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appreciated by those old boys who don't have access to email or Facebook, where the SHSOBU publishes regularly. A number of initiatives we have introduced this past year include:

- A LinkedIn Group for SBHS Old Boys involved in the legal profession or other professions after having studied law, and plans to add groups for other professions
- An increased focus on Mentoring programs to help current students and younger old boys connect with more experienced old boys in their chosen profession
- The appointment of an SHSOBU contact in Hong Kong to facilitate networking in Hong Kong and China
- A number of activities involving strengthening sporting ties between the school and higher education providers
- The first in the Greater Debater series which will include a debate between three Sydney High Old Boys and three old boys from Shore on 28 May 2016.

News from the Council

Dear Members

Thank you for your continued involvement as members of the Sydney High School Old Boys Union. Your financial contribution allows us to continue to develop programs and initiatives that further strengthen the ties within the High Community, particularly among the Old Boys.

The High Bulletin is only available to financial members. Since it was first introduced it has been a constant source of information about current school activities and news from old boys, and is particularly

I trust you enjoy this edition of the High Bulletin, and as always your feedback is appreciated.



President of the SHSOBU, Paul Almond, presenting awards at the school on behalf of the Old Boys Union

We are more than grateful to share any news you have regarding your career or achievements outside of work. We are pleased to share the stories of two 1983 students, Alan Morrison and Mark Swivel, in this edition.

Warm regards
Paul Almond
President

News From Old Boys

Mark Swivel (Class of 1983) has kicked off his one-man show *How Deep Is Your Love?* and will have a three night run at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival (Mar 31- April 2) before heading north to the Seymour Centre in Sydney.

Since he graduated from the Great Hall (his name hangs as Dux for all time!) he has practiced law, tangled with government over sexy banking regulation, become a Dad, performed at the Edinburgh Festival, devoted his life to the Eureka Football Club, recently became company secretary for a renewable energy retailer and is an ambassador for Good Return, an NGO that does microfinance around the Asia-Pacific region.

In his spare time (!) he performs with Dustyesky, an all-male Russian choir that stormed Woodford Festival last December. No-one speaks the language but they share a common love for vodka, harmonies and hedonism in general.

Mark is also working with the Good Return team on a project in the Solomon Islands exploring mobile-based banking where phone credit is used as a currency.

His latest work *How Deep is Your Love?* was inspired by a visit to Bangladesh to study with Grameen Bank, established by Muhammad Yunus a Bangladeshi entrepreneur who created a banking system based on accountability, mutual trust, creativity and participation. Credit is provided, without collateral, to applicants to fund small, local business projects. Loans range from \$100 to \$400 and have been instrumental in creating sustainable incomes for some of the country's poorest, helping get kids to school, improving health and housing.



Mark Swivel Photo by Anna Swain

Mark's show uses a mix of humour and storytelling to shine a different light on old problems. Theatre, cabaret and stand up comedy, along with a healthy dose of improv all feature in the performance.

He has fond memories of his time on stage at Sydney Boys in productions of Oliver and Pirates of Penzance, in particular the role that dead-set legend music teacher Steve Williams played in encouraging and inspiring his students.

You can catch Mark's show on the following dates:

- Melbourne International Comedy Festival: Fri 1, Sat 2 April, 8pm
- Albury at AWTCO Fri 8 April, 8pm
- Sydney, The Sound Lounge, Seymour Centre, Sat 9 April, 8pm
- Canberra, The Street, Fri 15, Sat 16 April, 3pm & 8pm

Bookings can be made at:

<http://www.swiv.com.au/book-now>

Further information on Good Return:

<https://goodreturn.org.au/>.

Interview with Philip Adams: <http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/latenightlive/mark-swivel/7181652>

Mark, along with Dr Adrian Cohen (Class of 1978), and Chris Chiam (Class of 2012) will make up Sydney High School Old Boys team for the Greater Debater challenge against Shore Old Boys on 28 May.

The event will be held at Shore and will be the first in a series of debates among GPS old boys. It will be a lively affair so please save the date and watch out for your email invitation and Facebook announcements or visit the SHSOBU website for more information and booking details!

Alan Morrison, Class of 83, recently travelled to Uganda as part of the Hope for Orphans and Vulnerable Children. This is his story.

Hope for Orphans & Vulnerable Children is a Christian community development program operating in Kisoro, Southern Uganda. It is led and operated by a local Ugandan team and oversight Board. For six years I have chaired the Australian HOVC Board that partners with the Ugandan Board to realise the funds for child sponsorship, healthcare, education, water and sanitation.

It also supports development of local infrastructure such as the schools. HOVC currently sponsors 135 children.

Earlier this year I led a group of 8 HOVC supporters on a two week trip as a means to them gaining a deeper understanding of how HOVC is making a difference to the lives of sponsor children, their families and wider community. It also realises an important value of HOVC in which the Kisoro community and the Australia supporter community maintain close ties through strong personal relationships.

I was privileged to lead the team as they met with their sponsor families, coming to understand the impact of poverty from the perspective of personal relationship based on mutual respect. Understanding how to assist people to develop and escape poverty rather than create welfare dependency is always challenging for people from Western cultures.

This was my third visit to Kisoro and as a result I have seen the growth and development of the kids as well as the impact on the community over the past 6 years. This time I was talking to some of the older kids who are being sponsored through high school. They now share aspirations of becoming teachers, engineers, doctors and builders seeing opportunity to escape the cycle of poverty.

One of our young kids presented with a severe finger infection that left much longer would have resulted in sepsis and possibly death. I was able to watch our Ugandan team take her through the health system ensuring the appropriate treatment was accessed. This would not have happened in the absence of HOVC.



Alan with his sponsor child (orange jacket) and his family

One of the trip highlights was meeting with the parents who are members of the HOVC loan scheme. This microfinance scheme is run by the parents, with assistance from HOVC who provided the initial funding. The team heard several personal stories from parents of how access to affordable loans had enabled them to undertake income generating activities. This had facilitated sending their other children to school or maintaining an income to cover normal

household expenses such as food. At the end of the meeting the parents burst into spontaneous dancing and singing thankful for what was happening in their community.



Alan with a fellow team member going on a picnic with the kids to one of the lakes about an hour away.

As a Christian I have always been thankful to God for his goodness to me and as part of that I have always valued the education I received at High. My time at High developed me in so many ways, and helped in creating future opportunities. Being involved in HOVC is one way I feel I'm giving back in gratitude for what has been given to me.

To donate or learn more about HOVC contact: Australian Director Marion Steele at mazruth@gmail.com

www.shsobu.org.au

George Miller (Class of 63) might have missed out on the award for best director at the Oscars but Mad Max: Fury Road was a big winner at the Academy Awards with six wins, including one for Class of 1991 old boy, Damian Martin, who shared the award for Best Make-up and Hairstyling with Lesley Vanderwalt and Elka Wardega. Damian and Lesley also collected a BAFTA for their work on Mad Max. Mad Max also won eight AACTA awards including Best Direction and Best Film for George Miller.

The 1976 Yaralla Cup First IV winners caught up at the recent Head of the River to celebrate the 40th anniversary of their win. At the time of their victory Sydney High had not won the Yaralla Cup for 16 years and it had been many years since the school had won any GPS Regatta event. Despite being one of the lightest crews in the race they finished three lengths ahead of Kings and Scots.



Andrew Bowey (Bow), David Dickison (2), Daniel Vieira (3), Cameron McMorrow (Stroke), Mark Vangelatos (Cox)



Left to right: Cameron McMorrow (Stroke), Daniel Vieira (3), Mark Vangelatos (Cox), David Dickison (2), Andrew Bowey (Bow)

Congratulations to the following Old Boys who were recognised in the Australia Day Honours list for 2016:

AO

Professor Minas Theodore CORONEO (SHS: 1970-1971) Vaucluse NSW 2030. For distinguished service to ophthalmology, to the research and development of innovative surgical technologies and devices, and to eye health in regional and Indigenous communities. He developed 'Trypan Blue,' an ophthalmic dye used in difficult cataract surgery cases (used worldwide), designed and developed a surgical shunt device for glaucoma surgery and was involved in the research and development of the bionic Eye concept.

Professor Coroneo is a leader in the research of sun related eye diseases and prevention, termed the 'Coroneo Effect.'

Emeritus Professor Douglas Edgar JOSHUA AM, Double Bay, NSW (Class of 1963)

For distinguished service to medicine, and to medical education, as an haematologist and academic, to myeloma research, and to public health organisations.

Professor Joshua is at the University of Sydney's Faculty of Medicine and was until recently Director of the Institute of Haematology at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

AM

Professor Gustav Isaac LEHRER (SHS: 1959-1963) School of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Sydney NSW 2006. For significant service to tertiary mathematics education as an academic and researcher, and to professional and community groups. He has been a University of Sydney Mathematics Professor since 1990, Governor and lecturer at Tel Aviv

University and held various positions with the Australian Research Council and President of the Sydney Jewish Museum.

Mr Lionel Philip ROBBERDS QC (SHS: 1951-1955) NSW For significant service to the law, to rowing, and to the community. Amongst his many achievements, Mr Robberds QC represented Australia in the 1960 Olympics in the Coxed IVs and was a member of the Australian Squash teams in 1973 and 1976. He acted as Counsel Assisting in the 2001-2003 building industry Royal Commission amongst other professional achievements.

OAM

Mr Richard John GLOVER (SHS: 1956-1961) Neutral Bay NSW 2089 For service to charitable organisations, and to the community. He was Chairman of Tattersalls Club and involved in many community-based activities.

Mr James Albert HAYNES (SHS: 1960-1965) Kensington NSW 2033 For service to the performing arts as an entertainer, author, broadcaster and historian. He is the MD of Singabout Australia, founding member of Bandy Bill & Co Bush Band, past long-term board member of the Country Music Association of Australia, Co-founder of Stone the Crowes Festival, Wagga Wagga, has numerous books, music recordings and radio shows for which he has been recognised throughout his life.

Our man in Hong Kong, Bill Wang (2010) recently attended a lunch hosted by the Australian Chamber of Commerce, which was also attended by the Treasurer and Class of 1985 Old Boy, Scott Morrison.

Bill is organising a gathering of Old Boys in Hong Kong on 14 July 2016. Keep an eye on our website for further details and make sure you have updated your contact information.



Bill Wang and Scott Morrison

Old Boys Will Randles and Chris Chiam (2012) went head to head in the Jessup International Moot Court Competition at the High Court held recently. Will's team represented ANU and edged out the UNSW team Chris was in.

Both teams will go to Washington DC for the international round of the competition in March. We will keep you posted and we are also pleased to announce the Chris Chiam has agreed to be part of the Sydney High School Old Boys Union team in the Greater Debater competition against Shore in May.



From left: William Randles, Tara Peramatukorn, Dan Trevanion, Matilda Gillis. Absent: James Barrett. Image: Stuart Hay, ANU.

Gold Challenge - Classes of 1983 & 1984



Image from the last Gold Challenge

The GPS Gold Challenge is a huge event. Held every two years, it is the largest event for old boys of the nine GPS schools who have reached, or are about to reach, the age of 50 years. This year marks the 17th and 18th GPS Gold Challenges with both 1983 and 1984 Alumni competing in separate competitions for the Aub Thomas Memorial Trophy. Class of 83 is being organised by David Scribner and Class of 84 by David Anderson.

The key dates are:

Friday 30th September - Golf at Ryde Parramatta Golf Club, West Ryde and Shooting at The King's School, Parramatta

Saturday 1st October All other events plus the Closing Dinner at St Ignatius' College, Riverview

Sydney Boys High School Memorabilia

It was an exciting finish to the year when we saw the collective spirit and generosity of Old Boys around the world support the purchase of a piece of memorabilia.

The cabinet, dated post 1928 according to the school crest, was up for auction just two weeks before Christmas. Former SHSOBU president, Joseph Waugh, alerted the council and without any deliberation the council decided to purchase the cabinet and present it to the school.



President of the SHSOBU, Paul Almond, said the memorabilia was too important and intriguing to be in private hands and should be given back to the school as a gift from the Old Boys.

An email to all old boys asking for donations of \$100 or more was sent out and within a day the purchase price and costs associated

with moving the cabinet to the school were raised. Everyone who donated \$100 will have their name inscribed on a plaque and be invited to attend the presentation ceremony.

Thank you Old Boys! An amazing effort.

Obituaries

Michael Ramsden AM (1944) 1927–2015

Michael Ramsden was a pioneer television newsman, who set the style for television news for many years. As founding director of news for TCN9 Sydney and later the National Nine Network, he created a template other broadcasters would follow.

The presentation of news, current affairs, documentaries and live telecasts after the start on television meant Australians had a window to the world and on their own country that brought events to them faster and more visually than ever before.

Ramsden was born in Auckland, New Zealand, on April 28, 1927, the son of Erik Ramsden, a journalist and anthropologist, and his wife, Evelyn (nee Graham). The family moved to Sydney and Michael was educated at The Kings School before completing his education at Sydney Boys. At 17, he volunteered for World War II service in the Royal Australian Navy.

After the war, Ramsden was awarded a journalism cadetship at The Daily Telegraph and The Sunday Telegraph in Sydney before covering the Australian war efforts in Korea. One of his final print journalism assignments was as a White House correspondent in 1953 during the Eisenhower administration.

Then, as television came to Australia, Frank Packer wanted to start a station and selected Ramsden as the perfect man for director of news. Ramsden produced and directed the first program to go to air, on September 16, 1956, presenting Bruce Gyngell as he said, "Good evening and welcome to television."



Then, two days later, Ramsden produced the station's first news program. He continued to produce the daily news programs on Channel 9 for 40 years, and his influence and leadership extended far beyond the debut of the new medium, as he worked with many of the famous media people of the times.

In 1970, Ramsden married Tucker Scully, an American from Virginia.

After retiring from TCN9 Sydney in 1987, Ramsden was appointed to the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal as vice-chairman and then its acting chairman. He brought his career background of practical broadcasting experience to the traditionally legal and academic tribunal and, among other achievements, he negotiated industry acceptance of a tribunal-developed code curbing gratuitous violence.

Ramsden was made a member of the Order of Australia in 2007 for service to the media and communications industry. Extracted from the Sydney Morning Herald.

Vale to **Judy Cassab** (known as Mrs Kampfner at High) mother to John (1963) and Peter (1965), organiser of the Ethel Killip Memorial art collection that still hangs in the boardroom and portrait painter of two headmasters (Messrs Killip and Andrews).

Judy's career spanned several decades both internationally and abroad; she is best known in Australia for being the first woman to twice win the prestigious Archibald portrait painting award and her work is represented in over 60 galleries worldwide.



Judy Cassab

Rodney Isaac Rosenblum AM (1950)

In 2004 Rosenblum became a Member of the Order of Australia for service to the development and reform of revenue law and to the community, particularly through AUSTCARE and Jewish Care.

He died on 5 December 2015.

Frederick Stephens AO (1944) 1927–2015

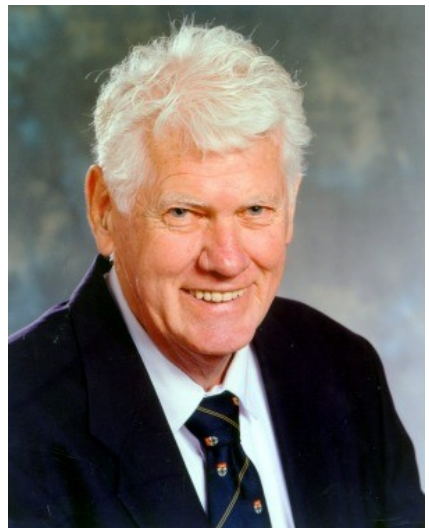
Emeritus Professor Fred Stephens was a man of many extraordinary professional achievements which were perhaps not as widely known or appreciated as they should have been. He was the first person in the world to propose, perform and report day

surgery – now a normal medical procedure experienced by over 1 million patients every year in Australia.

He was working as a senior surgical registrar in the Royal Infirmary in Aberdeen, Scotland in the late 1950s when he persuaded his superiors to allow him to repair groin hernias and strip varicose veins as day cases under general anaesthetic.

There was great resistance to this proposal and there were dire warnings that patients would die. However, Stephens' radical experiment worked and he and his colleague, Hugh Dudley, published the results in *The Lancet* in 1961. Their findings changed surgical practice forever.

Stephens went on to become one of the world's earliest surgical oncologists, pioneering what he called "integrated cancer treatment". His concept of integrating surgical techniques such as regional perfusion chemotherapy with systemic drug therapy and radiotherapy is now standard in hospitals around the world, now known as multidisciplinary cancer care.



Fred Stephens

Frederick Oscar Stephens was born on August 7, 1927 in a soldier settlement at Kurmond, near North Richmond. His parents, Hedley Stephens and his wife, Dorys (nee Reed), were both from well-to-do Methodist families. Hedley and Dorys were later involved in the building and establishment of the Malvern Hill Church, Croydon in 1911 on land donated by Fred Reed, Mayor of Burwood and Dorys' father.

When Fred was five, his beloved younger sister Dolly died from scarlet fever. Witnessing the sadness and helplessness of his parents was a profound experience and Fred decided to become a doctor. He was further inspired by the family's local GP, Dr Steel, who made frequent visits to tend to Hedley.

Fred was educated at Homebush and Sydney Boys High Schools. While still at high school, he joined the Air Corp for service in World War II but the war ended shortly after his 18th birthday.

He entered medicine at the University of Sydney in 1946, graduating in 1951. He then toured the world as a ship's surgeon, deciding that surgery was the pinnacle of medical science. He later decided that academia would give him the best opportunity to be at the cutting edge of treatment so took up a research position at the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary in 1959 before taking up Fulbright Professor of Surgery at University College, San Francisco.

The family moved back to Sydney in 1970 and Stephens joined the Department of Surgery at the University of Sydney, later becoming Head of Department. He was also a loyal staff member of Sydney Hospital for many years, where his surgical oncology unit was the first team in the world to

pioneer regional chemotherapy, which involves injecting the chemotherapy drugs directly into the cancer, via the artery that feeds the tumour, instead of injecting them into a vein – which distributes the chemicals to the whole body. Stephens said the benefits of regional chemotherapy enabled oncologists to "poison the cancer, not the patient".

Stephens was president of the Surgical Research Society of Australasia in the 1970s and foundation president of the International Society for Regional Cancer Therapy from 1988 – 1993.

In the 1960s and 1970s, he was appointed surgeon to any visiting heads of state in Sydney, meaning he was surgeon to the president of the United States, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales, the Shah of Persia, the Crown Prince of Japan and the King and Queen of Nepal.

He was awarded an Order of Australia in 1993 and published his autobiography *From Kurmond Kid to Cancer Crusader* in 2011.

News from other GPS Schools

The Armidale School went co-educational this year, offering places to female students for the first time.

The Head of Sydney Grammar, John Valance, has resigned and will complete his tenure at the end of the first school term next year.

St Ignatius College campus in Riverview has announced a \$153 million staged redevelopment of the site. Stan Kurrie, former head of The King's School, has passed away.

Tony George has been appointed as headmaster of The King's School in Sydney following the announcement that Timothy Hawkes will step down as The King's School headmaster.

Sports News from the School

Swimming

New school records were established at the School's Swimming Carnival:

- William Lee (Rubie) 14 years – 100m freestyle 1'01.9 and 50m breaststroke 0'34.78;
- James Luo (McKay) 14 years - 50m butterfly 0'31.69;
- Nathan Wang (Rubie) 12 years - 50 m breaststroke 0'41.78.
- William Lee then set a GPS record in the 14 years 50m breaststroke (33.30).

Other winners at the GPS carnival were:

- Adam Feng 16 years 50m backstroke (32.15);
- Allen Guo 15 years 50m breaststroke (34.27)
- 14 years 4x50m freestyle relay – Sae-Jong, Luo, Lee, Xu-(1.58.50);
- 17 years 4 x 50m freestyle relay – Best, I.Haddo, Rowlands, L. Schofield - (1.45.90).

Sydney Boys USA Basketball Tour

On 1 January, a group of 22 students and 4 adults departed Sydney for California as a part of the Sydney Boys U.S.A. tour. While there, the two teams played 8 games each, with Varsity (senior team) winning four games and Junior Varsity (junior team) winning three.

While in California, they went to an Ice Hockey match, an NBA game and a College game where they were able to see Emmett Naar, old boy of Sydney High, play in the Saint Mary's Gaels starting 5!!

The tour was not only about playing basketball. The squad toured San Francisco, the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz Island, Los Angeles, Disneyland, Universal Studios, Hollywood Boulevard and Venice Beach, just to mention a few locations.



Sydney Boys High Basketball tour - Santa Fe

It was a time for the boys to experience a very different way of life to their own, enjoy the differences in culture that America offered, and learn more about basketball as an international sport.

Congratulations to Tully Moffat (Year 12) on his selection in the combined GPS cricket team.

At the recent Roberta Nutt Individual Fencing Competition Lachlan Ho (Year 8) won Bronze in the U13 Foil category; William Zeng (Year 10) won Gold and Matthew Pellen (Year 8) won Bronze.

Kabir Agrawal (12), playing in the first XI against Grammar, took 7 wickets for 6 runs in one of the most dominant bowling displays by a SBHS cricketer in our GPS history.

At the National Schools Volleyball Championships held last December, involving 485 school teams, High's 16s team played in Division 1 and lost 1-2 in the gold medal round to Burnside High from Queensland.

The 14s team played in Division 2 and made it to the bronze medal playoff, losing to Etham High from Victoria.

High won the All-Schools target Rifle shooting Championships. The Second Grade team won the GPS title again.

Our sabre and épée teams won gold at the Schools Teams National fencing competition.

Our table tennis team won the CHS Schools Knockout.

Our team won the GPS U16 cross-country competition.

At the GPS athletics Carnival, Ben Nguyen won the 13 years long jump and 90m hurdles. Lucas Wong won the U15 100/200m double.

At the CHS athletics carnival, High medalled in three relays and six individual events. Our team retained the Kippax Cup as the highest scoring boys' school.

In rowing, at the CHS regatta, High retained the Peter Bond Cup for boys' schools. High crews earned: 8 gold, 8 silver and 7 bronze medals. Tim Trent was Champion Junior Rower with 3 golds.

Individual NSW representatives this year were: Brendan Kong (ice-hockey), Dibyendu Roy, Terence Mui & Ryan Chan (Badminton), Oscar Dumas (basketball), Keving Guan (short track ice skating), Edward Belokopytov & Alex Yeung (table tennis) and James Siu (fencing).

CIS representatives were: Kazi Hasan & Ben Nguyen (athletics); Nathan Sutton and Bailey Musulin (basketball); James Luo, Allen Guo, Kevin Guo, Andrew McNaughton, Leonard Mah and Sam Musgrove (swimming).

CHS representatives were: Sam Musgrove (rugby), Sunny Xu & Kevin Robinson (volleyball) and Thomas Shortridge (debating).

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Leonard Mah receives Honour Cap

Class of 2015 student, Leonard Mah, received a rare Honour Cap from the school during the Presentation and Prize Giving night held at Sydney Boys High School on 16 February, 2016.



Here is Dr Kim Jagger's address to the school upon the presentation of the Honour Cap to Leonard Mah:

The Sydney High School Honour Cap was awarded from 1884 to 1917 as a kind of super blue for outstanding all-round sportsmen. Eedy and MacTaggart were awarded Honour Caps in 1884 and 1885.

In 1917 an amendment was adopted by the School Union to award the Honour Cap on the basis of the recipient satisfying three criteria: considerable sporting prowess, general interest in school affairs and for bringing honour to the school. In our Blues regulations, clause 6, an Honour cap is restricted to a student who has shown outstanding merit in a number of sports,

preferably recognised by a School Blue in two sports.

As Principal I have interpreted the Honour Cap rule about bringing honour to the school to include earning a high quality HSC result. The Honour Cap had been awarded 30 times to 27 different students. Mischa Steen (2005), Dakshika Gunaratne (2007) and Ivor Metcalfe (2013) have been the only recipients since 2000.

This year we are pleased to be able to award the Honour Cap to a student who represented High in four sports for six years – water polo, swimming, athletics and football. He won numerous medals at CHS and CIS as well as setting school records for swimming. He represented the school at GPS level in athletics and was 100m champion in 2014-15. He played second grade water polo and second XI football in his final year. He was a member of High's GPS championship chess team for three years. At the HSC he earned a maximum ATAR of 99.95 was Dux of his cohort and came first in HSC chemistry.

Having satisfied current and historical criteria I have great pleasure in presenting the Oswald Chapman Memorial Prize for best All-rounder and a School Honour Cap to Leonard Mah.

Academic News

Congratulations to Julian Tu (Year 12) who attended the National Computer Science School and won a prize of \$1000 to be spent on the Grok Learning NCSS challenge.

Outstanding HSC individual results this year included Leonard Mah, William Chang and Peter Ryan scoring maximum ATARS.

In the HSC course top ten results, Aidan Karahashan came first in 2-unit mathematics with Luke Hoad and Preetham Kaddapu tied for ninth. David Kim topped business studies with Ben Wu 8th. Aashray Narula was third in German Continuers. Kevin Ni was 4th in software design as was Sudarshan Arvind in economics. Vishal Karnamadakala had his body of work hung at ARTEXPRESS.

William Chen was the national winner of the UNSW Australia and NZ Economics Competition.

Nicholas Lee was the national winner of the Business Studies Competition.

In the International Competition and Assessment for Schools competitions, James Ye was awarded the top score for NSW and ACT in Science, while Fayed Morshedi achieved the highest score in NSW and ACT for the English Test.

Kevin Ke represented Australia at the Asian Physics Olympiad.

Roger Wu came first in NSW in the ASX Share Game.

Tom Liu placed 3rd in Australia in the National Geographic Australian Geography Competition.

In debating, our GPS team were champions, claiming the Louat Shield.

Our Year 10 team were GPS champions and also won the Year 10 Teasdale Cup for NSW state schools. Max Koslowski and Thomas Shortridge won the national final of Dr Evatt MUNA Competition.

Our GPS Chess team regained the GPS trophy from SGS.

Are you a member of the SHSOBU?

The friendships born at High last a lifetime. To date, over twenty thousand boys have been clapped out of the Great Hall.

The Sydney High School Old Boys' Union was created in 1892 to help preserve and strengthen relationships, both to your mates and the truly Great Public School that is Sydney High.

We actively build and develop networks, both within the High community and the other GPS schools, to ensure that High remains the Greatest Public School.

You can contact us through our website www.shsobu.org.au to update your details and become a financial member of the Union. All money raised through membership goes towards supporting the school and the activities of the Union.

We would love to hear from more Old Boys – any updates you have about yourself are welcome. If you have any archival images or video you would like to share please contact us through the contact form on the website.

Don't forget to like us on Facebook to get up to date information on events and activities.

