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'Our aim is to make, not accountants, not clerks, not doctors, not clergymen, but men - men of understanding, thought and culture' Founder Canon James Cameron Todd (Speech Day 1897).

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It is amazing that these words spoken by our Founder in 1897 are as relevant today as they were then. It is significant that Michaelhouse has adopted this vision in the new Mission Statement which has been drafted this year. It is even more appropriate that this coincides with the celebration of the Centenary of the Old Boys' Club in 2003. This school has

always been, and will continue to be, indebted to the generosity and support of its Old Boys. I have been privileged to meet Old Boys across the length and breadth of this country and in England and Australia. Their interest and pride in their alma mater is still as fierce as when they were at this school. What distinguishes this school is the sense of loyalty, belonging and camaraderie which current boys and Old Boys have for this school.

This has been an excellent year and the boys continue to grow and develop in this special place. There were some outstanding results in the Independent Examination Board with James Sladden and Mark Morreira achieving the distinction of being placed in the top 50 in the country. In all, 96% of the boys obtained a Matriculation Endorsement.

At Michaelhouse we continue to strive for balance, excellence and individual attention in all that we do. The school offers an enriched balanced experience for all our boys while striving for excellence. There is a place for every boy to fulfil his special niche at this school. To this end, we have begun the Home Room Development which has had most pleasing results.

The school owes a huge thanks to our Governors, under the able leadership of Jamie Inglis, who give so generously of their time and expertise for the benefit of all who live and work here. We are also blessed to have committed staff who support and encourage the boys in all areas of their development. Michaelhouse is a 24/7 school and the staff involvement goes way beyond that expected in normal teaching circumstances. My thanks to everyone in this special community who has contributed towards the success of the year. This has been a special year of pupil leadership

and I salute the Heads of Houses, School Prefects, Second Prefects Ross Dunlop and Tiisetso Tsiki, and the Senior Prefect, Petrus Badenhorst. They have led the school with great strength and empathy and have contributed much to the positive ethos which is Michaelhouse today.

I hope you will enjoy reading this Chronicle which is a record of the amazing variety of opportunities available to our boys, and thank all in the Michaelhouse Community who have contributed to the success of 2003.

Guy Pearson

December 2003

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REPORT ON THE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE OLD BOYS CLUB 2003

written by Kevin O' Brien

2003 marked the one hundredth year of the existence of the Old Boys Club. Started by James Cameron Todd, the first Rector of the school in 1903, it was fitting that the Central Committee of the Old Boys Club in 2003 decided to commemorate this event with a weekend of festivities and events.

In planning for the Centenary Celebrations of the Old Boys Club, the committee decided that it would be important to organise activities that would represent the current environment in which the Old Boys Club found itself. A weekend of activities was arranged to coincide with Old Boys Day in 2003.

As a gift to the school to celebrate the Old Boys Club Centenary the club gave Michaelhouse an armillary which adorns the centre island of the new turning circle at Screens.

A number of people were involved in the organising of the weekend and thanks to all of them from the Central Committee. However, a special thank you to Bridget Ussher-Stanley, the Old Boys Club Administrator, who was the major driving force behind the success of the weekend. Special mention is made of all those involved in the organising of the weekend, in the Presidents report elsewhere in the chronicle.

Presentation to the school of the Armillary: James Inglis (Board Chairma n), Guy Pearson (Rector) and Kevin O'Brien (OBC President).

At 5.30pm on Friday evening, one of the most moving and inspirational presentations in Old Boys activities took place in the Schlesinger Theatre: the St Michael Award Ceremony. Three Old Boys received this prestigious award for the work that they had done in their respective communities. A full summary of their contributions to society can be found overleaf. Immediately after the awards, Old Boys from various years attended a Super Gaudy on the Roy Gathorne Oval. Partners and their wives were entertained in the Schlesinger Theatre and joined the Old Boys later in the evening. The Super Gaudy was a tremendous success. David Campese gave an entertaining and enlightening speech and an atmosphere of nostalgia and camaraderie was felt throughout the evening.

Old Boys Day on the Saturday was a great success. A good turnout at the AGM allowed the formalities of the weekend to be taken care of. David Campese spent the day watching

various teams play and was on hand to give encouragement to players and coaches alike.

After a lot of hard work, David Campese the Australian ex-rugby player was booked as the guest for the weekend. David arrived at the school on the Thursday afternoon before Old Boys Day and ran a coaching clinic on Meadows. The boys and coaches who attended the clinic were treated to some expert advice from one of the greatest wings ever to play rugby union.

On the Friday morning, David addressed the school and gave the boys a motivational talk on his life and the importance of being professional in your approach to sport, winning and losing. After the address to the school, David played in the inaugural Old Boys Golf Day at Bosch Hoek. The Golf Day was a great success and will be a permanent fixture on the Old Boys Calendar before Old Boys Day each year.

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Introduction

by Mr James Inglis

Tonight's St Michael Awardees - Mr Roger Chennells, Mr Nic Pougnet and Mr Barry Streek; previous St Michael Awardees (and it is wonderful to see so many of you here); distinguished Guests, the Rector, the Staff and boys of Michaelhouse.

Firstly, may I ask you to please stand and observe a minute's silence in memory of two previous St Michael awardees, who have died in recent months: namely Mr Ian Haggie and Dr Nolly Zaloumis.

As you may know, Michaelhouse has three awards by which it honours deserving people. These are:-

Receptio ad Portas - which recognises distinguished people from all walks of life who visit Michaelhouse.

Fellows Associate - which recognises people who have given exceptional service to Michaelhouse itself.

And the St Michael Award.

The St Michael Award was instituted in 1996, the School's Centenary year. It was the brainchild of Mr Richard Steyn, former editor of the Natal Witness and The Star, who was a Governor of Michaelhouse at the time. The criteria for the Award are as follows:-

1. The candidate must be a living Old Boy of Michaelhouse.
2. He must have devoted a considerable period of his life to serving his fellow man, and the services so rendered should be of an exceptional and selfless nature.
3. The candidate should not have been motivated by personal gain or fame.
4. Some element of personal sacrifice, while not essential, may well provide evidence of the selflessness of the contribution which the candidate has made.
5. The candidate will ideally display characteristics exemplified by the life of St Michael i.e. courage, compassion and a willingness to fight for truth and justice.

Tomorrow marks the 100th Anniversary of the Michaelhouse Old Boys Club, a seminal event in the history of this School. In all, since 1996, 18 Old Boys have received the St Michael Award and tonight this roll of honour will be swelled by a further three. I can think of no more appropriate time than on the eve of our Old Boys' Centenary to provide a quick resume

of the achievements of the remarkable band of men, although my one liners will never do justice to the magnitude of their achievements. The St Michael awardees have been:-

1996

Mr Peter Brown - for his work against apartheid and social injustice, which led to him being imprisoned and banned.

Mr Michael Cassidy - for his lifelong work as an evangelist and founder of African Enterprise.

Mr Ian Garland - for his immense contribution to conservation, reclamation and indigenous flora and fauna, particularly the trees of this province.

Mr Ian Haggie - for his many charitable works, inter alia, for the order of St John where he held its highest rank, the Bailiff Grand Cross.

Mr David Lewis - for his tireless and extensive work in building Asi-thutuke, which was originally the Michaelhouse farm school.

Mr Ken Mackenzie - for his work as philanthropist "extraordinaire", particularly in the field of education. This school and the Drakensburg Boys Choir, among many others, have been huge beneficiaries of his extraordinary generosity.
Mr Don MacRobert - for his work as the originator of the outreach programmes at independent schools in the early 1980's and as the founder of the "Get Ahead Foundation", which provides start-up capital to small entrepreneurs in underprivileged areas.

Bishop Hugh Stephenson - for his work in the townships and for the underprivileged.

Dr Hailey Stott - for his work to combat malnutrition and disease in rural areas and for founding the Valley Trust.

Dr Nolly Zaloumis - for his lifelong work in spearheading the conservation movement in South Africa.

1997

Mr Patrick Hamilton - for his work in founding P.E.P.P.S. which established 8 primary and 5 pre-primary schools in Limpopo Province.

Judge Christopher Nicholson - for his work as a human rights lawyer and for founding "Aurora", the first non-racial cricket club, against the intense opposition of the government.
Mr Martin Winter - for his work as Natal's best known mountain rescuer.

1999

Mr Francis Chennells - for his work for education in Zululand and for leading the Eshowe Christian Action Group which raised funds to build 1 700 classrooms in rural areas. Francis is the father of Roger - tonight's awardee - we are proud to have our first father and son St Michael Awardees in our Centenary Year.

2001

Mr Richard Enthoven - for his work in helping to broker the Dakar Conference, upliftment of the Spier Community and support of underprivileged education.

Dr Michael Rosholt - for his work with the Urban Foundation, Joint Education Trust and National Business Initiative.

2002

Mr Nicholas Haysom - for his work as a human rights lawyer and for his stand against apartheid, which led to him being imprisoned, held in solitary confinement and being banned.

Mr Graham McIntosh - for his work with the Students' Christian Association and Scripture Union in Independent Schools and as a campaigner for social justice.

And so to 2003. Tonight, we honour three men whose achievements make them worthy recipients of the St Michael Award. Service, self sacrifice, courage, compassion and a willingness to fight for truth and justice. These are hallmarks of St Michael and, I hope, the hallmarks of Michaelhouse. Boys of Michaelhouse, I hope that something in these citations has a meaning for you and touches your lives. Above

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all, it is my hope that in the years to come a number of you will be on this very stage to receive your own St Michael Award.

Ladies and Gentleman, I now call on the Head Boy, Petrus Badenhorst, to read the citation for Mr Roger Chennells. After each citation the St Michael medal will be presented by Mr Kevin O'Brien, President of the Old Boys Club.

ROGER SCARLIN CHENNELLS

Roger Scarlin Chennells is married to Lesley, has five children, and lives in Stellenbosch.

He was at Michaelhouse from 1965 to 1968, matriculating with a first Class Matric. He was a House Prefect in Founders, and an average sportsman, never playing in first teams but enjoying his sport, and supporting all school activities. He maintains a keen interest in Michaelhouse to this day, and says his time here was a great influence in his life. From Michaelhouse he went to Stellenbosch University where he earned a B.Comm in 1972, Natal University in 1977 qualifying for an LLB, and then the London School of Economics, passing out with an LLM in International Human Rights and Property Law in 1980. Other qualifications include being an arbitrator and mediator for indigenous and working people.

He is legal advisor to the South African San Institute, as well as the Working Group of Indigenous Minorities in Southern Africa, and was founding secretary of the Indigenous Peoples of Africa Co-ordinating Committee at the United Nations. This represented peoples such as the San of Southern Africa, Pygmy groups of Central Africa, Berbers from North Africa, and other groups of indigenous people.

Thus his concern for the Rights of other people can be seen in him early in and throughout his professional career. In addition to his home language of English, he also speaks Afrikaans, Zulu and Xhosa, and this ability to communicate with people greatly enhances his concern for them. As evidenced in this citation of his achievements, professional and otherwise, he has

always shown a great sympathy for those who have been roughly handled by governments or other authorities, or those more powerful than themselves. He has always shown great concern, too, for South Africa's wildlife and taken great pleasure in the outdoors - the game parks of Zululand, the home territory of his youth, being some of his favourite haunts.

In 1993 he received the United States Department of Foreign Affairs Human Rights Award which was an international visitorship to travel in the USA to meet individuals and organizations working on human rights, land ownership and the rights of farm-workers. In 1993 he received the Helen Suzman Award, administered by the British Council, for his

study of land reform and conflict resolution in Africa. In 1996 another award sent him back to the United States to study environmental law, and land claims by indigenous peoples, of whom the Indian people of North America are the most obvious.

Roger has presented papers to university and international audiences, and to the United Nations. They are too numerous to mention here, but some of their topics speak for themselves, "Human Rights and Development", "People and Parks, a Question of Values", "The Khomani Land Claim, Conservation of Biodiversity", "Intellectual Property Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (This has to do with the preservation and ownership, for example, of Rock Art.)

Roger Chennells is a deserving recipient of the St Michael Award. He gives much of his time and talent in the interests of protecting the rights of others, often unable to protect and fight for their own rights, both here in South Africa and in other parts of the world.

VIVIAN NOEL NICHOLSON POUGNET

Vivian Noel Nicholson (Nic) Pougnet is married to Bunny, has two sons and a daughter, and lives in Johannesburg.

He was at Michaelhouse from 1939 to 1941. He played all the sports required of him but did not shine as a sportsman. He matriculated well, was in the choir for a while, and he remembers being involved in the digging of the old amphitheatre. His university career at Wits was interrupted by the outbreak of World War II, and completed in 1948 with the degree of BSc Mechanical Engineering. He joined the South

He led the successful legal challenge against the previous government in their attempt to cede part of the Ngwavuma area to Swaziland in the 80's; and, more recently the challenge to restore land in the Cedarberg area of the Cape to its rightful owners. During 2002, he was

invited to visit and work for one of the largest and most traditional Aboriginal peoples in Australia, the Pitjantjatjara people, also involved in land claims and the demands of modernisation. He is currently involved in representing the San inhabitants of the Central Kalahari Reserve in Botswana who, having lived and hunted there for centuries, have been evicted from the Reserve by the Botswana government. He is also involved in securing for the San people a financial return for the use by a large pharmaceutical company, of the Hoodia plant, which they have used for centuries as an appetite suppressant. Dr Ben Ngubane, Minister of Arts and Culture, attended the ceremony at which the agreement, largely negotiated by Mr Chennells, was signed. His work for less privileged people has been at considerable financial sacrifice to himself.

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African Air Force, gaining his Wings and the rank of Lieutenant, but just avoided active service in the Far East by the dropping of the atomic bombs in August, 1945, which ended the war against Japan. After completing his degree, he won a two-year post-graduate scholarship to Metropolitan Vickers in England. He records that it was during this time, rubbing shoulders with working men "on the floor", that his great interest in people and love for his fellow man was born.

The start of 30 years in the service of blind people came in 1963 when he was asked by a friend to help out and drive some blind people to a regular social function for the Blind. He was touched by the people he met, possessed of few worldly goods, but great Faith, and he says "The simple appreciation which flowed from them made it easy for him to want to help them". He accepted a request to use his technical training on machinery used to make chalk for the Society to Help Civilian Blind, and was soon invited to join a sub-committee of the Society. He accepted,

resigned briefly due to pressure of work, rejoined and became

Chairman in 1977. Under his chairmanship, the Society

flourished, the ethos and philosophy of the organization changing. Production from the Society workshops changed from making goods like nets, to more lucrative electrical goods. Property was bought, and accommodation provided for blind workers. Blind people from all race groups became integrated in the Society.

of over thirty years selfless, altruistic and dedicated work for blind people in this country, he was elected Honorary Life Vice-President of the South African National Council for the Blind, and in 2001 he was awarded the Society's highest award, the RW Bowen Medal for Life-long Meritorious Service to the Blind.

Throughout all this time, of course, he received no monetary return for his efforts.

His colleagues and friends say of him, "the only person I know who genuinely does not promote or expect anything for himself through his charitable work". "He is the most selfless person I have ever met": "remarkable and dedicated, he has taught me so many things but, most importantly, humility and the meaning of life". It was also said of him, "When he gets the bit between his teeth, he never lets go, and nothing daunts him, which is not to say he cannot be a pain in the butt from time to time, but he gets things done". Finally, it is also said, "It is sad and ironic that this wonderful man who has devoted so much of his life to helping the blind, should now be faced with the prospect of losing his own sight".

Nic says of his work for the Blind, "I have evolved from one not wanting to be involved, into a person who felt it right to 'put something back', and to give a commitment to God whose guidance I pray for". Jesus taught us that "anything we do for the least of our neighbours, we do for Him".

Nic Pougnet is another deserving recipient of the St Michael Award for his selfless service to those less fortunate than he.

IAN BARRY CLAYTON STREEK

Ian Barry Clayton Streek is married to Tessa, has two step-sons, and lives in Cape Town.

In the 1980's Nic Pougnet's dream of extending the workshop from Johannesburg to Soweto was fulfilled. He became Chairman of an independent Soweto workshop for the Blind in 1994. A training department was established to prepare blind people to run their own small businesses. These are operating successfully in Soweto today.

He was at Michaelhouse from 1961 to 1965. He was a House Prefect in Fairfield, and Editor of the Private Schools' newspaper, "The Beacon", produced at Michaelhouse for many years, a keen member of the African Affairs Society, Chess Champion, and always made good use of Free Bounds.

In 1986 he was elected to the Executive Committee of the South African National Council for the Blind and as Trustee of the Council's finances he was almost single-handedly responsible for a change in the management of investments

which led to far greater income for the Council. During this time he also became Chairman of the Bureau for the Prevention of Blindness, and served on the Gauteng Provincial Council for the Blind. At no period was Nic's work straight-forward as he often had to work against the perceptions of blind people themselves, governments of the time whose policies were not always in keeping with his ideas, and Trade Unions who sometimes saw their interests threatened by work done by the Blind. In 1997, in recognition

He graduated from Rhodes with the degree of Bachelor of Roman Dutch Law, with an Honours degree in African Political Studies. At Rhodes he was a member of the Students Representative Council, and a member of NUSAS, the National Union of South African Students, becoming its Vice President in 1971. Because of NUSAS's anti-apartheid activities in those days, he was always under the surveillance of the SA Police's Special Branch. For a period of 6 years they confiscated his passport thus preventing him from travel abroad. His house was raided from time to time. Thus, his was frequently a stressful way of life; quite apart from the fact that NUSAS sought to speak for the rights and civil liberties of fellow students across the colour-bar, and involved public and

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years SCAT has helped to deal with problems of HIV / AIDS, new constitutional realities for people who previously had few constitutional rights, training seminars for all manner of community activities, from agriculture to leisure-time pursuits. One of SCAT'S successes has been the scheme which rewards organisations with R5 for every R1 collected by itself.

Despite his full and demanding work, still as a journalist, he is totally available for work with SCAT, its staff and trustees. His work for the disadvantaged is as important today as it was in the days of the previous government, though not as threatening.

Barry Streek is a deserving recipient of the St Michael Award for his concern, commitment and dedication to the welfare and rights of his fellow citizens.

MINUTES OF THE NINETY FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MICHAELHOUSE OLD BOYS CLUB HELD AT THE SCHLESINGER THEATRE,

MICHAELHOUSE ON SATURDAY 3rd MAY 2003

The President welcomed all Old Boys to the meeting and a special welcome to the Rector of Michaelhouse. He then called on the Rector to say the opening prayer.

The names of those Old Boys whose deaths have been reported during the past year were read out, as follows:

Brian Adams 1953-1957

TH Archbell 1929-1932

Thomas Archibald 1926-1928

Tony Barrett 1938-1942

Johnny Bee 1946-1949

Denis Button 1935-1938

James Campling 1942-1945

Brian Draper 1964-1967

Raymond Everett 1929-1933

Clive Golightly 1963-1965

Ian Haggie 1931 -1934

John Harvey 1978-1982

Austin Johnson 1934-1938

Brian Law Staff

secret meetings in odd places and at odd times, often with fellow students who were themselves critical and suspicious of White student activities, even though they were aimed at improving their own situation, and attacking the whole policy of apartheid.

Black Consciousness and Steve Biko were the emerging forces in Barry's time in NUSAS and he was to work for the "Daily Despatch" in East London under the well-known anti-apartheid editor, Donald Woods, forced to leave South Africa secretly for exposing the cover-up on Steve Biko's death at the hands of the secret police.

Barry was also a political journalist with the "Cape Times", a

parliamentary correspondent for

some years. Opposition journalism in the 70's and 80's in South Africa was demanding, often dangerous and threatening. Journalists for the opposition press attempted to

expose the whole policy of

apartheid as unworkable and unjust. In so doing, they incurred the wrath of the government and its agents, the police, especially when unlawful activities of the secret police were uncovered. In this work Barry was fearless and incisive. His book, "Render unto Kaiser", about corruption in the government of Chief Kaiser Matanzima in the then Transkei in the 80's, was banned by the apartheid government.

But it is not really for these activities that Barry Streek is honoured today. His real concern was that there was little

funding for anti-apartheid work, and community-based organisations. What funding there was, was often squandered in funding bureaucracies in Europe, even before it got to South Africa. Through Scandinavian contacts and very skilled negotiations in which he was involved, the Social Change Assistance Trust (SCAT) was formed, chaired from its inception in 1984 by Barry. SCAT'S first office was his own home and its Board meetings were around his dining-room table. His service to, and involvement in, SCAT has always been in an honorary capacity, earning him no income, but demanding much of his time, energy and dedication. Barry is today as visionary, enthusiastic and committed to SCAT and its activities as he was in 1984. He believes that every individual has the right and the capacity, in fact a duty, to serve the interests of the less fortunate in life: and he believes that the people who really matter are those who get things done, rather than merely talking about them.

SCAT'S activities today embrace more than 70 organisations across South Africa, mainly in rural areas serving very deprived people. Much of its success lies in Barry's deep faith in the ability of people to rise above their circumstances if trusted, and treated with respect, dignity and integrity. SCAT has transferred tens of thousands of rands to organizations which have, in turn, provided hope to thousands of people. Very seldom has its faith in them been misplaced. Over the

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Barrie McClung
Jack Mudd
David Pape
Peter Perkins
Nolan Pienaar
Anne Robinson
Christopher Schofield
Erik Schram
John Todd
Clive Whittaker
Bill Wilson
Nolly Zaloumis

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Rex Pennington paid special tribute to Bill Wilson. He recorded the bond that was forged between Rex's father, KM Pennington, who was Bill's housemaster and the deep friendship that had lasted from then on, between their respective families. He had

been head of school and had exerted a deep influence on Rex himself. He had been a long serving governor but what characterised him was his humility and great sense of humour.

The following omissions from the roll of honour were noted:

J Youngelson, 1939 -1943. Dr Youngleson was gymnast of note and had played rugby for Western Province. He practised as a Plastic Surgeon, and in that capacity was regarded as one of the top surgeons in the Country.

Paddy Dobson and John Roberts, both had attained Springbok Colours in hockey.

The Kehla was Douglas Ralfe, 1929 - 1932. Allan Burns, who had travelled from Vancouver, Canada, was elected uNdllela.

The names of those present was minuted. One hundred and eighteen Old Boys attended. Seventy- seven Old Boys sent their apologies.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 2003 were adopted and signed.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new
Acutt, Rowland
Barnes, Alistair
Birkett, Patrick
Bower, Thomas
Buckley, John
Card, Sean
Chaplin, Gregory
Clarke, Bryn
Clements, Bruce
Croll, Stuart
Delmont, William
Doming, Brian
Dreyer, Grant
Duck, Stephen
Ellis, Lloyd
Forsdick, Edward
Frey, Andrew
Goosen, Duncan

members were elected.

Archer, Richard
Baxter, Tyron
Botha, Andre
Brodie-Smith, Christopher
Campbell, Peter

Cele, Mandlenkosi
Clark, Nolan
Clelland, Kevin
Conradie, Jeremy
Davies, Oliver
Dittman, Ryan
Down, Jason
Droste, Craig
Duminy, James
Engelbrecht, Adam
Foxon, Jeffrey
Gomersall, Andrew
Goulding, Shaun

Govender, Ugasen
Grobicki, Mark
Hall, Christopher
Harris, Richard
Hesketh, Robin
Holmes, Alex
Jogessar, Jason
Joiner, Alexander
Keshwar, Garth
Lamont-Smith, Allister
Lee, Timothy
Lindop, Walter
MacFarlane, Gregory
MacKeurtan, Leigh
Malinga, Sibonelo
Martin, Grant
McGee, Shaun
Miliatos, Theo
Mngomezulu, Ngisana
Morreria, Mark
Morrison, David
Neal, Andrew
Ning, Jason
Nothard, Ross
Paul, Stephen
Pickard, Douglas
Raubenheimer, Christopher
Reeves, Ryan
Rice, Simon
Robinson, Mark
Schreiner, Buchan
Shahim, Jimmy
Sladden, James
Spiller, Luc
Style, Frederick
Taylor, Dylan
Thorpe, James
Tshabalala, Muhle
Van Schalkwyk, Cato
Visagie, Andrew
Warman, Cuan

Weston, Patrick

Green, Storm
Haig, Andrew
Hampson, Richard
Hawken, Michael
Higgs, Farrell
Hutchison, Jamie
Johnston, Andrew
Karan, Avron
Lamb, Christopher
Lee, Shih-Chun
Leketi, Tshela
Macaskill, Matthew
MacGillivray, Guy
Makara, Peo
Maree, Ryan
McBride, Alexander
McLean, Christopher
Mnganga, Nkululeko
Mnyandu, Ndabenhle
Morris, David
Mortlock, Philip
Nel, Johannes
Norton, Michael
Ntusi, Thabo
Perold, Roland
Quenet, Michael
Reeve, Brendan
Reynolds, Dylan
Robarts, Kevin
Schmid, Cedric
Searle, Nathaniel
Sherrard, Brett
Smithies, Shaun
Stewart, Mark
Taylor, Carl
Thabethe, Samkelo
Tolmay, Marc
Turchetti, Craig
Vaudin, Neil
Vonk, Mark
Wessels, Francois
White, James

Nine Honorary Old Boys were proposed by C Smythe and O Skae, and were duly elected. John Brownell, John Crawford, John Cribbins, Rory Drysdale, Sean McMurtry, Penny Purchase, Pushpa Ramhrack, John Rockliffe and Bart Wielenga.

FAMILY

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a magnificent way to see in the next 100 years of our club. I hope that yesterday's events set the tone for a new look and feel Old Boys Club for the future.

Last year on Old Boys Day, I stood up here as the incoming President of the Old Boys Club and delivered my vision for the future of the club. I do not intend keeping you for that period of time, as I know that we had a long night last night and the last thing you need is for me to carry on for hours.

Your club is fit and well. Over the past year, we, your committee have focused our attention on the preparations for the Centenary Celebrations of the club. We began preparations early and embarked on an ambitious plan to make a weekend to remember. We based our plans on the theme of change and I believe that this has been achieved. This weekend's activities have been arranged to include Old Boys and their partners. I believe that this is the key to the success of future Old Boys events.

You may not be aware of the fact that I moved to Ireland in February this year, so Callum Smythe, your new President, stepped into the President's chair a lot earlier than he had anticipated. I am extremely grateful for him stepping in for me and thank him for all the hard work he has put in to making this weekend become a reality. I may have been part of the initial ideas behind the weekend but Callum has made them a reality. There are four other people whom I would like to single out for special thank-yous. Bridget Ussher-Stanley - as you are aware, Bridget has been performing the function of Old Boys Secretary. She has done a fantastic job and is truly a major asset to our club and the central committee. Her performance in managing the day-to-day activities of the club has been exemplary. Her efforts in pulling together this centenary weekend have been a key reason for the success of the weekend. Charlie Burton who at a late stage in the organising of the weekend, when we were effectively staring down the barrel of a financial gun, stepped up and single-handedly raised R40

000 for the golf day. Many thanks to him. Owen Skae has been a pillar of support to myself prior to leaving for Ireland and to the committee as a whole for the duration of the preparations for the centenary weekend. Without Owen's perseverance and commitment to this great school, David Campese would not have been here this weekend. Owen, as a friend thank you and as the President of the club, I could not want for a more reliable committee member. Mark Perry for organising an excellent golf day. It is our intention to make this event an annual one before Old Boys Day. I am sure that all my committee will echo my thanks to Callum, Bridget, Charlie, Owen and Mark. All of the committee have played their role in making this weekend a great success. Thanks to all of you. Many thanks also to the

Michaelhouse school staff that assisted Bridget with the organisation of the weekend.

Those of you who attended the St Michael Awards Ceremony last night will, I am sure, share with me, in the joy, humility and admiration for the recipients of the award. These are great men in the South African Community and we are proud of the fact that they are products of our great school. Roger Chennells, Nic Pougnet and Barry Streek, congratulations, you are great men, we are humbled by you and we are proud of you.

The Old Boys Club has continued on its drive to expand the influence and the activities of the club. Another very successful

Old Boys Dinner took place in London last year on the evening prior to the SA vs England rugby test. The Rector, the Chairman of the Board, Clive Shedlock, Bruce Dunlop, Jon Bates and Brett Davidson all attended the dinner. Over 100 old boys attended the dinner, which by all accounts was a great success. The continued success of this function and the high level of the delegation from SA is indicative of the commitment and passion of those people who serve this school. The branches of the Old Boys Club in SA continue to serve their respective old boys communities. Some of the committees have opened their functions up to the broader Michaelhouse community. The Branch Chairmen will deliver their reports separately. Once again, a number of deserving boys are being assisted by various branches. This I believe is one of the most important functions of the club.

An aspect of the old boys club that needs to be focused on more and more by the various branches and the central committee is the marketing of the school. Old Boys are the products of the school and therefore should be utilised more in the marketing of the school. The branches, central committee and the Marketing Department at the school need to agree on a strategy on how the old boys can be used in the marketing of the school. The future of the school is very much dependent on the number of boys it can attract and the old boys can assist in this regard.

The Old Boys data base is still a cause for concern; Bridget has done an immense amount of work in cleaning up the data base, but the single biggest problem lies with us, the old boys, especially those who do not keep the club informed of their change of address. A typical old boy's' reply to the question of why he did not attend a function organised by the club is that he did not know about it. He did not know about it, not because the old boys club chose not to tell him, but because he failed to update his particulars with the club. It is for us the old boys to ensure that we keep our details updated.

I would like to thank the Rector Guy Pearson for the way in which he is managing and leading this great school. The school is in good hands and its future is safe. Thank you also for allowing us to use the school for the centenary weekend.

Thank you also to my committee for their support throughout the past year. I was a president in abstentia for part of my one year term, but the shop was in good hands.

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One hundred years has gone by and now the next hundred, need to be prepared for. Thank you to all those old boys who, in the past, have worked tirelessly to leave us with an old boys club that is strong. It is our privilege and our task to ensure that we keep steering the ship in a direction that will ensure its success for the next 100 years. There have been many old boys who have devoted much of their time to the activities of the club over the past 100 years. Many of them have obviously passed on and many of them have not been able to be with us this weekend, but there are many of you here this weekend, many past presidents and many past committee members. Thank you all for your leadership, guidance and for the time that you devoted to our club. We, the current committee, appreciate your involvement over the years.

To your new President and his committee, good luck and enjoy the opportunity to serve this great school.

RECTOR'S ADDRESS

Mr President and Michaelhouse, I bring greetings and congratulations on behalf of the school to the Old Boys Association of Michaelhouse on the celebration of your Centenary. This school is indebted to the Old Boys in so many ways. I have been overwhelmed by the support that Old Boys give to this school in thought, expertise and kind across the length and breadth of the country and abroad.

I am pleased to report positively on Michaelhouse and the achievements of our boys over the past year. There is an excellent ethos in the school and we continue to strive to maintain those traditions which are the cornerstone of our history while adapting to changing times. After bursting at the seams last year with an average of 532 boys, we have settled at a more comfortable 525 this year. KZN continues to supply most of our boys with 260, while approximately 160 come from Gauteng, the rest spread throughout the provinces. We have approximately 55 boys from outside the borders of the country and I am pleased to say that about 40% of our boys have some kind of previous link with the school through family ties. It would be true to say, however, that affordability of Michaelhouse for prospective parents is a major challenge and the market place is becoming increasingly competitive and new marketing strategies and markets are being developed to ensure that we continue to fill the school. There is a growing interest from Africa while greater numbers of Afrikaans speaking boys are attending Michaelhouse.

Our Matric results for 2002 were very pleasing with 5 boys achieving 6 distinctions. Our Dux, James Sladden, and Proxime Accessit, Mark Morreira came in the top 50 in the country in the Independent Examinations Board, the class achieved a 96% University Exemption Pass. If there was a disappointment, it was that we recorded 17 A aggregates which was below par,

especially when this is the measure by which a school's performance is judged. Our results need to be seen against the fact that we do not have an exclusive admissions policy based solely on academic results, as we believe we can cope with boys of all abilities. I must make mention of the exceptional achievement of James Sladden who has been accepted to study at Oxford this year and Greg Smithies who has won a major scholarship to Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. This is a rare achievement for matriculants from South Africa and says much for the Michaelhouse product.

A boy's experience at Michaelhouse remains filled with diversity and opportunities. On the sporting front our boys choose from a variety of sports including athletics, basketball, canoeing, cricket, cross-country, golf, hockey, rugby, soccer, sailing, squash, swimming, tennis and waterpolo. We are blessed with exceptional facilities and our teams are extremely competitive, both on a provincial and national level. A growing sport is waterpolo and our players enjoyed a successful tour of Hungary in September last year.

The emphasis on the arts and music continues to flourish and contributes much to the creative development of our boys. Our Choir, 80 boys strong, produces exceptional song while the Jazz Band entertains at many functions. The Chamber Choir undertook a once in a lifetime tour of Russia and Estonia in the July holidays last year; at present we have no less than 9 boys in the KZN Youth Choir. Added to this is a choice of some 40 clubs and societies to which the boys can belong. The Chapel remains central to the life of the school and it is encouraging to witness the number of staff and boys who are willing to preach at Chapel Services.

Michaelhouse is blessed with people who give of their time and expertise to the school. Our Governors under the able leadership of Old Boy, Jamie Inglis, play a selfless role in keeping the school on an even keel. The support of Old Boys and benefactors is fantastic and makes one realise how important this school is to so many. My thanks to outgoing President, Kevin O'Brien, for his enthusiastic and energetic leadership, even though it was for such a short time. Congratulations and good wishes to the incoming President, Callum Smythe.

The school is fortunate to have a committed and dedicated staff who go beyond the call of duty for the boys. Last year we said farewell to four stalwarts in Isabel Swart, John Buckley, Dave Lewis and Robin Hall. The latter two gentlemen are Old Boys and taught here for 27 and 35 years respectively! I am pleased to say that Michaelhouse remains a school which is sought after by teachers and we have a highly qualified and energetic staff.

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So fellow Michaelhousians, Michaelhouse is in good shape, it is my vision to build on its reputation as one of the finest schools in the world, a centre of excellence where the contribution of each boy is recognised. To survive in this ever changing world, we need to produce young men who are open to change, prepared to take risks, have a high self awareness and understand how others function. Young people need to be in a safe and disciplined environment where the boundaries are defined but with the confidence to challenge, debate, question and grow.

Throughout my short time here I have been struck by the incredible sense of pride, loyalty and camaraderie of our young men. There is an appreciation of this beautiful environment, the design and nature of the school and the house system all contribute to this sense of belonging. It is perhaps best summed up by our Senior Prefect, Francois Wessels, last year who had this to say in his memorable Speech Day Address:

"I believe that Michaelhouse, a secluded country school yet inter-dependent on the world, is still a producer of men: with virtues of the past and dreams of the future, men with definite and unshakable foundations. And for me, Michaelhouse has become a home, and just as you all know your home well, so I have come to know my home so well. I know it has a soul, that spirit that endures forever, that never ceases to live in one's heart.

My Michaelhouse home like any other good school has elements and achievements that can be measured. Its reputation as a great school relies to some extent on its ability to compete in a market place, which loves to measure achievements. But it is a mistake to think that these measurable elements are the most important aspects of a school. People like to hear statistics, like the number of academic distinctions, sporting results, cultural achievements and the grandeur of our facilities. These are by no means unimportant; they allow a school to lay claim to being good, before becoming great. But great schools like Michaelhouse, lay claim to elements that cannot be measured, things that do not have quantity or length. The pride and joy of a boy who lives his adventure here - for him, the immeasurable is more important than the measurable; those unseen realities matter the most to him; the esprit de corps, the loyal bonds of friendship, the atmosphere of interhouse activities. These are feelable, knowable and ever present to someone who believes in these values. How does one judge the degree of caring, compassion and consideration of the man who leaves Michaelhouse at the end of his five years? How do you measure magnanimity or kindness or encouragement or friendship or love? The reality is, you can't! You simply cherish them and you will know when they are not there. To me, this soul of Michaelhouse is what makes it a great school."

BRANCH REPORTS

Club on 13" March 2003. He expressed his particular deep thanks to Bridget Ussher-Stanley for all her assistance during the year.

EAST GRIQUALAND. Richard Jardine delivered the report of the East Griqualand Branch. This branch had low key activities during the year, and met each other on occasions associated with other activities. The Branch runs 50 animals on a Weaner Scheme, which has netted R55 000,00 so far, and further monies are still due. He expressed the Branch congratulations to the Rector on the way the school was being run.

ZULULAND. Lawrie Kramer delivered the address of the Zululand Branch. They held their AGM last October at a very successful function. There are 20 boys from Zululand at Michaelhouse at present and the Branch is well represented at central committee and at Board level. They have captured most of the local member's details on their data base but expressed great concern at old boys who leave their former addresses without giving details. 38% of Zululand's Old Boys attended the Centenary function.

CAPE TOWN. Barry Streek delivered the Cape Town branch report on behalf of Charles Phillips. The Branch had their annual dinner in August. The Chairman, Mr Golightly despite being very ill attended and received a 10 minute ovation. The Branch meets the first Monday of each month and had successful cricket matches against Hilton, and a triangular dinner with Kearsney and Hilton in July.

DURBAN. The Durban Branch report was given by Brett Davidson. This Branch continues to be the mainstay of old boys' affairs. 60% of attendees at the Centenary Gaudy came from Durban. The 100 Club is presently putting five boys through the school. The branch held an extremely successful centenary appeal dinner in Durban, in November 2002.

NORTHERN NATAL. Mr A Porrill reported on the Northern Natal Branch, which, after being in the doldrums for some time, is now up and running again.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Owen Skae expressed thanks to the Bursar for continuing to monitor the Old Boys' Club. Income remains static and there is a small nett profit of income over expenditure for the year. Computer software has been purchased for use in the data base.

MIDLANDS. Mark Perry delivered the report of the Midlands Branch. The focus as before, was on the Weaner Scheme which raises over R100 000,00 per year. He spoke of the successful golf day put together by Peter Gallo against Hilton at Bosch Hoek.

PIETERMARITZBURG. Peter Lawrence delivered the report of the Pietermaritzburg branch. This year the Branch had hosted the annual Hilton / Michaelhouse dinner. This took place in May, at the Victoria Country Club. Guest speaker was Colin Van Heerden, who spoke of his experiences when having been bitten by a mamba during the Duzi Canoe Race. A very successful Branch Fellowship evening was held also at the Victoria Country

CONGRATULATORY LETTERS

The list of those who had been given congratulatory letters was read out: Branson Bowman-Edgar, James Lewis, Nick Grice, Peter Lawrence, Peter Pickford, Andrew Zaloumis, Mike Zingel, Michael Cassidy, David Woods, Brendon Greene, Gillespie Armstrong, Alan Dashwood, Nick Folker, Cameron McIntosh, Gyles Webb and Kit Vaughan.

Hilton College has sent a congratulatory letter on the occasion of the centenary and this was read out to the meeting by Mr C James.

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THE MICHAELHOUSE HOME ROOM DEVELOPMENT

written by Carl Pachonick

After much research, many meetings and many feelings of optimism, the D and E Block Home Room concept was established at Michaelhouse at the beginning of 2003.

It had, for some time, been recognised that the D and E Block boys have special needs and that especially in the case of E Block boys entering Michaelhouse for the first time, more needed to be done in order to make the transition from Prep to High school a smoother and more meaningful one. The academic curriculum had already responded to the new state Curriculum 2005 system, by introducing Learning Areas as opposed to the traditional subjects at the D and E Block levels. Mathematics and the other languages on offer remained as separate entities, but History and Geography merged to become Human and Social Sciences, whilst Biology and Physical Science became known as Natural Sciences. Economics and Accountancy are now taught as Economic and Management Science. These changes have, in terms of academics, created an approach which is not too dissimilar from the situation in American Middle Schools, and for a time, the school contemplated a Michaelhouse Middle School. In the end, however, a Home Room concept was developed which would better suit the needs of the school.

The D and E Blocks are divided into 10 units - 5 in each block and for each class unit, a home room teacher was appointed and a home room classroom allocated in which the class is taught by the teacher. The class members, instead of doing prep in respective houses, now do so in their home rooms which enables boys to do groupwork exercises during prep sessions when necessary. The home room teacher, besides the normal subject lessons has been able to be with his/her home room group for 15 minutes at the beginning of each day to assist the boys with personal issues and a host of other important areas.

Young boys' organisational and management skills are generally not good and to survive successfully at a busy institution like Michaelhouse and to benefit fully from it, these aspects of a boy's make-up need to be fine-tuned. Organisation and management - particularly time management - has been an on-going priority during the year, whilst assisting boys in the development of learning and study skills has also been an important component of the syllabus. Probably most beneficial has been the fact that the boys have someone in addition to their housemasters whom they can turn to for regular assistance and the teachers in turn are able to quickly gauge what individual needs are and make provision for them. Simple reminders about routines, about what books to take to the next lesson, to keep prep diaries up to date, to keep lockers tidy and

organised and to take pride in the neatness of their home room are issues which are on-going. Some teachers have personalised their home rooms and made them places where the boys enjoy being taught and the regular contact has given them the opportunity of really getting to know the boys.

On reflection, the introduction of the concept can be deemed to have been successful. It is generally felt that the E Block boys have been happier and more settled this year. Prep sessions have run more effectively and smoothly and with both D and E Block boys out of the houses during prep, there have been far less tensions between boys from the respective blocks.

All the home rooms have been carpeted and painted and new curtains have been made. In addition extra notice boards, cupboards and filing cabinets have been acquired for the teachers, making the venues user-friendly. Negative criticisms

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of the system are few. In some instances, the time tabling process created constraints and teachers, particularly in the D Block, were not able to see their classes often enough in the cycle at the start of each day. The first set of lockers purchased for those home rooms which did not have any initially proved to be unsatisfactory and had to be replaced which caused hiccups.

It has now been decided that a version of the home room concept will be extended to the A, B and C Blocks in 2004, but will be house-based rather than class-based as is the case with the D and E Blocks. A system can always be improved upon and the experiences of 2003 have encouraged a few adjustments. At the D and E Block levels in future, a formal syllabus will be drawn up which will include a far more comprehensive range of topics to be covered during the year and, in addition to a daily ten minute meeting, one full period per cycle will be included in the calendar to allow the teacher to have more in-depth discussions on certain topics.

HOME ROOM TEACHING

written by Colleen Cook

As you may know the concept of Home Room Teaching was met with mixed reactions by the academic staff in 2002 for reasons that I will not go into here. Change is never easy because it usually necessitates the loss of some things. Why then did I volunteer to be a home room teacher?

â€ Although Literary Studies in the senior phase of the school has always been my great love and passion, we all have to endure some junior classes and I have always had one or two E Block classes to teach. The E Block seemed increasingly disorganised, ill-equipped and unmotivated to cope with the logistical demands of the day. This impacted

negatively on the efficacy of my teaching.

â€¢ The previous situation where E Blockers did prep in their house prep room, meant that the 12 boys or so boys were from 5 different sets each with a different timetable, teacher and prep. This left scope for ignorance, confusion and apathy.

â€¢ I was embarrassed by the condition of the junior prep rooms where E Block did prep and stored their books. These hardly seemed venues likely to inspire diligent behaviour or a positive work ethic. They were bleak and soulless and the boys took no pride in them being happy to trash them.

â€¢ As I woman teacher in a very male environment, I felt this was an area where I could offer unique assistance in

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helping young boys make the transition from Prep School, where their mothers and class teachers (many of them women) provided care and support, to the role they have to perform as "cacks" in a house of fifty to sixty young men.

So 2003 dawned with me being allocated to be Home Room Teacher to EL, Room 1. There are 24 pupils in EL and it being the French, 2N Language class, I have many boys whose homes are very far away: Kenya, The Ivory Coast, Botswana, Uganda etc (My "Out of Africa" Gang)

My involvement as a home room teacher has been a valuable and constructive time. I believe that having immediate, constant guidance and supervision available in a home base has benefited the E Block. It is difficult to document or specify my interaction with my class. As in parenting, much of the value lies in being available, noticing and reacting to problems as they happen and in caring for your pupils. Listed below are some of the things I have endeavoured to achieve with my class.

â€¢ To provide an attractive and welcoming home room environment that the pupils take pride in and choose to treat with respect.

â€¢ To provide regular supervision and checks in their file and locker organisation.

â€¢ To draw attention to and supervise where necessary their day and prep timetables.

â€¢ To have a notice board where I draw attention to the DRO and Yellow Notices affecting daily routine.

â€¢ To assist in teaching study skills.

â€¢ To assist Housemasters in ensuring that my pupils are accountable in their commitments to sport, teachers and houses

â€¢ To create a bond that will help the boys cope constructively with the many demands placed on them as "cacks" I try to encourage a sense of humour and pride in survival, (we have weekly "crime free" competitions etc; I take them home for tea / wors rolls etc - whatever positive reinforcement I can think of.)

These issues are addressed both formally in the time allocated at the beginning of each day and informally during free time in the afternoons.

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What has excited me most about Home Rooming is that there have been so many additional spin-offs from this system:

â€¢ There have been fewer home sick boys this year.

â€¢ Personal contact and accountability has lessened the anarchy that can develop when disorganisation becomes is accepted as normal.

â€¢ Creating this climate of accountability can also assist in curbing vandalism of property. (My classroom is my office. In spite of the fact that the room is never locked during term time, my desk, my books, stationery etc are treated with respect and left intact.)

I see myself operating in support of Housemasters and providing them with addition feedback about their E Blockers.

â€¢ The bond developed between the Home Room teacher and the pupils allows for another level where appeal can be made to the pupils' better nature to interact cooperatively.

â€¢ The work ethic has improved because House matters can no longer interfere with prep.

â€¢ Bullying of E Blockers by D Blockers has also been considerably reduced.

â€¢ I believe Home Rooming has lessened the "boy power" of the school - ie. the notion that Michaelhouse is run by the boys.

In conclusion I think it may be fitting to end with this presentation with the boys' view on the matter. I asked my Home Room to appraise the system. Without prompting from

me, they came out strongly in favour of the system in E Block. Most felt that the D Block practice had not been successful and favoured a return to a House base at this level. Here are some of their responses.

"I think a home room gives an individual a "base" from which to organise and launch his academic life. When new here, this certainly is a must. It will orientate a new learner and, even when settled in, he will have a place to come back to when struggling or troubled"

"... you meet new friends and have your own place where you keep your stuff ... you also develop a good relationship with your home room teacher."

"... it is a nice feeling to be back in your own place where your stuff is..."

â€œ "... it is also nice being exposed to people in other houses. It has definitely helped me get organised."

"... a safe base where you can settle in ... my home room teacher is understanding."

I have been organised and up to date with what's going on in the school. It helps relationships with friends out of your house."

"It is similar to Prep School and is great for E Block. If it wasn't for you I would not have found out about many things in school like times and fixtures. It is ... almost like a second home." (copyright Kenyan Authors, Home Room Philosophy)

â€œ "It's very useful to have a home room because I usually don't know what lesson to go to and there is a timetable there."

There were very few negative comments - most related to the distance of my home room (RM 1) from houses like Baines, Mackenzie and Pascoe.

How do I feel about the concept now almost a year later in September, 2003? Although the Home Room experience has been very positive for me and EL, it would be fair to say that the concept is still met with some mixed reactions. You need to know that the experience has worked for me because I believe in it and because I chose to move from the English Department area to my Home Room. In other words, I chose to make it my home all my teaching is done in this venue. This is not completely convenient because I am separated from my English colleagues and I cannot lock my classroom at any time. It is difficult to share your space with twenty-four fourteen year olds. Many Home teachers do not teach in the home room venue for a variety of reasons. Many teachers understandably do not wish to leave their own subject-based classroom. Logistically it is impossible for all teachers to have their own room etc. In E Block, however, I believe it is very difficult for the concept to work if the "parent" is not in the "home". At the beginning of E Block, it is highly unrealistic to expect a fourteen year old boy to manage high books, prep, sport, cacking responsibilities etc without assistance.

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STAFF LEAVING

JOHN & LYN BROWNELL

written by Paul Fleischack

John took up the position of Counsellor after being Head of High School Counselling and Guidance Services in the Natal Education Department. John, Lyn and Matthew arrived on campus in January 1998.

A man of much wisdom: he soon made his mark at Michaelhouse, his counsel and advice being sought and highly valued by many boys and staff. He soon earned the reputation for his sense of humour and his warm, empathetic, yet no-nonsense style. Many boys have benefited from his guidance and the battles he has fought on their behalf in pursuit of exam concessions, placements at host schools and universities.

A man of much energy: John soon involved himself fully in the Sporting, Cultural and Outdoor aspects of the Michaelhouse curriculum. He has been coach to under 14B and 3rd XI hockey teams and the under 14B and 4 " Cricket sides. John had the uncanny knack of guiding his team to easy wins when other teams were having a bad day. On the occasions when he was taking a team for another coach, they inevitably returned victorious. He also proved to be a real man of the bush on many 'Berg hikes, where his love of the outdoors was obvious and his stamina and experience surprised many boys.

A man of innovation and vision: it only recently became known to the Michaelhouse staff that John initiated Hockey as a school sport at 'Maritzburg College, during his time there.

John's contributions to the Cultural Affairs, Management, Academic,

Leadership and Housemasters'

Committees (to name a few) were always well considered and of great value. He ran the pupil exchanges with overseas schools, which has developed into a vibrant programme. It came as no surprise that he was promoted to Senior Master and member of the management team at the start of 2001.

Lyn has been extremely busy in the community partnership programmes since her arrival at Michaelhouse. Besides working in the Trade-Inn, she has devoted many long hours to

the SMILE programme and to Adult Literacy courses in the afternoons. She is highly regarded by all who have passed through her tutorship as an excellent teacher and a wonderful person. Typically she will always downplay her contributions in these spheres, but she has enriched the lives of so many people in our community.

It is with sadness that we bid farewell to John and Lyn. They have enriched all our lives and they both leave very big shoes to fill. We wish them everything of the very best in their new ventures in the United Kingdom and look forward to hearing of their lives and successes over there.

VICTOR AND DOROTHY KISTEN

The Kistens leave Michaelhouse after over 20 years of service. Victor started in October 1979 as a Laundry Supervisor and was promoted to Manager in 1988. Dorothy also worked at the laundry as a seamstress from 1984 and

was also promoted to Assistant Matron in 1989.

They have four children,

Terrence. Lisa, Petula and Tamryn. While at Michaelhouse, Victor has helped with seminars held during the holidays with sleeping arrangements etc and Dorothy has helped with flowers for the Chapel, Ill-health has forced Victor to take early retirement and they have gone to live with their son on the North Coast.

We wish them all the very best.

BOO LEWIS

written by Andrew Cook

Fleur Lewis, affectionately known as Boo, arrived at Michaelhouse as David's blushing bride in 1978. She recounts that it was with some surprise that the then Senior Master, Roy Gathorne, was grudgingly made to realise that the Tutor's rooms in West would not be adequate accommodation for the newly married couple and they moved to Hymetus where they have lived happily ever since.

It did not take long for the Senior Master to realise that he

had a gem of an English teacher into the bargain and Boo became a part-time teacher in 1981. "Part-time" has to be one of the great misnomers in Michaelhouse's history because Boo brought a degree of professionalism and conscientiousness to the business of teaching boys English that might have been a constant source of embarrassment to her full-time colleagues, but for her generosity in sharing her ideas and expertise with the rest of the department. She had taught in a full-time capacity in several schools before her arrival and had lectured at the Natal Teachers' Training College to boot, so it was not as if she lacked experience. Throughout her career here she has brought a quiet (except for her billowing laugh) preparedness to her pedagogy. Sensitive and thoughtful, she constantly found new ways to lure her boisterous charges into an appreciation of the

greatness of their heritage in the English Language. In return, the boys shared with her their most intense experiences because they trusted her integrity and wisdom. She trod softly because she always recognised that she trod on their dreams. Latterly, she transformed her classroom into a place where even the most boorish spirits could find tranquility and in doing so, she encouraged the rest of us to look again at the quality of our classrooms.

Boo started the Asithuthuke Pre-primary in 1986 and supervised it until June 2003, a partnership which has borne much fruit. She has also been a SMILE teacher for the last five years and has involved

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Michaelhouse boys in this important outreach project. Her ability to speak Zulu (indeed, she taught it for eight years) meant that her interaction with the local community could reach beyond the superficial, a hallmark of all her dealings with people.

Tennis was a great love of Boo's and her ringing laughter graced our courts for many a long year. There was nothing graceful about her forehand: it wiped the smile off many an opponent's face!

A woman's work is never done and whilst involved in all this activity she was mother to her three children, all of whom reflect something of her sensitivity and good humour. She never lost her love of teaching and I would have loved to have been taught by her. But then again, perhaps I was, as were so many of her colleagues at Michaelhouse. We wish her well in her post at Howick High School. I wonder if they know how lucky they are to have her?

JON & GWYNETH TRAFFORD

written by Mike Thomson

From the first moment that I met Jon Trafford, I took to him. He is a gregarious person, sociable, easy to talk to and imbued with a lust for life which is infectious when one is in his company. He and I and our respective families arrived at Michaelhouse together and the friendship that was struck up then has remained throughout his time here.

Jon, an Old Boy, came to Michaelhouse in 1996 after stints at Peterhouse in Zimbabwe and The International School of South Africa in Mafekeng. A veteran of the Zimbabwe bush war and the Bophuthatswana uprising, he came to head up the Geography Department. He brought with him great experience, a wealth of knowledge about his subject and a passion for teaching young people, none of which has diminished during his time here. As a teacher he demanded excellence of his charges but was always available to help either the struggling pupil, or the less experienced teacher, understand the finer points of map work or the like. His classes were exciting and his notes and diagrams on the blackboard were works of art. He was proud of his Department and brought in many innovations in his short time as HOD.

Jon was not an HOD for long as the lure of dealing with pupils on a more personal level drew him towards Housemastership

again (He had been involved in this role at both of his previous schools) and in 1998 he was appointed Housemaster of Farfield. In this role he was again outstanding. Nothing was ever too much trouble for him and he spent vast amounts of time looking after the needs of his charges. While he was a stickler for the rules, he never punished unnecessarily and the boys under his care thrived in an atmosphere of fairness and concern.

Jon approached his extra-mural activities in exactly the same way as he did everything else. He prepared and planned meticulously and gave 100% and demanded no less from those he coached be it in the 1S1 XV or the U16C cricket team. He lived for the matches they played and the boys responded to him and in his 6 years as 1st XV coach he turned out some magnificent sides who played with flair, determination and discipline. They really were an extension of the personality of their coach. He coached unbeaten touring sides to Europe (1998) and South America (2001) and also led a successful expedition to Kilimanjaro in 1998.

In all that he did, Jon was fully supported by his wife Gwynneth and his family. Independent and extremely capable in her own right Gwynneth, while not on the staff, knew the boys in Farfield and the 1S1 XV Rugby almost as well as Jon. She was very much part of everything in Farfield and her Block Suppers and Leavers' Dinners were legendary. She

also started the short tradition of a 1st XV Mothers' Dinner which coincided with the Rugby Dinner which was for many years a "Stag" night.

Jon is the consummate school master who lives and breathes the education of young minds be it in the classroom, on the sports field or in the boarding house. Michaelhouse is about educating young men for life and he fully subscribed to that philosophy. It is thus not surprising that he leaves Michaelhouse to take up a post as Headmaster of a new Independent school in Tygerberg; Cape Town. To Jon, Gwynneth, Tessa, Jessica and Bronwyn we say farewell. It has been a privilege to know you and you will be missed by all you leave behind at Michaelhouse. Henry Adams said: 'A teacher

affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.' I feel sure he was talking about Jon Trafford.

BART AND LARA WIELENGA

The Wielengas arrived at Michaelhouse in January 1999, with Bart taking on the job of Economics teacher. He had previously taught at Ixopo High School for two years. He later became HOD of Economics, was a Senior Tutor in Founders House and he was the master in charge of the Student Internship Programme. He also coached U15A Cricket and Rugby. He began and ran The GOIT society "Group of Independent Thinkers". A highlight of his time at Michaelhouse was an overseas Economics tour to Malaysia and Singapore in 2000. It says much for Bart that this Alex Old Boy was made an honorary Michaelhouse Old Boy, even though he left 6 months short of the statutory 5 year period.

Lara had a variety of jobs in the area including teaching science and Zulu at Nottingham Road Primary School. She later became the Remedial teacher at Clifton Nottingham Road and

Staff on the train
to St John's.

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Michaelhouse. For two years she was involved in the Adult Literacy classes at Michaelhouse.

In Bart's words Bart and Lara have had "a happy and exceptionally fulfilled time at Michaelhouse". They leave for the UK where Bart will be taking a teaching post at Wellington College.

GILBERT ZUMA

Gilbert has been a driver at Michaelhouse for an incredible 45 years. He began in May 1958 when he drove the horse cart to the station to collect milk deliveries. In 1962 he started driving a tractor and mowing the fields which progressed to driving the open truck in 1968, which is how boys were transported to various destinations in those days. He was the first black African driver at that time and was elected as the Senior Driver of the driving staff. He has served under seven Rectors. Gilbert is married to Florence and they have four sons and five daughters. Two of his sons work at Michaelhouse at present: they are Enoch in the laundry and Philemon in the workshop.

Gilbert was a good footballer in his time and earned himself the nickname "gobstandela" amongst the local team literally, the "bend the stander" as he played in the back line and no-one could get past him or in other words, you could not "bend" the "stander". Gilbert has had a good relationship with Michaelhouse and thanks God that in his 45 years, he has never been involved in a car accident. We wish him and his wife a well-earned rest in their retirement.

NEW STAFF

Given Dzwinga. Joy Preiss and Andre Black seated, with Alwin Murugen and Viktor Kurz standing.

ACADEMIC

Andre Black joins our Afrikaans Department from St Patrick's College in Kokstad where he taught for 5 years. He is a graduate in Human Movement Science from the University of Port Elizabeth. A keen sportsman and HK teacher, he has

been a Sports Co-ordinator and has coached athletics, rugby, tennis and cricket and he plays social golf, squash and tennis.

Martine Pinnell

Viktor Kurz is the new Head of Department in Mathematics at Michaelhouse. He has a

BA and HDE from the University of Port Elizabeth and a B.Ed from UNISA. Most of his teaching experience has been in Port Elizabeth where he has taught for 12 years with a three year stint in Swaziland. He was latterly the HOD of Maths at Woodridge. He is married to Leanne who is a Senior Primary teacher, specialising in Remedial work and they have two children, Jurgen who is 10 and Romy who is 6. Both attend Clifton Notties.

Given Dzingwa has taught Mathematics and Science since 1985 at a variety of high schools and centres for further education. He has an STD from Eshowe College and a FDE and B.Ed from the University of Natal. He is married to Busi who is a qualified nurse.

Staff management course

Alwin Murugen qualified at the Durban College of Education. He has taught Computer Studies at Hillcrest High School and Glenwood for a few years and now joins our Computer Studies Department. He is engaged to Annette Govender, a primary school teacher.

Martine Pinnell joins the French Department. She has degrees from the Universite de Paris II and has been a "styliste", responsible for a team of designers and marketing trends for fashion for 20 years. For the past 6 years she has been based in Madagascar for export products and involved during the weekends with the Alliance Frangaise in the theatre, both as a director and as a decorator. She is married to David, a farmer specialising in the breeding of race horses.

Richard Snowden has been with the Intern Programme at Michaelhouse for two years. When Bart Wielenga left, he was employed by the school in the Economics Department, where he has been working over the last few years. Richard is an Old Boy of the school and has a B. Com from UNP.

Joy Preiss is our new HOD of Art. She qualified at the Durban Technikon and has taught for 25 years at various

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The Flanegans.

STAFF NEWS

Baby Boom: This year has seen the happy arrival of no fewer than four new arrivals to Michaelhouse staff. First up was the Redfern's with son David, followed shortly afterwards by Kim McLeish and husband Andrew, who had a daughter, Jenna. Then came the Ancillottis with baby Caitlyn Isabella and later in the year in November, the Flanegans had a third son, Mitchell Liam. Congratulations to them all.

Bye Bye Buster: Buster Trafford, for so long "the school dog" was run over recently. He was such a feature of Michaelhouse life for five years, that we will all miss him enormously. He was at all our school functions, spent many a night in the dorms and he hated the Christmas holidays when there was no action. Heaven for Buster will be the school that never closes.

The Redferns.

Gappy Smythe joins Michaelhouse as the Deputy Bursar [Estates]. He has diplomas in Agriculture, Nature Conservation and Human Resource Management. A Kearsney Old Boy, he has worked at Cedara, been a pig, sheep and fish farmer and been a Park Manager for the Natal Parks Board. He is married to Maggie, who works as secretary to the Ladsworth Primary headmistress and they have 4 sons aged between 10 and 19.

Melanie Wester, a current parent at Michaelhouse, joined the Marketing Department mid-year. She has previously worked at Unicorn Lines, an international shipping and logistics company for 21 years and has an IMM Diploma in Marketing Management. She is married to Henk, a captain in The National Shipping Company and she has one son, Bryan, who is in E Block.

schools including Glenwood, Alex, Victoria Park [PE] and The Wykeham Collegiate. She has also travelled overseas and worked for the Southern Sun for 18 months. Joy has marked matric Art History papers for the IEB for 4 years.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Morag Atherstone joins our sanatorium staff this year. Well known in the area, she is a Registered General Nurse, Midwife and Community Health Nurse who trained at Greys and at the Royal Berkshire Hospital in England. She has worked in Cape Town, Namibia and the KZN Midlands, implementing the rural Primary Health Care Service for 5 years, acting as locum for the Balgowan Clinic for 10 years and being the relief sister at Clifton. She is married to Mark who works for the Ivanhoe Farming Company and they have two sons, Stephen [17] and David [15] who are both at Treverton College.

Mandy Rouillard is also well known to the area and Michaelhouse in particular. She is our new Functions Co-ordinator and lives in Balgowan. She has an International Cordon Bleu cooking diploma, has worked for Magnum and Commercial Airways for 6 years; at Brookdale Health Hydro in catering and doing marketing and sales and catering at a variety of game lodges and travel agencies.

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20th February 2003

RECTOR'S ADDRESS

Mr and Mrs James, Ladies and Gentlemen and young Men of Michaelhouse. It is a great pleasure for me to extend my own personal welcome to you today as we celebrate the academic achievements of the year 2002.

Let me begin by congratulating the Matric class of 2002 on some excellent results. In all, 17 A aggregates were achieved, 121 subject distinctions, and a University Exemption Rate of 96%. Pride of place must go to James Sladden, the Dux, and Mark Morreira, the Proxime Accessit, on their outstanding achievements in being placed in the top 50 of the Independent Examinations Board in the whole country. These two pupils, together with Greg Smithies, David Morris and James Duminy obtained 6 distinctions each while Mark Grobicki and Michael Hawken obtained 5 distinctions each.

do believe in a holistic, all-round education at Michaelhouse, but I do not think the boys always give their academics the attention it needs.

Of particular significance is the acceptance of James Sladden into Oxford University; this is a rare and fine achievement for a student straight from a South African school. It is wonderful to have Mr and Mrs Sladden here with us today to celebrate this superb achievement.

It is custom to announce the winners of the Robin Hamilton Internal Scholarships which are valid for one year and based on last year's academic results. The award is made to boys who do not already hold a Scholarship and who are placed in the top of their respective Blocks:

E Block
D Block
C Block
B Block

Sebastian Read; Zach Muhumuza
Chari de Jager; Patrick Nesbitt
Edward Chennells; David Chaplin
Robert Copley; Tiisetso Tsiki

In addition, I am pleased to announce the 'Sir Henry Strakosh Memorial Trust Scholarships' awarded for the highest year marks in Mathematics and Science, one in each Block valid for one year: \

Cullum Allen
Paul Brittain
Kyle Dowie

Louis de Jager

E Block

D Block

C Block

B Block

Congratulations!

As we look forward to 2003, what message do I have for the boys in terms of academics? I believe there is room for improvement; we as a staff are committed to utilising every opportunity to ensure that each boy reaches his potential. We

Stephen Covey believes that the only thing that endures over time, is the law of the farm. We need to prepare the ground, put in the seed, cultivate it, weed it, water it, then gradually nurture growth and development to full maturity. There is no quick, easy, free approach that will work. The same applies to academics.

We need to prepare the ground by being diligent towards our classes, the teachers plant the seed, we need to cultivate it by doing our prep on a regular basis, weed it by getting problems sorted out as they arise, water it with extra work and extension outside the syllabi with reading and research, and nurture academic growth with constant revision and being properly prepared for projects, tests and examinations. There is no quick fix where you can make things right with a bunch of success formulas and extra lessons. Regular, consistent work throughout the year and indeed your whole school career is required for success.

I would like to pay tribute to our Deputy Rector, Mr Paul Fleischack, and all the academic staff for embracing change and being prepared to adapt their methods of teaching to meet changes to the curriculum, often in confusing and frustrating circumstances. I believe that our new "Home based teacher and classroom policy" in E and D Block will go a long way towards laying a solid foundation for our boys and to improving the overall academic ethos in the school; we are already reaping the benefits.

It remains for me to congratulate our prize winners on their achievements and trust that you will all enjoy a good half term at the conclusion of this ceremony.

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C Allen; M Waldeck; T Popat;

S Ngwenya; Z Muhumuza

P Sewgoolam; A Cook;

P Smedley; W Day;

Z Muhumuza

T Popat; A Fiorotto

B Black; M Waldeck; T Popat;

T Aubert; B Bruins

C Allen

S Gowans; J Chance;

T Hulley; T Aubert; B Bruins

Senior Prefect Petrus Badenhorst, Deputy Director Pupil Matters, Andrew Look,

Guest of Honour Mrs Jo James and Rector Pearson.

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T Aubert; Z Muhumuza

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Merit Certificates (Aggregate over 1725 marks)

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H Badenhorst B Black M Bowes J Brownlee

B Bruins J Chance J Chennells A Cook

R Finlay D Francis S Gowans K Holtzhausen

B Krone H Manji S Miliatos Z Muhumuza

N Nusca J Pearson T Popat S Read

L Rumble M Scott P Sewgoolam G Slee

P Smedley J Souchon R Sully M Waldeck

Third in Block: P Sewgoolam

Second in Block: S Gowans

First in Block: C Allen

D BLOCK

Subject awards First in subject Most Improved Mark (Nov 01 - Nov 02) Diligence

AFRIKAANS C de Jager P Rogers D Smorfitt; I Crawford; R Quin; M Ash; N March

ECONOMIC & P Brittain B Cantlay P S. Searle;

MANAGEMENT SCIENCE I Crawford; J Butt; D Dutton

ENGLISH B Powell J Halley-Stott S Veenstra; I Crawford; L Ward; M Ash; A Wood

FRENCH J Bertolli; K Thorpe C Warren-Codrington C Bam D Jenkinson

HUMAN & S Veenstra R Quin S Veenstra;

SOCIAL SCIENCES M Rhodes; R Quin; G Penny; A Wood

ISIZULU D Maluleka J Berning S Veenstra

MATHEMATICS P Brittain K Wood S Veenstra; R Kassier; R Green; G Penny; P de Marigny

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NATURAL SCIENCE P Brittain M Sithole P Searle; I Crawford; R Quin; M Ash; J Butt

Merit Certificates (Aggregate over 1725 marks)

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J Halley-Stott K Hill R Jaffer S Jones

R Kassier N Knight M McGuire R McMahon

P Nesbitt D Ortlepp G Penny T Peyper

B Powell R Quin P Rogers P Searle

M Shedlock D Smorfitt H Smorthwaite C Stander

C Stevens K Thorpe S Veenstra A Wood

Most improved in Aggregate: Third in Block: C Warren-Codrington S Veenstra

Second in Block: First in Block: P Brittain C de Jager

C BLOCK

Subject awards First in subject Most Improved Mark Diligence (Nov 01 -

Nov 02 Year Mark)

ACCOUNTING K Dowie S Jardine A Naidoo

AFRIKAANS J P Pellissier; J D Lotz G Havercroft H Steere; M Stannard
D Smedley; N Jackson

ART S Penny C Ellis G Rex

BIOLOGY C Pryce D Evans D Evans; C Pryce

COMPUTER STUDIES E Chennells; J Gristwood E Chennells C Schievel
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ECONOMICS B Curtin C White P Rowse

ENGLISH H Inglis S Reinders S Gustafsson; G Hlekwayo; R Wood; M Lu
thuli; P Button

FRENCH T Khuzwayo A Staveley N von Broembsen

GEOGRAPHY S Halvey A Kalebka M Tatham; B Ussher-Stanley

HISTORY B Curtin M Hosking G Havercroft

ISIZULU A Ngcungama A Ngcungama M Hosking

MATHEMATICS K Dowie A MacGillivray H Steere; G Brownlee; M Short
; K Walsh

MUSIC H Inglis M Short G Porrill

SCIENCE B Curtin A Richardson C Pryce; A Naidoo; R Stuart

SPEECH & DRAMA S Penny A Reid M Stannard

TECHNICAL DRAWING H Steere N von Broembsen E Chennells

Merit Certificates (Aggregate over 1725 marks)

G Brownlee T Craib D Chaplin E Chennells

B Curtin A Damm J Dench M Devenport

N du Plessis K Dowie K Dutton R Edmunds

J Gristwood S Gustaffson S Halvey G Hlekwayo

M Hosking H Inglis S Jardine S Joscelyne

T Khuzwayo J D Lotz A Naidoo J P Pellissier

S Penny C Pryce S Rabe A Reid

A Richardson G Robertson P Rowse C Schiever

D Smedley M Stannard H Steere A Stowell

S Swanepoel L Tomlinson B Ussher-Stanley R Wood

Most improved in Aggregate: Third in Block: E Chennells K Dowie; M Ho
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Second in Block: First in Block: B BLOCK B Curtin H Steere

Subject awards First in subject Most Improved Mark Diligence (Nov 01 -
Nov 02 Year Mark)

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ART J Adams J Adams G Green

BIOLOGY S Jagoe SXi D Brereton; R Forbes

COMPUTER STUDIES L de Jager T Chabana D Macleod; L Esterhuizen
; M Osier

ECONOMICS Z Esmail P van Schalkwyk D Currie

ENGLISH L de Jager D Elliott A Sewgoolam; C Stephens; C Crookes; I
Blunt; G Dean

FRENCH L de Jager M Hensman D Elliott

GEOGRAPHY M Denton; Q Gero J Brereton J Brown; A Sewgoolam; R
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le; M Osier

MUSIC D Saunders P McIntosh GNoel

SCIENCE L de Jager SXi R Forbes; R Copley; C Crookes
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J Brown M Burger J Carey R Copley
M G Coyle M da Costa L de Jager M Denton
Z Esmail N Dippenaar L Esterhuizen D Elliott
R Forbes K Fullerton M Hensman S Jagoe
R Johnson D King F Maartens D Macleod
C Marais A McCallum P McIntosh GNoel
C Nusca D Pattison-Emms D Rafferty A Ratray
B Rumble D Saunders J Schuster A Sewgoolam
H Stander SXi T Tsiki A Turner P van Schalkwyk

Most improved in Aggregate: R Okell

Third in Block: R Copley

Second in Block: P Badenhorst

First in Block: L de Jager

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD ADDRESS

Mr James Inglis

Mr Taddy Blecher, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentleman, The Rector, Staff and Boys of Michaelhouse

What induces parents to send their children to independent schools, knowing full well that they are taking on a much heavier financial burden?

In 2002 the Independent Schools Association of South Africa undertook a survey to find the answer. The answer was not as might be expected - superior tuition and better sports coaching - but rather that parents were looking for a "values based education" or a "faith based education". These two qualities topped the parent wish list by a considerable margin.

On 21 March of this year the Board, staff and some senior boys held a strategic planning session to review the vision and mission statement of Michaelhouse. The previous mission statement was drawn up in 1996 and it was felt that the timing was right to review our core values and focus. The outcome of this strategic planning session, together with an enormous amount of work done by the Rector and his team, is a new vision and mission statement which is due to be published imminently. I commend this new mission statement to you, as it has been

the subject of considerable thought and debate and is, I

believe, a fitting statement of what Michaelhouse stands for and aspires to.

It is not my intention to take you through this new mission statement today, but I would like rather to share with you a couple of the core values, which we identified during the course of our discussions. It is interesting to note that these core values just seemed to emanate quite naturally from our discussions and carried a high degree of consensus among the participants. ^

The first core value is that we are unashamedly a church based school. After all, Michaelhouse is the Diocesan College of Natal. It was founded with the same objectives and traditions as the other Anglican Diocesan Colleges of South Africa: Bishops in the Western Cape, St Andrew's in the Eastern Cape, St John's in Gauteng, St Alban's in Northern Gauteng and St Michael's in the Free State. Christian values and spirituality are central to our very existence. In this, I must

stress that there is absolutely no conflict with our complete respect for other faiths; but in this modern world, we continue to stand firm with an unassertive pride in our own faith. In

2001, Bishops School underwent a year long process of consultation and introspection to redefine its role, which culminated in the vision "Bishops 2010". It is interesting to note that the first point of their new vision statement reads:- "Bishops, Cape Town, an African School, aspires to live in the Christian faith in the Anglican tradition, humbly and courageously".

The second "core" value which we identified is that of inclusivity. The very architecture of this school, that of interlinked quadrangles, gives a sense of belonging and lends itself to easy interaction between boys and boys and boys and staff. Maybe it is the School's position right out in the countryside, which engenders this sense of community and brotherhood. Undeniably, the central challenge of the future is to keep widening this circle of inclusivity. When people talk about Michaelhouse being an exclusive school, I feel

compelled to correct them, "No. Michaelhouse is not an exclusive school; it is an inclusive school". Indeed, it cannot be anything else if we want to remain true to our Christian values and to be relevant in today's South Africa.

On the 29th June 2003, Ken Mackenzie, a great benefactor of this School and many others, passed away. Ken was a giant of a man in so many respects. He stood 6 foot 6 inches tall and was completely fearless. He built a mighty business empire and his compassion and philanthropy knew no bounds. A great man, a great loss. May his incredible example of generosity of spirit continue to inspire us in an area where I believe the Michaelhouse community has few peers.

I would now like to turn to the business end of my report. If we accept the judgement of the market place, Michaelhouse is in fine fettle. We are filled to the rafters for 2004 and yet still have a significant waiting list. It is an extremely happy situation to be in and I want to congratulate the Rector and his team.

This year our capital expenditure programme has been concentrated on providing bed sitters for teacher interns in West, Farfield, Mackenzie and Tatham. This is part of a programme to ensure greater supervision and, indeed, pastoral care for the boys in all houses. The bed sitters in West and Farfield have already been completed and that in Mackenzie is underway. The other major capital project for the year is upgrading the basement area of the kitchen and more improvements to the kitchen are in the pipeline for future years. At last, the Michaelhouse kitchen is getting its place in the sun. During 2003, we undertook an audit of staff

accommodation. Whilst, in general terms, the results were gratifying, there were areas which fell short of the Board's expectations. We will be turning our attention to these areas in 2004.

I am pleased to report that the School is in better shape financially, than it has probably ever been in its entire history. Much of the credit for this must go to our Bursar, Charlie Burton. His financial management has been of the top order. He is now turning his attention to cleaning up certain of our financial and legal structures, such as trusts, title deeds and contracts, which have become seriously out of date. The good ship Burton sails on in fine trim.

I get real pleasure out of working with the senior management of Michaelhouse. The Rector, Guy Pearson, has a totally

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uncluttered style which enables him to sort the wheat from the chaff and reduce a complex problem to its basics. He handles the burdens of leadership in a natural and highly competent manner. As you may know, Guy's brother has been appointed Headmaster of Maritzburg College a huge compliment to the Pearson family and to Michaelhouse - after all, we had first choice!

To Andrew Cook and Paul Fleishack, the two deputy Rectors, my sincere thanks. Your contribution and dedication to this school has been beyond measure. You will be writ large in the annals of Michaelhouse.

To the staff as a whole, I wish to express my gratitude for a job well done. I know that some of you feel under-appreciated from time to time. However, I can assure you that the Board is well aware of the tremendous talent and energy that exists among the staff of Michaelhouse and that the demands upon you are enormous.

I turn penultimately to the Board of Governors. At the end of

2002, John McCormick retired from the Board after more than a decade of service. John's contribution to the School has been immense. He led the Centenary building programme with boldness and flair and has been a wonderful benefactor to the School. Fortunately, John will not be totally lost to Michaelhouse as he has agreed to become an Associate Governor. Sadly, Cyril Ramaphosa retired as an Associate Governor due to pressures of business. In his place, I am pleased to welcome Desmond Sacco, an Old Boy of the School and well-known businessman. Three new Governors have been appointed to the Board; Rowan Hutchison, formerly chief executive of RMB Asset Management and now a farmer in the Midlands and Chairman of Clifton Preparatory School, Nottingham Road; Keith Rumble, currently Chief Executive of Impala Platinum; and Cassie Badenhorst, a well respected Advocate in Johannesburg. I welcome them and know that they have much to offer Michaelhouse. I would like to pay tribute to the rest of the Board. The dedication and commitment of each and every one of you is really quite remarkable. I am so blessed, you are a wonderful group of people to work with.

Lastly, I want to salute you the boys of Michaelhouse. You are the heart and soul of this institution. I can say that during the year, I have seen enough to know that it is a heart and soul that I can be proud of.

As I stand here on Speech Day 2003, I look to the future of Michaelhouse with immense confidence.

RECTOR'S SPEECH

Mr Guy Pearson

Mr Chairman and Mrs Inglis, Mr Taddy Blecher, Members of the Board, Special Guests, Members of Staff, Ladies and Gentlemen and young men of Michaelhouse,

A group of Heads were once discussing collective nouns. There were the usual ones, like a "flock of sheep" and the exotic, such as a Wimple of Nuns and a Rage of Maidens. It was noticed that there was no collective noun for a gathering of Heads, so with great clarity, and modest self-evaluation, reflecting nevertheless the due importance that should be ascribed to our position, they came up with the term, "a Swelling of Heads", as an appropriate description. My special welcome to fellow 'swollen heads', special guests and in particular, Mr Taddy Blecher, whose address we look forward to with great anticipation.

It is not my intention to give a detailed report on the achievements of our boys over the past year; these are well

documented in the programme, the Michaelhouse Chronicle and the Michaelhouse News. It would be appropriate however, to highlight the successes of the 2002 A Blockers. We were thrilled with the results at the top end with the Dux, James Sladden and the Proxime Accessit, Mark Morreira being placed in the Top 50 of the IEB candidates in the country. James, Mark, Greg Smithies, David Morris and James Duminy all achieved 6 distinctions. Of particular interest for me has been the excellent achievement of James Sladden being accepted to Oxford and Greg Smithies to the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania. This is further evidence of the integrity of the IEB and the standing of a Michaelhouse education in the world.

Much has been written about the state of boys in education throughout the world, and I was fortunate to attend the International Boys' Schools Coalition Conference in Sydney during the July holidays. I do not have to convince you parents that you have done the right thing to send your sons to Michaelhouse, but just in case you were wondering, there is more and more research and evidence to confirm that you have indeed made a wise decision. What is more important for me, is to evaluate what we at Michaelhouse are doing to meet the modern needs of boys. It is true that boys do learn differently from girls and mature later, up to two years later in the adolescent years. On tests of verbal fluency, language production, comprehension and writing, girls outperform their male counterparts. Boys excel at tasks of non-verbal analogies, mathematical problem solving, and visual spatial ability. Unfortunately for boys, the very skills essential in virtually every school subject are those at which girls excel. A school is very much a verbal environment, which can be difficult for boys unless this is acknowledged and the boys being educated are cared for in a meaningful way.

It is critical that Michaelhouse, which specialises in the Education of Boys, takes cognisance of this. Over the past 18 months we have made great strides in meeting the needs of boys. Particular emphasis has been placed on having a 'home room teacher' where boys in D and E Block have a sound academic base from which to operate and the organisational and personal skills often lacking in boys of this age, are taught. Much of our teaching is less verbal, more 'hands-on' and experimental, because this is how boys learn better. A

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comprehensive reading programme is compulsory for all boys in E Block and has contributed much to improving literacy skills. Ladies and gentlemen, boys need to be in a safe and structured environment. They will ask "Who is in charge?, What are the rules, and will these rules be fairly applied?" When these questions are answered for them, then boys will get on and learn.

I recently heard a very wise saying relating to schools and teaching. "A school can never rise above its common room." This obviously refers to the staff in our context. I am pleased to say that the success of Michaelhouse today is due to the people who work here in every capacity. There is no place to hide at Michaelhouse; it is a 24/7 school. I believe that teaching remains the greatest profession. St John Chrysostom, one of the four great Doctors of the Greek Church wrote:

"What greater work than to direct the minds and form the character of the young? I hold with certainty, that no painter, no sculptor, nor any other artist does such excellent work as the one who moulds the mind of the youth"

What other profession can really make a 'difference' like a teacher can. It is an awesome responsibility and one not to be taken lightly. I salute my staff - yes, teaching is becoming more difficult and demanding. The boys coming into our schools are facing difficult decisions made worse by the technological age which promotes instant gratification, (screenagers.) Despite this, the staff remain dedicated and committed, there is a vibe out there that things are happening on the academic front at Michaelhouse, from the Home Room concept to the innovation and excitement in many of our academic departments.

I want to pay tribute to 4 members of staff who are leaving Michaelhouse this year. Bart Wielenga has already left to take up a position at Wellington College in the UK. We will miss Bart and Lara, Bart was a 'teacher to the manner born' and 'made a difference' to the lives of many boys in all areas of school life. At the end of this year we say farewell to Mr John Brownell, our school counsellor and member of management. John will be missed for his wisdom and unflappable temperament, his ability to get to the root of any problem. He played a significant role, not only in counselling but also in our international exchange programme which has been so successful. John and his wife, Lyn, who has been involved in various areas of the school, including the Trade Inn and our Adult Literacy Outreach programme, are also headed for the UK and we wish them well.

Mr Jon Trafford is to be congratulated on his appointment as Headmaster of the Tygerberg International School. Jon has made an immense contribution over the past 8 years. He has

been a fine Geography teacher, first team rugby coach and Housemaster of Farfield House. Perhaps the best way to describe Jon is that he is the 'complete schoolmaster' and he was always destined for greater things. Jon we will miss you and Gwyneth, who has been a caring, compassionate House Mum to countless boys. There are great challenges awaiting you as you start what is essentially a new school but I know that you are more than up to the challenge.

Boo Lewis (Fleur is her real name!) has taught at Michaelhouse since 1981. She is the most conscientious of teachers and brings not only intellectual rigour and sensitivity to her classes but an extraordinary ability to care for the whole individual. The boys trust her and blossom in her warmth and commitment. We wish her well as she joins her husband, Dave, in retirement.

I am pleased to announce that Mr Trafford's successor as Housemaster of Farfield House is Mr Paul de Wet. Other appointments will be made shortly.

As I reflect on the year perhaps my greatest satisfaction has been the leadership of our senior boys. When I talk about leadership I am not only referring to School Prefects and House Prefects but to all senior boys in leadership positions. The topic of leadership has been much discussed in education in recent times and many schools have made radical changes to their modus operandi in this area. There is a cynicism around leadership. A Headmaster asked advice from a senior boy 'Do you think it would be a good idea to build a statue of myself?' After some thought the boy replied, 'Yes Sir, it would give shade from the sun, shelter from the wind, and the pigeons a chance to speak for all of us.'

Again, the evidence is that in boys' schools, leadership is important; far from being a distraction from academic pursuits, boys thrive on the challenge of responsibility. We need to create as many leadership opportunities as possible. Boys need challenges and goals to aim for. At Michaelhouse 90% of our A Block boys are in leadership roles of one kind or another. Leadership is not only measured by Prefect status but includes roles in the form of Chairman of a Club or Society, Sports Captain, Vice Captain, first aid, theatre crew etc., etc. The important thing is for boys at Michaelhouse to understand that Prefectship is not the be all and end all of leadership but merely a recognition of particular skills at a particular stage of a boy's development. It is not necessarily a guarantee of success later in life either. I am confident that the changes made to our leadership model to focus on 'action centred' and authentic leadership has been embraced by the boys and has contributed to the positive ethos which is Michaelhouse today.

Senior boys have grasped the idea of the guardianship role they play with our E Blockers. The relationship between

seniors and juniors is one of the most powerful in the school. It breaks down hierarchies and provides opportunities for leadership by example in a natural uncontrived way. Boys need role models and the seniors have provided this. My congratulations to Petrus Badenhorst, Ross Dunlop, Tiisetso Tsiki and the Heads of Houses for the role they have played in ensuring that this Guardian role has been truly understood. It is a tradition which works but needs to be understood and respected by all senior boys from year to year.

I know that our powerful message about boys' education and needs is out in the market place and is supported by the fact that our enrolment next year will be a record 546 boys. My thanks to all in this community who have contributed to the successes of the year. Michaelhouse is a community from

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the dedicated and hard working Board of Governors under the able leadership of Mr Jamie Inglis, to the staff, boys, old boys and last but not least, the parents. I have spoken often of the triangle of care which needs to be established between the school, the boy and the parent for a successful relationship to develop. Even though many of you live a long way away, this is no less important. In this day of confused morality, it is ever more necessary that we speak the same language.

Being a parent is not easy; it takes constant attention to so many details. It is easy to pass over a problem, to neglect or not to correct it. Schools are like gardens. We see a few weeds and say, 'I will attend to that later', and later they have multiplied to a jungle. Good sons know that their parents are trying to guide them to be the best persons. And so they will understand and respect, but not always welcome, being given clear directions. When a boy admits that he has done wrong and is prepared to face the consequences of his action, the parent who misguidedly prevents this important lesson from being learned by defending the wrong, does his son no favours and makes our task immeasurably more difficult. No is a loving word. It is not an easy word to use. Setting boundaries, at home and at school, takes time and consistency. Marcus Aurelius, in the movie 'Gladiator' wished he had been firmer with his son Commodus to stop the self indulgence, the selfish ambition and the lack of respect for others; instead he allowed it to grow unchallenged in his son. He looked at Maximus, his General, as his true son, the one in whom we could admire the noble virtues of wisdom and justice and temperance and fortitude. As Marcus Aurelius said at the end, 'I want to know that my life has had meaning'. What more noble meaning than for you parents and us educators to guide the young into fullness of life. And the words of Maximus 'Our deeds now have effect throughout eternity'. When family and school stand together with the same values, then our success is assured.

So to the A Blockers leaving this year, we thank you for your contribution, there are still some 'hard yards to do' and we have great expectations of you as you prepare for your final examinations. Choose wisely as you contemplate your career. Your education does not end here, it only begins. Your career is so crucial to your sense of value and well being. No matter how much you believe that your work is nothing more than what you do to make money, your work makes you what you are because it is where you spend the most of your time. Choose a vocation, which calls you to do something you really believe in. Choose a vocation, not a job, and you will be at peace. If you spend your life saying, "I have only 15 or 20 years left till I retire", we will have failed you and you will have sold yourselves short. You will have condemned yourself to serve a life sentence. When you have been given the opportunity to serve something greater than yourself to value what is beautiful and noble and true to become what God

intended for each of you in the fullest sense of the word, a man. Together, with God's help, I am confident that we will not have failed each other.

SENIOR PREFECT'S ADDRESS

Petrus Badenhorst

On this beautiful winter morning, I extend my sincerest welcome to Mr Blecher, the Rector, members of the Board, distinguished guests, staff, parents and gentlemen of Michaelhouse. May I just begin by saying how glad I am that Speech Day is taking place in the amphitheatre because delivering this speech without so many of my friends would have been disappointing.

One of my earliest recollections of Michaelhouse has to do with a moment of intimacy between a teacher and his class. Mr de Klerk took us for Technical Drawing in our E Block year

Ross Dunlop, Petrus Badenhorst and Tsietso Tsiki.

and I vividly recall a story he maintained was true. He related how, on a hunting trip, caught with the dilemma of having only one bullet and facing two magnificent kudu bulls, he proceeded to bag not only the two kudu bulls, but a guinea fowl and a carp simultaneously. The story was a long and detailed one, as you can imagine, but in summary, this is what happened:

Quickly scoring the bullet with his trusty pen knife, he utilised his technical drawing skills and deadly accuracy to fire at a conveniently placed metal fence pole. The bullet, split precisely in two by the fence-pole, continued on its trajectory hitting both kudus between the eyes. One kudu leapt upwards in its anguished death throes and impaled a guinea fowl on its horn before dropping. The other crumpled to its knees and pierced an unsuspecting carp swimming in the nearby pond. Even as an impressionable E Blocker, I had trouble believing Mr de Klerk. But I tell you this colourful tale because not everything one hears about Michaelhouse is always true. Indeed, many people believe that Michaelhouse only teaches a boy good table manners and correct English.

If this were so, I could mention numerous cases where the school has failed. But my aim this morning, is not to dwell on failure, but rather to celebrate some of the remarkable successes Michaelhouse has achieved.

When I arrived here, my father told me that I must use what this school can offer to become a gentleman but to always remember that I come from Brakpan on the East Rand. I think he was really telling me, that being a gentleman does not mean forgetting your roots. Michaelhouse aims at giving a dynamic, progressive, Christian education and the character

that gets shaped by this is that of a gentleman.

The Greek philosopher, Heraclitus, once said "a man's character is his destiny". Character is as important now as it was in the days of Heraclitus. The twentieth century saw the emergence of strong dictators, men who aimed to transform society through social engineering. The world is tired of their failures and now yearns for men of sensitivity and compassion and whose conduct is gentlemanly. So what is a gentleman? A gentleman never inflicts pain. On the contrary, he actively seeks to alleviate the suffering of others. He believes in being principled and always acts with integrity. He believes that every person is worthy of respect, that everyone should be treated with compassion and upon this golden rule rests everything that it means to be a worthy pupil of this school. This is exactly what our visionary founder Canon James Cameron Todd had in mind when he said: "our aim is to make, not accountants, not clerks, not doctors, not clergymen, but men - men of understanding, thought and culture."

Let me cite an example to clarify what I have said. Last year I got a bad concussion in a certain rugby match. From the moment that I was admitted into the first aid building, there were concerned friends standing about, comforting my distressed mother. When the final whistle blew, my team lined

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up and entered the building to shake my hand and congratulate me on "our" victory. The fact that I could not tell day from night didn't stop them from showing me the kindness that I will remember for the rest of my life, long after I have forgotten the details of the score. I am proud to have been at a school with such men. This care that was shown to a peer is a classic example of what Michaelhouse gentlemen do. There are many other examples of gentlemanly conduct, each one special in its own right:

The prefect who builds a relationship with his cack and ensures his future at Michaelhouse or, in a reversal of roles, the new boy who cares enough to visit his prefect in the san.

Those who commit themselves to service projects like SMILE and visiting Sunfield and continue to do this, not for recognition but in the knowledge that they are doing the right thing.

The boy who sets aside the disappointment of not being recognised as a prefect and continues to do good.

The boy who falls foul of the law and short of the expectations of his friends and, blaming no-one, picks himself up and decides to make amends.

And, most important of all, the unsung hero who comforts a friend in distress.

If I have a message to the boys of Michaelhouse, it would be this: having a strong character means never to be afraid of being decent. True strength lies with those who are unafraid of being gentle (no matter who is watching) not with those who use their power for selfish ends. Ask yourselves this question: "how are people going to remember you? What will your contribution be?"

Soon Michaelhouse will be like Camelot to me. Soon it will be in that dream-like place it is for old boys and while my final roll call -is fast approaching, the memories I take away from here will be like gold. The rays of sun breaking through the pin oaks lining Warriors Walk; the ghostly mist drifting over Meadows and the natural beauty of the red face brick buildings, which blend into the surrounding Balgowan countryside so perfectly and harmoniously; the inspired choices of James Cameron Todd to the greater glory of God.

Gentlemen of Michaelhouse, if you care for something, you look after it. When it is broken, fix it. When it is lost, find it. If it is scorned, protect it. You have a limited time to make sure that you make noble memories of having good friends around you, "stars of the morning" ringing from the rafters of our beautiful chapel and everything else that is Michaelhouse. Never forget the power these things have to move you.

In this mood of appreciation, I would like to thank some of the forces that I owe this to. I thank God for having walked with this school for over a century. I thank my parents - your sacrifices have given me these opportunities. I thank the Rector and his staff for their varied contributions in the way

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Michaelhouse gentleman have been sculpted. For making my task as Senior Prefect more fulfilling and effective, my thanks go to the school prefects and the A Block of 2003 who I could always count on for support and friendship. I especially thank Ross and Tiisetso for being such gentlemen. Mr Cook, thank you for your wisdom in guiding us. Thank you to Mrs van Niekerk for all the help you have given us.

Most particularly, though I thank the boys of Michaelhouse. Ultimately you are Michaelhouse. It is up to you, the boys, to treasure all that makes you a worthy pupil of this great school. It is the duty of Michaelhouse, always to hope. To hope that with learning, a boy's character is sculpted and so too, the destiny of a man.

GUEST SPEAKER'S ADDRESS

Mr Taddy Blecher

Ladies and Gentlemen and Boys of Michaelhouse. Thank you very much for the warm introduction, it is such a great honour to be at this magnificent school. I am absolutely blown away by this incredible school and greet Mr Inglis, Chairman of the Board, the Rector, Mr Pearson, members of the staff parents of Michaelhouse. I would also like to greet a member of our government and a parent Dr Ben Ngubane, and thank him for the amazing work which the Government of South Africa is doing for our country.

It is indeed a very great honour to be here and what I hope to share with you this morning is a little bit of my journey as a young South African who really decided to do something to make a difference in the magnificent country of ours. What I owe to every single one of the young men here today is to urge you not to leave this country unless it is to go abroad and to bring the knowledge that you gained back to this country. There is no better place in the world or finer country and there is a wonderful opportunity to build this into the greatest nation on earth. Einstein said many, many wonderful things and one of his quotes which I particularly love is that he said the most important decision you ever make in your life is the following:

"Either everything is a miracle or nothing is a miracle."

This is a very deep comment from Einstein. We live in this

incredible world which is nothing but a sheer miracle and we live in a country that is nothing short of a miracle. A country that went through so many years of oppression, man against man, and has now in a miraculous way, without revolution, without major strife, come to a point of freedom and a new democracy, a true political democracy that none of us in this country could ever have believed we would be living in.

I was 30 when I believed in miracles. The city of Johannesburg had been written off by so many people as a no go area, full of crime and hopelessness. Now it is really turning around and becoming a major economic hub, a major centre of Africa, where crime has now fallen by 80%. The place which was full of doom and gloom, has turned round and this city is now becoming a great beacon of hope. CIDA city is another little miracle and this is a miracle that I have been a small part of. Together with two other individuals, we decided to devote our lives to uplifting the people of South Africa and giving them an opportunity. We started this little miracle university in Johannesburg in Commissioner Street where we have 1,600 students who come from throughout South Africa with a few from other countries in Africa. But they come from families where they could never have dreamed of going to university. Every single one of these young men and women has hopes and dreams as do each of us. Some of them were selling fruit on the side of the road. Who knows what they would have done with nothing to do, reading old newspapers, no opportunities for a university, not knowing how business works, not knowing where to go in

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their lives? These are the students who have come to CIDA, Johannesburg and every single one of them is on a scholarship. They represent the millions and millions in the same situation where only 3% of people in sub-Saharan Africa, have a post-matric education qualification. In South Africa it's about 6% of people over the age of 20, and 3% of black people in this country over the age of 20 have had the opportunity that I was lucky enough to have, but the vast majority of the population do not have these opportunities.

To build this country, I joined this organization, the Community of Individual Development Association in 1995 and I should mention that I was on the verge of emigrating. I grew up in a family of five, I was the fourth of four boys and my sister, Jane, followed and then I have a half brother and half sister. Out of seven children in my family, five of them had left the country by 1995. Some of my dearest friends have gone, many people I knew and respected have left, and like everybody else in my peer group, like a sheep, I was all but ready to leave this country. I went to America and got offered a wonderful job there and I finally gave up my R1,3m job as an actuary in South Africa, to go to America. But about six weeks beforehand I started feeling increasingly unhappy about emigrating. Then about three weeks before I was to leave I ended up staying up all night. You know, there are times in your life when the clouds pass and the sun shines through, and for a few moments in our lives I think we have real clarity. Sometimes it happens when somebody we love dies in hospital, sometimes it happens when we fall in love; these are times in our lives when we see clearly and that night I saw very clearly. I saw myself living in a little flat somewhere in America, making a lot of money, taking care of myself, a lonely life, away from many people that I love and care for and a country that I love and care for. And I saw another route I could take: this route was much more uplifting, much more courageous from a person who had never been very courageous. I thought about this country, I thought about the suffering in this country and by the morning I decided I was not leaving South Africa. I was going to try to devote my life to make a difference to South Africa.

I went to a little NGO that functions from charities and I joined. Mr Nkosi said to me, "well if you want to learn about South Africa, you have to come into the townships". "Townships" I said, "I am not going to do that, I am not that crazy. My mother is going to kill me". Anyway, a week later I was bound for the township but with a different purpose. I then spent three and a half years of my life in townships, and yes, I saw poverty and I saw suffering. There is a lot of poverty in townships but I don't want to talk about poverty. I want to talk about how great we are as human beings and what we are made of. And in Alexandar Township what I learnt about is this thing called 'ubuntu'. This thing is where we learn that 'I am who I am because we are who we are'. We are part of a

greater whole. I learnt something that I think we could take to the whole world and we would

have a completely different world if we could learn from this. These kids don't have money, they have very little going for them but the poetry that is there in the midst of the township shacks where people live 20 to a shack with nothing going for them. The poetry and the beauty that comes out of the children's mouths and the things that they write and the plays that they put on, are heartfelt. What happened to me was that I fell in love with Africa. I would walk into school and 20 little kids would hold onto my legs and walk around with me and care for me and I got a feel of what this country could be. Everyone wants a better life, no one wants to live a life of poverty and suffering, nobody wants to be in that situation, and if there is better life out there, everybody would grab it.

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And what happened to us was that many of these students would come back and would say "Sir, I worked so hard, you motivated me, I did my best, I got my Matric and I thought that was my golden ticket to the future and yet I have walked the streets, I have been to Pick 'n Pay, I've been to Checkers, and nobody will give me a job". It really got to us after a while and we said "we have got to create a university". "We've got to be able to take students who make it through matric to help them become leaders of this country".

With the beautiful values I heard this morning of this school, that's what we want to bring into this profession, to develop great leaders, great young men, who could be the next leaders - that's our vision. And out of nothing - we owed R45,000 to the bank, we had no assets, no books, no computers, no money, no teachers, no government creditation - we started a university. In fact Dr Ngubane's colleague, the Minister of Education who gave a talk about 'fly by night' universities had us hiding under our stairs. We wrote to 350 of the poorest schools and we said to these headmasters 'send us your brightest pupils, the students that you really believe are going to uplift their community and we will give them the best education'. That is a very cheeky thing to do when you don't even have a building. We didn't even have a phone but I didn't think it would be a problem. When we didn't hear anything for two weeks, we started to get so depressed thinking 'surely people want a university education?' We thought 'perhaps they know we don't exist' and after two weeks for the first time the fax machine popped and it was incredibly exciting. We ran around showing everybody telling them 'here is the first of our students' and the next thing the

fax machine popped twice and we were so excited the next thing we knew, we had 15 students.

We hadn't even given them our address, so I did a logo to make it look more credible. There would be 40 to 50 grandparents, mothers, uncles, brothers, people being held back by security pleading with us that this would be their children's only chance in life and we got to see how important this thing was that we had started, was going to be. Then a friend of mine who has a telly marketing company agreed to answer the phone for us and people were phoning and asking where they should take their child to. The university was starting in three weeks and like any good entrepreneur would do, he said to phone in a week's time and we will tell you which of our many buildings would be suitable for your child. And three weeks before we started we found a building - in downtown Johannesburg, an absolute dump. It was dirty, it stunk, it was dark, in fact the first time we walked inside it with bright sunshine outside my one colleague fell and nearly broke his back on the stairs. This was the place where the first students would arrive - 350 in all. This little miraculous

university in Johannesburg which has now won all these amazing awards and I just want to tell you about a few more things and then I will wrap up. What I want to talk about is not about us, not about the people who started this institution. I want to talk about the extraordinary, incredible, rare magnificent young people of South Africa of which you are part. People who walk miles and miles to get to school everyday, some who study by candlelight, some of our students have walked through rivers to get to school, often don't have textbooks and the pride and the dignity of these young people and what we learn from them every single day.

All of our students have to dress up professionally; a suit and tie if possible and the ladies must dress in a very respectable way. This young boy, Steven arrived at the beginning of last year for his first day of university and came up to greet me and said "Mr Blecher, on behalf of my brothers I have to thank you". I said "Why?" and he said "I am the only person from my village that has ever

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FAMILY

gone to university and I am going to take it with both hands and I am absolutely going to get my degree" and I shook his hand and I was very proud of him and I said "with that attitude you will get your degree". Every single day Steven would come up to see me and would greet me and shake my hand, smile and thank me. Now, I am not a very visual person and I don't notice things that easily but after about three and half weeks I started to realize that every single day Steven was in the same clothes. I noticed that his jacket was torn, he had bags under his eyes and I said to him "Steven, I am very worried about you, come and talk to me". And he said "I can't talk about it sir". I said "We can help you if we know what your problem is" and he said "It's accommodation". So I said "Where do you live?" and he said "I live in Hillbrow" so I said, "Hillbrow is full of drugs and prostitution. We have to get you out of there what block of flats are you in?" He said, "Sir, I am not in a block of flats". So I said, "Where do you sleep?" and he answered, "I sleep in the street". This young man, all the way from the Northern Province, on his own, in Johannesburg, determined to get into university, so convinced he was going to get his degree, slept in the streets of Hillbrow. He covered himself with newspaper but every day he was at university and had done his homework. Of course we got him off the streets but then we found other students living on the streets, so desperate were they to get education. What is extraordinary though, is that Steven and some of his other colleagues decided to start a feeding scheme because they had been on the streets and they realized what hardships other people had on the streets. So they have given back to others by starting an AID's programme and a food kitchen, and they go out and play and talk with the little AID's orphans.

Another one of our students, is William who loved cycling. We got some bicycles donated at the university; they were second hand mountain bicycles with 3 gears but they are not much good for races. William decided he wanted to race in a particular race in the Free State. He didn't have any money, he lived in Johannesburg and as the Free State was quite far away, he couldn't afford to put his bike on the train so what did he do? He cycled right through the night from Johannesburg all the way to the Free State. He got a bit lost but he kept going. Eventually he arrived at the right place in the Free State and there were 7000 people cycling in this race. The gun went off at the start of the race; and William was a little out of gear as he was tired as he had cycled right through the Free State on his mountain bike, but he cycled with all his heart, and out of 7000 cyclists he was in the top ten and he won a trophy. Now the race was finished and it was getting dark and he had to get back to Johannesburg. He

didn't know anybody, so he cycled all the way back to

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Johannesburg. He had now been cycling for two days on end. He came and showed me his trophy and he was very proud. I couldn't believe it and I felt so humble that anybody could have such courage. And he said to me "Sir, I did so well in this race, that they have asked me if I could go and cycle in Botswana!"

Students who come in have never touched a computer, have no idea what the Stock Exchange is, a share, a bond, and what is incredible to see in these students, is their hunger for learning, how seriously they take their learning. We put students out specializing in investments and asset management, and they write the Stock Exchange exam which is very difficult. They are usually written by students working in the market who have been in Wits, UCT and the best universities. The national average pass rate in the stock exchange is 60% in the past year. One of the Technikon's has just written the exam and they had 60% pass rate. Yet eighteen of our students who have been learning about the stock exchange and have never set foot in the stock exchange but who really set their hearts and minds on it, got the following results: the first exam - The Introduction to Financial Markets, 95% pass rate, the second exam - Equities, 100% pass rate, third exam - Regulations of the Financial Market, 100% pass rate, fourth exam - Bonds - 100% pass rate. If they are getting 100% pass rates for Futures and Options, we should have the highest pass rate in the whole country.

So I want to wrap up and say, young Gentlemen of Michaelhouse, every single one of you is so incredibly unique. Every single one of you has the power to be great, to do the work that God has sent you to do on this earth. I urge you to search for the truth, to search for great things, to live out the values you have learnt at Michaelhouse. You are so blessed to have such incredible grounds with wonderful teachers that care for you so deeply, and your parents who have given you so much. Go out and be leaders in everything you do. Be compassionate, be humane and really search for greatness. Be a Michaelhouse man.

I want to finish with two quotes that mean a lot to me. Einstein said the greatest and most important choice you make in your life is as follows, as I said in the beginning

"either everything is a miracle or nothing is a miracle". You can live your whole life thinking nothing is a miracle you get up in the morning, you put on your clothes, you brush your teeth, you go to school. When you finish school you do the same at university, and when you finish university you get yourself a job and you do the same thing in your job and you get to 80 years old, 90 years old on your deathbed, and you know that you have given up the greatest miracle that could ever be imagined. All that we put into the lives of others comes back into our own. Always dream and shoot higher than you know how to; don't bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors, try to be better than yourself. I think that this is the quest of life: to be yourself. Nothing on this earth is as great as you are - no matter what you feel about yourself, just know that you are the greatest; nothing or no-one is as perfect as you. So I am going to finish off with my favourite quote from Shakespeare and I am sure the English masters will choke if I get this wrong but Shakespeare said:

"what a piece of work is man, how noble in reason, how infinite in faculties, in form and moving, how express and admirable in action, how like an angel in apprehension, how like a god: the beauty of the world: the paragon of animals."

Boys of Michaelhouse, this is what you are.

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AWARDS

GABRIELLE MASSEY PRIZES (awarded for oral work in English)

E Block: Ferdinand van Niekerk; Ashir Patel; Nicholas Campbell;
Ntsolo Setlaba; David Firth

D Block: Cullum Allen; Justin Chance; Rory Button; Tahir Popat;
Siyabonga Allie

C Block: Philip Rogers; Michael Egner; Nicholas Thorpe; Nicholas
Curzon; William Deterding

B Block: Scott Joscelyne; Stefan Rabe; Kyle Walsh; Wian Potgieter;
Alex Staveley

A Block: Michael-Giles Coyle; Michael Beaumont; Greg Bawden; Ian
Blunt; Joel Allem

A BLOCK

Subject Award

ACCOUNTANCY

AFRIKAANS

ART

BIOLOGY

First in Subject
Louis de Jager
Louis de Jager

Robert Shough
Gerard Noel

COMPUTER STUDIES

Most Improved Mark
Adrian Brown
Robert Okell

Robert Shough
Reece Dedwith

Louis de Jager

ECONOMICS

ENGLISH

Charles Crookes Christopher Brown

Clinton Lex Trickett

Rautenbach

FRENCH

GEOGRAPHY

HISTORY

MATHS

Louis de Jager Michael Hensman
Christopher Brown Christopher Brown

Christopher Brown Jonathan Brown
Louis de Jager Paul van Schalkwyk

MUSIC

SCIENCE

Derek Saunders Nicholas Keene
Louis de Jager Michael Beaumont

SPEECH & DRAMA Brent Rumble Ian Blunt

TECHNICAL DRAWING David Macleod

ZULU

Merit Certificates

Petrus Badenhorst
Louis de Jager
Simon Jagoe
Brent Rumble

Tiisetso Tsiki Siyabonga Shelembe

75% or more in Matric Trials Exam
Christopher Brown Robert Copley
Nicol Dippenaar Ross Forbes
Paul McIntosh Gerard Noel
Derek Saunders Tiisetso Tsiki

Diligence
Dylan Currie
Ashish Sewgoolam
Simon Pattison-Emms
Christopher Stephens
Mark Drury
Gareth Green

Simon Jagoe
Shaun Griffin
Charles Crookes
David Macleod
Lee Esterhuizen
Michael Reynolds
Jonathan Brown
Simon Pattison-Emms
Michael Beaumont
Charles Crookes
Leighton Peck
Nicholas Keene
David Elliott
Nick Ramsay
Ross Forbes
Ashish Sewgoolam
Simon Pattison-Emms
Robert Copley
Nicol Dippenaar
Charles Crookes
David Macleod
Duncan Somerville
Gerard Noel
Ashish Sewgoolam
Simon Pattison-Emms
James Greene
Simon Pattison-Emms
Greg Gunther
Hendri Stander
Tiisetso Tsiki

Charles Crookes
Kyle Fullerton
Simon Pattison-Emms

Most improved in Aggregate: Charles Crookes

3rd in Block: Robert Copley

2nd in Block: Simon Pattison-Emms

1st in Block: Louis de Jager

POST MATRIC

ISS - TOP STUDENT
ECONOMICS
COMMERCIAL LAW
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
ACCOUNTING

Ross Dunlop
Kyle Pepper
Kyle Pepper
Kyle Pepper

Hendrik Schoeman

SUBJECT PRIZES

Bishop Baines Memorial Essay:
Hindson History Essay:

Old Boys' Essay:

Rector's Afrikaans Essay:

Rector's English Verse Prize:

Tatham Memorial Essay
Walter Lloyd Memorial Prize
M R Butcher Outward Bound Award:
Lions River Conservation Prize:

Petrus Badenhorst (The Ridge)
Derek Saunders (Pridwin)
Petrus Badenhorst (The Ridge)
Jacobus Badenhorst (The Ridge)
David Brereton (Highbury)
David Chaplin (Clifton, Dbn)
Henry Steere (St John's)
Anthony McMillan (Clifton, NR)
Shaun Griffin (Treverton)

Dr H H Stott Yachting Prize:

P D Barnard Memorial Afrikaans
Prize:

John Allen Art Prize:

Roux Family Trophy for Photographic
Excellence:

Nedbank Biology Prize:

Rory McKenna (Clifton, Dbn)

Snr: Harry Inglis (Cowan House)

Jnr: Khoroane Rammotsi (St John's)
Painting: Gareth Green (Egerton Primary)
Sculpture: Leighton Peck (St Peter's)
James Ollemans (Cowan House)

Drawing: Jonathan Adams (St Peter's)

Robert Shough
Gerard Noel
Simon Jagoe
Duncan Somerville

Tiisetso Tsiki

Tom Stavrides

W A van der Walt Dramatic Prize:

F S Bishop Memorial Dramatic Prize:

J J L Sisson Prize (Proficiency in English
Grammar C, D or E Block): Justin Halley-Stott

Peter Bell Memorial English Literature
Prize:

Michael Barry English Prize:

Smith Shield (Sodalis Digmus)

Van Velden Trophy (Greatest contribution
to drama during his school career): Ryan Dittman

Kevin Graham Memorial

Geography Prize: Miguel da Costa

Stubbings-Dyson Prize (the most promising
Mathematician in C Block):

Godfrey Immelman
Mathematics Prize:

Hutchinson Memorial
Mathematics Prize

(St Peter's)
(Unicorn Primary)
(St Dunstan's)
(Clifton, NR)
(Cordwalles)

(The Ridge)

Simon Pattison-Emms(King Edward Prep)
Louis de Jager (Kloof Snr Primary)

Hadley Smorthwaite
Kyle Dowie

Collins Prize for Music:

Peter Beard Memorial Music Prize:
Junior Music Prize:

Senior Music Prize:

J L Robinson Award (achievement in the theoretical and practical realms of

Snr: Louis de Jager
Jnr: Gareth Jardine
Cullum Allen
Riccardo Cerrai
Gareth Potgieter
Harry Inglis
Brent Black
Derek Saunders

Physical Science):

Simon Jagoe

Kevin King Memorial Award (outstanding

Scientific Project Work):
Zulu Progress Prize:

Simon Gowans
Snr: Andrew Rattray
Jnr: Ross Berriman

(Cordwalles)

(Clifton, NR)

(Waterkloof House)

(St Peter's)

(Treverton)

(Kloof Snr Primary)
(Highbury)
(St Peter's)
(Clifton, NR)
(Gratton Prep)
(Cowan House)
(Cordwalles)
(Pridwin)

(St Dunstan's)

(Clifton, Dbn)
(Clifton, NR)
(Clifton, NR)

Nicholas Slack Information Technology
Award: Simon Jagoe

Chree Bright Award (to an outstanding
D Block boy): Tahir Popat

Andrew Crutchley Memorial Award: Kyle Dowie

Tim Patrick Memorial Prize (exceptional
contribution to society work): Clinton Rautenbach

Richard Hedden Memorial Award
(Community Service): Clinton Rautenbach

Herbert Fisher Award (Best aggregate in Trials): Louis de Jager

(St Dunstan's)

(Treverton)
(St Dominic's)
(St Dominic's)

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INTRODUCTION

written by Paul Fleischack

This year we have seen new leadership in the Art, Computer Studies, Economics, Afrikaans and Mathematics Departments. The wave of enthusiasm and academic drive which has accompanied these appointments has been tangible.

While all departments have been extremely busy, in most cases, pupils' work is done in books and remains largely invisible to all but their teachers. However, artists' work is hung on walls and so the most obvious change has been evident in the Art Department. The exhibition of matric Art, which was opened in October was a showcase of outstanding effort and tuition.

Department reports detail new initiatives in teaching, integration of IT into lessons, new projects being undertaken, classrooms being re-decorated. All this while teachers have had to grapple with the demands of the D Block GETC programme as well as our normal internal exam and syllabus routines and, of course, the matric exams. Much consideration has been given to the delivery of IT for teaching and learning. New hardware and software has been installed and 2004 is likely to see the consolidation of rooms equipped with computers for use by all departments. The extended use of interactive language-learning software is also anticipated.

AFRIKAANS DEPARTMENT REPORT

written by George Ferreira
HOD: G Ferreira

Staff: J van Rooyen; H du Toit; A Black; E von Schlichting; C Pachonick

BIOLOGY

A special word
of thanks must
go to all
teachers for
their constant
efforts and hard
work to assist
our boys in
achieving their
true potential.

A start has been made at providing meaningful Environmental Education within the school curriculum, this along with our application for 'Green Flag' status. The D Block undertook audits

of our use of various resources and these were shared with the whole school as part of an awareness campaign. Other initiatives such as paper recycling in class rooms have been started.

A new programme of academic mentorship for E and D block boys has been introduced in the form of Home Rooms and Home Room Teachers. Each set in these blocks has a specific prep room. Prep is no longer done in houses. This room is also the venue where they are taught one of their subjects. The teacher of that subject is the Home Room Teacher.

Wherever possible the Home Room Group is taught by their Home Room Teacher in first lesson each day.

This allows these boys to meet with this particular teacher first thing each day. First lesson has been extended to 45 minutes to allow time for academic mentoring of these boys by their Home Room Teachers. By all accounts this programme is working very well. The atmosphere during prep is more focussed, new boys settled more quickly and the work ethic has improved.

At the end of 2003 Dr Isabel Swart left Michaelhouse and the Afrikaans Department and Mr Andre Black was appointed in the department. We trust that he will have an enjoyable stay at

Michaelhouse.

Many of our boys have not yet really been exposed to spoken Afrikaans in communicative situations. Therefore, they don't fully realize the true value of competence in Afrikaans in South Africa. Our challenge thus remains to make the boys more aware of the advantages they will enjoy if they become more fluent in Afrikaans.

As with any other subject, learning is required to master it, but we have also tried to make the subject more interesting in various ways throughout the year. Computer and audio programs were installed in the language laboratory, where boys can have frequent access to them. An Afrikaans D Block day was held on Willows and an outing for E Block to Giverny Creative Country Holidays, was also organized. Formal Afrikaans support classes were offered for the first time for boys who needed additional assistance from teachers. Unfortunately not many boys made use of this opportunity.

The Economics course offered to A, B and C Blockers and the Economic and Management Science course offered to D and E Blockers are diverse and fascinating. As an Economics Department we aim to provide students with relevant and practical learning material. As a result of the dynamic nature of Economics, we are forced to develop the curriculum on an ongoing basis. Information, data and statistics are continually updated and new topics are researched and introduced into the curriculum. For instance, last year a module entitled "Business Ethics" was introduced in C Block. This year, the Economics Department bought the 'Market Master' software, a share tracking computer programme, which we hope to incorporate into the C Block curriculum next year. The Economics and EMS staff spent a day being trained on the use of the 'Market Master' programme which was both interesting and insightful. Another interesting and exciting addition to the curriculum has been the Â£, introduction of Economic Journals at C Block level. So S* far the majority of pupils have embraced the concept as * an exercise in reflection on their learning. We hope to v develop this theme based learning experience even further next year.

The D Block syllabus continues to focus on Entrepreneurship and every pupil is required to submit a business plan for their proposed business at Michaelhouse. We are in the process of reviewing the whole process and are hoping that more boys will in fact be able to apply for a trading licence and trade successfully at Michaelhouse. We feel that this is an incredibly valuable part of learning about business and believe that this type of experience will stand them in good stead when they leave school.

In July this year Mr Bart Wielenga left Michaelhouse to teach in the UK at Wellington College and Mrs Win de Wet took over from him as head of the Economics Department. Richard Snowden, a Michaelhouse old boy who came through the Student Intern programme, joined the Economics staff in July. The Economics Department aims to provide Michaelhouse graduates with the confidence and insight to hold their own in economic discussions and debates as well as the ability to interpret and critically think through the implications of national and international events.

The Economics Department is looking forward to another innovative and exciting year in 2004!

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT REPORT

written by Viktor Kurz
HOD: Mr Viktor Kurz

Staff: Mr Marc Ancillotti, Mr Albie Dahlberg, Mr Paul de Wet, Mr Siyabonga Dzingwa and Mrs Kathy McMurtry.

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noticeboard created outside the Mathematics block. Few will argue with the notion that the Mathematics Department meant business!

Pupils have been involved in a myriad of activities that have stimulated and challenged those with a mathematical bent.

From competing in the National Mathematics Olympiad where over a hundred boys made it into the second round, to participating (and doing well!) in numerous regional competitions organized by AMESA, our boys benefited from being at an institution that takes the subject seriously. Five of our boys (Gareth Jardine, Hadley Smorthwaite, Mark Hosking, John-D Lotz and Henry Steere) represented the KZN Midlands team, with Gareth achieving a top 100 position in the junior section of the national Maths Olympiad competition. The annual Michaelhouse, Hilton and St Anne's E Block Maths evening was enjoyed by our boys, with Simon Finch walking away as the eventual winner with his St Anne's partner.

On a regional and national level, Michaelhouse's Mathematics department is well represented too. The annual fun Michaelhouse versus Hilton College Maths Department dinner/ quiz was held at Hilton this year, with the Michaelhouse staff beating the Hilton staff convincingly!

The Michaelmas holidays saw Michaelhouse host a most successful national IT conference entitled, "What's in IT for Maths". Organised by Mr Paul de Wet, the focus was on the role of IT in the Maths classroom. February, next year, sees the National Maths conference for Independent Schools, held at St Mary's Kloof and organized by Mr Kurz.

Maths is certainly alive and well and thriving in the Balgowan Valley. As the song says, "We do the numba rumba all day long, yeah!"

ART DEPARTMENT REPORT

Come on in.....

There's safety in
numbers! j

ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT REPORT

written by Win de Wet

HOD: Win de Wet

Staff: Andrew Brown, Richard Snowden

"Maths" .The very word seems to send shivers down the spine of many a person. However, the Michaelhouse Mathematics Department has spent this year attempting to alter the perceptions that maths is a monster that will swallow you whole!

This year saw the arrival of Messrs Viktor Kurz (HOD) and Siyabonga Dzingwa. Right from the outset, the year looked promising, with classrooms re-decorated and and a vibrant

HOD: Joy Preiss

Staff: Nikki Ancillotti; Sandile Sibiya

The highlight of the year in the Art Department was definitely the opening of the A Block art Exhibition on the evening of the 17th October. Each Matric Art student is required each year to present a portfolio of his practical work, be it Photography, Painting, Sculpture or Drawing in the form of an exhibition. Invitations are then sent out to parents, friends and staff to

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Another event where our students' work was exhibited was the opening of the Gowrie Village in Nottingham Road and Andrew Lockett and Grant Rex had their drawings displayed on the art stand. A small amount of work was also sent to the Royal Show this year and Oliver Payn received a Special Prize for his bronze sculpture of a tree, and it was voted to be the Best Junior Article on Show in the Art Section. Other awards were also received by C Blockers: Duncan Macaskill, Arthur Purbrick and Andrew Blair, for their wire sculptures.

During the year students have been taken to visit the Art exhibitions of St Anne's, Hilton College and The Wykeham Collegiate, in order to see the work that has been done at other schools.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT REPORT

written by Peter Dennyson

HOD: PE Dennyson

Staff: AW Cook, S McMurtry, CV Cook, M McMichael, F Lewis, B Tarr, C Esprey

".....she'll come no more,

never, never, never, never, never."

King Lear expressed his grief so poignantly when his daughter Cordelia left his world. Michaelhouse's English Department seeks a similarly emotional expression to bid farewell to its own 'Cordelia' - Boo Lewis.

attend a formal exhibition opening cocktail party, where the work is viewed, and a guest speaker is invited to say a few words. This year the opening was remarkable in that our students excelled themselves in the standard of the work that they exhibited; and we were extremely honoured to have as our guest speaker, a famous South African artist, Mr Robert Hodgins. Mr Hodgins had recently returned from London having worked and exhibited there for two months, and he was able to come down from Johannesburg to do us the honours of being our Guest speaker. At the age of 83 he is an exceptional man; he recently celebrated 50 years of painting with a retrospective exhibition, which travelled the country, and a book, which was published on his work. We were thrilled to have him sign our copy of this book at the opening. The students also found him very interesting and were able to engage with him afterwards.

Six of these students also had work chosen at the beginning of this year, to exhibit on the KwaZulu Natal Matric Art Exhibition at the Tatham Art Gallery in Pietermaritzburg. Oliver Payn, James Ollemans and Leighton Peck displayed their sculpture; Gareth Green his painting; and Wayne Smith and Rory Me Comb, their drawings. These students were awarded their Art Colours for this great achievement.

The D Block were involved in an interesting programme this year, to educate them about Ardmore Ceramic Studio in

Rosetta. This studio is world famous and also has a museum

to Bonnie Ntshalintshali, a well-known ceramicist who died of Aids a few years ago. The boys were also shown the Top Billing video on the place and were given work sheets to fill in on the artists and their works. Some boys got to even try their hands at throwing a pot on the wheel. When they returned to Michaelhouse, they then painted and decorated their own coffee mugs.

The Art Department has also been revamped this year: the entrance has been sectioned off from the sculpture department, to create a small gallery: pin boards have been put up on the walls and work is now exhibited here. There is also an area with a lounge suite and a coffee table, where students can relax and read the art books and magazines. Downstairs in the painting studio another sink has been plumbed in, and shelving has been put up for storage of artwork. A new floor will also be laid, and the walls painted. These improvements have all gone towards making the art department a more attractive environment for the students to work in.

Mrs Nikki Ancilotti went off at the end of February to have her baby, Caitlyn; and while she was away on maternity leave, Mrs Hermine Coleman from Giverny Art Studio at Curry's Post, came in to do her classes. She returned in the third term to resume her work with the E and D Block students. Mr Sibiyi is a valuable help as the technical assistant in the art department; particularly with the welding, and with hanging the exhibitions in the foyer of the theatre. He is also very skilled at painting, and worked hard at producing the spectacular backdrop for the Jazz band concert: "All that Jazz"; he has also participated in a number of exhibitions this year, at which he was able to sell his work. He also runs an art programme with Matric students from Asithuthuke School.

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Boo leaves Michaelhouse after twenty years of dedicated service in the English Department. For most of that time she has been employed in a part-time capacity, a designation that is noteworthy for its inaccuracy. Boo opted for a part-time post because she believed that 24 hours a day was insufficient time to fulfil properly all the demands of a full-time job at Michaelhouse - such was her total professionalism.

Boo is essentially our own "Mrs Chips"; she prepared her lessons more thoroughly than anyone I have ever met and her notes were sought by teachers and pupils alike; we all went to admire her classroom painted and decorated by Boo herself for it exuded warmth and friendliness; and teachers and boys came to read her notice-board which Boo updated each day. We will miss her charm, her grace, her infectious laugh, her gentleness, her teaching, her dedicated and total input. We thank her sincerely for her enormous impact on English teaching at Michaelhouse. Thank you, thank you.

The rest, according to Hamlet, ought to be silence, but mention must be made of literary successes awarded to pupils throughout the year. Despite a swing towards more mercenary subjects ("Why can't we concentrate on more important subjects?" still grates me intensely), we started the year on the back of 16 A's in the 2003 Matric, and spent our time feeding our usual pearls to our customary rotten boroughs. Rewards came via several pupils who have contributed regularly to literary issues over their time at Michaelhouse.

One of the four major features of the English syllabus is the Oral, and I do feel that the English Department deserves some credit for the wonderful speeches we have heard in the course of this year. Who can forget the words of Petrus Badenhorst on Speech Day, or indeed his thoughtful sermon later in the year. Petrus's mastery of words can be seen in his winning entry for the Old Boys' Essay.

and are rewarded with comments from more philistine members of the community such as, 'Don't you teach spelling any longer?' We believe in books, we believe in poetry, we believe in the likes of Shakespeare.

We hope that TV, the video and that infernal machine, the computer, will never lower the status of the old masters - in the end, whether you are Alan Smedley or Peter Dennyson, the word is what it's all about.

EXTENDED ACADEMIC PROGRAMME [EAPS]

written by Paul de Wet

The EAPS once again enjoyed an active year. As the school was considering embarking on a smart card system, the EAPS attended a seminar on this exciting technology. The idea was not only to expose them to the technology and its diverse applications but also to use the EAPS as a sounding board as to potential problems and opportunities associated with its implementation here at school. The project has subsequently been put on ice because of the costs involved.

A number of the EAPS attended a PINSSA evening at the Science Centre at the Golden Horse Casino Complex in Scottsville. Apart from a tour of the facility, they were tasked to build a couple of machines to demonstrate the practical application of their science.

Colonel Reggie Purbrick gave a fascinating talk on "Post World War II Europe" which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

For the first time this year the EAPS designed, implemented and ran a highly successful Interhouse Quiz. The boys took full responsibility for the entire project including planning, the sourcing of questions and answers and the creation of computer software for the management of the quiz. The EAPS were obviously not allowed to enter the actual quiz which was eventually won by Mackenzie House who beat Farfield in the final. It is hoped that the EAPS Interhouse Quiz will become a regular feature on the Michaelhouse calendar.

English teachers are a dedicated band of warriors. They mark papers from the 'peep of dawn' to the going down of the sun

After half term in the Michaelmas Quarter, the EAPS went on a tour to Johannesburg. We visited a number of production environments including The Star Newspaper, Consol Glass, Dunlop Tyres. The boys really enjoyed seeing the degree of automation in all of these environments. They learnt the importance of "sweating the assets!" We also visited Discovery Health where we learnt how this business processes thousands of medical aid

claims per hour using state of the art computer technology. We spent a day visiting Wits Business School and CIDA and the boys enjoyed the contrast in these two excellent academic institutions. We visited the Planetarium the night that Mars reached its closest point to earth in 60 000 years and enjoyed a wonderful show on this intriguing planet.

All in all, it has been a busy and beneficial year for the EAPS. It is my belief that there is considerable scope for growth and development of this unique programme and I look forward to taking it to the next level in 2004.

The boys and I are extremely grateful to the many people who gave of their time to talk to us or to assist with the planning of our programme.

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The EAPS of 2003 were:

A Block: Rob Copley; Tiisetso Tsiki; Petrus Badenhorst; Kyle Fullerton; Louis de Jager

B Block: Kyle Dowie; Bruce Curtin; Henry Steere; Mark Hosking; John-D Lotz.

C Block: Chari de Jager; Patrick Nesbitt; Simon Veenstra; Paul Brittain; Philip Rogers.

D Block: Cullum Allen; David Francis; Prathik Sewgoolam; Tahir Popat; Simon Gowans

An example of work done by an EAP:

GLOBAL WARMING:

WALTER LLOYD MEMORIAL ESSAY

written by Henry Steere

In 1988 scientists first began to realise that large scale carbon emissions produced by the extensive network of factories and coal-burning power plants in the developed world could start to affect the average global temperature in a phenomenon called 'the greenhouse effect.' Fifteen years later, and perhaps a bit warmer too, the world remains divided on a highly controversial topic breaching the frontiers of its original scientific background and indeed affecting all of us.

The greenhouse effect is a term used to describe the insulative effect of the so-called 'greenhouse gases' in the atmosphere. The sun's rays, after being reflected off the surface of the earth are absorbed by these gases in the atmosphere, and re-radiated toward the earth, recycling the heat of the sun and keeping the earth warm. It is important to realise that the greenhouse effect in itself is an important part of the world that we live in, and that without it life on earth would be an impossibility with surface temperature reduced to unbearable lows.

The primary greenhouse gases are ozone, nitrous oxide and the major carbon-based gases. In our context the most topical are nitrous oxide and the major carbons which are churned out on an awesome scale by industry in the developed world. America alone produces a massive 1,8 billion metric tonnes of carbon emissions on an annual basis. This increase of carbon-bases gases in the atmosphere is thought to be causing a gradual, but definitely noticeable, increase in the average temperature of the earth.

Apart from the obvious and the extreme consequences foreseen by scientists with regard to global warming, there are very real and dangerous possibilities. An increased rate of climate

change has brought about El Niño and later, La Niña. This dramatic and unpredictable fluctuation in weather and climate in general has been blamed on the effect of a warmer world. These two phenomena have seen catastrophic floods and sweeping droughts, and have cost both humanity and nature, causing tremendous personal loss and greatly disturbing habitats in the wild.

Global warming is not limited to these natural and personal effects, but also has serious implications for global politics and economics. This year, in April the Kyoto protocol came into

effect. The Kyoto protocol is a follow-up on an idea developed at the Rio de Janeiro 'World Summit' of 1990, binding its applicants to a plan for reduced carbon emissions and reduced reliance on fossil fuels. America and Australia were the only two non-applicants to this plan, with America's refusal causing a huge stir in world politics. One of America's mainstays in its refusal has been the economic impact that the effected protocol would have on American industry. However, the effects of climate change can also be seen in economic terms, and the UN predicts that in the next decade business losses due to natural disasters as a result of climate change will be up to as high as 150 billion US dollars per annum. Although we can't control the weather, we can do our best to improve it.

The existence of global warming is hotly contested, and although today the reality of the phenomenon is generally acknowledged and appreciated, both sides continue to refute each other's opinion in an interesting and engaging debate. On one hand it is insisted that the 0,4 - 0,8 degrees of 'extra warmth' noted over the last century is a form of natural climatic variation and that there is no need for alarm. This has, however, been very well opposed with evidence gathered from the width of rings in old trees (which act as a natural thermometer) in proving that the scope for climatic variation has been much more limited and consistent in the past.

As things stand today, it is forecast that if we don't cut back on carbons we can expect a 4-5 degree Celsius 'hot up' in the next century, with untold resulting calamities. It is up to us to put a curb on global warming and be responsible with our future, and the futures of generations to come.

The problem of global warming and its associated carbon waste in our atmosphere presents us with interesting opportunities to provide scientific solutions, but also call on the public at large to

exercise a social responsibility that should be a primary aspect of the apparently civil society that we live in today. This would mean a co-operation between the industrial and domestic arenas in a concerted effort for the eradication or at least control of an urgent problem on the world agenda today.

Science, in the age that we live in, and the progress that it has made, especially in recent years, suggests much promise for the resolution of the greenhouse problem. The development in Iceland of Hydrogen Power in technology is just beginning to bear fruit and the future, although maybe not supplanting oil, looks to provide an effective alternative that doesn't come with the cost of greenhouse gases.

Ford has been a major proponent of the hydrogen power revolution in the motoring industry and has already produced 'hybridised' models that use oil and hydrogen for power. Scientific advances in wind power technology are finally making it efficient as a clean power supply, and the largely unexploited option of solar power is beckoning as one of much promise, if realised. Alternative power isn't the only way that science can, help us solve our Global Warming problem. Science has already played an important role in controlling emissions to date. Platinum catalysts in cars consolidate waste for cleaner emissions, having a noted effect on car emissions in the developed world. On the whole, science has made and continues to make, significant progress toward solving the Global Warming problems.

If we are to make meaningful progress in our fight against Global Warming, the issue is going to need to achieve a status of importance on the political front. The Kyoto Protocol of Kyoto Japan has made significant headway in this regard, finally creating an action orientated plan for political movement toward reduced emissions. However, the refusal of America to sign the protocol makes it largely ineffective. The Kyoto Protocol is not alone as an instance where Global Warming has made inroads into politics. Countries in Western Europe are considering a waste trading scheme where air-waste producing companies receive quotas for their air pollution which can be traded, but at a cost to the buyer. Efficient and clean companies can make money selling their quotas while others pay for their pollution. This scheme for emissions reduction has good promise for the future.

Public responsibility is also part of finding solutions to Global Warming. It is up to us to subscribe to companies with sound environmental policies, so that environmental concern achieves its due recognition on the company agenda. By subscribing to public transport or using alternative cleaner transport if available, as opposed to our cars, we can actively reduce emissions from motor cars. It is important especially today that we become aware of the problem of Global Warming and that it receives due attention in all areas of our world. Global Warming

presents us with an exciting challenge, and a problem that we can work to overcome.

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VITH FORM RESULTS

Once again the VI Form academic results have been very pleasing. A total of 96 modules were written over the course of the year and the results are as follows:

75 modules were passed with 22 Subject distinctions
13 Supp's were awarded (Mark between 45% and 50%)

8 Failures were obtained (Mark below 45%)

I think the staff should be congratulated for all their efforts in 2003. These results speak volumes for the calibre of staff we have working in VI Form and the efforts they are making.

The table below is a summary of the Passed UNISA and ISS Modules for the end of year exam

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CHAPEL NEWS

written by Alan Smedley

This year I thought I would begin this report by doing something a little different. The Chapel News includes three sermons and only a brief mention of our other regular spiritual school activities.

As I have reflected on the Christian mission and ministry at this wonderful school, I have asked the question "What is the spiritual objective of Michaelhouse?" Here is one possible answer which you may find helpful in your own spiritual life.

Selwyn Hughes has written a book entitled "The 7 Laws of Spiritual Success". He begins by reminding us that there are natural laws in the universe which govern our lives. For example we have Newton's Laws of Motion and the law of Gravity and there are of course thousands of other natural laws. What we need to recognize about these laws is their certainty and reliability. They do not change. We can trust the fact that two parts of hydrogen and one part of oxygen produces water, and nothing will ever change that.

He goes on and points out that God, the Creator, has made these natural laws which stretch like great lines through the Universe, like parallels of latitude, in order that you and I can experience human life on this planet and beyond. If these laws did not exist and were not certain, then there would be chaos and human life as we know it would cease. He then suggests that God has also made other laws. If He is a God of order and intelligence, then it is perfectly logical that in His great design for human life He would have created moral and spiritual laws as well.

In fact many great scholars, philosophers and theologians and indeed scientists, would argue that the natural laws of science and the moral and spiritual laws of human living, are equally dependable and equally authoritative and equally inescapable. In other words, these great lines that run through the universe giving intelligent order continue into the moral and spiritual fabric of human existence. The only difference is that the consequences of not upholding these moral and spiritual laws is maybe less apparent in the short term. In the long term, disobedience results in all kinds of suffering, brokenness, and destruction. So then, successful living in this universe and on this planet is dependent on obeying these laws just as much as it is a requirement to obey, for instance, the law of gravity.

Well, Selwyn Hughes suggests that if we are going to be whole, content, and fulfilled human beings then we need to ensure that at least 7 spiritual laws are at work in our lives. I would like to draw our attention to just the first one. He asserts that the first responsibility of every human being is to

WORSHIP God.

This is the first law of the soul. Our primary purpose on this planet is to freely and intelligently WORSHIP OUR CREATOR. And we have been designed this way to do this.

The Westminster Catechism asks the question "What is the chief end of man?", and answers "The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him for ever". It is only when this truth is understood and practised that our souls will function in the way that they were designed. However, let us understand that we were not created to worship God because He is a God who needs His ego stroked, as it were. Not at all. Selwyn Hughes puts it well when he says that "It is when we open in our hearts the door of worship that God comes through that door and gives Himself to us. We are the beneficiaries of worship, not Him".

Let us remember that for the Christian, this is of course God as revealed to us in the person of Jesus Christ and made known to us by the Holy Spirit. It is only as we believe in Jesus and allow the Holy Spirit to work within us that this creator God becomes accessible and real to our human experience.

Let us also remember that there is a difference between the words "worship" and "praise". Praise is appreciating God for what he does. Worship, on the other hand, is adoring Him for who He is. It is being in awe of Him, adoring Him not for what He gives but for who He is. That He is God! One writer said that worship:

"Is the awe of God being constantly celebrated in our hearts.

It is developing an attitude of the soul, the atmosphere of ones spirit, a sense of holy awe that one lives and moves and has ones being in God."

William Temple wrote:

"Worship is the submission of all our nature to God.

It is the quickening of conscience by His holiness;

The nourishment of mind with His truth;

The purifying of imagination by His beauty;

The opening of the heart to His love;

The surrender of will to His purpose - and all of this gathered up in adoration, the most selfless emotion of which our nature is capable and therefore the chief remedy for that self centeredness which is our original sin and the source of all actual sin."

Worship speaks of surrender and submission. Of raising our eyes and looking upwards at God, so to speak, and letting go of all selfishness, of all life's worries and distractions and giving ourselves to Him and to His service.

How are we to do it? The most familiar way is through singing hymns and spiritual songs, in which we acknowledge God for who He is. Another way is by reading the psalms in the Bible and using the words to help us focus on Him. Sometimes we become aware of His greatness and worship Him when we are alone looking at the beauty of creation, a beautiful view, or a sunset, or the vastness of the sea. However, probably the most important way in which we can worship God, is by giving ourselves to Him as we go about our daily lives, so that all that we are and all that we do, becomes an act of worship! David Prior writes of worship and says:

"Such deep satisfaction is available nowhere else on earth, precisely because in it we touch eternity. And paradoxically

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but as we might expect, this touch of eternity, this taste of heaven, sends us back into the world ready to press forward as committed citizens of the Kingdom of God."

You see, it is acknowledging God for who He is, that should then be the launch-pad for everything we are, and everything we do, in the rest of our lives. And so to WORSHIP God becomes the primary purpose of human life and it is the First Law of Spiritual Success.

Finally then, to repeat what I said earlier, successful living in this universe, on this planet, is dependent on obeying this law, just as much as it is a requirement to obey, for instance, the law of gravity.

If this then is one of the spiritual objectives of Michaelhouse, then it is my fervent hope and prayer that all that we do here will assist and encourage every boy who passes through this wonderful school to grasp this great truth, and to take it with him into the world when he leaves.

I trust that the following activities and events which have taken place during 2003 have contributed towards this:

1. New Boys Day 2003 [Monday 20 January]
2. The New Boys Admission Ceremony [4 February]
3. The Shrove Tuesday pancake race [4 March]
4. The Confirmation Camp took place, once again, at Glenhaven which is the Scripture Union camp site near Underberg between 24-28 February. I was assisted by an excellent team of leaders. Andrew Brown (Economics Teacher), Peter Crawford (Student Intern), Greg Wynn (OM 1994), Cameron McIntosh (OM Deputy Head Prefect 1994), three young Student Interns with Scripture Union, Hendrick Schoeman (VI Form), Petrus Badenhorst (Senior Prefect) and Nicol Dippenaar (School Prefect Head of Mackenzie House). It was fantastic to have Petrus and Nicol with us for the first two days. Cameron and Greg with their inside knowledge of Michaelhouse were also invaluable. It was wonderful how their different personal stories of their spiritual journeys touched the lives of different boys. This year 95 boys in C Block voluntarily chose to attend the camp. Of these 14 were to be confirmed later in the year as Roman Catholics. As in the past we used material from the Alpha course, from Holy Trinity Church in Brompton Road, London, as the basis of the teaching and discussion. One evening we had a question and answer session where boys could anonymously submit questions to a panel on any subject relating to the Christian life. The topic of greatest interest was, as anticipated, issues relating to

sexuality. This was tackled with lots of humour, whilst the panel were disarmingly open and forthright. It

was an excellent session which the boys â– seemed to find very helpful.

The Confirmation Service took place at 6.00pm on Saturday the 8 March with Bishop Rubin Phillip presiding. Probably the most important moment in the actual Confirmation Service is when the boys kneel before the Bishop and he places his hand on their heads and prays the following words. "Lord, confirm and strengthen with your Holy Spirit this, your child and empower him for your service."

Eighty-one boys plus two adults were confirmed. All the boys were in C Block. The adults were Sibusiso Ncaname, one of our Student Interns, and the other Mr Sipho Zuma, the Pastor to our Zulu-speaking

5. Every Wednesday Morning

the whole school plus academic staff gather in the Chapel for a short 15 minute service. These services are taken by boys from each house once a year, as well as volunteer staff. The three Senior Prefects conducted a service in the first quarter which was attended by the School Governors. The staff have been: Andrew Brown, John Brownell, Andrew Cook, John Crawford, Paul De Wet, Rory Drysdale, George Ferreira, Paul Fleischack, Viktor Kurz, Carl Pachonick, Joy Preiss and Bart Wielenga.

6. On Thursday the 26 June Basil O'Connell-Jones was our guest as part of the Enrichment Speaker programme. He

is currently a pastor of a Church and spoke to the boys of his Christian journey. Basil grew up in Zambia and what was then Rhodesia. He dropped out of tertiary education and became a "druggy" as part of the "hippy culture" of the day. Seeking more excitement, as he put it, he joined the Rhodesian Light Infantry and found himself on active service in the Rhodesian Bush War. During a contact he was shot through the head and he described to the boys how he actually "died" and felt his soul leaving his body! However, the medics managed to resuscitate him and he was airlifted to hospital where he gradually recovered, to some extent, after many months. Today he is a cripple, partially paralyzed down one side of his

body. Basil told the boys that he had embarked on a mission to try and discover what had actually happened to him when he "died". He said that eventually he found the answers in the Christian Faith. It was when he became a Christian that it all began to make sense. It was a fascinating and compelling story which, I believe, touched many boys' lives.

7. At the Sunday Evening Services during the third quarter I invited a number of men, predominantly Old Boys, to share their personal Christian stories. Graham McIntosh spoke on the 10 August and Clive Shedlock the following week. They were followed by Warwick Elliott, Simon Armstrong, Jeff Richmond and Stuart Brand. It was a great privilege to listen to these men share very personally about their spiritual journeys. Some of them had come to faith in Jesus Christ after experiencing personal hardship or tragedy, whilst others had simply come to a point of realizing that God was real and consequently it was perfectly logical to make a commitment to Christ and seek to follow Him.

I believe that there is enormous value in the boys hearing these different stories. The lives of these men are living testimony to the reality of God and how He gives meaning and purpose and direction to human life. When we listen to a talk/sermon most of us remember the content for a very short time (if at all!). However, what "sticks" is the person who delivered it. Boys will remember that a Member of Parliament, a Captain of the Springbok Polo Team, a successful Business Man, an Adventurer and Outdoor enthusiast, came to school and gave a talk on the importance of their own Christian Faith. Long after the message is forgotten, the speaker will be remembered. It is this that will make a difference and encourages our boys in their own personal faith.

In view of this I was delighted when our Senior Prefect, Petrus Badenhorst, agreed to give the sermon at the first Full School Eucharist at the start of the fourth quarter. Here is an extract from his talk, from which we can all learn so much:

"So often people think contentment comes out of 'having' instead of simply 'being'. Right through all our lives we want 'things'. First

through all our lives we want 'things'. First you want toys, clothes, and then money. But one day you will get tired of toys, the clothes will grow old and you will spend all your money and the brief contentment these things bring to you will be over.

Contentment does not come from 'having', contentment comes from simply 'being'. This is not easy, but no one ever said it would be. The point is to just be content, because life is beautiful. And that is my greatest proof of the existence of a God. Life, in all of its complexities, is such a beautiful thing. Sitting here, in this Chapel, are more than 500 reasons for there to be a God. A human is designed so perfectly not only physically, but mentally as well. A human cries when it is hurt, it laughs when it is happy, its emotions are so indescribable that somewhere behind all of this, an intelligent life force had to be

its creator. Be content, not only with yourself, but with others as well. It is the right thing.

In Galatians 6:9 we read, 'Don't get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time.' Often, doing the right thing is not seen as acceptable. But just remember that doing the right thing is much harder and it takes a stronger person. These people don't deserve anything except the greatest respect.

The reading from Colossians 3: 12 - 17, is the reading I say at the start of each term. The last time I read it, it had extra meaning to me as I realized this would be the last time I read it to the School. I will try not to cry now, but I wonder how many of us really take to heart all that it says. It asks you to clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other, forgive each other. And over all of these virtues, put on love. The key to happiness isn't more simply put than that."

The members of the Christian Representative Council

(CRC) for 2003 were: Petrus Badenhorst (Senior Prefect), Ian Blunt, Robbie Burroughs, Nicol Dippenaar, Ross Dunlop (Second Prefect), Gareth Green, Selwyn Penny and Guy Robertson. These boys were elected at the beginning of the

fourth quarter last year by the outgoing Council. The CRC meets twice a term to discuss different aspects of the spiritual life of Michaelhouse. Its function is to assist the Chaplain in giving spiritual oversight to the whole school. This year's

giving spiritual oversight to the whole school. This year's Council once again consisted of a fine group of young men. It was particularly significant that both the Senior and Second prefects were members. I greatly valued their contribution and believe that they had a significant impact upon the lives of many boys.

The Christian Fellowship Committee consisted of the members of the CRC plus Robbie Searle, Luke Tomlinson, Neil Du Plessis and Simon Veenstra. Meetings took place on Friday evenings. On most evenings the committee members themselves have given talks on various topics relating to living the Christian life. The standard of talks has been quite outstanding and it has been a privilege for me to sit at the back of the Crypt and listen to them week by week.

Other events which took place during the year were as follows:

To conclude this year's Chronicle report on the spiritual life at Michaelhouse I would like to, as it were, finish where I began by recording Graham's talk. In it he gave us another interpretation of the "spiritual objective of Michaelhouse". He reminded us that this is succinctly captured in the school motto "Quis ut

1. On Monday morning, the 24 March at 06.15, twenty five men gathered at the Centenary Centre for a Staff Men's Prayer Breakfast.
2. Each Tuesday evening during the second quarter at 18.30 a group of 26 adults gathered in the Centenary Centre to do a Follow-on Course to the Alpha Course. It was entitled "A Life Worth Living" and over 9 weeks looked at Paul's letter to the Philippians. The content shows us "how to live the Christian life positively, practically and joyfully".
3. The National Independent Schools' Chaplains Conference was held from Sunday the 3rd to Friday the 8th August at White River in Mpumalanga. It was hosted by Revd Mark Long who is the Chaplain at Uplands College.

Thirty-one Chaplains from around the country attended. We also welcomed Rod Capon as the new National Director of Scripture Union in Independent Schools. Rod has replaced Mike Battison in this position.

4. The annual Remembrance Day Service took place on Sunday the 9th November. Mr Gordon Chapman coordinated the involvement of Old Boys to lay wreaths on behalf of the different armed forces. The Rector, Mr Guy Pearson, delivered an inspiring sermon in which he made reference to the life of the school during the two world wars and recounted the war stories of a number of Old Boys. After the service there was a breakfast for the

visitors at the Old Boys Club.

5. The Old Boys' Day Chapel Service took place on Saturday morning the 3rd May. It was part of the Centenary celebrations of the Michaelhouse Old Boys Club. I invited Graham McIntosh, a distinguished Old Boy to be our guest speaker. Graham is a past Governor, a benefactor, a recipient of the St Michael's Award and presently a Member of Parliament. There were probably about one hundred and fifty people present at the service.

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Deus". I record it as follows for your interest and personal reflection.

"Last night at the 'SuperGaudy', and it was really super, I found myself happily emotional. One reason was the sense of place. Everything seemed to roll memories into my head and heart. Another click on my memory disc was the wonderful portrait of Roy Gathorne in the Cricket Pavilion. As I looked around the tables and saw men from the different years bonding again in a

puzzled joy at their delight at seeing old friends, I thought of Polonius's advice to Laertes in Shakespeare's Hamlet.

"Those friends' thou hast, and their adoption tried,

Grapple them unto thy soul with hoops of steel"

A powerful crucial strength of Michaelhouse has been those friendships and relationships we forged as adolescents and young men. We bonded in shared experience, mostly good but some bad, and through the Old Boys Club we have built that bonding into an institution, which has served and preserved Michaelhouse and created, across the years, a network of friends. A hundred years is a long time for mortal humans and worthy of a celebration. Some years ago, Patrick Lee, wrote an entertaining article in Style Magazine on his experiences at a well-known boys school located lower down in our Province. Part went like this, "My first lessons at Hilton College were religious. I discovered that God is the captain of the 1st XV, the apostles were the other members of the team and the disciples were the members of the U15 A". As I look at the congregation I see four of us who were in the U15A in 1959!

Important as that character building element of sport is, that is not the primary purpose of Michaelhouse. Our school motto is the meaning of the Hebrew name Micha-el -Quis ut Deus - Who but God. That is a statement but also a question. It is both a rhetorical question which is an affirmation and a simple question which deserves exploration. God made us and we work best if we live by God's rules. We do not have to be rocket scientists to work that out. In a real sense Moses, in Deuteronomy, as an old man, a wise man and a great leader who was soon to die, was making that point. Why choose to live a life without God because in God there is real life, fulfilled life, contentment and prosperity. That is not always easy. /As Paul said, "The good things I want to do, I don't do and the bad things, I don't want to do, I do." That is an experience we all identify with. When we point a finger, criticize and gossip

about others, there are often three fingers pointing back at ourselves. But we have to make those choices and some don't. Because we go to a good school doesn't make us good. As the younger generation would put it, "There are some

still are in the Old Boys' Club. In a real way what I have just said answers the rhetorical question - 'who but God'.

You will recall an incident in Jesus' life when many were so shocked by his outrageous, and to many blasphemous, statements about his relationship to God his father, that they said that was too much and left. Today people still resent and rebel against the implications of accepting those words. Jesus, obviously rattled by the response, asked Peter and the disciples whether they would abandon him as well. Peter's answer was to say "To whom else can we go". We may have doubts and questions but Michaelhouse knows that, to use Maggie Thatcher's famous phrase, "there is no alternative". There may be other noble, enchanting and alluring forms of religion but Michaelhouse recognizes that apart from a relationship with Jesus, there is nothing that can compare in quality if we are serious about knowing God in the full richness of experiencing His forgiveness and blessing in our lives. That helps to answer the second and serious question.

Following Jesus demands two things of us. The one, is that in our thankfulness for experiencing God's great love to us, that we too should show a life of generosity and joy. Being part of an elite whether it is through wealth, or power or intellectual ability or sporting prowess or privilege is no crime nor should it be a source of guilt provided we recognize the responsibility to be channels for administering the love of God, in the way he did. Jeremiah says (9:23,24) that we should not boast of our wisdom, strength or wealth but boast that we know and understand God and that he exercises righteousness, justice and loving kindness in the world and he delights in these virtues. Jesus was firm, strong, loving, insightful, accepting and self denying and ultimately sacrificed his own life for the life of the whole world. The life he offers has those elements but also abundant, overflowing life, joy, peace and hope. The St Michael Award recognizes these elements in the heritage of this school.

The other one is also the major role of Michael. The school hymn says "Who like the Lord?" thunders Michael the Chief" and later "Still let them succour us, still let them fight, Lord of angelic hosts, battling for right." We do not live in a vacuum of values. There is right and wrong, there is good and evil. There

is a pursuit of virtue or a pursuit of vice. We believe that you don't tell lies and you don't steal. We believe that there is justice and injustice. These things need to be defended as well as promoted. Michael was not a wishy-washy weak figure. In our second reading he fought a desperate and deadly battle against evil. That passage brings to mind the Lord of the Rings and Tolkien, as a believer in Jesus, recognized the battle to be fought around right and wrong. With training and discipline and learning that self-denial and self-sacrifice are necessary - we stand in the tradition of St Michael in "battling for the right". That means that even if we are tolerant of other people's beliefs and views, we are not obliged to agree with them nor do we have to always remain silent. Freedom of religion does not mean freedom from religion. At Michaelhouse we know what we believe and, as the New Testament says, "we have a reason for the hope that is in us".

Undergirding and driving Michaelhouse is an imperative more fundamental, more grand, more beautiful and more demanding than any fellowship. It is so profound that we can never know the end of it. Let us, as old boys of this great school go out determined to honor and serve God as we love Jesus and follow his example."

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Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the

many people who have contributed to the spiritual life of Michaelhouse during 2003. All these people have played a valuable role in ensuring that the Christian mission and life of the school has continued during the past year: At the end of 2002 Dave Lewis retired from Michaelhouse after having been a layminister for many years. I am most grateful to Dave for the incredible service that he gave to the Chapel life as well as the overall spiritual life of the school. With his departure it became necessary to license some new people to fulfill this ministry. It was a great pleasure to induct, at the start of 2003, the following men as new Layministers: Paul Fleischack,

Paul De Wet and Andrew Brown. The team now consists of these three men plus Guy Pearson, Andrew Cook and John Crawford. All of them have given wonderful leadership and performed a valuable ministry to the Michaelhouse community. Mrs Kate Smedley who has taught Divinity to all the boys in E and D Blocks. She has also continued to give of her time and talents to arrange the flowers in the Chapel week by week. The Choir Master, Mr Gerard'd du Toit, and the members of the Chapel Choir who have worked so hard, practising for many hours, in order to enhance our worship and be a blessing to so many. The Chapel Servers, School Prefects and the Chapel Bellringers who participate in the running of services. Pastor Sipho Zuma who has continued to minister to the Zulu speaking employees of Michaelhouse and to the members of Zenzane village.

VISITING PREACHERS DURING 2003

We are most grateful to the following people who were our guest preachers this year.

Revd Stuart Mennigke
Mr Simon Armstrong
Mr Stuart Brand
Mr Warwick Elliott
Mr Cameron McIntosh
Mr Graham McIntosh
Mr Jeff Richmond
Mr Clive Shedlock
Mr Greg Wynn

MICHAELHOUSE WEDDINGS 2002

Old Boys
JAN 04 Andrew DIXON-SMITH
Leigh PRESTON-WHYTE
JAN 11 Michael COOK
Jo-Ann REED
MAY 03 Andrew RIDL
Georgina BATES

MAY 31 Christopher YORKE-SMITH
Gina COLLINS
SEPT 27 Doug LORIMER
Elin OETTLE
OCT 18 Scott EDMUNDSON
Fiona DOUGLAS
OCT 25 Stuart COLLINS
Lindsay SINCLAIR
DEC 20 John DELPORT
Lisa MILLER

"David was a wonderful addition to the class this term. To arrive in a new school and become involved to such a degree that awards are won, is testament to David's enthusiasm and talents." (David Evans was on exchange to Trinity College, Ontario,

Canada.)

"I can still recall the first day I met Gugu. His politeness, citizenship, and kindness came shining through. Not only did his personality make him a wonderful ambassador for his school, but his level of involvement did as well." (Gugu Hlekwayo was on exchange at Trinity College, Ontario, Canada.)

Mike and Jo Cook.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME 2003

Wian Potgieter - on exchange
at Merchistan College.

written by John Brownell

There is a real hunger amongst the boys of Michaelhouse to be included in the international exchange programme, but a continuing inability to come close to satisfying demand for places. As a result, competition is very keen and disappointment for many of our boys, inevitable.

This year ten Michaelhouse boys have been privileged to be selected for exchanges to Canada, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand and America. During the same period we have been host to seven boys from Argentina, New Zealand, Scotland,

America and Australia.
Feedback, both from our own
boys and from those who have
spent time at Michaelhouse,
has been exceedingly positive.

The school reports we have
received from partner schools
attest, without exception, to the
remarkably positive impression
our boys have made in the
classroom and in the broader
community, whilst on exchange.
Two examples of report comments
are worth quoting:

Andrew and Jess Purchase.

Bruce Curtin, Gugulethu Hlekwayo, David Evans, Wian Potgieter,
Luke Tomlinson, Angus Reid and Mark Hosking.

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Luke Tomlinson, who pioneered an exchange to Macleans College in Auckland, New Zealand, made the comment which follows about his experience. It says much of the positive attitude with which he approached the experience: "Arriving at Macleans College with its 2,500 pupils was quite daunting, but the friendliness of the students enabled me to settle in and enjoy to the fullest this challenging experience. I was determined to be open, friendly, a team player and teachable and this proved a great asset to me. I gave myself fully to all possible school activities which helped me make good friends. Now as I look back I realize what truly amazing friends I made in the space of two months...."

Mark Hosking was another pioneer. He attended the Ballarat and Queen's Grammar School in Victoria, Australia and had the following to say in his report:

"Going on exchange was one of the best things that I've ever done. I grew in confidence and independence during my trip and have created a wealth of experiences and memories

....(the exchange) has broadened my view on life and I

definitely look at things differently now". In a letter to Michaelhouse, Mark's father made his own observations about the value of the exchange. He writes: "It has been an absolutely fantastic experience for him. He has been incredibly happy and the Knowles family has been the most wonderful host. Even from this distance one can sense how much he has blossomed."

Matt Smith, also from Montgomery Bell Academy, offered some comments on culture: "The cultural aspect of this exchange was the most fascinating and important aspect of the trip. I quickly learned the importance of rugby, as all the boys in Baines crowded in the day rooms to eagerly soak up the tri-nations games and especially the Springbok rugby matches and the cricket. After the game, you could walk around the campus and talk to anyone about the match, even the security guards, as the whole country seems enamoured with it!"

From Merchiston Castle School, Edinburgh, Scotland, there were rave reviews for Wian Potgieter who proved to be an outstanding ambassador and one of the mainstays of their 1st XI. Wian excelled with both bat and ball, scoring a number of match-winning centuries and getting amongst the wickets on a number of occasions.

His housemaster made the following

comments: "Wian is an exceptional young man who has quite simply been an excellent ambassador for Michaelhouse, for South Africa and for his family too."

Other boys selected for exchanges during the year were Bruce Curtin who travelled to Trinity College;

Simon Veenstra to Cranbrook School, Sydney, Australia; Greg Binnie to The King's School, Sydney,

Australia; and Philip Rogers and Jonathan Berning to Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville USA. At the time of writing all of these boys were reporting that they were having a wonderful time.

Comments from some of our visitors also shed light on their experiences.

Scott Hagan, who spent a month at

Michaelhouse from Montgomery Bell Academy made the following observations about our prefect system and of our boys as a group: "The prefect system works brilliantly in

stopping troublesome behaviour on the school grounds. At my school, no students have the power to punish other students, but it's a good idea to designate some students with that power because teachers are not always around. I was amazed at how successful the system is. At Michaelhouse I found that all boys are so affable and kind. It truly reveals that the school has effectively trained their students to be gentlemen. I learned a valuable lesson in social skills while at the school."

Other visitors hosted during the year were Timothy Regan

from Wanganui Collegiate, New Zealand; James Lugton from Merchiston Castle School, Scotland; Matthew Stubbs from The King's School, Australia; Hugh Robertson from Cranbrook School, Australia; and Nahuel Marisi, our first South American exchange student, from St George's College, Argentina.

During the course of the year we were visited by the headmaster of

St George's College in Argentina; our Rector, Mr Pearson, visited The King's School, St Kevin's College and Ballarat Grammar in Australia; and Mr Brownell spent time at Merchiston Castle School, Scotland and at Monmouth School in Wales.

During 2004, two of our Matric boys, Guy Taylor and Scott Parker, will be joining Monmouth School and Ballarat Grammar School respectively as student staff members. While not part of the exchange programme, these two boys have benefited from the relationship which has developed between Michaelhouse and those two schools.

Despite the fact that we were unable to accommodate all the boys who applied for exchanges, it is most encouraging that those boys we have sent abroad have returned with such positive reports. Equally, boys spending time at Michaelhouse rate the experience very highly. It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to have been associated with the Exchange Programme at Michaelhouse and it is my wish that it will continue to prosper and grow in years to come. I have thoroughly enjoyed being associated with the project.

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OUTDOOR EDUCATION

E Block 2003 Survival Challenge at Duma

Manzi - written by Paul Fleischack

96 E Block boys departed from Michaelhouse at 07h00 on Monday 2 September for the 2003 Survival Challenge at Duma Manzi. This is the second time that this particular course has been favoured for the E Block boys.

On arrival at Duma Manzi the boys were divided into their respective houses to be addressed by the staff of Duma Manzi on general expectations during the three days. As it is a survival course, the boys were not permitted any luxury items and to this end, they had to turn in any which contravened the spirit of the course. Thereafter began the long walk down the steep-sided slopes of the Umkomaas River valley to the course venue on the banks of the river.

After being issued with food rations and minimal building materials and tools, the first task for the boys was to set up camp which included building sleeping shelters for the two nights. On completion an inspection followed. House groups received scores based on neatness, workability, and the extent to which the environment was respected in the process of establishing camp. A number of boys soon began to realize the extent to which respect for the environment was to be emphasized during the days which were to follow. Once the inspection was over it was time for the E-Blockers to test their culinary skills by preparing supper which included pot bread. At a later stage in the evening, representatives from each house had to deliver samples of their bread to a tasting team made up of members of staff from both Michaelhouse and Duma Manzi. The bread ranged from "doodgooi" through mediocrity to excellent - all in all an interesting test for all concerned.

Early the following morning with the acacias still heavily covered in dew, each house had to demonstrate its own original war-cries and flags which were judged on their originality and the spirit in which they were delivered. After breakfast, an obstacle course which included a long run marked the first of the more physically demanding sessions of the day. A unique experience for the boys in this particular exercise, was that they had to carry a certain number of rocks per house for the duration of the run.

Following the run and carding on until lunchtime were a number of fascinating exercises which each house had to complete within limited time-frames. There were challenges to please all tastes and they included; raft-building, archery (led by genuine Bushmen who are employed by Duma Manzi), puzzles, spider web exercise, a test of group rationale and organisational ability through a tyre drill, amongst others, and again, houses were scored on their ability to complete tasks in as short a time-frame

as possible.

The evening meal was to be a Chicken Potjie, but on this occasion a chicken potjie with a small difference - freshly-slaughtered chickens had to be plucked and disembowelled by house members before being cut up for cooking! The staff tasting team again assembled to judge the quality of the house cooking and then dish out the prizes to the winning team.

An early start again on the final day of what had been a fascinating experience for boys and staff alike, saw boys breaking-up their camps and returning the sites to nature in the same way in which they were found. The houses were again judged by a team of Duma Manzi instructors and then the final and perhaps toughest challenge followed; a hike with full kit up the steep slopes of the Umkomaas Valley to where the buses would be waiting to return everyone to Michaelhouse.

After a climb lasting between 2¼ and 3 hours, the first exhausted E-Blockers at last found themselves on level land again! A most impressive aspect of the challenge was the extent to which many boys assisted their fellow-house members by carrying their kit when the going was tough, but even more meaningful were the words of encouragement to those who were struggling - a demonstration of true Michaelhouse spirit.

After a most welcome Coke and bun prior to boarding the buses for home, the boys were addressed for the final time by the Duma Manzi staff. Their verdict was that the boys had been quite outstanding throughout the three days. Great teamwork, spirit and a will to succeed had been much in evidence and although a winning house was announced (Farfield), it was noted that the difference in points scored by the houses was minimal - the first four houses for example were separated by only 6 points! Sincere congratulations go to all the boys of the 2003 E Block!

C Block Hike Challenge at Duma Manzi

[22-24 September]

written by Paul Fleischack

After weeks of preparation, discussing group-work, leadership, kit, rations, rules and strategies, all houses were ready for this race. After an early breakfast, buses were boarded at 06h30. A few delays followed as some lads returned to houses to find proper hats. The cold, misty drizzle which enveloped Michaelhouse fortunately did not extend to the Umkomaas Valley, where overcast but warm weather gave way to hot sunshine.

All houses had been primed about hiking kit, food and map work. Unfortunately, navigation soon proved to be the biggest challenge, with East (notwithstanding the illegal GPS) becoming totally lost within the first hour of the hike! Some other houses managed to arrive at checkpoints in the wrong sequence, only to have to retrace their steps.

However, by mid-morning on the first day, all seemed to be on track. The low river level made crossing fairly easy, with only three lacerated feet.

All groups arrived safely at the first campsite by about 16h00. After building their bivouacs for the night they were treated to a demonstration of fire-making by a real San expert. Thereafter each house was issued a set of fire-sticks to compete in the evening challenge...to make a fire using sticks only.

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make a fire using sticks only. Farfield came closest, producing some burning embers. It seems that the E-Blockers have greater talent for this activity.

Early on Tuesday morning, after Bernie Whittaker's wake-up siren, camp was struck. Water rations were issued, checkpoint co-ordinates revealed and groups set off. The routes took boys past Cecil John Rhodes' old farm house and up a challenging hill to the lunch stop before a steep drop back into the Umkomaas River Valley. Pascoe had an unfortunate mishap when William Deterding fell and sprained his ankle, taking their strongest pack-horse out of the race.

Marksmanship was tested in a balloon-popping, cattie-shooting challenge on the evening of day two. Guy Penny, Mark Sithole & Drew Dutton showed great talent here. However, all would have been beaten by Dennis Maharaj, who has challenged the winning house next year! In the end West took the biltong prize.

The third day saw a tight race up the steep hill leading out of the valley. With one minute separating Tatham and Mackenzie at the end of day two, the dice was on. These houses showed tremendous teamwork and stamina, but Tatham took the honours, 8 minutes ahead of Mackenzie.

The event was timed each day. Penalties (minutes) were added for splitting the group, litter, bad language, etc. Final Top 3 Positions were:

1 Tatham 8hrs13min

2 Mackenzie 8hrs21min

3 Pascoe 9hrs10min

My thanks to the staff who assisted: Rory Drysdale, Peter

Crawford, Andrew Brown, Bernie Whittaker, Dennis Maharaj and Rev Alan Smedley. They made a formidable team which thrived on the rough facilities, walking in the heat and waiting for hours for groups to pass their checkpoints.

MEDIA CENTRE NEWS

written by Penny Purchase

E Block Reading Project, "Explore the World of Fiction"

This year 44 boys received reading certificates and I was very pleased with the amount of reading which they have been able to do. I attribute this to the middle school concept, where the boys are based in a "home room" and are encouraged to read in spare prep time.

Resources and Services

Stocking the Media Centre with relevant, affordable books is an on-going challenge as the price of books just escalates. Magazine subscriptions have also gone up but magazines are very popular with the boys. We have continued to buy good videos for teaching or ones based on books e.g. "Chocolat" and "Master Harold and the Boys". We have a few select DVD's like "The Lord of the Rings" and "The Two Towers". The computer room upstairs has been well used for Internet searches and projects. Websites on the Intranet and "Weblinks" have helped the boys focus their searching. We have two machines dedicated for CD ROM searching. We continue to offer a laminating service, reading lists, newspaper cuttings in pamphlet boxes, old exam papers, a weekly "News Events of the Week", and newsboards constantly being updated.

Staff and Monitors

Lynn van der Vegte is energetic in everything, especially the stunning displays she mounts. Thembi Sikhakhane continues to work efficiently at the issue desk. Cyprian Sikhosana has clocked up 29 years of service to Michaelhouse and continues to do sterling work in the A.V. Dept. I have a small band of happy-go-lucky monitors and I thank them for their efforts, especially Paul van Schalkwyk, who locked the library every evening. Thanks to all for making this wonderful facility a welcoming, well used place whether by staff or boys, whether for leisure reading or research.

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written by Heather Cook

This year the work in the area of Community Partnership [formerly "Outreach"] has continued apace. Known as "Ukubambisana Komphakathi", we offer our facilities and skills to people in the community in the areas of education, sport and health care. Our biggest portfolio is the one in education, where we offer the following:

Adult Literacy: Over 20 local adults have been completing the IEB approved course of ABET where communication skills are taught over 4 different levels. We now have more than half at levels 3 and 4 which are very testing. Michaelhouse is most grateful for the work that Lyn Brownell has done in this field and we wish her well in her new life in England next year. We welcome Kathy de Gersigny who has already begun work in this department.

Teacher Upgrade: Thirteen rural schools from all over KZN send teachers to come to Michaelhouse for three days each holiday to improve their teaching skills. Novalis run the courses and this year they have also had the "Sekukile" Competition, sponsored by Price Waterhouse Coopers, encouraging entrepreneurial skills in these primary schools. The competition exceeded "their wildest expectations". Prize-giving for it was held at Michaelhouse on the 30th September.

SMILE: This stands for St Mary's Interactive Learning Experience" and it has undergone a transformation at Michaelhouse this year.

Two community schools, Asithuthuke and the Nottingham Road Combined School have participated with 48 Grade 5 children coming on 16 Wednesday afternoons over the year. Michaelhouse has acted as a training centre, so that these schools can run their own SMILE programme next year while Michaelhouse trains up two more schools in this English learning programme.

SMILE.

is run completely independently of the Asithuthuke Combined School. There are 28 pupils and one teacher, Phumelele. Previously sponsored by the Pilot Project, this pre-school is uncertain as to its financial future. Michaelhouse Community Partnership are grateful to the Canon Collins Educational Trust for helping to fund this worthwhile

school and to Mrs Lewis who has been there to support and guide it throughout its history.

Asithuthuke Combined School: [a report by Mr David Lewis]

"Since the departure of the previous principal, Mr Conco, Miss Busi Nondaba, has been Acting Principal. Although we were promised the appointment of a new principal by May, this has not happened, and we are now assured there will be a new principal by the start of 2004. Miss Nondaba has done a fine job so far, with the whole-hearted support of the staff and pupils. Discipline and punctuality are much better, as is teaching, and many of those pupils who sought other schools over the last few years are returning, so the numbers are up again. Miss Nondaba will apply for the vacant principalship, and there is a good chance of her getting it.

Two pupils, Alfred Ncgobo and Eric Msimango, won trips to the ESKOM Winter Holiday School, and both acquitted themselves well. Michaelhouse parents have donated computers, and the Michaelhouse IT Department are getting the computer room up to scratch, and Mr Craig Longmore is giving

coaching to Science pupils. There will be a pre-matric course for Science and Maths pupils in the October holidays, run by Mr Duncan Watson from Johannesburg. Funding for this latter course will have to be found, as well as for aspects of the computer room upgrade. There are still pupils attending art classes at Michaelhouse, thanks to the Cambell-Quine funds, and pupils come to Michaelhouse on Saturday mornings for the ICDL course, supervised by Julie Flanagan and run by Aaron Ziqubu and Leonard Ndlovu.

Departmental funding for the school is very thin. Stationery for the entire school for this year has not yet arrived. Only 5 books per prescribed textbook are provided for a matric class of 45. A Gestetner machine and the paper for use in it, vital in the absence of textbooks and stationery, must be funded by school fees or donor. No departmental assistance is given for the library and librarian from where, through the fine work of Mrs Mickey Meyer, much of educational value is disbursed, and promising learners are sent for bursary applications, thus increasing the number of Asithuthuke

learners in tertiary education, now to over 40.

ICDL: This stands for International Computer Driver's License and Michaelhouse Community Partnership have offered two courses, one for adults and another for school children from Asithuthuke to gain skills in computer literacy. The course has been overseen by Julie Flanagan while the classes have been taken by Leonard Ndlovu and Aaron Ziqubu, who completed the course last year. Seven modules have to be passed before the participants get their certificate which is internationally recognised.

Campbell-Quine Art Project: This was begun last year and has continued this year whereby 15 interested pupils from Asithuthuke School come to the Michaelhouse Art Department where they have lessons given by the Art technician and intern, Sandile Sibiya. This year they also went on a visit to the Tatham Art Gallery.

Asithuthuke Pre-primary: Twenty years ago, at the request of the local community, the Asithuthuke Pre-primary was started. It

The financial affairs of the school, long controlled by Dave Lewis, will slowly be handed to the Governing Body, though he will remain for a while to assist the new treasurer. The Thuthuka Trust, will be controlled by its trustees, and any donations will be paid into the Trust account, kept separate from the school fee account, controlled by the treasurer.

We look forward to further renewed progress under the new principal."

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Health Management.

On the sporting front, Michaelhouse Community Partnership has offered cricket, rugby and basketball with coaching, kit and suitable matches. Unfortunately, the sponsorship of the PPC Cricket has come to an end and so the cricket programme has an uncertain future. The basketball has been new this year and widely welcomed although it would be nice for the Asithuthuke pupils to have their own court.

Finally, in the area of Health Management, Michaelhouse Community Partnership in conjunction with the Balgowan Clinic has offered a variety of health care talks to a wider community. These have largely been on the prevention and treatment of HIV AIDs with special reference to children and also in conjunction with TB. Three such days have been held and well supported. The Health Department and other leaders in the community have given talks while there have been the added bonus of drama and choir productions on the theme and light refreshments have been offered.

However, one of the highlights in the Community Partnership portfolio, has undoubtedly been the national ISASA/Michaelhouse Community

Partnership Conference which was held here between 23-25 October. Entitled, "Transformation through Partnership" [Towards Transformation and Mutual Enrichment Through Collaborative, Community Partnerships]. The goals of the conference were:

- 1 To show that Independent schools are proudly South African and wholly engaged in transformation.
- 2 To develop the competencies for building mutually beneficial partnerships.

3 To motivate sustainable change for transformation.

To embrace the value of empowering communities

5 To provide a national forum for valuable networking.

6 To allow all participants to leave feeling inspired to make a difference both for themselves and others.

During the next few days there were 21 presentations which started with the more philosophical topics such as "Building Trust in Local Communities", [which was given by Dr Brigalia Bam, Chairperson of the Independent Electoral Commission], to the more practical ones of "How to set up a Community Partnership", "Community Partnerships that have Worked" and "What it is like to be on the receiving end of Community Partnerships". The final day was devoted to Project Planning, Fundraising and Evaluation.

One hundred and thirty people from fifty-seven schools were represented and there was a good mixture of race and gender.

Everyone who came, left inspired to make a difference. Bishops Diocesan College has asked to host the next one in 2005.

Presenters: Maureen Groch, Ellen Kondowe and Morne Mail.

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FOUNDERS HOUSE

written by Michael Beaumont

Housemaster: Mr A Redfern

Tutors: Mr P De Wet [Senior], Mr R Snowden and Mr R Mnikathi

House Captain: Michael Beaumont
House Prefects: Robbie Diack [School Prefect],
Michael-Giles Coyle, Michael Lawrence, Adam
McCallum, Oliver Payn, Nicholas Ramsay

Someone once told me that, "Not everything that counts in life is countable and not everything that is countable, counts." I believe this truly describes Founders House in

2003, which will not be considered a year that filled the house boards with countless victories. However, I believe that the victories take a far more valuable and educational form. Founders House has been famous for its traditional values and discipline since the school opened its gates 102 years ago. I'm proud to say very little has changed. We have maintained and enhanced all that Founders represents. 2002 was said to be the year of change with the introduction of our new housemaster, Mr Alan Redfern. 2003 thus followed as a year of settling down and establishing Founders House with a foundation for the future.

Once again, Founders has been able to boast of its sheer diversity of talents among the boys, covering every field from debating, music and academics to sport. The boys of Founders House excelled in their representation in these various fields:

Founders A Block:

R Okell; O Payn: M-G Coyle; M Kennedy: A McCallum
S Shelembe: T Stavrides: M Lawrence: M Beaumont: M Reynolds
N Ramsay: R Diack

proud. The 2nd XV also enjoyed the regular representation of Andrew MacGillivray [Captain], Siyabonga Shelembe [Vice Captain], Michael Lawrence, Scott Reinders, Guy Thorpe and Robbie Burroughs. In the U/15, Busi Shelembe [Captain], Pheello Mofokeng and Nicholas Thorpe were representatives

i and Simon Dougall, Siyabonga Allie, and Rory Sladden were in the U/14A Team.

Founders debating talents

flourished this year, with Michael-Giles Coyle elected as Debating Captain and David Chaplin also representing Michaelhouse 1s' team debating. Michael Laws,

Simon Gowans and Jamie Chennells represented the Michaelhouse junior team. Both the senior and junior debating teams reached the house finals and were unexpectedly robbed of victory, although Founders still retained the trophy overall. In the Interhouse Music, due to excellent leadership, Founders achieved a 3rd place. Despite a big effort, we failed to achieve a place in the interhouse plays. Angus Reid and Scott Reinders both won roles in the school play 'Of Mice and Men' with Scott playing a particularly convincing Curley.

In athletics, Founders was not highly successful but we enjoyed large participation and hopefully next year this could be competed far more competitively. Our trusty push cart, "The Founders Red Devil", nicknamed the "Reiperd Mobile" this year, held out to provide Founders with yet another win in the push cart race, beating the second cart by over 2 minutes.

Founders again enjoyed a high level of enthusiastic participation on the sports field this year. In the 1st XV Rugby, Robbie Diack [Captain] and Michael Beaumont were regulars and Siyabonga Shelembe also represented the Michaelhouse 1st XV. Robbie Diack's excellent leadership on the rugby field (and being a star player for the Natal U/18A Craven Week side) gave the house much reason to be

The Michaelhouse 1s' XI hockey, coached by Mr Alan Redfern, also received much of their success from the regular representation by Michael Reynolds, Charles Bishop, Jean-Pierre Pellissier and Stuart Douthwaite, with Midlands U18/C representation from Charles Bishop and Midlands U/16B representation from Jean-Pierre Pellissier and Stuart Douthwaite.

The 1S,XI cricket team was

represented for the 3rd year by

Robbie Diack, 2nd year by Michael Beaumont [Captain] and regularly this year by Nicholas Ramsay, a great newly found

opening batsman. Midlands representation was achieved by

Robbie Diack and Michael Beaumont and for the 2nd year, Robbie Diack achieved Natal representation earning his honours award. The U/16A, lead by Paul De Marigny, also had J.P Pellissier and Stefan Rabe in the line up.. Founders should also look forward to A-Team representation from Rory Sladden who is proving to be a promising batsman in the U14 B team.

Once again the Thorpe brothers dominated the Founders involvement in the swimming pool with promising talent shown

by Simon Dougall. Both Nick and Guy Thorpe were regulars in the 1st team Waterpolo teams. The 2nd team waterpolo was also superbly led by the able Adam McCallum. The Midmar Mile also saw wide participation by Founders Boys - another great achievement the house can be proud of. In canoeing (also lead by Mr Redfern) Michael Lawrence, Tom Stavrides, David Chaplin, Kevin Wood, Michael Laws, James Fox and Tredoux Willemse were all competitors. David Chaplin was elected for the Natal K1

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The interhouse events really brought the House together; the interhouse play, directed by Clinton Rautenbach, and starring a cast of forty budding young actors, was entitled The Exception and the Rule and was written by Bertold Brecht. The play required that the boys come to terms with an all new style of theatre called Epic Theatre. It was initially very difficult for the boys, but they worked hard to understand what Clinton was asking of them and the play was a great success. We came second, very narrowly to a convincing Baines House. I would like to thank all forty boys as well as the backstage and technical crew who gave up lots of their free time to make the performance possible, and finally Clinton who was awarded the Best Director Award and who put weeks of effort into the performance.

team amongst his achievements and finished 3rd in the SA K1 River Champs, and the Dusi was completed by Tom Stavrides, Michael Lawrence David Chaplin and Kevin Wood.

Oliver Payn was a regular V team tennis player this year and Simon Gowans captained the U/14A squash team and Alim Popat represented the U/16A team and is proving to be a highly talented player. Basketball was strongly represented by Founders Boys. Siyabonga Shelembe [Vice-Captain] played regularly for the V team as did Pheello Mofokeng. Justin Trappe and Ryan Douwes played in the 1st team stayers side. Mokgatle Mokgatle played U16A regularly. Nhlengano Sokelha, Marek Raciborski and Patrick George were all members of the basketball fraternity. Robbie Burroughs and Pheello Mofokeng represented Michaelhouse 1st team soccer. U16A representation was achieved by Ryan Douwes, Justin Trappe and Mokgatle Mokgatle.

EAST HOUSE

written by Brent Rumble

Housemaster: Mr Slash Esprey

Senor Tutor: Mr Andrew Brown

Tutors: Mr. Siyabonga Ndwandwe, Mr Given Dzingwa

House Captain: Brent Rumble

School Prefect: Louis de Jager

Prefects: Andrew de Lacy, Scott Parker, James Ollemans, Guy Taylor.

The first term also saw East House coming fifth in the Swimming competition. The boys showed a lot of determination and swam very well. This was the best result East have had in the past five years. I would like to thank Chris Marais who was our inspirational War Cry leader for the night. The first term also gave the canoeists an opportunity to prove themselves. Simon Acutt flew the East flag high when he performed well throughout the season. Lawrence Rumble made the Kwa-Zulu Natal U14 basketball team and this is a terrific performance considering this is his first year playing the sport.

The second term was a term of achievement after achievement for the maroon flag. The term was kicked off with the Interhouse Pushcar race which meant that the Maroon Baboon/ East Beast/ Rowland Roadster could burn some tread yet again. We have some of the strongest hill pushers in the likes of Chari de Jager, Andrew de Lacy, James Ollemans and Lloyd Ward, the fastest straight runner with Mike Diamondis and the committed team manager and pit crew

As the year draws to an end I take this time to think about what the boys of East House 2003 have accomplished, but then what is accomplishment? For me accomplishment is the success of this year. It is the fact that as Head of House I have not had to counsel one New Boy about being homesick. It is the fact that boys from every Block have told me that they are happy; when a boy is sad it affects everyone around him. As a close knit family of 67 boys we all influence one another tremendously. A bad day for one can soon become a bad day for the other seven boys in his dorm or for his patient room mate. The feeling of camaraderie in the house has eliminated the inter-block fighting and the petty aggressive behaviour between boys. This year I have seen boys grow into themselves, they have become more patient more honest and more sincere.

The first term really helped with the settling of the new boys.

Academic Honours were won by Mark Hosking (an excellent achievement) and Colours by Edward Chennells. Good academic performances were achieved by Marek Raciborski, Anthony Lawrence and Michael Laws in E Block. Simon Gowans, Siyabonga Allie and Jamie Chennells in D Block and Nick Thorpe in C Block, as well as these B Blockers: Andreas Damn, Stefan Rabe, Ryan Edmunds and David Chaplin.

I have great pride in saying that the leadership of 2003 has provided Founders with a stable foundation for the very able leadership of 2004. As we pass the torch of pride, camaraderie and tradition onto the next year's leadership, I feel certain that the future of Founders House lies safely in good hands.

Salvete: M Abraham S Dougall; J Fox; P George; S Harris; A Lawrence; M Laws; A Nanji; E Pepperell; M Raciborski; B Schiemann; R Sladden; N Sokhela; E Martin; T Willemse.

Valete: E Martin; M Beaumont; R Burroughs; M-G Coyle; R Diack; M Kennedy; M Lawrence; A McCallum; R Okell; O Payn; N Ramsay; M Reynolds; S Shelembe; T Stavrides.

R Johnson; M Hensman
C Rautenbach; L de Jager; G Taylor; B Rumble
C Marais; S Parker; D Hamilton; J Ollemans; A de Lacy

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leader in Guy Taylor and Ashir Patel. The race was one of great intensity and excitement and left a few of the runners on their backs. The boys nearly lost hope when Struan Garland was run over by a careless Mackenzie driver. Composure and determination saw the boys of East push the Rowland Roadster into second place behind Founders.

East had representatives in the first teams of just about all the sports; Rugby, Hockey, Tennis, Soccer, Basketball and Athletics. Chris Marais and Greg Brownlee were awarded their hockey braids, Brent Rumble and Nicholas Jackson were awarded their rugby braids and Andrew de Lacy and Mike Diamondis were awarded their Rugby Colours. Greg Brownlee was also awarded his soccer braid. Tediso Khuzwayo and Chris Marais were awarded their basketball braids.

The Interhouse Hockey competition saw the East seniors and juniors being eliminated by very strong opposition. The rugby followed a very similar fate seeing the seniors being knocked out in the first round and the juniors in the semi-finals. Unfortunately all four of the first team rugby players were injured before the competition commenced. Spirits were definitely not dampened by the poor winter sports display; the athletics team saw all 67 boys taking part and attributing to East's finest performance in the last decade. I am told that this is the best that East has done in the past twelve years and a huge thanks must go out to all the boys especially Guy Taylor who organized and captained the house to a memorable third place finish at Sports Day. Mike Diamondis won the senior Victor Ludorum convincingly. The cross country, or Ramparts for the senior runners, was also a great success, but we were unable to defend the trophy from a strong Tatham House. The junior competition gave Kyle Meyer an opportunity to shine as he ran home in fourth position which was a highly commendable feat. The senior team did very well but unfortunately we could only manage a second place finish.

Nicholas Wilson,

Rautenbach, Andrew

Valete: Brent Rumble, Louis de Jager, Andrew de Lacy, Guy Taylor, Clinton Rautenbach, Chris Marais. Derek Saunders, Ming Xi, Scott Parker, Robbie Johnson, James Ollemans, Mike Diamondis, Duncan Hamilton, Mike Hensman.

WEST HOUSE

written by Rob Copley

Housemaster: Mr E de Klerk
Senior Tutor: Mr C Longmoore
Tutors: Mr V Kurz, Mr P Crawford
House Captain: Rob Copley

House Prefects: Ian Blunt; Dave Brereton; John Brereton;
Adrian Brown; Dave Macleod; Rory McComb

At the end of yet another chapter in West's magnificent history one cannot help but feel amazed at the commitment and unity of the boys who are part of this awesome house. Whether on the sports field, in the classroom, part of a cultural activity or part of a society of some sort the West boys participate with vigour and enthusiasm. It was my aim to continue the tradition of high spirits and unity for which West House is known for as well as keep up our record of high performances within the interhouse events. This year has proved no different from any other with regard to the house's enthusiasm and values; it is still full of a special camaraderie, of unity and I am happy to say that trust, compassion and a sense of belonging are still integral features of West House and I can only feel pride at having been given the opportunity to lead this great house!

Kyle Meyer, Simon Finch, Justin
Theunissen, Craig Briggs.

The senior Tug-o-War team also defied all odds when they stormed to the final; winning it convincingly without even losing a single tug. Well done to James Ollemans, Andrew De Lacy, Louis de Jager, Anterey Tango, Scott Parker, Mike Diamondis, Guy Taylor and Mike Hensman.

As the year draws to an end there are a few people who need to be thanked for the successes of 2003. To Maggie who always works with a smile on her face, to Mr Ndwandwe who always talks to us and reminds us of the real world, to Mr Brown and Mr Dzingwa who have always called on the prefects when they needed to, and kept us motivated throughout the year, and to Mr Esprey who has always stood by my side and kept me on my toes, I have never enjoyed building a relationship with any master in my life as much as I have with you. For this I thank you.

The Interhouse Tennis competition was extremely eventful and the boys nearly made it a double by winning both the junior and senior competitions. The juniors; Mathew Bowes, Dean McLuckie, Phil Roux and Chaz Lee defended their title magnificently. Unfortunately the senior boys lost to Baines in the final. Baines had a team of first team players so the competition was tough. Well done to the tennis players!

This year has been particularly special in terms of West house's physical capabilities bringing home five trophies with regards to sports. The house was down in full force at the swimming pool coaxing our swimmers to a splendid victory with Dave Brereton claiming Senior Victor Ludorum and

West A Block:

C Crookes; M Osier
W Smith; D MacLeod; R Copley; J Brereton; S Corbishley
M Babaya; A Brown; R McComb; D Brereton
I Blunt; G Gunther

To the boys of East House 2003, thank you for working with the prefects in a time of much change, thank you for coming to speak to me when we have disagreed and thank you for being gentlemen. Remember that with a smile and a good suit one can conquer the world. You are all gentlemen and all leaders. Leave Michaelhouse and East House being satisfied with what you have taken from this wonderful place. Remember that you cannot get anything out without putting anything in. To the A Block boys who are leaving, I thank you for the five years I have had with you, the friendships I have made will never be forgotten. I wish the prefects for 2004 the best of luck.

Salvete; Joshua Nuttall-Smith, Ricci Voudouris, Jonathan Durham, Ntsolo Setlaba, Murray De Bruyn, Jed Talbot, Stephen Smith, Ashir Patel, Sean Rennie, Nicholas Raw,

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James Winter claiming the Junior.

Patrick Cilliers was also awarded a medal. In the Waterpolo department we had many of the junior boys making Midlands sides, including James Winter, Michael Butler,

Thomas Watkins and Andre Lotz.

John-D Lotz also made the senior Midlands side. West was well represented with regards to rugby and hockey with Rob Copley, Rory McComb and Stephen Swanepoel all being full members of the 1st XI hockey and Brett Droste, Adrian Brown and Ross Dunlop being part of the 1st XV. The talents of Patrick Cilliers and Michael Rhodes did not go unnoticed and both managed to make the Natal U16 side with Mike managing to make the South African green squad - no mean feat. It is no wonder both our senior hockey and rugby teams dominated the fields during the interhouse events. The hockey team took a convincing win over Farfield in the finals. And at the same time our senior rugby team, led by Adrian Brown, took to Meadows and seized the trophy from Baines. Later in the year our star-studded tennis team (led by Kyle Thorpe) managed to outclass an incredibly powerful Baines team to claim the trophy. Our very own professional golfer, Stephen Swanepoel, led our West golfers home to our second victory in two years. Steve really deserves special mention of his golfing achievements, representing the South African Junior side as captain. Although we did not manage to clinch the athletics trophy we came a very respectable second to a powerful Pascoe house. A few members did stand out including Steve Swanepoel, Rory McComb and Carl von Hoesslin for their combined efforts in the longer distances. Brett Droste and Chris Manger also did very well. With some incredible technical advances (thanks to Greg Gunther and his team) the "John Heath-cart" seemed a tough competitor in this year's push car race only to be disqualified for an unfortunate pushing incident.

Away from the sports field West House also appreciates the diversity of our magnificent school and although our production of the Trojan Horse didn't work out quite as planned it managed to acquire quite a laugh from the crowd, although it was directed at the actors rather than the comical story. This, said Selwyn Penny and Ian Blunt, did West proud in the school production of "Of Mice And Men" with Selwyn receiving the Best Actor Award. We did manage to keep up with the best in the Interhouse Music Competition with our musical star Brent Black clinching the award for the Best Solo piece. Along with Guy Robertson and John D Lotz these three are an integral part of the well renowned Michaelhouse Jazz

Band. Wade Smith and Rory McComb really deserve mention for their artistic contribution to the school both having art pieces displayed at the Tatham Art Museum and receiving colours. Selwyn Penny, Ian Blunt and Guy Robertson have been at the forefront of the Christian Fellowship club holding up this school's Christian ethos.

On the academic front West boasts some incredibly gifted boys. Paul Brittain was amongst the most important organisers in the first-ever interhouse quiz, which was an incredible success. This was organised by the boys involved in the Extended Academic Program (or EAPs). Members of the EAP this year are Rob Copley, John-D Lotz, Simon Veenstra and Paul Brittain. Dave Brereton should also be noted due for his poetic mastery.

This year West has accepted an incredibly talented set of youngsters ranging from the sports fields or the choir, to the swimming pool or the bush in which we battled it out in an interhouse paintball competition. The youngsters have all managed to find solid footing and appear to have a fruitful Michaelhouse experience ahead of them. The many touch games between the youngsters and the A Blockers or the

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facial expression on a group of inexperienced paintballers as they inadvertently pounded me, their fellow teammate, from behind are things I will not forget soon.

West's achievements over the entire school really are quite noteworthy. It has been an incredibly well rounded year, full of this school spirit of which all Michaelhouse boys talk. A special mention must be made of the prefects and to "Menneer" who have given up so many hours of their own time for the house. I wish all the new boys and prefects of 2004 the best of luck!

Salvete: Michael Butler, Michael Chance, David Firth, Robert Frew, Mark Massey, Richard Matthews, Allan Mwaniki, Grant Nel, Iain Rennie, Xillen van Rooyen, Carl von Hoesslin, Thomas Watkins, James Winter.

Valete: Marc Babaya, Ian Blunt, David Brereton, John Brereton, Adrian Brown, Robert Copley, Stuart Corbishley, Charles Crookes, Greg Gunther, David Macleod, Rory McComb, Michael Osier, Wade Smith. VI Form: Ross Dunlop, Rory Mckenna.

written by Ross Forbes

Housemaster: Mr J Trafford
Senior Tutor: Mr A Dahlberg
Tutors: Mrs C Cook, Mr S Ncamane,

House Captain: Ross Forbes

House Prefects: David Elliott (School Prefect), Gareth Dean,
James Greene, Paul McIntosh, David Tennant

As the year comes to a close, one cannot help but reflect on all that has taken place in Farfield. In 2003 Farfield managed to maintain and nurture its warm and accepting atmosphere and this has gone hand in hand with its high spirited and happy ethos. Whether in the theatre, the art school, the classrooms or on the sports fields the Farfield boys have performed with zest and perseverance which has placed us a cut above the rest in all these categories. Although we did not bring home many trophies this year, we possessed a sense of unity and respect for both the house and for one another which proved far more rewarding. The new boy intake of this year, not only in E Block, hosted a talented bunch of young men. Their contributions as fine sportsmen and solid academics have added a new dimension to the house. The new E Blockers settled in really well and had no problem in adapting to the Michaelhouse lifestyle.

While the trophy cabinet remains rather bare, this does not mean to say that we have not been a force to be reckoned with. We have been hugely competitive in all the interhouse events this year but have unfortunately failed to make it over the final hurdle and have, on too many occasions, settled for second place. The calendar of interhouse events began with the Interhouse Swimming gala in the first quarter. Our swimmers were led by school and house captain, David Tennant. The hope was that victory in the pool would set the tone for the year. Unfortunately, some of our top swimmers were not in the greatest shape due to various illnesses, but this did not prevent them from giving it their best shot. We found ourselves in the top three. Some of our boys did extremely well: U14 Michel Mahieu - silver medal and U19 David Tennant - silver medal. David also broke the record for the individual medley which he was rewarded for with a trophy. Michel and David both continued to make the Natal 'A' swimming team in their respective age groups. Warren Hill joined us in the VI Form this year and brought a strong

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waterpolo talent that led him to a South African Schools selection which is a great accolade on his part.

Before the school year began many boys dared to brave the ferocious rapids and lengthy portages of the annual Dusi Canoe Marathon. Stephen Bird must be commended on a superb performance, in this race, where he came first in the U16 age group. Stephen was also involved in the Fish River Canoe Marathon where he yet again executed an incredible effort and came first in the U16 age group. He has to be congratulated on his prestigious achievement of making the South African Schools junior canoeing team for the second year running; this is no mean feat. Matthew Worrall and 'Tucky' Tatham braved some of the fiercest white river water in the country when they paddled in the Umkomaas Canoe Marathon and finished fourth in the U17 age group.

Farfield is renowned for its many talents, one of which is hockey. This year's Interhouse Hockey event left us with somewhat smaller pools of players to draw from as our top players had provincial commitments. Even with this drawback this year's event proved to be no different and our teams made it to the finals, but once again the jinx of second place came back to haunt our sides. Special mention must be made of both Hadley Smorthwaite and Ross Forbes who represented Natal Midlands Hockey in the U16B and U18B teams respectively.

Another of Farfield's talents is its recognised ability in the golfing realm. Our golfers were led by school and house captain, David Elliott. The interhouse competition was played at Bosch Hoek. It was to be a closely contested battle between the two favourites, Farfield and West. Unfortunately, due to the weather which played a major part in the result, honours went to our opponents in West. The rugby season proved to be highly rewarding in both the domestic sphere as well as the provincial sphere. This year's rugby season saw two of our B Blockers in the first game rugby, namely James Gallo and Graham French. These two were joined by a key player in the first team and new member to the house in VI Form, namely, Sanele Mkhize. Sanele's brilliant rugby talent led him to a selection for the U18A Natal rugby team which is a great accolade. The season also proved to be rewarding for Jake Behrmann in his selection for the Natal U16A and the KZN "elite" squad - a fantastic accomplishment.

This year Farfield proudly hosted the fastest boy in the school, namely, Sanele Mkhize. He was joined by another new boy, namely, James Houghton who also brought with him, from far, a strong athletic talent. These two performed very well together at the Interhouse Athletics and brought in many points for the house. The event, unfortunately, did not go our way even with these young men outrunning many of our opposition. Congratulations must go to Sanele for winning a

trophy for coming first in the U19 one hundred metres race.

James Houghton executed an excellent effort in the interhouse athletics to receive a bronze medal in the U17 age group. Michel Mahieu also put on a great performance that ended in him receiving a silver medal in the U14 age group. James continued his efforts down to the KZN regional champs in Durban at Kings Park stadium where he performed with flying colours to come in first out of eighteen in the U17 two hundred metre race.

Farfield has also boasted a number of achievements, away from the sports field, in the cultural sphere. Once again, the Interhouse Drama provided the house with an opportunity to show off its talents. The plays took on many different styles from humorous to serious. Our play 'The Worm', with its serious underlying message, involved a broad spectrum of boys from across the house. Also, the Interhouse Music did not go our way, although much fun was had in performing the Farfield "toads" as our house piece. Harry Inglis blew the audience away with an incredible piece on the violin whilst David Tennant's band consisting of David Francis, Paul McIntosh and Stephen Bird on the drums brought the house down with a modern 'punk' melody. Harry has continued to excel in music and continues to perform in a wide range of concerts both for the school and externally. This year brought an unprecedented interhouse event the Interhouse Quiz. Our team consisting of: Harry Inglis, James Gallo and Alex Richardson made it to the finals after a series of intense rounds and knockout sessions. The finals left us with Alex Richardson up against the Mackenzie representative: Simon Halvey. These two fought it out to the bitter end in an extremely even battle. The Mackenzie representative was just a little quicker off the mark and unfortunately we ended up, once again, in second place.

Our brush of gifted artists claimed much recognition after being able to exhibit their masterpieces at the Royal Show. These guys did some sterling work: Duncan Somerville (A Block) 2nd Prize and Duncan Macaskill (C Block) 1st prize. Once again Farfield artists dominated the annual Matric Exhibition with some outstanding pieces of work on show.

In our efforts on the Academic Front we have fared better this year for the first time in a while as we look to gain recognition for a more intense work ethic. This was supported by the fact that many of our boys received numerous individual accolades at Prize Giving and Speech Day. Numbers of our boys entered Olympiads and received medals and prizes for their fantastic efforts. I am also proud to mention those boys who received service ties over the year adding to the success of the house as a whole. I am particularly pleased to mention the vociferous support the participants received during the interhouse events by all members of the house. It was a clear barometer of the spirit as a whole in the house.

Over the year a number of boys have been acknowledged for their talents in various realms and they are: Murray Burger - Colours for Choir and Golf, Ross Forbes - Colours for Soccer, Warren Hill - Honours for Waterpolo and Sanele Mkhize - Honours for Rugby.

Besides the fantastic awards achieved and prizes received, these cannot be compared with the indescribable moments of laughter and friendship we have experienced this year. I will definitely miss the chats and fun the A Blockers had in the poster clad 'cop shop' whilst swamped by an aroma of snackwiches, tea and coffee in the company of loud music. My last five years at Michaelhouse, but more importantly in Farfield, have been truly wonderful and I have made many lifelong friendships. My time has been, without a doubt, more than memorable.

Farfield A Block:

M Drury; D Tennant; B Burton; C Nusca; D Somerville; J Greene; G Dean

P McIntosh; R Forbes; D Elliott

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During the year we welcomed a new tutor, Mrs Cook, and wish her all the best in her new position. I would like to wish Mr de Wet, housemaster elect for 2004 all the best. There can be little doubt that Mr and Mrs de Wet will bring a wealth of experience to the position. I would like to thank Mr Trafford on behalf of the boys for his endless support and care in the house. He has provided us all with guidance and direction in times of need and has done a fantastic job. In support of his role, his wife Gwyneth has provided much in the way of care for the boys in the house. This alongside the numerous dinners or biscuits and coffee she has served at their home. The boys wish you all the best for your move to Cape Town..

Mr Dahlberg, our Senior Tutor, has supported both Mr Trafford and the boys as well as provided a helping hand in the controlling of the house on a day to day basis. I would like to extend my gratitude to the prefect body for their excellent work and support for me as Head of House.

It has been a year in which the boys have had fun and enjoyed many experiences alongside their friends. We have learnt many lessons and met new challenges but also reached goals and rebuilt characters. Some of us will leave at the end of the year having moved from inexperienced and immature boys to mature and dignified young men who have been equipped with integrity and skills to meet the challenges of the outside world. I wish the A Block and those who are leaving all the best and I hope you uphold the good name of Farfield as well as Michaelhouse.

Salvete: Warren Hill, Sanele Mkhize, James Houghton, Tim Watt-Pringle, John Barr, Ross Berriman, Douglas Button, James Dillon, Christopher Hallier, Mandla Mashinini, Christopher McCathie, Shaun Mudd, Naeem Nanji, Mark Richards, Nicholas Tatham, Gregory Turner.

Valete: Warren Hill, Sanele Mkhize, Lee Richardson, Murray Burger, Brett Burton, Gareth Dean, Mark Drury, David Elliott, Zakir Esmail, Ross Forbes, James Greene, Justin Grice, Paul McIntosh, Carlo Nusca, Duncan Somerville, David Tennant, Christopher McCathie.

TATHAM HOUSE

written by Gerard Noel

Housemaster: NG Cahill
Senior Tutor: B Tarr

House Tutors: G Calway, G du Toit, B Whittaker
House Captain: G Noel

House Prefects: A Turner (School Prefect), B Ball, J

Ball, M Denton, S Graham, S Griffin, D Ras

This year marks the 75th anniversary of our house, Tatham. This has been a truly successful year of operation that the A Block of 2003 and the rest of the house have been privileged enough to have been a part of. We celebrated our 75th birthday in many ways with our outstanding performances in every facet of what Michaelhouse had to offer. Something that I have been aware of since my arrival in Tatham in 1999, is the positive spirit that we always try to foster in the house. The house has outdone itself in this regard. It is the house that shouts that extra bit louder or the member of the house that participates in everything especially in what he is not good at that sets Tatham apart from any other houses.

Our year started off humorously well with one of our thinnest members of the house, Dylon Ras, winning the Pie Eating Competition. This is by no means an easy feat and Dylon out-ate Jaco Badenhorst, the competition favourite, comfortably. Other events that

won included: Junior Hockey, Junior Squash, Junior and Senior Cross Country as well as Athletics Standards. The events that I would like pay considerable acknowledgement to, are the Cross Country and Athletics Standards. Something that our corner of the quad has always taken pride in, is participation. Besides the outstanding performances by Julian Pearce, who came second in the Senior Cross Country, achieved a silver medal in the U16 age group and came in the Top 10 in Midlands Cross Country and Mndeni Ngcobo, who came 3rd in the U15 age group, it was due to the whole House's enthusiastic participation in all the events that led us to win by such a considerable margin.

A team is only strong as the individuals that make up the team and Tatham possesses some excellent individuals who need to be noted. Whether it be sporting, academic, social, spiritual or cultural the Tatham Team has many strong fingers that make up the powerful fist. Stuart Jardine has done wonders on the water in canoeing and has made the Natal B Sprints Team as well as the Natal A River Team, with Wesley Green, to participate in the South African River Championships. Stuart has also been nominated as Captain of the MHS Canoe Club for the 2003-2004 season. Still with regard to water, Alex Band achieved Colours for Swimming. Hockey presented no difficult tasks that our boys could not overcome. As well as being a recipient of the Chree Bright Award, which is a voted award in which D Blockers choose their one peer who is outstanding in every quality, Tahir Popat made the U16A KZN Midlands hockey side. Another outstanding hockey achiever is Kyle Dowie who achieved Honours for not only Hockey but also for Academics. Kyle was selected for the Midlands U18A hockey side as well as

being selected as a non-travelling reserve for the South African U17 hockey side. Mike Scott was also amongst these hockey recipients and was selected to represent the U16B

Tatham

Tatham A Block:

S Griffin; J Jenkinson; S Graham; D Ras; S Cole; J Ball
B Ball; N Keene; A Turner; G Noel; M Howard; M Denton

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KZN Midlands hockey squad. Despite the overwhelming pressures of Matric, Tatham boys like Stuart Graham achieved particularly well on the cricket pitch. Stuart was selected for the KZN Midlands cricket team. Anthony Turner and Dylon Ras, both matriculants, received Colours for Rugby. Dylon went even further and was awarded Colours for Drama.

Despite only ranking fourth in Interhouse Drama we have much dramatical talent in the house. In fact "Melrose Place" and "Days of our Lives" come nowhere close to the acting skills that some Tatham boys possess, especially an actor like Edem Ayivi-Akpagana, who played the lead role for this year's theatrical performance "Of Mice and Men". From this outstanding performance he went on to be awarded the prize for Best Novice Actor for 2003. As for other cultural achievements, Tatham House has some outstanding musicians, as shown by our coming second in the Interhouse house song. Gareth Potgieter was selected to be a part of the KZN Youth Choir for 2004 and also achieved a distinction, along with Timothy Thring, in his Royal Schools Music exam for piano. Bruce Curtin showed his excellent "gift of the gab" by representing the KwaZulu Natal provincial team for Debating at the National Championships during the 3rd term holidays. He later went on to receive Honours in Debating, which with academics, is his second honours achievement. Bruce also had the amazing privilege of going on an exchange to Trinity College School in Canada during the 2nd term. He had much to bring back from his travels and represented Michaelhouse and Tatham superbly.

Despite what has already been mentioned about some of our boys' achievements, Speech Day saw numerous Tatham Boys gaining recognition for their academic performances this year. At the end of the 2nd quarter, Tatham also gained immense academic pride in the fact that within each block, Tatham had at least one boy within the top 10 overall aggregates of the school.

starting in E Block - now that is typical Tatham spirit! His determination and good sense of direction have not gone unnoticed. Our strong E Block group reached the top of Inhlazane and returned to Michaelhouse with the same number of boys that had started

walking at 3:00 am that morning. Despite some sore feet and hungry bellies they did extremely well and our house was proud of them. The

3 d term earmarked the beginning of many leadership activities and all the blocks throughout Tatham finished within the top four houses for most of the activities, with our C Blockers winning their hike at Duma Manzi.

It is a very sad and reminiscent time of the year for the A Blockers as things are coming to an end. It is, however, a great pleasure for me to have written this report highlighting only a fraction of our house's achievements, and to have seen what a successful year this has been, and for the A Blockers, what a successful five years it has been. Evelyn Waugh, an English novelist, said: "Anyone who has been to an English public school will always feel comparatively at home in prison." Michaelhouse but in particular Tatham has been nothing but happy and interesting memories, and I know that home is how most of the Tatham A Blockers see our Green House. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the A Blockers and especially the prefects for sticking by me and guiding me to the right decisions. Good luck to the Tatham Greens (New Boys), it has been a pleasure for us to have had such a outstanding young group of highly talented boys coming in this year and to have got to know you as well as we did. Lastly, we have been so fortunate to have had a man as great as Mr Cahill as our housemaster and on behalf of the entire A Block we would like to thank him for his huge involvement in our five years here in Tatham. His advice and support was and will continue to be of such great value to us. The best of luck and success to him and the prefects and A Blockers of 2004. May our green and white flag continue to fly proudly despite all winds of change.

As usual our 52km hike to Inhlazane commenced on an early Sunday morning in the 3rd term. Our Tatham E Blockers and a few A Blockers were led to the destination of our journey by Shaun Griffin our hike captain. Something to take note of is that Shaun has walked up Inhlazane for five years in a row

Salvete: Andrew Butt, Guy Cronje, Ross Cronje, Simon Dommett, Glen Dowie, Matthew Gardiner, Craig Griffin, Angus Kramer, Michael Papadopoulos, Lee Pedlar, Ryan Richard, Alexander Sully.

Valete: Bradley Ball, Justin Ball, Stuart Cole, Myles Denton, Stuart Graham, Shaun Griffin, Matthew Howard, Jeffrey Jenkinson, Nicholas Keene, Gerard Noel, Dylon Ras, Anthony Turner.

PASCOE HOUSE

written by Christopher Brown

Housemaster: Shaun McMurtry

Senior tutor: Gavin Ross

Tutors: Win De Wet, Peter Dennyson

House Captain: Christopher Brown

School Prefect: Jonathan Brown

House Prefects: Greg Bawden. Chris Brown,

Mitch Cowie, San Pillay, Chris Stephens, Lex

Trickett

Pascoe A Block:

P van Schalkwyk; S Jagoe; R Dedwith; C Stephens
A Rattray; S Pillay; C Brown; G Bawden; M Cowie; H Stander
T Kennedy; J Brown; L Trickett

Michaelhouse is a school of seasons. In summer the fields are green and the sound of the cricket echoes through the estate. In winter the grass changes brown and the boys play rugby and hockey through the cold afternoons. Eventually the leaves change and new roots emerge to mark the beginning of

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this cycle once again. This year Pascoe has experienced a cycle. In this cycle we have experienced growth, maturity and change as a house.

The boys have grown as individuals and the fine set of academic and sporting results are proof of this.

Notable performances include the number of boys who have been in the top ten in their respective blocks for academics. Our brains include the likes of Simon Jagoe, Hendri Stander,

Justin Halley-Stott, Hafeez Manjee, DJ Kleynhans, and Ruan Potgieter.

The Pascoe men have also excelled on the sportsfield: our achieving cricketers have included people like

Dai Williams; Wian Potgieter, our newcomer Joe Peak and Hafeez Manjee, who made the Kenyan cricket team. Kyle Walsh was also selected for a rugby academy. As a house we have also achieved in Squash; this was seen in our inter house victory and individuals include Mark Bland, Alessandro Fiorotto and many others. We also host fine debaters, waterpolo players, hockey players, tennis players and many other sportsmen. A most notable victory for Pascoe this year was our victory in the Interhouse Athletics. We annihilated the competition and also obtained the Relay trophy. Individual performances included: Greg Bawden who won a silver medal in the U19 age group. Sanvir Pillay, the School Captain, won a silver medal in the U17 age group, Chris Stander won the gold medal in the U16 age group, Alessandro Fiorotto won the silver medal in the U15 age group, and most notably Pieter Nortje won the U14 gold medal, the best track and field event and the Junior Victor Ludorum. He also represented Natal.

Culturally Pascoe also put on a very fine performance of "Unman, Wittering and Zigo" in the house plays and also a good performance in the House Music. Mitch Cowie and Paul Van Schalkwyk directed the play. The Music was directed also by Mitch Cowie and Matthew Short.

The prefects of this year have adopted a firm and understanding approach in the house. The main aims of the group have been to create a sound academic ethos and to achieve self-discipline and responsibility in the house. These aspects have all revolved around the attitude of the mentor-type system. This has increased the support base in the house. With this it can honestly

be stated that Pascoe is a happy house with a positive atmosphere and positive boys. Pascoe achieved the "Good Housekeeping" Award which displayed the ability of the prefects to do their jobs and more importantly the ability and willingness of the boys to co-operate. Pascoe, with its beehive-like design, epitomizes a well run and productive house. I think that the most important aspect of the house is the happiness of the boys living in it. Pascoe is truly a home away from home where blocks mingle and house soccer, cricket or rugby is a common sight in the fields and quads around Pascoe.

Like all schools, each year marks the exit and arrival of boys. The new boys in Pascoe this year have all adapted easily to the demands of boarding school life. They have been welcomed into Pascoe and have brought with them wonderful talents and characteristics. The prefects of 2004 are group of boys that will continue to keep the Pascoe flag flying and are boys that will give great leadership attributes to Pascoe. The A Blockers will venture out into the world next year and I'm sure their memories and experiences of Pascoe life and Michaelhouse will leave them richer for their journeys.

Quotes from Pascoe boys this year include: "Adversity causes some men to break; others to break records." "No horse gets

anywhere until he is harnessed.", "No life ever grows great until it is focused, dedicated and disciplined." During this year I wrote a prayer that has been made into the Pascoe prayer. I think it epitomizes what we all want out of boarding school but more importantly what we can all get out of boarding school...

Pascoe Prayer

Dear Lord,

I have a dream for a house that encourages boys to reach their potential: academically, on the sportsfield and socially. I pray for a house where there is mutual respect, concern and consideration for each other. I pray that we are all touched by your guidance and led by your touch. Dear Lord, fill Pascoe with your Holy Spirit so that from today and forever more, we are a house bound by values that bring us love and prosperity.

This I ask in your name
Amen

Salvete: Alex Dummer, Geoffery Mwai, Prasantan Vandayar, Pieter Nortje, DJ Kleynhans, Andrew Surgey, Tabang Mpanhwa, Ruan Potgieter, Devin Dedwith, Jon Wilkes, Andrew Blair, Matthew Blair, James Robinson, Njabula Dlamini, Joe

Peak, Andile Dzingwa, Matthew Murray.

Valete: Greg Bawden, Christopher Brown, Jonathan Brown, Mitch Cowie, Reece Dedwith, Simon Jagoe, Thomas Kennedy, Christopher Stephens, Sanvir Pillay, Lex Trickett, Paul van Schalkwyk, Hendri Stander, Andre Valentine, Simon Rice, Andrew Rattray.

BAINES HOUSE

written by Tsepo Chabana

House Master: JJJ van Rooyen
Senior Tutor: G Ferreira
Tutors: A Black, J van der Vegte
House Captain: Tsepo Chabana

Prefects: Jonathan Adams, Dylan Currie, Quinton Gero, Warren Lopes, Frans Maartens, Daniel Rafferty, Tiisetso Tsiki (School prefects).

As 2003 draws to a sudden close and I reflect on the memories, I am reminded of what a flourishing year we have had. It is so difficult to write a report about a house like Baines where so many diverse people with such diverse talents live and work together in such camaraderie. I don't believe that such a report can convey all the effort that has gone into the success of this house. One often feels that the success of a house can be measured by what they win or how much they win, which is wrong as I realized throughout the year. A successful house is a house that achieves in all areas. A house where everyone stands together; no one 'walks so tall, that they cannot stoop down to help those who have fallen'. That is the nature of Baines.

2003 has been the busiest year of my life as well as the most memorable. It started off with the most diverse and diminutive group of new boys any of us had ever seen. This could be seen, whether one looked at Ferdi Van Niekerk who represented the KZN U15 Athletics team at the Nationals or Carl Pieterse whose academic talents hold him in the top 10 in his Block or Derek Pearce who represented the A-Team cricket and hockey sides. The list goes on and on but the ease at which this young group settled into the homely nature of Baines is a result of the fine leadership and compassion the Prefects and A Blockers of this year, showed.

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The year of 2003 has been a really triumphant year for Baines house, largely because of the leadership role our A Block and especially our Prefects who have led by example. It is also because of the exceptional running of the house by Mr van Rooyen and the tutors. It has been such a privilege for me to work with people with such fine ethics. A special vote of thanks goes to the prefects of this year for making Baines what it is now. Words cannot express my thanks also to the house for their input this whole year. The foundation has been set and with new leadership brings about new ideals and talent. I am sure the prefects of 2004 will take the house further.

Salvete: Matthew Burns, Nicholas Campbell, Michael Currie, Daneil Freund, Thomas Hsieh, Francis Mennigke, Derek Pearce, Carl Pieterse, Dino Plumari, Stephan Rogers, Joseph Rosenberg, Ferdi van Niekerk.

A Sewgoolam; W Lopes; O Gero
J Schuster, L Esterhuizen; D Rafferty; F Dudley; D Currie
T Tsiki; L Peck; J Allem; J Adams; T Chabana; F Maartens

Valete: Jonathan Adams, Joel Allem, Tsepo Chabana, Dylan Currie, Frank Dudley, Lee Esterhuizen, Qhinton Gero, Warren Lopes, Frans Maartens, Leighton Peck, Daniel Rafferty, James Schuster, Ashish Sewgoolam, Tiisetso Tsiki. Hendrik Schoeman.

After a good start to the year,
being placed third for the
Academic Shield, Baines found
itself last, yet again for the
Interhouse Swimming

Competition! Despite our position, a notable achievement went to Michael Currie who was rewarded for his fine swimming with a bronze medal. As the year progressed, Baines regained its title in the Pancake race but due to the fact that by the end of the race no house finished with a pancake in their pan, every house was disqualified! A team with the likes of Tiisetso Tsiki [Second Prefect], Scott Joscelyne: who achieved Debating Honours and was chosen to represent Natal for the fine manner in which he debates and James Schuster, dominated in the Debating Competition and shattered the likes of Founders House in the interhouse debating final. Also on the Cultural side, Baines was fired up and produced another promising play: 'The Crucible', which was directed by Tiisetso Tsiki. On the night, some moving acting by Tiisetso Tsiki, who was awarded with the Best Actor, Jacques Du Toit, who was

awarded with the Best Supporting Actor, and others, reclaimed our title from a hungry Mackenzie House.

Interhouse Rugby was a nail biting experience, which saw Baines up against West in the finals. Unfortunately, having made it this far meant that the boys of Baines had played several tiring games against very tough opponents, which was visible in the final when the athletes of West House took the victory from us. Baines had numerous boys who represented the 1st XV throughout the rugby season (Frans Maartens, Ambrose Nakin, Scott Joscelyne and Tsepo Chabana). In Hockey, Daniel Rafferty represented the 1st XI. Third term Baines kept up their achievements when they pulled off a first place in the Interhouse Music competition. It came as a surprise to everyone but hours and hours of Warren Lopes'

musical talents [who was the Choir Leader of 2003 and also gained School Colours for his dazzling singing for the Youth Choir along with and Daniel Van Zuydam who was a member of the Youth Choir] were well rewarded. Our tennis boys looked promising this year having four of the top ranked tennis players from Baines (Daniel Rafferty, Leighton Peck, Quinton Gero, Peter Rowse) who surprisingly lost to a house without any top ranked players. How did it happen? Only the tennis boys know. Our athletics prospect this year was crushed after our star U14 athlete Ferdi van Niekerk acquired a severe injury, which put him out for good. On the final day Baines was rewarded with a second place for the Interhouse Relay competition.

On the academic front, Baines saw itself rewarded both individually and as a group. We were placed in the top three for the Academic Shield; the boys of Baines worked exceptionally well, namely Ferdi van Niekerk, Carl Pieterse, Prathik Sewgoolam, Zach Muhumuza, Patrick Nesbitt, Peter Rowse, Scott Joscelyne, Tiisetso Tsiki, Ashish Sewgoolam and Frans Maartens who all gained places in the top ten for either one of the four terms. Tiisetso Tsiki was awarded Academic Colours for his successive academic results.

Individually, our boys stood out, with various boys gaining school honours or colours. Daniel Rafferty who captained the 1st team tennis achieved his Tennis Colours. Tiisetso Tsiki achieved the Best Actor of the year award as well as the Toastmasters Speaker of the year as well as representing the 1st team Basketball. Andrew Beach represented the U14A cricket and hockey teams. Ferdi van Niekerk captained both the successful U14A Rugby and the U14A Soccer. Daniel Freund represented the LJ14A cricket. Tsepo Chabana

captained the 1st team basketball and along with Charles Warren-Codrington achieved a bronze medal on Sports Day. Charles and his brother both represented the U14A rugby team. And finally Leighton Peck, Alex Kalebka, Scott Josclyne, Thabo Msibi all represented the 1st team soccer. Throughout the year every single Baines boy achieved in all fields, there were a large number of Baines boys were awarded service ties for their service contribution to the school.

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MACKENZIE HOUSE

written by Nicol Dippenaar

Housemaster: Mr. Thomson
Senior Tutor: Mr Von Schlichting
House Captain: Nicol Dippenaar
School Prefects: Simon Pattison-
Emms; Petrus Badenhorst; Kyle
Pepper

House Prefects: Kyle Fullerton; Gareth Green; Don King;
Josh Carey

2003 saw Mackenzie excel in a wide variety of aspects both on the cultural and sporting fronts and most importantly in upholding the high level of camaraderie among its members. Once again we have proven that the tradition of excellence is not necessarily born of age.

In Mackenzie the boys this year have created a high level of house spirit and it can not only be seen in interhouse activities but also in the Mackenzie Quad on a daily bases as individuals from all Blocks take part together in Quad games. Soccer amongst the juniors seemed to be the favourite and it has had a ripple effect through the blocks in the house and even into other houses.

As always the boys of Mackenzie feel a great sense of belonging and take pride in achieving in interhouse events and give a great deal of their time to achieve this. The year can be thought to have been successful in terms of events won and we have the juniors to thank for that. The house got off to an excellent start and continued our reputation as the top academic house by winning the prestigious Academic Shield for the fourth year running. We have our EAPS such as Cullum Allen, Simon Pattison-Emms, Kyle Fullerton, Petrus Badenhorst; Simon Halvey and the help of last years A Blockers to thank for that, too. For the second year running Mackenzie was narrowly beaten in the gala by minimal points behind West house. With the help of Robert Searle, the director of our house play, "Them and Us", we settled with third place. The house continuously seemed to have bad luck in the more enjoyable events such as the pancake race and the pushcar race where we were disqualified for "unverified" reasons.

Mackenzie A Block:

P Badenhorst; R Searle; J Carey; N Dippenaar; J Hoal; S Renew
S Pattison-Emms; D King; R Shough; K Fullerton; G Green; M da Costa
Absent: G Goqo

We were fortunate in the Interhouse Debating comfortably winning the Junior Debating trophy with our well spoken team consisting of Cullum Allen, Richard Finlay and Kurt Holtzhausen. A day later, captained by Justin Sloane and Mark Sithole, Mackenzie won the Junior Rugby which is a first in the short history of the house. The team of Josh Carey, Drew Dutton, Warrick Day and Mark Sithole regained the Interhouse Wall Climbing trophy; this is an event that Mackenzie once dominated. The annual Sports Day was met with mixed enthusiasm but nonetheless all the boys participated, some even on crutches and others running with broken bones to secure Mackenzie a happy fourth place. Special mention must go to Mark Sithole for achieving a 3rd place in the Victor Ludorum and to all the age group captains

who ensured the prompt times of the athletes. At all the events, big or small most of house was there in support and gave the "athletes" great encouragement and will maintain this tradition and high level of house spirit for events such as waterpolo in the near future and for many years to come.

The high achievement record of 2003 within the field of house events has provided a climate in which individuals can excel, just as in previous years, with many boys achieving goals through perseverance, patience and sheer determination. Mackenzie characteristically had boys shining in the academic field as Petrus Badenhorst and Kyle Fullerton received re-awards of Academic Colours and Kyle Dutton received his Academic Colours. Jacobus Badenhorst was selected to represent Natal Districts for athletics and was selected to be on the CRC (Christian Representative Council) an honour he shared with Neil du Plessis, Matthew Ash and Christopher Green for the year 2004, taking over from Gareth Green, Petrus Badenhorst and Nicol Dippenaar. Neil du Plessis and Drew Dutton also made the Natal Midlands U16 Waterpolo team and will be key players in defending the

Mackenzie's interhouse water polo title later in the fourth term. Rugby Colours were awarded to Josh Carey and Goodman Goqo, both players participating in every game of the season, a rare achievement as it is often prevented by injuries. On the cultural front Kyle Fullerton's tenure as vice head chorister of the Michaelhouse choir comes to an end; he has also been an active member of the Kwa-Zulu Natal Youth Choir and with his help, Mackenzie achieved a second place in the Interhouse Music, narrowly losing out on the prime spot to Baines. Robbie Shough received the Nick Crowe Good Fellowship Award.

The success of the house was largely determined by the positive attitude of the boys and the incredible house spirit. Special thanks must go out to Mr Thomson who has always been accommodating and has the boys' best interests at heart and ensures that there is an atmosphere of happiness within the house. The Tutors, Mr S Khuluse, Mr L Randall and Mr von Schlichting were supportive and understanding throughout the year.

I wish to thank the prefects who made the running of the house simple and efficient and who successfully helped maintain general house discipline. The prefects always did their duties with integrity and humility and led by example. Special thanks to Simon Pattison-Emms who was always there for advice and always showed his enthusiasm and pride for Mackenzie.

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To the leavers of 2003: it has been an honour and a privilege to spend the last five years with you and the memories we have shared will stay with us for the rest of our lives. Lastly, to the stayers of 2004: Mackenzie is only a building without the boys, and it was you that made all things possible and I hope that Mackenzie may influence you with all its greatness as it did me. It was a pleasure serving Mackenzie and it was all made possible by you. Thanks guys for an awesome year.

VIâ„¢ FORM 2003

Back row: R McKenna, A Valentyn, S Mkhize
Standing: T Royle, S Rice, E Martin, W Hill, M Diamondis, W Fynn
Seated- L Richardson, Mr R McMichael, K Pepper (Head of House), Mr M Ancillotti, R Dunlop, Mrs N Ancillotti, Ms C Ancillotti, H Schoeman

I think this year's Sixth Form group has been one of the best ever; the guys have really enjoyed knowing each other and being a part of the school. They have given of their very best in many disciplines and from this have benefited greatly. Many people this year have asked me if my Sixth Form year has been worthwhile. The answer is most definitely YES.

combined Sixth form sabotage.
(Something to do with the air valves leaking.) The year was off to a good start as everyone including Mr McMichael had a really good time.

Salvete: Donavon Foster; Brett Gower; Mitchum Haupt; Tom Hodgeson; Jake Johnstone; Jevon King; Seamus King; Ben Lowe; Chris McMurty; Michael Sparks; Sam Van de Leur; Mathew West-Russell; Arnold Aldous; Tim Smyth; Brendon Moore; Jack Higgs; Bjarni Margeirson and Michael Percy.

Valete: Petrus Badenhorst; Josh Carey; Miguel Da Costa; Nicol Dippenaar; Kyle Fullerton; Goodman Goqo; Gareth Green; Jonathan Hoal; Donovan King; Simon Pattison-Emms; Shane Renew; Robert Searle; Robert Shough and Kyle Pepper.

SIXTH FORM

written by Kyle Pepper

Housemaster: Mr Ancilloti
Senior Tutor: Mr McMichael
Head of VI Form: Kyle Pepper

This year's Sixth Form has been a highly successful and enjoyable year, with many outstanding achievements. It has had a high level of camaraderie although usually late at night as opposed to first thing in the morning! The sixth formers have participated and excelled in a wide range of activities and have been on several cultural tours during the course of the year.

We started with a team building trip to Zingela which allowed everybody to get to know each other a bit better as we had six new additions to the "originals." The trip included white water rafting, abseiling, some rather unusual 4x4 driving and a 'foofi' slide. The guys also managed to do some river surfing in the stoppers which is quite a tricky business. I think few will forget my facial expressions as I went out of one rapid in the roast chicken position to be ground on the numerous rocks, buttocks first! Mr Ancilloti will not forget, I am sure, his and Ross Dunlop's sinking experience as the result of some

Our greatest trip this year was probably the Cape Town tour. This consisted of outings to Robben Island, the Houses of Parliament, the Universities of Stellenbosch and Cape Town, Table Mountain and the aquarium. The guys really enjoyed the night life of Cape Town and the highlights of this are better left unsaid. Table Mountain was really amazing as we were fortunate enough to have a really beautiful day. A low light of the trip was the Chinese food poisoning incident which incapacitated most of the group. We also explored the wine farms of Hartzenberg, Simonsig and Thelema which is owned by an old Michaelhousian. The tour was a huge success and many thanks go to those who organized and sponsored it.

Sixth Form this year also

participated in several enrichment courses, including Cooking and Etiquette, Gender Sensitivity, Life Skills, Stress Management and my personal favourite - Public Speaking. Each course had interesting facets and they were thought provoking and very useful in the skills that we acquired from them.

Notable achievements for the year were Warren Hill making the South Africa under 18A Rugby team, Sanele Mkhize

making the Craven week side as well as gaining a sports scholarship to UCT, Kyle Pepper making the Midlands under 18 B side as Captain, and Hendrik Schoeman singing for the Natal Youth Choir. The first sides for Rugby, Cricket, Soccer,

Athletics and Waterpolo all contained Sixth

formers. We also

participated in house

music, house plays, and most other Interhouse competitions.

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SANDY STAMPS ON SANDY ENVELOPES

by David Brereton

Sandy paper on a mahogany desk.

Her slow dancing hand, writing the waltzing letters;

Of love, romance and of sunsets.

Of deep African sunsets,

That smudge the sky's finger painted sun.

That scream; the Bush Baby's cry.

The echoes of wallowing hippos and of lost tree frogs.

Of sound so rich and deep,

Of flickering glow worms and nightjars.

Palm trees shuffling wind, so fresh.

Of the dancing feather pen,

In the deep ink lake,

Platting its letters on the sandy paper,

With a sandy African stamp,

To send it away.

Winner: Rector's Verse

THE HOMECOMING

"I'm over this place. I've had it. I can't wait to get out of here and start my own life".

These are words that I hear often, especially in the stressful times when exams take place. I hear them so often, yet I never seem to get used to them. Each time makes me sad again. Sometimes it gets very bad and I feel almost as if I am caught in something. It takes a lot not to get crushed. What is Michaelhouse in my life? There must be a strong bond that exists between me and these red bricks if a simple little sentence has the power to draw me toward such harsh emotions.

at things from a different point of view and have fallen in love with the school all over again. From my room I hear the constant splashing of the pond. At night, after a draining day, I

listen to that gentle noise and somehow it gives me comfort. When I look out of my dappled window I see the boys, a great variety of boys. I see boys playing, boys laughing, boys enjoying a little time with friends and boys enjoying some time to themselves. When I look up, just slightly, I see the hills of the valley looming above the tiled roofs, purple and majestic.

I am truly blessed to be here. I am living a better life than the vast majority of the world. Michaelhouse may not be perfect, but what is? In my opinion, it is as close to perfect as a school can be. That is just how we human beings are. Not a soul will compliment or congratulate you, but the minute you make a mistake, everyone is there to point it out to you. We are fascinated by everything that is bad and are quick to let go of all the good. We focus on the discordant and blow it out of proportion instead of being happy with all that we have. The people that are "over this place" haven't been in a hearing where the boy is pleading for his future at this school, the parents humiliating themselves in order to secure some kind of foothold for their sons. When you come that close to losing what you do have, you quickly focus on the good.

I have seen these bonds breaking the boundaries of people who are at school here. On an occasion after my father had spent a day roaming the quadrangles, I noticed that he was somewhat reserved. I enquired as to what the cause of this was and was astonished to hear him say with a hint of raw emotion that he wished he had been at Michaelhouse. I only have the third term left here to leave my mark. The sands are racing through the hour glass and I will disappoint no-one, not my parents, not my peers and certainly not myself. We cannot achieve much with a negative mindset; my wish is just that everyone else would realise that. Cynicism, no matter how playful, gets us nowhere.

PETRUS BADENHORST

Winner: Old Boys' Essay

Oliver Payn.

The final year of a pupil's life at Michaelhouse is the hardest. There has been much that I have had to sacrifice, but being placed up in the small tower overlooking the Main Quad has been a blessing of immense proportions. I have learnt to look

I have spent my happiest days here at Michaelhouse. Life's greatest virtues have been taught to me here, the virtues I wish to stand for: dignity and integrity. I always marvel at how all the people that leave miss Michaelhouse dearly, even the people who alleged to loathe it while they were here. Four

years ago I left my home in Johannesburg to attend this special place that has won its place in my heart. Soon I will be leaving

Michaelhouse to return home, or will I be
leaving home again?

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This poem was written the night after a beautiful wedding. The bride was the daughter of an old family friend, who died in 1999. The poem deals with the daughter's (the bride's) thoughts and dealings with her mother's death, and the loss of her childhood dream: To have her mother at her wedding. The poem also deals with the actions the mother takes, from heaven, to see the wedding.

A STOLEN MOMENT

by David Brereton

The very heaven which allows all love,

And all dreams,

Allowed an angel not her child's dream.

But, while sleeping a moment,

Secretly stole the mother,

Her child's dream.

And with a beautiful epiphany of love,

And the stolen wish,

She parted the clouds to watch.

Her daughter,

Now today's split of eternity

A beautiful wife...

A heavenly window of desperation,

Allowed the lost mother to gaze at her daughter,

Who was still and longing

For the unaware weeping presence of her mother.

She's a little girl,

Alone in the sensed void of her childhood dream,

Which, to her,

Was stolen so by the clouds.

Although it was the clouds who, against God's wishes,

Let her mother, from heaven, view paradise.

Breaking heart and one tear,
For the criminal act of a desperate love,
And a lost dream,
For her found position in heaven...
Given away for one split instant.
But a tear from heaven;
A tear from an angel,
On her daughter's eye,
Revived gently.
Rolled free.

Running blue into her dreamt void,
To fill her heart with quietude.

Winner: Rector's Verse

Rory McComb.

Jono Adams.

Leighton Peck.

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The Michaelhouse Choir started the year with 151 boys who all wanted to sing. At present, it is 82 members strong, a much easier although, still big, group to work with. The choir performed at most Sunday evening chapel services, providing new pieces on a weekly basis. The choir master was approached by Richard Cock to perform at "Starlight Classics" in Johannesburg during the September holidays. Mr Cock came to assess the choir and was very impressed with the enthusiasm and speed with which the choristers were able to learn new pieces. The concert went ahead and proved to be a marvellous event for the boys to be a part of. They performed with the Johannesburg Festival Orchestra, The Black Tie Ensemble, and Yvonne Chaka Chaka. A big stage was constructed on the grounds of the Johannesburg Country Club and the audience brought picnic baskets and sat on the grass enjoying the music in the early evening. On the first night there were 6 500 people from the general public and on the second an equal amount consisting of Rand Merchant Bank staff and clients who attended the concert.

, Mr du Toit in Greece.

Due to the required preparation for Starlight Classics the annual carol service camp was dedicated to rounding off the music required for the Johannesburg performances. The carol service will take a lighter approach this year, still with beautiful Christmas songs.

A number of our boys did well in external music exams which were squeezed in amongst the many other activities that took place at Michaelhouse during the course of the year. For the Royal Schools Of Music exams, Brent Black, only in D Block, achieved a distinction in both grade VI piano and grade VIII saxophone.

Aubrey Ngcungama received a distinction for grade VII vocal and Timothy Thring, a distinction for grade V piano. (For the Trinity College Of Music exams, Matthew Short received a high merit for his grade VII vocal exam; Harry Inglis received a high

Michael-Giles Coyle on tour

Inglis

merit for his grade VII piano exam and Craig Briggs a pass for

grade VII vocal. Bjarni Margeirsson received a pass for grade VII piano whilst Gareth Potgieter received a high merit for both grade IV piano and grade V vocal.

Bjarni Margeirsson, a B block pianist, participated in the 3rd National Piano Competition and made it through to the semi-final round. Brent Black entertained a very appreciative audience during his own lunch hour concert at the Tatham Art Gallery on 8 June 2003, playing his saxophone and being accompanied by Rita Deysel. Also at the Tatham Art Gallery, Harry was invited to perform at the prize winners concert based on his results in the Pietermaritzburg Eistedfodd. On 10th September 2003 three of our Michaelhouse boys once again took the Tatham Art Gallery's stage: Bjarni Margeirsson, Derek Saunders and Aubrey Ngcungama entertained with selections from their singing and piano repertoires.

The KwaZulu-Natal Youth Choir was

fortunate to be able to travel to Greece in the mid-year holidays, eight members of which were Michaelhouse boys. They participated in the 21st Sacred Choral Competition in Preveza, a beautiful port city, where the choir came fourth in the chamber choir category and second in the youth choir category. They also won the prize for the best folklore program out of the 26 choirs from 16 different countries. The tour lasted for 21 days and was filled with interesting tours of the ruins of ancient Greek civilizations, cruises to various Greek islands, two sleep-over visits in Athens which was already selling Olympics 2004 memorabilia, and top notch accommodation.

The standard at the Interhouse Music Competition was very high this year doing justice to the panel of judges adjudicating the event. The adjudicators were Ilze van der Walt (Director of Music from Treverton College), Fran Winckworth (principal of Nottingham Road Primary), Dr Ross Conrad (theory specialist and UNISA examiner), Benjamin Fourie (head of classical piano studies at University of Natal) and John Roos who chaired the committee (examiner for UNISA and international adjudicator). The evening saw Baines House winning the overall trophy with Mackenzie and Founders coming a very close second and third. The winners of the solo category were Brent Black in first place, Craig Briggs in second place and

Jacques-Francois du Toit in third.

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written by Gerard du Toit

During the first term of 2003 the Michaelhouse Music Department underwent an external audit. This was done by Hein de Villiers, now retired, who was the external moderator for all IEB music exams. His findings were, that the Music Department is run capably and has not been as active as it is currently, since its inception in 1976.

Opening of the
Choral Competition.

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JAZZBAND

written by Rainer von Schlichting

Four of the aims which were set for the band over a period of two years have been achieved:

1. Extending the band: A set of 3 Djembies (African Drums), a talking drum, a penny whistle and traditional seed and calabash shakers have been bought during the 2002 December holidays and have found their way into the existing band repertoire. Another important musical addition to the band is the percussion stand which was played on for the first time at the "All That Jazz" Evening on 6 September. Two singers have started to perform more regularly with the band. These vocal numbers prove to be very popular.

2. High standard and good quality of music: The musicians have gained a lot of musical interpretation skills, performance is more musical and better structured and professionalism in performance etiquette has improved.

3. Including African numbers into the repertoire: The

repertoire is still growing and a few African numbers have now been incorporated into the band repertoire.

4. Improving the technical aspects of the band: Several microphones and cables, a monitor speaker and a bass amplifier were bought during this year. We have also "appointed" a sound technician, a Michaelhouse pupil, who is regarded as an official band member and attends rehearsals and performances.

Although the band members were disappointed at the beginning of the year about the UK / Dubai tour having been postponed, good work has been done. The band performed at Prize Giving during the

first term and for Open Days, but due to sickness and bad weather, some of the regular events this year had to do without the band. On the agenda for this year were also a CD Recording, the annual "All That Jazz" evening and a Band trip to the National Youth Jazz Festival in Grahamstown, a fund raiser concert in Howick, an outreach concert at Sunfield

Home in Howick, as well as a couple of other performances in and around Michaelhouse.

The Jazz Band tour to the UK, which was initially planned for this year, will now take place in June / July 2004. It will still be organized in conjunction with Mr John Tungay from the Rotary Club of Howick and Hilton, and we hope to raise R400 000 for an AID's project in the Midlands and the Michaelhouse Adult Literacy Programme. While the tour will proceed under the banner of the Michaelhouse Jazz Band, we hope to be accompanied by Marcus Henning and wife Sandra (Sound Technician and Singer) and two young men from The Red Shoes (traditional Zulu dancers) who will provide support during concerts. The programme will have mainly an African flavour, but will also include many of the popular Western jazz favourites.

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written by Dionne Redfern

Lennie), Edem Ayivi-Akpagana (as George) and Tiisetso Tsiki (as Candy) must get special mention. Edem is a D Block boy with no drama training at all and he pulled off his lead role with aplomb. The play, being a serious drama, was challenging and demanding for the actors.

On 28th August, as a follow-on to the play we saw in the first term, Ellis Pearson and Bheki Mkwana brought their latest show "The Hidden" to the theatre.

In September, a production of "Disgrace" was brought to MHS exclusively for our matric pupils who are studying the book as a set-work. Given the discussion generated after the show, I believe it was a worthwhile exercise.

The final show for the year, A HANDFUL OF KEYS, was a show-stopper. Acclaimed performers Ian von Memerty and Roelof Coelyn, were simply superb. The show was very well supported by the community and the evening a most enjoyable one.

In terms of maintenance and repairs, the curtain has been replaced and one new 650watt profile light bought. All the lighting bars on stage are now in pristine condition too. The apron stage has also had a solid front added to it.

The ever-popular Ellis Pearson and Bheki Mkwana visited the theatre in the first term with their production of THE HUNGRY. Once again, their vibrant, creative form of theatre was enjoyed by the boys.

At the end of the first term, the Interhouse Plays took place. With the standard improving every year, the competition is fiercely fought. This year the honours went to the following:
Best Play: Baines
Best Actor: Tiisetso Tsiki
Best Director: Clinton Rautenbach
Best Novice: Jacques-Francois du Toit

As part of the Old Boys Centennial Gaudy in the second term, the hit show EXTRAVAGANZA starring Aaron McIlroy and Lisa Bobbert was staged at Michaelhouse on

2nd May. Well known for their shows such as ABBA MANIACS, THE LOSER and BELLY LAUGHS, this comic show highlighted moments from their previous performances and had the audience in stitches.

GREEN MAMBA was billed as a "satirical comedy with a venomous bite". Starring one of our Old Boys, John van der Ruit and Ben Voss, this show played to packed houses nationwide and was very well-received by the boys. Nothing in the not-so-new South Africa was safe from a savage send-up in this hilarious, clever and incisive show.

At the end of the second term, we held a Variety Show and invited pupils from Howick High, Clifton and Maritzburg College to participate. While some of the items were of a high standard, the show was generally not as good as last year. Part of the problem was the number of interhouse activities scheduled for that week, a large number of which were in the theatre. Rehearsal time was cut to a minimum.

Also, following so soon after the exams, the boys were not at their most creative.

In the third term, rehearsals got under way immediately for "Of Mice and Men". Putting the show together in three weeks is quite frankly, hectic - but we do so to accommodate parents coming down for Speech Day. I wonder if this is worthwhile, given that relatively few parents ended up booking. What a pity that the boys received such support - they were superb and produced a very fine performance. Selwyn Penny (as

THEATRE AWARDS:

Van Velden Trophy for greatest contribution to Drama:
Rory McKenna (seated, right)

W A van der Walt
Trophy for Best
Novice:

Edem Ayivi-
Akpagana
(standing, left)

F S Bishop
Memorial Trophy
for Best Actor:

Selywn Penny
(seated, left)

Theatre Technical
Captains for 2004:

Tim Craib and
Jerome Gristwood

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INTRODUCTION

written by John Brownell

Responsible Members of Management: Mr John Brownell
Chairman of the Association of Club & Society Activities:

Mr Peter Dennyson

Michaelhouse is a busy school. It is also a country-based boarding school which necessitates the ample provision of constructive recreational activities. Clubs and societies play an important role in this respect and all boys are expected to become involved.

During 2003 we saw a remarkable number of active clubs and societies - forty-four in all - including a number of new ones such as Wood Turning; Tight Head (which makes perfect sense to rugby players!); the Supper Club (which opened its doors to culinary creativity of a group of B Blockers); the Interact Society with its Rotary affiliation, the Health Club; Calligraphy; Art and Architecture and a number of others.

Within the broad selection of clubs and societies on offer there were opportunities for all boys to become involved in a host of outdoor activities; to learn new physical, practical and communication skills; to involve themselves in service projects; to explore their appreciation and understanding of music, culture, sport and history; or simply to be part of organized recreational activities. There was something for everyone and whilst it was not possible for all boys to have equal access to all activities on offer, any boy who was really keen to be involved would have found a niche in which he could explore and broaden his interests. It is sad that there are always some who allow many opportunities to pass them by.

For the sake of brevity we have chosen in this report to highlight only the activities of a number of the new clubs and societies which emerged during 2003 and a few of the old favourites. Each offers something unique and underlines in equal measure the skills and enthusiasm of staff and pupils alike.

For the record, the other clubs and societies which functioned during the year are listed below in alphabetical order: African Affairs, Alas (Music appreciation), Agriculture, Archives, Board Games, Body Boarding and Surfing, Business, Chess, Road Cycling, Debating, Disc Jockey, Film, First Aid, Fly Tying, Forum, French, Group of Independent Thinkers, Hoops, Hunting, International Cooking and Etiquette, Jazz Band, Mathematics, Model Building, Mountain Bike, Photographic, Pietas, Rugby Referees, Salt Water fishing, Scuba Diving, Sky Diving, Toastmasters, Theatre Technology, Trout fishing,

Variety (music), Venture, Volley Ball and Wine Appreciation.

Sincere thanks are extended to all staff who have given so generously of their time and expertise to provide opportunities for the growth and development of the interests of our boys.

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THE SUPPER CLUB

Staff Member in Charge: Mrs C Cook
Number of Boys: 17

The aim of this society was to provide Michaelhouse boys with the opportunity to plan, prepare and enjoy a meal around the dining room table within a home. This necessitated the formation of a small group because the average kitchen cannot accommodate too many sizable Michaelhouse boys in action. There were, however, many budding cooks wanting to develop their skills. A compromise was to form two groups with each dinner party alternating turns. The groups were eventually limited to eight and nine boys. Nine or ten sets of hands in one kitchen is still stretching resources and space and it was after the first meeting that the Supper Club was dubbed "The Crowded Kitchen".

Italian Cuisine was the theme for the meetings held during the first quarter: Carpaccio Simonetta and Pesto and Sliced Almond Baked Feta for the Starters; a Naked Chef Penne Carbonara served with Herbed Salad and Ciabata bread for the Main Course; and home-made Cassata for dessert. Although each group's cooking provided a flavour of its own, these are some of the images that remain from these meetings. After the initial horror at eating raw meat and the "boys own" fun of sharpening knives, Lex Trickett was made responsible for the Carpaccio and acquitted himself commendably. We enjoyed thinly shaved beef fillet delicately flavoured by lemon juice, parmesan, olive oil, salt and pepper. Justin Grice and Carlo Nusca, although initially a little fearful and reticent in the kitchen, produced lovely baked feta served with a yoghurt and mustard dressing. The cooking of the smoky pancetta for the Carbonara, was left to the Afrikaners in the group, Nicol Dippenaar, Frans Maartens and Hendri Stander. They felt more comfortable outside next to the Weber than in the kitchen. As it was summer and still warm and light, we were able to enjoy these meals Alfresco.

In winter, we were all forced in doors but chose to cook our main meals on the Weber so as to spread the cooking areas from the kitchen. The first group started with Baked Philadelphian Cream Cheese and Salsa served with herbed toast. A whole beef fillet left to rest in a palm marinade was seared on the coals. There were some anxious moments when our fire making skills proved poor. I vividly remember Sanvir Pillay battling heroically amid clouds of smoke. Sanvir

is also most adept at chopping herbs finely. The alternate group started the evening with a Sea Food Bisque. They had

Supper Club.

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planned butterflied leg of lamb marinated in yoghurt and they managed to produced crisply seared and succulently pink-centred meat. Stuart Corbishley produced a rich but tasty mushroom cream sauce. Besides learning to make crispy roast potatoes, neither group was particularly interested in recipes for the cooking of vegetables. I did insist that a medley of green vegetables was necessary to complement the meat! Both groups ended the meal with Irish / Kuhle Coffees and chocolate.

The boys who attended this society seemed to gain great pleasure from creating good food and having time to sit together to share these creations. As coordinator, I was hard pressed to provide sufficient opportunities for the number of boys wanting to do just this. Good friends and good food have been proven, over time, to be excellent companions.

INTERACT CLUB

Staff Members in Charge: Rainer & Elke von Schlichting

The Michaelhouse Interact Club started as a direct result of the planned Jazz Band 2003 Tour to the UK. Following the suggestion by Mr John Tungay of the Howick / Hilton Rotary Club, all band members agreed to start an Interact Club at Michaelhouse.

Due to the tour being postponed to 2004, it was decided to open up the newly established club to other Michaelhouse boys. Currently the band members are the only Interact members through their involvement in preparation for their overseas trip. Several boys and staff

members though have become actively involved in discussing and brainstorming ideas for possible fund-raising projects. A hugely successful meeting was held with Mr. Tungay, Mr Pratsch (Moorriver Rotary) and the Interact representative from Howick / Hilton. The first project - selling teddy bears with Michaelhouse and Hilton scarves at the MHS/Hilton Game this term - has been successfully completed, and the profit of about R1 500 will be used to get the Interact Club off the ground. The Interact Club is currently underway to establish the successful "My School" Project at Michaelhouse.

CALLIGRAPHY

Staff Member in Charge: Mr V Kurz
Membership: 20 boys

The Oxford Study Dictionary defines calligraphy as the "art of beautiful writing" and that is precisely what a group of boys have been producing this past year.

The art of calligraphy, long thought to be the preserve of monks and Gothic script writers of yesteryear, is alive and well in the Balgowan valley. This year has seen two courses presented by Mr V Kurz with a group of boys learning the rudiments of the Gothic font. Whether it be a Birthday or Valentine's Day card or just being able to improve upon the neatness of one's notebooks, the advantages of being able to use calligraphy, are enormous. Apart from being taught the formation of letters in the lower and upper case, the basic skills of embellishment were taught too.

From shaky and splodgy beginnings, many a boy transformed his writing until a beautiful piece of writing filled a page, something of which even the monks of yore would have been proud!

Yes, you may argue, our computers can generate the font perfectly for us, so why learn this particular art-form? Few would argue with the fact, though, that it's far better to be a grandstand spectator at the Rugby World Cup than a passive spectator in your livingroom at home! Learning the art (and life-skill) of precise and beautiful writing is indeed the "write" thing to do.

HEALTH CLUB

Staff member in charge: Mr E de Klerk

Chairman: Stuart Jardine

Course leader: Mr Bruce Witherspoon

We have been very fortunate to have Mr Bruce Witherspoon close at Michaelhouse to assist with the running of the Schools Fundamental Health & Fitness Diploma this year. We've been meeting on Wednesday afternoons for lectures in the KLT or practical demonstrations in the Gym. The boys that are involved with the programme are all C Block and higher.

The course has eight modules and covers a lot of topics: from Basic Anatomy to the use of equipment and safety. The boys will be writing a formal exam at the end of this year and will be issued with a Diploma that qualifies them to work as a Floor instructor in a Gym. It has been very interesting and we will be running another course at the start of next year.

MOUNTAIN BIKING CLUB

Staff Member in charge: Mr Andrew Brown
Chairman: Rory McKenna
Membership: 4 Active Members

This Society was formed in the 2002 and involves a recreational Friday afternoon ride. Most of the rides are a very manageable 15km. The beautiful immediate surrounding area

of Michaelhouse is explored off-road and on single track as much as possible. It is a relatively small society with only 4 active members. There are advantages of being small such as being able to interact with the boys in a personal and relaxed way outside the classroom and formal sport. However, since it is a very small Society, it is likely to be combined with the Road Cycling Society next year. Rory McKenna has been a most committed Chairman and set a wonderful example over the last two years.

TIGHT HEAD SOCIETY

Staff member: Mr G Ferreira
Chairman: Rowan Stuart
Number of boys: 10

The aim of the society is to give boys, who have an interest in rugby, the opportunity to be involved with the game off the field. Most of the activities took place during the rugby season when the boys analyzed Michaelhouse matches statistically. Since most of the analysts are very inexperienced, most of the statistics were unreliable, but hopefully their efforts will assist the coaching staff as the boys gain experience in future. The boys also viewed rugby matches on television.

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RUGBY REFEREES' SOCIETY

Staff Member in Charge: Mr J Crawford
Chairman: Shaun Griffin
Number of Members: 25

In this the society's second year we were very fortunate to have a core of already qualified referees on our books. Shaun Griffin was an absolute pillar of strength in so many ways. He assisted the less experienced, organised meetings, helped with the Beginners course and the Touch Judging course and volunteered to referee as many games as was physically possible for him to do. Louis de Jager and Charlie Pryce both developed into very competent referees and the school was fortunate to have them available to assist on Saturdays. All three have a very good manner on the field and gained the respect of all the teams that they were in charge of.

A large group of enthusiastic beginners joined our society and regularly attended the meetings and in the end really did well in the Beginners exam. They also run touch for many of our home matches, which made the coaches and referees job so much easier. These members will be able to do the Level One course which we will run early next year. Once they have completed that, they will be in line to referee games. From our Beginners Course, all 23 got above 73% with Simon Halvey getting a creditable 97%.

WOOD TURNING SOCIETY

Staff Member in Charge: P Fleischack

This society meets on Friday afternoons. To date the main activity has been bowl-turning.

A number of boys (Josh Butt, Rudi van Rooyen, Barry Schiever, Sven Gustafsson, have completed their first bowls, while Gareth Porrill has turned two.

Most of these have been sanded, varnished and taken home. A few are waiting to be turned again when they have dried.

Members of the club visited John Early,

The Woodturner in the Dargle who demonstrated various techniques. John then attended one of our meetings to assist. We are most grateful to John Early for his input and for the timber which he has supplied and to Tony Porrill who commandeers all fallen Jacaranda Trees in Ladysmith and

transports these to Balgowan for our use.

VARIETY SOCIETY

Staff member in charge: MrJ van Rooyen
Chairman: JanBreet
Numberof boys: 14

The variety society was formed in 2003. The aim of the society is to expose its members to a variety of multi-cultural experiences. The hope is that the boys will learn and appreciate different cultural experiences whilst at the same time having fun. Membership is currently at 14 with a waiting list of interested pupils. This year we have only been able to go on one outing due to other commitments by its members. This was a highly successful trip to a local restaurant where the members were able to sample foods from all over the world, as well as local cuisine. Our thanks are expressed to Jan Breet for all his efforts and for carrying out his duties efficiently.

VOLLEYBALL CLUB

Master-in-charge: Mr. A C Murugen
Number of members: 6

The Volleyball Club proved to be more popular than expected, especially among the E and D Blockers. Members would meet on random afternoons after sport practices.

Although many boys have never played the sport before, remarkable talent was shown and I think that the club could develop into a recognized sport at Michaelhouse. The club also proved to be very popular with staff members, although Mr Jaap van de Vegte always seemed to be on the losing team! The club was not as active in the second half of the year due to weather conditions, but boys were always keen to meet, even if it meant playing 2-a-side volleyball. Many of the boys were quite surprised when it was explained to them that the game of volleyball is the second largest, most played team sport in the world, behind football. Our goal for next year is to try and increase the number of members so that we may be able to compete against other schools.

CYCLING CLUB

Staff: Mr J v/d Vegte
Chairman: Dylan Currie
Numberof members: 7

The 1st year of the Cycling Club was very successful. The Club caters for a wide range of on-road and off-road cycling activities. Boys who wish to participate in on & off road racing and in Tri-athlons and Du-athlons involving cycling, can do so as members of this Club. Andrew Brown [MIC of the Mountain Bike Club] and myself have purchased a four bike rack, attached it to the

School 14-seater, which will help us get the bikes to the venues

of races. A design for a cycling shirt and pants has been approved by the Games Committee, but it difficult to get the shirts and shorts made up if you order small numbers. We hope to overcome this problem in 2004.

Here is a list of the races that the Club participated in:-

1. Jowets 50/90 km MidMar Challenge

Dylan Currie completed the 90 km race;

Matthew Devonport (3rd) & Mark Bland (5th) completed 50 km race.

2. 80 km Colorado Crunch Race at Cato Ridge Westville (Cycling Club)

Dylan Currie & Paul McIntosh completed the 80 km race.

3. The Hermannsberg MudMan Tri-athlon.: (600 m dam swim; 20 km off-road cycle & 5 km run)

Selwyn Penny came 3rd in the U18 event and Simon Acutt (swim); Ian Duxbury (ride) & Julian Pearse (run) came 1st in the U16 section. Mr v/d Vegte came 11th in the veterans section.

4. Belgotex Tour of Maritzburg 100/65 km.

Matthew Devonport, Mark Bland, Miguel Da Costa, Paul McIntosh, Mr v/d Vegte & Richard Clay finished the 100 km race. Andrew Locket and Guy Robertson finished the 65 km race.

5. Pick & Pay Cape Argus Cycle Classic 100 km

Paul McIntosh and Miguel Da Costa completed the Argus. Dylan Currie withdrew due to mechanical problems.

Comments by the Chairman: Dylan Currie

2003 saw the successful birth of the Cycling Club. The highlight of the season was when Matthew Devonport (3rd) and Mark Bland (5,h) competed for line honours in the final spring of the 50 km Midmar Knotts race. The Colorado Crunch saw Miguel Da

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Costa taking an unscheduled stop due to dehydration, with the team bus speeding to his rescue. Miguel was in the wars again, in the Belgotex 100 km Tour of Pmb, when he slid into a railing. I had a poor season pulling out of the Belgotex (cramps) and the Cape Argus (mechanical problems). I had fun and would like to thank Mr v/d Vegte for his enthusiasm and organization during the year.

And some old favourites:

TOASTMASTERS SOCIETY

Staff members in charge: Mr A Cook, Mr & Mrs C Esprey

Chairman: Louis de Jager

Secretary: Simon Pattison-Emms

Sergeant-at-Arms: Robert Johnson

Twenty five new members were admitted to the Society for 2003. Our first meeting was the traditional Icebreakers Evening when new members are asked to introduce themselves to the society.

As always, the range of styles on such an evening is interesting and it was clear from the confidence of most of the recruits that 2003 was going to be an entertaining year for Toastmasters.

Our Guest Speaker for the first meeting of 2003 was Mr Viktor Kurz, the new Head of Mathematics, who showed us that he is an accomplished orator and made even the least numerate of us feel that we were missing out on one of life's great mysteries - numbers!

Owing to the number of boys in the society (37) having a guest speaker was a luxury we could ill-afford if we were to give everyone an opportunity to speak, so for the rest of the year we went without that stimulus. Instead, Mrs Esprey ran a very useful and relevant workshop on the art of "Impromptu Speaking" which benefited our lads greatly. Boys who had been left agawp after 45 seconds, by the end of the year, had to be dragged kicking and screaming from the podium.

The rest of the year consisted of the bi-termly meetings and the standard of speaking was laudable. The innovation of recognizing a speaker each meeting as having succeeded in delivering a more unusual speech by awarding him the 2002 Toastmasters' Gavel worked well. At the annual Parents and Sons evening this floating trophy was awarded to Duncan Somerville for 2003. Other prize winners on that evening included the following:

The Jack Crutchley Trophy for the Best Speaker: Tiisetso Tsiki
The John Pluke Trophy for the Most Improved Speaker: Justin Grice

The Dudley Forde Trophy for the Toastmaster who contributed most to the society: Rob Johnson.

Because mothers were invited to this occasion for the first time, our numbers were such that we held the dinner in the Memorial Hall. It was a lovely evening at which Messrs Gristwood and Damm spoke for the parents and Mr David Rattray won the Impromptu competition. All the boys who spoke made their parents proud and this continues to be the highlight of our year.

As usual, there are numbers of people who make our evenings so enjoyable. The band of waiters who serve our dinner; Mandy Rouillard the Functions coordinator; the Kitchen Management who provide us with delicious meals, all would be sorely missed

and are sincerely thanked for their efforts. Our Senior Prefect spoke brilliantly at Speech Day and all the boys continue to uphold the standards that have been set by their predecessors, helping to make this a society that really adds value to a Michaelhouse education. I wish all those leaving the society all the best for their futures.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: Mr SP McMurtry
Assistant Master: Mr R Snowden
Chairman: Michael-Giles Coyle

The Debating Society trophy cabinet groans with the weight of silverware won this year and the "Class of 2003" extended Michaelhouse's formidable reputation in the intellectual cut and thrust of schools' debating in South Africa. The Michaelhouse 1 Team maintained their unbeaten record in the Midlands Debating League and were crowned 2003 League Champions, defeating Wembley College in the League Finals. The winning team, comprising Michael-Giles Coyle, Scott Joscelyne, Bruce Curtin and Charles Pryce, qualified as the Midlands "A" Team which competed in the KZN Provincial Championships in Eshowe. Craig Briggs was the No. 1 debater in the Midlands "B" Team at the same event. The KZN Provincial Championships were held in Eshowe from 15 to 17 August.

Twenty-six teams from all over the province contested the Championships and Michaelhouse was represented by Michael-Giles Coyle, Bruce Curtin, Scott Joscelyne and Charles Pryce. In addition, Craig Briggs emerged as the top speaker in the Midlands Composite Team. After 5 gruelling preliminary rounds of debating in two days, which included victories over Glenwood

and DHS, Michaelhouse qualified for the Finals to debate against Westville Girls High. Michaelhouse opposed the motion "This House believes that torture is an acceptable means of gaining information from terrorists" and won the debate and the title of KZN Provincial Champions for 2003. Of the 115 debaters at the Championship, Michael-Giles Coyle achieved the ranking of Number 1 speaker in the Province, a truly outstanding performance. Scott Joscelyne achieved a provincial ranking of Number 7 and Bruce Curtin Number 22.

By virtue of their performance at the Championships, all three speakers were awarded their KZN Provincial Colours for Debating and represented the KZN "A" Team at the South African National Championships held at Kearsney in September. Shaun McMurtry coached the KZN "A" Team, which included Michaelhouse boys Michael-Giles Coyle and Bruce Curtin. The KZN "A" Team won all but one of their five preliminary round debates, emerging into the Quarter-Final knockout stage as the

KZN DEBATING

Standing: S Joscelyne, C Pryce
Seated: M-G Coyle, Mr S McMurtry, B Curtin

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second ranked team, behind Western Province, and the KZN "B" Team in fourth position. Against all expectations, all four top ranked provincial teams lost in the Quarter-Finals and were excluded from further competition. Our boys performed brilliantly yet again and Michael-Giles achieved a South African National ranking of 10 and Bruce Curtin was placed at number 35 in the country!

Not to be outdone by their senior counterparts, the Junior A Team (Cullum Allen, Simon Gowans and Richard Finlay) also came top of their age division in the Midlands Debating League, winning every round in which they have debated, and we have a whole crop of promising young debaters who will ply their trade at senior level in 2004. Cullum Allen, Justin Halley-Stott, Mandla Masinini have been awarded Best Speaker during the course of the season.

throughout the championships. However, despite their losses in both finals, Founders House managed to accumulate enough points over the three rounds to win the Michaelhouse Debating Trophy as overall winners. The standard of debating was very high throughout the championships and it is obvious from the level of support and involvement that the boys thoroughly enjoy debating.

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INTERNATIONAL COOKING AND ETIQUETTE SOCIETY

Staff Members in charge: R von Schlichting & G du Toit

We were pleased to host St Dominic's College from Welkom and St Michael's from Bloemfontein on their respective tours through KZN. Our First Team maintained their unbeaten record in the season and this against a team that had two of their members attend National Trials in 2002.

It was a disappointment not to have attended the World Individual Debating Championships for the first time in three years, but the timing of the event in early March, and the threat of war looming in Iraq, militated against our attendance. The good news is that the timing of 2004 event in Salt Lake City, USA coincides with our Easter holiday and makes our participation, and that of other South African schools, a viable prospect. We are delighted that the Debating Society continues to hold pride of place in Michaelhouse's extensive cultural programme.

The Interhouse Debating Championships were contested in Junior (D & E Blocks) and Senior divisions (C, B & A Blocks) over three rounds on a knockout basis. Houses are ranked according to individual house members' involvement in the Midlands League and points are accumulated through the various rounds. The overall result is

determined by the combination of points accumulated by both junior and senior teams. The Finals were contested in front of the entire school and Founders were strong favourites to take top honours with both their junior and senior teams having qualified for the finals. However, in the Junior Final, Mackenzie House surprised the favourites and Cullum Allen was awarded the trophy as Junior Best Speaker for the Competition.

In the senior event, the much-fancied Founders side boasted the talents of KZN No. 1 speaker, Michael-Giles Coyle, David Chaplin and Adam McCallum who took on the might of Baines House, ably represented by Scott Joscelyne, Tiisetso Tsiki and James Schuster. The teams debated the motion "This House believes that celebrities have sold their right to privacy" and Baines presented the more convincing argument, thereby winning the senior event. Scott Joscelyne received the trophy for Senior Best Speaker

The ICE Society consists of 20 members in A Block. The aim of this society is to develop skills with regard to catering, cooking, menu planning, budgeting and garnishing techniques, and also to investigate traditional foods of different cultures. This year again proved to be very successful, with a Thai Evening, an informal Chinese Stir Fry, and a special evening with Greek Cuisine at Happy Hills Guesthouse, to name a few.

WINE APPRECIATION SOCIETY

Master-in-charge: MrSP McMurtry
Chairman: Christopher Brown

For the second successive year, the Cape Wine Academy accommodated our request to present lectures of the Preliminary Wine Course on the Michaelhouse Estate. The three 2-hour lectures covered broad areas of the South African Wine industry and comprised a theoretical component and a

tasting session to conclude each presentation. Society members learned about the History of SA Wine, Viniculture, Viticulture and matching wine to food. All 30 members registered for the course and wrote the Preliminary Course Examination. The pass rate of 100% was very pleasing and indicated the seriousness with which the boys viewed the course. Gerard Noel (Tatham), topscored with 87%, followed closely by Michael-Giles Coyle (Founders) on 83% and Thomas Kennedy (Pascoe) on 81 %. All

of the candidates received certificates from the Cape Wine Academy.

The results were announced at a Society meeting on Sunday 4 May, when the members put their newly sanctioned skills to practice. The evening started with a tasting of Simonsig Kaapse Vonkel, a very good example of a Methode Cap Classique sparkling wine. The classic white varietals of Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay met with mixed approval, with most enjoying the toasty oakiness of the latter. The most unusual wine on the tasting sheet was a Hartenberg Zinfandel 1998, which gave the boys an opportunity to savour a wine rare to South African palates but very popular in the USA. We rounded off the evening with a Bordeaux Blend (Kanonkop Kadette) and one of the more reasonably priced Cabernet Sauvignons available, from the Excelsior Estate in Robertson.

It is particularly rewarding when members show tremendous initiative and courage by volunteering to showcase their wine knowledge and public speaking skills in the presentation of their own tasting sessions during the course of the year. Michael-

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Giles Coyle and John Brereton (ably assisted by Aubrey Ngcungama) presented two very informative and entertaining tastings. The first of these was "Wines of the World" during which we tasted chardonnay from Australia, Cabernet Shiraz blends from France, Italy and Spain and an anonymous varietal from Portugal. The proudly South African comparisons held up against their foreign counterparts but everyone agreed that we were, yet again, no match for the rich complexity of Australia. The second explored a range of South African White Varietals, with particular focus on Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay.

The Master-in-Charge complimented the members on their mature and responsible approach this year. They gained a wealth of knowledge about various aspects of wine appreciation and have perhaps developed a new insight on the responsible enjoyment of alcohol.

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TROUTCLUB

written by Paul de Wet

The Trout Club once again enjoyed a busy and active year. The club had some 60 members although only about 20 of these participated with a degree of regularity.

Highlights of the year included:

â€¢ The 48th annual East Griqualand outing where we were again superbly hosted by the Cathcart family. The best fish of the year, a 6 pound rainbow by Warrick Fyn, was taken on the trip.

â€¢ The first Hilton-Michaelhouse Trout competition. This was a fun event with more emphasis on camaraderie than on the final result. Hilton won by a comfortable margin. It is hoped to make this an annual fixture!

â€¢ A fun season opening competition on the Mooi River.

â€¢ Angling author and artist, Tom Sutcliffe enthralled the boys with a wonderful talk on trout fishing in New Zealand.

â€¢ In addition we did many other day trips and enjoyed two evenings watching videos.

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We are extremely grateful to the many friends of Michaelhouse

who allow us access to their magnificent waters.

SKYDIVING

Staff member in charge: Martine De Maroussem

Chairman: Greg Binnie

Number of boys: 15

Despite the ups and downs of Mother Nature throughout the year, and some mechanical problems, the Sky Diving Society has had a productive year 2003.

We have tried to keep a regular pace regarding the number of jumps, by trying to make it a weekly event, but we have often had the odds, in the form of bad weather or mechanical failure, playing against us.

The new Sky Diving group has succeeded the previous one with great zeal, and has showed a high degree of commitment. The society has welcomed up to twelve new boys, among which three stand out for their commitment to the weekly jumps, whenever possible. These boys are Chalky White, Angus Reid and Stefan Rabe. We also had our first casualty when Brynn Morgan had a bone fractured in his left hand, and had to be taken to hospital.

I would like to give special thanks to Greg Binnie for being an excellent liaison between the boys and myself, and I am looking forward to having him as the Society's secretary for a second year in a row.

Rhett Quin
with a nice brown
> trout from
- the Mooi River

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

written by Henry Steere

Staff member in charge: P Fleischack

Chairman: Henry Steere

The Natural History Society has broadened the scope of its activities to include 'Berg Hiking and this year we have been to the top of the 'Berg, climbing up Langalibelele pass. En-route, boys were impressed by the numerous frozen waterfalls and large herds of eland. We spent a night at top of the escarpment, camping in the snow. For most members of the party this was a first; the night turned very cold, freezing the nearby stream, but fortunately the wind did not develop into one of the gales which often occur up there, above 3000m.

Besides Berg Hikes, the society has visited Shongweni Resource Reserve, where boys were taught new rock climbing skills and had wonderful bird-viewing opportunities and the Weenen Game Reserve where we have been on game walks and drives. Plans are afoot to visit other game farms and reserves in the vicinity as we become aware of and are allowed access to these.

Here is a report on one of our trips:

On the weekend of 1st August, the Natural History Society departed for the Giant's Castle region of the Drakensberg. The cold front had mostly passed, but we still found ourselves shivering and, in the middle of a flu break-out, many of us coughing and sniffing as we set off, packs rattling in the back of the combi, to the Drakensberg.

The peaks and plains on the top of the berg glistened with snow in the brilliant morning sun, enticing us as we approached the range through the docile countryside. After a few hours in the bus we reached camp and prepared our packs. Finally, we set off. We were blessed during our stay with nearly perfect weather. Apart from the chill breezes higher up, we had nothing to complain of, and treated ourselves to wondrous views of the vast expanses within the reserve, making our way up the mountain.

Reaching the contour path for lunch, we cooked viennas and enjoyed, hot dogs and biscuits while huddling together on the mountainside. After that savoured respite, we started the climb to the pass. Although not as steep as other passes in the region, the Langlibalele pass was still daunting and left us relieved and very much out of breath when we finally reached the top. Here we made our campsite in the sheltered lee of a hill, and enjoyed

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some free time in the snow. After a warm supper of noodles and hot chocolate we retreated to the refuge of tents and sleeping bags to hide from the bitter cold and piercing wind that swept the plateau through the night.

In the morning we had prayers on the mountainside near the Carabineer's grave, and after our meditation, headed down again. Walking at a brisk pace, we were soon back at camp, completing a successful and well-enjoyed hike. |

MATHS SOCIETY

Staff Member in Charge: Mr MF Ancillotti
Chairman: Mitchell Cowie
Secretary: Christopher Brown
Membership: 12

In the past 4 years I have become very fond of the small group of young men who have been part of the Maths Society a society which is fully endorsed by MENSA and 'SINOF'

(Scholars in need of friends).

Early in the year 2000, quite a long time ago, a small group of D Blockers trekked to my house on a cold and wet evening trying to figure out why they had signed up

for the Maths Society. For many the reason was easy. They had just been too slow signing up for all the cool societies and the Maths Society was the only society with any vacancies.

Upon arrival they soon realised that the hot chocolate was good, the biscuits better and the discussion electrifying. Since then, nothing has changed, including the same brave dozen who are now preparing to leave Michaelhouse and head off into the big wide world.

In the past four years we have discussed problem-solving strategies and gaming strategies; spoken about perceptions and illusions; used technology to illustrate mathematical concepts covered in class or just sat around talking and listening to CD's or watching 'Educational' TV - all the time forging life long friendships.

I will definitely miss this group of dedicated young men and thank Mitchell Cowie and Christopher Brown for their

organisation and control of the society.

ARCHIVES SOCIETY

Staff member in charge
Chairman: Justin Ryder
Secretary: Komla Atta

Mrs P Purchase

We've had quite an active year with a lively band of young archivists, mainly C and D Blockers. Justin Ryder has led with quiet industry, Komla has complemented him by giving strong vocal support. Most of our meetings have been in the Media Centre. We started the year by having a lively discussion on the traditions of Michaelhouse and each person had a strong

viewpoint, especially on the good and the bad of "cacking". At another meeting, each boy came prepared to talk on a historical thing or event associated with Michaelhouse. Ian Crawford's well researched presentation on the main cricket oval and

scoreboard was considered the best. We have also made

posters of the 3 recipients of the St Michael's Award for 2003:

Nic Pougnet, Barry

Streek and Roger
Chennells, researching
old Chronicles for
information.

Our guest speakers

have included Mr
Gilbert Zuma, who
retired as chief driver of
the Michaelhouse fleet,
after 42 years, and
gave us inside
information of various
rectors. Also Colin
Purchase, former

Senior Prefect, 1998, led an informal discussion about his years at Michaelhouse, about prefects, war cries and so on. We held one meeting in the Archives itself where Mrs Heather Cook, the Archivist's assistant, nobly allowed the boys to "investigate" various boxes and files and photograph albums after telling them about her work there. The boys enjoyed a visit to the Natal Museum in Pietermaritzburg but even more so to MacDonalds afterwards, consolidating a more recent tradition of Michaelhouse boys. In the last quarter we are looking forward to an outing to the historic church at Lidgetton, where the archivist,

Mr Mike Thompson, is to lead us followed by an essential stop for nourishment at Suaviter tea garden close by.

BUSINESS SOCIETY

Master in charge: R Drysdale

The Business club has met fairly regularly during the year, but no trading has taken place. This is primarily due to the fact that we have felt it not to be wise to invest large amounts in new shares, but also because the new legal requirements concerning financial transactions have inhibited us to an extent. A new programme has been bought by the school: Market Master. Prices are downloaded daily onto 8 computers, 6 of which are accessible to the boys.

The unit value at the start of this year was 92 cents per unit. On 4 November 2003 the unit price had deteriorated to 81 cents per unit. This represents a loss of 12 % for this year, and an 19 % loss from the time that the trust was created early in 1998.

Fund holdings on 4 November 2003:

100 Anglo American Platinum R29 300

100 Dimension Data 377

200 Richemont 3106

100 Barlow world 6 095

100 Durban Deep 2 075

500 SA Chrome 490

Cash holdings 8318

R49761

The total number of units issued on 4 November 2003 is 61 577. The unit value on that date is therefore R0,81 to buy, and R0,80 to sell.

Club members in 2003 were: Ian Crawford, Duncan Smorfitt, Kyle Thorpe, Paul Brittain, Matthew Carter-Brown, Richard Blore, Mark Ross

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ATHLETICS

Master in charge: Mr George Ferreira
School Captain: Sanvir Pillay

2003 was a very enjoyable athletics year at Michaelhouse. About 15 boys chose athletics as their summer sport. Some of them used training as a vehicle to prepare for their winter sports in 2004. It has been a privilege to work with boys who were willing to sacrifice their time and energy in order to perform at a higher level. It has indeed been very rewarding to witness the joy on their faces whenever a new personal best performance was achieved.

During the first term the following boys took part at the annual Menlopark meeting in Pretoria as part of the Pietermaritzburg and Districts Invitation team: Sanvir Pillay, Jacobus Badenhorst, Pieter Nortje and Ferdi van Niekerk. Pieter Nortje was named as the Junior Victor Ludorum at this meeting. The following results were achieved:

Ferdi van Niekerk:
Pieter Nortje

Sanvir Pillay

1st

1st

3rd

U/14 100m (New record) and 400m
U/14 200m and Long Jump
(New record)

U/14 High Jump
U/17 100m

OTHER RESULTS:

Grey College Invitation Meeting

Pieter Nortje 1st U/14 200m; Long Jump and High
Jump

Ferdi van Niekerk 1st U/14 100m and 400m

KZN Junior Championships

Ferdi van Niekerk 2nd U/15 200m and 400m

Pieter Nortje 2nd U/15 100m and Long Jump

U/15 Relay team 3rd

KZN Sub Youth Championships

Pieter Nortje 1st U/15 Long

200m Hurdles

Ferdi van Niekerk 3rd U/15 100m

Chris Manger 3rd U/15 200m

Jump; High Jump and

USSASA Midlands Championships

Sanele Mkhize 1st U/19 Shot Put

Greg Bawden 1st U/19 800m

Pieter Nortje 1st U/15 200m; High Jump; Long Jump

Michael Diamondis 2nd U/19 100m

Sanvir Pillay 2nd U/17 400m

Jacobus Badenhorst 3rd U/17 Shot Put

Ferdi van Niekerk 4th U/15 400m

USSASA KZN Championships

Pieter Nortje 3rd U/15 200

4th U/15 High Jump

Michael Diamondis 3rd U/19 100m

Inter Provincial Talent Identification Meeting

Pieter Nortje 1st U/15 Long Jump

2nd U/15 High Jump

INTERHOUSE COMPETITION

The Interhouse Competition was of a high standard and new records were set by the following athletes:

Pieter Nortje U/14 200m; 400m; Long Jump;

High Jump; Triple Jump

Carl von Hoesslin U/14 3000m

Drew Dutton U/16 3000m

Stephen Swanepoel U/17 3000m

Rory Me Comb U/19 3000m

Brett Droste U/15 Javelin

Sanvir Pillay U/15 100m; U/15

400m

ATHLETICS

Back row: G Coqo, A Warren-Codrington, C Manger, W Potgieter, M Ngcob
o, P Nortje, B Bruins, T Mdluii, J Badenhorst

Third row: D Freund, J Gallo, C Warren-Codrington, D Dutton, F van Niek
erk, M Sithole

Second row: R Boosi, A Wood, K Waish, G Borrageiro, M Mahieu, N Tho
rpe, J Pearce, C McMurtry

Front row: R McComb, Mr A Black, S Pillay, Mr G Ferreira, G Bawden,
Mr R Drysdale, M Diamondis

The following trophies were awarded:

Senior Victor Ludorum(John Odams

Trophy) - Michael Diamondis

Under 17 Victor Ludorum(Martin Rose

Floating Trophy) - Brett Droste

Junior Victor Ludorum(Paul Nash Trophy)

- Pieter Nortje

Winning house(Eric Strapp Memorial

Trophy) - Pascoe

20 x 100m Combined Age Relay(Jem

Cahill - Pascoe Floating Trophy)

Best Single Field Event(Mike Gledhill

Cup) - Pieter Nortje

Best Single Track Event(Steven

Waidelich Floating Trophy) - Pieter

Nortje

Best Single Performance in Any Event(ST

Evens Trophy) - Pieter Nortje

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Under 19 100m Sprint(D Barford Trophy) -
Sanele Mkhize

Standard Points(John Odams Trophy) - Tatham
Service to Athletics(M Jeffrey Memorial Tray) -
Sanvir Pillay

RELAYS DAY

The 5 Age Relay (Grant Cornish Bowden Floating
Trophy)- Pascoe

4 x 100m Relays (David Chance Floating Trophy)

- Pascoe

Senior 4 x 800m Relay (West 1971 Challenge
Trophy)- Pascoe

Winning House (CRH Harris Floating Trophy) -
Pascoe

The following Age Group Champions received medals:

U/19 Gold: Michael Diamondis â€¢ Silver: Greg Bawden â€¢
Bronze: Tsepo Chabana

U/17 Gold: Brett Droste â€¢ Silver Sanvir Pillay â€¢ Bronze:
James Houghton

U/16 Gold: Christian Stander â€¢ Silver: Julian Pearce â€¢
Bronze: Brandon Bruins

U/15 Gold: Mark Sithole â€¢ Silver: Allesandro

Fiorotto â€¢ Bronze: Mdeni Ngcobo, Charles Warren-
Codrington

U/14 Gold: Pieter Nortje â€¢ Silver: Michel Mahieu â€¢
Bronze: Daniel Freund

The final House standings:

- 1 Pascoe 409,5 points
- 2 West 368,5 points
- 3 East 301 points
- 4 Mackenzie 273 points
- 5 Baines 261,5 points
- 6 Farfield 259,5 points
- 7 Tatham 259 points
- 8 Founders 236 points

A special word of thanks must go to Sanvir Pillay who put in a
tremendous effort as Athletics Captain to assist with the
organizing and who played a major role in enhancing the image

of athletics at Michaelhouse. Mr Rory Drysdale, Mr Andre Black and Mrs Lizel Ferreira also need to be thanked for their unselfish assistance which contributed to the successes of the athletes.

BASKETBALL

written by Carl Pachonick

We were able to field three Open teams during the First Quarter of 2003 and met with mixed success. Largely as a result of the ripple effect of losing four first team players at the end of 2002, all of whom were in the "Stayers" category, all three sides were weakened. However, the boys played with keenness and spirit and during the course of the season achieved some very pleasing results. The situation also allowed certain players from the Second and Third teams to develop sufficiently well to be included in the Stayers First squad in the 4th quarter. Mokgatle Mokgatle who captained the Second team proved to be an inspiration to his team in many ways. When bad weather affected regular practices, he was prepared to arrange extra sessions for his team.

The Under 15 age group, although able to field only one team, contained players with great potential and the side achieved some excellent results. Chas Lee at point guard is a player with huge potential and once he improves his defensive skills, he will become a great player. Mndeni Ngcobo, too has all the attributes to become a powerful post player. His athletic ability and good ball sense are essential ingredients and he simply has to work on his basic ball-handling skills. Pheelo Mofokeng, too, has a great deal of potential ability, but needs to get onto the

BASKETBALL V' TEAM

Back row: R Douwes, C Nusca, G Goqo, S Shelembe, J Dench, C Vronta
mitis

Seated: t Tsiki, T Chabana (captain), Mr C Pachonick, C Marais (vice-ca
ptain), T Khuzwayo

courts in his own time to practise the various basic elements of the game. Ed Akpagana possesses a great turn of speed and an aggressive defense ability - wonderful attributes in this sport and I predict that he will become a player to watch in the future.

The Under 14 age-group is also blessed with some fine prospects for the future. Xillen van Rooyen is a talented athlete and has all the qualities which the game of basketball requires. I believe that he has the ability to go far in the sport. In the First Quarter he was selected for the Midlands Under 14A squad. He and Lawrence Rumble have dedicated many extra hours to developing basic skills and their efforts are beginning to pay dividends. Lawrence captained the team very successfully and at the Midlands trials he impressed the selectors and also gained selection to provincial team. Andile Dzingwa is another Under 14 player who possesses excellent potential and has turned in

some sparkling performances for his team, but needs to dedicate more of his own time to improving the skills required of a post/forward player. Siyabonga Allie is another young player with a great deal of potential. He too has put in a lot of extra time to improve his basics. However, he needs to dedicate more time to defense and footwork. He tends to bring the ball up a little slowly and in the process misses out on the opportunity of fast breaks. Adam Nanji joined the team in the 4th Quarter and has already shown that he has many excellent skills and will, I believe, develop into an excellent player next year. Nhlangano Sokhela has height on his side and has the potential to develop into an extremely valuable post player. However, he will need to work hard at improving his speed and co-ordination. He is as keen as mustard on the sport and will, therefore should make great strides.

FIRST TEAM REPORT

Coach: Carl Pachonick
 Captain: Tsepo Chabana

During 2002, four boys who would undoubtedly have represented the First Team during the past year did not return to

Results:

151 team - Played 10 ~~â€¢~~ Won 4 ~~â€¢~~ Lost 6 ~~â€¢~~ For 256 points ~~â€¢~~ Against 325 points

U15 - Played 8 ~~â€¢~~ Won 3 ~~â€¢~~ Lost 5 ~~â€¢~~ For 154 ~~â€¢~~ Against 214

U14- Played 8 ~~â€¢~~ Won 5 ~~â€¢~~ Lost 3 ~~â€¢~~ For* 180 'Against 184

Opposition V'Team U15A U14A

M,burg College Lost 30-45 Lost 10-39 Won 8-30

Kearsney Lost 21-34 Won 19-32 Lost 10-6

Hilton College Lost 10-24 Won 24-30 Lost 21-20

Lost 26-29 Won 38-12

Weston Won 14-11 Lost 11-13

Treverton Won 27-25 Won 12-2

St Albans Lost 31-44 Lost 49-18 Lost 61-6

St Charles Lost 31-68 Lost 21-35 Won 23-24

Alexandra High Won 39-36 Lost 20-33 Won 26-24

Howick High Won 27-9

Carter Won 30-25

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Michaelhouse at the beginning of 2003. Three of the four were particularly good players and would have been in the starting five. Consequently, the side lacked experience and played some of the top sides in the province early in the first term.

The plan was then to develop a sound defense system, to curtail the scores of our opposition and in the process create frustration which could then provide us with scoring opportunities. The team responded superbly to the challenge and although we ended the season with a losing record, winning only 4 of the ten matches played, the players grew in stature during the year.

Special mention needs to be made of the captain, Tsepo Chabana who was an inspirational leader. He was missed during the first few matches of the first quarter due to injury which placed further pressure on the side, but on his return made up for his absence by turning in some really good performances. The vice captain of the side,

Chris Marais showed huge improvement from the previous season and accepted the challenge of having to oppose bigger players than himself in the teams we played against, by rebounding superbly at both ends of the court. Tiisetso Tsiki who had played Second Team basketball in 2002 was another young player who made great strides and by the end of the season was an important cog in the team. Tshediso Khuzwayo was the team's point guard and following his industrious off-season training the previous year, established himself as an integral member of the team. Siyabonga Shelembe played in the post position and throughout the season displayed great character and was impressive in the way in which he endeavoured to improve his skills. His efforts, along with those of his team mates were all well rewarded in our last game of the season against Alexandra High from Pietermaritzburg. Alex had previously lost only to St Charles and were undoubted favourites to beat Michaelhouse in Balgowan. However, the Michaelhouse boys seemed to have saved the best for last and in a wonderful display of gutsy, controlled basketball and marvellous defense defeated the fancied visitors by 3 points in a tense, exciting encounter. Sincere appreciation is extended to the team members for their support, effort and "never give up" attitude. It certainly paid off in the end!

Regular Players:

Tsepo Chabana (Captain), Chris Marais (Vice Captain), Tiisetso Tsiki, Tshediso Khuzwayo, Siyabonga Shelembe, Carlos Nusca, Chris Vrontamitis, Ryan Douwes, Jonathan Dench and Goodwill Goqo. (Ashley Stowell also represented the team on one occasion.)

CANOEING

Master-in-charge: A M Redfern & R Snowden

Captain: N Dippenaar

Vice Captain: J Greene

Secretary: S Griffin

CANOEING TEAM

Back row: K Wood. R Acutt. M Worratt. S Penny. D Chaplin. M Tatham. T Stavndes

Front row: M Lawrence. S Griffin, N Dippenaar, Mr A Redfern, J Greene. S Jardine, S Bird

The domestic season started in earnest in the new year with the annual Dusi Canoe Marathon. Michaelhouse was represented by 13 school boy crews and a staff crew made up of Mr Redfern and Mr Wielenga. Once again the Michaelhouse boys performed with distinction: amongst others Stephen Bird came

98" overall winning the 1s' U16 category with Simon Acutt placed 2nd U16. All 26 boys finished the gruelling three day race.

The inter-schools league this year was of a particularly high standard and is becoming extremely competitive. During the league the boys showed that they are capable of mixing with the top junior

I paddlers in the country. Despite the quality of the competition the Michaelhouse canoeists managed to claim top 5 finishes, with Nicol Dippenaar, Stuart Jardine, David Chaplin, Steve Bird and Matthew Worrall constantly came in the top 15 positions. Towards the end of the league, the depth of the club was displayed with the younger members from Tatham's

green army of canoeists coming through: Wesley Green, Patrick O'Brien and Josh Butt were really beginning to show their true colours and moving up the ranks. We also took part in the inter-schools slalom and canoe polo. These two disciplines give a wider range of boys the opportunity to shine.

Canoeing at Michaelhouse remains as strong as ever. As the only sport that has produced international representatives over the past three years, it must be at the top of the school's Sports Honours Board.

The year started on a very positive note for the club when Nicol Dippenaar represented South Africa in the Junior Youth Olympics in Sydney. He performed at the highest level with the best young canoeists in the world. As a member of the South African K4 team he won a bronze medal in the 1000m sprint.

After eight gruelling events during the course of the year we found ourselves in a very similar position at the end of this season to that of last year. We needed to finish in the top four in the 3 hr enduro in order to take second place overall in the inter-schools league. We managed to shake off the strong 'Toti crew to come in 3rd behind Maritzburg Collage and DHS and keep our 2nd place, overall.

This year's Hilton/ Michaelhouse canoe race was one definitely for the record books. On both days the top 5 positions were all

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held by Michaelhouse boys, with Nicol Dippenaar deservedly winning the Victor Ludorum for the best performance over the two days. Once again, the event served as an excellent opportunity for the parents and supporters of the Canoe Club to get together for two days of healthy fun up in Underberg. It is a special event to be a part of.

Once again the members of the club and their devoted parents have travelled to most parts of the country, sometimes in a private capacity and at other times in the school busses. One of our favourite trips is the annual pilgrimage to the Drakensberg Mountains and the Acutt's farm to take part in the annual Drak Challenge, (this year the race doubled as the SA K1 river champs). We were all pleasantly surprised to find a river nearly bursting its banks and black storm clouds overhead. Once again the boys in red and white dominated the U16 age group. We took home the 1st U16 prize thanks to Steve Bird and Simon Acutt collected the prize for 2nd place.

The sprint season provided no respite from the toil of training and travelling. Michaelhouse boys were seen in their sprint boats in both Knysna (at the SA Schools Championships) and in Johannesburg (at the SA national Championship). The boys who participated achieved some impressive results in a very strong junior age group. Steve Bird was selected for the U16 SA schools team and Stuart Jardine made the Natal U18 B side.

In now what seems to have become an annual October family holiday to Craddock for the Fish River Canoe Marathon, many members of the MIC and their long suffering parents supported the event. The race is a favourite with the boys for the wonderful atmosphere that exists in the camp site and the quality of the section of river raced. Stephen Bird was once again on the podium this time at the top- 1st in the U16 age group! The SA K1 Champs were held on what is supposed to have been the formidable Crocodile River. Drought conditions and the appearance of a hippo in a pool half way down the river, resulted in the race being run over the same low section of river on both days. David Chaplin, Stuart Jardine and Steve Bird represented their Natal A teams in near sub-freezing conditions. David Chaplin came 3rd U18, (30th overall), Steve Bird 1st U16, 71M overall and Stuart Jardine 5th U18 (40th overall.)

The club has been very fortunate to have the services of Doug Bird as our coach during the fourth term. His sheer enthusiasm for the sport has acted as an enormous boost for a club that was already flying high. It has been a long season filled with some awesome experiences and results. None of it would have been possible without the backing of all the parents who spend a lot of time and money to make it possible, as well as the dedication from all the members of the club. I thank my colleague Richard Snowden and the club captain Nicol for all their help. We can look forward to a very exciting 2004.

Honours: Nicol Dippenaar

Colours: Stuart Jardine

KZN Colours: Stephen Bird and Nicol Dippenaar

Two of our more adventurous members, Stuart Jardine and David Chaplin tackled the Berg River Canoe Marathon which is considered to be the toughest race on the national calendar. The Western Cape had been plagued by drought conditions and the river was very low. This made the event that much more testing. Both young men completed the race and can be very proud of their achievement. Three boys also made the long trip down to the Breede to take part in the SA K2 river champs. Getting there was not without incident as the Green's found out when halfway to Cape Town, Wesley's boat came flying off the roof of their car. Fortunately Gary was able to repair it and the boat got safely to the finish line. Stuart Jardine and Wesley Green were representing the KZN U18 and U16 teams respectively; both put in credible performances. The top performer was once again Stephen Bird who, with his partner, finished 2nd in the U16 age group.

CRICKET

written by Nic Cahill

We have been fortunate again this year to have been able to field

5 open age groups, 4 Under 16, 3 Under 15, and 4 Under 14 teams. It is particularly pleasing that we were able to continue throughout the year with 5 open sides. We are fortunate to be able to stage a large number of the 4th and 5th team fixtures at home and this encourages boys to continue playing cricket in the 4th Quarter. The U16D side fell away during the last term. This was due to boy numbers and also a shortage of coaching staff. The U16B coached by Siyabonge Ndwandwe was not only unbeaten, but won every match this year - a fine achievement.

A disappointing feature was the fact

that we had to constantly struggle to fill teams in the Under 14 and 15 groups. The boys (who had all chosen cricket as a first option) were tardy in attendance at practices and often had excuses on Saturdays. We will have to address this in 2004 although I know that the popularity of cricket in high schools is dwindling. At U 15

level, there was a very successful A team, which augurs well for the future. The B team played with enthusiasm but was largely outplayed and alarmingly, we often struggled to field a C side.

CRICKET 1ST TEAM 2003

Back row: P Button, J Gallo, B Curtin

Standing: J Adams, S Graham, C Pryce, W'Potgieter, S Joscelyne, N Ramsay

Seated: R Dunlop, R Diack, Mr J Crawford, M Beaumont, Mr G Calway, W Fynn, D Williams

Our ground staff has done a wonderful job and our facilities for practices and matches are surely amongst the best in the country. I am most grateful to Jonathan

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Cribbins and his team - they are competent and accommodating. We are about to complete the 'run-up' areas in two sections of turf nets and this will ease the pressure in the new year. The purchase of a new JUGS bowling machine (we now have 3) has also improved the quality of practises. Most teams are able to practise both in the nets or a pitch every week.

We will be hosting a festival in January 2004 which will include Hilton, Northwood, Kearsney, Woodridge, Grey College. Paarl Boys' High and St George's (Harare.) We are also hosting the U15 private schools festival (10 schools) over the half term weekend in the first quarter of 2004.

John Crawford is stepping down as First XI Coach and we thank him for the fine job he has done. The boys have really benefited from his vast experience. He will not be lost to the game at Michaelhouse and will continue coaching at a younger level.

I thank the coaches for the fine job that they do and the many hours, both during the week and weekends, that they spend on the cricket field. I thank our catering staff for their competence and helpfulness, the boys that play and enjoy the game, and Graeme Calway, our Sports Co-Ordinator and Cricket Coach. Graeme does a fine job and has a very positive effect on our sport in general and cricket in particular.

1st XI

written by J Crawford

Coach: J Crawford and G Calway
Captain: M Beaumont

Many people in cricketing circles were very sceptical about the team's chances of being successful this year. There were only two players who had played regular first team cricket from the

2002 side and so the team would be inexperienced and

relatively weak. In retrospect this may not have been a bad thing as there were so many places up for "grabs" and nobody could rely on their places being too secure. The squad always practised hard and enjoyed the challenges that faced them on the field. They were a really wonderful bunch of young men to coach and I enjoyed the many hours at practices and during games with them. They deserved their ranking in the province as one of the top cricketing schools.

It was a great effort for the team to reach the Night League final defeating St Charles and Hilton on the way there but it was disappointing to lose to Kearsney. Full credit however must go to Kearsney as they have proved to be a really difficult side to beat in recent years and it was pleasing to beat them in a wonderful game of cricket in the fourth quarter to just prove that it could be done.

Michael Beaumont must take a lot of the credit for the success of the team. He proved to be a really dedicated and thorough captain. He left nothing to chance and read profusely about captaincy and how great captains had motivated their teams. On the field he really tried hard too and grew in stature as a limited overs captain. He learnt a lot about field placings but was not always helped by his bowlers. Robbie Diack lived up to all expectations. He is a superb all-round cricketer. It is quite extraordinary to see such a big person be so agile and athletic on the field. He played some match winning innings for the team and always bowled his overs with venom and was always most economical too.

It was a great boost to the team when Warrick Fynn joined us at the beginning of the year. Not only did it provide us with a top flight opening batsman but he also developed into a really fine wicketkeeper. I am sure that there were not many better school boys 'keepers amongst KwaZulu Natal schools by the end of the

1ST-16D

2003-NGC

15A-14E

2003-NGC

DATE OPPONENT 1ST-X1 2ND - X1 3RD - X1 4TH - X1 5TH - X1 U16
 A U16B U16C U16D
 01/02/03 PINETOWN W 88 RUNS XLD W 97 RUNS DRAIN W 33 RUNS
 (W/ville) W 6 WKTS W 10 WKTS W 5 WKTS W 62 RUNS
 08/02/03 KEARSNEY L 4 WKTS L 84 RUNS W 5 WKTS L 2 WKTS L 8 W
 KTS L 7 WKTS D - BAD LIGHT L 8 WKTS L 9 WKTS
 15/02/03 GLENWOOD W 7 WKTS W 82 RUNS W 42 RUNS L 34 RUNS
 DRAW W 96 RUNS W 74 RUNS W 6 WKTS W 5 WKTS
 01/03/03 ST ALBANS
 SPORTS DA^ L 6 WKTS W 6 WKTS W 5 WKTS W 174 RUNS - L 58 RU
 NS W 44 RUNS - -
 08/03/03 ST CHARLES DRAW TIED W105 RUNS W 9 WKTS W 32 RUNS
 (W/ville) W 8 WKTS W 4 WKTS W 38 RUNS L 32 RUNS
 15-16/03/03 HILTON DRAW DRAW L 3 WKTS W 6 WKTS W 83 RUNS (H
 owick) W 36 RUNS W 42 RUNS W 48 RUNS L 205 RUNS (U15C)
 11/10/03 NORTHWOOD W 6 WKTS L47 RUNS W8 RUNS W 26 RUNS -

W 5 WKTS W 10 WKTS W 10 WKTS -
 18/10/03 KEARSNEY W 2 WKTS L 2 WKTS W 3 WKTS W 6 WKTS St Charles 4ths?? L 5 WKTS - L 168 RUNS -
 01/11/03 DHS - W 6 WKTS - - - - -
 08/11/03 WESTVILLE L 7 WKTS L 116 RUNS L 38 RUNS W 116 RUNS
 W 4 WKTS L 5 WKTS W 28 RUNS L 9 RUNS -
 15/11/03 MARITZBURG
 COLLEGE L 72 RUNS RAINED OUT L 39 RUNS RAINED OUT RAINED OUT L 17 RUNS RAINED OUT L 52 RUNS -
 DATE OPPONENT U15A U15B U15C U14A U14B U14C U14D U14E
 01/02/03 PINETOWN XLD W 7 WKTS W 5 WKTS XLD W 3 RUNS XLD XLD W 2 WKTS
 08/02/03 KEARSNEY W 6 WKTS L 87 RUNS W 83 RUNS D - BAD LIGHT W 10 WKTS L 5 WKTS W 49 RUNS L 5 WKTS
 15/02/03 GLENWOOD W 4 WKTS L 5 WKTS L 9 WKTS L 30 RUNS W 7 WKTS ?? L 6 WKTS L 58 RUNS
 20-24/02/03 U15I-S FESTIVAL-
 BLOEMFONTEIN -
 ST DAVIDS W 7 WKTS
 20-24/02/03 -do - - STANDREWS W100 RUNS
 20-24/02/03 - do - - ST JOHNS W 41 RUNS
 01/03/03 ST ALBANS
 SPORTS DAY W 79 RUNS L 65 RUNS W 51 RUNS W 40 RUNS W 4 WKTS W 7 WKTS L 20 RUNS
 08/03/03 ST CHARLES DRAW W 2 WKTS L 4 WKTS W 2 WKTS W 7 WKTS W 5 WKTS L 17 RUNS æ
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 11/10/03 NORTHWOOD W 7 WKTS W 99 RUNS L 78 RUNS L 4 WKTS W 4 WKTS W 21 RUNS W 6 WKTS W1 WKT
 18/10/03 KEARSNEY L43 RUNS L 39 RUNS - L 85 RUNS - L 5 WKTS W 10 WKTS -
 01/11/03 DHS L1 WKT - L19 RUNS - L152 RUNS L 9 WKTS -
 08/11/04 WESTVILLE W 8 WKTS L10 WKTS L 89 RUNS L 82 RUNS L1 70 RUNS L7WKS L 7 WKTS L 7 WKTS -
 15/11/03 MARITZBURG
 COLLEGE RAINED OUT L161 RUNS L 8 WKTS RAINED OUT W142 RUNS L 41 RUNS RAINED OUT RAINED OUT -
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 PINETOWN 12 9 1 2 7
 KEARSNEY 17 4 2 11 -7
 GLENWOOD 16 9 1 6 3
 ST ALBANS 13 9 0 4 5
 ST CHARLES 16 10 3 3 7
 HILTON 17 6 4 7 1
 NORTHWOOD 16 13 0 3 0
 KEARSNEY 12 5 0 7 2
 DHS 5 1 0 4 -3
 WESTVILLE 16 4 0 12 8
 M-COLLEGE 8 1 0 7 6
 U15I-S FESTIVAL 3 3 0 0 3

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year. Warrick provided us with a solid start on many occasions but the highlight of his year must surely be the great century that he scored against Hilton in the two day game. The longer version of the game probably suits him better at this stage of his career. Stuart Graham was one of the successes of the year. At the beginning of the year he was not even sure of his place in the team yet he soon became one of the most valuable players of all. His average and strike rate coming in to bat at numbers seven or eight was remarkable and he also proved to be a top rate off spinner and an excellent slip fielder. Ross Dunlop was another really loyal player and one that did so much for the overall good of the team. I know that he was respected and looked up to by all. His bowling never really reached the heights that I had hoped that it would. Ross for some reason found it difficult to control the swing of the ball and so was not as economical as we had all expected him to be. Nick Ramsay was certainly not a front runner for a position in the team at the beginning of the year but soon not only made a place for himself but also took his chance at opening the innings and played with real determination and commitment. Jono Adams is a fine ball player, full of talent and all round ability. He has an enviable laid back nature but at times it may have worked against him performing to his optimum potential as he got out too easily and never had a real killer instinct as a medium pace bowler.

The team was also served well by the younger fellows in the squad. Dai Williams developed into a top rate batsman and he will score a lot more runs in 2004 as well. Wian Potgieter who was only under 16 this year also made his mark as a top rate all rounder and his exchange experience in Scotland where he performed so well must have done his confidence a world of good. Both Dai and Wian made the KwaZulu Natal under 17 side.

Paul Button continued to impress as an off spin bowler and formed a formidable duo with Stuart Graham. Paul is a fine out fielder too and great things will be expected of him in the future. Scott Joscelyne had a wretched year from an injury point of view.

I really hope that that is all behind him and that he is able to develop into the great batting force that we all know that he is capable of becoming. When he was fit he did play many sound innings but he will be aiming for the really big scores next year. Brett Droste came into the team in the fourth quarter as a result of a whole range of great performances for the second X1. He is a lovely natural athlete and should be a key figure in the team in the new year.

Many thanks must again go to Bruce Curtin for his most efficient and dedicated scoring. The programme that he scores on is such a great coaching aid too. Bruce has been a wonderful servant to the team for many years.

It was very sad that Geoffrey Mnikathi died during the year. He

was a great groundsman and I know that he took great pride in the pitches that he produced. Michaelhouse was lucky to have someone of his ability prepare our grounds for us. Again I must pay tribute to the work done by Graeme Calway with the team. It has been tremendous working with him and the first team for the past five years. Finally I would like to thank Nic Cahill for all his organisation and support again during the year.

Representative players:

KwaZulu Natal Under 18: R Diack.

KwaZulu Natal Under 17: D Williams and W Potgieter.

AWARDS 2003

Honours: R Diack,

Colours: M Beaumont, W Fynn, S Graham, W Potgieter, D Williams, P Button.

Braid: N Ramsay, S Joscelyne, R Dunlop.

1S,XI RESULTS

V SACS ~~â€¢~~ MHS 196/7 Declared D. Williams 54, M. Beaumont 50 ~~â€¢~~
SACS
116 W. Potgieter 3/16, R. Diack 3/31, R. Dunlop 3/26 ~~â€¢~~ MHS won by 8
0 runs

V WOODRIDGE ~~â€¢~~ MHS 222/8 R. Diack 102 ~~â€¢~~ WOODRIDGE 112/1 ~~â€¢~~
~~â€¢~~ Match
Drawn

V KINGSMEAD MYNAHS ~~â€¢~~ KINGSMEAD MYNAHS 201 ~~â€¢~~ MHS 180.
D.
Williams 75, S. Joscelyne 35. ~~â€¢~~ MHS lost by 21 runs.

V PINETOWN MHS 238/8 D. Williams 49, W. Potgieter 45 no, W. Fynn 3
6,
S. Joscelyne 33, S. Graham 30. ~~â€¢~~ PINETOWN 150 ~~â€¢~~ MHS won by 88
runs.

V KEARSNEY ~~â€¢~~ MHS 157 R. Diack40, S. Graham 29 ~~â€¢~~ KEARSNEY
158/5 ~~â€¢~~
MHS lost by 5 Wickets

V GLENWOOD ~~â€¢~~ GLENWOOD 162/7 ~~â€¢~~ MHS 163/3 W. Fynn 61, M.
Beaumont 50 no. ~~â€¢~~ MHS won by 7 wickets.

V ST CHARLES ~~â€¢~~ MHS 201/7 W. Fynn 44, R. Diack 38, S. Graham 38
no. ~~â€¢~~
ST CHARLES 166. ~~â€¢~~ MHS won by 35 runs.

V ST ALBANS ~~â€¢~~ MHS 179/8 N. Ramsay 51 no, R. Diack 30. ~~â€¢~~ ST

ALBANS

180/4 MHS lost by 6 wickets.

V HILTON MHS 159 D. Williams 52, R. Diack 31 HILTON 144 W
Potgieter 4/30 MHS won by 15 runs.

V ST CHARLES MHS 240/6 declared D. Williams 78, S. Joscelyne 46,
R.Diack 32, S. Graham 27 no. ST CHARLES 145/4 Match Drawn

V KEARSNEY MHS 157 R. Diack40, S. Graham 29 KEARSNEY
158/5
Kearsney won by 5 wickets.

V HILTON HILTON 160 R. Diack 4/19, J. Adams 3/32 and 163/7 MHS
283/7 Declared W. Fynn 100 no, D. Williams 29, S. Graham 29. Match
Drawn.

V AN OLD BOYS' X1 MHS 242/3 .N. Ramsay 70, D. Williams 73 no,
R.
Diack 46 no, W. Fynn 25. OLD BOYS 174 J. Carmichael 85, W. Potgieter
4/27 MHS won by 68 runs.

V NORTHWOOD NORTHWOOD 154/9 MHS 155/4 W. Fynn 53,
R.
Diack 37 no. MHS won by 6 wickets

V KEARSNEY KEARSNEY 192/9 P. Button 3/25 MHS 193/8 R.
Diack
65, S. Graham 81 no. MHS won by 2 wickets.

V WESTVILLE MHS 220/9 S. Graham 52, W. Potgieter 40 WESTVILLE
221/3 MHS lost by 7 wickets.

V COLLEGE COLLEGE 276/6 MHS 204/9 W. Fynn 40, M. Beaumont
32. MHS lost by 72 runs.

V HILTON HILTON 179/9 MHS 178/9 W Fynn 54, D. Williams 41 MHS
lost by 1 run.

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CROSSCOUNTRY

Facilitator: R Drysdale

During the second quarter of this year Cross Country, once again, benefited from a group of canoeists who used the sport to keep their fitness up.

INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

The overall results of the Interhouse Cross Country were as follows:

1st Tatham 242 points
2nd East 228 points
3rd Mackenzie 188 points
4th Founders 177 points
5th West 131 points
6th Pascoe 124 points
7th Baines 104 points
8th Farfield 91 points

Junior Event (Total number of boys in the field 167)

1st Tatham 120 points
2nd East 110 points
3rd Baines 87 points
4th Mackenzie 84 points
5th Founders 82 points
6th Pascoe 67 points
7th West 53 points
8th Farfield 29 points

INDIVIDUAL

[Record 23m48,0: J Gray (B) 2000]

1st Stephen Swanepoel (West) 24m59,3
2nd Julian Pearce (Tatham)

3rd Rory McComb (West)

4th Michael-John Craig (East)

5th Michael Stannard (East)

The house results were determined as follows:

Juniors (A) + Seniors (B)

Juniors & Seniors: The first 30 places

each earned points. 30 points for 1st
place; 29 for 2nd; 28 for 3rd...1 for 30,h
place.

CROSS COUNTRY

Standing: C Allen, M-J Craig. C Warren-Codrington, A Band, M Stannard
. G Grey

Seated:

R McComb. J Pearce, Mr R Drysdale, S Griffin. S Corbishley

GOLF

Master In Charge/Coach: Brad Flanagan
Assisted by: Jaap Van Der Vegte.

Captain: David Elliott

The trouble that most of us find with the modern matched sets of clubs is that they don't really seem to know any more about the game than the old ones did. ~ Robert Browning "A History of Golf". The bottom line is that you can't buy a swing or putting stroke. Another sage piece of wisdom is that practice gives the muscles memory, so when your mind goes, they can take over.

Golf is certainly growing at Michaelhouse. This can be attributed to a number of reasons: largely because it is one of the sports where South Africans excel on a regular basis and is a high profile television sport. South Africa now has not only Ernie Els & Retief Goosen as role models, but a host of others including Tim Clarke, Rory Sabbatini & Trevor Immelman regularly making news headlines.

INDIVIDUAL

[Record: 15m39,0: R Rivalland (P) 2000
1s,Cullum Allen (Mackenzie) 17m11,20]

2ndCharles Warren-Codrington (Baines), Sebastian Read (East)
4lhKyle Meyer (East)

5th David Firth (West)

Senior Event (Total number of boys in the field 185)
HOUSE

1st Tatham 122 points
pnd East \ 118 points
3rd Mackenzie 104 points
4th Founders 95 points

5th West 78 points
6th Farfield 56 points
7th Pascoe 57 points
8th Baines 17 points

It is also in large part due to the success of Stephen Swanepoel, whose achievements this year are too numerous to mention, the highlight however being his selection as Captain of South Africa U/19. When last did Michaelhouse have a national under 19 captain in its midst? Another major contributing factor is, in my opinion, the softening in attitude of those involved in the so called traditional sports toward Golf, and with it the realisation that Golf is actually a sport which is due its rightful place on the Michaelhouse calendar.

The year was not without its disappointments, as we had the ability to win both the league and the Natal schools championships. We lost the league by the narrowest of margins, losing to Hilton by only a single point. We did however, achieve our first victory over Maritzburg College in fine style, winning by 3 points. With reference to the Natal Championships, the team simply had a dreadful day at Beachwood. The good news is that we have the same golfers back next year and hopefully they can win the trophy next time around.

Stephen Swanepoel: SA U19 Captain.

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Winning the Douglas Cup in emphatic style, by 13 matches to 7, did help to restore the smiles all round. What was most pleasing is that the team got off to a flying start in the morning and never allowed Hilton back into the match. This showed a killer instinct which I felt was the main ingredient lacking in Michaelhouse sport this year. We are hoping to bring the 2004 Douglas Cup fixture forward to March and make it a permanent fixture on the last Sunday of the first quarter.

Other highlights of the year were the two golf tours, the first in July, undertaken by 9 senior golfers accompanied by Richard Snowden,

Nick Grice and myself. My grateful thanks must go to Nick for organising the accommodation for us at Umdoni Park. Not many boys will forget either the rugby match that never happened, or the bus that broke down, because of lack of petrol. We all had a thoroughly enjoyable outing and even played some decent golf.

The second golf tour to Southbroom in August with a coaching clinic by Derick James went off without a hitch. However, it would appear that 72 holes in two days was a bit much for some of the younger members. Although they now have an idea of what it takes to win a 72 hole tournament and with it, some new respect for the skills of professional golfers.

We unfortunately have to say goodbye to some of our stalwarts at the end of 2003. The golf team will definitely be poorer for the loss of Murray Burger, who has played in every fixture since the start of 2001, as well as James Greene, David Elliott and Adrian Brown. David has been an excellent captain and has won praise wherever the team has played. Adrian who made his debut this year and James, whose canoeing unfortunately prevented him from playing as many matches as he could have, have both made telling contributions when it mattered. We are extremely fortunate to have Justin Grice returning next year as he has made the number 2 spot in the team his own.

I predicted that 2003 would be good, but 2004 is going to be better. Some of our Junior Golfers are making great progress and we will be able to enter both our first and second teams in the league next year as we have sufficient depth to easily be competitive in the Midlands league with two teams. Hopefully we won't end up with transport problems at every outing.

It was refreshing to see and get the support from parents and other Michaelhouse friends. A reminder that league is played in the first term on Friday afternoons in Pietermaritzburg and

parental support is always welcome. A major vote of thanks goes to my unstoppable assistant, Jaap Van Der Vegte who has been a major driving force behind the juniors and has taken a large weight off my shoulders. It would also be amiss of me not to mention Richard Snowden, whose help on tours is always appreciated and Rory Drysdale who helps whenever we need him.

I have kept the best news for last. We have managed to negotiate a special membership with Bosch Hoek for next year; all boys who wish to play golf at Michaelhouse will have to join Bosch Hoek, but at the subsidised rate of R400 per year. This will result in an incredible saving for parents, as I estimate that a boy playing serious golf this year would have paid in excess of R1000 in green fees alone. Green fees for members at Bosch Hoek are gratis.

Boys can also be handicapped at Bosch Hoek for R180 per year and will also be entitled to play league for the club which should strengthen our golf tremendously. My special thanks to Peter Gallo, Andrew Erskine and Belinda Pottow for all the

effort they put in for Michaelhouse Golf. Few schools, if any, have an arrangement coming close to ours with a club and it shows in our results.

National Honours: Stephen Swanepoel (SA U/19 Captain)
Provincial Honours: Stephen Swanepoel (Natal Senior, U/23

& U/18 - Captain)

Honours Award: Stephen Swanepoel

Colours Award: Murray Burger, Justin Grice

First Team Braid: David Elliott, Matthew Carter-Brown, J-P

Pellissier

Summary of Results:

Stroke play:

Natal Champs: 8th out of 17 schools.

Match play:

Midlands League: Played 5, Won 4, Lost 1. 2nd Overall.

Douglas Cup: Won by 13 to 7.

Vs Bosch Hoek: Won by 12 Matches to 8.

HOCKEY

written by Bryan Tarr

The third season on Aitkens Astro saw us able to organise astro time for more of our teams, thus raising overall skill levels in terms of the modern game. Plans for developing this theme include reducing mid-week fixtures to a minimum in the new season, and conducting off-season skills development clinics for our top players. The table of results that conclude this report reflect a season very similar to 2002 in terms of games won. More games were lost, however, to an extent the result of B, C and D teams often having to be matched one or more teams up in an effort to secure regular fixtures.

In the Open division the 1S,XI had a tough season but the statistics do not indicate how desperately close so many of those odd goal losses were. A solid core of 8 players will be back next year, determined to turn these results around. The 2nd,s enjoyed a successful season losing only to Maritzburg College (2-7 and 0-1) and the 3rd's played some super hockey, also conceding only 2 defeats and crowning their season with an excellent win against Maritzburg College. The 4,h's were so enthusiastic and although victories were scarce, enjoyment was abundant and very evident at every practice.

A talented U16A Team were unstoppable when 'on song' as Northwood and St Andrew's discovered on the wrong side of 9-0 defeats. The B side played a lot of good hockey but were depleted towards the end of the season which tarnished an otherwise impressive season, while the C's found their momentum after a sluggish start and the D Team improved far more than their record would suggest.

GOLF

Standing: M Carter-Brown, G Borrageiro, J Grice, A Brown, J-P Pellissier

Seated: S King, D Elliott, Mr B Flanagan, S Swanepoel, M Burger

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HOCKEY1sr TEAM

Back row: S Douthwaite, G Brownlee

Standing: K Hunking, R McComb, J Grice, C Bishop, S Swanepoel. C Cahill

Seated: M Scott, G Bawden, R Copley (Captain), Mr A Redfern. R Forbes. K Dowie. C Marais

by Maritzburg College. A team of 14 relatively inexperienced players captained by Robert Copley faced five very tough fixtures in two and a half days. The first game was highly competitive, against a competent Jeppe Boys High School XI. Although we lost 2-1, the boys played well and the making of a good team appeared to be in evidence. A comprehensive 5-2 defeat of St Andrew's Bloemfontein completed a satisfying first day of the season. The first game of the second day, however, was to set the tone for the remainder of the season. We played some very good hockey at times but were unable to put it together for long enough periods: a narrow 2-1 defeat to St Alban's was the result. We had chances and did not convert them whilst the opposition took their opportunities when they arose. PBHS scored in the first minute of their game against us and never looked back. We were aware that if we wanted to compete against them we would have to keep them out for as long as possible. A 5-0 defeat was tough to swallow. The final game of the festival was probably our best performance of the season - a 3-1 defeat of St John's. The game was high paced and exciting and Michaelhouse were deserving of their victory.

A four and a half week break before our next festival was not

particularly good in terms of gaining momentum for our

season. St Albans hosted the Independent Schools Festival over the first weekend of May. Once again, a tough schedule with five games being played in three days. Michaelhouse played some excellent hockey on the first day and

convincingly beat St Stithian's 3-0 and St David's 6-0. We set ourselves up as the team to beat and on day two both Kingswood and St

George's from Zimbabwe raised their games considerably. We lost both games 1-0, having dominated 90 % of the possession and territory in both matches. Kingswood entered our circle on three

occasions and scored once while St George's managed just one shot at goal. As

GOALS FOR GOALS AGAINST

44 53
52 17
27 12
4 10
127 92
59 35
42 16
30 21
6 34
137 106
24 24
24 27
6 41
54 92
318 300

In the U14 division all three teams, but particularly the A's, were on a very steep learning curve and excellent progress was made in terms of technical and tactical proficiency. The A side were always committed and competitive and better finishing could well have turned some draws into wins, and losses into at least draws. The B's tended to blow hot and cold - they were superb against Hilton in the 2nd Term but were somewhat disrupted by illness and injury in the latter portion of the season; while the C's always gave of their best despite some heavy losses and the euphoria of victory at Kearsney made it all

worthwhile.

The following boys were selected for Midlands Teams:-

U18A: Kyle Dowie

U18B: Greg Bawden, Ross Forbes

U18C: Justin Grice, Charles Bishop, Stephen Swanepoel, Kyle Hunking, Rory McComb

U16A: Tahir Popat

U16B: Stuart Douthwaite, Michael-John Craig, Michael Scott, Hadley Smorthwaite, J-P Pellissier, Matthew Carter-Brown, Hafeez Manji

U14A: Andrew Beach, Glen Dowie, Seamus King, Sean Rennie

U14B: Alan Mwaniki, Derek Pearce

1st XI hockey

written by A Redfern

Coach: Mr A M Redfern

Captain: Robert Copley

The 2003 season has been a roller coaster ride of emotions. We have experienced the joy of victory and the bitter disappointment of defeat. Through all of this the boys have remained positive and have kept a wonderful sense of humour. The demands placed on first team sportsmen are way beyond those placed on any other teams in the school and with the pre-season training starting in February the season becomes a very long one.

Our first competitive fixtures were played over the last weekend of March at the Ascension Hockey Festival hosted

HOCKEY RESULTS 2003

TEAM COACH CAPTAIN PLAYED WON DRAWN LO

1st A Redfern R Copley 22 8 1 13

2*40 B Tarr G Taylor 14 10 2 2

3rd J Brownell C Thomson R Johnson 11 8 1 2

4â„¢ P Dennyson L Richardson 5 1 1 3

TOTAL OPEN 32 27 5 20

16A M Thomson M-J Craig 22 13 3 6

16B R Snowden L Grob 14 9 0 5

16C P Crawford D Francis 15 7 2 6

16D A Murugen G Borrageiro 9 2 0 7

TOTAL U16 60 31 5 24

14A A Brown G Dowie 15 5 4 6

14B C Cook DJ Kleynhans 14 4 2 8

14C W de Wet S Miliatos 11 1 1 9

TOTAL U14 40 10 7 23

GRAND TOTAL 152 68 17 67

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well as we had played on day one, we played as poorly on day two. The final day saw the now traditional tournament finale between Bishops and Michaelhouse. In one of the best games of school boy hockey played during the season the game flowed from end to end. Bishops took an early lead.

Michaelhouse fought hard and went in at half time 2-1 up. Robert Copley was excellent in the midfield showing that he is a top class player. Bishops fought hard in the second half and equalised with about 10 minutes left to play. The final minutes were evenly contested, until Bishops won a short corner as the final whistle went. They converted the chance and won the game 3-2. A draw would have been a fair reflection of the game but for the second season in a row, Bishops snatched victory at the last moment.

The domestic season got under way with the first of our traditional fixtures against Hilton College. Going into the game Michaelhouse were the underdogs but the nature of the day often discounts form. Hilton came out with all guns blazing and should have scored in the first 30 seconds of the game. Fortunately for us they did not take full advantage of their opportunity and we were given a life line. Hilton did eventually take the lead after sustained pressure and went into half time

1-0 up. The second half started with Hilton dominating the play. They converted this pressure into their second goal. Michaelhouse responded well to this as Robbie Copley, Kyle Dowie and Ross Forbes began to impose themselves on the game. Michaelhouse earned a penalty stroke mid-way through the half. Kyle Dowie scored from the spot. Although Michaelhouse dominated the last minutes of the game we were unable to score. Our arch rivals were good value for their

2-1 victory.

The first of two very disappointing performances against an excellent Maritzburg College team saw us go down 7-0. College were clinical and we did not respond well to the pressure that they placed us under. In the second fixture, an unprepared Michaelhouse team came up against a College team with 13 Midlands U18A provincial representatives (9 of which had earned National U17 or U18 recognition) fresh from an Inter-provincial tournament. 11-0 was the worst defeat inflicted by a College side on a Michaelhouse first team.

Narrow victories over DHS, Northwood, St Charles a 1-0 defeat by Glenwood brought the first part of the season to an end. Having suffered a severe loss to College and a number of narrow losses early on in the season I decided to add number of younger players to the squad. Michael Scott, J-P Pellissier and Stuart Douthwaite joined us from the U16 team and Greg Brownlee from the second team. They fitted into the squad with very few problems and will play a major role in Michaelhouse hockey in the years to come. Justin Grice, Kyle

Hunking and Chares Bishop had settled into their roles well and tireless work from Stephen Swanepoel and Greg Bawden up front, kept us in a number of games. The three star players were Robert Copley, Kyle Dowie and Ross Forbes. All had the ability to influence games and all three played with a 'never-say die' attitude even when the game was well beyond us.

Three tough games lay ahead of us in the third term: the return College fixture (which I have already mentioned) and away fixtures against Kearsney and Hilton. After the confidence-destroying fixture against College we needed a good start against Kearsney. We had anything but that. Kearsney were 1-0 up after 11 seconds and 3-0 up after 7 minutes. The score was unchanged at half time. A brilliant second half performance by all 13 boys involved saw Michaelhouse equalise at 3-3 with five minutes to go. Michaelhouse earned a short corner with only minutes left. We were unable to convert the opportunity. Kearsney fought their way down the field and won a short corner as the final whistle blew. They converted to win the game 3-4: another heartbreaking loss for a very brave 1st team.

The final game of the season was against Hilton at Hilton. Once again Michaelhouse had been written off by the press and the general hockey public. The game was played at high pace, following a similar pattern to that of the first encounter. Hilton dominated the early exchanges and took the lead mid-way through the first half. The second half belonged to Michaelhouse. We dominated for long periods of the game and with eight minutes to go scored a most deserved equaliser. We created a number of chances in the final minutes but were unable to finish them off. Hilton could have stolen it from us in the final minute but the defense held its nerve. The final whistle brought a feeling of elation and relief. It was an excellent way to end the season.

I would like to thank all the boys who played for the 1st team during the 2003 season. It was not an easy season. Very little luck came our way when we desperately needed it. We cannot, however, blame bad luck. At critical times in games we made errors that cost us dearly. We showed a lack of composure and maturity in pressure situations and were let down by our inability to consistently perform our skills at the top level. We were also hampered by the fact that we did not have a deep enough pool of quality first team players. All of these areas can and will be addressed in the future.

Particular mention must be made of the Captain, Robert Copley and his Vice-Captain, Ross Forbes. Neither lost hope or faith in the team at any stage during the season although at times they both became extremely frustrated. Kyle Dowie also deserves mention as he is without doubt a star of the future who played an enormous role in the successes of the 2003 team. To those returning next year, I encourage you to work on your skills and to strive for excellence in everything that

you do as we have a number of scores to settle!

AWARDS

Honours: K Dowie

Colours: R Forbes

Braid: C Marais, J Grice, R McComb, S Swanepoel, D Rafferty, K Hunking, C Cahill, C Bishop, M Reynolds

1st XI Players (number of games played in brackets)

C Marais (14), M Scott (8), J Ball (6), B Ball (6), J Grice (22), K Dowie (40), G Bawden (45), R Forbes (45), R Copley (63), S Swanepoel (21) K Hunking (42), D Rafferty(18), C Cahill (16), M Reynolds (13), Guy Taylor (5), S Douthwaite (8), Greg Brownlee (5)

RUGBY

written by Gavin Ross

The results in the open age group were disappointing but it must be remembered that a lot of boys will be returning and the experience gained will surely help to strengthen this age group next year. A squad of thirty-five boys has been selected and started fitness assessments on the 8 September 2003. They will each be given programmes to follow in the off-season and their progress will be monitored regularly. It is hoped to eventually implement this assessment in all age groups.

As expected the U16A had a successful season but it was pleasing to see the commitment shown throughout this age group. The U16D showed tremendous improvement and were still going strong at the end of the season. J Badenhorst, P Cilliers, J Behrmann, K Walsh and M Rhodes were selected to represent the Midlands team, whilst M Rhodes and P Cilliers went on to represent the KwaZulu Natal Schools U16 team. M Rhodes was selected to the SA Green Squad to undergo further training at a higher level.

The U15 age group had a difficult season but it was pleasing to note that the percentage of games won increased from 17,5% in their U14 year to 33% this year. It was also pleasing to see the improved level of confidence and commitment in the lower teams by the end of the season.

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This was undoubtedly one of the more successful U14 age groups that the School has fielded in a number of years. Whilst the forwards were a little on the small side the pace behind the scrum was certainly the envy of many opposition teams. All teams showed a great enthusiasm for the game and acquitted themselves admirably against the larger Government Schools. Gym programmes will certainly benefit this group as they move up through the School.

1st XV

written by Jon Trafford

Coaches: Jon Trafford; Gavin Ross
Captain: Robbie Diack.

The statisticians will, in their inevitable way, make merry with this year's results and point out that more games were lost than were won. What they fail to comprehend, in terms of growth and player potential, that more was achieved during the course of this season than perhaps accomplished in previous years. Little will be known of the courage, hours of hard work and soul searching that went on during the season and a burning desire, by the players, to fulfil the expectation of their supporters.

The season's pipe opener was played in Pietermaritzburg at the Voortrekker Sports Day in March. In a rather

unconvincing performance Michaelhouse beat Pioneer from Vryheid. Sadly little was learnt from this experience and the quality of our rugby was not to improve for some time. In the Easter holiday twenty three players spent much of their holiday playing rugby in either Vryheid and/or Johannesburg. Neither the

Vryheid nor St John's Festival did much to enhance our rugby reputation. While all three games against Paarl Gymnasium, Waterkloof and Vryheid were lost, much was learnt over the Easter weekend and the foundation for some of our later

successes, was laid. Given our recent successes at Festivals, the Easter of 2003 was indeed a bleak and painful experience.

However, the players showed tremendous character in

regrouping for the domestic season. The first game was against George Campbell and after a rather disjointed start the team grew in confidence to score seven outstanding tries. With their confidence restored, the team faced a mid week fixture against a strong Voortrekker team. In a wonderful

display of running rugby Michaelhouse secured a most emphatic win scoring a further six tries. Clearly the lessons learnt during the Easter break were beginning to pay dividends. The first real test of this new found ability was to be provided by Westville on Old Boys Day. Once again, the team played some enterprising rugby to win the game 24-6. In reality the score line could have been higher had we not been guilty of unforced errors on the Westville try line. The stage was now set for the first Hilton - Michaelhouse game on Meadows. While Hilton had shown better early season form there was little to choose between the two teams. In reality, on the day the teams were separated by goal kicking ability given that both scored three tries: all three Michaelhouse tries going to Sanele Mkhize. To lose the game was hugely disappointing when Michaelhouse had enjoyed so much of the game. Hilton will count themselves lucky winners. Nevertheless, it was a fine encounter with both sides showing their willingness to play an expansive and exciting brand of rugby. In perhaps one of the most outstanding performances of the season Michaelhouse went down by one point to DHS, ranked in the top five in South Africa in 2003. The game was settled by an unnecessary penalty on full time. Sadly, this was not going to be the only game to be determined in such a manner. By half term, much of the pride and confidence of the team had returned and the dark shadow of the Easter holiday had largely been forgotten.

RUGBY1st team

Back row: A Brown, S Joscelyne, D Ras

Standing: B Rumble, N Jackson, B Droste, F Maartens, G French, M Beaumont, A Turner, A Nakin

Seated: b A De Lacy J Carey, S Mkhize, Mr J Trafford, R Diack, Mr G Ross, M Diamondis, R Dunlop, G Goqo

SUMMARY OF RUGBY RESULTS

TEAM PLAYED WON DRAWN LOST POINTS FOR/AGAINST

1st XV 19 9 0 10 372 / 342

2nd XV 12 8 0 4 210/120

3rd XV 11 2 0 9 124/195

4th XV 12 7 1 4 238 / 257

5th XV 12 8 0 4 213/128

6th XV 11 1 0 10 142/310

7th XV 1 0 0 1 7/47

TOTAL 78 35 1 42 1306/1399

U16A 14 8 1 5 251/188

U16B 11 5 0 6 133/130

U16C 10 3 0 7 119 / 236

U16D 9 2 0 7 69 / 281

TOTAL 44 18 1 25 572 1 835

U15A 15 8 0 7 278/181

U15B 12 4 0 8 210/229

U15C 12 4 0 8 97/ 314

U15D 10 0 0 10 17/443

TOTAL 49 16 0 33 602/1169

U14A 12 9 0 3 350/112

U14B 12 6 1 5 235/156

U14C 11 6 0 5 202/130

U14D 11 4 0 7 156/230

TOTAL 46 25 1 20 943 / 628

TOTAL 217 94 3 120 3423 / 4031

Winning all four games after half term marked the high point of the season. The fixtures were demanding, yet the challenge was taken up and successfully completed. The win against Glenwood, away from home, was especially rewarding given some of our recent results playing in Durban. Michaelhouse proved that they could match and overcome an overwhelming larger pack and ran in two memorable second half tries. An undefeated and highly regarded St John's team followed. In itself this was to be a daunting task, even without the rigours of an overnight train trip. In what must be regarded as the highlight of the season, Michaelhouse matched their opposition in every department. The game hinged on a seven minute period of defense in the second half. This proved to be the turning point of the game, after which a two try blitz saw Michaelhouse to a well deserved victory. In the remaining two games of the term Michaelhouse were rewarded for their improvement and efforts with close wins over St Charles and Northwood. In recognition of their efforts on the field Robbie Diack and Sanele Mkhize traveled to Wellington to represent KwaZulu Natal at Craven Week. Sadly Robbie was injured in the first game against the Golden Lions.

With fewer schools playing third quarter rugby, the fixture list is now likely to be

College, Kearsney and Hilton. This was the situation which faced the players on their return from the winter holiday break. To further compound the situation all the games were to be played away from home. College was played on their Old Boys Day in front of a large and partisan crowd. Nonetheless Michaelhouse were not to be intimidated and turned at half time, ahead of College. The second half College stepped up the tempo scoring two tries and penalties in the

half. The game was played in a tremendous spirit and it was

only in the closing minutes that College secured their win. On reflection the game against Kearsney was to prove the greatest disappointment of the season. After a disastrous start Michaelhouse found themselves 17-3 down early into the second half. However, in a superb comeback, the team managed to claw their way back and take the lead on full time. In a prolonged period for injury Kearsney were awarded a penalty which secured for them a two point victory. No other game in the season was to disappoint more, given the manner and character in which Michaelhouse had played themselves back into the game. In the week leading up to Hilton, Gresham

from Norfolk in the UK arrived to play a composite Michaelhouse side. A team made up of players available for

2004 completely outplayed Gresham and went on to win by thirty points. All that was left, was the away fixture against Hilton. In a replay of the previous week's fixture Michaelhouse made another appalling start and were trailing Hilton by 19 points at half time. With the wind at their backs, another comeback was launched and with seven minutes to play Michaelhouse were trailing by a mere five points. Regrettably the first half cushion was enough to guarantee Hilton another win and their first double in a number of years. So came down the curtain on another season.

In six years at the helm, there has not been as rewarding a season as the one of 2003. The satisfaction of coaching is not always reflected in results but in something often less tangible. As always the expectations were high and in some circles, unrealistic. Michaelhouse rugby has always been 'about a willingness to compete at the top level and to be recognized as a major force in KZN rugby. To their credit, the players of

2003 were always competitive and had one or two of the closer encounters gone the team's way, there may well have been acclaimed as a top side. It would be wrong to blame the bounce of the ball or, marginal refereeing decisions for the results this year. But in the final analysis there were some close calls and these games were, in the most part, decided by factors beyond the control of the players. Undoubtedly, it was the young men of 2003 who made this season so rewarding. Their passion, pride in their school and desire to get on and play the game became the trademark of first game rugby in 2003. There was a spirit in the 2003 squad that is difficult to quantify and describe, yet it has created a bond between the players that the critics will never understand or be able to comprehend. Robbie Diack provided an inspired leader for which much of the successes of the season must be attributed. Not only is Robbie an outstanding player he also possesses an ability to communicate with his team, quietly, yet firmly and to bring out the best in every player.

fills is how it's done

Ptioto: MARK WING

Former Wallaby star David Campese gives some useful tips to Michaelhouse under-16 rugby players during a training session at Michaelhouse yesterday. Campese is the guest of honour of the Michaelhouse Old Boys' Club, which celebrates its centenary this weekend. V < -\J - -2. - Â£ â€¢

In this my last first team report, thanks must go to all those who have contributed so much to the growth and development of this game in this school. To the coaches who provide such a solid foundation for the development of the game in the school; your role is invaluable. To Gavin Ross, as traveling partner, mentor, advisor and friend, much has been achieved in the last six years much which both the school and I can be truly grateful. To all the players I have had the privilege of coaching; it has been your contributions that have made my position so rewarding and worthwhile. Similarly, beyond the school to the coaches, parents and supporters who have provided such colour to this game, I am indebted to you all.

2004 heralds a new era for Michaelhouse rugby. With the appointment of a Director of Coaching rugby will be lifted to new heights. This combined with some exceptional talent should lift the quality of the game at Michaelhouse. I wish the new management and players every success in 2004.

AWARDS

Braid: Adrian Brown; Nick Jackson; Scott Joscelyne;
Ambrose Nakin; Brent Rumble

Colours: Michael Beaumont; Josh Carey; Andrew de Lacy;
Michael Diamondis; Brett Droste; Ross Dunlop; Goodman
Gogo; Frans Maartens; Dylan Ras; Anthony Turner.

Honours: Robbie Diack; Sanele Mhkize.

Provincial: Robbie Diack; Sanele Mhkize KZN U18 - Craven
Week

RESULTS

v Pioneer (Voortrekker Sports Day) won 20-3
Vryheid Festival

v Paarl Gymnasium lost 3-41 v Waterkloof lost 0-22 v Kuswag
won 34-17
St Johns Festival

v Golden Lions lost 11-12 v Nelspruit lost 8-18 v Waterkloof lost
16-31 v
George Campbell won 46-0 v Voortrekker won 38-12 v Westville
won 24-6 v
Hilton (h) lost 15-23 v DHS lost 15-16 v Glenwood won 24-12 v
St Johns
won 19-10 v St Charles won 29-27 v Northwood won 18-16 v
College lost
17-27 v Kearsney lost 18-20 v Hilton lost 17-29

Touring side

Gresham v Michaelhouse U17 squad won 33-3

Played 19 ~~â€¢~~ Won 9 ~~â€¢~~ Lost 10 ~~â€¢~~ Points for 394 (48 tries) ~~â€¢~~ Points against 342

Team representatives

2nd XV Coach: Mr G Ross

Captain: J Gallo / A MacGillivray

D Williams, T Chabana, K Dutton, S Reinders, B Rumble, W Hill, M Tatham, Lawrence, S Graham, S Shelembe, J Ollemans, G Thorpe, S Parker, G French, R Stuart, A Lepine-Williams, K pepper, N Jackson, A Brown, N Dippenaar, S Penny

3rd XV Coach: Mr R McMichael

Captain: M Denton

J Adams, P Badenhorst, A Band, M Blair, J Houghton, R Burrough, I Blunt, C

Brown, D Currie, N Dippenaar, D Elliot, D Evans, S Graham, A Kalebka, T

Khuzwayo, A Lockett, A Lepine-Williams, L Peck, S Penny, J Ollemans, W

Smith, D Tennant

4th XV Coach: Mr E De Klerk

Captain: G Noel

M White, B Burton, P Badenhorst, M Bland, L Peck, G Robertson, A Lockett, B

Curtain, R Edmunds, M Howard, K Mackay, G Green, N van Broembsen, J

Adams, N Ramsey, C Brown, I Blunt, W Smith

5th XV Coach: Mr A Cook

Captain: S Pattison-Emms

M Osier, T Khuzwayo, M Luthuli, J Schuster, M Worrall, B Burton, M White, C

Schiever, G Robertson, L Esterhuizen, W Mason, R Okell, M Howard, J-D Lotz,

B Curtain, G Green, C Crookes, F Dudley, D King, P McIntosh

6th XV Coach: Mr A Dahlberg

Captain: C Stephens

K Wood, M Luthuli, R Searle, J Houghton, L Tomlinson, A Theunissen, J Breet,

A Reid, M Hosking, G Hlekwayo, D Sommerville, W Mason, H Stander, A Rattray, G Dean, A Kalebka, J-D Lotz, G Gunther, T Stavrides, R Stevens, A McCallum, B Ussher-Stanley, J Greene, R Allan, M Babaya, A Chapman, J Gristwood, N Keene, D Ramsey, F Dudley, M Osier, J Schuster
U16A Coach: Mr C Longmore
Captain: J Badenhorst

P Cilliers, C Stander, M Rhodes, C Holley, D Dutton, L Ward, J Cordy, C Tingle,

J Behrmann, W Potgieter, K Walsh, T Msibi, T Smythe, B Bruins, S Acutt, C Campher

U16B Coach: Mr L Randall
Captain: J Pearce

S Acutt, K Branch, J Brunton, M Campbell, C Campher, P De Marigny, N Du Plessis, J Firth, A Flavell, C Green, T Msibi, D Ortlepp, G Penny, S Rabe, B Schiever, C Tingle, C Vrontamitis
U16C Coach: Mr S Ncamane
Captain: G Binnie

W Deterding, M Egner, K Rammotsi, M Shandu, R Peake, J Berning, M Turner, M Shedlock, P Searle, N Knight, T Serobe, M Mogatle, R Arnold, C Bam, J Butt

U16D Coach: Mr J Van Der Vegte
Captain: D Smorfitt

M Slatter. P Lishman. D Jenkmson. D Ralfe. D Ramsey. B Cantlay. J Ryder, T

Willemse. A Aldous. C Bam. R Douwes. N Massey. R Quinn. C Van Beek. J

Dlamini, D Earle. B Taylor, C Briggs. J Bertolli. J Trappe. R Kassier. P Van

Schalkwyk. K Thorpe. R Van Rooyen

U15A Coaches Mr B Wielenga and Mr J Crawford

Captain: S Shelembe

H Badenhorst, K Serobe. A Cook, M Bowes. M Sithole. N Thorpe. R Bloer. S Ngubane. J Pearson. T Mdluli. C De Lager, R Button, C Warren-Codrington. A

Warren-Codrington, P Mofokeng. T Rice, T Akal. M Ngcobo. J Sloane
U15B Coaches: Mr J Crawford and Mr B Whittaker
Captain: S Garland

P Hancock, S Ngubane, D Scott, A Blair, C Pieterse. S Dougall, S Bird. J

Pearson, P Roux, R Button, E Breet, I Van Geesbergen, M Aberdein, T R
ice.

Bennett, T Hulley, J Burton, G Slee

U15C Coach: Mr A Black

Captain: S Robarts

T Maphangwa, J Souchon, C Pieterse, R Voudouris, C Major, B Moore,
P Roux,

A Fiorotto, S Kalisa, G Slee, T Aubert, J Rowe, C Lee, B Slee, T Hulley.
R

O'Brien, G Potgieter, S Ngwenya, B Krone, J-F Du Toit, L Biden

U15D Coach: Mr J Van Rooyen

Captain: K Atta

B Moore, R Boosi, A Lategan, M Von Goethem, M Awadh, N Mackay, B K
rone,

J Rautenbach, J-F Du Toit, S Dommett, R Finlay, R Gunther, S Read, D
Van

Zuydam, E Nkosi, J Jardine, G Potgieter, A Van Der Merwe, J Martinaglia
, S

Kalisa

U14A Coach: Mr G Ferreira

Captain: F Van Niekerk

P Nortje, M De Bruyn, P Smedley, M-J Currie, X Van Rooyen, M Waldeck
, G

Cronje, R Cronje, K Ross, C Hallier, S Gowans, G Nel, M Mahieu, A Du
mmer, S

Allie, R Sladden, N Tatham, S Dougall

U14B Coach: Mr S Ndwandwe

Captain: M Richards

T Watkins, D Freund, R Frew, A Dzingwa, N Raw, D Firth, M-J Currie, M
De

Bruyn, P Smedley, M Waldeck, R Matthews, R Sladden, G Peake, N Setl
aba, G

Nel, F Mennigke, R Berriman, M Butler, B Lowe

U14C Coach: Mr N Cahill

Captain: D McLuckie

S Rogers, J Rosenberg, A Dzingwa, J Johnston, A Lotz, L Rumble, S Harr
is, J

Dillon, B Schiemann, D Plumari, R Potgieter, A Sully, A Lawrence, K Mey
er

U14D Coach: Mr G Calway

Captain: C Allen

M Sparkes, D Dedwith, T Hsieh, M Massey, M Haupt, J Fox, N Wilson, H Beckett, N Sokhela, N Campbell, M Chapman, M Chance, S Finch, M Papadopolos, D Foster, J Talbot, D Button, T Hodgson, J King.

SAILING

Master in Charge: Mr R von Schlichting aided by Mr P Crawford
Commodore: Rory McKenna

This is a sport that requires a lot of organizational aspects due to the complex equipment, safety regulations and laws regarding water-faring vessels. As a result, a special committee was appointed at the beginning of 2003 to help see to all these aspects. Added to the coaches and commodore were:

Assistant to the Commodore: Andreas Damm
Beach Safety Officer: David McLeod
Maintenance and Stock Officer: Simon Jagoe
Logistics Organizer: Jerome Gristwood

Michaelhouse Sailing has a strong Laser Fleet of 8 boats. Sailing is a demanding Sport, requiring physical fitness, geometrical thinking, technical ability and problem-solving skills. Boys regularly have to attend to fixing their own boats, and team co-operation is often visible when rigging boats or "saving" fellow sailors who have undergone damages to their boat due to heavy winds, and therefore cannot manage their way back to shore.

We are proud to announce that, after our not too pleasing results in the Interschools' Regatta in April, Michaelhouse Sailing had a few successes during the last term of 2003.

The Michaelhouse Sailing team during the fourth term comprised 9 active members, who competed regularly in the Henley Midmar Yacht Club events, which are mainly Senior Category events (open to all ages), as well as a couple of Junior Sailing (schools') events. The results were very pleasing, and listed below are our achievements within the top five places for each race: Training and club racing 01/11:

1st A McMillan
2nd J Gristwood

Results were as follows:

Senior Victor Ludorum (Bob Larsen Silicones Trophy) - David Brereton

U17 Victor Ludorum (Andrew Wex Cup) - Roderick Allan
Junior Victor Ludorum (Nick Folker Trophy)-Nick Thorpe
Senior Individual Medley (Branson Bowman Edgar Trophy) - David Tennant

Junior Individual Medley (A Wex Trophy) - Nick Thorpe
Winning House - West

Open freestyle relay (Bowman Edgar Trophy) - Tatham
Winning House (relays) (K & B Reeve Trophy) - West
Twentyman Trophy (Swimming Staff Trophy) -Tatham

Age group championship

U19 Gold - David Brereton ~~â€¢~~ Silver - David Tennant ~~â€¢~~ Bronze - AnthonyTurner

U17 Gold - Roderick Allan ~~â€¢~~ Silver - Guy Thorpe ~~â€¢~~ Bronze - Jono Hoal

U16 Gold - Neil du Plessis ~~â€¢~~ Silver - Drew Dutton ~~â€¢~~ Bronze - Patrick Cilliers

U15 Gold - Nicholas Thorpe ~~â€¢~~ Silver - Stephen Bird ~~â€¢~~ Bronze - Ian van Geesbergen & James Brownlee

U14 Gold - James Winter ~~â€¢~~ Silver - Michel Mahieu ~~â€¢~~ Bronze - Michael-James Currie

The following records were broken:

Individual

U19/17/16 Individual Medley2:23,2-DavidTennant

U17 50m Breaststroke 31,7 - Jono Hoal

50m Backstroke 31,4 - Roderick Allan

U16 50m Backstroke 30,6 - Neil Du Plessis

U14 50mButterfly31,5-Michel Mahieu

Relays

U17 Freestyle 1:52,3-Mackenzie

B. INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

We are, once again, ranked seventh in Kwazulu-Natal. In 2002 we were ranked sixth. It was with a certain amount of disappointment that we have dropped a place in the ranking from last year.

Results were as follows:

1. Maritzburg College Gala 3rd out of 7 teams

First Westville A

Second Maritzburg College A

Third Michaelhouse A

Fourth Westville B

Fifth Northwood

Sixth Maritzburg College B

Seventh Michaelhouse B

2. Top Ten Gala 7th out of 10 teams

First DHS 247

Second Westville 235

Third Maritzburg College 199

Fourth Kearsney 153

Fifth Hilton 152

Sixth Glenwood 131

Seventh Michaelhouse 119

Eighth Northwood - 94

Ninth DHS B 51

Tenth College B 46

Pinetown & Kloof did not participate this year.

3. Westville Gala 7th out of 9 teams

First Westville 212

Second DHS 194

SWIMMING TEAM 2003

Back row: K Dutton, G Thorpe, W Hill, A Band, J-D Lotz, M Rhodes, R Allan, N du Plessis, G Binnie, P Cillers, D Ortlepp

Third row: S Dommett, T Peyper, K Walsh, D Dutton, R Button, I Van Gesbergen, M Mahieu, S Bird, L Ward, R Wood, A Sully

Standing: S Dougall, A Lotz, T Watkins, L Pedlar, N Thorpe, P Smedley,

J Winter, C Tingle, N Wilson, K Holtzhausen
Seated: M Denton, JHoal, D Brereton, Mr R Drysdale. D Tennant, MrADah
lberg, A Turner, K Pepper, J Brereton

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Third Grey College 189 I
 Fourth Maritzburg College 151
 Fifth Glenwood 113
 Sixth Hilton 95
 Seventh Michaelhouse 74
 Eighth Northwood 73
 Tenth St David 54
 4. Michaelhouse Gala 3 'out of 6 teams
 First Maritzburg College 'A' 148
 Second Hilton 'A' 119
 Third Michaelhouse 'A' 111
 Fourth Maritzburg College 'B' 71
 Fifth Hilton 'B' 54
 Sixth Michaelhouse 'B' 26
 5. Private Schools Quad Gala 3 out of 4 teams
 First Kearsney 84
 Second Hilton 80
 Third Michaelhouse 69
 Fourth St Charles 25
 6. Dimant Co-Ed Gala 1 81 out of 9 teams
 Michaelhouse were drawn to swim with St Mary's this year. We won the g
 ala and R200!
 1s' St Mary's & Michaelhouse 302
 2nd Epworth & DHS 'A' 272
 3rd GHS 'A' & St Charles 228
 4th Pinetown & College 'A' 202
 5th Carter & Hilton 194
 6th St Johns & Kearsney 'A' 184
 7th St Annes & College 'B' 144
 8th GHS 'B' & Kearsney 'B' 58

PROVINCIAL COMPETITION Kwazulu Natal

The following boys were selected to this side and competed at
 the SA Schools Championship Gala in Durban:

U14

U16

U18

Michel Mahieu
 Neil Du Plessis

David Ortlepp
 David Tennant

David Brereton

50m Butterfly
 200m Individual Medley,
 50m & 100m Freestyle

and 50m Backstroke
50m Breaststroke
50m Breaststroke &

100m Butterfly
400m Freestyle

MidmarMile

We once again had a large number of swimmers taking part in this year's Midmar Mile" – at least 90.

Kyle Dutton 159* 23m 25,0
David Brereton 161* 23m 27,0
Anthony Turner 186* 23m 55,0
Nick Thorpe 193rd 24m 01,0
Kyle Pepper 196" 24m 02,0
Drew Dutton 271'1 25m 00,0
Roderick Allan 295* 25m 13,0

In the junior event, the best result was as follows:

Michel Mahieu 52nd 22m 25,0

AWARDS

The following swimming awards were made this year and on the basis of specific times achieved in certain events and commitment to the sport and the team:

David Brereton Honours (100m Freestyle)

Neil DuPlessis Honours (50m Freestyle)

Guy Thorpe Honours (50m Freestyle)

David Tennant & Anthony Turner once again achieved at a level within School Honours times. They were awarded Honours in

2001.

Colours (MidmarMile)

Colours (MidmarMile)

Colours (MidmarMile)

Colours (50m Backstroke)

Colours (50m Backstroke)

Kyle Dutton
Kyle Pepper
Nick Thorpe
Alex Band

Drew Dutton

CHANGE TO THE AWARDS CRITERIA

In consultation with the national swimming coach, Wane Ridden, it was decided to change the Honours criteria for 100m Freestyle from 55,6 seconds to 55,9 seconds.

TENNIS

Coaches: Paul de Wet, Win de Wet, Viktor Kurz
Captain: Danny Rafferty

We once again had an active and busy year on the tennis courts. In the summer, we typically played against the same schools as our cricket teams. The results were mixed and we continue to struggle against the bigger schools.

In the third quarter we hosted two touring sides from the Eastern Cape. Both proved way too strong but the boys enjoyed the matches. We also took a team of 8 to Johannesburg to play against St John's College on the annual train trip.

Matches against touring sides
1st Team 2nd Team

Graeme College 0-9 Graeme College 1-8

Union High 0 - 9 Union High 0 - 9

St John's College 0-11

TENNIS

Standing: P Searle, Q Gero, O Payn, L Peck
Seated: D Rafferty, Mrs W de Wet, P Rowse
Absent: L Tomlinson

In the winter we entered a total of three leagues: The Denness is an open league while the Bonnefin (U14) and Natal Witness (U16) are by age group. We often battled to get quality players on court as most of the better players

The first 10 Michaelhouse senior swimmers were as follows in the order that they completed the mile:

David Tennant 89th 22m 12,0

Guy Thorpe 112th 22m 25,0

Neil Du Plessis 154th 23m 17,0

SUMMARY OF RESULTS:
Summer Fixtures

1st Team 2nd Team
Kearsney 0-9 Kearsney
St Albans 6-3 Westville
Westville 1 -8 Hilton
Hilton 4-5 Northwood
Northwood 0-9 Westville
Kearsney 3-6 Hilton
Westville 1 -8 U14 vs Hilton
Hilton 4-5 3rd vs Hilton
College 6-6

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were committed to rugby and hockey. In reality, many of them could play tennis matches without impacting their main sport but prefer not to do so. As a result, our performance in these leagues was disappointing. It was pleasing to see some competent players in E Block and it is hoped that we can keep them motivated to play in the years ahead.

Denness

1s team - A League: Finished 8th out of 9
2nd team - B League: Finished 4 out of 8
3rd team - C League: Finished 6th out of 7
Natal Witness

Howick 40 - 26
St Charles 33 - 33
Wembley 23 - 43
Voortrekker 33 - 33
College Forfeited
Finished 5th out of 6
Bonnefin

Hilton 32 - 34
College 17 - 49
Merchiston 32 - 34
St Charles 22 - 44
Finished 5th out of 5

In the past our players have enjoyed playing in the Vic King Doubles Trophy. However, this year, the event was postponed and not re-scheduled.

The first team was capably captained by Danny Rafferty and the following boys were regular first team players: Danny Rafferty; Luke Tomlinson; Peter Rowse; Robbie Searle; Quinton Gero; Leighton Peck; Oliver Payn and Peter Searle. Danny Rafferty and Kgosi Serobe made Midlands B while Peter Rowse and Luke Tomlinson were selected as reserves.

We acquired a new ball machine in the first quarter and this has helped add variety to our practices. In addition, Viktor Kurz joined the Michaelhouse staff. A competent player himself, he has already added significant value to Michaelhouse tennis. Win de Wet, also a capable player, coached the first side where the players showed significant progress. We continue to make use of an outside coach, Alan Cairns for a first team squad and for individual private coaching. Alan has offered a fantastic service. I am extremely grateful to Win, Viktor and Alan for their untiring efforts in nurturing Michaelhouse tennis.

The following boys received their Braid for tennis: Peter Rowse; Robbie Searle; Quinton Gero; Oliver Payn and Leighton Peck.

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WATERPOLO

written by Alby Dahlberg

Master In Charge: Mr A Dahlberg
Coaches: Mr A Dahlberg, Mr R Drysdale,
Mr L Randall, Mr B Whittaker
Captain: Kyle Pepper

The season has once again been an extremely busy one. The amount of enthusiasm and preparation shown on the part of all of the players this year has made practices and games enjoyable and exciting. The large numbers of committed and enthusiastic players involved in the sport are loving the game; they are putting in a lot of training time and effort in order to improve their game skills and fitness levels. Waterpolo is going from strength to strength and our teams have recorded very good results this season.

WATERPOLO

Back row: A Turner, M Denton, A Band, R Allan, K Dutton, W Hill, N Thorpe
Seated: J Hoal, K Pepper, Mr L Randall, J-D Lotz, G Thorpe,

Representatives:

South Africa U18A - Warren Hill
South Africa U15A- Nicholas Thorpe

Midlands U18A - Warren Hill, Kyle Dutton, John-D Lotz, Guy Thorpe, Nicholas Thorpe

Midlands U18B - Roderick Allan, Alex Band, Busi Shelembe, Ian Van Geesburgen, Kyle Pepper (Captain)

Midlands U16A- Neil du Plessis, Drew Dutton, Nicholas Thorpe
Midlands U14A-Andre Lotz, Michel Mahieu, James Winter
Midlands U14B - Michael Butler, Simon Dougall, AlexDummer, Gareth Peake, Thomas Watkins, Paul Smedley, Nicholas Wilson

Our U14 age group has performed extremely well this year, winning most of their games by large margins and playing very good waterpolo. The U15's have had a difficult season but have remained committed and determined to improve their game. The Senior Teams (U16, 1st) have all had a successful season and with a large number of the Open players being back next year, our Waterpolo will be as strong as ever.

Midlands League:

We once again entered our 1st Team and a Junior Team (U14/U15) into the League this year, competing in the 1st and 2nd divisions respectively. Our Teams performed well, gaining valuable experience by competing against school and Club sides.

Interhouse Competition:

This took place on Monday 24 November 2003 and was once again a very competitive tournament. Top positions are as follows:

Seniors: 1st Place - Mackenzie

2nd Place - Founders

Juniors: 1st Place - Farfield

2nd Place - Baines

I would like to express my gratitude to the Coaches for their hours of effort and enthusiasm, as well as to the players for the spirit in which they played the game.

AWARDS:

Honours - Warren Hill

Colours - Nicholas Thorpe, Roderick Allan, Alex Band
Braid - Tim Craib

1ST TEAM REPORT

written by Lionel Randall

With all of last year's team remaining, the majority of which gained valuable experience on the tour to Hungary in September

2002, they had reason to believe that they could be the best and approached their Waterpolo accordingly.

RESULTS:

Played 28 Won 20 Drew 2 Lost 6 Goals for 259 Goals against 102

OPPONENT 1ST 2ND U16A U15A U14A U14B

Maritzburg College L4-14 L2-8 L5-9 L3-12 L3-10 -

Kloof High W 26-6 W 17-0 - L7-9 W 15-1 -

Northwood W9-8 D4-4 W 5-4 L4-9 W12-1 -

U14Tour -Jeppe High W7-0 -

-St Davids L2-3 -

-St Albans W8-0 -

-DHS L0-4 -

-Pbhs W7-0 -

-Grey College W3-2 -

-Selborne L0-4 -

-Edenvale W 4-2 -

St Albans Sports Day W38-1 W 17-4 W 10-5 L3-10 W9-1 D4-4

Hilton College W15-9 L3-6 D6-6 L3-13 W15-3 W10-3
Pinetown W17-3 W17-3 - D 7-7 W12-0 -
Top 3 -Hilton College W6-0 W6-0 W5-2 -- W 8-1 W 5-1
- Maritzburg College L6-8 L2-4 L 1-4 L2-7 L4-6
Eastern Cape Tour 2n<j - - - -
Kloof High W19-5 W15-2 D8-8 W12-3 W20-1 --
Glenwood W13-3 L4-8 W12-3 LO-12 - W7-1
U14 Invitation - Pinetown - - - - --
Hilton College W7-5 -- W6-3 L5-14 W10-1 W7-6

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After our first game of the year against Maritzburg College, the boys held a meeting and decided that losing was not an option! It was agreed that much time and effort were needed in order to compete at the highest level. We went on to win our next 5 games in succession. The Northwood and Hilton games were particularly special. Against Northwood, within 2 minutes we were 0-3 down, but slowly clawed our way back and eventually came out 9-8 winners.

During the off-season, Nicholas Thorpe was a member of the SA U15 Team that toured Hungary. He came back with valuable experience and confidence and became a regular member of the starting seven.

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During the half-term break, we took a Stayers team to the Eastern Cape.

Results are as follows:

vs Stirling - Won 15-1 vs Hudson Park - Won 12-4 vs Selborne - Lost 4-6

On the Saturday we travelled to Queenstown to compete in the Queens College Tournament.
Results:

vs Selborne - Lost 0-3 vs Port Rex - Won 4-1 vs Hudson Park - Won 5-1 vs Dale - Won 4-1 vs Queens - Won 5-1 vs Grey (Bloem) - Drew 2-2

Overall Michaelhouse was placed 2nd behind Selborne.

The Team must be congratulated for all their hard work and effort this season and for their fine

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At the end of the 3rd Quarter we attended the DHS Festival. Results are as follows:
vs Kearsney - Won 5-3 ~~â€¢~~ vs Maritzburg College - Drew 3-3 ~~â€¢~~ vs DHS - Lost 2-6 ~~â€¢~~ vs Westville - Lost 1-6 ~~â€¢~~
vs Glenwood - Won 4-1

Guy Thorpe and Warren Hill attended the SACS Tournament in Cape Town, playing for the Gugulethu Gunners, with both boys having an excellent tournament.

Warren Hill, John-D Lotz and Guy Thorpe were invited to the SA U18 Trials. Unfortunately Guy and John-D did not make the side, but both will have the opportunity again next year.

Congratulations to Warren on being selected. He will be touring Australia in December with the SA U18A Team and will be competing in the Tri-Nations Tournament against Australia and New Zealand.

The 4th Quarter started with the Midlands Top-3. Against Hilton we had a comfortable 6-0 win, but went down to Maritzburg College 6-8 (despite the loss, it was an excellent game). The remainder of the term saw us competing against our traditional rivals from Durban and Maritzburg.

performances. A special vote of thanks must go to Kyle Pepper, the Captain of the side. Kyle is the most dedicated and committed Captain a Coach could ask for. After exams, he remained at Michaelhouse to see his Waterpolo commitments through to the end.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2002

The performance of world equity markets during 2002 was dismal as is reflected in the following indices:

Index Performance

MSCI World Equity Index -23.8%

S&P 500 Composite Index (USA) -22.1%

Eurostoxx 100 Index (Europe) -33.5%

FTSE 100 (UK) -22.2%

Nikkei 225 Stock Average (Japan) -18.6%

FTSE/JSE All Share Index (South Africa) - 8.3%

The Michaelhouse Trust also registered a negative performance (-5.8%) for the year, which was marginally below our internal benchmark (-3.3%) and the average performance of South African fund managers (-3.5%: source Alexander Forbes Consultants).

The investment performance of The Michaelhouse Trust over the past three years has been as follows:-

2002(%)

-5.8

2001(%)

+22.5

2000(%)

+5.3

Attention to income generation resulted in a 47.9% increase in net income over 2001, a welcome return to 1998/9 income generation levels when the Trust last reported on a small retained income of R118670. The Trust's current smoothed distribution policy to the School will be revisited in 2003 as recent years have seen an increased reliance on realised capital surpluses. Income distributed to the School over the last three years has been as follows :-

Net income for the year before distribution

Distribution to Michaelhouse

Excess distribution for the year

Realised capital surpluses distributed

Retained income at the end of the year

2002

1 250 596
(1 687 452)
(436 856)
436 856

2001

845 541
(1440 858)
(595 317)
595 317

2000

972 591
(1 214 040)
(241 449)
241 449

The School's utilisation of income distributed to it was as follows -:

Unexpended income -'beginning of the year
Income - current year

Capital expenditure and work in progress
Fee reductions and scholarships
Supplementary staff pensions
Trust expenses

Unexpended income - end of the year

2002

20 280
1 687 452
1 707 732
(1 172 630)
(421 864)
(77 946)
(17 500)
17 792

2001

123 831
1 440 858
1 564 689
(1 052 686)
(360216)
(83107)
(48400)
20 280

2000

204 947
1 214 040
1418 987
(863 648)
(303 512)
(79 596)
(48400)
123 831

The major capital projects undertaken during 2002 that were supported by Trust income were -:

Cricket pavilion and scoreboard 391 526

Electricity: new increased capacity transformer 148 395

Road reconstruction: phase two 374 268

The attention to "infrastructural" projects over the last few years has certainly been welcomed and has had a positive impact in so many ways. The Trustees keep in close contact with the School's management in regard to the capital projects funded by the Trust.

Trustees are pleased to report that funds set aside for scholarships and financial assistance are being well utilised by the School. During 2002 no less than ten pupils were assisted and by all accounts, these boys who came to Michaelhouse from State schools, are doing themselves and their school proud.

Trustees have been kept informed of the School's move from a defined benefit pension fund to a defined contribution pension fund. It is unfortunate that relevant legislation on the utilisation of fund surplus has not permitted the School to provide for the supplementary staff pensions from the available surplus, but Trustees fully support the decision taken by the Board of Governors to distribute the vast majority of the available surplus to fund members.

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LU April 18 1903 Afternoon run to Nottingham Road and back was won by Jaffray in a time of 1 hr 37mins.

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cfc 19 June 1903. James Cameron Todds last day at Michaelhouse. The prize-giving was held and he distributed the prizes and left the next

day - He never returned though often officiated at old boys' dinners in the U.K. in subsequent years.

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2003 REUNIONS

BALGOWAN

Rector's Lunch for Senior Old Boys

It was a real privilege to host the Senior Old Boys lunch on Saturday, 20 September. The specific focus was for those who had left Michaelhouse in 1935, 1936 and 1937.

It was wonderful to reminisce and to hear stories from those who were at Michaelhouse so many years ago. Of special significance was the fact that Callum Smythe, OBC President, attended the function with his father, Charles.

EASTERN AUSTRALIA

Rector's visit July 2003

This annual event is very special and the effort by our senior Old Boys to attend it is much appreciated.

Guy Pearson

NORTH AMERICA

Michael Brooke

Victoria, British Columbia, a haven amid the turmoil of modern day life hosted a recent Michaelhouse Old Boys Reunion, on 25th October, 2003

22 people attended, 14 OMs, 6 wives, 2 daughters - all had a great time. A poignant moment was had when the School Hymn was played from a recent school CD. Four OMs traveled from Washington and Oregon. All 8 known OMs from Vancouver Island were present and the rest came from what is called the Lower Mainland i.e.

Vancouver and confines. Next Year the Americans have promised to host the Reunion in Seattle and the Canadians will be there!

In attendance: Donald Barford, East 58-63, David Johnston, Baines, 59-63, Bruce Adnams, Founders, 69-73, Peter Houghton, Farfield, 66-69, Terrance Cattell,

Tatham, 50-54, Alan Burns 60-62. Michael Brooke,

East/Baines, 51-56, Mike Downes, Tatham, 54-57,

Duncan Forbes, Pascoe, 54-57. Nick Youngleson,

Tatham, 69-57, Mike Havers, Farfield, 60-63, Karl Rein-

Weston, 63-67, Guy Eriksen, Pascoe, 76-79 and Jon Walker, East, 74-78. Downes, Cattell and Forbes left early so they are not in the photograph.

DURBAN

Brett Davidson \

2003, being the centenary of the Old Boys was a relatively quiet one for the Durban Branch with most of the efforts of the Durban committee assisting in the celebration event of the school. Nonetheless the Durban branch was still active in the latter half of the year with its annual golf day and a year end harbourcruise.

The golf day was held at the Beachwood Country Club on

the 16th of September and was once again well attended Wjntron Ladlau and Dona/ Blackhurst

with 104 players. The format has changed to a better ball alliance, and the prize giving taking place in an informal setting at the pub. A highly successful evening was had with the fellowship of the club being rekindled and the last of the old boys leaving at 11:00pm. Thanks to the Midlands Branch led by one of our Governors, Jon Bates, supporting the day and it was great to catch up with them.

The branch has decided to keep this format for the following year and next year will be our 4*. Monies raised were in the region of R15 000.00.

Our final function of the year was a cocktail party with a difference in that it was held on a boat!! The MHS Community 100 Club chartered a yacht, The "Hakuna Matata", and enjoyed 2 hours of a harbour cruise and was attended by 56 people, who enjoyed a sumptuous cocktail menu in the bar of the "New Cafe Fish" overlooking the yacht mole. Although we would have liked more people to attend those that did thought the concept was unique and thoroughly enjoyed by all. It has been suggested that this function be held earlier in the year.

Andrew Hunter and Saville Robinson

Frank Osbourn and Charles Smythe

North American OM Reunion

I was very pleased to be able to address two Old Boy Functions in Sydney and Melbourne.

In Sydney we met at the famous "Rocks" in the harbour area. Mr Derek McIntosh made a great effort in getting 20

Old Boys together. After some cocktails we adjourned to dinner.

In Melbourne, Mr Richard Gellie worked hard to get 9 Old Boys and their wives together for dinner at the Westin Hotel. Both groups appreciated my report to them and they were very meaningful evenings from my point of view.

It was most encouraging to hear how successful Old Michaelhousians have been in Australia.

Guy Pearson.

GAUTENG
Hal Rosholt

2003 saw a total resurgence of the Gauteng Branch due to the unrelenting efforts of James Inglis. A new committee has been constituted under the (perhaps temporary, in this new democracy) chairmanship of Hal Rosholt.

As a first attempt, the existing Gauteng OM's included on the current mailing list were sent an invitation to come to Red Letter Day, and support the school's rugby and hockey teams on their visit to St John's College in Johannesburg, and to attend what we hoped would be the post-match festivities at the Old Johannian clubhouse behind the school, which had been very generously made available to us.

Whether it was true OM spirit, or the prospect of a party which did it, the attendance was very gratifying, the shouting and war cries were impressive, and the occasion was very much enhanced by the 1st XV's altogether unexpected, and comfortable win over a previously unbeaten St John's XV. The event was judged a great success, and Red Letter Day looks like becoming an enjoyable and useful bi-annual fixture on the Gauteng OM calendar.

It was decided to focus all of our attention for the balance of the calendar year on supporting the production of an OM Golf Day, under the management of Stephen Dallamore, Jamie Inglis, Mike Pond, Mike Shakerley, George Mackeurtan, Sandile Koza (and the writer), as well as James Campbell, Stuart Pennington and Brett Bowes, which had two prime objectives:

a. principally, we hoped to raise enough money to enable the creation of a bursary to be targeted at the son of an OM, and

b. at the same time begin to function as a relevant branch

of the Club once more.

It was held at Killarney Golf Club on 5 November, with a full field of 144 players, and almost all holes sponsored in every permutation and combination imaginable. The weather held up perfectly, and the event was won in near-darkness by the fourball entered by Simon Dougherty, who walked away with a very generous bush lodge prize sponsored by Winchester Marketing in the guise of OM Mike Whiting.

A very irreverent but amusing Old Etonian, Gerald Sadleir, managed a much more than expectedly successful auction of, again, very generously sponsored items, and a large number of raffle tickets were sold, also for impressive prizes. Every player won a prize, and our very sincere thanks must go to the Prizes Sub-committee, chaired by the writer, who proved that if you

1904. The first Rhodes Scholarship awarded to a Michaelhouse boy was won by J.J.L. Sisson. He later became the first old boy to become a governor and ran a legal practice in

Pietermaritzburg for many years.

have the right team in place, you have to do very little yourself. In particular. George Mackeurtan, Liz Williams,

Jenny Nesbitt and Ann Lishman toiled mightily to produce a really impressive array of loot for the players.

And during the evening, we were happily able to toast the 80th birthday next day of former Rector Rex Pennington,

Who was part of his son Stuart's fourball.

At the end of the day, the event, which was wonderfully supported by OM's and their guests, appears to have raised a figure of over R240 000, which we think is very impressive, and gratifying indeed. We also believe that it provided evidence of a very strong wish that the Gauteng branch get off its backside, and become effective once again in supporting the Club, and the marketing efforts of the School - much as, we were reminded on more than one occasion during the after-golf dinner, the local old boys of the School Down the Road do.

MIDLANDS

Mark Perry

On the 10th October the Midlands Branch celebrated the Midlands Bursary Fund's (Weaner Scheme) 15th Anniversary. All participants in the fund were invited to a cocktail party on the estate. The Weaner Scheme has assisted over 30 OB farmers sons through Michaelhouse.

NORTHERN NATAL

Tony Porill

The Northern Natal Old Boys Club has come out of hiding!

A very successful golf day was held in March of this year and a total of R10 000 was raised for the Bursary fund.

The golf day was held at the Ladysmith Country Club and a field of forty players enjoyed a great day of golf and fellowship, which was rounded off with prize giving and substantial snacks.

Present at the day were a few of our local Michaelhouse pupils who represented the school and helped hand out tokens at the first tee and two of our more senior boys handed out prizes at prize giving. To all the sponsors on the day who succumbed to

my wife's charm and continuous phone calls to part with their hard earned money,
my sincere thanks.

Once again my thanks to the golf day sponsors and to all who took part.

Bellow is a list of those sponsors.

Zorbatex, Spionkop Battlefields and Safari Lodge, Charles Porrill, Durnford's
Lodge, Neil Haynes, Guy Balsdon, George Mitchell-Innes, Roger Mentzel,
Stuart &
Douglas Porrill, Macaulay & Riddell - Attorneys, Notaries & Conveyancers
, Ian Riddell, A C Houston and Family, Friend Family, James Henderson, Tony &
James Christopher. Mark Robinson - Greenlands Farm, Andrew Kirkland
, Whipp
Family, Dave & Lyn Mills, Justin Green, Ryan Green, Wesley Green, William Mark

UK Dinner.

Dales (Kesh), De Francas, Brian Greenhough, BRS Motor
Spares, Royal Hotel Ladysmith, Dave Lauwrens, Fenton
Family, Shirley Lee & Family, Tony & Gareth Porrill,
Longfields Chickens.

The ladies who supplied the outstanding snacks:-
Mazz Porrill, Lyn Wood, Ann Cerrai, Jenny Green, Gail
Green, Herta Mitchell-Innes, Anne Christopher, Pam
Mitchell-Innes, Lyn Heron and Paddy-Ann Porrill.

PIETERMARITZBURG
Peter Lawrence

A most enjoyable Fellowship Evening was held at the
Victoria Country Club on 6 November 2003.
Pietermaritzburg Michaelhouse Parents and Old Boys and
their partners were invited.

Invitations were sent by post, followed up with numerous
e-mails and reminders in the Rector's Newsletters, and
even still - it was necessary to do a telephone follow up!
Nevertheless, all this was worth it and we had an
attendance of 42. Not too shabby!

There is no doubt that one of the reasons why Michaelhouse can boast of
such a
good spirit amongst parents of the School and amongst Old Boys and the
wider
Michaelhouse community - is because of the wonderful camaraderie built
up at
Fellowship functions such as these. The Rector and his wife attended and
it was

great to get an update on the latest news at Michaelhouse.

A big thank-you must once again go out to Bridget for her invaluable support, efficiency and enthusiasm - she is an outstanding member of the team.

WESTERN CAPE

Charles Phillips

The Centenary year was celebrated in fine style at our Annual Dinner in August at the very special "Het Bakhuis" Restaurant in the famous Cape Town Castle where

60 OM's including the Rector were seated at one long table and we enjoyed a superb 3-course dinner and tasted some of the local fine wines. This was the 'new'

Rector's first visit to our Branch and he gave us some special insight into MHS plus

a slide presentation. Altogether an awesome evening! The weekend was

completed with a church service at St Andrews, Newlands on the Sunday where

Garth Collins (East '65-'68) took the service and delivered a riveting sermon.

Followed by a carvery lunch at "Forries".

UNITED KINGDOM

Andrew Dixon-Smith

MHS I Hilton UK Old Boys 2003 Golf Day: The MHS/Hilton UK Old Boys Golf Day

was held at Traditions Golf Course in Surrey on Saturday 21 June 2003. The event

was very well attended by both MHS and Hilton old boys. The day involved

breakfast at the course followed by a better ball competition, lunch and a prize

giving. Unfortunately Hilton took the honours overall but it was a great day out and it

was a good opportunity for many old boys from Hilton and MHS to reunite and enjoy

a game of golf. We will get our revenge in 2004. Special thanks go to Nick Rogers

for his many efforts in arranging the golf day. We hope for an even bigger and better

event next year.

2003 MHS UK OLD BOYS DINNER- Royal Air Force Club Piccadilly London:

The 2003 MHS UK Dinner was held on Friday 31 October 2003 at the Royal Air Force Club, Piccadilly, London. The dinner was attended by about 74 old boys representing a good cross section of the type of MHS Old Boy in the UK across various ages groups. The event this year was

held at a slightly more up market venue in central London. This proved to be a large success and the venue; food and speeches were all of good quality. The occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The evening included 3 speeches. Kevin O'Brien (as past president) reported on recent activities of the Old Boys in SA, particularly the centenary celebrations held at the school. The Chairman of the Board of Governors, Jamie Inglis provided a very informative and interesting report on the school.. All the Old Boys greatly appreciated this news and Jamie's efforts in making time to attend the dinner and to report to them on the state of the school. The Guest speaker was Air Commodore Rick Peacock-Edwards who gave a most interesting speech and provided the old boys with some very amusing tales of his time in the Royal Air Force. Rick also conveyed some personal views on how he believes the MHS UK Old Boys can practically and usefully contribute to the development of the boys at the school by developing communication

MHS OBs enjoying lunch
in the gardens of the Old Johannian Club

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July 1904. "Politics and Religion in Ancient Israel" was published in Britain by Canon Todd. Most of the book was written at Balgowan while he was Rector of Michaelhouse.

links between UK Old boys and boys at the school in order to provide certain specific professional guidance where required. It was due to Rick that the Old Boys enjoyed the function at the RAF Club and for this we are greatly indebted to him.

ZULULAND
Lawrie Kramer

Our annual general meeting and dinner was held October 30th and attended by 55 people. Many who couldn't attend gave their personal apologies. I am encouraged by the camaraderie shown when OM's get together on these occasions. A great evening was held with the last of the night owls leaving at about an hour before sunrise.

For the first time we included present parents at the dinner and this was tremendously well supported by those parents who could attend. It will be an ongoing invitation to present and past parents and is something I would suggest to all branches to seriously consider at their respective annual dinners. There are presently 20 boys at MHS from the Zululand area.

We were privileged to have the Rector and his wife join us for the day and evening. A most interesting report by the Rector added to the enjoyment of the evening. My thanks must go to Peter and Margret Ardington who kindly hosted Guy and Maree for the day and showed them the new Ariel Boardwalk which was recently built in the forests of Eshowe and which is a great tourist attraction to the area. This boardwalk was the initiative of Mrs Jane Chennells, wife of an OM.

FROM THE PRESS

The following are relevant extracts from media publications forwarded to the OBC. Again we would like to thank the Michaelhouse Librarian, Penny Purchase and Ronald Brooks for their tireless assistance with such.

Armstrong, Gillespie (86-89) Natal Witness, 13 August 2003.

WE WANT TO TURN THE TABLES. Chosen for the SA Polo team, BMW

International against Australia.

Gillespie Armstrong lives in Verulam, north of Durban, where his family farm sugar cane. His brother, Simon, has also represented SA.

Gillespie won the Man-of-the-Match award at last year's BMW International at Inanda against the U.S. side and was also instrumental in helping Natal win the 2003 Prince of Wales Cup at the inter-provincial. He is a clean striker and strong on the near side. He plays for Ottawa Polo Club, runners-up in last year's SA Championships.

Natal Witness 18 August 2003.

PROTEAS POLO TEAM DEFEAT OZ Jeff Slessor
Gillespie Armstrong took the Man-of-the-match award for his great penalty goals (three) and for his positional play.

Bekker, Pierre (87-90) Natal Witness, 3 July 2003.

EXTENSION OF FIRE COVER FOR TIMBER GROWERS - Derek Alberts

Hard-pressed timber growers will heave a sigh of relief at the launch of a unique co-operative crop protection facility that will extend cover against fire to previously excluded plantation owners. Safire MD, Pierre Bekker said the new facility is based on the same model used in the original fire-loss product and secure cover is offered to two types of growers - gold and silver class. Bekker said the extended facility was motivated by the withdrawal of forestry insurers from the SA timber industry.

Benkenstein, Dale (89-92) Natal Witness, 3 November 2003
KHAN INSPIRES GREAT DAY FOR BENKYS BOYS

With national selector Joubert Strydom in attendance, Imraan Khan who captained the South African U19 team to England this year produced a flurry of wickets as Natal took control of the SuperSport match against Easterns at Willowmore Park yesterday. ... Natal captain Dale Benkenstein had no hesitation in enforcing the follow on and when stumps were drawn, Easterns were to be reduced to 80 for six in their second innings and staring defeat in the face."

Bonnet, Chris (47-51) Sailing, July 2003.

CHRIS BONNET, 25 YEARS ON AND STILL SAILING

Chris and Libby Bonnet are household names in sail training in South Africa. Chris is the sort of

man you either love or hate. He is tough and single minded about his business; he is known as "Mr Sailtraining" and he will clash with you if you dare cross swords with him on standards of safety and sailtraining. But, whatever your opinion of him, he is a man who is passionate about the sea, is innovative, and has made many a landlubber's dreams of crossing oceans and circumnavigating the globe, a reality.

Briggs David (1981-1984)

HIGH FLYER ALWAYS READY FOR ANOTHER ADVENTURE Natal Mercury - April 2003

Nothing keeps Pinetown adventurer David Briggs down, not even a horror accident that might have cost him his left foot. And when after 13 months of recuperation and inactivity, he heard about an expedition to fly all around South Africa by microlight, he decided it was high time for some action.

Briggs, a qualified biochemist, long ago decided to swap life in a lab for a life of adventure. A diver, sometimes treasure hunter, canoeist and microlight pilot, he aims to do at least one expedition a year. He had been planning a solo flight to check out the ship wrecks along the West Coast, but decided to scrap the idea to join forces with a group of pilots for the 4500km flight around the country. It was the first type of expedition by a group of pilots and Briggs was the only enthusiast from KZN. His friends at Joe Kools even paid for his accommodation and petrol expenses. Six pilots made the entire trip, with several others joining on various legs of the three-week expedition. Briggs, who has been flying microlights for seven years, said he joined the expedition "As it was something different". "When you have been grounded for so long, you look for something different to bring back the excitement, and this trip certainly did that."

Briggs who manufactures powered paragliders - parachutes fitted with motors- was

test flying a paraglider for a customer when a fault caused him to crash. His foot was torn off, except for a few blood vessels and tendons, and though the doctors were able to reposition it with the aid of plates and screws, Briggs might eventually settle for a prosthetic foot if he cannot get better mobility. And things did not go exactly to plan on the microlight expedition either: as he flew over the Wild Coast "everything went wrong" he recalled yesterday. His instruments and radio were not working and then his microlight "gave up". It was at 5500 feet, which is pretty high, and high enough to give me time to find a place to land" he said. With his plane a wreck, he then hitched a lift with the expedition leader, Joe Standuhar of Springs. We took double seaters along for just such eventualities. I also took turns flying the microlight as one can pilot from the back seat.

Briggs, who fulfilled his dream of spotting several shipwrecks along the Skeleton Coast, is now putting the video footage of his pictures on his web site for everyone else to share the adventure. "The footage is absolutely unreal". And what about his next adventure, we asked? "I have been hankering to canoe down the Nile", came the prompt reply.

Campbell, Athol (60-64) Mercury, 31 July 2003
ONE OF FIRST IN THE SADDLE

One of the first developers to begin building in the Riverhorse Valley is Penross, a joint venture between industrial and commercial property management experts Pangbourne Properties and construction firm JT Ross. Said Pangbourne's chief executive officer, Athol Campbell; "Riverhorse Valley will eventually comprise 15 separate independently developed mixed-use business parks and a residential area".

Fleischer, Kevin and Klinzman, Christopher (Both 77-80) Natal Witness, 30 September 2003.

MICHAELHOUSE OLD BOYS MAY WIN EMMY

South African Kevin Fleischer and American Christopher Klinzman, former

Michaelhouse pupils and executive producers of the Silent Tears feature film, have been nominated for an Emmy for their work on the project. Silent Tears, a drama produced in the United States, was broadcast in the American Midwest region in

2002 as a benefit for mental health and teen depression care programmes. The film received international media attention for its portrayal of the issue of teen suicide, one of the leading causes of death for young Americans according to the National Institute of Health.

For the landmark TV broadcasts, Klinzman, who also directed the film, created a toll-free telephone "teen hotline" team of experts and volunteers, and a live internet chat-room that referred young viewers in need of appropriate health and counselling services in their area.

Silent Tears is currently being distributed to classrooms across North America as an educational curriculum. Fleischer is a financial and media strategist in Johannesburg, and works with Gauteng's Blue IQ regional development initiative. Klinzman is an independent producer/director who also works extensively in live TV, including live sports coverage seen worldwide.

Sept 1904. First athletic sports held at the school. The mile was won in 5min 36sec and a cricket ball was thrown 103yards 2feet!

Goodwin, Gavin (75-79) Sunday Tribune. 30 March 2003

THE LIGHTHOUSE FITS AND TURNS INTO AGLOW Deon Delpont

Gavin Goodwin went on holiday after telling his biggest client that there was no point in continuing with their business relationship. His company simply could not survive on the margins it was making. It was a tough decision to make but it turned out well. The client realised the product was well made, a bestseller, and negotiated new orders. As a former professional squash player, Goodwin knows about fighting back when the match looks lost.

His competitive skills have been turned to the manufacturing of lamps, shades and lighting. He is the owner of The Lighthouse, a retail and manufacturing company based in Stamford Hill in Durban. When he joined the company in 1999 there were four staff members. Today there are 31 people. Turnover in the first year was R600

000 and this has virtually doubled every year, reaching R3 million last year.

Born in Nairobi, he moved with his family to Pietermaritzburg in 1972 and went to Michaelhouse. It was the founding of my independent streak. I really enjoyed school and played a lot of sport," Goodwin said. Goodwin's advice to aspiring entrepreneurs is to be thrifty. Money is hard to earn and easy to spend. Entrepreneurs must be critical of themselves and the way they deal with employees. They need to set the right example. "Success is directly proportional to the success of the employees."

Hamilton, Lawrence(86-90) pressrelease.

THE POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY OF NEEDS.

Lawrence Hamilton's first book, "The Political Philosophy of Needs", is published by Cambridge University Press and is in print now. It argues for a rehabilitation of the concept of 'human needs' as central to politics and political theory. It will stimulate and provoke anyone with an interest in politics, economics, philosophy in general and in the context of South Africa: the book ends with an application of general thesis to the South African context, in particular, the question of the South African

constitution and Land Reform.

In 1991 Lawrence left Durban to pursue his academic studies in the UK.

With the help of a Mandela bursary, he achieved a 1st class BA (MA)

[honours cum laude] degree in Social and Political Sciences at Cambridge University (St. Edmunds College). He was awarded an unprecedented 85% for his [honours] dissertation, which developed a unique interpretation of Zulu Nationalism in his home province of KwaZulu Natal. He then taught English in Brazil for a year before returning to Cambridge (Wolfson College) after he was admitted to the highly competitive interdisciplinary Masters degree in the History of Political Thought. He gained a 1st [cum laude] for his thesis. He then continued directly on to his doctorate (PhD) under the supervision of two world renowned academics. Towards the end of his doctoral research Lawrence managed to win the prestigious Mellon Research Fellowship that he has recently left. Lawrence is presently Senior Lecturer in Political Science at the University of Natal, Durban.

Holliday, Shaun (71-74)

www.businesswire.com. 23 September 2003

SHAUN HOLLIDAY JOINS THE PEPSI BOTTLING GROUP AS PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL

The Pepsi Bottling Group (PBG) today announced that it has named Shaun P

Holliday President of International. Mr Holliday, who most recently served as Chief

Executive Officer of eMac Digital LLC, has more than two decades of experience

spanning a number of different industries and international geographies. Mr

Holliday will be responsible for the Company's operations in Europe and Mexico.

Lawrence, Peter (68-72) and Smythe,

Callum (66-70)

Natal Witness 16 August 2003.

Welcoming guest speaker Ray White (third left) to Hilton College last week were the organisers of the Hilton and Michaelhouse Old Boys' dinner (from left)

Master of Ceremonies Spicko Dickson,

Hilton Old Boys Club president Clive Kelly,

Michaelhouse Old Boys Club president Callum Smythe, Graeme Thomson, chairman of the PMB branch of the Hilton

OBC and Peter Lawrence, chairman of the PMB branch of the MHS OBC

McIntosh, Cameron (89-94) Natal Witness, November 2003.

"CANOEISTS HONoured FOR PIONEERING WORK

McIntosh has been South Africa's number one slalom paddler for many years and

has put his fourth year medical studies on hold while he strives to qualify a boat for South Africa in the Athens 2004 Olympics. But he has committed just as much energy to taking slalom to disadvantaged communities. His persistence led to the donation and purchase of equipment, coaching and sponsorship, until there was a genuine opportunity for C1 and C2 paddling to take root at Nagle Dam."

A tribute received from Rodney Knight of Mazda for Cameron: "Whilst we have only been involved with you over the last year or so, I have been humbled and overwhelmed by your selfless approach to the sport putting others before yourself at every opportunity. And whilst your sporting discipline may be niched, with limited sponsorship potential when competing against the "big guns" of soccer, rugby, cricket etc., hold your head high there is a lot that most "more illustrious" athletes and sporting codes can learn from you. And for sponsors like ourselves who truly wish to embrace the concept of citizen branding, you have done us proud. We are beside you every step of the way. Well done".

Nicholson, Ravenor(57-61) Natal Witness, 14 March 2003.

IT WAS TIME TO MOVE ON. An era of farming in Richmond ends on a note of hope. The flower of racial reconciliation blooms in the most unlikely places. Like Richmond, on a farm with a proud history brought to its knees by crime and sold off recently to a provincial politician. It all started with the thump of an auctioneer's gavel bringing an end to an era. Beaulieu, a prize-winning farm owned by the Nicholson family for the past 153 years, passed on to its new owner, KwaZulu Natal Minister of Transport S'bu Ndebele and his brother Mandla. We expected to meet a devastated Ravenor Nicholson and his wife, Pru. Instead, the Nicholsons

were far from bitter; exhausted, perhaps, and saddened, but ready to move on to manage a strawberry farm in Camperdown. During the course of the morning they would talk about the violence in Richmond, the stock theft and the large scale pilfering of their crops that played a part in the demise of the farm. But they were eager to talk about the new owner; whom they have come to respect and admire for his commitment to the farm and his ideas on improving agriculture in general. He (Ravenor) does not view the hardships they endured in a racial light; black farmers, including Ndebele, have also come under attack.

Penningtons Natal Witness, from an article by Jack Frost
LEGACY OF THE PENNINGTONS

The Pennington family on holiday at Clansthal in 1935. Standing (from left) are

Kenneth, Maurice, Gerald, Eric and Douglass. Seated (from left) Ruth (wife of Kenneth), George Edgard, Annie his wife and Winifred (wife of Eric). Seated on the ground are the next generation of Penningtons, the children of Eric and Kenneth, Rex, a future Rector of Michaelhouse, is the boy on the left. Aside: Rex celebrated his 80th during 2003.

Ralfe, Gary (58-61) Mercury, 9 April 2003.

DE BEERS LOOKS TO NEPAD TO OPEN DOORS TO STABLE MARKETS Wiseman Khuzwayo.

The New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) could provide De Beers with a chance to operate in markets that provided stability, Gary Ralfe, the managing director, said yesterday at the African Investment Forum. Ralfe told the 450 delegates from 31 countries: "De Beers is a proud supporter of the ideals and principles of NEPAD as critical building blocks for ending the legacy of African pessimism. As an Afro-optimist and Managing Director of a global mining company that is proud of its African roots, I am excited by the prospect of working

with our partners in government to position Africa in the mainstream spheres of global economic, social and political affairs".

Robinson, Andrew (71-75) Mercury, 18 March 2003.

ALL SET FOR SA AIDS VACCINE TEST Patrick Leeman.

South African researchers are all set to go ahead with the first batch of AID's vaccine testing and will this week place advertisements in the local newspapers calling for volunteers to be vaccinated. This was said in Durban yesterday by Andrew Robinson, trial site director for the South African AID's Vaccine Initiative, and based at the Medical Research Council in the city.

Robinson said the most optimistic time frame for a possible breakthrough in finding a suitable vaccine was a decade from now, that is, in the year 2013. He said that the development of a suitable vaccine offered the best possible hope for curbing the spread of HIV/AIDS in South Africa.

Sacco, Des (54-58) Sunday Times, 10 November 2002
SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS.

Family run Assore produces amazing growth Ciaran Ryan
After drifting for much of the 1990s, metals and minerals producer Assore suddenly sprang to life in 1998, rewarding share holders with a sevenfold increase in price since then.

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Nov19 1905.1stX1 played Maritzburg College and won by 173 runs.. College all out 56 M.H.S. 243/6

This year (2002) Assore ranks ninth in the Business Times Top 100 survey, delivering a 38.9% compound annual return to shareholders over five years. Assmang was founded by the late Guido Sacco, an Italian mining engineer sent to SA by his father to seek his fortune. He arrived in the 1920s with £500 in his pocket, travelled the country in search of base minerals, and eventually focused his attention on the Posmasburg manganese field in the Northern Cape. Legend has it that he arrived on the Gloucester farm in Posmasburg with two pack donkeys and spent weeks camped under a camelthorn tree, searching the surrounding area for manganese outcrops. Sacco became a director of Assmang at its inception in 1935.

Assore remains essentially a family-run business, with Sacco's son Desmond now chief executive of Assore and chairman of Assmang. Assore was listed on the JSE in 1950.

Sacco, Nic (90-94) Natal Witness, 2 June 2003.

SECOND IN THE US FOR TWO FROM SA Rod Knight.

Nic Sacco competed in a half-ironman event in Buffalo Springs near Dallas. "I came out of the water in the top five and was in joint lead with an American who did not want to talk to me. I dropped off the pace on the run." Said Sacco. The winner finished 4.26 while Sacco was two minutes behind.

Shuter, Ken (Honorary OB) Natal Witness, 31 March 2003.

MAN DOES COMRADES ROUTE IN WHEELCHAIR.

Exhilaration and jubilation overwhelmed a 58 year old disabled man after he fulfilled his dream of completing his eighth Comrades Marathon route on Saturday. Ken Shuter who moved from KwaZulu-Natal in 1998, was pushed in a special 'go-cart' by a group of his friends and members of the Round Table (No 45) of Tzaneen along the Comrades route.

Shuter, who has a degenerative motor neuron disease, is a veteran of seven Comrades Marathons. He had hoped to finish the route in less than nine

hours,
which was the time it took him to complete his last race. Instead, he completed the
race in an incredible seven-and-a-half hours, which warrants a silver medal, but
was handed a gold medal by Harmony Gold on behalf of the Comrades Marathon
Association. Shuter said he had told a friend that it would be wonderful to do the
Comrades in a wheelchair. His friend turned his remark into a reality.

"What started off as something private has mushroomed into something on a much
larger scale than anything I could or would have imagined. My only concern is that
people understand why I am doing this ...I'm doing it to fulfil a dream because with a
lot of help from my friends, I can. I'm no celebrity but if anything, I do hope to draw
people's attention to the plight of others around them," he said. Shuter said he
hopes other disabled people may consider doing the route. They might even have a
race, he said.

(Ken was at MHS from 1987 to 1996. He was an English teacher and the first
Housemaster of Mackenzie House)

Spiller, Guy (72-75) Natal Witness, 5 August 2003.

TOBIAS'S BODIES' GETS LHS. COMMENDATION

"Tobias's Bodies: Are we all Africans?", the series that was shown on S
ABC
television last year, was recently commended for 'Creative Excellence in
Recognition of Outstanding Audiovisual Productions' in the Science category at the
US International Film and Video Festival.

Guy directed the TV Series.

Tatham Tony (65-69) Natal Witness, 16 March 2003.

NEW DIRECTORS TO BOOST PMB LAW FIRM

Pietermaritzburg legal firm Shepstone and Wylie Tomlinson's recently appointed
two new directors to strengthen its labour and environmental law departments.
Tony Tatham brings with him 20 years' property law experience and recently
completed his LLM in environmental law. Tatham will head up the firm's new
environmental law department providing specialised advice on environmental

ntal law
issues, land claims and their impact on other areas of law.

Thaning, Otto (55-59) Cape Times, 10 July 2003.

GROWING AWARENESS HELPED SAVE HEART GIRL Jo-Anne Smeth
erham

She is the 20,h child to have had a heart transplant in South Africa and h
er story has
demonstrated that awareness about the need for donors of organs is growi
ng in all
communities. Mila Nkukhwant, the six year-old from Umtata, Easter Cap
e, who had
the transplant this week, was in a stable condition in intensive care yeste
rday
afternoon.

"We are short of children's organs and we were very worried about Mila,"
surgeon

Otto Thaning said yesterday at the Christiaan Barnard Memorial Hospital
, where
the transplant was performed.

Van de Ruit, John (89-93) Natal Witness, 5 February 2003.

'GREEN MAMBA'IN HILTON

Green Mamba, the hit comedy that was the hottest ticket at last year's Na
tal

Witness Hilton Arts Festival, is coming back to Pietermaritzburg. The two
talented

KZN performers (John van de Ruit and Ben Voss) have created a sharp a
nd clever

series of 15 sketches that dissect life in South Africa from car guarding to
Big

Brother and horse racing with a difference.

Green Mamba was also performed at the Schlesinger Theatre during May
.

Weaver, Simon (76-80) Natal Witness, 8 August 2003.

CORDWALLES APPOINTS NEW HEAD

Cordwalles Preparatory School for Boys, Pietermatizburg, has announced
Simon

Weaver as the new headmaster for the school. The appointment of Weave
r, who is

currently headmaster of Pridwin in Johannesburg, will be effective from J
anuary 1,

2004. Prior to assuming the position of headmaster of Pridwin in 1999, S
imon held

the post of Deputy Head of The Ridge for four years, after a stint of six ye

ars at St John's College. Weaver's qualifications include a BA HDE from the University of Natal (Pietermaritzburg), BA (Hons)

(UNISA) majoring in Psychopathology and Psychological Assessment, and Med in Educational Management (Wits) (Cum Laude). He has been intimately involved with the development of the Core Curriculum, a performance appraisal system, and studies on bullying. One of Weaver's achievements at Pridwin was to develop a mutually rewarding partnership between that school and neighbouring St Vincent's School for the Deaf, which was on the point of closing due to lack of funding. Weaver will be accompanied by his wife Karen Ortlepp, an industrial psychologist, and their two children, Kirsty and Hayden.

Weston, Patrick (99-2002) Natal Witness.

WESTON WOWS THE CROWDS WITH TWO TOP WINS ON PONY TIFFANY.

Merrivale rider Patrick Weston delighted the crowds over the weekend with two fantastic wins on his gorgeous pony, Tiffany at the C&S Shows. Just to prove that he can also perform on a real horse, Weston also raced away from the field in the adult D/C Class two-phase competition, winning in style, on Firestone.

Woods, David (51-58) Grocott's Mail, 4 February 2003
OXFORD TO HONOUR RHODES V-C

The University of Oxford has announced that the Degree of Doctor of Civil Law, *honoris causa*, will be conferred on Dr David Woods, Vice-Chancellor of Rhodes University, at a special graduation ceremony in July to mark the Centenary of the Rhodes Trust. A clearly delighted Dr Woods said "I was deeply honoured when I received the initial notification of the nomination for this honorary degree. To now be selected is a truly humbling experience."

David Woods, D Phil (BSc(Hons) Rhodes University), FASSAf, FRSSAf, was educated at Rhodes and was selected as a Rhodes Scholar to attend Uni

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College in 1963 where he obtained his D. Phil. After serving as Assistant Lecturer in

Microbiology at Queen Mary College, London, in 1966-7, he returned to Rhodes

University as Senior Lecturer and was appointed Professor and Head of the

Department of Microbiology in 1972. In 1980 he moved to the University of Cape

Town as Professor and Head of Department of Microbiology and Director of the

Microbial Genetics and Industrial Microbiology Research Unit and became a

Fellow in 1985, Distinguished Teacher in 1987, and Deputy-Vice Chancellor in

1988. He held the RF Cherry Chair for Distinguished Teaching at Baylor University, USA in 1992/1993.

He was appointed to his present post of Vice-Chancellor of Rhodes University in 1996.

In addition to his many research papers and 40 Ph graduates, Dr Woods edited The

Clostridia and Biotechnology, holds gold medals of the SAf Microbiology Society

and the SAf Society for Advancement in Science, and the John FW Herschel

Medal for Outstanding Research of the RSSAf. He was Chairman of the bacteriology and applied microbiology division of the international Union of

Microbiological Sciences from 1995 to 1999, and is a Fellow of the American

Academy of Microbiology.

1906. The 1st XV was undefeated in the 11 matches they played. 10 wins and 1 draw (against D.H.S.)

OBITUARIES

Archbell, Tempist Haigh (1929-1932)

Tempist Haigh Archbell (Archie) who died in Durban on 12 March 2003, was born there on 23 October 1914. He attended Cordwalles as his preparatory school and proceeded to Michaelhouse in East House in 1929 where he participated in all sports and was a very enthusiastic rugby player. He left school in 1932 to join the bank where his father was employed as a manager. However, his one ambition at that time was to fly and he hoped to join the SAAF but unfortunately failed the medical, so then joined the Durban Aero Club in 1936. On a flight from Kroonstad to Durban on 13 September 1937, as a pilot of a Hornet Moth, he achieved notoriety in the media, as the plane was heard, to disappear and crash in thick mist over the Drakensburg.

He and his passenger survived the crash with minor injuries and although the aircraft was a complete write off, the cabin was able to provide them shelter. He and his passenger, when the weather cleared, were able to descend and walk a good part of the distance to report their survival at the Police Station at Bergville.

In 1938 with 142 hours of flying in his log book, he left to join the RAF. He distinguished himself in the 1939-45 war earning a D.F.C. in 1941 for his courage and ability as an airman. He was mentioned in dispatches in 1942 and again in 1945, in which year he was awarded the Czechoslovak Pilot's badge as a mark of gratitude and appreciation for all the help he gave Czechoslovakian airmen serving with the RAF.

After graduation with his RAF wings he ended up on the prestigious (and so till existent) 216 Squadron where he soon found himself involved in operations following Italy's entry into the war, such operations becoming more demanding and dangerous after Germany became involved in the Mediterranean theatre in 1941. His work included bombing raids, initially in the obsolete Valencia biplane bomber, and also paratroop drops and suchlike tasks behind enemy lines; he was also

involved in the dangerous and disastrous campaigns in Greece and Crete but managed to survive them to form 173 Squadron in 1942, by which time he had been promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader. He returned to the UK in 1944 where he was posted to Blakehill Farm as Wing Commander, Officer Commanding Flying.

He married Elizabeth Armstrong (Betty) in 1945 and in 1946 was posted to the Staff College in Bracknell. In 1947 he retired from the RAF to return to South Africa and joined Commercial Air Services. Unfortunately a year later he was involved in a "hit and run" accident which injured his arm so badly that it precluded him from all further flying. He then joined Unilever serving in their Durban, Cape Town, Salisbury and Malawi offices. He retired from this company in 1977.

He was a well known member of the Durban Country Club but unfortunately in 1996 slipped and fell resulting in his being incapacitated and confined to his home for the remaining years of his life. Archie had a great sense of humour and his company was enjoyed by all. He will be remembered with love and affection by all who knew him and he leaves a great void in the life of his widow, Betty, who is his sole survivor.

A Michaelhouse maxim is: "So nigh is grandeur to our dust, so near is God to man. When duty whispers low 'Thou must,' the youth replies, 'I can.'" In response to this ethic Charles, in September 1940, joined the 2nd Natal Carbineers, which eventually became the armoured car regiment with which he saw service in North Africa. Not many Old Boys can claim to have visited their alma mater as part of an armoured car cavalcade! Charles' unit was passing Michaelhouse en route to Durban Harbour to ship equipment to North Africa and stopped for a break on the old main road. Enthusiastic well-wishers went down to meet them. Later his unit entrained to Broken Hill, Northern Rhodesia and then drove to Mombasa to join the armoured cars and commence service in the North Africa campaign. Charles took part in the Gazala Gallop, making for the El Alamein fortification line. He returned to

South Africa for an officers' training course and upon completion was sent to Italy. It was at Greve, near Florence, while attending to one of his wounded men that he was seriously wounded in the left leg. The surgeons discussing his case said that it needed to be amputated, whereupon Charles sat bolt upright and said: 'You dare!' This led to his becoming a guinea pig for penicillin which saved his leg although he was left without feeling in the foot and a permanent limp. He never complained and managed to play league tennis and other sports requiring considerable agility.

Returning to Crookes Brothers after the war, Charles' community-mindedness was evident in his dedication to local dramatics. He acted in and produced numerous plays and musicals.

In 1951, Charles and Jean Miller were married in Edinburgh, where he had first met Jean in 1935. They were to be blessed with two daughters and seven grandchildren and spared for each other for 52 happy years. Charles by now was Secretary at Reynolds Brothers Limited in Esperanza. In 1953 he faced a significant challenge in taking responsibility for the relocation of the entire Esperanza Sugar Mill to the then rather wild frontier of Pongola. Previously reluctant staff agreed to the transfer when they saw that it was Charles who would be "leading from the front." This is indicative of the faith his people placed in Charles.

One of Charles' ambitions was fulfilled by his appointment in 1966 as Managing Director of Crookes Brothers Limited, having first been appointed a non-executive Director in 1948. His tenure at the helm coincided with an era of significant rationalisation in the South African sugar industry and intuitive and reasoned direction was required to refocus the Company's role as that of a primary producer of agricultural commodities. He innovatively adopted road-transport systems for sugar cane in the South Coast area, having noted their efficiencies elsewhere in the Group. Charles retired from Crookes Brothers Limited in 1980 but continued to serve the Board as Chairman until 1985, a position he had held

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1970. Charles was appointed a director of C G Smith Ltd in 1969 and remained on the Board until 1981.

An enduring hallmark of Charles was his philanthropy. The following summary alludes to his unstinting commitment to corporate and public service and to his abiding sympathy for those in need, particularly the aged. Charles was Chairman of the Board of Governors of the G J Crookes Hospital for 17 years and a member of the Board of Governors of Wykham School. He was President of the Scottburgh Golf Club for 33 years and a member of the Scottburgh Rotary Club. Charles was honoured by the MOTH organisation for being a member of the Jock Payne Shell Hole for over 50 years. For 22 years he was Chairman and for 34 years Treasurer of the Montrose Homes for Supernumerary Methodist ministers, only retiring last year! As Chairman of the Alexandra Homes for the Aged for 29 years, it was Charles' vision that facilitated the building of the second frail-care wing at

Alexandra Park; a great asset to Alexandra Park and the community. He initiated the conversion of Renishaw mill houses to the Renishaw Retirement Village and lobbied government officials in Cape Town to arrange a subsidy. For 14 years Charles was the convener, with Jean, of HOPE, yet another organisation to assist the aged. As a founder committee member of the Klaserie Private Nature Reserve Charles' contribution to conservation was significant and he was a willing participant in the restoration of farms in the Lowveld to the status of official conservation areas.

In 1970 Charles was appointed Circuit steward of the Methodist South Coast Renishaw Circuit. During this time the church at Athlone was built and the Scottburgh church was extended. His love of music was expressed as organist at the Methodist services but also provides an example of the dedication and stamina that would see him retire from playing at the age of 86! A man of great faith, Charles carried a banner on the Jerusalem March during one of his many pilgrimages to the

Holy Land. On the banner was emblazoned the source of his faith: the Son of righteousness "rising with healing in his wings".

Charles was always humble, patient, generous and caring, a wonderful husband and father and a devoted grandfather. He never complained or criticised anyone - a man of peace and integrity in every sense of the word. We shall miss him dearly.

In the evening of my life I shall look to the sunset

At the moment in my life when the night is due

Crookes, Charles (1929-1934)

Thomas Charles Botha Crookes was born on 17th December 1914 at Renishaw on the Kwa Zulu Natal south coast. As a young boy he was taught at home by his sister before proceeding to Highbury. He attended Michaelhouse (Founders House) from 1929 to 1934. Charles graduated from Rhodes University with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree and returning to the family farm, was groomed for a lifetime of service to the sugar industry before gaining corporate experience at C. G. Smith in Durban.

PAGE 102 1906. 1st X1 won the Christopher Cup for up country teams, beating the towns of Ladysmith, Dundee and Estcourt. Herby Taylor, later to captain South Africa, made two centuries.

And the question I shall ask only I can answer

Did I fill the world with love my whole life through?/van Gillatt

Dobson, Paddy (1934-1938)

I first met Paddy in 1935 at Michaelhouse where we both spent several happy years during which we became close friends. With typical generosity on his part I was able to stay at 229 Innes Road during Offord Cricket weeks and at other times, so I came to know him and his family very well. He had an outstanding career at Michaelhouse where, in his final year, 1938, he became Senior Prefect because of the soundness of his values, his qualities of leadership and his wisdom in dealing with others. In 1938 three of us, Copper le May, who subsequently became a don at Oxford, Paddy and I worked closely together and were, we thought rather unkindly, referred to as The Three Smart Girls, because of a film at the time in which Deanna Durbin and two friends played a prominent part.

The rest of his life illustrated his application, his sense of duty and his truly Christian approach to others. He chose a career in Engineering but after two years at Wits joined the South African army. After some time in the Middle East he was chosen for an officers' course, at the end of which, because of a surplus of officers, he was seconded to the British forces as a subaltern in the Royal Artillery. In this capacity he became a part of the army which landed in France on and after D Day June 1944. He was thus involved in the campaign in France and the Low Countries which ended with the collapse of Germany in 1945.

He returned to his studies at Wits gaining his degree in 1947 and becoming a member of the Institute of Structural Engineers in 1950. Before that, in 1947, he was fortunate enough to become engaged to Patricia Basley, marrying her on the 8th January 1949. I was best man at their wedding which brought them together for over 54 years. Later, I became godfather to Anne and enjoyed close ties with the family from then on. Their marriage was a particularly happy one in which Paddy

showed himself to be a devoted and considerate husband whose love of his children and grandchildren earned him their abiding trust and deep love.

Pat and Paddy's married life began in Pietermaritzburg, where he was employed by Hunt, Leuchers and Hepburn for whom he worked efficiently and whole-heartedly for 30 years. It was a great blow when the firm sold out their structural engineering section, leaving him without a job at the age of 57. For a short period he worked on his own until, through the good offices of an old friend, Gordon Draper, he joined Campbell, Rastine and Irvine, for whom he worked until his retirement in 1985.

Pat and Paddy created a stable family whose happiness and well being was based on a deep religious faith. Paddy served St. Martin's faithfully for 50 years, as a sidesman for 30 years, churchwarden for 2 years, member of council for the same time and as Treasurer for St Martin's Pre Primary for many years.

Paddy had a distinguished sporting career which included playing hockey for Wits University, Combined Universities, Transvaal and Natal, as well as representing South Africa in 1948 against the Swallows (a combined Oxford and Cambridge side) and in 1954 against British and Irish sides. He was chosen for South Africa for the trip to Kenya in 1953, but this tour was unfortunately cancelled. He served on the Natal Selection Committee for some years, becoming President of the South African Hockey Union in 1968 and managing the Springbok hockey tour to Europe in 1969. Apart from his hockey activities, Paddy had played cricket in Pietermaritzburg and Durban and after his retirement became a keen player of bowls. Not surprisingly, he took on the responsibility of Treasurer at Northland Bowling Club who in gratitude for his work awarded him Honorary Life Membership. He also played bowls at Durban Country Club.

Anybody who knew Paddy well would be aware that he had a particularly active sense of humour which often left people guessing. A fitting tribute from the Headmistress of St Martin's Pre Primary "Paddy had a gentle and giving heart, tempered by a mischievous and humorous twinkle, and we so enjoyed k

nowing
and loving him through the years. He was often moved to tears by the exploits of our
little people and this translated into a genuine concern for their well-being
, and to
the well-being of the school at large. Paddy Dobson was an honourable and
gentle
man and we praise God for his life and for our relationship with him."

Roy Gathorne

Fawcett, Richard (1963-1966)

Fawcett, Paul (1970-1973)

Mark and Paul Fawcett died tragically during 2003, Mark in January and Paul in
September.

Mark was born in Kokstad on 25/04/1950. He went to primary school at the
Kokstad Convent and Cordwalles where he excelled as an athlete. He went to
Michaelhouse in 1963 and matriculated with a first class matriculation. He
served
in the Grahamstown Scottish Regiment after leaving school before starting an
Engineering degree at the University of Natal in Durban. While studying for his
degree, he met his wife Charmagne and after a wonderful holiday in Europe they

married on the family farm "Oatlands". Mark had developed a fascination
with bees
and started a business in beekeeping on the farm. He later included chicken
farming as an occupation. Mark and Charmagne have two lovely children
, Drew
who is 16 years, has just been made Head Boy of St Patrick's College in
Kokstad
and Ashley who is 12 years old. Mark was a devoted family man. He was well
known in the Kokstad community as a gentle, kind, considerate man who
never had
an unkind word to say. He had the gift of treating all people as equals and
this
earned him the respect and love of all who knew him.

Paul was born on 20/06/1956. He followed Mark from the Kokstad Convent to
Cordwalles and Michaelhouse. He was a talented all-round sportsman, particularly
an excellent athlete at preparatory school. Sadly, he was unable to play sports at
high school because he had developed Scheuermann's Disease. After

matriculating at Michaelhouse he served in the Natal Command before studying for a B.Sc. in Agriculture at Stellenbosch University. After graduating he returned to run the family farm "Oatlands" where he engaged in a mixed farming operation including a dairy, a merino wool operation and a cattle operation. He loved the farm passionately despite the difficulties that farming presented him.

Paul married Athena, a Kokstad girl who swept him off his feet. They established a warm welcoming family home on the farm and became renowned for their generous hospitality. They had three children, Christie who is 17 years and was Head of House at TWC, Paula 15 years and Jason 12 years. Paul, or PC as he became known in Kokstad, was also loved and respected by the Kokstad

community. He was known for his ability to make whoever he was interacting with feel special. Always polite and considerate, he had a great capacity for love. He became actively involved in sport again and played cricket, tennis and squash in local clubs where his sporting prowess was well known. He enjoyed the company of his friends and "Oatlands" became the venue of many happy parties. He was a fisherman of note and spent many happy holidays with the family and friends at Msikaba.

These two men were both fine human beings who could be described as true gentlemen. They will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved them.

(Written by their sister, Sandy Lund)

Forbes, Peter Thomas (1943-1947)

Peter Thomas Forbes died in 2002 and with him went one of the real characters of our time. He was a member of the famous pioneering family in Swaziland and we were fortunate to meet Peter at Michaelhouse one rainy Friday afternoon in Tass Sticklands Chemistry Lecture Theatre (CLT) when cadets was cancelled and we were all waiting for something to happen. Peter overheard our conversation about our attempts at small game hunting and we soon learned that he had shot a lion at the age of 9 years and we were then regaled with wondrous stories of adventure in

the bush. Peter invited us on holidays to their huge bushveld ranch in Swaziland and to the highveld farm near Amsterdam in Mpumalanga. These were holidays that young boys would normally only dream about. Peter and David and their mother entertained a host of young people and were unbelievably kind and generous to us all.

After school Peter went to Rhodes University where amongst other things he learnt to fly Harvard aeroplanes and earned himself a black belt in judo and along with his immense strength this made him a formidable opponent when threatened. He married Bess Els and had five children and spent most of his life in Swaziland where he was a property developer and entrepreneur. He was a fluent Swazi linguist and very outspoken at times about Swazi affairs which did not endear him to the powers that be on a number of occasions. We will miss our friend and send our condolences to Lindy, Barry, Jennifer, Gillian and Michael.

Donald Clark and James Stevenson

Howland, Anthony Ellis (1943-1947)

He was born in Rhodesia on 12th July 1929, in the district of Umvukwes, where he spent the rest of his life. He was educated at Ruzawi School and then joined Tatham in 1943. Those of us who were at Michaelhouse in that era remember him as a quiet, diligent, delightful person. Not to mention that he was a brilliant rugby player: amongst the many successes of his career was to be part of the U/15 rugby team which included names such as 'Chick Henderson'. In 1946, at aged 16, he was selected for Natal Schools on the left wing. He was in the MHS. team that then toured Rhodesia in 1946 and were unbeaten in the first ever tour of a South African school team to Rhodesia. To add to his rugby prowess he was captain of gymnastics and a brilliant sprinter on the track. All sport came easily to him. He was a prefect in Tatham. Regrettably, since his career was to farm, he was well away from any club with rugby facilities. Had he continued to play, I feel he would have played for the national team, as did some of his contemporaries - Solly Hart and Tim Fie

Id.

August 1908. Mr George F. Tatham one of the original committee appointed to establish Michaelhouse dies in Ladysmith at the age of 60.

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In 1948 he went to England and spent a year at Shuttleworth Agriculture College. In 1949 he returned to farm next to mine on Birkdale Farm. He became a most successful farmer concentrating on tobacco, maize, cattle and coffee.

Anthony, until his sudden and completely unexpected death on 3rd. Feb 2003, was the epitome of good health. A memorial was held in Umvukwes on 2nd February which was well attended as a tribute to a true gentleman. I was asked to deliver his eulogy in which I emphasised his contribution to this district in his quiet, efficient and unassuming manner. He was involved as Chairman of the Country Club, Chairman of the Conservation Committee, Charter member of the Lions Club, a Rural Councillor and Chairman of the Old Peoples Home In Umvukwes. But unlike some others, he performed these duties without any wish of public recognition. He did them for his district and his fellow beings.

On the wider scene, Anthony and his wife Irralie spent weeks and months establishing an education camp on the banks of the Zambesi River near Chirundu. This was under the auspices of The Mashonaland Hunters association in order to educate children, both black and white, to the value of conservation of our wildlife. The ages ranged from prep to 'A' level. It is gratifying that this is still operating despite our present situation. This camp also caters for 'birders' from throughout the country - a hobby on which both Anthony and his wife became very knowledgeable.

Anthony is survived by his wife, Irralie and 2 sons, Mark and Neil and 2 grandchildren.

In closing, these 3 generations of Howlands - Cecil, his father, Anthony and his sons have transformed a portion of 'darkest Africa' into a highly viable farming enterprise, with a game park of many species, including Giraffe. Likewise their neighbours, the Chances have completed a similar operation. Regrettably what was 'darkest Africa' is quickly returning to status quo. We regret the passing of a true gentleman and a lifelong friend.

Martin Chance

Mackenzie, Kenneth Montague (1937-1939)

It is impossible to consider and review the character and accomplishments of Ken Mackenzie without a deep sense of awe and wonder. He was a truly remarkable man, admired and respected by everyone who was privileged to know him or be touched by him. A giant, standing head and shoulders above most of us. For he was a big man, physically, and in character and completely fearless. But if there is one word I prefer, of the many that can be used to describe him, it is the word "philanthropist": great philanthropist, who enriched the lives of all the people and communities with whom he came into contact. Think of it. Has he enriched your life in any way? I am sure that the answer is a definite yes, and that all of you will agree with me.

It all started in a humble way in a small town called Pearston, not far from Graaff-Reinet in the Eastern Cape, where Douglas Mackenzie, commonly called "Big Mac" because of his enormous size, was the manager of the local branch of the Standard Bank. In 1922 his wife Liza gave birth to the baby whom they christened Kenneth Montague. Ken was the youngest of five children, his siblings being Hector, Graeme, Molly and Donald. A few years later Big Mac was appointed Manager of the Bank's Durban branch, and the Mackenzie family moved into a house in Durban. Without going into details, suffice it to say that in the early 1930's Ken, Tony Large and my older brother Geoff found themselves together at Durban Preparatory High School, and they became inseparable friends. Tony Large is now a retired Doctor in Tasmania. He is also an author and a remarkable man in his own right. He writes as follows:

"One wonders what became of him on a psychological level during the war for his boyhood gave no glimpse of the power of intellect and the drive that he was to develop. He was a skinny mischievous boy at Prep and at Michaelhouse and he and I both lived under the protective wings of older and more powerful br

others.

Indeed, I think that Hector, Graeme and Donald had a greater part in Ken's upbringing than his parents. His academic abilities were quite hidden and he showed little aptitude for sport in a school, and at a time, when skill with a ball was a social necessity. He suffered from a physical clumsiness that was almost dyslexic, quite misunderstood at the time when this failing was regarded as laziness and naughtiness. Naughtiness was certainly present and perhaps laziness too, but he was put upon by his father and by his housemaster TA Strickland who determined that, failing anything else, he would be disciplined and taught to be neat, precise and literate. He would jolly well learn or they'd know the reason why!

"And of course they failed; with harsh words, with the cane, with compulsory "copy-book" exercises on a daily basis. I recall that in 4th Form he had the melancholy distinction of having received more strokes of the cane than anyone else - not an enviable record. They were nice men but they had it all wrong, and no amount of force or discipline or deprivation could have altered the boy and his lifelong casualness as to appearance. He remained cheerful, a butt of

Michaelhouse humour for he chose the role of the clown as a protective device I think, and he wandered through what was then a rather rigid scholastic establishment, with minimal academic success but, nevertheless, as a popular boy of character, quite individual.

"He and Geoff Geerdts and I were all in Foundation East at Michaelhouse and were contemporaries, all from DPHS, our parents friendly, our holidays spent together. Our yacht "Three Brothers" was a brilliantly successful refuge for us all and a uniquely good outlet for juvenile mischief and energy, besides being a wonderful teacher of self-reliance and watercraft. Once again Ken's brother Donald and my brother Paul were very important to us in keeping the smaller boys in check. We spent a lot of our holiday time in this boat and my father kept a kindly eye on us, monitoring our behaviour. Ken and I trailed behind physically and intellectually. He had a peculiar loping walk, almost a shuffling trot and th

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skinny legs could cover the distances. He was (and I presume he remained) tone
deaf and used, as we walked on "Free Bounds" (which is a polite word for
expulsion
from school premises on Sundays) at Michaelhouse, to hum or chant his
own brand
of monotonous, repetitive and wordless song. In later years his lack of musical
appreciation must have been a trial to his wife, Megan."

When World War II broke out in 1939 Ken's elder brothers Hector, Graeme and
Donald joined up in the South African Air Force. Ken's burning ambition was also to
become a fighter pilot. So, after writing for his Matric at the end of 1939, he told his
father that he was sure that he had passed and on that basis he persuaded his
father to allow him to join the SAAF. He did not pass his matric, and was not yet 18
years old, and so it is a mystery how he persuaded the Air Force to accept him for a
pilot's course. It was their golden rule that only matriculants were allowed to
become pilots. He developed his remarkable memory and his power to focus on
priorities and soon earned his wings as a fighter pilot.

Due to the shortage of operational pilots, Ken and a few others were rushed up
to the Egyptian desert and joined No.1 Fighter Squadron, flying Hurricanes. In
1941 he was strafing German positions over Hellfire Pass in the desert when he
was shot down by some German fighter planes, and his one foot was severely
damaged by a canon shell. His parachute was late in opening and he hit the ground
with considerable force. A Scottish Infantry Group picked him up before the
Germans reached him, and he was taken to hospital with his shattered foot and
broken arm. The damage to his foot caused him to limp forever after. After that
incident he was sent back to South Africa and became a flying instructor.

Subsequently he became a pilot in the SAAF VIP Squadron flying top brass and
Cabinet Ministers, including Field Marshal Smuts.

At the end of the War, he joined an Australian-owned company called Noel P
Hunt S.A. He was sent on a training course in Australia. When he returned he

became Marketing Director for the company. Again his enthusiasm and dedication, coupled with his extraordinary memory, entrepreneurial skills and common sense, turned Noel P. Hunt into an very successful company in a matter of five or six years.

In 1952 Ken married Megan Noyce, the daughter of Gordon and Dorothy Noyce, who were very supportive of Durban Girls' College, Gordon at one time being Chairman of the Board of Governors and his wife having completed all her schooling at that school. Megan had also attended Durban Girls' College . She was an extremely talented musician and she went on to study music at the University of Cape Town Music College where Ken has continued to support a bursary in her name. After her marriage, Megan became a professional harpist and played with the Durban Symphony Orchestra and, for a period of time, with the London Symphony Orchestra.

In 1956 Ken was appointed the World Sales Director of one of his company's principals, namely Platt Brothers Limited in England. Ken and Megan took up residence in England but after a couple of years they returned to South Africa. Ken, with borrowed funds, started his own company Kaymac Industries which he operated mainly from Rhodesia, as it was then. His success with that venture enabled him to buy into, and later acquire the whole of Noel P Hunt SA, which he later expanded into the present Kaymac Group of companies which operate locally and internationally.

To go back to Dr. Tony Large, I quote:

"And somewhere in that war and in those few years after, Ken found himself - and the remarkable talents started to emerge; the single-mindedness; the drive; the ferocious concentration; the ability to exclude unpromising diversions; the memory of event and speech; the skill in calculating probabilities and that of making odds while on the move; of taking calculated risks; the endurance, both mental and physical; the expertness in assessing character and the newly found talent for

leadership."

Sadly, in 1973 Megan died tragically and left Ken with their two daughters, Fiona and Tanya. Forever afterwards Ken and his two daughters shared a special close relationship. In 1976 Ken emigrated to Bermuda, from where he conducted his business interests.

Despite his substantial commercial and industrial interests, Ken also found time for the finer things in life. He owned and bred race horses, one of which,

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August 13 1924. The 1st XV played Maritzburg college on the Oval in Pietermaritzburg as a curtain raiser to the Natal v Great Britain match. M.H.S. won 13-8

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Dancing Duel, won the Rothmans July Handicap. He loved sailing whether it be in dinghies or in his 40ft yacht in Bermuda. At one stage he was Commodore of the Point Yacht Club. He founded and continued to sponsor the Inter-Schools Yachting Association. He supported the National Sea Rescue Institute and has on two occasions donated rescue boats to them. He also loved farming, and had ranches in Zimbabwe and Texas. In fact he was even awarded honorary citizenship of the State of Texas. His passion for flying aircraft never dwindled. He was a conservationist with a thorough knowledge of wild animals, trees and birds.

However, above all else, he was a philanthropist. He was six foot six inches tall, and every inch of him was full of concern for the welfare of others, particularly the aged and the youth. His compassion showed no bounds. He supported many people anonymously. He saw to the establishment of the Ken Mackenzie

Foundation in Bermuda, which has supported many varied charities and people in need. Tafta and the Whizz Kidz Special Needs Centre in Pinetown were two of his favourites.

He developed a particular passion for education. He was a founder of the Drakensberg Boys' Choir School in 1965 and has supported them ever since. At Michaelhouse, Mackenzie House stands as a tribute to his generosity to his former school. He has annually provided substantial bursaries to the school. At Durban Girl's College the Megan Noyce School of Music stands as a tribute from Ken and his daughters to Megan and her love of music. He has had citations from both Michaelhouse and Durban Girls' College. No less than eight other private schools in KwaZulu Natal have benefited or are about to benefit substantially from the Ken Mackenzie Foundation. I see some of the principals here this morning. In

Zimbabwe, Ken contributed substantially to at least three private schools, namely Bishopslea, Arundel and Ruzawi, and established his own school.

There is an inscription over the north door in St. Paul's Cathedral, London

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written by the son of Sir Christopher Wren reading as follows: "Si monumentum requiris, circumspice" if you would see his monument look around. Look at Michaelhouse, the Mackenzie Block at Cowan House, the Ken Mackenzie Hall at Clifton, Durban, the new multi-purpose Centenary Hall at Highbury, some of the buildings in the new Umhlanga College, the Ken Mackenzie Administration Block at the African Enterprise Centre in Pietermaritzburg; the list is endless, and furthermore will continue into the future as the fruit of Ken's generosity and compassion.

David Geerdts

McClung, Barrie Drew Dalton (1940-1945)

Barrie attended Durban Prep School before joining his brother Murray in East House. Murray was killed in Italy during the war. Barrie always spoke lovingly and happily of his years at Michaelhouse. He was an enthusiastic sportsman, playing tennis, hockey, squash and boxing. He played rugby for Natal Schools and on leaving school, after Post Matric, participated in rugby, hockey and 1st League tennis and squash. In later years he played golf and bowls.

He was articled to the law firm of Livingstone, Doull and Winterton, attending varsity part time. After graduating he started a legal practice in Pinetown, and was soon joined by three partners. Barrie was exceptionally hard working, had a large dedicated and happy staff and was highly regarded by his colleagues.

Barrie married Sheila Middleton from the Eastern Free State and spent many happy holidays on the family farm which he grew to love and took a keen interest in. He was passionately fond of animals, especially dogs and enjoyed horse riding. After an exceptionally brave battle he died of cancer in January 2003 and leaves his wife, daughter and twin sons, Murray and Charles who attended Michaelhouse.
Sheila McClung

Mitchell, Andrew Walter (Buster) (1938-1941)

Born and brought up in Durban, Buster attended Michaelhouse from 1938 to 1941.

He was in Foundation East House under the housemastership of Mr Strickland.

Hardly noted for his academic achievements, Buster focused on sport and represented the school at cricket, rugby, squash, hockey and golf. In his final year he was appointed Bugler Sergeant in the Cadet Band.

He excelled at cricket and earned his First Eleven Honours blazer in the 1940/41 season. He played for two years in the Natal Schools' Nuffield week and scored two undefeated centuries against St Charles College of Pietermaritzburg and St Andrew's College of Grahamstown in 1941. Unfortunately, he was not awarded his Natal Schools cap but he treasured the letter of encouragement and consolation that he received from Dudley Nourse after the week.

On leaving school he joined the SAAF, where he trained as a fighter pilot and eventually completed a full operational tour of just a few minutes under 200 hours with 5 Squadron in the Italian campaign. He returned from leave to join 4 Squadron, which was eventually sent East. Just before docking in Colombo, VJ Day was declared, which ended the war and allowed him to return to Durban. He was demobbed and joined John T Rennie & Sons as a clerk. After 18 months he decided

that shipping was not his line of business. He then joined Natal Motor Tors as a driver for a few months whilst trying to settle down and determine what he wanted to do in life. This led him to an interview with the local manager of the Metal Box Company, which he joined on the 8 March 1948. After a period in Durban he was transferred to Port Elizabeth, where he spent the next fourteen years as Sales Manager.

Whilst in Port Elizabeth he joined the Walmer Country Club where he took up tennis and held many of the Tennis Club's men's and mixed doubles titles. In his last two years in Port Elizabeth he was elected Chairman of the club. In recognition for all the fundraising work that he did for St Andrew's College, Grahamstown he was made an honorary old boy by the Port Elizabeth branch of St Andrew

's.

In 1964 he was transferred to Cape Town, where he eventually retired in 1987 as the Divisional Director of the Food Can Division of Metal Box, which was subsequently taken over by Nampak.

His was a life of two families. In 1951 he married Elaine McLoghry with whom he had two sons, Brian and Peter. In 1975 he married Lorna Black with whom he had two daughters, Leigh and Jo-Anne. Felled, finally, by cancer, Buster will always be remembered for his fierce loyalty and his unyielding integrity.

Brian Mitchell

Mudd, Jack Barrington M.B.E M.C. (1924-1928)

Barry was born in Johannesburg on the 3rd of November 1910 and went to junior school at the Ridge in Johannesburg and then Michaelhouse. On arrival at Balgowan there were only 120 boys in two houses, a Senior and a Junior. He was one of six boys who came from the Transvaal. The Rector at that time was Eldred Pascoe. In 1926 four Houses were introduced and during this period he became a founding member of Farfield.

After leaving school, he went to the University of the Witwatersrand. He first completed a B.Sc in Civil Engineering and then decided to do a further Degree in Mining Engineering. After finishing University he joined Union Corporation on the East Rand Mines until the start of World-War II. During this period he was a keen Polo Player. He and his father, Dr F B Mudd and brother, Ginger [1925-1929] were founder Members of the Inanda Club in Sandton.

In 1940 he joined up with the 13th Field Company of the South African Engineering Corps and saw service with the 8th Army in North Africa and Italy. He was awarded a MC whilst a Captain in the minefields of Tripoli, North Africa. And MBE for his part as Officer in charge of the construction of the 'Springbok Bridge' across the River Po, in Northern Italy.

After the war Barry joined Anglo American. He married Elizabeth Marks and

had three children. Jennifer, David [1962-1966] and Penny. With Anglo, he pioneered the development of the Deep Level Mining in the Free State and Western Transvaal. By the late fifties and early Sixties he was Consulting Engineer for Anglo American Corporation West Rand Division., with responsibilities for such mines as Vaal Reefs, Western Deep Levels and Western Reefs. In 1967 three Anglo companies were amalgamated in London to form Charter Consolidated. Anglo American International was formed and Barry was appointed Technical Director. He retired from London in 1972, and formed J B Mudd & Partners.

Barry loved Michaelhouse and was looking forward to his grandson, Shaun, starting at the school in January 2003. He lived a full and successful life until old age eventually got the better of him. He died at home in Plettenberg Bay at the age of 92 on the 15: November 2002.

David Mudd

Pape, David Lewis (1935-1938)

Lewis lived a long and varied life in keeping with the 20th century. He often said he was grateful to have been born when he was, as his generation has experienced more frequent and significant fundamental changes than any prior generation.

As a small boy, Lewis with his father and mother, Septimus and May Pape, moved to Maritzburg where his father, a Greek and Latin scholar, became headmaster of Maritzburg College. Lewis was educated at Merchiston Prep School, where he shone as an athlete especially the sprint. He spent his senior school years at Michaelhouse, where he was considered an exceptionally bright student. Whatever statement was made in class he would retort with "Prove it", an attitude his teachers found rather disconcerting, especially in science lessons.

Lewis went on to study Chemistry and Physics at the University of Natal, but this was interrupted by the WWII and he volunteered for the second Natal Field

Artillery as Lance Bombardier. Lewis and many other South Africans were captured by the Germans at Tobruk and were sent by ship to Italy, Lewis spent his 21st birthday in the hold. The only book he had with him was one on Calculus, which he worked through several times in the POW camp. When Italy surrendered Lewis and

1934 was a good academic year with two Rhodes scholarships and one Elsie Ballot

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five companions, amongst many others headed for the hills and made their way down the spine of Italy to Benevento, where the allies were. His boots did not make it and he arrived barefoot.

This seems to have been the basis for a lifelong abhorrence to bare feet. He never forgot the kindness and charity of Italian peasants who had little, but shared it gladly.

Returning to 'Maritzburg, Lewis completed his Science degree in record time and then went to the UK to learn about the new technology of plastic moulding. Afterwards he set up a business with Howard Swan in Johannesburg, but big business was not his line and he decided to take up Law after thoroughly enjoying being involved with a court case. Lewis went back to Natal and graduated first in Natal in 1955. He served his articles at Smythe and Co and then was admitted as a barrister. This suited his challenging type of mind. He never accepted any proposition without first analysing and examining it thoroughly. It made him an interesting and stimulating friend. He greatly enjoyed discourse and would defend any position he had taken vigorously, but never simply stubbornly.

This complex man had yet another side, he loved a wager, often when an impasse was reached over the veracity of some matter under discussion Lewis would respond "Well how much will you put on it?" Few accepted the challenge having learned that the odds having him being wrong were formidable.

Lewis enjoyed his work, his golf and his motorcars. He started playing golf with his father at an early age. He also learnt to play bridge, as a fourth was needed in the household. One day his mother sent him to answer a knock at the door, and called out to him "Who is it?" he replied "I am not sure but I think it is the Queen of Spades". It is not known if the startled nun ever returned for a further donation. Cars fascinated Lewis, he loved fixing and driving them. He owned various types of cars, and while enjoying each in turn his delight was the silver grey 300 SEL 6.3 Mercedes Benz he bought in 1977.

During 1956 Lewis was on circuit court duty when the annual Michaelhou

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bash came up on the calendar; he was having trouble finding a partner and asked a friend to help. The friend's wife was a radiographer with Barbara de Kock at Grey's Hospital and asked her to join them. She was not keen but was told "he is very nice and has a super red sports car" (a Triumph TR3. Well that did it and she could not resist the offer to ride in the car. They became engaged three weeks later and married in December that year. They bought land and built a home in Maritzburg. William arrived in 1958 followed by Phoebe in 1959, and Jane in 1963. About this time, Lewis was becoming increasingly concerned about the way South Africa was developing. He felt it was impossible to apply unjust laws justly. Sharpeville was another wakeup call.

Lewis responded to an advertised position for a Senior Law lecturer at the Australian National University, which he took up in March 1964. They left family and friends in lush green Natal and arrived by air in dusty drought stricken Canberra. Again land was bought and a house built. He designed and installed the central heating system and built most of the woodwork.

Lewis was an amazing man - both a scholar and gifted as a practical man, who set himself high standards in everything he did. He was often consulted and his help was sought by friends and colleagues, none were turned away. During Lewis' years of teaching Commercial Law, Company Law, Evidence and Conflict of Laws at ANU he set high standards for his students and enjoyed their respect and appreciation as he did that of his colleagues. He was generous, humorous, collegial and always a gentleman.

For a long period Lewis took on a wider role at the ANU. He was chairman of the Superannuation Committee of the Australian universities and a member of the Superannuation Committee of the council of the ANU. In both roles he worked tirelessly and with great expertise and insight to establish a uniform superannuation system for academic staff of all Australian universities. This goal has been

achieved. The close working relationship he had with the Chief scientist of the Computer Power Group led him to retire from the ANU in 1984 and take on a new career in research and development in Canberra. Lewis became involved with a team of talented young software engineers to develop a series of ground breaking technologies associated with text processing. Lewis brought all his previous experience to bear to his work, so one could see influence of his science, engineering and legal backgrounds in his analytical thorough approach and ability to look at problems in different ways from the rest of the team. Lewis retired at the age of 76.

He is sadly missed by his wife of 46 years, Barbara and his three children, who endeavour to follow the lessons they learnt from their father of honesty, integrity, love of argument and tolerance of all people.

Barbara Pape

Pienaar, Nolan (1987-1992)

Nolan Clayton Pienaar was born in Johannesburg on 5th July 1973, to Andrew Pienaar and Frances Alberts who provided good education for their son. They sent Nolan to St Peters Preparatory school where he attended as a pupil until he went to Michaelhouse. At Michaelhouse he distinguished himself both academically and in extra mural activities. He belonged to various societies and took part in sporting activities.

After doing A Levels, Nolan then went on to study at the University of Natal from 1993 to 1997 where he obtained B Social Sciences and LB degrees. He received a certificate of merit for being the top student in Sociology in his second year of study and was also awarded the Anglo American Ernest Oppenheimer Trust Bursary (93-95). Whilst at Natal University, Nolan became Vice President of SRC, demonstrating a leadership side to him that showed he cared about those around him. He had leadership qualities that his peers, colleagues and siblings alike, attest to.

On leaving University Nolan did an exchange year in London after which he served his internship at a law firm where he again showed that he was on an expedition hungering after an illustrious career by acquitting himself well as a candidate attorney. He moved to Cliff Dekker; there he assumed a position as Professional Assistant where his work included drafting and negotiating several agreements including opinions on tax, implications of information technology transactions, and commenting on the Electronic Bill. In 2002 man-on-a-mission Nolan Pienaar joined a large SA bank as Corporate Finance Consultant; he consulted on a variety of financial topics including drafting opinions on best corporate governance practice and drafting tax opinions on the exchange of securities on the JSE Securities Exchange.

At the time of his death, Nolan was employed by Deloitte and Touche in their legal division. As manager Nolan was a member of the Corporate Law Team advising companies such as Telkom on their initial public offering, Standard Bank on the hostile take-over bid by Nedcor, amongst others.

In spite of Nolan's academic achievements and recognition by his peers he remained a humble individual. None of what Nolan had achieved had gone to his head. His siblings revered and respected him. He was a role model to them and always had good word of advice. He was the kind of child whom, in African parlance, the whole village would be proud of. Everybody in the village would want to claim a piece of him. A iXhosa phrase translated to "Whom God loves, dies young" would be used. The whole village is in mourning, a colourful character has passed its way, a young man with immense potential who definitely would have made a difference in the new South Africa and the awakening Africa he lived in.

Nolan died on the 26th January 2003 in a tragic accident.

Submitted by the Pienaar family

Roberts, Christopher John (1948-1952)

John came to Michaelhouse from Parktown Preparatory School in Johannesburg. During his time at Michaelhouse he was well liked, known as a reliable team member and during his final year, awarded for his diligence by being made a Farfield House Officer.

After school he joined the Allied Building Society where he spent several years. Realising that office work was not for him he joined the "Star" newspaper as a sports reporter. He took typing lessons at the local Secretarial College and of course thoroughly enjoyed being the only male amongst all the girls! John honed his reporting skills at the Star school in Cape Town where he spent a year and then returned to Johannesburg and remained with the paper until 1963. From the Star he moved on to the Ford Motor Company in Port Elizabeth where he was responsible for starting the Public Relations Department.

In 1975 he was one of the first South Africans to be appointed to the Board of Ford SA. Three years later he was transferred to Canada as Vice-President of Public Affairs and in 1982 he was promoted to Director of International Public Affairs for Ford USA in Detroit. John later became Director of Public Affairs for North America and remained in that position until his retirement in 1995.

Although his work took him to the USA for so many years he retained his deep love for South Africa and he and his wife, Elsa, returned here many times on holiday. In his retirement years he gave many hours of voluntary hospital work and also to assisting and comforting the sick at the local Hospice. In Hockey he achieved high sporting honours having represented Western Province, Transvaal, Southern Transvaal and Eastern Province and in 1962, 1963, 1964 he represented South Africa, Captaining the SA team in '63 and '64. Apart from his hockey prowess he was an accomplished golfer and played regularly with friends and family. He always

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1935-6 Bob Harvey O.M. scores a century in each Natal match against Viv Richardson's touring Australians,

the only man to score two centuries against Grimmett and O'Reilly during that tour.

enjoyed being with people and was a very devoted family man.

John passed away at the age of 67 at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina on 25 April 200 after a short vicious illness. He is survived by his wife, Elsa, two daughters and three grandsons.

Sharp, Anthony John (Tony) (1936-1939)

Tony died in 1996. Unfortunately Michaelhouse was only informed this year. This is a tribute to him from "The Farmer" a Zimbabwean newspaper (10/10/96):

"Tony Sharp, a greatly respected farmer member of the Nyamandhlovu District, died after a short illness on 17 September 1996. Tony, one of two boys, was born in Newcastle, England while his parents were on leave from their farm Whinburn, Redbank, in Nyamandhlovu. He was educated at Ruzawi and Michaelhouse and, for a short time before entering the army, was employed in mining. He joined the Rhodesian forces early in the Second World War and was seconded to the South African Defence Force with whom he served in tanks with the 8th Army in North Africa and throughout the Italian campaign.

On demobilisation, he entered the University of Witwatersrand, reading for an agricultural degree, with a group of Rhodesian ex-sen/ice men. This came to be known as the Donga Doctors' Course because many of the participants later served under Charles Murray in Conex when Rhodesia became a world leader in applied conservation. Tony did not enter Conex, but went instead to the socialistically-inspired and politically-planned Tanganyika Groundnut Scheme. After the collapse of this, he returned to Whinburn and farmed there for the rest of his life. A dairyman and seed maize grower of high repute, he had to relinquish the seed side of his activities as the deteriorating rainfall made dry land agriculture unviable. He was renowned for highly efficient and economic low cost production, a concept that he applied to his very successful long-term sen/ice as a member and later chairman of the Nyamandhlovu Road Council. He was active in his local Farmers' Association and at Branch level, and was an original councillor of Gwebi

Agricultural College.

Tony, a great wit, had an innate ability to recognise the ridiculous and absurd, in any situation. He will be remembered for his great contribution to the district and the pleasure and humour that he brought to the lives of his wide circle of friends. He is survived by his wife Yvonne, daughter Ellen and sons, Clive and John."

Wilson, WD (Bill) (1929-1933)

I am truly touched and honoured to have been asked by Pidie to say a few words here today about the relationship between our families, and I feel very privileged to call to mind why it was, on our side certainly and, I would venture to say, on theirs too, really remarkable.

When Bill arrived at Michaelhouse he became a member of West, where my father was the Housemaster, and over his time there an extraordinary bond developed between the two of them, a bond which became a wonderfully close friendship that found expression in many meaningful ways. It is a dream of every schoolmaster who regards his profession as a vocation, to have a healthy and creative influence on the boys who come under his care, whether it be in the classroom, on the playing fields, or, more importantly, in their growth from adolescence into manhood, in the building of their character and their attitude to life, in their sense of values and in their qualities of leadership in society.

I know full well that my father regarded Bill as a dream come true, hugely true, in all that Bill came to do for our family in particular, for Michaelhouse, and indeed for education generally throughout South Africa on a much wider front. His wise counsel, unbounded energy, his great vision and deep interest in education and the people involved in it bore great influence not only on the Governing Body of Michaelhouse, of which he was an outstanding member for many years, on the Michaelhouse Trust, which he helped establish with Rector Morgan, but also on the whole wider Michaelhouse Community, where together with his brother John, so many supporters of the school from all walks of life were given a very spe

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identity.

These outstanding attributes of Bill also brought substantial benefits to many other members of the Associated Church Schools, whose Standing Committee he chaired for many years. And what came to be known as the Industrial Fund that was set up through his leadership provided many of them specifically with new science laboratories but also other vital facilities. The Fund is incidentally, still operative today in the present association of the independent schools of South Africa.

But to revert to our family's association, I'm going to claim that I was the first beneficiary of Bill's largesse by divulging something that was kept secret for years and years and known only to my parents. In an epidemic of scarlet fever that ravaged the school in 1933, I found myself as a little boy not yet ten years old in a bed in the master's home that had been commandeered to house the overflow from the School Sanatorium, a bed next to the Headboy of the school, Bill Wilson. He befriended me so caringly and in such a gentle and kind way during our days of convalescence, even joining in my fun and frenzy trying to catch fieldmice in their

runs through the grass in the open veld nearby, that he became my absolute hero and I told my parents that if ever I became the headboy of a school, I would model myself on him and strive with all my heart to be just like him. What an icon he was in my eyes, as he has been for so many others over the years, I am sure.

That close relationship has deepened over our life-time and found further enrichment even after my father's death, when Bill became a driving force. 'Force' somehow doesn't seem to be quite the right word, for Bill's gentle, quiet and modest manner was a byword even in the highest echelons of business and the financial world, perhaps 'magnet' would be a better word in the publishing of my father's life's work on the butterflies of Southern Africa, a monumental task requiring dedication, diplomacy, deference and sensitivity. Not many of you here know how

knotted and difficult lepidopterists can be in dealing with fragile butterflies

In the foreword of the book I wrote: 'Bill has been the guiding light in the administrative and financial side of the publication of this book, where, as

Chairman of its Board of Trustees, he regarded the publication as a tribute to one to whom he has been so devoted, as his teacher, Housemaster, counsellor and long friends' and a little further down I quoted these words from a letter Bill had written to my mother soon after my father's death., -1 quote..."He seemed to live a way of life which, when added to his immense gifts of physique and mind, set standards which seemed so fundamentally right that one sought to incorporate them into one's own repertoire, even when it was uncomfortable or apparently disadvantageous to do so. I think it was this powerful combination of friendship and aspiration that explains the unusual devotion he inspired in so many." The book has become, as many of you will know, the definitive work on this immensely rich region of Southern Africa and I know that, if it were not for Bill and his disarming powers of gracious persuasion, it would never have seen the light of day and come to be held in such high regard by butterfly collectors all over South Africa.

I shall never forget how generous he was at meetings of the Trust to giving others all the credit that was their due and yet being so marvellously meticulous, always with great humility and soft-spoken grace, in setting 'standards that seemed so fundamentally right that one seeks to incorporate them into one's own repertoire'. = to use his own words just quoted and all of this to honour the man he felt had done so much for him in his youth, to honour him by preserving for posterity his life-long passion for the butterflies of our country.

Small wonder then that Bill, this gentle giant of a man, a man who, as many of you will remember set such little store by outward show, pomp and ceremony and was so laid-back, as they say in these modern days, small wonder that he had bestowed on him the highest honour his school can bestow on one of its sons, receiving him "Ad Portas", an honour given to only a handful in its history.

The motto over the doors into the school's Memorial Dining Hall, doors through which Bill passed many many times, is "Quit ye like Men". What a man he was and how awesomely he acquitted himself among us throughout his life! We thank God for blessing him with so many gifts, gifts which he shared so generously with us during his life here among us, and for his example to us all. We pray especially at this time that strength, comfort and consolation be given to Pidie, his loyal and loving wife and to their family in their loss and abiding love.

Rex Pennington

Zaloumis, Nolly (1946-1949)

There were many publicized tributes to Dr Zaloumis after his death in April of this year. However, Michaelhouse's citation to him on his receipt of the St. Michael Award in 1996, sums up best his accomplishments.

St. Michael Award Citation

Dr. 'Nolly' Zaloumis is one of the leading figures in conservation in Southern Africa, and has served this, and other countries in manifold ways. Not only has he devoted extensive time to voluntary work in a multitude of conservation-related organisations, he has also been actively involved in projects of wetland conservation and research, and has had work published in this field. Dr. Nolly's interest in nature came at an early age. He was Chairman of the Natural History Society at Michaelhouse, and won the Hudson Bennett Prize for Natural History. While still at school, he helped the National Museum of Rhodesia to acquire their first collections of Northern Rhodesian birds. After qualifying as a dentist, he was appointed a Trustee of the Victoria Falls Trust and became an Associate Member of the Livingstone Museum and an Honorary Game Ranger for the Northern Rhodesian Game Department.

Dr. Nolly then spent a great deal of his time exploring Northern Botswana and the Barotseland regions, promoting conservation and researching Waterfowl, of which little was known in the 1950's. With the breakup of the Federation of

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Rhodesia and Nyasaland, he decided to return to his second home, South Africa.

June 16 1940. At a debating society meeting the Rectors wife Mrs Snell and a staff wife Mrs Melville proposed the motion "Women should have equal opportunities with men in all the professions" The motion was defeated 13-17 "Is the school still so chauvinist?"

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He rapidly became involved in a wide spectrum of conservation interests, and took

a strong and leading role with non-Governmental organisations within Conservation of the Sub Continent. Evidence of the involvement can be seen in the

multiplicity of offices that this man has held and the numerous awards that have

been made to him. Trustee of the South African Nature Foundation, President of

the Wildlife Society of South Africa, Trustee of the National Parks Boards of South

Africa, President of the South African Wildlife Management Association, Member of

the Bophuthatswana National Parks Board, Vice-President of the South African

Crane Foundation are but the tip of the iceberg in offices held; and Awards include,

inter-alia, Natal Conversationist of the Year, Rotary International Paul Harris

Fellowship Award for Services to Conservation, Institute of International Education

Study Award (U.S.A.) and Rotary Community Service Award. As if these impressive lists are not more than enough, Dr. Nolly has written extensively on wild

life and conservation and has represented public opinion in a number of Conservation projects. To forestall boredom, he finds time for photography,

sculpture canoeing, horse-riding and ornithology. A man of great integrity, Dr. Nolly

has selflessly performed many public services. He has brought the need for

environmental conservation before public and politicians; making them recognise

the importance of the conservation of the environment for the future of the country

and its people. Much of the contribution, it must be stressed, has been at great

personal and financial cost.

Extracts from an Obituary by Robert Cross in the African Wildlife of Autumn

2003.

Nolly's enthusiasm for the environment was infectious and very few people who

came into contact with him, were left untouched by it. At one time there was a joke

that almost every volunteer working for conservation in the Province was a patient

of Nolly's- for when a dentist, drill in hand, asks you for a favour, very few have the

courage to refuse him!

Nolly always paid tribute to the support he had received over the years from members of his family who allowed him the time to devote to his conservation interests especially his wife, Molly-Ann.

Youngleson, John Henry (1939-1943)

Extracts from the tribute given by his son at his Memorial Service:

Dad was a Rugby player - he really loved Rugby. At Christmas he told me this story, and Mum says he told it again at a dinner party the Friday before he died, so I'm sure he would like me to retell it. Dad was in Italy during the War. Once the War was over, he was selected to play Rugby for the South African armed forces on a tour in Europe. His father however, had some other ideas, and had put his name down for the Rhodes Scholarship. Dad was instructed to return to South Africa for the interview, and regretfully had to leave his rugby dream behind. He hitched a ride down the length of Italy with his great mate Barry Booth, who at the time was a Jeep driver for the brass. This is a story in its own right, but there is not enough time to tell it all here. He got a boat ride across the Mediterranean and then took a General's seat on a plane headed home to South Africa. In those days planes had to be refuelled several times on the way down Africa, but finally they got home. It was exhausting, but after a quick clean-up he headed for the interview. On entering the room he met Justice Bloom Snr, who immediately asked him what symbol he had obtained for Latin. He said that unfortunately, he did not take Latin in school, the Judge said 'Good-day' and that was that. Dad never became a Rhodes Scholar but he did go on to play Rugby as scrumhalf for UCT first team and Western Province.

Dad was a Doctor. I'd like to tell you a story about him from our family's point of view. He always wanted one of his children to follow in his footsteps and become a Doctor. Adrienne came the closest by qualifying as a Nursing Sister. I also had a bash at it, and it was during my first year of medicine at UCT, that Dad decided to launch my medical career by taking me with him to the operating theatre

. We got dressed, scrubbed up, and went into theatre - the patient had been burned from head to toe with petrol. Dad went to work, but I got faint and ended up having to leave the theatre, much to Dad's embarrassment. I never did become a medical Doctor. However, I have some first hand knowledge of the type of work he did - he is the man who made it possible for a baby with a hair lip and cleft palate to one day get married and have a family, he is the one who repaired a child's face mauled by a vicious dog on a Sunday, he is the man who went in the middle of the night to piece a young woman together who had been hurled through a car windscreen, he is the one who put a man's hands back together after a machine accident so that he could go back to work and put bread on his family's table, he is the man who attended to countless thousands of people from every walk of life, with every conceivable type of injury every day for over 50 years, never complaining, and never bringing the horror he met with daily, into our lives.

My last story is about Dad as a family man. Dad was a busy person; as young children we never saw a lot of him. He left early for work and he came home late. He was a tough man; when we were in England, where he studied to become a Fellow of the Royal College of Plastic Surgeons, he decided his children needed to learn how to swim. There were no heated pools in those days. We had to break the ice with the pool cleaner pole, and then swim two lengths each. After our swim, he would buy a hot loaf of freshly baked bread on the way home, and the winner was allowed to hold it. We all learned to swim well, early on in life! He was also a caring father. When Nick cut his leg badly on a raft at Zinkwazi while on holiday, Dad was in Durban and no one dared to stitch it, only Dad could, Nick just had to wait until Dad was available. He was a good provider, he believed in education and he educated all his children both at good schools, Michaelhouse for the boys, and Girls College (Durban) and Epworth for the girls, and then later at University. We always had a good home to live in, we never lacked for food, or anything else of importance. Two

Christmas' ago we had a big family get-together to celebrate Mum and Dad's 50 " wedding anniversary. It was wonderful, the whole family came together in Durban from all across the world, and we spent a very special time together - now that Dad is gone, that time will become even more special.

He has been a cornerstone in all our lives, always there for us, always a source of strength. He has our admiration, our respect and our love. We will continue to miss him, we will never forget him, we will love him always John, our Dad .

Jonathan Youngleson

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1920-1939

Dorehill, Patrick (35-38) after the Second World War, he settled in England and was a pilot with British European Airways until he retired. He now lives in East Sussex. Macaulay, John (24-25) Extracts from a letter received from JW Wright of Macaulay & Riddell Solicitors, Ladysmith. One of the firm's founders was Senator James Macaulay, father of John:

"Judge John B Macauley now resides in England and is 96 years of age. Until very recently he used to come out to RSA to visit his old friend in Ladysmith, one Frank Hagraves whose three sons attended Michaelhouse. I often enjoyed the singular privilege of meeting the two old gentlemen for a few Whiskies, some very interesting chats and some Dinner. Judge Macaulay now lives in Cambridge where he has a son who lectures at the famous University. The Judge, as Mr JB Macaulay is referred to in this firm (Macaulay & Riddell) is still in possession of all his mental faculties and remains very alert and active.

In the course of dictating this letter other incidences of path crossing also sprung to my mind, not least of all that the other founding partner of our firm, namely, the late Samuel Marshall Riddell whose son Marshall (Boosty) (55-58) attended your school. Boosty died unexpectedly young of cancer in 1988. He was one of my

greatest and dearest personal friends, who distinguished himself at Michaelhouse by representing Natal Schools at Cricket and Rugby. More important than being a good sportsman, the late Boosty, was one of God's very own gentlemen. I am very fortunate to count amongst some of my very closest and dearest friends, some of my most respected colleagues in the profession and good clients, as fine gentlemen, who have come through the ranks of your very splendid school".

1940-1949

Acheson, Denis (45-48) lives in the UK and is now a semi-retired mining consultant and writer of novels.

Denoon-Duncan, Russell (39-42) was awarded, a special medal "Adwokatura Zasluzonym by the Polish Bar Association. This was in recognition of assistance given to the Polish Legal profession. The presentation was made in Warsaw at a plenary session of the Polish Bar Council and in the presence of the British Ambassador HE Michael Pakenham. Previously Russell had been awarded the Order of Merit by the President of Poland.

Down, Neale (37-40) has retired to Margate after living in Johannesburg since the end of the war. Neale has managed to ride the ups and downs of life as a Quantity Surveyor and then as builder and contractor. He regrets that he has been unable to attend MHS OBC functions over the years but still retains happy thoughts of Michaelhouse.

Watson, Ian (47-49) had a strange experience last year at a concert in Carlisle, Scotland, He saw a gentleman wearing what he thought looked like an Old Boys tie and asked what it was. He was told it was the tie of a school outside Edinburgh and was asked why he had queried it as Ian was the second person who had informed the gentleman that it looked like a Michaelhouse tie - who was the first?

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June 1944. The Tate gallery purchases "Picture of a Lady "by Frank Graham Bell a MHS Old Boy, for the London Gallery. Much of his work was destroyed in the Blitz and

he was killed in an air crash in 1943

1950-1959

Bradley, Denzil (49-53) is semi-retired and working from home in Durban. He enjoys playing golf and watching rugby.

Brooke, Michael (51-56) has run the OBC Canadian Branch for the past 15 years and is a retired adult educator.

Cattell, Terrance (49-52) is a retired Architect living in Sidney, British Columbia. Dalgarno, Christopher Miln (47-50) is happily retired amid glorious scenery in the Western Cape, after a lifetime in promoting manufacturing productivity all over Southern Africa.

Dalton, Anthony (52-52) has retired from advertising and is presently getting involved with children orphaned by AIDS. Assisting two AIDS Orphanages, one in Waterfall and one in Underberg with emphasis on life skills development.

Denoon, Donald (53-57) is based in Australia, retiring from academia and beginning to write fiction.

Downes, Mike (54-57) is a realtor in Cobblehill, British Columbia.

Droogleever, Robin (55-58) lives in Victoria, Australia. However, the following information was sent to us by Dudley Brown. When Robin emigrated to Australia in 1980, he helped found the Anglo-Boer War Study Group. While working on a centenary publication to commemorate Australia's involvement in the Boer War he came across dispatches written by Banjo Paterson to the Argus and Sydney Morning Herald. Once he discovered that these letters had not been published he went to work on "From the Front A.B Paterson's Dispatches from the Boer War". Other books by Robin are "The Road to Isandhlwana: Colonel Anthony Durnford in Natal and Zululand 1873-1879" and "Let the Game Begin" an adventure story of a group of Natal boys at the start of the Anglo-Boer War.

Edmundson, James Barry (53-55) is a risk management consulting in Australia.

Forbes, Duncan (54-57) is an accountant in Victoria, British Columbia.

Hooker, Owen (50-53) is an Executive Director of the South African Medical Devices Industry Association, after having spent many years with the 3M company, the last 20 of which, he ran the health care division.

James, Benjamin (48-51) has lived in Canada for the past 40 years and is now retired.

Mears, Peter (46-51) after a career in agricultural research has retired with his wife to a cottage on the banks of the Clarence at Grafton, New South Wales. They are blessed with a large extended family and together with painting and community work, are kept pretty busy.

Michaelis, Herbert (Mickey) (54-57) Principal of an Australian Consulting business in financial and e-commerce services. He is active in the Returned and Services League and involved in the Barton-Capital sub branch as well as the ex-Rhodesian services.

Morgan, Glynn (52-55) after our error of 99 wherein we reported that Glynn was deceased, he now regularly lets us know that he is still with us! Glynn has been teaching Chemistry and Physics at Academia Britannica Cuscatleca in Central America for the last seven years and retired from the post of Head of High school last year but stayed on as IB Coordinator and Head of Sixth Form.

Peacock-Edwards, Richard- (58-61) was invited to the school and gave an enthralling talk to our boys during the first half of the year. Air Commodore Peacock-Edwards lives in West Sussex, is married with three children and maintains a keen interest in all sports, is a 12 handicap golfer and also plays squash and tennis.

Prentice, Andrew (53-58) has recently moved, with his wife, from Victoria to Tinonee, New South Wales, to escape the cold wet winters. Tinonee is within half an hour of half a dozen sea beaches and several mountainous areas.

Symons, David (50-53) is busy renovating a house in the UK.

Taylor, David (52-56) is now retired after being in the commercial property industry

in England for many years in senior management and as a Director responsible for the development of major shopping centres and investment of funds in commercial property.

1960-1969

Allan, Dave (58-62) owns two Mica Hardware stores which he hopes to hand over to his son and "semi retire", in the nearfuture.

Barford, Donald (58-63) has retired from Gynaecology and lives in La Conner, WA, USA.

Booth, David (66-69) has managed the South African team to 4 Optimist Class World Sailing Championships and currently serves as Vice President of the International Optimist Dinghy Association, responsible for the Asian African and Oceanic regions. He has also been elected as Commodore of Point Yacht Club (CT) and President of the South African Optimist Class.

Brown, Barry (60-63) is a MHS parent whose twin sons, Jonathan and Christopher, are in A Block Pascoe.

Burns, Alan (60-62) is a consultant in British Columbia.

Cairns, Bill (57-60) based in Gauteng enjoys drinking wine, studying history, enjoying work, watching birds, taking pleasure in nature and travelling when he can.

Coppen, Hugh (56-61) is a partner in a leading global executive coaching firm,

coaching senior executives in Fortune 500 companies such as Walt Disney Studios,

JP Morgan Chase. LSG Sky Chefs and several others in America.

Havers, Mike (60-63) practices law in Seattle

Henderson, Giles (56-60) was appointed Master of Pembroke College Oxford in

2001, after retiring as a senior partner from the international law firm, Slaughter and May in London.

Houghton, Peter (66-69) lives in Canada and is a General Medical Practitioner

Johnston, David (59-63) is a retired Lumber Corporate Executive living in

British
Columbia.

Kallos, Victor (58-61) Victor's son, Michael, has recently won an ASTECH (Alberta Science and Technology) award for "Leaders of Tomorrow" (under 30 years old) for his neural stem cell research. Victor and his family are all, well and continue to enjoy living in Calgary, Canada, despite the long cold winters.

Li, Norman (65-69) is presently running a wholesale grocery business in SA.

Mentzel, Roger (63-66) has owned his own Delta franchise in Newcastle (N Natal) since 1980.

Rein-Weston, Karl (63-67) is married with 3 daughters who play competitive squash. He enjoys reading, technical mentoring, being on a University of Washington Advisory Board, and on a panel of reviewers for statewide professional examinations in engineering. He is also in the process of co-authoring a text book.

Riggs, Ian (68-70) and Clive (63-67): Despite the fact that both brothers were diagnosed with Becker Muscular Dystrophy in their mid twenties, they have both lived productive and full lives. Clive is married to Sharon and retired from shipping at the age of 50 after 30 years service. Ian is now a thoroughly modern husband who minds the home while his wife, Jill, earns the rent! Ian was Manager of Smith Wheels and Jones Tyres until the firm was sold.

Smith, Peter (66-69) has recently retired after spending the past 12 years abroad living and working in the USA, Europe and Singapore. His most recent assignment was as President of the Asia/Pacific division of Ondo Nalco, a division of French company Suez. Since returning to South Africa in August 2003 he has set up his own consulting company in Johannesburg.

Swan, Andrew (61-65) is living and working in the beautiful South Island of New Zealand, enjoying a family of 4 girls, golf, skiing, tramping, photography, gardening and a holiday home near Lake Wanaka.

Tatham, Tony (Spot) (65-69) has recently joined Shepstone & Wylie, Tomlinsons

well known attorneys in Pietermaritzburg and is involved in Environmental and general property law. Other OM's in the firm are Oliver James (56-60), Richard Tomlinson (56-60) and Derek Redfern (83-88).

Whiting, Kenneth (63-67) lives in Western Australia and runs the Western Australian branch of the Old Boys Club.

1970-1979

Adnams, Bruce (69-73) is an Ears, Nose & Throat Specialist in British Columbia.

Bailie, Ross Stewart (72-77) lives in Darwin, Australia and has been awarded a prestigious National Health and Medical Research Council Fellowship to do research to benefit the health of the Aboriginal population of Australia.

Balson, Scott (68-71) is a Managing Director of a successful web-building and a book publishing company in Brisbane, Queensland. He has written four books and is currently working on the fifth.

Bean, David (75-78) is enjoying life in Empangeni.

Beard, Michael (73-77) is working in Canada in the telecommunications industry.

Bennett, Paul (72-76) has been in New South Wales, Australia since February

1989.

Butler, Chris (72-76) is Managing Director of Astraflex (Pty) Ltd, a subsidiary of Astrapak Ltd which is listed on the JSE. Astraflex prints and processes flexible packaging.

Burgess, Andrew (79-79) is a clinical director for a corporate veterinarian group in the United Kingdom.

Clark, Andrew (76-77) works for Mercy Ships, a global charity using hospital ships to bring hope and healing to the world's poorest peoples. Prior to this he was a Director for Leadership Development, CEO of one of their ships for three years and prior to that was the ship's physician.

Currie, Hamish (71 -74) is a vet in Cape Town.

Dalton-Brown, Nigel (76-79) moved from Europe to Victoria, Australia.

Eddy, Anthony John (Tony) (71-76) is Managing Director of an overseas film company called "One 8 Six" in Cape Town, linked to a larger group called AFM. Tony is married and has two children, one is at Bishops in Grade 9 and the other at Micklefield in Grade 5.

Eriksen, Guy (76-79) is a Radiologist in Surrey, British Columbia.

Feetham, David (72-77) is in investment banking focussing on mergers and acquisitions. He is married with 3 children and living in New South Wales, Australia.

29 Sept 1939. A fete to raise funds for the war effort was held. Coconut shells at pictures of Hitler and Mussolini were on offer at 6d for four throws ! At the end of the afternoon the African and Indian staff who had worked overtime agreed to donate their pay to the funds.

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Griffith, John (67-71) is living and working in Brisbane, Australia.

Hall, Michael (67-72) is retiring from Essex Police and is now Managing Director of his own company, "Conflict Management Consultants", dealing with counter-terrorism and counter-hijack techniques. Has invented 4 new security systems and is expanding into Europe and the United States. Michael is likely to be moving to the USA for 18 months in the near future.

Hodson, Doug (69-73) works as a Drilling Manager for West Australian Oil and Gas Co. He is married to Karen and has twin boys who are much better rugby players than he ever was! His "middle aged" interests are refereeing junior rugby and surfing.

Johnstone, G Miles (68-72) is living in Manhattan with his wife, two kids and a cat.

Jones, Charles (71-75) is married to Jane and has 2 boys, Andrew & Simon, who are at Cordwalles. Charles is a director of attorneys firm in Pietermaritzburg.

Keeping, Chris (75-77) is married to Josie (nee Martin) and has two girls - Chloe 6 and Roxanne 4. Chris is Commercial Director of Celtel, Tanzania - the second largest Mobile Telecoms Operator in the Region. He is in daily contact with Phil Roberts and Adam Fuller (71-74), both ex-Balgowan boys.

Keeping, Francis (74-75) after performing as an opera singer in Europe from 82 to 97, Francis moved to New York and has continued recording, directing and producing Classical CDs and DVDs. He established vocalimages.com with his partner Roberta Prada in 1999 and in 2002 a non-profit corporation for assisting the performing community.

Kerr, Gordon (67-71) works as an Anaesthesiologist at Virginia Commonwealth University, Medical College of Virginia Campus. Married to Dr Shireen Richards, they have 2 children: Rhorie aged 15 who was in Farfield, E Block for 6 months in 2001 and Laura aged 9.

Knudsen, Peter (70-72) is enjoying life in Durban and also appreciating the fact that he went to such good schools!

Lawrie, Nicholas (68-70) is a partner in management consultancy specialising in strategic market development in the United Kingdom.

McCullagh, Declan (71 -72) is a private banker in the United Kingdom.

Pittaway, Jonathan (74-77) has recently co-authored a book with Craig Forrie, entitled "LRDG Rhodesia, Rhodesians in the Long Range Desert Group". Jonathan lives in Durban where he owns a distribution business. His interests include sport, motorcycling and gallantry medal collecting.

Royds, Jeremy (66-70) is a Consultant Psychiatrist to East Kent Community NHS Trust, Director of Post Graduate Medical Education and Clinical Tutor St Martin's Hospital, Canterbury.

Ruffel, Charles (69-73) is CEO of an American financial publishing company married with 4 kids and one dachshund.

Walker, Jon (74-78) practices medicine in Campbell River, British Columbia.

Webb, Greg (76-79) is a Urological Surgeon in Cape Town.

Youngleson, Jonathan (67-70) is a Professor of Technological Entrepreneurship at the Technikon, Pretoria.

Youngleson, Nick (69-73) is a businessman in Portland, USA 1980-1989

Allan, Craig (86-89) owns and runs his own Durban-based business which specialises in clearing and forwarding, shipping cargo, import and export.

Atkinson, Rory (83-87) lives in Kent with his wife and daughter. Rory is a police officer with the Met.

Bailes, David (81-84) is CEO of a London subsidiary of an American company providing investor support services to listed companies in the UK and Europe.

Bradley, Oliver (82-87) is on secondment from Unilever South Africa to London where he is working for Unilever Bestfoods, UK.

Brand, Stephen (79-82) farms on the South Coast KZN - bananas, sugar cane and

macadamia nuts. Stephen is married to Olga and has two daughters, Belinda(10) and Shannon (7).

Celliers, Nick (85- 87) markets conference venues around the world from the United Kingdom.

Coldwells, Garry (82-85) oversees the Canadian side for a Texas based firm that makes security hardware and software. Occasionally he speaks at computer security conferences. Garry is married with 2 kids and has been in Canada for 8 years with a short sojourn in Luxembourg in between. He is fishing up a storm there and keeping fit.

Dresser, Greg (86-89) owns and runs a South African imports & exports company called Alphaprod.

Duffy, Michael (79-83) has recently relocated to Brisbane, Australia, after previous years in Germany, Saudi Arabia, UK, Thailand & Hong Kong.

Duffy, Patrick (85-89) is missing "mamma" Africa after living in London for 5 years and Hong Kong for the last three.

Durham, Tim (86-89) is currently running a Tour Operator specialising in up-market,

tailored travel to India, Sri Lanka and the Islands of the Indian Ocean and living large in London town!

Eksteen, Carl (78-82) is employed by an international firm of loss adjusters, he specialises in liability matters such as Products Liability, a growing field! Carl is married to Ingrid and has a three year old son, Marc, and lives in Umhlanga Rocks.

Ellis, Guy (81-84) is living and working in London.

Ellis, Patrick (85-89) is living and working in Sydney, Australia

Field, Christopher (85-88) is working in the Corporate department of Sloughter and

May, United Kingdom.

Gould, Fergus (77-80) lives in Toronto, Canada and has 2 boys, Henry and Pearce. Fergus is a money manager and partner at Nexus Investment Management

t Inc.

Hallier, Winston (80-84) has settled in Vancouver for the last seven years. Winston is married to Heather, a Canadian and has two daughters Hannah (3) & Katrina (6 months). He has been running his own landscaping company and would welcome any travellers to contact him for student/casual employment.

Harle, Christopher (79-82) has been in England since 1992 and spent one year in the US. Christopher is a consultant anaesthetist and is married to Sandra with three children, Chloe 11, Harry 5, and Rachel 1.

Jonsson, Simon (82-85) is living and working in London.

Kimble, Scott (86-89) is presently involved in a South African internet media company which provides advertising in their website, Webmail, as well as corporate IT solutions for blue chips and SME's.

Leal, Greg (88-89) manages the software development for the Electronic Credit Card Terminal used for processing Credit Card Transactions in South Africa.

March, Peter (77-80) is happily married and settled in Pepperell, MA, just outside Boston. He lives in a 1768 farmhouse in a quiet rural area.

Mayfield, Stephen (84-89) is a Senior Research Scientist heading up the abalone sub-program at the South Australian Aquatic Sciences Centre. Stephen, co-ordinates a team of five staff to ensure timely and quality advice to the South Australian Government on the exploitation of blacklip and greenlip abalone from State waters.

Mbatha, Moonlight (86-86) is working as an Energy Analyst at South African Electricity Utility Eskom Head Office in Johannesburg.

Mbuyazi, Phiwayinkosi (87-89) is a Director at Umbono Corporate Advisors in JHB. Phiway is married to Audrey and has two children with a third on the way.

McDavid, Gillies (82-86) is living in Durban, has 2 practices where he practices homeopathy, acupuncture and herbalism. Has a daughter and is to be married in May 2004.

Nairn, Alastair (79-82) is a director of a boutique hedge fund business in South Africa.

Naish, Andrew (86-88) has been living in London for the last 5 years and presently works in an Investment Bank. He intends to move out to Australia in the near future.
Newcomb, Graeme (82-84) is an entrepreneur and web software developer in the United Kingdom.

Oxley Oxland, David (83-87) is working in Exotic Equity Derivatives at Morgan Stanley, London.

Pennington, Ian (78-82) has lived in Sydney since October 1996. Ian is married to Irina and has two children: Gregory (4 years) and Timothy (1 year). He works for a consulting/contracting engineering company in the power industry.

Phakathi, Bongani (83-88) is currently head of Human Resources at the HSRC, previously a HR Consultant for SAB Ltd (Central Office) and prior to that Regional HR Manager for Stellenbosch Farmers' Winery.

Pon, Malcolm (76-80) immigrated to Canada eight years ago with his wife Doreen & two sons, Gavin & Ryan, the following year they had another son named Jordan.
Pringle, Aidan (85-89) is an English and History Teacher in Umtata, married to Leigh-Ann with one daughter, Rebekah Hope born November 2002.

Pryce, Neil (85-89) works for IBM Business Consulting Services implementing large scale SAP projects on the Eastern Coast of the USA.

Raynor, Graham (81-86) is involved in numerous SA businesses in the restaurant and engineering fields. Graham is married with a two year old daughter.

Reynolds, Philip (84-87) is in Corporate Finance with Nedbank.

Rivers-Moore, John (82-85) has recently rejoined the South African working world, after a six month round the world trip with his wife. The trip included USA (2 months), South America (2 months), New Zealand and Australia (1 month each).

Robson, Graeme (81-85) works for himself and has built 15 networks throughout

Africa and the Far East.

Shakerley, Andrew (78-82) has lived in England on and off since 1983. Andrew is married with three children, aged 10,7 and 4.

Silburn, Scott (82-85) is currently working for Unilever, Durban, in the IT department as SAP programmer cum BA. Before that, he worked in the USA for 15 months as an SAP contractor.

Stiebel, Mark (84-86) has relocated to Singapore for four years where he is practicing UK Shipping Law in the Asian region. Mark married Karis in 2001 and spends his free time scuba diving and photographing remote parts of Asia.

1947 Royal Visit. The school went by train to Estcourt where the Royal Train stopped and boys and staff lined up to greet the royal party. Some staff and boys were spoken to by the King or Queen or one of the princesses. All then returned to school having had a most satisfactory day off lessons!

Troughton, Doug (78-81) is Director of Andru Opencast Mining, South Africa.

Van Schoor, Jacques (78-82) is having fun with advertising and people at McCann-Erickson in Tokyo. Jacques is still slightly startled by this exotic city and the randomness of life.

Woodland, Simon (81-85) spent ten years in London with Price Waterhouse and then McKinsey & Company but has now set up an independent consultancy firm with some ex-McKinsey colleagues.

Yorke-Mitchell, Mark (80-84) is a consultant for a cost management company. Mark lives in Notting Hill and has been in London for a year. After a lot of adjustment and soul searching he is settling down to the appropriate level of London dissatisfaction!

1990-1999

Andersson, Alfred (87-91) is Captain on the CRJ for Delta Connection, USA. Alfred is married to Mica from way down Deep South. He drives a shrimp boat on the weekends and is still running around in his RH drive 1972 XJ6 Jag from the RSA with its old Transvaal plates.

Armstrong, Oliver (87-91) lives in the USA and is Marketing Manager for Campbell Soup Company.

Arthur, Paul (90-93) has been living in St. Louis, USA, since 1999 and is working on his international business at Webster University.

Band, Jamie (88-92) works in product development for ActivCard, based in the Silicon Valley, CA.

Bluett, Merrick (88-93) is based in Dublin, Ireland and works as a freelance IT consultant whilst travelling Europe.

Boast, Travis (92-95) has been appointed director of the Design Studio, a web design company within the Cradun Group.

Bothner, Justin (88-92) has been living in London since 1997.

Bowden, Denis (97-98) is presently doing his articles with Deloitte & Touche, Durban.

Briscoe, Craig (91-94) lives in Pietermaritzburg and is loving life.

Bryant, Gary (90-94) works as a brand manager for Unilever in Durban.

Burnett, Michael (90-93) is studying Electrical and Electronic Engineering at UWA in Perth and is having fun as a member of a band which performs at parties and hotels, pubs and festivals etc.

Chang, Andrew (93-95) After MHS, Andrew immigrated to the USA and attended the University of Washington. In 2001 he received 2 degrees in BS in Physics and BA in Chemistry and the following year completed his MBA study. He now works full time at a investment company as the business director in Seattle and got married in the Spring of 2003.

Cook, Michael (90-95), Matthew (93-97) and Stephen (96-2000) Michael is a copywriter in Johannesburg, Matthew has completed his Bus Sci at Rhodes and works for the Standard Bank and Stephen has completed his second year at Rhodes.

Dalton, Brian (92-96) is presently studying at Maritzburg University and is doing Honours this year in grassland'science.

Diaz, Shane (95-98) became an architect and lives in the Philippines.

Diederichs, Henk (96-96) is a Project Engineer for AngloGold on Geita Gold Mine in Tanzania.

Dottridge, Simon (91-94) has been working at Michaelhouse as an IT Technician since the beginning of 2002. He is playing league squash for the staff squash team.
Elworthy, Alex (87-91) is enjoying life in New Zealand and involved in exporting fresh fruit around the world.

Endersby, James (93-98) is studying Business Science at UCT.

Everett, Duncan (86-90) lives in England in the West Midlands. Since his move to the UK two years ago he started his own company in IT consultancy and i

s currently
in partnership with another colleague in the business. Duncan is married
with a baby
on the way.

Gallo, Charles (95-99) is studying at SMU, USA.

Gowen, Michael (86-90) is working at Groote Schuur hospital in Dept of
Surgery.
Michael enjoys playing music on the side and is playing guitar in a band c
alled
"Tuesday's Child".

Hooper, Matthew (88-92) is presently working in Australia in the wine ind
ustry and
running a wine filtration business. Has been in South Australia for 2 and a
half years
but still misses South Africa, family and friends a lot. Matthew married 2
years ago
and has just had a baby girl, who will be kept well away from the MHS b
oys when she
is older!

Hudson Bennett, Mark (95-98) has just finished studying at PMB universit
y, and is
spending a year in Taiwan, teaching English to children.

Hughes, Steven John (93-97) is living and working in Johannesburg for
Nampak.
He still enjoys sports and in general is "just living life".

Irving, Hamish (93-97) is working in Johannesburg.

James, Ewan (91-93) is currently working with a communications softwar
e
company in JHB. Ewan does all the sound design, and some script/copy w
riting.

Kearns, Gilbert (91-95) left Zimbabwe to study in Horticulture in the UK a
nd is now
looking for work in London. Gilbert is a part-time Officer in the Territorial
army.

Khumalo, Lwazi (88-92) is employed as an architect at Bentel Associates
International, Johannesburg and also designs furniture.

Kruger, Barry (91-92) is working for a global property group in South Afric
a and is in
the process of gaining an all round property knowledge. He has done so
me
investment broking, is presently learning how to be a valuer and hopes to
go onto
lease-broking and developments in the future.

Kunene, Collin (96-96) is working in Gauteng as a business development

consultant.

Kuun, Chris (91-95) is managing a laboratory at the Sappi Ngodwana Pulp & Paper mill in Mpumalanga.

Lewis, Angus (92-97) working in recruitment in the United Kingdom.

Lewis, Murray (94-98) worked in the Kruger National Park from December 2001 until May 2003 and is now going to do some travelling, and will be living in Leipzig, Germany for the next few months.

Lloyd, Justin (94-98) is working during 2003 to gain some experience and will probably study again and specialise in what ever he can!

Lowe, Mark (91-93) resides in Iowa, USA and works as an engineer for the forestry division of the John Deere corporation.

Lumley, Sean (90-95). Sean's missives to various members of the Michaelhouse Community, continue to be passed on to the OB Administrator, these are extremely interesting, topical and humorous. Unfortunately due to limited space we are unable to include such in the Chronicle. Sean is presently part of the peacekeeping force in Iraq.

Makan, Divesh (88-91) works in the private equity business, where they provide money to companies for growth. Divesh is based in San Francisco and has been in the US for the past 4 years, after leaving London.

Marshall-Smith, Dominic (87-91) is head of operations for the Mtonga Community Trust (MCT). The MCT was established in 2001 to support the Magingqi community in driving education and development projects in a remote valley on the Wild Coast. The MCT is raising and has raised funds internationally and locally; it is currently working within a consultative framework in upgrading and extending the facilities of three junior secondary schools in the district. Furthermore, the MCT is initiating SMME projects focused on sustainable income generation. Dominic believes that the model for Community/Trust/Government partnership employed by the MCT has

the potential to revolutionize upliftment in rural areas.

Moolman (Jacobs), Hans (91-93) completed his degree in film/video production at

The University of Southern California, in Los Angeles and is currently working at an

entertainment marketing company in Los Angeles, specializing in product

placement. He looks forward to reconnecting and networking with fellow Old Boys.

Morris, Greg (93-97) works in South Africa for an American based Trading Co,

which trades on the NYSE.

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July 1934.6 O.M.s were selected to the Natal rugby side . Never so many
before or since!

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Munro, Brian (87-91) works for a stock broking firm in Cape Town that specializes in Derivatives. It's challenging but he's enjoying it.

Palmer, Graeme (88-92) after practising as an attorney in Pinetown for 2 years moved to the UK and is presently doing investigations into bankruptcies for the Official Receiver (Department of Trade and Industry).

Naidu, Philen (90-94) is based in Zambia and is travelling all around Africa researching a book he intends to releasing during 2005 - living in mud huts and drinking a lot of local brew!

Nairn, Rowan (90-94) is currently a Project Metallurgist working for Anglo Platinum in Johannesburg.

Nash, Matthew (91-94) is working in a hotel as a manager in the UK and is a qualified Personal Trainer.

Phillips, Steve (96) was flown to India on the 24th October to join the South African Hockey team at the Afro-Asian Games.

Plane, Brendan (94-94) is a marine cartographer for the DoD, Cape Town.

Pretorius, Jesse (90-94) works for Novell as a Systems Engineer - doing Pre-Sales Consulting & Technology Evangelism in South Africa.

Prince, Andrew (90-93) has lived in London for the past 3 years & works in a chemicals consultancy.

Raath, Jason (89-93) is a long-term insurance broker, specialising in life & disability insurance for pilots.

Ralph, Bradley (89-94) is currently living in JHB and working for Standard Bank, Retail Banking. He has been in JHB for the past 2 years and still keeps in touch with a few Old Boys in the Gauteng region as well as the large contingent abroad.

Rose, Oliver (91-94) is living, working and playing in London.

Raghubar, Joshin (90-93) is involved in various entrepreneurial ventures and NGO

work; Founder/ Director of iKineo, a Marketing and Communications Consultancy based in Cape Town.

Rivera, Benedict (95-98) is working in the computer games industry and is just having a good time in the United Kingdom.

Sacco, Patrick (93-97) has returned to SA from studying a Masters degree in Corporate Communications at the University of Colorado, USA.

Scott, Brian (87-91) is a Director/Producer in Cape Town specialising in commercials, multimedia and audio-visual presentations.

Sherrard, Douglas (95-99) is finishing his last six months of a Bachelor of Commerce degree in Sydney via the University of New South Wales.

Silver, Barry (87-91) after having travelled the world for the past 6 years, has decided to study horticulture at the University of Reading, UK.

Stacey, Jonathan (92-96) is an accounts executive for timeSQUARE advertising in Bryanston, presently launching and building the brand of a new chain of pharmacies in South Africa, which has been measurably successful to date.

Staniforth, David (90-93) was in Nigeria defending the South African goals at the

2003 All Africa Games. His excellence as keeper was affirmed when he was named best goalkeeper of the week at the men's Champions Challenge hockey tournament in July of this year.

Steiner, Dieter (88-91) is developing properties in the UK and South Africa.

Strong, Warwick (92-93) is a Captain in the Royal Horse Artillery and appeared on Sky News in the fierce fire fight against 21 Iraqi tanks outside of Basra during August.

Swart, Henk (90-94) is a Pharmacist in Potchefstroom.

Tantum, Patrick (91-94) has been living and working in the UK for the past 2 years.

Van Heerden, Gregory (87-90) is currently the Operations Manager for AWH Motor Group's Panel shop division and is actively involved in canoeing.

Van Schalkwyk, Johann (90-93) went to work in Europe after school, came back to

study and is currently completing a B.Com Marketing Management through UNISA.

Vosloo, Chett (95) and a friend of his rode from Johannesburg to Balgownie during

June of this year. Accommodation on the way was dependent on the hospitality of

what ever farmer they happened upon during the late afternoons. Chett had done a

similar excursion during his time in the USA and as with the Americans, he

applauded the amazing welcomes afforded them by the South African farmers.

Walwyn, Tim (95-99) is in his final year in Industrial Engineering at Stellenbosch and

hopes to continue his studies abroad. An extract from a letter received by the Rector

from the Deputy Director at Stellenbosch University, 28 October 2003: We hereby

wish to congratulate you and the teachers of Michaelhouse on the outstanding

achievement of your former scholar, Timothy Walwyn, who received Academic

Colours from Stellenbosch University. We would like to thank you for your

contribution to the education and shaping of our youth. It is in such achievements

that your input bears fruit."

Williamson, Dean (91-95) has finally got to London after running his own computer

company for 7 years in Durban SA.

SPORT IN SHORT

CANOEING

K2 Championships: U/18 2nd place Andrew Neal (98-2002)

SA Team President Alick Rennie (73-76)

Closed SA Slalom Championships Gold: Cameron McIntosh (89-94) and Alick Rennie came third.

South African Wild Water Championships: Sprint race Ralph Cawood (95-98) 8th place.

HOCKEY

SA Team David Staniforth (90-93)

SA Team Steve Phillips (96)

POLO

SA Team Gillespie Armstrong (86-89)

Karkloof Classic Ian Campbell Memorial Trophy for the Best String of Ponies: Gillespie Armstong (86-89)

RUGBY

Natal U/20 team Steven French (97-01)

Midlands Marauders U/20 Brandon Akal (91-2001)

Natal Duikers JP Coppez (92-96)

NRU U/20 Team Ryan Reeves (98-2002)

SQUASH

Midlands Squash Championships winner Mike Short (81-85)

TRIATHLON

Great Britain and Northern Ireland team at the ITU World Long Course Triathlon Championships Victor Anderson (81-85)

2000-2002

Clarke, Bryn (98-2002) attends the University of Colorado (intended Major- BSc: Actuarial Science).

Crookes, Ashley (97-2001) is in his second year of studying Web Development at Technikon Pretoria.

Davidson, Andrew (96-2000) is in his final year of his B.Com at UCT, and hopes to continue with an LLB in 2004. He has been elected onto the RAG Executive and will be managing the Finance and Corporate Relations portfolio for 2004.

De Haas, Graeme (97-2001) is studying in Cape Town.

Goosen, Duncan (98-2002) is working in a warehousing company in central London.

Green, Storm (97-2002) has started out as a personal trainer in a gym in London and has applied to go to the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

Halley-Stott, Richard (96-2000) is living in a house with pink curtains, owns a gnome and is studying a BSc in genetics.

Karan, Avron (98-2002) is back in South Africa after sailing for 8 months.

Le Cordeur, Matthew (97-2000) is studying Media at the University of Natal and works for the student newspaper and Natal Witness part-time.

Lindop, Walter (98-2002) is doing a B Soc Sci at PPE.

Macgillivray, Guy (98-2002) spent the first part of his gap year in the USA and at present is driving tractors in Wiltshire, UK.

Sladden, James (98-2002) is studying in the United Kingdom.

Smedmor, Philip (96-2000) is a personal financial adviser with the Old Mutual. He is married and has a son.

Smith, Lyle (96-2001) is taking a Bachelor of Music at the King's University College in Edmonton, Ab, Canada.

Taylor, Dylan (99-2002) is working at a Youth Centre in Northamptonshire, United Kingdom

Visagie, Andrew (98-2002) is studying at RAU.

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June 1934. The tenth annual combined dance was held with the Hiltonian society in the Pietermaritzburg city hall. Over 600 guests attended. A successful combined dance was also held in Estcourt.

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