

1. **AFTERMATH OF AGM (02.03.2002) WHO SAYS TRUTH IS STRANGER THAN FICTION ?**

a. **We know, but we won't tell !!**

An indignant explanation given by a prominent personality when a Cuckoo bird inquired what had happened at the AGM on March 02,2002 “..... I say that fellow L..... J..... had organized a bus load of chaps **and they came to assault us.....**”
TELL US ANOTHER ONE !!

b. **A Little Birdie Whispered**

To a colleague “..... MACHANG, at 4.30 a.m on March 02,2002 a truck load of service personnel in uniform took up positions around strategic points in College and intimidated Members.....”
“ONNA BABO ATHINNIYA.....”

2. **NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Newly elected Executive Committee together with the 05 Members who were co-opted according to Rule 8 (1) (C) are :

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(Elected on March 2002)
2002/2003

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3. **APPOINTMENT OF SUB COMMITTEES**

At the First Meeting of the new Ex-Co held on April 08,2002 the following Sub-Committees were appointed.

i. **Projects:** To identify in terms of priority with due consultation with the Head Master and assist him in their implementation.

Mr.Sunil Watawala – Convener
Mr.Rizvi Jalill
Mr.B.A. Mahipala
Mr.Prabath Jayasundera
Mr.Mervyn Wijesinghe

ii. **Finance** To raise Finance for the Projects and to fund such finance in a S.Thomas’ College Gurutalawa Development Account.

Mr.Gamini Fernando – Convener
Mr.Lakshman Jayatilaka
Mr.Kamal Kodituwakku
Mr.P.S. Duleep Kumar

iii. **Membership** To update Register, issue Membership Cards and engage in Membership Drive.

Mr.Sarath Suraweera – (Convener)
Mr.Rizvi Jalill
Mr.Lakshman Jayatilaka

iv. **Newsletters** To issue quarterly Newsletters to all Old Boys on membership roll, re projects, other matters and with information of College activity and that of members and to assist Head Master to resurrect the College Magazine.

Mr.Shervon Fernando - Convener

Mr.Lakshman Jayatilaka
Mr.Jabir Junaid

- v.**Rules** To examine existing Rules of the OBA and recommend changes thereto.

Mr.Bandula Wanigasekera – Convener
Mr.B.Munasinghe
Mr.N.D. Kuru Utumpala
Mr.Lakshman Jayatilaka
Mr.Joe Rajakaruna

- vi.**Social & Dinner** To organize the Annual Dinner of the OBA in the month of October 2002 and to consider other events to facilitate fellowship within the OBA

Mr.Chandana De Silva – Convener
Mr.P J Fernando
Mr.Shervon Fernando
Mr.Sisira Nanayakkara
Mr.Rizvi Jalill
Mr.B G C Fernando
Mr.S Balaramesh
Mr.G S S Perera
Mr.Sunil Watawala

- vii. **Reunion Day Celebrations**

To propose changes in the programme with particular emphasis in involving the student body as an important element therein.

The Members of this Sub Committee are to be appointed in due course.

Each Sub Committee is headed by a Convener appointed by the Executive Committee. Every Member of the Executive Committee is expected to be actively involved in at least one of the Sub Committees. The Senior Vice President and the Secretary are Ex Officio members of the Sub Committees and will be noticed of all meetings by the Convener.

The Sub Committees will report their deliberations and recommendations to the Executive Committee at its Meetings, where such reports will be the substantive items on the Agenda at every meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Sub Committee may co-opt any member of the OBA to assist in their deliberations (technical support) and to broad base as much as possible the participation of members of the OBA in its activities.

4. **Rules** : Mr. Bandula Wanigasekera is doing an extensive study. We have given him our observations and input. Once Bandula is done, Members of the Sub-Committee, will probably meet. Members and Old Boys are invited to make suggestions and improvements etc. Nobody will argue with the contention that the majority of Members would naturally prefer the Association to be one confined to “Gentlemen” associating in an “informal” manner **BUT WITH SOME DEGREE OF “DECORUM” AND**

“PROPRIETY” WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON “THOMIAN” TRADITIONS AND “HALLOWED CUSTOMS” AND “NORMS”. The increase of the Membership fees from Rs. 100/- to Rs. 500/- has been technically incorrect. This could be rectified by amending the relevant rule at the time the Rules are overhauled.

5. (a) **Accounting :** Mr. Gamini Fernando is confident of carrying out the tasks assigned to him. He obtained a fresh print out from the Bank relating to the entirety of the previous year’s transactions. Gamini has been working long hours even on Public Holidays with paid Professional help, in order to get a clear picture, and do justice by the Ex-Co and the OBA.

b) The Current Account balance as at the end of February 2002 had been Rs. 21,697/50. Cheques had been issued on March 01, 2002 i.e. the day before the last AGM, for an aggregate sum of Rs. 124,741/- in connection with the Dining Hall Project. At the last Meeting of the previous Ex-Co on 21.02.2002 it is Minuted thus-*“Hony Secretary requested Mr.Upali Panditharatne the Board Representative to obtain the monies lying to the credit of the Board of Governors’ Account to pay the outstanding bills on the works carried out, in respect of the New Dining Hall Project. Mr.Panditharatne said that he had already spoken to Mr.Asirwatham, Chairman Finance Committee who promised to expedite the matter. It was also unanimously decided by the members to settle all the payments due, on the works carried out and the cheques issued in their favour to be honoured by the Executive Committee taking over at the 42nd Annual General Meeting.”*

c). It is good for the Membership to have a clear picture of the total expenditure and connected details regarding the Dinning Hall Project, now that the project is over, where necessary with the co-operation of the previous office bearers and Auditors so that there is a clear and detailed account of expenditure for purposes of record.

d) We have suggested that :-

- i) The proper name, full address and purpose for which money is received, be inserted when issuing receipts. Some receipts issued previously cannot be posted to those who have paid, as this information is not available.
- ii) Monies received by way of Donations and Contributions towards Development and Welfare of College be deposited in the existing Current Account, and to open a “STCG Development Fund” account in the Ledger. All such monies to be thereafter transferred to a Fixed Deposit Account to be retained until the Ex-Co decides how such money should be utilized towards development and welfare of the College . At that stage, the money could be uplifted from the Fixed Deposit Account and transferred to the Current Account with proper Resolutions passed by the Ex -Co.

- iii) A complete list of all books, files, papers etc handed over by the former Secretary and Treasurer be made and have them minuted and recorded at the next Meeting of the Ex-Co. To hand over all of those (together with other accounts and papers that may have come in to their hands during their period in office) to the next Secretary and Treasurer immediately after the next AGM is concluded, in February 2003 and obtain proper receipts previously prepared for such books and papers. If this procedure is adopted, some semblance of order can be restored to the chaotic state of affairs of the OBA, and future holders of this office if they follow these accepted procedures are bound to enhance and cultivate the precedent of “Cultured” behaviour.
- iv) To inform the Members the actual funds now available, whether in Current Account, Savings Account or Fixed Deposit and if any of them have been opened for a special purpose details of such purpose etc. This should be done in the very first Newsletter, not when this Ex-Co is saying good-bye !! Let an alert Membership help the Ex-Co right through its year of stewardship.
- v) It is necessary to check how much money is due to the OBA on the sale of the College History Books. According to the Minutes of the AGM of February 02, 1997, when Mr.Upali Panditharatne queried this, it appeared Rs. 300,000/- was due to the OBA from the College. Mr. Piloo Lakdawela too had raised this matter at the Ex-Co meeting of February 21, 2002. Apparently there are only 20 books available for sale at College now.
- vi) A sum of Rs. 250,000/- had been donated by Mrs. Mary Hayman towards the Dr. R L Hayman, Museum, according to Mr. Upali Panditharatne, vide minutes of Ex-Co meeting held on July 15, 2000. It is necessary to find out where this money is deposited before proceeding with the Project.
- vii) Reference has been made to the Award of the Dr.R L Hayman and Fr. A J Foster Scholarships several times by Mr. Arthur Perera and Mr. Kuru Utumpala from 1996 onwards. In fact the criteria for the award was also worked out by Mr. Arthur Perera with Mr. Collin Ratnayake, the Head Master at that time. The Secretary’s Report for the year ended December 31,1996 makes reference to this. However, the awards do not appear to have been made to date. The Membership must be informed without further delay, the correct position. A reference to this at the next AGM as has been happening each year will not do.
- viii) A fair sum of money is supposed to be due to the OBA from the Board of Governors. This has been due for quite some time. Reference is made to this in several Minutes including the Minutes of the last Meeting of the previous Ex-Co on February 21, 2002. According to the Report of the Secretary for the year ended December 31, 1997, at a Meeting of the Ex-Co as far back as April 10,1997 the Secretary was authorized to write to the Chairman of the Board of Governors to inform him inter alia that **“MEMBERS REGRET THAT THE DONATIONS SENT TO THE TREASURER, THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HAVE NOT BEEN**

PROMPTLY ACKNOWLEDGED THEREBY ERODING THE MEMBERS CONFIDENCE, IN THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ON THE ONE HAND AND IN THE EX-CO OF STCG OBA ON THE OTHER. UNLESS PROMPT REMEDIAL ACTION IS TAKEN IT WILL IMPEDE FUTURE FUND RAISING PROJECTS". The situation does not seem to have changed. It appears some letters have been written by previous Office Bearers. No copies of such correspondence have been handed down. Telephoning Mr. Asirvatham alone will not do. A letter must be written and followed up. Office Bearers can be faulted in the future for failure to do so. **WE MUST EXERCISE DUE DILIGENCE.**

- ix) Apart from a vague reference in the Minutes of the Ex-Co Meeting of February 21,2002 to money collected at the OBA Re-Union being given to College to defray the cost of meals provided to Old Boys, the amount collected and paid is not recorded in the Minutes. It would be prudent to do so and have the transaction properly entered. This must be a regular feature.
 - x) A sum of money was to be given by the organizers of the Thomian Parade held last year as the share due to STCG or its OBA. There is no record of such payment having been received. These accounts would have been finalized by STC Mt. The participation of the STCG-OBA was believed to be on that basis. Perhaps, an erroneous impression had been given. This should be looked in to.
6. (a) **Finance and Fund Raising:** It was the general belief that it may not be prudent to engage in too many Projects to raise finance having in mind the Dinner Dance. We had planned the staging of a Drama at Lionel Wendt to collect funds but will as agreed, shelve if for the moment if it is likely to disrupt the Dinner Dance effort.
- b) The Senior Vice President has already sent out personal letters to Old Boys sufficiently well-known to him as regards placing Standing Orders to meet, particularly, recurring expenditure of the OBA, advances and a host of administrative expenses and costs. He has also suggested that the following Projects be considered:
- a. A Grand Raffle with the draw to be held at the Dinner Dance
 - b. A Fund Raising Walk
 - c. A Beat Show perhaps after the Walk
 - d. A Mini Fair to be held at S.Thomas' Prep School, Kollupitiya with the theme or emphasis perhaps on Christmas, selling popular seasonal items, enlisting the co-operation of the students and staff of that school offering them a percentage of the profits.
 - e. Stag Nite on the occasion of the Royal/Thomian Cricket Match.
 - f. Outright Donations from expatriate Old Boys for specified Projects with the Cost worked out.
 - g. Gala Dinner Dance
 - h. Dance Ticket Raffle
 - i. Souvenir Raffle.

- j. Dinner Dance Souvenir
- (c) Having considered the idea of obtaining Tax Relief on Donations and Contributions towards development work of College by setting up a separate Trust or Fund etc it was dropped after a preliminary overview of the entire subject, as the paper work etc involved was considered not worth the powder and shot.
- (d) It would be prudent not to burden the Head Master with additional problems and worries arising from having to administer funds collected by the OBA or manage and control material or labour involved with projects undertaken by the OBA as he has enough work on his hands. We are made to understand that he was personally and physically taking count of cash daily, every afternoon prior to banking. This speaks volumes on the entire subject.
- (e) It is best that the College office employees too be kept out of handling funds, finances, contributions **collected by the OBA**. This should be extended even to material and labour if practicable. Our experience has been very enlightening. Leaving the College Accounts Department out of this area of work minimizes inflations, falsifications, financial and accounting misdemeanours etc, at least as far as the OBA contributions are concerned.
- (f) **Cash Donations :** Mr. Mahendra Padmasiri had on 02.03 2002 indicated that he wished to contribute a sum of Rs.100,000/- towards the College Development Fund. We must set up the mechanisms and give adequate publicity to needs and activities in order to ensure that the goodwill generated is drawn towards the benefit of College.
7. **Newsletters :** It is hoped to make the First Newsletter ready to be sent before the end of May and thereafter once at least every 03 months in keeping with the proposal made by the Senior Vice President. We need the active co-operation of the Head Master and the others at College. Information and data we require from him with regard to Staff and Student Profiles as well as other matters are awaited. This information will be useful for other deliberations we may have as regards the future of College. We hope to meet him soon to expedite this. We may go to Guru within the next 2 weeks (if necessary). We are also awaiting the costing of the Newsletter and the response of the Printer. Newsletters can be sent only to those Members **whose addresses are available in the New Members Register**. They now number approximately 581. Taking into consideration the above factors it is hoped to print only 600 Newsletters in the first instance. The number of copies could be varied for the Second Newsletter depending on the response received as at that date.
8. **College Magazine:** A quotation for the printing of 600 copies of the College Magazine is awaited. We intend meeting the Head Master at Gurutalawa initially and thereafter the different Masters in Charge of Sports and Extra Curricular Activities including Clubs and Societies for the purpose of reviving

the College Magazine. An English Master could be appointed the Editor of the College Magazine in co-ordination with the Head Master. Students could submit their contributions in all three languages. In this venture too the active involvement of those at College is a pre-requisite.

9. **The Directory of Members** : It was possible to obtain perfected Data Sheets only from approximately 314 members even after the personal visits made by our Teams to addresses in Colombo M.C areas and suburbs including the initial 53 who responded. The total Number of Members whose names and addresses at least are available is approximately 581. Letters addressed to 13 members in the Mailing List of the former Ex-Co and to 23 members in the Abandoned Members Register were returned by the postal authorities undelivered with the endorsement “Not Found at Address”. On visits made by our Special Teams to collect data we found that 32 other members had left their addresses appearing in the Mailing List referred to above sometimes years before. Furthermore, there are 128 members whose names are entered in the Abandoned Register of Members and in the Mailing List of the former Ex-Co **without any addresses**. Approximately 12 of the Members in these 04 categories have been subsequently traced by a concerted effort made by us through E-mail, Telephone calls, and letters to Australia, USA and other places. The Directory can be put out before end of May 2002. It is in a simple format and could be sold at cost (may be Rs. 100/- or so). It was felt that the name of the spouse should be omitted as it has no bearing or relevance to the OBA unlike the Lions or Rotary Club. Later on, a more elaborate publication can be done.
10. **Register of Members**: The new Register of Members is complete. Membership Numbers have been allocated therein. It could be inspected by any member during normal working hours. If the Members inform their change of addresses, it will facilitate regular communication between the Secretary and the Members. A uniform procedure to make endorsements as regards change of addresses is in force. On an endorsement being made in the Register of a Change of Address the Member will be notified in writing. There are 581 members with their addresses, hopefully the current ones. There are 195 without addresses entered. Their names are being made available to the Ex-Co members in the first instance and in this Newsletters as well as the OBA Newsletters to facilitate tracing them. Perhaps friends of theirs who see their names may help.
11. **Membership Cards** : are printed and written up. This will be issued after lamination, well before the end of May. Membership Cards which had been printed by Mr.Shervon Fernando of the Ex-Co and handed over some years ago, are reported to have been delivered by a Vice President to the Ex-Secretary a few weeks prior to the last AGM. They have apparently been “misplaced”. Mr Shervon Fernando has generously agreed to supply the Membership Cards once again free of cost. Mr.Rizvi Jalill will have same laminated at his cost and the Membership Cards should be ready for issue within 02 weeks. Admission to or participation at the next AGM would, it is hoped, be strictly on the basis of production of the Membership Cards.

12. **Membership Drive:** Each Member of the Ex-Co could retain Application Forms for Membership to be handed over to those interested Old Boys. The Application Form has been reformatted making necessary corrections of obvious errors, as well as including additional information required for the Directory to obviate the need to fill up 2 separate Forms, one for Membership and one for the Directory. Once approved it can be put out straight away. No Application will be rejected merely because there is no strict compliance or adherence to format or there is a superfluous item of information. It is also hoped that Each member of the Executive Committee will enroll at least one new member each month. Applications for Membership are now acknowledged in writing within 03 working days. An official receipt accompanies the acknowledgement. Ways and means are being explored to simplify and expedite processing and verification. We intend meeting the Warden of STC Mt. Lavinia regarding Applications from Old Boys of Mt. Lavinia. We will also discuss this with the Head Master at Gurutalawa. All applications received are being chronologically filed in a separate file. If the original is sent to the Head Master or Warden for verification, a photocopy is retained. Amongst the papers handed over by the Ex-Secretary, was a cheque given by an Old Boy as subscription fee for Membership as far back as November 03,2001 which had not been acknowledged or banked, let alone the issue of a receipt. The cheque is available with the current Secretary, a damning piece of evidence of abject lethargy and inefficiency. The tip of the iceberg really. Other Applications submitted with fees are missing.

13. **Ex-Co Meetings:** we are hopeful the Ex-Co will make it known that members who are interested could participate **by invitation** at Meetings of the Ex-Co.

14. **Annual General Meeting and Re-Union Day Celebration**

It is suggested that the Re-Union Day Celebrations Sub Committee be named without delay so that they can attend to their work as regards procedures etc. A few members will have to co-ordinate activities with the College authorities Work will relate to inter alia sleeping arrangements in Dormitories and Sick Room area etc; Meals Menu from Friday Dinner to Sunday B'fast; Foster Hall AGM arrangements relating to lighting (if necessary); Public Address System and Microphones for Participants, Podium, and Head Table; the Cricket Match and Refreshments at the Grounds; Band for Music at Grounds; Swimming Pool; Registration Desk; and Attendance Marking at entrance of Hall for AGM; Liquor; Beer; and Chasers; Bites and Short Eats etc, for Fellowship with glasses and other necessary items; Band/s or Music for fellowship; the Procedure and Order of Speeches at Dinner and saying of Grace by Chaplain etc, etc. In short, there must be some finesse in these arrangements. If not, in time to come it will be like casual guests at a "Buth Kade" atmosphere. Also the unity of all Old Boys must be encouraged and all misunderstanding cleared. There should be no Fellowship at different venues. This will encourage dissipation. Our Group has always stood firm on this principle right through. Constructive criticism and cordial participation in all activities must be encouraged. So, the ideas of all members will be welcome, for discussions. The OBA is not the privileged club of a handful. We gave all the support at the last Fellowship Dinner; the Thomian Parade, the Prize

Giving at Guru, the installation of the new Head Master etc, etc, to the then Ex-Co and OBA.

15. TRANSITION AFTER AGM, BOOKS OF ACCOUNTS, RECORDS, FILES, MINUTE BOOKS AND OFFICE PROCEDURES. ETC.

- a. The Ex-Secretary did not hand over the OBA Books and Registers etc, to the new Secretary on 02.03.2002 at the end of the AGM.
- b. Minutes of the Ex-Co from 31.07.1997 to 21.02.2002 together with the Minutes of AGM's from 24.02.1996 to 24.02.2002 and a file containing 89 Application Forms for membership from 11.03.99 to 16.01.2002 were handed over on 23.03.2002.
- c. No other regular files and documents have been handed over to date. It appears that all Minutes of both meetings and all correspondence addressed to the Secretary and letters that were sent for tabling at Meetings during the previous period from 1959 up to 1996/1997 have been misplaced, somewhere down the line.
- d. No files have been maintained and/or handed down to file and retain letters received. There are no copies kept of any letters sent by the Secretary to others. **This is the position from 1959 right up to 02.03.2002.**
- e. There was no Inward Letter Register or an Outward Letter Register and hence no record of the dates and nature of letters received or posted.
- f. We have undertaken to assist the new Secretary in the Secretarial work so that this chaotic state of affairs inherited is put in order. It is hoped future holders of office will continue these procedures set up.
- g. We have assisted to initiate as from 03.03.2002, an Inward Letters Register and an Outward Letters Register opened 02 files to retain in safe custody letters received and copies of letters sent by the Secretary.
- h. The names of several Members who have complained of not having received Newsletters or communications from the Secretary can now be entered in the new Register and steps will be taken to ensure proper and regular communications with the membership.

16. **Development Projects** – As regards the various Projects the position is as follows:-

Dormitories:

- a) Refurbishment of all the Senior Dorms is going on. A start has been made with Hayman which is hoped to be completed early. Work on the other dorms will continue. Students are re-located to facilitate

refurbishment. We will co-ordinate with the Head Master and attend to same.

(b) There has been an inquiry with regard to providing Uniform Beds, mattresses and lockers for the Dorms. This is being pursued. If it materializes, the Dorms will once again have the same appearance as in the Hayman era. The present students will be free to take back home their mattresses, almyrahs, cupboards, clothes racks etc, of various shapes, sizes and hues.

(c) Mr. Ruwan Munasinghe has indicated that it would be possible to supply bunk beds with 2 Ceyesta mattresses at Rs. 3,000/- per unit. This is being pursued.

(d) **Foster Dorm** : Mr. Kaleel Majeed a Young Old Boy has undertaken to rehabilitate the Foster Dorm which needed extensive repairs and was left out of our December, 2001 Painting and Refurbishing Programme.

e) **Farm –** : A preliminary inspection of the farm and its books was carried out. There are many areas in which Mr. Anilal Algama will be able to help. His advice is already being followed. With his expertise, farm activities should show a vast improvement. The Old Boy presently attending to the completion of refurbishing of the Senior Dorms has undertaken to have the roofs repaired of the buildings/sheds occupied by the farm animals with the surplus materials on completion of the Senior Dorms. Anilal has already visited Guru, spent some time at the Farm and had discussions during the Holidays.

Ruwan has also agreed to look into various aspects of the farm and suggest improvements and also assist with regard to sales to well known business establishments in the Province. Mr. Sujeewa Godage has already made arrangements for Bandarawela Hotel to purchase at least 100 birds (Broilers) per week. Ruwan and Sujeewa have already spent a considerable time during the Holidays at Guru looking into various aspects.

(f) **Dining Hall** : Ruwan has indicated he can complete the bio-gas project within 2 weeks from commencement. He has already visited the site and is resolving some incidental problems of waste disposal etc. We also looked into the question of the Dining Hall furniture. It was felt that the present tables appeared to be satisfactory. Where necessary they could be replaced with new tables of the same dimensions. But the benches must have a uniform height and be steady. This will be looked into and attended, through Ruwan.

(g) **Squash Court –** : The Squash Court will be attended to by Mr. Prabath Jayasundera during the August holidays and completed. It will involve perhaps a parquet flooring, re-plastering of the walls and attending to the ceiling and roof. He is handling this personally with the help of an Old Boy who is planting and who was a National Player, i.e Mr. M.L.U.C.

Pinto. Prabath has been informed that Mr.Christopher Dias and Mr.Gamini Amaratunga too may be of added assistance.

(h) **Basket Ball / Badminton-** : Mr.P.J. Fernando is in charge of the Basket Ball and Badminton Courts which too have been inspected and arrangements made to rehabilitate. A quotation has been obtained and work should commence soon.

(i) **Generators** - Mr. Rizvi Jalill has already repaired 03 of the College Generators thus enabling all students to have evening prep, hitherto cancelled owing to the power cut.

(j) **Telephone and Intercoms :** An Old Boy has left with Rizvi a Telephone System to be handed over to the Head Master in due course once relocation is complete. The wiring will be done by Mr. Kamal Kodituwakku. The extensions will be provided to the Old Class Room block, the Laboratory and the Middle School Class Rooms at one end of the Campus and the Keble Complex at the other end of the Campus. It was felt that the following extension points may be appropriate.

- 1.Keble Complex
- 2.Senior Dorms
- 3.Co-operative Stores
- 4.Chapel/Former Chaplain's Quarters
5. Junior Dorms
- 6.Accounts Branch
- 7.Visitors Room/ Lobby in Administration are
- 8.Head Masters Secretary's Room
- 9.Head Master's Office Room
- 10.Sick Room
- 11.Food Matron's Quarters
- 12.New Dining Hall
- 13.Administrative Block
- 14.Farm Office
- 15.Library
- 16.Foster Memorial Hall
- 17.Head Master's Bungalow
- 18.S.K Wickremasinghe Block
- 19.Old Class Room Block
20. Middle School Class Room

If the Administration and Accounts Sections including the Head Masters Office is re-located in the new complex, then the above arrangement needs adjustment. We have asked the Head Master for his observations.

k) **Rose Nursery** - Mr. Jurair Marikkar of (Hayleys Ltd.) has agreed to request the Manager of their Associate Company engaged in the cultivation of roses at Boralanda to help the Head Master as the latter had expressed an interest in having a similar project at College.

l) **Software for Accounts Department** : Rizvi has undertaken to arrange for his Software programmers to proceed to Gurutalawa to study the systems prevailing and work out necessary programmes without any charge for the Administration and Accounts Sections to handle students fees etc., as well as staff salaries and emoluments and any other subjects that need to be computerized.

(m) **Landscaping**: Sujeewa has agreed to attend to the landscaping in and around the swimming pool.

(n) **IT Classes and Computers**: The Head Master has indicated his interest in commencing I.T Classes. We are not sure whether a competent master has been recruited. We do not think the person handling Accounts in office is suitable or appropriate for this purpose. Nor are visits to the room housing the Computers made by Students **after school during the games period which are considered adequate and payments made as "Tuition" Fees/ Allowance.** Information Technology or Computers **must be a subject in the curriculum.** Our friends have just supplied 13 Computers to Carey College **which has on its daily class Time Table 07 periods of IT.** We have already obtained quotations and are informing Old Boys particularly of our Group, so that they can come forward and assist in the supply of computers and printers. We are trying to set up a separate unit of at least 10 computers so that computer classes can be conducted. We are also endeavouring to obtain the services of a Computer Master and if necessary an advertisement to that effect could be inserted in the newspapers. All this of course will be subject to necessary adjustments being made in College, as regards security, recognized teaching skills and a proper time table.

(o) **Class Room Furniture** : Ruwan is also able to procure the class room furniture. He has been requested to deliver 30 tables and chairs for the Upper 6th class room as an Old Boy has undertaken to meet that cost. Others are expected to come forward and support in due course for other Class Rooms.

(p) **Plastic chairs** - Kaleel has agreed to supply 75 plastic chairs for use in the College Hall or elsewhere as the Head Master thinks fit.

(q) **Water Supply System**: Rizvi has undertaken to supply the necessary water pumps and rehabilitate the wells, pipes, overhead tanks etc. and improve the water supply system so that water is available right through out the year. He will be visiting Guru this month. We understand that right now the water that is available is rather muddy due to the heavy rains experienced.

(r) **Staff Quarters – (Chummary)**: The provision of suitable staff quarters received our attention. Having consulted a renowned Chartered Architect we had preliminary plans drawn up for the Chummary. However, it was found that hardly any of the staff were happy to live within the campus. The question of recruiting foreigners with particular reference to English, Maths, Science and Computers is being explored. The hurdle would be their remuneration and making a fixed and final

arrangement in that regard. It is however intended to explore the possibility of attending to the married quarters on a priority basis as it is obvious they are in a deplorable condition.

(s) **Groceries** : Rizvi has also made arrangements for Thushara Traders of Welimada to supply and deliver to the door step all grocery requirements of the college on a regular basis. An undertaking has been given that this establishment owned by an Old Boy will supply groceries at the lowest price quoted in Welimada.

(t) **Laboratory and Library**: Mr.Don Gazara has already made arrangements for the supply of a huge volume of books. This will be handed over shortly. Supply of Laboratory equipment will be no problem to him. But we have not had a response from the Head Master with regard to the actual requirement and specifications of the microscope and the books etc. Don has visited College and looked in to various matters and reported back his observations. Brig B Munasinghe too has made arrangements with Asia Foundation to supply books on a regular basis to College to build up the Library. The first of these consignments will be handed over shortly.

17. **Resignations**: Mr. Mohamed Najeeb (from the very young group of Old Boys) has taken an assignment in South Africa and has submitted his resignation from the Ex-Co. He has made arrangements so that all Development work he has undertaken will be continued by his friends.

18. **Dinner Dance** : It is hoped to organize the Dinner Dance on a grand scale. Mr. Sunil Watawala has shown great enthusiasm and a very positive attitude. Our Group will back him to the hilt now that a decision has been made to go ahead with this Diamond Jubilee celebration in a fitting manner. The date has been fixed i.e November 1st. The Hotel – Hilton is booked tentatively. The band is being arranged. 50 dummies of the Souvenir in book form will be ready shortly. A full page advertisement is to cost Rs.5000/-. The menu is being discussed. The pricing of tickets is to be decided. It is expected that Sohan will be engaged as the principal band for the dinner dance. It is hoped that each member of the Executive Committee will procure at least 2 advertisements for the Dinner Dance Souvenir.

19. **The Hayman Museum** : has been a non-starter. Items were supposed to be shipped by Mr.Kamal Nilaweera. Mr.Clifford Ratwatte was supposed to clear them. The location was to be Dr.Hayman's Office Room, vide Minute of AGM on 24.02.1996. The project was suspended pending the completion of the Dining Hall project vide 37th AGM Minutes of 22.02.1997. Now that the dining hall project is concluded, this may be revived and proceeded with after making enquiries from those who were involved. Mrs.Mary Hayman is reported to have donated Rs.250,000/- towards this project. We are trying to ascertain where this money is deposited.

20. **The Dr.R L Hayman and Fr.A J Foster Scholarships** : do not appear to have been awarded. Two Old Boys in particular have been raising this question at several past AGM's. vide Minute of AGM's on 24.02.1996 and 19.02.2000. In fact, the criteria for the awards were also laid down by a former Head Master with a Senior Old Boy. Vide Minutes of Ex-Co Meeting of 31.10.1996. It would be good to look into this matter.

21. **Naming New Dining Hall** : Mrs. Mary Hayman has been written to as discussed at the last AGM to ascertain her views with regard to the naming of the new Dining Hall building in her honour.
22. **Standard of English** : The procuring of competent English teachers is a matter that must receive priority. This subject too had been raised many a time at AGM's. We have referred to this in our Report.
23. **The Way Ahead** The optimum number of students to be had on the Roll (Boarders and Day Boys separately); Whether student admission should be selective; The curriculum of studies with special emphasis on improvement in teaching of English and introduction of Information Technology and computers; Making sports and extra-curricular activities compulsory and a part of life and education in College and providing appropriate infra structure and coaching facilities therefor whilst re-introducing abandoned sports and other activities; The living conditions to be made available for the resident population in the Campus, i.e students and staff, by way of acceptable standards of accommodation, nutritional food and recreation; The recruitment and disciplinary control of the staff and minor staff and their levels of competence and achievement are pertinent matters which our Group discussed at length at our last Meeting, having special regard to the ideals set forth by the Founding Fathers tempered by the realities of today and the acceptance of certain inevitable circumstances in the ground situation, but not forgetting certain minimum standards at least to be maintained together with the basic norms of the Hayman era and rich Thomian Traditions. All of these matters have been referred to in our Confidential Report of October 2001. These matters we find are also adverted to frequently by serious minded Old Boys from time to time at Meetings of the Ex-Committees and Annual General Meetings. WHAT CAUSES US CONCERN IS THAT ONE IS LEFT WITH THE INDELIBLE IMPRESSION THAT LITTLE OR NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE BY THE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCHOOL WITH REGARD TO MOST OF THE MATTERS COMING UNDER THESE HEADS WHICH HAVE CAUSED CONCERN TO US AS OLD BOYS THOUGH CONDITIONS HAVE KEPT ON DETERIORATING. The unanimous view was that the OBA must assert its right to have a say in these matters which go to the root or the core of the continued well being of college. There is no point in having an OBA if the College itself is on its way to nowhere. If College is depending on its Old Boys for its sustenance, Old boys naturally must have a say in the running. Perusing Minutes of previous AGM's it is pretty obvious the OBA has been able to put its foot down when necessary and taken on the Manager, and even the Board of Governors to task. Fortunately the present persons holding those offices are reasonable people and we do not see any cause for alarm, conflict or concern. If the OBA pulls their chestnuts out of the fire they will only be too happy. **Let them take the credit. Let us do the work and be satisfied.** We have made a pretty good start. What concerns us is the student who is admitted, goes through College and the product that comes out. Is he a True Thomian, does he imbibe Thomian Traditions, can we be proud to call him a Thomian. (or do we feel alienated) If the final product is not satisfactory, then we are wasting our time, energy and money. Now that there is no need to run behind the Board of Governors or the Manager in order to develop the College, it is best we, with the good-will of the Head Master and the blessings of the Bishop and Board of Governors continue to

work with the Head Master in a cordial atmosphere giving him all the advice and support he needs to carry out his most difficult task.

A hand picked team of Members can be co-opted into a Sub-Committee to coordinate with the Head Master. Members thus selected should be experts in their fields and be able to work with the Head Master tactfully. The Head Master naturally should accept the reasonable suggestions and advice offered. Already regular visits are being made to College by Old Boys.

The Senior Vice President, Brigadier B Munasinghe, Mr. Bandula Wanigasekera and Mr. Anilal Algama are a few Members who come to our mind who will be able to be of great assistance to the Head Master in their chosen fields to eliminate wastage, corruption, mis-management, mis-appropriation and also put in place proper and regular checks and procedures for the smooth and efficient administration, and also lay down criteria, guidelines, etc etc, even for the foreseeable future. Perhaps there may be more members able and willing who may be delegated different tasks. They need to volunteer or be identified. As this is a very sensitive area of operation, one should be very cautious in nominating persons to this Sub-Committee which will perhaps be the most important for the future well-being of College.

Having received and gone through the several Newsletters, of the 62 Group and also met/ discussed with us and communicated with us former Head Masters, Mr. Frank Jayasinghe, Mr. Collin Ratnayake, Mr. Alban Fernando have expressed their pleasure at the interest taken by a section of the Old Boys to revitalize College etc,. They have further expressed their willingness to support College and participate in any discussion and share their experience with the current management if required.

We would also like to make a pertinent observation that the OBA should use some gentle persuasion tactfully, to assert its right with regard to an important matter that had been referred to at the First Meeting of the Executive Committee. **CONTRIBUTING MILLIONS OF RUPEES FOR DEVELOPMENT WORK OF AN INSTITUTION WHICH HAS NO CLEAR VISION OR DIRECTION IS TO OUR MIND UTTERLY FOOLHARDY.** Almost all Members of our Group who wish to make contributions financially and otherwise **WERE VERY KEEN THAT OUR ASSOCIATION TAKE A KEEN INTEREST IN FINDING OUT THE CAUSE FOR THE DETERIORATION. ALL OF THEM ARE INTERESTED IN MAKING SACRIFICES ONLY IF THE COLLEGE CAN BE BROUGHT BACK TO SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THE HAYMAN ERA.** Considering the present trends we feel it will be very difficult if not impossible to maintain the well known standards and traditions which we speak so much of. We would not wish to waste our time, energy etc, being involved with College if it is only to benefit a very limited segment of society. We find hardly any student is actively interested in proceeding to STC Mount. It is necessary to collect some data on the current student population. We can base it on the Profile of Student population, somewhat similar to what was done about a decade ago and whose results/findings are in the History of STC Guru edited by Mr. Oliver de Soyza. Today's position, we are quite sure cannot be better. **WE KNOW PAST HEAD MASTERS HAVE EACH OF THEM HAD THEIR OWN PRIORITIES, AGENDAS AND IDIOSYNCRASIES.** Should we not have serious deliberations on both those matters. Whilst we do not wish to be snobbish these matters do require discussion by

our membership, at least those interested, and eventually proceed along the best course of action. We should involve the Head Master at some stage of those deliberations. He is during his stewardship undoubtedly the most important individual who charts the course of College. He may succeed or he may fail. We can, all of us give him the benefit of our collective advise, guidance and expertise. To ignore what the likes of Mr. Bradman Weerakoon, Mr. Ronnie Weerakoon, Mr. P.S. Duleep Kumar, Mr. L.W.A. Fernando, Mr. Sisira Nanayakkara , Mr.Bandula Wanigasekera, Brig B Munasinghe and a host of other caring and concerned products, “giants” of our College, really, have to say would be foolish. Let us therefore listen, discuss and then chart the course. We do not think we should be blindly led on these matters. It is too much to be left to chance . We have seen what happens when numbers are increased indiscriminately and students are admitted without any screening; etc etc. Guru was meant to be a Boarding School. It was undoubtedly the best Boarding School in all of Sri Lanka at one time.- for a long time. Not any more. Unless that attitude and vision are changed none of us will eventually get any satisfaction in what we are doing. It is best that all be informed of this and corrective steps taken before generous and willing Members pour in their hard-earned monies to an Institution which we are not going to be proud of to associate with. These are matters on which several Old Boys (not only of our Group) wish to have a discussion; a frank discussion. Some members are not in the Ex-Co. We feel it is best we organize same very early and invite persons who can make worthwhile contributions.

24. **LETTER FROM MR. L W A FERNANDO** - A Very Respected Pioneer Old Boy has written to us as follows:-

“With reference to your para No.22 of Newsletter No.9 I wish to state that I was not dragged out of my hospital bed by any person or persons with the purpose of doing a hatchet job on your group at the last AGM. I attended the Meeting of my own accord and I addressed you at the meeting after I was invited to do so by the Head Master.

The few words I spoke was only to diffuse an unpleasant situation which may have arisen according to the information I gathered from your newsletters.

Whilst thanking you for the kind words said about me, I appeal to all members of the OBA to act in the future as true Thomians and Gentlemen and work as a team for the betterment of STC Gurutalawa.

Yours sincerely

Lucian Fernando

P.S. Please publish this letter in the next Newsletter so that all members of the OBA will have a clear view of my intentions in attending the last AGM.”

25. We also reproduce below extracts from some of the Letters and E-mails we had received (most of which have already appeared on our Web Site) for the benefit of members who do not have access to Internet facilities.

1. **Mr. Lanka Nesiah** – Lay Assistant to the Bishop of Colombo who also taught us some time during the period 1958/1962 in a letter dated March 27, 2002 says

“ Bishop Duleep de Chickera wishes to thank you for the Newsletters that you have been sending him. He reads them with interest and is appreciative of the time, effort and skills that you have given towards the growth and development of S. Thomas, Gurutulawa.”

2. **Mr. J.O. Yatawara** – a Senior Old Boy of 1944-1947 in an E mail of March 17th 2002, states,

“ Congratulations to the new team at the STCG OBA . You could not have better than have Duleep Kumar as the Senior Vice President. I have no doubt that he will lead the OBA and also our old school to a brighter future.

I was at Gurutulawa from 1944 and count the years there as some of the best in my life. When I started in 1944 there were just 44 boys and we had the privilege of being under the guidance of both Dr. Hayman and Rev. Foster.

The new committee has a daunting task ahead and I wish them success.

I am sure many of the old boys will wake up to your call.”

3. **Mr. Sisira Nanayakkara** – in a letter dated February 25th 2002 says

“ thanks a lot for the document sent having read through it all my thinking is that your team should be elected to the Ex-Co if things are to be put in order and to this end my best wishes and blessings are with you”.....

“ Even the Manager should be given the right advise and he should use his discretion and not be misguided by people with clout in the Ex-Co.”

and in again in a letter dated 4th March, 2002,

“ heartiest congrats and best wishes to you and your team, of course with the enthusiasm I noticed among a cross section of old boys I met in the run up to the AGM the result was a fore gone conclusion.

Now its up to your team to perform and perform I know and I am fully confident they will.....”

And again in a letter dated 22nd March, 2002

” received your News Letter of 19th March, 2002 thanks, now we are in the know of what’s happening and who the office bearers are , I don’t think a better team could have been selected not forgetting that we did have teams of this standing in the years gone by.”...

and again in a letter dated 22nd March, 2002 addressed to the current Head Master

“ I am writing to you to express my joy and happiness on the election of the Ex-Co which has representation of dedicated Old Boys of different age groups. With this team I am very confident that your task in bringing Guru back to what I knew will be made lighter”

and in a letter of April 25th 2002,

“ just one thing I wish to say is that your idea in having the AGM in Colombo and the reunion in Guru will be very welcome as most of the older lot are unable to make it to Guru due to one thing and another. In fact last week I met an Old Boy of the 1940's and he did suggest this”.

4. **Muditha P. Dissnayake** in an E mail of March, 11 2002 says

“Nice to hear from you. Actually I have begun a web site before I head about your site. And I should congratulate you on this Web Site. Site looks very nice and it has lot of contents.

Any way I still have the idea of designing a site for the college. And I would really like to hear your ideas about it.

Thanks for writing to me.”

5. **Mr.Upali Jayasuriya** – Engineer presently in New Jersey USA, who was with us at Gurutalawa in an e.mail to us on 22.02.2002 says.

“Thank you for the updates regarding Guru, even though it's rather disappointing to actually realize how overall standards have declined. Deterioration of guru has kept pace with the rest of Sri Lanka, hasn't it. Collectively we are all guilty of what has happened in Sri Lanka in the last 3 decades”.

6. **Mr.Brian Wickremasinghe** who was with us at Gurutalawa in an e.mail to us on 22.02.2002 says:-

“Its nice to hear from you, Bakka informed about the good work that is being done.”

7. **Mr. Hussain Fahmy** who regularly writes in an e.mail to us 19.02.2002 says

“I would love to join the OBA and would let the others know as well. I am sorry I could not locate the application form under “OBA” in your site. Please provide all details . I would like to contribute my bit to our Alma Mater. Guru is very close to my heart. I could not find any member listed during my period 1969-1972. I am sure more would join if they knew the existence of a web site. Shall visit the website regularly. Keep up the good work.”

8. **Mr.M R Aluwihare** (Old Boy of 1947-1956) and Member of the Board of Governors of STC in a letter of 21.02.2002 says:

“Many thanks for your 62 group New Magazine. The Contents were most interesting and at the same time alarming. Please include me in all your endeavours to uplift Guru. I assure you of my whole hearted support”.

9. **Mr.Gerald De Alwis**, – Old Boy of Gurutalawa (1945) Former Master, and Manager of STC-Gurutalawa, and Member of the Board of Governors of STC in a letter of 23.02.2002 says:

“Thank you for the numerous Reports you have sent me. I read all of them with great interest as I am interested in STCG. Anyway, you have done a soul searching analysis which should be of good assistance to the New Head Master.....”

..... Your incisive critique could well be the starting point to put in place people competent and willing to handle the hopeless situation now prevailing in the College.”

10. **Mr.Bradman Weerakoon** a Pioneer Old Boy of 1942 (an Honorary Member of our Group) and Secretary to the Prime Minister has sent us this e.mail and letter on 28.02.2002

“This may be the best way to tell you quickly and before the OBA meeting this weekend, that I am fully with you in spirit in what you are attempting to do for Gurutalawa.

I may not be able to make it for the meeting at 6.00 p.m on Saturday but I will be thinking of you all and hoping that you succeed in your goal of restoring Gurutalawa to its pristine glory of being the best school of all.

There are obviously some daunting challenges to be faced by any one who seeks to improve a situation that has been caused by years of inattention. But I believe your identification of the causes for this state of affairs are the beginning of the reform process. Also critical will be your tremendous enthusiasm and the youthful energy of the 62 Group. Your commendable “political will”- so evident in your incredibly analytical reports –will substitute for any lack of material resources to carry through the rehabilitation process and I along with many others of an earlier vintage wish you and your team every success at this time.

11. **Mr.W S Dambawinne** of Kandy an Old boy of 1943-1947 in a letter of February 25,2002 says,

“ I am in receipt of all the STC.G OBA News Letters 04,05 & 06. Thank you very much for the same. I am indeed glad you have enlightened me on the happenings at Gurutalawa. I am prepared to give you my fullest corporation to bring back the

College to its past glory. I shall try my best to be present at the OBA Annual General Meeting on 2nd March my health permitting.

I wish you all the best and may you have all the courage & strength to carry on this task of cleaning up the rot which has set in at the College.”

12. **Mr.Ravi Mahawaduge** and Old Boys of (1958-1962) in a letter of February 23,2002 says

“ Initially, I must express my deep appreciation for all the efforts taken by you in the interest of our “Alma Mater”. I have gone through all your reports and I most certainly share your emotions (as probably most of the other old boys) regarding the pathetic state of our Educational Institution, which in the days gone by, was a majestic landmark in the entire country. I would have loved to be present for the AGM and re-union, but unfortunately the date is clashing with two more commitments, one of which is official and difficult to avoid.”.....
..... Hence, I am in the sad position of being unable to accept your kind invitation, although my heart would actually be there on that day.

Therefore, I hope you will excuse my inability to join you all, although if there is any possibility of voting by proxy, I would be only too ready to do so.

However, please convey my best wishes to all my friends and colleagues who turn up there.”

13. **Mr.S J M Gunasekera** – An Old Boy of (1947-1950) in a letter of 25.02.2002 says.

“May I thank you ever so much for making available to me, the present state of affairs at Gurutalawa and the role played by the present OBA office bearers. Being one of four brothers who were at Guru and at Mount, I am amazed at the present state of affairs, which decline should be arrested early, without any further delay.

Having left College in 1950 I have been very close to my Old Friend – Sisira Nanayakkara, one time “live wire” of the Association who is aloof for quite some time. The present state of affairs will certainly bring disgrace to the donors – the De Sarams and all others who have strained to bring Guru to a very high level – very specially Dr.R L Hayman whose services can never ever be estimated.

The urgent need now, may well be to 'retire' the present office bearers of the OBA for some time and instead, to bring a new set of members to retrieve College from the present abyss..

May I wish all members of 62 Group – the very best of luck in your bold attempt to bring back College to her past glory, for which kind act all old boys as well as all future generations shall remain ever grateful indeed.”

14. **Mr.Ravindra Asuntha Jayawickrema** an Old Boy of (1968-1972) in an e.mail of appreciation on 26.02.2002 says.

“ I contacted you on the paper ad and receive your news letters on a regular basis.

An excellent job is being done by you and I was really disgusted and saddened to read of the present state of college. I reckon we are also partly to blame for not raising our voices before. But then again I was under the impression the OBA had things under control. Well reading your news letter it seems just that, “Under control” by the OBA meaning not divulging the true situation at College.

If more info is required to compile the membership Directory please do contact me on this E.mail. unfortunately it will not be possible for me to come to Guru for the OBA re-union. Couldn't an OBA meeting be summoned in Colombo ? I am sure there will be good attendance to thrash out a few of the matters you had raised in your “Newsy” letters.

Mr.G S Mendis was in Guru during our time and I am sure he will do a good job with the correct backing from the Board. He alone will not be able to pull Guru from the mess it is today.

Best regards. Keep up the good work. Am ready to help in any which way I could.”

15. **Mr. Muditha P Dissanayake** an Old Boy in an e.mail of 28.02.2002 says;

“This is regarding ww.stcg62group.com. I found out about this on my visit to the College. And I'm very happy to see a web site (dedicated to Guru) for stcg. I have searched all over the internet for STCG and only found some newspaper articles.

This is a great site, and I would like to contribute in any way I can for this site as I'm also an old boy of the college.’

16. **Mr.Nanda Mathew** – An Old Boy of (1952-1956) in a letter of 26.02.2002 says.

“This is to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following Newsletters of the College:-

1. February 2002 - Newsletter 4
2. February 16,2002 - Newsletter 5
3. February 21,2002 - Newsletter 6 (strictly confidential)

Perusing through the pages of these Newsletters, and especially the newsletter which is marked as “Strictly Confidential”. I was appalled to learn of the vandalism of the premises and the misappropriation of moneys that had taken place during the past years.

I do commend you and your team for methodically probing into these matters and exposing valuable information to the members and all Old Boys.

I particularly hope that you and your team would be able to carry on with your good work with more vigour and efficiency for the benefit of the College. I assure you with my continued support.

With my warmest regards.”

17. **Dr.C P De Silva** an Old boy of the Pioneer batch of 1942.in a letter of January 25,2002.

“Lawyer Lakshman Jayatilaka sent me the STC Gurutalawa Newsletter which I shall show Leslie and Claude Siriwardena. We have not met for years and so I shall arrange this one Sunday Morning.”

18. **Rt.Rev.Duleep De Chickera**, Lord Bishop of Colombo- Chairman of the Board of Governors, on receipt of our Report and subsequent to our discussions with him in a letter to us dated December 14,2001 says inter alia

“I appreciate your concern and the concern of persons like Nimal Bhareti who have also written to me on this matter and assure you that the Board and I will do our best for the school.”

19. **Mr.Nimal Bhareti** who taught us while we were in College during 1958-1972, in a letter dated November 27,2001 to his Lordship the Bishop of Colombo with copy to us says;

“I am writing this letter at the request of the '62 Group' of Old Boys of S.Thomas' Gurutalawa of which I am also an honorary member as their teacher (one of three surviving ones).

The Group has forwarded you an 80 page report on the School after a very comprehensive study and a series of interviews. A copy of the report, which at your request has been kept confidential and has not been circulated among the members, has been given to me in my capacity as a respected teacher and also as a member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

The Report has highlighted deficiencies and weaknesses in many important areas which cover aspects such as non-compliance of financial procedures, deterioration in discipline and moral values both amongst staff and students, teacher-student relationships,lack of proper student counselling, the role of the Chaplain, and other matters. I trust that you have already initiated action to look in to these deficiencies and put the school, which had an unblemished reputaion under Dr.Hayman and Rev.Foster andeven later, back in the correct direction. I am confident that with the appointment of a new dynamic Head Master this could be achieved..

The authors of the report together with me are prepared to give you any assistance you require in this connection. We could also meet you and the

Headmaster on a convenient date to discuss the issues highlighted in the Report.

I wish to assure you on behalf of the Group that their objective is not a witch-hunt of those named in the Report, but rather to correct what has happened, learning from these experiences. Their only concern is the welfare of the school which they still love and cherish.

20. **Mr.Sisira Nanayakkara**, Founder Member of our OBA says in a letter dated August 13,2001.

“I am so happy you have along with the members mentioned, taken up a huge task in trying to bring back the College to what it should be”.

And, also in a letter dated September 29,2001;

“My very best wishes to you and your team. Get Duleep to guide you and with the new H M bring back the College to what we all like to be. Without any ulterior motives or personal gain, not to mention favours from people with ‘Clout’, your team is doing a great job in spending your time and money to clean up the mess. Every old boy should back you to the hilt in whatever possible way.”

And again on 9th October 2001;

“Now to get on to what all right thinking old boys should be concerned about, I hope and pray the efforts of you and your team will be appreciated by the Bishop and action taken to get the College back to what it should be.”

And once again on October 15,2001

“I have read through the entire Report and all I have to say is that I am really shocked about what has been happening and I hope and pray the efforts your team is making will not be in vain – it will indeed be a very sad day if this be so.”

“Lastly I may wish you “ All the Best” to pull the College out of this mess-gigantic task no doubt but I know your team can with guidance from Duleep save Guru from disaster.”

And, once again on October 30,2001.

“Thanks for your letter and annexures received on Saturday which gave me enough time to go thorough, not very pleasant reading- but meaningful. In fact my wife and I were wondering how you can find the time to do what you’re doing – all for the love of Guru!

Duleep’s thoughts on your report “ should be taken serious note of because this will serve as a guideline to clean up the mess both the OBA and College are in.”

And, once again on December 03,2001;

“ All I have to say is judging from what you have done I feel so very happy that the right people have taken up the challenge to achieve what might seem impossible after what was said in your report sent earlier. Yea, I feel very confident that you and your team will bring Guru back to the Hayman Era”

21. **Mr.Geethal Mendis The New Head Master** of STC Gurutalawa wrote to us on November 16,2001

“While I was going through the files I came across an important letter sent by your goodself and signed by 4 other old boys who were interested to help the school by colour washing and repairing the Junior Dormitories which is an urgent need of the school. I will appreciate if this work be done during the December vacation before the new children come in January.

Thanks for your kind interest and concern of your Alma Mater”

And again on January 11,2002. after our completion of the project.

“Please do pardon for the delay of writing. I must say the School is extremely grateful to both of you and the Group for refurbishing the three dormitories which was an urgent need of the school. Thanks for both of you for visiting the school and looking into all aspects of the work to be done.

May I also take this opportunity to thank both of you and the Group for repairing our Fax Machine.”

22. **Mr.Ananda Amaranath,** the President of STCG- OBA, in New South Wales and President of the Sri Lanka Association in New South Wales, perhaps the most distinguished Old Boys of our era, 1958-1962 in an E.mail of August 12,2001;

“I hope your efforts in bringing about an element of professionalism and transparency to the Management of the School bear fruit.”

And again on November 07,2001

“Thanks for the e.mail and the couriered report on the current situation at Guru. I must congratulate you on a very professional and thorough report. Although I have been long removed from the affairs at Guru, having read the Report, I now have a better understanding about the current problems at that institution. I sincerely hope this document becomes the basis for remedial measures to be put in place by the Board of Governors.”

And again on January 06,2002

“Thanks for the Newsletter. The product is professional and written with flair and humour, extremely important ingredients when communicating with old boys with divergent backgrounds. I was also impressed with your summary of the current state of affairs at Guru. Whilst what is being done is commendable, I hope you are not singularly footing the bill for its publication.

I believe some of us should share the costs of this operation until such time some members of the current co-ordinating group takes control of the STCG-OBA.”

23. **Mr.Sarath Suraweera** another popular old boy of the 1958- 1962 era presently the Deputy Director of Advance Training at Police College Kalutara, in a note of November 26,2001.

“These few words, I note down below to express my inner feelings and the joy, which I have for you for making the 62 Group Fellowship Dinner and the generation of interest on 24th November a very successful, memorable and a very touching event. You proved to all of us how a job of work can be done and the enormous goodwill and the inner interest of the heart that should go in the direction of the late Dr.Hayman and STC Gurutalawa.

Hats off to you Sir!

This work was undoubtedly a Herculean task and I am sure your good-self and your beloved wife, some and the members of your devoted staff gave all its steam to make this gigantic event a meticulously worked out programme. Please convey my personal sentiments to all of them. I may not be wrong to confirm that all old members had the same view expressed from the moment they received the first signal sent out from your inner temple at Kirillapone premises. They fully endorsed this view, from the moment they arrived at the Registration Desk and were ushered to the august assembly. This was later proved be you all reasonable doubts that proof of the pudding is when eating.

I am sure, like myself all souls who congregated at the venue shared pleasant memories among themselves, which they cherished for more than 40 years and left the precincts with your desired strength, grace and the vision to last for another 40more years.”

24. **Mr.L M Fernando** a Master of our era. Tennis coach par excellence in a letter sent on November 27,2001.

“Many thanks for the invitation extended to me to participate in your anniversary celebrations and the token of remembrance and felicitation presented to me. It certainly made me proud to have studied at STC Gurutalawa and to have had the privilege of teaching many of you in the '62 Group. The air of nostalgia and reminiscences were overpowering and brought back happy memories and made me elated to call myself a Thomian.”

And also in a personal note sent on the same day “A personal note of congratulations on the grand show. It was exemplary in all respects. Many hours of planning undoubtedly and superb execution.

25. **Mr.Nimal Bhareti** a Master of our era who retired from the Administrative service and presently a consultant in a letter of November 27,2001.

“I wish to thank you again for the honour you have given me and the other two teachers by inviting us for the get-together, for the opportunity given of meeting our former pupils, and for the wonderful time we had on this occasion (including the tantalizing cabarets). Please do not hesitate to contact me for any assistance your Group requires from me”.

26. **Mr.Mahendra Liyanage** an old boy of 1960-1965 presently a Data Systems Analyst in Los Angeles in an e.mail on December 06,2001

“Congratulations. Whilst in Sri Lanka couple of weeks back I saw a notice calling all old boys, YOUNG AND OLD to rally round the College flag and I thought I should write in since you all are trying to do a good job.”

Also on December 13,2001.

“I am glad that you clarified as these types of opinions are part of our system and that they need to be addressed. Thanks, Your next objective should be to get the job done and I am glad that all of you are trying to give back. I recognize most of the names on that notice and I am pretty sure and confident you will do a good job being accountable for all what you do. If you work on this plan you have listed, it is obvious that your team will take the leadership for old boys of STCG and you can count me on this to support you. I am in touch with some STCG Old boys, and I will pass the information to them whenever I get the opportunity.”

Also on January 17,2002.

“Thanks and it was nice to see all those names and other details. I will also let my brother in U K (older to me R.U. Liyanage) know about this group. He was in Guru from about 1955 to 1959 and in Mt.From 1960-1963. In early 1980’s I took him to Guru couple of times and I am sure he will like to join this Group. He visits Sri Lanka more often as he is involved in some kind of work at the Galle Hospital.”

And, again on January 23,2002.

“I know you all will do a great job. I will communicate your cause to everyone I know. Keep me informed.”

And also on February 12,2002.

“Thanks for the update. I will definitely support you. I can provide some financial assistance. You with the others should identify the amount of money you need immediately to run the school without cutting down trees. Peoples like us are too far away and this is all we can do and perhaps give you moral support. Keep me informed.”

27. **Mr.Bert Jayasinghe** an old boy of 1970-1973 who has not yet sent us his complete data in an e.mail of December 14,2001

“I was glad to hear of what your group is doing with Guru. Please count me in. I was in Guru from 1970-1973, the time of E.L Perera. I was never aware of an Old Boys Association for Guru. I always thought that the Old Boys were for St.Thomas as one, which would include Guru, Mt, Kollupitiya and Bandarawela. I would rather only support Guru.

Please keep me informed of any thing further with your Group of 62’.”

28. **Mr.Sufi Ismail** an old boys of 1972-1977 presently in California in an e,mail on December 14,2001.

“ From an Old Boy of Guru (72-77). Thanks very much for the very genuine and sincere efforts in trying to keep “Guru” afloat and hopefully make it like the good old days.

Please keep me informed if there is any way I can help. I have forwarded this to our OBA here to pass it along to any Old Boy from S.Thomas’ College, Gurutalawa.

“Sincere thanks again for all of you who are genuinely trying to keep that flag flying.”

29. **Mr.Lal Yapa** an old boy of 1960 presently of California in an e.mail of December 27,2001

“I heard from Haris that there was a good turn out at the re-union. I would like to hear about you and also our college mates. Also if you have any news of Gurutalawa happenings etc.”

30. **Mr.Upali Jayasooriya** an old boy of 1960 presently an Engineer in New Jersey in an e.mail of January 7,2002.

“Good to hear from you. Glad to hear about the renewed interest of OBA members to make Guru a better place. Keep up the good work. My financial contribution towards achieving common goals should be forthcoming through Gamini.”

31. **Mr.F M Tan** an old boy of 1961-1963 presently in Canada in an e.mail on January 17,2002.

“I would very much appreciate the newsletters of STG that you mentioned. What is the approximate number of old boys contacts in your present record and is the ’62 Group available on the internet?.”

And also in an e.mail of February 14,2002

“The materials you that you sent have been extremely helpful in bringing me up-to-date with what has happened at Guru,and I will must say that I am most concerned with the situation. I have to mention that I appreciate very much all the effort and time you must be devoting to help restore Guru to the respect and status

that so many other dedicated people before us, like Dr. & Mrs.Hayman, and Rev. Foster have given the major part of their lives to. I can assure you that what you and the '62 Group are doing have my full support. It was a also a real pleasure reading the fellowship dinner newsletter and the other associated articles.

It was as if I was there with you all. Please give my best regards to all the old schoolmates when you get a chance to contact them, although I don't know if they still remember me after such a long time. The members directory is also most interesting and useful.

I will contact them in due course.

As a matter of interest, I'd like to know who the members of the existing members on the present OBA committee are. How many staff and students are there at STCG now? From what I gather from your newsletters, but is not very clear to me, there seems to be another level of (is it) assistant or associate teachers? Is there a chaplainstill, and are the chapel, swimming pool, and other facilities like the tennis and squash courts, farm, vegetable garden, and orchards all functioning as previously, or have there been major changes? You must be extremely busy with your lawyer profession and also undertaking the responsibilities associated with the '62 Group, and the forthcoming OBA AGM. Good luck with all your proposed work there.”

32. **Mr.Harris Yapa** an old boy of 1958-1962 presently in Canada on January 24,2002.

“The College souvenir looks good. The person who did the souvenir seems to be an expert.

33. **Dr I E Katugaha** an old boy of 1950-1953 presently of Kandy in a letter of January 24,2002.

“First of all, I must thank you for sending me a copy of the Newsletter of STCG-'62 Group.

Next I must congratulate you and the other members of the Group for having hosted such a superb show. I belong to the Era 1950-1953 and it gives me great pleasure to see you going ahead so well.

Do let me know, if I can be of help whenever the necessity arises. Congratulations and all the very best.”

34. **Mr.Harish Nilaweera** an old boy of 1958-1962 a Solicitor presently in U K in an e.mail of February 05,2002.

“Thanks for sending me a copy of the Souvenir re the Fellowship Dinner. It has been superbly done.”

35. **Mr.H Kadurugamuwa** a Master and an Old Boy of 1950-1954 of Randeniya (Wellawaya) of Randeniya in a letter dated August 16,2001

“ I am very glad that you are taking an interest “to ensure Gurutalawa can soon keep pace with the progress being made by other branches of the Thomian Family.”

And again in a letter of January 08,2002

“ I read the contents in the Newsletter and the suggestions made therein are highly appreciated. These should have happened long ago! I am sure the’62 Batch could do the entire work of the present OBA more efficiently.”

36. **Mr.Patrick Gunawardena** an old boy of STC Mt. and a former Head Master of STCG in 1983 in a letter dated August 5,2001.

“ Thank you for sending a set of Forms” –

“Wishing you and your committee all success in your endeavour to uplift this lovely college and put it on upward and progressive path”.

37. **Mr.Majintha Perera** an Old boy of 1948-1952 presently Director of Free Lanka Plantations Ltd in a letter of November 19,2001:

“Thank you very much for your letter of the 9th instant, just received and I hasten to let you know that I read it through twice in acknowledgement of all that you have presented to us so painstakingly and which we all must sincerely appreciate.

At this juncture, I wish you every success in your endeavours which I fully support. I never knew nor realized the situation at Gurutalawa. It does need rectification, with which I am sure all Old Boys will agree.”

- 38.**Mr.W S Dambawinne** an Old Boy of 1943-1947 of Kandy in a letter of December 12,2001

“I received your circular letter some time ago. Thanks very much for the same. I am sorry I did not reply earlier.

I am happy to note that you intend having a get-together in Kandy. I will give you my fullest corporation to make it a grand success.

I am aware of most of the happenings at Gurutalawa. I was never happy regards these matters, hence I never made my appearance at the OBA gatherings. Let us get together and take some meaningful action and try to restore this institution to its former glory.

Thanking you and wishing all that’s best in the New Year.”

39. **Mr.P S Duleep Kumar** (Who needs no introduction) of the Pioneer batch of 1942 in a letter of August 07,2001

“ I was extremely gratified to receive a copy of your letter of 31st July to Upali and indeed moved by the interest you are taking to resuscitate the school and the tremendous effort you have already directed towards it. May I assure you that I will support your initiative unreservedly

And again in a letter of October 18,2001.

“Thank you for your letter of 11th October, 2001 the attachments and your Report on STC Gurutalawa. Your report was staggering and has revealed a can of worms. I didn't imagine that the degradation was so bad. I am glad I met you at the Dinner and others who are supportive of your attempt to do something radical to change direction and assert the Old Boys Association's right to be concerned with the administration of the School and to assist the Headmaster and the Board in this regard.”

And on receipt of a Summons From the Co-ordinating Secretariat of our Group inviting him to be present at our Fellowship Dinner on November 24,2001.

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IN THE OLD BOYS COURT OF GURUTALAWA

62 Group of Old boys of
S. Thomas' College
Gurutalawa having their
Secretariat at No. 23, 1st
Lane, Kirillopone, Colombo 5.

PLAINTIFF

Mr. Duleepkumar,
No. 172/8A, Polhengoda Road,
Colombo 05.

DEFENDANT

WHEREAS I have been summoned by the 62 Group of Old Boys of S. Thomas' College, Gurutalawa, on a matter more fully described in the summons and

WHEREAS it appears to me the Defendant in this matter to be right and timely so to comply, and

WHEREAS the prospect of Bacchus, Erotica and Epicurus are additional compelling reasons for my attendance;

I Philips Sydney Duleepkumar do hereby solemnly declare it will give me the greatest pleasure to attend the proceedings schedules for 7 O'clock on the 24th Day of November, 2001, at a reasonable time thereafter.

Sgd: P.S. Duleep Kumar
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Signed before me this 20th Day of
November, 2001.

Sgd: Johnnie Walker
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Johnnie Walker.”

And again in a letter of November 28,2001

“Thank you once again for your kind invitation, generous hospitality and the honours you and your Group conferred on me at your Fortieth Anniversary Friendship Dinner. Further I was overwhelmed by the inscription on the magnificent memento plaque which I read only on my return from the hotel.. It really made me feel so unworthy. I also read your Welcome Notes and attached documents the next morning.

My mind boggles at the time, energy and expense you all have incurred. Truly your Group will herald the beginning of a new era in the history of S.Thomas’ College, Gurutalawa.

With renewed thanks and warm regards”

40. **Mr.Ronnie Weerakoon** a pioneer Old Boy of 1942-1945 presently the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Tea Board in a letter of November 12,2001;

“Thank you on your comprehensive report on Gurutalawa. You have correctly identified the problems. I wish you every success. Please be assured of my assistance if ever required.”

26. PLEASE HELP TO TRACE THESE MEMBERS OF THE OBA

List A

MEMBERS IN ABANDONED REGISTER – NO ADDRESSES AVAILABLE

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| 1. Mr.Abdul Aziz M R | 11.Mr.Bowyer Uin Rev R H |
| 2. Mr.Abeywickrema P | 12.Mr.Buhary M I M |
| 3. Mr.Abeygunawardena Patrick | 13.Mr.Casinader R |
| 4. Mr.Abeysekera Capt M S K | 14.Mr.Cassim I |
| 5. Mr.Ahamed Seyed | 15.Mr.Connor J |
| 6. Mr.Algeswaran P S, | 16.Mr.De Abrew Abeysinghe |
| 7. Mr.Amarasuriya L K, | 17.Mr.De Alwis R B |
| 8. Mr.Baskaran K | 18.Mr.De Silva E H |
| 9. Mr.Blaze V L | 19.Mr.De Silva I A N |
| 10.Mr.Boange Sali | 20.Mr.De Silva K P S R |

21. Mr.De Silva P R
22. Mr.De Silva S K
23. Mr.De Vos F J
24. Mr.Dharmasiri K G R
25. Dr.Dias P K.K
26. Mr.Divitotawella P
27. Mr.Ediriweera T S
28. Mr.Fernando L D
29. Mr.Gammanpila Anil
30. Mr.Gallearachchi D A
31. Mr.Gammanpila Sarath
32. Mr.Ganesh M
33. Mr.Gnanapandithan S
34. Mr.Goodchild Rev H C
35. Mr.Gunaratne R N H
36. Mr.Gurusinghe U D W
37. Mr.Hameed A A
38. Mr..Hassen M N
39. Mr.Hathurusinghe A L
40. Mr.Iddamalgoda L
41. Mr.Jalaldeen Rushdi
42. Mr.James S
43. Mr.Jayasinghe A G
44. Mr.Jayasinghe M P M
45. Mr.Jayasundera Arthur
46. Mr.Jayasundera S A R
47. Mr.Jayawickrema E A
48. Mr.Jeganathan Arjun
49. Mr.Jesudasan (Dr) E V P
50. Mr.Karunatileke L
51. Major.Kottachchi C J
52. Mr.Kularatne Tissa
53. Mr.Manikkavasagam M V
54. Mr.Marcandan Suresh
55. Mr.Meegahawatte K K
56. Mr.Mather
57. Mr.Munasinghe P C
58. Mr.Munasinghe R L
59. Mr.Murugappa V
60. Mr.Murugesan S
61. Mr.Nallaiah S R
62. Mr.Navaratnam C S
63. Mr.Nirodhawardena R J
64. Mr.Opatha G N
65. Mr.Packir Saibo
66. Mr.Paranavithana F
67. Mr.Peiris R C
68. Dr.Peiris Oliver
69. Mr.Peiris T G
70. Mr.Perera A D V W
71. Mr.Perera G P A S
72. Mr.Perera H R
73. Mr.Pereira Luke Trevor
74. Mr.Perera E C
75. Mr.Perera K J A
76. Mr.Perera M G P
77. Mr.Perera M H D
78. Mr.Perera N C
79. Mr.Perera P A N S
80. Mr.Perera S N
81. Mr.Ponnambalam Kandiah
82. Mr.Premadasa H S M
83. Mr.Rabindranath T S K
84. Mr.Rajapakse H
85. Mr.Rajendram M
86. Mr.Rajeswaran C
87. Dr.Ramanan S V
88. Mr.Ranatunga J
89. Mr.Ratnayake H
90. Mr.Ravichandran T
91. Mr.Rengasamy D R
92. Mr.Rodrigo P S
93. Mr.Rodrigo J ,
94. Mr.Rose N
95. Mr.Rutnum Tulin
96. Mr.Saldin E P
97. Mr.Saleem S A M
98. Mr.Samaranayake D U
99. Mr.Samaranayake K W
100. Mr.Satarninus P
101. Mr.Stonehever A
102. Mr.Schockman Larry
103. Mr.Selvadurai K C
104. Mr.Seneviratne K D W
105. Mr.Sivanathan T
106. Mr.Somasunderam T
107. Mr.Somasunderam M
108. Mr.Sri Pathmanathan M
109. Mr.Sri Kumar Sri Kandan
110. Mr.Stork C F
111. Mr.Suby T
112. Mr.Smith N A
113. Mr.Swamie S A
114. Mr.Tennekoon C
115. Mr.Thalakada S
116. Mr.Thambiah S J

117.Mr.Tanabalasingham M
118.Mr.Thomas J A
119.Mr.Tiruchelvam S
120.Dr.Vedanayagam A M
121.Mr.Weerakoon Peter
122.Mr.Weerawardena J L
123.Mr.Wickremaratne Anil
124.Mr.Wickremasinghe CG
125.Mr.Wijesekera Rohan
126.Mr.Wijeratne I G
127.Mr.Wimalasekera K P
128.Mr.Wimalaratne V H
129.Mr.Wimalatunge A H S
130.Mr.Yogaratnam R
131.Mr.Yousufally A N

List B

**MEMBERS AS PER MAILING LIST OF LAST EX-CO -NOT
AVAILABLE AT GIVEN ADDRESSES
(ON VISITS MADE BY OUR TEAMS)**

1. Mr.Abeysinghe N P - 16,Fredrica Road, Colombo 06
2. Mr.Abeysinghe Dias R F - 298/1, Galle Road, Wellawatta, Col 06
3. Mr.Aziz S A A - 704/5,Havelock Road, Colombo 06
4. Mr. David Robin - 146/1, Dutugemunu Street, Dehiwela
5. Mr.De Saram G - 78,Galle Road, Dehiwela
6. Mr.Dobbs R J - 70/14, Waidya Aveune, Off Waidya Rd,
Dehiwela
7. Mr.Gunawardena K M - 15, 2nd Cross Lane, Off Jaya Mawatha,
Ratmalana
8. Mr.Gomas P T I - 262/1,Moragasmulla Road, Rajagiriya
9. Mr.Idroos M F - 324, Galle Road, Colombo 03
10. Mr.Jalaldeen Ali - 23A, Mohandiram Lane, Dehiwela
11. Mr.Jeyarajah C, - 449, Galle Road, Colombo 03
12. Mr.Jinadasa G R L - 99, St.Joseph's Street, Colombo 14
13. Mr.Kandaneeratchy D MT - 25, Meda Mawatha, Nugegoda
14. Mr.Mohamed Evin - 2, De Saram Road, Mt.Lavinia
11, Arthurs Place, Colombo 04
15. Mr.Nallainathan S - 2, Kotalawala Place, Colombo 04
16. Mr.Nizardeen Rizi M - 167, Wolfendhal Street, Colombo 13
17. Mr.Pathmanathan Raju - C/o, V S Raju, 47/1, Hyde Park Corner,
Colombo 02
18. Mr.Perera K S J - 436, Cyril Perera Mawatha, Colombo 13
19. Mr.Ramanujan E C - 15, Alfred House Avenue, Colombo 03
20. Mr.Ranasinghe N A - 29, Piyaratnarama Road, Dehiwela
21. Mr.Ratnam Robin - Mackwoods-Winthrop Ltd, 35,
Madampitiya Road, Colombo 15
22. Mr.Ratnaweera H V B - 7,Campell Terrace, Colombo 10
23. Mr.Senaratne K A D W - 51/1, 3rd Lane, Ratmalana
24. Mr.Suhaib M S M, - 87/1, Horton Place, Colombo 07
25. Mr.Sinnalebbe M S - 27, Fareed Place, Colombo 04
26. Mr.Siriwardena E M A - 5/3, Huludagoda Road, Mt.Lavinia
27. Mr.Thangarajah P - 11,1/1, Umbichy Place, Colombo 13
28. Mr.Thamanagama P U - 266/4, Quarry Road, Dehiwela
29. Mr.Udukumbura D J - Wijeyaratne & Co, P O Box 191, Col
30. Mr.Wong Lou - 237, Main Street, Colombo 11
31. Mr.Yapa A D H - 94,4th Lane, Model Town, Ratmalana

List C

MEMBERS AS PER ABANDONED MEMBERS REGISTER NOT AVAILABLE AT GIVEN ADDRESSES (RETURNED CIRCULAR LETTERS DATED AUGUST 7,2001)

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| 1. Mr. Candappa M.P.R. | 17/4, Weeraman Road, Panadura |
| 2. Mr. Perera K.S.G. | 729, Grandpass Road, Colombo 14 |
| 3. Mr. Ratnayake T. | 100, Model Town, Ratmalana |
| 4. Mr. Jayawardene G.R. | 40, Rajamawatha Road, Ratmalana |
| 5. Mr. Mohideen S. | 110, Braybrook Place, Colombo 2 |
| 6. Mr. Abeywickrema P.A.R.L. | 21/4A, 1 st Lane, Colombo 5 |
| 7. Mr. Wathuhewa K.D. | 75, Stanley Tillekaratne Mawatha, Nugegoda |
| 8. Mr. Ganarajan N.A S. | Arunachalam Pillai & Sons, Bandarawela |
| 9. Mr. Rajabdeen Akram | 291, Havelock Road, Colombo 6 |
| 10. Mr. Jiffrey M | Brunswick Estate, Maskeliya |
| 11. Mr. Dissanayake K | Villa Felician, Kaldemulla, Moratuwa |
| 12. Mr. Gunasinghe U D W | No.3, Albert Place, Dehiwala |
| 13. Mr. Ranasinghe T | No. 403, Main Street, Negombo |
| 14. Mr. Wathuhewa P | Ruhunu Trade Enterprises, No. 25, Muhandiram
E.D. Dabare Mawatha, Colombo 5 |
| 15. Mr. De Silva U L T | Universal Stores, Main Stores, Galle |
| 16. Mr. Panditharatne L | Vykumbura Estate, Passara. |
| 17. Mr. Meedeniya M | Meedeniya Waluwa, Kegalla |
| 18. Mr.Mahatani M N | Hirdaramani Ltd, No.65,Chatham Street,Colombo 1 |
| 19 Dr.Jiffry A J | No.327, Dr's Quarters, General Hospital, Colombo |
| 20.Mr.Jayawarrdena T R | Craig Lea Group, Patana |
| 21.Mr.Subramaniam T | Wiharagalle Estate, Haputale |

List D

MEMBERS AS PER MAILING LIST OF LAST EX-CO NOT AVAILABLE AT GIVEN ADDRESSES (RETURNED CIRCULAR LETTERS DATED 27.07.2001)

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| 1. Mr. Venkatanarayanan A. | 246/1, Hill Street, Dehiwala |
| 2. Mr. Sally M.D. | 1096/A, Ranga Estate, Hunupitiya, Wattala |
| 3. Mr. Rajapakse M R M R . | 211, Udarata Tea House, Nugegoda |
| 4. Mr. Jayaweera N.K.H. | 201, Horana Road, Piliyandala. |
| 5. Mr. Panabokke M | 99, Siri Saranankara Road, Dehiwala |
| 6. Mr. Chandrasiri Silva T.S. | 139, Colombo Rd, Negombo |
| 7. Mr. Bavan D.S. | Cey Tea Ltd, Agarapatana |
| 8. Mr. Tissera E R B | C/o. Ranjith Sri Nissanka, No. 99, Havelock Rd
Colombo 5. |
| 9. Mr. Ahamed Marhez | No. 1, Horton Terrace (Place), Colombo 7. |

TRIBUTE TO DR. R. L. HAYMAN
(Founder Head-Master of STC Gurotalawa)

So much we've gained from this wonderful College
Situated in picturesque Gurotalawa village
For the knowledge and status we enjoy today
A Tribute to our Founder Father I pay.

A Magnanimous Father who was admirable
Whose, then decisions to date have proved infallible
To add to the glory of his wonderful school
He built the most beautiful swimming pool

Frequently dressed in baggy khaki shorts
His pockets filled with tools of all sorts
A Tester, Pliers, or a piece of wire
You couldn't miss them in the pockets of his attire

He visited each dorm every single night
To make certain that every thing was right
He knew each student's name like the back of his palm
And all their problems he handled with calm

His room for tolerance was incredible
And the limit of endurance immeasurable
The well-being of students was handled by his wife
Sacrifice for the college was the other half of his life

Hark Thomians young and Old
To a horrendous story that was told
Is S.Thomas Guru about to fold?
The answer is "No" because we've struck gold

A new crew of enterprising intellects of our selection
Have been appointed without an election
The crowd at the AGM was a stunning show
Attended by a Membership, never witnessed before

Glory status and passing the blame
You can be assured is not their aim
Sacrifice to protect our founder's name
And to restore our campus with it's original fame

I salute the efforts of the previous Ex-Co
To build a dining hall, they came to the fore
Their sacrifice for the college I do appreciate
To continue the unstinted support they shouldn't hesitate

At the time of need, this magnanimous gesture
Is a tonic of inspiration to the Ex-Co's of the future
I urge you to unite in the true Thomian Spirit
And gift Dr.Hayman with all the pride and merit.

(With sincere apologies to all distinguished poets.)

Esto Perpetua

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**A TRIBUTE TO DULEEP KUMAR**  
**(THE EVER FRAGRANT TULIP OF GURU)**

**D** EDICATED IN YOUR ASSIGNMENTS

**U** NASSUMING IN YOUR WAYS

**L** EVEL- HEADED IN YOUR JUDGEMENTS

**E** NTHUSIASTIC IN YOUR ENDEAVOURS

**E** FFICIENT IN YOUR WORK

**P** RAGMATIC IN YOUR WAY OF LIFE

**K** EEN IN EVERYTHING YOU DO

**U** NDAUNTED IN TIMES OF CHALLENGES

**M** AGNANIMOUS, IN BUILT BY NATURE

**A** BIDING IN TIMES OF UNTOLD PRESSURE

**R** ATIONAL IN MAKING DECISIONS.

**“A FITTING TRIBUTE TO A THOMIAN PRODIGY”**

Compliments of

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