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Report of the Headmistress.....

SPEECH DAY 2nd November 1973

My Lord, Reverend Mother, Professor and Mrs. Niven, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is a great pleasure to us, to welcome you all here today. I would like to extend a special welcome to Professor and Mrs. Niven although I don't really think of them as guests — Mrs. Niven belongs to *us* and so Professor Niven is a relation — he is one of the family — perhaps a kind of Dutch uncle! But they are both here in a very special capacity today, Professor Niven as our guest speaker and Mrs. Niven to give out the prizes, so we must be specially polite to them and I would say how happy we are to have them with us in this capacity.

I feel that I can say that 1973 has been a year of growth for myself and for St. John's as a whole. By the very fact that we are alive we are part of a system of flux and change but this may disorient us or it may help us to evolve and grow towards something finer and better. There are certain absolutes by which we can control the direction of our growth and see that it is healthy but it is only by experience that we come to recognise and value these absolutes and the process of discovery may be a painful one as it will incorporate our failures as well as our successes and the real value of a school can be measured by the extent to which they are able to make mistakes and recover from them.

The position of Headmistress has been a new one for me — a new experience in which I have had to explore the nature of a role unknown to me and it has involved a re-adjustment of ideas and a learning of new relationships. This is never an easy process because so much of one's vanity and fear is involved when change is necessary.

But it has not been an experience in isolation. It has involved working within a school community and I believe and hope that for all of us it has been a valuable experience — that together we have learnt respect for ourselves and for one another and that we are more prepared to sacrifice some of our own selfishness to enable the principles of truth, compassion and humility to flourish in a community that can never be perfect.

If we have come a little way towards these goals, if we have learnt to be more aware of ourselves and others as individuals, if we have learnt to reject what is cynical and cowardly and if we have come to accept that strength does not lie in inflexibility for its own sake but in adjustment and understanding and if we recognise that maturity will only come when we consider one another as separate personalities each with our own responsibilities, each with feelings and emotions that are sometimes difficult to control and above all if we act out of forgiveness and not retribution then whatever the future may hold for us we will be a little less frail and we will be proud to have been a part of St. John's.

When we look back at 1973 what direction has our growth taken?

Perhaps we should look first to the Chapel. The religious centre of the school has come under the direction of the Chaplaincy of St. Alphege.

Chapel life has continued much the same as last year without any conspicuous changes and innovations and it is rather on the personal and pastoral side that there has been a noticeable change. As a result of their holding open house at the Rectory, whose grounds conveniently adjoin those of the school, a large number of the girls have taken the opportunity to drop in on Canon Jenkins and to get to know them better as a family. On Sunday mornings, particularly, girls go to the Rectory to swim or play records or just sit around and talk in a home atmosphere. They have even gone in to cook popcorn in the kitchen when the school stove has not been available! More and more have taken the opportunity of visiting Canon Jenkins for a talk in his study on any matter which happens to be of concern to them: this includes staff, and his coming in to take the little informal evening prayers, hymn practices etc., as well as the fact that he attends functions and sporting events wherever possible has also helped to build up a more personal relationship.

The girls are being encouraged to take part in services and social functions in the parish Church and so become more integral members of the larger parish family. All this seems to be fulfilling the main function of a Chaplaincy and fits in well with the development of the free family atmosphere we at St. John's wish to foster.

Miss Liebenberg has taken over the organisation of Chapel duties and has done much to train the servers in the meticulous care of the Chapel linen and has encouraged the strict observance of the Chapel traditions, and the bright attractive appearance of the Chapel owes much to her enthusiasm and care.

It is not possible to review the academic achievements of 1973 at this stage but we can look back to the achievements of 1972 with encouragement. Of the 30 girls who entered the Matriculation examination 6 obtained Matriculation exemptions with Merit passes, 12 obtained Matriculation exemption and 5 obtained Senior Certificate passes. 6 obtained 'O' level passes and one failed. Margaret Matthews obtained 6 distinctions and the staff who taught her are to be congratulated. In the Laër Afrikaanse Taaleksamen 43 girls entered, 36 obtained ordinary grade passes, 4 obtained Higher grade passes and one obtained a Higher grade pass with distinction. In the Hoër Afrikaanse Taaleksamen 15 entered, 11 obtained ordinary grade passes, one a Higher grade pass and 3 obtained Higher grade passes with distinctions. Diane Bultitude obtained the second highest marks in the examination as a whole and I feel Mrs. Theron is to be congratulated on such excellent results.

Our cultural extra-mural activities have been wide and varied. The Speech and Drama department put on several plays, held many poetry readings and produced some excerpts from Shakespeare. In all the work there is evidence of a gradual improvement in the girls' diction, a growth in confidence and a more gracious presentation of their work which is pleasing.

The numerous school societies, Debating, Science, Botany and the Guitar Club, have been very active. Interact, a Junior branch of Rotary, formed in conjunction with St. Charles, is a social service group that holds regular meetings and is addressed by a wide variety of speakers. The main purpose of Interact is to provide service to the community wherever the group feels it is urgently required and they provide helpers for Kupugani, members to collect for various charities etc. Heather Starr was elected to be the Natal leader of Interact and her place has now been taken by Canon Jenkins' son.

The girls have had lessons in Flower Arranging and a small group of girls entered the Autumn Flower Show and won the cup for 1973. There have also been lessons in First Aid given by St. John's Ambulance. The girls have attended a variety of plays and lectures at the University and have attended music recitals, symphony concerts etc., at the City Hall. The Choir has been active and recently went up to Underberg to sing, to provide a specimen for Sunday morning services there. There have also been several Study tours this year. Std. 9 went on a History tour to Ladysmith under the guidance of Mr. Bultitude and the Std. 10's have had several ecology expeditions to the coast and to Underberg. In fact so much seems to have been done this year that I feel this report could never end if I were to enumerate all the activities we have pursued.

Physical Education success and activities

I feel we can be proud of our achievements on the sports field this year.

In Tennis St. John's came 2nd in the Lyle League, losing by only 3 games to G.H.S. in the finals. Greer Stevens and Elizabeth Gordon won the Smythe Trophy. This is only the second time St. John's has won it in over 50 years.

Greer Stevens had a very successful tour of Britain in June and July. She played in the Maritzburg Junior and Senior Intertown teams and was a member of the Junior and Senior Natal Inter-provincial Teams.

Elizabeth Gordon played in the Maritzburg Junior Intertown team and Lynn Greene represented Maritzburg in a Junior Interdistrict side. Glynis Crick was invited by Maritzburg selectors to attend the Junior Inter Schools Tennis Trials.

In swimming St. John's came 4th in the Inter-School Relay Gala. The girls swam 100 yds. and 200 yds. individual events in the Trial Gala for Maritzburg Schools. Brigid Train, Miranda Train, Claire Lewis, Rose Gordon and Beverley Macadam swam for Maritzburg in Natal Inter-district Gala. Beverley Macadam was selected to swim for Natal in the S.A. Schools' Gala. She has also had many successes in the Age Group Gala.

In Life-saving 9 girls hold their Silver Medallion Awards, 13 hold the Bronze Cross and 23 the Bronze Medallion. All girls take the Preliminary and Advanced Safety Examination for their own safety. Further Life-saving Examinations will be taken before the end of the term and life-savers always attend at the Swimming Bath.

72 girls went to Durban to watch the Japanese Gymnasts in the first quarter. 18 girls took part in the B Section of the Inter School Olympic Gymnastic competition in Durban.

Netball is not very popular, although some matches have been played.

This season the 1st Hockey team did not lose a match. They scored 99 goals of which Elizabeth Gordon scored 63. They had 11 goals scored against them. The team beat Estcourt, who have only been beaten twice in 10 years. The 1st XI won the Sulin Cup in the annual fixture played against Durban Girls' College. The U/14 team drew in the Robertson Trophy match with Durban Girls' College. St. John's team spent a weekend in Kokstad and won the Hockey Tournament held there. The following were selected for Maritzburg Schools: L. Greene; J. Horner; C. Stevens; L. Greene played for the South Natal Inter-Provincial Team at the Schools' Tournament.

This is an excellent sporting record for the school and I feel Mrs. Watt is

to be congratulated on her enthusiasm and perseverance. Without her dedication and training the standard at St. John's would not be as high as it is.

Schools are criticised in turn for putting too much or too little emphasis on either religion, academic achievement, cultural activities or sport. Perhaps the fault lies in not emphasising these activities too much but too little and in emphasising one at the expense of the others. Each of these activities, if it is pursued to any depth and with enthusiasm contributes to the development of a child's personality and stability: *Religious values* are founded on principles that are deeply felt and deeply lived by. There is a vast difference between the 20th Century cynic who believes in nothing, who stands for a good time and who has no sense of communion with life and the world itself, nor any realisation of her own conceit and arrogance and the girl who simply knows her God, accepts the values of her God and lives by them. *Academic values* involve no more and no less than truth itself. For a girl to become thoroughly involved in her sphere, to be imaginatively caught up in its values is deeply important. Serious study creates resources of thinking and perceptiveness. It creates an awareness of the situations that may have to be faced later in life and nurtures the ability to solve problems by basing one's decisions on facts garnered by a scientific and accurate method. When a subject is studied in depth the learning process goes beyond reason and stimulates the imagination to relate the principles it perceives to what is universal and spiritual. *Cultural values* have never been more important. In a world which is becoming daily more technological and economically advanced, complex and hostile to what is human and aesthetic. There is an urgent need to offset material values and false sentiment. An emphasis on Music, Art and Literature will create standards by which we can distinguish between what is mediocre and false and what is fine and true. It will enable us to recognise what is merely emotive and what is deeply emotional. Apart from the obvious advantages to health, *the sportsfield* offers an excellent training ground for self-discipline and provides opportunity for fellowship. Provided that a girl is encouraged to extend herself and strive towards perfection but recognise her own limitation and yet appreciate and give credit for excellence in others only good will result from her participation in the games she plays.

An educated girl has a healthy respect for the limitations and strengths of her body, she has a mind that is humble and penetrating, eyes that see and a heart that will not lose its ability to feel.

It is hard therefore to escape the conviction that more not less should be done to extend our activities in these spheres and to apply ourselves to them with more faith and to greater depth.

None of these endeavours would bear any fruit without a capable and enthusiastic staff and I would like to thank my staff, both academic and administrative, for their dedication and hard work. To me personally they have shown nothing but kindness and I thank them for their co-operation and loyalty. I am deeply grateful to Mrs. Veldman for the assistance she has given me throughout this year and especially during the Appeal when she herself was under great pressure.

I would like to make special mention of my secretary, Mrs. Greene, without whose knowledge of the working of the school and without whose support and consideration I would have found my first year at St. John's very difficult indeed.

I wish too, to acknowledge the encouragement and the forbearance that the Board of Governors has shown towards me this year. I am greatly indebted to our Chairman for his concern and understanding and to all the members of the Board for their willingness to participate in all that can benefit St. John's.

Finally the end of the school year is a sad occasion as well as a joyous one. It is equally a beginning and an end — and end of school for some and the end of a school year for others — a beginning of a new life in a newer bigger environment for those who are leaving and a new beginning in the old environment for those of us who remain. We all face new beginnings but as we take with us so much of what has accrued from the past these new beginnings offer us new challenges that should prove exciting and that must be faced with enthusiasm and courage.

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Dear Girls of St. John's, past and present,

It seems a long time since I wrote my last letter of greeting to you all — I suppose because so much has been happening!

Our very sincere thanks go out to Mrs. Stewart and Mr. Eagle for all the hard work they have put into "Venture 5". We, here, feel we had a small share in it when our hall was the venue for a large meeting of Old Girls (and husbands) who came to hear about the new venture. The plans for the new development are thrilling (not to say a little overpowering) to those of us who have been so long accustomed to the old ways. But "we wish you good luck in the Name of the Lord."

We are very sad that Mr. A.B. Jackson has resigned from the Board of Governors — he will be sadly missed. For years he has never spared himself but given the utmost of his time and talents to serve us. We thank him for his long term of service and for his friendship to the school.

I should like to say how very much those of us who were able to come up enjoyed the Old Girls' Reunion on May 5th. It was such a very happy and friendly gathering. St. John's is indeed blessed to have such a loyal and generous band behind it. May I appeal to all girls who will be leaving school at the end of this year to "join up" and enjoy the friendship and fellowship and the welcome that awaits you.

With all the progress and change that is taking place, St. John's is still the same at heart, and will remain so, for the worship in Chapel is still the centre and mainspring of its life.

May God bless you all.

Yours affectionately,
+Pauline, S.S.J.D.
Mother Superior.



The Headmistress

In its new Head, Mrs. Sheila Jane Stewart, St. John's has acquired a person of many talents, wide experience and great personal charm. In her short time at the school she has already shown herself dedicated to the work of ensuring that it should have a bright and prosperous future.

Born in King William's Town, she came early to Natal and received her schooling at Collegiate, becoming Head Girl in 1946. During this time she was Junior tennis champion and then Senior champion for three years running. Later she captained her university at tennis and represented both Northern Districts and Perthshire (Scotland) in competition. She has also represented P.M.B. as a gymnast.

She took her B.A. in English and History at the University in Pietermaritzburg, followed by her U.E.D. and three years of teaching at Vryheid. She married Andy Stewart, a well-known Natal teacher and sportsman, and lived several years at Estcourt where her two sons were born. When Andy became a Housemaster at Hilton, Sheila returned to teaching, this time at St. Anne's. Those tempted to cross swords with Mrs. Stewart should be forewarned that amongst her many distinctions is that of having represented Hilton at fencing!

In 1960 the Stewarts went to Scotland, with Andy teaching at St. Edmund's while Sheila taught English to A level and scholarship level at the Grove School, both in Hindhead. When Andy moved to the well-known Strathallan School in Perthshire, Sheila joined the staff of the Convent of the Sacred Heart nearby at Kilgraston. Here, because of a shortage of science teachers, and with the aid of some further study at the Dundee branch of St. Andrew's University, she was asked to run the Biology department, a task to which she adapted with distinction.

The Stewarts returned to South Africa in 1966, with Andy at Michaelhouse and Sheila travelling from there to head the Biology Department at St. Anne's. She took charge of the English department in 1970, and has acted as Senior Sub-Examiner in English for the Senior Certificate.

Mrs. Stewart has a keen interest in Arts and in handicrafts. She was until recently a member of the Embroiderers' Guild of S.A., winning the Guild Trophy in 1969 and the Bobs Forsythe Trophy at the Royal Show in 1970 for the best piece of embroidery on the show. Another accomplishment is that of having played the violin — probably not as badly as she claims! — in a Junior Orchestra. She also writes poetry, some of which has been published. She is keenly interested in the Theatre and has produced several plays.

With a family of her own Mrs. Stewart has a concern and understanding for the problems of the younger generation. She has the support of a husband who is a distinguished scholar and notable Natal sportsman. But above all she brings with her a vocation as a teacher, with some twenty years of dedication and skill in teaching both the Sciences and Humanities. She is richly endowed to lead St. John's at this important period in its history.

PREFECTS 1973

Alison Bates
Frances Forbes
Caroline Henderson
Jean Knott
Joy Satow (*Head Day Girl*)
Jillian Shipman
Robbyn Walker
Catherine Watt

Glynis Crick
Margot Fricker
Wendy Jackson
Nan Nilsen
Lorraine Shaw
Heather Starr
Sharon Watson

(*Head Girl*)

ST. JOHN'S DAY 1973

Our annual St. John's celebration was held during the first weekend in May.

It commenced on Saturday afternoon with a tennis match, old girls versus present girls, which afforded us all a great deal of enjoyment. The present St. John's girls won.

On Saturday evening the Old Girls and Staff attended a party in the Library after which they saw a production of the House Plays.

Traditionally a Chapel service is held in the St. John's Chapel on Sunday morning. This was attended by some of the sisters, a number of old girls and the school. Afterwards the congregation had breakfast together in our dining hall.

We were delighted to have some of the sisters and old girls with us.

After breakfast a hockey match, old girls versus present day girls, was held which was won by the present girls.

As always St. John's Day was a meaningful reunion of the St. John's family.

G. Crick

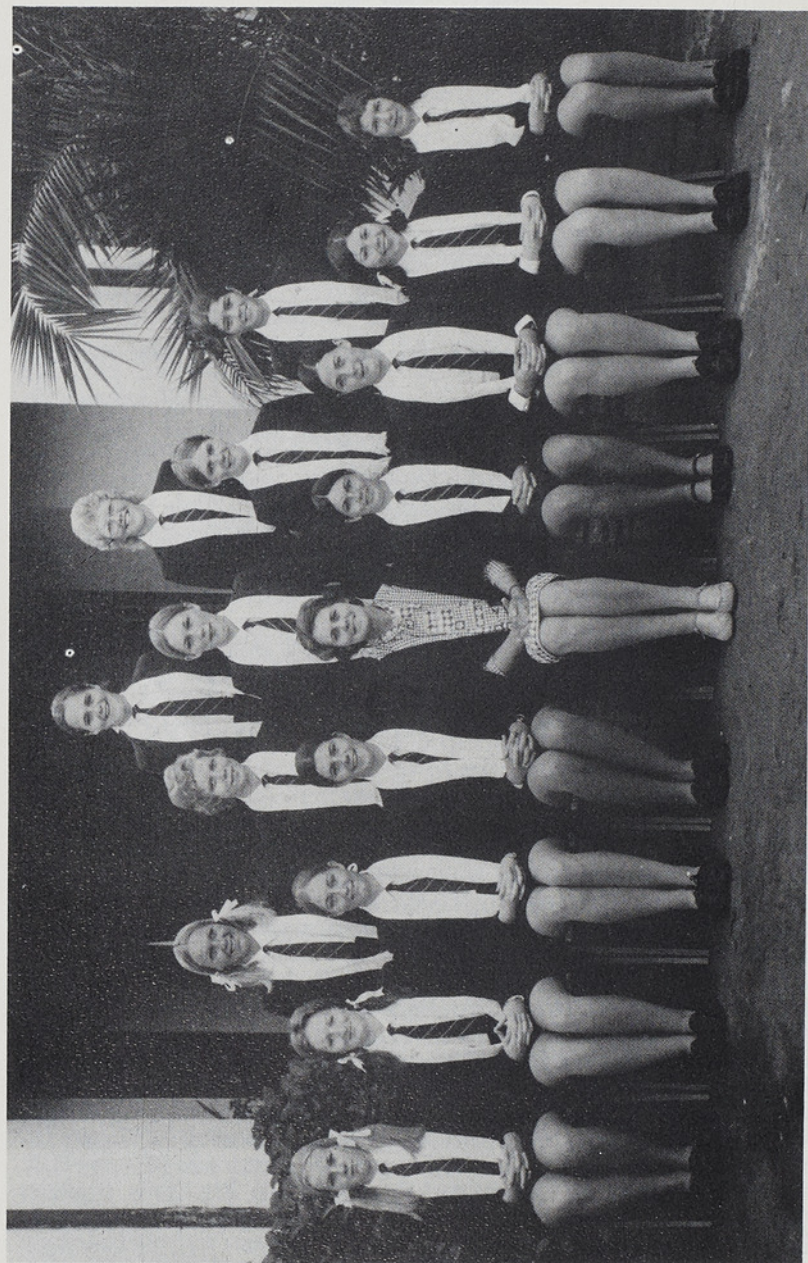
CHAPEL NOTES 1973

On the 26th January, Canon Jenkins blessed the prefects and presented them with their badges. Owing to a large number of girls in the 6th Form wanting to become servers, three groups were made up with each group taking turns to serve every Sunday.

On the 28th January, Mrs. Stewart was inducted as the new Headmistress of St. John's by the Rev. Bishop Hallowses.

As St. John's is now part of the St. Alpheges Parish we have had Canon Jenkins, Canon Mylne and Father Keep acting as our chaplains. Unfortunately Father Keep left St. Alpheges to go to Mooi River and we would like to extend our thanks to him for his service to St. John's in the past. The St. Alpheges Church is at the moment being rebuilt but nevertheless V and VIth form still attend the Sunday evening services in the transformed Church Hall. Owing to the state of St. Alpheges at the moment, a few lovely weddings have taken place in our little chapel.

The girls have played a big part in the chapel this year. We have had many very pleasant services conducted by the girls with the aid of record-players, guitars and so on.



PREFECTS - 1973

13 girls were prepared for confirmation by Canon Jenkins and they were confirmed by the Rev. Bishop Hallows on the 28th September.

Thanks go to Miss Liebenberg and various matrons who undertook the jobs of seeing to the chapel linen, flower arranging and other organisations. Thanks also go to all the organists and to my vice-sacristans Lynne Stanford, Claire Cornhill and Barbara Parker for their help this year.

Muffie Walker



ATHLONE HOUSE REPORT 1973

Captain: Alison Bates
Vice-Captain: Robyn Walker
Sports Captain: Muffie Walker
House Mistress: Mrs. Theron

Thanks go to our last years captain, Sandy Bastard, for upholding the good spirit of Athlone in 1972. On behalf of the house, I'd also like to thank all our staff members, especially Mrs. Theron, for all their support and enthusiasm. Special words of thanks go to Mrs. Watt for her good advice and coaching. Thank you.

Athlone has had a reasonably successful year, this year, despite the third position in the inter-house gala. Congratulations to Connaught for the excellent performance in the final relay thereby walking off with the cup.

The Athlone Debating Team, captained by Muffie Walker, have had a lot of fun but as yet have not produced any spectacular results. Congrats again to Connaught for winning the Inter-House Debate.

Inter-house plays were reintroduced this year. The choice and production of the plays was left entirely to the Houses. Athlone had an enormous amount of fun and lots of hard work in the show "Where have all the ghosts gone?" but once again we stepped into the good old third place.

The second and third quarters have proved to be more fruitful than the first. An Inter-House Quiz was staged in the Hall and Athlone thanks to Muffie Walker, Francie Forbes, Lindsay Brookes and Shirley Barker, (and many words of encouragement) won, in fine style – Congratulations Athlone!

The Athlone tennis standard has improved a great deal and in the Inter-House Tennis Tournament we managed a close second to Connaught in the Senior Championships, and a very good first in the Junior Section. Well done!

I'd like to add a special word of congratulations to Greer Stevens who has excelled in her tennis this year. She spent an exciting month playing the British and South African circuits, and has collected a number of prizes and trophies. Well done Greer. We are very proud to have you in our house.

In the hockey, we must again congratulate Greer. She was chosen to play for Pietermaritzburg. Returning to within the boundary of the school, in the

Inter-House Hockey Tournament, after fighting hard we managed to gain second place. Well done the girls who played, especially Sandra Cornhill (goalie) for stopping those magnificent shots!

I'd like to congratulate our captain, Alison on winning the senior diving cup at the gala – well done, all!

Prefects: Robyn Walker, Francie Forbes, Alison Bates, Catherine Watt, Margot Fricker and Wendy Jackson.

CONNAUGHT HOUSE REPORT 1973

Captain: Glynis Crick
Vice-Captain: Lynne Greene
Games Captain: Maryann Stockley
Debating Captain: Jean Knott

I would like to thank Claire Twycross for being such an enthusiastic captain and for the house-spirit which she inspired in the Connaught members during 1972. I would also like to thank Mrs. Niven for her support and enthusiasm.

Connaught has had an extremely successful year, not only has Connaught won many Inter-House events, but has shown marvellous spirit throughout the year.

Our first inter-house event was the gala. This was tremendously exciting as the competition was keen and the winner was determined by the last relay. We are proud to say that Connaught won – Congratulations. Two Connaught girls, Rose Gordon and Bev Macadam were chosen to swim for P.M.B.

Thanks to Lynne Greene and Geraldine Edwards who debated superbly Connaught won the inter-house Debate. This year each house produced a play. I would like to congratulate Rhodes on winning. Connaught came second. At the rather amusing inter-house Quiz Connaught was beaten by Athlone and Rhodes. A Connaught girl Geraldine Edwards represented St. John's at the Jan Hofmeyer speech Contest.

The tennis was divided into Senior and Junior Sections. Connaught won the Senior and came second to Athlone in the Junior. Two Connaught girls Lynne Greene and Elizabeth Gordon were chosen to play for P.M.B. in the Inter-Districts Tennis Tournament.

Connaught was extremely lucky to have seven of the first team hockey players and thus won the Inter-House Hockey. Bad luck Athlone and Rhodes; your turn next time – perhaps! Connaught vice-captain Lynne Greene is once again worthy of acknowledgement. After being chosen to play for P.M.B. 'A' Hockey Team she was chosen to play for the South Natal Hockey Team, which won the Inter-Provincial Hockey Tournament. Jacky Horner was also chosen to play for P.M.B. 'A' Hockey Team.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Watt for all her help. I would also like to thank the vice-captain, games-captain and debating-Captain for their invaluable help and support.

My best wishes to next years captain – and I wish the best of luck, success and happiness to Connaught in the future – keep it up Connaught!

RHODES HOUSE REPORT 1973

<i>Captain:</i>	Caroline Henderson
<i>Vice-Captain:</i>	Roslyn Torr
<i>House Mistress:</i>	Miss Murray
<i>Games Captain:</i>	Nan Nilsen
<i>Debating Captain:</i>	Caroline Henderson

It seems that Milly van der Merwe's prophesy of 1971 has indeed been proved true, because Rhodes has definitely entered her lean years now.

Thanks Jen, for being a wonderful captain in 1972 and I am glad to say that the spirit inspired in the House last year has carried over to 1973. We have had our ups and downs, but it has been fun and worthwhile.

The Inter-House Gala, for once, did not have to be postponed. It was exciting and the results were close. It was a pleasant surprise when we ended up second to Connaught. Thank you, Rhodes swimmers, for your outstanding effort and well done, Brenda Smith, on winning the progress cup.

This year there were a number of Inter-House Literary and Debating Competitions. The Inter-House Debate was won by Connaught and we came second. Congratulations Connaught. The Inter-House Quiz was an exciting and uproarious event. Something happened to the Rhodes 'Brains' that night — we used to pride ourselves on our aptitude for quizzes — with the result that we lost to Athlone. Athlone, your general knowledge was excellent. Well done! Connaught, for once, took third place.

The highlight of the year, I feel, was the Inter-House Play competition, I am thrilled to say that Rhodes won it. The cast for our play, 'Resistance', was Molly Abrams, Judy Smith, Mary Walker, Kerry-Lee Jones, Ismay Gammage and Sally Henderson. Thank you all for the many hours of practice you put into it and your magnificent acting on the final night. Rhodes is proud of you. Congratulations, Molly, on being chosen best actress, together with Jean Knott of Connaught. I must say here how much we enjoyed the plays of Connaught and Athlone and I hope that this new event will continue. Keep up the good records, Rhodes!

In both tennis and hockey we fell rather short of the mark. We came third in both Senior and Junior Tennis. Congratulations to Connaught and Athlone who beat us to it. On behalf of Rhodes, Greer Stevens, well done on your outstanding feats this year. Greer is in Athlone, by the way.

This year we played hockey against Athlone only, since we had no hope against Connaught which has most of the first team players. Athlone beat us 3-1. We just could not resist their bush-whacking! Nevertheless, our optimism is not daunted, so better luck next year, Rhodes!

Thank you again, Miss Murray, for your encouragement and support. (By the way, we are rather proud of Miss Murray. She took the beautiful photographs that were used in the Venture 5 Campaign).

Nan, I want to say a very big thank you for doing the dirty work of organizing the teams for most of the sporting activities this year.

Thank you, Rhodes for being a wonderful house and I trust the valiant and sporting spirit will continue. Keep your pecker up and best of luck in the future. Just keep fighting!



TENNIS REPORT 1973

Captain: G. Crick

Vice-Captain: W. Jackson

The standard of tennis in the school is high. This is borne out by the first team's results. St. John's was placed second in the Lyle League, losing only to our traditional rivals G.H.S. by three games.

St. John's First Tennis Team is as follows:—

G. Stevens	Hon
E. Gordon	Hon
L. Greene	Hon
G. Crick	Half
J. Shipman	Half
J. Cooke	
W. Jackson	Half
R. Torr	Quarter

The First Team's results are as follows:—

St. John's vs Epworth	76–23
Wykeham	77–22
Ixopo	60–39
G.H.S.	48–51
St. Anne's	81–18
Collegiate	72–27

Greer Stevens and Elizabeth Gordon brought the coveted Smythe Trophy back to St. John's. This is the second time it has been won by St. John's in all the years it has been played.

We congratulate Greer Stevens on all the success she achieved during her tour of Britain in July. This year she has again represented Natal in both the Senior and Junior Inter-Provincial Tournaments. She has also captained the Inter-District Team and played for the Senior and Junior Pietermaritzburg Teams.

Elizabeth Gordon has played for both the Senior and Junior Pietermaritzburg Teams and captained the latter. She is also a member of the Inter-Districts Team.

Lynne Greene has played for Pietermaritzburg 'A' Schools Team in the Inter-District Tournament.

I would like to thank Mrs. Watt for all her help and support which is largely responsible for the First Team's excellent results this year and in past years.

Thank you to Wendy Jackson, the vice-captain, for all her help as well. The following girls have played for St. John's D.S.G.:—

2nd
J. Smith quarter
R. Walker ..
J. Jackson ..

3rd
R. Fredericks quarter
L. Brookes ..
F. Forbes

4th
R. Gordon
N. Nilsen
L. Stanford



TENNIS TEAM - 1973

M. Fricker ..
A. Brownrigg ..
W. Barker ..

B. Taylor
G. Methley
F. Starr

H. Starr
L. Shaw
J. Satow
W. Barrow
C. Nugent

5th

P. Braithwaite
C. Mc Gregor
J. Borggreve
S. Watson
K. Barnard
C. Henderson

6th

S. Geekie
B. Roe-Scott
B. Train
M. Stockley
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G. Stafford

U 15/A

E. Osborne
T. Barry
A. Stewart
S. Barker
B. Macadam
A. Irons

U 15/B

J. McBean
K. Shaw
S. Labistour
C. Strachan
P. Morell
L.A. Kelly

U 15/C

S. Cornhill
A.H. Browne
G. Harding
M. Train
J. Steer
I. Gammage

U 15/D

D. Markham
S. Vale
T. Stewart
T. Watson
S. Schmidt
P. Jennings

U 14/A

S. Salmon
P. Stanford
K. Rattray
J. Labistour
J. Starr
B. Rattray

U 14/B

L. Dale
B. Egan
M. Jenkins
L. Matthews
B. Smith
T. van der Riet

School Champion: Raubenheimer Cup —

U/16 Champion:

U/15 Champion: Titren Cup —

U/14 Champion:

U/13 Champion:

U/12 Bunnies' Champion:

G. Stevens

E. Gordon

E. Osborn

J. Cooke

J. Labistour

B. Rattray

LIFE SAVING REPORT 1973

Captain: Sharon Watson

Vice Captain: Karin Barnard

During 1973 Life Saving continued to play an important part in school activities. At the end of the first term, 19 juniors passed the Senior Safety

Award. They were trained by Mandy Dalton, Moyleen Brown, and Karen Barnard. I should like to thank them for all their help. Early next year a number of girls will be taking their Bronze Medallion.

On Saturday 10th February, 1973, the Pietermaritzburg Inter-Schools Life Saving Competition was revived after 20 years. The schools which competed were: Epworth, Collegiate, St. Anne's, G.H.S. and St. John's. The Life Saving Competition was held at St. John's and our team consisted of: M. Brown, B. Train, C. Lewis, J. Horner and H. Starr who all did extremely well. Epworth came 1st, St. John's 2nd, G.H.S. 3rd, St. Anne's 4th and Collegiate 5th. Well done everyone! At the 1973 Annual Gala, a Life Saving display was given and all rescue methods were demonstrated.

I should like to conclude by thanking the Life Saving Team for giving up their time to do their life saving duties over the weekends. I should also like to thank Mrs. Watt and my vice-captain for all their help throughout the year.

1st Team

S. Symons
B. Train
M. Stockley
C. Watt
J. Horner
C. Lewis
M. Dalton
L. Shaw
S. Watson
K. Barnard
N. Nilsen
G. C-Brown
M. Brown

2nd Team

F. Forbes
K. Pitman
S. Geekie
W. Barker
B. Taylor
G. Crick
D. Stafford
G. Stafford
L. Greene
R. Torr
L. Brookes

Bronze Cross

S. Watson
K. Barnard
N. Nilsen
G. C-Brown

Silver Medallion

S. Symons
B. Train
M. Stockl y
J. Horner
C. Watt
C. Lewis
M. Dalton
L. Shaw

Instructors

K. Barnard
C. Watt
S. Watson

NETBALL REPORT 1973

Captain: Jill Shipman

Vice-Captain: M. Abrams

I think we are all aware that it has been a struggle to keep netball alive as there are not many pupils interested in the game. I would like to thank Miss Hall and Miss Carr very much for helping us this year; without their help and enthusiasm I am sure there wouldn't have been much netball. Miss Hall arranged many matches for us and although we never won many it was good fun. We competed in a netball tournament which was played up

at St. Anne's. Congratulations to St. Anne's for winning this tournament.

I think that the U/15 team is very promising and as all the girls are in the younger forms, I'm sure, if they put in a lot of practice during the coming years, they will achieve good results. I would like to wish this team the best of luck for the future.

1st Team

M. Brown
L. Shaw
A. Brownrigg
M. Abrams
M. Geddie
J. Smith
J. Shipman (*Cpt*)

G.K.
G.D.
W.D.
C.
W.A.
G.A.
S.

U/15 Team

R. Drakopoulos
E. Stewart
M. Burns
J. Starr (*Cpt*)
F. Lusso
P. Stanford
M. Salgado

Reserve: J. Stephenson

HOCKEY REPORT 1973

Captain: H. Starr

Vice-Captain: G. Crick

We have had a very successful season. We are proud to say that we are unbeaten but we were very alarmed when Collegiate drew with us. We ended the season with a 3-1 victory in a hard-fought match against Girls' High School. We defeated Estcourt who had not been beaten for eleven years and Ixopo who were up to their usual standard.

We scored a total of 99 goals and had eleven goals scored against us. E. Gordon scored 60 of these goals. Congratulations Liz!

Early in the third term we spent a weekend in Kokstad where we played in the Sheila Young Tournament. We were proud victors as we won the trophy and we did not have a goal scored against us. This is now going to be an annual event.

Our annual match against Durban Girls' College was most exciting and we are the winners of the Senior Award, the Sulin Cup. Our U/14 team drew their match with College and so we share the Robertson Trophy.

The house matches resulted in a win for Connaught.

We congratulate L. Greene, J. Horner and G. Stevens for being chosen to play for Pietermaritzburg Schools' Team, also L. Greene for being selected to represent Southern Natal Schools at the Inter-Provincial Tournament held in East London.

This season we have played a great number of touring teams and I would like to thank many parents for their kindness and hospitality in accommodating them. Thanks to all the parents for their interest and support throughout the season.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the hard work Mrs. Watt has put into our hockey this season. We also wish to thank Mr. Stewart for the advice he has given us.

A possible First XI for 1974 has already played twice and won both matches. We wish the 1974 hockey teams as successful a season as the 1973



HOCKEY TEAM - 1973

teams had.

Results of matches played:—

St. John's vs	St. Anne's	4-1
	Collegiate	2-2
	Greytown	7-0
	Epworth	4-0
	Wykeham	3-0
	Ixopo	4-1
	Estcourt	3-1
	Russell High	10-0
	G.H.S.	3-1
		<hr/> 40-6

Sulin Cup —

Durban Girls' College	4-2
U/14 Durban Girls' College	0-0
	<hr/> 4-2

Sheila Young Tournament —

Kokstad Convent	3-0
Umtata	1-0
Epworth	2-0
Kokstad	3-0
K.E.H.S.	2-0
Grenswag	4-0
	<hr/> 15-0

Touring Teams —

Holy Cross Convent	3-0
J.H.B. Girls' High	10-0
St. Mary's Pretoria	12-1
Mt. Pleasant Rhodesia	6-2
Wynburg Cape	5-0
St. Cyprian's Cape	4-0
	<hr/> 40-3

Total: 99-11

1st Team

S. Cornhill	+
S. Geekie	½
L. Greene	+
B. Macadam	U/15
G. Crick	½
R. Gordon	+
J. Horner	+
E. Gordon	+
N. Nilsen	½
H. Starr	½
G. Stevens	+
S. Symmons	½
R. Torr	+

2nd Team

F. Forbes	¼
K. Barnard	½
S. Watson	¼
R. Federick	¼
M. Fricker	U/15
F. Starr	¼
C. Henderson	¼
J. Satow	¼
M. Stockley	½
B. Train	¼
R. Walker	¼

3rd Team

J. Shipman	
A. Brownrigg	
C. Nugent	¼
W. Barker	½
J. Smith	
B. Taylor	
G. Cunningham-	
Brown	
J. Borggreve	
J. Jackson	¼
W. Jackson	
D. Stafford	

+ Honours

½ Half Colours

¼ Quarter colours

4th Team

C. Cornhill
W. Barrow

5th Team

P. White
M. Dalton

L. Brookes
J. Knott
G. Methley
L. Shaw
J. Stephenson
M. Abrams
A. Bates
M. Geddie
J. Stafford

U/15

J. Steer
S. Schmidt
S. Barker
G. Harding
J. McBean
E. Osborne
L. Kelly
L. Ladbroke
O. Howard-Browne
D. Markham

Std. 6A

B. Egan
J. Labistour
D. Naudé
M. Burns
K. Rattray
J. Starr
J. Cooke
A. Campbell
S. Hall
L. Matthews
S. Salmon

C. Lewis
B. Roe-Scott
B. Viljoen
P. Braithwaite
C. Brownell
K. Crawford
B. Parker
T. Rorich
S. Richardson

U/15B

S. Labistour
I. Shaw
A. Brookes
C. Strachan
M. Albers
I. Gammage
A. Irons
S. Joyner
K. Johnson
E. Richardson
A. Stewart
P. Stewart
M. Salgado
B. Winnicott

Std. 6B

R. Drakopoulos
R. Martin
P. Stanford
D. Mansfield
D. McBlain
T. van der Riet
L. Dale
V. Eudey
M. Jenkins
B. Smith

SCIENCE AND WILD LIFE SOCIETY 1973

The first Science and Wildlife function this year was the quarterly meeting of the term at Collegiate, which a party of St. John's girls attended. Mr. Rowe-Rowe of the Natal Parks Board spoke on small predators of the Natal veld. He has a number of these predators in captivity and does many fascinating experiments on them and his talk was most interesting. It made a worth-while evening.

During the 1st term Mr. de Berg White paid regular visits to St. John's to give a series of wildlife filmshows. These continued throughout the year and proved a delightful, as well as an informative and educational entertain-

ment. The highlight of them all was "The African Lion", seen this last term. This is a magnificent documentary, and well-worth seeing.

The second quarterly meeting was at Hilton College, a talk on Magnetics by Professor Raals. This was attended by only two girls, since there was another function on that night.

P.I.N.S.S.A. conference this year was very successful and there was an atmosphere of renewed interest in it. It is to be hoped that still more papers will be presented next year (so that the Conference can be its full two days, instead of one and a half this year). St. John's has already started. Next year's 6th form have started on a project on tobacco plants. Claire Cornhill and Barbara Parker are also breeding crocodiles in an incubator, which they intend to make. Best of luck to them all.

St. John's presented two papers at the conference this year. Barbara and Claire built an electrical model, using dog leg bones to illustrate the mechanism of muscle contraction. It was a difficult but interesting experiment and the Society thanks them for the effort and hard work. Caroline Henderson presented a paper, "The Succession of Fresh Water Algae", for which she won a first prize at conference, a book token of R10,50. The project entailed the fascinating culture of fresh water algae and study of them under a microscope. The society is very proud of Caroline. Well done!

St. John's was host for the 3rd quarterly meeting for the first time in a number of years. Our guest speaker was Mr. Bainbridge of the Forestry Department who is to manage the new Wilderness Area in the Drakensberg. His talk was fascinating and he showed a set of magnificent slides. Needless to say, we recommend the Wilderness for a wonderful holiday. (The evening went off smoothly).

We would like to thank Mrs. Jackson for her support, encouragement and help with society business this year. To Mrs. Akhurst too, we owe a great debt for all her help with projects, as well as everything else.

May the society go from strength to strength in the years to come.

Caroline Henderson

CHOIR 1973

Choir Leaders: Molly Abrams and Frances Forbes

Chapel Organist: P. Parker

Assisted by: E. Osborn, E. Stevens, M. Walker.

This year has been a very busy and enjoyable year for the choir.

In April we sang Stabat Mater in the chapel. It was very well attended and, I think, enjoyed by everyone.

In early May we were asked to sing at Miss Clarke's wedding. It was a beautiful wedding, and we felt very honoured.

For the rest of the term we worked at a very pleasant selection of songs. During late June we presented these songs in the "What is Love" programme produced by Mrs. Keep.

This was the last production put on by Miss Norgarb, who has left to become choir mistress at Clifton School, Nottingham Road. We would all like to thank Miss Norgarb for all the time she spent on the choirs and the

patience she had with us. It was much appreciated. Her place has been taken by Mrs. Shingler.

During September, twenty-two of us went up to sing at the service in Underberg. We sang our favourite anthem "Except The Lord Build a House". It was a lovely service.

In early October a few members sang in a Shakespearian Evening.

Finally, I would like to thank Miss Norgarb and Miss Robinson for all their enthusiasm and support, and for all the hard work they have put into the choir throughout the year. We are also grateful to Mrs. Shingler for taking over so well and we wish her the very best luck as choir mistress for next year.

MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

Practical (Pianoforte):

Grade II H. Harrison (Pass)

Grade VII B. Parker (Pass)

University of South Africa

Qualifying Theory Examination:

M. Burton (Distinction)

MUSIC DIARY 1973

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| February | 7 | Pianoforte recital by distinguished visiting pianist – Peter Katin. |
| | 16 | Symphony Concert, Philharmonic Orchestra. |
| | 21 | Salzburg Marionettes in "Barber of Seville." |
| March | 9 | Drakensberg Choir. |
| May | 13 | Cantata 'Noah and his Floating Zoo' at Wykeham. |
| | | Count of Luxembourg – Rowe Theatre. |
| | 19 | Natal Schools Choir. |
| | 28 | "King's Singers" in a memorable concert. |
| June | 15 | Haydn's "Creation" performed by Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra. |
| July | 29 | Symphony Concert with Lionel Bowman as soloist in Grieg Piano Concerto. |
| | | Miss Norgarb left to take over the music department at Clifton School, Nottingham Road. We thank her for all she did during the 3.1/2 years she was here, and for her enthusiasm and interest in everything she undertook. |
| | | S.A.B.C. Youth Orchestra. |
| | | Welcome Mrs. Shingler, L.T.C.L., who has taken over the choir, and some piano pupils. |
| August | 13 | Ferndale Male Voice Choir. |
| | 27 | Vienna Boy's Choir' |
| September | | Celebrity concert, Spanish guitarist – Narciso Yepes. |
| October | 26 | Mercedes Molina and Spanish Dancers. |

November 16 Durban Symphony Orchestra — American Cellist —
Ralph Kirschbaum as soloist.

INTERACT CLUB OF PIETERMARITZBURG EAST 1973

The Interact committee during 1973 was as follows:—

President: Anthony Jenkins from St. Charles' College.
Vice-President: Lyn Greene
Secretary: Lynne Stanford
Treasurer: Roslyn Torr
Directors: Lindsay Brooks, Lyn Greene and Penny Morrell.

Sponsored and guided by Rotary, especially Rotarians Mr. S. Little and Mr. Sanders, we have succeeded in raising funds for various causes throughout the year. For example we have gone street collecting and held cake sales and raffles.

A number of Interactors accepted, or adopted in a form of writing letters, handicapped children from the Umgeni Waterfall Institute at Howick.

During the fourth term of 1973, we performed a variety concert consisting of Christmas carols, piano and poetry recitals, for the Sunnyside Park Home for the Aged. This seemed to go down very well and we certainly enjoyed ourselves tremendously. Also during the last term, Interactors decorated a Christmas tree at the Nedbank Centre, Scottsville.

The office bearers for 1974 are as follows:—

President: Elizabeth Osborn
Vice-President: Angela Brooks
Secretary: Penny Morrell
Treasurer: Colleen Brownell
Directors: Jenny Haslett, Tish Stewart and Alleyne Stewart.

SPEECH AND DRAMA 1973

Under the able guidance of Mrs. C. Keep who left the staff to go to Mooi River, a number of entries in the Speech and Drama Festival received high awards. Pupils took part in solo and group work.

At the end of the third term an evening of Shakespearian items, entitled "O Mistress Mine", was presented by the girls for parents and friends. The setting was a formal garden, and an Elizabethan atmosphere was enhanced by Miss Murry's flute-playing.

Items included scenes from five plays, sonnets, two choral renditions of Shakespearian songs and a small Form II ensemble of singers and recorder players. Three Elizabethan dances were presented under the direction of Mrs. J. Watt. Costumes from the Natal Schools Wardrobe, for the cast of nearly sixty girls, added to the charm of the performance.

A spirit of real co-operation and enthusiasm prevailed during rehearsals and performance and it would be difficult to single out anyone for special praise. Suffice it to say that it was well received and highly praised by all who attended.

Those at St. John's whose interest lies in Dramatic Art look forward

eagerly to the erection of the new school hall, which will be properly equipped for dramatic presentations as our present hall is sadly lacking for this type of work.

Donalda Patrick

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY 1973

Chairman: Judy Smith

Secretary: Caroline Henderson

Under the guidance of Mrs. Keep, the Literary and Debating Society enjoyed a prosperous first six months, but enthusiasm has unfortunately waned since then.

Our first meeting was the inter-house Debate. The topic was: "What has wielded the most power throughout history; the pen, the pulpit or the petticoat?" Connaught supported the Pen, Rhodes the Pulpit and Athlone the petticoat. After a very lively debate, in which house spirit flourished, the adjudicators decided in favour of Connaught, Rhodes coming second and Athlone third. Mr. Stewart, then gave us most stimulating and worthwhile advice on debating techniques.

Another entertaining event was the Inter-House Quiz competition officiated by Mr. Harvey. Athlone won, Rhodes following and Connaught last. We must congratulate Athlone on a well-deserved win.

An exciting new event in the debating year is a series of three debates between St. Charles and St. John's for a cup, which has been kindly donated by the recently-formed Interact Club. This comprises one Afrikaans and two English Debates, one of which has already been contested. The topic was "Religion is relevant to our Modern Society". St. Charles opposed the motion; St. John's proposed it. St. John's was represented by Geraldine Edwards, Barbara Parker and Terry Denny, who was later judged Best Speaker of the evening. After a stimulating debate, the adjudicators the Rev. Michael Keep of St. Alpheges and Dr. Paul Walter of the University, decided in favour of St. John's. The two adjudicators then repeated the debate against each other. Rev. Keep opposed the motion and Dr. Walters proposed. Since they are both concerned with religion it resulted in an extremely lively and entertaining argument.

Our representative for the Jan Hofmeyer Speech Contest, was Geraldine Edwards, a Fifth Form Pupil, who spoke on "Progress and Change in South Africa" Congratulations to Gerri who spoke very well and completed the first round.

On the 9th March the Juniors held their first debate against Epworth, from which St. John's emerged victorious, with Lalage Dale as the Best Speaker of the evening. St. John's proposed the motion that "Co-educational Schools give the Best Education". Well done Juniors.

We are pleased to say that St. John's has at last begun to contribute to Beacon, the private school's magazine. It is, however, progressing slowly and we hope that our poets and writers will show more enthusiasm in the future.

We hope to see a large increase in the membership of the Society in future years and we trust that the society will go from strength to strength.

ANNUAL 6th FORM TRIP TO THE BERG

Every year the 6th form spends a weekend up at Giant's Castle. This year, because of a larger number than usual in the 6th form, we were forced to break the old Giant's Castle tradition and to go to Underberg instead, where we stayed with various families.

A great amount of planning and organising went into the weekend on the part of many of the girls, the staff and Mrs. Stewart, who allowed this weekend to take place, not forgetting the parents and families we stayed with, who took a great part in making it such a success.

Packed lunches were prepared for every meal by the kitchen, but, nevertheless, we seemed to get stuck into some good farm food as well! Unfortunately the weather was not very kind to us and we spent a great deal of time sliding around in the mud – but it all added to the fun! We were lucky to go up while there was snow on the berg. There was great excitement as some of the girls had never seen snow before!

We spent all Saturday morning clambering up mountain slopes near Sani Pass after Bushmen paintings. Fortunately there was a slight drizzle, which just managed to keep our tongues from hanging out. There were a few hair raising incidents on the way back owing to the slippery, muddy roads, such as a sudden wave of mud across the entire windscreen. That night we had a "braaivleis" at the Underberg sale pavilion, after which a film was shown for us at the Underberg Hotel.

At Bushmen's Neck on Sunday morning a few more challenging climbs were undertaken. A group of girls had to be present to sing at the Anglican service in Himeville conducted by Cannon Jenkins. Soon after we left Bushmen's Neck Hotel we discovered that two members of our party were missing. We returned to find them playing "ping-pong" in the gamesroom! After that we were taken on a most beautiful scenic drive through Coleford and back to Underberg.

On our return to Maritzburg we got caught in the midst of a cloud-burst, and by the time we had reached Maritzburg we had seen enough rain to last us for the next six months. But we all enjoyed the weekend very much, and returned tired, happy and very dirty. I'm sure Steven must have had a whale of a time cleaning the mini-bus – because the next day it was spotless and shining. Well, it certainly deserved it!

Mary Walker

6th FORM OUTING TO THE NORTH COAST

10th May 1973

The outing began with all the inevitable enthusiasm of a Thursday without school, an enthusiasm which was to hold throughout the day until our return at approximately 5 p.m.

After two-and-a-half hours travelling, the sixth form alighted at Ballito Bay on the North Coast, to board once more a while later, after having collected several rather interesting specimens of marine plants and animals. Retracing our route along the North Coast we arrived at Umdhloti, where we spent the rest of the day. A swim in the breakers proved a worthwhile undertaking, notwithstanding the fact that some were possibly a little hindered by

swimming in jeans. Lunch was supplemented by various miscellaneous articles of food brought from the nearby tea-room. Later on in the afternoon sea anemones and algae were packed into the bus along with a reluctant sixth form and all arrived back in Pietermaritzburg safe and sound.



MODERN MAN'S DILEMMA

A short story set in the future imagining some present tendency carried to extreme.

Seventy miles from New York a crowd of people sat in terrified awe. The object of their terror was a grotesque, domelike structure with shapeless metal protruding from various points. The people present were the mindless individuals of the U.S.A. government, and their friends. This object at which they stared was a scientific experiment done in the name of "country defence". The country needed defence against its internal enemies said someone of no great importance.

Dr. Landcliff, with darting eyes, stepped nervously onto the platform. "Ladies and Gentlemen" stammered the country's greatest scientist. "This is the secret object which the men of the State Science Institute have used their genius to construct; this is for the defence of our country against its internal enemies."

"We will now demonstrate its method of defence", said a large man with a bulge in his left pocket.

A hundred yards away on a green patch of grass five sheep stood tethered to a post, a little lamb, wondering at its elders' stupidity at standing round a post, frolicked in and out of the group, not understanding. A little further on was an old, uninhabited farmhouse with a varied assortment of derelict farm machinery lying haphazardly around. The crowds' eyes wandered to the sheep now and then, speculatively.

"Mr. Monty, as the Prime Minister of our country, we grant you the honour of pulling the lever for the first time. Before doing this, however, I would like to inform you that this machine works over a radius of a hundred miles", said a roundish man with a trembling "ladies and gentlemen watch the sheep".

The crowd sat petrified, with an hysteria whose cause would not be named, rising in them. A deathly hush hung over the area.

Mr. Monty stepped forward, hesitated for a fraction of a second too long and pulled the lever far too hard.

The sheep vanished.

The crowd sat and suddenly their minds were forced to acknowledge the fact that man was heading for his own destruction.

A pull of a lever once more and New York might have disappeared.

Glynis Crick
Std. 10

CHANGE

She choked. The people in the room were startled. The little girl was only eighteen months old. No one moved while the child's face turned pale blue.

Suddenly her father rushed across to her and patted her on the back. She spat the chip out. At first Tara did not cry, she was unaware of the anxiety she had caused so she began to smile. Her father who was shocked scolded her.

Immediately her smiling face changed. Tara's eyes, which a moment before were sparkling with joy and laughter, filled with tears. Slowly the large drops rolled down her cheeks. Her mouth which had been bright and smiling gradually began to droop. Tara's lips became longer and longer until she was pouting like a fish.

Her face which had been so pretty now looked incredibly hurt. Tara then stretched out her arms and said, "Come, come".

Her father then gathered her into his arms and the child, obviously feeling she was forgiven, gave her father a wink by blinking both her red eyes. She then kissed him on the cheek and began to smile.

Her facial expression had changed again. This time her eyes seemed to sparkle more than previously. Her lips which seemed to be hanging down at right angles, slowly began to lift until she was no longer pouting but grinning from ear to ear. Her little white teeth made her whole face light up when she smiled.

The baby now began to wriggle until she was released. After which she dashed from her push-chair which she loved pushing into everyone's feet

Sharon Watson
Std. 10

RUSH HOUR

The evening rush hour is, perhaps, the busiest time of the day.

At about five o'clock, sirens start to wail — a joyful noise to some, for it means that they may pack up their tools, and leave the grimy building site on which they have toiled all day, and wend their way homeward to their families, a large, hot meal and a warm bed.

On the other hand, to the many beggars that frequent the corners of the main streets in large cities, it is an unwelcome time of day, for they now look with envy at people streaming out of offices and shops, and hurrying to their cars. The beggar knows that very little money will come his way until the next day, and so he puts his mouth-organ away, into one of the pockets in his rags that were once fine coats, heaves himself to his feet, and slowly shuffles away to look for a shady corner in some unknown alley-way, or a warm spot behind a ventilator of some restaurant where he can feel the warm air, and smell the food that he is never likely to taste again.

At five-thirty, the many large shops begin to shut, and last-minute shoppers are unwillingly herded out, like sheep! Five minutes later, the street experiences an influx of smart females, leaving their fashion-houses to return home and become ordinary housewives for fifteen hours.

Then rush hour is the busiest time for newspaper vendors. The cries of

"Daily Ma-il! Read all about it!" become more and more fervent as the vendor sees more and more prospective customers flooding out from every doorway and staircase.

The noise in the streets becomes louder and louder as the big public clocks tick their way around to six o'clock. The streams of cars during the afternoon become raging torrents at this peak period, and the noise of brakes and horns combines to form a rather unmelodious orchestra. Feet, encased in shoes of all types, make many different sounds. High, stiletto heels make a sharp sound on the well-worn pavements of the great city. Men's heavy, thick shoes are easily distinguished by their thuds. The feet of the "Younger Generation" make a different sound altogether. The only sound of anything that is not made by man is the flutterings and callings of the city pigeons, and the starlings that have flown back into the city to fluff out their feathers, and settle themselves on a warmed ledge for the night.

Busses proceed out of the city in a series of hops from one bus-stop to another, and from one set of traffic lights to another. Weary souls, whose spirits have been raised by the sight of the big, red bus with their own particular district written on its front, have their hopes dashed for another ten minutes by those dreaded words uttered by the conductor — "Sorry, full up!"

Slowly the streets begin to empty. The old ladies with their large baskets of sweet-smelling flowers, and men with their matches or razor-blades have packed up their wares, and faded from city life. Fruit and fish on trestles outside the shops have been taken in, and screens over windows have been attached by boys with long poles, and pushed up into their slots.

The street-lights begin to come on — one street after another — orange and white lights. At last, one can hear the music of night-clubs, hotels and other eating places rising above the dying noise of the traffic. The lights of the cars also start twinkling and the roads seem to have been attacked by an army of glow-worms, all on the march.

The boats in the docks, or coming up the river show red and green bobbing lights, reflecting in the rippling water.

By the time that the big city hall clock strikes seven, everything in the big city is nearly peaceful. The roads are almost deserted, and the shop doorways are locked and barred.

The rush hour is over, and another working day ended. The city sleeps.

Susan Richardson
Std. 9

THOSE NEIGHBOURS OF OURS!

We were peacefully settled in our district, in our house and everything was very quiet — had been for years; until one day when things began to liven up and change our routine. We woke up one morning and saw an enormous pantechnicon drawing up alongside the house next door. The house had been empty for years and we were very surprised to see somebody apparently moving in. The men started unloading the furniture out of the van, and what odd furniture — odd chairs and tables and then suddenly an enormous, very artistic looking picture. Obviously modern art, with an eye, right in the middle of the painting. The painting must have fitted the whole length of

the wall, it was so large.

Later on in the morning we saw the family arrive and goodness — what a family! They arrived in an old red “jalopy”. The man was driving and the woman was in the passenger seat with about five children in the back seat. Sitting on the woman’s lap were two younger children and a parrot. A dog was in the back with the other children.

Our family just stared out of the window, not believing what we saw. Out of the car piled all the children plus a few suitcases and a cat that we hadn’t seen. The seven children ranged from about ten to three years, including twins.

Later in the morning my mom sent me over with the tea for the neighbours. Gee! What I saw I couldn’t understand. The man of the house was tidying up in the kitchen and lounge. The wife was painting — she was obviously an artist and had painted the picture we had seen in the removal van, as she had it next to her and was putting the finishing touches to it. The children were running around from room to room and in the garden. I just took the tray of tea into the kitchen and dumped it. The man said a relieved, “thank you” and I ran.

The next day one of the little boys came running over to our house. He rapped on the front door and when mom opened it he asked her if we had come across their snake — he thought he’d seen it slithering through the hedge, mom said no very hastily and sent us all out into the garden to look for it. A while later the little boy shouted over the hedge that he’d found the snake in the washtub under the washing! Mom told us that she was glad she didn’t find it under our washing!

That night I woke up at about 11.45, I sat up and listened and heard a fantastic noise coming from next door — they must have been having an all-night house-warming party. Mum was up, making coffee for Dad and herself, as they had also woken up with the noise from next door.

The people next door had been quiet for the past few weeks and we were wondering if they still lived next door to us when there came a knock at the door. I went to answer it and there stood our nextdoor neighbour with curlers in her hair and with her dressing gown and slippers on (at 2.30 p.m.) She wanted to know if we’d seen her two youngest twin boys. I said no, and she just said thank you and walked off, not very concerned at all! Late in the afternoon I saw her walking up the road, one boy in each hand. I went out to ask her where she had found her children.

A few weeks later we heard that the “odd neighbours”, as they were known in the district, had moved off again. We were very relieved as we had found that we preferred the quiet old life we used to have!

Kerry Jones

Std. 8

COMBAT

Rien ne bouge dans la ruelle noire qui mène à la rivière sinistre de la ville. Il est minuit mais ni les étoiles ni la lune ne sont visibles parmi les nuages. Le brouillard grisâtre pend au dessus de la rivière qui coule en se

tordant dans l'ombre. Même la rivière ne fait pas de bruit. Il est comme si on a chassé tous les bruits naturels de la nuit et que l'on a placé une couche blanche et glacée sur la terre, couvrant les bâtiments et les rues qui se montrent monotones et sans forme dans le pénombre.

Puis, la porte à droite s'ouvre. Deux formes vagues paraissent dans la ruelle. On peut sentir la haine des deux hommes, qui est évidente dans leurs mouvements. L'un recoit un coup de poing aux dents, avant de lancer le bras vers le crâne de son ennemi. Celui-ci glisse quelques pas le long de la ruelle glacée, il oscille, perd l'équilibre, puis, en gémissant, il s'agenouille dans la neige molle. Il y reste pendant quelques instants avant de tomber lourdement et irrésistiblement en arrière s'enfonçant jusqu'au menton.

L'autre homme reprend haleine et marche de long en large dans la ruelle, en train de frotter l'une contre l'autre ses mains, ou pour les rechauffer ou parce qu'il est fier de ce qu'il vient de faire. Tout est calme encore. La forme gisant dans la neige ne bouge point.

L'autre continue à marcher, aux pas réguliers, contemplés, sans cesse. Les flocons de neige tombent sur ses épaules, sur ses paupières à demi fermées, mais l'homme ne l'aperçoit point. Il enjambe une boîte, il s'assied là, il se redresse et il recommence à marcher, lentement, le dos vers la forme aplatie dans la neige.

Puis, une masse glacée siffle tout près de son oreille. Il se retourne et une autre masse l'atteint en pleine figure. Il lève la tête et il voit l'autre qui est debout de nouveau, une masse blanche entre les mains, une expression maligne et résolue sur son visage sauvage. Un éclat de rire comme une avalanche casse le silence lourd de la nuit, et l'homme se précipite vers son adversaire.

Toute la scène devient horrificante dans les yeux de celui-ci. Il voit s'approcher lentement l'adversaire. Cela ressemble pour lui à un film tourné au ralenti. Les dents sont découvertes jusqu'aux gencives, et un bruit échappe de la bouche comme le hurlement d'un chien féroce. L'homme est comme figé et il regarde le péril imminent qui s'approche de lui, une expression terrible et effroyable sur le visage. Tout le sang de son corps lui monte à la gorge et y bat avec un rythme égal. Il se dresse de toute sa taille se serrant les dents pour le grand choc. Une bataille féroce s'ensuit. Le premier coup de poing le pénètre jusqu'au cœur. Un flot de douleur passe rapidement à travers son corps, gagne ses bras, emprisonne ses épaules. Tout en pliant les genoux, il lève les bras vers le ciel. Tous les nerfs de son corps sont tendus et il laisse tomber ses bras lourds sur la tête de l'autre, qui pousse un cri d'angoisse, plein de douleur. En représailles il tue l'autre. Il ne s'en rend pas compte, mais c'est ce qu'il fait.

Le mort tombe, la tête la première, dans la neige. L'autre le secoue mais il refuse de bouger. L'autre regarde les yeux vitreux aux prunelles vagues et il sait enfin qu'il l'a tué. Et la crainte qu'il a tué son ennemi lui donne un plaisir intense, un grand remue-ménage se passe dans son âme comme si un grand souffle d'air pur a chassé un grand problème de sa vie. Il y réfléchit pendant quelques minutes avant de se tourner encore vers le cadavre étendu. De la bouche béante coule un fil de sang rouge et brillant. La peau devient bleue et les mains glacées sont serrees, comme la preuve d'une douleur terrible. Il n'a pas mérité d'exister.

Malgré lui, il résiste à la tentation d'étrangler l'autre pour être sur, et il se tourne, en prenant le pas de course. Et la neige autour du cadavre devient

crémeuse et rose à cause du sang pourpre. Elle porte un fardeau triste que ni le temps ni le fondrement ne laveront jamais.

Ann Marie O'Neill
Std. 10a

THE BELIEFS OF THE BUSHMEN

The Bushman has his own explanation for his position in the scheme of things. It is a simple one. He says that the One God threw to earth a sod which fragmented on landing and the bits became nations. Very small particles of dust which flew off on impact turned into tiny bushmen. To the nations of Big Folk, God gave cattle, but he compensated the Little Folk by a gift of all the wild animals.

Janet Giddy
Std. 6

LA GREVE

Pendant les derniers jours
il avait plu,
Mais maintenant,
la brillance du soleil,
reflété par le sable,
me fait sourire
avec la joie du jour.
Au ras de l'eau
je trouve
une coquille,
et dans une flaque d'eau
le petit crabe
se cache sous un rocher.
Les goélands,
se glissant au-dessus des vagues,
poussent des cris tristes,
Solitaires.
Et moi?
Moi je marche dans l'écume blanche
étincellante dans le soleil,
seule et songeuse,
avec le vent
qui souffle et siffle
dans mes oreilles.

M. Allchurch
Std. 9

JEALOUS LOVE

I must not say I love you,
You're someone else's boy.
I must not long to hold you,
That's someone else's joy.
I must not let my eyes light up
when someone says your name.
You're someone else's boyfriend
But I love you just the same.

Alleyne Stewart
Std. 7

THE STRELITZIA

There it stands,
Like a bird waiting for its prey,
Cruel and cold.
It stands stiff and upright,
Sharp blue beak and orange crest.
Waiting.
But, when a mouse comes by,
It can't move,
For in reality it's just a flower.

J. Booth
Std. 7

THE GIRAFFE

What is this that is taller than the tallest tree?
I would like to reach out and touch it,
But Dad says its only there for me to see.
I wish it would bend those long slender legs and sit,
So I can see it and it can see me.

Merle Albers
Std. 7

DOGGONE IT

He chased a cat, and
chewed a shoe,
dug a hole where he'd
no right to,
found a bone, goodness
knows where, and
now he's asleep
in my favourite chair.

W. Mousley
Std. 8

WEBS

The spider spins a fairy thread.
Such industry . . .
Such artistry . . .
And yet a clumsy hand can ruin
the touch of work so planned.
We weave our dreams from day
to day
And like the webs on which the
sun's rays play
They too, get ruined and torn
apart.

Ann Maclean
Std. 8 B

MRS. FINKELSTEIN'S DOUGHNUTS

Mrs. Finkelstein's Doughnuts are very, very nice,
but Mrs. Finkelstein's Doughnuts, are a very high price.
Although they're made in little time
the mixing's done to a special rhyme:—

Finkelstein, Finkelstein
shake a leg and turn around
beat the batter, heat the fat,
keep the mixture off the mat,
If you cook it hot and quick
it's a very clever trick
then it's worth a silver pound.

S. Mackey
Std. 8 B

She stood exhausted with her elbows
 resting on the wall, her head in her hands.
 Her hair was untidy and a wisp fell across
 her hot sweaty face. A frown creased her
 freckled fore-head and her thin, pale lips
 drooped in her fragile face. Her eyes stared
 unseeing, yet they held a hurt and frightened
 expression like a rabbit caught in snare.
 What was troubling her? What was hurting her?
 Shall we ever know?

E. Osborne
Std. 8

FOOL — FINDING

Drifting darkness
 To dreaming dazedness
 To float fathoms
 Filling fairyfree
 Soft silver shells
 Singing seashores
 Sandy-ridged rifts
 Revelling in royal
 Red, running rather
 To gleams, glittering
 Glare, purple polkas
 Pink in prayer, pressed
 Pain, perhaps piercing
 Pale: Mother-of-Pearl,
 Misted malt, milky
 Maybe, masked imaginings
 Irked in illness, illuminated
 Ifs,
 Ifs
 Ifs — fool — finding
 Warded — lightness in
 My mind.

Geraldine Edwards
Std. 9

ADOLESCENCE

It was cloudy this morning
 then someone painted the sun
 a dot of bright orange
 onto the curtain of grey
Geraldine Edwards
Std. 9

WINGS

Filigree delicate
 Faery
 Fine . . .
 Soft
 Rustles
 Of Filament
 Glinting
 Gold
 Above my mind . . .
 Soaring
 Starward
 Silver loneliness
 on wings of paper
 Pen and line . . .

Geraldine Edwards
Std. 9

KOPPIE

Die klein, geel daffodille het saggies
in die russietjie
gewaai;
hulle geel koppe
geknik,
om dag te sê.
Die wit en bruin
bokramme en—ooie
het kort-kort
bo die lang, slank gras
Verskyn.

Duiwe en vinke
het hulle pragtige liedjies
gesing.

Die houtkapper het
na die akkerboom
gepik
om 'n nes te maak.

'n Wilgerboom het haar skaduwee
in die stroompie bevalig
gegooi,
terwyl die water rustig
tussen die rotse
vloei.

Maryann Burton
Std. 9

One day a man called Jesus
visited me,
And he was black;
Black as the night
With white smiling eyes
And sparkling teeth;
And as I watched him,
He put his arm around a little
white child,
and hugged him.

Michèle Allchurch
Std. 9

As I was walking
I saw you smile,
— but it wasn't like a smile
at all;
Rather like your were saying to me;
"I love you"
And I smiled back.

Michèle Allchurch
Std. 9

INNOCENCE

I remember now — you were small
I was smaller
Mummy and Daddy were very much taller
They used to scream — maybe that was a dream . . .
No — I remember; it was late one night
Just before Mummy said sleeptight
It was dark, like black when the light was out
Just before Daddy began to shout,
Mummy was crying — teeny, weeny tears
So I wouldn't see
But I saw cause she took a hanky from my drawer
(my hanky with MONDAY printed on it)
Why was my Mummy crying? Maybe Kitty had died —
Mummy said it was tired of life and would have to go to sleep
very soon . . .
Mummy was putting her clothes in a case.
"Where are you going, Mummy?"
"Nowhere, my love, sleep tight now"

Next morning when the sun was tickling my freckly nose
 I heard someone walking about – “Mummyose?”
 “Your mummy has gone to visit a friend,
 She’ll be back – sometime – ” said a strange voice.
 “Hope she comes back soon cause I want my MONDAY hanky –
 Today’s Monday you see.”
 – “How could I tell him his mother was gone,
 wasn’t coming back,
 that I was now mistress of this shack?”

Gwynneth Temple
Std. 9

DIT IS DIE KAROO

Die hitte hang oor die land
 Alles is stil.
 Die middagson hamer sy strale
 in die dowe grond.
 Die stofpad,
 reguit en ongestoord,
 Verdwyn in die glinsterende vertes.
 Dit is die Karoo.

Die windpomp,
 ’n eensame waak
 op hierdie dowe land.
 Kan skaars koelte aan die skraal beeste verskaf
 Hulle kap met hulle hoewe
 Op die droë grond.
 En dan sak hulle
 uitgeput van dors
 op die sand.

Die rotse weerklink
 van die snerpende gil van ’n Karoovoël.
 Hulle roep uit
 in hulle eensaamheid.
 Die rotse roep uit oor die vallei
 van Verlatenheid,
 Waar die treine
 dag en nag
 Oor die land kruip
 soos indringers van ’n ander land.
 Dit is die Karoo.

Maar
 ook in hierdie verkeerde begrepe land
 Is daar oases,
 Waar die bome hulle skudu’s

Ongehinderd kan gooi
Waar lusern in die laagtes tier
Waar skape hulle paradys kan vind.
Dit is ook die Karoo.

Daar op die randjie van die bult
waar die skaduwees langer word,
Roep 'n Korhaar eensaam uit.
Dan vlug hy
oor die rand,
En 'n sagte windjie ritsel agterna.

Geleidelik
eb die hitte van die dag,
Van die polsende aarde.
Die son sak in die weste.
Vir 'n rukkje is die aarde,
die hemel en die gesigseinder
Een — 'n karmosynrooi glorie . . .
Dan verdwyn die son agter die verste horison.
Dit is die Karoo —
my land.

Mary Walker
Std. 10

THE BOTANICAL GARDENS

We went to the Botanical gardens today,
We went there to experiment
and not just to play.

Octopus, crabs and frogs we did see,
and they made me feel
rather goosey!

They cut open frogs to look inside,
But if I had done it I
think I would have cried.

Then back home to school
we come but next Monday
we will go back again.

Beverley White
Std. 3

NDUMU

We went to Ndumu to see the game
To see the rhino was our aim.

We saw an awful lot of buck,
We really thought ourselves in luck.

We walked to the river to see the crocs,
 They lay sunning themselves on the rocks.
 The monkeys in the trees they chatter,
 To them we did not seem to matter.
 The hippos they are round and fat,
 Together on the bank they sat.
 But when we came they got a fright,
 And jumped in the water — out of sight.
 The pelicans store fish in their beaks,
 They hold enough to last for weeks.
 The python he is black and yellow,
 He looked quite a cheerful fellow.
 We slept in a hut when we were in the camp,
 At ten o'clock out went the lamp.
 Then we saw the rhino brown,
 Then we came back home to town.

Lorna Richardson
Std. 3

EXAMINATION RESULTS DEC 1972 NATAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE Advanced Level with Matriculation Exemption

<i>Merit Passes:</i>	Hawksley M.C. Hulley-Miller S.R. Temple C.J.	Henderson M.J. Matthews M.G. Wallis J.A.
<i>Passes:</i>	Alborough C.A. Barron D.L. Bultitude D.L. Edwards H. Fricker I.B. Stubbs C.B.	Andrew J.J. Bowes J.C. Camm L.L. Frederick L.S. Holding J.M. Twycross C.K.
<i>Natal Senior Certificate Passes:</i>	Bastard S.N. Gordon M.E. Vercueil B.L.	Borggreve J.S. McKenzie C.A.
<i>"O" Level Passes:</i>	Braatveldt M.J. Gamage M.L. Wait C.A.	Eaglestone C. Murray Rogers J. Wighton E.F.
<i>Distinction in 6 subjects — Fourth in Natal :</i>		Matthews M.G.
<i>Distinction in Afrikaans:</i>		Henderson J.

MATRIC RESULTS — 1973

MATRICULATION EXEMPTION

<i>Merit Passes:</i>	Forbes F. Horner J.	Henderson C. O'Neill A.
<i>Passes:</i>	Abrams M. Borggreve J. Crick G. Gordon R. Nugent C. Pitman K. Smith J. Stockley M.A.	Bates A. Brownrigg A. Fricker M. Nilsen N. Parkhouse K. Shaw L. Starr H. Symons S.
<i>Natal Senior Certificate Passes:</i>	Barker W. Stevens E. Roe-Scott B. Crawford K. Train B. Satow, J. Jackson W. Knott J. Lotter T.	Maud B. Brown M. Taylor B. Rorich T. Dalton M. Watt C. Shipman J. Stafford D. Stafford G.

TAALEKSAMEN — 1973

LAER

<i>Gewone Graad:</i>	Barnard K. Barrow W. Bell I. Braithwaite P. Brookes L. Burton M.A. Cunningham-Brown G. Dalton A. Edwards G. Geekie S. Greene L. Immelman G. McGregor C.	Pravlis G. Rorich T. Stafford D. Stanford L. Starr H. Steer J. Stevens E. Torr R. Train B. Velkoop S. Hodgkinson G. Jackson J. Parker B.
<i>Hoër Graad:</i>	Allchurch M. Frederick R. Temple G.	Denny T. Gordon E.

HOËR

<i>Gewone Graad:</i>	Abrams M. Taylor F. Maud B. Bates A.	Horner J. Barker W. Viljoen S. O'Neill A.
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Walker E.	Brownrigg A.
Parkhouse K.	Walker R.
Crick G.	Pitman K.
Watt C.	Forbes F.
Roe-Scott B.	Shaw G.
Fricker P.	Smith J.
Gordon R.	Stockley M.

Hoër Graad: C. Henderson

PRIZE LIST — 1973

Tokens of Appreciation:

Head Girl's Cup	...	L. Shaw
Head Day Girl	...	J. Satow
Chepel Organist	...	B. Parker
Head Server	...	R. Walker
Long Attendance	...	B. Train, C. Lewis, S. Geekie K. Pitman, C. Watt, J. Horner J. Stephenson, G. Cunningham-Brown

Sports Cup:

Swimming

Henwood Cup for Progress	...	B. Smith
Double Cup for Style	...	B. Train
Maxwell Cup for Diving	...	A. Bates
Macleod Cup for Most Able	...	B. MacAdam
Lambert Cup for Inter-House	...	Connaught
Synchronised Swimming	...	M. Dalton and C. Lewis

Gymnastics

Scraps	...	D. Hurt
Kay Miller Cup (Junior)	...	J. Driemeyer
Heather Dukes Cup (Middle School)	...	P. Stewart
Kerby Shield (Seniors)	...	B. Train
Murray-Rogers Trophy (Inter-House)	...	Athlone

Tennis

Bunnies	...	B. Rattray
Under 13	...	J. Labistour
Under 14	...	J. Cooke
Titren Cup Under 15	...	E. Osborn
Under 16	...	E. Gordon
Raubenheimer Cup — School Champion	...	G. Stevens
Inter-House Cup	...	Connaught

Deportment: ... J. Satow

Inter-House Hockey: ... Connaught

Goodman Cup for all round Sports: ... G. Stevens

Class Prizes:

Std. 1	...	D. Hurt, C. Jones, J. Shanahan
Std. 2	...	J. Weaver
Std. 3	...	K. Rattray, S. Dixon, S. Gurney
Std. 4	...	S. Bulwer, V. Macadam
Std. 5	...	R. Markham
Std. 6	...	J. Giddy, P. Stanford, B. Smith
Std. 7a	...	S. Barker, B. Winnicott, L. Steer
Std. 7b	...	K. Johnson
Std. 8a	...	B. Macadam, P. Morrell, E. Osborn
Std. 8b	...	W. Mousley
Std. 9	...	G. Edwards, S. Richardson, R. Frederick
Special Prize for Progress	...	L. Richardson

Special Prizes (Std. X only):

Divinity	...	L. Stanford
English	...	C. Henderson
Afrikaans (and Sanlam Prize)	...	C. Henderson
Housecraft	...	J. Horner, G. Shipman
Maths	...	C. Henderson
Art	...	M. Abrams and A. Bates
History	...	G. Crick
Geography	...	H. Starr
French	...	C. Henderson
Biology	...	C. Henderson
Physical Science	...	C. Henderson
Pinssa Prize (for project on Alage)	...	C. Henderson
Typing	...	T. Rorich
Accounting	...	S. Viljoen
Speech & Drama	...	C. Watt
Labistour Cup (for debating)	...	G. Edwards
Rotary Award (for service to the School)	...	G. Crick and H. Starr
Dux of School	...	C. Henderson

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ST. JOHN'S OLD GIRL'S ASSOCIATION

41st ANNUAL REPORT

To-day we are very pleased to welcome Mrs. Stewart to our Annual General Meeting. We give her our good wishes, and hope she will be happy in her new post as Headmistress of this school.

Last year's Office Bearers were:

Chairman	—	M. Robinson
Vice-Chairman	—	M. Davis
Treasurer	—	L. Gibson
Secretary	—	A. Steer
Durban Committee Members	—	L. Chapman, E. Galliers, J. Hamilton.
Pietermaritzburg Committee Members	—	R. Godden, R. Cairns, C. Quicke.

We are most grateful for these very generous donations to our funds:—
Fête Fund — the proceeds (R37,90) of an evening given by folk singers 'Simon and Peter' and their friends.

Bursary Fund — several donations including R100 from H. Hallows in memory of her mother; R100 from M. Todd, and R500 from the school's Tuck Shop. From an Old Girl who wishes to remain anonymous, R400, as part of a gift of R1000, the remaining R600 to be given to the school, who have purchased two new electric stoves for the Domestic Science room; a fridge for the sick bay; a typewriter for staff use, and records for the music library.

All these donations have enabled us to invest R1000 in a Mortgage Bond for the Bursary Fund.

Bursaries have been awarded to the following girls: T. Stretton-Barry and C. Brownell (Boarders) each R150, and D. Markham and T. van der Riet (Day girls) R130 each — a total of R560.

Our 75th Anniversary Fund reached a total of just over R4,461.

One of the highlights of the year was the Carnival organised by the Parent/Teacher Association, and held at the school in June. The Old Girls were responsible for running the Needlework and Miscellaneous stall: this was a rewarding undertaking, resulting in R415 being made out of the day's total of R2 631.

We are indebted to Mrs. Ritchie for many happy and successful functions to which we were invited when she was here, and we appreciated her encouragement of our being involved, whenever possible, in the school's activities. Owing to her outstanding ability, she has the distinction of being the first married woman to be appointed a Head in the Cape, and we wish her every success in her responsible position as Headmistress of the Queenstown Girls' High School.

In November, we held a sale of cakes, needlework, plants etc., outside 'Checkers', which, including donations, brought in R90,93.

Our investments are sound, there being R4080 in Fixed Period shares at the Trident Building Society, and R4300 in Mortgage Bonds with Palmers Trust Investments — a total of R8 380.

We were pleased to welcome three new members during the year — M. Matthews, H. Fuggle and J. Holding.

Our membership is now 428 (27 Annual and 401 Life Members).

The sale of Christmas Cards was disappointing, and of 2 060 packets ordered, we have about 580 packets left to sell, so will not order any more yet. It is hoped that next year we will be able to order cards again, and that the response from Old Girls will be more encouraging as the proceeds will go towards the Bursary Fund.

To Mrs. Evans we extend our sincere sympathy on the death of her husband, who is affectionately remembered by many Old Girls. She is leaving for New Zealand shortly to be with her family for an indefinite period. We are grateful to her for much help and advice in the past, and wish her a pleasant voyage.

Our sincere thanks to all those who have helped us during the year, and particularly to the Durban Branch and Miss McAlister for helping with Christmas Cards; Mrs. Murray-Rogers for supplying tables for the Cake Sale R. Godden and C. Davis with the Old Girls stall and Cake Sale; and to our Secretary and Treasurer — A. Steer and L. Gibson, for all they have done so efficiently and well.

Marion Robinson
Chairman

PIETERMARITZBURG BRANCH REPORT

The following Office Bearers were elected at the Annual General Meeting held in April:—

Chairman	—	M. Robinson
Vice-Chairman	—	M. Simkins
Treasurer	—	E. Gibson
Secretary	—	C. Quicke

Monthly meetings have been held at various members' homes.

Each Saturday of 1972, two members have helped in the Tuck Shop at the school, but this year, it will not be necessary as we are no longer involved, and have decided to make the necessary funds for the Bursary and Branch in other ways.

We had our October meeting to which the Sixth Form were invited at the school.

The Cake Sale held outside 'Checkers' on 4th November was most successful — an amount of R90,93 (including donations) being raised.

Our Christmas party was again held at Myrle Simkins, and our thanks go to all who have given hospitality in their homes; to our Secretary and Treasurer for their hard work, and to all those who have helped in so many ways to raise funds for the school over the year.

Marion Robinson
Chairman

DURBAN BRANCH REPORT

We have continued to function as a branch through the loyal support of a nucleus of Old Girls who for years have been most faithful in their support

of the Association.

Tina Seymour who for years has been our secretary, relinquished this position during the year because of family commitments. We thank Tina for all she did for the Branch. Gwen Anderson kindly undertook this onerous work.

Lyn Medway continues as Treasurer and we are indebted to her for managing our finances so well.

Vera Tapson has very kindly allowed us for sometime to hold the meetings at her home. This has been appreciated.

1973 has been a tremendous year with Venture V. We are most grateful to this Venture as it has brought into our Branch, Old Girls who had not been in the habit of attending our meetings.

We are indebted to Joy Jackson for all her diligent work in being the Captain of the Durban team of workers.

To Joy and all those who assisted her, I do want to personally thank them. Without Joy and her organization, the Durban Old Girls would not have been so thoroughly contacted.

Fund raising is not an easy task but Joy and her helpers proved that there are numerous old girls who have a very high regard for our school.

The meeting held at the Convent when Mrs. Stewart and Mr. Eagle addressed the gathering on the needs of the school was a very happy occasion and we thank Rev. Mother for allowing us to meet there.

How to make attending Old Girl's meeting attractive for the younger old girls, is a subject which is often discussed. We would appreciate it if the younger ones would come forward with suggestions. We have in the past had demonstrations on make up, floral corsages and sprays, pastry making and Christmas cracker making without much improvement in the attendance.

Criticism that is levelled at us is, the meetings are business, then afterwards just sitting around and chatting.

Perhaps if some of the younger ones would come forward and take office this would make the meetings more acceptable to all. What about it young ones!

E.W. Galliers.

Membership:	Annual Members	— R1,00
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Old Girls' Bursaries:

Application forms and rules are obtainable from:

The Hon. Secretary, O.G.A.,
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The closing date for applications for bursaries is the 31st July.

ST. JOHN'S OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION
Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1972

Bursary Fund	R 793,95	
Add amount invested	<u>4080,00</u>	R4873,95
Life Membership	21,59	
Add amount invested	<u>2940,00</u>	2961,59
Association account		269,73
Magazine account		<u>169,45</u>
		<u>R8274,72</u>
Represented by:—		
Cash at Savings Account		R1254,72
Palmers Trust Mortgage Bond		500,00
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Trident Building Society—		
10 years Fixed Period Shares		3580,00
10 years Fixed Period Shares		<u>140,00</u>
		<u>R8274,72</u>

OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION NEWS 1973—74

- ABBOT, Caryl — Secretary to the Town Clerk, Mooi River.
- ABBOTT, Marion — Kept very busy in Wild-Life Society matters. Chairman of Midlands Zone of Wild-Life Society, also active in the Green Belt Project in spare time. Horse riding and mountain climbing are chief pastimes.
- ADENDORFF, Shirley — neé Aggett-Griffin. Very happy living in Rhodesia. Have two daughters, Catherine and Rosemary.
- ANDERSON, Gwen — neé Tedder. Living and teaching in Durban. Secretary to Durban Old Girls Association.
- ARMITAGE, Katharine — neé Lee. Doing Granny jobs all year looking after grand-children and children even if grown up.
- BARRAS, Sybil and Norma — Have moved into a maisonette at Hilton and are thoroughly enjoying the change from town life.
- BARRETT, Gwynedd — neé Lloyd.
- BEYLEVELD, Robyn — neé Allenbrook. Had second baby boy, Karl, brother for Harry in July 1973. Still studying for B. JURIS. Moved into a seven bedroom house to accomodate the six children, three dogs and the cat.
- BIRCHER, Helen — Overseas.
- BLOMEYER, Joyce — neé Clark. Headmistress of New Hanover School. All daughters are now married.
- BOARDMAN, Heather — neé Turnbull. We have returned to England after living at Westville for five years. We have bought a lovely cottage in a

- pretty little village called Hurstpierpoint in Sussex.
- BOSWORTH-SMITH, Gwen — Working for a firm of Attorneys in Durban. Involved in the Rotaract Club (affiliated to Rotary) as well as the Durban branch of the Pony Club.
- BOSWORTH-SMITH, Jean — neé Pearman. Still farming in Nottingham Road area. Daughter Gwen is working in Durban and son Merwyn is in Std. 9 at Hilton College.
- BRAY, Rozanne — neé Wallis. I have given up my job as sister in a Doctors' surgery, as I am expecting a baby in January, 1974. My elder son of 6 started school this year and Roger, 4, will be starting nursery school in 1974.
- BROWN, Sue — neé Eweg. Just returned from a trip to the Holy Land and Europe and spent time studying in Europe since May '73. Doing a refresher course in Remedial Gymnastics. Am now teaching at Our Lady of Fatima Convent (where my two daughters are at school) and part time at Oakford Priory in Verulam.
- BRUYN, Gillian — neé Blomger. Expecting a child in January, living on a farm.
- BRYDEN, Ingrid — neé Elliot. The birth of a son in October, brother to Gaye and Garth.
- BURNS, Peggie — neé Mossop. Still lives in Durban, will have both her younger daughters Phillipa and Amanda at St. John's next year.
- DU PLESSIS, Jennifer Ann — neé Macqueen. Happily married and working at Addington Hospital. Fully trained and a registered nurse.
- CAIRNS, Rosemary — neé Jackson. Living in 'Maritzburg. Diane 10 and Neil 7 both attend Athlone School.
- ELLAMS, Helen — neé Jackson. Leading an interesting life, sailing with her husband on a tanker.
- CATELLA, Isabella Sheila — neé Henderson. Married Roland Catella, a civil engineer from Durban last December. Spending 2 years in Paul-Pietersburg while Roland is busy on the construction of a tunnel. Junior expected any moment. Enjoying living in the country.
- CLOSE, Hazel — neé Rawlins. Living in Kenya. Last year saw June Peycke (neé Pope-Ellis) at her home in England. This year stayed with Yvonne Kalley (neé Anderson). She had paid a nostalgic visit with Yvonne to St. John's. She was much impressed by all the additions to the school, but was glad to see the old buildings unchanged, and how beautifully the gardens had been redesigned. She also visited her sister, Helen Wyatt, who is living in Salisbury.
- COCKS, Pat — neé Spearman. Still a very interested Old Girl.
- COUBROUGH, Dorianne — Teaching Maths at Mowat Park High School in Durban.
- CRONJE, Zoe — neé Blomeyer. Moved to Durban with husband, Robin in February.
- DU PLESSIS, Mary — At Rhodes University.
- EDWARDS, Helen — At Natal University, Durban doing a Social Science Degree.
- EMARY, Elizabeth — completed B.A. Degree at Natal University. Worked in Cape Town and has been overseas with Juliet Armstrong. Getting married in December 1973 to Gus du Plessis and will be living in Queenstown for a while.

- ERSKINE, Diana Margery — neé Kanaar. Living happily as a farmer's wife. I have four boys, Mark, Timothy, Paul and Jonathan.. Mark is at Treverton and Jonathan starts school next year. Always busy with Small Town Commitments.
- FERRER, Alison — neé Davey. Enjoying living up here with husband Richard and children, Nicola (2 yrs) and Stewart (8 months). Would welcome news of any former class mates living near here. Address is : 14 Gileen Road, Illiondale, Edenvale, Transvaal.
- FINLAYSON, Jane — neé Allen. Have three children Jennifer (12) Caroline (9) and William (6). Contacted Elizabeth Bowes (neé Lyell) recently. Are there any other old girls in the vicinity? Address: "The Gables", Holmbury St. Mary, N.R. Dorking, Surrey, U.K.
- FORBES, Caroline — At Rhodes University.
- FREDERICK, Wendy — neé Henwood. Eldest daughter Linda is nursing at Greys and Robyn is writing Matric at St. John's 1974.
- GALE, Elizabeth Mary — neé Robinson. Now living in Wales.
- GANN, Barbara — neé Evennett — Recently attended the International Radiography congress in Madrid. Progressed to the U.K. for a holiday before returning to S.A.
- GOOD, Charlotte — neé Ridgway. My husband has been transferred back to Natal after 16 years in the Eastern Transvaal. Am pleased to be back and hope to see many more St. John's Old Girls now.
- GORDON, Gillian — neé Allen. Living on a sugar estate on the North Coast. Have four children, Heather 11, Alan 7, Brian 5, and Peter 2.
- HAMILTON, Jean — neé Hinton. Secretary at Mowat Park High School.
- HAMILTON, Margaret Reneé — Qualified Nursing sister. Going to Scotland in January 1975 to do Midwifery.
- HALLOWES, Helen — neé Chennells. The score in grandchildren is now seven. Have had ten very happy years at Easingwold since our return from Kenya. We are now thinking of selling the farm.
- HAY, Mirian — neé England. Birth of second son Timothy Charles on 23/5/73, in Brussels, where we are now living.
- HIND, Shirley Anne — neé Stephens. Married on 1st September, 1973 and went overseas for our honeymoon. We bumped into Bobby Steward who is touring the Continent.
- HUNTER, Linda — finished B.A. Degree at Rhodes. Will be doing U.E.D. at Durban University in 1974.
- HOGNO, Jennifer — neé Ivins. Instead spending Xmas '73 in Australia with the in-laws and to show off the children — Louise (4.1/2), Vickie (3) and Michael (1). Will be touring with husband Peter.
- JENKIN, Linda — neé Hathorn. Finished B.A. at Pietermaritzburg University then did Post-Graduate secretarial course. Married Garth Jenkin in October 1973 and am now working in Jo'burg. My sister Penny is also working here.
- JENNINGS, Evelyn — Working as a Graphic Artist in Advertising Design Studio. Recently lunched with Jean Messent and Jenny Gatenby (neé Pohl).
- KIRKPATRICK, Brenda Mary — Engaged in June to Herbert Ivans of Johannesburg. Hope to qualify B.S. Physiotherapy this November and get married in March 1974.
- LATTER, Prudence Cresswell — neé Davis. Daughter Penelope Valerie was

- born on the 6th March, 1973.
- LAUF, Jean — neé Westbrook. Two of my daughters are now married and the youngest is in Form III at St. Andrews. Husband and I intend going on world cruise in May, energy-willing.
- LE ROUX, Sue — neé Medway. Am living in P.M.B. and have an 18 month old son. Hein. Sister, Denise Beevers is now living in Surrey U.K. and has two boys, Simon and Nicholas.
- LISTON, Barbara — neé Holms. Have recently moved house but am still living in Springs. Have two children. My sister Cathy Charlton is living in J.H.B. and working in an Advertising Agency. Ruth Crane — (neé Wilson) is also living in Springs. She has two children and is expecting another in January.
- MACQUEEN, Felicity — Completed general nursing training at the end of '72 at Grey's Hospital and at present doing Midwifery at Mowbray Maternity Hospital.
- MAGGS, Biff — neé Hallows. Working in Selection Training Dept. of Greatermans head office in J.H.B. My husband is an accountant for Rand Mines.
- MARLTON, Lynne — Enjoying first year teaching down the South Coast have completed B.A. U.E.D. at Natal University.
- MARTIN, Mary — neé Murray. My husband has retired from farming and we are now living in George. Very busy starting a garden from scratch and playing bowls and bridge and fishing.
- MATTISON, Alison — neé Butterworth. Still farming. Three children, Paul (11) Bruce (9) and Eileen (6). All are at school.
- NEWMAN, Leanne — neé Bastard. Am now living in P.M.B. and have a baby daughter.
- NISBET, Ingrid — neé Christiansen. Now living in P.M.B. and have two daughters.
- PLATT, Belinda — Overseas.
- PORRILL, Paddy Ann — neé Smith. Enjoying farm life very much and am kept very busy by Jacquelyn (4), Douglas (2) and Stewart (9 months).
- PRETORIUS, Margaret — Back in Swaziland.
- PRISCILLA, Carolynn — Have completed my training as a student nurse and qualified at the end of September. Am starting Midwifery at beginning of November in Krugersdorp. Was lucky enough to visit Far East and Israel at the end of last year.
- PAULO, Barbara Anne — neé Lee. Was married on 28.7.73, and am at present teaching at the Hampshire Primary School for Girls in Knightsbridge, London.
- QUICK, Christine — neé Jamieson. Teaching Std. 1 and 2 at St. John's. Have three children, Michael (17) at College, Jill (8) at Scottsville and Mary (5) at Nursery School.
- RAULSTONE, Glenda — completed B.Sc. degree in Botany and Entomology at University of Natal. My sister Vivienne is an Infant teacher at Greytown and is getting married at the end of this year — 1973.
- REINHARDT, Janet — neé Rawlinson. Now living in Pretoria. Husband Gavin is an Engineer at Pelindaba Atomic Research Station.
- SCOTT, Anne — neé Fairweather. Will be living in London for three years while husband Peter tackles a PH.D. in Photogrammetry at the University College. I hope to work in the University Library which is 15 mins walk

away.

SERRURIER, Kathleen — neé Ryan.

SHAW, Gaynor — neé Lee. My daughter Lorraine is Head Girl at St. John's this year 1973. In 1972 I went on a trip to England and France.

SHEPARD, Margaret — nee Peacock. Expecting second child in March. Son Mark is nearly two.

SHIPMAN, Ismay — neé Hodges. Youngest daughter Jillian matriculated end of '73. Morelle has now finished training as an Interior Decorator.

SLADE, Margaret Ruth — neé Johnston. Married in April 1973. Spent 9 weeks overseas on honeymoon. Now settled in a flat in Rosebank in J.H.B.

STERLING, Dorothy — neé Goodyear. Due to Government intervention my husband may not return to South Africa to work, so we are to settle in Grimsby, England where he will continue with Industrial Ministry. Our second son Jeremy, was born in March 1973. and he and Johnathan are thriving.

STEWART, Hillary (Bobby) — After completing B.A. at Rhodes decided to travel overseas and is earning extra money being a barmaid in an English pub.

TALBOT, Joy — neé Abrahamson. My husband and I have retired. We have a sea side home overlooking Mercury Bay. I enjoy fishing and also belong to an Art Group.

THEUNISSEN, Joy — neé Catchpole. Still enjoying farm life, and Norman and I are kept busy in the community. Two sons, Craig (16.1/2) and Barry (15) at Kearsney College. Sharon (9.1/2) and the twins Ingrid and Murray (8) at a local school. Sharon starts at St. John's in 1975.

THOMPSON, Shirley — neé Thorne. Happily settled in England. Very busy running a home and teaching but have managed to fit in two interesting part time courses, in London and Oxford, on teaching Dyslexic children.

WATSON, Denise Ann — neé Lott. Still living at the mine and working in the Mine Office. Have three sons — Rodney (11), Alan (10) and Bruce (1.1/2)

WATSON, Gillian Nan — neé Halliday. Am just an ordinary housewife with two children, Ingrid (3) and Gavin (1). My husband is a Mining Engineer so we move around a lot.

WENQUIST, Wendy — nee Bastard. Very happy living in the States, always busy housekeeping, gardening etc. Have a second daughter Erin Kae (1) sister to Leila who is nearly four.

WESTWOOD, Shirly — neé Westbrook. Living in Greytown. Have two children Lynne and Richard.

WILLIAMS, Ann — neé Blomyer. Living in New Hanover but working in P.M.B. Have three children, Keith, David and Gail.

WILLIAMS, Veronica — neé Phillips. Still living in rapidly expanding Pretoria. Husband Tony is very busy working for a C.S.I.R. Daughter Bronwen (19) enjoying a fashion designer course at the Technical College. Son Patrick (16) matriculates at Michaelhouse next year and youngest children Fritha (11) and Matthew (8) are at school in Pretoria.

YEATS, Roselle — neé Geekie.

YOUNG, Jennifer Jane — nee Bennett. Transferred to Grahamstown in January, 1973. Husband Peter is Chaplain to Kingswood College. Daughter Ann, will be one of the first girls to attend this school which is going co-ed.



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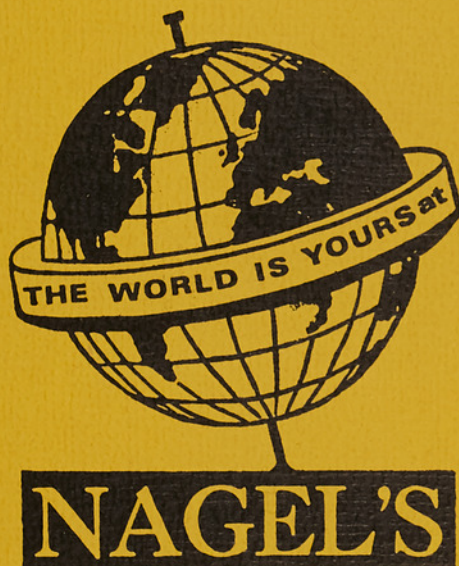
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