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MARITIME HERITAGE MAJOR PROJECTS.

J Shed

Sally May, President and Mike Lefroy, Secretary.

Through Brian Phillips the Maritime Heritage Association has enlisted the expertise and experience of Dough Kerr of Shacks Holden, Bill Peacock of Construction Evaluations Pty Ltd, Greg Gaunt a Solicitor, and Ian Mickle of Chesterton Inal Property Consultants.

Upon the advice of Doug Kerr, Ian Mickle was consulted to assess the commercial viability of J Shed as a site for a Maritime Heritage Centre. The current commercial leasing rates for basic storage facilities ranges between \$25 and \$40 per square metre (getting what you pay for). Ian Mickle assessed the restored J Shed as a basic commercial property. Using the \$25 per square metre per annum as a base rate for subletting J Shed, it was evident that it was essential that the Maritime Heritage Centre have a sail loft to ensure an annual payment of \$12,000 per annum rental to the Fremantle City Council and \$5-7,000 per annum in management costs. Provision of a sail loft remains allusive. The \$25 per sq metre rate did not allow for unforeseen contingencies like loss of rental if a subtenant could not meet their obligations to the Maritime

Heritage Association. This would be particularly so in the case of the boatbuilder or the sailmaker who require the largest areas.

Currently there are six people would have committed their expression of interest in subletting J Shed to paper. This makes a total area of occupancy 310 sq metres, assuming those people act upon their expression of interest. Significantly, the most important and outstanding business is that of a wood boatbuilder, a block maker and a spar maker. Clearly the onus is upon the members of the Maritime Heritage Association to provide sufficient number of people to occupy all of the space in J Shed (excepting public access areas) should the Maritime Heritage Association take up the head lease being offered by the Fremantle City Council.

Despite the apparent problems of getting J Shed established, in particular the time taken in liaising with the Council, establishing a floor plan etc, members should not be dishearten and remember the enduring tenacity of our maritime forebears whose legacies we seek to perpetuate.

Other options, as intermediate steps, are also proposed and require further discussion and consideration.

The Association would like to thank Doug Kerr, Bill Peacock, Greg Gaunt and Ian Mickle for their invaluable objective advice and their support and enthusiasm for the proposed Maritime Heritage Centre.

Maritime Heritage Trust

Sally, President.

Greg Gaunt is currently assessing the pros and cons of establishing a Trust to pick up the head lease on J Shed and the pros and cons of the Maritime Heritage Association Inc. picking up the lease directly from the Council. The benefits and problems, in the short term, largely revolve around the management of subleases in J Shed. If the lease is taken on by the Maritime Heritage Association then J Shed would have to be professional managed for an appropriate fee which would again increase overall management costs and reduce contingency funds.

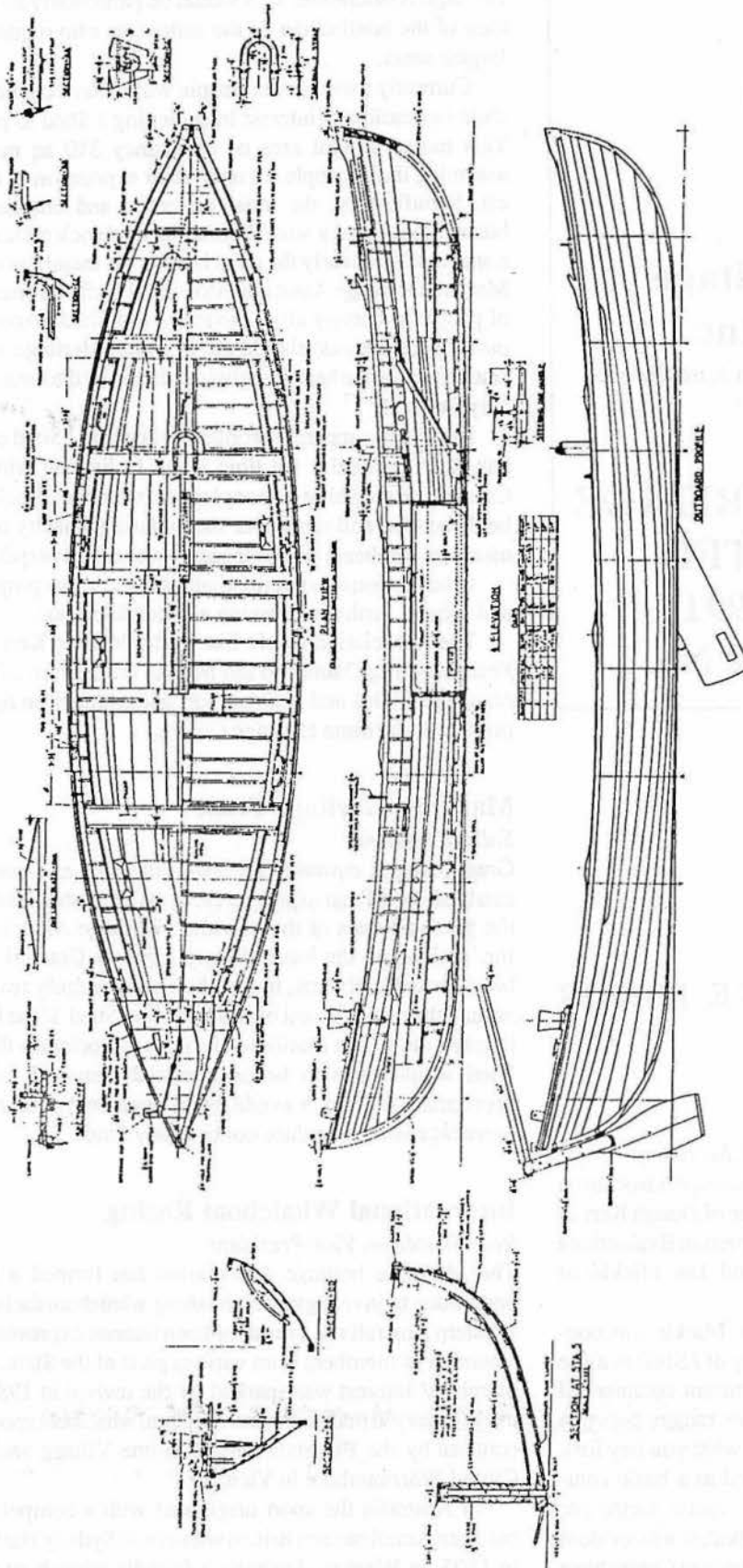
International Whaleboat Racing

Ross Shardlow, Vice-President.

The Maritime heritage Association has formed a sub-committee to investigate establishing whaleboat racing in Western Australia as a result of keen interest expressed by a number of members from various parts of the State. The members' interest was sparked by the revival in 1988 of the 184 year old tradition of international whaleboat sporting contests by the Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village and the City of Warrnambool in Victoria.

In Australia the sport originated with a competition between American and British whalers on Sydney Harbour in 1805. In Western Australia a friendly whaleboat race was held between the Fremantle Whaling Company and the Perth Waling Company on June 2, 1837. The Grand Tasmanian Regatta was founded in 1839, there were sixteen entries in the first whaleboat race, which carried the Tasman Prize of thirty sovereigns.

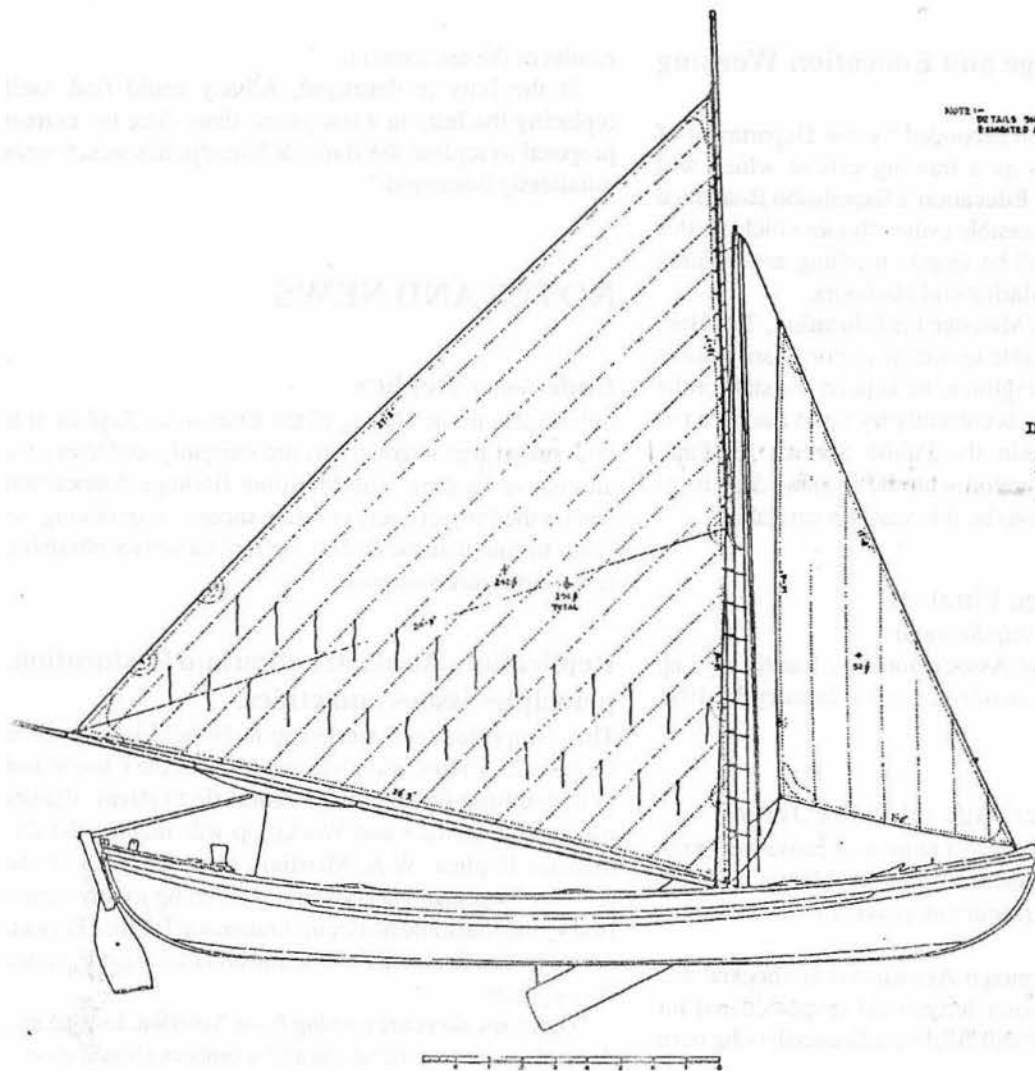
In 1988, during the Wunta Festival of Warrnambool,



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whaleboat racing was revived. In the tradition of the regattas held in the 1800's the carnival was highlighted by an international race. This inaugural challenge saw a team of six rowers from Mystic Seaport, Connecticut, USA defeat the Australian crew and carry off the prize - the Captain Mills Cup. Captain Mills was a well known

whaling captain in Victoria during the 1800's. He was a renowned steersman and competed in races in Tasmania. In 1988 the Wunta Festival of Warrnambool had three whaleboats constructed from original plans. It is the ambition of the Maritime Heritage Association to construct at least two whaleboats for racing and display based upon the



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Beetle Whaleboat design as described by Willits Ansel, and on the W.A. Maritime Museum's Mystic built whaleboat. Shipwright Brian Phillips wishes to incorporate construction of the boats into his boatbuilding school as a project for apprentices.

Until J Shed becomes available for occupation the W.A. Maritime Museum will make space available in the Sails of the Century Museum, B Shed, for boat construction. It will be an interesting and educational dynamic display for the public and encompass objectives of the Maritime Heritage Association regarding the promotion of maritime heritage, employment, education, training, recreation and public participation.

During and after the official hand-over of the W.A. Maritime Museum's whaleboat in March this year, race participation will be sought publicly. Already three crews have expressed interest, and Bernie Unwin is ready to start a training programme as soon as possible. Until our whaleboats are built training and racing will be in lifeboats. Maritime Heritage Association member, Gary Tonkin, is keen to get started in Albany.

The inaugural Western Australian Whaleboat Races will be held in October this year as a feature event of the Classic and Wooden Boat Festival. It is proposed that this first State Championship be held at the historical whaling site of Bathers Bay, Fremantle. The winning crew

will have the right to represent Western Australia in the National Championship which will be held at Warranabool in February/March 1992. The International Championship will be held at the same time, with the winning crew of the National Championship competing against the current holders of the Captain Mills Cup, the Mystic Seaport crew.

Even at this stage, expressed interest in participation has been received from England, Tasmania and the Australian Navy.

Members interested in participating in or contributing to this project please contact one of the Sub-Committee members listed below.

Contacts - Whaleboat Sub-Committee:

- Brian Phillips - Construction ph: 339 4694 (Home)
- Ross Shardlow - Publicity and Sponsorship ph: 361 0170 (Home and Work)
- Bernie Unwin - Crew Training ph: 339 3449 (Home)

Wooden Boatbuilding School

Brian Phillips, Vice President

The Wooden Boatbuilding School should be up and running by the time this Newsletter is distributed to our members. The School will be held in B Shed one evening and one weekend day each week. The school will cater for people with varying abilities and knowledge of boat building.

Yambulla, Heritage and Education Working Together

Paul Willison has been seconded by the Department of Marine and Harbours as a training officer which will enable the Ministry of Education's Expedition Boat Shed to remain open and accessible to the schools which use this centre. Paul's duty will be largely teaching and training groups, on behalf of Marine and Harbours.

Unfortunately, the Minister for Education, The Hon. Mr G. Gallop, was unable to accede to our Association's request for Paul Boddington to be kept on the staff of the Ministry. The Ministry is currently trying to find alternative employment within the Public Service for Paul. However, until the situation with the *Evening Star* is resolved, Paul continues to be this vessel's caretaker.

Maritime Heritage Finances

Tana Bailey, Membership Secretary

The Maritime Heritage Association now has 65 paid up members. The Statement of Accounts at January 31, 1991 were \$2,609.90 CR.

Our Maritime Heritage - Albany Jetty

In response to Gary Tonkin's request to provide support against the imminent destruction of the Albany Jetty, the Maritime Heritage Association provided the following press release:-

"The Maritime Heritage Association is shocked and dismayed that the Albany Jetty could be considered for destruction without its historical significance having been assessed.

With the Western Australian Heritage Act ready for implementation, it is inconceivable that the Albany Jetty should be disturbed without assessment of the historical significance and surround area.

The significance of the Jetty is fundamental to the maritime history and heritage of Albany and Western Australia.

Albany was a crucial link in Western Australia's maritime development. The passing of time has only heightened the importance of Albany's historical role in the development of the State.

Western Australia cannot afford to lose anything significant to that legacy.

Preservation, restoration and maintenance must be assessed and an appropriate management plan adopted.

Preservation of the Jetty is an asset to education, cultural understanding, recreational enjoyment, aesthetic pleasure and inspiration as well as tourism. The long term benefits of which cannot always be assessed in terms of dollars and cents.

The Maritime Heritage Association supports the following action:-

1. for a qualified person to undertake an historical and archaeological assessment of the jetty and surrounding area.

2. for a thorough management plan to be adopted for the care and maintenance of the Jetty, reflecting the

results of the assessment.

If the Jetty is destroyed, Albany could find itself replacing the Jetty in a few years' time - like the current proposal to replace the Barrack Street jetties which were mindlessly destroyed."

NOTES AND NEWS

Endeavour Replica

Subsequent to the closing of the *Endeavour* Replica, it is understood that negotiations are currently underway for alternative funding. The Maritime Heritage Association wishes the Project every possible success in obtaining the funds to complete the *Endeavour* replica and for obtaining funds for future ventures.

Replication, Reconstruction and Restoration, principles issues and ethics.

This symposium and workshop to be held in Fremantle October 23-25 (inclusive) coinciding with the **Classic and Wooden Boat Festival and Fremantle Festival**. Venues for the Symposium and Workshop will include the *Endeavour* Replica, W.A. Maritime Museum, Sails of the Century Museum. The Symposium is being jointly organised by the Maritime Museum, *Endeavour* Replica Project, *Leeuwin* Sail Training Foundation and Maritime Heritage Association.

Guest speakers are coming from America, Europe and Australasia for the occasion and members should ensure that the Symposium is marked in advance in their diary of events to attend in 1991.

Western Australian Museum, American Whaleboat Official Hand-over

Sally May, Western Australian Maritime Museum.

The Bi-Centennial gift from the local American Consul to Western Australia is to be officially handed over to the Western Australian Maritime Museum on April 5 in the afternoon (around 2.00 pm). The whaleboat will have its sailing trials (in secret) leading up to the hand-over. Crew include Brian Phillips (Skipper), Steve Ward, Nikki King Smith and Tony Larard.

For the hand-over the boat will be sailed into Bathers Bay and beached for inspection by the general public and for official guests to embark for a sail (if they so chose). The whaleboat will then sail to "B" Berth, Victoria Quay, outside the Sails of the Century Museum where it will be lifted from the water by crane and placed in its cradle. The vessel will then be located on display, surrounded by authentic and replica whaling artefacts, for the official hand-over ceremony and accompanying speeches. The boat will remain on display in the Sails of the Century Museum for the enjoyment and education of the general public, and a promotion of the Maritime Heritage Whaleboat Project.

Unfortunately on such occasions the duration of the function must be restricted to an hour or two in considera-

Sail Training Ship *Leeuwin*



The *Leeuwin* Sail Training Foundation Limited is a private, non-profit organisation which owns and operates Western Australia's only dedicated Sail Training Ship, *Leeuwin*. The *Leeuwin* is a three-masted barquentine designed along traditional lines and built to comply with modern safety standards. Her running costs are covered by the trainee fares, ongoing corporate sponsorship and fund-raising by volunteers.

WHAT WE DELIVER:

Leeuwin is engaged in training young people for life or "in training by the sea rather than for the sea". We emphasis personal development in sail training and we broadly define it as "training for life" or summed up it is a "concentrated dose of life".

HOW WE DELIVER:

Leeuwin is manned by experienced, competent and professionally qualified seamen supported by a small number of experienced volunteers. The watch systems, drills and procedures are traditional and applied strictly.

The programme is designed to induce in trainees a sense of personal achievement through extension of personal limits.

TO WHOM:

Leeuwin was built to help people of both sexes with particular emphasis on those in the age range 16-25 years.

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tion of official guests whose time is severely restricted because of their professional commitments. The original intention to have the whaleboat demonstrate its rowing and sailing prowess has therefore been reluctantly abandoned for the hand-over. However, a rowing and sailing demonstration might be arranged soon after the hand-over to wet the enthusiasm of prospective whaleboat competitors.

The Bi-centennial gift is part of the Western Australian Maritime Museum's historic watercraft collection and will be curated accordingly with the whaleboat's preservation, maintenance and security being major priorities. This will mean that the boat will have occasional but limited use on the water when its operation will be rigorously supervised by Museum staff.

Heritage Council of Western Australia

One of the Maritime Heritage Association members, Graeme Henderson, has been nominated by our association for representation of the community on the Heritage Council of Western Australia. Nominations were advertised in *The West Australian* and submissions closed on January 24, 1991. We look forward to having our Association represented on the Council and being informed of the influences and benefits this legislation may have on the preservation of our maritime heritage.

Monthly Meetings

- 7.30 pm Second Wednesday of each Month
at the W.A. Maritime Museum's Education
Centre, Cliff Street, Fremantle.

The suggestion that the monthly general meetings of the Maritime Heritage Association be held jointly with the Australian Association for Maritime History will be put to the test in April and June, 1991 to gauge the success or otherwise of this arrangement.

Monthly Public Meetings - Reviews

December - Graeme Henderson presented an extensive overview of the pearling industry, in particular the vessels built for this industry. His talk generated much interest and informal discussion about the pearling industry continued through to 11.00 pm.

January 9 - The Executive Meeting at 5.30 pm and the General Meeting were cancelled due to lack of attendance. The Executive apologises for the short notice given to the cancellations.

February 13 - Tom Vosmer spoke on the *Balangay 2* project, National Museum Manila, Philippines. The audience response to Tom's talk was enthusiastic. He was particularly delighted to have members' suggestions on possible solutions to intriguing archaeological queries which have yet to be resolved.

Monthly Public Meetings - Previews

(Note: * indicates that the General Meeting will be held jointly with the Australian Association for Maritime History)

March 13 - Mike McCarthy of the Western Australian Maritime Museum will present a talk about the excavation, preservation and presentation of the SS *Xantho's* engine. Mike recently completed his Masters Degree which was based upon the SS *Xantho* and its owner, Broadhurst. Mike gives an entertaining and well presented lecture.

April 10* - Maritime Heritage Association Annual General Meeting at 5.30 pm Joint General Meeting will be held with the Australian Association for Maritime History. (To be confirmed) The guest speaker to be Bryn Griffiths whose book on the history of Western Australian waterside workers was published in 1990.

May 8 - John Buchanan will present a talk on the restoration and reconstruction of their plumb stem and stern cruiser, *Nicola*. The cruiser won the Best Gaff Rigged Boat Section at the Wood and Classic Boat Festival for 1990. John and Nikki King Smith restored the *Nicola*. Nikki is a Conservator with the Western Australian Museum and has a good understanding of the ethics involved with conserving, restoring and reconstructing boats and the use of related materials.

June 12* - (To be confirmed) The guest speaker to be Agnishka Kiera, Architect, Fremantle City Council. Agnishka will present a talk on the 250 years since the Fremantle Round House was built.

July 10 - Members of the International Council for Conservation of Materials will present a talk about the conservation of materials related to the marine environment and conservation of materials generally. Several ICCM members will attend this meeting to discuss and answer MHA members queries.

August 14* - (to be arranged) The guest speaker to be announced in the June Newsletter.

September 11 - (to be confirmed) Jim McGowan will present a talk about the Fremantle that he knows and loves. Jim was the Public Relations Officer and then Events Liaison Officer with the Fremantle Port Authority for many years before resigning in 1990. His knowledge, understanding and empathy for Fremantle's history is reinforced by his own observation of changes and developments in the port city.

October 9* - (to be arranged) The guest speaker to be announced in the June Newsletter.

November 13 - The guest speaker to be announced in the September Newsletter.

December 11* - To be announced in the September Newsletter.

Maritime Heritage Association Office Bearers

Executive

President, Sally May, W.A. Maritime Museum

Vice President, Ross Shardlow, Marine Artist

Vice President, Barbara Shardlow, Librarian/Historian

Vice President, Bernie Unwin, TAFE External Studies

Vice President, Peter Petroff, *Endeavour* Replica

Secretary, Mike Lefroy, *Endeavour* Replica

Treasurer, Jim Rutherford, Rigger

Committee, Brian Phillips, *Endeavour* Replica

Committee, Roderick Anderson, Model shipbuilder

Committee, Paul Willison, Expedition Boat Shed

Committee, Bob Johnson, *Leeuwin* Sail Training Foundation

Ex-officio Positions

Membership Secretary, Tana Bailey, *Leeuwin* Sail Training Foundation

The Maritime Heritage Association Inc was incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1987 on April 2, 1990.

*****NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETINGS IS GIVEN IN THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER*****

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

April 10, 1991

at 5.30 pm

Education Centre

Western Australian Maritime Museum

Cliff Street, Fremantle. W.A.

AGENDA (Notify the President if you wish to include an item on the agenda)

A. Special Business:

1. Adoption of the last minutes

2. J. Shed

3. Wood Boatbuilding School

B. Reports:

1. President's report

2. Secretary's report

3. Treasurer's report

4. Whaleboat sub-committee report

5. J Shed Management sub-committee report

C. Nominations and Elections:

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

FOR OFFICE BEARERS

1991-1992

(To be sent to the Secretary)

I nominate _____

whose signature _____

appears herewith

for the position of _____

Nominators: 1. _____

signed

2. _____

Date: _____