

David Pattullo Hodgson

M.A. (Oxon.) (OA 1949)

Custodian of all things Andrean



We regret to inform you that David Hodgson passed away on Saturday 3 October 2015 at his home in Grahamstown, at the age of 83, shortly after he was diagnosed with advanced cancer.

David attended St Andrew's College from 1946 to 1949. He was in Armstrong House and was a prefect. He was awarded Boxing and Hockey Colours and gained a first-class Matric pass with two distinctions. He graduated from Rhodes University with distinction in History and Economics, and he was also awarded Colours for Athletics and Hockey. He was a Rhodes Scholar in 1952 and, whilst at Oxford University, he achieved a Boxing Blue.

David was a member of the St Andrew's College staff from 1957 to 1993, a total of 36 years.

During his time at College, David held the following leadership roles:

- Head of Biology
- Head of Agricultural Science
- Head of Economics
- Master-in-Charge of Boxing, Hockey, Tennis and Squash
- Espin Housemaster (1970 – 1981)
- Chairman of the E.P. Schools Squash Association (1977 – 1986)
- Second Master Executive (1988 - 1991)
- Second Master (1992)

David was the founder of the SAC 300 Club (after a squash game with Mike Macrae in 1978). The Club started in November 1979 with approximately 80 initial members, with the aim of reaching 300 members. Today the membership stands at over 400. David often personally conducted the draws and took great pleasure in calling out the winners. The Club has been extremely successful and has made generous annual donations to Prep and College. Invested funds have enabled the Club to periodically donate large amounts towards major projects

such as the squash courts, the astroturf and renovations to the Highlander. The Club has enabled a total of R10 million in today's currency to be available for the needs of College and Prep. The 300 Club has therefore been of considerable value to College, Prep and the whole Andrean community, due to David's continued and tireless commitment.

David was the Honorary Treasurer of the OA General Committee (OA Club) for 51 years and was also a member of the Prep Board and the St Andrew's College Council.

After retiring, David became the President of the OA Club in 1993. He continued his treasurer duties and management of the 300 Club, and was the local representative for the UK Old Andrean Branch.

David's dedication and commitment to College was remarkable. There are many who consider him to be "Mr College" as he gave a lifetime of service to the school. We will fondly remember his determined and lengthy strides across Lower, and how the boys never failed to stand and respectfully greet him.

This remarkable gentleman was a man of very high ideals and of unquestionable integrity and he will be sorely missed by the Andrean community.

He leaves his wife Jeanette, sons Neil and Mark, daughter Fiona, and brother Ken.

His funeral will be held at the St Andrew's College Chapel on Friday 9 October 2015, at 14h00. All are welcome.

Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be made to either of the following:

- *Grahamstown Hospice* (www.grahamstownhospice.org.za)
- *Good Shepherd School* (contact Cathy Meiklejohn at G.Trust@sacschool.com).

For those who would like to send **messages**, please forward them to foundation@sacschool.com and we will pass them on to David's family.