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Under a recently passed by-law of the College Council, four distinguished men were named to be the first Honorary Fellows of St. John's College.

The number of honorary fellows is limited to ten at any one time. An honorary fellowship may be offered by the College to those who are distinguished in the fields of religion or education or public service. The fellowships are not limited to those who were former members of the College, although it is probable that the bulk of them always will be. Some connection with the College is, however, a condition of election.

In 1985, the first honorary fellows were named to coincide with the 75th Anniversary celebrations of the University of Queensland.

The first honorary fellows are:

College Elects First Honorary Fellows

The Right Honourable **Sir Zelman Cowen**, Provost of Oriel College, Oxford, and former Governor-General of Australia; formerly Vice-Chancellor of the Universities of Queensland and New England. Sir Zelman delivered the first Old Johnian Oration. He has always maintained a keen interest in College life in all its forms, beginning with his undergraduate career at the University of Melbourne, where he was a non-resident member of Ormond College. As Governor-General, he came to St. John's on a couple of occasions for the

laying of the foundation stone of the Chapel/Drama Theatre and also to attend a gathering marking the seventieth anniversary of the College.

The Honourable **Mr. Justice Edwin Stanley**, formerly a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland and the first University of Queensland graduate to be elected to the University Senate. Justice Stanley was both an undergraduate and a tutor of St. John's College and served for a long period as a member of the College Council. He has visited the College frequently over the past years and has always kept a keen interest in all its activities.

Dr. Norman Henry Fisher, A.O., D.Sc., formerly the chief geologist of the Commonwealth Bureau of Mineral Resources and director of a number of mining companies. Dr. Fisher has been the recipient of many national and international awards in geology and served as President of the Australian Geological Society. He was resident in College for the whole of his undergraduate course and has always kept a strong interest in the affairs of the College.

Dr. Selim Abraham Mellick, F.R.A.C.S., a distinguished surgeon who recently retired as the longest serving member of the surgical staff of the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane. Dr. Mellick has been a Hunterian Professor of the Royal College of Surgeons and is a Fellow and a Governor of the American College of Surgeons. He served as Chairman of the Silver Jubilee Building Appeal Committee of the College.

It is hoped that a ceremony of recognition and installation may be held at the College at a time when it is possible to gather together all the Honorary Fellows.



The Rt. Hon. Sir Zelman Cowen



The Hon. Mr. Justice Edwin Stanley



Dr. Norman Henry Fisher, A.O., D.Sc.



Dr. Selim Abraham Mellick, F.R.A.C.S.

Gift for Development Plan

A generous donation by Mr. Robert Cripps of Melbourne has enabled the Council of the College to proceed to the drawing up of a Master Plan to guide the future development of St. John's College.

The College Council and the Warden have considered various building projects at the College which will assist it to meet requirements which are emerging within the University.

The developments which are envisaged will provide for post-graduate accommodation and an increase in the College's educational role. Students have been canvassed for their opinions as to what sort of projects the College should be undertaking and some of these have been incorporated in the Plan.

Further details will be given in the next edition of the Johnian.

Warden's Study Leave in U.S.A.

The Warden spent a period as a Visiting Scholar at The Hastings Center for the study of Society, Ethics and the Life Sciences during October and November 1985. He also spent some time at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and a period in the office of the Director of Bioethics at the National Institute of Health.

During the Warden's absence from the College, the Rev. R.E. Marks, Vice-Warden, was Acting-Warden and the former Senior Tutor, Mr. Philip Raymont, returned for the period as Acting Deputy Warden.



Senator Peter Baume (second from right) at the 1985 Old Johnian Oration with, from the left, the Warden; Mr John Deshan; and, on the right, Mr Douglas Campbell.

Academic Prizes and Honours

In the 1985 University and Conservatorium Examinations some eight resident members of St. John's College won fourteen prizes between them. These were:

Faculty of Agriculture — The Downing Brothers Prize: W.R.L. Klören.

The Priest Memorial Prize in Mathematics: D.T.E. McCosker.

Hawken Memorial Prize in Engineering: C.R. Thomas.

Henry Maddick Scholarship in Engineering: S.P.J. Schmidt.

Sir Thomas McIlwraith Engineering Scholarships: R. Leahy.

Mineral Sands Producers Prize in Industrial and Physical Metallurgy: R.E. Clegg.

Mineral Sands Prize in Mining Engineering: R.E. Clegg.

Queensland Chamber of Mines Prize in Metallurgy: M.R. Leahy.

Western Corporation Prize: D.E. Perry

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Morris, Fletcher and Cross Prize in Law: W.S. Roberts.

Virgil Power Prize (for top place in Final year Law): W.S. Roberts.

A former President of the Student Club and now non-resident member of the College, E.H. Donaldson, won a part-share of the Australian New Zealand Society of Occupational Medicine Prize.

Conservatorium of Queensland Music Prize for best first year piano student: M.D. Vollmerhouse.

The Duncan Kemp Prize in Veterinary Science was awarded to a former college resident, M.E. Collings.

Commonwealth Postgraduate Research Award: R.J.N. Durand.

Commonwealth Postgraduate Course Award: V.J. O'Rourke.

College Sport

Although the Inter-collegiate Championship Cup has eluded St. John's for the past few years, nevertheless St. John's College remains a force to be reckoned with on the sporting field. In 1985, College teams were victorious in the squash and cross-country championships. The squash team was undefeated throughout the season.



The Warden meeting Mr Don Regan, Chief of Staff of the White House, at the Administrative Conference of the U.S.A. Plenary Reception. (Photo (c) Twin Lens Photo)

Personalia

News of Old Johnians

The 1920's

Thomas Eric COLLINS is a retired engineer, living at Beecroft in N.S.W. He was formerly with the Commonwealth Department of Works.

Norman Ernest Hendley CALDWELL, who retired from I.C.I. in Australia in 1970, worked for a time as administrative assistant to the Dean of Agriculture at La Trobe University in Victoria. Since then he has been working as a part-time agricultural consultant. He is at present living at Burwood in Victoria.

Bishop James HOUSDEN is still living in retirement on the Sunshine Coast at Caloundra. He is still active in the Anglican Church.

Gerald (Blue) WHITE is a retired schoolmaster and at present living in Toowoomba. He moved there recently from Perigian Beach.

Norman Robert (Bob) WHITE, who retired from being senior administrator of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria, is still living in Toorak, Victoria.

Thomas Burnside WHIGHT is a retired schoolmaster living at East Willoughby in N.S.W. He had a long career in education, including the headmastership of the Townsville Grammar School, as well as teaching positions in Sydney and, for a period, was a senior tutor in the School of Mathematics and Physics at Macquarie University.

The 1930's

Professor John Makepeace BENNETT continues as the Professor of Computer Science at the University of Sydney. He has something like 150 publications to his credit on various aspects of computer science.

Frederick Thomas BORCHARDT is living in Maryborough, Queensland. He retired from the Department of Education in Queensland as a Regional Director.

Kenneth (Ken) Harry BRADSHAW is still active as a part-time lecturer at the Swinburne Institute in Melbourne. In

1982 he published an Operations Research casebook.

George Alan (Gerry) JOHNSON still retains an interest in the firm of consulting engineers he established.

William Ronald PECHEY (1937) is still residing at "Listening Ridge", his property at Pechey near Crows Nest outside Toowoomba. He reports that he is currently serving on the Toowoomba Erosion Awareness Team Committee at the Darling Downs Institute of Education which is part of an attempt to publicise the seriousness of Australia's soil erosion. Ron continues his interests in the University of Queensland, having served for the last ten years as President of the Toowoomba University Society.

Eric Egmont SCHMIDT (1939), who transferred from St John's to St Paul's College at Sydney University where he completed his medical degree, is currently living at Toowong and serves as a Commonwealth Medical Officer.

The 1940's

Ian Lewis CHAPPLE (1944) is a general practitioner working in Mackay.

John Herbert Somerset HEUSSLER (1949) lives at Kenmore. He is the director of many different pastoral and related associations. He serves as a director with the Primary Industry Bank of Australia and a number of committees of the C.S.I.R.O.

Edward Leeney (Pat) HUNT (1947) is currently a schoolmaster at The Southport School.

Bruce KYNASTON (1949) is the Deputy-Director of the Queensland Radium Institute and in practice as a radiologist.

Robert Francis KYNASTON (1946), one of the College's Rhodes Scholars, is currently working as a management

consultant and living at Castle Cove in N.S.W.

John Montague MORRIS (1946) is currently living in retirement at Mapleton.

Neville Edward PARKER (1945) is continuing his work as a forensic psychiatrist in Melbourne. He is currently doing research on the life and work of Dr. E.S. Jackson, an ex-Melbourne man who was active in Anglican educational undertakings in Brisbane during the first part of this century.

Murray WILLIAMS (1946) is in charge of the Student Health Service at the Canberra College of Advanced Education. He has many publications to his credit in the field of adolescent and juvenile health.

Miles Fitzherbert SAVILE (1948) is a general practitioner working at Nambour.

Gerald (Bill) PAGE-HANIFY (1950), who took degrees in both engineering and economics at the University of Queensland, is currently managing director of Standard Telephones and Cables in Sydney.

John Charles (Bob) RIVETT (1940) is a consulting engineer and is living in Taringa.

The 1950's

Colin John BARTON (1959) is living at Turramurra near Sydney. He is the general Sales Manager for James Hardie and Company.

Graham Rodney BELL (1955) is a judge of the Family Court of Australia in Brisbane.

Frank William GRIGG (1959) is teaching in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Queensland. He is also involved extensively in engineering consultancy work.

Kenneth Marsden HASSALL (1959) is technical field officer with the N.S.W. Sugar Milling Co-operative and is living at Alstonville in N.S.W.

Paul Arthur de Winton MARSON (1958) is living at The Gap in Brisbane and is a master at Clayfield College.

John Anthony MOSES (1956) has recently been elected Head of the Department of History at the University of Queensland.

Tim PEARCE (1952) is a geologist with VamGas Ltd. He has published a number of papers relating to petroleum exploration. He is at present living in the suburb of North Balwyn, Victoria.

Ian STAPLES (1959) is a pasture agronomist with the Queensland Department of Primary Industry and is currently living at Mareeba. He has worked for a period in India where he collected a number of potential pasture plants for testing in tropical



At the 1985 pre-Oration party — from the left: Mr Ian Cupitt; Mr Robert Cripps; Judge Fred McGuire

Australia. He reports that during one of his trips to India he collected over eleven hundred samples of plants and travelled extensively throughout India, beginning with Bhopal — of industrial gas leak infamy — and criss-crossing the Deccan and southern peninsula to Cape Comorin.

John Michael STEWARD (1959) is currently working as an engineer with the Queensland Electricity Commission and moved during the past year or so to Eight Mile Plains.

Carl William STEWART (1959) is an engineer and, when he last wrote to us, was working at Dampier in Western Australia with C.R.A.

John Arthur TORLACH (1956) is yet another Old Johnian engineer and has been working as general manager (Operations) with the Collinsville Coal Company.

The 1960's

Allan John BYRNES (1967) is a general practitioner at Karana Downs.

Peter Geoffrey ANNAND (1967) is a merchant banker with the firm of Schroeder Darling and Coy in Sydney.

Eric George BARTON (1963) is a pharmacist at the Royal Brisbane Hospital and lives at Chapel Hill.

Peter Leslie CHALLEN (1967) is living at Westlake in Brisbane and is employed as a solicitor with the firm of Hawthorn, Cuppaige and Badgerly.

Alistair Edward COWEN (1961) is in practice as a gastroenterologist and is Chairman of the Gastroenterology Department at the Royal Brisbane Hospital. He has some thirty-eight publications to his credit in the medical field.

Peter Wallace DANIELS (1968) has been working in Indonesia for a number of years from James Cook University. The particular project he is involved in is concerned with infectious diseases amongst buffalo, cattle and deer.

Lex Kenneth FRANKS (1969) is living in Toowoomba where he is a dental surgeon.

Malcolm Frederick GARRETT (1966) is a teacher with the Queensland Department of Education and is living at Fig Tree Pocket.

John Walter HAYES (1962) is living at Kilaben Bay in N.S.W. where he is a veterinary surgeon.

Ian Allen HOBSON (1964) is also a veterinary surgeon and living at Southport.

David Eaton KEMP (1962) is an environmental engineer. He is at present the deputy-director of water quality for Queensland.

Douglas Robert MURPHY (1969) is a partner in the firm of solicitors Taylor and Malone.

Don Addison PERRY-KEENE (1961) is a consultant endocrinologist and has published widely in this field.

Stephen Peter McREADY (1965) is an anaesthetist in private practice and living at Nambour.

Peter Charles WICKS (1965) is living at Toowoomba where he is the head of the Asian Studies programme at the Darling Downs Institute of Education.

Kenneth Charles PIAGGIO (1967) is in practice as a psychiatrist and lives at Kenmore. His brother **Robert Bruce PIAGGIO** (1968) is a radiologist and spent some time in the U.K.

Michael Theo THEODORIS (1968) is also in private practice as a psychiatrist.

William Brightwell TUCKER (1961) is another Old Johnian medical graduate. He is in practice as an anaesthetist in Townsville.

Malcolm Alexander WAITES (1966), who graduated in both pharmacy and medicine, is currently with the South Brisbane Hospital Board.

Albert Kan YUEN-KIT (1961) is living in Hong Kong where he is a shipping executive with the firm of Swires Ltd.

The 1970's

Bradford Vivian Ross BEASLEY (1976) is working and living at Yeppoon where he is a solicitor.

Gary Thomas BELL (1974) writes from London where he has been recently appointed as a lecturer in psychiatry at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School and University College.

Thomas Matthew BUDD (1978) also wrote from the United Kingdom where, following completion of a Master's Degree in Law at Magdalene College, Cambridge, he has taken up a post with the firm of Slaughter and May in London.

Douglas John CAMPBELL (1979), who is currently secretary/treasurer of the Old Johnian Association, is now a barrister in Brisbane following his return also from Cambridge University.

David Hal COBON (1976) is a husbandry officer with the Queensland Department of Primary Industries and currently living at Julia Creek.

Stephen Charles EAMES (1976) is a mining engineer living and working at Blackwater.

Glen David GIAROLA (1976) is a dentist and working at Tingalpa.

Raymond Francis GIAROLA (1973) is an architect in practice on his own.

Michael Peter KRIMMER (1978) is working with K.R. Darling Downs as a systems analyst and residing in Toowoomba.

John Angus LAURENT (1979) is currently a post-doctoral Fellow in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Woollongong.

David Alexander MUIR (1973) is a solicitor in Brisbane. He is currently serving as the State President of Amnesty International.

Geoffrey Lloyd OLHOLM (1977) is involved in the tourist industry in Cairns.

Russell Gregory ROBINSON (1976) is also in Cairns where he is a school teacher.

Alaister Graeme RODGERS (1973) is a veterinary surgeon in the north-west and writes that he has come across a nest of Old Johnian vets living and working in North Queensland.

Neil J. ROGERS (1971) wrote to us from Canada where he is a medical practitioner in family practice in the town of Nepean, Ottawa.

James Matthew SHARLEY (1975) is engaged in real estate development in Tasmania and living at Sandy Bay.

Andrew David SMITH (1975), a former University Medallist, is living and working in Sydney. Recently he changed professions; having been a solicitor for a number of years, he has now gone back to his first love of economics.

Michael Arthur SMITH (1971) is an agronomist. He has recently been acting director of agricultural research at the Bonka Research Station in the Bay Region Agricultural Development Project in Somalia, East Africa.

Royston J. WALL (1974) is currently a research officer with Suncorp.

Andrew WEATHERSTONE (1980) wrote from Byron Bay where he is currently a physiotherapist at the Byron District Hospital.

Ian Robert WEBB (1975), who has been completing a Ph.D at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is currently a member of the technical staff of the G.T.E. Laboratories in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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