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Report of the Headmistress.....

My Lords, Rev. Mer, Mrs. Russell, Councillor Lundie, all our special guests and the family of St. John's —

It gives me great pleasure to present my report for 1976. Before I do so, however, I would like to extend my personal welcome to Bishop Philip and Mrs. Russell. My Lord we are so happy that you have been able to share our celebrations with us and I feel that it is particularly fitting that you should address us today. Any thoughtful person cannot but be aware of the dangers threatening our society as a whole. We in Natal have been fortunate to be spared some of the agonising re-appraisal that must be unavoidable in other provinces. But this does not make our need to learn humility and to witness faith less urgent. Your support at such a time has therefore a special value for us.

I must however, admit to a little unrighteousness in the intimidating experience of being a Scot flanked by two Bishops. In Scotland the ordinary person does not talk of a Bishop or Archbishop, but of a Primate. Two Scotsmen, McTavish and McGregor, went down to London to see the sights. Eventually they arrived at the zoo and found themselves fascinated by a cage of wild beasts of a Simian nature. They stared and stared. They both looked carefully at the notice that read PRIMATES and McTavish turned to McGregor and said, "Och, I'm glad we have Moderators in the kerk of Scotland! "

Our focus this week has been so much on resources and the new approach to learning that I feel it is not out of place if I extend this topic by attempting to explain in what sense there has been a re-appraisal of the learning experience and why this has been necessary.

The developing mind of a young person, though delicate and fragile, can become tough and resistant if the curiosity and wonder that should motivate it is destroyed and the confidence and excitement that should result from achievement is diverted into a sense of failure.

In the past few schools were concerned to allow a pupil to find her identity, her sense of her own being, her dignity, competence and worth, Regimentation and rigid discipline often made the adolescent feel stupid, worthless, untrustworthy, unfit even to make the smallest decision about her own learning.

In the modern context, the insidious dangers inherent in a school system that has no regard for the complexity of personalities and creative abilities that must be quickened in widely different learning situations, is even more alarming than it was in the past: because, as John Halt points out in his book "What do I do Monday?", in earlier days no one believed that a person was *only* what the school said she was. It was no crime *then* to be bad at school as this merely meant she was no scholar and could not for instance become a Bishop or a Professor! But the whole world remained wide open to her and there were a hundred ways for her to make contact with the adult life outside the school and to show her own brand of creativeness and competence. Indeed as only 6% of the population ever reached High School and only 1% went on to University, the world was run by dropouts! — On looking at the world today one may well ask whether it might not be wise to return to such halcyon days! But times have changed. Everyone now must stay at school at least until she is 16 and to fail at school is to fail everywhere. What the school

reports on its students, often in secret, follows them into or out of their careers — there is no escape and no appeal.

Schools today therefore have a grave responsibility. They must provide curricula and methods of teaching that will ensure success for the wide range within their sphere. There *can* be *no* dropouts! The school must take the place of the outside world for the adolescent who is not a potential scholar and at the same time provide the stimulus and academic climate for the student who is. As you must realise this would become an impossible situation if there were no new approach to the whole question of motivating pupils across such a wide range. Communication and understanding, have of necessity, to lie at the heart of the learning experience if it can have any hope of succeeding.

New research shows that when basic skills have been acquired it should be possible for every child to develop in different areas. This means a wide choice of subjects and a very careful structure of those subjects. To the best brains in each field should be given the task of drawing up the organisation of each subject. Curricula must reflect clearly the basic or underlying principles in its various fields of enquiry; it must convey powerful ideas and the attitudes relating to these ideas must be given a central role. Then too, the level of the material presented must be matched to the capacities of different students as whatever their levels of ability, it should be possible to appeal to every pupil in such a way that she is excited to discover basic principles, encouraged to draw the fullest set of implications from them and to generate information on her own which she can check against her sources and so gain a deeper understanding. She must, moreover, become inured to longer and longer episodes of learning in whatever field to challenge her to commit herself fully because she is discovering the pleasure of being completely involved.

It is no wonder then, with such a task before a school that educationists have had to re-examine their objectives to make use of every possible resource to hold the attention of so many who are so different; and have had to ask themselves at all times what they hope a child will be able to do, to think, to know and to feel at the end of it all as this hits at the core of her values and attitudes to life.

No doubt to face the many vicissitudes of this world each student will require to leave school equipped with:

- the wisdom of Solomon,
- the psychology of Jung,
- the diplomacy of Cleopatra,
- the literary qualities of Jane Austen,
- the deviousness of a Machiavelli,
- the foresight of an Ariadne,
- the information storage capacity of the C.I.A.
- the accounting ability of a Rothschild,
- the emotions of a Stoic,
- the anticipation of a Tiger,
- and the lexicography of a Times Crossword Compiler.

But we will not despair!

If we are not quite able to meet the rather terrifying demands of such a world we can at least at St. John's, by means of the reorganisation of our Junior School and the new facilities we have acquired and are still acquiring provide a balance and a balance which will express our concern for the

individual.

To a large extent our new Complex symbolises what is essentially for us a two part approach to education, i.e. one which caters for academic learning and creative expression. This theatre will provide a social and cultural environment for music and drama. In both these subjects adolescents learn to explore their feelings: in drama they are taught to externalise them and in music to formulate them within the discipline of an aesthetic. This complex will provide too an academic environment that will excite and stimulate students while it offers quietness for individual study. We have much to learn if we are to make the fullest use of all we have been given but we can feel that we have come a long way towards this over the last few years in striving for excellence in all our activities. And I feel we can be proud of our achievements in the Senior Certificate Examination.

In 1975 we had 100% passes. Of the 22 who entered 13 obtained the Matric exemption with merit. There was one distinction in Afrikaans and one in Mathematics. What was so pleasing is that everyone did as well as she was able — in fact some girls did better than we had thought possible. One member of staff who was astounded at the fact that Miss X obtained a C in her subject, made the memorable comment that if the Angel Gabrielle himself had been sitting at the elbow of Miss X she could *never* have obtained a C!



*Bishop Hallows, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Russell, Bishop Russel, Cllv. Lundie
Mother Superior — on Speech Day.*

SWIMMING

We came 6th at the annual Gala this year because of some of the smaller schools combining to have a better chance! However, despite this position we had some excellent individual swimmers. Debbie Lederle, Jenny Starr and Alleyne Stewart were chosen to represent Pietermaritzburg & Districts and Alleyne Stewart was selected as reserve for the Natal team. Jane Weaver, Debbie Hurt and Rhona Johnson were selected for the P.M.B. & Districts Diving team and R. Johnson came 4th in the Natal diving trials. We must congratulate the junior school too for winning the Private Prep. Schools Gala and Mrs. Carter and Mrs. van Selm are to be thanked for all the work they did in training our swimmers and divers.

HOCKEY

This year we again had a very successful Hockey season. We entered an A and B team in the Women's Hockey League but feel despite the excellent opportunity it offered to girls to play Hockey of a very high standard it will be advisable to play only in the Schools' League in future as the pressure of time is too great. Altogether the first team won 19 matches, lost 6 and drew 9; they scored 85 goals, with 33 against them. No mean feat in competition with Natal University and the Training College, etc.

Sally Salmon, Jennifer Starr, Lee-Ann Kelly and Shirley Barker were chosen to play for Pietermaritzburg in the South Natal Trials and Sally Salmon and Jennifer Starr represented the South Natal Schools in the S.A. Inter-provincial Tournament.

The highlight of the season was the first team tour to Cape Town in July. They played 7 matches, winning 3, losing 2 and drawing 2. They were fortunate to be given a match against the Western Province Schools' side and lost only 3-2 in what was reported to have been an outstanding game. The tour was not only fun, but educational; the girls visited the naval base at Simonstown, the Castle and Groot Constantia. They drove to Fish Hoek and Cape Point. They had excursions to Table Mountain, Signal Hill, Hout Bay and Chapman's Peak. Our sincere thanks go to Mr. Stewart who not only coached the first team but chaperoned them on tour and to Mrs. van Selm and Mrs. Carter. I would like, too, to add a special word of thanks to Mr. Starr who did so much during the season to help with the transport of so many teams to so many matches.

TENNIS

The first tennis team did very well this year and won the Lyle League. P. Cox and Janice Cook were selected for the U/18 P.M.B. A tennis team, while Dale Cox made the B side. S. Gilson and D. Gilson were selected for Southern Counties.

S. Gilson and P. Cox represented St. John's in the Smythe Trophy and came 2nd in their section. We have entered two teams in the Appeltiser Tournament but the outcome of this has not yet been decided.

The first tennis team, including Pam Stanford and Alleyne Stewart, had an exciting tour with Mr. & Mrs. Carter. They played 4 matches and were unbeaten. The tour ended with a very happy weekend at Katberg and we thank Mr. & Mrs. Carter for making this such a happy and successful week.

We would like, too, to express our sincere appreciation to Mrs. R. Stevens for the devotion and care with which she coaches our teams every Friday evening and to Greer, too, who not only helps when she is available but adds charm and glamour to the lessons.

GYMNASTICS

Our gym display is to be held on 28th October and we hope you will all be able to attend this and see for yourselves the work the girls have been doing this year. Debbie Hurt, Megan Miller, Jane Weaver, Jane Harris and Kerry White, who show great promise, have been invited to attend Olympic Gymnastics coaching at the Y.M.C.A. Miss Sloane, who is herself an Olympic Gym coach, has been assisting the Y.M.C.A. in their training courses.

Finally we are sad to have to say goodbye to Mrs. Carter whose husband is returning to Port Elizabeth to teach in his father's school. We wish them both every success.

SPEECH & DRAMA

The Speech Festival in May was successful, the majority forms attaining A's or A + 1. The programme was very varied, ranging from a Shakespearean section to experimental movement. The girls enjoyed themselves throughout the programme and worked hard. Mrs. Hackney, the adjudicator, remarked on the wide selection of work and said that the St. John's girls showed poise and competence during the programme.

We were very proud of Lalage Dale who represented us in the Jan Hofmeyr Speech Contest this year. She chose the topic "What my school years have taught me". She won the Maritzburg and Districts schools contest and reached the finals. Although Lalage did not win the competition her speech was of a very high standard indeed.

Miss Shaksnovis will be leaving us at the end of this year and we would like to thank her for all she has done, especially for her production of "One Way Pendulum" which was both exciting and challenging. Mrs. Schaeffer, whose husband is the Head of the Speech & Drama Department at Natal University will be in charge of Speech & Drama next year.

ART

Our results at the Royal Show were as encouraging as usual this year. 30 girls obtained merit awards and 10 Special merits. Of the 7 special merit awards made in the Matriculation section, St. John's won 5, 3 of them being awarded to Margaret Edwards. Miss Wilson is to be congratulated on such a high standard of achievement.

MUSIC

Our music pupils attended many Philharmonic concerts this year including an organ and violin recital given by Harry Stanton and Peggy Campbell. They heard the Natal Youth Choir and S. Haslett from St. John's was a member of the Choir. They attended a recital and talk on music given by Geoff Prateley, who is an examiner in South Africa. The junior school were delighted to attend a performance by the 12 year old virtuoso recorder player, Caren van Heerden.

Girls have been entered for examinations, both theoretical and practical held by the Associated Board of Royal Schools, but the results are not yet out. In the Trinity College Theory Exams held in June 3 girls obtained honours in Grade A, H. Harrison gaining 100%.

Seven names have been submitted to the organisers of the Natal Choir this year and we will hear the results at the end of this term, while the senior and junior Choirs are competing in the Natal Eisteddfod to be held in the City Hall, Durban on Friday, 22nd October.

There has been an increase in the number of pupils learning the piano and many show promise. There is too great enthusiasm about recorder playing and we would like to thank parents who have been so encouraging and have provided their children with instruments.

Mrs. Royse left us in July to emigrate to Australia and Mr. Stanton, who was the Director of Music at Michaelhouse, came in to help us until the end of this year. We are so grateful for his able assistance and infectious enthusiasm and will miss him sadly. Miss Hayes from the D.S.G. Grahamstown will be coming to us in January, but we hope Mr. Stanton will still come in to help us when he can.

SCIENCE

The school continues to be affiliated to the Pietermaritzburg and Inland Schools Science Association, and parties of senior girls attend the quarterly Lectures. Girls from Stds. 8, 9 and 10 attended the annual PINSSA conference held in June.

In March, Standard 10 spent an afternoon at Midmar Dam studying mosses and ferns under the guidance of an official from the Natal Parks Board, and in September, Std. 9 went on a two day ecology course at the Umgeni Valley Ranch run by Joint Venture.

Our geography students attended a course of extension lectures at Natal University on Wednesday evenings this last term and Std. 9's prepared maps for the ecology trip that they took to Howick. They benefited too from seeing geomorphological and climatological features in the field. The annual trip to Table Mountain unfortunately is in doubt because of the political situation, this area being a reserve.

We would like to thank Mr. de Burgh Whyte who continues to show wild life films to the school on Saturday evenings.

INTERACT CLUB

Our Interact Club, a social service club under the auspices of Rotary, held their annual Induction Dinner/Dance at the Ansonia Hotel late in March this year. The new President was inducted by the acting President of Rotary, Mr. Arthus Isles.

The President was Sally Salmon; Vice-President Margie Jenkins; Secretary Sally Hall; Treasurer Jenny Starr; Club leader Janice Cook; International leader Julia Currie; Community leader Sally Stewart.

The Club of 32 members started off enthusiastically with street collecting for many charitable organisations. They held regular meetings to discuss projects and were invited by the Kokstad Interact Club to join them in a hike in the Swartberg Mountains.

The annual International Conference was held in Delmas at "The Rocks" this year. This is a conference for all the Interact Clubs of South Africa. 8 members of our club were able to attend the Intercon and represent the P.M.B. East Club. This was a great experience for all the representatives and was excitedly shared on their return.

Last term the club staged a most successful sari display by Leila Naidoo and her models. This was one of their major projects and it raised R230. The Club hopes to donate some money to our new Resource Centre and they are organising a large Christmas party for the underprivileged. In addition they are planning to hold a knittathon and so leave money for 1977 to ensure that Interact will continue to flourish. They are to be congratulated on a vigorous

and exciting programme this year.

CHAPEL

Canon & Mrs. Jenkins continue to give so much to the school and as a result of their inspiration and vitality religion at St. John's is vibrant and alive. The Chaplain's approach is always practical and relevant in keeping with the school motto — To work is to pray. There is a natural feeling of informality and a desire for the integration of worship with everyday life. A conspicuous feature of the calendar has become the annual leadership training course held at Cedara each January. This we do in conjunction with the Post Matric form of Hilton College, and men and women, skilled in group work of this kind, make it possible for the students attending the course to study the implications of leadership; its responsibilities and the attitudes it evokes towards authority. We are fortunate too to have Mrs. Kendall come in every week to hold discussion groups with senior girls. These are invaluable as they deal with the problems of communication and individual identity and allow girls to explore the relationships with one another and the personal feelings and attitudes they have within their personal environments.

It is with regret that I have to announce the resignation of Mrs. Veldman. She has been a member of St. John's for 12 years. Throughout this period she has never stinted of her time and concern. I would like to thank her for the meticulous care with which she has handled all her many tasks and we hope she will continue to feel a part of the school. We wish her to go with our kindest thoughts. Mrs. Fricker will be Vice Principal of the whole school in 1977 and her integrity and quiet judgement will be invaluable to us all.

Thank you, all the members of the House, grounds and admin. staff for your loyal support and consideration, especially over the last few weeks when there has been so much to do and you have entered into the spirit of things so generously. My congratulations too, must go to Mr. Young and Mrs. Poole for all the many improvements in the gardens and in the school environment in general. I cannot let this year pass without again special mention of Mrs. Greene who does so much for me personally and who is kindness itself to the staff. If she is absent for one day we all fall into a decline — not surprisingly for her patience and her care are our salvation.

Last but not least I thank the Board of Governors. Each year I say how generous they are in the time they give to the school and the real concern they show for its welfare and each year I realise more how grateful I am to them for their support — and for the personal courtesy and consideration they show to me.

Finally I would like to say to those who are leaving and whom I will be so sad to lose: you have given so much to St. John's each in your individual ways and I have seen you grow and learnt to respect you. You will be going out into a sadly disturbed world, one in which you will be forced to become involved; it will make demands on you and you may have the need to re-examine your personal relations and to make new commitments. But I know that you have learnt to be caring at St. John's and this will enable you to see your neighbour as a human being who is not to be judged but *understood*. I would like to leave you with the sonnet, that you know, I believe is the most beautiful sonnet in the world. It is, you will remember, Shakespeare tells us, so finely, that love which is a marriage of true minds, is a spiritual force

and a power for life itself that will endure and will give us the courage to endure.

Let me not to the marriage of true minds
Admit impediments. Love is not love
Which alters when it alteration finds,
Or bends with the remover to remove:—
O no! it is an ever-fixed mark
That looks on tempests, and is never shaken;
It is the star to every wandering bark,
Whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken
Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks
Within his bending sickle's compass come;
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks.
But bears it out ev'n to the edge of doom.
If this be error, and upon me proved,
I never writ, nor no man ever loved.



The Staff – 1976

ADD-VENTURE 5

The Add-Venture 5 campaign to raise funds for the school was launched in October 1976. As its name implies it is a supplementary campaign to the highly successful Venture 5 Campaign which, together with the grants provided by the Province, enabled the school to build the Resource Centre and Hall. However, despite this undoubted success, the outstanding bond when all the pledges have been fulfilled will be approximately R100 000,00. This is too great a burden for the school to carry and still remain competitive and progressive.

The main object of the Add-Venture 5 campaign is therefore to reduce the bond on the new complex by up to R70 000; the other objectives being to provide the fixtures and equipment still required in the new complex; to modify and improve the older school buildings; to provide new games facilities in the form of two new tennis courts and a second hockey field and to improve generally the appearance of the school grounds.

The target for the campaign was set at R105 000 which was considered necessary to adequately cover these objectives. At the time of writing an amount of approximately R57 000 has been subscribed in cash and by pledges over a maximum period of four years. There are a large number of potential donors, mainly in the country areas and Johannesburg, who have still to be approached. The response so far when related to the target figure appears disappointing, but in view of the prevailing difficult and uncertain economic conditions with which we are faced, it can well be considered satisfactory.

The school owes its gratitude to the many Old Girls, Parents, past Parents and friends of St. John's, including members of the Staff, who have contributed to the fund. It owes its gratitude to those relatively few people who have given freely and unstintingly of their time and energy actively engaging themselves in calling on people to canvass for donations and serving on various committees.



Mr. Slater, Bishop Hallows, Mr. Hawthorne, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Slater.

CONNAUGHT HOUSE REPORT – 1976

Captain: A. Stewart

Vice-Captain: J. Starr

Once again we would first of all like to thank Mrs. Niven for all her support and encouragement that she gave to us this year.

Throughout this year the house spirit has been extremely high and the members have been enthusiastic in their activities. On the whole we have had a very successful year both in swimming and Netball. Our inter-house gala was held on the 20th February and as usual it was one of the most exciting events of the year. Connaught had great strength this year in the swimming sphere. She lead the gala from the first race right until the last. Well done Connaught, you put up a great fight with a well-deserved win. Of the 12 records broken, Connaught took away six. Congrats. Connaught.

Although we had'nt many good hockey players, Connaught has once again put their determination ahead of them and put up a great fight and managed to gain second place. Congratulations Athlone for a well deserved win.

Although we didn't officially have netball this year, we still had the inter-house competition. With all the houses very close Connaught just managed to win.

Special mention must be made of Debbie Lederle, Jenny Starr and Alleyne Stewart who were chosen to represent P.M.B. and Districts Swimming team and Alleyne was later chosen as a Natal Reserve. Jenny also did very well in her hockey. She represented both P.M.B. Schools and South Natal. Not only have we got sportswomen but also dramatists who acted in the school play. Connaught also had this year the Dux of the school, Bridget Winnicott in its midst. Congratulations goes to all those mentioned above.

My best wishes go to all new Captains and members of Connaught House. Now that this year is drawing to a close I'd like to say how proud I am to have been a member of Connaught and the very best of luck for 1977. Nothing more than determination and challenge to a goal can make a happy house with success, fun and spirit. Keep it up Connaught.

Alleyne Stewart (CHIX)

RHODES HOUSE REPORT – 1976

Captain: Tessa Stretton-Barry

Vice-Captain: Janice Cook

We started off the year with the Interhouse gala. There was much cheering and excitement but Rhodes did not have enough swimmers and we would like to congratulate Connaught on their wonderful swimming. Joan Lambert was chosen to represent Maritzburg and we are very glad to have her with us. We would like to thank all those who swam for us and also our cheer leaders who made a fantastic job of it.

The Interhouse hockey was played in the 3rd term and the Rhodes team was as follows:

G: Lynn Steer

RB: Jane McBean

LB: Pam Stanford

RH: Janice Cook

CH: Sheri Gilson

LH: Gail Harding

RW: Tessa Stretton-Barry

RI: Cindy Stretton-Barry

CF: Kerry Rattray

LW: Lesley Mathews

LI: Nicky Symons

Both matches were very close and full of tension and excitement. There was again very much enthusiasm and shouting by Rodian girls.

The first hockey team went on tour to Cape Town and the following girls

went from Rhodes:

Tessa Stretton-Barry

Jane McBean

Lesley Mathews

Kerry Rattray

Lynn Steer

The first tennis team also went on a very exciting tour to Port Elizabeth, East London and King Williams Town and we would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Carter very much for giving up a week of their July holiday to take us.

The following girls were from Rhodes:

Sheri Gilson

Debbie Gilson

Janice Cook

Judy Dickens

Pam Stanford

Janice Cook was chosen to play for P.M.B. in the Inter-Districts tournament and Sheri and Debbie Gilson to play for Southern Districts. Due to lack of time the House tennis and gym had to be omitted this term but the tennis team was:

Sheri and Debbie Gilson

Judy Dickens and Janice Cook

Cindy Stretton-Barry and Pam Stanford

We are very proud to have Lalagè Dale in Rhodes as she did very well in the Jan Hoffmeyer contest. She got to the finals and came second. Lalagè was also awarded the Speech and Drama cup for 1976.

Sue Haslett was also chosen for the Natal Youth Choir and we were fortunate enough to attend one of their performances. Congratulations to both of you.

Due to lack of time the House plays were also omitted this year but we hope to be able to fit them in next year as these are usually great fun.

This year, for Rhodes, has had both its successes and its failures but remember Rhodians, "it's the spirit that counts".

ATHLONE HOUSE REPORT — 1976

Captain: Shirley Barker

Vice-Captain: Sally Salmon

Junior-Captain: Leighann Goupille

On the whole Athlone had a very successful year. Congratulations go to Lee-Ann Kelly (Head Girl), Tish Stewart (all sports) for being awarded white blazers and to Sally Salmon (hockey) who will receive hers next year.

The inter-house gala was held on Friday 20th February. Congratulations to all the swimmers who showed tremendous determination and spirit and also to Connaught for winning. Athlone came second.

Although Athlone did not win the Netball the team showed determination. Well done Connaught.

The Pietermaritzburg diving trials were held on the 14th February and congratulations go to Debbie Hurt, Jane Weaver and Rhona Johnson for distinguishing themselves and also to Helen Wood who gained 3rd position in the Open. Debbie won the U/14 with Rhona second and Jane won the U/12. Well done all of you.

The inter-house hockey was won by Athlone and the team was really on form. Congratulations Athlone on the brilliant hockey you played. The Pietermaritzburg and Districts Hockey trials were held on the 1st and 8th May. Lee-Ann Kelly, Jackie Robert, Shirley Barker and Sally Salmon were invited back for the final trials. Congratulations Sally for making the Pietermaritzburg "A" and Lee-Ann and Shirley (vice-captain) for making the Pietermaritzburg "B". Sally was also chosen to represent Southern Natal. Well done and keep it up.

Unfortunately there was not enough time for inter-house gym but congratulations go to Paula Cox for winning the Kerby Shield for Seniors.

Due to lack of time, house tennis has not been played but we would like to congratulate Paula Cox who was chosen to represent Pietermaritzburg "A" and Dale Cox Pietermaritzburg "B".

During 1976, Athlone has produced all the qualities that we are known for — determination, cheerfulness and spirit. Well done Athlone and keep up the high standard you have set this year.



THE PREFECTS — 1976

L—R:

Back Row: Olwyn Howard-Brown, Lyn Steer, Clair Strachan, Briget Winnicot, Patricia Butts, Gail Harding, Jackie Robert.

Front Row: Eleanor Richardson, Patricia Stewart, Lee-Ann Kelly (Head Girl) Margaret Edwards, Tessa Stretton-Barry, Alleyne Stewart (Head Girl — day).

NEW HORIZONS EXPLORED IN EDUCATIONAL ARCHITECTURE

The new Resource Centre at St. John's Diocesan School for Girls in Pietermaritzburg is of more than architectural interest. It represents the very latest development in teaching method — so new that only now is the first such centre being built in London.

Intended to encourage pupils to think and work for themselves, the complex is so designed as not to dominate or overshadow the existing gracious old buildings of the 80-year-old school.

It nevertheless includes classrooms, library, lecture and projection room and a fully-appointed 400 capacity intimate theatre.

One wing houses administrative offices and the headmistress's study whose glass fronted wall overlooks the whole complex giving her a commanding position of control.

Gone are the old-style prison-cell classrooms to turn attention away from the distractions of the outside world and focus it exclusively on books. The new glass-walled classrooms look straight out onto the landscaped gardens: the theory being that if pupils enjoy learning and are surrounded with beauty and good taste they will do more work.

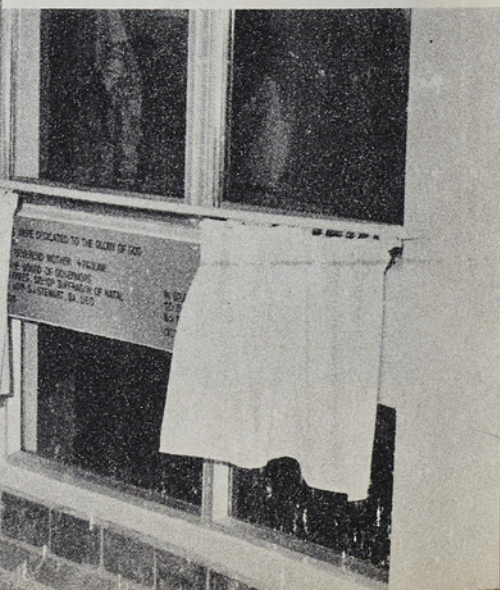
On the inner wall each classroom looks directly onto the central resources centre with its library of books, teaching aids, films and slides so that they can come and go as they like, finding out for themselves what they want to know.

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Inside the New Resource Centre.

*Blessing the
New Resource Centre*



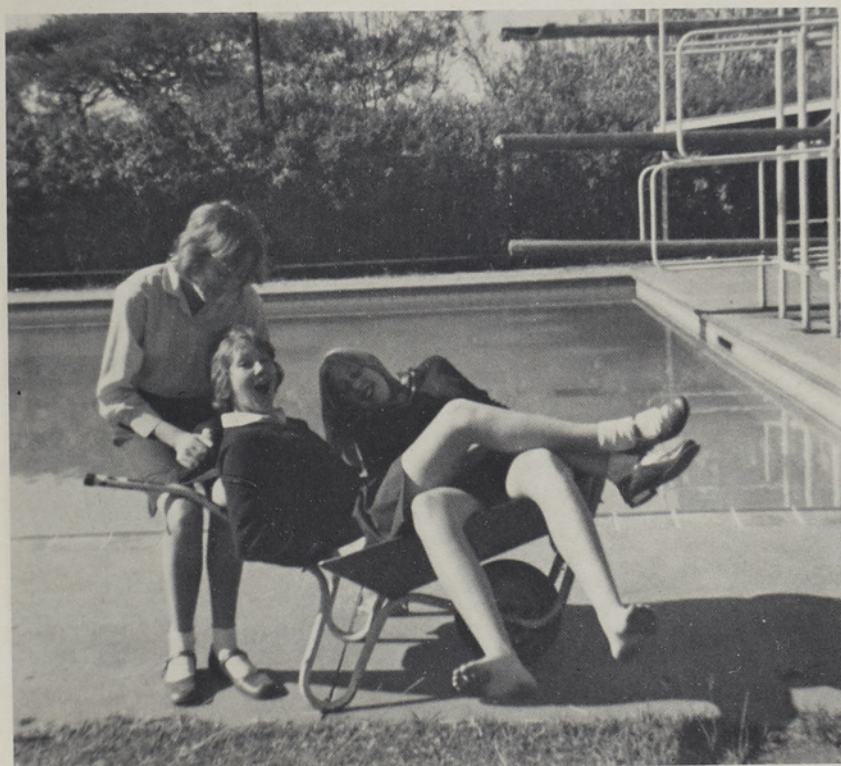
A WEEKEND IN THE B.E.

I think Friday afternoon is the best afternoon, realizing that the weekend is ahead of us. Friday evenings the T.V. lounge is full as we wait eagerly for the famous Brady Bunch to appear, which later is followed by Bonanza. It is quite hard for the prefects to get us to bed, some of us swooning after the good looking Joe, the smaller ones running around like horses.

Saturday morning the rising bell goes later so for us it is heaven to lie in a bit. After prep we all wait eagerly for the postman. We then all troop outside with our rugs and radios, of course, and spend the morning on the lawn. Some swim, play tennis, the rest just be lazy or finish off the rest of their prep. The end of rest is hard to endure as most girls are waiting for their visitors. The others just go and make coffee and say "Oh, I wish I was getting a visitor". Otherwise if you are'n't getting a visitor, the Std. 9's and 10's all spruce themselves up for the long walk to the school that they are going to watch cricket at, then come back and listen to the Top 20.

Sunday is very quiet. After Chapel we again troop out onto the lawn and when no-one is looking the ice-cream man gets sold out. Sunday evening we all walk to St. Alpheges for evensong there, then we come back to school, and whoosh our weekend is over.

Sally Stewart



Weekend in B.E.



THE FÊTE

Happily May 1st dawned warm and bright. Our prayers were answered; it wasn't rainy. So parents and old girls were arriving with heavy loads of plants, books, sewing and food. Stalls were rapidly being set up and filled to the brim with exciting-looking items to buy or win. There was the tombola and sweet stalls for the younger members of the chatting crowd; plants, sewing and many others for the happy mothers and fathers. The fête was off to a good start.

Never have I seen cakes that vanish so fast, but with the St. John's pupils around everything was soon bought. All the stalls, in fact, were doing well and hundreds of people thronged around the stalls. At intervals during the day there were added attractions such as Scottish dancing and a gym display as well as the traditional Volkspeler. As the morning drew on thirsty fathers looked round for a drink and in gratitude spied the Beer Garden. I'm sure all the men appreciated it even if the wives weren't too happy at being left to carry all their parcels alone, but they soon found the tearoom which was wonderfully done out with carpets, flowers and displays by the children. There you could see proud mothers looking at their daughter's original flower arrangements.

During the afternoon we had an unfortunate accident. We were expecting some parachutists to land in the school grounds but with the strong wind blowing they landed rather inaccurately. One actually landed on the St. Charles rugby field in the middle of a Hilton versus St. Charles rugby match. The poor parachutists were cheered by a hundred or so school-boys. In one way the young parachutist who landed at St. Charles did us all a favour. He attracted all those hungry St. Charles and Hilton rugby players who quickly devoured all the hamburgers and hotdogs left, in the few minutes they were there. Another of the parachutists just missed his mark by landing in the fête ground but by doing so he injured a young woman who broke her leg, but other than that all went well until dusk. At dusk the people started vanishing home, happy but tired, just as we girls were, but we all thought the fête a great success. We would like to thank all the parents and old girls and everyone else who contributed in any way to make it such a wonderful day for us all.





St. John's School's May Day fête ended with a "Persian dinner" on Saturday night, served by schoolgirls in Oriental dress. Seen above are (from left): Debbie Villet (15), Shirley Barker (17) and Sheri Gilson (15).

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TENNIS REPORT — 1976

Coach: Ruth Stevens

Captain: Janice Cook

1976 was a very successful year for tennis especially for the first team. We entered the Lyle tennis league, which we won. The results were as follows:

1st Team:

St. John's vs	Epworth	— won	4-3
	Wykeham	— won	7-0
	Girls High	— won	4-3
	St. Annes	— won	6-1
	Collegiate	— won	6-1

St. John's just 4 players drew St. Charles to play in the mixed tennis league and the second four players drew Hilton. The matches were played every Wednesday afternoon and St. John's and St. Charles won the league.

Paula Cox and Sherri Gilson represented St. John's in the Smythe Trophy and did very well in reaching the semi finals.

Dale Cox and Debbie Gilson represented St. John's in the Appletizer Bowl as well as Diane Cairns and Diana Stanford. Dale and Debbie won their section and left for Stellenbosch in December where they did very well by reaching the semi-finals.

Five players out of the six first team players were chosen to represent Interdistrict sides. Paula Cox and Janice Cook made the P.M.B. 'A' side and Dale Cox made the P.M.B. 'B' side. Debbie and Sheri Gilson made the Southern Countries U/18 'A' side.



L-R

Back Row: Judith Dickens, Janice Cook.

Middle Row: Dale Cox, Debra Gilson

Front Row: Sheryl Gilson, Mrs. Carter, Paula Cox.

The second and U/15 teams played a number of matches and the results were as follows:

<i>2nd Team:</i>	St. John's vs	St. Annes	won by 55 games to 44
		Collegiate	lost by 59 games to 40
		Wykeham	drew 21 games all
<i>U/15 'A' Team:</i>	St. John's vs	Collegiate	lost 37 games to 24
		St. Annes	lost 39 games to 15
		St. Charles	lost 60 games to 41
		Voortrekker	won 47 games to 34
<i>U/15 'B' Team:</i>	St. John's vs	St. Annes	lost 37 games to 10
		Collegiate	lost 21 games to 60

Mr. and Mrs. Carter took 8 girls on an extremely enjoyable tour around the Cape. They played four schools and won all their matches, as well as a friendly match.

Our thanks and appreciation go to Mrs. Stevens who coached us on Friday nights as well as Mrs. Carter and Miss Sloane for all their help.

HOCKEY REPORT — 1976

Captain: L. Kelly

1st Team:

G: L. Steer	B: S. Baker	RH: K. Rattray
CH: J. Robot	LH: J. McBean	RL: J. Starr
LL: C. Schmidt	RL: T. Barry	CF: L. Kelly (capt)
LT: S. Salmon	LW: L. Matthews	

This year the hockey was again of a very high standard and our thanks of a successful first team goes to Mr. Stewart, Mrs. van Selm coached the second team and U/15 who also had a successful and enjoyable season of hockey.

This year the P.M.B. Trials were held over a period of four weeks. Six St. John's girls: K. Rattray, S. Salmon, J. Roberts, S. Barker, J. Starr and L. Kelly were invited back to the trials. Out of the six L. Kelly and S. Barker were chosen to play for P.M.B. 'B' team and S. Barker was the vice-captain of the team. S. Salmon and J. Starr were chosen for P.M.B. 'A' team and were also chosen to play for South Natal.

The main highlight of the season was the tour to Cape Town, which was enjoyed by everyone. It was not only a hockey tour but a Geography tour for many because much of our spare time was spent sight-seeing places such as Table Mountain, Cape Point and Groot Constantia. The most outstanding match on the whole tour was the one against Western Province Schools which we lost by only 3 goals to 2.

HOCKEY RESULTS:

1st Team:

Estcourt	lost 2-1	Bryanston	won 1-0
Pretoria G.H.	won 2-0	Voortrekker	won 2-0
Greytown	drew 2-2	Ixopo	lost 5-0
G.H.S.	won 3-2	St. Annes	won 3-1
G.H.S. Salisbury	drew 1-1	Durban G. College	drew 2-2
Thornville Rhodesia	won 5-0		

2nd Team:

G: B. Egan
LH: S. Gilson
LW: N. Symons
RI: G. Harding (Capt)

LB: T. Stewart
RH: P. Stanford
LI: C. Barry
RW: A. Stewart

RB: J. Cook
CH: H. Wood
CF: P. Cox

RESULTS:

2nd Team:

Estcourt	won 4-3	Bryanston	won 4-0
Howick	won 12-0	Voortrekker	won 4-0
Greytown	won 1-0	Ixopo	lost 3-1
G.H.S.	lost 2-1	St. Annes	drew 1-1
Durban Girls College	won 3-2		

U/15 'A'

Played 7 matches won 2, lost 2 and drew 3.



THE HOCKEY TEAM

L-R:

Back Row: Cheryl Schmidt, Gail Harding, Jane McBean, Jackie Robert, Lynne Steere.

Sitting: Kerry Rattray, Sally Solmon, Lee-Ann Kelly (captain) Mr. Stewart (coach) Tessa Stretton-Barry, Jenny Starr, Leslie Matthews.

1976 HOCKEY TOUR TO CAPE TOWN

The morning of July 15 the St. John's first hockey team gathered in Louis Botha airport to depart for Cape Town with Mr. Stewart as our coach and Miss Sloane as the chaperon. After stopping over at East London and Port Elizabeth we eventually arrived in Cape Town. Like mashed sardines we made our way to Hershall Girls School in a red kombi which was our means of transport for the rest of the week. Exhausted from the plane trip we played against Hershall in the rain and drew nil nil. After the match we made our way

to Carlton Heights Hotel where we were made to feel very welcome by the manager.

Thursday Afternoon we played against Pinelands and lost 2-1, Friday we played against St. Cyprians and won 5-0. Saturday morning after our match against Fish Hoek which we drew 1-1 we went for a drive via Simonstown to Cape Point and we came home via Chapmans Peak.

Sunday morning we left the hotel all very nervous because we were to play our most important match which was against Western Province Schools. After a very exciting match Western Province managed to beat us 3-2. Sunday afternoon was spent on top of Table Mountain and at the docks. Monday afternoon we played against Wynberg and won 8-0. Our last match we played against Rustenburg and won 3-0.

Very early Wednesday morning we left the airport and arrived in Durban. After a very enjoyable and successful tour with six goals scored against us out of twenty six.



The Hockey Team on Tour.

SWIMMING REPORT — 1976

Captain: A. Stewart

The year started off with the inter-house gala followed by the P.M.B. & Districts Diving Trials in which Debbie Hurt and Jane Weaver achieved first place in their age group. The P.M.B. & Districts Swimming Trials were held at Maritzburg College — D. Lederle, J. Starr and A. Stewart were chosen to represent Pietermaritzburg Schools and A. Stewart was chosen as a Natal Reserve.

St. John's gained sixth place in the Inter-Schools Gala and this year an individual gala was held at Alexandra Bath where St. John's was able to show its swimming talent.

The Inter-house gala this year was won by Connaught (270), second Athlone (195) and third was Rhodes (165).

The following cups were presented:

Henwood cup for progress	: S. Starr
Double cup for style	: J. Starr
Maxwell cup for diving	: D. Hurt and R. Johnson
Macleod cup for most able	: S. Starr
Junior Individual Medley	: D. Curtis-Setchell
Senior Individual Medley	: S. Starr
Lambert cup for inter-house	: Connaught



THE SWIMMING TEAM

L-R:

Back Row: Susan Gurney, Meryl Peberdy, Jenny Veenstra, Joan Lambert, Sandra Schmidt, Tracy Venter, Gail O'Maker, Jo-Anne Davon, Nicky Simmons.

Middle Row: Kim McLiesh, Debbie Lederle, Barbara Egan, Alison Campbell, Vivienne Eudey, Mandy Burns, Lesley Mathews, Penny Renyard, Debbie Villet, Cindy Stretton-Barry, Mandy Jones.

Front Row: Lydia de Backer, Debbie Curtis-Setchell, Jill Martin, Jenny Starr, Alleyne Stewart, Mrs. Carter, Tessa Stretton-Barry, Patricia Stewart, Sharon Starr, Janet Driemeyer, Collette Winnicott.



Connaught Cheer Leaders.

LAST YEARS MATRICS AND FILMS TO DESCRIBE THEM

- Lee-Ann Kelly* – Carve her name with pride.
Sally Vale – Silent movie.
Tish Stewart – The Great Gatsby.
Francine Lusso – Never a dull moment.
Tessa Stretton Barry – Butterflies are free.
Jane Mac Bean – Funny people.
Jackie Robert – Where angels fear to tread.
Rosemary de Charmoy – The French connection.
Shirley Barker – Born Free.
Cheryl Schmidt – I don't want to be born.
Alayne Stewart – Love Story
Trisha Kelly – Yours, mine and ours.
Bridget Winnicot – The Graduate.
Margie Edwards – Carry on round the Bend.
Clare Strachan – Towering inferno.
Elenor Richardson – Gone with the Wind.
Linda Bresler – Run wild run free.
Olwyn Howard Brown – Carry on behind.
Louise Lowe – The Shuttered room.
Patricia Butts – The Omen.
Teeny Watson – Mame.
Gail Harding – Where were you when the lights went out.
Desire Kahn – Brother son and sister moon.
Merle Albers – My fair lady.
Michelle Raubenheimer – The Godfather.
Karen Johnstone – The Last Show in Spring.
Paula Jennings – Window to the Sky.
Mandy Houghting – Now for something completely different.
Helen Wood – Far from the Madding Crowd.

Lyn Steer – Walking Tall.
Sue Cornhill – All Mine to Give.
Lorraine Skolnic – Little Woman.
Jane Boothe – Incredible Journey.



The Sixth Form with Mrs. Veldman and Mrs. Niven.

WEEK-END AT ILLOVO

Mr. and Mrs. Carter had the greatest of pleasure in taking the Std. 8b's to the coast for the week-end on a Biology excursion. The venue was a delightful little cottage at Illovo Beach which Mr. and Mrs. Harthorn so kindly gave us the use of.

Thursday afternoon was the great shopping day. Mrs. Carter and a few of the boarders invaded Pick 'n Pay, where they obtained groceries for the week-end.

We were very lucky in being able to finish lessons early on Friday and had some envious looking girls to see us off on our way in the school mini-bus. On the way, we popped into the Tittertons farm, thanking them for the milk and butter which they gave us.

It was not long, after arrival at our destination, before we all set off to explore the beach. We found it to the greatest of satisfaction.

All the cooking was left to us girls to do. Needless to say, our staple diet for the week-end was bread. Dishes were no problem to us as Mrs. Harthorn wisely left us their old servant boy, who was a great help.

Saturday morning brought with it to most glorious sunshine. Perfect for the beach. We did find a few crayfish but girls will be girls and none of us could find the courage to pick one up! That did not boost our eager too much.

Unfortunately, Saturday afternoon was a wash-out. It rained. However, all the girls had plenty with which to amuse themselves. Mr. Carter organised

a blazing braai for supper, which was a change from bread. Soon afterwards, the gang was off to the beach; crab-hunting. Needless to say, shrieks of horror were to be heard up and down Illovo Beach.

Sunday morning was our last chance to go to the beach and we all made the most of it. Departure time was not too popular, as all of us could have done with another week down there. Soon the dreaded thought of going back to school arrived. Back to work. Work did I say? The next couple of days consisted of the Std. 8b's describing the most successful week-end to all the girls left at school. This was a week-end truly to be remembered.



Std. 8b at Illovo Beach.

MUSIC REPORT — 1976

The girls attended many concerts including an organ and violin recital given by Harry Stanton and Peggy Campbell. They heard the Natal Youth Choir and S. Haslett from St. John's was a member of the choir. A piano recital and talk given by Geoffrey Prateley and the juniors were delighted to attend a performance by 12-year old virtuoso Carin van Heerden.

Mrs. Royse left us in July to emigrate to Australia and Mr. Stanton who was director of music at Michaelhouse came to help us until the end of the year. Miss Harland who is responsible for the Senior Choir presented a very fine choir for the Carol Service at the end of the year. Our recently formed boarder Choir was under the direction of Mr. Harry Stanton who also played for the service.

EXAMINATION RESULTS were as follows:

Grade II theory Trinity College:

H. Harrison — 100%

S. Schmidt — 97%

J. Rice — 86%

A. Allchurch — 85%

Grade IV Associated Board theory:

Practical:

Grade III:

K. Strachen passed with merit.

REPORT ON SCHOOL PLAY

We chose a most unusual play for our school production last year — “One Way Pendulum” by N.F. Simpson. It is not common practice for a school to attempt a play in the tradition of the Theatre of the Absurd.

It took a few of the rehearsals before we, of the cast understood the significance of all the ringing up of cash registers and Myra Gantry's continual eating.

It was the first play to be put on in the new theatre. Rehearsals were very difficult because we invariably had to share the stage with electricians, workmen and people hanging the curtains, all of whom, like us, were pressed for time.

Backstage before the curtain rose on the first night, the cast sat, rigid and tense, waiting. Now and then a nervous giggle could be heard — a constant reminder that the cast was only a bunch of schoolgirls. The apprehension of the cast was not reduced when they realised that Mrs. Le Cock was to go on stage to explain to the audience a little about the play and the Theatre of the Absurd.

The production proved successful and the hard work of all those rehearsals was now rewarded. Not everybody in the audience enjoyed the play although they all agreed that it was well-acted, interesting and thought-provoking.

L. Dale



Backstage party of “One Way Pendulum”

REPORT ON OUR ECOLOGY TOUR — 1976

On Sunday, the 12th September, twenty girls from the Std. 9 class left in a corporation bus for the Umgeni River Valley Ranch. We were accompanied by our biology teacher, Miss Davies and Miss Sloane, the gym teacher. Our guide was called Ila.

We had to carry our rucksacks down a very steep and windy hill to our camp, which was an A-frame tent near the Umgeni River. After we had each elected a place to sleep, mostly outside, we went for a long walk, observing certain facts of nature. We had a health lunch consisting of Pro-vitas, digestive biscuits, cheese and raisins. After lunch we walked in the opposite direction from our camp, where we learnt about the vegetation and the operation of the ecosystem.

After supper we went for a night trek armed with torches and it was rather frightening to be able to hear the animals, but not to see them. During the night, we all had to stand guard duty for half an hour individually. While keeping the fire going, we ate marshmallows and drank hot milo to give us courage. We arose early the next morning to watch the sun rise.

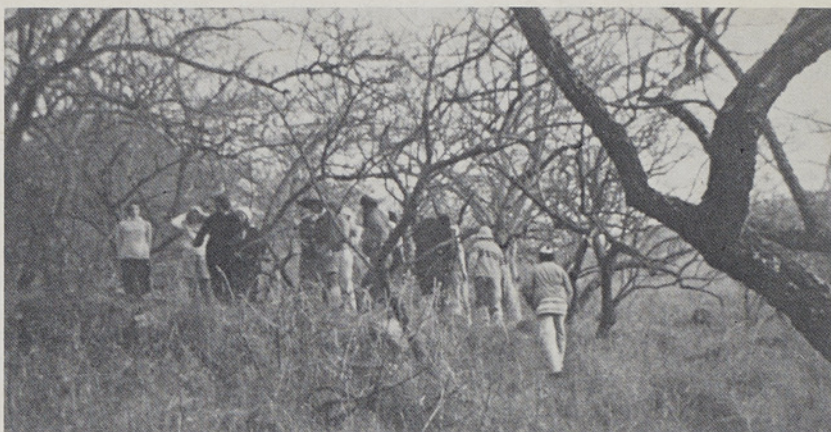
Monday the 13th was an exhausting morning for all, as we went for a long trek in the hot sun. It also proved disastrous for certain members, who, on climbing a very high rock, found they could not get down again.

After another health lunch, we had a tedious walk back up the hill with our rucksacks. That evening, after a thorough scrub, we collapsed into our beds, exhausted, but full of knowledge, experience, and memories of fantastic fun and hard work.

In conclusion, the Std. 9's of 1976 would like to thank all those who arranged such a tremendous week-end for us, and especially Miss Davies and Miss Sloane for joining us on this trip.



Std. 9's leaving on an ecology tour.



Ecology – Std. 9 on trek.

THE ADVENTURES OF A HAT

(I)

Once I was an old dirty hat and I belonged to a tramp. One day the tramp left me lying on a bench and a bird came along and said, "Why are you so sad?" "Because the tramp left me here and walked away." The bird said, "I don't have a nest so I will make a nest in you." The bird and hat were both very happy.

Tanya Henri – Std. 1

(II)

One day a grand lady came out of the shop, she had a hat on. It was white with pink roses on top. She went into the park to eat her lunch. Then suddenly a gust of wind came and blew her grand hat away. She said, "I just hope the wind has'n't blown my hat away." When she had finished her lunch she threw her paper away – not in the dustbin. Oh no: She just threw it on the grass and said, "I don't know why people like to have dustbins all over." Then she went home and went straight to her room to see her hat in the mirror and to her horror, she had no hat on. "Where is my hat?" she wailed. "The gust of wind blew away my hat! Boo hoo!" Then she wiped her eyes and went to the policeman and said "Have you seen a white hat with pink roses?" "No, I have no idea where your hat is Madam." By this time the hat was sitting on Big Ben. Some people saw the hat and came up to see why the hat was there. They took the hat off and looked inside to see a name: Rosemarie Smith, 3 Longmarket Street. That was the owners name, so they took it to Rosemarie. She was very pleased to have it back.

Catherin Peattie – Std. 1

THE WITCHES FLIGHT

Through the black and darkened night,
The Witches swoop and swarm on their flight,
Laughing, cackling over evil spells,

Shrieking as they pinch the cow,
 They swoop over the bee-hive,
 And praise the bees all they can,
 They swoop and swerve
 On their desperate flight,
 Through the darkened, drenching night,
 Firery eyes piercing childrens thoughts,
 Their nails are eager to pinch and scratch,
 Through the darkened, dreadful, drenchin night.

Caroline Raab – Std. II

THE GREEN FACED WITCH

The Green faced witch
 Crawls around her cauldron pot.
 Goats foot
 Horses ear
 Cows tail
 Owls head
 The Green faced witch
 Calls for her cats
 Who look like soot;
 Sooty, Mooty just like darkness
 They dance, shriek, cackle and laugh –
 Their cackles and laughs
 Echo around the cave.
 Stamping dancing round and round.
 Yelling, screaming, terror

Suzzy Pritchard – Std. III

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THE CREEPY CRAWLY WITCHES

In the spooky blackened night,
Witches fly on their brooms,
To a wicked dark batty,
Spidery, cobwebby house
In this spooky dusty house
These witches meet
Creepy and Crawly they make their spells
In an evil black cauldron
Pouring bats eyes,
Toads legs
Animal bladders
All into the black cauldron of death and mystery.
Their cackles of laughter echo through the house
Of creepy crawly witches.

Michelle A - Std. III

WITCHES

Creepy croaky is the
witch,
Gliding through the
Frightening night,
On her broom-stick
full of spells
Casting them on people
on her way,
Pinching, scratching
people who,
Cower and cringe away
From the evil wife of
darkness.

Sharon McDonald - Std. III

SPIDERS

Running sideways, upside down,
Up the walls of unused rooms,
All the day so busy weaving,
Making webs with small fine looms
When the web so neatly spun,
Surely then his day is done.
Oh, but still you have to wait,
For poor flys to come to fate.
Cunning is this little creature,
But of all the things he does,
In and out all day long,
Spinning webs is his main feature.

Catherine Horten - Std. III

SPIDERS

Spiders are cunning and clever and sly,

Spiders have two beady eyes with which they spy,
Watching and waiting for a fly.

Spiders have hairy legs, long and thin,
Spiders have silk with which they spin.

Spiders are big,
Spiders are small,
Spiders are useful to all,
Killing off flies on which he spies,
With his big black beady eyes.

Rachael Holmes — Std. III

THE MOON

The moon glows brightly every night
Either orange or silvery white
In the dark black, velvet sky
Among the crystal, twinkly stars.

It's veiled by the misty clouds
On a cloudy night
And stands out clear
On a bright night.

Either crescent, half or whole,
peeps out from behind a tree
And sails through the sky
Like the drawn wanderer.

Catherine Strachan — Std. 4

THE ELEPHANT

The old elephant ambled up to a gnarled tree, which was decayed with its leaves dried and withered, but it was still stable enough for him to lean against. The bark was chipped and cracked. It was as dark as burnt cork. He rubbed himself against it easing his old grey, wrinkled scaly skin wrinkling even more. He fell as he tripped over a big, brown sandy anthill which was hidden in the spear-pointed grass. He trumpeted loudly and the sound echoed again and again like an uncontrolled orchestra. The old elephant got up again and lumbered heavily, crushing the long grass leaving heavily trodden foot steps in the fresh earth.

Paula van der Riet — Std. 4

THE NIGHT OF THE NIGHTINGALE

It was a dark night, with only a few stars scattered around the night sky. The moon was half hidden by a dark cloud. Suddenly out of the night there came a song. It was a lovely song. The tune was soft and happy.

The trees began to sway gracefully in the soft breeze. The little flowers opened their sleepy eyes to hear the sound of the lovely song.

The voice belonged to a nightingale, a nightingale that was dying. His chest was puffed out as far as it could go. The nightingale sang his song for the last time. Soon the little nightingale's voice grew softer and softer. The dying birds song finished, and he lay back into his nest and died on that dark night.

Lise Prichard — Std. 5

THE SUFFERER

Heavy eyebrows
Shadowed the dark holes
of suffering,
The vessels bursting with blood
were streets
Upon which the white-gone-yellow swellings,
And the pupils
Stared expressionless
towards . . .
bad memories
Stirring sorrow in his mind.

Marriette Pym – Std. 8

MODERN MAN

Images . . .
 of perfect
 thought out planning, who
 in the juggle of
 their evermoving world . . .
have lost their
 meaning,
 destination,
 purpose
and become entangled
 in the crumbling
 ruin
 of a once beautiful . . .
Masterpiece!

Marriette Pym – Std. 8

THE NATURE OF LIFE

The dam is silent,
Now and again a fish will jump,
The sun sparkles over the still water,
Not a movement, not a sound.
Then all at once,
The wind comes up,
It blows along the surface of the water
Making little ripples
Increasing into waves
All becomes exciting and adventurous.
The frogs begin to croak,
The fish begin to swirl.
The trees begin to talk.
The world has come alive.
Then as the hours fly by,
The wind runs over the hills,
And all returns to the peacefulness.
This represents the human life
Firstly sheltered then full of strife

All so quick it comes and goes,
What happens after?
No one knows!

Jane Labistour — Std. 9

WHO COULD BELIEVE

The sky was still dark,
But far away
On the distant horizon
The day was waking.
Thin orange rays
Decorated the east
And as they started to grow,
Their colours deepened.
Until the sky
Gave birth to a ripe round fruit
The herald of the day.
The freshly unfolded sunbeams
Kissed the fleecy clouds,
Danced on the rippling sea
And caressed the world with ultimate beauty.
Who could believe, that
Behind this virgin countenance
Lurked civil war
And death.

Inge Allchurch — Std. 7

MY HAPPY EMOTION

One day as Jessica and I ran across the yellow fields. I started to feel happy, gay and content. These feelings made my heart beat fast, made my feet go faster, as if I were on wings. I felt as if I were a bird soaring high in the clear blue sky.



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Jessica seemed to share my feelings for she bounded at my side with a wide grin across her face, her long tail wagged furiously and her sleek body was stretched out as far as it could go.

We were both happy; happy to be living. At last we came to the clear gurgling stream from which Jessica drank deeply. We lay on the soft green grass and we stayed there resting for no particular reason at all.

Lise Prichard - Std. 4

MY SADDEST EMOTION

It was a gloomy Saturday. I had woken up feeling depressed. I had a late breakfast, and settled down to read in the lounge. Time past slowly. The shrill telephone rang shrilly, I got up lazily to answer it. Mrs. Brown who wanted mum. She held on, while I went to call her. I looked everywhere for her, and then decided to go to the garden, I found her there leaning over a cardboard box. I heard a little miaau, and hurried forward. There Blackie lay, her limp body still and silent. Mum tried to tell me what had happened slowly.

In the early morning our garden boy had found her lying on the dust road where she had been run over. That morning was the saddest there ever had been. We made a warm little bed with a hot water bottle and blankets. By lunch-time she had become worse and dad took her to the vet.

The next two days were long and sad while waiting for some news. The second evening dad told me she had died suddenly. I went to bed crying and cried myself to sleep. In the mornings I missed her pouncing on my bed waking me up with a jump, and all the other delightful things she used to do.

Paula van der Riet - Std. 4

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MATRIC RESULTS

SENIOR CERTIFICATE : MATRIC EXEMPTION

Barker	Butts	Edwards
Harding	Brown, H.	Johnson
Kelly, L.A.	Lusso	McBean
Raubenheimer	Richardson	Steer
Stewart, P.	Winnicott	Wood

SENIOR CERTIFICATE :

Albers	Barry	Both
Bresler	de Charmoy	Houghting
Jennings	Kahn	Kelly, P.
Lowe	Peeperkorn	Robert
Schmidt	Stewart, A.	Strachan
Vale	Watson	

SENIOR CERTIFICATE : DISTINCTIONS

Harding	— Geography, Housecraft
Steer	— Biology
Winnicott	— Biology

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PRIZE LIST — 1976

Tokens of Appreciation:

Head Girl's Cup	L.A. Kelly
Head Day Girl	M. Edwards
Head Server	P. Jennings
Chapel Music	P. Jennings, A. Stewart
Long Attendance	M. Albers, G. Harding, K. Johnson

Sports Cups:

Swimming:

Henwood Cup for Progress	S. Starr
Doulle Cup for Style	J. Starr
Maxwell Cup for Diving	D. Hurt, R. Johnson
Macleod Cup for Most Able Swimmer	S. Starr
Lambert Cup for Inter-house	Connaught

Gymnastics:

Scraps	C. Shepperson
Kay Miller Cup (Juniors)	D. Hurt
Heather Dukes Cup (Middle School)	M. Miller
Kerby Shield (Seniors)	P. Cox

Inter-house Hockey Cup: Athlone

Inter-house Netball Cup: Connaught

Goodman Cup (All-round Sports): A. Stewart

Deportment Cup: H. Wood

Class Prizes:

Cl. i	
Cl. ii	
Std. 1	
Std. 2 C. Raab, T. Neve
Std. 3 N. Cunningham-Brown, R. Harris, T. Melloy
Std. 4 K. Strachan, M. Culverwell, C. Jones, E. Raab
Std. 5 K. White, M. Penny, J. Tweedie
Std. 6 D. Curtis-Setchell
Std. 7 J. Brien
Std. 8 A. Allchurch, J. Currie
Std. 9 P. Stanford

Special Prizes:

English M. Raubenheimer
Afrikaans B. Winnicott
Housecraft G. Harding
Mathematics E. Richardson
Art M. Edwards
History L. Steer
Geography H. Wood
French M. Raubenheimer
Biology B. Winnicott
Physical Science B. Winnicott
Typing H. Wood
Accounting L.A. Kelly
Speech & Drama L. Dale
Labistour Cup (for Debating) L. Dale
Dux of School B. Winnicott



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ST. JOHN'S OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1976

<i>1975</i>			
	Bursary Fund	1 908,87	
8 062,04	Add: Amount invested	<u>6 580,00</u>	8 488,87
	Life Membership	205,19	
3 081,79	Add: Amount invested	<u>2 940,00</u>	3 145,19
258,34	Association Account		229,14
126,49	Magazine Account		114,61
	Fête Suspense Account		2 904,69
	Organ Fund		<u>10,00</u>
<u>R11 528,66</u>			<u>R14 892,50</u>
Represented by:			
	Cash in Trident Special Savings	111,96	
	Cash in Trident Special Savings	4 093,72	
	Cash in Trident Savings Account	670,47	
2 508,66	Cash in Trident Savings Account	<u>496,35</u>	5 372,50
	Trident Building Society		
	10 Year Fixed Period Shares		
	Bursary	3 580,00	
3 720,00	Life	<u>140,00</u>	3 720,00
	Trident Special Savings		
1 000,00	Bursary		1 000,00
	Palmers Trust Mortgage Bond		
	Bursary	2 000,00	
4 300,00	Life	<u>2 800,00</u>	4 800,00
<u>R11 528,66</u>			<u>R14 892,50</u>

DURBAN OLD GIRLS' ANNUAL REPORT

The Durban branch of St. John's Old Girls' Association continues to have its monthly meetings at the various homes of old girls. There are a few staunch members who attend regularly but we would dearly love a few more to join us — lets set a good example to the new old girls'.

We have had a cake sale and a jumble sale and grateful for the support we have had from all our members.

Last August the Maritzburg branch joined forces with us and brought the Matrics down to the Convent for lunch. It was a happy re-union for the Old Girls'!

I would like to thank The Reverend Mother and Sisters of S.S.J.D. for their hospitality to us on several occasions throughout the year but most of all for their loving spiritual and practical support. They are always so happy to entertain anyone from the Family of St. John's and should you care to visit them at the Convent you would be assured of a very warm welcome.

I would also like to thank Lyn Medway our Treasurer for the competent manner in which she conducts our funds — she knows just where to get us the best interest rates! Also to Gwen Anderson for all her capable hard

work as Secretary. She is a tower of strength.

May I in conclusion appeal to the younger members to join us and in this way keep your contact and loyalty to a school which served you well.

P. Burns

OLD GIRLS' NEWS

ADENDORF, Shirley (Griffin). Living in Salisbury. Has two children Catherina (5.1/2) and Rosemary (3.1/2).

ALLEN, Gillian (Mundell). Living in Malvern and has an 18 month daughter Nicole, with another on the way.

ARMITAGE, Katharine (Lee). Living in Pietermaritzburg and keeps busy with St. John's Old Girls' and the activities of her grandchildren.

BARKER, Wendy-Ann. Has completed general nursing at Grey's and will be starting midwifery in July.

BARROW, Pat (Thompson). Living on a citrus farm at Zebediela where her husband is an entomologist. Has a son, Sean (1 year)

BONYNGE, Ann (Swan). Working as Private Secretary to Managing Director of Haggi Rand in Johannesburg. Building a cottage at Woodmead.

BOOTH, Jane. Doing further matric studies in the U.K. and enjoying being back on home ground.

BOSWORTH-SMITH, Jean (Peerman). Still dairy farming in Nottingham Road. Daughter Gwen is working for attorneys in Durban. Son Mervyn is doing army training in the Medical Corps. Recently met up with Anne Chatterton (nee Hillcott) after 34 years.

BRAU, Rozanne (Wallis). Lives in Johannesburg and is kept busy with a part-time job and the activities of Graham (10), Roger (8) and Gavin (3.1/2).

BRYDEN, Ingrid (Elliot). Farming near Kokstad. Accompanied her husband on an interesting polo trip to South America last November. Has a daughter in Sub B who hopes to become the third generation St. John's girl in the family!

BROWN, Alison (Darby). Enjoying farm life at Somerset East. Greg is 1 year.

BUNTING, Doris (Brooke). Living at Loteni. Has just celebrated her Silver wedding anniversary. Both children are married and she is enjoying her two granddaughters.

BURE, Joan (Carter). Lives in Pietermaritzburg and is an active member of the St. John's Old Girls' Association.

CAIRNS, Rosemary (Jackson). Dione is in Std. 7 at St. John's where she is very happy and Neil in Std. 3 at Athlone.

CHAPMAN, Lylie. Still living in Winklespruit. Is expecting her sister, Dulcie Cifton, from Salisbury shortly.

COLVIN, Margaret (Grice). Still living at Westville. Is studying the Unisa Nursery School course now that her children are all at school.

COOKE, Lesley (Rodick). Has been living in Mooi River for the last 18 months.

CROOKES, Eva (Scott). Still farming near York. One daughter at Epworth, one at Wykeham and a son at College.

CULVERWELL, Georgie (Illing). Farming at New Hanover. Meryl is now at St. John's and is very happy. Sean is at Michaelhouse and little Joe, the happy afterthought, is 9 months old!

DALTON, Jenefer (Henwood). Lives in Pietermaritzburg and is proud to still be connected with St. John's. News of her daughters: Sue Snaith lives

- in Cape Town and has a son Justin. Pippa Armstrong, she and her husband leave at the end of the year for New York where he has a post at Mount Sinai Hospital. Mandy Dalton is enjoying doing advertising work at the Natal Witness, is off to Europe in May. Joe-Anne is in Form V at St. John's.
- DEAN, Susan (Kanaar). Lives at Somerset West and is kept busy with Caroline (8), Jennifer (6) and Allan (4).
- DICK, Judy (Ranking). Living in Cape Town where she lectures at U.C.T.
- DU PLESSIS, Susan. Completed her B.Comm. at Natal University in 1975 and is on a working/travelling holiday in Europe.
- DU PLESSIS, Mary. Completed her B.A. (Phys Ed.) at U.C.T. in 1975 and is teaching in Cape Town.
- ELLAMS, Helen (Jackson). Still sailing the high seas with her husband who is an engineer with Safmarine. They are on the mail run at present so are able to see the family every few months.
- ERSKINE, Diana (Kanaar). Farms at Harding. Mark, Timmy and Paul are at Treverton with Jonathan soon to follow.
- EVANS, Brenda (Kirkpatrick). Lives in Johannesburg and has a son, Paul of 1 year.
- FITZSIMONS, Di (Bircher). Having had 3 children in 14 months (a girl and twin boys) the past couple of years have been hectic! Things are now improving as they are all at nursery school in Empangeni.
- FREDERICK, Wendy (Henwood). Her eldest daughter Linda was married to Michael Holley in 1976 and is doing midwifery at Greys. Robyn completes Radiography at Addington in June.
- FRIEND, Pamela (Milner-Smith). Living at Vryheid and kept busy serving on many committees - W.I., Library, P.T.A., Home Industries. Also kept busy with her youngest Justin (3).
- FRY, Olwen (Wolfaard). Living in Pretoria having returned from visiting her 2 children and grandchildren in Canada.
- GACE, Betty (Blacker). Is looking forward to her trip to the Far East in May with her sister and brother-in-law Molly and Gregory Cameron.
- GIBBINGS, Sally (Lambert). Lives at Winterton. Her eldest daughter Sue (Shepherd) teaches at St. John's.
- GIONIT, Sylvia (Brooke). Lived in Canada for 15 years and is now living in Malvern with her 3 children.
- GREEN, Pauline (Southey). Has retired from farming but still living on the farm in Cedarville which their son has taken over. Recently had a visit from sister, Margaret Taylor, who lives in Gatooma, Rhodesia.
- HALLOCK, Ena (Wells). Living in Cape Town. Her husband has retired and they managed a trip overseas in 1974. The 3 grandchildren are a great source of joy.
- HAMMON, Alison (Davis). Lives in Pietermaritzburg and is an active member of the Old Girls' Association.
- HERMAN, Felicity (MacQueen). Was married in April 1976 and lives in Durban. Her sister, Jennifer, also lives in Durban and has a daughter Coleen of 16 months.
- HOPWOOD, Val (Fletcher). Recently moved to Westville. Has a daughter Caroline (18 months) and another baby is expected in September.

- HORNBY, Dorianne (Coubrough). Finding the work with the Town and Regional Planning Commission stimulating, rewarding and very diverse — from planning hiking trails to writing computer programmes.
- INGLE, Marcia (Bullough). Lives in Durban and has a 3 year old son, Andrew.
- INGLIS, Mary. Has been a member of the Findhorn Foundation University of Light in Scotland for the last 3.1/2 years.
- JACKSON, Gwynneth (Flemmer). A active member of St. John's Old Girls'. A bonny granddaughter just arrived in the U.K. Is a member of the P.M.B. Ladies Pistol Club.
- JANZ, Marianne (Coubrough). Married Kelly Janz in October 1976 and lives in Calgary, Canada. Hopes to nurse after completing her Canadian Nursing Finals.
- JENNINGS, Evelyn. Still running an Advertising Design Studio in Pinetown which keeps her extremely busy. Has recently purchased a cottage and would love to see any old girls' — business phone 720417 and home 729457.
- KIRKPATRICK, Anne (Molony). Lives in Pietersburg and has 2 sons, Douglas 3 and Graeme 6 months. Her sister Heather lives in Paris. Recently saw Jill Boulter who teaches in Wartburg and Caryl Simpson (Abbott) who was living in Pietermaritzburg.
- LADBROOK, Lee. Is engaged to Derek Swart and is getting married at the beginning of next year.
- LE ROUX, Sue (Medway). Lives in Pietermaritzburg and has 2 sons Hein (5) and Matthew (2). Has been Secretary of the Old Girls' Association for the past three years.
- LUPTON-SMITH, Diana (Maling). Lives in Johannesburg. Her eldest son is at Hilton and her daughter and younger son are at school in Johannesburg. Moved to Johannesburg from Newcastle last year.
- LUSSO, Francine. Is now at Pietermaritzburg Business College and when completed her training hopes to join the Holiday Inn Group.
- MACK, Cynthia (Mundell) Was married last year and is now living in Johannesburg.
- MANN, Sheena (Inglis). Does part-time work at one of the Cape Town hospitals. Has a son of 9 months.
- MATTHEWS, Margaret. Is now doing her 5th year medicine at U.C.T.
- McVEY, Barbara (Fly). Was married in St. John's Chapel last year and is now living in Melbourne, Australia.
- MEDWAY, Lyn (Strachan). Is looking forward to visiting her daughter, Denise Beevers in Plymouth, U.K. in June.
- MEYER, Mary (Davey). Was married in August 1976 and lives in Durban where she works as a private secretary.
- MINGAY, Maureen (Brooke). Lives at Bulwer where her husband works for S.A.P.P.I.
- O'BRIEN, Wendy (Clarke). Living in Sandton and has two daughters (12 and 7 years) and a son (11 years).
- PENNINGTON, Doreen (Raw). I have moved from Park Rynie and will be living in Pietermaritzburg from 1st May.
- PETTY, Olwyn (Aubrey). Very active in Christchurch parish, Addington and treasurer of Mothers' Union. Has 6 grandchildren.
- POCKET, Gail (Harper). Living at Kearsney. Has 2 children: Wendy (5) and Justin (3).

QUICKE, Christine (Jamieson). Happy teaching St. 1 in a newly renovated classroom at St. John's. Has 2 daughters, Jill (11.1/2) and Mary (9).

RAULSTONE, Glenda. Is in her final year of a Masters Degree in Town and Regional Planning in Durban. She is getting married in April to Robin Smaill, a New Zealander, who she met in the U.K.

RAULSTONE, Vivienne. Is married and teaches in Durban.

REIN, Lydia (Bennett). Living at Umtentweni. Both her daughters are married.

ROE-SCOTT, Barbara. Has completed general nursing at Grey's and will be starting midwifery at Addington in July.

ROSE, Margaret. Lives in Pinetown and hopes to have a trip to the U.K. in July.

RUSH, Rosemary (Linscott). Has 3 children and is working part-time as Medical Officer at the Children's Hospital, Johannesburg which she enjoys immensely.

RUSHTON, Priscilla (Balcomb). Living on a farm at Kearsney and has 2 sons 3.1/2 and 1.1/2 years old.

SANDERS, Barbara (Taylor). Was married to Larry Sanders in February.

SANDERSON, Gaynor (Arbuthnot). Living in Bulawayo where she and her husband have business interests.

SATOW, Joy. Passed her nursing finals and will be married in April to Lawrence Golding.

SCHULTZ, Penelope (Jones). Lives in Pretoria and has 4 sons and one granddaughter.

SHAW, Gaynor (Lee). Lives at Kwambonambi. Her daughter Lorraine teaches Std. II at Umhali. Gower is in the army and Tim is studying for his B. Comm. at Pietermaritzburg Varsity. She is proud of her old school's achievements.

SHAW, Hazel (Payne). Has been our hardworking Chairman of the Association for the past three years. Ina is nursing at Greys and Margaret is in Form V at St. John's and very pleased to be benefitting from the new complex.

SHAW, Lorraine. Has entered the teaching profession.

SHEPHERD, Margaret (Peacock). Has been Branch Secretary for the past three years. Has two children Mark (5) at St. John's Pre-Primary and Linda (3).

SLAUGHTER, Gail (Price). Living at Hilton where Kerry has started school and Hayley is at Pre-Primary. Gary is 1 year.

SMITH, Lindsay (MacKenzie). Enjoyed having sister, Jean and family for Christmas from the U.K. Farming at Dargle and has two daughters, Patricia (4) and Katharine (2).

SORENSEN, Penelope (Petty). Lived in Carltonville for past 17 years. Her husband works on Western Deep Levels. Have three children David (16), Barbara (14) and Veronica (11).

SOROUR, Vera (Gace). Lives in Johannesburg and has 2 daughters and a son.

SPILSBURY, Cynthia (Gace). Is farming with her husband Rob in the Harrismith district.

STEVENS, Gill (McKenzie). Working at the Medical Centre. Michelle is in Std. 3 at St. John's, Greg is Std. 1 at Merchiston and Claire (3) at home.

STARR, Felicity. Working in Pietermaritzburg and playing hockey for Wanderers.

- STARR, Heather. Completed her B.Sc. and now doing H.D.E. at Pietermaritzburg University.
- STREEK, Deena (Clayton). Sold their East London house on her husband's retirement and are temporarily nomadic. Spent 4.1/2 idyllic months on the canals in France in 1976 and intend spending another 6 months there in 1977.
- SWAN, Wendy (Forsyth-Thompson). Lives in Hilton and is a busy Granny.
- SWEET, Theresa. Working in Johannesburg but moving back to Durban in the near future.
- SYMONS, Sharon. Passed her nursing finals.
- TALBOT, Joy (Abrahamson). Passed away at Thames, New Zealand in September, 1976.
- TAYLOR, Rhoda (Davies). Is an active member of St. John's Old Girls' and helped in the redecorating of St. Joseph's. Other interests include the P.M.B. Ladies Pistol Club and the Natal Cat Club.
- TEMPLE, Cathy. Has now entered the teaching profession.
- THEUNISSEN, Joy (Catchpole) has 2 daughters at St. John's. Two of her sons have completed army training and her third son is at Merchiston. Had an enjoyable skiing holiday in Austria with her husband and two of her sons.
- THORNTON-DIBB, Morelle (Shipman). Doing Interior Design with an international company in Johannesburg.
- TODD, Molly (Talbot). Is an active member of St. John's Old Girls'.
- TRAIN, Brigid. Is in her third year nursing at Greys. Is going to Scotland at the end of the year to do midwifery.
- VALENTINE, Shiela (Holmes). Her husband has retired from farming and they now live at Merrivale.
- WARDEN, Carolyn (Palk). Was married last year in May and living in Pretoria where she works for Gretermans S.A. as a Personnel Officer.
- WELSH, Angela (Jones). Lives in Pretoria. Judy, the eldest, is at U.C.T., Jamie is in the Navy and David is in Matric at St. Albans College.
- WESSELS, Maeve (Walker). Has moved from Durban to Stanger.
- WEST, Jean (MacKenzie). Enjoying doing Public Health in Ashford, Kent. Family came to South Africa at Christmas and had a wonderful time seeing old friends.
- WHITFELD, Deirdre. Living in Oxford, U.K. with her sister Pauline.
- WILSON, Betty (Duncan). Is a widow and lives in a lovely duplex flat in Pretoria. Has a married son and two little girls. Her daughter is in charge of Physiotherapy at Addington.
- WITHERSPOON, Di (Camp). Farming near Mooi River where they breed race horses. Kerry (12) started at St. John's this year. Wayne is 10 and Murray 2 years.



ST. JOHN'S OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION — BURSARY

Form of Application

Name of Child Date of Birth

Years in which Bursary will be required

Name and Initials of Father or Guardian

Address

Mother's Maiden Name

Date Mother attended St. John's

Is Mother a Member of the S.J.O.G.A. Yes/No

Present Standard of Applicant

Names and Addresses of two References:—

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A copy of the last School Report must accompany this Application, which must reach the Secretary:

Mrs. S. le Roux,
6 Villa Assumpta Place
Pietermaritzburg
3201

before the **31st July.**

ENROLMENT FORM

St. John's Old Girls' Association

To: The Hon. Secretary (Mrs. S. le Roux)
6 Villa Assumpta Place, Pietermaritzburg, 3201.

I herewith enclose the sum of R1/R6,30, and apply to be enrolled
as an Annual/Life Member of the St. John Old Girls' Association.

(delete words not applicable)

Cheques should be made payable to :—

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SURNAME MAIDEN NAME

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Dates of attendance at St. John's High School

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LIST OF SCHOOL MAGS RECEIVED — 1977

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The Knight (Northland's Boys' High)

Howick High

Wykeham

Durban Girls' High

St. Michael's, Bloemfontein

Durban Girls' College

The Herschelion

Pmb Girls' High

St. John's, Johannesburg

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