

## ANNUAL REPORT 1989/90

At the last Annual General Meeting on 10 March the following were elected to office:-

President	: Dr Chen Choong Kong
1st Vice President	: Mr Lee Liat Cheng
2nd Vice President	: Mr Glenn Knight
Secretary	: Mr Victor Chia
Treasurer	: Mr S.P. Toh
Asst. Secretary	: Mr Leong Kwok Yan
Asst. Treasurer	: Mr Lim Jen Howe
Committee Members	: Dr Ivor Thevathasan Mr Timothy Chew Mr Cecil Lim Mr Ong Ai Teck Mr Eugene Fang

At the first committee meeting, the following were co-opted to the committee:- Dr Chua Li Eng, Ms Eng Hwee Cheng, Mr John Chia, Mr K.C. Yuen and Mr Noris Ong and the committee regretfully accepted the resignation of Mr Ong Ai Teck.

### Committee Meetings

The committee meets once a month and this year, we were happy to have the attendance of Prof Lawrence Chia, Principal of ACS and Mr Fong Seng Narp, representing ACJC at our committee meetings.

### Board of Governors and Boards of Management

Representatives of the OBA served on the Board of Governors and its various sub-committees and also on the Boards of Management of the component schools where they played active roles not only at meetings but in all the activities of the schools.

### ACSian

ACSian, the hitherto quarterly newsletter of the OBA, took on a new format under Mr Cecil Lim. It is now expanded into a classy eighty-page colour magazine, distributed to all OBA members as well all students of the different units of ACS. It is hoped that income from advertisements for the magazine will eventually be able to fund some OBA activities.

### Ladies Sub-Committees

The Ladies sub-committee under Dr Chua Li Eng and Ms Eng Hwee Cheng started a member-

ship drive among old girls with a fashion show where old girls and mothers were transformed into elegant models. The President of the OBA was the guest-of-honour but unfortunately other old boys were not invited. A second equally well-attended function was a talk by a gemologist. This second event turned in a tidy profit which has been set aside for the ladies' own future activities. The management committee was also able to meet with members of the ladies sub-committee to discuss the role of the ladies in the OBA. It was proposed that the ladies should participate in all the activities of the OBA.

### Scholarships & Awards

The Scholarship sub-committee under Dr Ivor Thevathasan continued to look after the award of the T.W. Hinch and Lim Song Scholarships. A further award of \$2,000.00 was made to Ms Stephanie Chia, a teacher from ACPS for her continuing studies in Calgary, Canada and \$1,000.00 was awarded under the Lim Song Scholarship to Mr Kevin Paramanandam, an old boy of ACS for undergraduate studies in NUS. Ms Angela Koh, who received a grant last year from the Teachers' Development Fund returned from music studies in England and has rejoined ACJS. Funds for the Wong Nang Eong Scholarship have yet to come in but the OBA is committed to giving the last \$10,000.00. At the Founder's Day Dinner, the OBA Gold and Silver Awards were presented to Wong Heng Yu and Jarrod Wong respectively.

### Inter-Year Representatives

The ad hoc committee of Inter-Year Representatives originally formed for the Centennial fund-raising competition was revived under Mr K.C. Yuen. This committee in conjunction with the Fund-Raising Committee of the Board of Governors had a tea party in October for old boys to promote the new independent school. Prof Lawrence Chia, Principal of ACS, and Mr Edwin Choo, the architect of the new school, were the speakers.

### OBA Constitution Amendments

The long-awaited approval of the Registrar of Societies for amendments to the OBA Constitution passed at the EGM in August 1988

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was finally obtained at the end of September. These amendments provide, inter alia, for a wider definition for an old boy, new categories of associate members and staggered membership of the management committee.

### **Membership**

Mr Noris Ong was chairman of the Membership sub-committee and up to September saw 22 members, including four old girls joining the OBA. The total membership now stands at 2209 but the Chairman is building up a database for members and alumni alike to keep in touch and to increase our numbers. As in the previous year, the OBA President will be meeting with final year students in both ACS and ACJC to encourage them to join the OBA.

### **Overseas Chapters**

Mr Timothy Chew, Head, Special Projects, was able to establish contacts with overseas alumni and overseas chapters of the OBA were established in Sydney, Vancouver, Toronto, Ottawa and London. As such, addresses of these overseas chapters have been made available to our students going overseas.

### **Founder's Day and Past v. Present Games**

As part of the Founder's Day Celebrations, the Sports & ECA Committee of the OBA, under the charge of Mr Glenn Knight was in charge of both the Past vs. Present games and the traditional reunion dinner. The dinner held at the Neptune Theatre Restaurant was a relaxed and enjoyable affair with students from all the schools in the ACS family taking turns to entertain with musical items. In the Past vs. Present games held at ACJC in which Mr Ong Ai Teik played a key role, the Past won the Challenge Trophy donated by Mr Glenn Knight after they beat the Present. The Committee intends to bring forward next year's Past v. Present games to 9 Dec 89 and to combine it with a buffet dinner at the ACS Shaw Pool.

### **Current Issues and Other Activities**

- (i) Conscious of its obligation also to cater to the interests of its members, the committee at its very first meeting set out to look into the possibility of acquiring a property on Barker Road for a clubhouse. However after consideration of our limited resources, it was felt that a more realistic solution was to approach the Methodist Church for a site on Barker Road for this purpose.
- (ii) A proposal for after-dinner talks for members unfortunately did not take off as the proposed speaker was not available. This will definitely be taken up again in the following year.
- (iii) The Management Committee felt, on many occasions throughout the year, a burden for the financial needs of the schools in terms of their various building and extension funds, the Teachers' Development Fund and other scholarships. Therefore, the Committee attempted to seek from the Methodist Church reaffirmation of the Church's continued commitment in this area. The Committee believes the Church is actively examining this matter.
- (iv) At the time of going to print, the Committee is looking into how it can retain links with its past Presidents. Ideas have been mooted for the creation of a post within the Management Committee for the immediate past President, a sub-committee comprising past Presidents or just by making them honorary members — the twin objective being to retain our links with them as well as to tap the rich experience and resources of these August personalities.

**Mr Leong Kwok Yan**  
Asst. Secretary  
October 1989

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