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## EDITORIAL

Alert readers will already have spotted a considerable reshuffle in the list of officers of the Association printed above. Outgoing Secretary Stuart Pattison deserves special mention for ten years' stalwart service, and we wish him well as he assumes the position of Captain at his golf club. Terry Spragg (1953-60) takes over from Stuart after a two-year apprenticeship as Editor. Mike Powell (1953-59) progresses from Membership Secretary to Chairman, whilst the former Chairman becomes Editor. We welcome Simon Kelly (1976-83), one of our younger old boys, to the position of Membership Secretary, and hope he will achieve success, particularly amongst his contemporaries, in recruiting new members. Eric Roberts was obliged by ill-health to resign from the committee, and our new Masonic Lodge contact is Roy Armitstead. Soldiering on for another year are our President, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, and Football and Cricket Secretaries.

At school, life continues "as normal", free from the threatened merger with the Girls' Grammar School and possible relocation on the Devisdale. Trafford Borough Council had this portion of its plan for schools' reorganisation rejected by the Secretary of State, as reported here last year. The Council is now having to face up to one of its own legacies — the need to refurbish and modernise the existing school premises, following a period of economies and postponement of such works in recent years due to uncertainty about the school's future. It will come as no surprise to learn that funding for such a capital development programme is hard to come by from the Council's coffers! But we detect the early signs of a recovery in the recognition of the important role of grammar schools in the national education system, and hope this will encourage the Council to take pride in one of its own well-respected grammar schools. Old Boys, Governors, parents and staff are all putting in *their* efforts to support the school, and what better battle cry than "*Labor Omnia Vincit*"?

Ken Lea (1945-53)

