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## A TRIBUTE TO ROY GATHORNE

In January 1954, a quiet, unassuming young man joined the staff of the school he had grown to love as a schoolboy in the pre-war years. Initial appearances proved to be deceptive, and it rapidly became apparent that he had brought with him an array of talents, a superb sense of fun and humour, and a sense of duty that would enable him to make an exceptional contribution to Michaelhouse over a period of thirty years. In the years between leaving school and his return, Roy Gathorne graduated from Rhodes University, served in the Artillery, returned from Italy to complete an MA at Rhodes, and taught at St Andrew's College with considerable distinction for eight years. It was during this period that he represented Eastern Province at cricket and hockey. Many years later Charles Fortune made the remark that, if Roy had not been such a dedicated and selfless teacher, he would almost certainly have played for the Springboks.

On his arrival at Michaelhouse, Roy started off at The Cottage and then, in rapid succession, served as House Tutor in Farfield, West and East. In January 1956 he was appointed Housemaster in East, a post which he filled for 14 years. When one considers the wear and tear involved in living amongst a group of lively young men, this fact alone is an indication of his dedication and resilience. The boys in his care rapidly came to respect his fairness, enjoy his sense of humour, value his judgment, and appreciate the high principles by which he lived his life. All remember those blue eyes, which would sparkle when amused but which were equally capable of freezing an errant young man in his tracks. This weapon was generally reserved for those who had been devious, underhand or unkind to their peers.

Roy proved to be a teacher of exceptional talent. His teaching was enhanced by a fine command of the English language, not all of it completely orthodox! Roy started as Head of the English Department, but it was as Head of the History Department that he will be remembered. It is a pity that all young History teachers could not have been apprenticed to Roy: they would have learnt the virtues of meticulous preparation and lucid exposition; they would also have learnt the importance of returning tests and essays promptly. Throughout his career, all work had been marked before the next period with that class. One thinks back to an occasion when Roy was Act-

ing Rector and also teaching his normal timetable. Work had been set to occupy his classes while he attended a Board Meeting. That evening, a friend found Roy at his desk, practically grey with fatigue, and urged him to take a night off to relax. Roy's response was to mark all the essays on his desk, an act which epitomises his iron will and self-discipline.

Sport has always played an important part in Roy's life, not in any obsessive way but because it is fun, a means of relaxation and a point of contact with others. Roy is a superb striker of a ball. Many will remember the shouts of glee emanating from the squash courts as he played a sizzling drive that struck the front wall a few millimetres above the tin and then sped on its way to die in the back corner. Wrong-footing an opponent on the tennis court would lead to a merry chortle and a wicked twinkle of the eye. Roy would be the first to admit that he is a determined competitor; he firmly believes that one

should play to win, but woe betide anyone, whether team-mate or opponent, who is guilty of sharp practice. Playing to the rules is not good enough. In his book, games are to be played in the right spirit. While Roy is a fine all-rounder, his main contribution has been to school cricket. He coached 1st XI cricket for seven years at St Andrew's College and twenty-two years at Michaelhouse. During this time he produced many outstanding cricketers. However, his contribution was not confined to the teams he coached. Roy was thoroughly involved in Nuffield Cricket, being a Natal Schools' Selector from 1958 to 1982; Manager of Eastern Province and Natal Nuffield sides on many occasions; a South African Schools' Selector; and Manager of the very successful South African Schools' side which toured England in 1968. Members of Caversham will think back to the many hours of pleasure and comradeship they have enjoyed with Roy. All will remember his sparkling batting and superb fielding. Above all, Roy will be remembered for his balanced and sane approach to the game.

Apart from sport, Roy made a significant contribution in many other fields. One of Roy's long-standing interests was the History Society, which he ran from 1961 to his retirement. The intimate nature of this society encouraged that stimulating contact which is of great benefit to the developing mind. It goes without saying that the standards set were high (a sloppily presented paper did not meet with approval), but meetings were always fun and the historical diet well varied. Older members of staff will remember that the Venture Club grew out of the July trips to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in the days when one could travel there by road. Roy was a leading light on those trips in the period 1959-1962, climbing Kilimanjaro three times and Mount Mlanje in Malawi on one occasion.

Roy was not an enthusiastic committee man, but recognised the need for such bodies and spent many hours either chairing or attending meetings. He was Chairman of the Games and Academic Committees during his Senior Mastership, and a member of the Old Boys' Committee from 1959 to the end of his successful Presidential year in 1980. To all these bodies he brought quiet good sense and an intolerance of anything that was slack or shoddy.

Roy joined the Housemasters' Committee in 1956, when he was appointed Housemaster of East, and he remained on this committee until his retirement in 1983. If one realises that this is the main policy-

making body within the School, one appreciates the significance of his contribution. During this period Roy served under four Rectors, and many Housemasters came and went. All relied heavily on his

judgment, wisdom and insight. When the going was really tough, Roy's steadfastness and his high principles served as a beacon. It is difficult to think of any Housemaster who failed to draw on Roy's experience and wise counsel.

His appointment as Senior Master in 1965 brought him into very close contact with the Rector of the day and members of the staff. It is a post which has a very high administrative content and requires immense attention to detail, if the School is to run effectively. All of his colleagues came to appreciate his extraordinary efficiency, his fairness in the allocation of tasks, and his ability to cut through to the heart of a matter. The Rectors who had Roy as Senior Master were highly privileged. It is difficult to think of anyone more suited to the post. Roy served as Acting Rector on four occasions. This was not a task which he enjoyed. He found the Finance Committee meetings totally depressing, and also worried about the fact that the position tended to narrow contacts down to the delinquent end of the boy spectrum. Nevertheless, boys and staff were always happy when Roy was acting: they knew that requests would be dealt with promptly and courteously; that high standards would be set; and that justice would be done.

Roy is a very private person, and it is with more than a degree of hesitation that one intrudes. However, there is an aspect of his life which is central to his being, and no tribute would be complete if this were neglected. Roy is a totally committed Christian, who lives out his faith. As we would expect, this is done without show or ostentation but in a quiet, workmanlike manner. As in other matters, nothing is taken for granted; he reads his Bible every day and prays at his bedside every evening. Roy is a humble and loyal servant of God who has dedicated his life to serve God and his fellow man.

There are many who will be forgiven for feeling that Roy's retirement heralds the end of an era.

A.F. Cotton

## NEW GOVERNOR

Professor Colin Webb has accepted an invitation to join the Michaelhouse Board of Governors.

He has been elected as Vice-Principal (Durban) at Natal University. He was educated at Pretoria Boys' High School and Witwatersrand University and in 1955 won an Elsie Ballot Scholarship to Clare College, Cambridge, where he obtained an MA. His first appointments were with the University of Natal, Durban, where he was a Lecturer in the Department

of History and Political Science and later he became Associate Professor in the equivalent department at the Pietermaritzburg Campus. In 1976 he was appointed King George VI Professor of History at the University of Cape Town and he headed the Department of History from 1976 to 1982. In 1979 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. He has carried out a number of historical research projects and was the author of numerous publications including A History of Natal (with E.H. Brookes). He has delivered many papers and public addresses at conferences and has served on a wide range of University Administration Committees and on professional and public bodies. The School is fortunate to have obtained the services of so distinguished an Academic on the Board of Governors.

### A TRIBUTE TO MR BENNIE

In Mr Bennie, Michaelhouse is losing a man who involved himself in, and dedicated himself totally to, the school. He had the rare ability to involve himself enthusiastically in a variety of activities, without ever neglecting any of them.

Called by some, the "Red-haired ranting Roman", he has, for many of us, reincarnated what is regarded as a dead language, Latin. His interests in the Ancients, however, did not end there, as he established a Classics Society, characterised by its infamous orgies.

But, in no way was this the limit to Mr Bennie's contribution. He has been tremendously progressive in the field of dramatics. He has acted in many staff plays, but his most notable achievements in this field have been his producing of: Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat) The Relapse, and his most recent, Jesus Christ Superstar (the first rendering of this concert in South Africa). In drama he has always striven for perfection, and this attitude has obviously proved infectious; this borne out by the success of his productions.

For many, Mr Bennie will be remembered as "the mad mountain-man" who ran the Venture Club. Since he took charge of the club in 1980, its popularity has continued to grow, what with weekend berg outings, rock climbing excursions and holiday expeditions to Malawi, Botswana and the like. His contribution in this field has been greatly appreciated by the boys.

In the sporting field, he has coached hockey and

canoeing. In the latter, he has been instrumental in the motivation of three South African Junior Champions. He is not a canoeist himself, but all the boys are extremely grateful to him for chasing them down rivers, across rough tracks, on a "suspensionless" cattle truck.

In bidding Mr Bennie adieu, we are saying farewell to a man of many talents, much energy and a true educationalist in all respects. We wish him all the best for the future in his teaching post at Rondebosch Boys High (I hear he'll be taking canoeing there as well!).

## STAFF PROMOTIONS

John Pluke, who succeeds Roy Gathorne as Senior Master, has been, for the past two years, Assistant Senior Master. Prior to that, he was the Housemaster of Pascoe from 1979-81.

John arrived at Michaelhouse, in September 1978, from Hamilton High School in Bulawayo. There he held the posts of Deputy Head, and Head of Geography. His schooling had been at Plumtree High School, and from there he went on to Natal University (Pmb), where he obtained his BA and UED.

During John's 17 years at Hamilton, he produced four musicals, founded a Toast-Masters' Club, coached rugby and cricket at first team level and was manager of the Rhodesian Nuffield Cricket side.



John Pluke.

He broadcast regularly on radio, especially on cricket and rugby; and headed the Matabeleland Branch forteacher recruitment.

At Michaelhouse, John has acted in several plays, and produced one musical Paint Your Wagon. He coaches the 1st rugby game with Cilliers Heymans, has coached the U/15A cricket side, and helps with athletics. He has continued with his interest in Toastmastering.

We wish John every success in following in the footsteps of Roy Gathorne, and know that he will be given every assistance by his wife, Babs.

Allen Duff, who succeeds John Pluke as Assistant Senior Master, has been Housemaster of Founders since 1977 and, before that, was a tutor in Pascoe.

Allen received his schooling at Grey High, PE and then went on to Rhodes University where he was awarded his BA. He was awarded an Ernest Oppenheimer Post-Graduate Fellowship and this he used to take his MA Degree in Ecclesiastical History. In 1979 he studied for and passed his HED through UNISA.

Allen Duff.

In sport, Allen coached the 1st Rugby Game, in 1972-73, the Colts "A" from 1975-81, and "helps out" with cricket. He is keen on refereeing, and is a member of the PMB Referees' Association. Outside sport, he is an ardent "Ferro Equinologist" (Steam Locomotive Enthusiast), a photographer and a model railways enthusiast.

To Allen, and Arleen, we wish every success, and hope that his duties will allow him time to "chase trains".

Robin Cox comes to us from Peterhouse, where he has been Head of the History Department. His previous teaching experience was at Bishops, where he also received his schooling.

Robin was Head Boy of Bishops, in 1972, and represented W. Province schools at hockey, cricket and

Allen taught at Pridwin for two years, before coming to Michaelhouse in 1971. In 1974 he went to England, on a SA Industrial Grant to study Audio-

Visual Resources, which Department he ran at Michaelhouse for a number of years. Later, in 1983, Allen took up a Michaelhouse Fellowship, in order to study aspects of schooling in the UK, Belgium and W. Germany.

cross-country. He also played representative Squash for Mashonaland, and will be taking over the hockey organisation and 1st XI coaching at Michaelhouse.

Apart from history, Robin is very interested in contributing fully to the Christian life of the school, and will assist in the running of confirmation classes.

Michaelhouse welcomes Robin and Jane and hopes that they will have a long and rewarding stay.

Leo Walshe is an Australian, born in Melbourne, in 1954, and coming to us from Fort Victoria High School, Zimbabwe, where he has been teaching for the past two years.

Leo will be succeeding David Bennie as Head of Latin, a subject in which he won prizes at Melbourne University. He is a man of wide interests, which include direction of plays, magazine editing, designing of remedial English courses; and games. He is very widely-travelled, having visited, among other places, SE Asia; Kenya; Egypt; Ethiopia; Europe and now South Africa.

We hope that Leo will settle with us for a lengthy stay, and wish him well from the Michaelhouse community.

## INTERVIEWS WITH NEW STAFF

Interview with Mr Willis, English Department

' R.O.B. Have you, on reflection, enjoyed your first year at Michaelhouse?

J.C.W. Enormously. I wish I had been able to come at the beginning of the year to get to know everyone better. As it is, I have enjoyed myself, and I think a lot of the people I teach have also managed to enjoy themselves.

R.O.B. How do you compare Michaelhouse to Maritzburg College, and which do you prefer?

J.C.W. Having spent over seven years at College, obviously means I enjoyed the

school. My move to a Private School was motivated largely by my being a contract teacher, and not on the Permanent Staff of the NED. I had applied for a place at Michaelhouse in 1974, so nearly 10 years later, I thought I should follow it up. Both are excellent schools, and each

has its own great strengths: my instinctive feeling of great happiness here suggests I would like to be around for some time.

R.O.B. How do you see the future of Private Schools?

J.C.W. South Africa is undergoing great

change, and the Private Schools initiate educational progress, unhampered by the machinery of Governmental progress. They can reflect and also initiate progress, and I believe they can, therefore, not only survive the end of the 20th century, but also enable those who pass through them to be able to become part of that meaningful change themselves, as instigators of progress. The only future we have got is our children and, if the young who pass through this school are enabled to "quit themselves like men", then our work has not been in vain.

R.O.B. Do you consider post-matric, as an important educational asset?

J.C.W. It obviously depends on the pupil's aim

in life, but for the pupil who wants to stay that extra year, a school like Michaelhouse can give something very special.

Julian Willis.

Interview with Mr R.W. Aitchison,

English Department

A.K. Mr Aitchison, as an Old Boy of the

school, what are your most vivid memories of your time as a boy here?

R.W.A. I think the most vivid memories are of

the times when one was mischievous

- boyish pranks, though for obvious reasons I don't want to go into too much detail about that! I remember the day that I left vividly - I had mixed feelings about it: the joy of release on the one hand, but also apprehension of facing the world. Rugby at school is another thing that brings back memories. As an Old Boy, I miss the sport, Chapel - the traditions of the school. All in all, the times one had with one's friends - in other words, the camaraderie.

A. K. What did you do after you left school un-

til you joined the staff here at the beginning of this year?

R.W.A. To deal with it briefly, I went to univer-

sity and took a degree and a diploma in teaching - then taught at Weston for two years to repay my loan to the NED. I then returned to university to do my honours, and next, I travelled overseas for 15 months - working here and there - and had many new experiences, met new people. I didn't work in any lucrative jobs and just had enough to fly back here. After that, I worked at Alex, for 9 months before I was given a post here.

A.K. How does the School today compare

with the Michaelhouse of your time?

R.W.A. Very favourably. The school today has

many more facilities, such as the Theatre, Computer Room, Music

School - that we didn't have when I was here - which wasn't such a long time ago. I think that a boy can involve himself in many more diverse activities- whether they be academic, social or on the sporting side and, all in all, there is a better balance now, and a boy is afforded the benefits of a more "rounded" education.

A.K. What ambitions do you have for your

time at Michaelhouse, and, perhaps, for after your stay here?

R.W.A. Mainly, to do my job well and to have the

A.K.

R.W.A.

satisfaction of knowing that I'm doing it well. There is no room to become complacent- that is very dangerous ground. I've enjoyed my first year here and foresee myself staying here for some years. This year I have only really been involved in areas that I've had experience in before. I would very much like to achieve a wider range of experiences, by involving myself in other facets of Michaelhouse life. Obviously, time is a factor - and other than what I've already outlined, I wouldn't like to predict any further. One's future is so open-ended.

What changes would you like to see at Michaelhouse?

Very few, I think. I am very much in favour of the idea of having separate cubicles built for senior boys - where the individual can live his daily life with some privacy. I wouldn't like to see the school enrolment increase. I think Michaelhouse is pretty go-ahead as far as education goes - we are constantly aware of room for improvement and methods, approaches, techniques and innovations are being tried and tested with improvement in mind.

Richard Aitchison

Interview with Mr Buckley,

Head of the Mathematics Department

S.M. Mr Buckley, reflecting on your first year

at Michaelhouse, do you have any regret about changing your environment from your previous school to the present situation in this school?

J.M.B. I have no regrets whatsoever. I, and my

family, are very grateful indeed to the Michaelhouse community for making our change in environment so easy.

S.M. Comparing the old Rhodesian method

and standard of education, what was your initial reaction and response to the general standard of education offered at Michaelhouse? Disappointed? Impressed?

J.M.B. There is no doubt that the old Rhodesian

Education system was first-class. My initial reaction on arriving here was one of surprise, because I found the system so similar. I found myself teaching more or less the same mathematics, the only difference really being the heavy emphasis on Euclidean geometry and formal

John Buckley.

proofs. Generally, therefore, I am very impressed with the system and standard of education.

S.M. Would you say that in general, the aver-

age pupil at Michaelhouse has a rather negative attitude to academic studies, and that motivation is lacking in the individual? Michaelhouse matric results taken over the last decade reveal, in comparison with other academic establishments, a slightly lower standard. If so, could this be attributed to the imbalance between education and sport and extra-mural activities.

J.M.B. No, I do not think that the average pupil

at Michaelhouse does have a negative attitude towards his academic studies. In fact, I have found the motivation factor far higher than I've been used to.

I would also argue about Michaelhouse matric results being slightly lower than certain other schools. It all depends on your basis of comparison, what material these other schools have to work with, etc. For example, in my brief experience here, I know of one private school that has far more stringent entrance regulations than Michaelhouse, and one government school that simply disallows very weak matric candidates from writing. At Michaelhouse all boys attempt matric and, therefore, taking into account the wide range of abilities, our results are very good. I do not think there is too much emphasis on sport, and I believe the balance we have at Michaelhouse is a good one. This remark applies to clubs and societies as well, which incidentally is the most impressive spread I've ever seen.

S.M. Mr Buckley, do you seriously think that

what is offered at Michaelhouse, sport, education, extra-mural activities and the general atmosphere of "esprit de corps" is adequate in preparing the individual for his future in a constantly changing environment?

J.M.B. There is no doubt in my mind that a boy

who is educated at Michaelhouse, providing he has done his bit, has had a wonderful all-round education and is extremely well prepared for life. I will not hesitate to send my son here.

I can qualify my remark by saying that I



have met Michaelhouse Old Boys all over Rhodesia and South Africa, and I have yet to be disappointed. In the community in Rhodesia in which I lived for 17 years there were a number, all leaders in the community, all successful, all first-class people. They all, incidentally, still walk around with their hands in their pockets!

S.M. What characteristics, would you say, Mr

Buckley, differentiate between a Private School and a Government School pupil?

J.M.B. This is a difficult one. It depends on

which government school you are talking about. I've seen some excellent government schools, to which I would not hesitate to send my son, and some fairly suspect ones. I would, therefore, say

that there is not much difference be-

tween a pupil at a top government school and a private school, except the latter has a more rounded education, as I've already said. In other words, he is better prepared for life.

S.M. Would you agree, Mr Buckley, that the

qualities of a true gentleman are inherent in a pupil on his completion of his term at Michaelhouse?

J.M.B. Yes, I would agree with this statement in

general. I say this because Michaelhouse is not perfect and we do produce the odd non-gentleman.

Interview with Mr Derek Tasker, Director of Music

A.J.R. Have you had any difficulties in coping

with your new experience of teaching at a school?

D.T. None whatsoever. I have been teaching

music on an individual basis for the last 30 odd years and I find that my teaching

here is on the same basis. Also, I find that my experience as a playing musician is of enormous benefit to me in my present position, as I am able to teach from the practical point of view as opposed to merely theoretical.

A.J.R. Are there any particular aspects of music

which you wish to "push" at Michaelhouse?

D.T. I suppose that most people learn to play

a musical instrument in order to give

themselves pleasure. It is quite possible, for instance, to entertain one's self by playing such instruments as the piano, or guitar. Other instruments, such as the clarinet or trumpet do not sound well on their own, simply because they are able to produce a single line melody only; they need to join forces with other instruments in order to produce harmony and rhythm. It is this playing with others, or for others, that I wish to stress at Michaelhouse so that the boys enjoy a total musical experience.

A.J.R. What is your musical background?

What is your wife's musical background?

D.T. My musical training started in England

at the age of nine when I commenced lessons on the piano. I made fairly good progress initially, at least until I became heavily involved in sport. As a teenager,

I emigrated to what was then Southern Rhodesia and quickly got myself involved in the musical scene. I became interested in playing the saxophone and clarinet, and studied for four years at the

Derek Tasker.

A.J.R.

D.T.

Academy of Music in Bulawayo. Later, I spent a further year at the College of Music in Salisbury. It was whilst I was playing in theatre orchestra for Chaplin School's production of *The Mikado* that I met my wife, Muriel. She had completed her studies at Cape Town University and was teaching music at Chaplin School. In 1967 I was invited to join the British South African Police as an assistant bandmaster, and was appointed bandmaster in 1970 and Director of Music in

1977. Whilst in the Police, I formed a Police choir which had some success, both on Radio and TV. I was also able to keep up my playing, as I formed a Dixieland jazz group in which I played clarinet. I also played in the dance band and with the Municipal Orchestra. Most of my time was spent, however, in conducting the Military Band.

Can music hope to compete with sport at Michaelhouse? Are you keen on the idea of music honours and colours awards?

Music can never hope to compete against sport, neither should it. In a balanced education, the physical aspect is very important and this is provided for largely by the playing of some game or other. Likewise, a knowledge of music should be considered just as important in a balanced education system, by a knowledge of music. I do not mean that every person should learn to play an instrument. Knowledge could be restricted to intelligent listening and recognition of the main themes in the musical masterpieces. Thus, a sportsman should be able to converse to some extent on musical matters and a musician should acquire some knowledge relating to sport. Both the playing of a musical instrument and the playing of sport require much time in training in order to produce a good standard. It is rarely possible, therefore, for a person to excel in both. The answer lies in maxi-

mum music, minimum sport or maximum sport, minimum music. This would allow boys to develop their own individual talents to the betterment of both music and sport. The presentation of colours/honours to outstanding music students would do much to balance music with sport.

A.J.R. Will there be a return to the days when Michaelhouse boys performed in Pietermaritzburg and other areas?

D.T. I would be very much in favour of choir/

band tours once these groups have reached performance standards. Indeed, performances are the end-product of learning to play an instrument and, therefore, tours could be considered as a continuation of musical education.

A.J.R. Are your efforts to promote music hampered by other activities on the part of the boys?

D.T. Difficulties are encountered during Rest

with the choir, because very rarely does one manage to have the whole choir together at one time, thus rehearsal time required is extended. Very often choir

boys have gone canoeing, rock climb-

ing, to see their housemaster, to have a haircut, to attend a meeting, to an away sports fixture etc etc. Similar problems are not generally encountered with the windband, possibly because rehearsals are sandwiched between showers and supper.

## CHRONICLES OVER THE YEARS

We were enabled to start rugby immediately at the beginning of the second term, thanks to the Rector and Mr Pascoe, who spent the greater part of the Easter holiday in getting the fields cut. (1909)

Cricket: Harvey 1 000 runs, Melville 1 000 runs, Parry 950 runs (1928-29). A. Melville 10 wickets vs Crocketts (1926).

Every headmaster has to deal from time to time with the parents who would have him make a silk purse out of material, which may be excellent for other purposes, but is undoubtedly not silk! (Rector Currey)

M.H.S. vsHILTON 1909

The 1st XV travelled to Cedara by the 9.45 train, and there boarded a buckwagon fastened to 14 unfortunate donkeys. The day was cold and drizzly, and we were glad of hot tea and bread and butter on our arrival at Hilton, on foot, some time before the donkey wagon.

After a very hearty dinner at 3.30 p.m. we wandered about the grounds, and then most of the team walked to Hilton Road and caught a goods train. The

remainder spent nearly two hours, and kept warm, belabouring the 14 minute donkeys on our return journey to Cedara. (Result - 21-0 to Hilton.) After all that exercise we don't wonder!

M.H.S. v/sHILTON 1983

"What do you mean, ten thousand turn out to watch Hilton play Michaelhouse?" "I've heard that Hilton-Michaelhouse matches now assume the proportions of a minor Durban July?

"The build up to the matches is incredible."

("Style" 1983)

1939: Cricket: F. Lee - 259 in 4 hours vs Hilton. 9-12 and 100 vs College.

"Don't be discouraged when you are soundly beaten. There is often much more to be learned from losing a match than winning one, and we fear there is too much an inclination to despond on receiving a severe defeat." (1902)

Fellows must remember that no school team has any right to field badly. (1908)

"Show boyhood how it can serve, and the response will seldom fail. Present it with ideals, and the ideals of today become the traditions of tomorrow". (Rector Pascoe 1924)

To Editor of Chronicle

1905

Dear Sir,

I beg to take the liberty of suggesting that the Rugby Team should wear white trousers in matches instead of black, which have formerly been worn.

Most, if not all, of the members of the Rugby XV prefer the white to the black.

Could it not be put to a vote or settled in some other way? Hoping that you will duly consider my suggestion.

I remain, dear Sir,

Yours truly,

F. Orward

## 40 HOUR FAMINE

The Michaelhouse Christian Fellowship decided to support this fund-raising scheme, and to try to promote it in the school. The fast took place over the weekend of 9-11 September. Although this was the Sports' Day weekend, some 184 boys participated after being assured by Mr G. Paterson that their athletic performances would not be affected by having missed the Saturday morning breakfast. Mr K. van den Haak, the caterer, was most accommodating

and helpful by providing fruit juice for fasters, and a braai on the Sunday to break the fast.

Almost as pleasing as the generous sponsorship which Michaelhouse boys were given was the tremendous community spirit which many participants (both fasters and sponsors) felt in doing something worthwhile for others. Michaelhouse, staff, staff wives and boys managed to collect nearly R4 000 for the feeding of the needy. I am grateful to, and thank Judy Gettliffe for handling the fund at the cash kiosk. She was both patient and efficient.

## BOTSWANA TRIP

The party consisted of Mr King, Mr Curry, Mr and Mrs Stainbank and ten boys.

The trip began with a minor setback, when our land-cruiser broke down at Mooi River, on the first day, shortly after we left Michaelhouse. Having hired another landrover from Howick, we set off again and reached Vaalwater, some nine hours later. There, we stayed with friends of the Stainbanks, the Zee-derbergs, for the night. The next day, we went through the border at Stodepoort and, after refuelling at Francistown, we camped on the side of the road, some 40 km away. The next day, we drove through the Magadigadi pans - a vast area of salinated mud, on our way to Nxai Pan. After a few relaxing days, we left for Moremi Game Reserve, which is situated in the Okovango Delta. After this, we went on to the Chobe National Park. There, we camped next to the Savuti Channel for one night and then went up to the Chobe River where we did some fishing. The following day we left the Chobe River, and then headed for home.

## FARM SCHOOL REPORT

The Zenzane Farm School continues to flourish

under the headmastership of Mr Isaac Mzila. The 450 children who attend come from the Michael-house estate, the village of Zenzane and the local farms. They pay an average of R13,00 a year, and this money goes towards the upkeep of the school and any new development.

Standards remain high, thanks to a very dedicated staff, but facilities lag far behind what is needed. The next item on the building plan is a staff room, and we hope to make a start on this early in the newyear. The soccer field was recently extended, thanks to a grant from the Nottingham Road Farmers Association, but has not yet been used - firstly because the drought kept the grass from growing, and secondly because the pipeline carrying water from the



Mooi River to the Umgeni has cut right across the middle. Nevertheless, the soccer team has been kitted out in a fine new outfit (black and gold): and the netball team are next in line for re-kitting.

The choir, under the expert baton of Mr Sipho Gaza, continues to win local competitions, and sang very movingly at the memorial service in the Michaelhouse chapel for Mr Harry Pitman.

A scheme is being considered to assist local African teachers to get further qualifications. It is being organised basically through the Midlands Centre at Nottingham Road, and a number of Michaelhouse staff and their wives have offered to help out. There are very considerable problems, however, the most serious of which is getting those teachers to be assisted to a central venue (Michaelhouse, for example) on a regular basis.

Though the school is now on a much more stable financial footing, the basic need is for more money with which to provide the basic essentials. Such things as desks for the teachers, bookshelves and cupboards, ceilings for the classrooms, playground

facilities for the younger children, with the costs of upkeep, all cost much more than the annual income - so any assistance in kind or cash is welcome.

## STEAM TRAIN EXCURSION

The last couple of weeks of the third term saw the introduction, on a trial basis, of a less-structured timetable, outside the classroom for that time of the year. One of many activities organised, was a trip to Umlaas Road, to travel behind one of the very few remaining steam locomotives in Natal.

A party of 16 was organised, but three missed the bus which left at 3.45 a.m. Our departure from Umlaas Road was at 5.30, behind a Beyer-Garratt locomotive built in 1950. This 24 inch gauge line runs to Mid-Illovo via Eston.

There was ample opportunity for studying the locomotive and gaining an appreciation of a means of haulage and transportation, without which the history of the country may have been quite different.

## Academic

### MATRICULATION RESULTS

DECEMBER 1983

Name Result Name Result

Anderson, J.H. SM Hammond, M.W. SM  
Armstrong, S.G. SM Harland, E.G.M. S  
Barrett, G.Mc. SM Hathorn, D.P. SM (Science)  
Benyon, R.J.C. SM (English, Maths, Hemus, C.D. SM (Maths, Science)  
Science, History) Henderson, G.S. SM (Biology, Science,  
Berend, C.M. S Geography)  
Bhoola, A.C. SM Hickman, R.D. SM (English, Science,  
Biggs, B.W. SM History)  
Bompas, J.G. SM Hindle, J.E. SM  
Boult, J.M. SM Howden, R.I.S. S  
Brand, S.R. SM Hurlbatt, A.J. S  
Briggs, D.G. SM Inglis, A.C. SM (Biology)  
Brooks, M. SM Inglis, I.R. SM  
Browett, J.W. SM Jackson, D.K. SM  
Brown, A.5.T. SM Johnstone, N.E. SM  
Burger, D.G. de V. S Jonsson, N. SM  
Butcher, M.D. SM Kirkpatrick, S.J.L. SM (Maths, Geography,  
Carter, S.L. SM (English, Science, Science)  
History) Koevort, G.J. SM  
Degrandpre, J.P. S Lavender, L.G. SM  
Desmidt, M.B.P. SM Le Sueur, P.E.M. S  
Duffus, D.F. S Lillie, E.S.B. SM (Maths, Science)  
Duffy, M.R. SM (Geography) Lloyd, B.L. SM (English, Geography)  
Earle, B.R. SM Longmore, G.S. S  
Elliot, W.G.R. S Macleod, A.H. SM (English, Afrikaans,  
English, J.G.A. SM (English) Science, Maths, Latin  
Evans, G.P. SM Malcomson, D.E. SM  
Evans, M.G.B. S Maree, J.B. SM  
Everett, I.R. SM Matterson, C.D.H. SM  
Fleming, D.D. SM (English) McDavid, C.I.G. S  
Friend, S.A. SM McFie, R.B. S  
Garland, D.L. S McIntosh, I.M. S  
Gauntlett, G.L. SM (English) McLeod, M.G. SM (English)  
Geerdts, P.C. SM (Maths, Science, Melouney, C.R. SM  
Geography) Methven, O.S. SM  
Giddy, J.D. SM Moore, S.C. SM  
Glover, R.P.M. SM Mosse, R.J. S  
Gush, P.W.J. SM Mostert, P.M. SM  
Hallier I.T. S O'Connor, A.M. SM (English, Science,  
Halsted, A.R. SM (Science) History)  
Halsted, C.W. S Orpen, D.R.L. SM  
Hamilton, H.W. SM Ovendale, D.C. SM  
Hammond, J.G.W. SM (Maths, English, Pleydell-Bouverie SM  
Geography) Ramsay, G.R. SM

Name

Randeria, N.M.

Renton, C.M.

Renyard, R.M.

Schroeder, M.G.M.

Selby, A.C.

Short, G.R.

Telford, D.C.

Trotter, D.H.P.

Tucker, A.H.

Tucker, J.B.K.

Tucker, R.B.

Turkington, B.J.

Turner, S.G.

Wattam, B.P.

Webb, N.R.

Westoby, J.M.

Whysall, A.A.

Winter, M.D.

Woollatt, A.C.L.

Summary

Matric Exemptions: A (aggregate 14)

B (aggregate 16)

C (aggregate 21)

D (aggregate 23)

E (aggregate 2)

Total: 76

School Leaving Certificates: 22

Failures: Nil

Total: 98

(82 Candidates wrote Matric Exemption)

(14 Candidates wrote School Leaving Certificate)

Distinctions: 49

## GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

We had the good fortune to have a number of visiting speakers this year. In the first quarter, Mr Trevor Wills presented a well-illustrated slide programme on Pietermaritzburg's Townscape; in preparation for our A Block urban study.

At the end of the second quarter, Professor J.E. Vance of California State University, who had been invited to speak at the SA Geographical Conference in Pietermaritzburg, gave a talk on the development of the grid street pattern. It was at question time that his remarkable depth of knowledge became very evident.

In the Michaelmas quarter, Professor Hunter of the Geology Department at Natal University in Pieter-

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Geography, History)

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L to R. Mr Wills, Prof. Vance; WEA; JHP; RWH.

maritzburg talked to C Geographers, his subject being "Continents Afloat". By the end of the questions, there were few who ^id not have a very good grasp ofthe PlateTectonictheory.

At the final talk this quarter, Dr Dewitt Davis of Arkansas State University spoke on "American Cities", starting with the American definition of an urban population and ending the questions with an account of Chicago University urban renewal programme.

## HISTORY DEPARTMENT

The department continues to keep in touch with progress. There is constant revision of syllabus, attendance at Natal History Teachers' meetings, acquisition of new audio-visual material, and a continuing attempt to encourage the study of history - not just because it is now such an interesting and relevant subject, but because of the vital disciplines for future careers that it promotes, the most important being the ability to assess evidence clearly and impartially, draw logical conclusions and then write clear, concise and logical reports.

The most exciting development in the department next year will be the equipping of Classroom 7 with its own audio-visual equipment - a video-recorder and monitor and slide-tape projector, both remote controlled: also overhead projector and trapezium tables. This will make the use of A/V material much more relevant and meaningful, as the class will not have to move to the KLT every time, and the material will be able to be used at exactly the right time, not only when a booking can be made: it will also relieve the KLT of the heavy use made of it by the History Department.

In inter-school competitions there has been notable success. Richard Benyon reached the national final of the Young Historians' Conference, with his paper on Greek democracy. Alexander O'Connor won the essay competition open to all Natal Schools on

## LIBRARY REPORT

Back: Alex O'Connor- Winner Bishop Colenso Memorial Essay  
Front: Richard Benyon - SA Finalist "Young Historians'

Competition".

Bishop Colenso, and won himself R100 in book tokens. Congratulations to both.

There was a weekend field excursion in the first term to Isandlwana, the Fugitives' Trail and Rorke's Drift. Mr Lewis and Mr Gathorne led a group of about 20 boys, welcomingly distracted by the arrival of about 20 girls at the hostel. Mr Lewis attended another field trip to Colenso and Spioenkop, expertly guided by Mr Gilbert Torlage of the Natal Parks Board and Mr Steve Watt of the Natal Education Department. Future field trips of boys will certainly follow this route. A symposium on matric essay marking was attended, as well as the AGM of the Natal History Teachers' Society where some interesting papers were read and a very useful talk on matric projects was given.

Finally, a word of farewell to Mr Roy Gathorne, stalwart of the History Department for 30 years, Head of the department for many of them, and mine of historical information. We shall miss his unique style of teaching, his humour in the classroom, his understanding of most schoolboy minds and his insistence on the highest of standards. Who can forget being taught history by Buzzy? Certainly not the present Head of Department: certainly not some of the "altitudinous wretches" who were late for his classes, nor those whose "howlers" were published on the board, nor the intelligentsia seeking out their distinctions. Certainly we shall remember that most important historical figures did whatever they did "enthusiastically". Our best wishes go to Mr Gathorne for a restful and happy retirement. Teaching history in his place will be Mr Robin Cox, from Bishop's and UCT, at present teaching history at Peterhouse.

The beginning of 1984 saw a major change in the library. Up till then, the library operated on a self-issue system, whereby users processed and filed their own issue cards. This system was based on trust, honesty and responsibility, and worked well as long as we had smaller numbers. But, in latter years, with the significant increase in boys, staff and staff children, this system has proved to be ineffective, and our book loss has become a major and

costly problem. More so, since a significant percentage of our books are those loaned to us by the Natal Provincial Library Services. These lost books have to be paid for and our own books have to be replaced; thus posing a heavy burden on the library resources.

To counteract and solve this problem, an issue office has been constructed at the entrance of the main library, and all books borrowed or returned are controlled, as in all other libraries. In addition, all library users have three borrowers' pockets, and this controls the number of books taken out; for, in the old system, a boy could take out as many books as he liked and, in many cases, quite a few were lost.

Another feature that has changed, concerns the Ready Reference Books. Previously, these were scattered in between the general stock, but they have now been withdrawn and are housed together in a Reference Section, and this makes reference work so much easier.

A new addition to the library is the periodicals/project room. This is housed in the librarian's old office. Here, back-copies of magazines, which are bound together in files, are arranged on shelves for easy reference. It is envisaged that boys working on projects, speeches etc. will make good use of this very pleasant room.

A total of 1 150 books was accessioned in 1983, and this has made a noticeable difference to both our fiction and non-fiction shelves.

The librarian's long-awaited assistant started work in October, and this made a great difference in the general running of the library. She has indeed made the librarian's work less taxing and less frustrating. Her presence has also lessened the heavy work load of the monitors, who are thanked for the work they performed so willingly and cheerfully.

Finally, our sincere thanks to Mrs B. Bernstein for so kindly giving us a new coconut-matting carpet for the Andrew Smithers Library. We are indeed grateful to her, not only for this section of the library, but also for her continued interest and support in this fine feature.



## A.F.S./Rotary Scholars

L to R. A.H. Tucker (US) (Rotary); D. Malcomson (Aust) (Rotary); S. Carter (Aust) (Rotary); S. Brand (S America) (A.F.S.).

## AWARDS

Scholarships and exhibitions have been awarded this year as follows:

Open Major: Andrew Schaefer (Clifton, Durban).

1st Minor: Andrew Clark (Michaelhouse).

2nd Minor: Craig Chamberlain (Highbury).

Closed: Clifton Durban: Jonathan Doull; Cowan House: Nicholas Welz; Pridwin: Michael Hall; St Peter's: Graeme Newcomb; Waterkloof: Simon Pitout.

Exhibitions: Clinton Grobler (Cordwalles) and Timothy Henderson (Cowan House).

Trust Scholarships: Kenneth Walker (Westville), Roger Tatley (Durban Prep) and Richard Andrews (Creighton).

Alex O'Connor winner of the "Nick Crow Good Fellowship Award".

## ACADEMIC SEMINAR FOR STAFF

The above Seminar was held at Michaelhouse, on the 28th and 29th of April; with Professor D. Freer, Head of the Education Department, University of the Witwatersrand, and Mr G. Hall, Vice-Rector, J.H.B.

College of Education, as the speakers.

On the first day, both speakers discussed the "Setting of Examinations and Tests", and later, Professor Freer spoke on "Curriculum and Evaluation". The following day's topics were: Language in

Teaching", Professor Freer, and Scaling Marks, by Mr Hall.

The Seminar ended with informal sessions on: "Curriculum Innovation" and "Education for Living", with the two speakers on the panel.

Both speakers are thanked for their friendly open approach, and for the stimulation which they pro-

vided.

## Vlth FORM

The Vlth Form this year was very small - consisting often members only. Nevertheless, we carried out a wide variety of activities and enjoyed, all in all, a memorable year.

Our Vlth Form "play" was really a concert, entitled Pick a Winner, and it was well received by the audience. Unfortunately, our concert was cancelled, because of lack of time and resources at the end of the year.

The Vlth Form Tour this year was to Johannesburg, and we visited several places of interest: Gallo Records and Tapes, The Star Newspaper, Barlow's Heavy Engineering, Crown Gold Mine and Museum. We also enjoyed ourselves in a discussion over the New Constitution with some girls from Rhodan. We experienced a fine end to the year, with a visit to Nyala Game Ranch for three days, and then to Ndedema Gorge in the Drakensberg for another three days.

Other interesting events this year included visits to the Courts in Pietermaritzburg, the Victoria Club and Scottish Cables; and also two highly successful Vlth Form Tutor's parties. Needless to say, we also worked a bit, and most found the end of year examination to their liking.

Finally, we thank everyone involved in Vlth Form, and all those people who helped with outings etc, for making 1983 such a good year for us.

Vlth FORM: R. Basson; S. Buthelezi; K. Khumalo; M. Kidd; S. Malan; J. Morgan; F. Ndlovu; T. Ndlovu; M. O'Connell; R. Robinson.

## Chapel Notes

From mid 1982 until April 1983 we were without a Director of Music. During the interregnum Mike Thompson, Willem van der Walt and Paul Hepker gave valued assistance, with outstanding results, to the Chapel music. We are most grateful to them for the high standard which they maintained, although each was heavily committed in his own sphere of school work.

This year, because of the demands made by the rock opera, we lost the guitarists from the occasional folk mass but look forward to their reappearance next year.

Two staff babies, Kieran Stuart King and Susan Frances Winckworth were baptised at the Eucharist. Jim and Sharon Miller, Mark and Anne Faber, and Peter and Anne Crystal were married. There were two memorial services, for Elizabeth Jonsson and Harry Pitman respectively.

Bishop Alfred visited us for the Sacrament of Confirmation, when 22 boys and one member of staff were Confirmed. Subsequently, Bishop Alfred returned to admit Allen Duff and David Lewis to the office of lay minister. As Roy Gathorne, who has been lay minister from August 1965, leaves us, we offer him our sincere gratitude for the contribution he has made to worship as a devout, loyal, regular, methodical Christian member of our community.

We are always very grateful to all those visitors who give of their time and energy to us at school in order to minister the Word and Sacraments; especially we thank the following bishops, priests, and ministers

- Michael, our Visitor; Alfred, our Suffragan; Ken Hallows; Kingsley Dale, John Forbes; Arthur Hills,

John Wiseman, SDB, Peter Harker, John Gardiner; Jeff Jefferies, Rod Boyd, OMI, Hennie van Rensburg; Paul Ayling; Jack Jewell; Peter Pollock; Alan McCarthy; David Peters; and Garth Ellis-Brown.

Collections have been given to: the Community of the Holy Name, Melmoth; Christmas Stamp Fund for Tuberculosis; Leprosy Mission; Sunfield Home; South African National Council for the Blind; Bible Society; Jerusalem and East Church; Edenvale Society for Family Welfare; Missions to Seamen; Bishops' Discretion Fund; Diocesan Ordination Fund; Operation Hunger; St James' Hospital, Lesotho; St

Luke's Homes of Healing, Kearsney; Community Chest, Pietermaritzburg; South African Legion Poppy Day; Family and Marriage Society, and Impende Disaster Fund.

Next year, we look forward to a week's Mission led by Paul Culwick and Ian Anderson of Scripture Union; this mission will serve as a valuable prelude to a Mission led the following year by Michael Cassidy and his team from Africa Enterprise; we are very grateful to both for being so graciously prepared to give us of their time in their extensive schedule of ministry.

Finally, we say thank you very much indeed to all who assist in our Chapel, our new Director of Music, Derek Tasker, and the choir, Mike Thompson and the tremendous job he does with the congregational singing (the Carol Service was excellent, thanks to all involved), those who arrange flowers, clean silver, launder linen, lay ministers and servers, also to our domestic staff and to all who in any way enhance the quality and beauty of our worship.

P.A.C.E. Choir from Johannesburg, (Headmaster, Mr Rex Pennington), who sang in the M.H.S. Chapel.

## House Notes

### FOUNDERS %

Housemaster: Mr A.E.G. Duff  
House Tutors: Mr K.D. Sowden; Mr J.W. Miller  
Head of School and  
Head of House: M.N. O'Connell  
House Prefects: N.R. Webb; D.C. Ovendale;

D.L. Orpen; S.R. Brand.

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Academic: Founders had 12 candidates in the matriculation examination. All passed, and only one of those who entered for university exemption, failed to gain it. Mark Fairlamb and Randall Wells achieved the best symbols and the highest aggregates. Charles Bonham-Carter did particularly well in his UNISA examinations.

In the Inter-House Music Competition, Founders came 3rd. Ian O'Connell and John Goschen, both talented musicians, contributed more than others. In the Public Speaking Competition, Founders boys fared very well. In the Junior section, Grant Hawkins spoke well on "Corruption of the English Language", and deservedly gained 2nd place. In the Senior, Stephen Carter spoke on a very humorous topic, "Body Language", and did well to gain 2nd place. He also achieved 3rd place in the impromptu section. The overall points position put Founders 3rd.

The Founder's play was entitled Waiting for the Bus, and was produced by Dominic Orpen. It is a form of tragedy. Not only did the four actors, Andrew Henderson, Kevin Graham, Norman Jones and Andrew Ovendale portray the roles well, but there were also some humorous moments. Thanks go to the prompt, Clayton Whitaker, for doing a good job from within a dustbin! Good endeavour, but, unfortunately, we weren't placed among the best three.

In the Chess Competition, our juniors were knocked out in the first round. However, the senior team

managed to reach the finals, before being beaten by Tatham.

On the sportsfields, Founders did extremely well. Plenty of guts and determination were shown. Nowhere was this more finely demonstrated than in

the Standards Competition, where Founders, despite the lack of very talented individuals, came 1st, for the fifth consecutive year!

On Relays Day, the record was broken by the U14A team in the 4 x 100 m relay - a fine run by Michael Kerton-Johnson, Graham Roberts, Grant Hawkins and Robert Jackson. Founders came 3rd. On Sports Day, in spite of some fine performances, we managed to get 4th position only. Nick Webb did very well, coming 1st in the high jump and 2nd in the triple jump. Roland Yorke-Smith 2nd in the 1 500 m; Murray Jackson 2nd in the 400 m, and Mark O'Connell 2nd in the 800 m. In the under 14's, Greg Sloan put in a great effort to come 2nd in both the 100 m and 200 m. In the cross-country, Founders didn't do too well, but Roland and Matthew Yorke-Smith ran very well.

On Gala Day, the swimming team, led by Fraser Conlon, came 2nd. There were some fine performances by Robert McDowell, in the under 13 age group, who came 1st in breaststroke and 3rd in backstroke. Fraser Conlon, Ian Guthrie, Dennis Venter, and Bruce Herbert were also up in the top three places for their events.

The Founder's cricket side consisted largely of "amateurs", but was strengthened slightly by the presence of 1st team players, namely David Owendale (Captain); David Burger and Mark O'Connell, with Roland Yorke-Smith from the 2nd team. Unfortunately, we weren't able to stand up to the pressure from West.

The shooting competition saw the House placed 4th, with good shooting from Greg Sloan.

The House basketball side was built up around Natal Schools' basketballer, Nick Webb, who captained the team and scored most of the points. What the rest of the team lacked in talent they made up for in enthusiasm, with the result that the team reached the finals, before being beaten by a powerful Pascoe side.

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"More Pressure...!

This year, Founders' strength lay in rugby, and not in hockey. Dominic Orpen, who captained the House hockey, gave a lot of encouragement, but both the senior and junior hockey teams were defeated in the first round. There are some very talented players, such as James Clucas, Andrew Ovendale, Dennis Venter and Grant Curtis Setchell.

Once again Founders did very well in the Youngleson Shield competition. The gymnastics team managed to clinch a very good 2nd place. With gymnasts such as Andrew Ovendale, Paul Carter, Simon Carter and Fraser Conlon, we should do even better next year.

This year our strength lay mainly on the rugby field. A strong senior team, captained by Mark O'Connell (Vice-Captain P. Le Sueur) burst its way through to the finals, where we met an equally strong West side. An exciting match ensued, with tries from Nick Webb, Stuart Brand, Ian O'Connell and Guy Hammond. Founders went on to win 23-4. Our juniors played well, but were defeated in the 2nd round by a much stronger Pascoe side.

The House congratulates Mr Duff on his promotion to Assistant Senior Master, but regrets the fact that he leaves before the completion of his term-of-office. Mr Duff has been a caring Housemaster, strict but fair, with all aspects of House life being carefully attended to. He leaves behind a well-run ship, now to be cared for by Mr Sowden, and seven intakes of Founders boys thank him for his endeavours on their behalf. Thanks and farewell also to Mrs Arleen Duff, whose culinary delights were much appreciated, especially at leavers' parties.

Salvete

Francis A., Griffin, G.N., Hawkins G., LeeA.W., Leslie J.R., McDowell R.B., Preen R.P., Thomson J.T., Carter S.G., Curtis-Setchell J.G., Kerton-Johnson M.J., Middlemass K., Roberts J.G., Stephens M.

Valete

O'Connell M.A./, Brand S.R., Brown A.S.T., Burger D.G. De V., Carter S.L., Giddy J.D., Halsted C.W., Le Sueur P.E.M., Longmore G.S., Mosse R.J., Orpen D.R., Ovendale D.C., Webb N.R., WhysallA.A.

Housemaster: Mr W.E. Ashmole  
House Tutors: D.G. Bennie, K.J. King  
Head of House: S.G. Armstrong  
House Prefects: R.O. Basson, J. Anderson,  
J.B. Maree, G.S. Henderson

The smooth and efficient running of East throughout 1983 can be attributed to the able team of prefects, backed by Mr Ashmole, and supported by the HouseTutors. This has been a sound and a successful year, both on the sports field and at the desk. The easy relationship between the senior and junior members has been responsible for maintaining the high morale and House spirit displayed over previous years.

Academically, Guy Henderson did exceptionally well by being awarded his Academic Honours for his trial matric results. Congratulations to the following, who obtained distinctions in the June and November exams: F. Hamilton (5), D. Littlejohn (5),

C. Teversham (4), C. Perry (4), G. Henderson (3), W. Meyer (1), R. Mackenzie (1), G. Barrett (1), K. Blacklaw (1), R. Armstrong (1), M. Cockram (1), K. Borland (1).

The following were awarded their "Brains Bars" for academic distinctions during the year: D. Littlejohn, C. Perry, M. Cockram, W. Meyer.

C. Perry, D. Littlejohn and J. Morphet excelled in their efforts during the year, each being awarded 40 Superiores.

On the cultural side, East presented Rinse The Blood off my Toga, produced by James Anderson. The skill of our actors, Gareth Evans, Martin Shroeder, Robert MacKenzie, James Macormack, Wayne Witherspoon, David Trotter, Roger Gauntlett, Carey Roberts and Kenneth Borland, combined with the able help of stage and lighting crew, earned us a well-deserved 2nd place.

On the sports field, the sporting yet competitive spirit bore witness to high morale and House spirit in East. Although we only managed a 1st in the junior rugby and gymnastics, the following results



were pleasing: cross-country, cross-country relays, shooting, junior hockey where we were placed 2nd, and 3rd place in standards and relays.

Under the able leadership of Kit Townshend, the East junior rugby side managed a convincing win, after a long hard battle against Pascoe in the finals. Both teams are congratulated on the superb sportsmanship displayed throughout the match. Unfortunately, the senior side came up against a strong West team, and lost by a narrow margin.

For the sixth consecutive year, East won the gymnastics competition. With a talented senior team, the teamwork and dedicated practice sessions led to a runaway victory. Robin Basson and Martin Shroeder achieved the highest scores, with the former being voted best gymnast of the year.

The following are congratulated on individual achievements: Simon Armstrong, Bruce Earle (honours), Guy Henderson (colours), Gareth Evans, John Maree and David Trotter (on tour), representing East in the 1st XV. Bruce Earle was chosen to represent Natal Schools and was awarded his honours. Simon Armstrong, Kenneth Blacklaw and Johnathan Morphet played 1st XI cricket, while James Anderson (colours) and Martin Shroeder (colours) played 1st XI hockey.

Mark Wynne, Dave Littlejohn, Matthew Cockram (re-award), Guy Henderson, Dave Trotter, Alex Burn received their Venture Club ties, while Guy Henderson, John Maree, Mark Evans (re-award), Dave Trotter and Billy Meyer were awarded Service ties. The following boys won prizes on Speech Day: Graham . Gauntlett, Alex Burn, Charles Teversham, Kenneth Borland, Guy Henderson, Fred Hamilton, Phillip Mostert, Mark Evans, Billy Meyer and Trevor Ndlovu.

This year we say farewell to Mr David Bennie, who has been a dedicated House Tutor alongside Mr Kevin King. We shall miss David as a friend, and as a tutor, and hope he has a successful future.

Salvete

Armstrong R., Armstrong N., Arnott J., Dougherty S., Harvey A., Hill L, Kenton M., MacKenzie A., Perry

C., Roberts S., Whitton A., Williams-Ashman, D., Borland K, Cockram B., Hindle R., Littlejohn D., Mostert C., Wynne M.

Valete

Basson R.O., Ndlovu J. T., Armstong S.G., Earle B.R.,  
Evans G.P., Gauntlett G.L., Hindle J.E., Henderson

G.S., Maree J.B., McDavid C.G., McFie R.B., Mostert  
P.M., Schroeder M.G.N., Trotter D.H.P., Townshend

C.W.

WEST

Housemaster: Mr D.M.R. Lewis

House Tutors: Mr A.L. Carter, Mr W. van der Walt

Head of House: D.F. Duffus

School Prefect:\N.G. Elliott

House Prefects: J.M. Boulton, A.H. Tucker, R.B. Tucker

A pleasantly notable feature of West now for some years, and this year is no exception, is that more boys appear outside the Housemaster's study in the mornings with good work commendations than with punishments, and the general discipline and behaviour in the House is healthy. In fact, 720 Optima/Superiores have been awarded this year. General relationships have been basically good, though latterly some differences of opinion developed in the senior part of the House, all resolved by the end of the year. In a small community such as ours, where everybody lives very close to his neighbour, periodic irritations are inevitable: what is important, is how these are resolved, that there should be genuine attempts by both sides to understand the other. We all have our personal shortcomings - do we accept our own and try to understand those of our neighbours?

The House play this year was Alan Paton's Chess in Yugoslavia, a satirical commentary on the undertones that can be read into a multiracial group wanting to take part in a chess tournament in a Communist country. It was well directed and acted, and received the full attention of the audience, though it was not placed. David Bailes produced it and took the lead as the passport official, while Jack Brotherton, as Mr Boovalingham, "Gatsha" Buthelezi, as Mr Ubani and Simon Camerer, as Prof. Kupansky, supported him well. Geoff Evennett was the Stage Crew, and Richard Evans and Mr Dan Moodley provided the lighting. David Bailes also took part in

Hamp and Jesus Christ Superstar. Otherwise, we did nottakemuch partin School Drama.

In the Inter-House Music Competition, the whole House provided a lusty rendering of "There is a tavern in the town", a little more tuneful than last year's effort; though the adjudicator commented that the "rugby voices came through clearly": though they were soundly backed by Simon Camerer and David

Bailes on their flutes, we did not earn a place. Once again, we were 2nd in the Inter-House Public Speaking Competition, thanks to Thurlow Hanson-Moore's address on "Where has all the water gone?", and David Bailes on "Divorce".

Brad Turkington and "Herb" Tucker were confirmed this year: Mr Lewis was admitted as a lay minister: John Dickson, Clive Snell, Simon Camerer and David Bailes were members of the choir: and once again there was a good West representation in the Christian Fellowship, and 40 Hour Famine. Sean Carte and Matthew Meagher earned Venture Club ties, and Brad Turkington one for Service.

Academically, West was placed 7th in the quest for the Academic Trophy: Andrew Selby was awarded his Academic Honours, and Nick Robinson his Colours. Book tokens for Superiores and Optima were awarded to at least half the House in the course of the year, while 11 members of the House earned 20 or more points this year alone - Messrs Hammond, Selby, Tucker, A., Winter, Lambert, D., Lambert, I., Marchand, Van Beeck, Wyly, Carte and Price. On Speech Day, our prize-winners were Ian Everett, David Bailes, George Morgan, Paul Marchand, Ian Lambert and Nick Price (Gabrielle Massey), "Gatsha" Buthelezi (VIth Form Maths and Economics), Andrew Selby (A Block Geography) and Nick van Beeck (C Block Geography and Zulu).

At sport West has had a most successful year. We reached the final of the cricket Housematches and knocked up an almost unbeatable total for the loss of only 4 wickets, James Morgan scoring 97. Alas, we were pipped at the post by Tatham who beat us by one run, on the last ball - a nailbiting affair. Congrats to them for positive and intelligent cricket. Again, injury robbed us of five of our top rugby players, but we reached the final of the Rugby Housematches, to be well beaten by Founders; in the final of the junior squash, we lost to Pascoe. We didn't lose all, however, winning the senior hockey, senior squash, the tennis and the shooting. Honours were awarded to Warwick Elliott (rugby) and James Morgan (hockey), both of whom were selected for Natal Schools: and to Mark Winter for shooting. Colours were awarded to George Morgan (Natal Schools "B"), John Boulton and Michael Hammond for hockey; Donald Duffus and Brad Turkington (rugby); James Morgan, Murray Gilson and Jack Brotherton (cricket); and Murray Gilson and Jack Brotherton (squash). Others who have played a prominent part in House sport have been Duncan Garland, Russell

Smail, Simon Sacke and Geoff Evennett.

Prefectship is one of the most challenging responsibilities to carry, also one of the most difficult. There

are many opinions on what a good prefect should do, and much advice is given from Housemaster, parent and Old Boy. Different prefects have different approaches, and all prefects make mistakes at times, as do we all, but the overall purpose of prefectship in West is to be concerned for all members of the House, to keep reasonable order, ensure that basic duties are performed and set the general tone of the House. We have been fortunate for a number of years in our prefects, and thanks go to Donald Duffus and his team for another sound year of prefectship. Next year's prefects will be John Boulton (Head of House), Anthony Baber, David Bailes, Jack Brotherton and Murray Gilson.

D. Duffus.

Congratulations to Donald Duffus for winning the Poynton Memorial Award, for his contribution to the happiness and welfare of West: and to Warwick Elliott for winning the Christopher Nash Memorial Award for his contribution to House sport: and to "Herby" Tucker for being awarded a Rotary Scholarship to America. Farewell to all our leavers, including Simon Sacke and Andrew Walshe, and happy landings to them, and thanks for their contribution to the House; at the time of writing they are tackling matric. May they all be happy with their results.

Salvete

Baber C.A., Brotherton T.J., Buthelezi S.Z., Cobbett-Tribe G., Dettmer R., Dickson J.G., Evans R.W., Heath C.P., Jonsson J.J., Keough A.R., Price N.J., Redfern D.R., Ridgway B.K., Robinson T.G., Snell

C.P., Spencer J.P.D., Viljoen P.R., Walshe A.D.

Valete

Buthelezi S.Z., Duffus D.F., Elliott W.G.R., Garland

D.L., Hammond M.W., Johnstone N.E., Jonsson N., Matterson C.D.H., Methven D.S., Morgan J.R.B., Moore S.C., Sacke S.R., Selby A.C., Tucker A.H., Tucker R.B., Turkington B.J., Westoby J.M., Winter M.D., Walshe A.D.

## FARFIELD

Housemaster: Mr B.C. Reynolds

House Tutors: Mr G.D. Paterson, Mr R.W. Aitchison

Head of House: D.E. Malcomson

Prefects: A.C. Inglis, C.D. Hemus, M.A. Kidd,

D.P. Hathorn

1983 has been a year in which the prefects have set themselves the goals of suitable standards of efficiency and discipline; and these standards were seldom compromised. The result has brought praise both from within and outside the House; and, the most significant change generated by this tighter control, has been a great improvement in general tidiness round the House, credit for which must go to the whole House.

Despite the more intensive discipline, there has been no degeneration of the somewhat subjective, yet infinitely important quality for which a House always strives, House spirit. The spirit and camaraderie in Farfield have always been commendable, and the status quo has remained this year. This has been particularly evident in the enthusiastic support given our performers in, amongst others, the relays, -swimming and basketball competitions. However, to see less than a third of the house watching the senior hockey final was disappointing, to say the least. Nevertheless, this must not detract from the overall impression of the spirit in Farfield in 1983, which has been very good.

People, especially Old Boys, often gauge the success of a House by what competitions are won in a certain year. If this is a fair judgement, and I think not, then 1983 has been a poor year for Farfield, since only athletics and junior tug-o-war were won. However, there was tremendous effort put in by all involved on Sports Day, and special mention is made of Dave Malcomson and Michael Jeffery, Senior and Junior Victor Ludorum respectively.

Although Farfield's board will be relatively bare this year, we were 2nd in six competitions: swimming, Donaldson-Selby seven-a-side, canoeing, relays, senior hockey and chess and 3rd in four: cross-country, cross-country relays, gym and House plays. It was, indeed, pleasing to have done so well

in so many competitions, and surely this is a better measure of success than just outright victories?

Farfield maintained a high standard in the House plays this year, with Ernie's Incredible Illucinations, produced by Michael Kidd. We had only two actors who had performed in 1983 school productions at our disposal, yet the entire House was utilised in some way, and approximately 40 boys acted. Gavin Tweedie, Dave Phipson, Sandy Inglis and Llewellyn Curlewis put in admirable performances; but, unfortunately, we were placed 3rd only.

Adjudicating decisions have been one of Farfield's major disappointments this year - with the light-hearted approach of Olaf Figenschou and Michael Kidd not receiving due recognition. In the Inter-House Music Competition, Farfield's entry, produced by Doug Hathorn, gained us the wooden spoon, which we thought was gross neglect and inadequate recognition of latent musical talent!

Finally, the following deserve congratulations.  
Honours:

A. Inglis (canoeing); P. Nash (academics); D. Hathorn (sailing)

Colours:

M. Kidd (academics); D. Malcomson (rugby); M. Jeffery (athletics); I. Inglis (canoeing); J. Pool (swimming); M. Riley (swimming and water polo), M. Desmidt (sailing) and R. Hanbury (riding).

Brains bars:

A. Graham; C. Russon; O. Figenschou; R. McDougall.

Service ties:

D. Jackson; A. Inglis; S. Turner.

Venture club tie:

A. Kidd.

Salvete

Khumalo K, Dresser J., Benson G.f Dykins J., Figenschou O.f Graham P., Hoepfl S., Maharaj V., Markgraaf D., Martin G., McCarthy M.f Morris S., Read F., Tweedie G., Weaver P., Latter K., McDougall R.f McLuckie D., Meyer G.f Murray G., North I.

Valete

Khumalo K, Kidd M., Butcher M.f Hathorn D.,  
Hemus C., Howden S., HurlbattA., Inglis A., Inglis /.,  
Jackson D., Malcomson D.r Ramsay G., Tucker J.,  
Turners.



## TATHAM

Housemaster: Mr F.J. Human

House Tutors: Mr R.A. Currie, Mr T.G. Hart

Head of House: R.D. Hickman

House Prefects: A.H. MacLeod, I. McIntosh,  
N. Randeria, K. Pleydell-Bouverie, B. Wattam

"Mens sano in corpore sana" is an ideal toward which Tatham has striven in 1983. Of course, ideals are not always attainable, but Tatham has pursued its aim with determination, with the result that boys have excelled both in academics and on the sports field. Nevertheless, one can never judge the whole by the performance of the few in Tatham. There have been many who have excelled in the past year, but especially commendable are the actions of the main body of boys who have attempted to marry mind and body into a healthy balance, despite their lack of obvious talents.

At the beginning of the year, Tatham was victorious in the senior Inter-House cricket matches, and this set the scene for a very successful year. The next event that came up was the Inter-House public speaking, in which we won both the junior and the senior section, winning overall by a handsome margin. Andrew Walker delivered an interesting speech on "The Micro-Chip", for the juniors, and Andrew MacLeod entertained all with "The Spark of Life".

The third quarter at Michaelhouse is always a very full one, and this year was no exception. We came 2nd in the Inter-House hockey, as well as in the Inter-House music competition, which was of a very high standard. The whole House was involved in "The Campdown Races", accompanied by a nervous Mr Human and Mrs Thompson. Andrew Pennington and Naval Randeria managed to win the group section, and Hemanth Baboolal closed the Tatham performance with a piano solo. Later in the term, we won both the cross-country and the tug-of-war competitions, and we came 3rd in Athletics, which is the highest position we have reached in the past seven years. This was only possible with the participation of every boy in the House, which is an indication of the good House spirit which prevails in Tatham.

This year, Tatham featured very well in the aca-

demic sphere. Three boys were placed in the top 100 of the English Olympiad: Andrew MacLeod, 8th, Richard Benyon, 16th and Alex O'Connor. These three A Blockers have also featured prominently in

other areas. Andrew MacLeod obtained his academic honours, Service tie, rugby teams and received five prizes on Speech Day. Alex O'Connor was presented with his academic honours, four prizes on Speech Day and 1st prize for Bishop Colenso Memorial Essay. He also represented the school at the Alan Paton Literary Competition, and Jan Hofmeyr Speech Competition. Richard Benyon was awarded academic honours, and was a finalist in the Young Historians' Competition.

Roger Hickman, our Head of House, also deserves special mention. He was awarded academic honours, hockey and cricket colours, as well as being the Captain of both the hockey and cricket 1st XIs and he received a prize on Speech Day.

The following boys received honours, colours or teams: I. McIntosh, honours for Natal Schools rugby and squash, and colours for basketball; N. Randeria, rugby colours; B. Wattam, rugby teams; M. Blades, hockey colours; R. Church, rugby teams; A. Hall, water-polo teams; M. Johnson, rugby teams; A. Poole, rugby colours.

The Tatham prizewinners were: A. Woollatt; S. Phillips; P. Stead; A. Walker, who was awarded two prizes; H. Baboolal; A. Clark who was awarded six prizes; R. Wege; T. Landon; L. Levine and N. Randeria.

Michael Blades was presented with his Service tie, as was Andrew Pennington.

Finally, the boys that gained their Brains Bars during the year were: M. Bolton; R. Grantham; S. Phillips;

H. Baboolal; A. Clark; R. Wege and L. Levine.

The House would like to extend its warmest thanks to Mr Human, Mr and Mrs Hart and Mr and Mrs Currie for looking after it, and helping it in attaining the high standard of success.

Salvete

Baboolal H.A., Boltman G.J., Clark A.G., Durham A.J., Hooper R.A., Levine L.G., Macquet G.P., Mitchell A.K., Napier C.M., Oxley-Oxland D.St.J. Pennington G.G., Rehman A., Thompson I.E., Tonkinson

C.H., Wattam G.J., Wege R.J., Phillips B.

Valete

Barrett G.McC., Benyon R.J., Bhoola A.C., Friend  
S.A., Glover R.P., Harland E.G., Lillie E.S., MacLeod  
A.H., McIntosh I.M., O'Connor A.M., Pleydell-Bouve-  
rie K. W., Randeria N.M., Renton C.M., Renyard R.M.,  
Wattam B.P., Woollatt A.C.

Housemaster: Mr C. Heymans

House Tutors: Mr A.W. Cook, Mr P.E. Dennyson

Head of House: M. McLeod

House Prefects: J.G. Hammond, A.R. Halsted,  
R.W. Gush, J.P. De Grandpre, G.R. Short.

Under a deluge of "KOFFIE en KOEKSISTERS", Pascoe has again fared admirably. We excelled on the sports field. This year, Pascoe's contribution in this regard has been characterised by our extremely powerful junior section. As a result of this, it is noticeable that in the Inter-House competitions, Pascoe has been very successful in the junior sections, and yet only moderately in the senior. The juniors won hockey, squash and cricket, and the House, as a whole, won the relays, cross-country relays and basketball. We have been very fortunate this year to have been blessed with some excellent sportsmen. Noteworthy among these are: J.P. De Grandpre, who ran for Natal and now holds the school 100 m record, as well as representing Natal Schools at rugby, Victor Anderson, a tremendous

all-rounder, but especially successful in the high jump where, in C Block, he holds the school record, and Michael Short, who not only played Natal squash and basketball, but also claimed 1 st position in the junior section of the Inter-House cross-country. Pascoe were 1 st in this competition.

Culturally, we have not been found lacking either and, in this field, the seniors have outstripped the juniors. We claimed four out of the five school dramatic awards, and made a hat-trick by winning the Inter-House Play Competition for the third year. The Music Competition was another "feather in our cap", largely due to the efforts of the whole House and to Paul Hepker, who delivered an outstanding piano recital. Junior chess did not escape us either.

Academically, a new feature this year has been the awarding of colours and honours, and Pascoe was fortunate enough to have colours awarded to Jeremy Hammond and Stephen Kirkpatrick, with honours to Gary Cundill. Our greatest academic achievement this year has, however, been the winning of the Academic Shield.

All in all, Pascoe has functioned very well. We have, perhaps, concentrated too much on individual excellence and its encouragement and not enough on

the team, house, side of things, particularly in the junior rugby and cross-country competitions. In both, we have considerable individual talent but, because we were lacking in that section, which drives one to work with others towards a goal rather than attempting to achieve that goal oneself, we were beaten.

Discipline was once again upheld as being of great importance by Mr Heymans and his prefects, led by Mark McLeod, and although unbalanced in numbers, we have been very settled socially.

Salvete

Beecroft S.H., Beukes S.J., Blewett R.F., Earle S.F., Enthoven A.D., Fieldgate D., Hulett C.M., Kernahan J.E., Lake W.R.I., Liddle M.J., McDougall R.C., Phakathi B.J., Pithey M.W., Sykes C.P., Taylor M.J., Zolo P.

Valete

Berend C.M., Biggs B.W., Browett J.W., De Grandpre J.P., Evans B., Fleming D.D., Halsted A.R., Kirkpatrick S.J.L., McLeod M.G., Short G.R., Soni R.

"Pascoe Power"- J.P. De Grandpre takes over from M. Short.

## BAINES

Housemaster: Mr S.N. Winckworth

House Tutors: Mr J.M. Buckley, Fr. S.C. Hall

Head of House: D.G. Briggs

Prefects: M.R. Duffy, P C. Geerds, R.J. Robinson

Baines had another successful year in 1983 and, although our sporting results were not up to the standard set down in preceding years, courage and determination, paired with a strong spirit of comradeship, emerged as winners. As in 1982, Baines was gifted with strong swimming talent and swept to an easy victory, which can be attributed to the excellent captaincy of Dave Telford, and the guts and determination shown by his fellow team-mates. Colours awards were attained by Richard Firth and Dave Telford, who also received his colours for water-polo, along with James de Knoop, while Richard Robinson and Richard Firth were awarded teams.

Traditionally, Baines has always upheld an extremely high canoeing standard, and yet again we clinched the canoeing title. The team consisted of Dave Briggs, who received his Natal colours, John Bompas, who won the South African Slalom Championships, and Michael Ellis and Simon Houghton, who received colours and teams awards respectively. David Feek, Craig Anderson and Simon Anderson, who are highly promising canoeists, received their team awards, while Michael Duffy received honours for sailing.

A great deal of enthusiasm and determination was shown by the Baines senior rugby side, in both the 7-a-side and 12-a-side tournaments. The team, led by John Bompas, was unlucky to lose to Founders, but both sides are commended for the sportsmanship and highly competitive rugby revealed during the course of the game. John Bompas represented the 1st XV rugby team, attaining his colours, and Greg Koevort and Stuart Malan received their teams awards, for representing the 2nd XV rugby side.

Looking at Baines's previous cricket results, it is obvious that cricket is not one of the sports which has qualified as a favourite; however, talent was not

lacking, and individuals such as Willem Firth, Mich-

ael Davies and Pieter Theron prove that there is hope for Baines cricket. Willem Firth, a fast opening bowler, bowled for the 1st XI, receiving his colours award, while Michael Davies and Pieter Theron played for the 2nd XI.

Billy Stelling played for the U14A side, and demonstrated his talent as an all-rounder. His forte, however, lay in batting. Nic Rowe played for the U15A side.

Special congratulations are given to the Baines tennis team, who bravely fought their way to the Inter-House tennis finals. The team comprised Timothy and Winston Hallier, and Michael Davies and Rupert Baber. Both couples played admirable tennis, but eventually went down to the strong West team, in what were exciting and well-contested matches.

Gregory Koevort provided Baines with a source of inspiration, and proved a competent athletics captain, encouraging the individual to his best in the standards, as well as on Sports Day, where Baines competed with determination and spirit.

Baines contributed to the two major school productions of Hamp, and Jesus Christ Superstar, in which Jeremy Evans, Stephen Peters and Michael Ellis had parts. Jeremy Evans was cast in Hamp, but did not make the production because of the 'flu epidemic; however, he won the Theatre Society Miming Competition.

House plays were presented on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th October, Baines appearing on the Saturday night with the production of The Dear Departed. Baines was represented in the play by Jeremy Evans, Michael Ellis, Stephen Peters, Jonathan English, Thomas Otter and Simon Houghton.

Paul Dijkman led the field in the Inter-House Public Speaking Competition, coming second overall in the senior section with his speech on the "Third World War", while Stephen Peters spoke on "Huberta the Hippo", in the junior category.

As always, Baines produced its share of scholars. Since their inception at the beginning of the year, academic awards have been a centre of controversy. Baines produced three pupils who received academic honours, as well as colours awards, namely Philip Geerds, Jonathan English, and Rupert Baber in B Block. On Speech Day, Philip Geerds won the Maths prize, Jonathan English was awarded the Afrikaans and French prizes, while Ru-

pert Baber received the Maths and Science prizes. In the juniorsection of the School, V. Soni and A. Arneson won several prizes, while Clive Hastings won the Bishop Baines Memorial Prize.



At the beginning of the year, we were pleased to welcome, as new tutors to Baines, Father Stephen Hall and Mr John Buckley, the new Head of the Maths Department. Thanks go to them for their ready assistance, and we wish Father Hall success as tutor in Founders next year.

In conclusion, the general atmosphere that has prevailed this year has been a healthy one, the relationships between senior and junior sound, and House spirit strong. Another good year for Baines.

Salvete

Baber R., Burnett O., Denninghof-Stelling W.,  
Desilla N., Kruger M., Meer Z., Ndlovu F., Shiel N.,  
Soni V., Arneson A., Atkinson R., Hardie A., Koevort

R., Ramphal R.

Valete

Malan S., Ndlovu F., Robinson R., Bompas J., Briggs  
D.f Brooks M., Duffy M., English J., Geerdts P., Hal-  
lier T., Koevort G., Melouney C., Telford D., Evans J.,  
Baumann C.

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## Speech Day

### SPECIAL PRIZE LIST

Old Boys'Essay Prize..... M.A. Kidd

Tatham Memorial Essay..... M.P.B. Desmidt

Bishop Baines Memorial Essay ..... C.A. Hastings

W.R. Hindson Memorial History Essay..... A.M. O'Connor

W.R. Hindson English Literature ..... M.A. Kidd

Peter Bell Memorial English Literature..... A.M. O'Connor

J.J.L. Sisson Prize

(WrittenEnglish in JuniorSchool)C,D,E: ..... A.R.M. Walker

Rector's Afrikaans Essay..... A.H. MacLeod

P.D. Barnard Memorial Afrikaans  
(Best progress by a boy starting Afrikaans at MHS)

Senior:..... E.S.B. Lillie

Junior:..... S.F. Phillips

Netherlands Bank Biology Prize..... G.S. Henderson

Hutchison Memorial Mathematics Prize:

Senior:..... A.H. MacLeod

Junior:..... F.H. Hamilton

Godfrey Immelman Maths Prize..... J.G.W. Hammond

John Allen Art Prize..... D.D. Fleming

Senior Art Prize..... G.S. Longmore

JuniorArtPrize..... R.P. Hyde

Photography Prize..... P.M. Mostert

Senior Music Prize..... P.N. Hepker

Junior Music Prize..... R.C. Lange

Carpentry Prize..... J.H. Tucker

Printing Prize..... M.G.B. Evans

## General Knowledge

Senior:..... W.H. Meyer

Junior:..... A.G. Clark

Hudson Bennett Natural History Prize..... G.S. Henderson

Hudson Bennett Ecology Prize..... P.A. Roberts

Andrew Henderson Prize for Agriculture

Senior:..... G.D. Stainbank

Junior:..... N.S. Evans

Herbert Fisher Prize

(Best aggregate in Trial Matric)..... A.H. MacLeod

David Small Brand Prize for Science..... S.F. Ndlovu

David Small Brand Prize for Arts

(for the Post Matriculant who had the highest aggregate in  
Matric - now studying:

(a)Science, (b)Arts) ..... M.A. Kidd

Vivienne Stranack Award..... M.G. McLeod

Collins Prize for Music..... J-K. Goschen

I.G. O'Connell

Margaret Procter Prize for VI Form Physics..... J.T. Ndlovu

Tim Patrick Memorial Prize..... I.A. Guthrie

Peter Beard Memorial Music Prize..... I.G. O'Connell

J.K. Goschen

1982 were:  
The Dramatic Society Awards, which were presented at the Annual Dinner in 1982 were:

F.S. Bishop Memorial Dramatic Prize

(Best individual performance of the year)..... M.G. McLeod

W.A. van der Walt Dramatic Prize

(Best performance by a novice actor) ..... A. Clarke

Van Velden Trophy

(Greatest contribution to drama during his school career) J. Pretorius

## SUBJECT PRIZES

### VI Form

Maths: S.Z. Buthelezi  
Chemistry: J.T. Ndlovu  
Physics: J.T. Ndlovu  
English: M.A. Kidd  
Economics: S.Z. Buthelezi

### A Block

English: A.H. MacLeod  
Afrikaans: J.G.A. English  
Biology: B.L. Lloyd  
Latin: A.H. MacLeod  
Science: S.J.L. Kirkpatrick  
History: A.M. O'Connor  
French: J.G.A. English, M.R. Duffy  
Geography: A.C. Selby  
Maths: P.C. Geerdts  
Zulu: A.C. Woollatt

### B Block

English: P.N. Hepker  
Afrikaans: P. Theron  
Biology: A.G. Lidgett  
French: N.A. Vallet

Geography: P.C. Nash  
Computer Studies: G.J. Cundill  
Latin: D. Phipson  
Maths: R.A. Baber  
Science: R.A. Baber  
Zulu: W.H. Meyer  
History: D. Phipson

## C Block

English: S.R. Woodland  
Afrikaans: N.A. van Beeck  
Biology: S.R. Woodland  
French: I.J. McDonald  
Zulu: N.A. van Beeck  
Divinity: S.R. Woodland  
Geography: S.R. Woodland  
Latin: J. Wilson  
Maths: P.A. Stead  
Science: F.H. Hamilton  
History: A.R. M. Walker  
Human Kinetics: F.H. Conlon

## D Block

English: A.G. Clark  
Afrikaans: A.G. Clark, G.E. Benson  
French: V. Soni  
Geography: P. Zoio  
Latin: R.J. Wege  
Biology: A.G. Clark  
Human Kinetics: P.J. van der Post  
Maths: H.A. Baboolal, V. Soni  
Science: V. Soni  
Zulu: P.G. Armitage  
Divinity: P.G. Armitage, A.G. Clark

## E Block

English: A.K. Arnesen  
Afrikaans: L.G. Levine  
French: G. Hardie  
Geography: D.A. Littlejohn  
Latin: S.H. Beecroft  
Human Kinetics: G.G. Pennington  
Maths: S.J. Beukes  
Science: A.K. Arnesen  
Zulu: B.J. Phakathi  
Divinity: R.J. Koevort  
History: J.G. Curtis-Setchell

**GABRIELLE MASSEY PRIZES**

VI Form

M.A. Kidd

A Block

R.D. Hickman, G.L. Gauntlett, N.M. Randeria, J.R.  
Everett, D.C. Telford.

B Block

P.N. Hepker, R.C.S. Douglas, D. de L. Bailes, A.R.  
Burn, P.G.B. Morgan.

C Block

P.A. Marchand, N.G. Embleton, C. Teversham,  
J.M.A. Shakerley, I.R. Lambert.

D Block

P.G. Armitage, A.J.H. Henderson, N.J. Price, R.A.G.  
Enthoven, D.H. Fieldgate.

E Block

K.R. Borland, T.M.W. Landon

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## The Rector's Speech Day Address

In speaking to you informatively and frankly about aspects of policy and practice at Michaelhouse, I shall mention these things within the framework of three factors which concern my staff, members of our community and myself. These are our three main centres of concern  
BALANCE

EXCELLENCE

INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION

These represent three critical performance areas of education. They are deeply entrenched in our tradition, and I would like to emphasise that these factors underpin our Christian approach to the development of young people.

We are particularly well-placed to offer an enriched experience in balanced education for, after all, a combination of fine teachers, wonderful facilities and generally appreciative and concerned pupils, ought to make a fine recipe for success. At this school, all boys participate in the wider aspects of education. Boys are helped to realise themselves within a framework of compulsion, whose inner workings are voluntary. Let me elucidate:

- a boy must participate, for example, in our Christian Social Service programme in the interests of others. How he does so is largely up to him. If, for example, he does not wish to visit mentally retarded people at Sunfield Home in Howick on a Wednesday afternoon, there is no one insisting that he goes there. But he must involve himself in other ways.

This, we believe, is an enriching experience. And so the principle of a balance between the voluntary and the compulsory follows through all aspects of our system, academic, cultural, spiritual, physical and social. Participation and involvement are essential, the area and manner of involvement are matters of personal choice.

Schools such as ours often state that they are busy with the pursuit of excellence, rather in the manner of one speaking of Jason going after the Golden Fleece. But excellence, which is so often confused with perfection, is rarely attainable. At the same time, if one stops looking upwards and aiming for those standards which meet the stern levels that excellence demands, then one invariably falls short.

And so, like many other schools, we continue to

strive for excellence in every area of our endeavours, be it with an exceptionally able pupil, a gifted sportsman, a talented musician, assisting a boy with developmental problems. For the pursuit of excellence works at many levels - for the less able it has its own shape and form. For the boffin, it is represented by a different set of challenges. It is a quality that pervades the cloisters and quadrangles of this school, and rightly so.

May I remind you that you ought not to judge this school by some of its flashier results and achievements on the part of certain individually talented boys. Please judge Michaelhouse only by what it does for your son. Reflected glory is all very well, but it has only cosmetic value in terms of one's own child's development.

I hope sincerely that all parents of boys at this school understand that we are educating their sons together. The education of a child takes place formally, informally and, as Professor de Lange has it,

- "non-formally". A child is then not only a product of his school, but also of his home and of his society. If he comes from a Christian home, this will have a very significant bearing indeed upon the way in which he conducts himself in later life. If parents send their sons to Michaelhouse, a Church school, with the Christian message standing at the very focus of everything we do, and thereby hope that the emphasis on Christian values at the school will make up for what is perhaps not offered at home, they are living in a dream world. There is no way in which any school can educate in isolation from the enormous influence exerted by the home, and by society at large. And so, it will always be very important indeed that parents of boys at this school communicate regularly and effectively with us in the education of their sons. Not to do so, is simply to betray them.

And what of the curriculum? Well, curriculum, in so far as this school is concerned, is defined as follows: "A curriculum consists of everything organised for the educational benefit of the pupils". This means, of course, that the curriculum at Michaelhouse spreads across the academic, the spiritual, the cultural, the physical, the moral and the social. The often mis-used term, "Extra-curricular", has little or no place at this school. Everything done here is attempted in terms of the highest standards de-





manded by our overall Key Objective and traditional approach to inter-active education.

We work on the theory that we teach everything: that includes, for instance, mathematics, science, debating, acting, painting, how to look at the stars, how to get an engine to run again, rugby, cricket and so on. I like to think that people do not merely coach hockey, cricket, swimming, shooting and so on here, but that we teach those aspects of education. For while coaching suggests a restricted, narrow approach, which in the wrong hands can lead to a serious lack of perspective - perhaps best exemplified by those who claim "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing", teaching suggests a rational and sensitive approach to the interface between teachers and young people - a situation in which there is an instructor or, more appropriately, a fellow-learner with information to be discussed and explored. And the only really effective and successful coaches, in an educational sense, are those who know that they are really teaching.

Dear Lord, May we be spared at this school - and indeed at all schools - from those few, but often prominent, members of the educational profession who coach sport in order to overhaul their tired egos

and confuse children with a twisted interpretation of traditional values. These retarded adolescents and misguided buffoons, who masquerade as teachers, are in the wrong job.

I constantly keep in mind words from an article I read sometime ago on headmastering which makes this point: "Show is not unlike status, but can be more disruptive. A Head who sits in his study, thinking about his superiority, does not do nearly as much harm as the Head who sets out single-mindedly to show his school off. A fastidious concern for display and for boasting about achievements and the like soon begins to unbalance a curriculum and throw the school's ethos out of perspective". I would not wish the thrust of this observation to be misunderstood. At this school, boys are encouraged to set themselves goals and to go for them. It is entirely in line with Christian doctrine to insist that people use the talents given to them.

Our exceptionally able pupils' programme is an attempt to do just that, and to see to it that the brightest among us are stretched and extended so that those talents may be well used and profited from. These bright boys have been busy participating in a

wide variety of stimulating contests, from Olym-

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Speech Day: Rector; Mr Solly Levinsohn; Hamish MacLeod (Five "A"s in Matric).

piadsto the Alan Paton Literary Competition. Others are writing mini-theses on Topology, Permutations and Descriptive Statistics. Others meet to listen to programmes on advanced nuclear physics, the plurality of religions, and Dvorak's New World Symphony.

I have not given you chapter and verse about individual achievements during the past year. It is not my custom, and I assume that all interested members of our community read the St Michael's Chronicle. I am much more concerned with whether we are, in fact, producing from the school young men with moral courage and real substance. Although one never knows how the magic of transfer works in education, we would all like to think, those of us who work here, that the relaxed informality of our per-

son-to-person relationships, the striving after standards which extend the individual, the insistence on social behaviour which is founded in the Christian ethic, our social service programme, will produce such young people who will be those who give rather than those who take, who are positive and loyal, who can take the heat and stay in the kitchen, who know that no number of impressive degrees count a fig if one cannot relate to his fellow man with sensitivity and common kindness.

I would go further and say, too, that one hopes that boys leaving Michaelhouse in this generation, will look to the service professions more and more as a means through which they can realise themselves and live their lives profitably in the widest sense.

Address by Mr Solly Levinsohn,

Natal's Director of Education

Mr Levinsohn began by saying that his presence at Speech Day was indicative of the cordial relations which prevail between Michaelhouse and the NED. This relationship is very highly valued by the Department, and its hope is that the Private Schools' relationship will flourish, no matter what new dispensations may arise.

Mr Levinsohn felt that a school is the cumulative product of the energy, labour, ideas, vision and faith of the generations who have served it. Michaelhouse bears testimony to this, in the quality of the men who have served it; and the fervour of the O.B's towards the school.

Present schoolboys' thoughts centre round emulating heroes, fictional or otherwise. Some still want to be engine drivers, others to find a career in electronics, computers; others hope to be in the side "that defeats 'Maritzburg College'!"

Mr Levinsohn followed this, by saying that parents send their sons to Michaelhouse in order to obtain the education that all caring parents desire. This education follows, according to Mr Jardine, the "Arnoldian Recipe", adapted to changing society. Here, identities are retained and truths and ideals are geared to the noblest characteristics in men.

However, the world today makes this a daunting task. In South Africa, we cannot escape the ramifications of the concern generated by man's failure at the international and personal levels. Society is witnessing the erosion of family life, resources are being exploited - what we will bequeath will, most probably, be polluted - and violence and force are often used to achieve aspirations.

South Africa must retain and build upon its diversity. No one must be denied his identity, and all must contribute so that the country's full potential may be realised. The problem is, to reconcile the individual's interest with that of the full community.

This country has enviable mineral wealth and adequate soil and climatic conditions. But, it has neglected its most valuable resource - its human material. Realisation of this neglect is now dawning on people; and, the best way to utilise the "resource", is by education. Thus, "career-orientated education" is being bandied about by all and sundry. Many believe it can meet the country's manpower needs.

Mr Levinsohn felt that it was wrong for students to come out prepared for their vocations, before they became men. First men, then the lawyers, physi-

cians will follow. Knowledge and skills must be provided, but so must contact with the abiding values in life - honesty, courtesy, kindness and consideration for others and, in South Africa, an honest approach to the aspirations, and human dignity of all citizens.

Commercial subjects should be studied for their intrinsic value and as a discipline in their own right, so that education will always be a humanising agent.

Change must be taken into account, especially the effect that modern technology is having on our lives; but basic ingredients do not change. Adults will still guide the child. The basic principle still stands, that effort is still necessary for achievement. Pupils must continue to work hard, to play hard; both within a healthy discipline.

Mr Levinsohn felt that some people feel that discipline is outmoded, and thus they scorn it. But, relevant articulate discipline and order are essential for a worthwhile education. In the search for order and discipline, however, the children must not be allowed to cease to think for themselves.

In conclusion, he said that schools such as Michaelhouse must continue to inculcate honourable habits

- a love for the Creator, and service to fellows.

Address by Mark O'Connell

MICHAELHOUSE is a school that prepares boys for life in a changing society, the Head Boy, Mark O'Connell, said in his Speech Day address.

"I know that when I go home to Namibia changes have occurred. I'm lucky to live in a town where, on the surface, we have accepted integration and all races get on well together. However, when I return to South Africa I wonder how long it will take for people to accept that change has to happen.

"We are privileged at Michaelhouse to learn to accept change. Michaelhouse is a community and as such has no place for petty discrimination. Certainly I have been aware of the respect shown by boys, not

only to the teachers, but also to the African administrative staff.

"On the academic front there have been quite a few changes. Academic Colours and Honours are now

awarded to boys who have achieved certain high standards as laid down by the Academic Committee.

"There is now an eighth period on Thursdays. For A Block it is used for an extra swotting period. B Block have a course called "Education for Living". C Block have a Public Speaking course. D Block are taught about conservation, and E Block biology.

"Boys from Standard 7 onwards are able to take computer studies courses, and this creates yet another opportunity for them.

"Some people might query our academic results, yet Michaelhouse produces top scholars. For example, in the Maths Olympiad Phillip Geerdts reached the top 100 and in the English Olympiad Alex O'Connor and Derek Fleming were placed in the top 100, with Richard Benyon and Andrew MacLeod being placed 16th and 8th respectively.

"Sport has always played an important part in our life. It's not always the winning that counts. It's how you played the game. Certainly the Hilton vs Michaelhouse matches showed a lot of spirit and determination, and even though our 1st XV lost their game, rugby won.

"Once again a number of individual boys have done very well. Michael Duffey received his Natal colours for sailing. David Briggs and John Bompas received theirs for canoeing. John Poole swam for Natal Schools. Murray Gilson made the Natal B side for squash and Ian McIntosh the Natal A side. In the under 14 group Graeme Dykes reached the number 4 position in South Africa.

"In basketball Nick Webb was selected for Natal schools and Mike Short made the Natal Colts' side. In hockey James Morgan made the Natal A side and his brother George the Natal B side. Finally, in rugby Warwick Elliot, Ian McIntosh, Bruce Earle and J.P. de Grandpre played in the Natal Schools side".

## The John Schlesinger Theatre: 1983

In reviewing the past year, it is interesting to see to what extent the Schlesinger Theatre has become an integral part of life here at Michaelhouse. The boys still get their Saturday evening films on a regular basis but, on many other occasions during the week, professional entertainment is brought from as far afield as the Market Theatre in Johannesburg. I would like to think that a "live" theatre tradition has been built up over the last few years since the opening of the Schlesinger. I know that the School has always, for many years past, been dramatically active; but, with the opening of the Schlesinger Theatre, there has been a tremendous increase in dramatic activities both brought in from outside and produced locally, often in conjunction with girls' schools in Pietermaritzburg.

I thank members of staff who have produced and directed plays this year, their credits appear later in this report. Also the many staff wives who have given of their time and talents to assist with a variety of back-stage activities. Without their help, our own productions could never come off the ground. Mrs Judy Gettliffe, who does the bookings and works out seating arrangements, often under great pressure, has been a great help and her suggestions and advice have been stimulating. Mr Dan Moodley, the Theatre technician, has once again filled this demanding job with a sense of humour and keen interest. Mr David Bennie, who leaves the staff at the end of the year, has looked after front of house with his usual enthusiasm, and Mr and Mrs van der Haak, the Catering managers, have again provided thousands of cups of tea and coffee for visitors and casts alike. My very sincere thanks to all these people, and also to the many boys who have taken part on stage and back stage for our productions.

I trust that 1984 will be equally busy theatre-wise, and that we will be able to bring entertainment and fun to many people in our district, as well as to the boys of the School.

Willem van der Walt (Director)

## PROGRAMME FOR 1983

26 February

The SA Theatre Organisation: The Island, Athol Fugard.



5th March  
Sixth Form presents Potpourri80  
12th March  
Inter-House Public Speaking Competition  
19th March  
HITS present Love's a luxury  
23rd April

South African Defence Force Big Band Concert:  
George Hayden  
1st May

Piano Recital by Frances Eager  
9th May

Palm Enterprises present Dear Liar  
13th May  
Charteris presents Lear  
16th & 17th May  
NAPAC presents The Heiress  
20th May  
Annual Careers Symposium  
22nd May

Aubrey Woods presents Make way for Lucia  
26 May  
Two Theatre Society Plays  
1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th June  
Michaelhouse & St Johns (PMB) present Jesus  
Christ Superstar  
16th June

Guitar Recital and lecture by David Hewitt  
19th August  
Brass Band Concert (Vryheid High School)

20th August  
Inter-House Music Competition  
8th, 9th & 10th September  
Michaelhouse Dramatic Society presents Hamp  
16th September  
The Hermit Theatre (Durban) presents Asina-  
mali

19th & 20th September  
The Market Theatre (JHB) presents Master  
Harold and the Boys  
22nd September  
Music School Concert  
7th & 8th October  
Jeremy Taylor presents Stuff  
14th & 15th October  
Inter-House Plays Competition  
4th & 5th November

Napac presents Fallen Angels

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## THEATRE AWARDS 1983

The Annual Dramatic Society Dinner was held in the Memorial Hall, on Tuesday the 25th October, and was attended by 115 boys and members of staff. The annual Dramatic Society awards were read out by the Rector, who then proposed a toast to the Society. These awards were presented at an assembly later that term.

For two outstanding performances that warrant recognition:

Jeremy Hammond in Hamp and Guy Barrett in Jesus Christ Superstar.

W.A. van der Walt award for the best performance by a boy who has not acted before:

Richard Cullinan in Hamp

The Bishop Memorial award for the best actor of the year:

Mark McLeod in the title role in Jesus Christ Superstar

The Van Velden Trophy for the boy who has contributed most to Theatre activities during his time here:  
Mark McLeod.

## INTER-HOUSE PLAYS 1983

The Inter-House Play Competition was staged on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th October in the Schlesinger Theatre. Plays presented were:

Founders:

Waiting for the bus directed by Dominic Orpen  
East:

Rinse the Blood off my Toga directed by James Anderson

West: Chess in Yugoslavia directed by David Bailes

Farfield: Ernie's Incredible Illucinations directed by Michael Kidd

Tatham: Bill and Julie directed by Andrew Pennington

Pascoe: The Hothouse produced by Jeremy Ham-

mond.

Baines: The Dear Departed produced by Jonathan English

The adjudicators were Miss Sally Anne Jones, from the University in Pietermaritzburg, and Mr Ken Schuter from Weston. Both agreed that the standard was high, and made the following awards:

First place and winners of the Murray Cup for Inter-House Dramatics: PASCOE.

Second: EAST; Third: FARFIELD.

## DEAR LIAR and LEAR

Both these productions came to us from Johannesburg, the one being more successful than the other. Dear Liar, from the ill-fated Palm Enterprises, was supposed to have been about the letters of G.B. Shaw and Mrs Patrick Campbell. This was not a happy production, and the two actors struggled valiantly through boring lines and laborious movements. She, in particular, often found it difficult to remember what she was supposed to say, and he looked anything but the famous man he was portraying. Nevertheless, it is good for boys to see productions that hang together by thin threads of thought, so that they can learn to become more discerning in their approach to theatre.

Lear was brought specifically for the A Block, who had this as one of their set books for 1983. It was well done and very well received, and the actors sat around the stage after the performance and discussed certain aspects of the performance and answered questions. This was a most useful exercise.

## THE HEIRESS

NAPAC brought this production to the Schlesinger Theatre on the 16th and 17th May. It was particularly well received by senior boys, who were studying Washington Square, by Henry James, whose novel was scripted for this production. John Hussey directed, and the leads were played by British actor Aubrey Woods, and Liz Dick who played the daughter. Other well-known theatre personalities who performed were Cathy Cota, Jill Fenson, Vera Blacker and Mary Harrison. The set design was by Hugh Durrant.

## THE ISLAND

The South African Theatre Organisation staged Athol Fugard's play, *The Island*, in the Schlesinger Theatre on the 28th February. The play was directed by Dawie Malan, and the two characters who were involved in this production were Leslie Fong, who played Winston, and Kurt Egelhof, who played John.

THE S.A.T.O. is a touring company, whose goals are

to create a better understanding among all South Africans and to create job opportunities, especially for coloured actors.

This intense drama set in the prison on The Island had many moving moments and was well received. It was thought-provoking, and typical of the work of Fugard.

### LOVES A LUXURY

On Saturday, 19th March, the Hilton Intimate Theatre Society brought their production to the Schlesinger Theatre. It was a light-hearted comedy that went down very well. The play was directed by Jean Hughes. Most of the H.I.T.S. productions are designed for a small space in a local hotel, where they also do many readings by candle-light. They once again provided an evening of fun and entertainment.

### S.A.D.F. BIG BAND CONCERT

On Saturday, 23rd April, the S.A.D.F. Big Band performed in the Schlesinger Theatre, and what a concert! Maj George Hayden and his Band gave a superb performance, and the evening was highlighted by many of the other artistes: compere Eddy Payne, Norman Scott the ventriloquist, whose Chicken-Hoender and Louis brought the house down. The Rhoda Parnell dancers did their thing with the band, trumpeter Hayme Bailson and many other soloists performed. The audience was treated to an evening of pop music, Dixieland jazz and many other styles of modern and notso modern music.

### FRANCES EAGER: PIANO RECITAL

Frances Eager gave a piano recital in the Schlesinger Theatre on Sunday evening, 1st May, which was well attended. Miss Eager has not been to the school before, and highlighted her recital by telling the audience more about the music she was playing for them and something about the composers. Miss Eager is a Beethoven specialist, and has played with many international orchestras.

### MAKE WAY FOR LUCIA

The very talented British actor Aubrey Woods, who was out here playing Dr Sloper in NAPAC's The Heiress, gave a superb reading recital from the works of the well-known English humorist E.F. Benson, in the Schlesinger Theatre, on Sunday evening, 22nd May.

Mr Woods is well known for his Benson readings all over England, and enchanted his audience for an hour and a half.

## JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

When David Bennie suggested to me late in 1982 that he would like to attempt this rock opera, I pointed out that it was banned in this country. He wrote a letter to the Publications Control Board and, much later, they replied that we would be given permission to perform this uncut version on certain conditions, one being that the school authorities had to agree, and the other that there would be no advertising whatsoever.

Girls from St John's in Pietermaritzburg were invited and auditioned and, soon after the beginning of the first term this year, the project got under way. It was particularly difficult for David because, at that stage, we had no music director, so he had to cope with rehearsing music as well as stage work.

Mark McLeod in the leading role.

Undaunted, he pressed on. The Theatre acquired a set of radio microphones, a band was got together, and soon we could hear the sounds of this world-famous rock opera drifting from rehearsals. The boys and girls worked very hard, and most week-day-afternoons after sport and all Sundays were devoted to rehearsing.

To have been granted permission to stage this production is, in itself, a coup. To have had the experience of being in the jam-packed theatre for the four nights the show ran, was a wonderful experience. The show could have run for many more performances, but we had been given permission for four nights only so we got on with the job.

Guy Barrett flung himself into the part of Judas, and created a most striking image of the man he was

portraying. He played with energy, and kept right inside his role all the time, from the beginning of his deceitfulness, right to the end and his own death. Mark McLeod was outstanding in his portrayal of the title role: he played it with such deep understanding and emotion that one could, at times, feel the electricity of his performance flood the theatre. A truly outstanding performance, for which he received the Bishop Memorial Award for 1983.

Kerri Sclanders, as Mary Magdalene, gave tremendously sympathetic performances, as did all the boys and girls in the production. This is a milestone in the history of the Schlesinger Theatre for which I thank David Bennie most sincerely.

At a performance in St Paul's Cathedral of their first major success, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, the dean of the Cathedral suggested to Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice that they write a musical based on the Christ story.

*Jesus Christ Superstar*, which relates entirely through song the last days of Christ, as seen through the eyes of Judas Iscariot, made its first appearance in 1970, as a record album. After a subsequent concert performance, its initial theatrical production took place at the Mark Hellinger Theatre, New York, on 12th October 1971.

Greeted with loud controversy, it was denounced by some religious groups, and fervently defended by others, engendering much newspaper reportage, at a time when everyone was talking about young people turning back to religion, and various cults, such as the Jesus freaks, were emerging. Charges of irreverence aside, some of the criticism was prompted by the flamboyant and overlavish New York presentation. In covering the West End production, which ran for eight years, making it the longest-running musical in London's theatre history, the correspondent of *Variety* observed: "Whatever else is said, it's certainly reverential, and it gives a seminal message of Christ's gospel stripped of the doctrinology piled on over the centuries."

It is a show particularly difficult to categorise: unlike the typical musical, it has no spoken dialogue at all, and little recitative - the piece is one long series of major numbers, in the style of opera, with audiences having to work harder to comprehend the music than has commonly been the rule in musicals. Lloyd Webber and Rice have described *Joseph* as a "pop oratorio", and indeed, in a sense, *Jesus Christ*



Superstar, an extended setting of a religious libretto, is also oratorio.

The present production is the first, under licence, in South Africa.

'Jesus Christ Superstar" Crowd Scene.

## The Cast:

Judas Iscariot  
Jesus of Nazareth  
Mary Magdalene  
Caiaphas  
Annas  
First Priest  
Second Priest  
Third Priest  
Simon Zealotes  
Pontius Pilate  
Peter

Maid by the Fire/Apostle Woman/  
Tormentor/Temple Lady/

Soul Girl  
Old Man/Apostle/Merchant/  
Tormentor/Reporter  
Soldier

Soldier/Beggar

King Herod/Beggar/Tormentor  
Apostle/Merchant/Tormentor

Guy Barrett  
Mark McLeod  
Kerri Sdanders  
Andrew Pennington  
Andrew Walker  
Jeremy Evans  
Ian O'Connell  
Andrew Henderson  
Stephen Peters  
Greg Short  
Naval Randeria

Apostle/Merchant/

Tormentor/Reporter

Cate Brockbank

Peter Holland  
Stuart Jack  
Billy Meyer  
Rustom Randeria  
Richard Benyon  
David Bailes  
Jonathan Thompson

Victor Anderson

Michael Ellis  
Greg Ferrans  
John Goschen  
Justin Hoy  
Dennis Venter  
Apostle Woman/Tormentor/Reporter/

Herod's Woman/Soul Girl Audrey-Ann Colvin  
Apostle Woman/Tormentor/Reporter Tandi Neve

Camilla Little

Tormentor/Temple Lady/Reporter/

Herod's Woman/Soul Girl Zene Mostert

Leanne Starkey

Tormentor/Reporter/Herod's Woman Lisa Milan  
Tormentor/Reporter/Soul Girl Helen Griffin

Polly van Seim

Tormentor/Reporter Ann van den Haak

Natalie van der Walt  
Children Deirdre Rogers

Gail Sowden  
James Sowden  
And various Members of the Crowd, and the Mob

Credits:

Musical Directors

David Bennie  
Derek Tasker

Conductor Orchestra: Derek Tasker  
Piano Frikkie Human  
Organ Paul Hepker  
Lead Guitar/Acoustic Guitar June Jardine  
Rhythm Guitar/Acoustic Guitar Gary Cundill  
Bass Guitar Andrew MacLeod  
Bassoon/Flute Ron Stephenson  
Clarinet Melanie Hillebrand  
French Horn Rod Inglis Terry Watkins  
Trumpet Rory Lange  
Drums Karel van den Haak  
Percussion Nick Heaton  
Rehearsal Pianist Paul Hepker  
Rehearsal Assistant Rory Lange  
Musical Assistant Joey Bishop  
Additional Orchestrations Ron Stephenson Derek Tasker

Choreography Sally-Ann Jones Bobs Pluke Chris Sexton  
Stage Manager Richard Aitchison  
Stage Crew Graham Barrett Simon Camerer Alistair Lyne Bernie Mitton Paul Wade Wayne Witherspoon  
Set Construction Dan Moodley Zok Viki  
Backdrop Painting Liz Morgan Ginny Butler  
Lighting Dan Moodley Graham Raynor  
Sound Dan Moodley Andrew Brown  
Costumes Yvonne Hart Alison Ashmole Nicky Dennyson Glynis Buckley  
Heather Cook Juliana Heymans  
Properties Ginny Butler Arlene Duff  
Smoke Effects Kevin King  
Front-of-House Judy Gettliffe Richard Glover Guy Henderso.n  
Photographs Philip Mostert  
Production Supervisors Conceived forthe stage Nettie Cockburn Willem van der Walt  
and directed by David Bennie

## ASINAMALI

Players from The Hermit Theatre, Durban staged this indigenous production written by the Author of Woza Albert on Friday, the 16th September, in the Schlesinger Theatre.

We were very privileged to be able to watch this stirring play with an all-black cast. The presentation and set were excellent, and particularly dramatic, as the curtain remained up throughout the play, revealing the simple and stark props - a few old tyres, the rusting remains of a car, and a dustbin.

Drawn from actual incidents experienced by members of the cast in their various townships, the plot concerned a young man who was attracted by the lure of the big city and, unfortunately, fell among the wrong people, leading to a brush with the police. However, although this basic plot is universal, the details of the play belonged to South Africa and were a bold portrayal of the present apartheid system, crawling subserviently to a white woman to ask for a job, being brutally beaten and stripped naked by the police, having nowhere but a pavement to sleep on and being arrested for being in a white area - this was the lot of the young man, and it served to bring home to the audience the awful realities facing South Africans.

The play was powerful and a little frightening, as bare feet thumped the stage in unison and fierce tribal laments poured out of untrained throats. Despite the simplicity of the plot and the set, the play managed to be extremely effective, gripping, and left the audience impressed and definitely thinking.

Simon Woodland

## MASTER HAROLD AND THE BOYS

Members of the Company from the Market Theatre, Johannesburg, performed this play in the Schlesinger Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, the 19th and 20th September.

Athol Fugard's Master Harold and the Boys will, undoubtedly, be remembered for some time to come as a masterpiece of South African literature, and not only in South Africa - in the United States too, where the play opened. The play is supplemented by superb performances by all three actors.

John Kani plays the wise, dignified, understanding

and compassionate Sam. Duart Sylwain is very convincing as an adolescent Harold who is very friendly with the black waiters, Sam and Willy, in his mother's tea room, and Ramalao Makhene is the good-natured but dim-witted Willy.

Harold and Sam are close - Sam supplying Harold with the father-figure that Harold's own alcoholic, crippled father fails to do. Hally, as he is affectionately called by Sam, is thrown into a turmoil by conflicting loyalties - those to his father, whom he despises yet loves, and those to Sam. He is anxious, and torn by shame and guilt when his father returns home. . . and he uses Sam as his whipping post.

It is a profoundly moving work that brings tears to one's eyes. Although it is, undoubtedly, a political statement here in South Africa (with the ridiculous situation of an immature white school boy lording it over adult blacks coming over very clearly indeed) it covers other issues too: master-servant relationships in general, friendship, the effects of an alcoholic parent on emotionally unstable adolescents, and guilt.

L to R. Duart Sylwain; Ramolao Makhene and John Kani in "Master Harold and The Boys".

But do not think that the only mood of the play is sad and tragic - there are moments when one is crying with amusement. Willy, in particular, provides some memorably humorous moments.

The contrast between Harold's surrogate father and his true one is made particularly stinging - Sam's history books versus Harold's father's comics.

Fugard and Sam use dance as a metaphor, and it is via this metaphor that Sam communicates the vital moral of the play: on life's expansive and slippery dance floor, people must never bump into each other.

The play jolts the mind, leaving one ashamed and disgusted. Master Harold and the Boys is a theatre-goers' must.

Roger Hickman

## GUITAR RECITAL and BRASS BAND CONCERT

On the 16th June, we were fortunate in having the well-known guitarist, Garth Hewit, play in the Schlesinger Theatre. He played and talked to his audience, and it was a most informative recital.

A group of young musicians from Vryheid High School gave a brass band concert in the Schlesinger Theatre, on the 19th August, which was very well received. Our own brass band is making enormous strides, and it was a good evening's entertainment.

## HAMP

For his first stage production at Michaelhouse, Richard Aitchison chose a well known drama, Hamp, also known as For King and Country.

The story, based on an episode in the novel Return to the Wood, is a powerful tale which savagely exposes the mindless cruelty of war. It tells of a young soldier, simple, awkward and illiterate, who is cruelly caught up in the soulless army machine. The sole survivor of his original section, after three years of trench-warfare on the Somme and at Passchendaele, Private Hamp decides that he has had enough. He turns his back and walks away from the battle-front with no apparent purpose, save to "get away from the guns", and with the vague intention of going home. He is caught, brought back, and faces a court-martial.

The play deals with the events immediately preceding the trial and the court-martial itself. It reveals the desperate endeavours of the sympathetic defending officer to make out extenuating circumstances; the unavailing pleas of the Padre; the damning evidence of the Medical Officer; the ruthless cross-questioning of the prosecuting officer; and culminates (in its climax) in the passing, and execution, of sentence.

At the Edinburgh Festival in 1964, where it was presented for the first time, it received national acclaim and was heralded by the Times as "one of the finest plays to emerge from The First World War". John Trewin of the Birmingham Post stated categorically, "I do not see how anyone with sensibility can fail to be moved".

In the title role was Richard Cullinan, in his first production ever, and what an impressive performance

he gave. His interpretation of the young soldier was sensitive and had tremendous depth to it. He spoke his lines clearly, with conviction, and many an adult

in the audience was moved to tears during the final scenes. For his performance, he was awarded the W.A. van der Walt award for the best performance by a boy who had not acted before, and well he deserved it too.

Jeremy Hammond, as Lieutenant Hargreaves, was most convincing and he used his good voice very effectively. Not an easy role, but he handled it with care, and creatively. For his performance, he was awarded a prize for an outstanding performance.

"Hamp"

L to R. M. O'Connell; R. Cullinan; J. Hammond.

Andrew Pennington, as the President of the Court, gave a very polished performance. Indeed, so did John Browett as Lieut Webb, and Michael Kidd as the Prosecuting Officer, Midgley. Even members of the cast who had very little to say did a great deal onstage to enhance this production.

Hamp played for three nights in the Schlesinger Theatre, Thursday 8th, Friday 9th and Saturday 10th September, and was a very worthwhile and moving theatrical experience.



## The Cast:

Private Arthur Hamp  
Corporal of the Guard  
Private of the Guard  
Lieutenant Hargreaves  
Lieutenant Webb  
President of the Court  
Lieutenant Prescott  
Prosecuting Officer Midgley  
Padre

Medical Officer O'Sullivan  
Orderly Officer  
Member of the Court

## Credits

Richard Cullinan  
Richard Grantham  
David Bailes  
Jeremy Hammond  
John Browett  
Andrew Pennington  
Andrew Walker  
Michael Kidd  
Mark O'Connell  
Andrew Clarke  
Graham Raynor  
Neil Colquhoun

Set Design  
Stage Crew

Richard Aitchison  
Bruce Mitton, Alistair Lyne,  
Wayne Witherspoon, Graeme Barrett,  
Paul Wade and Simon Camerer  
Sound Graham Raynor, Simon de Haast

Lighting Dan Moodley assisted by Robert Brown

Murray Crow

Make-Up Annette Sowden,

Barbara Earnshaw and boys  
Costumes Glynis Buckley and staff wives

Prompt Jonathan Preboy

Properties Helen Thompson

Production Secretary Graham Raynor

Photographs Tony Carter and Julian Willis

Business Judy Gettiffe

Front of House David Bennie, Guy Henderson,

Richard Glover

Cover Design Simon Sacke

Theatre Director Willem van der Walt

Production Willem van der Walt

Directed by Richard Aitchison

SHOOTING 'HAMP' by Julian Willis

"First of all/' says the Padre, putting his arm round the condemned man's shoulders, "you must realise that this is true. You must accept it and try to prepare yourself for it. . ."

In writing this article, from a photographer's point of view, I must explain how different it is to be a pictorial recorder of theatre; the Director and the actors work together from the author's script, and between them is the unspoken bond of production, working towards their goal. But I work through the cold, unforgiving lens of the camera, yet have to produce, in my own way, the very essence of atmosphere with film and paper. Because of this, I am privileged to record a unique experience in my first year at Michaelhouse: shooting Richard Aitchison's production of John Wilson's Hamp.

Like the audience, I felt the difficulty of accepting the inevitable, of watching helplessly, as I realised that in the struggle between the mindless machinery of war and the individual personality, there can only be one winner; when Moloch meets man it is we, not Hamp, who deserve the name of deserter. No-one who took part in that production remained unscathed by the experience; all of us changed perceptibly, often agonisingly, as the drama's exposure of our own inadequacy brought us face-to-face with the truth. According to British author Anthony Babington's, For the Sake of Example, over three hundred young Allied conscripts were executed by firing squad for desertion, after trials which often denied them even the most basic forms of justice. Hamp was just one of them.

The story is simple, the impact shattering. Private Hamp, a simple North Country conscript who, after three years of trench warfare, has survived the slaughter of the rest of his section, is tortured by the news of what his wife is doing back home, and badly shaken by near drowning in a mud-filled shell-hole.

He simply walks away from the sound of the guns at the front: he has had enough. Inevitably, he gets picked up by the Military Police at the coast and returned to his unit for court-martial. What follows is a savage exposure of expediency: the legally-qualified, sympathetic and articulate Defending Officer is powerless to prevent his charge's essential honesty and simplicity from condemning him out of his own mouth. Relentless cross-examination by the Prosecuting Officer, and the pragmatic prescription of the Medical Officer (laxatives as the sovereign panacea for shell-shock) allow the Court, led by a suitably uninterested President, to find the feasible solution. Sentence is passed and, at the end, the Padre administers Communion to a receiver who becomes grogged up and then doped full of morphine before he faces the firing squad, lashed to a chair, at dawn the morning after.

The most disturbing thing about watching a school production of this play is, of course, the age of the principal actors; this is when it's suddenly all for real and not just a performance: turn back the clock two generations, and those neat and tidy young men would be playing themselves. It was like watching history made all too terribly true.

Jeremy Hammond, as Lt Hargreaves, defending, was sympathetic, battling, baffled - the lawyer face-to-face with a system whose force is beyond legality. John Browett, as Lt Webb, Hamp's Section Commander, made the most of his tough role, being

cynical, assertive and finally militantly passive, with the horror of having to lead the firing squad himself. Andrew Pennington, a court-martial President with something of the taint of Caiaphas still on his skin, commanded the trial, with Andrew Walker, his Anas stilled, interpreting the law succinctly enough for everyone to realise what must happen. As Medical Officer, Andrew Clarke has to portray the dilemma of a man whose Hippocratic Oath is daily and constantly denied by the reality of having to administer inadequate medication and too little of his precious reserve of care to the hundreds who demand it, while, as Officer Midgley, Michael Kidd made a damning job of the Prosecution. The part of the Padre was played by Mark O'Connell with a sincerity and conviction which made the spectacle, of the man of God confronted with the pointlessness of man's existence, heartrending to see, and it was a tribute to his skill that many members of the audience, and not only girls, had tears in their eyes near the end. But, above all, it was Richard Cullinan, a newcomer to the stage in the title role, who brought home to us the ancient, devastating truth: that suffering is not ennobling, that evil is not self-consuming; it is the innocent and ignorant on this planet who suffer most when social forces beyond their control use them as cannon fodder.

Perhaps the greatest tribute to the acting came from another Padre, Canon Victor Shaw, who saw action with the Carbineers in the last war. As we met in the foyer after the performance, I asked him how he felt, and he looked at me quietly, the way he does when the question's about something more important than amateur dramatics. "I felt," he said, "it was utterly harrowing."

Of course, there were other great moments: the Director threatening to break legs, and bones, and heads if there was noise off backstage; Joey Bishop, deadpan face, quietly cartooning the whole thing with a dozing DGB to testify to the whole electrifying performance; the photographer whacking off his flashgun at the tensest moments in rehearsal, preferably at the face of the man who'd just got himself word-perfect; the Corporal of the Guard confessing that after being drilled so well and thoroughly to Hup Two Three Pause Two Thee Down Two Thee at almost any command that he dreamed about it in his sleep, the next day he flopped out a salute that would have had the WRACs in hysterics. Finally, to add injury to the insult of misspelled names within, the programme cover, which Simon Sacke had so stunningly designed with the blood red tide of war

washing over the silhouetted soldier, was changed at the printer's to camouflage (North Atlantic: Winter) grey to wash out all its impact.

"HAMP"

Jeremy Hammond questions A. Clarke

But it was a wonderful production; the set was a fine blend of style and symbol, the front of house displays included original editions of First World War poems, last letters home and letters of condolence, the Michaelhouse Chronicle of 1917, and its obituaries, providing the sadly necessary documentation that the war to end all wars was the prelude to the thermonuclear age.

At the last moment, the Director decided to cut the last scene, with its noises off for the entire Battalion's assembly to watch the ritual sacrifice. Perhaps it was better that way, our complicit guilt supplied the remainder, and, as the curtain came down on Lt Webb's last speech and the lights came up, we were roused from our catharsis by the massed orchestral rendering of Elgar's Land of Hope and Glory. We left the theatre different people to those who had entered.

JEREMY TAYLOR

From Broederstroom, north of Johannesburg, came the versatile satirist-cum-musician, Jeremy Taylor, to entertain us on Friday 7th and Saturday 8th October. He sang his own satirical ditties on current political themes, told stories and gave an evening of fresh, vital entertainment.

FALLEN ANGELS

On the 4th and 5th November, NAPAC presented Noel Coward's Fallen Angels. Even though a bit dated, this comedy was still very entertaining, and Jill Fenson and Helen Christie used Coward's clever lines very effectively. The play was directed by Graham Armitage, and other notable names in the cast were Michael Swinton, Bella Mariani, Stuart Parker and Richard Knibbs.

## Sport

### ATHLETICS

Master-in-Charge: G.D. Paterson

Captain: D.F. Duffus

The 1983 season proved to be a rather controversial and traumatic few weeks, plagued by injuries to a number of our better athletes. A highlight, was the presence of Michaelhouse Old Boy and World Record 100 m sprinter Paul Nash, and the wife of his late Michaelhouse coach, Mrs Ruth Goodenough (formerly Odams), as guest of honour and presenter of trophies respectively, at the Inter-House Athletics meeting. It was, indeed, a privilege to have Paul and his wife, and Ruth and her husband, with us.

The Standards Competition took place after an absolutely minimal amount of training. Some of the sprint events were made slightly easier this year, while a few of the field events were tightened up.

Senior Victor Ludorum, David Malcomson, receiving The John Odams Trophy from Mrs Ruth Goodenough (formerly Odams). Paul Nash and N. B.J. applaud his efforts.

Performances overall were down on those of 1982, but generally the attitude was positive, and it was encouraging to note more athletes opting for the challenging middle-distance events. Final placings were: Founders 50,7 per cent; Pascoe 47,2 per cent; East 41,1 per cent; Farfield 40,2 per cent; Tatham 38,5 per cent; West 35,2 per cent; Baines 33,6 per cent.

Pascoe dominated proceedings at a most entertaining Inter-House Relays meeting. In winning six of the thirteen events, Pascoe also broke two of the three records achieved.

Records broken were:

Under 16A4 x 200 m (P) 1 m 38,2 sec

Under 14^B 4 x 100 m (Fo) 52,8 sec

3 age group 4 x 200 m (P) 1 m 36,5 sec

There were fewer disqualifications this year, which helped the general tone of the meeting.

Final placings were:

1st PASCOE: 2nd FARFIELD

### 3rd EAST/FOUNDERS.

Sports Day, which we intend referring to as The Inter-House Athletics Meeting, in future, was held on Saturday 10th September. The track, although undulating up the 100 m straight, and rather slow due to the thick mat of kikuyu, was most attractively prepared, and Willows Field was a colourful spectacle on a fine spring morning. Nine finals were run off prior to the competition day, during which G. Boltman (T) 11,74 m beat the Under 14 Triple Jump record by 28 cms. The meeting was rather deflated due to the absence, caused by injuries, to a number of our leading athletes. Included among those absent was our Captain of Athletics, Donald Duffus, who has served the school so well in this field during the past four years. Five records were broken, and they were:

80 m Hurdles U15

M. Jeffery (Fa) 11,46 sec  
100 m Open

J. de Grandpre (P) 11,2 sec

1 500 m U14

G. Pennington (T) 4 m 42,3 sec  
4x 100 m U14

Founders 51,3 sec  
4 x 100 m U15

Pascoe 49,4 sec

The contest for first place in the points position became a two-lane race between Farfield and Pascoe, with Tatham, just ahead of Founders, some way back. With three relays to go, Farfield had established a seven point lead, which was promptly cut to two points by Pascoe, who won the 4 x 100 m U15 event. In the penultimate race, Pascoe pipped Far-

field; but were disqualified on a technicality, and thus conceded five points, which put the competition beyond their grasp. They won the final 4 x 100 Open Relay and, with Farfield not gaining a position, the final points were as follows: Farfield 146; Pascoe 144; Tatham 120; Founders 114; East 88; West 622; Baines 58.

The Paul Nash Trophy for the Junior Victor Ludorum, presented for the first time, was won by M. Jeffery (Fa) with 4 970 points, from G. Boltman (T) with 4 860 points. Similarly presented for the first time was the John Odams Memorial Trophy, for the Senior Victor Ludorum. The winner here was D. Malcolmson (Fa) 3 985 points, who won it from D. Phipson (Fa) 3 775 points.

A squad of roughly sixty athletes was selected for training for the Triangular Meeting, which was held at Kearsney on Monday 19th September. The squad was a cheerful one, and early morning sessions were well attended, with a healthy spirit evident. Early-week training proved to be too strenuous for a number of the track athletes, who were plagued by muscle strains and stiffness for much of the week. However, at a thoroughly enjoyable meeting, Mich-

aelhouse athletes achieved the following placings in the forty-seven event programme: Thirteen 1sts; Eleven 2nds; Twenty-one 3rds.

First places were achieved by:

Open Long Jump  
J. Morgan (W) 5,93 m  
Under 14 Triple Jump

G. Boltman (T) 11,12 m (First equal)

Under 15 200 m

M. Jeffery (Fa) 23,66 sec  
Under 15 1 500 m

M. Short (P) 4 m 32,78  
Under 14 High Jump  
J. Pool (Fa) 1,55 m  
Open Shot-Putt

R. Mitchell (P) 12,23 m  
Under 15 High Jump

R. Grantham (T) 1,75 m (RECORD)



Open 100 m  
J. de Grandpre(P) 11,2 sec  
Under 15 80 m Hurdles  
M. Jeffery (Fa) 12,50 m  
Under 16800 m

V. Anderson (P) 2 m 03,7

J.P. De Grandpre (Left) wins the 100 m in a new record time of 11,20.

Open 200 m  
J. de Grandpre (P) 22,9 sec  
Under 16 Triple Jump  
V. Anderson (P) 12,50 m  
Under 15800 m  
M. Short(P)2m11,2

Although we led briefly on points at the start of the meeting, the day belonged to Hilton, whose well-turned out team won convincingly. Final placings were: Hilton - MHS - Kearsney. Kearsney is

thanked for a thoroughly entertaining afternoon.

The tug-of-war competition was held on Punch-bowl, on a warm Wednesday afternoon. Tatham was proudly defending both the Junior and Senior titles won in 1982. However, their Junior Team was defeated by Farfield in the first round, with the latter team going on to beat Baines in the Finals. In the Senior competition, Tatham was successful against East and Baines in the first two rounds, before they hauled themselves to victory against West in the final, and thus retained their coveted title.

During the Lent Quarter, D. Duffus (Under 17 200 m); J. de Grandpre (Under 17 100 m); R. Mosse (Under 19 100 m); V. Anderson (U16 High Jump) and M. Jeffery (Under 15 80 m hurdles) were selected for the Pietermaritzburg and Districts team to run at Menlo Park in Pretoria.

At the Natal High Schools' Championships, J. de Grandpre won the 100 m in 10,9 sec while D. Duffus was first in the 200 m, in 22,9 sec, and second in the 400 m in 51,5 sec. M. Jeffery broke the record in the Under 15 100 m hurdles, running a time of 13,7 sec. V. Anderson won the Under 16 High Jump, with a leap of 1,92 m. These four athletes were chosen to represent the Natal Juniors' team at the SA Junior Championships, held in Durban, in April. However, V. Anderson failed to compete due to an ankle injury.

D. Duffus was elected Captain of the Natal Schools' Team, which competed at the SA Schools' Championships, held in Grahamstown later in April. At this meeting, he finished seventh and sixth in the Under 19 400 m and 200 m events respectively.

At the end of this year, we say farewell to two fine athletes who have served their school honourably, as sound ambassadors throughout the country. Both J.P. de Grandpre and D. Duffus have achieved

considerable success in the sprint events during their four years at Michaelhouse. In doing so, they have set fine examples of spirited dedication and modesty. They have been an inspiration for our junior athletes. We wish them all the best for the future.

## BASKETBALL

Master-in-Charge: K. van den Haak

Number of "Open" players 25

Number of U15<sup>+</sup> players 17

Number of U142 players 11

Number of U132 players 8

Total Number 61

	points	points
matches lost	won	for against
1st team	19 3 16 1	387 589
2nd team	14 11 3	196 284
3rd team	12 6 6	252 238
U15* Ateam	15 7 8	584 562
U155 Bteam	6 5 1	68 43
U14* team	2 2 0	16 34
U13a team	0 0 0 0	
Total	68 34 34 2	503 1 750
1st team		
Cape Town tour	6 0 6	290 201

### Individual scores

N. Webb (1st team) 431 shot percentage 46.3  
M. Short (1st team) 336 shot percentage 50.1  
I. McIntosh (1st team) 291 shot percentage 48.6  
M. Short (U15s team) 212 shot percentage 78.2

### Natal Midlands Schools' Basketball Team

N. Webb (Captain) G. Short (Vice Captain) I.R. McIntosh, M. Short, N.A. Vallet, D. Malcomson, J.W. Browett, J.P. de Grandpre.

Reserve: R. Mitchell

### Natal Schools' Colts Basketball team

(std 9 or below) M.R. Short (Vice Captain) N.A. Vallet.

### Natal Schools' Team

N.R.Webb

SA U19 Invitation Side

I.R. McIntosh, G.R. Short  
Natal U16

M. Short (Captain)

Highest Team Score: 126 - 18 vs Weston

Highest Individual Scores:

N.R. Webb 44 vs Weston  
R. Mitchell 40 vs Treverton

Honours: N.R. Webb

Colours: G. Short, M. Short, N.A. Vallet, I.R  
McIntosh.

3rd Team and U15^ B team trained and coached by  
Mrs A. van den Haak, who also coached the 1st team  
in the 4th term.

## CANOE CLUB

Master-in-Charge: D.G. Bennie  
Captain: David Briggs/Mark McLeod  
Vice-Captain: Sandy Inglis/Ian Inglis  
Secretary: Ian Inglis/Michael Ellis  
Committee Member: John Bompas/

Sandy Davidson

This year has again been marked by the great enthusiasm and interest shown by the majority of the paddlers, leading to success being achieved by the Club as a whole, and by individuals. It is especially pleasing to see the degree of self-discipline exhibited, with boys spending endless hours on the dam, training in order to achieve a satisfactory level of competence and proficiency.

In the Inter-schools races organised by the Natal Schools' Canoeing Association, Michaelhouse has continued to dominate. Three races were held this year, on the Upper Umgeni, the Umzimkulu and the Bushmans, with Michaelhouse being host on two occasions.

The Annual Inter-house Canoeing competition, cancelled last year as a result of a lack of boats, was held in the first quarter. Heats were held on the Strachan's Dam, with the finalists, Pascoe, Baines and Farfield, battling it out on the Albert Falls to Baynes Drift stretch of the Umgeni. Baines emerged clear winners, with Farfield second and Pascoe third. By holding initial heats on the dam, the problem of obtaining the use of boats from chaps unwilling to commit their craft to inexperienced paddlers on a river was solved.

Basketball- 1st Team

Back: I.M. McIntosh; M.R. Short; R. V. Mitchell; N.R. Webb; D.E. Malcomson

Front: N.A. Vallet; G.R. Short; MrK. van den Haak; J. W. Browett; J.P. D e Grandpre.

"mm.

Several paddlers recorded outstanding results in individual events:

1982 Umgeni 50 Miler:

John Bompas 22nd overall  
David Briggs 30th  
Sandy Inglis 35th  
Ian Inglis 61th

L to R. David Phipson, "Sandy" Davidson - Winners of Junior

Section of the Dusi.

1982 Dusi Marathon:

David Briggs 22nd overall and 1st Junior  
Sandy Inglis 35th  
John Bompas 48th

Natal Junior Slalom Championships:

John Bompas 1st  
David Briggs 2nd  
Sandy Inglis 5th

South African Junior Slalom Championships:

John Bompas 1st  
Michael Ellis 3rd

A. Inglis - SA Slalom Championships

David Briggs 5th  
Sandy Inglis 6th

Natal White Water Junior Championships:

David Briggs 1st

South African White Water Junior Championships:

David Briggs 2nd

Natal Long Distance Junior Championships:

David Briggs 1st  
Sandy Inglis 5th

South African Long Distance Junior  
Championships:

David Briggs 1st

## Natal Sprints Junior Championships:

(a) 500 m: Michael Ellis 3rd

Craig Anderson 5th  
Simon Houghton 6th

(b) 1 000 m: Craig Anderson 4th

David Feek 7th

(c) 3 000 m: Michael Ellis 3rd

Craig Anderson 6th  
Simon Houghton 7th

As a result of the performances in the above events, the Natal Canoe Union made the following awards and selections during the course of the year:

David Briggs - Natal A Junior Team for Slalom,

White Water and Long Distance  
John Bompas - Natal A Junior Team for Slalom

Natal B Junior Team for White  
Water and Long Distance  
Sandy Inglis - Natal B Team for Slalom and

Long Distance

In addition, the following awards were made within the Club:

Honours: Sandy Inglis

Colours: Ian Inglis

Michael Ellis  
Mark McLeod

Teams: Craig Anderson  
Sandy Davidson  
David Feek  
Simon Houghton

Michael Ellis received the cup for the Most Improved Junior.

These outstanding results were only achieved through sheer hard work and determination, surely inspiration for the juniors in the Club to strive to improve the standard of their fitness and paddling.

As a result of a very generous grant from the School,

the Club was in a position to purchase eight polo-



bats. They are now being used to lessen the tedium of paddling on a dam, and to provide beginners with a suitable craft for practising their balancing skills and Eskimo rolls. Three successful series of canoe-polo matches were organised with Hilton College, which gave our paddlers an insight into another aspect of canoeing that is becoming increasingly popular.

Unfortunately, as a result of austerity measures, no funds were forthcoming for the erection of a new canoe shed. However, the roof, which had collapsed, was replaced, with the result that the shed is once more looking respectable.

With the advent in the fourth quarter of late rains, rivers in the area again became worth paddling; as a result the Club made a sortie down the Bushmans river from Wagendrift Dam to Lambert Park, to give the inexperienced paddlers, who had never been on a river before, the chance to gain experience under non-competitive conditions, prior to entering their first race.

To end off the year, a successful Club braai, followed by two films on slalom championship events in England and the United States, was held.

It is very pleasing to see that so many juniors have joined the Club, and that so many have chosen to do canoeing in addition to another summer game. This augurs well for the future of canoeing at Michaelhouse, as we have now lost many of our more experienced and proficient paddlers. However, they have left behind their example and expertise. Their contribution to the Club has been great.

To all those entering the great Duzi Canoe Marathon at the beginning of 1984- good luck to you all.

## Canoe Club

Back: M.C.G. Ellis; M.G. McLeod; G.S. Henderson; I.R. Inglis  
Front: J.G. Bompas; Mr D.G. Bennie; A.C. Inglis; D.G. Briggs.

## CRICKET

### FIRST XI

Master-in-Charge: G.D. Paterson  
Captains: Lent Quarter- D. Ovendale  
Christmas Quarter- R. Hickman

After the very senior side of 1982, there was little

doubt that 1983 would involve the building of a new and young side. The building process involved two distinct phases, the first half under the captaincy of

D. Ovendale and the second under R. Hickman, who replaced Ovendale, largely due to the latter's recurring collar-bone injury.

What was required to boost confidence in a young side, was an early win. Unfortunately, having played ourselves into commanding positions in the first two games, we failed to take the last two wickets. DHS were 81/8, chasing 136/9, while St Andrews (Grahamstown) had reached 123/8 in pursuit of our 210/5. In both games our top order batted encouragingly- J. Morgan 48 against DHS and D. Ovendale 66; G. Morgan 51 against St Andrews - while W. Firth and D. Burger gave early notice of their ability to take wickets. These two draws were followed by a comprehensive defeat against Hilton. Batting first, on an easy wicket, we got into desperate trouble and found ourselves reeling at 72/7. However, a fighting partnership of 73 for the eighth wicket between A. Poole 35 and J. Brotherton 39 enabled us to declare at 159/9. Assisted by some erratic bowling, the Hilton batsmen got on with their task in fine style and, with C. Haynes (55 n.o.) and B. Shaw (46 n.o.), the target was achieved in a mere 36 overs. A fine display of aggressive batting.

The next four matches were drawn, while the last match of the quarter, against College, was lost. Against the Wanderers Nomads, M. Gilson scored 62 out of a total of 143. However, the feature of the game, from the school's point of view, was the boys' superb ground fielding, which restricted the visitors to 107/5 off 47 overs. W. Elliott achieved the hat-trick against Glenwood, while D. Burger achieved the fine analysis of 21-6-48-6 against Alexandra. In spite of five dropped catches, College were restricted to a total of 148, with W. Firth taking 4/22. At 93/5, our first win appeared to be within our grasp, but this was not to be. Our last five wickets fell for eleven runs only, once again revealing the lack of a winning mentality, and the inconsistency of a young side, especially when placed under pressure.

In the third quarter, the Old Boys effectively demonstrated how a total should be chased, when they beat us by four wickets in a high scoring game. This was followed by the College - DHS Michaelmas

Week where, in the first game, we again failed by a whisker to capitalise on a winning situation. We scored 190 - J. Morgan 48 and Potchefstroom Boys' High were 163/9 at the close. Most encouraging here was the analysis of 14-6-22-5 achieved by R. Pithey, one of the two Under 15 players included in the side. The second game was lost to Grey High School from Port Elizabeth by 73 runs, while the drawn third match, against an extremely powerful St Stithians' side, was probably the turning point for the team. M. Gilson's 72 was his most mature innings of the year, while D. Burger's protracted spell - 19-5-57-2 - gave him the confidence of being able to contain the best schoolboy batsmen. The final match of the week saw our first victory, against Pretoria Boys' High School. In an evenly contested game, we managed to edge home by two wickets.

The fourth quarter produced draws against DHS, Kearsney and Northlands, a loss to College and a washed-out game against Hilton. However, there was indication of greater maturity, and a number of encouraging performances were produced. In a slow scoring encounter at DHS, D. Burger scored an undefeated 82, out of a total of 129/6 declared. A gritty, undefeated 24 by K. Blacklaw, batting at 9, saved us against Northlands, for whom D. Vos achieved the fine analysis of 16-6-23-6. The loss to College was a little cruel, and hard lessons were learned about the ability to control a wet ball. Michaelhouse declared on 180/9 with J. Morgan having scored an aggressive 57, and R. Pithey a useful 32. With College reeling at 54/5, a steady drizzle set in and it seemed that the game was over. The umpires

pushed on and, after ten minutes, the clouds surprisingly lifted. At 71/6 at 4.33 p.m. College were still in trouble but, as the seam softened, so did Ripley-Evans charge. Surprisingly enough, D. Burger was not brought back into the attack and, with three of the compulsory twenty overs remaining, College achieved their target with eight wickets down. Ripley-Evans scored an adventurous, hard-hit 62, and was ably assisted by Snyman, who scored an undefeated 25. A tough experience, but certainly a great game of cricket.

And so to Offord Week, where our side included no fewer than four Under 15 players. The first two games resulted in two wins, brought about, in both instances, by eleven players, all of whom will return in 1984. Westville were bundled out for 118, largely due to a couple of good catches, firstly, by J. Thomp-

son at first slip, followed by a magnificent effort by R. Pithey at leg gulley. M. Gilson scored a largely lofted undefeated 59, which took us to victory by six wickets. The second game saw Michaelhouse

struggle to 143/9 with A. Poole scoring a sound 60. After W. Firth (3/17) and M. Gilson (2/7) had removed Southern Natal's first five batsmen for 27, N. Evans was brought into the attack and, with well-controlled off-spinners, he wrapped up the innings, finishing with 5.3-2-10-4. With the opposition all out for 45, Michaelhouse had won by 98 runs.

The final three matches of the year resulted in draws against Beachwood and DHS and a rained-off game against Northlands. M. Gilson batted responsibly for 55 against Beachwood, while W. Firth (3/15) picked up his second bag of three wickets. In winning the toss and electing to bat, DHS found themselves hopelessly placed at 23/7 at morning tea. Aggravatingly enough, we were not able to press the advantage home and the Durban side finished up with 126 runs. We were not able to get on top of a tidy attack, and finished up rather poorly placed at 34/5. Conditions were damp from the start at Northlands, and we were soon able to capitalise on a wet ball as we rushed to 134/2, soon after tea, when the game was abandoned. J. Morgan (65 n.o.) and J. Thompson (50) were well ahead of time, in putting on 114 for the first wicket.

It was certainly not a great year from a results point of view; however, the game of cricket offers a great deal more than merely the opportunity of achieving a result. Faced by a number of challenging situations, a group of young cricketers spent many hours maturing in so many ways out in the middle. A relatively inexperienced coach was also provided with a healthy challenge, and learned a great deal. There were many changes during the course of the year, which resulted in a lack of stability and only limited team spirit. By the end of Offord Week our new side had grown considerably in stature, a healthy spirit was very evident and one can only look forward to cricket in 1984 with great enthusiasm.

We congratulate D. Burger on his selection for the Natal Schools' Team and wish him all the best for his week in Kimberley. We also congratulate, M. Gilson and W. Firth on their selection for the Kingsmead Mynah team. We look forward to responsible contributions from them in 1984.

## RESULTS

## FIRST QUARTER

22nd January

Michaelhouse 136/9 (J. Morgan 48; R. May 4/43)  
DHS 81/8 (W. Firth 4/17)

Draw

50

23rd January

Michaelhouse 210/5 (G. Morgan 51; D. Ovendale66;  
D. Burger 34; M. Gilson 32)

St Andrews-Grahamstown. 123/8 (D. Burger 4/35;  
W. Firth 3/16)

Draw

29th January

Michaelhouse 159/9 (J. Brotherton 39; A. Poole 35;  
C. Beart 3/36)

Hilton 161/3 (C. Haynes 55 n.o.; B. Shaw 46 n.o.)

Lost by 7 wickets

5th February

Michaelhouse 143 (M. Gilson 62; P. Koevort 3/29; R.  
Muzzell 4/32)

Wanderers Nomads 107/5 (W. Firth 3/34)

Draw

12th February

Glenwood 172/8 (D. Williams 66; W. Robertson 64;  
W. Elliott 3/30)

Michaelhouse 138/7 (M. Gilson 37; D. Burger 35; W.  
Robertson 3/25)

Draw

26th February

Westville 182/7 (S. van Coller 43; N. Penrose 48)  
Michaelhouse 109/7 (G. Morgan 36)

Draw

Cricket- 1st XI

Back: M.N. O'Connell; V.B. Anderson; W.G.R. Elliot; J.R.B. Morgan; W.R.  
Firth  
Middle: R.J. Pithey; J.R. Brotherton; M. W.B. Gilson; P.G.B. Morgan; A.J.  
Poole

Front: D.G.deV. Burger; D.C. Ovendale; MrG.D. Paterson; R.D. Hickman;  
S G. Armstrong.

5th March

Alexandra 134(N. van Niekerk56; D. Burger6/48)  
Michaelhouse 101/9 (A. van Rensburg 4/23; P. Bartman 3/18)

Draw

12th March

College 148 (Ripley-Evans 40; G. Walsh 35; W. Firth 4/22; M. Gilson 3/21)

Michaelhouse 104 (Snyman 4/28)

Lost by 44 runs

THIRD QUARTER

21st September

Michaelhouse 193/3 (G. Morgan 50; M. Gilson 51 n.o.; D. Burger 50 n.o.)

Old Boys 197/6 (W. Green 38; G. Elgie 52; C. Shave 60 n.o.)

Lost by 4 wickets

DHS - College Michaelmas Week

1st October

Michaelhouse 190 (J. Morgan 48; R. Adant3/34)  
Potchefstroom Boys' High 163/9 (B. Brady 39; R. Pithey 5/22)

Draw

2nd October

Grey High School (PE) 191/5 (Matthew 93; M. Gilson 3/33)

Michaelhouse 118 (J. Wilson 53; Finlay6/39)

Lost by 73 runs

3rd October

Michaelhouse 197 (M. Gilson 72; J. Brotherton 33; R. Fawcett 5/38)

StStithian's 160/6(C. Frost41; D. Rundle50)



Draw

4th October

Pretoria Boys' High 143 (C. Hawken 39; D. Burger 4/33)

Michaelhouse 148/8 (J. Morgan 34; M. Gilson 32; B. van Onselen 3/54)

Won by 2 wickets

FOURTH QUARTER

15th October

Michaelhouse 129/6 (D. Burger 82 n.o.)

DHS 195/7 (Knowles 41; W. Firth 3/39)

Draw

22nd October

Kearsney 223/5 (Boyd 110; Crookes 36; Hall 30)

Michaelhouse 164/7 (J. Morgan 37; D. Ovendale 31; A. Hall 5/63)

Draw

5th November

Michaelhouse 180/9 (J. Morgan 57; R. Pithey 32; Snyman 5/53)

College 181/8 (Ripley-Evans 62; D. Burger 4/53)

Lost by 2 wickets

19th November

Northlands 168/7 (G. Bashford 32; Vos 33; D. Burger 3/26)

Michaelhouse 81/9 (Vos 6/23)

Draw

Offord Week

6th December

Westville 118 (S. van Coller 50; M. Gilson 3/18)

Michaelhouse 122/4 (M. Gilson 59 n.o.; G. Heron

3/43)

Won by 6 wickets  
7th December

Michaelhouse 143/9 (A. Poole 60; A. van Vuuren  
4/17; A. Dudley 3/17)

Southern Natal 45 (N. Evans 4/10; W. Firth 3/17)

Won by 98 runs

8th December

Michaelhouse 155/5 (M. Gilson 55)

Beachwood 97/4 (B. Eigenmann 32; W. Firth 3/15)  
Draw

9th December

DHS 126 (A. Janssens 30; A. Butler 37; D. Burger  
4/32; W. Firth 3/30)

Michaelhouse 34/5 (G. Beukes 3/9)

Draw

10th December

Michaelhouse 134/2 (J. Morgan 65 n.o.; J. Thompson 50)

Rain stopped play

## 1983 1ST XI CRICKET STATISTICS

Batting (Over 100 runs)

	INNS	N.O.	TOTAL	HS	AV
J. Morgan	20	1	418	65+	22
D. Owendale	11	0	207	66	18,8
M. Gilson	21	4	545	72	32
D. Burger	18	2	364	82+	22,7
J. Brotherton	18	1	202	39	11,8
A. Poole	16	3	204	60	15,6
V. Anderson	11	3	154	29	19,2
R. Pithey	11	2	112	32	12,4
G. Morgan	13	0	188	51	14,4

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	41/
D. Burger	256	53	678	39	17,3
W. Firth	260	76	584	41	14,2
M. Gilson	137	31	386	26	14,8
R. Pithey	85	21	239	15	15,9



## SECOND XI

Master-in-Charge: J.M. Buckley

Captain: C. Russon

This was a very strong second XI, but unfortunately, although the side lost one game only, many games were drawn, the weather contributing to some of these in the fourth quarter.

However, the most encouraging aspect about the team was their positive, attacking approach and their determination to achieve a result, even at the risk of losing, but at least offering their opponents a realistic challenge. Sadly, this challenge was not always accepted.

The batting was sound, characterised by some disastrous middle-order collapses and some stout back-to-the-wall recoveries, with O'Connell prominent. Never were their opponents left with an easy target. The bowling consisted of a battery of seam and, although sound in both line and direction, all moved the ball into the right-hander, (with the exception of Armstrong). However, Theron, O'Connell, Russon and Davies all bowled well. The side lacked a really top-class spinner, but nevertheless Thompson was desperately under-bowled.

Fielding was the one rather disappointing aspect. Most catches were held, but the ground fielding was not attacking enough, and there were individuals who were quite happy for someone else to do the work. There is certainly room for improvement in this department. Cullinan proved to be an energetic and competent keeper.

Russon, as captain in the fourth quarter, shows great promise. He generalised the side well, but did make a few odd bowling changes and he must study an off-spinner field. He must also develop more faith in his spinners, and introduce them into the attack earlier.

Most of the side are returning next year, and I really look forward to an exciting season.

Team:

R. Cullinan; A. Poole; G. Morgan; S. Armstrong; P. Whitehouse; M. O'Connell (4th Quarter); R. Yorke-Smith; M. English; K. Bouverie; P. Theron; M. Davies; S. Hulett.

## RESULTS

22nd January

Michaelhouse 130/7 dec. (Thompson 36)

DHS 24/1

Rain stopped play

29th January

Michaelhouse 150 all out (Hickman 53; Cullinan 27;

Bouverie 25)

Hilton 97/9 (Russon 3/21)

Draw

5th February

Michaelhouse 187/7 dec. (Hickman 70; Cullinan 34;  
Wilson 21; Thompson 29)

Estcourt 190/9 (Theron 3/31)

Lost by one wicket

12th February

Michaelhouse 180/9 dec. (Thompson 44; Wilson 37;  
Bouverie 23 n.o.)

Glenwood 89/9 (Koevort 3/26, Bouverie 3/21)

Draw

26th February

Michaelhouse 178 all out (Thompson 30; Russon 35  
n.o.; Hulett 43)

Westville 140/7 (Davies 3/20)

Draw

5th March

Michaelhouse 232/5 dec. (Thompson 83; Wilson 52;  
Lavender 43 n.o.; Hulett 21)

Alexandra 100 all out (Koevort 3/32)

Won by 132 runs

12th March

College 146/9 dec. (Russon 3/33)

Michaelhouse 147/8 (Morgan 41; Johnstone 25; Hullett 27 n.o.)

Won by 2 wickets

#### FOURTH TERM

15th October

Michaelhouse 150/8 dec. (Thompson 34; Cullinan 30; Wilson 23)

DHS 134all out (Theron4/39, O'Connell 6/56)

Won by 16 runs

22 nd October

Michaelhouse 207/6 dec. (Thompson 43; Poole 92; Armstrong 42)

Kearsney 88/6 (O'Connell 4/22)

Draw

5th November

College 97/9 (O'Connell 4/16; Davies 3/18)

Rain stopped play

19th November

Michaelhouse 164/7 dec. (Thompson 45; Armstrong 21; O'Connell 25; Yorke-Smith 32 n.o.)

Northlands 118/5 (O'Connell 3/21)

Draw

26th November

Michaelhouse 157/4 (Morgan 26, Cullinan 47, Poole 64)

Rain stopped play

## CRICKET U15 A

### FOURTH TERM

Master-in-Charge: A. W. Cook

Captains: R. Pithey (1 st Term), M. Collins (4th Term).

Although this has not been a very successful season for the Colts XI there have, nevertheless, been some good individual performances: Anderson's innings against Hilton and Lloyd's century against DHS were two of the best; Enthoven's 7 for 43 against College and 6-52 against Northlands come to mind. But, despite a shortage of wins, the side showed that it was always willing to give of its best. In the Fourth Quarter, with Anderson, Pithey and Morphet being selected for the First XI, the team, under Murray Colin's captaincy, rose to the challenge of playing without them, and Ovendale, Lambert and Swiss made very useful replacements. Surely one of the unluckiest Colts bowlers was N. Evans, who proved a worthy all-rounder, playing a crucial innings on more than one occasion. (He was selected to play in the Offord Week). If it had not rained as much as it did in the fourth term, I am sure that the team would have enjoyed a greater amount of success than in the first term, but that is neither here nor there. What is important, is that they enjoyed playing cricket and played well.

### RESULTS

Rain

Played Won Lost Drew stopped

10 1 2 6 1

### â€¢ FIRST TERM

22/1/83 vs DHS  
(Anderson 4/45)

MHS lost by 5 wickets

29/1/83 vs Hilton  
(Anderson 93: 6/49)

Match drawn

12/2/83 vs Glenwood

(Pithey35; Rowe4/40)

MHS won by 3 wickets

26/2/83 vs Westville

(Lloyd28; Morphet20; Evans21 n.o.)

Match drawn

5/3/83 vs Alexandra

(Lloyd 39 n.o.; Hyde 37 n.o.; Enthoven 3/54)

Match drawn

12/3/83 vs College

(Lloyd 30; Evans 30 n.o. 5/33)

Match drawn

15/10/83 vs DHS

(Lloyd 101 n.o.; Ovendale 54; Swiss 2/25)

Match drawn

5/11/83 vs College

(Enthoven 7/43; Evans 36)

College won by 77 runs

19/11/83 vs Northlands

(Dingley 34; Enthoven 6/52)

Match drawn

26/11/83 vs Hilton

Rain stopped play

UNDER 15B XI

Master-in-Charge: P.E. Dennyson

Captain: J.P. Clucas

This was another successful season for this collection of enthusiastic cricketers.

We lost once only, a nail-biting one-wicket defeat against Kearsney. For the rest of the season, we were never in danger of losing.,

Hall looked a fine batsman, and deserved his eventual promotion to the 'A'team. Venter always threatened to score runs, and blasted his way into the record books against Hilton. Ferrans, at all times, looked too good for a 'B'team.



Fyvie and Jacobs were strong opening bowlers, and Clucas, with his fine leg-spinners, usually collected a few wickets.

They seemed to enjoy their cricket at all times - I very much enjoyed my association with them. I wish them well in the 2nd's - or even 1 st's!

## UNDER 15CXI

Master-in-Charge: R.W. Aitchison

Captain: S. Barendsen

In spite of losing our talent to higher teams throughout the year, we have enjoyed a relatively successful season. Rain has frequently interfered with practice and matches in this, the final quarter. Nonetheless, we have added to our fine 9 wicket win over Hilton in the first term, by convincingly beating Kearsney's C's in a display of fine batting and bowling. Away, at College, we came unstuck and, having dismissed our opponents for 130 - a score well within our reach - we batted irresponsibly and carelessly, resulting in a dismal slump and our first defeat of the season. Rain stopped play in our second fixture against Hilton, when the game was interestingly poised.

"Bones" Barendsen led the side competently, and was enthusiastically supported. S. Peters and M. Yorke-Smith - aided and abetted by a somewhat erratic L. Wyly - constituted an able and successful pace attack. Young C. Hastings received a much deserved promotion to the B's, as an extremely useful spinner. K. Henderson, W. Hulett, and our wicket-keeping skipper, displayed flair with the bat.

All in all, a thoroughly successful and enjoyable year.

## UNDER 14V2A XI

Master-in-Charge: P.M. Channing

Captain: M. Olivier

This was not a strong side, as the results may suggest, and yet it should have performed better. Dedication was lacking, and the approach to the game itself was not positive or urgent. This was best illustrated by most of their fielding displays, which were unaggressive and generally untidy. Oliver Stelling and Whitton were the exceptions here, but their example did not rub off on the others. Poor fielding sides do not win matches, and this was proved beyond any doubt in 1983.

The bowlers seldom bowled to their fields, and there was little penetration in this department. The batting was inconsistent, and lacked push and commitment. On the whole, both batsmen and bowlers were not prepared to work at their games.

It was attitude rather than their talent which was the

disappointing feature of their play and, if they are to

progress next year, they must become more gutsy and determined. Their roles within the make-up of a side must be better understood, and they must be prepared to give rather than take.

Oliver Stelling and Pithey (in the first term) put in sound individual performances, but even these would have been more often had a more disciplined approach been embarked upon. This aspect must receive top priority in 1984.

## RESULTS

Played Won Lost Drawn

11 3 4 4

MHS 161/8

DHS 56/3

(Pithey 46; Olivier55)

Draw

Hilton 176/7

MHS 180/5

(Wattam 5/52; Pithey 2/37) (Armstrong N. 48 n.o.; Pithey 47)

Won by 5 wickets

MHS 144 all out

Glenwood 145/3

(Stelling 31 n.o.; Zoio 26) (Wattam 2/24)

Lost by 7 wickets

Westville 119 all out

MHS 108 all out

(Ridgeway 5/20; Olivier4/37) (Olivier33)

Lost by 7 7 runs

Alexandra 158 all out

MHS 139/7

(Olivier 9/32) (Olivier62 n.o.)

Draw

College 205/5  
MHS 178 all out

(Ridgeway 2/21) (Olivier 101 n.o.)

Lost by 27 runs

MHS 125 all out  
DHS 117 all out  
(Stelling 68) (Wattam 6/24)

Won by 8 runs

Kearsney 168/7  
MHS 170/9

(Stelling 2/30) (Olivier 111 n.o.)

Won by 7 wicket

College 152/7  
MHS

(Wattam 3/36; Ridgeway 3/24)

Rained out

MHS 125 all out  
Northlands 126/7  
(Olivier 36) (Stelling 5/20)

Lost by 3 wickets

Hilton 112/6  
MHS

(Stelling 3/29)

Rained out

Regular players were:

M. Olivier; P. Zoio; R. Armstrong; N. Armstrong; I. Pluke; W. Stelling; M. Taylor; G. Wattam; J. Arnott; A. Whitton; B. Ridgeway; C. Hulett.

UNDER 13V2A XI

The introduction of a Termites group has been a very worthwhile innovation, in that it has given younger boys an opportunity to develop in their own age group. Consequently, a stronger sense of group identity has arisen and, with it, greater enthusiasm. It has also afforded Mr Reynolds and Mr King the chance to give valuable personal coaching.

The damp and rainy weather gave the side little opportunity to show its worth. Some steady batting performances by Michael Pithey (who did a fine job as Captain) Andrew Walshe, Grant Curtis-Setchell, and Roger Koevort inevitably placed us in a position of strength. However, we generally struggled to bowl out the opposition. Some aggressive bowling by Cobbett-Tribe, and steady bowling by Roger Koevort, served us well, but overall we lacked a little in penetration. Perhaps, too, it might be fair to say that the standard of fielding and catching was not always very high, and might well have discouraged the bowlers a little.

Overall, a sound season, with some definite talent displaying itself. Many players have, I believe, found the season a useful confidence-builder, and I hope they will continue to grow and develop in their Bunnies groups.

CHESS

Master-in-Charge: B.R. Naidu  
Chairman: K.R. Johnston

Yet again, chess has been involved in more inter-school matches. We retained the Inter-School "C" Cup.

In October, 1983, three boys participated in the Natal Schools' Championships in Pietermaritzburg. Out of 58 participants in the candidate section, G. Stotko came 28th, R. Benyon 12th, and K. Johnston 7th.

Due to the fact that the players played in the candidate section, no one made Natal Schools.

A new idea of a Chess Club is, at the moment, being tried out. Every Friday afternoon, boys and staff may play each other, either for practice, enjoyment or for the ladder. Boys will also be taught famous moves. We thank Mr Naidu for again taking up the position of master-in-charge of chess this year.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Master-in-Charge: S.N. Winckworth  
Awards- Nil

This sport remains one which is chosen by few, if any, as a main sport choice, and is done in addition to whatever other sport has been chosen as a main choice. There have been about eight regulars, who have participated with a few extras at odd times. The Inter-school season extends from the beginning of the second quarter to early in the third quarter, with a meeting being held at a different venue each Wednesday. The most successful runner this season was Grant Pennington, who was selected to run for the Pietermaritzburg and District Under 15 team in the Natal Schools' Trials. He is a lad with talent and determination, who could develop well. Clive Hastings came close to the PMB and District under 15B side last year; and, although he remained under 15 this year, was sidelined for most of the season because of a nagging injury.

The Inter-House Cross Country Competition was held at the end of the third quarter, being preceded by a few days by the Cross Country relay - around the school. The relay was won by Pascoe, coming third and second in the Juniors and Seniors respectively. The Inter-House Cross Country itself was held on a different course from the recent past, and was close to the early Ramparts course. The individual winners were Mark McLeod (P) in the Seniors (28 min 32,7 sec) and Michael Short (P) in the Juniors (20 min 56,4 sec). Pascoe did not have the depth of runners to sustain their initial lead and, in fact, ended fourth. The Competition was won over-

all by Tatham, with East second -the Junior Section being convincingly won by Tatham, and the Senior by Farfield.

## GOLF

Master-in-Charge: S.B. Earnshaw

Due to the change in options, golf has now become a recreational activity, rather than a formal teaching situation. For those boys who wish (about 10) I take

a mini-bus to a golf course on Mondays to Mooi River or Howick. We play 9 holes and return. Since I play with each boy only rarely, my main function is to teach etiquette etc. The standard varies considerably, and this makes a group competition very difficult to organise, but overall an enjoyable occasion.

## GYMNASTICS

Master-in-Charge: J.W.M.

The third quarter was, as usual, a very busy one with gymnastics using every spare moment in preparation for the display on Speech Day. Competition for a place in the display team was fierce, and to those who didn't make it we hope to see you trying again next year. Overall, the display was a great success.

The standard of gymnastics in the Youngleson Shield showed a remarkable improvement, and this was largely due to the emphasis it had been given during the Human Kinetic lessons. The House Captains also did a very sound job in preparing their teams, and their turnout was neat.

East once again dominated the Competition, winning the Youngleson Shield for the best Senior and Junior team combined, and the Discobolus for the best Senior team. Robin Basson, for the fourth year running, won the John Poynton Trophy for the best gymnast, an outstanding achievement, scoring 23,5 points out of a possible 28.

The results of the Youngleson Shield were as follows:

lows:

East 120,75 Pascoe 65,25

Founders 100, Tatham 64,25

Farfield 77,5 West 64,25

Baines 76,25

The highlight of the year was probably the trip to Durban Westville University, where our gymnasts watched SA compete against Switzerland, Israel, Sweden, Italy and the USA and saw some of the world's top gymnasts in action.

This year we say goodbye to a large number of our senior gymnasts. We will surely miss their support and encouragement towards the juniors.

## HOCKEY

Master-in-Charge: D.M.R. Lewis



Captain: R.D. Hickman

The 1983 season has seen hockey continue to be well supported and played at Michaelhouse. We

have fielded 8 teams on Saturdays, and a variety of Bunnies teams on Mondays. There were sufficient U15 players this year to have a Colts game which provided an unbeaten "A" team, and the senior teams did not lose many matches: our representation in the Natal Schools' teams continued, as did sound attitudes and behaviour on and off the fields. Of course, one plays to win, and grit and determination to do so must be evident throughout a game, but the winning is not the basic purpose of the game. In the world of professionalism and specialisation perhaps this is now an outdated view, but more's the pity. When sportsmanship goes out of sport, there's not much left. A tribute to the quality of Michaelhouse hockey over the years came over the SABC TV one Saturday when it was observed that on the particular field of play were 5 Michaelhouse "College" old-boys - two Stewarts, a Tatham, a Wallace and a Bonnet.

We were invited again to the York High School tournament in George, in April, attended by 10 other schools from around the country. Not only was this an invaluable introduction to the season for a brand-new team, but it was also a most enjoyable opportunity to meet new faces, and old ones, and see a bit of the country. Mr Reynolds drove one Combi and Mr Lewis the other; and St Andrews put us up in Grahamstown on the way down, and again for the weekend on the way back, when they also beat us in a full match. Again Mr Wynne umpired, while Messrs Cotton, Skae and Crampton were spectators. Our thanks to St Andrews for their hospitality: and to York High School for inviting us again to their magnificent tournament, and making us feel so welcome.

Next year (1984) we hope to be hosting a similar tournament here at Michaelhouse, over the Easter weekend.

Tours to Michaelhouse this year involved teams from St Albans and Bishops. Exciting matches resulted and pleasant contacts were made. A comment from a member of the Bishops staff much later was to the effect that their hockey team had been very impressed by the warmth of our welcome. When such comments are made, results are not important.

The Nomads Wanderers also made their annual trip to the Natal Midlands to play Michaelhouse, Hilton and the staff side - also a pleasant visit. In their match against us one of their team, commenting afterwards on one of their goals which was kicked in, said, "The lads have just got to learn to take it." Significant is the fact that our lads did just that with hardly a glance of surprise. But why, one might ask,

was the kick not confessed to the umpire in the first place?

Senior Housematches were won this year by West who beat Farfield in the final, while Pascoe beat East in the junior final by the only goal of the match, scored in the last ten seconds. A more exciting match, played in better spirit, will not crop up often.

Michaelhouse hockey loses two stalwart coaches this year, each with his own distinctive style and contribution. Mr Roy Gathorne retires after 30 years involvement with hockey. He has been in charge of hockey here and produced many Natal Schools' players, and very successful teams: he has coached at all levels, recently Bunnies teams as well as the 9th XI: he has umpired, and been a keen supporter and spectator: and, until recently, been centre-forward for the staff team and "struck the ball with enthusiasm". Dull would he be of wit who could pass through RG's coaching without memories of a great sportsman and coach, many laughs, serious moments and home-made expletives - Tut! We are also sad to be losing Mr David Bennie who has coached the 3rd and 4th XI's for a number of years. His enthusiasm was very catching, though some of his umpiring gestures and signals had opposition and spectators often befuddled. But matches under his control were always flowing and hard played. Many thanks to both Mr Gathorne and Mr Bennie for their contribution to Hockey.

A replacement to the hockey staff next year will be Mr Robin Cox, an Old Boy of Bishops, who has been coaching the Peterhouse 1st XI, and been a Zimbabwe Schools' selector and umpire. He will take over the 1st XI here. He should immediately have selection problems, for seven of the 1st XI are returning, seven of the 2nd XI, and all of this year's unbeaten U/15 team. This is encouraging for the next few years of Michaelhouse hockey.

#### THE 1ST XI:

Captain: Roger Hickman  
Selections:

Natal Schools "A": J.R.B. Morgan  
Natal Schools "B": P.G. Morgan  
PMB Schools "B": M.G. Schroeder

Awards:

Honours: J.R.B. Morgan

Colours: P.G. Morgan, R.D. Hickman, M.A. Blades, J.M. Boulton, M.G. Schroeder, R. Yorke-Smith, J.H.

Anderson, J.G.W. Hammond, M.W. Hammond, D.R. Orpen.

Allan Butcher Hockey Stick: R.C. Lange.

Roger Hickman: Captain: Right Back:

From his first match to his last he improved greatly, both as player and captain and tactician. He was very much responsible for a fine team effort and spirit. With a bit more speed off the mark he could play representative hockey next year.

Michael Blades: Goal-keeper:

"Sharp" kept goal with great determination and was an excellent team man. Strangely, the odd conventional corner shot eluded him.

John Boulton: Left Back:

A very sound player with impressive stickwork and a good hit, though guilty of giving away occasional short-corners unnecessarily.

Martin Schroeder: Centre-half:

Had some very good games and showed generally good ball control, but was slow to get back in defence.

Roland Yorke-Smith: Right Half:

A nifty player with plenty of "go" and can play in a number of positions - ball control sometimes let him down.

James Anderson: Left Half:

Found his niche as left half and developed through the year: perhaps a little vulnerable on his left side.

Jeremy Hammond:

Plenty of speed and determination on the right wing, though a little slow to make use of the ball.

James Morgan: Right Inner:

Impressive stick-work and good penetration though sometimes more concerned with defence than at-

tack. Played right half for Natal Schools.

George Morgan: Centre-forward:

Learning fast as a hockey player, developing outstanding stickwork and very fast off the mark. Could go far next year, if his ball control is consistent and he doesn't try to do too much himself.

Michael Hammond: Left Inner:

Did some very impressive things and was penetrative, but not consistent enough.

Dominic Orpen: Left Wing:

In an unconventional way was a very effective player and scored some good goals.

A particular feature of the team's performance was its team-work and spirit. Though it lost more matches than it won, few school matches were lost by more than one goal. For a team that had not one

member of last year's team returning it acquitted it- Hilton Mini-Tournament:  
 self very well and scored some creditable victories,  
 notably the one against Kearsney. Our most formidable opposition came from College, who deservedly twice beat us by two goals. Roger Hickman was a fine motivator and increasingly knowledgeable tactician.  
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 vs College lost 0-2  
 vs Alex lost 1-2  
 1st XI Results: vs Kearsney won 6-3  
 York Tournament: vs Hilton drew 1-1  
 vs Alex won 3-1  
 vs Stithians lost 0-2 vs College lost 0-2  
 vs Pinelands lost 1-3 vs St Albans drew 2-2  
 vs Grey (PE) lost 0-1 vs Hilton lost 2-3  
 vs Queens won 2-1 vs Old Boys lost 1-4  
 vs Rondebosch won 1-0 vs Westville won 4-1  
 vs Selborne drew 1-1 vs Bishops won 3-1  
 vs Plumstead won 3-2 vs Nomads lost 1-3  
 vs Alexander Rd lost 0-2 vs Hilton drew 2-2

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Hockey- 1st XI

Back: R. Yorke-Smith; J.G. W. Hammond; J.M. Anderson; J.M. Boulton; D.R.L. Orpen; M.A. Blades; M. W. Hammond  
 Front: P.G.B. Morgan; R.D. Hickman; Mr D.M. Lewis; J.R.B. Morgan; M.G. N. Schroeder.

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## 2ND XI

Coach: S.B. Earnshaw

The 2nd XI had a good season, losing only two matches - these were the last two matches of the season, one against College and one against Hilton. Until these games, they produced some very fine hockey, product of good build-up and defensive work. Perhaps overconfidence took the edge off their game towards the end; there wasn't the same effort from some players that there had been earlier, and there was no sparkling short-ball game.

The team was captained by Richard Gush, whose experience gained on tour made him a very sound player at back, and gave him an understanding of the game crucial in some matches. Hathorn was a very hardworking wing while, on the other wing, Williams showed a good eye and drive, though not always safe stickwork. Hemus, at left-inner, was a very constructive player and laid on good ball and defended fiercely. Whitehouse at centre was always well-positioned and ran well, but didn't put enough into the net. Butcher, at right-inner, had a good eye but work rate was suspect. The halves, Evennett, Lange (who played some games for the 1st XI) and Smail were a very effective trio: Mark Evans partnered Gush at back and cleared well, though, on a few occasions, committing himself too far up the field led to disaster; Bailes, in goal, has considerable athletic ability and a good eye, but finds himself too often on his back - with some practice and concentration could do well next year.

One of the most exciting features of the team was the number of young players in it, all of whom will be challenging hard for 1st XI places next year: there are good basic skills there, and much enthusiasm, and the composition of next year's 1st XI will be interesting. Congrats to Rory Lange on winning the Allan Butcher hockey stick for the most promising newcomer to 1st game: and for being selected for the PMB U/15A XI.

## 3RD AND 4TH XI's:

Coach: D.G. Bennie

The introduction of the Colts Game this year robbed these teams of some able players, but this did not in any way affect the players' enthusiasm for the game, one of the great characteristics always of 2nd Game. Both teams played well together as teams,

vital if everyone is to enjoy the game. Positional play was not, however, of the best - too often halves and inners failed to link, and greater imagination in passing the ball would have led to more attacking moves. But most matches were won, and very few

lost. Hallier T. and Preboy J. captained the 3rd, while a number led the 4th. Mark Desmidt in goal was very reliable and dedicated: William Firth has a good eye and hits the ball well, sound material for next year. Melouny at inner has always been a reliable and hardworking player, and Kirsten showed some considerable ability on the wing. Lloyd at back was difficult to beat, and Forbes had his chance for promotion but didn't make the most of it.

The depth of talent in our hockey world is considerable, and both teams had some good players who will play sound league hockey for clubs and universities when they leave. All players put a lot into the game, and got much enjoyment and exercise from it. Long may their involvement continue.

5TH AND 6TH XI's:

Coach: P.E. Dennyson

There were many note-worthy incidents during the

1983 season - mainly of a humorous nature: but the impressive feature of the play of both teams was the keenness and determination to enjoy all practices and matches. Many of the group lack basic hockey skills such as the ability to hit and stop cleanly, but all give of their best at all times. Our lack of skills was most evident when playing junior teams from other schools, who ran rings round us with short, quick passes. However, when our "Dad's army" encountered the equivalent teams, for example from Hilton, we were close to impressive. The last game of the season against Hilton showed the 5th XI at its best.

Many characters stand out - Preboy A., Johnston, Roberts P., Henderson and McFie, and the Leishmans for their genuine hockey skills; Bishop J. for his ability to be hit more often than to hit; Kirkpatrick for his determination to hit anything above the ground, and Silburn for his stylish imitation of the windmill - if he missed the ball the first time, he invariably connected on the second revolution.

As a group, we bred goalkeepers as the coalminers of Wales breed fly halves, and we hope teams above appreciate this defensive nursery. We always en-



joyed our hockey and that must be our main aim.

## COLTS GAME

Coach: B.C. Reynolds

The consolidation of the Colts game in 1983 proved to be a most successful innovation, as it acted as a spur to team spirit and helped to create a constructive and balanced situation for team practice and training.

The A team developed into a well co-ordinated side that remained unbeaten throughout the season. Its success was attributed to both a high standard of fitness and a style of play that was both positive and purposeful. The latter was characterised by imaginative and penetrative running in the forwards, sound control midfield and an (almost!) insurmountable defence. Its depth of talent was reflected in the fact that 5 of the side were selected for the PMB U/15 A XI - Sean Barendsen in goal, Andrew Ovendale at back, Charles Teversham at left half, and James Clucas and Greg Ferrans as inside forwards: while Paul Hepker, Neil Evans and Colin Hurlbatt made the B XI. Other players who made up the team were Hanbury, Hall, Peters, Dykes and Hastings - and each of them could as easily have been selected for the PMB sides. Paul Hepker was a very effective captain.

The B team gathered momentum during the term, and ended the season with a highly commendable record too. Captained by Mark Sloan, they combined well and their success reflected their resolution and keenness, much assisted by having Gary Frayne, who was doing his teaching practice at Michaelhouse. He stimulated much interest in the game through his own enthusiasm.

#### Summary of AXI Results:

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
8	7	10	

#### BUNNIES GAME

Goals	Goals
For	Against
24	5

The same problems exist as in the past - that all practices and matches have to take place on a Monday afternoon - that coaching basics, the rules, tactics, fitness training, and promotions and relegations cannot all be done effectively in the 11 Mondays a season. Nevertheless, it is important that we should offer both rugby and hockey to all new boys here to enable them to make a sensible choice, for the right reasons, at the end of the year. Hockey will never enjoy the same prestige, or spectator support as rugby, but there are those whose physical build or ball/bat co-ordination makes them better suited for hockey.

Matches were played against Clifton, Cordwalles,

Estcourt and Carter. The A side were undefeated but the B lost to a good side from Cordwalles. The C, D,

E, and F teams all played too. A number of promising players became evident, in particular Pitman, McCarthy and Dickson from the A side -but, throughout the teams, there were encouraging signs of enthusiasm and ability that will soon blossom with more regular training and practice.

## THANKS

Members of the sporting world who are often taken for granted but without whose efforts and enthusiasm the game would not be the same are the coaches, umpires and groundsmen. Messrs Lewis, Earnshaw, Bennie, Dennyson, Reynolds, Gathorne, Hennessy and Willis have coached and umpired, while Mr Morgan and his staff have provided good fields; the Van den Haaks spend much time organising refreshments for travelling teams, visitors and tourists; and a special word of thanks to Mr Gavin Cullen and Mr Graham Logie, two provincial umpires, who umpire our Hilton/Michaelhouse

matches- D.M.R. Lewis

## RIDING

Master-in-Charge: R.A. Currie

During the first two quarters of 1983 a new riding complex was constructed above the clinic dam. There are now ten stables, feed, tack and grooms' rooms and ten paddocks.

No competitive riding has taken place, but there has been tuition on a regular basis. Congratulations go to Robert Hanbury, who was selected for the Natal Junior Eventing Team.

Special thanks go to Mrs Godbold and Mrs de la Hey for giving the tuition, and to the parents who helped and advised on the reconstruction.

## ROAD RUNNING

Master-in-Charge: S.N. Winckworth

Membership, in terms of licensed runners, has dropped slightly this year to 27. However, there were more unlicensed runners than usual who participated in the "fun" runs. We participated in the following races:

23 January  
30 January  
20 March  
1 May  
8 May  
15 May

19 June

20 August

4 September  
8 October  
23 October  
6 November

Alex Wasps Half-Marathon-Pmb 21km

Ronnie Davel Memorial-Hilton 16 km

Rag-Fun-Run-Pmb 10 km

Coca Cola Half-Marathon-Pmb 21km

Imperial Half-Marathon-Lion Park 21 km

Midmar Mini-Marathon-Midmar 16 km

Natal Witness Family-Fun-Run-  
Albert Falls 14 km

Capital Climb-Pmb 15 km

Queensburg Half-Marathon 21km

Datnis Nite-Race-Pmb 21 km

Midlands 10 000-Umlaas Road 10 km

Alex Wasps 16-Pmb 16 km

There are a number of juniors who have displayed a great deal of keenness. If they can backthis up with a fair amount of training - then their times will im-

prove considerably. Runners who have done well, are Mark McLeod and Grant Pennington. The smooth functioning of race organisation is dependent on food and transport. Thanks go to Karel van den Haak, Mrs Deats and Mrs Roll for their part, and to Benji Ramphal for assisting as a driver at odd times.

## RUGBY

Master-in-Charge: C.H.  
Coaches: C.H. and J.H.P.  
1ST XV

It is imperative that schoolboy rugby players learn that it is better to play well and lose, than win and play badly. Playing well implies the application of skills to the best of the players' abilities, commitment, sportsmanship, never giving up and enjoyment of the game. This applied to the 1st XV this season. The success of this year's team must be sought in the players' dedication and commitment to the game of rugby. This was a team with limited ability and skills, but they never gave up their attempts to improve, not only their skills, but also the pattern of rugby they played; and they did manage to play open and attractive rugby at times. Add to this the high standards of sportsmanship, sometimes under severe pressure on and off the field of play, and the result is a lesson learnt in the philosophy of rugby, illustrated by the sense of achievement and enjoyment experienced by all the members of the team.

In terms of statistics, the team perhaps did not have a good season; but, even so, by far not the worst season Michaelhouse has had. The average wins for the period 1960-1979 was 45 per cent, with 10 worse seasons; including 16 per cent, 19 per cent, 25 per cent and 31 per cent wins. This year it was 44,4 per cent. It was a pleasure to coach this side, and I was proud to be associated with them.

W. Elliott captained the side with enthusiasm and dedication and he, ably supported by B. Earle, was responsible for the very good team spirit and commitment of his team. It was easy for his team mates to follow and respect him, because he himself set the example. I. McIntosh took over the captaincy after Elliott was injured.

Congratulations also to the four Michaelhouse players who were selected for Natal Schools: W. Elliott, who did not play because of his injury; J. de Grand-

pre who scored 30 points in 5 matches; B. Earle (2 matches) and I. McIntosh (1 match).

May I wish all those leaving the best of luck, and express the hope that we will see many of them playing rugby in the future.

Awards:

Honours:

J. de Grandpre; B. Earle; W. Elliott; I. McIntosh.

Colours:

J. Bompas; D. Duffus; G. Henderson; P. Le Sueur; D. Malcolmson; R. Mitchell; M. O'Connell; A. Poole; N. Randeria; B. Turkington; N. Webb.

## RESULTS

Played Won Drawn

18 8 1

vs St. Stithians  
vs Voortrekker  
vs Old Crocks  
vs Kearsney  
vs Estcourt  
vs Old Boys  
vs St Charles  
vs Glenwood  
vs Weston  
vs College  
vs Westville  
vs Hilton  
vs Kingswood  
vs Graeme College  
vs StAlban's  
vs DHS  
vs Alexandra  
vs Hilton

Tourto Grahamstown

The 1st XV travelled to Grahamstown in the July vacation to take part in the first Private Schools' Invitation Festival. The week was very successful, and it is hoped to stage a similar week in Pietermaritzburg, in 1985. The 1st XV results were somewhat flattering (see above) because of a tail off in commitment. The spirit was first-class, and the behaviour very good.

2ND XV

Master-in-Charge; J.H.P

The 1983 season proved an outstanding one, in terms of success, application, style of rugby and enjoyment.

The greatest talent lay in the three-quarters; and, in no game, were they overshadowed by their counterparts. Indeed, games were won convincingly

Points  
Lost For  
9 269  
lost 10-18  
won 8- 7  
lost 38-40  
lost 3-17  
won 10- 0  
lost 10-21  
won 47- 3  
lost 11-19  
won 29-21  
lost 9-21  
won 11- 6  
lost 12-13  
won 9- 4  
drawn 18-18  
won 24-18  
lost 3-22  
won 10- 0  
lost 7-19

Points

Against

267

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every time good ball was consistently provided. The skill level between the 1st and 2nd XV three-quarters showed a marginal difference, supported by the fact that every player, bar one, played several games in the 1st XV. Of course, skill alone does not win the day, and the three-quarter success was also a result of hard endeavour in the practice sessions.

The most talented three-quarters in the world will not win matches without ball; and, when discussing honest endeavour, then it is an undoubted "hats off" to the forward eight. Not blessed with particular size, weight and, in some cases, skill, the forwards are congratulated on their never-say-die attitudes, and their particular aptitude in terms of the loose ball and supportive play.

A good spirit prevailed throughout the season, developed primarily through the efforts of captain, D. Ovendale and pack leader, N. Johnstone; but, every member is commended for his wholehearted approach to the game.

May I wish all players who are leaving, success for the future; and, to those remaining, let us look forward to as good a rugby year in 1984.

Team Awards:

D. Ovendale (Captain); N. Johnstone (V. Captain); S. Armstrong; C. Baber; S. Brand; R. Church; G. Evans; M. Gilson; M. Johnson; G. Koevort; G. Lavender; A. MacLeod; S. Malan; J. Maree; J. Mosse; R. Quinn; D. Trotter; B. Wattam.

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Rugby- 1st XV

Back: D.E. Malcomson; B.J. Turkington; R. V. Mitchell; N.R. Webb; J.G. Bompas; A.J. Poole

Middle: D.F. Duffus; N.M. Randeria; P.E.M. Le Sueur; G.S. Henderson; M.N. O'Connell

Front: J.P. De Grandpre; MrC. Heymans; W.G.R. Elliot; I.M. McIntosh; Mr J.H. Pluke; B.R. Earle.

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## Overall Results:

	Points	Points	
Played	Won	Drew	Lost For Against
12	10	1	1 285 82
vs Weston won 38- 7			
vs Voortrekker won 52- 6			
vs Kearsney won 40- 3			
vs Treverton (1st XV) won 28- 3			
vs Old Boys won 26-16			
vs Glenwood lost 3- 4			
vs College won 19-15			
vs Westville won 14- 9			
vs Hilton won 23- 6			
vs DHS won 14- 0			
vs Alexandra won 15- 0			
vs Hilton drew 13-13			

## 3RD XV

Master-in-Charge: J.M.B.

Coaches: J.M.B. and R.W.A.

This has been a most successful season for the 3rd XV, not only from the point of view of results, but also because of the attractive, attacking rugby the team always tried to play.

The forwards, in particular, were an excellent combination, winning more than their fair share of the ball in all places. Here, special mention is made of the front row combination of Brand, Curlewis and Randeria (sometimes Holland), who provided a very solid foundation. The three-quarters always defended superbly, but lacked real pace and penetration. Wilson, at scrumhalf, was outstanding, and Baker, at centre, has that gift of being able to "straighten the line".

Most of the 3rd XV will be returning next year, and I wish them well in 1st game. They were a pleasure to coach.

Awards:

Nil

Seasons Results:

Points Points

	Played	Won	Drew	Lost For Against
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#### 4TH XV

Master-in-Charge: J.M.B.

Coaches: J.M.B. and R.W.A.

The 4th XV had an extremely successful season on the whole, in spite of some severe set backs suffered

on account of injury and illness, prevalent particularly in the 3rd Quarter. In spite of this, a number of boys represented this side in every game of the season: Inglis A., our vice captain, displayed a good turn of speed at the inside-centre berth; Bouverie K., hooked consistently and was useful in the loose; and Lyne A., the team kicker, proved to be the team's most versatile player - having represented the side in four different positions in the course of the season.

The side was well led by "Bernie" Mitton from No. 8, and credit is given to him, and indeed, to the team as a whole, for the commendable enthusiasm and spirit in which all games were played. The team's success can, to a large extent, be attributed to this factor, which displayed itself in a well-motivated pack providing good ball - particularly loose ball

- to the backs, who ran with great determination and penetration.

Some of the players from this team will return to play rugby in 1984. If they continue to display the flair, enjoyment and enthusiasm that has been evident this year, they will go far.

#### Season's Results

##### Points Points

Played Won Drew Lost For Against

11 8 1 2 257 91

#### 5TH XV

Master-in-Charge: A. W.C.

Coaches: A.W.C. and E. de V.

The 5th XV enjoyed an unbeaten season, but, pleasing though this result was, the enthusiasm and willingness of the players was what made this side par-

ticularly memorable. The side was admirably captained by Jack Winter, assisted in the forwards by Basson. The style of play was characterised by an ability to do the basic rugby skills better than the opponents, and great emphasis was laid on fitness. This fitness enabled Michaelhouse to be first to the point of breakdown, and tries often followed from efficiently performed changes of direction. Flyhalf G.A.G. Hammond, perhaps one of the most improved players in the side, was more often than not on target with conversions and penalties. Methven at fullback played well, until his injury, when Robinson took over and was responsible for some fine counter-attacks. Van Beeck and Pon were penetrative on the wings. It was the forwards, however, who were responsible for winning so much good ball, which gave the three-quarters room to manoeuvre. Well done!

## Regular Team Members:

Methven; Robinson; Pon; O'Connell; Berend; Hurlbatt, Hammond; Winter; Lillie; Griffith; Ellis;

Geerdts; Jackson M.; Selby; Friend; Basson; Everett; Van Beeck.

## Points Points

Played Won Drew Lost For Against

8 7 1 0 167 54

6TH XV

Master-in-Charge: A. W.C.

Coaches: A. W.C. and E. de V.

Although the 6th XV did not lose a match against another 6th team, they did lose narrowly to Treverton 2nd and Alexandra 5th. It has been a good season and the team, which inevitably was disrupted by changes made in higher teams, held together well. Ian Inglis captained the side with aplomb, and was ably assisted by J. Renton, who played flyhalf. Vallet and Harland, at centre, combined well and were often able to create an overlap, which put the wings over in the corner. The loose trio (R. Douglas, R. Glover, D. Jackson) were mobile, and became better at snapping up loose ball and setting up attacks as the season progressed. I. Everett played prop, despite a preference for lock, and Reynard and Russon won plenty of ball in the lineouts. Again, fitness was a key factor, and that was achieved by hard work by all concerned. Well done!

## Team Members:

Jackson D.; Pon; Moore; Vallet; Harland; Renton; Benyon; Douglas; Russon; Renyard; Glover; North; Halsted; Inglis; Brown.

## Points Points

Played Won Drew Lost For Against

11 8 1 2 262 56

7TH & 8TH XV'S

Coach: R.W.H.

Once again, we have had a very enjoyable season,

with a happy band, whose love for, and interest in the game of Rugby, is greater than their expertise. There is no apology, nor need for it, for approaching the sport as a recreation, in which the objects are exercise and companionship; victory and skill coming low down on the list. Mistakes are made and nobody complains, matches are lost and we look forward to the next one, matches are won and we take it in our stride.

The game was considerably smaller than last year and, although we tried to hold our heads up all the time, the lower order teams of the bigger schools, sometimes proved difficult to handle, and our heads were often bowed, if unbloody. A case in point was the match between the 8th XV and Westville 9th, who turned out to be a group of generally good rugby players who should have been in higher teams, but preferred surfing to rugby practice. Having lost 0-70, we felt afterwards that we might have done better against them at surfing. The 8th is commended for its courage and determination during this match.

We are grateful to Hilton 7th XV for providing us with teams to play against on two occasions, when they had to coerce squash-players and others into the side to make up the numbers.

#### Points Points

Played Won Drew Lost For Against

7th XV 10 6 0 4 193 160

8th XV 7 3 0 4 101 187

#### UNDER 15V2A XV

Master-in-Charge: W.E.A.

Coaches: W.E.A. and J.W.M.

The season started very well with 5 good wins, in which 31 tries were scored and not a single point was scored against the team. At this time, the team combined well and produced attractive, open rugby. However, the team then suffered narrow defeats in the last 4 games of the 2nd term, largely due to the inability of the forwards to control possession in the tight phases of play. The absence of a dominant jumper in the lineouts proved a particular weakness, but there was also a tendency at this time for individualism, and lack of cohesion among the players. Certain individuals showed flair, but there was not sufficient support in attacking moves, and insufficient pressure was applied on the opposition.

Injury to some of the players also created disruption in the scrums, and there was a tendency for some members of the team to make excuses for their own inadequacies, instead of learning to apply themselves sufficiently to overcome their weaknesses. I hope that a good lesson for the future was learned, as there are many players in this team who have the potential for a bright future in senior rugby.

Credit is given to the team for the way in which they overcame this temporary lapse, and ended the season on a high note for the last three games. It is interesting to note that the team ended the season with 46 tries, while only 11 tries were scored against them.

Outstanding individual contributions came from Mark Faulkner, prior to his injury, Richard Firth and Dennis Venter among the forwards; with Bruce Witherspoon showing great improvement, and Michael Riley producing some very good performances, interspersed with some rather disappointing ones. Among the three-quarters, Victor Anderson made a valuable contribution with his kicking, and his speed, in scoring many tries. Grant Jacobs shows great promise as a sound defensive and attacking centre, with Michael Short revealing great natural flair, when he controls his nervousness. Richard Pithey was a prolific scorer on the wing.

Many thanks to Mr Miller for his help and support at all times, and to Mike Riley and Mike Short for their leadership on the field.

The following represented the team in 5 games or more:

M. Riley (Capt.); M. Short (V. Capt.); C. Townshend; G. Jacobs; R. Pithey; D. McDonald; V. Anderson; M. Collins; D. Venter; F. Brand; J. Dingley; A. Goodson; B. Witherspoon; R. Firth; W. Hardie played until sidelined by injury.

Paetzold; M. Jeffery; Sacke and Dykins played a few games.

Season's Results:

Points Points

Played Won Lost for  
12 7 5 263

vs Weston won 38- 0

vs Voortrekker won 46- 0

vs Kearsney won 10- 0

vs Estcourt won 22- 0

vs Dundee won 48- 0

vs Glenwood lost 4-15

vs College lost 3-15

vs Westville lost 6-16

vs Hilton lost 9-10

vs DHS won 6- 4

vs Alexandra won 62- 0

vs Hilton lost 9-14

UNDER 151/2B XV

Coar /?: J.W.M.

This side enjoyed a successful season in all respects. At the start of the season, the players tended



to be easily intimidated by sides which were physically larger. This was short-lived and they gained in confidence, and also evolved into a competent side

which played some attractive, running rugby. Proof of this was their victories against three A sides. Their finest match of the season must be surely their game against College. Although the side lost narrowly, it was a true display of great attacking and defensive rugby by both sides. If a lesson were to be learnt from the season, it was that one cannot relax until the final whistle, for on two occasions, we watched victory slip away from under our feet.

Grant Chamberlain and Andrew Saunders did a good job in backing the side, and, it is fair to say, team spirit was admirable. Dereck Harvey is complimented for standing in for Grant on two occasions, strangely enough both were against Hilton, and for securing these two vital victories.

### Points Points

Played Won Drew Lost For Against

12 8 0 4 241 111

Regular members of the team were:

S. Sacke; S. Jack; D. Harvey; I. Guthrie; K. Paetzold; R. Baber; J. Dykins; G. Chamberlain; K. Henderson; K. Lawrence; J. Morphet; A. Saunders; T. Brother-ton; M. Jefferey; D. McDonald; G. McDavid; R. Grantham; T. Hanson-Moore and K. Shiel.

UNDER 15V2C XV

Coaches: A.E.D. and T.G.H.

As the summary of results below indicates, the 1983 season was a particularly successful one, and all the players involved can be justifiably satisfied with their progress and achievements. Their enthusiasm and determination to improve their skills were evident throughout the season, and the brand of rugby they produced in matches was a pleasure to watch. Particularly encouraging was the almost faultless handling of the backs, and the sustained drive of the forwards.

The team fielded for the first three fixtures, against Kearsney, Estcourt and St Charles, was particularly strong, resulting in 142 points scored for and nil against. Inevitably, however, as the season progressed, a considerable number of players were lost through promotion and illness, and the only defeat suffered was against DHS in the latter part of the season when the team, with 9 of the regular players absent, went down 18-0.

Particularly pleasing was the manner in which the team conscientiously applied itself to improving in those areas of the game where weakness became apparent, such as a lack of tactical kicking, and a somewhat suspect defence when under pressure near their own goal line.

It would be difficult to single out individual players in a team where positions were constantly changed and the team spirit was outstanding. However, congratulations to the two captains during the season, Grantham and Swiss, on their unflagging enthusiasm and leadership, and to all team members on their exemplary sportsmanship.

Points Points

Played Won Drew Lost For Against

9 8 0 1 274 38

UNDER 15D XV

Coaches: A.E.D. T.G.H.

Regrettably, only 4 matches were played, because of a shortage of players in the latter part of the season. The strength of the team initially can be gauged

by the results of the first 2 matches of the season,

against Kearsney and Treverton B; in which 84 points were scored for and 6 against. The only defeat was against College where the team, containing many "unknowns", acquitted itself well, going down 28-0.

Once again, all the players involved are congratulated on their keenness and application, both of which are difficult to sustain without the challenge of regular competition.

Points Points

Played Won Drew Lost For Against

4 3 0 1 103 40

UNDER 141/2A XV

Master-in-Charge: G.D.P.

A squad of 19 players commenced the season, by spending three nights at Mr and Mrs G.D.R. Armstrong's beach cottage at Umdloti, and receiving intensive coaching in basic skills for 21 days. This was

followed by a most successful tour to Zululand, where the team was successful in matches against Richards Bay, Empangeni and Eshowe High Schools. We are all greatly indebted to the Armstrong's, our Zululand host schools and Michael-house friends who looked after us so well, and to Mr R.W. Aitchison who accompanied the trip, and contributed invaluable to the foundation laying of an U14?A rugby side. The value of this pre-season exercise, is inestimable; but, during the course of the season, one became aware of just how important it proved to be.

The side did not have in its ranks supposed Prep, school or 1)13! "super heroes", and relied on a disciplined, fifteen-man, planned effort in every game. Of the first 10 matches, all of which resulted in victories, only three were played at home. Kearsney provided the toughest opposition, and it required a try in the final five minutes for us to win 12-8. Glenwood were below strength, and on the receiving end of our first exhibition of controlled, aggressive forward play, which brought about a 42-0 win. This match was followed by successive away games against College, Westville and Hilton and was, without doubt, the peak period of the season. All were extremely tough encounters and relied on tremendous physical commitment, especially during the last quarter, for 12-0, 16-7 and 16-6 wins respectively.

The only defeat of the season was at the hands of

D.H.S. in Durban, on the first Saturday after what was obviously a particularly idle five-week July holiday. Physically we were unfit, mentally blunt and thus soundly beaten, 12-0, by a better side on the day. A good lesson for the players to learn that good rugby has to be brought about, and will not happen by chance. In scoring 9 tries, the team overwhelmed Alexandra 42-0, and then rounded off the season in exciting fashion at home against Hilton. We managed to control possession comprehensively during the first thirty-five minutes of play, and surged into a

20-0 lead. Hilton then staged a magnificent recovery, running in 3 tries, in under ten minutes, to poise the game, at 20-16, for a mighty finish. From a tap penalty, J. Arnott scored his third try, to give us a 24-16 win in a match in which rugby triumphed. A thrilling finish to a thoroughly enjoyable season.

Apart from mentioning that B. Herbert gained in confidence as a leader, one cannot single out players in this side. They all played and developed as a closely-knit unit. They were honest grafters who were prepared to listen and work; and this they must continue to do, as the road ahead is a tough one. It was a most stimulating and rewarding coach-

ing experience, and I thank Mr M.T. Goulding for his knowledgeable advice and considerable assistance.

## Points Points

Played Won Drew Lost For Against

13 12 0 1 286 65

UNDER 141/2B XV

Coaches: M.T.G. and G.D.P.

The season was one of mixed fortunes. Although lacking in speed, we were able to play good rugby at times and always attempted to play in the true spirit of the game; although this was not always made easy by some opposition teams.

The forwards were seldom beaten and, in the second half of the season, were not dominated by opposition packs. The backs learned well, but did not have the speed to use the ball effectively. However, they seem to have absorbed the basics thoroughly and, as their speed increases, they will grow in confidence and effectiveness.

The team was ably led by Andrew Henderson, who played very well at 8th man and prop forward; and others to watch in the future are: J. Stewart, a tireless loose forward; R. Blewett, a hooker who learned his trade well and was excellent in the loose; R. Jackson, a lock who covers like a loose forward; G. Raynor, a tireless lock; S. Earle, a tigerish loose forward; N. Armstrong, a versatile utility back; R. Read, who is developing into a competent flyhalf; and G. Sloan, a strong-running wing who is difficult to stop.

J. Pitman played competently and courageously at scrum-half, and L. Hill and C. Hulett were a pair of centres who improved markedly as the season progressed. J. Thompson was a hard-tackling right wing.

## Points Points

Played Won Drew Lost For Against

11 5 0 6 122 125

UNDER 14V2C AND D XV'S

Master-in-Charge: K.A.J.K.

The results suggest a bleak season; but, fortunately,

that first impression is quite easily dispelled. Both these sides suffered a number of "hammerings" during the course of the season, but always came back willing to play their best. We did learn from our mistakes as the term progressed, and the great satisfaction came from seeing the end-product. Many of these lads came as raw material, never having

played the organised game before, and it was a delight to see the effort they put into practice, and learning skills. In their final matches, they put up impressive performances of forward play, running with support, and having a firm defence. The vital skills of a reliable defence proved to be the most elusive, and the records show this all too clearly. We did not tackle with any sort of commitment, and paid a dear price for this failing. Notable exceptions stood out here, namely Chris Cradock and Simon de Haast, who set fine examples.

The sets of forwards more than held their own on most occasions, and scrummed well, although good ball from the lineouts was rare. Loose play was generally of a high standard, and the sides were well-served by ball-fetchers such as Leslie; Sykes; McDowell; Robbins and Weaver. Playing the ball first in loose situations generally gave us the advantage. Tribute is paid to the front rows, who took on heavier opponents with great credit. Kenton; Sykes; Griffin; Preen; McDougall; De La Harpe and Tonkinson provided an excellent base for the scrums. We saw some good driving from Douglas, Dougherty; Snell and Graham, when they got "fired-up".

In the backs, there was a general lack of pace and size, but not of ideas, and some footballing skill. Mention is made of Burnett; Hooper; Hindle and Dickson, who all showed great promise on attack. McCormack and Mackenzie were effective on the break, and kept us going forward.

All these boys can look forward to playing constructive, creative rugby in the future, and it is hoped they will continue to extract as much enjoyment from their efforts as they did this year.

Results:

CTeam:

Played Won Lost

7 2 5

DTeam:

Played Won Lost

8 1 7

UNDER 141/2E XV

Master-in-Charge: P.G.L.

The season proved to be a strenuous one for the Bunnies E Team, but, all-in-all, the players acquitted themselves well. Playing against more powerful

ear.

Points

For

44

Points

Against

163

Points

For

48

Points

Against

156

68

and often larger opponents, they managed to remember and, at times, put into practice the skills learnt; and, especially against Glenwood, played some lovely, open running rugby - losing 20-16 in the dying seconds of the game.

Courage was required in all matches, and if some tackles were missed, many were made, M.J. Price doing some sterling work in this department!

P.G. Armitage captained the side with much drive and enthusiasm, and he managed to weld his men into a motivated unit.

S.M. Hoepfl, M. Kruger and A.W. Lee did well and improved during the season.

Finally, thanks go to A. Bhoola who helped coach this game with much enthusiasm.

### Points Points

Played Won Drew Lost For Against

6 0 0 6 16 196

UNDER 131/2A XV

Coaches: A.J.R. and R.A.C.

A heavy defeat by Voortrekker, in the opening game, did not augur well for the season ahead; however, the side knitted together very quickly, and lost a further two games only. This was due to a very good team-spirit; an unwillingness to accept defeat until the final whistle - five games were won by last-minute tries, including two in the last four minutes of the Alex match - and the excellent performances at scrumhalf by Gareth Cobbett-Tribe, whose rugged play kept more than his opposite number busy. Grant Curtis-Setchell captained the side intel-

ligently, and showed a number of clever touches; Andrew Walshe was always a threat to the opposition, in any of the three positions in which he played; Grant Pennington was a tireless, skilful hooker; and Aidan Keogh, David Oxley-Oxland and Grant Macquet showed much potential as the season wore on. All the others gave very sound support, including the immovable "Tubby"; and the season was very much enjoyed by the coaches and, hopefully, the boys as well.

Regular Team Members:



A. Walshe; M. Pithey; M. Liddell; A. Enthoven; G. Roberts; G. Curtis-Setchell; G. Cobbett-Tribe; R. Brown; G. Pennington; I. North; D. Oxley-Oxland;

G. Macquet; G. Murray; A. Keogh; O. Figenschou.

Points Points

Played Won Lost For Against

13 10 3 165 124

UNDER 131/2B XV

Coaches: A.J.R. and R.A.C.

There were many newcomers to the game in this group, and it took a while before the team was playing effective rugby. However, by the end of the season, the Team was playing well and had some fine wins, particularly against Hilton and Alexandra. Oliver Bradley is congratulated on his outstanding captaincy.

Season's Results

Points Points

Played Won Drew Lost For Against

14 6 0 8 178 209

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The charge of the heavy brigade M.H.S. vs Hilton '83.

## SAILING

Masters-in-Charge: K.D. Sowden and T.G. Hart  
Commodore: M. Duffy  
V. Commodore: S. Brand

One of the Good Years!

The club's sailors performed well this year, winning interschool regattas each Saturday with almost monotonous regularity in at least two of the classes, Laser and Sailboard, and packing into the front end of the Natal Schools' fleet. Doug Hathorn and Mark Desmidt are congratulated on being selected to represent Natal at the Schools' Inter-provincials in the Cape in December, in the Mirror Class.

Twelve sailors from Natal were invited to the Laser selection trials, five of them being from our club - the same five sailors who were wiped-out so often at the Heavy-weather Nationals in the Free State last year! It just proves what can be achieved if one has the motivation, and is prepared to work at each technique until it is mastered, including the capsize!

Those invited to the trials were M. Duffy, C. McDavid, G. Ramsay, G. Short, A. Whysall.

Pete Viljoen sailed consistently well in the Natal Schools regatta and was invited to the Optimist selection trials.

Mike Duffy was lying second in a highly competitive Laser fleet after five races of the trials, but tacked across into a header on the second heat of the final race and lost his position. Nevertheless, a well-sailed, tactical regatta, which demonstrated his real capabilities.

The Sail-boarding section, led by Stuart Brand and Bruce Earle, has grown this year, and this club arranged the first-ever Natal Schools' Boar/sailing championship, using 30 identical boards supplied by "Wind & Surf". The event was a success, and has now been adopted by the NSSA as an official regatta. This is not before time, boardsailing being the fastest-growing sport World-wide. Our team of Bruce and Stuart came second.

We were also the first school ever to run an Offshore Sailing Course with the Mainstay Academy. Although Chris Bonnet gave us a fairly hard time, we enjoyed it, were surprised at how much there was to

learn, and all achieved the standard required for a deck-hand qualification.

Ours was the only school team in the Natal team-racing championships on Wagondrift in October. These were more fun than we had anticipated, the

racing being very close, and tactics and boat-handling being more important than mere boat-speed. Unfortunately, the old men showed the boys the way around the course.

We are pleased to see new sailors coming into the Mirror and Laser fleets, as this is where the competition is, and we would like to strengthen the Dab-chickfleet in the future.

Midmar is filling, at last, so we will be sailing again next year, though the new-boys will find it difficult to maintain the standard and spirit evidenced by the A-block sailors of this year. At least we can postpone the mudwrestling for a bit longer.

Honours:

M. Duffy, D. Hathorn  
Colours:

M. Desmidt, S. Brand (previous award).

## SHOOTING

Master-in-Charge: K.D. Sowden  
Captain: M. Winter

There was a slow start to the Season, as a result of problems with the butts on the range and, as the Winter nights became longer, it was difficult to arrange effective practices after the extended afternoon sport sessions. Mark Winter and D. Methven were invited to shoot at the Natal Prone Championships, against top adult shottists in SA using their sophisticated target rifles over a 50 m

### School Shooting

Back: N.A. Van Beeck; C.A. Baber; W.P. Hallier  
Front: O.S. Methven; M.D. Winter; Mr K.D. Sowden; R. V. Mitchell.

range. Despite using the standard issue, 22's they shot creditably and valued the experience.

Mark's habit of putting two rounds through the same hole in a target cost us dear at the Midlands Bisley, as the judges did not credit him with both shots. Thus, his score was penalised and the team score suffered badly, missing selection despite several personal-best scores.

We felt this was an unfortunate end to the season. West, as usual, won the inter-house competition, though with a considerably reduced score.

Honours were awarded to M. Winter.

## SQUASH

Master-in-Charge: S.N. Winckworth

Coaches: W.E. Ashmole, J.P. Lowe (summer) and

D.M.R. Lewis (summer)

Captain: I.M. McIntosh

Awards:

Honours:

Ian McIntosh

Colours:

Jack Brotherton; Murray Gilson

Teams:

Roger Hickman; Duncan Garland; Michael Short.

This year has seen a considerable change in squash at Michaelhouse, both in the facilities and in the system. The refurbished courts were due to have been completed by the beginning of the second quarter. They were first used as a venue for the Natal Country Districts Squash Tournament (men and women), while the paint was still wet, and before carpets had been installed and the showers were operating. The completed complex is one of which we can be justly proud. It is named the Warin Bushell Squash Complex, after the Rector in 1929 when the first courts were completed. The courts have been individually named after prominent Old Boys squash players. The match court after Mike Rosholt, the other two glass-backed courts after Ken Pennington and Rex Pennington, and the three back courts Ingledew, Woods and Devonport. The official opening was

held on Friday, 2nd September, the afternoon before Speech Day. There was an exhibition match between Robin and John Devonport, followed by a short opening ceremony, at which Mike Rosholt formally declared the courts open. It is hoped that the completion of this complex will lead to a resurgence of squash at Michaelhouse.

As we were without the use of the Michaelhouse courts for the entire first quarter, we were somewhat hamstrung. Hilton Village kindly made their courts available to us once a week, on a Friday, and so we were able to keep some of the established players going. We were at a distinct disadvantage to start with in our squash matches as a result- but things did improve during the course of the season.

The Natal squash scene has continued to be dominated by Hilton, particularly at the Senior level; nevertheless, we still managed to get our fair share into Natal Schools sides:

Under 19: Ian McIntosh (A Team) Murray Gilson (B Team)

Under 16: Mike Short (A Team)

Under 14: Graeme Dykes (A Team); John Dickson (B Team)

The South African under 14 Interprovincial squash tournament was held here in July this year, and was considered a great success by all who attended. Certainly, many compliments were made about the School, the facilities and the food. At this tournament, Graeme Dykes was rated No. 4 in South Africa in his age-group.

The Inter-House Competitions were won by West (Senior) and Pascoe (Junior), both by fairly comfortable margins. There was much more spectator support than in the past. I am sure that the glass-backed courts made a big difference.

The results of the individual championships were as follows:

Under 19: Ian McIntosh bt Murray Gilson 3/0

Under 16: Mike Short bt Russel Smail 3/0

Under 14: Graeme Dykes bt John Dickson 3/0

For the first time, prizes of sports vouchers, donated by the local farmers, were awarded to the winners in each age group. Thanks are due to regular Tuesday night players.

L to R. Russell Collins; Robin Devonport; Mike Rosholt;  
John Devonport; John Todd  
At the opening of the Warin Bushell Squash Courts.

## Results of Matches

1st vs Kearsney won 4-1, won 5-0

vs Westville won 5-0, lost 1-4

vs Hilton lost 0-5, lost 1-4, (lost 0-5)

vs College won 5-0

vs Dale (KWT) lost 0-4

vs St John's (JHB) won 3-0

2nd vs Hilton lost 0-5 (won 3-2)

U16A vs Kearsney won 5-0, won 5-0

vs Westville won 5-0, lost 2-3

vs Hilton lost 1-4, lost 1-4, (won 3-2)

vs College lost 2-3

vs Dale (KWT) lost 1-3

U16B vs Kearsney won 5-0, won 5-0

vs Hilton lost 2-3, (won 4-1)

U14A vs Kearsney won 3-2, won 4-1

vs Hilton lost 0-5, won 3-2

vs College won 3-2

vs Westville won 4-1

U14B vs Kearsney lost 1-4

vs Hilton won 3-2

Matches in brackets were played during the fourth quarter, using 1984 age grouping.

Squash- 1st Team

Back: D.L. Garland; M. W.B. Gilson; J.R. Brotherton; M.R. Short

Front: I.M. McIntosh; MrS.N. Winckworth; R.D. Hickman.

League Squash:

The school again entered a team in the Pietermaritzburg Men's Second League (old Reserve League) and finally came seventh of the ten sides. It is interesting to note that we beat all sides, except the Hilton College side (which came 4th), during the course of the season. Unfortunately, our number one and

two players (Ian McIntosh and Murray Gilson) were available on average for only half of the matches, basically for study reasons. While one fully accepts their motives (and those of their Housemasters) it does account for the inconsistent results.

Non-Team Squash:

This year, for the first time, any boy in the school (except for new boys) could choose to take squash as his summer or winter sport. This did mean that a few boys chose to play squash instead of rugby or hockey in winter. The better players still tended to play their normal major sports, taking squash as an additional team sport. The new system did release more staff, and now we have Bill Ashmole helping out on a regular basis in summer and winter, and John Lowe and Dave Lewis assisting in Summer. This has helped spread the load considerably, and has meant that the courts are busy till 5 p.m. daily during the week for organised squash. This has effectively put the courts under pressure from players, and now there are 25 players in the school who, by virtue of their ability, may play during second prep.

With the courts being out of use in the first quarter, matches were limited and we ended up playing only one match against Hilton's opts - losing 1-7.

A final word is necessary about the courts. There is a growing tendency for the community to make use of the facilities. Clifton, Nottingham Road, (Thursdays) and the local farmers (Tuesdays) use the courts on a regular basis. Other members of the community use the courts from time to time. However, with the high standard of facilities that we now have, it has become necessary to keep the glass-backed courts locked during the school holidays. This is to prevent misuse of the courts when there is no supervision available. We are more concerned about dress and footwear in particular, than has been the case in the past. It is imperative that we make the courts last for as long as possible, without major renovations again becoming necessary.

## SWIMMING

Master-in-Charge: J.W. Miller

Captain: B. Turkington.

The 1983 season started off with a great deal of time and training put into preparation for the Midmar Mile. Although there was a dogs-leg added to the race, due to the drought, our swimmers did not seem to be affected. On the day of the event, D. Telford came 55th, M. Riley 74th, B. Turkington 94th,



and S. Camerer 98th in the senior event, with J. Pool 12th in the under-14 event.

A number of boys attended the PMB and Districts' Trials, where D. Telford (Individual Medley); M. Riley (Breaststroke and Individual Medley); J. Pool (100 & 200 m Freestyle); S. Camerer (Backstroke) and R. Firth (Butterfly) were all chosen to represent the PMB and Districts team at the Natal Trials. J. Pool was selected to swim in Port Elizabeth as a member of the Natal Schools' Team.

In the Inter-House Competition, Baines won convincingly, for the second consecutive year. The final scores read: Baines 170, Farfield 96, Founders 82, West 79, Tatham 67, Pascoe 60, East 36.

This year's Triangular Gala was held at Michaelhouse and, with many hours of preparation for the gala, and the exceptional team spirit amongst the swimmers, we put up a strong team for the event. Fortunately, this year's diving team was much improved, thanks to Mr Fourie, who spent hours with the divers. The final points were as follows: Michaelhouse 53L Kearsney 49s, Hilton 33.

The Night Gala once again concluded the season. Although Michaelhouse was not as successful as at the Triangular Gala, we all enjoyed the evening.

The following were awarded their colours: D. Telford; J. Pool and R. Firth, as well as re-awards to Riley and Camerer. Many of the other swimmers were awarded their teams. All-in-all, the swimmers displayed sportsmanship and team spirit throughout the season, and helped make the season one worth remembering.

This year, we were fortunate to have Mr Charlie Wiggins from California. He came not only to help in the swimming section, but also to teach his drown-proof method, which proved most interesting.

Many thanks to Mr Miller and Mr Earnshaw for their time and the expertise they had to offer, and all the work they did for the swimmers during the season.

## TENNIS

Master-in-Charge: J.C. d'A. Willis  
Assistant Masters and Coaches: Messrs R.W. Aitchison, A.L. Carter, E.R. de Villiers, C. Heymans and D.B. Miles.

With many more members of Staff made available to help organise and coach the sport, Tennis catered for a far greater number of boys the whole year round.

In the First Quarter, matches were played against Hilton, Estcourt, Weston, College and Alex, while other players made up a series of league competitions.

The Denness Trophy Competition was held during the Second Quarter, with A Section games played at Kershaw Park and B Section fixtures at various school venues. Our regular participation ensured the exposure of many players to other, often superior, opponents and did a lot to extend depth of experience to the talent available. C. Hulett was invited to attend PMB Schools' Trials.

In the Third Quarter, teams played in the Bonnefin Trophy and in the Maritzburg Tennis Association Under 14! Competition, and again valuable experience was gained, with many players participating.

Rain washed out most of the Fourth Quarter matches, and only the Weston and Kearsney games were played. The Individual Junior and Senior Championships, however, were a great success, with eighty and fifty-seven entries respectively. The Junior Championship was won by J. Wilson, who beat C. Hulett 6-3 and 7-5, while M. Gilson beat J. Thompson 5-7, 6-3, 6-3 to clinch the Senior title: our congratulations go to both. The Inter-House

Denness Trophy Tennis

Back: J.M. Anderson; W.P. Hallier

Front: A.J. Thompson; MrJ. Willis; S.R. Hulett.

Senior and Junior Tennis Finalists  
L to R. J. Thompson; M. Gilson (winner)  
C. Hulett; J. Wilson (winner).

Championships attracted an enthusiastic entry, and a strong West team beat East, Pascoe and finally Baines to take the winner's place.

We gratefully thank all those who put so much unstinting effort into this year's tennis. A great deal has been achieved through the coaching of the top players, and, with more boys able to participate, we have been able to lay the foundation for greater competition with other schools. May 1984 be even more successful.

## VENTURE CLUB

Master-in-Charge: D.G. Bennie

"When we reach the mountain summits, we leave behind us all the things that weigh heavily on our body and our spirit. We leave behind all sense of weakness and depression; we feel a new freedom, a great exhilaration, an exaltation of the body no less than of the spirit."

Jan Christiaan Smuts

This has been yet another very successful year for the Club, with over forty outings organised, and with more than a third of the boys involving themselves in the activities offered - a very pleasing development.

The majority of hikes undertaken have been in the Drakensberg: Cleft Peak, Ndedema Gorge, Ndumeni Dome, Cathedral Peak, Injasuti Valley, Mont-aux-Sources, Giant's Castle, Upper Injasuti, Champagne Castle, Rhino, Outer Horn and Popple Peak. A new route was opened when a trip was undertaken across the escarpment from Organ Pipes Pass to Tlanyaku Pass - a trip that will not easily be forgotten, for various reasons, by those in the party! A proposed three-day trip into Lesotho to climb Thabana Ntlenyana (3 482 m), the highest peak in Africa south of Mount Kilimanjaro, had to be abandoned owing to the unstable political conditions in that country. The non-availability of visas put an end to a proposed trip to Kenya during the mid-year holidays. Several day trips to Nhlazane were undertaken, with boys hauling themselves up hill and down dale to complete the traditional slog.

As a result of the great interest shown in the Club's

activities this year, a large number of boys were awarded their Venture Club Ties: Matthew

Meagher, Sean Carte, Andrew Kidd, John Gillatt, Philip Roberts, David Trotter, Stephen Carter, Mark Wynne, Guy Henderson, Alex Burn, Kurt Paetzold, Michael Brooks, Simon Carter, Stephen Kirkpatrick, John Giddy and David Littlejohn. In addition, rewards were made to Matthew Cockram and Chris Melouney, and to two members of staff, Tony Carter and David Bennie.

In the Fourth Quarter, the Caterer, Karel van den Haak, gave a demonstration on how to make one's rations taste delicious. This was followed up by a cooking competition, in which boys had to produce an evening meal, consisting of a main course and dessert, using just the normal rations provided for a trip to the Drakensberg. And a very successful venture it proved to be, with the entrants providing the judges, Liesje Carter and Frikkie Human, with a seemingly endless supply of well-cooked and imag-

inactive meals to taste. The winners were: 1st

- James McDonald, 2nd - Andrew Kidd and 3rd

- David Littlejohn. It is hoped that this will become an annual event, as it proved a worthwhile exercise in showing that rations can be made tasty, if a little time and effort are spent on their preparation.

Rock climbing has become very popular, with more and more boys submitting themselves to "the struggle and a victory within". It has served as a means whereby boys, through being confronted with their own fears and inadequacies, learn to suffer and endure, thereby building up their self-confidence. Climbs are undertaken at Sarsden, a short distance from the School. On Speech Day, in addition to the display illustrating the rations and equipment issued to a boy for a trip into the Drakensberg, a very effective abseiling demonstration was held down the Main Tower. It is hoped that it served to quell fears in the hearts of parents that rock climbing

is a dangerous exercise, indulged in only by the insane. In addition, the films "Solo Climber" and "Die Jackson-roete" were shown during the course of the year to create further interest in the sport.

Another successful Venture Club Dinner was held at the end of the year, attended by all those in the Michaelhouse community who have been awarded their Ties, or have, over the past year, assisted the Club in any way. During the course of the evening, Roy Gathorne recounted some of his experiences during the early days of the Venture Club. The Club extends to him its gratitude for time devoted to its service over the many years in which he never ceased to show an interest in its activities.

During the course of the year, a regulation was brought into effect, whereby boys may miss sports matches in order to go on Club outings, thus allowing sportsmen, who would otherwise not have the

"Pinnacles of Silence"-A. Rissik.

opportunity of doing so, to participate in the activities of the Club. Unfortunately, the system has not thus far worked successfully, with sports coaches being reluctant to release boys from matches, and with boys, under peer-group pressure, not being keen to give up organised sport. It is hoped that, with time, everyone will come to accept the ruling.

The Club extends its thanks to those members of staff who have given of their time to serve its interests: Tony and Liesje Carter, B.R. and Angie Naidu, Kevin King, Eric Suddaby, the Rector, Julian Willis, Blaise Reynolds and Roy Currie. Thanks also to Dramrod for maintaining our Mini-bus, and to Anne Byrson and Sandy Roll for organising the transport for each trip.

## WATER POLO

Master-in-Charge: S. Earnshaw  
Captain: D. Telford

Another short season was experienced this year, with the weather being particularly unkind in terms

of temperature and storms in the afternoons.

The school is now seriously looking at heating the pool, which will lengthen and make more effective the practice-time we have available. This season, the School Captain was David Telford who led and organised the team in a most pleasant fashion. This, in turn, led to an enjoyable season with the First and U15 teams. The First Team beat Weston, drew with Alexandra and lost to Hilton and College. The team improved greatly during the term, and were finally playing fast and continuous swimming water polo, as opposed to the more static game.

D. Telford, M. Riley, S. Camerer and R. Firth all represented Pietermaritzburg Districts in the Natal final trials, and congratulations to M. Riley, who was chosen to represent the Natal C Team in the National Championships.

The U15 team was weakened considerably, as their three strongest members were swimming in the First team. Although this was disappointing for the U15, it will give the school a strong and experienced team in the future.

## Literary

### SENSATIONS OF MY MIND

I flick my fly delicately and carefully over my right shoulder. My carbon-graphite wand slices through the crisp wetness of the morning air as it propels my line out over the oily, placid surface, unawakened as yet. The line hovers in anticipation above the water and then slowly drifts to the sleeping surface. The line hardly disturbs the looking-glass but the fly, with its petite plop, causes ever-widening wavelets to distort the image of the farther bank. Strike! A myriad of glistening droplets explode into the quiet tranquillity as the fish struggles with the fly. . .

"Stop dreaming! Get off cloud-nine! I asked you a question!" The harsh, nasal voice of my teacher jets me abruptly out of my dream world into cold reality. I am at school and must control the sensations of my mind.

Sigmund Freud, the father of modern day psychology, said in a lecture given to the University of Vienna: "Dreams arise out of two conflicting tendencies, the first of which is to protect sleep and the other to gratify some mental hunger or need".

We are able to deduce, therefore, that my dreams are an attempt to gratify either imperative physical needs, such as hunger, thirst or sexual desire, or childhood ideals. They may also be caused in an attempt to rid myself of neurotic fears or inhibitions.

The most prevalent sensation of my mind at present I have called, "Bloodbath Supreme", my hate dream. In this dream, I imagine my most hated enemy, stripped, and reduced to a blubbery wreck, as he cringes behind the effigy in the centre of our school fountain, knee-deep in water. Four matrices, each armed with a whip, stand at each corner of the fountain and their flailing whips scourge the living flesh from his back, raising huge red welts on his puffy, white skin.

I believe that all suffer as depraved fantasies as my own insanities. Others, however, do not allow their minds to dwell on these things by day. They merely surrender themselves to their influence by night. I, however, am continually plagued by these mystical visions.

I am at heart a dreamer. I was not born to struggle over geometry theorems or tussle with Latin conj-

gations. I was born to allow my delighted spirit to skip, unhindered through my dreamworld, to let my adventurous mind be teased by fantasies.

Where others have to experience events by actually doing them, I am able to climb Everest, surf Hawaii and explore the Aztec caves vicariously - and I save on the travel expense! My father has always told me that experience is that which enables one to make new mistakes instead of old ones. I regard myself as being semi-experienced through the experiences I have undergone in my dreams and am, therefore, able to avoid some of the old mistakes.

Daydreams are, however, our most productive dreams. Here, we are aware of how sensitive our minds are to the delicate stimuli of imagination and the desire of everyday wishes, and are able to recall the main theme of our thoughts. To invent something, one must originally have dreamed of it. In order to plan a good manoeuvre, one must have originally dreamed of the possibilities of its success or failure. Therefore, all inventors have been dreamers. I, therefore, class myself in this immortal category and say to myself: "I am proud to be a dreamer!"

Mark McLeod- "A" Block

## I COULDN'T CARE LESS

Somewhere among the undulating youthful hills of England, a good many years ago, there lay nestled an obscure village which boasted (like most obscure villages of England) a rustic cricket-pitch, a church and an admirable parsonage, besides the tavern and a few cottages.

It was in this parsonage that Mrs Bolton awoke and, looking out on the bright vapour of the morning, had decided that the day should be honoured with her new golden-brown jumper-suit, a recent triumphant find from her last journey to London. Mrs Bolton, who had hitherto been impeccably assiduous in all aspects of her life, had grown to feel, since her late husband had fallen ill, a sense of rebellion, whose unquenchable thirst had at times, I hesitate to add, really frightened her. Life was worth living, she thought as she dressed herself. Since her husband's death, she had begun, in small ways, to care less about others and to enjoy life herself. Although she



would, no doubt, have infinitely preferred an intimate tete-a-tete, the persiflage and innocent banter of the book-club she had joined fulfilled a romantic aspect of her life that, until now, had been devoid of substance.

Then there was the usual ritual of make-up, something she detested but had hitherto accepted as routine necessity. It was then that she first startled herself by blurting out, "I couldn't care less", and positively hurling the eye-shadow back into its drawer, burying it under a pile of pathetic and somewhat anaemic cosmetics.

She was free, at last - free, free, free and she could do as she wished. She didn't care what the world thought; she would enjoy life. No, she told herself, I couldn't care less. It was true.

She felt crazy that morning, wild, frenzied, free. The final sale had been concluded, and she would soon be able to go away and forget this place. With renewed vigour, she entered the dining-room and attacked her poached egg and mince with quiet determination. Across the room stood the large stained-glass window at whose subject she had stared for over thirty years. It was sombre. She recalled the late Reverend preaching and how she had thought she'd fallen in love with him. It was regarded as a safe, stable sort of marriage, but the realisation of what a confounded disaster it had been, had begun to dawn on her awakening mind. His arrogant eyes, his supercilious manner, seemed to haunt her as she thought along these lines. There was no love, no real love; there was affection. She no longer cared for him, in fact she couldn't care less for him either.

The maid, who stood over her as she ate, had noticed the change that had been taking place within her mistress, and was growing quite concerned. Mrs Bolton, it should be known, was by no means young. Her sockets provided commodious cellars for her tiny eyes, which constantly darted here and there and, above her eyes, finely plucked eyebrows underlined a regrettably large forehead. She was not beautiful; it was of no account - who cares anyway when you're as old as I am, she told herself.

It is indeed, a wonderful thing not to care, to cast trouble aside for a time and to enjoy life, as our heroine Mrs Bolton was discovering for herself. A light, uplifting sensation invades one's soul, challenges existence, laughs at life itself and cries unre-

lently for expression. As a composer put it:

"For a spell or two, no-one seems forlorn".

So many people push through life, continually scrumming through an anarchy of worry and de-

spair, and yet it seems that everyone must have his or her hour of madness; just one experience - a release.

Mrs Bolton swung round to face the maid. "I will drive today", she announced, somewhat defiantly, facing her as if attempting to gauge a reaction. Clearly stunned, the maid tried (albeit vainly) to utter something to the effect that she had never driven before, and that the car had been unused for over a year now. "I couldn't care", replied the amazing Mrs Bolton, "in fact, I couldn't care less. I will drive today." It must be confessed, that the emphasis of speech had the interesting effect of frightening its speaker. Mrs Bolton got up, carefully replaced the chair, and prepared to take on the world, in this, her day-of-not-caring.

Andrew Macleod- "A" Block

## THE WINDOW

### RHYTHM

A pace, a beat, a march, each has a continuity, a flowing elasticity which is characteristic of RHYTHM. In a world of imperfection and ungodliness certain elements are able to retain their perfection and, although a binding strap contains them, they remain individualistic. However, these creations can only be appreciated through a tiny window, which places restrictions on reaching into this world of technology and art.

Each limb of their mechanisation is created with care, right down to the pulsing heart of quartz which emits energy as constantly as day follows night. They command such a feeling of awe and utter humility that even superior beings are forced to bend down under their might. Man has been unable to communicate with these mute creations, and can merely behold them through the tiny window.

"In the beginning, God created Adam and Eve." In the 21st Century, man created God. The new concepts exposed to man by science are infinite. And yet, he can only speculate and delve into the theory of creating new life, although how long will God be

able to beat off the onslaught commandeered by man against His very existence. The human race is merging on the brink of everlasting Glory and Hope, and yet it is nearing its own destruction by the second. People are destroying their inbuilt RHYTHM and replacing it with a false duplicate. This, eventually, will be detrimental to their well-being safety, as is so obvious to the mutes which (one day or night or dight) will determine the path time will travel.

In the event of nuclear war, these beings will energise themselves in preparation of a giant step. Thus, they will synchronise their very souls and spirits and await the total, inevitable destruction of mankind. Through their windows, they have mercilessly watched the evil deeds of People in the Highest Places. They have witnessed many wrongs perpetrated by society on itself, and can never give an account of the earth's history on a mitigating plea of muteness and the inability to prove what is to be or not to be. Secure in their world of perfect RHYTHM they have no need to fear for themselves, even in the event of nuclear war, as their soul is encased in a myriad of metal workings and impregnable steel. They prey on energy of a nuclear type and are indestructible. On the other side of the window they are immortal.

A watch. What mysteries are captivated inside the makings of a watch? How many millions of things have occurred and slipped by unnoticed by all, except the things which are permanent and have their being through machinery? And yet, they are separated from us by a tiny window.

On the other side of the window the time shifted on to 12.01.

Craig Anderson - "C" Block

REFLECTIONS (of morning)

The Crystalline stream

mirrors in its every facet

that Golden Time

When Pulemor, God in stone

but yet eternal

Rides the fiery ball

upon a darkened sky.

Birds begin a requiem (For one Gone?)  
but St Francis completes his purpose  
which at worst is best.

The sky patterns what we know as life,  
a handful of clouds, or so it seems

obviates the fading stars  
casting a sinister blanket  
that lacks a silver Lining  
The flowers fire, turning East  
towards that burning altar  
from which they renew an inner strength  
photosynthesising beauty, that characterises  
this time of day.

M. Desmidt- "A" Block

## IMAGES OF WAR

To me, war is suffering! The earth, rent and torn by the shells, suffers. Humanity, bent to its insane task of self-destruction, suffers. But most of all, I suffer.

I, Frans Kemmerich, have seen little of war. I came out to the front with all the others, full of dreams of slaying those modern-day dragons which crouch in their trenches on the other side of no-man's-land. But now, my initial fervour has been blown apart. My dreams of saving Germany, my damsel in distress, have been sniped at, machine-gunned and bombed into nothingness. They ceased to exist the day a bullet lacerated my thigh.

For what are dreams? They are impossible wishes, with which we torment ourselves to the very edges of sanity. To my mind, we would be better off without these false, nebulous torturers that raise our spirits so high that, when reality asserts its inevitable hold, the fall is often fatal. I am free of dreams. All I have is reality, pain and mental anguish.

I sometimes- have very strange images of the war and yet, to my mind, they explain better than anything its essence. One of them, perhaps the strangest, is of God somewhere who takes from a shelf a packet of "instant suffering", to which he adds one Kaiser and one Archduke. He slowly stirs it in the gigantic mixing pot of people's greeds, hates and fears, and then pours it down on the slumbering, peaceful earth.

In my delirium, I seize at words and thoughts. One phrase so infuriates me that I struggle weakly and cry out. It is strange, my mind is as clear as crystal

inside my macerated, husklike body. The phrase is "peaceful earth". It taunts me in its total impossibility. There will be no peace, now or ever. The sheep will never lie down with the lion, or the lambs play with the wolf. Why, if a dove with an olive branch in its beak happened to fly across one of the battlefields, it would probably be shot as a carrier-pigeon!

Baumer has come to see me. I see from his expression that I must be dying. It is plain that he pities me. But I know better, for while my suffering is over, his and that of the human race has only just begun.

A. Clarke - "D" Block

## CHILDHOOD -INJUSTICE (I)

"Hate you!"

"And you too!" The two youthful voices floated down the passage. His small face contorted with rage, the small boy ran down the passage, turning

once to shout, as a last defiant volley, "I'll get you for this".

The taste of victory is sweet, a famous bard once said; but it is no fun having a war by yourself, even if you do have the best soldiers, so the small girl soon lost interest and wandered off. She did not give another thought to the last threat. The boy crawled under a large lavender bush, and played with a flat beetle.

Later, the air was filled with an anguished cry. A crime had been committed. A well loved toy, "teddy" by name, had been found decimated at the bottom of the garden. Tears running down her cheeks, the little girl ran to the comfort of her mother's arms. The culprit must be found.

A search by the authorities soon found a guilty looking suspect, skulking under a lavender bush. An inquisition took place, a threat remembered and guilt proved conclusively.

Revenge is a dish best eaten cold, some-one once said, I fail to remember who, but the small boy, face contorted with agony, did not even have that to console him as the rubber slipper rose and fell.

Out at the back, a guilty canine skulked off and a small boy learned the unfairness of life's jagged edges.

N.G. Embleton - "C" Block

## CHILDHOOD INJUSTICE (II)

Blackness, all about me was black. It was warm and close, it protected me, it kept out the red anger and the white fear.

Suddenly my black shell was rudely shattered by the click of a light switch. Like a small animal in a burrow I remained motionless. My hands clutched for, and found, the warm synthetic fur.

"Oh please, Teddy, make him go away", I prayed in my brain, silently. Slowly I then opened one eye. Reality fell back into place. Looming above me was a dark shape, like a large bear. Radiating with the animal smell was the bitter-sweet smell of alcohol.

"Thought you weren't asleep", came a voice from another time, and the vision swayed back and forth as I slowly opened the other eye. I saw him sway

back and catch hold of the furnishings. I sat upright in time to see my bookcase tumble and fall across the room.

He fell forward and grabbed on to the bed, as it swayed dangerously. Furtively I grabbed the small, motionless form, mentally willing it to help me. As

he got up again, oblivious to the shouts coming towards us, the fatal thing happened; a wrong motion, the covers slipped, a form was exposed.

"Wash that?" a voice boomed, as sweat ran down and mingled with the tears. Before I could react from the trance-like fear, a large, red shaking hand grabbed the form from my hands. "You're too old to play with these things", the voice told me.

As my bare feet fled down the corridor to the comfort that was not there, I could hear the ripping of material and the stumbling behind me.

"No, please, please not Teddy, please. . ." the words came tumbling out, choked up and clogged by the tears.

Late the next morning, a broken figure of a man came into my room. Through the layers of pain that surrounded the bloodshot eyes, a still soft voice spoke, though in pain. "I'm sorry about. . . here it broke of in a fit of coughing, "last night, I'll buy you another. . . It trailed off, as he noticed my eyes for the first time. It was too late.

N.G. Embleton - "C"Block



## Societies

### AFRICAN AFFAIRS SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: Mr R. Hennessy

The aim of the African Affairs Society is to promote a better understanding of Africa amongst its members, as well as among the school community as a whole. Bearing this in mind, 1983 has been a successful year for the society.

1983 has been a very important year for South Africa, the year that the new Constitutional Proposals were decided upon. Because of these proposals' crucial relevance to South Africa, they have been discussed time and again at meetings of the African Affairs Society. In order to ensure that the wider community was aware of the issues involved, the society organised a symposium for Wednesday, 5th October, at which the NP (Mr Schutte, MP), the NRP (Mr R. Hardingham, MP), the PFP (Mr McIntosh, MP) and the CP (Mr T. Langley) were all represented. Each speaker was given ten minutes to outline the viewpoint of his party, after which the debate was opened to the floor. Each politician was given the opportunity to answer each question if he chose.

The symposium developed into what was mainly a punching bout between Mr McIntosh and Mr Schutte, during the process of which respective positions of the two parties involved became very much clearer. The society hopes that the symposium enabled those who voted on 2nd November to do so after a more considered appraisal of the issues involved.

During the course of the year, many eminent speakers were invited to address the society. We were privileged to listen to Father Jabulani from Cedara Scholasticate who, accompanied by a group of his students, addressed the society on 19th May. The quiet moderation with which he spoke, can only be a credit to him, and to South Africa's benefit.

Throughout the year, many society members presented papers on such varied topics as "The Contribution of Serote to South African Poetry," and "The War in Chad." During discussion periods afterwards, when tempers sometimes became heated, it was Mr Hennessy who kept the society on course, and provided a moderating influence. The

society wishes to thank both him and his wife for the

kind loan of their sitting-room three times a term, and the continual interest they have taken in the African Affairs Society.

## AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: Mr J.B. Morgan

Chairman: G. Stainbank

Secretary: K. Blacklaw

Treasurer: J. Thompson

This year has been extremely successful and enjoyable. Much interest has been shown in various activities - livestock, which include cattle and pigs, the growing of crops of Japanese radish and green beans. Members of the society trained two African-der tollies to the yoke, receiving many bruises in the process.

Outings to the Cato Ridge Abbatoir, a horse racing stud, the Royal Show, and a practical demonstration of artificial insemination on a dairy herd, proved interesting and educational.

## ANGLERS' SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: Mr J.H. Pluke

Chairman: S.R. Hulett

Secretary: J.W. Griffith

The Anglers' Society is Michaelhouse's youngest society. It was founded this year, by S.R. Hulett, the society's first chairman. The aim of the society is to catch as wide a selection offish as possible. Since its beginning, the society has, so far, concentrated mainly on trout fishing; but, hopefully, in the future we will be able to broaden our scope.

We have had five outings this year. We were not entirely successful, but the outings were thoroughly enjoyable, and we visited some beautiful waters. The biggest fish caught was a 1,6 kg rainbow trout by Mr J.H. Pluke, while R. Edwardes caught the most. The society extends its thanks to the people who made our outings possible.

## A MICHAELHOUSE MISCELLANY

- (A) R.G. 'End of an innings'.
- (B) The Quad.
- (C) On the ball'- M. Short.
- (D) Mixing it'at the fountain.
- (E) 'Spot the Teacher'.
- (F) 'Up, up and away'-R. Mitchell.
- (G) J. H. P. standing up to the spinners!





## ARCHIVES

### ART SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: Mr M.E. Thompson  
Chairman: W. Witherspoon  
Secretary: G. Mundell

This year has seen the consolidation of all archives material in one area. The allocation of the old Christian Fellowship room to the Archives, and a generous grant from the Governors, have made the establishment of a proper Archives possible. The whole area has been air-conditioned, and storage shelving and worktables and chairs purchased.

The long and arduous task of sorting and cataloguing - and throwing away - the numerous piles of papers, photographs and other items has begun. To date, some thousand photographs have been sorted, mounted and identified where possible. A complete set of Chronicles has been made up, and some 500 building plans carefully stored in chronological order. There is, of course, still a great deal to be done, but there are now a number of willing and enthusiastic members who are keen to get the Archives onto a proper footing. We look forward to the day when cataloguing is complete and some really interesting research can be done.

Dr Anson Lloyd and W Witherspoon in the new Archives Room.

Master-in-Charge: Mr P.G. Lavender  
Chairman: M. O'Connell  
Secretary: P.M. Mostert  
Treasurer: C.M. Renton

The Art Society has enjoyed a busy and interesting year. Undoubtedly, the highlight was the extremely interesting visit to the Tatham Art Gallery in April. Members were taken round the collection by the education officer of the gallery.

Later in the year, the A Block went down to Natalia building to see an exhibition of the assignments of the previous year's matriculation art candidates.

At the official society meetings, held on Wednesdays, Mr Lavender invariably managed to acquire a wide selection of interesting and valuable films, covering the lives and works of artists as diverse as Preller and Picasso - and very useful for those of us who are studying these artists for our matriculation exams. We also saw films showing the various as-

pects of printmaking and sculpture. More meetings this year were devoted to practical work - a total of five practical sessions. On these occasions, 25 members busied themselves with activities which ranged from painting in acrylic to cutting woodcuts in gel-atong wood. The year's practical sessions reached a high note this quarter with the arrival of zinc-plate etching on the scene.

As usual, members completed a large number of works for the Speech Day Exhibition, which was evidently enjoyed by all those who saw it.

#### Annual Art Symposium Organised by NED

This year, the symposium was held at St John's Diocesan School in Pietermaritzburg. P.M. Mostert and C.M. Renton presented a slide-illustrated talk entitled: "Distortion in Art - The Scream".

#### 1983 Royal Show Art Awards

##### First Prizes

S. Sacke; P. Mostert.

##### Second Prizes

G. Macquet; R. Hyde; R. Cullinan; D. Telford.

##### Third Prizes

R. Hyde; C. Hyde; D. Fleming (2); C. Baumann.  
Commended

S. Beecroft; N. Borland (2); L. McCormack; G. Raynor; N. Heaton; J.P. Niehaus (2); C.A. Baber; J. Bishop; G. Ramsay; C. Renton; C. Baumann; W. Hallier.

## ART SCHOOL PRESS

Master-in-Charge: Mr B.R. Naidu  
Chairman: M.G.B. Evans  
Secretary: A.R. Burn  
Committee: R.J. MacKenzie

Our aim last year was to become more involved in the printing for the school. We achieved this, and even more so this year. We have printed: Rector's Letter, Rector's Confidential Reports, Gaudy Dinner Menu, Toast-masters' Final Dinner Menu, and numerous other requirements for the school.

We thank The Natal Witness for supplying all the required lettering and paper up to this time. Unfortunately, The Natal Witness has stopped processing the lettering we use. Thus, it is going to cost the school a great deal to keep the Press going. A way to overcome this, is by having people pay for the work done there. People are reluctant to pay; as, in the past, it was "on the house".

There have been a few boys only who have worked extremely well this year. It takes a great deal of time and patience to get the machine into proper working order. Trying to do the job with the neatness and perfection of The Natal Witness is what keeps everyone hard at work.

The Press is made up of a small group of boys, who make time to learn to print and to set up type in the right manner. It takes a lot of work to train a fellow-student. The time needed must be made by the student, so that the number of Printers is increased. At the moment, there is a maximum of five. This is not sufficient for the efficient running of the Press.

We have had to cut down on boys making their own pads, and printing invitations, as this is too costly.

The Art School Press has gone well this year. We thank Mr Naidu for his concentrated efforts and efficient running of the Press.

## BRIDGE CLUB

Master-in-Charge: Mr F.J. Human  
Secretary: A.C. Inglis

The Bridge Club certainly held all the trumps this year! There has been an overwhelming response to the society; and many boys have learned to play the game, which is encouraging.



Generally, this year, boys have played Bridge with members of staff, at the two meetings per term. However, because of the large response, games among the boys have also had to be arranged, and have proved extremely successful.

I extend the society's thanks to all those members of staff who so kindly assisted with the society. We appreciate your help. We also thank Sandy Inglis for the efficient way in which he organised meetings.

## CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS/ ICL MANAGEMENT CONTEST

Master-in-Charge: Mr S.N. Winckworth  
Chairman: C.D. Hemus

Team: J.G.W. Hammond, G.J. Cundill, M.R. Duffy,  
G.W. Ellis, J.G.A. English, P C. Geerdts, A C. Inglis,

A.C. Selby

We can report on a reasonably successful year. In the first round, we were grouped against Hilton, Voortrekker, Gert Maritz and Howick. Although we came second to Hilton, we went through to the second round, to make up numbers for the Natal quarter-finals. In the quarter-finals, we decided to follow the strategy used by Hilton in the first round, and, if we had stuck to that strategy, we would almost certainly have turned out winners of the quarter-finals. As it was, we came second to a very consistent Glenwood team.

This year's team not only learned from the business aspects of the game, e.g. working out profit margins, but also gained considerably from having to work as a team. In the beginning, we were involved in incessant arguments; but, as we went on, we realised just how important it was to listen to one another's point of view, and to compromise one's own view in order to arrive at the best possible decision.

Special mention is made of Mr Winckworth, who once again gave up his valuable time not only to sit in at our meetings, but also to phone the organisers in order to rectify mistakes.

We wish the 1984 team, under Gary Cundill and Guy Ellis, the best of luck, and hope that they do even better, having learnt from our mistakes.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Master-in-Charge: Mr A.W. Cook

During the Lent Quarter of 1983, Mrs Anne Bryson looked after the Christian Fellowship, and her sensitivity and efficiency did much to ensure that the fellowship got off to a good start. In many ways, 1983 has seen some very encouraging signs of growth, not just in numbers, but also in individual commitment to the Lord.

One of the dangers of a Christian Fellowship in a school is an unhealthy tendency to become a clique - a holy huddle - which, in its insularity and introversion, does little to the boys involved themselves and is not a very effective witness to the wider community. One of the ways we have tried to counter this danger has been to become as actively involved in the school Christian activities as possible: members have organised House prayers and voluntary chapel services more imaginatively, and, on a Thursday afternoon, there has recently been a voluntary prayer and praise group meeting in the crypt. Secondly, we have been blessed by the number of outside speakers who have been willing to come to speak to us: their concern and quality have been of an inspiring standard. Some of the Fellowship also participated in a most successful Christian Day, held at Hilton College, in the Michaelmas Quarter. It was organised by Scripture Union in the Private Schools, and had as its theme, "Much is expected from those to whom much has been given." Thirdly, the Christian Fellowship took on the task of organising and promoting to the school the 40 Hour Famine Sponsorship scheme. Last year, some 40 boys were involved; this year 184, and at least nine members of staff participated, collecting nearly R4 000. It was inspiring to see so many people (both fasters and sponsors) harnessing responsibility and compassion to their privilege.

Within, the group meetings have been well attended and fruitful. Once again the emphasis has been on participation, not passive attendance. We have had games evenings in the gym, as well as some really inspiring worship meetings. The Committee have been imaginative and, for the most part, efficient, and those responsible for music at meetings have been willing and enthusiastic.

If there have been signs of growth in 1983, there is still much that has to be done, still signs of great need which the fellowship does little to satisfy. Too many boys still leave Michaelhouse without really having faced the question, "Who do you say that I am?", and, dazzled by the tinselled glitter of materialism, pass by the face of Glory. So much depends on prayer and our obedience to the Spirit's leading.

## CLASSICS SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: Mr D.G. Bennie  
Chairman/Secretary: Ian Guthrie

When the Classics Society was instituted four years ago, its primary concern was to extend its members beyond the confines of the Latin syllabus, through the study of the classical civilisations of Egypt,

Greece and Rome. The success of the society may be measured by the fact that more than two thirds of the Latin Department have participated in its activities over the past year.

A powerful means of conveying the atmosphere and life of the ancient world is through the medium of the motion picture. With this in mind, the following films were shown: Masada, Spartacus, Ben Hur, and, for light relief, Carry on Cleo and Asterix and Cleopatra.

Subsequent to the showing of Masada, members gave talks based on the film: Matthew Cockram on "The History of Masada", Piers Stead on "Roman Siege Methods" and Jonathan Morphet on "The Year of the Four Emperors - Vespasian's Rise to Power". Later in the year, Andrew Henderson and Graeme Raynor gave talks based on their projects, "The Barbarians" and "The Pyramids", respectively.

A very successful talk/slide show was presented by Mr Charles Guerin on: "The Roman Army in Britain".

Two Classical Quizzes were held, the first on an individual basis, won by Matthew Cockram, and the second on a group basis. These events proved popular, giving each member a chance to participate.

Further group participation was encouraged by the holding of: an "Evening of Latin Entertainment", where groups presented short pieces with a classical theme, including talks on Roman mythology, playlets, musical entertainment, poetry recitation, etc. The winner for the evening was judged by Mr Ashmole and Mr Aitchison to be the Founders' House presentation of "Carry on Dongus", a satirical look at life in the ancient Roman version of Michaelhouse and the runner-up the Pascoe House presentation of Latin songs, with original words by Paul Hepker.

A more "serious" note was struck with the reading of the Aristophanes comedy, Thesmophoriazoia, translated into English as The Poet and the Women, a typical example of bawdy Greek comedy that served as a model for later Roman comedy.

Unquestionably, the highlight of the year's activities was the Annual Roman Orgy, this year held on a truly epic scale in the Memorial Hall. A Committee, under the very able and competent chairmanship of Andrew Pennington, was appointed to see to its organisation, and a very good job they did too. The Hall was suitably decked out, with sufficient space set aside for dining and dancing. The menu was based on the recipes of the fourth-century A.D. gourmet, Apicius:

Gustatio (hors-d'oeuvre):

Selection of raw and cooked vegetables with a dressing

Cena(dinner):

Chicken cooked the Parthian way, in a highly flavoured sauce

Glazed carrots in wine, Spicy cabbage and leeks

Secundae Mensae (dessert):

Egg custard

Slaves were on hand to meet the every need of the guests. The evening, held in partnership with girls from schools in Pietermaritzburg, was highly enjoyable, and a fitting end to a very successful year for the Society.

## COMPUTER SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: Mr M. Goulding

Chairman: G. Ellis

Secretary: A. Pennington

Treasurer: R. North

that one does not have to have a full knowledge of a computer to be able to play games, run educational programs, or even write very simple programs.

It was decided that numbers should be restricted, and so the membership was limited to 25.

All members are encouraged to be active, by the introduction of competitions within the society. This enables boys to work towards a goal, which helps to develop their line of thought.

Outings are also arranged. A very interesting trip to McCarthy Sigma's computer installation was organised in conjunction with the Electronics Society. There, the society saw an extremely large installation, a tour of which was conducted by the computer engineers.

A very interesting demonstration of the new Apple 11e computer was given by Mr J. Walter of Computer Store in Pietermaritzburg. The demonstration was given as a result of the school having purchased an Apple 11e, a more powerful version of the standard Apple 11, of which the school already had 4.

It can, therefore, be seen that this society is becoming better equipped to suit the needs of the boys more and more of whom are becoming involved.

The Computer Society has gone from strength to strength over the year. It is becoming increasingly popular among all boys. Most boys are realising

N. B.J., Mr I. Lloyd (OM and British M. P.), M. T. G. and Paul Hepker.

Michaelhouse extraMURAL, (note, not CURRICULAR) activity and more particularly, dress, captured here quite magnificently.

Note the following:-

i. T-shirt that hasn't a hope of ever tucking in.

ii. Due to physical development, the once E or D blocker's T-shirt begins tearing along a seam in the vicinity of the shoulders.

Hi. Creased, faded, once black shorts last washed before the rugby season.

iv. Red socks once again indicating that the role of garters is about as well understood as the effects of the rinderpest.

v. The one let down is that both boots have tied laces.

### DANCING SOCIETY

Mistress-in-Charge: Mrs B. Pluke  
Secretary: M.G. McLeod

This year we had 16 members, drawn from the Vlth Form and School Prefects.

Meetings were held twice a term, with a Dinner-Dance in the fourth quarter. It has been a successful year, and members have learnt to waltz and do the foxtrot confidently, as well as a bit of jive and Latin American dances.

For partners, we had to call on staff wives and daughters. We are very grateful for their help.

### ELECTRONICS SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: Mr T.G. Hart  
Chairman: A.F. Pennington  
Secretary: A. H. Tucker

The past year has seen more emphasis placed on practical electronics. Boys have been encouraged to explore the world of micro-chips and transistors, by constructing simple circuits for themselves. The society has also attempted to encourage boys to learn more about various components and their uses.

A visit was made to Burroughs in Durban, after which we were entertained to a magnificent meal by the Penningtons. The Society Disco unit continues to be used at socials, and we hope to upgrade equipment in the near future. The society mounted a



small display for Speech Day this year, the highlight of it being our Disco.

During the year, it has been heartening to note that a number of members have constructed their own printed circuit boards, using equipment belonging to the society. Some projects tackled this year, include construction of a sound-to-light unit, a switching device and a security system.

The society is composed of many young members at the moment, and talks on various aspects of electronics have been given to our younger members by Mr Hart, A. Pennington and A. Tucker.

In conclusion, we thank Mr Hart for his time given up for the society.

## FILM SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: Mr A.J. Rogers  
Secretary: B. Turkington

The following films were shown this year:

A Bridge Too Far -War

## A Touch of Class

Lawrence of Arabia  
The First Deadly Sin  
Chariots of Fire  
Apocalypse Now

- Sophisticated comedy
- Historical
- Crime drama
- Sport
- War

An innovation this year, has been the formation of a small group - 25 in number - whose function it is to meet in order to discuss films that have been shown, and the techniques involved in film making. This group went to see Gandhi in Pietermaritzburg.

Thanks to Paul Carter, Simon Carter, Graeme Raynor and Ian Everett for their good humour and assistance during the year.

## FORUM

Master-in-Charge: Mr R.A. Curry  
Chairman: L. Curlewis  
Secretary & Treasurer: J. Griffith

Mr Curry took the place of Mr van Straaten as master-in-charge of the society. He showed the society the benefits of married life, by replacing the society biscuits with his wife's cooking.

The debates this year certainly followed the Forum tradition of controversy and member-participation. The talks were mainly of a political nature, with the odd exception, such as "Classical Before Pop".

The society provided an outlet for many divergent views. Members respected one another's views, and this led to many compromises being reached.

Forum Society promises, in the capable hands of its new committee, to continue its reputation for argument.

## GUN CLUB

Master-in-Charge: Mr J.B. Morgan  
Chairman; W.P. Hallier  
Secretary: S.R. Hulett  
Treasurer: M.W.B. Gibson

It has been yet another very successful year for the Gun Club, including various talks, demonstrations, clay-pigeon shooting and two outings.

During the year, we have had a talk given by Mr Colin Vary on "The Training of Gun Dogs," which many of our members found very interesting, and was a lot of help to many who are having problems with their own dogs.

We were also very pleased to have Mr Evan Tsampiras, a South African clay-pigeon shottist, who specialises in Olympic Trench Shooting, to come to talk to us, as well as bringing his guns along to give us a demonstration of great skill and technique. The afternoon was most interesting, and many useful tips and facts about clay-pigeon shooting, internationally, and in and around South Africa, were picked up. A very worthwhile and enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

Ten members of the Club then went on a shoot to the Halliers' and Gibsons' farms in Kokstad, where they all enjoyed themselves and the shooting. Not very much was shot, but the experience and pleasure made it worth while. We are all most grateful to the Halliers and Gibsons for a great weekend.

The last shoot of the season was at the Riddells, in Ladysmith, which was very successful on the whole, with everyone shooting something, giving us enough food for our annual Gun Club dinner at the end of the third quarter. We extend our thanks to Mr and Mrs Riddell for a superb week-end and good shooting.

The annual dinner was held on Sunday, 18th September, and went off very well, with most of our previous hosts on shoots and other speakers attending. We thank Mrs Morgan, Mr Van den Haak and his staff, and all others who helped to make the evening a great success.

We finally thank Mr Morgan for his devotion to the club, and all the hard work and difficulties that he has had to put up with.

## HISTORY SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: Mr R. Gathorne

Secretary: D. Phipson

History Society enables those of us who are interested in the subject to expand our historical knowledge out of the formality and restrictions of the classroom; with a wide range of topics being delivered: "Black Political Recognition Attempts"

(Thompson); "The Cuban Missile Crisis" (Cundill); "General J.B.M. Hertzog and his Contribution to the Rise of Afrikaner Nationalism" (O'Connor); "The Battle of Kursk" (Hickman); "The Foreign Policy of

B.J. Vorster" (Tucker A.); "Moshe Dayan" (Malcomson); "The 1829 Settlers" (Benyon); "The Battle for the Atlantic" (DeSmidt M.).

A great deal was also learned during the discussions which followed the talks, which took place over re-

freshments organised by L. Curlewis, to whom we express our thanks.

We were also privileged to have Major D. Hall who, assisted by Mr Fox, spoke to us on "The Soviet Navy as Compared to Western Navies"; which was very interesting, as it is a topical subject about which we knew little.

The only dampening thought towards the end of the society year has been the impending retirement of Mr Gathorne, who has run the society since 1960, and who has contributed largely to the atmosphere of friendliness and co-operation which has prevailed throughout the year; however, we have the good fortune of passing into the hands of Mr D. Lewis under whose control, I am sure, the society will continue to run as efficiently as ever.

## HOER TAAL VERENIGING

Voorsitter: Mnr A.E.G. Duff  
Sekretaris: L. Curlewis

By Michaelhouse kry 'n mens nie baie geleentheid buite die klaskamer om Afrikaans te kan praat en te kan hoor nie, maar lidmaatskap van Hoer Taal bied so 'n geleentheid aan.

Elke lid moes gedurende die jaar 'n toespraak voorberei en dit by 'n vergadering lewer. Die doel van die toesprake is om lede aan Afrikaans as 'n gesproke taal bloot te stel. Na 'n toespraak is daar algemene bespreking oor die onderwerp. Die bespreking is baie belangrik en ook baie genotvol. Al was baie van die toesprake nie in diepte voorberei nie, was hulle baie interessant. Elke tweede vergadering het ons na TV-nuus gekyk en daarna is van die nuusberigte bespreek.

Vanjaar se lede het almal groot voordeel uit die vereniging getrek. Die geleentheid om Afrikaans buite die klaskamer te praat, help 'n leerling baie in sy skriftelike werk. Die koffie en beskuitjies was 'n belangrike deel van ons vergaderings! Dit is te danke aan mnr Duff se gasvryheid en sy belangstelling dat die jaar so goed was.

## JUNIOR DEBATING

Master-in-Charge: Mr R. Aitchison

The 1983 society year has been a period of change for this society. Mr Cook resigned as Master-in-

charge of the Junior Debating Society, after the first term of the year, having served a number of years in this position, years of leadership and guidance for

which the members are truly grateful. Mr Aitchison, who had recently joined the staff, then courageously and not, we hope in retrospect, with regret, took over this large and often difficult society in this capacity, stressing a balance between formality and fun. We wish him many enjoyable and trouble-free years with the society.

We have held a number of debates during the year, experimenting with different formats, such as the Greek and Parachute Debates; and, of course, external debates with both St John's and St Anne's, an interesting statistic being the society growth rate before these external debates. Our numbers by the end of the year had, in fact, reached 110. As always, it was left to a group of more senior members to lead the way, by whose example newer members have gained in confidence and skill.

Thank you to Mr Van den Haak for teas and the use of the Junior Hall, and good luck to next year's committee: A. Henderson, M. Olivier and C. Whittaker. May 1984 be a successful year for the society.

## LAER TAAL

Personeel in bevel: Mnr C. Heymans  
Voorsitter: S.A.R. Camerer  
Sekretaris: A. Ovendale  
Tesourier: M. Short

Die vereniging poog om die geleentheid te skep om Afrikaans as gesproke taal aan lede bloot te stel en om die taal mondeling te oefen. Vanjaar was nogal 'n suksesvolle en vrugbare jaar. Die komitee het in die derde kwartaal 1982 oorgeneem en het dadelik aan die werk gespring om te verseker dat 1983 'n opwindende, opvoedkundige en genotvolle jaar sou wees. Ons het tweekeer elke kwartaal ontmoet. Onder andere het verskeie lede toesprake gelewer

- interessant en grotendeels goed voorberei. Daarna het ons toneelstukke voorgelees en opgevoer - veral die damesrolle was snaaks en ons het heerlik vir hulle gelag! Ons het ook verskeie rolprente en videos vertoon - Misdaad, Quincy en Skooldae was baie gewild en die meeste lede het hulle woordeskat gevolglik uitgebrei. Ons het die jaar met 'n braaivleisafgesluit. Hiermeedank ook ons innige dank aan mnr Van den Haak wat dit gereel het en ons van vleis, slaai, broodjies en koeldrank

voorsien het.

Ons vertrou dat die nuwe lede vir 1984 ook heelwat voordeel uit die vereniging se aktiwiteite sal trek en ons wens die nuwe komitee alle voorspoed toe.

## LITERARY SOCIETY

Mistress-in-Charge: Mrs D M. Lewis  
Chairman: D.D. Fleming  
Secretary: B. Lloyd  
Treasurer: R.W. Gush

Since its recent inception in 1982, this society has flourished and progressed. The aim of the society has been to create an outlet for the frustrations of the pupil who feels restricted in the class situation. This aim was more than met by the high standard of English, and the creative ideas produced by the members - all of whom contributed equally to the successes of this year's literary evenings.

Our special thanks go to Mrs Lewis, who has not only given up her time to ensure that our Literary sessions be exciting and enjoyable, but who has also shown an interest and enthusiasm which has helped the society to go from strength to strength. On Mrs Lewis's suggestion, an evening of creative writing was held. Members were required to respond in writing to audio-visual stimuli. It was an excellent idea, and the results were amazing. Without inspirations such as these, the Literary Society may never have grown to what it is, and the members would most certainly not have benefited as they have. Our thanks go again to the Lewises for giving up their home as a venue for our evenings.

It only remains to wish the new committee, under Mr Willis, as much fun and success as we have enjoyed.

## MOTOR CLUB

Master-in-Charge: Mr K.D. Sowden  
Chairman: D. Duffus  
Secretary: A. Lyne  
Treasurer: C. Hyde

The club has continued to attempt to provide a wide variety of topics to appeal to the varied interests of its members.

Charles Hyde arranged two of the highlights of the year, a visit to the Toyota Assembly Plant, and the visit of Geoff Mortimer to Michaelhouse, to give us the inside story of the staggering success of the Audi Quattro on the world motor rally scene.

The National motor-cross championships and vintage car rallies were well supported, and members



have had an opportunity to hear and question speakers on aspects of motoring and maintenance, on the tuning of engines and suspension systems.

The completion of the workshop has been postponed, though part of it will become available early next year, and a programme for its effective use has been drawn up.

## MUSIC SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: Mr D. Tasker  
Chairman: P.N. Hepker  
Secretary: A.F. Pennington  
Treasurer: R. Lange

This society lay dormant, with the departure of Mr Skae at the mid-year of 1982. When Mr Tasker arrived, at the beginning of the second term of 1983, the society was resurrected.

In the second term, the production of the rock opera, Jesus Christ Superstar, somewhat marred the running of the society; as most of the members, and the whole committee, were involved. It was, however, possible to hold a small internal concert in which the Rector was amongst the performers.

With the completion of Jesus Christ Superstar, the Choral Society was also resurrected as a subsidiary society to the Music Society, with the same committee and most of the choir joining. The object of the Choral Society is to promote singing, and singing-appreciation among boys. In the third term, the society listened to a recording of The King's Singers, which was enjoyed by all.

At the end of the third term, a concert was held in which boys from the Music Society participated, as well as Mr Tasker, Mr Human, Mr Van den Haak and Mrs Jardine. A lot of preparation was put into the concert, which was held on the last night of term.

It can, therefore, be seen that the Music Society has got off to a "swinging" start under the guidance and leadership of Mr Tasker, with his wife having supplied some extremely tasty cookies for tea after meetings.

## NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Masters-in-Charge: Mr K. King and Mr B. Reynolds  
Chairman: G. Henderson  
Secretary: J. Morgan  
Treasurer: S. Carter

Committee: D. Orpen, M. Winter and I. Guthrie

1983 has seen a marked improvement in the participation amongst the boys themselves. This can be

attributed largely to the enormous enthusiasm and effort which Mr King and Mr Reynolds have put into the society, and the way in which the members have responded.

The main event of the year was the trip to Botswana, in the Easter holidays, taken by Mr Curry and Mr King. We had our annual bike-ride to Mont-aux-Sources, where the society again raised over R3 000 - a fine effort. Over the past three years, the society has raised over R8 500 for the Endangered Wildlife Trust. As a token of their appreciation, Mr Clive Walker came to Michaelhouse and presented the society with his Twilight of the Giants, and, at the same time, making Michaelhouse an honorary member of the Trust.

Meetings were informative and entertaining, covering a broad range of topics: from "Optical Illusions" to "World Conservation Strategy," the latter being given by Professor Hanks from the University of Natal. At several meetings, boys gave short talks and illustrated talks on trips they had done during the holidays. Weekend outings this year included mainly outings to the North and South Coasts.

This year ended off with a good Speech Day, with displays featuring the bike ride, a fish tank, the Botswana trip, whales and SWA. Added to this, there was a competition involving guessing the weight of an elephant tusk. Last but not least, a few hard-working boys were awarded their Natural History ties.

## PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: Mr T. Hart  
Chairman: J. Preboy  
Secretary: A. Young

In its second year, under Mr Hart, the Philatelic Society has flourished; and we are hoping to do even better in the new year. There were two meetings a term, when we met at Mr Hart's house. Most of the meetings ended in swapping stamps, and drinking coffee kindly provided by Mrs Hart.

In the third term, Mr J.F. Pool gave a talk on various aspects of philately, and presented the society with several interesting articles on stamps. The talk was both inspiring and relevant.

Stamps, as a potential investment, are becoming more and more popular. Stanley Gibbons predicts that the value of just about all stamps never falls, but

continues to rise with age.

## PHILONEIKIA SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: Mr J. Pluke

Chairman: M. Kidd

Secretary: M. Blades

Treasurer: J. Roberts

We welcomed Mr J. Pluke as our new master-in-charge at the beginning of the year. We hope that he will have a long and prosperous stay with the society.

The society functions as a medium for its members to examine closely any topic which is of interest to them. At every meeting, two members introduce a topic, which is used as a basis for discussion. Topics range from, "Future Shock" to "The Eichman Trial". Because the society is limited to 12 members only, it gives everyone a chance to express his views.

The members are due to have their annual braai and, on their behalf, I thank Mrs Pluke for her outstanding contribution to our appetites. I am sure next year will prove just as successful.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: Mr A.L. Carter

Chairman: P.M. Mostert

Secretary/Treasurer: I.R. Everett

During the past year, a greater emphasis was placed on membership participation in the darkroom, which is of paramount importance with regard to improving one's photographs and, by the inspiration which they have displayed in doing so, it is evident that the society should grow from strength to strength. Although a minority has been repelled somewhat by the cost of the operation, the majority has been "bitten by the bug".

Some very pleasing results have been seen from our members in the quarterly competitions, especially from P. Mostert, who received the Photographic Prize. The photographs from the various competitions have been on display in the Theatre foyer during the course of the year. Equipment has also been bought by the society for the production of colour pictures from slides. We hope this venture will prove to be a success.

Finally, the society thanks Mr Carter for all the time and effort he has expended on its behalf. The basis

of the society's success can be attributed to him, and to his concern for fellow photographers.

## SCIENCE SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: Mr A. Carter

This society has been reconstructed with an emphasis on getting the members to participate actively. Membership has been restricted to those who:

(a) will regard the Science Society as their "main" society.

(b) will be involved with planned and structured investigative project work.

(c) will devote some free time each week to laboratory project work.

We now have a membership of 21 boys, of whom ten have managed to do some lab work as outlined above. Clearly, the ideals of membership are NOT going to be met easily, and it is still frustrating to see how difficult it is for boys to do project work.

The meetings this quarter have been a resounding success. On both occasions, members have delivered ten-minute speeches on topics of their own choosing. The meetings have been open to all boys,

and have attracted appreciative audiences. Some of the addresses have been most impressive, especially from younger members, and this is very encouraging.

We plan to have a visiting speaker and a factory visit during the first term of 1984.

## SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: Mr J. Willis

1983 has been a year filled with fiery confrontations between virulent and vehement speakers, a year scattered with several debacles, but a year most memorable for the enjoyment it brought to society members. A pleasing aspect of 1983 was the participation in society affairs by the majority of members. Even those who find speech-making terrifying, persevered, and gained in determination, if not in speaking prowess.

One of the first internal debates our society held in 1983 was on the motion: The New Verligte Approach of the Nationalist Government will make

Mist in the Hills"

Apartheid work for South Africa." This debate set a tone for the year, in which several excellent speeches were produced, even if they were often read. The floor decisively indicated its disapproval of the motion, although declaring the proposing team to be the best speakers. Other internal debates on the following motions occurred throughout the year:

"Recent Cricket-Tours to South Africa by Third World Countries Demonstrated how Lust for Money can Destroy Even the Most Well-Grounded of Principles" (motion carried and Proposition declared the better speakers); "Popular Music Merely Demonstrates the Degeneration of Modern Youth" (a Greek debate in which the motion was defeated and the Opposition voted as the better speakers); "The Entire Resettlement Policy of the South African Government is Both Immoral and Unjustifiable" (motion passed and Proposition declared the best speakers).

During the year, formal debates were also interspersed with "Just a Minute Talks" and Impromptu Speeches. On the external front, our major opponent was St Anne's, with whom three meetings were held. The first two were formal debates, the motions of which were "Society is Fighting a Losing Battle Against the Law of the Jungle" (the Michaelhouse proposing team were voted best speakers, and the motion was carried) and "Big Boys Don't Cry" (the opposing St Anne's team were voted the best speakers, and the motion was rejected). Speaking at these were: O'Connor, Hammond, MacLeod, Barrett, Orpen and Benyon. These meetings pro-

\* vided the society with some capable opponents, as well as enjoyable social gatherings. As a token of the closeness of the two societies the third meeting, held at St Anne's, was an informal one at which skits, mimes and charades were only some of the entertainment provided. The inimitable Lloyd will long be remembered for his representation of the film Psycho. An external debate too, was held against Wykeham. The Michaelhouse proposing team of O'Connor, Barrett and Curlewis were voted best speakers, but the motion of "Beauty is Better than Brains" was defeated.

The 1983 society has had the sad duty of saying goodbye to Mr Lewis, after his long and faithful service to the cause of debating at Michaelhouse. Mr Lewis leaves us to take over control of the History Society. We wish Mr Willis, his successor, an en-



joyable term of office as the new master-in-charge. At the last meeting, the new committee for 1984, Bruce Lloyd (Chairman), Richard Cullinan (Organising Secretary) and Peter Nash (Minutes Secretary) were elected. We hope that they will guide and sup-

port Mr Willis next year. May 1984 be every bit as successful as 1983.

## THEATRE SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: Mr N.B. Jardine  
Chairman: A.C. Bhoola  
Vice-Chairman: G.R. Short  
Secretary: N.M. Randeria  
Treasurer: J.G.A. English

1983 has indeed been an active year for Theatre Society. The regular items on our calendar were supplemented by some innovative ideas, which provided several enjoyable evenings of entertainment.

At scheduled meetings, the Society produced and directed short extracts from plays, which were then criticised by the Rector and other members. In the third quarter of 1983, we put on nine short acts written and produced by the members. Work had begun on two one-act plays in the second quarter; The Academy, directed by Neil Colquhoun and The Monkey's Paw, directed by Stephen Peters; but, unfortunately, as these clashed with the School production of Jesus Christ Superstar, the plays had to be called off.

The society participated in several other activities as well. We criticised Mrs Jardine's production of The Daddy of Them All, we improved our directing and producing skills, by watching a video of A Midsummer Night's Dream, taking Prof. Guy Butler's point of view in these two fields, and we enjoyed a lighting demonstration in the Schlesinger Theatre, by some of our members belonging to the School Lighting Crew. For our final meeting in the first quarter, most of the society went to the Hexagon Theatre, in Pietermaritzburg, to see: The Secret Life of Albert Nobbs, performed by the University of Natal Dramatic Society. We also held a soliloquy and a mime competition in the second quarter, judged by Mr and Mrs Jardine. Greg Short, as Cassius in Julius Caesar, won the soliloquy, and Joseph Bishop's, The Interior Decorator, the mime.

For Speech Day, we put on three performances, one on the day before for the school, and two on Speech Day for the parents. The exhibit comprised four

short acts, written by the boys, on life at Michael-house as seen by a boy, three soliloquys and two mimes.

Finally, the society thanks the Rector and the committee, Ashok Bhoola, Greg Short, Jonathan English and Naval Randeria for their kind assistance and whole-hearted support in making 1983 a most enjoyable year.

## TOAST-MASTERS

Master-in-Charge: Mr W.E. Ashmole, assisted by

Mr J.H. Pluke

Secretary: Mark McLeod

Treasurer: David Malcomson

Sgt-at-arms: James Anderson

The society has enjoyed a highly successful and productive year, in which every member has shown evidence of a gain in self-confidence, and each has displayed considerable progress in the skills and techniques of public speaking. They have also become familiar and at ease with the protocol and format of a formal dinner evening, and those who have performed the various duties have excelled in their ability to control and to ensure the smooth and organised flow of proceedings.

In May, we were privileged to host Anthony Lejeune, journalist and BBC commentator, best known for his weekly programme "London Letter", who spoke to the school and participated in an interesting question-and-answer session.

Another highlight was the final dinner-meeting, attended by a large number of fathers and members of staff. The speeches and evaluations delivered by boys and fathers were of an extremely high standard, and the impromptu session surpassed all previous levels. Mr Harry Pitman, MP, was the guest speaker on this occasion, when he gave us some interesting insights of parliamentary incidents, before presenting the Jack Crutchley Trophy, for Toastmaster of the Year, to Mark McLeod.

We extend sincere thanks, and record our appreciation to Messrs W. van der Walt, L. Kirkland, M.

M McLeod; Mr A Lejeune; M O'Connell during the famous broadcaster's visit to M.H.S.

A. Lejeune.

Armstrong, C. Meintjies, for giving us their time, and displaying their considerable talents as guest speakers during the year; and to Mr Van den Haak and his hard-working kitchen staff for regularly serving us the delicious gourmet meals. All members of the Society record their appreciation to the late Mr A.

Pitman for his contribution, and condolences are extended to his family.

## TROUT CLUB

Master-in-Charge: Mr M.T. Goulding

Captain: A.C. Inglis

Secretary: D. Baker

Members: P. le Sueur, G. Evans, D. Orpen, R. Glover,

B. Earle, N. Jonsson, M. Davies, W. Firth

This year, the club was sorry to see Mr Pennington leave, and we thank him most sincerely for all his many hours of dedication to the club, and for his never-ending advice and words of wisdom in and

around the fishing scene. He always possessed the ability to catch that "one", where no one else was succeeding! We wish him all the best for the future, and many more "tight lines".

We also thank Mr Goulding for taking over control of the club, and wish him a long and prosperous stay.

Although the drought restricted us somewhat, the club enjoyed many successful outings which, because of the low condition of the rivers, were mainly to dams. The only river outing was to Mr C.J. Turner's farm which, though most enjoyable, proved to be fruitless. We are, indeed, very fortunate to have access to many of the more beautiful fishing spots in the country, and we offer our hearty thanks to the Le Sueurs, the McDougalls and, especially, the Cathcarts, for once again entertaining us to an excellent few days fishing in East Griqualand.

Most members of the club experienced stretched nets at times, although the "big one" so often got away. Michael Davies bagged a 3,5 kg rainbow at the McDougall's, which earned him the trophy for the largest dam trout; and a number of other sizeable catches were made there too.

Once again, we thank all those people whose waters we fish. We greatly appreciate your generosity and kindness.

## WAR GAMES SOCIETY

Chairman: R. Gush  
Secretary: A. Halsted  
. Treasurer: B. Lloyd

The society has continued to grow over the 1982/83 society year, with a large intake from the junior part of the school. The two or three formal meetings a term were varied. Several films, including Wolfpack, Barbarossa and Vietnam, were viewed. Apart from them, normal games' evenings were held in the English Reading Room. The purchase of "Diplomacy" and "Outreach" has increased the soci-

ety's library of games, and it is hoped that a computer game may be purchased from America in the near future.

Several Fantasy War Games have been introduced, with success, and the diversification of the society is seen as encouragement for the future growth and well-being of this relatively new society. The out-

going committee thanks the society, and wishes the new committee as enjoyable a term of office as was had in the 1982/83 society year.

## WINDBAND

Master-in-Charge: Mr D. Tasker

In the second quarter of this year our new Director of Music, Mr Derek Tasker, arrived. One of his many duties was the windband, which had been neglected at that stage, as most of the members were involved in the production of Jesus Christ Superstar, during the first and second quarters.

Although the windband was not very successful at that stage, Mr Tasker's previous experience as Director of Music for the BSAP Band in Zimbabwe, and his ability in all musical fields, soon rectified the situation.

On Speech Day the band (which consisted of four clarinets, three trumpets and a euphonium) accompanied the choir in two of their items, and again in Cabaret, and the two Speech Day items at a concert held at the end of the third quarter. Both occasions were a great success.

At the moment, the windband is building up its repertoire for future concerts.

Thanks are due to Mr Ron Stephenson, for his assistance in running the windband until Mr Tasker's arrival. The band welcomes Mr Tasker and his family to Michaelhouse. May they have a long and enjoyable stay.

## OLD BOYS' SECTION

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## Old Boys' Club Insignia Prices

Ties.....

Buttons, Large .....

Small.....

Cravats.....

Badges: Silverwire.....

Lurex.....

Cotton.....

Tankards: Multicoloured.....

Red Crest .....

Ashtrays: Multicoloured .....

Red Crest.....

History of Michaelhouse.....

Prints: Signed.....

Unsigned .....

Michaelhouse Community Ties

Obtainable from John Wilson,  
Box 9, Balgowan 3275

## OLD BOYS' CLUB PRESIDENT 1983/4

Richard Lister is the President of the Old Boys' Club for the 1983/4 years. He received his preparatory school education at Cowan House and was at Michaelhouse from 1956-61. He went to Cambridge University where he obtained his BA with honours and thereafter he took an LLB at Natal University, Pietermaritzburg. He is now a partner in a legal firm in Pietermaritzburg which, by the time this appears, will have celebrated its centenary. He is active in several sports, playing hockey, tennis and squash and he also sails and fly-fishes. He is having an active year as President, his major projects being the Bursary Endowment Trust (BET) Fund and Jabula

Day. The canvassing for the former has not yet been completed and he is hoping that much progress will be made before the completion of his term of office. Jabula Day is the name given to the Fete to be held on 11th August 1984, which will be preceded by a Ball on 10 August, with the aim of raising R100 000 to provide accommodation for the Permanent Secretary and to upgrade the Community Centre. He says "I commend all these activities and urge all Old Boys to give wholeheartedly of their time and effort. Hopefully, these activities will generate renewed contact between all branches and the Central Office of the Club." He has already attended Old Boys' or Community functions in Harare, Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban, Pietermaritzburg and Nottingham Road since his term of office started.

### OLD BOYS' DAY AND AGM 1983

The traditional Old Boys' reunion took place on Ascension Day, 12th May, 1983. About 300 Old Boys and quite a number of wives and girl friends were present.

#### 71 st AGM

The President, Mr J.R. Anderson, was in the Chair. The opening prayer was said by Rev V.C.C. Shaw. The meeting stood in remembrance of those OMs whose deaths had been notified to the clubs since the last AGM. They were as follows:

P.A. Beard (76-80)  
E.T. Brunskill (26-28)  
Prof E. Burchell (31-34)  
H.M. Campbell (18-22)  
D.J. Channing-Pearce (52-55)  
R.C. Collins (30)  
P. Courtenay (72-75)  
R. Clive-Smith (62-64)  
J.H. Fergusson (71-75)  
M.H. Hickman (26-29)  
C.B.M.B. Jones (32-35)  
D.B. Koe (15-18)  
Michael Lee (31-35)  
D.K.W. Mackay (25-28)  
J.S.S. Martens (16-20)  
A. Melville (24-29)  
F.L. Moon (31-34)  
G.B. Payn (33-36)  
N.E. Smart (16-17)  
A.W. Sperry (27-28)  
K. Stainbank (11-13)  
R.A. Dyer (43-46)  
P. Watkins-Baker (31-34)

The Khehla was Robey Carter (11-14) and the youngest present was A. Stoute (79-82).

Rector's Address (abridged)

"I shall attempt to speak to you informatively and frankly about aspects of policy and practice at Michaelhouse which concern my staff, members of our community and myself at present. These will revolve around three main centres of concern:

BALANCE

EXCELLENCE

INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION

"I would like to tell you some of the assumptions I make about the school at present:

1. We have a staff of skilled, hardworking, and dedicated teachers.

R10,00

R0,75

R0,65

R6,50

R20,00

R7,50

R2,20

R10,00

R8,00

R6,00

R4,00

R3,00

R35,00

R25,00

R10,00

2. We have a staff committed to the concept of a balanced education centred on the individual child.

3. We are promoting at Michaelhouse at present a type of education which focuses on the acquisition of skills and the transmission of Christian values and which is clearly persuading great numbers of people to want to send their sons here.

4. The Michaelhouse Community (the Board of Governors, the Old Boys, the Trustees, parents and the Staff) supports and endorses the policy regarding entrants to the school which I outlined last year - briefly that bright boys will gain entrance but that I shall continue to admit as far as possible, the sons of Old Boys, brothers of boys already here, boys with wider family connections with the school, boys from Cordwalles and the sons of Anglican Clergy in the Dioceses of Natal and Zululand.

"We are well placed to offer an enriched experience in balanced education. A combination of fine teachers, wonderful facilities and appreciative concerned pupils is a fine recipe for success. All boys here must participate. Each boy realises himself at Michaelhouse today within a framework of compulsion whose innerworkings are voluntary. The principle is followed through all aspects of our system - academic, cultural, spiritual and physical. Participation and involvement are essential. The area of involvement is a matter of choice.

"Excellence is an ideal. It is beyond definition. Yet at a school such as ours it is an ideal which we strive for in every area of our endeavours be it with an exceptionally able pupil, a gifted sportsman, a talented musician, a boy with developmental problems. Excellence works at many levels. For the less able it has its own shape and form.

"With a pupil/staff ratio of 11,6:1 it is not difficult to accord to each pupil, individual attention. Boys are known and treated as individuals at Michaelhouse from the Rector on down. It is not simply a matter of their names being known - it is a matter of one-on-one counselling situations, housemaster/pupil interaction and a sensitive caring for boys on the part of their teachers. All this within a framework seeking to prepare boys to function effectively in South Africa and make it a better place for all its people."

The Rector then reviewed matriculation results for

1982, which had been much the same as had been forecast by the staff in June that year. He went on to say -

"Provided the teaching is good and teachers are skilled and motivated, results are only good or bad in relation to:

(i)the innate academic ability of pupil (and his teacher's knowledge of this);

(ii)expectations of his level of achievement in an examination.

"Our experience at Michaelhouse has and will (as at all schools) describe a graph of hills and dales in this respect over the years."

Despite some disappointment regarding the number of "A" symbols achieved overall there were very few teachers who could name boys who were expected to get "A's" and did not.

"We remain concerned about our top academics and are determined to extend them through our Exceptionally Able Pupils Programme and our traditional methods of effective communication."

He then went on to give a prediction of results for 1983 which showed a slight improvement on those of the previous year. He continued:

"We are not planning to 'do a Damelin' in order to impress a small section of the public who do not really understand education. We cannot concentrate our energies on trying to please those few members of the public who judge schools on matric and rugby results - and not necessarily in that order. Let me assure you that striving for excellence will remain our aim in all spheres of a boy's education here but excessive spoon-feeding will not be encouraged. Too often that approach satisfies the superficial, short-term expectations of the 'cocktail-circuit' and sells the soon-to-be university student down the river. If you don't believe me ask Professors of Faculties at our universities.

"Some strange rumour has reached me that geographical location is the prime criterion for the appointment of staff. The facts are these:

1. All posts are advertised throughout Southern Africa and occasionally in the UK.
2. All posts are filled by the Rector after interviews

have been conducted by the Rector, Senior Master, Assistant Senior Master and the Head of the Department concerned.

3. From 1978 to 1983 there has been unanimity of opinion on all appointments by the selection Committee."

Considerable capital works were in progress at the school and misgivings had been expressed by parents that these were being funded from the income. This is not the case as the major cost is borne from the income from the Michaelhouse Trust and the balance from Bank borrowings at a favourable rate of interest.

For 1984, approximately 155 boys would write the Common Entrance Exam and would be competing for 85 to 90 places in the school.

"What of the pupils?

"The boys remain boys - constantly testing us, restlessly trying to realise themselves in this great environment. They too are conscious of their shortcomings. At the Chapel Committee Meeting held ten days ago a proposal was passed asking that Lay Ministers give boys more time to call to mind their sins!

"It is an appropriate day to mention Roy Gathorne who retires at the end of this year. He will be thanked on other occasions. He is a great schoolmaster. Serving as number two in a school is not easy yet he does it with a great sense of loyalty, dignity, intelligence and balance.

"I thank the Old Boys for their support during the year and particularly John Wilson and John Anderson who has had an outstanding year as President of the club."

The Minutes of the 70th Annual General Meeting were confirmed.

President's Report (J.R. Anderson)

"You will all have received your 1983 Chronicle and will doubtless have been impressed by the size and the quality of the new cover. Paul Lavender's painting of the School is magnificent and I think the binding has vastly improved the overall appearance of this publication.

"Newman Robinson, once again, provided his editorial services for Michaelhouse News, free, and Bill Lambert obtained the advertising on his own in Pietermaritzburg. These are two fine examples of voluntary work for the club and it is a fact that the club relies on a vast amount of voluntary work from many members and it is because so many are prepared to volunteer their services that it works so well. This year I think of the audio-visual presentation that we had made for the launching of the Bursary Endowment Trust Fund Appeal in Johannesburg and other areas. Charles Barry persuaded the Johannesburg Photographic Society to volunteer their skills for the photographs and sound. The Recorder wrote the script, many members of the Michaelhouse staff volunteered their time to help with the

organisation of photographs, particularly Tony Carter and B.R. Naidu, and Chick Henderson and Mark Develin volunteered their voices for the audio. The

result is a really magnificent account of the school which can be used both by the school for induction programmes and introducing new parents to the school and, of course, by the Old Boys' Club to raise money through the Bursary Endowment Trust Fund Appeal."

The President quoted from letters he had received from Dr Tim Woods, Michael Lawrence and Rex Pennington in reply to congratulatory letters sent out to them. He said that they indicated graphically the great affection and appreciation that many Michaelhouse Old Boys have for their school.

He mentioned the proposed Fete on Ascension Day 1984, the purpose of which was to raise funds for the provision of a house for the Permanent Secretary. He mentioned the various Old Boys' and Community Functions which he had attended during the year. "I enjoyed all these events immensely and am happy to report that this club is strong both socially and practically. In my opinion, we must ensure that the club continues to serve both the interests of Old Boys and the school because this is where our real strength lies."

He paid tribute to F. St G. Tatham who was retiring from his Trusteeship for the Old Boys' Club which he had held for many years. He also paid tribute to Roy Gathorne who will be retiring shortly after thirty years of service to the school.

He concluded "The Rector has told us in his usual erudite manner about the school. We must be thankful that it flourishes and we congratulate you, Sir, and your staff upon your achievement and thank you for your dedication to the difficult task that confronts you. You are ensuring our heritage."

### Treasurer's Report

The treasurer, John Wilson, reported that the year's operations had shown a surplus of R7 480. The total funds of the club now stood at R77 909 of which R42 576 belonged to the Permanent Secretary Fund.

### Election of Officers

The following office-bearers were elected for 1983/84:



President: R.I. Lister.

President-elect: M. Bonnet.

Committee Members: D. Lewis, G. Armstrong, W.

Dixon-Smith, R. Herbert.

Trustee: (replacing F. St G. Tatham) D. Guthrie.

Secretary/Treasurer: J.D. Wilson.

Hon Auditor: D. Turner.

## Election of New Members

120 new members were elected. The following members of the staff were also elected honorary members: W.E. Ashmole, S.C. Hall, N.B. Jardine and G.D. Paterson.

## Branch Reports

Durban: (W. Dixon-Smith)

The Annual Dinner was held at the Durban Club in September 1982 and was attended by some 140 Old Boys. The Guest Speaker was Mr Harry Geisel, the American Consul, and the Rector replied on behalf of the school.

The New Parents Function was held at Mr Dixon-Smith's home in March 1983, and was attended by about 85 people.

The D.A. Chapman Golf Competition was to take place in June, organised by Gordon Cheshire.

An innovation would be a triangular Sports Day comprising Old Boys from Hilton, Kearsney and Michaelhouse to be held on 14 August 1983.

The Durban and Coast Scholarship Fund stood at approximately R3 000. The present holder was in his second year at Michaelhouse and doing extremely well.

The Committee for the current year consisted of John Bissett, Charles Webb, Graham Armstrong, Derrick Morphet, Dick Ramsay, Ian McNally, Charles Phillips, Gordon Cheshire, Ivor Fisher and Don Guthrie.

Johannesburg: (Ian Douglas)

The Annual Dinner was attended by some 140 Old Boys. The function was held at the Johannesburg Country Club. The guest-speaker was Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, and the Rector replied.

Sporting encounters were arranged against Hilton at cricket, hockey and golf. "Generally we were able again to prove the superiority of the BG Product".

A corporate communion service was held with Old Andreans at St George's Church, Parktown. The Rev Hirst, an Old Andrean, conducted the service.

The usual New Boys Party and the functions for parents of existing and prospective Michaelhouse boys were held. The Rector and most housemasters and their wives were present, and one function was also attended by Anson Lloyd and Walter Strachan, chairman and vice-chairman of the Board of Governors.

A "100 Club" was to be launched with the object of establishing a Southern Transvaal Bursary Fund.

The BET Fund Appeal was to be launched shortly with the recently completed audio-visual presentation.

Midlands: (Roger Turner)

Attention was drawn to the after-rugby drinks parties at the Community Office, which were organised and run by the Midlands Branch. A Community function was to be held in the near future.

Zululand Branch: (Paul Wattam)

The annual Zululand function in 1982 was a well-attended community luncheon at the Mtunzini Hotel, at which the Rector spoke.

East Griqualand:

The Branch held a function at the Swartberg Country Club on the evening of 6th May 1983. The Rector attended and addressed the gathering.

Congratulatory Letters

The following Congratulatory Letters were approved:

A. Evans

Farmer of the Year 1982  
N. Grice

Captain Western Province Indoor Hockey and  
Springbok Colours

A. Hart

President Actuarial Society of South Africa

B.L. Hersov

Honorary LLD, Rhodes University  
R.G. Kimber

Springbok Polo  
Dr A.M. Rosholt  
Chancellor Wits University  
Leith Stewart  
Captain SA Hockey

The annual Commemoration Service was conducted by the Rev Vic Shaw in the school Chapel. Lunch followed in the two halls. The usual rugby, hockey and squash games were played against the school.

Results:

Rugby: 1stXV OldBoys21 School 10

2nd XV Old Boys 16 School 26

Hockey: 1stX1 Old Boys 4 School 1

Beer and curry were consumed in the Pavilion in the evening, and wives and girl friends had separate but equal facilities in the Community Office.

## GAUDY 1917-1944

A most successful Gaudy Night was held at the school on 10th September 1983 for all who left before 1944. A total of 155 attended. Guest speakers were The Rector, Anson Lloyd, Chairman of the Board of Governors, and Derek Heaton-Nicholls. Here are the thoughts of one old boy who attended, journalist Charles Barry, a past president of the Old Boys' Club (1977-78) and House Captain of West (1939).

"As Derek Heaton-Nicholls, grey-haired, white-moustached, distinguished, stood up at the top table to make his speech, my backside began to sting. My thoughts had slipped back 48 years, to 1935 when I was a cack and Derek was dormitory prefect in the little room at the top of the south tower of the quadrangle.

" 'Bend over, criminal', he said, twirling a knotted tie. 'You're not at home, leaving your tackies in the plunge room for your mother to put away. You're at Michaelhouse where you learn to be tidy and disciplined/

"The knotted tie, accurately wielded by a chap who could loft a six back over a fast bowler's head, instilled discipline as nothing else could.

"We needed it, of course. Phillip Jonsson, John Macilwaine, Jack Poynton, Peter Moxley, Peanuts (Patrick) Dorehill and I, and other cacks, too. We learned it through our hides, although Peanuts used to brag he never felt a thing. Which is probably why eight or nine years later he was to be a regular RAF Bomber Command night visitor to Berlin, decorated three times for bravery.

"I remembered how we worshipped Derek because he was so good at cricket and rugby, someone we would try to emulate. We never feared him, because you fear only bullies. But we respected him.

"Some of my other early and lifelong friends were there at the Gaudy, too. Peter Moxley who enjoyed playing the cello when we would be thinking of playing truant, the same Peter who took the silent part of Ming Soo in a school play and brought the house down.

"Stuks (Tony) Doming, that fine all-round sportsman who left after one term as head boy to help run the family farms in East Griqualand when his father

died suddenly. And Taffy (Gethen) Owen, who with Stuks, Derek Lee (not at the Gaudy but happily remembered) and me won the 4 x 880 yds Houserelay in what Taffy swears was a school record time, and if it wasn't a record it was damned close.

"Bob Crass who, if I remember rightly, had had no formal education before he came to Michaelhouse

- his parents taught him on their Kamberg farm

- and yet sailed through matric First Class with distinctions four years later.

"Gaai (Ken) Strachan, the ginger hair greying but otherwise unchanged in appearance, the kindest of West prefects and later to become the closest of friends. Paul Henwood looking as though he could still run the 100 yards in near even time. And that most elegant and talented cricketer, Tim Henderson, who always had a kind word for cacks, even if they forgot him if ordered to recite the names of the First XI.

"My school prefect brother Michael was there, maybe remembering the night he took West prep and had to reprimand his younger brother for letting out a loud yowl when we sat down after his imperious "Right!", the signal to start work. Not surprising. I had sat on - I remember the count exactly

- 27 bent pins stuck on the desk seat with a labyrinth of chewing gum by Peanuts Dorehill. We were both flogged.

"There across the table from me was Robbie Robinson, the same Robinson who was affectionately known as Greasegun in our day because of the abundant hair oil he used, the same Robinson who, in later years, asked my son a chemistry question and when no answer was forthcoming said 'I didn't expect you to know. I asked your father the same question in 1938 and he didn't know either.'

"And in another place - the wall in the Junior Hall - the stern but benevolent gaze of Jish (Ronald) Currey was looking down from his portrait. I could hear as if it were yesterday the booming 'You're supposed to be a soldier, boy. You salute when you are addressed; you don't take your hat off', and I, in the loathed cadet uniform, wishing the Australian-style bush hat I had pulled off my head would disappear and me with it.

"Next to him Bok (Fred) Snell, a man of so many,

many talents, one of them mountaineering, which could lead you to being halfway up a Drakensberg peak with him on a freebounds Sunday if you so much as hinted at knowing what a rockclimber.

"And in the Community Office, on the wall there, a portrait of your favourite of all favourites, the inimitable Ken Pennington, your housemaster who would have you up to The Rondavels for breakfast or tea and biscuits, you losing your heart to Ruth who took the place of your mother.

"There were those others, too, who couldn't be

there. Just their memories. Those who were cut down so young in a hideous war you were to survive. Spotty (Cecil) Adams, Rex Poynton, Terry Monk, Murray Otto, Edward Popham, Archie Tatham, Chris Beith, Colin Bain-Marais to name a few whose laughter and friendship one shared, and who would have contributed so much to a world at peace had they lived.

Ah yes, it was a nostalgic evening, a rejuvenation, something to be cherished, something all of us who were there will remember."

## RUGBY GENES

It all started with R. Gillespie Armstrong (18-21) who won his Honours as a prop in 1921 and later played for Natal in 1929. John Dougall (42-46) played in the 1st XV in 1945 and 1946. He married Gillespie's daughter, and they produced Murray Dougall (77-80) and Nick Dougall (79-82) who played for Natal Schools. As will be seen from the photograph, all of them got Honours. They are, left to right. Murray Dougall, John Dougall, Gillespie Armstrong and Nick Dougall.

## POLO

Three OMs were picked to play polo for South Africa against the English visitors in August 1983. They were Murray Heaton-Nicholls (66-69), Ricky Kimber

(71-72) and Gavin Chaplin (66-70).

## HOCKEY

The Defence Team which came second in the Inter-provincial Hockey Tournament in June-July at the Old Johannians, Johannesburg, included four Michaelhouse Old Boys: Leith Stewart (66-70), Rob Stewart (70-74), Nigel Tatham (71-75) and Brian Wallace (71-76).

## THE BATTLE AT SIYAYA

"The Battle at Siyaya". This was the heading of a double-page spread in the Sunday Tribune on 30th January 1983. The article described a pilot scheme by eight farmers in the Siyaya Catchment Area near Mtunzini. A study commissioned in 1976 by the Natal Town and Regional Planning Commission found that only four of Natal's 73 estuaries were undamaged. In the case of Siyaya, this meant that a once broad, deep and clear estuary had become no



more than a narrow strip of ankle deep water, blocked by reed-covered sand banks. The damage to the estuaries had contributed to the dramatic reduction in fish life off the Natal Coast.

The eight farmers of Siyaya met on the farm of Ian Garland (40-43) on 27th May 1981. Various bodies involved have collectively committed R200 000 to the project and practical assistance is being given by the Sugar Association, departments of the Universities of Natal, Durban, Westville and Zululand, the National Institute of Water Research, the Wild Life Society, the Natal Parks Board, the Oceanographic Institute and the Cane Growers Association.

Ian owns a farm incorporating 121 hectares of Coastal Dune Forest at the confluence of two streams. The farm boasts a conservation centre used by schools and universities. He told the reporter on a tree-covered bank above the confluence, "Every evening giant kingfishers would come in here cackling away. They came to roost in the trees because they knew that in the morning they could get their breakfast in the deep clear water. There were plenty of kingfish, rock salmon and silver bream in those days. In 1970 you could row a boat right up to the confluence and where the water was

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up to 50 m across. Now it has been silted up and you can step across it and the only fish are tilapia fingerlings, so there are no giant kingfishers now." The damage was done long before 1970. "After the War you had a population explosion. People needed food. Land was a good investment. You borrowed money and exploited your resources."

We continue the report: "Pacing the long water courses and through cane and grass and forest, he showed mesoils being eaten away and cane toppling into water courses where farmers had planted right up to the edge. He pointed out in unspoiled areas of forest, how the banks were secured by root networks of waterfamiliar plants.

"Clearly an idealist himself, in love with living and natural things, he knows that to sell his message to others he must convince them that conservation makes economic sense though it may also incur financial sacrifice in the shortterm.

"He has already started repairing forest swamps on the land of fellow farmers in the catchment, putting in, free of charge, plants and trees where gaps had occurred, encouraging the water to follow a more natural course.

"He can already show you small growing signs of improvement. The development of turbulence in the flow of water, scouring out the sediment, and of pools that were not there before.

"But only when the giant kingfishers come swooping in again over the water hyacinths and barringtonia swamp at the approach to the estuary to roost in the trees overhanging the confluence, will he feel the battle is won."

## THE FAMOUS FIVE

The Natal Convocation News of the University of Natal published in July 1983 carried an article on "NUC's Famous Five". These were the Pennington Brothers. "The Pennington Brothers made an enormous contribution to the fields of education and sport, and to the Anglican Church in Natal and Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) - a contribution that extended over 50 years of sustained effort. The Pennington name has been linked with Michaelhouse, Cordwalles and Whitestone School, Zimbabwe. It was at Michaelhouse that the five brothers and their descendants, 16 in all, were first educated.

"Sons of an Anglican Clergyman, George Edgar Pennington of Greytown . . . Eric, Kenneth, Maurice, Douglas and Gerald grew up with a strong sense of service to the community and a love of the outdoors

. . . Eric, the eldest, became an Anglican Clergyman, like his father, whilst the other four all became teachers. All enjoyed fishing, a family pastime. Four of them played hockey for Natal.

"Their dedication to their country and fellowmen was also reflected in the fact that the eldest three brothers served in World War I and World War II also saw three brothers in service.

"Eric Fawcett obtained his BA Degree in 1918 and went to Cuddersden College, England, and became an Anglican Minister. Later he became Dean of St Saviour's Cathedral, Pietermaritzburg. He died in 1968. His second son, David, now teaches at Highbury and his youngest son, Ronald, taught at Michaelhouse for 19 years until the end of 1982 and is now the Master-in-Charge of mathematics at Carter High School in Pietermaritzburg.

"Kenneth obtained his BA Degree in 1917 and joined the Royal Flying Corps and with two other airmen, had a miraculous hundred-mile escape on foot after being shot down behind the Turkish Lines.

"After the war he went as a Natal Rhodes Scholar to Trinity College, Oxford, to read for BCL Law Degree and later an MA. The call of education was too strong for him, however, and in 1925 he gave up Law and joined the staff of Michaelhouse where he taught history and mathematics for the next 34 years.

"He was later to become acting Rector and Senior Master there and was Honorary Secretary of the Michaelhouse Old Boys' Club for 35 years. The statue of the buck in the Pennington Quadrangle at Michaelhouse is a Memorial to Kenneth Misson Pennington.

"After his unexpected death in 1974 a trust set about raising the vast funds required to have the colour photographs prepared and the unfinished manuscript of his lifelong work on the Butterflies of Southern Africa completed by eminent lepidopterists. In 1978 Ad Donker Limited published Pennington's Butterflies of Southern Africa.

"Kenneth's elder son, Rex, was also a Rhodes Scholar at Trinity College, Oxford. After teaching in

the USA he became a Housemaster at Bishops Diocesan College and Rector of Michaelhouse. He then became head of the PACE School in Soweto outside Johannesburg. Kenneth's younger son, Michael, taught at St John's in Johannesburg and in the United States of America, and his daughter, Dawn, taught at Wykeham in Pietermaritzburg.

"The sportsman, teacher of the family is Maurice Edgar, who was born in 1899. In 1912 he won the

first scholarship that Michaelhouse offered where he soon showed his great sporting ability. During World War I he went to England and joined the RFC, returning to NUC in 1919. Here Maurice really came into his own as a sportsman showing a remarkable versatility. He captained NUC cricket, rugby, hockey and tennis teams in the 1919-21 period. He went on later to captain Natal hockey and cricket and played rugby for Natal. He won various golf championships and was selected to represent Natal. He also represented Maritzburg at badminton and was selected to play squash against Yardley, the English amateur runner-up in an exhibition match in the city at the opening of the Victoria Club Squash Court. In World War II he was an officer instructor in the South African Tank Corps and later a Sports Officer.

"In 1922 he joined the staff at Cordwalles, a school he was to serve with dedication and loyalty both in the classroom and on the sportsfield for a period of nearly 40 years. For 11 years after that he taught at Merchiston.

"The fourth Pennington brother to attend this university was Douglass de Candole, both play producer and teacher. Hewasan undergraduate at NUC in 1924 and became President of SRC in 1925.

"Unable to play much sport himself, as a result of having suffered from infantile paralysis, he nevertheless became secretary of the Athletics Union in 1924. He was responsible for designing the famous Rag caterpillar in 1924 which needed 16 men to mobilise it. It was suggested that Douglass stand at the head since he was the brains of the whole thing. After a period of teaching he came back to NUC and completed his BA Degree in 1932 and then taught at Michaelhouse before going on to Rhodesia in 1948 where he was appointed as vice-Principal of Whitestones School, six miles outside Bulawayo. He remained there for 18 years until 1966, eventually returning to South Africa to take over the Principalship of Treverton. He also taught at Clifton School. He died in 1975.

"Gerald Owen Mancaster, the youngest of the five Pennington Brothers is a quiet, self effacing gentleman with a wry amusing manner and a sparkle in his eye. An undergraduate of Natal University College during the period 1925 to 1928, he participated fully in most student activities. He soon became secretary of the NUC Dramatic Society which involvement apparently met with his father's strongest disapproval. Gerald, also, soon showed his great

sporting ability and was chosen to play 1st XV rugby in 1925. He later went on to captain NUC men's hockey in 1927 and 1928. In 1928 he took up a teaching post at King's School, Nottingham Road, and re-

turned to NUC in 1931 to complete his BA Degree. He taught at Cordwalles Preparatory School for 23 years from 1931 to 1953 with a break from 1940 to 1943 when he served Up North in World War II. In 1954 he joined his brother, Douglass, at Whites\* tones School, where he remained until 1970. He is now living in Pietermaritzburg."

## TUFTY MANN REMEMBERED

The Natal Witness of 26th August 1983 revived memories of the great "Tufty" Mann (33-37). He is still remembered by Gordon Phillips who wrote of him in the latest Wisden. Tufty played for Natal in 1939 but had his early career curtailed by the war. He was captured at Tobruk, escaped from a Prisoner-of-War Camp in Northern Italy and spent 20 months hiding with peasants. He finally only made his test debut against England in 1947. He was a remarkably accurate spinner who on seven occasions bowled more than 50 overs in a Test and only once gave away more than 100 runs. His career, however, was brought to an end at the age of 32 when he died of cancer. The story Gordon Phillips likes about Tufty concerns his fielding.

He was never a greyhound around the field and Phillips relates an incident during the Springbok Tour of Britain in 1947. "Lindsay Tuckett was struck towards an untenanted boundary. After a brief hesitation Tufty set out after it. The ball had almost stopped. Tufty flicked it back, fell over the boundary picket, regained his composure, then hurled the ball in.

"Returning to the vicinity of the bowler he remarked gaily, 'Well, I saved the four.' 'What do you mean saved the four, man?' came the clipped reply, 'They ran five'."

The article goes on, "Ah, those were the days. Spin bowlers were in the team then just to bowl. Now they have to know how to keep it tight for ten overs, bat a bit and field like Learie Constantine. Or else they are dropped for the gentle medium pacer".

## DHS VERSUS MICHAELHOUSE 1931

Skonk Nicholson's column in the Natal Mercury of 18th June 1983, brought back his memories of the 1931 encounter between DHS and Michaelhouse. It



is not clear how Skonk was connected with DHS at the time, but he was clearly a DHS supporter. The stars of the DHS side were Harry and Dudley Sparks. He says that in that rugby match, both sides were in splendid form and he could remember attacks and counter-attacks being launched throughout the game with the play moving rapidly from one end of the field to the other. Harry Sparks, playing at centre, had to leave the field early in the game after he took a kick on the head. "In the second half," he says, "Tension ran very high with Michaelhouse holding on to a slender 12-11 lead. The defence on both sides was very tight and both sets of backs found it difficult to make any real headway. At this critical moment, Harry Sparks returned to the field of play with a blood soaked bandage wrapped tightly round his battered head. Taking a pass at speed he set off for the Michaelhouse line but finding the defence likely to cut him off he calmly turned towards the posts and put over a brilliant drop kick goal. I think that this was the one and only drop he had ever attempted, but be that as it may, his effort put DHS ahead 15-12. A little later, Harry, looking like some smitten gladiator of old, stormed through the Michaelhouse defence to score a remarkable try under the posts. The conversion gave DHS the victory (20-12) in a splendid game in which both sides gave of their very best for the full 60 minutes. To the many people who watched the contest, played in a wonderful spirit, it will always be known as 'Harry Sparks' game'. As a spectacle the match had all the flash and fire which makes school rugby so enjoyable to watch."

-It is interesting to read the laconic account of the match which appeared in St Michael's Chronicle. "Played at DHS. In the first half we were the better side and should have led by more than 12-3 at half time. Spiller and Crockett scored tries, one of which Brown converted, and Leach dropped a goal. In the second half we cracked under the heat and the High School began to score. They made a good recovery and deserved to win 20-12."

## OBITUARIES

Dr James Arnold Adams (40-42)

Jim Adams died on 5th November 1983 after a sudden devastating illness. He was born in Salisbury, Rhodesia on 5th March 1925, the son of a Colonel in the BSAP. He matriculated at Michaelhouse in 1942 and thereafter immediately joined up and saw war service with the Rhodesian Forces, serving from



January 1943 until February 1946. He sustained a serious leg wound at Monte Stanco in 1944 and was in a Military Hospital for a year subsequently. This injury undoubtedly influenced him to make his mark in orthopaedics.

He graduated from UCT in December 1951. After internship at Groote Schuur Hospital he worked in several hospitals in England and obtained his FRCS in June 1958. In December 1963 he finally returned to South Africa and started a private Orthopaedic Practice in Ladysmith with part-time appointments to Northern Natal Provincial Hospitals, also establishing an efficient Northern Natal Cripple Care Organisation.

He will long be remembered for the excellence of his work on Mseleni Hip Disease among the Zulus near Mkuze. He would transport these unfortunates, usually in his "bakkie" with a canopy, back and forth, operating on them in Ladysmith for hip replacement operations, of which he did many with excellent results. This was done at his own expense.

He served as Chairman of the Northern Districts Division of the Natal Inland Branch of the Medical Association from 1970 to 1971.

In view of his military background, he volunteered for Citizen Force Service joining the Regiment Noord Natal initially as Captain and then Major (1968-83). He served for three months on the Angolan Border in 1976 and three weeks on the Caprivi Strip in 1977. He also did annual camps on the Pongola Mocambique Borders. He admired the Israelis and their orthopaedic and surgical care of the wounded in battle and spent three weeks in an Israeli hospital in Tel Aviv shortly after the Sinai War in 1972.

He was also instrumental in arranging Orthopaedic Association Meetings in Ladysmith of top academic standard which were attended by Orthopaedic Surgeons from Johannesburg, Pretoria, Bloemfontein, Durban and elsewhere. He delivered an address to an American Orthopaedic Association Meeting in Indianapolis and as a result of this two young registrars in training from the USA each spent six months in Ladysmith studying Orthopaedic Surgery under his excellent tutorship.

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you have probably never heard) has a fishing cottage to let within walking distance of Underberg Village. To find out more about it or make reservations, please communicate with Richard Lister, Box 144, Pietermaritzburg 3200. Telephone 5-4530.

He was an exuberant, dynamic person who made his mark on all who met him even if there was disagreement. I am proud to have known such a man who gave of himself to his work, his country, his friends and all who knew him, unstintingly, not only workwise, but on the level of human understanding and compassion.

Dr Don Skinner

R.B. Archibald (16-22)

Robert Brian Archibald died on Monday, 3rd October 1983 and so came to an end a life of great public service. He was born on the 4th August 1903 and was raised on the farm "Invernettie", the son of LtCol R.G. Archibald.

He was educated at Cordwalles and Michaelhouse. While at the latter school he had the distinction of receiving the first air mail letter ever to be sent in South Africa. During World War I, Major Miller of the Royal Flying Corps flew round South Africa recruiting young pilots. He had been well entertained by Col Archibald at Umzinto and flew from there to Balgowan bushbuck horns strapped to his aircraft's undercarriage and a letter in his pocket for Brian Archibald.

Financial stringencies on the farm prevented him from pursuing his life long ambition of becoming an engineer. While waiting to go up to university, his brother informed him that Highbury Preparatory School were offering a temporary teacher's post. The temporary post became permanent and thus began a career which spanned 23 eventful years. His talents of being able to communicate with pupils was soon recognised and it was not long before he became master in charge of sports, a successful mathematics and English teacher as well as becoming the carpentry instructor. He initiated the school magazine, designed and built the cricket pavilion, laid the first turf wicket at a preparatory school in Natal and probably South Africa and with the help of the boys converted a lorry into the first school bus. Through his hands passed three Springbok cricketers of the future (Billy Wade, Chudleigh Langton and Ian Smith), two rugby Springboks (Paul Johnstone and Brian Pfaff) and a tennis Springbok, John Hendrie. Apart from them another ten represented their provinces in either cricket or rugby. He also taught the present Archbishop of Cape Town, Philip Russell, and Michael Nuttall, Bishop of Natal; two MPs (Bill Sutton and Mortifee), a South

African Ambassador (John Oxley) and a former Mayor of Durban and Honorary Colonel of the NMR, Dixey Adams.

During World War II, he was commissioned in the South African Coastal Defence Corps whose history he recorded. Immediately after the war he moved to the family farm where he built "Benfruin House" with such expertise and care that nearly 40 years later hardly a crack is evident on any of its three levels. It reflected a permanent feature of its architect and builder, who always strove to achieve perfection in all that he undertook.

With characteristic enthusiasm, Brian Archibald became involved in community affairs soon after his return to Umzinto at the end of the war. He was appointed church warden of St Patrick's Anglican Church. He became President of the Umzinto Cricket Club (1950-64), President of the Southern Districts Cricket Union (SDCU) (1951-64) and Patron (1965-83). He built the scoreboard, played a leading role in the erection of the cricket and tennis pavilions and designed the badge of the SDCU. He was a Trustee of the Umzinto Memorial Hall and was President of the Alexandra Agricultural and Horticultural Association. In 1955 he followed the family tradition of entering politics. His grandfather, the Hon R.M. Archibald, was a member of the Old Natal Parliament for 24 years being speaker of the house from 1902 to 1910. Brian Archibald served first as a member of the provincial council from 1955 to 1963 and then as a member of the executive committee from 1963 to 1970 with the principal portfolio of Education. He was the driving force behind the creation of the Natal Anti-Shark Measures Board. As chairman of the board and its predecessors he led the campaign to ensure the safety of thousands of bathers for 22 years. So significant was his contribution that he became known as the "Umbrella under which the multi-million rand tourist industry of the Natal Coast thrived". He also headed the St Lucia Lake reclamation committee. It was, however, in the field of education where he once again served with particular distinction. On his retirement, the then Director of Education in Natal, Mr Philip Nel, said that he wished to pay "a warm tribute to Mr Archibald for the devoted, sympathetic and visionary manner in which he has led educational services in Natal. In him education in this province had a true guide, philosopher and friend".

Although his formal education was limited to matriculation level, his wisdom was based on his extensive reading and the experiences of world-

wide travel. His retention of details of people, places and things was a constant source of admiration. He was unfailingly courteous and polite. He strove always to be correct. As a politician, he was different, for he cared little for the popularity of his decisions but greatly for whether they were right. He was not

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so much concerned for the minutiae of party interests as for what was best for his beloved Natal and South Africa. His unswerving loyalty and absolute integrity had no price but at all times lay beyond question.

When asked to speak at school speech days, he often chose the famous lines "I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul", to urge his young audiences to make the most of their lives. They might well have followed his example. The very large number of people who attended his funeral provided moving evidence of the esteem in which he was held by all races. Natal has lost one of its true sons and gentlemen. He is survived by his wife, Irene, his sons Eldred, Colin and Keith, daughters in law, Cherry and Barbara and six grandchildren.

Keith Archibald

Professor E. Burchell (31-34)

Although we published a short obituary notice about Exton Burchell (31-34) in Michaelhouse News of October 1982 giving some facts about his life, a tribute to him by his Colleague, Professor Ellison Kahn, published in Natal Convocation News of July 1983 tells us more about the man. The following are some extracts:

"... but if any of us were to be asked: what attribute signified the quintessence of his nobility of soul, he should unhesitatingly reply sincerity, sincerity, sincerity".

"I wept when dear Sheila told me the sad news over the telephone . . . Never again would I hear that deep bass voice, so full of consideration, like a clear mirror to his mood, be it grave, or light or even fanciful".

"... I reflected on the distinguished career of this fine man best described in very simple terms; scholar, sportsman, gentleman: on how, as an Elsie Ballot scholar he went, as his father had done, to Cambridge and obtained Firsts in both parts of the Law Tripos: on his great gallantry during the War; on his academic success thereafter, on his appointment at the age of 30 to a Chair at my University (Wits), and his movement in 1953 to a similar post in this City which once his revered father had held; and on the name he had as a lecturer and administrator

and a legal writer.

"In this City all seemed set fair for a continuation of calm seas, a quiet journey to the haven of retirement and a long deserved rest there, then 12 years ago a storm arose that shook his frame. He underwent a

serious operation. Sheila took care of him with loving devotion. But the time came when his body which had struggled so long, could no longer carry the burden."

"My friends, so fortunate are we to have known such a man. My Country, so fortunate are you to have had such a Son'.

David Arthur Johnstone (37-40)

David was born in Durban on 19th January 1923 and moved to Johannesburg with his parents, where he attended Parktown School, arriving at Michael-house in 1937.

At a very early age he laid the foundations on which he built his whole way of life, which was based on complete unselfishness, kindness and thoughtfulness for others.

After matriculating he joined the 6th Field Regiment, South African Artillery, serving in Madagascar, North Africa and Italy, where at Siena he was very seriously wounded. After a long period of hospitalisation and many operations, which he bore with great courage, he was discharged and later obtained a BCom degree at Wits University.

In 1948 he entered the family firm of W.F. Johnstone & Co Ltd, Timber Merchants. Typically he insisted on starting at the bottom as a yard hand.

He became a Director in 1953 and after the death of his father became Managing Director of the Johannesburg Branch, a position he held until his retirement.

David enjoyed yachting and tennis but his great love was for the outdoors. He had a small game holding on the borders of the Kruger National Park where he and his family revelled in the life there and where he became an ardent bird-watcher.

David's faith meant a great deal to him. He was a Server in our Chapel and worshipped in St George's Church, Parktown where, for many years he was a Sub-Deacon. He was a true Christian who lived his

religion sincerely, humbly and with gentle confidence and dedication.

Shortly after his retirement in February he died suddenly on 26th May 1983.

His life has been an inspiration and a high example to all those who had the privilege of knowing him and he will always be remembered.

David leaves his widow, Margo, and four sons, Duncan, Miles, Gavin and Phillip, all of whom were at Michaelhouse.



"Afonte puro pura defluitaqua"

From a pure fountain pure water flows.

Memoria bene redditae vitae est sempiterna".

The memory of a well spent life is eternal.

E.H. Bennett

J.K. Jardine (38-41)

John Kenneth Jardine who died on 3rd October 1983 was a member of Founders from 1938 to 1941. He was the second Jardine at Michaelhouse. His brother, Peter, who was killed in the RAF in 1942, was here from 1936 to 1938. His half-brother, Douglas Vivian (29-31) was also killed in July 1941, serving with the RAF.

John was well liked at school as a quiet, unassuming boy. He joined the SAAF where he served for four years. After the War he qualified at Gonville and Caius, Cambridge, as a mechanical engineer and thereafter joined the family business of H. Alers Hankey. He left when this company was taken over and set up his own engineering businesses in Dundee.

Apart from his business interests he ran a sizeable farm at Himeville, which at onetime included a commercial trout venture as one of the operations. Farming was one of his great loves and he was looking forward to retiring at Himeville.

John had a wide circle of friends in Himeville, Dundee and Johannesburg who knew him as a man of integrity and fair dealing and a natural gentleman. He will be remembered as such.

He leaves his widow, Mary, three sons-Peter, Richard and Roger (all OMs) - and his daughter, Mary Ann.

A.D. Hankinson

Dr Theodore Cynric Lloyd (14-17)

The first Old Boy to have the distinction of being appointed a lecturer at Yale University in the United States, passed away at Margate, South Coast, on Wednesday, 16th November 1983.

He was Dr Theodore Cynric Lloyd who was a foundation member of Cordwalles in 1913 and came to Michaelhouse where he matriculated at the age of 15 in 1916.

Theodore Lloyd was the eldest grandson of the late Archdeacon William Henry Cynric Lloyd of Durban, who arrived in Port Natal on 11th June 1849 as the first Colonial Chaplain to Her Majesty's troops in the small military settlement. He was the son of the late

Alfred Lloyd, a former Registrar of Deeds in Natal.

Dr Lloyd was born on 24th March 1901 in Pietermaritzburg and after leaving school obtained the degrees of BSc in Chemistry and Botany at the University of Natal in 1921. He then proceeded overseas and obtained the degree of MSc (London), in 1923 and the Diploma of the Imperial College of Science and Technology. He then spent the next eight years in the United States where he obtained the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Columbia University and lectured at Yale before returning to South Africa in 1931.

He was married in 1937 to Stella MacLaren and was employed by the Union Steel Corporation Limited at Veieeniging and later became industrial and technical adviser to the government in Rhodesia.

On his return from Rhodesia he was employed for many years as production manager at African Products in Germiston in the manufacture of starch and glucose from maize. While there he took a keen interest in the commercial exploitation of cassava in South Africa since he believed that it had considerable potential as a source of industrial starch. He was regarded as a true and dedicated scientist by his colleagues at African Products.

Doctor Lloyd is survived by his wife, Stella, and his two brothers, Norman, who retired as the first Commodore of the Safmarine shipping line, and captain of many of the mail ships including his final command, the SA "Vaal", and Anson who is chairman of the Board of Governors of Michaelhouse.

A.A. Lloyd

A.S.K. Pitman (44-48)

Anthony Selwyn Kirkpatrick (Harry) Pitman, MP, died of a heart attack at a Progressive Federal Party Congress on 18th November 1983.

He won an Open Scholarship to Michaelhouse and thereafter his whole education was financed by Scholarships. He won a De Beers Scholarship to Natal University, Pietermaritzburg, where he obtained a BA Degree and a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford where he obtained an MA in Law. At Natal University he captained the boxing and athletics teams and played First Team rugby and cricket. He obtained an Oxford Blue for athletics. Before going to Oxford at the age of 21 he spent four months on a whaler in the Antarctic and was also a teacher. He practised as an Advocate in Pietermaritzburg for 25 years and was known as a strong campaigner for justice. At the time of his death he was MP for Pine-town, a seat he won back from the National Party's

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Dr Jan Marais at the last General Election. He was a former Natal Leader of the Progressive Reform Party and was the PFP's chief spokesman on Law and Order and a vigorous Parliamentary Debater on these issues. He appeared in a number of major trials, two of the more recent of which were a Pan Africanist Congress Trial in Bethal and the South African Students' Organisation Trial in Pretoria. He also acted in the case arising out of the shooting of "Sea Cottage", the famous racehorse.

He was also a part-time farmer near Michaelhouse.

The Memorial Service for Harry Pitman was held in the Michaelhouse Chapel on the 21st November and was attended by a very large crowd of his friends. A moving address was delivered by his Parliamentary Colleague, Dr Alex Boraine, who paid him the following tribute:

"The secret, the wonder of his life was his utter humanity. If ever there was a human being, it was Harry Pitman. And flowing from that, his quest in life is more readily understood: to make life more human in a world often impersonal and dehumanising. Anything and everything which contradicted man's essential humanity he saw as false and degrading and something to be opposed. This, I believe, is the strength from which flowed his warmth, his humour and his anger. You will know that he loved people. Perhaps that is why people loved him so much. An incurable gossip, without malicious intent, he wanted to know what made people tick. Curious, always wanting to know and to understand, and thereby enriching the very people he sought to understand. Who will forget his grin and the smile of his life? Who will forget his piercing eye, the inner glow? There was a fire burning inside of that man, a fire which burnt brightly and even furiously, and in the end a flame which burnt too powerfully for a mere body.

"His commitment to humanity also aroused in him a source of deep anger. We who listened to his ideas and his views - they raced along - know something of that incredible passion. He could not tolerate injustice. That is why he was so powerful in his own public life. It wasn't only a public message. It was a deep personal instinct. There was an integrity and an integration of that spirit which nobody can disguise or move away from. I suppose because he was so passionate in his concern for justice he was

white hot. Because he believed that racism dehumanised and thus offended his own basic commitment in seeking to make life more human for all mankind, he fought the destructive fires of racism and injustice with a blazing anger. He fought fire with fire."

He leaves his wife, Vicki, and six children, one of whom is presently at Michaelhouse on a scholarship.

Dr Roy Melville Ivor Shacksnovis (42-47)

Roy was in West and in his final year, was head of house and played hooker for the Natal Schools XV. He started his medical career at Oxford University, where he represented the 2nd XV, and completed his training at St Mary's Hospital, London. He returned to South Africa with his family and after living here for six years, emigrated to New Zealand. He returned soon afterwards to join a practice in Howick and during this time he was one of the Michaelhouse doctors, so enjoying a close and memorable association with the school, the masters and the boys.

Roy was a very popular and competent doctor and was well liked and respected by all who knew him. He died very suddenly in December 1982 of a heart attack and will be sorely missed by all his patients and friends.

S.R. Shacksnovis

Henry Herbert (Hennie) SimmQns (17-18)

Hennie died on 22nd September 1983, after an illness of more than a year, aged eighty-two.

He was the last surviving Old Boy of Weenen County College and came from there to Michaelhouse in 1917. He played rugby for the 1st XV but his career was cut short when he had to leave following the death of his brother, to help his mother with her farming at Bray Hill, Mooi River. He spent the rest of his life there except for a period during World War II when he served with the Royal Natal Carbineers in East Africa.

He will best be remembered by his friends and the farmers of Natal for the tremendous contribution he made to the Dairy Industry, especially in the field of artificial insemination. He served on the Board of the Natal AI Co-op and was Chairman of the Company for 20 years. He was made an Honorary Life Member of the Mooi River Farmers' Association in apprecia-

tion of his long and valuable service to this organisation and was also made an Honorary Life Member of the Natal Agricultural Union in recognition of his services to the farming community of Natal. He was on the Board of Natal Co-operative Dairies. He played polo for Mooi River and was a member of the team that won the Prince of Wales Cup in 1921.

He had a deep love for the picturesque "Gray's Elegy stone church beside the Mooi River -Giants Castle Road, which his father, P.D. Simmons, was instrumental in building and where the Simmons family vault is situated. For more years than anyone can remember, he was its devoted custodian and groundsman. In the 1930s Bishop Leonard Fisher threatened to close it on the grounds of lack of support and it was because of Hennie's anguish as much as for the church itself that sufficient support was mustered.

Peter Lionel Watkins Baker (31-34)

Peter was born at Camperdown on 20th September 1916, the son of Dr Watkins Baker, a well-known

Doctor in Pietermaritzburg. Before going to Michaelhouse he was at Cordwalles. After he left Michaelhouse in 1934 he studied medicine for two years in London but then returned to Johannesburg and joined Union Corporation. In World War II he was a bomber pilot in the SAAF. He served in the Western Desert in 1941 and 1942 and was a Flying Instructor from 1943 to 1945. After the War he returned to Union Corporation where he served for 39 years, ending up as a Manager, Chairman of Venus Timbers Limited and a Director of Bracken Mines, Leslie Gold Mines, Winkelhaak Mines and Kohler Brothers. He retired to Leisure Isle, Knysna in 1976 where he was actively engaged in the affairs of the Community and was Chairman of Leisure Isle Country Club for 2 years. He died in May 1983.

Old Boys' Notes

NATAL AND ZULULAND

Sir George Albu (58-61) discovered "the" ski-ing resort in 1981 - Andorra in the Pyrenees between France and Spain (it is dutyfree). He intends to go back there again. He is involved in various activities here. He is a lay minister and is a committee member of FGBMFI (Pietermaritzburg). He is also a Police Reservist. His two daughters are at St John's DSG. His brother-in-law, Pip Lorentz (54-57) has returned with his yacht, La Lisee from the Seychelles to the Knysna area.

A.J. (Tony) Ardington (54-58) and Graeme Armstrong (52-55) visited Cuba early in 1983, representing the SA Cane Growers Association. Tony wrote an interesting article on his visit which was published in The Natal Witness. Al-

though probably few South Africans know anything about conditions in Cuba, Tony's impressions will, no doubt, surprise many readers. He, like many people, had expected to find a totally rigid society with little freedom and that the combination of the drabness, the lifestyle of the Cubans and an all pervading military presence would be overwhelmingly depressing. However, he found that the society appeared basically honest and he felt pretty safe wherever he went. He was allowed to go wherever he pleased. The general health was good and the hospitals had spare capacity; Malaria, yellow fever, tuberculosis, venereal disease and measles had been eliminated and an adequate system of preventive health care seems to oper-

ate. Prices were modest and the distribution system was an interesting mixture of free and controlled marketing. Purchases of rationed goods up to a fixed quantity are at prices which have not changed since 1960. There was no sign of starvation nor malnutrition. However, levels of productivity were extremely low. His general impression, away from the tourist centres, was one of relative freedom and a happy people.

The Natal Witness of 6th September 1983 carried a photograph of Paul Arnott (76-80) and five of his mates from the Maritzburg University under 20 teams. Paul was captain of the under 20A Team which won the Basil Medway Trophy and the Frank Norris Cup. Six of the A Team represented Natal Under 20 during the Season including Paul, who was captain. In 18 games the sides scored 471 points conceding 116 and ran 82 tries while just

11 were scored against them. "It is the best crop we have had since the early 1970s", said Rob Haswell, Maritzburg University President.

F.A.C. (Andrew) Baker (74-78) returned from the "missing" in 1983. He had two years at Rhodes studying journalism, then went into the Army where he was commissioned at the end of 1981. He had six months Border Service and then went to 5SAI Ladysmith as the Transport Training Officer. After that, he had two months leave ("long overdue holiday!") before starting work as a trainee with Grindrod's in Durban. At the time of writing he intended to move into a flat with David Cartwright (71-74).



## Old Boys' Notes (Natal and Zululand) continued

M.J. Bond (66-69) is Property Portfolio Manager (Natal) Old Mutual Properties in Durban. He was previously in Cape Town and would like to contact any colleagues. His phone numbers are: office 323381. Home 825285. He reports that Chris Bond (66-69) is with the SA Police at Himeville and Dave Bond (72-75) has gone to Zimbabwe to take up a teaching post after completing his masters degree at UCT.

Denzil Bradley (49-53) has recently been in touch with us after a long "disappearance". He had twenty-four years in the Rhodesian Government, mostly in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with postings to London, Lisbon, Sydney and Washington. He is now a director of TWS Public Relations Consulting in Natal. He has a son at the School.

something of London and Israel. In his vacations he was a Security man at a Casino.

Jeremy Chaplin (72-75) obtained his BA LLB degrees at the University of Natal Pietermaritzburg. He is at present doing his National Service and is a Lieutenant and a Law Officer for the army. He married an ex-Rhodesian girl who is a teacher in Pietermaritzburg in October 1983.

M.B. Cloete (68-73) is an Agriculture Economics Consultant with SA Farm Consultants Pietermaritzburg. He married Penny Wallace on 20.3.82.

G.D. Cominos (1974) lives in Margate and is a Member of the SA Institute of Chartered Accountants.

H.J. Coppens (63-66) is a Section Head at the Diamond Research Laboratories of De Beers in Johannesburg. He is a keen motorcyclist and medi-

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K.G. Braum (Ken) (52-56) runs a successful computer company, Braum Business Machines, in Durban, and lives with his wife and three children in La Lucia.

G.D. Brooks (79-82) is a student at University of Natal (PMB).

The Natal Witness of 5th September 1983 reported

that Chris Burger (49-53) had been named Convener of the South African Cricket Selection Panel for the encounters with West Indian team. He took over from Dr Ali Bacher. His son, David, was selected to play for Natal Schools as an all-rounder in December 1983.

A.M.A. Campbell (60-64) is Managing Director of Rand Natal Trust Company Limited and Director of the Association of Trust Companies in South Africa. He also has a small dairy farm in the Dargle where he breeds jerseys. His wife, Elizabeth is the sister of R.J.W. Henderson (64-68) and P.G.W. Henderson (66-70). R.J.W. has returned to London after three years in New York with Schroeder Wagg and Company, Bankers. P.G.W. is a Partner in Thorpe & Hands, Attorneys, in Durban.

A.T. Chaplin (72-76) is at Natal University. After being employed at Secunda, he had two years overseas as a member of a ship's crew. He operated along the English and French Coasts and saw

ocre racer. He recently delivered papers at the Las Vegas International Mining Conference and the International Metallurgical Conference in Toronto.

I.A. Cox (74-77) graduated with a BA in 1980 and an LLB in 1982. He is now with Army Intelligence. He obtained Springbok Colours for Paddle Ski-ing and is now Chairman of the Natal Paddle Surfing Association.

The Natal Mercury of 10th January 1984 published a photograph of Anthony Doull (54-58) who has been appointed Assistant General Manager of the Board of Executors Group. He is responsible for the Durban Board of Executors' Investment Division.

J.G.D. Elliot (47-51) has left his cane farm in Swaziland and is now farming at Curry's Post.

S.B. Foss (76-79) is doing a Graphic Art course at the Durban Technikon.

D.N. Forsyth (35-38) is Proprietor of D.F. Forsyth, Estate, Finance and Insurance, and Ireland Van Aardt and Forsyth Auctioneers and Appraisers in Pietermaritzburg. His brother, N.V. Forsyth (39-42) lives in Calgary, Alberta Canada, and was the farthest-flung OM at the recent Gaudy.

A.S.M. Green (60-63) is one of three OMS in the firm of Elliot and Walker, Attorneys in Kokstad and Port Edward. He married Dorothy Gafney in 1970

and has a daughter and a son. His partners are M.T. Brereton (45-48) and J.B.D. Elliot (51-54). They have a Consultant and retired partner W.L.D. Elliot (18-23) who, happily, appeared at the 1983 Gaudy.

Lester Hall (28-31) is now semi-retired from his legal practice - Lester Hall, Ewing and Swan - which he established in Hillcrest in 1950. He has a remarkable record of public service. He was a member of the Natal Provincial Council in 1949 to 1959 holding the position of Chairman. He was a founder member of the Progressive Party in 1959. For 10 years he was a Governor of St Mary's School, Kloof, and became the first lay Chairman of the Board of Governors. With fellow OM, Dr Hailey Stott (27-28) he was a founder member of the Valley Trust and held the positions of Trustee, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer for 30 years. He is an ex-Rotarian. He is still a director of many companies and a member of the Board of the SA Permanent Building Society in Durban. He married Margaret Simpson in 1945 and has two daughters and three grandchildren.

Dr J.W. Hamilton (47-51) is an ENT Specialist in Durban. He is Chairman of the SA Society of Otorhinolaryngology. He is also the immediate Past President of the Natal Coastal Branch of the Medical Association of South Africa.

M.J. Hankinson (63-33) is director in charge of Ropes and Matting and NAMPAC Ropes and Twines which are part of the Romatex Group.

R.W. Hancock (54-57) is a Director of Hunt Leuchars and Hepburn Limited.

M.J. Harker (78-81) did a year's Rotary Exchange in Sydney, Australia and in 1983 started on a BCom, LLB at Natal University, Pietermaritzburg.

E.J.T. Hawke (57-60) is Financial Manager of a bulk Earthmoving Company that builds dams in the Natal Midlands. He left Mozambique in 1967, served Articles (Accountancy) in Durban, and worked in Zululand until 1976. He had his own Supermarket in Bothas Hill until 1982 and now works in Pietermaritzburg.

T.E.B. Hill (24-29) who needs no introduction to anybody concerned with agriculture in Natal, says that he is still working on his farm. He always apologises for not being able to be present on

Old Boys Day but this is because the Royal Show cannot do without him and always coincides with our festival. Some day we think that we will have to change Old Boys Day to get TEB here.

R.C. Holt (79-82) is a 2nd Lieutenant in the army and intends to study at Maritzburg University as soon as he has completed his national service.

M.M. (Bob) Hudson Bennett (64-67) is in Newcastle and is credit manager for Stannic for Northern Natal.

M.L. Jackson (75-78) writes that he completed his LLB Degree at the University of Natal Durban at the end of 1983 having graduated with a B Com at the end of 1981. He will be taking up a lecturing post for the first six months of 1984, lecturing on Constitutional Law and Interpretation of Statutes at Durban University. In 1983 he ran in the Comrades Marathon and came about half way down (or up). He says that the Durban Law School is almost controlled by OMs. Jeremy Burns (74-77) is in his final year LLB and is in the Law Students Council and Editor of the Natal University Law Review. Paul Zaloumis (74-78) is also on the Law Students' Council. Others, in the Law School are Patrick Atkinson (74-79) and Dave Woodhouse (76-79).

A.V. Johnson (34-38) was Chief Engineer with BTR Sarmcol in Howick. By the time this appears he will have retired.

A.E.C. Kidd (53-57) is Manager of the Durban Branch of a firm of consulting engineers. He has been involved with the recently completed Kwa Zulu Legislative Assembly Building in Ulundi. His brother, J.N. Kidd (61-64) has emigrated to Melbourne, Australia, where he is Senior Lecturer in Business Administration at Footscray Institute of Technology.

Andrew Kramer (78-81) has completed his National Service and achieved the rare feat of becoming a Parabat and obtaining Cross-Swords as a PT Instructor.

David Kramer (75-78) has gained his Agricultural Economics Degree at Stellenbosch University. He has been commissioned in the SA Intelligence School and played Cricket for Griquas.

R.J.P. Lewis (50-54) is Head of Department Official Languages at Indumiso College of Education

near Pietermaritzburg. He says he has accommodation should friends wish to stay in Pietermaritzburg. His phone number is 43125.

C.R. MacGillivray (68-71) is dairy farming in the Karkloof. He married Robyn Teichmann and they have a daughter. His brother, Allan (71-75) is doing a Masters Degree in Agriculture at the Colorado State University.

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R.G. McKenzie (23-27) lives in retirement in Durban.

It was a measure of the impact made by Ronald Currey during the comparatively short period of his Rectorship of Michaelhouse that several Old Boys have written reminiscing about his regime. One of them is G.W. Meikler (73-40). He says "he overawed me in many ways from his almost dramatic entrances to the Chapel on Sundays with his War Medals clinking to his threat to flog me if I did not work harder". On the other hand, his humanity showed through, when he gave young Gerald of those days a weekend exeat to see his father off to England by ship from Durban. "Although strict and awesome", says Gerald, "I felt he was immensely fair, a trait which schoolboys respected and admired". Many years later Gerald met Ronald's cousin who was then a Military Knight at Windsor Castle, and who told him that following the trials and tribulations of the Great War of 1914-1918 Ronald decided to devote his life to teaching and to preach peace to the coming generations instead of taking up a more lucrative career. "Currey was indeed an outstanding man and personality, a true gentleman with all its connotations".

The Natal Witness of 13th October 1983 carried an article about A.S. Milne (70-73). We reported in "Michaelhouse News" of October 1983 his outstanding academic achievements, but the article in the Natal Witness adds a few personal items to his story.

His grandfather is the former Judge President of Natal, Mr Justice Alexander Milne and his father is the present Judge President of Natal, Mr Justice John Milne. While Simon was at Cambridge, his wife Jola studied "Education in a Multi-Racial Society" and "Teaching English as a Foreign Language" at Trinity College Cambridge. After their Cambridge studies they travelled round Europe "in an ancient Volkswagen Beetle with a bargain tent with a pole missing". The highlight of their visit was a trip to Poland. "Normally this would not have been possible but Jola's father is Polish and organised things for us" said Simon. They were there during the Pope's visit and spent time in Warsaw and Krakow. "It is a very oppressed country, and I don't think the average person in the West can imagine queuing for hours to buy a car for example; then if you are one of the lucky

ones whose name comes up in the lottery you wait for six years to buy one basic type with no spares available". Simon said.

Despite the shortages, they found an irrepressible spirit among the people, who were tremendously hospitable.

"They are determined that if there is a glimmer of hope they will keep on fighting for their freedom" said Simon.

In "Michaelhouse News" of October 1983 we mentioned that A.R. Moberly (13-16) was to celebrate his golden wedding in 1983. He has now let us know that he is much too young to be celebrating his golden wedding and that it is only his diamond wedding. We hope we are only ten years premature.

T.E. Moon (67-70) is practising as an Attorney in Durban. He completed his BCom and LIB degrees at Natal University, Pietermaritzburg. He was married in 1976, spent a year overseas and returned to Durban. He has a son.

Jeffery Morphew (30-36) has retired. He is building up his home in a part of the old family farm "Furth" on the Inhlosaan Mountain, Dargle.

P.D.R. Nairn (67-70) is now a Banana Farmer near Port Edward. He says that he is pleased to have stopped dairy farming.

K.J. O'Brien (76-81) is at Petrie Residence at Natal University, Pietermaritzburg, studying for BA with the intention of proceeding to LLB.

D.G. Oscroft (64-68) is a Research Technician in Tree Breeding and Genetics with the University of Natal's Wattle Research Institute. He returned to Natal from (then) Rhodesia in 1980 after 12 years spent first in the BSAP, and then on a Tea Estate in the Eastern Highlands.

G.A.F. Pedlar (39-41) is dairy farming in the Dargle.

J.G. Pretorius (79-82) is taking BCom in Computer Science at Natal University, Durban. He was a recipient of an IBM Bursary. He is on the Youth Commission and Youth Outreach Committees at his local Church and is leader of the Youth Group.

N.P.M. Richards (80-82) was a Technical Assistant



in Department of Forestry in Pietermaritzburg. He is a computer operator. He went to USA in December 1982 and his future programme is that he will be going to College of Saasveld after the Army, before going to Stellenbosch.

Clive Riggs (63-67) is Administrative Manager with Mitchell Cotts Seafreight in Durban.

A.S.N. Roberts (40-43) is Chairman of the Victoria Club, Pietermaritzburg.

The Natal Mercury of June 18th 1983 carried a picture of John Robinson (23-28) Chairman of Rob-

inson & Company the publishers of the Mercury and David Robinson (57-61) who is Managing Director. The picture was taken on the occasion of the commissioning of their new Goss Metroliner press; a spin-off of the new press was the new "glued" format of the Mercury.

C. de V. Shaw (70-74) is serving in the British Army with the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards with the rank of Major. He has a two year secondment as a tank squadron leader in the Sultan of Oman's Armoured Regiment. He commands and advises the Arabs on the British Tank Chieftain, which has recently been bought by the Omani Government. An article on his experiences appeared in the "Kokstad Advertiser" of November 24th 1983, in which he described such things as the "delicacy" offered to him by some Arabs - lizards' "unmentionables", and the drama when his men were put through a swimming test: he was most impressed at the length of time they could hold their breath, until he suddenly realised that a hasty salvage operation had to take place. Temperatures in June are on average between 47 and 50 Å°C. During his leave he has visited Bombay, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Hong Kong, Macau, Southern China and Philippines. He says that life is varied, exciting and rich with new and unusual experiences, professionally and socially.

J.M.D. Simmons (74-78) graduated from University of Natal, Durban, with a BSC In Mechanical Engineering (Cum Laude). He is a lieutenant in the SADF in the Armoured Corps and should finish his service at the end of 1984.

We have had an interesting note from K.W. Simpson (27-30). He has now retired and is a part time lecturer in the Department of Surveying and Mapping at the University of Natal, Durban. As reported in the Chronicle of March 1982 he was Chairman of a Commission of the Federation Internationale des Geometres (FIG). Through this connection in spite of specific exclusion of South Korea, South Vietnam, Taiwan and South Africa from entry to Bulgaria, Ken and his wife Margaret, went there on their South African passports in June 1983. They attended a congress of FIG in Sofia which proved to be an eye opener to the conditions prevailing there. In order to get there Ken was invited by his friends in the FIG to Chair a session of his old Commission One and representatives of the United Kingdom, France, Ger-

many, Belgium and Switzerland, Italy and the Netherlands met together in Brussels and demanded of the Bulgarian Minister of Foreign Affairs necessary entry visas, or else . . . This was by way of establishing a principle. There was no "or else . . ." and they got there. Margaret and Ken plan to attend a FIG Meeting in Tokyo in 1984.

G.A.C. Shakerley (78-82) was, when he wrote, working at the Mount West Inn in preparation for studying Hotel Management in London in September 1983 which is a two year course.

Peter Sprackett (48-52) is Sales-PRO - Shipping - with Mitchell Cotts Seafreight in Durban.

A.W. Springorum (71-75) describes himself as "farm manager". He is a qualified Diesel Mechanic and had short experience with a road construction company in the Nkwaleni Valley. At the time of writing he was looking forward to a trip to the USA. He reports that his brother, P.A. (71-75) is farm manager at Caversham and, with his father, is reconstructing the farm to produce pigs and various fruits on a commercial scale.

M.J. Surycz (59-62) is a director of Hobart Wholesalers (Pty) Ltd - Hardware Wholesale Suppliers in Durban. He has two daughters and a son. He reports that B.H.R. Staniforth (59-62) has a senior position with Leyland SA. He has a son and daughter.

M.G. Tidboald (40-42) is growing vegetables in Rosetta. He comments "since leaving Kwambonambi, Zululand, I found that there is no better place to live than in Rosetta. The weather is beautiful".

S.G. Tordoff (69-73) graduated MB CH B from University of Cape Town 1980. He married Sue Wayne in that year. He was, at the time of writing, completing his National Service.

John and Tish Townsend got a write-up in The Natal Witness on 3rd November 1983. They went on a Voyage of Discovery 18 months ago and found the Isle of Mayotte, one of the Comores Archipelago. They have a 26 metre traditionally rigged Baltic Trader "Island Spice". Prior to that they lived through the Marxist take-over at Mozambique, settled on Bazaruto, ran an under water

filming company in Cape Town and hunted for treasure in the Bassas da India atoll between Madagascar and Mozambique. They have established a diving and fishing company on Mayotte and they have been organising diving and fishing tours to the island from Johannesburg and Durban. We think that he must be J.W.B. Townsend (64-68) but he does not appear to have joined the Old Boys Club. If anybody who knows him can tip

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him off that for a payment of only R100 he can become a Life Member, it will be to his advantage.

Anthony van Velden (67-71) is teaching at Cordwalles. He and his wife Lillian, have had a second daughter, Natasha. There must be a Russian connection - his first daughter was called Tatiana.

Dr A.D. van Velden (36-40) is a Medical Practitioner in Durban and gives news of his three OM sons but it is written in script.

M.R. van Velden (74-77) completed his LLB at University of Natal, Durban, at the end of 1982 and is doing his two years national service on the Bluff.

H.D.V. (David) Wheelwright (42-45) is in Industrial and Commercial real estate in Pinetown and New Germany.

Reverend C.G. Williams (48-51) is Rector at the Church of the Holy Cross at Empangeni. He writes about Ian Scott-Barnes (36-39) of the same Parish, who was made deacon in December 1982 in the self-supporting Ministry. He goes on . . . "Ian is now sharing his faith in that he teaches youngsters about nature conservation on his game ranch". This is the well-known Nyala Ranch.

David Winter (Jack) (78-82) is with No. 1 Parachute Battalion and has recently been awarded his Wings at a Parabat Passing Out Parade.

## TRANSVAAL

T.E. Aiken (67-71) is Marketing Director of R.E.M. Blakeway (Pty) Ltd. (a major exporter of SA ferro-alloys). His son, Thomas Edward, was born on 16th July 1983. He reports that his brother, Bruce (A.T.B. (59-62)), has just completed a very successful book called the Lions and Elephants of the Chobe.

C.C.M. Angwin (51-55) is Marketing Director of Keeble Publishing Company, Doornfontein, Johannesburg.

Grahame M. Beggs (58-60) has a record Company called "Sunshine Records". He has established a branch in London from which he has recently re-

turned after three years.

Giles Bonnet (80-83) is now doing his National Service but has organised himself a very reasonable posting. He works for Colonel Barnard who runs hockey in the Army. He is Captain of the SADF under 21 team and represented the SADF senior side in the SA Hockey Cup competition. He was in the South Africa under 21 team in the inter-provincial tournament and played in the winning cup side, Defence Force, Pretoria, which won the Champion of Champions Competition. He played with four other OMs, Leith Stewart (SA Captain), Roddy Stewart, Brian Wallace and Nigel Tatham in the SADF team in the SA Cup Competition.

C.A. Boyes (79-82) worked for his father as farm manager at Letsitele near Tzaneen after leaving school, and by the time this appears he will be doing his military service. In 1986 he intends to study Agricultural Management at Natal University, Pietermaritzburg.

D. Braun (50-53) moved to Ireland from Zimbabwe in 1965. He then joined AER LINGUS, the Irish National Airline, on their Transatlantic and European networks. His wife, Ann, and he decided that they had had enough of the notorious Irish climate and they returned to sunny South Africa, and are living in Johannesburg.

Professor Jonathon M. Burchell (63-67) called at the school in December 1983. He is the third member of a remarkable line of lawyers: Both his father and his grandfather were professors of law and he was appointed professor at the Witwatersrand University in May 1982. His son, who is now four, is destined for Michaelhouse. Can there be a fourth Professor Burchell?

A.H. Burns (59-62) is a partner and director in J. Redelinghuys and Partners, Management Consultants in Johannesburg. He is on the Old Boys' Club Committee there and was primarily responsible (with his wife, Robin) for organising the highly successful Parents Parties in April 1983.

D.C. Chambers (40-44) writes that he has decided to go on early pension at the end of 1983 after 37 years service with SA Manganese Amcor Limited (SAMANCOR). He has now gone into partnership with his son-in-law in a business proposition in Rustenberg, the nature of which is not disclosed in his letter.

B.A. Crow (73-76) is Personnel Officer with SA Breweries. He obtained a Higher Diploma in Personnel Management from the Graduate School of Business at Wits in 1982. A.G. Crow (75-78) was, at the time of writing, a Lieutenant in the SADF running the Recruiting Centre in Wind-

hoek. D.F.R. Crow (78-81) is, or was, in the State President's Guard in Pretoria.

The Natal Mercury of 14th November 1983 announced that A.L. (Jack) Crutchley (49-53) has been appointed Managing Director of Robor, a member of Robor Industrial Holdings which was shortly to be listed.

C.G. Curson (68-71) is a Chemical Engineer and is Production Manager at the Triomf, Kempton Park, Factory.

C.I. (Chris) von Christierson (61-64) is Managing Director of an Exploration Company and is on the Boards of Directors of two South African public companies. He and his wife, Marina, had a daughter in May 1981.

P.C. Dean (68-72) is Assistant Legal Adviser to Renies Consolidated Holdings Limited, Johannesburg.

S.W. Dallamore (65-68) is Managing Director of the Mast Organisation (SA) (Management and Skills Training). He joined Mast as the first SA partner in 1977 after graduating with a BA LLB from Wits. He is married and has a daughter and a son. Mast currently has offices in Natal and the Cape, a schools subsidiary, time management company and an Afrikaans subsidiary. Other OMs involved in the Company are J.C.N. Carver (42-46) (Partner, Mast (SA)), and M.L. Parkin (42-45) (Senior Partner, Mast Cape).

C.H.A. (Colin) Damant (40-44) is Senior Partner of an old established legal firm in Johannesburg with an associate practice in Botswana. He reports that Martin Brassey (60-65) was articled to him and is doing well at the Bar. Ian Sinton was also articled to the firm.

John N. Devonport (70-73) and Rob W. Devonport

(71-74) are honoured for their achievements in squash by having one of the new courts in the Warin Bushell Squash Centre named after them. Both have an impressive record in championships and Provincial competitions and to mark the opening of the new centre they played a very attractive exhibition match. Their full achievements will be recorded on a special board to be placed in the Squash Centre. Rob further writes that he has obtained BComm and, BAcc degrees



and is a CA(SA). His hobbies are stamp collecting, wild life and all sports.

D.D. Dyer (62-64) is Senior Manager - Banking

- with UAL Merchant Bank. His wife, Jenny, recently had a "laat lammetjie", a son (Warren). He also has two daughters.

Steve Erlank (71-76) is a Computer Programmer/Analyst at Robor Ltd, Isando (a Barlows Group Company). He graduated from UCT with BSc (Computer Science, Statistics). At the end of 1981 he sailed back from Rio de Janeiro to Cape Town after travelling South America in early 1982. He started working for Robor in April 1982 and at the time of writing was doing his BSc (Honours) at UNISA.

Charles Fiddian-Green (47-52) was named one of the Top Five Businessmen of 1983 at a function on 28th November 1983 organised by the Business Times. His company, Rennies Consolidated Holdings, received an award as top company of the year. This award is given to the company having the highest compound earnings gross over the previous five years and is open to all companies listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

N.P.L. Folker (63-67) is Sales Manager for Perspex (AECI Limited) in Johannesburg.

J.S. Ford (48-51) is a Director of Sigma Motor Corporation and lives in Bryanston.

Henry Fotheringham (66-70) who, as is well known, plays cricket for the Transvaal and South Africa, is now Sales Manager with Wiggins Teape (Pty) Ltd in Johannesburg.

Ian M. Fraser (52-55) is a registered Quantity Surveyor practising in Johannesburg.

M.J. Gordon (67-70) is now Investment and Portfolio Manager with the Guardian Liberty Investment Corporation in Johannesburg.

Russel Gould (69-74) appeared in the Star with the following write up: "Brawny, brainy and exuding good health, Russel Gould (25) has plenty to grin about. Behind his good looks is a razor-sharp mind which has earned him a trail of academic success, culminating in a post as an engineering consultant.

"Educated at Michaelhouse, Russel swept the board in matric, achieving top aggregate. On the strength of that Anglo American offered him an open scholarship which he used to study mining engineering at the University of the Witwatersrand.

" 'I have a technical bent and have always enjoyed maths and physics,' he explains.

"Four years later he has again won a scholarship, this time from the Chamber of Mines to study anywhere in the world.

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"Boston is where he is headed to do an MBA for two years and then it's back to Pretoria to pick up his consultancy post.

" 'With an engineering degree and an MBA, the world should be open,' he says."

Leonard Hall (53-56) is Financial Director of D & H Services (Pty) Limited, a subsidiary of D & H Limited. When he wrote, he said that he had been with the Group for seven years and that he would be touring the USA with the SA Jesters Squash Team in April/May 1983. The tour was to start in New York area and would include Baltimore, Philadelphia, Denver, Colorado, Seattle and San Francisco.

N.R.H. Harriss (33-36) wrote some time ago saying that he was in the process of winding up the Family Company, R.H. Harriss (Pty) Limited, Engineers in Johannesburg, and retiring. He reports that Alex H.A. MacL. (34-38) retired in 1980 owing to ill-health and now lives in Scottburgh. Ernie (34-41) is with Billern Motors (Pty) Ltd, in Pietermaritzburg. Noel's son, David (69-72), was, at the time of writing, an engineering geologist with BSc Hons (Natal) and serving with the Foundation Section of the SA Transport Services.

B. Hayse-Gregson (68-72) Is an Audit Manager with Peat Marwick Mitchell & Company in Johannesburg. He had 18 months in Milwaukee, USA. He came home via Brazil where he spent a month sailing on a yacht. His son, Keith, was born on 10th June 1983

K.D. (Don) Henwood (29-33) wrote his own tribute to Rector Ronald Currey which may interest some OMs of that era.

"So dear old Rector Ronald Currey's gone too. What a man he was, of the finest in every sense of the term. I can see him as though it was yesterday, standing on the dining hall platform, legs astride, right hand behind him, tucked into the back of his trousers, coat rucked up by his arm in this position, the left hand free to mark a particular passage of what he had to say, with a coordinated emphasis, hips swaying, cultured and mellifluous voice with trained delivery, conveying to the still and silent sea of upturned faces the admonishments or the praises of the day. One occa-

sion I recall, his address was in these terms, more or less, The Balgowan Station Master has been to see me to report a serious misdemeanour by a boy, or boys, from this school, who were seen, or observed, to be throwing or otherwise project-

ing, sticks, stones, or similar missiles, at, near or in the direction of, certain electrical standards or other equipment belonging to and on the property of, the South African Railways. I need hardly stress, for the rest of you, the danger and immaturity of such an act, or acts, nor the harm which it does to the image of our school. I should like to see the culprits in my study at first break. That is all. Thank you, Turner (or was it Hindson?)."'

B.G. Hooker (50-53) is Director and General Manager of Health Care Products and Decorative and Reflective Products in the 3M South Africa (Pty) Ltd Organisation.

I.B. Hudson Bennett (64-68) is living at Alberton and is with Nedbank.

P.S. Kuipers (59-63) is being transferred from Cape Town to Johannesburg to take up the position of Reef Area Manager of MacRall Timbers, a Barlow Rand subsidiary. He mentions that he saw Seamus Smyth (60-64) and family in UK and all were well.

R.P. Lawrence (69-73) is an Analyst Programmer for Coopers & Lybrand Associates. When he wrote, he said he was engaged to Veronica Devonport

- the sister of John and Robin Devonport. They were to be married on 10th September.

T.M. Mackenzie (65-68) is working as Registrar in Urology at Johannesburg Hospital having completed a Surgical Fellowship. He reports that Chris Henning (65-68) is living in Vancouver and running his own restaurant. Michael Henning (64-67) is living in Tull 'nt Waal, Holland, running a company in the Unilever Group.

B.R. Malcolmson (41-43) is an Executive Director of D & H Limited and D.N. Tomlinson (53-57) is Finance Manager of D & H Construction.

W.N.L. Moon (59-62) is Managing Director of Motorola South Africa (Pty) Limited which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Motorola Inc., Chicago. He qualified as CA(SA) in 1971 and did his service in the Navy. He entered commerce in 1972 with the

Protea Group. He joined his present company in November 1975 as Financial Manager and progressed through various departments to the position of Managing Director which he has occupied since April 1981.

J.D.S. Moore (32-36) has recently been appointed National Sales Manager Original Equipment for General Tire and Rubber Company in Johannesburg. He says that during 30 years in Johannesburg he has enjoyed greatly the company of several OMs, namely J.S. Aubrey, J.R. Hankinson, J.

Heeley and J. Sandison, all from different eras at Michaelhouse. He says that they have greatly enriched his life and that he owes a debt to Michaelhouse and the wonderful spirit it engenders.

W.R. Paterson (45-48) is Managing Director of Bill Paterson (Pty) Limited an Industrial Public Relations Company. When he is not working, he studies for a degree in Communications of which one course is Russian. He will be majoring in English and Communications. The rest of his time is spent playing squash, sailing a Wizz and gliding at Donaldson Dam.

A.J. Pollard (72-76) is an Articled Clerk with Pim Goldby in Johannesburg. He obtained a BCom at Wits in 1982 and is studying for BAcc part-time. He married Heidi von Maltitz on 6th January 1984. He reports that Howard Fletcher (72-76) is a full-time SAAF Pilot.

C.S. Porter (57-60) is Executive Director (Tvl) with Price-Forbes Federale Volkskas.

J.J. Price (61-64) is Manager- Mining and Manufacturing Area - of ICL (International Computers). He has sent his two sons to Clifton, Nottingham Road as a forerunner to their moving on to Michaelhouse. His brother, Ivan (63-68), visited South Africa from Calgary, Canada in December

1982, accompanied by his wife, Caroline, and their son and daughter. He is an Engineer with a group of Consulting Engineers. His brother, Adrian (59-62), is with Barlows in Johannesburg. He also gives us news of C.M. Bean (63-66) who is now an attorney operating in both Johannesburg and Los Angeles and Cecil J. Everingham (61-64) who is with D & H Semi Bulk in Johannesburg.

T.S. Prowling (78-80) is living in Johannesburg and is in his third year of a legal BA at Wits. He is also employed by the Rebel Liquor Group as a Wine Consultant. He mentions that W.S. Tunnicliffe (77-80) is in his third year as a medical student at Wits and G.P. Leadbeater (77-80) is in his third year of a BCom course. By the time this appears we hope that their third year efforts will be crowned with success.

P.M. Reid (37-40) has retired after being Chairman of African Associated Mines in Zimbabwe after

starting there as Manager of Gaths Asbestos Mines. He lives in Sandton.

P. de B. Roberts (73-76) lives in Alberton and is Sales Manager for Barlows Appliance Company.

C.H. Bennett (64-68) is his boss.

N.P. Scott (61-65) is a Consultant ENT Surgeon at the Johannesburg General Hospital. He had a year in London as a Lecturer at the Institute of Laryngology and Otology. He has a son, Michael, 1 year old.

I.H.S. Sinton (70-73) is a Partner in the firm of Ramsay, Webber & Company, Attorneys of Johannesburg. He was admitted as an Attorney during 1983 and at the time of writing, was serving as an Artillery Staff Officer on the HQ Staff of an Infantry Division with the rank of Captain.

U.C.M. (Urs) Steiner (57-58) is Managing Director of Auto Techniques dealing in Car Accessories. His personal news: Single after 11 years marriage (ended 1978). Two daughters, Kim 12 years, Tammy 10 1/2 years. Ex-wife now married to ex-

B.G. Friend and Colleague, C.M. Vermaak (58-61), who is a farmer/Game Ranger/Hunter/Conservationist. They are still great friends and Urs is a regular visitor to Conrad's Farm near Helpmekaar.

Peter Tucker (58-61) has, according to a cryptic note we have received, gone sailing for a few years.

Adriaan van Velden (71-75) is doing his practical year of Architecture with Anglo American, and by the time this appears he will have had six months in the USA and Canada.

P.C. Williams (70-75) is a Junior Graduate Engineer at New Largo Colliery, a division of Amcoal Colliery. He married Linda van Zyl of East London on 1st January 1983. He is doing a two-year practical stint on the mine to pay off an Anglo American bursary and to qualify as a candidate for the Government Certificate of Competency in Mechanical Engineering (Mines). He recently won the Amcoal Colliery Squash Championship of East Escom Collieries and his wife was runner-up in the tennis championships.

G.S. Young (52-56) is Managing Director of the Gold and Uranium Division of the Anglo American

Corporation.



## CAPE PROVINCE

G.B. Babaya (78-81) is a second lieutenant in an anti-aircraft regiment based at Youngsfield, Cape, and was on Border Duty at the time of writing.

G.M.F. (Guise) Beaumont (22-25) who lives in Grahamstown, wrote us a long letter full of interesting information which he says "when the time comes (will be) substance for an obituary!!" In it he reminisces over some of the "bad old days" at Michaelhouse. He managed to arrange to be taught bookkeeping by "Bok" Hannah in the Masters' Common Room. "This suited me in many ways" he says. "There was a goodly supply of bread and cheese which I enjoyed very much. In those days we were half starved and had to resort to collecting green peaches countrywide and some lettuce from the Masters' vegy garden." Later he had to go to Ken Pennington's house to be taught and there his diet included tea and biscuits. He says he was "the most favoured so and so in the school". He also reminisces about Eldred Pascoe, the Rector at that time.

"He was a very sick man during his last days at Michaelhouse. How he managed to keep going was a wonder to all of us. He certainly kept us all in very good order, being a firm disciplinarian, looked upon with fear and timidity. He was terribly thin and short-winded but could still use the cane with great effect. He had some special knack." His letter contains a long and interesting account of his varied activities before, during and after World War II. He farmed in the Cotswolds in England and near Donnybrook and Cowies Hill. A keen rugby player for various teams, he was a Natal Rugby Trialist in 1928 but had to wait for his Natal colours until 1936 when he was more or less packing-up rugby. He was also a part-time soldier with NMR and served with that regiment through Abyssinia and up to the battle of Alamein where he was wounded. He was acting CO of the regiment in the field on a couple of occasions. Then after a long time in various hospitals it was Home Defence Service for him the rest of the War. In the meantime, the family farm had been sold owing to the difficulty experienced by the women of the family running it and he had to start from scratch. He bought himself a lorry in East London and started a furniture removal business and went from strength to strength. He took in one Rusty Rice as a partner and the firm became quite well known as Beaumont and Rice

(Pty) Ltd. His son, Michael, has now taken over the firm and he says that he works for Michael. He

has been involved in most of the aspects of public life in Grahamstown.

He came all the way from Grahamstown to attend the Gaudy in September 1983.

A.J. Blackwood-Murray (79-82) is reading for his BCom at UCT. He is waiting to hear from the Royal Air Force as to whether they will give him a bursary to a British University and hopes to join the RAF after his degree.

W.I. Blakeway (1980) has graduated from UCT with a BSc in Computer Science and Mathematics. He commenced his Military Service in January 1984.

#### Mini-reunion at Somerset West

Dr G.D. Campbell (39-42) is practising as a physician in Somerset West. He sent us the above photograph of expatriate OMs who were co-incidentally at a wedding at Klein Helderberg on 24th September 1983. They are, left to right, J.S. McNaught Davis (29-31), Dr G.D. Campbell (39-42), Peter McNaught Davis (58-61), Steve Barnard (65-68).

M.E. Cornish-Bowden (54-58) (he was then Seymour-Hosley) is a Director of the Gant Group of Companies and lives at Sydney-on-Vaal Farms, Northern Cape.

S.A. Dumakude (82) is a student at Smuts Hall, UCT taking BSc(Elec) Engineering I at the time of writing.

J.G. Foster (41-44) is practising as a physician in George.

N.C. Grice (68-72) is an architect with Revel Fox & Partners in Cape Town. He was married to Gill Reay, a doctor, in March 1983.

J.M.S. Harker (40-44) is Regional Manager of Liberty Life Association in the Cape.

G.R. Herbert (78-82) is in his first year MB ChB at Leo Marquard Hall, UCT. Charles Bonham Carter

(78-82) is on the same course.

Dr Arnold L. Jackson (24-28) has written from Knysna. He was a Founder Member of West House in KMP's time. He and Alan Melville were the only two new boys in mid-term in 1924, but Alan's cricket did not rub off on him. Recently he was visited by an old friend and contemporary at Michaelhouse and Cambridge, Astley Knight (24-29).

C.S. Lardner (77-80) is studying for a BSc (Building) at UCT. He is now Chairman for 1984 of the UCT Building Students Council. He says that Colin Stevenson (77-80) has started the Building Degree at UCT after completing his Military Service.

The Rev M.B. Lloyd (32-34) is Priest-in-Charge of St Albans Church, Kimberley, which celebrated its centenary in July 1983. He retired as Editor of the Diamond Fields Advertiser in 1977. At the same time, he was ordained Deacon and the following year, as Priest. He was Assistant Priest at the Cathedral of St Cyprian until 1980, since when he has occupied his present office. He is also Hospital Chaplain. His wife, Helen, died in 1980 and he has since married Claudia Camp, widow of the late Brian Camp, Chief Regional Magistrate, Natal and East Griqualand, at the time of his retirement, and Grandmother of Wayne Wither-spoon, presently at Michaelhouse.

W.B. Meiring (75-78) is studying for an LLB at UCT.

K.W. Nelson (49-52) resigned from Caltex at the end of 1982 after 25 years service. He was Area Sales Manager for the Eastern Cape. He has taken over Toby's Motors, Walmer, Port Elizabeth, of which he is Managing Director. W.F. Nelson (40-44) lives in Stutterheim. B.D. Nelson (44-48) lives in Gonubie.

R.A. Pascoe (78-82) is at Rhodes University studying for BCom.

Dr M.D. Pascoe (59-62) is a Specialist Physician at Groote Schuur Hospital. He is a keen Glider Pilot and Instructor. He is married and has two chil-

dren. Dr F.D. Pascoe (34-36) has now retired and is living in Cape Town. He was recently Forensic Psychiatrist for the Western Cape.

Michael J. Phillips (62-65) is Technical Manager at Tide Fabrics (Pty) Ltd in Cape Town.

Leonard Pickles (33-35) lives in Newlands, Cape Town. He is retired Manager of the Argus, Cape Town, and former Manager of the Daily News and Sunday Tribune, Durban. His brother, Bernard (33-35), who has retired from the Shell Company, is a Director of Somerset West Travel.

T.E.K. Radloff (59-63) is a Lecturer in Department of Music and Musicology at Rhodes University, Grahamstown. His wife is Sarah and they have three daughters.

F.O. Skae (79-81) is Rag Chairman at Rhodes University for the 1983/84 year. He served on the Rag Committee for the 1983 Rag year, and represented Rhodes rugby 2nd XV on and off during the season. He reports on several other OMs at Rhodes. Jan Hilmer-Larsen (80-82) is excelling on the rugby field. Richard Pascoe (78-82) is on his Rag Committee for 1984. Others in residence at Rhodes are Mike Whiting (76-79) (who plays rugby for Rhodes 1st XV and Border Junior), Kevin Ritchie (78-81) and Michael (79-81) and Justin (79-82) Corbett.

## ORANGE FREE STATE

It was great to see R.L. Harris (16-22) from Harri-smith at the 1983 Gaudy. According to the records he was at Michaelhouse from 1916-1922 which must be a record. He was a noted runner in his time and he told the Secretary that he actually held the South African Record for the 100 yards (9| seconds) for some time until it was broken by Danie Joubert who became joint holder of the World Record. Ralph was an outstanding wing in the famous 1921 XV. He scored 34 tries which then represented more than 100 points. He played rugby after leaving school and told us that in his time the teams used to leave the field at half-time and the reason why this practice was stopped. The touring Cove-Smith's XV were playing the Witwatersrand in 1924. The teams went to their dressing rooms and the Witwatersrand players which were given a drink which contained strychnine to give them stamina for the second half. Cove-Smith walked into the Witwatersrand Dressing Room and caught them red-

handed. He naturally protested and since then no team has been allowed to leave the field at half-time. Did anybody think that "doping" was a new development?

## Old Boys' Notes (Orange Free State) continued

D.C.O. Schoeman (79-81) from Verkykerskop, OFS, has completed two years at Waterkloof Airforce Base and is going to America to farm in Louisville, Kentucky, for a year, and after that, to New Zealand.

## ZIMBABWE FUNCTION IN HARARE

Back Row: Jon Hill, Dick Groves, Richard Biegel, John Bott, Andrew Prentice.

Middle: Pat English, Martin Biegel, Brian Moultrie, Duncan Frudd, Chris Hayward-Butt.

Front: R.I. Lister, Peter Gowans, Guy Hensman, David Wadman.

During June, Richard Lister, President of the Old Boys' Club, travelled to Zimbabwe and during his stay in Harare a cocktail party was organised by Pat English and David Wadman at the latter's home on Wednesday, 29th June. A most convivial evening was enjoyed by all concerned. Owing to the "War" and recent difficulties in the country, the branch has not been active for some time. David Wadman and Pat English have, however, agreed to have an AGM and dinner in the near future.

T.N.J. Crawford (48-51) is farming at Glendale, Zimbabwe. He had a successful by-pass operation at Wentworth in February 1983 at which time he renewed his acquaintance with Roger Gifford, Kim Elgie and David Tuttle. In his note he gives us news of the following OMs: Errol Tillet (49-53) who works for Lonrho, John Hart (47-52), a successful private engineer and farmer in the Mazawe Valley, and Frank Hart (47-51), a very successful farmer.

J.B. Dick (28-32) has retired and is now self-employed as an engineering consultant in Harare. He has a son there who is on the Board of Governors of Peterhouse, a daughter married to a Bindura farmer and another married daughter who lives in England.

W.M. Ferris (45-47) is Chairman and Chief Executive of Gulliver Consolidated Limited. This is the largest Civil Engineering/Contracting Group in Zimbabwe. He is also Chairman of three contracting companies in South Africa.

B.E. Fieldsend (41-45) will, by the time this appears, have retired from the Rectorship of Peterhouse. He intended to take four months leave and to return to Harare at the end of May 1984 where he hopes to find some interesting job to do. We also received a note from Bruce Fieldsend's Secretary, Mrs. P. Haarhoff, which we have pleasure in quoting.

"I have worked for him for five years and he is quite the most wonderful boss I have ever had.

"He and his wife, Liza, have been a tower of strength, not only to Peterhouse but to the educational scene in Zimbabwe as a whole. He kept us going through the war and it is very sad indeed that his last term here has been clouded over by our Minister of Education's latest statement to effect changes in the Independent Schools in Zimbabwe!!

"Bruce has served Peterhouse for 30 years, 16 of those as Rector and all who know him will agree that he has done a quite magnificent job.

"All connected with Peterhouse will miss both Bruce and Liza dreadfully - but me in particular!

- and they will be a great loss to the education scene in Zimbabwe."

L.J. Graham Owen (38-42) is farming tobacco, maize, cotton, wheat and cattle at Bindura. He says that he survived the war and is now struggling to survive the drought. He gives us news of Chris Kearns (53-56) who is farming at Shamva, W.P. (Bill) Taylor (28-30) who is a retired farmer in Bindura and George Matsukis (49-53) who is farming at Shamva.

G.C. Hensman (48-52) was in June 1983 appointed Deputy Chairman of Export Leaf Tobacco Co of Africa (Pvt) Ltd, Exporters of Leaf Tobacco from Zimbabwe. He is also Chairman of the Squash Racquets Association of Zimbabwe and still plays League squash (2nd League) for Harare Sports Club. His brothers, G.B. (57-62) and R.M. (60-64) are still farming at Chinhoyi and playing polo for Zimbabwe.

B.L. Mathews (41-45) is a Consulting Engineer in Harare. He writes that he has been operating on his own as a Consulting Civil Engineer in Zimbabwe since 1965, covering most types of Civil and Structural Engineering. He has always had an interest in motor racing and in 1973 was responsible for the design and construction supervision of the Donnybrook Track in Harare. He also designed and built a sports-racing car which won the National Zimbabwe Championship of 1983. He is married with three daughters who are now grown up and he also has two grandchildren.

Donald Loxton (34-38) who is in Katima Mulilo in the Caprivi Strip is a Clerk of Works in the Army. At one time he decided to call it a day. However, we now hear that he has decided to stay in employment on the SWA Border for another 12 months.

David M. McConnell (54-57) is with Marshalls (EA) Limited at Mombasa, Kenya. He is regional technical manager for the coastal area. His brother, John S. McConnell (52-55) lives in Victoria, Australia, and is technical after sales officer with the Renault agents.

## REST OF AFRICA

Tom Button (40-44) writes that he was extremely grateful for the item in the Chronicle about his experiences at the time of the attempted coup in Kenya. He had two letters from South Africa about it. He goes on . . . "we have regained a reasonably good stability since then and are actually about to have new general elections for Parliament and local councils". (This was written on 3rd September 1983). "Though a one-party system, anyone can stand provided he, or she, is a member of the Party and many of our last Parliamentarians are expected to lose their seats. It will be interesting to see if the one European who was in our last Government as an assistant minister, Philip Leakey, will keep his seat." He is living in Nakuru. He is now not allowed to visit South Africa and feels somewhat "cut-off". He would like to hear from any of his contemporaries: His address is Box 2513, Nakuru, Kenya.

H.R.M. Currey (47-50) is General Manager of the Juba Sugar project in Mogadishu, Somalia - on secondment from Booker Agriculture International Limited in London. He joined the latter company in 1981 after 24 years with the Copper



Industry in Zambia. He will probably return to London at the completion of Booker Agriculture's contract with the Somali Government at the end of 1984. His brother, H.L.F. Currey (39-42), is Professor of Rheumatology at the London Hospital. He is frequently required to present papers in other lands which have included European capitals, South America and most recently Saudi Arabia. His wife and fellow Rheumatologist, Dr Jacqueline Currey, usually accompanies him and often lectures herself at the conferences. His other brother, C.P. (42-45), was a Housemaster at Bishops and now teaches physics at the top of the school. He has a grant to visit schools in Britain in 1984.

## UNITED KINGDOM

H.M. Bull (39-45) mentions that he met John Lea-Morgan at an Old Andrean Dinner in London. He was music master at Michaelhouse in the early forties. After 30 years in Newfoundland, he is now living in England.

James R. Campling (42-45) is Production Director at Oxford University Press, Printing Division. He is kept very busy running a large book printing and binding works with particular accent on new technology. Chaired the British Printing Industries Federation Development Committee and is a Fellow of the Institute of Printing. He gives a lot of time to the Printing Industry's Research Association. He travels to Europe two or three times a year following up new techniques and equipment and also occasionally goes to the States. He has a wife and three children (two boys and a girl), all teenagers and "all going great guns". He says that he keeps pretty fit, though slowed down a bit now by a knee injury sustained in a 1st XV Game Michaelhouse versus Jeppe High School, coupled with advancing years! He still sails a dinghy and plays the occasional round of bad golf. He also mentions that he saw Terence Rockey (43-46) from Pietermaritzburg passing through London in December en route for a family gathering in Canada. They had a great night reminiscing over a meal in the West End. He says other passing OMs will always be welcome. His address is: 3 Portland Road, Summertown, Oxford. OX2 7EZ.

B.C. Collins (61-64) lives in London where he is a Curate at the Parishes of St Peter's Church, Kensington Park Road and St John's. He started life as a Chemical Engineer having got a BSc in that

subject at Natal University, Durban. He became an MBA at Edinburgh University. He was employed by Elida Gibbs (Unilever) in London. In

## Old Boys' Notes (United Kingdom) continued

April 1976 he married Sian Jones of Barmarthen, South Wales. In 1981 he resigned from Elida Gibbs to study at Oakhill Anglican Theological College where he passed with honours. He was ordained by the Bishop of London at St Paul's in June 1983. He has a son who was born in May

1983.

D.R.I. Crowe (56-60) lives in Surrey, England, and is investment adviser in charge of Cazenoves Investments in South Africa.

R.S. Cussons (71-76) is a Sales Representative living in England. He left SA for England in 1982 and found a job despite unemployment problems.

R.J.V. Doming (74-78) writes that after working in Swartberg for two years he went to the Royal Agricultural College at Cirencester for two years and worked in Scotland during the vacs. He hopes to continue travelling around the world once he has finished college.

Dr S.R. Evelyn (41-44) is Research Adviser, Regulatory requirements, with British-American Tobacco Co, Southampton. He was previously in Leather Research at Rhodes, interrupted by two years at Birmingham, where he obtained an MSc.

R.L. Hersov (42-46) is living in England and is Chairman of Tilley Investments, Swaziland Ranches and Tambankulu Estates. He spent part of the Christmas vacation ski-ing in Lech, Austria and has bought a yacht in the Mediterranean for

\* Summer cruises.

Norman Ingledew (71-75) is another OM who has been honoured by his name being given to one of the new Squash Courts. He completed his military training in South Africa and then became a Squash Coach at the Grasshopper Club, Zurich, Switzerland. On returning to South Africa, he became a Judge's Registrar for the late Mr Justice

B.L.S. Franklin in the Rand Supreme Court in Johannesburg. In 1979 he applied to the Rhodesian Air Force to undergo flying training. He was selected and was awarded Wings and Commissioned in May 1981. He served in No. 3 Squadron Transport and did most of his flying in the Opera-

tional Area of Mataboland Province. He resigned from the Zimbabwe Air Force in September 1983. He has now joined the Fleet Air Arm in the UK, and has been streamed to fly the Harrier Jump Jet after a further period of training on the Hawk Fast Jet Weapons Trainer. He was due to start on a 6-8 week orientation period at Dartmouth College in January 1984.

Paul Lacey (70-72) called in at the school in December. After his adventures in the Falklands he was sent to Belize from which place he returned in October 1983. He was to go to Norway in January on a 3 months training exercise. After that he would be in Denmark for amphibious training, followed by Canada and perhaps Brunei. He is now with the Marine Commandos but will be applying for selection for the SAS in August 1984. If he is selected he will probably stay in the army for a further nine years. His life in the army is extremely interesting and arduous. He says that in Belize the average maximum temperature was 114 degrees Fahrenheit rising sometimes to 125 degrees. In his next location, Norway, he expects to experience temperatures of minus 30 degrees Fahrenheit but he says this will be less testing than the Falkland Islands of minus 12 to minus 18 degrees Fahrenheit because of the wet conditions in the Falklands. He has much to tell but space does not permit of its being told in the Chronicle.

J.G.I. Lawrie (75-79) is a student at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, on a two year course. He did his National Service in 1981 and 1982.

C.J.B. Palmer (59-62) is Group Accountant/Company Secretary for Kestrel Data Company in London. He is married and has a girl and a boy. He may be moving to Cyprus for two years in charge of a new office.

R.S. (Rick) Peacock-Edwards (58-61) has been promoted to Wing Commander in the RAF and as from September 1984 he will be the Officer Commanding the Tornado F2 Operational Conversion Unit at Coningsby in Lincolnshire. The Tornado F2 will be the RAF's latest Fighter and he will be responsible for its introduction into RAF service. He and his wife, Tina, now have three children

- Lisa (7), Jenny (4) and Ian (2). He visited the school in January 1983.

A.J. Robertson (73-78) is Campaign Planner at Ogilvy and Mather, the World's third largest advertising agency. He would like to hear from any OM who knew him at Michaelhouse when in London. He can be contacted by telephone (01) 8362466 in business hours.

The Secretary recently heard from David C. Perkins (42-44) who had disappeared from our records for a long time. He came to Michaelhouse from Ceylon due to the hazards of World War II. Other refugees from Ceylon at the time were John Routledge (41-44) and Dr C.D.G. Johnson

(42-46) both of whom now live in England. David went back to tea planting in Ceylon after leaving School and stayed until the end of 1966. He is now working for a firm of Fund Raising Consultants and is Regional Director for the South of England. They organise and advise on appeals for charities and non-profit organisations, schools being their main clients.

J.K. Pollock (65-68) visited the school in December

1983. He now lives in England and is a Marketing Executive with the Institute of Directors in London.

T.O.S. (Tully) Potter (55-59) is a Sub-Editor with the Daily Mail in London.

Neil Reid (19-22) lives in Reading, Berkshire. After 20 years of field veterinary work for the Tanganyika Government where the two major cattle diseases (Rinderpest and Bovine Pleuropneumonia) were eradicated, he joined the Agricultural Division of the UN Food & Agriculture Organisation in Rome, his main function being advising on tropical livestock diseases. He retired in 1967 and would be interested to meet any OMs who come his way. His address is 43 Kendrick Road, Reading, Berks RG1 5DU: Telephone Reading 81172.

Sir Richard Scott (R.R.S. Scott, 48-51) was, in November 1983, appointed a High Court Judge in England and assigned to the Chancery Division. In December 1983 he was knighted, the first OM to be thus honoured.

## EUROPE

L.K. Fleischer (69-73) completed his MBA Degree at Tuck School of Business Administration, New Hampshire, USA, in June 1982. When we last heard, he was working for Cargill International as a Merchant Trader in the Futures Market, based in Geneva.

N. Garas (64-67) is a Captain on B737s with Olympic Airways, based in Athens.

C.K. Mitchell-Heggs (56-59) is a partner in the Paris law firm, Messrs d'Arhuys, Mitchell-Heggs & Yturbe. He has two children. He has been elected vice-Chairman of the British Conservative Association in France, which has successfully cam-

paigned to have the vote in the UK elections extended to British subjects resident abroad (within the EEC to start with). He is also acting professionally as a consultant to the Secretary-General of SADCC.

H.M. Nelson (42-45) writes that he is still enjoying the uniqueness of Spain after nine years. He lives in Alicante.

## AUSTRALIA

J. Barry Edmundson (53-55) lives in Sydney where he has started his Australian branch of Edmundson Huggett Management Consultancy. He says that his wife and three children have all settled down in their new environment despite difficult economic conditions. He met up with Jeremy Burden (51-54) who is running an engineering consultancy and Hamish Fraser (55-59) who is a financial journalist with the Sydney Morning Herald.

R.I. Gladwin (71-74) is in Australia. He says that he is with a large textile company and was promoted to Sales Manager in March 1982.

J.D. Gordon Thomson (74-77) is, or was, at the University of Hobart where he played relatively good rugby. He represented the University Club and before breaking his nose, heard that he had been selected for Southern Tasmania displacing the last year's State full back. He hoped to make the State Team but we have not heard whether he did. His intention was to move to the University of Queensland in February 1984 where he would find the rugby standards somewhat higher.

W.D. (Bill) Gordon-Thomson (50-54) who is in Brisbane, has suffered a setback in that the business in which he became involved was not all that he was led to believe. He has had to resort to the lawyers and we all hope that he will emerge successful.

J.E. Harris (61-65) Is a Senior Geologist with ACA Howe Australia (Pty) Limited in Sydney. He is involved as a Consultant in Mineral Exploration Programmes in Australia, Indonesia and South Africa. He has a daughter and a son.

H.C. Hull (72-73) is in Australia working as a Director of Clive Hall, Brokers on the Commodity Exchange, Sydney.

J.B. ("Binks") Montgomery (48-45) lives in Brisbane and is head of a development company.

Charles Mosse (81-83) is now at Geelong Grammar School, Melbourne, where he plays in the 1st XV. He was also in the Under 16 Victoria State Team which toured New Zealand.



## Old Boys' Notes (Australia) continued

John Mosse (77-81) is now at the University of New England, Armadale, New South Wales, where he is taking a Business Science Degree leading to a CA. He won the Iron Man Award which earned him the name "Zulu". He plays rugby for the university and New England (Northern New South Wales District).

J. Nelson (40-43) from Western Australia was another OM from far afield who attended the Gaudy in September 1983.

Dr R.F. Waspe (63-66) is now Head Specialist Anaesthetist at Gladstone General Hospital, Queensland, Australia.

## AMERICAS

A.C. Davies (79-82) now lives in North Carolina. He has just finished a Post-Graduate High School Course and is waiting to enter Clemson University where he has been accepted. He says he is doing fine in USA and hopes to live there in future.

S.D.L. Haysom (59-62) is running "Computer-in-a-barn", Guerrilla Marketing Group, from an unknown New York Valley. He says he keeps bumping into Robert Townshend (59-61) at the Waldorf Astoria.

Denys Kisch (56-59) still lives in Rio de Janeiro where he is a Partner/Director of Cermotec /Ultra-cura which makes ultraviolet equipment for Industrial Water/Air Sterilization and Drying of Printing Inks and Varnishes. He is still ocean rac-

ing as much as ever. His brother, Neil (65-68) has his own Real Estate Company in Pietermaritzburg.

A.K. Lewis (65-67) is living at Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. He has been there for the last five years working for a major tobacco exporting company. This means that we now have two members in Brazil, the other being Denys Kisch in Rio de Janeiro.

C.P.M. Main (74-78) writes from Vienna, Virginia which is a suburb of Washington DC. He obtained a BComm at Natal University, Durban and joined his family in the United States early in 1982. He

writes, "I am working for a group of companies with interests in the Oil and Gas and Gold Mining Industries. I have been with the company for two years now and am enjoying it immensely."

M.B.C. Simpson (50-54) heads a large firm of investment advisers in New York called Martin Simpson & Company Inc. The Company is a member of the New York Stock Exchange and the Midwest Stock Exchange. They are investment advisers and analysts. He had a terrifying experience in New York when an apparently psychopathic taxi driver hijacked him, saying that he was going to kill him. However, Martin managed to make his escape in a traffic jam. He visited the school not long ago and showed a most entertaining film on some of his world travels. He appears to have had a most adventurous time before settling down to his present business in New York. He is our "representative" there and is always happy to be helpful to any travelling OMs.

Professor Leonard M. Thompson (29-32) is Charles J. Stille Professor of History at Yale University.

#### BET FUND

Don't forget the Bursary Endowment Trust in your will. You can help to give other boys the chance of the education you had, and Michaelhouse will get boys it would like to have but would otherwise

miss.

If you want further details, write to John Wilson, Michaelhouse.

## ARE YOU MOVING?

Each time we send an issue of the Chronicle or Michaelhouse News we get scores of them returned marked with such comments as "Gone away - no address left". Please remember to keep us informed of your change of address. It causes extra work in the Secretary's office and worse still, it means that your Chronicle or Michaelhouse News is either de-

layed or does not arrive at all. Apart from that there is the expense of wasted postage and computer print-outs.

If you know the whereabouts of any of the following OMs, please let the Secretary know.

### Missing OMs, December 1983

W.W. Addison (40-44) P.L.C. Grubb (50-53) C.J. McBride (55-59)  
R.S. Arbuthnot (54-57) M.H. Harris (64-67) P.J. McBride (67-70)  
D.G. Balson (66-70) D.G. Harris (73-78) A.A.B. Meadly (56-61)  
G.J. Barbour (59-62) P.M. Harris (77-79) S.J. Nash (62-65)  
P. de M. Bates (29-30) J.M.M. Hawson (67-70) P.B. Nairn (41-53)  
D.A. Beyers (72-76) Dr R.C. Haynes (67-70) M.H. Nixon (62-66)  
A.N.H. Bond (33-36) P.D. Hickman (31-34) H. Parkes (60-63)  
D.H. Bookless (73-76) M.N. Hubble (72-76) C. Pennington (63-66)  
R.A. Brown (52-56) B.J. Hudson (46-49) M.C.E. Pond (67-71)  
D. Buchanan-Clarke (51-54) P.J. Humphrys (64-67) M.V. Price-Moor (40-44)  
A.F. Butt (63-66) T.F. Hunter (30-33) D.M. Purcocks (53-57)  
B.M.A. Campbell (55-58) G.A. Hutchings (51-54) K.J. Randleff-Rasmussen (70-73)  
D.I. Campbell (59-62) T.J. Irving (47-50) G.D. Ritchie (64-68)  
D.A. Cave (60-62) K.R. Johnson (75-79) A.J. Ritchie (60-63)  
A.J. Chaplin (75-79) M.R. Johnston (35-36) A. de B. Roberts (72-75)  
G.J. Chaplin (66-70) N.C. Justham (71-74) C.J. Saville (64-68)  
J.W.A. Chaplin (39-43) M.A. Kennedy (62-65) R.V.S. Simpson (64-67)  
T.P. Chaplin (72-75) A. Krijger (66-70) J.R. Sinton (61-65)  
B.B. Crookes (59-63) C.C. Laing (43-46) L. Steward (66-69)  
D.M.P. Daly (75-78) G.H. Lawrie (69-73) W.N. Storm (70-73)  
A.H. Denny (70-74) R. Leighton-Jones (55-58) J.A. Thornton (48-52)  
J.P. de St. Croix (72-75) S.N. Leighton-Morris (65-69) M.J. Tingle (76-79)  
J.C. Dickson (63-66) B. MacMurray (72-75) D.G. Waller (39-43)  
J.E. Doughty (52-55) D.C. MacMurray (63-66) C.J. Watkins (71-74)  
C.H.H. Drummond (50-53) G.M. MacMurray (66-69) J.J. Wex (65-69)  
N.P. Duff (67-71) I.C. MacMurray (69-73) I.D. White (70-74)  
J.K. Duxbury (68-72) M.C. MacMurray (66-70) G.D. White (74-78)  
W.R. Galloway (61-64) P.A. Maitre (74-78) K. Wong (58-60)  
W.K. Gordon (50-53) S.P. Martine (56-60)  
W.F. Griffin (51-55) J.R. Mason-Gordon (41-44)

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## OUR FEEDER SCHOOLS

### 2. CLIFTON PREPARATORY SCHOOL, NOTTINGHAM ROAD

#### Origins

In December 1923, Mr H. Stubbs retired from the headmastership of the Durban Preparatory High School and decided to open a school of his own. It was at his house in Lambert Road, where he had, for some years previously, been using part of it as a private boarding establishment for DPHS, that Clifton was first registered in January, 1924, although it was generally known as Stubbs's School.

The school grew successfully, and in January 1938, after Mr Stubbs's death, it was sold by his widow to Mr Kenneth Haworth who had been a Housemaster at Hilton College. He was a man of high ideals and wide experience as an educationist.

For four important years Kenneth Haworth con-

trolled and developed Clifton in Durban. Then in May 1942, as a result of wartime black-out and petrol rationing, and because it was felt that Durban was in danger of attack from the sea, Kenneth Haworth was urged by the parents of boarders and some day boys, to seek safer accommodation inland. As Headmaster, he had appointed to his staff Mr A.G. Sutcliffe, an Oxford Graduate, and, before the war, also a Housemaster at Hilton College, and he asked him to search for a suitable site in Natal.

#### Nottingham Road

Mr Sutcliffe recorded his first impressions of the end of his search in the following words: "You can imagine my delight when I drove down the azalea avenue to Colonel Greene's house at Nottingham Road and

realised here was an ideal setting either for a temporary evacuation centre or, better still, for the permanent preparatory school which Kenneth Haworth was so keen to create,"

The fact that it was Mr Sutcliffe, affectionately known to everyone as "Tim", who chose the site for the school, was a significant factor in shaping its future as a happy and vigorous place for boys to grow up in, because his love for, and interest in, the new venture grew, so that he was able to be a tower of strength and wisdom in assisting and guiding those who later were to be at the helm, after he himself had assumed the headmastership of the Durban School.

In spite of severe financial difficulties, the school survived, thanks to the faith, courage and generosity of an enthusiastic group of parents led by Robin Johnstone, P.M. George and Frank Whittle.

Geoffrey Jenks was asked to be headmaster after Kenneth Haworth retired and, happily, accepted the challenge. This was a fortunate choice, as not only was Geoffrey Jenks a man of rigorous scholarship and inspired ideals, but he was also a great lover of the natural beauty that is so much part of the character of Clifton at Nottingham Road. His passionate interest in trees and soil conservation led him to tend with loving care the beautiful woodlands originally created by Colonel Greene, and he planted trees and developed gardens to make the ideal surroundings in which to educate children, so that, today, Clifton is still regarded as a private arboretum of some importance.

## Development

Clifton has been fortunate in having its destiny shaped by men who realised just how important preparatory schools are, and a tradition of quality and modest pride of achievement has grown from their efforts. After the move in 1942, under the Chairmanship of such dedicated and astute men as Dr Lawrence Robinson, and the practical and wise concern and guidance of Tim Sutcliffe, who, though Headmaster of the Durban school, retained his keen interest in Nottingham Road, the framework of the school grew, consolidation took place, and new developments were carefully worked out, so that the

school now holds an honoured place in the educational system of South Africa.

Until very recently both Clifton schools were governed by one Board of Governors, but growth and development, and differing problems have led to the establishment of separate Boards for the two schools, although some members serve on both Boards, among whom are the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman. This is a natural progression, but it in no way diminishes the close relationship of the two Cliftons; in fact, it is a jealously guarded relationship, the schools being brothers in a common task rather than competitors.

### Activities

The fact that Clifton is fully a boarding school means that staff and children lead totally committed lives, removed from the artificiality that so often surrounds those brought up in cities. The school has a very active and efficient Riding School, in addition to the fine facilities for other sports, and the Haworth Cricket Oval must be the most attractive preparatory school cricketground in the country.

Other activities include frequent outings to neighbouring lakes and rivers and dams for yachting and fishing. Camping trips are arranged, usually to the Drakensberg during term time, and often further afield during holidays. Groups have opportunities of pursuing field-work in all the Natural Sciences, and conservation plays a large part in the lives of the pupils.

The sports time-table is tightly structured with cricket, tennis, swimming, hockey, rugby and athletics taking a regular place in the activities, and school teams have always achieved very satisfactory results.

The boys of Clifton lead busy lives, and time is the constant enemy, as there is so much to do. Most of the time is spent on academic pursuits in small classes helping the children to discipline their minds to intelligent study. Emphasis is placed on spiritual as well as mental, physical and emotional development. In the words of a parent, "This is the ideal setting in which to grow children".

John Forbes. Headmaster

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