



Wesley Times - April 2015

Newsletter of Wesley College Colombo Old Boys Union Australia

From the President's Desk

Dear Old Wesleyites,

Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas 2014 and are looking forward to a bright and prosperous 2015.

The OBU in Melbourne had a very successful year in 2014 with our Winter Warm Up in May, the Annual Dinner Dance in October and the Seniors Lunch in December being well attended and feedback indicates extreme satisfaction from the patrons.

Wesley did well at the Golf challenge against Trinity College, Kandy and won the trophy for the 2nd year running. The Cricket was not played as the tournament was not organized last year, hopefully it will take place in 2015.

For this year, we hope to have great numbers attending our social functions commencing with the Curry Night on the 23rd May 2015 at the Good Shepherd Hall in Brandon Park, Mulgrave, the Dinner Dance on 3rd October 2015 at the Grand on Cathies and the Seniors Lunch to be held on 13th December 2015, (Venue to be advised).

We have just launched our new Website (<http://wesleyobua.org.au/>) and urge all members to have a browse. Please contribute any articles, old photographs, newspaper cuttings etc which you may have. These may be sent to our Editor Tony Careem by e-mail (tcareem@gmail.com), or by post to **WCOBUA P.O. Box 123, Glenway MDC, Mulgrave, Victoria 3170.**

We have recently paid for the complete refurbishment of one of the classrooms in the school; the cost being \$3357.00. This was one of 6 classrooms refurbished and completed in January 2015. There will be photographs of this completed project elsewhere in the Newsletter.

We have also contributed \$900 for the completion of the renovations and new buildings of the Havelock Town complex – this was a project commenced and completed by the former Principal, Dr. Shanthi McLelland.



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In Focus

The OBU in Melbourne is vibrant and progressing due to the involvement of its members. We encourage greater participation from ALL members. Please contribute in every way possible, attend the functions, pay your annual subscription and do your bit to ensure the OBUA continues to grow.

ORA ET LABORA
Warm Regards

Reg Bartholomeusz

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All members who prefer to receive OBU correspondence by email are invited to inform the Editor on tcareem@gmail.com

Your email address will then be included on our database. This means that future OBU Newsletters will also be sent to you via email and not by post. Your co-operation is appreciated.

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All correspondence

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Subscription Reminder

Your membership subscription is now due and payable. The annual fee is \$20 and if you have not paid for this year - 2015, please make payment as soon as possible.

All cheques should be made out in favour of Wesley College Colombo OBUA and posted to:

The Treasurer
Wesley College Colombo OBUA
P O Box 123
Glenway MDC BSB: 083323 Mulgrave

or

BY ELECTRONIC BANK TRANSFER

Bank details:

National Australia Bank

Account Name:

WESLEY COLLEGE COLOMBO OLD BOYS UNION

Account No.: 622965907

Please send an email to this address when you have completed the transaction so that we can acknowledge receipt.

From the Editor's Desk

Year 2015 is shaping up to be the year for new and exciting things to happen at Wesley and its community at large, with the new OBUA website going live on 07th February 2015, some of the classrooms at the Colombo campus being given a complete facelift and new administrators to take the college to new heights.



Looking back at 2014, it has been an interesting year on many fronts.

We have had a few new members join OBUA, the golf trophy is being proudly displayed back in our cabinet after a spirited win against Trinity, our Facebook page has reached over 1000 likes, a new look OBUA Newsletter was launched in June and the Double Blue Ball and Curry Night were memorable functions for all those who attended. To end 2014 on a more productive note, OBUA contributed generously to the Classroom Refurbishment Project undertaken by Wesley Colombo OBU. This was possible mainly due to your support and your attendance to our fund raising functions.

In December 2014, I had the opportunity of visiting the College campus together with Bill Deutrom and Richie Sappideen to witness the work being carried out on the classrooms. Looking around the place, I realised the extent of the work load and effort required besides the funding. At that stage I had my reservations if the classrooms would be ready in time for the New Year. Kudos to all those who put their time and effort to deliver the new classrooms on time for the school re-opening on 12th January 2015.

A new scholarship account has been set up by the school to reward and facilitate recipients and contributors to the fund. The account will be controlled by the school, providing full transparency of funds transfers. More details are on page 6 for anyone interested in participating towards this noble cause. Encouraging and assisting the younger generation to acquire knowledge can only benefit the wider community.

Thank you to everyone who sent through their articles and photos for this Newsletter. Your contributions are valuable to keep the community spirit moving forward. I wish you and your families a fabulous year ahead.

ORA ET LABORA

Tony Careem

Links to Wesley OBUA sites

Our new Web page: <http://www.wesleycollege.org/>

New features include:

Future Events information

Interactive Membership renewal and new member forms

Photo gallery & more



<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Wesley-College-Colombo-OBU-Australia/296647643739345>

News round-up OBUA

The Seniors Christmas Lunch 2014

Once again the senior members of our alumni community in Melbourne and the widows of our seniors called home gathered at Cha's Cabin on Sunday 14th December for the traditional Seniors Christmas Lunch. Many of the old familiar faces were in attendance as well as some who were missing due to ill health or personal reasons. The Committee welcomed the special guests as they settled in for some pre-luncheon drinks. The oldest member in attendance was Anton Blacker (94 years young) who may be the oldest living Wesleyite. Others to grace the occasion were the Mack brothers, - Douglas and Vivian, George Robertson, Robert Coburn, Glyn Lappen, Beverley de Niese, Lorenz Stork, Haig Maloney, Maurice Mortier, Lucien Fernando, Glenn Reimers, Arthlow Chapman, George Siebel, Joe Devendran, Gerald de Zilwa and Ron Van Buren.

Cha's Cabin looked resplendent as usual with Red Poinsettia's decorating the tables and Christmas wreaths on the walls setting the festive tone. After a welcoming speech by President Reg Bartholomeusz. A minute's silence was observed remembering those members of the OBUA that were no longer with us. In the absence of stalwart Langston Joseph who regularly says Grace at this function, Trevor Collette stepped in and did a great job.

Lunch was served soon after and as usual Cha's had not spared a thing with an extensive selection of Eastern and Western dishes supplemented by the standard festive fare of turkey and ham. The food was delicious as always and many of the patrons went back for seconds. After lunch a number of former Choristers gathered together and led the patrons in singing a few of the favourite Christmas Carols. Shortly thereafter dessert was served. As the afternoon wound up for another year, the Committee handed each senior, their partner and each widow a gift and a piece of Christmas cake. As good bye's and Christmas greetings were exchanged, another memorable Seniors Lunch came to an end.

by Keith de Kretser

(For more photos refer to page "In Focus")



Annual General Meeting

The 34th Annual General Meeting was held on 29th March 2015 at the A.C.F. Hall, Clayton, Melbourne.

The President Reg Bartholomeusz welcomed all those present and Langston Joseph lead the house in prayer followed by observing a minute's silence in memory of those Wesleyites that had left this earthly life in the past year.

The President then provided a brief report on the year. He thanked his Committee and their partners for their invaluable contribution given to him over the year and extended his thanks to the members for giving him the honour of being their President. He also acknowledged the contribution of the past Committee members and welcomed Neil Gamage and Duminda Nissanka to the committee for 2015 and beyond.

The Secretary's Report which was circulated in advance gave a more detail report on the year's activities. The Treasurer's report showed cash at bank of \$ 10,600.00 with the Double Blue Trust holding a further \$200 for Wesley College.

The election of Office Bearer's was next and Langston Joseph performed his annual duty as Pro-tem Chairman to conduct the election.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair and a rousing rendition of the College Song and War Cry. Lunch followed as members shared a time of fellowship with each other.

Winter Warm - Up 2015



Saturday, 23rd May
Wesley College Colombo OBU (Australia)
presents
Winter Warm - Up 2015
band: Rob Foenander & Band of Gold
Scrumptious Eastern & Western Smorgasbord
BYO drinks
catered by: Ceylon-Aus Caterers
@ Good Shepherd Parish Hall
34 Academy Avenue, Brandon Park
Starts @ 7.30 pm
Cost: \$35 per person
Dress: Smart casual
Please join us for another memorable Curry Night
for tickets contact: Reg: 0421057708 / Sri: 0416009771 / Brian: 0439282195 / Tony: 0431704299

Curry Nite

Another night to remember!
So get your tickets early.....

Contacts:

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Brian: 0439282195



New scholarship fund

Wesley College is pleased to announce that a new Scholarship Account has been opened by the school, to allow Wesleyites and friends who wish to contribute towards scholarships at Wesley, to do so. The account will be controlled by the school. The ability of the school to provide scholarships will, understandably, depend entirely on the money available in the account.



Contributions can be made as:

1. Lump sums, the interest on which will be used to meet scholarship needs.
2. Periodic contributions, which will be used to meet scholarship needs.

Donors of lump sums and/or long period of commitment will be entitled to have a particular scholarship or scholarships awarded in a name they specify.

Please correspond with writer regarding specifics.

The school will provide a report each year to donors, showing lump sum contributions held and interest received on these funds, other contributions received during the year and the manner in which money available has been used during the year.

Types of scholarships envisaged are:

1. Academic scholarships

Grade 5 scholarships: to those who excel at national level or perform particularly well at school level; these may include full scholarships and partial scholarships.

G C E (Ordinary Level): to those who perform particularly well at the exams; these may include full scholarships and partial scholarships.

Other: to those whose academic performance and behavior have been consistently good and whose parents / guardians require financial support; these may be full or partial scholarships, and may be time bound.

2. Sports scholarships:

To those endorsed by the Sports Council as excelling in sports / extra-curricular activity and who are in need of financial assistance; these may be full or partial scholarships, and may be time bound.

The criteria above may be made more specific with the passage of time.

COST OF SCHOLARSHIP

- Day Scholar – Academic Rs 35,000/ per year
- Day Scholar – Sports Rs 45,000/ per year
- Hostel Scholar - Academic – Rs 145,000/ per year
- Hostel Scholar – Sports – Rs 155,000/ per year

The continuation of scholarships will be contingent on continuing good performance and good behavior of the student.

All decisions on the grant or discontinuation of scholarships will be at the discretion of the Principal, who need not assign any reason for discontinuing any scholarship.

As far as possible, donors' contributions will be used to meet scholarships of a type they specify. At this point, the writer will administer the scheme until a person is identified by the school for this purpose.

Account details are:

Wesley College Scholarship Account

Bank of Ceylon

Colombo 08.

Account No: 77089169

Swift Code: BCEYLK LX

Bank Code: 7010

Branch Code: 038

When funds are transferred, please send email to: Richie.S@lk.emiratesline.com and Secretary to Principal Ms Rose Wong wong27rose@gmail.com

Wesley College Rugby 2015

Wesley College's 60th Rugby season will be skippered by, 3rd year player, Fly Half Omar Kuthubdeen. Omar will represent Wesley for the next year too. The vice captain will be 3rd year Coloursmen, Flanker Pasindu.

3rd year Coloursmen and wing three quarter Chamika Kusal and 3rd year Coloursmen, and Hooker Zyan Sabaar son of old Wesleyite (Class of 81) the Late Shiraz Sabaar, will be the other play makers in the side.

Team 2015 is a young side with most players available next year as well as in 2017.

Wesley is once again being coached by former Wesleyite and Vice Captain (2005) and present Sri Lanka and CR&FC Prop Henry Terrence.

The Assistant Coach and Trainer is former Wesley fly half (2006) Dennis Amal will be assisted by former Wesley Captain of that brilliant 2005 side Yomal Amaratunga.

The Under 16 is coached by present Navy prop and Wesleyite Dulanjana Wijesinghe who represented College for 3 years and also Captained the College 1st X1 cricket team in 2009 and 2010.

Fixtures

1st Round matches

March

21st Wesley Vs Kingswood
(Nittawela)

28th Wesley Vs Issipathana
(Havelocks)

April

10th Wesley vs St Peter's
(CR&FC)

25th Wesley vs C W W
Kanangara
(CR&FC)

May

9th Wesley vs St Joseph's
CR&FC

Sports Highlights – February 2015

by Clifford Rodrigo – Sports Administrator, Wesley College

Thus far the month of February has been auspicious for sports at Wesley in that the results at competitions have been most encouraging. So let me hasten to share these with the Wesley fraternity.

SWIMMING

In an Invitation Age Group Swimming Championship Held on 7th and 8th February 2015, Wesley won as Many as 25 medals consisting of 8 Golds, 9 Silver

and 8 Bronze. 750 competitors from 47 leading schools mostly from Colombo, participated at this Championship held at the Vishaka Vidyalaya Colombo.

This being the first meet for the current year, the outcome is indeed a morale booster which has encouraged and inspired all concerned.



RUGGER

The under 18 All Island Schools Singer 7-a-side Tournament was held at the Royal Complex on 14th and 15th February 2015. Wesley emerged Champions in the Plate beating Royal College in the finals. What is of greater importance is the high quality of rugby displayed by our side with just one setback to Trinity at the beginning of the tournament, which resulted in our participation in the Plate. It was clearly evident that we were one of the best sides in the tournament.

CRICKET

For the first time this season Wesley tasted victory and that too in grand style. We defeated Presidents' College by 9 wickets in division 1 fixture played at Campbell Park on 17th and 18th February 2015.

President's College batted first and were skittled out for a paltry 33 runs with Andrew Parais who has being among the wickets this season, taking 6 for 17 and Jonathan Cadiramapulle bagging the rest for 11 runs. Wesley declared their first innings after scoring 243 runs for 9 wickets. Zenith Wickramanayake who scored 104 was ably supported by Reshana Seneviratne who contributed 66 runs.

President College gallantly fought back scoring 331 in the second innings leaving Wesley the daunting task of scoring 124 runs for victory in just 13 overs. One had to be present and watch a remarkable exhibition of power hitting when they tore the bowling apart by reaching the target in just 9.3 overs. Skipper Jonathan Cadiramapulle slaughtered the President's School attack scoring 72 not out in 33 balls, inclusive of 8 sixes.

It was a pure joy to watch Jonathan who played good cricketing shots in compiling his innings. He was ably supported by Zenith Wickramanayake and Jason De Silva.

TABLE TENNIS

As disclosed in my recent report the performance of the 15 year old Lithmini Maharama has been exemplary.

He became the under 15 champion in the recent Rating Tournament conducted by the Schools Federation.

Media Reports

Plate finals - Wesley College 27 : Royal College 07

Wesley College cruised their way to take the Plate championship home after beating the home team convincingly in the final.

Having lost in the Cup Quarters to Trinity College they Made sure they didn't go home empty handed. They earned their spot on the plate finals after defeating Thurstan College 27 points to 5 while Royal College on the Other hand having lost to Isipathana College in the cup quarters had their hopes up again it finishing the tournament in a good note after defeating their arch rivals St Thomas's College 1 points to 7.

Wesley College was leading from the beginning in the finals, at the half time whistle 15 points to 7. Royal College was in striking distance but Wesley maintained their discipline in the turf. At the final whistle score board stood at 24 points to 7 giving Wesley College an easy win over the home team.

Jonathan powers Wesley to 1st outright win

Wesley College recorded their first win of the season as they beat Presidents College by 9 wickets yesterday at Wesley College grounds. With the win Wesley College will be hoping they could evade being relegated to Division 2.

Winning the toss and batting first, Presidents College batting was shredded to pieces as Wesley bowled them out for a low 34. Fast bowler Andrew Parais was the main destroyer as he ran through the Presidents batting with 6/17 and Captain Jonathan Cadiramanpulle completed the rout as he bagged the balance 4 wickets for just 11 runs.

Batting in their first innings, the Wesley batting fired for the first time this season as they managed to score 243 for 9 declared. Indecently this was Wesley College's first total above 200 this season. Zenith Wickramanayake top scored with a magnificent 104 and Reshana Senavirathne chipped in with 66 runs. Chamod Wickramasuriya picked up 5/66 and Sakuna Fernando picked 2/50. Trailing by 209, Presidents College recovered from their first innings collapse and scored a Mammoth 331 in their second. President's batsman Navod Kalansuriya top scored with 126 and Nethmina Koddipili made a good half century 51. Andrew Parais took 4/48 and Jonathan Cadiramanpulle picked 2/50.

Requiring 122 in 13 overs to win the game, Wesley College made a change to their batting order and sent Captain Jonathan Cadiramanpulle. Jonathan made the decision look a good one as he powered Wesley home in just 9.3 overs as he scored a not out 72 in the process.



The Plate Champs – Wesley College U-18 team

The Winners

Shield Finals

Lumbini College 24
Royal College Panadura 00

Bowl finals

St Peter's College 00
Dharamaraja College 35

Plate finals

Wesley College 27
Royal College 07

Cup Finals

Kingswood College 7
Science College 24

Chief Scores:

Presidents College, Kotte 1st innings: 34 all out in 15.2 overs.

(Andrew Parais 6/17, Jonathan Cadiramanpulle 4/11)

Wesley College 1st innings: 243 for 9d in 70.4 overs.

(Zenith Wickramanayake 104, Reshana Senavirathne 66,

Chamod Wickramasuriya 5/66, Sakuna Fernando 2/50)

Presidents College, Kotte 2nd innings: 331 all out in 83 overs.

(Navod Kalansuriya 126, Nethmina Koddipili 51, Andrew Parais 4/48, Jonathan Cadiramanpulle 2/50)

Wesley College 2nd innings: 125 for 1 in 9.3 overs. (Jonathan Cadiramanpulle 72*)

Classroom Refurbishment Project

Work in progress



At completion



The students were able to use the refurbished Classrooms when school re-opened on 12th January. I'd like to thank all sponsors for their contributions and also the confidence placed in the OBUA, Colombo by advancing monies to do the job.

Many old boys visiting from overseas and from Sri Lanka did get a look at the classrooms during the refurbishment and expressed their satisfaction.

I am told by the staff, that the students and the class teachers are extremely happy with the refurbished classrooms and others can't wait until their classrooms are also done.

Thank you all

Ora-et-Labora and God Bless

Richie Sappideen (Past President – OBU Colombo, Sri Lanka)

Lakshman “Lucky” Gunasekera appointed Editor of the Sunday Observer

by Keith de Kretser

After five weeks have elapsed since the new government took over, two independent, senior journalists have been appointed, in place of Rajapaksa henchmen, to head two leading English language national newspapers, namely ‘Daily News’ and ‘Sunday Observer,’ say Lake House sources.

Lakshman Gunasekara (59) has been appointed editor of the Sunday Observer. Mr. Gunasekara is the founder president of the South Asia Free Media Association (SAFMA) - Sri Lanka branch. He was editor of ‘Sunday Observer’ previously from 1994 to 1999. He was a founder member and one time Secretary and Trustee of the Free Media Movement, and has long been active in media and human rights work parallel to his career as a mainstream newspaper journalist. He was part of the founding team of the Sunday Leader newspaper whose founder-Editor is perhaps the most prominent Sri Lankan journalist to have been harassed and then assassinated.



The photo is an old picture from his previous time as Editor of the Sunday Observer circa mid 1990's.

Lakshman or “Lucky” to his many friends was a student at Wesley College, joining Wesley in 1965 from St Thomas’ Prep School with the likes of Wilhelm Van Dort, Sunil Fernando, Hemantha Cooray, Gamini de Silva and Anton Selvadurai. Lucky was of fair complexion, wore glasses and was very conscious of his hair. He was a very polite, well mannered and respectful lad and was subject to the occasional teasing by his friends. His mother Mrs Marbit Gunasekera was Principal of Methodist College (1967 & 1968). He also had a sister Nelun who caught the eye of many a Wesleyite.

Lucky lived in Wellawatte near the corner of Galle Road and Charlemont Road opposite the Savoy cinema. There were a number of Wesleyites who lived in the vicinity including myself and we attended the Methodist Church Wellawatte and the Sunday school. Rohith Fernando, Sunil Fernando, David and Keith Grenier, Rommell and Wavell Pereira, Gamini and Hiran de Silva, Carlyle Wells-Peris, Christopher Goonewardene, Lucky and I were regulars at church and Sunday school and rode on the school bus each day.

I had the privilege of meeting Lucky in 2010 when I was in Sri Lanka on a holiday and it was great to catch up with him after forty years. From my conversations with him I gathered that he was a strong advocate for free speech and human rights and at the time kept a low profile for obvious reasons.

As Wesleyites we should all be proud of Lucky and his appointment as Editor of the Sunday Observer. We wish him well as his publication pursues the truth and reports in a balanced and transparent manner.

Well done Lucky!

From mainstream media

Motto Matters !

Ishara Jayawardane - Daily News 25 November 2014

A school motto embodies the spirit of a school. It unites the school Under a common goal and vision. It provides the students with an ideal to follow and strive for it gives them hope and strength.

Pray and work

Deshaka Perera, Class of 2002, and Old Wesleyite spoke about the importance of daily prayers that is emphasized by their motto.

“The Wesley college motto is “ORA ET LABORA” which means ‘Pray & Labor on’ which means - Pray and work. It was coined by its second principal Rev. Arthur Shipham (1880-1883). Rev John Dalby (1928-1940) another principal of Wesley College commenting in a later time said “Worship & Prayer are the salt of life,” which has meant so much to generations of students at Wesley.

The College motto has been an important part of school life and has remained a unifying force within the school. The motto is one of the most remarkable and enduring aspects of education at Wesley in terms of maintaining the discipline and conduct of the pupils.

The College motto is also part of the college song “...Taking cool what e'er befall pray and labor on...”

Wesley College is a Methodist educational institution and used the motto since inception.

The daily prayers reminded us that it is the vital center of moral strength which is the ability to maintain life and to perform its mission without imposing standardized beliefs on society.

The motto embodies Wesley’s vision for all its students to become exemplary citizens. No matter where you come from or what community you live in, or who your parents were, Wesley has always been committed to nurturing and developing and transforming all students’ inherent potential into towers of strength.

From the classroom to the boardroom, from the stage to the field, from the tent to the examination hall, Wesley was there to help one and all to get to the mountain top, to reach out to the stars, and to light up the distant future with a rainbow of hope. At Wesley prayer is integral part of everything we do,” said Perera.



Reflections

*...of the Double Blue Ball 2014 held in Sri Lanka
by Ben Nathanielsz*

The Cinnamon Grand was abuzz on the night of the 04th of October with around 500 people attending the Double Blue Ball 2014.

Carmen and I were warmly met in the foyer by friendly faces. I felt proud to walk in wearing the College tie and felt that the College tie most of us were sporting somehow bonded me with the rest of the unfamiliar faces....which created a very pleasant welcome feel at the occasion. The boys looked smart in their formal attire and I was extremely happy to see many old friends come up to me with a huge smile and a big hello.

Some seemed to have retained the fountain of youth hence it was easier for me to recognize them, while others had to reintroduce themselves as time has changed the once youthful look we all had.

A further pleasing surprise was to meet our former principal Dr Shanti McLelland and his wife Sriyani. I made sure the Cameras captured these wonderful moments of our re-union.

After cocktails we were ushered into the Oak Ball Room. I was momentarily spellbound by the set-up, decorations and ambience which was of a high standard and immediately set the mood for a wonderful evening of music, presentations and most importantly renewal of friendships.

The night's proceedings commenced with a welcome from the popular MC and musician Clifford Richards. A brilliantly compiled visual presentation of Wesley College and it's achievements over the past 140 years was extremely moving. Made me recollect fond memories of my school days.... brought a tear to my eye.



Ben & Carmen Nathanielsz with MC Clifford Richards



From Left : Dilshan Ahmed , Ruashmore Ferdinands , Nigel Anthonisz , Jeremy Brohier and Ben Nathanielsz



From left Oscar Dissanayake, Wilhelm Vandort , Navin De Silva and Ben Nathanielsz

With the formalities wrapped up, the band Misty filled the evening with dance music that got the hips moving and heels sliding across the floor. It was time to show off the moves that got better as the night progressed. Corrine with Burn.....the second band in attendance, continued with the tempo and the air was filled with pulsating wonderful sounds music that kept the dance floor alive and full for hours into the night.

The genre of music was well complimented with the huge variety of food that was well presented and tasted fresh, spicy, rich.....in short – a delicious fusion to delight your taste buds. A lot to consume on one night! It was simply great.

My biggest surprise of the night was when I heard my name being called upon by the OBU President Richie Sappideen. I was invited to lead in the singing of the College song. It was a proud moment for me and I was honoured and humbled by the gesture and with much pleasure walked up to the stage. I faced the crowd and noticed a lot of smiling faces turned towards me....boys of Wesley, men of grit with their ties still intact readying themselves to belt out our College song. It was loud and strong followed by an even louder war cry - ZAM ZAM ZAKY.....

Another treasure in my memory bank to behold with great pride.

Carmen and myself feasted, connected with College mates and danced the night away.

It was our first Double Blue Ball in Sri Lanka and we enjoyed being part of it until around 5 a.m. the next morning. We caught our return flight back to Melbourne a few hours later, happy and content to have experienced a wonderful night.

ORA ET LABORA



Shanthi & Sriyani Mcllelland with Ben & Carmen Nathanielsz



Ben leading the College song

Obituaries & Tributes

Australia

Capt. Anwar DOLE, sadly passed away on Tuesday, 28th April 2015. At the age of 95 he was the oldest Wesleyite in Sydney. Burial was Riverstone Muslim Cemetery, Garfield Rd. West, Riverstone.

- Capt. Anwar Dole opened batting for Wesley and played under Henry N. Duckworth, in the late 1930's.

***The Old Boys Union
Australia Branch
extends our sincere
sympathies to the
respective families and
friends.
May their souls rest in
peace.***

EBERT, Dennis. Funeral Service for Frederic Dennis Austin Ebert was held at Oakleigh Anglican Church, Holy Trinity, Malvern East, on Thursday 22, January 2015.

-Dennis Ebert is one of 5 brothers, the eldest being Ryan, Aubrey(dec.), Lorenz and Jeremy. Ryan, Denis, Lorenz and Jeremy attended Wesley.

ANTHONISZ, Isabella (Dottie) Beloved Wife of Rex Anthonisz (dec'd) loving Mother and Mother-in-law to Ray and Heather, Geoffrey and Linda, Deidre, Nigel and Lisa. Loving Grandmother to 10 Grandchildren and Great-Grandmother to 12 Great-Granchildren. Much loved and will be sadly missed by all. Dottie's Funeral Service was held on Wednesday 17th December, 2014 at St Mark's Anglican Church, 103 Bonney Avenue, Clayfield.

- Isabella Anthonisz, mother of Ray, Geoffrey (was known as Desmond in College) and Nigel in Brisbane. The brothers were students in the 1960's - 1970's.

SOLOMONS, Celia. Sadly passed away on the 18th Nov. 2014.

Much loved wife of Derrick (dec.), mother to Marlene (dec.), Gerard (dec.) Eric and Errol. A Service for Mrs Celia Evert Solomons was held on FRIDAY (Nov. 21, 2014) in the Boyd Chapel, Springvale Crematorium.

VAN TWEST, Pamela Patricia. 30.1.1934 - 20.10.2014

Dearly loved wife of Irwin (dec.).Loving Mum and mother-in-law of Sandra and Delwyn, Yvette and Norton, Judy and Roger. Adored Nanna of Darren, Desiree, Sarah, Amanda, Ashlee, Justin and Brittany. Great grandmother of Aston.

The Funeral Service was held at St John the Baptist Anglican Church, 250 Burwood Hwy, Wantirna South

- Pamela Patricia, Mother-in-law of Norton Abeydeera (past President of WCOBUA).

Obituaries & Tributes

Colombo

CAPTAIN TUAN ANWAR DOLE

Husband of late Nehie Ruhanie. Father of Bunty, Binkie both Wesleyites, Hashmareen and Zahareen.

Father in law of Parvin and Mazeena.

Janaza took place on 28.04.15 to Rooty Hill Jumma Mosque

- Captain Tuan Anwar Dole was at Wesley in the year 1932

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MUSAFER - MAAS SHAHANIN MALVINA (nee Jaro).

Dearly beloved wife of the **Rumi Musafar**.

Ever loving daughter of late Cameron Jaro & Ezmaline Zunaiha Jaro. Fond sister of Tajmeel (Sri Lankan Airlines), the late Dilshan, the late Muzani, & Reza (Seychelles). Sister-in-law of Geetha, Needra (Seychelles), Rani & Victor, **Tony** & Doreen, Kitchita & the Late Kitchil, **Sandy** & Wiranti, **Nizam** & Rahima, Kerima & the Late Zahir, **Nazir** & Shanaz.

Janaza was on Thursday, 12th March 2015, and burial at Jawatte Muslim Burial Ground. No. 33, Kumbukgaha Pokuna Road, Off Jaya Road, Udahamulla, Nugegoda.

-The Musafar family name is synonymous with Wesley. Highlighted names are of the other brothers who were at Wesley College.

DOLE - BABA ROHAN - Beloved son of (late) Mr & Mrs B.R. Dole, loving brother of Mudrika, Neela (Canada), Hashim (New Zealand), Lilamani (Australia) and Romani, beloved husband of Marzoona and loving father of Rozana, beloved uncle of Sherwan, Shanker, Shano, Suji, Liza, Saliman, Nathshaya, Shemal, Prameera and Natalya.

Janaza was on 07.12.14 and burial at Jawatte Muslim Burial Grounds.

- Rohan Dole is brother of Hashim Dole(NZ). The brothers were students in the 1970's.

DE SILVA - KAMALA ELLA (nee PHILIPS) loving wife of the **late Rev. Shelton De Silva**, sister of the late George Philips, Monica Abiaka & Sounthie Raghavan, mother of Santhusht (USA), Chinthan, Renuk and Jani mother-in-law of Katie (USA) and Gloria, grandmother of Umanga (USA), Johann (USA) and Jonathan, passed away on 28th November.

Cremation was at General Cemetery, Borella.

-Many would recall the late Rev Shelton de Silva at Wesley either attending morning devotions or at the Carol Service and in a Chaplaincy role.

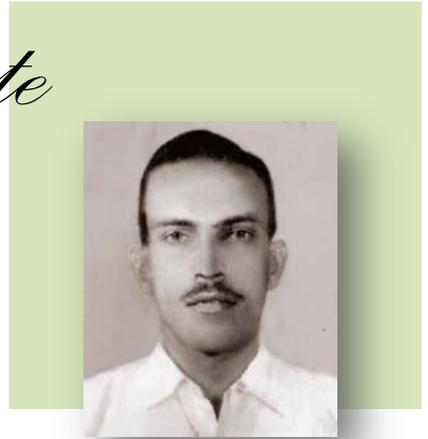
Rev Shelton's sons Santhusht and Chinthan were students at Wesley.

Tribute

Dennis Ebert - a policeman of many parts

by Premasara Epasinghe (Daily News)

FREDERIC Dennis Austin Ebert, popularly known as Dennis Ebert, is an amazing, versatile, sportsman, produced by one of the leading seats of learning in Sri Lanka - Wesley College, Colombo. Domiciled in Australia, I met him while he was holidaying in Sri Lanka on balmy evening a few day ago.



He represented Wesley College - in five sport disciplines - Cricket, Athletics, Hockey, Tennis and Table Tennis. Later, he joined the Police and excelled as an outstanding sportsman.

Master-Blaster of Wesley - 1949-1951

Ebert was a "Master-Blaster". As a schoolboy, he represented Wesley First XI from 1949 to 1951. The year 1950 can be considered as a "Golden Year" for Dennis Ebert, and Wesley. He became a "Batting Machine" and won the Batting Prize.

The Team included Classen Brothers - Brian & Radley and Ansar Fuard – elder brother of Sri Lanka cricketer Abu Fuard.

Score board tick like - a Taxi-meter

When, Dennis occupies the crease, the score-board ticks like a Taxi-meter. Against Kingswood College, he scored a power-packed 107 runs, which included 07 massive towering sixes and 14 fours (98 runs in boundaries) made in 65 minutes.

In 1950, he was the only Wesleyite to represent the continued school team, against the mighty Colts CC led by that great cricketer and fine sportman Tita Nathanielez. This Combined College XI, included former St. Peter's College and Lecestershire cricketer - Clive Inman.

Inman scored only 12 runs in this match. Ebert top scored with swashbucking quick-fire 69 runs. He deposited a ball over the ropes to Park Road, off Nathanielez, a catapult fast bowler of Ceylon in that era.

Late Lakshman Kadiragamar "I was deeply shocked, when I heard the news, that Foreign Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar was assassinated. He was a gentleman and a fine human being. I still remember Kadir, as the opening bowler and opening bat, when he played for Trinity and led the team admirably. In this encounter against his team, I scored 65 runs. Kadir who opened batting and bowling scored 22 and took 2 for 24", stated Ebert.

Champion athlete

Apart from cricket Ebert, excelled as a champion Athlete in 1950. He won the Javeline Throw Event in the first ever Public School Athletic championship and won Public school athletic colours and Wesley College colours. In the year 1950, he won the prestigious Best-All round Sportsman Prize at Wesley.

Family background

Born on 10th June 1932, Ebert hails from a highly respectable family. His father was Alec Ebert, surveyor, and mother Sheela Ebert. She was a "leading light in Education". She served as the Head-Mistress of Zahira College, Maradana under the renowned, reputed Educationists T. B. Jayah and Amuan Aziz. Further, she served at Gampola Zahira, under Bad-ud-din Mohamed, the former Minister of Education. She retired from St. John's College, Nugegoda.

Ebert married Marlene in 1955. They are blessed with a daughter. Her name is Cara. The two sons are Ross and Randell. Today, this happy "Grandpa" have five grandchildren ranging from four years to twenty five years.

Aubrey Ebert

Dennis has four brothers. the eldest Ryan. His other brothers are Aubrey was a cricketer and more a boxer at S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia.

Later, he became a reputed internationally recognised cricket commentator and broadcaster, from 1960-1970. I had the honour of commentating with him for many years. Presently, he is in Australia.

Batting Star - Lorensz

Then, the fourth one Lorensz was a fine product of Wesley. He was a "Batting Star" in 1957/1958. Like Dennis, he too, played in the combined school XI, under Michael Tissera against Holkar's Cricket Team from India. Lorensz scored a polished 89 runs.

He too migrated to Australia, and played club cricket in Victoria along with Bill Lawry. Youngest in the family is Jeromy.

Coached by "Satha" at Junior level

As a Junior Cricketer, Dennis was coached by no lesser person than late M. Sathasivam distinguished Wesleyite and the best batsman produced in Ceylon before Sri Lanka gained test status.

Senior coach Alban Fernando

Later, Alban - A.V. Fernando, the reputed sports journalist coached him in the First XI.

An incident that's etchers in his mind was the Richmond-Wesley Match played at Galle in 1950.

"I was determined to score in this match as my cousin brother Donald Joseph was captaining Richmond. Before, I reached double figures, I was given out - caught behind by the famous umpire Dodwell de Zoysa, who was considered as number one at that time. I was trying to glance a ball going away from my leg-stump. The ball brushed the strap of my pad protruding out. De Soysa, thought, it was off-my bat, he gave marching orders to me. I immediately, Walked away for Galle pavilion. During the tea break, this great highly respected umpire walked into our dressing room and told me "Son, I am sorry".

During our era, we played the game hard. We always respected the umpires "the custodians of the game." This is something the present day cricketers should learn and follow. Cricket is a philosophy and a way of life. You must be disciplined, and you must always respect you parents, Teachers and seniors. We still respect our teachers and superiors", stated Ebert.

Some of his contemporaries who played with him, were Classen Brothers - Brian and Radley, Mack Brothers - Derik and Spencer, Herbie Felisinger, S. Mustafer (wicket-keeper) Ansar Fuard, Luckey Abeywardane to name a few.

Joins Police

Ebert, joined the police as a sub-inspector in 1952. He served the police for 17 years. He is one of the finest police officers who served in outstations as well as in Colombo. He was an honest officer and a man of highest integrity. He was an ornament to police. He was an outstanding sportsman. He is pleasant, charming and a fine human being.

"While I was playing in a club match, as a schoolboy, the Director Police Training School, that fine sportsman Sydney De Soysa was a keen spectator. I scored a quick-fine 50. He came and congratulated me and asked me whether, I like to join police as a sub-inspector. This was a god Send for me. I joined the police in 1952" stated Ebert.

Outstanding sportsman in police

"I excelled as an Athlete and as a cricketer in police. I held the Javeline Title at the police on three occasions. Further, I clinched the government service title too" quipped Dennis Ebert. He represented the Police Cricket Team for number of years with distinction. In the Army-Police cricket encounter, Dennis Ebert and Thiru Kadirgamar established a new-record for the last-wicket with an alliance of 122 runs. I scored 69 not out. Army Cricket Team was led by maestro Col. F.C. De Seram. We scored 207 runs. "The Army was sitting pretty at one stage score-board reading 130 for 02 wickets. Right arm paceman, Bianz De Vaz returned the figures of 05 for 46 and destroyed the Army. This match was the Big-clash played at the Police Park Grounds. "I enjoyed every bit of cricket I played in Sri Lanka. I was so fortunate to play with great police players such as Solomon Gunatilake, L.M.P. De Silva, T.B. Werapitiya, Vernon Prins, Niel Weerasinghe, Malcolm Spitel, Hubert Bagot, H.C. Perera, stated Ebert.

T.B. Werapitiya - at brilliant best

Ebert's "finest hour", "the hour of glory" in cricket, dawned when the Police Team toured India in 1958. The Police Cricket Team was led by that great cricketer cum cricket administrator (President BCCSL) par excellence, Trinity Lion and University of Ceylon Cricketer former Deputy Minister & late T.B. Werapitiya. He collected a fine, chanceless, polished 120 runs. It was a gem of an innings. "I supported him, concentrated a lot and remained unbeaten with 36 not out.

Highlights of his police career

For him the police life was fantastic and a challenging one. When, Dennis Ebert was attached to Criminal Investigation Department (C.I.D.), he served as the Bodyguard to Governor General Sir Oliver Gunatileke, another distinguished old boy from Wesley. He served in the capacity for nearly six months, in 1959, after the assassination of S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike – Prime Minister. During the non-aligned conference, Dennis Ebert, served as the Body-guard to Marshall Tito of Yugoslavia. Then, he was a member of the team of investigation into the attempted "Coup d'etat" in 1962. Further, he served with distinction as the OIC of police stations at Ahangama, Bandaragama, Wadduwa, OIC Crimes at Wellampitiya, Welikada and Vice Squad, Mirihana.

After serving for 17 years in the police, he retired and migrated to Australia.

"After settling down in Australia, firstly I served in the Australian Police Department for a couple of years. Then, I joined the British Petroleum Company and later joined the world renowned General Motor Company as a controller in the Finance Division and retired"

Arthlow Chapman and his wife Christobel at the OWSC

by Lalith (LCR) Wijesinghe

Arthlow Chapman an outstanding past Wesley cricketer from the Claessen era who is domiciled in Melbourne, Australia was visiting Sri Lanka in September - October 2014 with his charming wife Christobel. As per the usual tradition a few past Wesleyites mainly from the Cricketing fraternity had plans to organise a “get -together” with him at the Old Wesleyites Sports Club on Saturday 18th October 2014.

Campbell Park has always been our amphitheatre. We were pleased to welcome Arthlow and Christobel at the Old Wesleyites Sports Club just a few feet away from the Pavilion that hosted the great and the good involved with cricket over the years. The early 1950's were some of our best years of cricket at Wesley. Arthlow was a member of those memorable teams lead by Radley Claessen in 1952 and then captained by Bryan Claessen in 1953.

At Wesley he was a boarder with Neil Gallaher. The two were inseparable. With his tall good looks and boundless energy Arthlow was a gifted cricketer. He was a patient batsman who crafted his innings for the benefit of the team. Quiet and modest, he had the respect of all the students who were die hard cricket fans. Arthlow showed tremendous loyalty to the school throughout his time at Wesley and wore his devotion to the school on his sleeve. I presume he regards his time at Wesley as a privilege. Even after he left Arthlow visited the school on many occasions. Like many of us he regards Wesley not a school but an institution which moulded one's being, and that the work ethic which helped make so many distinguished careers evolved from its competitive environment and ethos. He graced the event at the Grand Reunion in September 2012 and met up with many school friends from his era.



**L-R Standing: Patrick Shockman, T.Alalasunderam, Arthlow Chapman, Abu Fuard, Bryan Perera, Lou Adihetty, Neil Gallagher
L-R Seated: Musafar (Wicket Keeper), A.V. Fernando (Coach) Radley Claessen (Captain), C.J. Oorloff (Principal),
Mr JLF De Mel (Games Master), Bryan Claessen, Ansa Fuard. (Samsudeen – he and Bryan Claessen played for Sri Lanka while in College – is missing from this photo)**

Those glorious years were more than 6 decades ago when Arthlow was a teenager. Some of the members of that fine team have now departed this world and we remember them with much affection. It was wonderful to see so many gather together to welcome and honour Arthlow and Christobel. It was good to see Mr Fred Abeysekera and Mr Edmund Dissanayake with their wives. They ably represented the teaching staff of those halcyon days.

The participants at the get-together were:

Mr & Mrs Edmund Dissanayake, Mr & Mrs Fred Abeysekara both past teachers and old boys,
Colonel (rtd) S. Musafar & wife (wicket keeper from the Claessen era) Neil Gallaher,
M.N.Samsudeen (former team mates of Arthlow) Major(rtd.)
H.B Tammetigama (former Senior Prefect) Mr & Mrs Ranjith Seneviratne (former Senior Prefect)
Neville Perera (past cricketer) O.K. Hemachandra (rtd DIG of Police)
Lucky Goonetilleke (Past Srilanka Cricketer) Sarath Wickramaratne (Past Cricketer)
Milroy Muthuveloe (Past Cricket Captain) C.T. Rodrigo (Past Cricketer)
Oscar Dissanayake (Past Cricket Captain) Lalith Wijesingha (Past Cricket Captain)
together with the guests of honour Arthlow Chapman and wife Christobel.

The garden space at the OWSC could not be made use of due to the inclement weather and seating was arranged in-doors. Reminiscences were shared by all those present of the by-gone days.

It was a trip down memory lane for many. Dinner was a simple Hopper & Curry.

Mr Fred Abeysekara & Edmund Dissanayake spoke of the contribution made by Arthlow to Wesley and Wesley Cricket in particular. Arthlow & Christobel made their responses and thanked everyone present for contributing to the pleasant evening.

The get-together concluded with the singing of the College Song.

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