curry spread prepared by our hosts. Traditional 'avurudu' games were organised for the children who participated enthusiastically, and 'kavun' and 'kokis' were appreciated by all.

It was a most pleasant excursion and our thanks go to old Thomian, Adrian de Silva, and his wife

Thilaka, for once again organising a trip that is becoming more and more popular each year. We hope to see many more of you next year!



SMILE AWHILE

A young doctor had moved out to a small community to replace a doctor who was retiring. The older doctor suggested the young one accompany him on his rounds so the community could become used to a new doctor.

At the first house a woman complained, 'I've been a little sick to my stomach.' The older doctor said, 'Well, you've probably been overdoing the fresh fruit. Why not cut back on the amount you've been eating and see if that does the trick?'

As they left the younger man said, 'You didn't even examine that woman. How'd you come to your diagnosis so quickly?' 'I didn't have to examine her. You noticed I dropped my stethoscope on the floor in there? When I bent over to pick it up, I noticed a half dozen banana peels in the trash. That's what was probably making her sick.' 'Huh,' the younger doctor said, 'Pretty clever. I think I'll try that at the next house.'

Arriving at the next house, they spent several minutes talking with a younger woman. She complained that she just didn't have the energy she once did. 'I'm feeling terribly run down lately,' she said. 'You've probably been doing too much work for the church,' the younger doctor told her. 'Perhaps you should cut back a bit and see if that helps.'

As they left, the elder doc said, 'Your diagnosis is almost certainly correct, but how did you arrive at it?' Well, just like you did at the last house, I dropped my stethoscope and when I bent down to retrieve it, I noticed the preacher under the bed.'



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>MELBOURNE GRAMMAR RUGBY CARNIVAL Sunday 6th July to Friday 11th July 2008 Melbourne Grammar School South Melbourne Melway: 2L A2</p> <p>Contacts Stefan D'Silva 0407 411 980</p> <p>Trevor Meares 0402 338 637 9763 9825 (AH)</p>	<p>EVENING WITH STC RUGBY TEAM Wednesday 9th July 2008 at 6:00pm Mount Waverly Youth Centre Melway: 70 E1 BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Require Confirmation by Thursday 3rd July 2008</p> <p>Contacts: Trevor Meares 0402 338 637 9763 9825 (AH)</p> <p>Mark Nanayakkara 0408 990 146 9772 2438 (AH)</p>
<p>ANNUAL DINNER DANCE Saturday 12th July 2008 at 7.00pm Hilton on the Park Melway: 2G D4</p> <p>Contacts Chris Varney 0414 643 766 9700 6174 (AH)</p> <p>Jayantha Wanigatunga 0411 448 991 9886 8821 (AH)</p>	<p>SERVICE OF TRANSFIGURATION Sunday 10th August 2008 St. Adians Church, Noble Park Melway: 89 D5</p> <p>Contacts: Peter Weerakoon 0403 043 756 9553 2559</p> <p>Mark Nanayakkara 0408 990 146 9772 2438 (AH)</p>
<p>MEMBERS NIGHT Saturday 13th September 2008 at 7.00pm Paradise Indian Restaurant Wheelers Hill Shopping Centre Price per Head \$20.00 (BYO) Wife's/Partners welcome.</p> <p>BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Require Confirmation by Friday 29th August 2008</p> <p>Contacts Glen Mendis 0417 005 570 9723 2280 (BH)</p> <p>Ari Saravanamuttu 0409 356 256 9877 1508 (AH))</p>	<p>RIFLE SHOOTING October 2008 Venue - TBA</p> <p>Contacts: George Balthazar 9700 3998</p> <p>Peter Weerakoon 0403 043 756 9553 2559</p>
<p>THOMIAN OPEN GOLF DAY Sunday 19th October 2008 Venue - TBA</p> <p>Contacts Delwyn Lappen 9764 5336</p> <p>Claud Reid 9763 7309</p>	<p>THOMIAN NIGHT October/November 2008 Venue - TBA</p> <p>Contacts: Chris Varney 0414 643 766 9700 6174 (AH)</p> <p>Jayantha Wanigatunga 0411 448 991 9886 8821 (AH)</p> <p>Shehan Jayethileke 0414 643 766 9358 3169 (BH)</p>
<p>CAROL SERVICE Sunday 14th December 2008 at 7:00pm Venue - TBA</p> <p>Contacts Ashton Anthonis 9702 5326 (AH)</p> <p>Mark Nanayakkara 0408 990 146 9772 2438 (AH)</p>	<p>ANNUAL GENARAL MEETING Saturday 14th February 2008 at 6:30pm Venue - TBA</p> <p>Contacts: Mark Nanayakkara 0408 990 146 9772 2438 (AH)</p>
<p>ROYAL THOMIAN CRICKET MATCH & STAG NIGHT March 2009 Venue - TBA</p> <p>Contacts Trevor Meares 0402 338 637 9763 9825 (AH)</p> <p>Milinda Liyanage 9721 5420 (BH) 9837 5509 (AH)</p>	<p>CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY Sunday 1st March 2008 at 8:00am Venue - TBA</p> <p>Contacts: Mark Nanayakkara 0408 990 146 9772 2438 (AH)</p> <p>Milinda Liyanage 9721 5420 (BH) 9837 5509 (AH)</p>

Mrs Mary Hayman—an Appreciation

Mrs Mary Hayman, widow of the late Dr R.L. Hayman, legendary Sub Warden and Headmaster of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia, and Gurutalawa, passed away peacefully in a private Nursing Home on Saturday the 17th November 2007. She was accorded a simple funeral at the Atwood Road Crematorium, Worcester, on Tuesday the 27th November. In life, she recoiled from being the cause of any fuss and so it was that she ensured that it would be so as she left it. Old boy expatriates, Kamal Gammanpila, and Kamal Nilaweera, described the Gurutalawa ambience of that morning with the autumn leaves gently falling as if to comply with her request of "no flowers please".

Mrs. Hayman was the last, but not the least of that great triumvirate which molded lives of the many boys at Gurutalawa. While it is inevitable to associate her as the wife of Dr Hayman, she emerged from the shadows of his towering presence, to establish herself in her own right as the Sickroom Matron complementing the Headmaster and the Chaplain Canon A.J. Foster.

She was born Mary Rudd in Sutton Surrey and settled down in Worcestershire. Trained as a nurse she joined the Army as a Nurse and was posted to the military base hospital in Bombay and then to Ceylon (Sri Lanka) to the military hospital established at S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia. She arrived in Colombo from Bombay on the very morning of April 2nd 1942 when Colombo Harbour was being attacked by the Japanese and watched proceedings from outside Colombo Harbour. Prospects of danger left her unfazed. We had ample evidence of it during her stay at Gurutalawa whether it was climbing up the sheer face of a mountain or negotiating forest short cuts where leopard had been sighted and restive wild buffalo were a clear and present danger.

Her contact with the College therefore predated her meeting with Dr Hayman, who was sent in charge of a part of the College relocated to Gurutalawa, in April 1942. But Diyatalawa across the hills was as now an Army camp, and so it was that there they met. They married in 1945 when Dr Hayman took his home leave at the end of the war. Their return was initially to the College at Mount, which had been de-requisitioned.

The triumvirate was back in harness at Gurutalawa from the first term of 1948. As a nurse, Mrs Hayman epitomized the highest standards of the profession. She made the sickroom a haven of care and love and adhered to the maxim that prevention was better than cure, particularly with the Junior boys with their predilection to colds and coughs as temperatures plummeted in the "winter" months and again as the seasonal winds savaged through the

campus in all their fury. Apart from ministering to the College boys and staff of every category, she opened the doors of the sick room to the surrounding villages. It was characteristic of her that those needing hospital attention were sent in the school vehicle, invariably Dr Hayman's car, to Badulla 25 miles away. She made it a point to train two members of the College Domestic staff to be Locums in her absence.

Her regency extended beyond her primary writ of caring for the sick. It included the house keeping of the premises as well as the vast campus, redolent with gum and fir trees, fruits of every kind and flowers of every hue. Under her unrelenting eye, grass was mowed, hedges trimmed, roofs and gutters cleared of debris, and flowers blossomed in their chosen locations. A stickler for cleanliness, every morning unfailingly she was in the dining hall, supervising the cleaning of its floors and tables. She persisted and succeeded in opening out the kitchen to air and light, making it easy for the staff to move around in by increasing its size. She was adamant that food should be served hot to the boys and ensured that through a queue system each boy would be served straight from the particular cooking utensil. Her ubiquity kept every one on their toes.

She was a committed environmentalist and conservationist. She found bird watching an exciting hobby and a wonderful therapy and initiated the boys to its delights. Her compassion extended to all forms of life. On one occasion she upbraided a burly retired Rugby playing English planter for snipe shooting in the paddy fields bordering the campus. Once she received a turkey for Christmas, but the bird found in her, a benign new owner and lived to die of old age. On another occasion some villagers brought her a python they had captured, but she discreetly had it released by the very same sisal plant where it was caught. She had a Siamese cat as a pet which she managed to take to England when she left. She adopted a Deer and a Peacock which actually followed her around. She empathized with them as St. Francis Patron saint of the College Chapel would have done.

Her love of gardening and plants once led her to an embarrassing contretemps, on one of many visits to the famous Hakgala gardens, there was a sudden shower of rain which caused Mrs. Hayman to open her parasol to protect herself, whereupon a shower of plant slips rained to the ground. The curator, a gentleman of the highest order, did not merely look the other way but hastily helped Mrs Hayman to retrieve them and got them packed.

Most boys saw her as a latter day Florence Nightingale, but there was in her more than a little touch of Margaret Thatcher. Kind and compassionate but also firm and resolute when the

occasion warranted, often in counterpoint to the innate predisposition of both Dr Hayman and Canon Foster to be too accommodating of human frailty. Important decisions no doubt carried some weight of her views. She was candid and open and called a spade a spade.

Mrs Hayman was slightly built, always very simply dressed and had the minimum make up-perhaps a touch of lipstick. There was generally a suspicion of a smile in her eyes benevolent and not derisive as if she saw through people and things to what was spurious. Very much the country lass she was unspoilt by her exalted position as the Headmaster's wife. She was soft spoken as one would have expected and in fact, when she did speak it was in a whisper. Often at dinners she was obliged to attend as the Headmaster's wife, she would venture the odd joke to a close friend 'sotto voce' and ensured it would not be a source of any embarrassment to whoever it was holding forth

The Hayman's left Gurutalawa on March 14th 1963. There were a series of gatherings and speeches leading up to the departure. But nothing could assuage the disillusionment of the reality. They had planned to settle down within an hours hike from Gurutalawa in the vicinity of Erabadde. But took note of the message of political change and were eye witnesses to the early turbulence. They were most concerned with how the cross currents of events would affect the school. But they absorbed the wrench with the typical unsentimentality of the English character.

Mrs Hayman settled down to run their Bournemouth establishment. She delighted in giving visiting Old Boys the traditional, Thomian fare of rice, dhal and coconut sambol, and getting first hand news of the school. She never failed to see that the visiting car was provided with sandwiches and a soft drink for the return journey.

But the Thomian connection was too compelling. She returned five times in all, thrice after Dr Hayman's death in 1983. Appropriately her final visit to Sri Lanka was in 1992, in connection with the Golden Jubilee Celebration of The College at Gurutalawa, at which she was the Chief Guest. She found that things had changed and maintained a

discreet silence except to close friends who shared her views. After Dr Hayman's death, she was rightly appointed President of the OBA UK Association and made the journey from Bournemouth for every meeting until she was physically unable to travel. After Dr Hayman's death, she was ever the ministering angel looking after the infirm and the bed-ridden sometimes her rounds, including caring for around 17 or 18 patients' daily. These included Miss Joan Foster - Canon Foster's sister, Miss. Mowena Hayman - Dr Hayman's sister and Mrs Blanchard (Prep School).

Laid back and simple Mrs Hayman had nerves of steel and a heart of gold. She will assuredly have a foremost place in the history of the school in her own right. In later years when she was unable to continue with her voluntary medical service and as her faculties had dimmed she preferred the tranquility of solitude. She divested herself of mementos to be placed in the Hayman -Foster Memorial Museum at Gurutalawa. Her casket was draped in the College flag and the funeral Service was completed with the Thomian Song in the background. She has gone beyond the ken of human consciousness but her twilight thoughts would typically have echoed Christiana Rosetti's famous lines in keeping with her matter of fact approach to life. 'If thou wilt, remember, if thou wilt forget.' She was completely free of romantic illusions.

But we shall remember we shall not forget. Her memory remains within our domain inspiring us to love all life and indeed life itself as a gift to be shared and given in the service of others. Mrs Hayman was not a religious person in the commonly misguided perception of the religious. She lived the maxim 'laborare est Orare' to work is to pray. She lived her life the epitome of a verse from J Keble's familiar Hymn.

The trivial round, the common task,
Would furnish all we need to ask,--
Room to deny ourselves, a road
To bring us daily nearer God.

And on that road, Mrs Mary Hayman walked the extra mile.

P.S.Duleepkumar

Lemon Squeeze

There once was a religious young woman who went to Confession.
Upon entering the confessional, she said, 'Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned.'
The priest said, 'Confess your sins and be forgiven.'
The young woman said, 'Last night my boyfriend made mad, passionate love to me seven times.'

The priest thought long and hard and then said, 'Squeeze seven lemons into a glass and then drink the juice.'
The young woman asked, 'Will this cleanse me of my sins?'
The priest said, 'No, but it will wipe that smile off of your face.'

THE CALL OF GURUTALAWA by *Mervyn Casie Chetty.*

Written for the twenty fifth anniversary.

1. When war alarms disturbed our land
Our School did play its part,
And deep within the Uva hills
A modest branch did start.
2. Donated by De Saram who
Was kinsmen to our Head
Some acres broad of fertile soil,
An orchard, a farmstead.
3. But classrooms, chapel, dormitories
Were needed for a school.
And above all playing fields,
As well a swimming pool.
4. And there was whose shoulders broad
Were ever glad to take
The heavy burdens of the School
And little of them make
5. With Canon Foster by his side,
A kind and Godly man,
Our Dr. Hayman took a pride
The infant School plan
6. Full five and twenty years have sped
The "foster fathers" gone,
and now a healthy stripling stands,
where that war babe was born.
7. To those who thro' those portal passed
To those who loved the school
And honour those who selfless worked
To make success the rule
8. Your opportunity is here,
Your feelings true to show
And rally round a worth cause
As Thomians always know.

S.Thomas College Gurutalawa OBA

S.Thomas College Gurutalawa OBA has initiated a Gurutalawa Support Group in Australia. This group will mainly consist of Old Boys of Gurutalawa, and any others who wish to support and assist in the redevelopment of the Campus, and contribute individually to its progress. This group was formed on the initiative of Peter Weerakoon, & Ed Rowland, and ably supported in Colombo by Mahen Ranasinghe Senior Vice President OBA Gurutalawa, Bandu Wanigasekera, and Laxshman Jayetilleke and now consist of over twelve members, who have heard The Call of Gurutalawa, and Funds have started to roll in to support the development of Sports Activities at the Campus.



The Donations received have been sent to the Gurutalawa OBA and has been placed in a Fund styled, , Gurutalawa Support Group Fund for Development of Sports. Any Old Boy wishing to help swell this fund can contact either Peter Weerakoon, on 03 9553 2559 or email him at peter.weerakoon@bigpond.com, or Ed Rowland on 574 1142 or email him at edrowlan@bigpond.net.au for further details.

The Gurutalawa OBA is updating their Membership Directory, and would be pleased if all old boys of that branch could get in touch with Peter Weerakoon or Ed Rowland with their details, so that it could be sent to Colombo, by mid July in time to meet the Printer's deadline.

The Editor wishes to encourage members to send in their contributions to the Thomiana, preferably via email to editor@stcobaaust.org.au Legible hand written or double spaced typed articles should be mailed to the Editor. Deadlines are: JUNE Edition by 15th May, SEPTEMBER Edition by 15th August, DECEMBER Edition by the 15th of November. To keep a lid on cost, the Thomiana will be limited to around 20 pages, which may not allow for all submitted articles to be included. The Executive Committee organises events for the benefit of the members of the Association, and their families, so please attend these functions and give support to the work carried out by your Ex Co. It would also be appreciated if members who have not renewed their subs for 2008, kindly do so, using the renewal form on page 19 and mailing their payment, rather than waiting to turn up at an OBA function to pay their subs, which is inconvenient for all concerned.

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Caryll Ludekens

While he was in service, my encounters with Caryll Ludekens were few, and I met him since not many times more. Nevertheless, for me, as I have no doubt for others, he was a striking presence.

He passed the two decades or so after retirement at his house in Nedimala in his modest fashion till he passed away a few days ago. Following a simple ritual performed by a Methodist priest, his remains were cremated without fanfare at the Kohuwela cemetery last Monday, the 21st of April, 2008. I put that particular down here as it's one among those that relate to his life that most of his colleagues, beneficiaries of times past, and perhaps some of his family, may not otherwise have come to know. Caryll himself would not have cared whether such a trivial particular would be mentioned in public, and some of his associates aforementioned may not have given a thought to it till they encountered that bit of information here.

I first heard of him when, on my first posting as Cadet (to Badulla), I found that some young clerks were preparing to sit the London 'A' Levels. My offer to help them was greeted with sniggers (out of my sight as they thought). Caryll, who had just moved out to Ratnapura

(and been replaced by Devanesan Nesiiah as A.G.A.) had evidently lent a hand to those clerks.

When on circuit in Ratnapura, blessed with more leeches than even its 280 rain days justified, he had brushed aside the solicitous advice of Village Headmen to soap his lower limbs, calling out to the leeches instead to feast on him: *beepalla, beepalla! meeta passé umbalata me vage pirisudu Lansi le bonna hambavenne ne!*

A few years later when he was Government Agent in Batticaloa and I was serving in the Ministry of Finance, the Official Language Act lately put in force, he sent me a hand-written letter in Sinhala requesting a transfer. *Mehe --- kiyala minihek innava. Eya hungak huta-pata karanava. Kavadada maava mehen beraganne?* As it happened a request had been made, by a Cabinet Minister whose electorate was in that district, to move out the G.A. to Batticaloa (then seen as some kind of 'punishment station'), but N.M. would have none of that. No other suitable position being available for Caryll in Colombo or along the western sea coast, he remained in Batticaloa till the next General Election when the officer who had been troubling him was elected to Parliament and had

him moved out. The man did not know that he was doing his *bete noire* a favour.

I next heard of him years later when he succeeded V P Vittachi as Chairman of Consolexpo. After the change in administration in 1977 I met him at the Ministry of Public Administration. We were in 'the Pool'. The position of Director of the Academy of Administrative Studies (SLIDA) was vacant, its responsibilities being covered by the Additional Secretary to the Ministry. Caryll suggested that I be put there, and being told that the incumbent liked that job responded, 'Then make Gamini *athireka lekam*'.

He was that kind of person.

His siblings and other relatives had migrated, most of them to Australia, and he built his own 'family' around himself at Nedimala. He kept in touch with his neighbours and with like-minded friends. I heard of his illness around the time he was told of it about a year ago. His complaint at the time was that his libido was playing up, not quite doing what was expected of it.

He refused the convenience of a moveable phone, and continued to make his way to the fixed telephone, latterly with some help. He was 83 years old when he passed away.

G. S.

The S.Thomas' College OBA (Aust) Branch

Deeply regret to announce the passing away of

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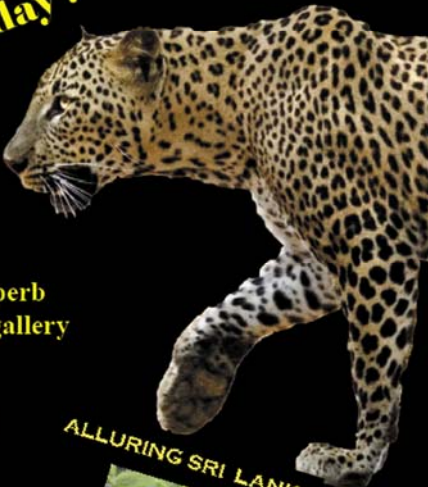
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SRI LANKA'S WILDLIFE

A VISUAL PHOTO JOURNAL BY T. SPANU RANA

Glad I am not a blonde!!!!

A blonde was on vacation and driving through Darwin. She desperately wanted to take home a pair of genuine crocodile shoes but was very reluctant to pay the high prices the local vendors were asking.

After becoming very frustrated with the 'no haggle on prices' attitude of one of the shopkeepers, the blonde shouted, 'Well then, maybe I'll just go out and catch my own crocodile, so I can get a pair of shoes for free!'

The shopkeeper said with a sly, knowing smile, 'Little lady, just go and give it a try!' The blonde headed out toward the river, determined to catch a crocodile.

Later in the day, as the shopkeeper is driving home, he pulls over to the side of the bank where he spots the same young woman standing waist deep in the murky water, shotgun in hand. Just then, he spots a huge 3 metre croc swimming rapidly toward her. With lightning speed, she takes aim, kills the creature and hauls it onto the slimy banks of the river. Lying nearby were 7 more of the dead creatures, all lying on their backs.

The shopkeeper stood on the bank, watching in silent amazement. The blonde struggled and flipped the Croc onto its back. Rolling her eyes heavenward and screaming in great frustration, she shouts out.....
'SH1T,SH1T,SH1T, THIS ONE'S BAREFOOT, TOO!'

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS.

We heartily welcome : Dushan Wickramasuriya, and hope to see him take an active part in the affairs of the Association.

NEWS OF MEMBERS AND OLD THOMIANS

Aubrey Ebert who served on the Editorial sub Committee from its inception during the last Editors period, has asked to be excused from this volunteer position due to ill health. We thank him sincerely for his input and help in producing the Thomiana during that period. We wish him Good health and God's Blessings.

Henry Goonetilleke is now residing at Monash Gardens Nursing Home, Wellington Road, Mulgrave, and has settled in to his new surroundings, in his normal calm and cool manner. He would be delighted to receive visitors,

S.Thomas College Old Boys Centenary Group.

This group is for all Old Boys from Mount Lavinia, Gurutalawa and Bandarawela who were in College during that great year of 1951, when college celebrated its 100th year. This group which banded together 22 years ago has now been revitalized and we have approximately 180 local members and 33 overseas members. Those wishing to join can contact Peter Weerakoon either on his email peter.weerakoon@bigpond.com or on his phone number available on the Executive Committee list for application forms, or from one of the following below. The Life Membership fee is Rs 2500.00

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