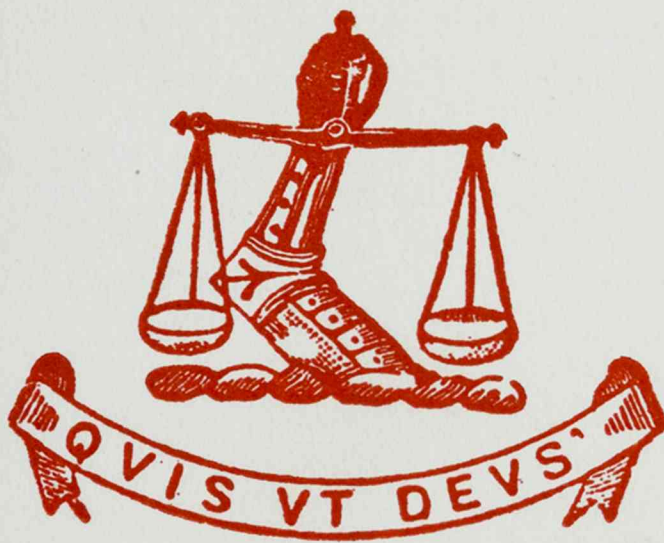


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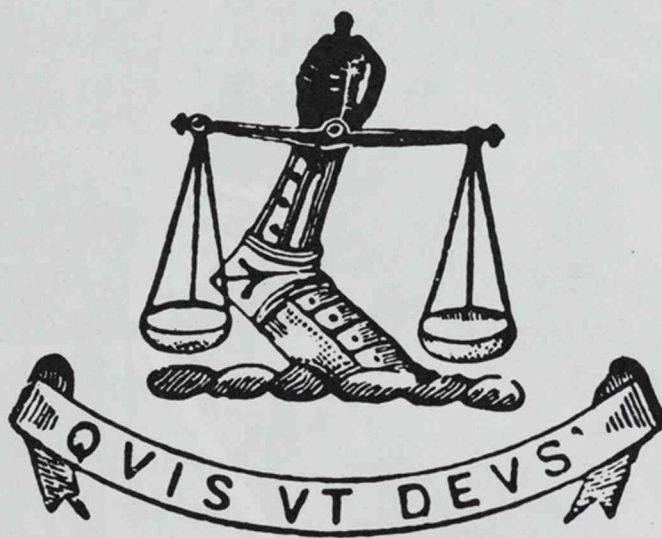
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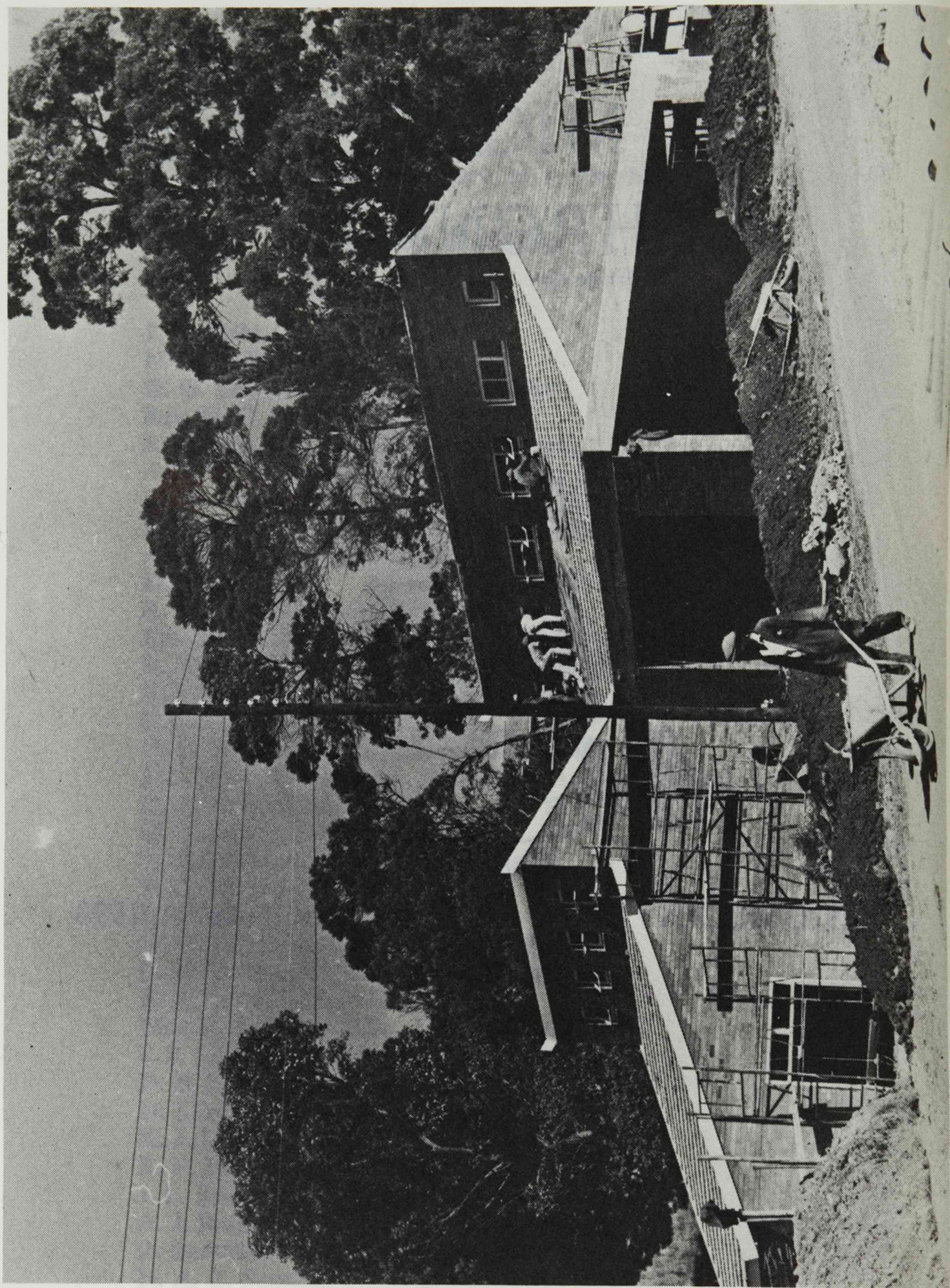
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Work in progress on the new laundry.

# SCHOOL NEWS

**Mrs. D. M. Campbell** retired from her position as Rector's Secretary in June after 27 years' service. Her place has been taken by **Miss Penny Ferrow** to whom we extend a warm welcome.

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**Mr. M. E. Thompson** has left us temporarily to teach for a year at Clifton College, Bristol and thus join two old members of the Michaelhouse Staff, **Messrs. E. F. Polack** and **R. J. R. Gillespie**. On exchange from Clifton has come the Head of their Chemistry Department, **Mr. G. P. Rendle**, who was suitably impressed on arrival to find that his own text-book is in use in our Science Department. We welcome both him and **James Brown**, another post-school pre-University Fettesian, who is helping out in odd things ranging from Basket Ball to Biology . . . Our Sixth Form Tutor, **Mr. B. A. Law**, is also overseas teaching for a term at Millfield School, Somerset, whence he will no doubt return with lots of interesting ideas.

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There are other welcomes, too, to be given on the Administrative side: to **Sister Norma Lovell** at the Sanatorium, to **Miss Joan Taylor** in the Bursar's Office and to **Mrs. Jeanne MacNaught** in the Bookkeeping Department. We trust that their stay with us will be long and happy.

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The Third Quarter at Michaelhouse this year has been marred by the sudden deaths of two well-loved members of our community: **Tom Sully** (East) and **Hamish Anderson** (Baines). Tribute to them appears on Page 5 of this issue.

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We have been most glad to welcome the following visiting speakers who have addressed the school (or sections of it) in recent months: **Professor Geoff Butler**, who holds the Chair of Political Science at Wesley University, Connecticut, **Mr. Harry Pitman**, an Old Boy and Leader of the Progressive Party in Natal, **Mr. Gordon Rennie**, who talked most entertainingly on the Cape to Rio race, and **Mr. Bill Sutton**, United Party M.P. for Mooi River and a member of the Schlebusch Commission.

Speech Day took place on Saturday, 1st September, when **Professor Guy Butler** of Rhodes University presented the prizes. There was a large number of Exhibitions, a P.E. Display organised by **Mr. Mullen** and the Gym Club and a Recital of Church Music by the Choir under the Director of Music, who celebrated the occasion by setting up a new Michaelhouse record for Throwing the Baton!

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We have had several Dramatic Productions in the Memorial Hall in the last two terms; **Mrs. Hennessy's** School Play production of "St. Joan", the VIth Form's production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" and there have been the various House Plays at the end of the Third Quarter.

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As will be evident from the photographs in this issue, the New Laundry, apart from the installation of some of its equipment, is now complete. Latest news of the Michaelhouse Development Foundation can be found in the Rector's Speech Day address elsewhere in this issue.

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Our congratulations go to **Guy Clarke** (Pascoe) who has joined the fast-swelling numbers of Michaelhouse boys to win a silver medal in the nation-wide Maths Olympiad. Since the inception of the Olympiad Michaelhouse has had more finalists than any other school.

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To accommodate our growing staff another house has been built along Station Road. A new pavilion has also been built above Meadows to replace the one gutted by fire at the end of last year. Both these buildings have been constructed entirely by **Mr. Kirsten** and our own works staff.

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Two innovations which have become thriving institutions over the past year or so are the Swop Shop and the Homecrafts Centre. Both of these are run entirely by wives of members of staff.

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Congratulations to those boys who have represented Natal Schools in various games or sports recently: **Richard Compton** (Farfield) (Hockey), **James van Niekerk** (West) (Shooting), **Charles Shaw** (East) (Cross Country Running) and **Robin Devonport** (East) (Squash). Perhaps we should single out fifteen-year-old **Norman Ingledew** (Farfield), who in Squash has won the Natal Under 21 Championships, the Natal Schools Championships and reached the final of the South African Schools Championships.

## IN MEMORIAM

### **Thomas David Sully**

*Born: 4 February 1955*

*Died: 27 August 1973.*

After completing his preparatory schooling at Cordwalles, Tom arrived at Michaelhouse to join East House in January 1969. He soon became a fully integrated member of the school, taking an interest in both the academic and sporting spheres of life here. Although not a particularly able sportsman, he played most sports with enthusiasm and following in his father's footsteps, he represented the school at yachting. His love for the latter sport earned him the yacht prize for his work concerning the club this year. In the classroom he proved himself by gaining a first class matriculation at the end of last year. He came back this year to do a VIth Form year before going on to further his studies at university. As a VIth Former he really showed his worth, not only in the VIth Form, but in the school and house, where he was appointed a prefect, and the chapel where he served and worshipped regularly.

It was with great shock that all those concerned with Tom heard the news of his sudden death. We extend our very sincere sympathy to his family in their loss.

*D.B.M.*

### **Hamish Charles Roy Anderson**

*Born: 20 August 1956*

*Died: 16 September 1973*

It was with deep shock that we learnt of Hamish Anderson's death so recently after a serious illness. Hamish entered Baines in 1970 and soon established his reputation in many spheres. Perhaps his most outstanding work was done amongst the handicapped at the Sunfield Home, but he is remembered at Michaelhouse as a prefect, a member of the 1st XV, a very active member of the radio club and debating society and for his musical activities but most of all by many as a friend. We extend our very sincere sympathy to his parents, his brother Angus and his sister Shane in their loss.

*C.H.D.L.*

### **John Banfylde Odams**

*Born: 15 June 1929*

*Died: 15 June 1973*

The death of John Odams on his 44th birthday this year was the end of a relatively short life into which he had crammed as much living as most men do in their full allotted span of years. Many people have regarded his death as a merciful release from the heavy physical burden of his disability. A release it may have been, but John's was a life of service to others which he enjoyed as deeply as possible and no man releases the work and the people he loves willingly.

In his years at Michaelhouse, from July 1953 to July 1965, both before he contracted polio and afterwards from a wheel chair, his meticulous planning, patience and insistence on the highest standards were the features of his success as a teacher. Many boys will also remember with gratitude his coaching of athletics from his three-wheeler car, and the smooth running of all athletic events at Michaelhouse today is a lasting tribute to John's organisational ability.

When his health forced him to give up teaching a full programme, he reluctantly gave up his post, moved to the lower altitude of Pietermaritzburg and obtained a job in the N.P.A. building services. During the ensuing years he made a new life and home, though still managing to do some part-time Classics teaching after a full day's work at the office. Not content with this he became deeply involved in and for some years was chairman of the Natal Cripple Care Association.

John will be sorely missed, not only by his family and friends, but by a much wider section of society—a society which can ill afford to lose such a man. His example of courage, selflessness and humility is a lasting legacy to those who knew and loved him.

*M.E.T.*



## SPEECH DAY

1st. September 1973

Presenting his annual report, **The Rector** said:

My Lord, Mr. and Mrs. Butler, Distinguished Guests, Governors and Staff, Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys:

You will all of you have favourite comedians of the stage, screen or radio; comedians who have become endeared to you because of some catch-phrase that belongs to them and no-one else, like Mae West's (for you older folk) "Come up and see me some time" or (for you younger folk) Monty Python's "And now for something entirely different".

While not presuming for a moment to be endeared to either you older folk or you younger ones, I have a sneaking suspicion that I might come to be remembered for this Annual Speech Day refrain "Rome was not built in a day, y'know". Actually great progress has been made on the New Theatre, under new management, so to speak. But the new laundry has momentarily virtually barred every access. So here you are again, I hope as happy as can be, facing the spring sun; but at least for you and me, my Lord, and for all of us who serve those "miserable offenders" sitting en bloc there, at least the backs of our necks are shaded this year and we need not pray that our non-existent mortar-boards could sprout those white neck-flaps, that were part of the British Soldiers' tropical head-gear of yore. For "Nature is never spent" and her blue gums are protecting the napes of *our* necks at least,

though perhaps those same miserable offenders would wish it otherwise and would prefer some of us to perish from sunstroke!

Our Visitor and Chairman of our Board has already greeted you warmly, but may I add my words of welcome and those of the school to you, Prof. Butler. We are delighted that you have found it possible to steal a week-end from Rhodes University to speak to us here and we eagerly await your address. I was an under-graduate when I first met Guy Butler, and though I had no idea at the time, of course, that he would eventually become the Professor of English at his own university, I did immediately recognise him as a South African proud of his heritage. Indeed, as you will shortly see, he has been a stalwart and staunch stanchion of the English contribution to our country; and it is for this reason that I extended an invitation to him to visit this South African school, a school, sir, from which we aim to send out sound South Africans, spirited yet sensitive, tolerant yet tenacious, idealist yet pragmatic; and a school which, we pray, is playing a worthy part in the unfolding pattern of South Africa's future and a part of which South Africa will be proud. Prof. Butler's paternal grandfather was a pro-Boer Quaker and his paternal grandmother was of British pioneer descent. His mother was English, Tory and Anglican; his father editor of the *Midland News and Karroo Farmer*. He himself took his M.A. at Rhodes University just before the Second World War, went on to Oxford after the war, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Literature from the University of Natal in 1970, and has been President of the English Academy of Southern Africa. He is Editor of the Poetry magazine, *New Coin*; has edited other works of literary criticism, and has written a number of plays. I would single out only two of his publications—*"When Boys were Men"*, a rich and inspiring collection of adventures and experiences occurring in South Africa before 1875 and all of them by narrators who were under twenty-one; and a book of poems entitled *"South of the Zambezi"*. I am not going to quote from the poetry, delightful though it is, but from what William Plomer says about Prof. Butler in his introduction to the collection: "outstanding among English-speaking poets in the Republic, Guy Butler is a partisan only of imaginative truth and of the best and the most fitting use of the English language. In all his work there is not even a drop of racist venom. *Everybody*, he implies but never preaches, can have access to reconciliation, forbearance, and mutual respect". That is the measure of the man. I quote now from Prof. Butler's own introduction to *"When Boys were Men"* published in 1969.

"Our country's recorded history covers less than five centuries. It may be conveniently divided into three periods, each approximately one and a half centuries. During the first of these the sailing ships avoided what they took to be a savage, inhospitable, and poverty-stricken land. No ports were developed, no journeys of exploration undertaken. The second period saw the establishment of 'the tavern of the seas' by the Dutch East India Company, the steady expansion eastwards, until the movement of the early Dutch, Huegenot and

German pioneers was halted in the Eastern Cape, where they encountered the far more populous Xhosa-speaking tribes who had been steadily advancing down the east coast during the eighteenth century. The third period may be taken to extend from the first British occupation to the establishment of the Republic. This period is characterised by the infusion of a large English-speaking element into the population; by rapid territorial expansion; by violent racial conflict between black and white and between Boer and Briton; by the discovery and development of numerous mineral resources; by a growth in political awareness and activity; by various attempts to solve the problems inherent in a multi-lingual and multi-racial society; and accompanying all, a growing sense of belonging to that society, of being rooted in it and committed to it."

My Lord, this past year has been uneasy and unsettled for me for three major reasons. Our Guest Speaker in the words just quoted has summarised our history up to the birth of the Republic. What since?

If I may introduce a serious subject by recounting a personal anecdote—I knew a married couple in Cape Town some years ago who, like many couples, had their differences and their disputes, but, generally speaking, seemed to be a growing union. They moved to an exceptionally pleasing home in Newlands, designed very largely by themselves. Only one serious argument arose between them, over the height of the wall they wanted to build round the perimeter of their plot. *He* wanted it 6 foot high, *she* 7 foot. Dissension arose to an almost desperate degree but finally they arrived, so *she* said, at a most satisfactory compromise. They built the wall 7 foot high.

This year I have become concerned that the English preference nay, flair, for compromise, for the making of decisions by discussion, by give-and-take, by diplomacy, by conference and by consultation is getting us nowhere; that the repeated appeals from the Afrikaner for national unity, for toenadering, for team-work, are made on terms which preclude *all* South Africans from *sharing* in their country's resources and its well-being.

Is the only compromise for *our* growing union to be the building of a 7 foot wall? Are all outsiders to be considered nosey-parkers who must be compelled to mind their own business? Can we on the inside get on with our own business in isolation?

Can building a wall in these days really guarantee security? In my view, SECURITY has become a deceptive word in our society. The sound and good motives for a secure life have been submerged and what we are really talking about is *selfishness*. Selfishness breeds fear, and in an atmosphere of fear, there can be no sharing, no respect, no love for the "other" man, our neighbour.

Only recently we have had authoritative politicians proclaim that the Rule of Law, for instance, can be a constitutional safeguard for the rights of an individual ONLY in "normal" circumstances. But what *are* normal circumstances? Who assesses them? Who defines them? Our whole South African situation is abnormal by almost any criterion you

care to apply. So, much is done, or perhaps even more significantly, is *not* done in the interests of national security. Even in education where surely *no* outlets, *no* search, should be denied in the quest for truth, we are being directed and told *what* to think and not *how* to think.

And this leads me to my second major reason for being unsettled and ill-at-ease. As I see it, my Lord, in the past the main thrust of our Educational endeavour here at this school and at others like it, has been to preserve and justify our independent status. (I am not at the moment considering our own views of our *raison d'être*, as expressed in our constitution, and as striven for by our Founder and subsequent Rectors.)

I believe that the thrust we are increasingly called on to make now is to go one stage further, *not* to preserve our independence merely, but to use it imaginatively and fearlessly for change. What is needed urgently now from our private schools is a rededication to the specifically English, as opposed to European, tradition of schooling—to teach, yes, but in so doing to instil true service towards, and a deep sense of responsibility for, “other” men—all other men outside our individual selves, no matter what their colour. For surely no man, unless he be blind to or oblivious of the teaching that “he who seeks to save *his* life shall lose it”, can be unaware of the shift in emphasis in our South African situation today. And this shift must surely in turn affect our emphasis here. Fortunately our young are more open-minded than we are, more tolerant. Indeed, that much abused word “permissive” has at least this to be said for it, that it embraces more closely the Christian ethos of salvation, the concept of God creating the *whole* world, with *all* its peoples, and the acceptance that His love knows no bounds and His grace no apartheid.

It has often been said that private schools must above all else justify themselves by their academic superiority. Prof. Roberts, whom *you* will remember affectionately and with admiration, I am sure, sir, as Professor of History at Rhodes University when we were students there, said this of private schools in an address to the Conference of Headmasters and Headmistresses in 1952: “You must be able when challenged to point to an *academic* level demonstrably higher than that of the State schools. Only by raising your standards well above the normal have you much hope of blunting the edge of the State’s attack, for it will avail you little to advert to values and services to which the educational administrator gives little recognition”. I shall return to this later.

But he concluded his address by affirming that doing this “need not, indeed it *must* not, involve you in the abandonment or dilution of those virtues and values which are your main justification. Your advantage lies in this: that for you at least ultimate truth is not a matter of opinion. And this is no small advantage in an age in which the perverted techniques of an anchorless society are widely employed to palliate evil and denigrate the good”.

His words have an even more appropriate ring today, for if we

merely produce well-educated young men, trained in the cuckoo-skills of ousting competitors, knowledgeable but without conviction of the values of life, self-seeking and without the spirit of service towards their fellow men, without a concern for their welfare and a desire to share both their benefits and their needs, a sharing which would bring mutual growth, we will have done only very little for them or for our fatherland.

That brings me, my Lord, down to the very individual, and to my third reason for my uneasy mood. You and your Board generously gave my wife and me leave at the end of last year, which, as you know, we spent partly looking into the integration of music and art into school life by visiting ten English schools, and partly on holiday in America and Canada.

I wish to concern myself, *and* you parents, with only one observation regarding this visit. I believe it is pertinent not merely to South Africa but to all 20th Century Western civilization. There is absolutely no doubt that the accelerating rate of change in the modern technical and super-industrial states of today's world is producing far more than simply *material* benefits. Scientific discoveries, computer-capabilities, space conquests—the list of all such advances verges on the fantastic. *But* this same speed of so-called progress is also destroying other aspects on which *our* civilization, and others before it, has been built. The effect on the family has been literally *shattering*; for all those precious lasting relationships which take time to cement and to fuse, and to value, are now being fractured simply because things are happening so fast, and priorities have become so haphazard. Our modern so-called “throw-away” society can afford to throw away many material things, but those values and virtues which make for lasting happiness and true peace—these cannot be lightly discarded.

The child's relationship to his family, his loyalty to it, his love for it and within it, are being undermined by the sheer speed of things. Children are growing up sooner, having their own children sooner. Trust, confidence, respect, concern—all the values which take time to build up and to cherish—are not being given the time they need. “These days”, I read in a novel recently “it's the rush-hour the whole time, day after day of it. A world gone mad like that has got bits flying off, and *these* are the people who do queer things. Oh I have seen dozens of them”, the speaker concludes hopelessly.

Are you aware that a recent survey in the U.S.A. revealed on a very conservative estimate, that there were over 1 000 000 children between the ages of eleven and seventeen whose whereabouts were unknown? Or that in a survey in South Africa conducted by the Human Sciences Research Council, it was reported that 23% of the pupils in Standard 8 (our ‘C’ Block) in 1967 never discussed any of their personal problems with their parents; that about the same percentage had received little or no guidance by that stage from their parents in the matter of post-school careers?

In the increasingly centrally-controlled system of education, a

heavy emphasis is now to be given to the guidance of pupils at the schools to help them choose their future courses, *but* with a specific eye on the manpower needs of the State. The dangers of equating, if not subjecting, the individual's education to those needs of the State is obvious. "We need more dentists" the State juggernaut proclaims, so all its guidance counsellors get to work with their indoctrination-drills on the Standard 7 pupils to provide more dentists by 1985. It is a disturbing thought, but what worries me more is that in the so-called Fourfold Alliance of Home, School, Church and State which embraces the growth of any child and influences him for his life, the influence of the home appears to be diminishing in a world where pressures and sheer pace make heavier and heavier demands on both fathers and mothers.

At the recent Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference a very real concern was the role of the school in the lives of those boys and girls who come from broken homes or homes in which there is so much stress and strain that wholesome growth is well-nigh impossible. Anxiety was expressed regarding the increasing number of such children in our schools. Of course, I point no finger. Nor do I speak from a self-righteous stand, for I know I am not the father I should like to be. Nor, I pray, do I preach; but as the Rector of your boys, you have the right to know how I view social and educational and political trends and the right to assess whether the steps that are being taken and will be taken here meet with your satisfaction and approval.

And talking of preaching, may I, excusing your reverence, tell you of the chaplain who was found by his son kneeling at prayer before giving a sermon. "What are you doing, father?" "I am praying for God's help to preach a good sermon as I always do before going to Church. I need him to help me." "Well, why doesn't he?" came the direct question.

Before dealing with these anxieties in reverse order, my Lord, may I whisper that I too have prayed for help in this report and may I ask you to answer that question on my behalf when my report is ended? !

The strength of the Michaelhouse Community is this school's greatest asset. The tangible evidence we have had of this, first in the Michaelhouse Trust, and only last year in the Michaelhouse Development Foundation, speaks for itself. But I believe there is more to be done in the field, if I may put it this way, of flesh and blood; in the involvement of father and son, during son's school days as well as his holidays; in the contact and concern of mother for son here at school as well as at home. Perhaps there are members of my staff behind me who are cocking very dubious eyebrows, or frowning at the thought of meddlesome parents not merely peering over that 7 foot wall, but actually scaling it and intruding! Perhaps there are numbers of you who are saying "God forbid" as you conjure up still more pressures from sonny-boy to bring week-day teas as well as Saturday picnics. Yes, I have grasped the nettle, haven't I? The new leave system! Let me say, honestly, that I have been grateful for the letters sent to me about

this, both those generally for the system, those generally against, and those suggesting amendments and allowances. I think I have replied to every one, even those very few which have nettled me by suggesting that we on the staff, teaching and domestic, are trying to make life easier for ourselves in the changes made.

There is no solution to the question of leaves, if by solution is meant a policy which will satisfy *you* all, *and* us. As you have heard I believe it is of particular importance these days that you should see your sons at work and at play here on the school estate, be involved with them here AND that you should be able to have them home when that is desired by you, is convenient for you, and when it does not cut across school activities.

Those who do not like the present system seem to have jumped to conclusions which, on the statistics of the first term in which it has operated, seem justified. The old system allowed two leaves per boy per term and most boys took them, making approximately 850 exeats per term. There were 1 098 exeats last term pushing the average per boy up from 2 to 2.5.

I know there are some boys who go home more often than that. There are some who have bicycles and are able to cycle home every Sunday if they wish. But by and large there has not been a drastic change. Some parents have claimed that one long weekend is the obvious answer, others have begged me not to introduce it as it will mean they will seldom, if ever, be encouraged to come to Michaelhouse.

There is no *solution*, but I am aware that the present compromise may not be the most satisfactory. For the rest of this year both the Administrative Committee of Housemasters and the Academic Committee of Heads of Departments will be discussing the implementation of the new differentiated system of education into the school next year and I want to form a sub-committee to examine the possibilities of introducing a number of studies, projects, exercises, expeditions on Saturday mornings which will cut across the normal academic sub-divisions in the school. Hopefully this would enable parents (so many of whom have no work to do on Saturdays these days! ) to join in with their sons in these enterprises. The leave system will come under scrutiny in these investigations, and a referendum taken of your views.

I said earlier that I would return to the question of academic excellence. The fears that I expressed from this platform last year about a lowering of standards inevitably accompanying the introduction of differentiated education were not unfounded. Under the new regulations of the Joint Matriculation Board which will apply to the examination of 1976, affecting therefore next year's "C" Block, only three passes on the higher grade will earn a matriculation certificate in place of the previous four. Physics and Chemistry have been dropped as separate scientific studies in depth, despite loud protests from many private schools. But we have won the battle to give bonuses to the boys offering more than three subjects at the higher grade, so we shall strive for the highest academic standards by teaching all subjects at the higher

grade except Afrikaans, which, as the second language has always been taken at the lower grade. But Afrikaans, and I think rightly, becomes a compulsory pass at the standard grade in the new system. I might say that we have yet to be informed in detail of the syllabuses that are to be introduced for the first year of the final three-year phase. This obviously does not make the choosing of options for next year's "C" Block any easier, particularly as the choice will be binding for their matriculation.

We were well satisfied with our Matriculation results last year, with 22 boys gaining First Classes and only 6 boys failing out of 82 candidates. And we are proud to have no fewer than five boys in the list of 92 who have qualified, from the original  $\pm 2\ 000$  entrants, for the final round of the National Maths Olympiad. There have been some outstanding projects done this half year and individual research is being carried out on an increasing scale. The drive to modernize the Library and provide more material to assist such research work continues.

The Counselling Department—you will notice that we now shy off the Guidance title!—continues to function well and is being successfully dove-tailed into the House system. 668 interviews were held between 1st February and 12th of August this year, some boys requiring an interview every day for a week or two while a problem of motivation or an appraisal of attitudes, interests, and abilities was being worked out.

In this secular age, our determination therefore to provide academic facilities which are second to none remains unflinching, for in many senses our survival depends on them. I hope many of you will have taken the opportunity today of seeing not only the new laundry which has been the first step in our new development and which will be fully operative next quarter, but also, flagged out on site, the entire new academic and cultural quadrangle, with its theatre-cum-assembly-hall thrusting southwards towards the new open-air-theatre. At the moment the presence of the old laundry and other buildings prevents a completely clear picture, but the contract documents for the new Agora and for the alterations and additions to all but two Houses, and the long awaited completion of the Main Quadrangle, are well in hand and tenders are expected in time for the next Board Meeting.

The plans are displayed, if you have not seen them, in the French Room which lies almost in the centre of the quadrangle-to-be to the south of the Main Quadrangle. I do hope many of you will have seen the tremendous amount of work and care that has gone into their preparation. And in addition to them of course are the many drawings being prepared by Engineers and the preparation of the Bills of Quantities, all of which work is well in hand.

And what of my second concern—our need to rededicate ourselves, over and above our aim for academic excellence, to the ideals of service towards our fellow men and our society? Wonders cannot be worked overnight, for attitudes and aspirations take time to build up, but this rededication is now a vitally urgent matter. Happily the young are often

our teachers in this. Their example pricks at our prejudices, and their enthusiasm prods at our perambulations. (The frequent non-racial sporting contests, the night school classes.) The service projects at the African village, the growing interest in the Zulu language, the happiness in helping the blind and handicapped, the frustration, and indeed, disillusionment at the snail's pace at which Christian institutions appear to them to move—all these indicate a growing awareness of the dignity of men and their right to share in the good life.

The School Feeding Scheme and Bursaries and Loans Plan for African Students, the Operation Upgrade, and the Home Crafts Centre are special staff endeavours—masters and their wives—to build up our community.

There is now a Consultative Committee consisting of representatives of all our employee departments and headed by Mr. Cele here. A survey is at present being conducted by the Institute of Social Research of Natal University of our whole labour situation. Services of worship for Africans, up at the Village as well as at School, form part of this new thrust.

I welcome, too, Mr. Mzila and Mr. Sekukkane, Headmaster and Vice-Principal of our African Farm School here today, and pay tribute to them for their untiring efforts, along with their staff, in educating very nearly as many pupils there as we have here. Perhaps if our Saturday mornings are able to be given over to other enterprises, our co-operation in educating the young will grow closer.

When the Hon. Gatsha Buthelezi spoke to the Pietermaritzburg Branch of the Michaelhouse Old Boys Club on 4th August this year he stressed that the Black Man in South Africa is no longer impressed with words, nor even with actions done in the spirit of a "Bonsela" but only with actions that would give him his dignity as a human being, as a full recipient of the grace of God. He gave particular emphasis to education and suggested that Michaelhouse and its Old Boys should show a direct interest in black advancement and pledge themselves to serve South Africa by serving, in one capacity or another, its African people.

I believe this can be done here and now, first by a change of heart, a commitment to sharing, to love in its full Christian context. "Nix sharing, first pick" used to be a crude form of dividing spoils amongst children in my childhood. It may still be, but as adults we seem to want the picking without the sharing. This cannot go on and if we cannot untangle the Gordian knot of prejudice, we must at least try and teach our young to do so. Happily, as I have said, they seem to be our teachers in this.

This has been a momentous year, a year of shifting emphasis and significant movement; and this must be reflected in our school. In dealing with these three topics I have omitted much else of what is being done—the dramatics, the tours, the VIth Form contribution and a host of other things. But I have gone on too long already, so I do apologise to all concerned for omissions or recognition for very valuable services rendered.

You will appreciate, my Lord, that you are already going to be hard put to it to answer that question I asked you earlier on, but at the risk of telling me to go to the Devil there are still some personal things I wish to say before I close.

I tried hard to get Doris Campbell to come today, but nothing would budge her. She has written me a long letter explaining why. Today more than any other day perhaps since she left, we have all, you, the staff, and I, missed her presence; for in many ways Speech Day was *her* day, knowing everyone, welcoming everyone, caring for everyone. Michaelhouse doesn't seem the same place without her—indeed, it isn't. She moves into her flat at Scottburgh at 28 Cordiner Street on 5th of this month and would welcome you there I am sure, as warmly as she welcomed you here. A time *had* to come when she felt she must retire from Michaelhouse, but she will never go into retirement from her friends.

There are two new prizes this year, both, fortuitously, very pertinent to my theme today. One is the J. J. L. Sisson Memorial Prize for proficiency in English expression presented by Judge Sandy Milne and his wife Margaret. The other is the Nick Crowe Fellowship Award presented by his family, and to go to a leaver, excluding the School Prefects, who in their opinion has shown most thought, consideration, helpfulness and kindness towards his fellow scholars. I am sincerely grateful for these benefactions.

There is one prize that cannot be awarded today—the Yachting Prize to Tom Sully. His sudden death this week still weighs heavily on the minds of staff and boys and the sense of loss to his family and friends is deep. I would ask you to stand in sympathy and in respect for a young Christian whose voyage on our waters is over, whose faith in that other shore unwavering, and whose safety in God's haven, we believe, is sure.

I wish to thank Bruce Adnams and Laki Kranidiotis, Head of the School and Second Prefect respectively, and all the other School Prefects and House Prefects for their support this year. I have valued it greatly and particularly because, in times where outlooks and attitudes among many of the young seem so wholly anti the establishment, they have shown a balance and a perspective which has been sound and impressive, suggesting change where change is due and respecting experience where it matters.

My leave at the end of last year magnified for me what was already a clear picture—my indebtedness in my work to my wife, who is always at my right hand to encourage and to cheer, and my indebtedness, and yours, if I may say so, to the Staff of this School—teaching, administrative, and domestic. Not only the Housemasters, with whom you perhaps have the greatest contact, or the Senior Master, who of course was in charge of the School while I was on leave and ran it splendidly, and without whose advice and organizational ability I would blunder even more than I do, but *all* those who make their special

contributions to the well-being of the school. I would go on as long again if I acknowledged these contributions in detail.

They will, I hope, accept my two closing words—“*Well done and thank you*”.

After presenting the prizes, **Professor Guy Butler** spoke as follows:

My Lord Bishop, Governors, Mr. Rector, Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys. My wife and I should like to express our pleasure at being with you on this occasion. Thank you for inviting us to be here.

When I came off the Karoo, from a school where uniform was optional and you wore what tie you liked, and arrived at university, I encountered a large number of poised young personages in brightly coloured blazers and modest or flamboyant ties. As I was slow of learning, it took me some time to distinguish these, and to know that there were important points of difference between wearers of dark blue ties with diagonal red and white stripes and wearers of dark blue ties sprinkled with fleurs-de-lis. In my ignorance, I managed to make friends with all sorts of ties. One of these friends was to become my bestman; later he was to be Chaplain at this School, and he is now Bishop of Grahamstown. And I met many Michaelhouseans in the army. I first met your Rector shortly after the war, a lithe, craggy young man with a squash racket under his arm. And I recently dined with Ronald Currey, an ex-Rector, who kindly lent me a history of this school, so that I might not approach so important a place in ignorance.



To visit a school which has influenced the lives of many of one's oldest friends and war-time comrades—and I recall many, from the Carbineers, the N.M.R. and the D.L.I.—and produced some of one's

best students, is a great pleasure; to deliver an address adequate to its annual speech day is something of a challenge. This has been made no easier by your Rector's saying that he hoped I might say something about English-speaking South Africans. He seemed to regard me as an archetypal 1820 Settler.

Well, in my experience, few young people find their ancestors interesting. Curiosity about our origins only develops when the complex and stubborn nature of experience makes us seek for explanations in slow processes of growth and decay. A young person is rightly preoccupied with the present and the future, both of which seem to him to be fairly simple propositions but for the stupidity of adults and the presence of prejudices and traditions generated by the benighted past. Indeed, the past has a low rating with the young. It is supposed to hold back progress in its dead hand. And I am certainly not here to defend it, or to point to a particular period or group of people and say that the pattern of our salvation lies there.

The fact remains that we are creatures of time, inevitable inheritors. It is what we make of our inheritance that matters. A people who has no past has no future. People of British descent, particularly in territories which were once parts of the Empire and the Commonwealth, are all experiencing more or less difficult times of transition and readjustment. There is, obviously, a great apparently stable imperial past, then a gradual change, increasing into a stampede in the fifties, when the Empire disappeared, and Britain turned her back on the seven seas, and started trying to become part of Europe once more. The Britain which most English South Africans identify with is, I suspect, that of Edward VII—pre 1914—18 War.

Well here we are, perhaps a million and a half White English-speaking South Africans (by no means all of British stock), stranded on the tip of a vast militantly Black continent of 150 million, linked, not altogether happily, to perhaps two million other whites, who have been in the political saddle for a generation, and who speak a different language.

I used the word "stranded". It is not quite accurate. The English-speaking world is vast, and reasonably hospitable. Ships and planes leave regularly for Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the U.S.A. We could go if we really wanted to. We are here because this, in fact, is where we want to be. I do not pretend to know why we stay: a minority within a tiny minority of whites on a black continent. I suspect, however, that many of us, in ways we ourselves do not quite understand, have become white Africans. Admittedly our ancestors came from outside Africa, but most of us were born here, and have chosen to stay, because this is where we belong.

What I would like to do is to draw your attention to two—only two—portions of our European or British heritage which, it seems to me, are of supreme importance not only to us, but to our fellow South Africans. One has been adopted wholesale up and down the continent, and the other is desperately needed, up and down the continent.

The first is the English language, perhaps the most important of the many gifts our forebears brought with them. It has become a world language. Not only for us, but for all our fellow countrymen, it is our window on the world. All South Africans, of all shades of colour and opinion, are fortunate in having English as one of their official languages. This is in fact generally acknowledged.

But in our preoccupation with English as a world language we sometimes fail to notice how rapidly it is becoming an African language. One of the strange and exciting linguistic events of our century has been the emergence in Africa of two new African literatures, one in English and one in French. In East, West, Central and Southern Africa, not only governments and systems of education have chosen English in preference to one of the many African languages available, but many black writers have chosen English rather than Ibo or Galla, or Sindebele or Zulu or Sotho, as their medium. A considerable and impressive literature in English by black Africans has emerged. It is sometimes forgotten that there is a considerable and impressive literature by White Africans as well. As a matter of fact this introduction of considerations of pigmentation into literature is, I believe, mischievous, artificial and damaging, as it is in so many other spheres.

In South Africa itself exciting things are happening. *Sounds of a Cowhide Drum*, written in English by a Zulu, Oswald Mtshali, has sold 16 000 copies. Adam Small, a Coloured Writer, who used to write in Afrikaans, has switched to English, as have many others, as a reaction against policies rightly or wrongly identified with Afrikaans. In Natal, for different reasons, I gather that many Indian families are losing their command of Hindi or Tamil or Gujurati, and becoming English-speaking.

From Sierra Leone to Cape Town there is a stampede by indigenous populations to learn English not only as a useful tool, but as a means of expressing hopes and aspirations; in certain countries it is already the prestige language of education, government and the arts. This great movement is not something the average white South African has striven for; not a few will be made uncomfortable by it; but it is a fact which we must all take note of, and which I hope some of you will make your special concern. English in Africa is a very exciting field, and it is crying out for trained linguists, administrators, teachers, broadcasters, and writers. I am particularly keen that English-speaking White Africans should articulate what they think and feel about themselves in this time and place. We are very good at discerning everybody's predicament but our own.

The other facet of our heritage, whose existence we can't deny, and whose revival is desperately needed up and down this continent, is the belief in and practice of democracy: consultation, debate, representation, dialogue. I am not saying these things do not exist in other traditions, nor am I saying that we have always practised what we have preached; but in government by consultation and consent Britain

did happen to lead the world. We should at least ask ourselves whether we do not have a responsibility to ourselves and to others to restore the habit of intelligent discussion and debate between people of opposed views, not only in parliament, but right through the political, economic, social, religious and educational spectrum. The assumption has too long been that any mixed gathering of South Africans, i.e. of more than one ethnic group, was *ipso facto* suspect of treason. There are healthy signs of change.

I believe that South Africans of different racial and other characteristics have a great deal more in common with each other than they realise. I also believe that there are very real differences between groups which must be acknowledged and accommodated; they are not necessarily to be deprecated; variety and difference are not always evils, but can, in fact, be enriching. Who really *wants* a unilingual, monochrome South Africa? How simple, how dull it would be! Two nights ago I found myself at a party seated opposite a product of this school called Rhino Welsh. We agreed that in our society's very complexity lay not only its fascination, but its greatest opportunity—that if we are courageous and wise enough one of the most exciting, interesting and rich societies the world has ever known will emerge in this country: we said this in full knowledge that many shrewd observers of world affairs believe that we are set for disaster.

Of course we are riddled with rivalries and suspicions; and shameful poverty and indefensible inequality exist in our land, and such things, when regarded by the privileged as part of a sacred traditional way of life, will not be rectified easily. But it seems that things are changing. We can choose to submit passively to processes; or we can choose to direct and shape them. One thing you can do and this is to get involved in society, by joining societies, and serving on committees. If every English-speaking South African did this, our presence would be felt far more than it is at present. "Grass roots" democracy is not a political phenomenon; it is a cast of mind, a way of life. Don't opt out; we are going to need people with the cast of mind in large numbers soon.

For much of the sixties a terrifying silence fell upon our country: a silence in which only white voices were heard. Some people liked it. They took it for a sign of contentment, or at least, consent. We know now that it was an unnatural harmful silence. When people who have been intimidated into quiet for a long time, start speaking, their first utterances are likely to be resentful, explosive, extreme, irresponsible. And when people who have been accustomed to think of all Black men as "boys" who are always to be spoken to in the imperative mood, find they have to treat them as responsible adults, they, too, are likely to be resentful, explosive, extreme, irresponsible. We all need practice in civilised discourse. And this does not come naturally; it is a matter of fair-mindedness, of education, of self-discipline. Politeness is a sign of strength, not of weakness. Courtesy was, you will recall, a knightly, not a servile virtue.

In sum: Among the many worthy aims you should ponder for



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yourselves and your country are: First, to see that your English language is effectively taught to anyone who wants to learn it; second, to seek answers to problems by informed talk, in a reasonable tone of voice, with anybody, of any colour, in any language over which you have some control; third, while never shutting your eyes and your ears to the rest of the world, *not* to be dazzled or automatically impressed by every fashion or catch-cry that grips the outside world; fourth, to pay careful, even loving attention to your own small local English-speaking community and its institutions, schools, churches, welfare organisations, clubs, universities. You need not be afraid that this will make you narrow or sectional. Our language, now so widely used in Africa, does not isolate us, but rather seems to insist on our sharing in the opening mind of the continent; so does our religion; and our democratic tradition seems to dictate that we should struggle to define and put our point of view to all our neighbours, and to listen to theirs.

The answers to the intimidating problems of Southern Africa are not going to be found by one political party or one racial group. Every group has the responsibility to contribute what it can. Each must also be open to receiving what others have to offer. I believe that this kind of humane give and take, this blend of intellectual integrity with generosity of spirit, practised with quiet consistency without heroics or sob-stuff—I believe this to be characteristic of many of the men this school has produced. Close to the familiar buildings, among these Natal hills, under this African sky, I ask you quite simply to keep the habit alive: Think. Speak. Listen. Respond.

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### CHAPEL NOTES

A beautifully executed and illustrated copy of the School Prayer on vellum, by Mrs. L. M. Membrey, who is an expert in this field, was presented to the School Chapel by Mrs. J. Tyrrell in recognition of what Michaelhouse has done for her three sons. It has been hung on the wall behind the Rector's stall. We are most grateful to Mrs. Tyrrell for this handsome and valuable addition to the Chapel furnishings.

The new tapestry kneelers have grown in number and are now occupying about two thirds of the Chapel. We are most grateful to Mrs. Rex Pennington whose vision and enthusiasm have brought into being this welcome addition to the Chapel. We must also thank her for the new green backing to the organ grid and for its fresh coat of gilt paint.

Our thanks go to Mrs. D. Campbell for her gift of two new linen cloths for the Crypt Chapel. As usual our thanks must go to the team of ladies who quietly and efficiently see each week to the decoration of the Chapel and to the care of the linen and silver.

Visiting preachers since the last issue of the Chronicle have been Canon A. J. Rowley, Bishop Hallowes, Archdeacon S. Knight, and the Revs. R. N. van Zuylen, R. A. Hirst and R. G. Clarke.

H.C.C.

## MUSIC AT MICHAELHOUSE

The Hymn Festival on June 3rd was a great success. We were happy to see the St. Anne's Choir in the apse who were invited to add to the volume of sound. The hymns selected were those of the boys' own choice.

The Festival of Church Music took place on Sunday, August 12th. The programme consisted of eight attractive Anthems and the Luther setting of Psalm 46. Critics consider this year's Chapel Choir as the best during the past eight years. The Sopranos certainly sing with confidence and revel in attacking the high notes, particularly in descants.

The Speech Day Programme was virtually a repeat of the Festival Music but there was one notable addition. This was the Coronation Anthem "Zadok the Priest" by Handel. The huge congregation, many standing outside, enjoyed this exciting work immensely.

Timothy du Plessis (Farfield) gave a very creditable Organ Recital. He performed several pieces by Bach.

The St. Anne's Choir will once again be joining us for Evensong on October 14th. The combined choirs will be heard in two Negro Spirituals: "Nobody knows the trouble I've seen", and "Deep River". St. Anne's will sing "Lift thine Eyes" from "Elijah" by Mendelssohn, and Michaelhouse will perform Bach's "Subdue us by Thy Goodness".

We have just begun to rehearse Christmas Carols. The traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols will include the following: Past Three A Clock; The Shepherd's Pipe Carol; Good Christian Men; Deck the Hall; When Christ was born of Mary free; The Coming of Our Lord; Myn Lyking; All this Night; and "The Stork Carol". This last item was composed by Dr. Alwyn Surplice, a former organist of Winchester Cathedral.

Edward Leftwich (Tatham) has done a grand job as Head Chorister. He and several others will be leaving us at the end of the year. The Director of Music takes this opportunity of expressing his appreciation to all those who serve the Chapel Music so faithfully.

H.A.C.S.

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## VALE

### Doris Campbell

In the December, 1958, *Chronicle* appeared the following:  
"Doris came to Michaelhouse twelve years ago as Rector's Secretary. Her deep regard for the school which had educated her father and only brother at once inspired her work with unusual devotion. Her efficiency and neatness, her expert filing system, her dexterity as a shorthand typist and her willingness to work long hours and get the day's job done—all this was soon apparent, and two Rectors have been thankful for such qualities. But it has been her interest in boys, parents and visitors that earned her a special niche here. Charming, kindly and warmly hospitable, Doris has been the perfect receptionist. Her praises



"The Belle of Balgowan" flanked by the Rector and Senior Master in a light-hearted moment at the Rector and Mrs. Pennington's farewell party to Doris.

have been widely sung by those she has always so graciously welcomed in 'the screens'."

This very fitting tribute to Doris seemed to close the story of her direct connection with Michaelhouse. Indeed, for a year we muddled along without her and then, to our immense relief, she came back to us and the story continued until it became a legend. Fifteen years later no one would wish to alter a word of that tribute, but one does feel a need to add to it.

Doris gave herself so generously to every imaginable aspect of her job—and her imagination in this regard was boundless—that she came to be identified with Michaelhouse. She represented the school, not only in her rôle as "the perfect receptionist", but also in the values she believed in and the high standards she expected of all who were connected with the school. Such, indeed, was the force of her character and such a high standard did she set herself in everything she did that all who came in contact with her found themselves ashamed of slovenliness, be it in dress or in manners or in performance of a task. Not that they felt in awe of her, despite the respect in which she was held. Even the most hard-boiled of us felt real affection for her, so genuine was her love for Michaelhouse and her concern for every individual member of it. She mothered us all, capably and, above all, lovingly: from Rectors (the total finally rose to four) to cacks (all of whom she used to entertain to tea and all of whom she got to know individually); from parents (most of whom she seemed to know

personally) to staff and their families (none of whose birthdays she ever forgot). She was generous to a fault towards not only her immediate circle but also any who in her opinion needed a helping hand. Those, in particular, who have lived and worked with her over the years will miss her sorely, while all who care for Michaelhouse owe her an incalculable debt. It is, perhaps, unnecessary to add that Doris is a devout Christian. Her great qualities and her eminent suitability to play such a leading part in the life of a Church school all derive from this cardinal fact.

All those who have any connection with the school she loved and served so well wish her a long and happy retirement by the sea.

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## DRAMA

### SAINT JOAN

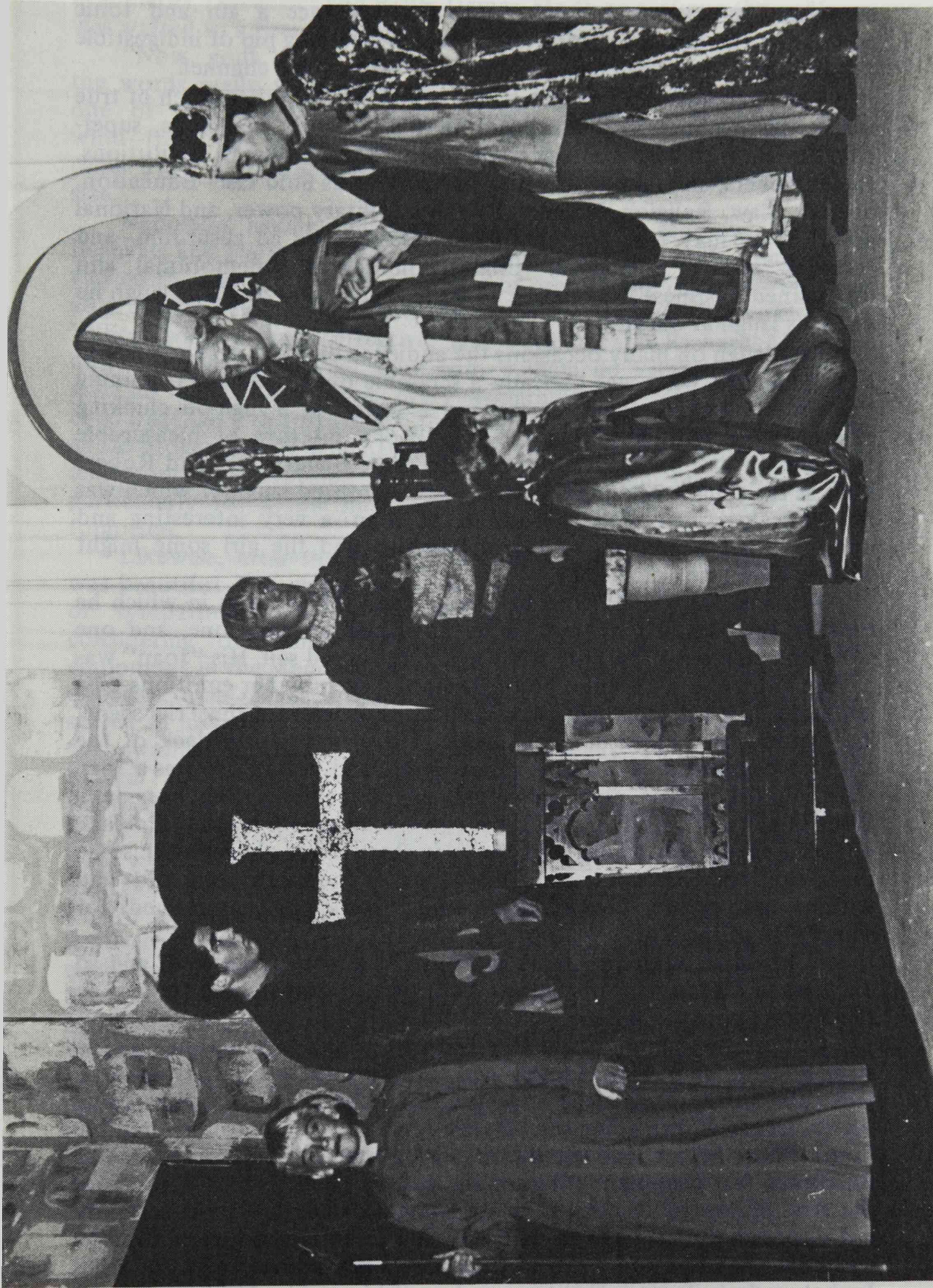
**Memorial Hall, 6th, 8th and 9th June, 1973**

This play was offered to adult audiences prepared to exercise a genuine sympathy and sensitivity and it was on the last evening that this superbly staged production attained its full dignity, and its true balance—and that after all is as it should be.

If this school, which lays claim to the intellectual, is to set for itself the standards which, dramatically, it has attained, with but very few lapses, over the course of recent years, let there be no carping criticism of the length of time for which a play may run. During the Rugby season, Saturday upon Saturday, there is a three hour spectacle of maul and temper and few, some may feel too few, voices rise in protest. But when the Dramatic Society, on some three or four evenings in a whole year, presents an offering, maybe of some length, then daggers are drawn and the search begins for the turned backs! There is proportion in all things.

This there was in Michael Munro's portrayal of the Dauphin, surely an outstanding performance for a young man of his age. The writer saw Ingrid Bergman as Joan—and Ingrid Bergman failed. In conversation, a friend recalled Sir Alec Guinness as the Dauphin—and where the noble knight failed, Michael Munro in fact succeeded. In his performance there was delicately considered, and conveyed, humorous refinement. His part was neither over-done, nor underplayed. The Dauphin was wholly acceptable—and even Bernard Shaw, verbal artist superb, but no great playwright, must have been smiling, benignly supercilious, from whatever realms he now adorns.

"Words, words, words—another damned fat volume, eh Mr. Gibbon?"—thus George III of England on "The Decline and Fall", Volume the Umpteenth. George Bernard Shaw admired both himself and words—in St. Joan he fell foul of his own verbal generosity; penned a lengthy piece lacking in dramatic potential, quality and awareness; and enmeshed would-be players in a sausage-roll patently lacking the



Joan (Adriaan van Velden) kneels before the Dauphin (Michael Munro).

sausage. The playwright offered to his audience a gin and tonic containing the juice of a dried lemon which ejected a pip of indigestible dimensions, sitting even now, heavy in the elementary channel.

Thus perhaps some opinions, but others will feel that much of true worth this production did expose—Shaw's blatantly malicious, superciliously satirical verbal attack upon many of those human institutions, values, beliefs, and morals to which so many of us hold fast—Education, Society, Law, Religion, Respect, Royalty, Military power, and National pride. Some may feel that all things were reduced *ad absurdum*—and Warwick in his detachedly English, humorous, unemotional and determined nastiness is symbolic of it all. When Shaw made us laugh he made us laugh at ourselves.

And laugh on many occasions the audience did. The play opened in a castle amidst what was basically a scramble of eggs. At the beginning there was a lack of them; at the end a surfeit in a nigh-on clucking clutch, John Whitehead staring in a happy mixture of pleasurable anticipation and wide-eyed respect. He as de Baudricourt and Robert Mills as the caught-bending Steward quickly aroused laughter which was not entirely stilled with the advent of Joan—a very interesting and unusual Joan, a mixture of Ingrid Bergman and the girl some might wish to have living next door.

Adriaan van Velden is to be commended for the way in which he tackled and handled his task, a by no means enviable one, and one which has removed the puff from many a talented sail. His "Joan" was a Joan swamped by events, by the Dauphin, even by her emotions. She appeared as a sensuous seductive creature, but later, in the Trial scene, she ignored her physical possibilities. There was a total lack of the country coarseness of a simple shepherdess, and in its place was a Joan sophisticated, gentle and, somehow, uncommanding. She became a Saint in spite of herself and this was conveyed cleverly by the total lack of facial expression throughout the play. Joan's face glowed with some inner fire, and this was convincing. "I am of the earth", she said, and within minutes no further applications could be entertained for shovelfull of the stuff.

Confronted with an American Polly, Joan performed well, and so did Dwane Martin who played no small part in despatching the girl to the Royal Court at Chinon.

One of the many outstanding features of this production was the staging. The Sets were superb and so powerful were they—and in particular in the Trial scene and in Rheims Cathedral—that they came within an ace of swamping the players. Joan arrived at a totally credible Court where Munro and Arathoon played hide-and-seek. Arathoon as Bluebeard was genuinely entertaining and his talent is real. Struben as the Archbishop of Rheims is to be congratulated, and most certainly not opposed. Tall enough in daily life and in all conscience, mitred he was quite clearly nearer to God than most—and convincingly so. Miles Japhet as de la Tremouille convinced us of his ruptured indignance and authority, and weaved his way amidst a swirl of gorgeous dresses and

headpieces, Duchesses and Belles-Dames. On their perfume the audience was wafted to a French camp on the river Loire.

“Now, gods, stand up for bastards! ” (put down your hand GBS, the words really were Shakespeare’s! ) and Jonathan Hey as Dunois, one of that number, in full armorial splendour, invoked a West wind—from due East, somewhere high in the rafters of Founders. It came upon a sneeze, Shacksnovis having been previously cut down to size.

Napoleon having, musically, retreated from Moscow, Warwick, Beauvais and De Stogumber revealed themselves in a tenty draught and viewed their airs in a static confusion of oratory and dialogue—but how ably did De Villiers, Aitchison and Milne handle it all. The voice of De Villiers was cuttingly effective, and both he and Richard Aitchison quite clearly meant what they said. William de Villiers is a discovery and he must be offered every congratulation, and afforded like encouragement to further his digressions on to the stage. Simon Milne as De Stogumber of Winchester (happy home of intellectual confusion and conceit! ) revealed unsuspected talent and his performance, particularly for a few moments after the burning, will not soon be forgotten.

Likewise, after the Interval, Rheims Cathedral—the Stained Glass was beautiful. The challenge to the Cast was palpable, and with the aid of sympathetic and subtle lighting, it was overcome. Indeed, considering the almost crippling limitations set by the lighting equipment in the Memorial Hall some effects were very subtle and most effective. One recalls in particular the Trial Scene during which those seated in judgment were bathed in a soft satanic red glow, while Joan was swathed in the white light of the heavens. Victor Shaw proved himself to be an estimable D’Estivet, and Charles Slater as the Inquisitor revealed a very considerable range of emotion. Clearly he is not a person with whom one plays verbal badminton. James Meyer both as Ladvenue and as Captain la Hire was at no time anything other than the very competent actor he is known to be.

In conclusion one can only offer one’s congratulations to all involved in the production. It is invidious with pincer-like precision to select and to throw names, but all praise to those who constructed the Sets and manipulated scene changes; to the designer of the sets; to that happy and richly talented female band closetted in the Wardrobe; to those who gave light and made sound; to those who made-up and then made off; and finally to the extremely able producer who gave birth to the whole thing—she denied the blues—Mrs. June Hennessy.

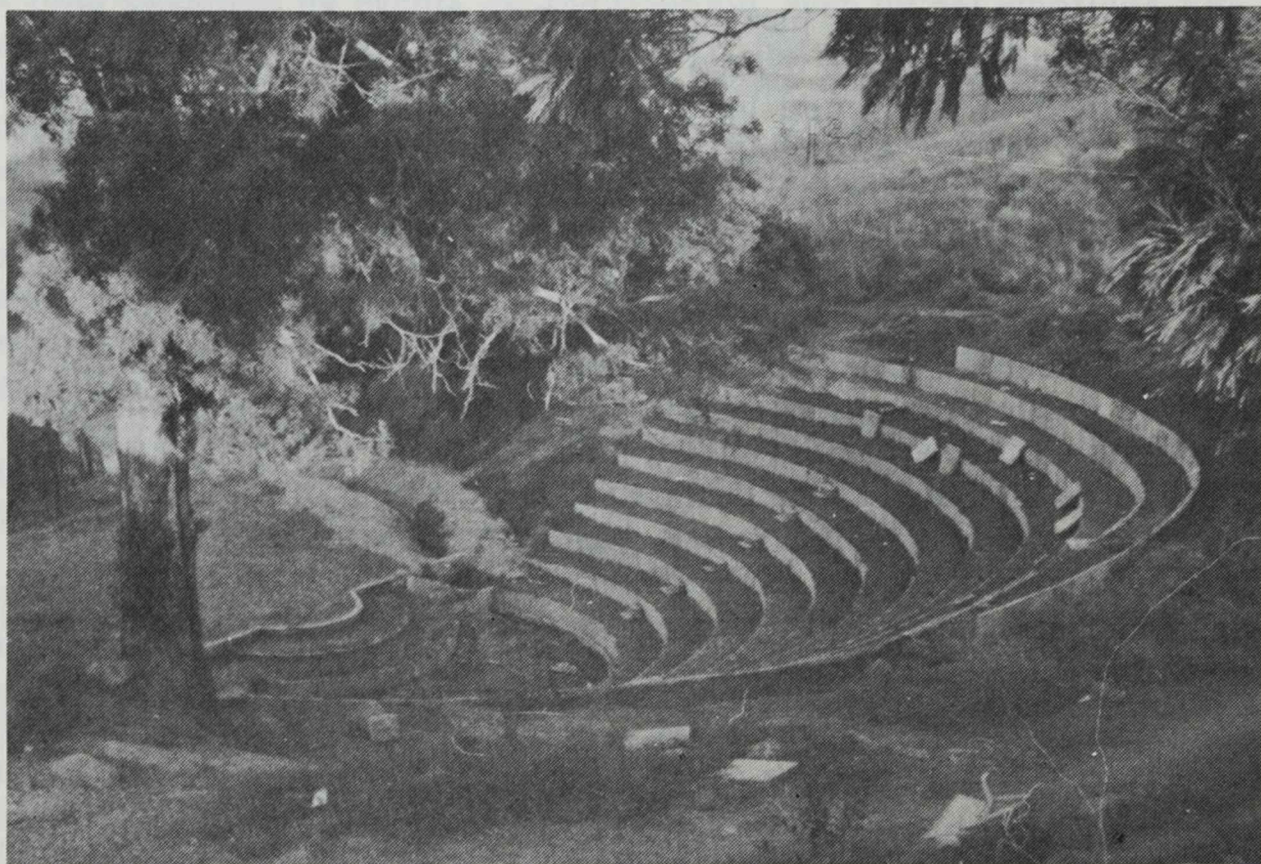
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**CAST:**

Robert de Baudricourt	. . . . .	John Whitehead
Steward	. . . . .	Robert Mills
Joan	. . . . .	Adriaan van Velden

Bertrand de Poulengy . . . . .	Dwane Martin
Archbishop of Rheims . . . . .	Adam Struben
Monsieur de Tremouille . . . . .	Miles Japhet
Court Page . . . . .	Alan Young-Pugh
Gilles de Rais (Bluebeard) . . . . .	James Arathoon
Captain la Hire . . . . .	James Meyer
The Dauphin . . . . .	Michael Munro
Duchess de la Tremouille . . . . .	Brian Wallace
Dunois, Bastard of Orleans . . . . .	Jonathan Hey
Dunois's Page . . . . .	Steven Shacksnovis
Earl of Warwick . . . . .	William de Villiers
Bishop of Beauvais . . . . .	Richard Aitchison
Chaplain de Stogumber . . . . .	Simon Milne
Warwick's Page . . . . .	Hugh Duff
The Inquisitor . . . . .	Charles Slater
D'Estivet . . . . .	Victor Shaw
De Courcelles . . . . .	Robert Luther
Brother Martin . . . . .	James Meyer
Executioner . . . . .	John Strachan
Set Design . . . . .	Helen Leggatt
Stained Glass Windows . . . . .	Paul Lavender

*The play produced by June Hennessy*



#### **"ROME"**

As can be seen from the above photograph, considerable progress is being made on the new open air theatre.

## SOCIAL SERVICE



Friday afternoon basket-ball at the Sunfield Home.

Social Service excursions to the Sunfield Home for the mentally retarded, the Indian School for the Blind and the Victoria Old Age Home have been conducted as usual in 1973. There were few changes, but I suppose that innovation isn't required in this kind of service. Not to say that things didn't happen. For those going to Sunfield there was the after hours attraction of Howick High School girls also visiting; a relay team representing Michaelhouse at a meet otherwise consisting of Bantu and Indians at the Blind School was soundly thrashed, and there also Mr. Knight, who with Mr. Lavarack provides the transport to Howick and Pietermaritzburg, reversed into a tree at speed to the detriment of both passengers and bus . . . And nor was there lack of enticement for those at Victoria and the Blind School in Pietermaritzburg. Few will forget the feast heaped on an almost embarrassed social service group at the end of the second quarter or the occasional visits wangled to a café.

The initiative for the services lies increasingly with the boys since the weekly drawing up of names of those to go was allotted to M. Pappas and one master can deposit the chosen 14-odd in a single trip in the new Ford van. In addition, with a single van making the rounds, transport costs are reduced; somehow one feels that this is always a consideration, in that for all the effort and expense put in, little achievement is apparent; whereas there is some in building the new Open Air Theatre, the alternative to social service. But there is value enough in the talk, the games and the participation we provide each Friday and simply the prospect of our coming, impermanent and unapparent as these may appear to be.

And to Sunfield at least Hamish Anderson's contribution will be lasting; many of them there still strum their guitars and sing the way he taught them.

G.R.

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## VI FORM TOUR

During the last week of the July holidays the annual VI Form Johannesburg tour took place. Unfortunately a derailment meant that those from Durban who were travelling up by train were about four hours late in arriving at the Carlton Centre, though they did not miss either their lunch or an afternoon talk on Tourism. On the following day we visited an Escombe power station and a water purification plant at Zuikerbosch, having had talks concerning both at Wits and the Escombe headquarters.

Saturday morning saw us at Jan Smuts House, Wits, for combined talks on Labour. Having had lunch there we departed to our hosts and some form of Saturday evening entertainment. On Sunday morning we played Roedean the usual hockey with fairly even results.

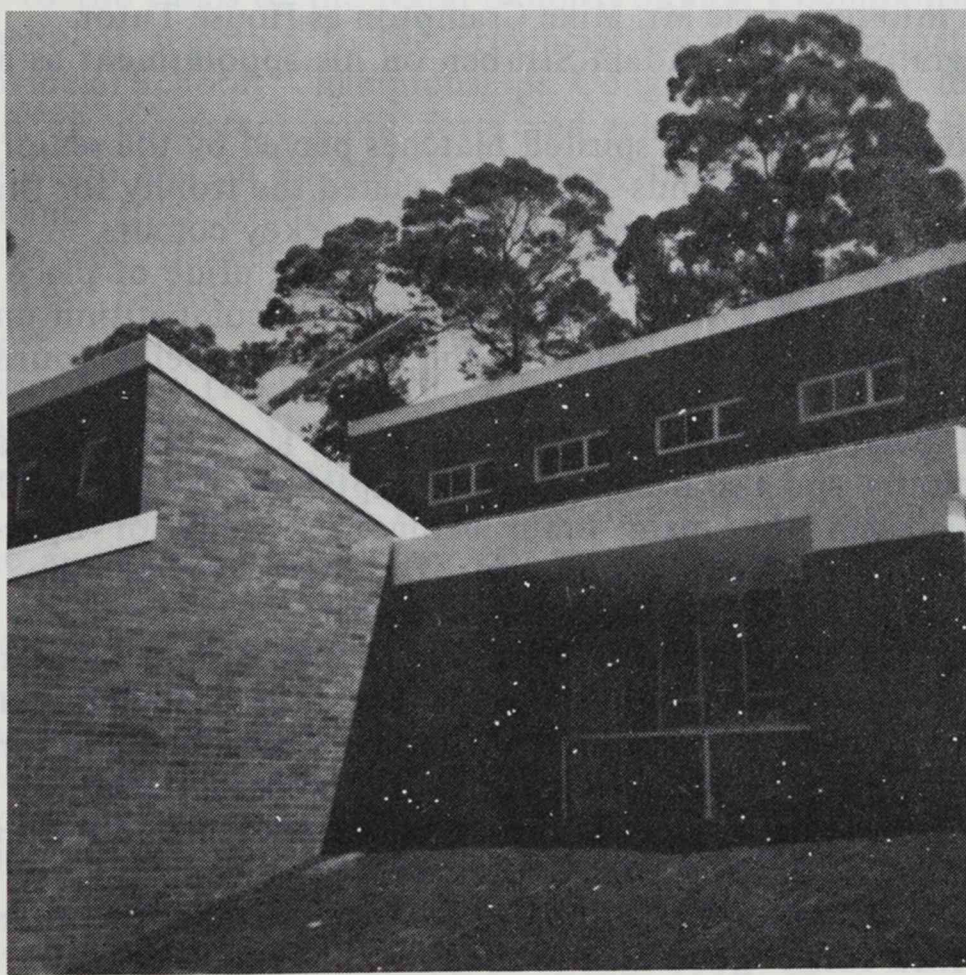
Rounds of the courts found us a little bleary-eyed on Monday morn and that afternoon (considered one of the most interesting aspects of our tour) we visited Leeuwkop prison; in the evening we all left for Durban and a Tuesday tour of the Tongaat Complex, after which we returned home.

We had been informed, entertained and had thoroughly enjoyed ourselves: a really worthwhile exercise.

R.H.M.



The old laundry (above) gives way to the new (below).



# HOUSE NOTES

## FOUNDERS

*Acting*  
*Housemaster:* D. J. Moon

*Acting*  
*House Tutor:* M. E. Crampton

*Head of House:* M. B. Adnams

*School Prefect:* E. A. M. Struben

*House Prefects:* G. J. Chennells, M. L. Japhet,  
R. K. D. Kirk, M. R. Toft.

As ever a relatively empty second quarter was sharply contrasted by an action-packed third lap.

At half year we bade Mr. Thompson farewell until July next year. We wish him every success during his stay at Clifton, Bristol. Mr. David Moon has very successfully taken over the running of the House and we welcome into our circle Mr. Mike Crampton as House Tutor.

Congratulations to Adam Struben on his appointment as a School Prefect.

A couple of strongly spirited matches played by the senior hockey team paid off full dividends—Founders shared the trophy for this event. Well done, Pat Todd, on being awarded his hockey colours.

Our rugby teams met with mixed fortunes; pride of place goes to the U15 team which won its way through the competition unbeaten. Founders featured in the finals of the Donaldson-Selby tourney, but was unable to take the honours.

Well played, Bruce Adnams and Rory Kirk on being awarded rugger colours, and also Rory Deavin on captaining the Colts A XV!

Once again the main brain behind our tally of Speech Day appearances was Keld Rasmussen. He won six of the House's twenty-nine prizes—a truly commendable feat.

Under the enthusiastic captaincy of George Bishop the standard of athletics in the House flourished. We took the Standards cup fairly comfortably, managed to pull off the Junior Tug-of-war and were eased into second place in the Relays. A special congratulation to George, who is school athletics captain, on being awarded his honours and also to Jean Pierre de St Croix on his colours for cross country.

Finally, we hope that this wave of success carries the matriculants through their finals—good luck to them.

## EAST

*Housemaster:* D. B. Miles.

*House Tutor:* W. E. Layne.

*Head of House:* S. C. Harle.

*House Prefects:* J. N. Devonport, N. P. Everitt,  
J. D. Hey, M. C. Jackson,  
R. G. Luther, T. D. Sully.

Although the House was well represented amongst the prize-winners on speech day, our prospects academically are not as rosy as would be liked. However the trials results have provided an incentive for a more concerted attack and we are aiming for rewarding results in the finals.

We started the term with the appointment of two new prefects, Tom Sully and John Devonport, and we are very sorry that Tom's term as a prefect was cut short by his unexpected death. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

Our sporting achievements have been very satisfactory with our teams recently winning the Rugby, Senior Squash and Relays cups. Special congratulations are due to Robin Devonport for his fight through to the finals of the Natal Schools Squash Championships and his subsequent selection to the Provincial team to participate in the Interprovincial Schools' Championships. Congratulations also to Charles Shaw on his consistent good form and selection to the Natal Cross Country Team and on his outstanding performances in the middle and long distance track events, particularly the 3 000 m open event. Guy Brazier, as well, showed a clean pair of heels in all the under 14 sprint events. The following sporting awards were made: Honours; R. Devonport (squash), C. Shaw (cross country, athletics). Colours; R. Hankinson, J. Hey (rugby), H. Ferguson (cross country), J. Devonport (squash), C. Orford, (hockey). Teams; M. Jackson (rugby), N. P. Everitt, V. Shaw (athletics).

We enjoyed putting on the House play, "The Broken Jug" and from the audience's response we can safely say that they enjoyed it. Richard Aitchison as the unfortunate Judge and Rob Luther (the producer) as his Clerk of the Court stole the show with a particularly bungling performance!

The House library has expanded considerably and is being extensively used by a large proportion of the house. This is largely due to the good work done by Fred Perry in running it.

Although we are attached to the old buildings, now that the building programme is under way, we are looking forward to the renovation of East and all the new benefits we will get.

## WEST

*House Master:* W. A. van der Walt.

*House Tutor:* F. J. Human

*Head of House:* S. G. Tordoff (1st and 2nd quarters)  
R. P. Gould (3rd and 4th quarters).

*House Prefects:* C. P. Byron, I. H. S. Sinton,  
P. M. Morpew (left June 73)  
C. V. Winter.

The restoration of the Day Room has now been completed thanks to the energy of Mr. Human and the expert guidance of Mrs. Sarah Pennington. I would like to express my sincerest thanks to the mothers of boys who live nearby who gave of their time to help with the curtains and other refinements. Mike Law's lamp and the fresh new colours certainly make it look more habitable and less like "bleak house".

Chris Winter is congratulated on being vice-captain of rugby and also for his colours for this sport and his appointment as House Prefect in July. The seven-a-side rugby team beat Founders in the final round to bring that cup back to the Day Room. David Crookes's sprints certainly proved useful in this fast moving game. Other members of the House who gained their colours for rugby are Chris Watkins, Peter Morpew (who left us in July), James Phillips, and Tim Tordoff who got his teams.

In the athletics we again managed to score a decisive win on Sports Day despite the poor weather. Members of the House who scored points and proved themselves were: Dale Hammill, in several events, Winter, David Crookes, Chris Rattray, and Guy Carrington, Richard and Justin McCarthy (who both won their events with Richard setting a new record for the 800 metres under 14), Robin Frew, Simon Tordoff, and Russell Gould who won the open shot putt. At the Triangular Athletics Meeting at Hilton the following represented the school: Gould (shot putt); Winter (high jump); Gould (discus); Simon Tordoff (100 metres x 4); David Crookes (4 x 400, and 100 m hurdles); also the under 16 long jump and 200 m; Hammill for the shot putt and long jump; and Justin McCarthy for the 800 m; in the under 14's Richard McCarthy. The following awards were made: David Crookes (teams); Dale Hammill (colours)—he also set a new record for the 100 m hurdles; Justin McCarthy (teams).

A rare feat is that of James van Niekerk's selection for the Natal Junior Shooting team in Pretoria in September. It is many years since a boy from Michaelhouse has been selected for this team. Peter Johnson was in the Midlands shooting team.

Academic Distinctions were awarded to Anthony Hewat and Nicholas Wellington in the third term and Russell Gould and Tim Massey are in the finals of the Maths Olympiad. Congratulations to all these.

The House play which was staged in September as part of the Interhouse Dramatic Competition was produced very ably by David Barry: "The Mazarin Stone" it was called and apart from the occasional lapse of memory it went very well and the cast is to be congratulated. The set especially was very well done. Peter Brooks, David Owen, Simon Tordoff, James Phillips and Chris Byron and Ian Sinton and the illustrious policemen Winter, Watkins and Scott Barnes were all accomplices in this act.

Several members of the House received prizes on Speech Day: Gould, Morkel, Massey, Van der Spek, Colvin, Brooks, Carrington, Pougnet, McCall, Whiting and Barry.

We wish those writing their matric this year the best of luck for their exams and for the future.

## FARFIELD

*Housemaster:* A. J. Rogers

*House Tutor:* J. R. Blake

*Head of House:* J. C. Strachan.

*House Prefects:* T. S. du Plessis, M. C. Courtenay,  
J. B. Meyer, J. W. Shaw.

We apologise for the omission of the Salvetes and Valetes in the previous Chronicle.

The last 2 quarters have been particularly busy with matric trials, block tests, the school play, interhouse competitions, and Speech Day each filling its respective place on the calendar.

On the sports field we shared the hockey trophy with Founders, the match being a goalless draw. Congratulations to Richard Compton on making the Natal Schools hockey eleven, to Ian Dickens and James Meyer on making the Pietermaritzburg schools eleven, and James Shaw on getting his colours.

In athletics last quarter, congratulations to Norman Ingledew on getting his honours, on winning the Natal Schools squash championships, and on reaching the finals of the Natal under 21 squash championships which he then won by default.

We also congratulate James Meyer on his appointment as a school prefect in the second quarter.

In the school play Farfield was heavily represented, with Adriaan van Velden very successfully taking the leading role of St. Joan. At the end of last quarter we produced the play "Sons and Daughters" in the interhouse dramatics competition. On the last Monday of last quarter we had a House evening in the cricket pavilion which was great fun and enjoyed by all.

Matric and A levels are now just around the corner and we wish our candidates every success and hope they maintain Farfield's good academic record.



"I've got the better of my Housemaster at last", Richard Crockett seems to be saying in this staff v 3rd XI hockey match.

*Salvete:* S. D. Cox; G. K. Dean; P. W. Doull; D. B. Greig; C. P. Hunt; G. J. Landmark; S. W. T. Lind; R. J. McFie; G. W. Norris; J. A. Pool; D. M. Strachan; R. H. Strachan; J. W. G. Symington; M. A. Tingle; S. P. van Eeden; M. J. Wex.

*Valete:* J. N. Boulter; J. M. Brooks; P. C. Dean; L. K. Fleischer; C. R. Goodwin; C. L. Greene; N. C. Grice; G. M. Johnstone; A. D. Shaw; P. E. Schram; A. J. Stevens; P. J. Stevens.

## TATHAM

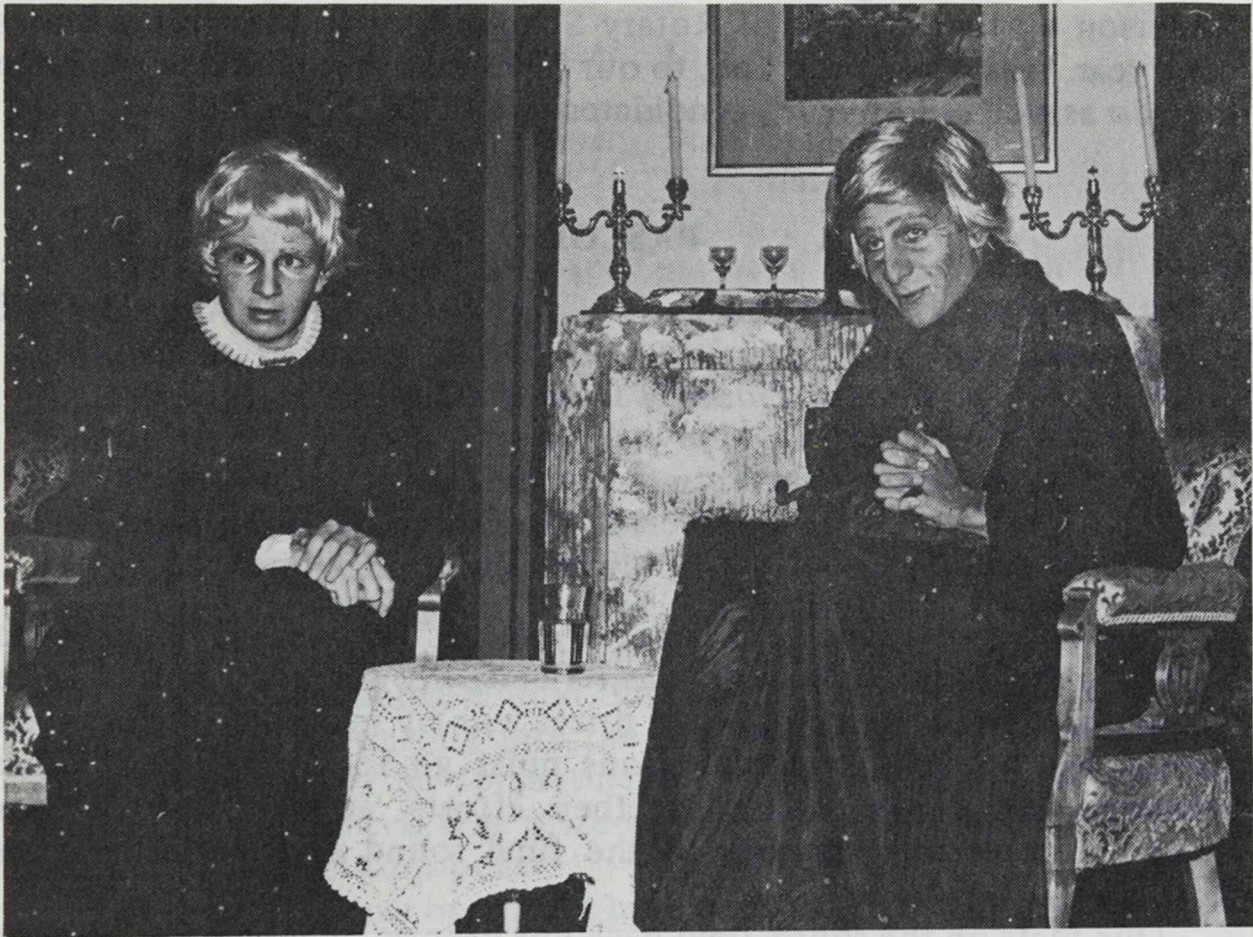
*Housemaster:* N. C. F. Bloy

*House Tutor:* R. H. W. Hall

*Head of House:* N. J. Youngleson

*House Prefects:* M. A. Blanckenberg, A. H. Denny,  
J. A. Earl-Spurr, G. H. Lawrie,  
W. A. Lombard.

After a rather lean period there have been signs of a revival in the House's sporting achievements in recent months. First of all, we warmly congratulate Lawrie Kramer, along with Barrie England, Warwick Lombard and Gavin Atkinson on bringing the Interhouse Tennis cup to Tatham for the first time in the House's history. Then Richard Waller led our squash players into the final of their competition, in which we felt that it was no disgrace to fail to disturb East's almost permanent possession of this cup. We have won the Junior Rugby cup and tied with Pascoe in the Junior Hockey. Although we had to surrender our junior tug-of-war cup our preponderance of senior brawn meant that we were able to retain the Senior trophy without much apparent difficulty.



Robert Mills and Edward Leftwich as the two old ladies in the Sixth Form production of "Arsenic and Old Lace".

And in the not-so-private housemagisterial war with Farfield for the "Castle Cup" it would seem that Tatham are at the hub of things and the sunshine is eclipsed! Many congratulations to Alan Denny, John Rycroft and Joe Earl-Spurr on their colours awards for rugby, hockey and athletics respectively.

Amongst the various prize-winners on Speech Day Edward Leftwich and Robert Mills were prominent among the Sixth Formers and William de Villiers received the Dramatic Society prize for his outstanding performance in "St Joan". Edward Leftwich's work was of course outstanding in the Art Exhibition whilst Robert Mills contributed to several different exhibitions with his customary indefatigable enthusiasm. Amongst our juniors it has not taken Andrew Henderson (our 1971 Head of House's brother) long to be awarded his Academic Distinction.

Our House play this year was somewhat disappointing; we put on what was probably the best play of the competition—Eugene O'Neill's "Ile"—but the over-reliance of the cast on the not very ready services of the prompter did not make for a very successful production; however in it we did have some charming piano-playing from Stephen Cooke and it has been suggested that, now that the Housemaster, in Mr. Thompson's absence, is conducting the weekly congregational practices, some singing from the seamen's chorus under his tuition might have made the play into a first-rate musical!

Finally we congratulate Richard Alexander-Case and Richard Anderson on their awards of Rotary Scholarships to the United States next year. And good luck, too, to our 1973 matric candidates; we hope they do as well as last year's candidates—we think they will!

## PASCOE

*Housemaster:* A. F. G. Cotton

*House Tutor:* A. E. G. Duff

*Head of House:* G. S. Clarke.

*House Prefects:* J. A. R. Bester, J. Culverwell,  
R. G. Halsted, R. E. T. Hoare,  
C. A. Ruffel, J. Whitehead.

The past two terms have been very successful ones for Pascoe. The healthy attitude towards work was reflected by the good results in the matric and by the number of prizes won by members of Pascoe on Speech Day. Special congratulations must go to Guy Clarke, Colin Pakshong and James Bester for their efforts, as well as to Trevor Hoption for getting through to the final round of the Mathematics Olympiad.

Our feats on the sports field have not been as praiseworthy, though our junior hockey team must be complimented on its effort in winning the junior hockey competition. Russell Halsted and James Bester both

received their colours for rugby. Despite the excellent efforts of John Culverwell and Philip King on Sports Day, Pascoe once again filled the somewhat familiar last position.

Pascoe has also been active on the dramatic scene. John Whitehead's performance in the Sixth Form production of "Arsenic and old Lace" was truly excellent, as was his production of the Pascoe House play, in which much well-hidden talent was discovered among the Pascoe prefects. John also took part in the school production of "St. Joan".

Once again activities have not been confined to the school, and boys have been going on numerous Berg and natural history outings, Pascoe also being represented on the Venture club tour to the Okavango Swamps during the July holidays.

Despite the apparently successful past terms Mr. and Mrs. Cotton have had their hands full with the new addition to their family. Nevertheless their son Mark does seem extremely quiet in comparison with the rest of the house.

We look forward to a productive fourth quarter and wish the matrices the best of luck in the approaching examinations.

## BAINES

*Housemaster:* C. H. D. Leggatt

*House Tutor:* D. S. Gear

*Head of House:* L. S. Kranidiotis

*House Prefects:* B. S. Kelly, L. Moerner,  
C. P. Slater.

We were all very shocked to learn of the death of Hamish Anderson. The House is not the same without him and we miss his enthusiasm in many fields. His work with the handicapped at the Sunfield Home epitomises the selfless manner in which he devoted himself to the cause of others. We would do well to follow his example.

The past half-year has been a busy one and boys have found themselves in a maelstrom of interschool matches, House competitions, projects, plays and society activities. We like to think, however, that these have not distracted us from our curricular activity. The trial results were, on the whole, encouraging, and with earnest application the matric candidates should fare well. Laki Kranidiotis is to be congratulated on getting into the final round of the Maths Olympiad. David Wilson is to be congratulated for his Academic Distinction, as well as all the Speech Day prize-winners, especially Brian Wallace who walked away with four prizes.

The juniors have been kept busy with projects which have proved a welcome diversion from academic routine, and many have applied themselves with encouraging zeal.

The House play, with John Phillips at the helm, combined comedy with a sensible theme, and was well accepted by the audience—the producer, Brian Wallace, Charles Slater and Laki Kranidiotis fitting and acting their parts well. We were delighted to be adjudged winners of the Henry Murray cup for this performance.

The sports fields have been patronized by Baines individuals and team, though with less success than anticipated. We have yet to win our first trophy, though in the most recent competition, athletics, we were placed a pleasing second in the Standards and the Finals. John Phillips is to be thanked for the time and trouble he has spent in his capacity as House athletics captain. Our under 15 rugby team all but brought off a win in their section of the House matches. Brian Kelly, Hamish Anderson, Laki Kranidiotis, John Phillips and Dudley Kelbe were awarded their rugby colours and Hugh Wallace, Antony Brunskill and Mark Pappas, their teams. We were proud to have the school rugby captain, Brian Kelly, in Baines.

Statistically speaking, that is about all; yet I think it ought to be mentioned that Baines, I believe, has this year come closer to allowing the boy, not blessed with the traditional “golden-haired sportsman” image, to be accepted for what he is, giving him freedom for the expansion of his particular interests. If we are coming closer to this goal, then I firmly believe we are progressing.



# SOCIETY NEWS

## AFRICAN AFFAIRS

In the last two quarters the African Affairs society has had four meetings. The first of these occurred early last quarter, when the society was very fortunate to be addressed by Mr. Carogoroupoulis, who is the Greek consul in Uganda and a personal friend of Idi Amin. Mr. Carlos (as he insisted that we call him) gave a very interesting and up-to-date picture of Uganda since the ousting of Milton Obote. As the problems are so great he did not seem to be very enthusiastic about the future of Uganda. Two of the other meetings consisted of papers delivered by Luther, on the implications of Apartheid in South Africa, and Rasmussen on the Mozambique war with reference to the alleged Wiryamu Massacres. The last meeting was to have been a talk by Hoare, but House Plays interfered, so Mr. Hennessey led a discussion on Apartheid in Michaelhouse, which gave rise to some heated argument.

## AGRICULTURAL

The society has been on a number of outings during the last two terms. We have been to the Bull Station which was most interesting. We also went to visit Mrs. Potter's Summentaler stud and Dr. Bonsura gave us a talk on how cattle developed and what the better breeds are in cattle. Then we went to the Bull and Ram sale on a Friday afternoon.

The school has kindly given us an acre of land in which we have planted potatoes and hope to make a good profit.

## ART

Once again the Art Club enjoyed a very successful year. At various meetings Mr. Lavender gave talks on Impressionism, Rembrandt and Michelangelo while Leftwich gave a talk on Turner, and Tordoff on Van Gogh. Some of the senior members of the club attended an exhibition in Nottingham Road and an outing of the whole club to the Tatham Art Gallery in Pietermaritzburg is at present being planned. Club members who exhibited works in the art section of the Royal Show did well. A recorded interview with British sculptor Henry Moore was played at the last meeting.

S.G.T.

## FORUM

The society has had a very successful year, the highlight being the establishment of a twice yearly discussion with St. Anne's. The standard of speeches and discussions has remained high. Some of the topics which have been discussed this year are: Censorship, The Delimitation Commission, Migratory Labour and its results at Carletonville and on the lighter side the King-Riggs tennis match.

Once again the society is very grateful to Mr. Law for his help, and the use of his study for meetings. We are also grateful to Mr. Rendle for acting as master-in-charge in Mr. Law's absence.

H.A.G.

## GRAMOPHONE

In the last half-year the club has been fairly well supported. Meetings, though, have swung between our Chairman, Dwane Martin, and three kind and loyal old boys, Dallas and Warren Taylor and Anthony van Velden. I feel however, that other members should be encouraged to take an active part in their club. Tragedy struck in the form of a wretched robbery of vital equipment, leaving us without the use of our symbol, the Gramophone! But "the Show must go on" and Gramophone Society approaches its 4th decade. Honours go once again to the Patronship of the Stantons.

A.W. de V.

## HOËR TAALVERENIGING

Aan die einde van die eerste kwartaal het mnr. en mev. Coetzee met drie maande vakansie weggegaan. Hulle het 'n baie interessante vakansie deurgebring op 'n oorsese reis na Israel en Europa. Mnr. Frikkie Human het waargeneem as president van die Taalvereniging. Ons bedank hom vir sy belangstelling.

Vanjaar het baie interessante vergaderings plaasgevind. Een aand het mnr. en mev. Coetzee al die lede uitgenooi om na rolprente te kom kyk van hulle vakansie in die Karoo en Suidwes-Afrika. Die aand was 'n groot sukses en almal het dit geniet.

Onlangs het ons met die Laer Taalvereniging ooreengekom om 'n rolprent in die hande te kry. Ons het besluit om die prent, "Pappa Lap", te vertoon. Hierdie soort rolprente verskaf plesier en verbeter ook die kêrels se Afrikaans omdat ons so min hier hoor.

Baie Afrikaans is by al die vergaderings gepraat. 'n Goeie voorbeeld was toe mnr. Coetzee teruggekom het van sy onlangse vakansie af. Hy het toe vir ons 'n toespraak gelewer oor sy reis. Dit was baie interessant en snaaks om te hoor wat hy gedoen het.

Nou is die derde kwartaal verby. Ons hoop dat ons in die toekoms meer goeie vergaderings kan reël sodat Afrikaans belangriker kan word in die skool.

## JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

*Chairman:* A. J. Rogers *Secretary:* M. Colvin *Treasurer:* A. Broadley

There have been a number of interesting debates this year, with Brooks, Broadley, Wellington and Colvin being our best speakers. A debate was held with Epworth, the topic being "That Marriage is obsolete". The girls attacked the motion most strongly and, with support from a number of boys, carried the day.

The society is not large, but the members are enthusiastic, and a return contest with Epworth is anticipated in the near future.

## KOINONIA SOCIETY

Since the last issue of the Chronicle the Koinonia Society has almost doubled its membership and it is now becoming somewhat of a headache to fit 50-60 boys into one small sitting-room each week. During the Chaplain's absence in the second quarter the meetings were taken by Mr. Barry Lewis and we would like to thank him for his help. The book of James which is presently being studied has provided the meeting with much worth-while material for discussion.

## MOTOR

This year has seen a great deal done apart from the general cleaning up operations referred to in the last notes; practically we have really got off the ground, the crowning glory of this being the excellent display on Speech Day, due in no small way to J. Powell and the completely overhauled Anglia engine, now in full working order and demonstration condition.

Our meetings have changed a fair amount from the previous run of the mill film sessions, and we have had more very informative talks on aspects of engines and the motor trade in general.

A patron in Nottingham Road has provided us with an old failing Morris, which we hope to do some mechanical justice to as well as gaining more practical experience.

Next term it is hoped that we can secure a screening of "Le Mans" for society and school alike.

R.H.M.

## MUSIC

The Music Society has continued to enjoy a good attendance. Mr. Stanton produced some interesting programmes and the themes of the various programmes were particular composers, one of whom was Brahms. We listened to his second symphony.

In the second meeting of the third quarter we had an evening of entertainment by Mr. Stanton's pianists. Unfortunately, Michael Munro, who first suggested the idea and is undoubtedly the best piano pupil, was ill and could not attend. A variety of pieces, both modern and classical were played by the pianists, Cooke, winner of the junior music prize, Rycroft, Wellington, J. Hey, D. Wilson, D. Soane and A. van Velden. The music was by a wide range of composers. At the end of the third quarter we had a programme presented by Warren and Dallas Taylor which was most enjoyable.

The Stantons have been very hospitable and Mrs. Stanton has always served us with delicious refreshments at Ektuleni, for which we are most grateful.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC

The members this year are relatively young and inexperienced, but with persistence they should soon reach a high standard of competence. We have received a very informative and interesting tape lecture and we also thank Mr. Immelman and Mr. Gear for addressing and demonstrating to the society on numerous occasions.

We are keenly awaiting the completion of the new darkrooms, part of the Development Programme. They will provide an invaluable incentive to the members of the society.

L.S.K.

## PIONEER SOCIETY

The meetings during the second quarter were suspended as the Chaplain was away on long leave. The third quarter provided us with three interesting meetings—slides on the Holy Land, an address by Mr. Vic Pearce, until recently Personnel Manager of the De Beer's Group of Mines, and a tape-recorded talk by Canon Michael Green, of St. John's Theological College, Nottingham, on the Congress on Evangelism, held in Durban in March of this year.

## RADIO

The committee now consists of only two members, Chairman I. C. MacMurray and Secretary and Treasurer L. J. Wachter.

Our radio telescope project was finally scrapped due to difficulty in obtaining parts. In its place we plan to construct a satellite photograph receiver. We hope to have components for this project by the end of the year and plan to go into construction at the beginning of next year. We hope to get help from N.A.S.A. by March next year in time to start our project. Our thanks go to Mr. Angus Anderson, brother of our late Chairman, Hamish Anderson, for both the idea and the components of this project.

We also extend our thanks to Hamish's father for the donation of various expensive tools to the society. These tools are already in extensive use in the club room.

Talks covering various basic topics have been presented by many members and have been of value to both old and new members. Small individual projects have been undertaken ranging from volt power supplies to audio-synchronized light flashing units. The club room has been a scene of great activity and we hope this remains so.

L.J.W. and I.C.M.M.

### ST. MICHAEL'S YACHT CLUB

This year has been a very successful and eventful one. After many years of sailing on Cliffe's dam we have eventually been forced off by the encroaching weeds. We are very grateful to Mrs. Cliffe for the use of her dam in the past years. S.M.Y.C. has taken up its post on the more vast waters of Midmar and we now have greater competition in sailing against Hilton and Kearsney, which we hope will improve the standard of our sailing. The only problems being those of transport and the storage of boats.

This year we have only had two meetings, both addressed by Mr. Guy Reynolds.

The committee now consists of:

Commodore: I. D. White

Vice Commodore: N. R. Tatham

Rear Commodore: M. G. Durham

Senior Reps.: I. P. C. Jones, R. L. Crockett

Both the Triangular and Interschools were very successful. S.M.Y.C. was able to enter four teams into the Interschools which reflects that enthusiasm at Michaelhouse for sailing is once more on the rise.

I.D.W.

### SCIENCE

The society has been fairly active, having met four times since the last publication of the Chronicle. Under the watchful eye of our president, members have participated keenly and three of the meetings were addressed by speakers from inside the school, the standard of speeches being on the whole fairly high and the subject matter ranging from "Plastics" to "Three Centimetre Waves". We were proud to see that the school was well represented among the ranks of those who presented talks at the annual PINSSA conference and C. P. Slater is to be congratulated on the prize he won for his project and talk on "Drosophila melanogaster". Most of the society were present at both

sessions, and much was gained by the more enthusiastic members, upon whom a significant impression was made, and to whom invaluable experience was given as a result of speaking to such large numbers of people. Our fourth and most recent meeting held in the past six months or so featured a talk given by Mr. G. P. Rendle from Clifton College, England on "Colour in Chemistry" and great interest was aroused in a subject of which very little mention is made in the normal course of study.

## STAMP

Membership has increased considerably this year and we thank Mr. Immelman for all the interest he has shown in the club. The meetings have been very rewarding with Mr. Immelman providing the members with many valuable tips.

At the last meeting there was a competition entitled "My best five pages". This competition was won by Bompas and proved to be very interesting. Mr. Immelman commented on each entry and how it could be improved. Some of the entries were displayed on Speech Day together with some of Mr. Immelman's personal collection.

The members would like to thank Mrs. Immelman for the delicious refreshments she has been providing after each meeting.

## TROUT

The Trout Club has had another very successful year with members having had numerous enjoyable outings. Outings were held at:

"Highdown"—Rhino Cathcart

Nottingham Road—Alex Armstrong

"Fordown"—Lady Usher

"Aberfoyle"—Ted Greene

"Rainbow Lakes"—Kimber

"New Forest"—Neil Ross

"Little Mooi"—Vaughn Winter

"Hainault"—Keir Hall.

The Club would like to express its appreciation to all those people who have allowed members to fish their waters.

The annual trip in the first four days of April to Mr. Rhino Cathcart's in East Griqualand was most successful. Once again the club is grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Cathcart for all the trouble they put into the camp. It always amazes members how well old Rhino organises fishing and from him most members get an opportunity of seeing a perfectionist. Mrs. Cathcart does a fantastic job of organising all the food for the boys and "officers".

The "officers" are thanked for the generosity they give to the club.

It was good to have Goldie at the camp after he had recovered from his long illness.

There have been some excellent fish caught by members this year. In the first quarter four fish over four pounds were caught and in East Griqualand Simon Milne caught a 1 lb 7 oz, which is the biggest for a river. However his record was broken this term, firstly at the Winter's by John Phillips with a 1 lb 8 oz and that afternoon Brian Kelly with a 1 lb 11 oz has the largest so far. The biggest dam fish was caught by Charlie Ruffel with his 5½ pounder at the Greene's dam at Nottingham Road.

The club is most grateful to Mr. Bompas for his enthusiasm and the help he has given to make the club thrive.

## VENTURE

The club has been very active this last half-year. Our latest acquisition is a second-hand station wagon Land Rover which seats 9 reasonably comfortably and means that we can operate independently of the school pick-up.

The annual July holiday tour undertaken by Mr. Leggatt and a party of boys this year took us to Botswana for 2½ weeks. We went to the Moremi Game Reserve on the edge of the large Okovango Delta and spent a few days going into the swamp itself in boats from Chiefs Island. We saw a tremendous amount of game, cheetah and lion being among our best finds. The last part of the trip was a safari into the Kalahari near the S.W.A. border to explore the little-known Drotsys Caves.

During termtime enjoyable weekend outings are still undertaken to many places in the Berg. New places where parties have climbed include the Ndebema Gorge and the Horns.

Finally we thank those who show continued interest in the club and those members of staff who make our outings possible and enjoyable.

R.E.T.H.

# MICHAELHOUSE HOMECRAFTS



**A Corner of the Crafts Centre**

The Homecrafts Centre was opened in September 1972 and moved to larger premises exactly a year later. Its aim is to promote interest in crafts of all kinds among the Michaelhouse community and friends and particularly to encourage the African to use his spare time constructively and to supplement his income. A variety of crafts is for sale—pottery, spinning, weaving, woodwork, etc.—and *all* profits are ploughed back to provide materials and equipment.

The centre is open every Saturday morning or at other times by arrangement with Mrs. Hennessy or Mrs. Leggatt whose brainchild the whole thing is.

# SPORTS SECTION

## RUGBY

One of the big differences between the club coach and the school coach is in the number of players from the previous season that each can expect to return. The club coach will feel hard done by if he has to integrate more than five or six new players into his rugby machine each year. Conversely the school coach will feel that he is doing pretty well if he can start to build a new side around a nucleus of half a dozen old campaigners that have returned to him.

The difference between these two conditions creates completely dissimilar circumstances. The club coach whose ideas on the game are known to the majority spends his time brushing up and polishing. By comparison the ideas and approach of the school coach possibly are completely new or even foreign to most of his players who might be quite conservative and, therefore, reluctant to throw over old concepts and accept new principles of play and play.

And so it was for these reasons that we knew that we were in for a challenging season when "Fido" Morpew was to be the only regular member from last season's first to return. This situation was not improved when at the end of the second quarter he decided to leave. A further problem with which we had to contend was the unusually high number of injuries which we sustained, particularly amongst the three-quarters. This forced us to play no less than six different centres throughout the season and to play a total of 32 players overall.

To offset these disabilities was the fact that "Bonnie" Kelly was to be elected our captain. He taught his men to live with adversity and kept a remarkably cool head throughout a trying season. His relationships with team, public and coaches was always co-operative and exemplary while he was consistently reliable, dependable and self-disciplined. However, on the field he was essentially a support man, and lacked the adaptability, flair and "killer" that might have enabled us to take "Alex", Weston or Hilton in the second encounter. All matches that were there for the plucking had a great measure of aggression, determination and a genuine expectation of winning existed within the team.

Perhaps our greatest disability was surprisingly amongst our three-quarters who never appreciated until the last couple of matches, the necessity to play a running game. Instead of dictating the play and carrying the game to their opponents, one always felt that their attitude was to hang on hopefully waiting for something to happen.

The forwards, considering their size and speed, got better and better as the season progressed, and on occasions were quite magnificent. Notably against an enormous Voortrekker pack, and the six "braves" that played out the second half of the College match. Unfortunately real pace to the loose ball was just not available, which made us poor starters at this vital second phase of the game.

Hankinson and Youngleson are to be congratulated for making the Zone IV Natal Schools side, a team which comprised no fewer than eleven Hiltonians.

It is to the team's great credit, and to Kelly and Winter especially, that the season was such a pleasant one. They never complained and remained optimistic and cheerful throughout an enjoyable winter.

The following is an analysis of the season:

Played 16: won 3, lost 13. Points for, 123; points against, 280.

Captain: B. S. Kelly; Vice-Captain: C. V. Winter

Honours: no awards

Colours: M. B. Adnams, H. R. C. Anderson, J. A. R. Bester, A. H. Denny, R. G. Halsted, R. G. Hankinson, J. D. Hey, D. M. L. Keble, B. S. Kelly, R. K. D. Kirk, L. S. Kranidiotis, J. E. Phillips, J. S. Phillips, C. J. Watkins, C. V. Winter.

Michaelhouse vs	Kokstad*	. . . . .	won	32-3
	Churchill	. . . . .	won	3-0
	Estcourt	. . . . .	won	13-8
	Alexandra*	. . . . .	lost	8-12
	Port Natal*	. . . . .	lost	3-20
	Voortrekker	. . . . .	lost	0-29
	D.H.S.	. . . . .	lost	3-32
	Old Boys	. . . . .	lost	7-22
	St. Johns	. . . . .	lost	10-18
	Glenwood*	. . . . .	lost	9-18
	Kearsney*	. . . . .	lost	12-21
	Hilton	. . . . .	lost	0-28
	College*	. . . . .	lost	4-18
	Northlands	. . . . .	lost	3-28
	Weston*	. . . . .	lost	7-11
	Hilton*	. . . . .	lost	9-12

\*Denotes—played away

Average points scored per match:

For 7,7. Against 18,8.

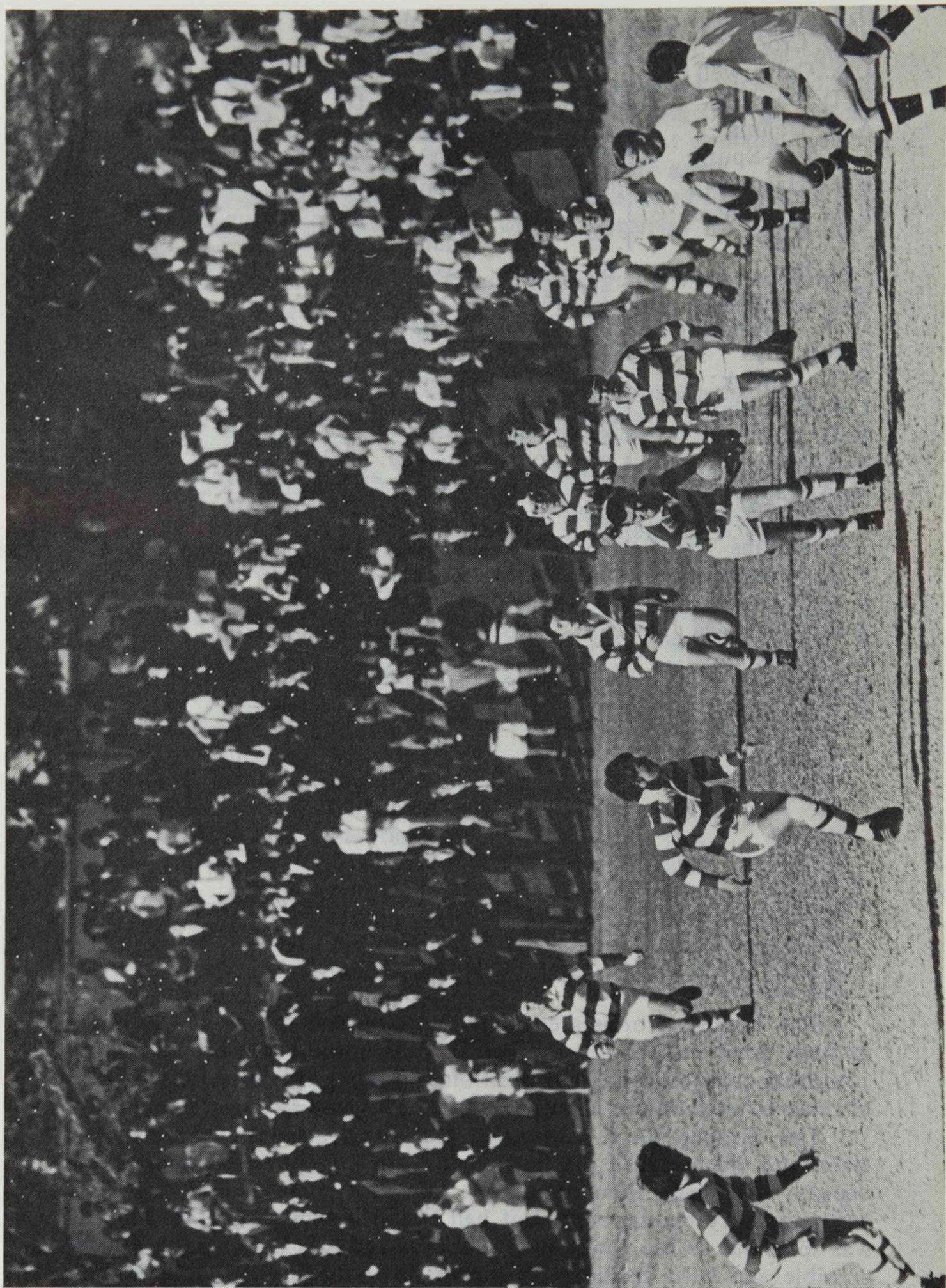
Name	Ht.	Mass	Pos.	Pld.	T.	Pen.	Con.	Pts.
M. B. Adnams	1,91	80,0	Lock	8	1	—	—	4
R. W. Aitchison	1,81	72,0	No. 8	1	—	—	—	—
H. R. C. Anderson	1,85	77,0	Lock	10	—	—	—	—
J. A. R. Bester	1,75	66,0	F. Back	3	—	—	—	—
M. A. Blanckenberg	1,74	68,5	Centre	2	—	—	—	—
A. L. Brunskill	1,82	71,5	U. Back	5	2	1	1	13

G. J. Chennells	1,74	65,0	S. Half	2	—	—	—	—
R. D. Crookes	1,68	59,0	Wing	1	—	—	—	—
J. A. Culverwell	1,78	72,0	Wing	2	—	—	—	—
K. D. Dawson	1,68	63,5	U. Back	10	1	4	7	30
A. H. Denny	1,82	70,5	Wing	4	1	—	—	4
J. A. Earl-Spurr	1,91	75,0	Lock	1	—	—	—	—
R. G. Halsted	1,68	66,0	Flank	10	—	—	—	—
R. G. Hankinson	1,73	66,0	Hooker	16	1	—	—	4
S. C. Harle	1,75	69,0	Flank	4	—	—	—	—
J. D. Hey	1,86	77,0	Lock	15	1	—	—	4
M. C. Jackson	1,75	68,0	U. Back	5	—	—	—	—
D. M. L. Keble	1,76	72,5	S. Half	4	1	—	—	4
B. S. Kelly	1,76	77,0	Centre	13	3	—	—	12
R. K. D. Kirk	1,74	74,0	Prop	13	—	—	—	—
L. S. Kranidiotis	1,74	75,5	Flank	16	—	—	—	—
R. G. Luther	1,84	77,0	F. Back	2	—	—	—	—
P. G. Morpew	1,75	74,0	Centre	9	—	1	—	3
M. A. Pappas	1,81	76,0	Prop	1	—	—	—	—
J. S. Phillips	1,83	71,5	U. Back	13	4	5	1	33
J. E. Phillips	1,76	70,0	F. Half	14	—	—	—	—
P. A. Springorum	1,84	82,0	Lock	1	—	—	—	—
S. G. Tordoff	1,76	65,0	U. Back	3	—	—	—	—
J. H. A. Wallace	1,65	67,0	U. Back	11	—	—	—	—
C. J. Watkins	1,75	74,5	Prop	15	—	—	—	—
C. V. Winter	1,83	77,0	No. 8	16	1	—	—	4
N. J. Youngleson	1,73	70,5	S. Half	10	2	—	—	8
TOTALS . . . .				—	18	11	9	123

## 2ND XV

The initial victories seemed to indicate that the team was in for another good season, but the injuries among the backs brought about continual compositional and positional changes which made it difficult at times to execute our ideas and dictate the game to our opponents.

The skipper, G. J. Chennells, was badly concussed against Port Natal and did not take the field again until the end of the quarter. His deputy, Aitchison, then took over. The pack stuck to their tasks and ensured a very regular supply of ball from the tight and loose. The ball was spun out to the wings, R. D. Crookes and I. P. C. Jones, as often as possible and with considerable success as Jones finished with the best individual score (40). Aitchison, who was also the chief "boot", was second (30).



Michaelhouse on the attack in the match at Hilton on August 18 which Hilton won by 12 points to 9.

Though the record is somewhat disappointing, the tenacity and the individual ability shown and the fact that most of the team are returning, augurs well for 1974.

The season's analysis is:

P	W	D	L	For	Against
16	7	1	8	199	194

A.E.D.

The 3rd XV had a very successful season, as can be seen below, and played some very good matches, in which we were able to run the ball in a most encouraging way. It is perhaps significant that one of our defeats was against a side that managed to do this better than we could, but even so that defeat was avenged later in the season. We were fortunate in being able to keep the side together well, in spite of the injuries that affected the senior sides.

The accumulation of injuries, however, affected the 4th XV greatly, and we had to call upon players from the 5th and at times below, in order to make up the side. No disrespect is intended to the replacements, but the less experienced players we sometimes had to field were not enough used to our method of play which meant that we were often "all of a dither".

The most important thing of all, in both sides, is, of course, to enjoy the game, win or lose, and here particularly, we had marked success.

RESULTS

Opponents	3rd XV	4th XV
Alexandra*	won 10-9	
Port Natal	won 6-0	lost 6-8
Voortrekker*	won 12-4	
D.H.S.*	lost 3-10	lost 3-67
Treverton*		won 23-0
Glenwood		drawn 4-4
Kearsney	won 15-0	lost 3-23
Hilton*	lost 0-19	won 12-0
College	won 10-3	lost 0-15
PMB Tech	won 10-6	lost 7-9
Weston*		won 14-12
Hilton	won 10-0	lost 4-10

SUMMARY

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts for	Pts against
3rd	9	7	2	-	76	51
4th	11	3	7	1	76	167

RHH

## UNDER 15

Played 11: won 5, drew 2, lost 4.

The side had an enjoyable season, with two of our defeats being by a single point only. The only team to defeat us convincingly was the unbeaten College side. The side depended to a very large extent on Rory Deavin, who marshalled his players well and led by example. He played some very fine games, and we will follow his progress with interest. The defence was excellent, but the team lacked penetration in the centre, and Hammill was the chief scoring unit on the wing. The forwards, well led by Bond, gave some very sound performances. Sutherland's performance against D.H.S. was outstanding. It was a very pleasant side to coach, and the team spirit was outstanding.

AJR.  
CHL.

## UNDER 14

A Played 11: won 5, lost 6.

B Played 12: won 8, lost 4.

The Bunnies took a long time to settle down and lost most of their matches in the early part of the season. Towards the end of the season they were starting to play as a team and should prove pretty useful as Colts with plenty of depth as the good results of the B side indicate.

G.G.B.

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## HOCKEY

In terms of match results the season under review cannot be termed a success, but it was nevertheless a time when much was learned and a fair amount of enjoyment had.

Although it is tempting to blame the Fates for some of the misfortunes suffered there can be no doubt that a number of our defeats were well deserved. Under pressure, confidence often evaporated leaving only vestiges of team tactics and resulting in ineffectual solo attacks and a vaporous defence. Another inhibiting factor was poor concentration which delayed the development of adequate stick skills until too late in the season.

But it is encouraging that by the end of the season the standard of play had improved considerably and the morale was high. Despite the set-backs and disappointments humour and enthusiasm were never allowed to flag entirely but were channelled, albeit gradually, into more disciplined hockey.

R. Compton set an example of tireless patience in his efforts to improve and is to be congratulated on earning his place in the Natal Schools team. Other players to show determination and perseverance were J. Shaw and T. J. Hoption both of whom did a great deal to strengthen the moral fibre of the side. I. Dickens, P. Todd and C. C. Orford are congratulated on being selected to play for the Maritzburg 'A' side, as are D. Pollard, J. Devonport, P. Cullen and M. Japhet on playing for the 'B' side. J. Meyer was unfortunate to miss through injury a vital few weeks of the season; his place was ably filled during his absence by C. Monberg who had a meteoric rise from the 3rd Game. Other very promising players from the 2nd XI, who filled in on occasion were S. Jacks, A. Jardine, C. Fox and N. Tatham, who showed much promise as a defensive player. The Alan Butcher Award for the most promising recruit of the season was given to J. Rycroft who filled the left-half position with growing competence.

The tour to Swaziland and the E. Transvaal during the July holidays was an unqualified success. It helped to instill confidence in many of the players in addition to providing some interesting and varied social experiences. Our thanks are due to our many hosts who extended to us much warm hospitality and pleasant opposition, and especially to Mr. Rob Lewis of St. Mark's, Swaziland, whose efficient help and organisation were important.

There is no doubt that the standard of school opposition is improving rapidly as a growing number of schools take the sport seriously and draw on players who gain valuable experience outside school by participating in men's leagues. This trend can only be of benefit to Michaelhouse hockey, but we are grateful still to the club sides who come out to give us the valuable benefit of their experience.

In conclusion, many thanks to R. Compton, for his willing co-operation as captain, and to I. Dickens for his thoughtful vice-captaincy.

#### *Record*

<i>vs</i>		<i>MHS</i>	<i>Opponents</i>
Jeppe	Lost	1	2
Churchill	Lost	0	5
Mooi River	Won	2	0
Alexandra	Won	3	0
Olympics	Lost	1	4
D.H.S.	Lost	0	2
Old Boys	Won	2	1
Parktown	Drew	1	1
University	Lost	0	5
Glenwood	Lost	2	4
Kearsney	Lost	1	4
Hilton	Lost	1	2
Mhlume Club	Won	7	0
Mbabane Club	Drew	2	2

Evelyn Baring	Drew	0	0
St Mark's	Won	5	0
White River (Boys)	Won	8	1
White River (Men)	Lost	2	3
Durban Wanderers	Won	3	2
Northlands	Won	7	0
University	Lost	1	4
Hilton	Lost	1	2

Played 22: won 8, lost 11, drew 3.

Goals for, 50. Goals against, 44.

M.E.C.

### ATHLETICS

*Captain:* G. Bishop (Fo)

*Vice-captain:* P. King (P).

As usual the athletics quarter proved to be a most successful one although our Sports Day was held under cold and wet conditions. Nevertheless the boys went on to better seven records and to equal a number of others.

New records were established in the following events:

3 000 metres Open:	Shaw (E).	9:17,9	(Old record, 9:36,3).
800 metres Under 16:	Shaw (E).	2:02,3	(Old record, 2:02,7).
800 metres Open:	Bishop (Fo).	1:58,9	(Old record, 1:59,7).
100 metres Under 14:	Brazier (E).	12,7	(Old record, 12,8).
1 500 metres Under 16:	Shaw (E).	4:13,8	(Old record, 4:16,2).
200 metres Under 16:	Crookes, R. (W).	23,5	(Old record, 23,6).
400 metres Under 16:	Chaplin, J. (Fa)	53,5	(Old record, 53,8).

The John Odams Standards Cup was won by Founders.

The Relays Cup was won by East.

The Sports Day Cup was won by West.

The Tug-of-War (Senior) Cup was won by Tatham.

The Tug-of-War (Junior) Cup was won by Founders.

The following awards were made:

*Honours:* Bishop (Fo), Shaw, C. (E), King (P).

*Colours:* Earl-Spurr (T), Crookes, R. (W), du Plessis, J. (Fa), Hammill (W), Phillips (B).

*Teams:* Jones (Fo), Shaw, V. (E), Everitt (E), Kranidiotis (B), de St. Croix (Fo), McCarthy, J. (W), Brazier, G. (E), Wallace, H. (B).

K.J.M.

### SQUASH

Talent, motivation, practice—the secret to success? The squash team this year is a combination of all three with the result that it has been largely a successful year.

What has possibly been a failing is the right temperament. Robin Grant is probably the only player who has naturally “the killer

instinct" and it has stood him in great stead. The inability to keep the game tight when under pressure has probably been the other temperamental weakness. It is interesting to see how all the players have matured from these angles and will no doubt in the future overcome them completely.

Norman Ingledew and Robin Devonport have shown the depth of their ability in reaching the finals of the Natal Schoolboy knockout beating D. Dyer and D. Fahrenheit in the semi-finals. They both easily reached the Natal Schools team, Ingledew occupying the no. 1 berth. J. Devonport was possibly a trifle unlucky not to reach the team but was convincingly beaten on that occasion by V. Joubert of Hilton.

Norman Ingledew, being only fifteen, obviously has a great future in the game. He won the Pietermaritzburg section of the U21 championship, and has been playing exceptionally well in all his matches being beaten only by D. Fahrenheit of Hilton, an older and more mature player.

A feature of squash this year has been a lot of matches against adult club sides which has matured their game and temperament.

Steven Harle has been an effective and able captain of the second team leading them to as many victories as the first team.

All five members of the first team will be returning next year and will take part in 1st division squash in the Pietermaritzburg league.

B.R.L.

### Results of Squash Matches

#### 1st Quarter:

1st V	v. Hilton	lost	0-5
2nd V	v. Hilton	lost	2-3
U15	v. Hilton	lost	0-5
1st V	v. Pmb. University	won	3-2
1st V	v. Berea	won	4-1
1st V	v. Selbourne	won	5-0
1st V	v. Dale	won	5-0
1st V	v. St. Andrew's	won	5-0
1st V	v. Rhodes Varsity	lost	1-4
1st V	v. St. Andrew's Staff	won	5-0

#### 2nd Quarter:

1st V	v. Newcastle district	won	4-1
2nd V	v. Newcastle district	won	4-1
1st V	v. Hilton	won	3-2
2nd V	v. Hilton	won	3-2
U15	v. Hilton	lost	1-4
1st V	v. Kearsney	won	4-1
2nd V	v. Kearsney	won	5-0
U15	v. Kearsney	won	4-1
1st V	v. Pmb. University	won	4-1
2nd V	v. Pmb. University	lost	1-4

1st V	v. Hilton	won	5-0
2nd V	v. Hilton	won	3-2
U15	v. Hilton	lost	0-5

### *3rd Quarter:*

1st V	v. Hilton	won	3-2
2nd V	v. Hilton	won	4-1
U15	v. Hilton	won	3-2
1st V	v. Kearsney	won	5-0
U15	v. Kearsney	won	3-2
1st VI	v. Pretoria Boys'	won	5-1
1st V	v. Hilton	lost	1-4
2nd V	v. Hilton	won	3-2
U15	v. Hilton	lost	0-5

## **SQUASH TOUR TO THE CAPE**

At the beginning of the April holidays the 1st V left Michaelhouse on a tour of the Cape. It was a unique tour in the respect that it took us two hours to get to Durban and forty-five minutes to East London, since we flew instead of the tedious bus-ride. We were given a hearty welcome by Selbourne College and that afternoon saw us playing our first match and gaining our first victory.

The following day we arrived at King William's Town and here we encountered a fairly formidable Dale side. Our team played a very spirited game and although we won 5-0 the games were close and tight. We enjoyed our stay and continued to our final destination, St. Andrew's, Grahamstown.

We settled down and won our third match by beating the boys' team. After a good night's rest we played a strong Rhodes University side and went down 4-1, the games being even and good squash being played throughout. That evening, like the many before, we were well entertained by our hosts who were most hospitable during our stay.

The final day saw us playing the St. Andrew's Staff side and here we managed to obtain our fourth victory after a hard game.

The tour was indeed an unqualified success not only because of the results but also because of the new relationships which were struck up. We learnt a lot about the game and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and are grateful to those who made our stay so pleasant. The team are particularly grateful, of course, to Mr. Lewis who organised the whole tour for us.

J.N.D.

## TENNIS

The second quarter saw quite a lot of activity as this is the quarter in which the school plays in the annual Brian Denness Trophy Competition which is held in Pietermaritzburg. This year Maritzburg College, Hilton, Kearsney, Alexandra and St. Charles were the other competitors. Michaelhouse eventually came third to Maritzburg College and Kearsney respectively. R. Compton, D. Pollard, R. Chance and L. Kramer represented the school in all the matches apart from that against Alexandra, where B. England and J. Standish-White replaced Compton and Pollard. Matches were also played against the Staff, Hilton and Cordwalles.

The house matches have been completed and Tatham comfortably defeated East in the finals.

### Results:

<i>Denness Trophy</i>	v. Maritzburg College	Lost	3-0 matches
	(not completed)		
	v. Alexandra	Lost	5-0 matches
	v. St. Charles	Won	5-1 matches
	v. Hilton	Won	5-1 matches
	v. Kearsney	Lost	4-1 matches
	(not completed)		
<i>First Team</i>	v. Staff	Draw	4-4 matches
	v. Hilton	Won	5-4 matches
<i>Second Team</i>	v. Hilton	Lost	5-4 matches
<i>Combined Under 15 and 14</i>	v. Hilton	Lost	5-3 matches
<i>Under 14</i>	v. Cordwalles	Lost	59-40 games

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# OLD BOYS' SECTION



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## IN MEMORIAM

We record, with regret, the deaths of the following Old Boys and extend to their relatives our deepest sympathy.

**Moor** (1896–1901) Charles Frederick was born in Kimberley during the Diamond Rush on 11.3.1883 and had the distinction of being Michaelhouse's oldest "Old Boy"; his was the first name on the Books and he was the School's first Head Prefect. He was an excellent games player as were his three brothers to follow him: Harold 98–03; John Price (03–06) (deceased) and Geoffrey 05–10 (deceased).

On matriculating he went up to Cambridge and was resident at Christ College—"General Smuts College" as he was wont to say!

On his return to South Africa he found a rural calling had a greater pull than City life. He farmed Ostriches for a while at Muden before joining his father on farms in the Mooi River and Ennersdale districts. In 1926 he started farming at "Clipstone" in the Lowlands district where he lived until his death.

Charles was of a retiring nature, a kindly man and loved by all who had the good fortune to know him.

He died on 1st July, 1973, after a long illness and was cremated in Pietermaritzburg. A lovely sheaf of flowers from the Old Boys' Club bore the inscription—"In loving memory of Michaelhouse's Oldest Old Boy". The President of the Old Boys' Club and members of the Governing body were present to pay their last respects.

**Lees** (28–30) Alan Forder died in Cape Town last December. He came here from Kings School, Nottingham Road and was in Farfield. During World War II he was a Lieutenant in the Field Artillery and served in Egypt. He was a P.O.W. in Italy and Germany.

**Chaplin** (03–09) Charles Julien was born on the 10.12.1891 and entered the School in February 1903. He was a keen forward in the 1st XV and a shottist of some repute—shooting for the School in the Senior Challenge Shield and White Challenge Cup for the first six. He was Head Prefect from April to December 1909 and died last June. He farmed in East Griqualand and was a well-known personality in that area.

**Struan Robertson** (68–71) Struan arrived at Michaelhouse into West in January 1968. When he left in December 1971 he did his year's Military Service and then started on his University career at Natal in Pietermaritzburg in January 1973. He was injured in a motor car accident in May 1973 and died in hospital shortly afterwards.

Struan was well liked while at Michaelhouse; he was a spontaneous and genial friend of most people. Although not being outstanding in games his keenness and enthusiasm seemed to make his team mates play even harder. Struan's attitude to life was an inspiration to all who met him and when we extend our deepest sympathy to his bereaved family we know that, although their loss is a great one, we shall always miss his happy voice and ready smile.

**Lockhart** (23–25) R. Jardine studied Medicine after leaving school and obtained the following degrees: B.L. (Edin.), M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (London), and D.Ph. (U.C.T.)

During World War II he was a Surgeon Lt. Commander in the R.N.V.R. from 1940–46 and saw service in Norway, the Mediterranean, Red Sea, East Africa and the Far East.

After the war he practised in Swaziland for twenty years and in April this year moved to Impendhle in Natal. He died rather suddenly in August.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Sixty-first Annual General Meeting of the  
Michaelhouse Old Boys' Club held at Michaelhouse on  
Ascension Day, 31st May, 1973, at 11 a.m.

The Opening Prayer was said by the Suffragan Bishop of Natal,  
The Rt. Rev. K. B. Hallowes.

Present at the Meeting: (174 plus arrivals during the day):  
A. J. Ardington, R. E. M. Archibald, T. M. Adnams, K. Archibald,  
N. D. Armstrong, G. D. Armstrong, R. S. R. Armstrong, I. D. Argo,  
R. H. Atkinson, C. Archibald, K. A. S. Akker, G. D. Archibald,  
R. W. Anderson, F. B. Booth, P. T. Bland, J. M. Burchell, M. J.  
Bonnet, P. Briscoe, C. A. Byron, G. W. Boyes, R. F. Britt, E. T.  
Brunskill, H. E. Boyes, B. J. Bowes, C. R. Barrass, F. R. Barrass,  
A. P. Blaikie, H. M. Barrett, J. B. Ball, I. Badham, J. M. Byron,  
M. C. L. Byron, A. C. de Bond, A. M. Barrett, C. V. Boyes, H. Brown,  
D. Balson, C. Brown, J. Cooke, W. Clark, D. J. Clark, K. B. Challinor,  
R. B. A. Cruikshank, F. M. Chutter, J. B. Chutter, G. J. Catchcart,  
G. J. Chennells, A. F. Cotton, N. C. Coleman, S. C. L. Clarke,  
E. L. Crockett, M. Campbell, R. L. Campbell, D. Clark, R. A. Cume,  
A. J. Caldon, A. Chennells, J. G. Draper, M. Dyer, I. Douglas, G. J.  
Dougall, B. G. Dreper, C. Davidson, A. Durnford, M. K. Elgie,  
P. C. W. England, C. Everingham, C. J. Engel, J. Foaden, S. P.  
Fitzgerald, J. P. Fitzgerald, R. E. A. Folker, J. A. Fisher, W. Gordon  
Thomson, R. Gathorne, E. W. Gilson, M. Goodall, D. C. Grice,  
D. Gordon Thomson, R. A. Gifford, C. L. Greene, R. I. Garland,  
P. J. Goldie Scot, C. R. Goodwin, R. A. C. Greenwood, R. H.  
Hallowes, J. Hankinson, A. L. Hall, K. Hallowes, J. O. Harle, J. N. S.  
Harker, H. G. H. Houghton, R. G. H. Houghton, G. E. W. Holley,  
W. W. Holley, C. G. H. Holley, R. Hall, D. R. Hall, R. W. Hancock,  
W. Henderson, R. C. Haynes, A. L. Hewitt, R. D. Harvey, H. W.  
Holley, F. Haysom, J. C. F. Johnstone, L. Johnson, N. James,  
J. Jonsson, F. R. Jackson, A. M. Jackson, H. W. Johnston, N. G. C.  
Jackson, P. Jennings, W. B. Kramer, D. B. Koe, W. B. Kramer,  
J. C. Kark, G. Kerr, G. Karagornas, L. C. Knight, P. E. Laughton,  
L. B. Leslie, W. F. Lambert, G. V. Lange, R. B. Lyle, J. D. S.  
Moore, J. R. McCarthy, R. J. N. Matthews, R. J. Mentzel, S. McFie,  
P. E. Morkel, P. R. Mesham, G. Morpew, R. G. McKenzie, N.  
McKenzie, G. W. Meiklereid, P. Moxley, P. J. McBride, D. G.  
Maxwell, T. M. McKenzie, L. McCormick, A. R. Muller, D. B.  
Mitchell, R. K. Mackay, J. K. R. Munro, D. B. Mackay, D. Morpew,  
T. Moon, A. Moxley, R. W. Norris, P. E. Nicholls, P. O. Norton,  
G. W. Owen, J. C. Okell, R. J. Oxley Oxland, D. Okell, K. M.  
Pennington, A. G. Page, J. W. Palframan, T. D. Pryce, G. O. M.  
Pennington, D. N. F. Pennington, Ron F. Pennington, G. C. Payn,  
A. L. Payn, R. G. Poynton, G. B. Payn, J. F. Pool, C. B. Perry,  
M. Payn, Rex P. Pennington, F. Pon, P. F. C. Quested, R. K. Reynolds,  
A. M. Rosholt, L. J. Robertson, W. L. Robinson, R. A. P. Roberts,

T. J. Rockey, R. H. Renton, D. J. E. Roberts, W. E. Roberts, J. L. Robinson, S. N. Roberts, R. Robinson, I. Scott Barnes, B. Sangmeister, D. W. Strachan, I. D. Stoute, D. G. Standing, R. P. Sully, C. Smythe, D. J. D. Smith, W. V. C. Shaw, M. Sangmeister, K. W. Strachan, E. Schram, V. Shaw, R. A. Springorium, B. W. Stacey, J. M. Sargent, F. St. G. Tatham, D. W. Turner, R. E. Turner, E. I. Tatham, D. H. Tuttle, D. M. P. Taylor, R. L. Tatham, E. J. Theunissen, W. Theunissen, A. V. Turrell, R. S. Tomlinson, N. P. Tucker, G. S. Tomlinson, C. J. Talbot, A. M. van Velden, A. D. van Velden, C. A. van Hasselt, C. R. van Hasselt, J. A. Whysall, J. D. Wilson, J. H. A. Wallace, J. R. Whiting, M. D. Wilson, T. N. Woods, A. H. V. Winter, A. R. Waller, G. Were, L. G. Wilmot, J. Youngleson.

**Apologies:** T. E. B. Hill, B. Wynne, B. Edmundson, Dr. R. Dunning, D. I. Doull, J. Coetzee, A. Clive-Smith, D. Krause, G. Lindop, D. Wadman, J. Dadswell, P. K. Moxley, B. Oscroft, D. P. Atkinson, D. M. Parkin, Dr. W. H. Lawrance.

The President asked those present to stand in memory of those who had died during the year (14).

Dr. J. Parker (19-22)

M. Taylor (42-46)

B. Adams (14-18)

G. Needham (39-41)

W. Fitzgerald (36-38)

L. J. Wilson (28-41)

A. F. Lees (28-30)

J. Price Moor (03-06)

G. A. E. H. Dyer (13-19)

Dr. A. L. Wilson (05-10)

C. R. N. Starling (24-26)

I. D. Martin (69-72)

H. W. Taylor (03-07)

R. R. Farquharson (44-46)

The President called on the Rector to present his Report.

## Summary of Address by the Rector to Old Boys 31/5/73:

### Rector's Report:

I have often been rather puzzled by the proceedings of the A.G.M. of the M.O.B.C. opening with a statement from the Rector. Certainly if I were you I would look forward to this day, not mainly to hear what the Principal has to say — but in pleasant anticipation of bumping into friends who were perhaps at school with me and of seeing what changes have taken place in the appearance of my Alma Mater, whether they be changes in her own physical and material shape or changes in her ever-increasing family, from the whining schoolboy with his satchel and shining morning face (not so much shine *visible* these days!) to the other ages of Man ranging from the lovers, sighing like furnaces, or the soldiers full of strange oaths, or the justices in fair round belly, or even the bespectacled shrunk shanks!

But perhaps the Rector opens proceedings because the first thing you want to be assured of is a welcome, and that I suppose, is most pertinently expressed by the Rector. So, donning my Rectorial hat, in place of my Old Boy's I do that most warmly. It is good to see you

all here, and I trust you will have an enjoyable day spiced with reminiscences and recollections of yesteryear.

Tradition has it that I do more than that, however, so perhaps it would be as well for me to comment on some aspects of life here that you would not be likely to come across during the course of this day. First, there are some quite striking changes in teaching methods, for instance. Only last week I was handed a bundle of reports on a Geography project — the boys were taken to see the Clan Syndicate saw-mills in the Karkloof during working hours and their accounts of the process from the seed to the finished timbers of all shapes and sizes were really striking and perhaps what was particularly pleasing to see was the painstaking effort and thorough treatment given by many pupils who are not normally patted on the back by us pedagogues for their academic prowess. And many other such field exercises are being undertaken these days.

Next, let me read a list of the films shown in the Audio-Visual theatre, where attendance is voluntary each Wednesday from 5 to 6 p.m. Antarctic Crossing, The Cattle Carters (Australia), Boeresport, Calculated Risk (a search for new oilfields), Empire Games 1962, Champion of Freedom (a summary of Winston Churchill's career), S.A. Golf Championships 1967, Angle Bay (the story of the landings of Vikings, Saxons and Romans in Britain), Let's Go Skin-Diving, B.P. Tennis Tide of Traffic, Bridges in Holland, Swaziland, Dragons in the Sky (about the Drakensberg mountains), and Sails Southwards (a panorama of yachting experiences). Coupled with these are the more directly educational films shown in different departments during time-tabled periods in the morning — even LATIN, that deadeast of dodos some claim (quite erroneously of course) has its Audio-Visual aids!

Then, a visitor to the Library on any normal day would probably find the Librarian tearing her hair out, or perhaps more appropriately, turning pages feverishly in search of material for projects varying from "A Study of Marxist doctrine" to "The Jesus Revolution". Another, visiting the VIth Form, might find them locked in verbal combat with a visiting speaker on the topic of "Terrorism" or "The Schlebusch Commission". All this during normal school hours and one is almost tempted to say, "Goodness knows what goes on in the evenings!" To my shame I have not attended Society meetings held on certain evenings during the week to anything like the extent I should, but I am gratefully aware of the very varied contributions individual members of Staff make to stimulating boys in their specialised interests through our manifold societies.

It has been argued that too much is offered outside the direct aim of gaining that Matric Certificate. But I contest this. And I would go so far as to say that stimulating our boys in any direction, whether it be to visit the site of the battle of Isandhlwana or to run races with the children of the Indian Blind School, results in their bringing active and interested minds to their academic syllabuses, which are laid down in sometimes stiflingly rigid terms by examining boards. And, though there are bound to be good and bad years in

our Matriculation results, I am happy to report that in spite of, or perhaps, because of these varied outlets, the very satisfactory Matric results of 1971 — 22 1sts, 39 2nds, 2 3rds and 16 SLs, 5 failures from the 84 candidates writing — were equalled by those of 1972 — 22 1sts, 42 2nds, 1 3rd, 11 SLs and 6 failures from the 82 candidates who wrote.

My general theme last year in talking to you was to thank you for your incredible support to the school in time and financial sacrifice in our great drive to . . . “deliver the goods” was the phrase I used, I think. You may not all know that that support in hard terms of the cash pledged is now worth R1 090 000 and that, despite the staggering extent of inflation over the past year, this enables the school to go ahead with its development plans in full, as matters stand at present. The new school laundry should be completed during the July holidays and the demolition of the present laundry, together with the other out-buildings around it, will then be possible so that the ground for the new Agora quadrangle can be cleared. The working drawings of this whole complex, together with the alterations to East Founders and to the ablution areas of Tatham, West and Farfield, are being given their final close scrutiny by the Chairman of the Building and Development Committee, and building will start well before the end of the year.

Your whole-hearted support, particularly those of you who have sons entering their teens, is, ironically, a headache for one person — the Rector. There are already 132 boys booked to enter the school next year. It looks, at this stage, as if only 85-90 will be leaving at the end of the year. Every possible nook and cranny has been used to accommodate the 440 at present in the school without offending the regulations governing boarding accommodation. What mathematician can sort that problem out without leaving some people sore and hurt? From my point of view this is a problem even worse than the proverbial passing of the camel through the eye of a needle.

It seems to me quite wrong to refuse brothers of boys already in the school. It seems to me quite wrong to refuse sons of Old Boys who set great store by the school. It seems to me quite wrong to refuse boys whose academic ability should enhance the school's reputation. But, as things stand at present, to accept all three categories is mathematically impossible.

It may interest you to know that of the 112 new boys who came this year, 73 were from Natal, E.G. and Zululand, 30 from the Transvaal and 9 from other provinces or from abroad. Cordwalles sent 26, the two Cliftons 18, Cowan House and the Ridge 10 each, Highbury 9. The remaining 39 came from 28 other preparatory schools, 16 of these schools being Government Primary Schools. So our net is cast pretty wide and happily is loaded with little fishes. I would like to note, incidentally, that of the 7 heads of Houses this year, 6 are ex-Cordwalles boys, including the Senior Prefect and the Second Prefect — a fine record.

While I am on numbers etc. may I put in a plea to those of you who intend coming to Speech Day. The Caterer estimates that he fed

almost 400 extra persons last year over and above those who replied to the invitation. A few were rank outsiders, but the rest were parents and friends who had not bothered to reply. Would you kindly spread the word around that catering to everyone's satisfaction is well nigh impossible under such circumstances?

Another plea — the Meadows pavilion was burned down last November and tea this afternoon at the rugby has to be served out in the open. We are trying to ensure that it will be hot, just as we are trying to ensure the rugby and hockey will be hot stuff, but there are difficulties!

To return to my reflections in the school. I think one of Tommy Norwood's last actions with the Board of Governors before retiring was to arrange for the Rector to have leave every three years — bless him! I spent my first leave in England and America from October to the end of December. I visited 9 schools in England and 2 in America, staying with their Headmasters for periods varying from one day to one week, attending classes, having long talks with members of Staff and Senior boys; and I can honestly say that I would not care to swop my job here for any one of those over there. Which is not to say that Michaelhouse excels in all respects the schools visited — far from it. In two spheres particularly I was acutely aware of our shortcomings — the creative fields of music and art. But — and of course I am bound to be generalising — the raw material of the school, the boys themselves, their attitudes, their relationships with one another, their optimistic and vigorous and open mien, this I would not swop and this after all is what makes a schoolmaster's life worth living.

Small wonder, then, that a comment from my 10-year-old daughter shook me a few weeks ago — “Daddy” she said, “do you have favourites at school?” “Oh, no, I think not,” I replied in rather guarded fashion — “Why?” she asked — “Do you hate them all?”

Which reminds me of another occasion when an awkward question was put to another Daddy, but this time by a young son—that formidable and inevitable question “Daddy, where do I come from?” The father blurted his way through the facts of life awkwardly, uncomfortably, and he breathed a sigh of relief at the end. “Thank you, Dad. I only asked because the boy in the next desk said he came from Rhodesia.”

One other major impression was — and perhaps here I have been influenced more by America than by England — the effect of an almost fantastically accelerating rate of change in society and the world generally on the family and the resulting fragmentation of family life; the transience of *everything*, not merely the disposability of left-overs hurled into the kitchen sink, or motor-cars, for instance, but even loyalties to one's friends, to one's firm, to one's blessed plots, one's homes. In fact all those precious lasting relationships which take time to cement, to nurture and to relish and value are in danger of breaking down simply because things are happening so *fast*. This, I fear, may result in a dramatic change in the relationship of the child

to the family and the family may find it harder and harder to retain its power to transmit values to the younger generation. Indeed with children growing up sooner, leaving home sooner, marrying sooner, having children sooner, the very family cycle is accelerating, and this may bring hitherto undreamt-of hazards.

In such circumstances it seems to me that anything that can be done to foster a stronger sense of community and interest and involvement on the part of us parents during a child's adolescence should *be* done. The closer the contact between parents, child and school the sounder will be the transmission of lasting values to the child before he moves out to establish himself in the world. Thank heaven the Michaelhouse Community is so strong — your very presence here is evidence of that! But how selfish of me to be talking for this long when I began by saying that I was sure *you* were much more interested to talk to each other than to listen to me on this day. I must once again welcome you here and express the wish that you will enjoy yourselves to the full.

The weather, almost by tradition, is not very welcoming, but I trust I need not put to you the question a beloved Archbishop put to the wife of one of his Bishops at Synod after lunch on a cold wet day — “What are you going to do this afternoon, Madam?” to which she replied “It's so wet and cold that I shall go to bed with a thriller”. The Archbishop took a quick glance at his Bishops and to her discomfort replied “and which one will you have?”

And that brings me to my last point. Doris Campbell, who typed this out for me, of course, is leaving at the end of this quarter. I have no doubt she is known personally to every single one of you. She seems to know everybody. She knew the Archbishop whom I've just quoted, *and* she knew the wife who was discomforted; Michaelhouse shall miss her desperately. I shall miss her personally; in fact I am having great difficulty in finding her successor. Everyone I interview seems to quail at the thought of taking her place, so vital a role has she played in the 27 years of service she has so generously and so successfully given the school, in the field of public relations and in keeping so many Rectors under her thumb! I am happy to say that the Board of Governors have ensured that her name will be linked with the school in perpetuity for the Music Salon planned in the new development is to be named the “Doris Campbell Room” and her portrait will hang there.

I know you would all have me pass on to her your best wishes for a happy and peaceful retirement.

### **Minutes of the 1972 Annual General Meeting.**

The Minutes of the 1972 Annual General Meeting which had been circulated in the October Chronicle were taken as read and the Meeting authorised their confirmation.

## President's Report:

Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Sixty-first Annual General Meeting of the Old Boys' Club. I would like to thank the Rector for allowing us to hold this our annual meeting here at Michaelhouse. I would also like to thank those whose hard work makes a day such as this so successful.

Your committee held the usual four meetings during the year with a special sub-committee together with a sub-committee of the Board of Governors discussing the desirability of appointing a Permanent Secretary to administer the Michaelhouse Trust; the Michaelhouse Development Foundation and the Michaelhouse Old Boys' Club.

Although we all know the result of the Development Foundation Campaign in which a sum in excess of R1 000 000 was raised, I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating and thanking all those who took part in the Appeal, especially the Old Boys, many of whom played such a prominent and leading part during the raising of this magnificent sum of money.

I would like to refer to the Rector's few words in the Michaelhouse Report No. 3 published in October 1972. "I can only say that the School is deeply aware not only of the generous support of the Michaelhouse Community, its Old Boys, parents, Staff and boys, and wellwishers but also of their sacrifice." In view of this support from the many different friends of Michaelhouse to the Development Foundation and also to the Trust some years ago it was only natural and right that consideration be given to the creation of a single office to run the Trust, the Foundation and the Old Boys' Club. A meeting between a sub-committee of the Board of Governors and a sub-committee of this Club was held in August last year and it was agreed that this will take place in 1975. To those who feel that this merger or getting together under one office may lead to a weakening of the status of this Club may I add that a unanimous resolution was passed by your committee.

"This committee accepts the recommendation of the sub-committee on the Michaelhouse Community but resolves further that the present separate identity of the Michaelhouse Old Boys' Club be retained."

A question sometimes asked by a donor to a campaign such as the Development Foundation is often straight and to the point. Does this donation mean that my son is assured of entry to Michaelhouse? One has only to look at the figures given by the Rector at the 1971 Old Boys' meeting, namely; old boys' sons who came in 1969 — 29, 1970 — 38 and 1971 — 52, to see that the numbers are increasing annually by approximately 10 per cent. This means that within a few years the position could quite easily arise where the Rector has the impossible task of trying to accept more old boys sons than there are vacancies at the school. On referring to our constitution, one of the Club's four main objects is: "Generally the furtherance of the interests and prosperity of Michaelhouse, its past and present mem-

bers." To me, this clearly means that we as a Club should give the Rector our support in his increasing difficulties in regard to the entry of boys to Michaelhouse.

A sub-committee has prepared a memorandum on rules relating to the despatch of congratulatory letters. This was accepted at this morning's committee meeting.

The question of wives attending lunch on Old Boys' Day has met with a mixed reception from the various branches, no doubt you will air this matter fully later on in the meeting.

I would like to thank the committee for their support during the year and I would particularly like to thank Lance and Phyllis Knight for their hard work on our behalf.

It has been a great honour and a privilege to have served as your President and I have been tremendously impressed by the way the members of the Club together with other friends have worked in the Foundation Campaign for the good of this great school—Michaelhouse. In a country such as ours with our many problems, I am reminded of a speech made by Mr. Chris Saunders at the Annual Dinner of the Durban Branch last year. He mentioned that the privilege of paying for the education of one's sons at a school like Michaelhouse was a privilege shared with the majority of the people of this country, in other words, shared with many of the non-European peoples of South Africa, as they were also privileged to pay for the education of their children. A group of people relatively small in numbers, the majority of whom are members of this Club had the energy, strength and resources to raise over one million rand to assist in educating the boys of Michaelhouse. This is a truly wonderful achievement but can we not ask ourselves how much more wonderful it would be if this same group with its energy, strength and resources could raise a like sum for the use of those less privileged than ourselves, I leave this thought with you during a period in the history of this country where it is so essential to remember and to practise the full meaning of "loving one's neighbour".

Thank you.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mr. President, Rector, Gentlemen:

The Accounts, as usual, are tabled in the Library where you will also see that the History of the School — MICHAELHOUSE 1896-1968 — is on sale.

The Income and Expenditure Account for the year shows a surplus of R366,56 as compared with a surplus of R1 015 last year — R648 down. This is accounted for by the writing off of Bad Debts amounting to R181,70 which was authorised by your Committee at a Meeting held on the 25th February, and also under Rule 7 of the Constitution which states:—

"In the event of failure to pay the Secretary, after due warning, shall have power to strike the defaulter member's name off the Club Roll."

These debts have been outstanding for a considerable number of years and arose from the non-payment of annual subscriptions after the deposit had been paid. Every effort has been made to obtain payment but in the majority of cases contact with the particular member has been completely lost.

Although there were two issues of the Chronicle as compared to one enlarged copy last year — due to the fact that the School has increased its contribution the cost to the Club has remained fairly constant.

However, the two issues involved an increased expense on postages of over R100.

The Permanent Secretary for the first time was granted an entertainment allowance of R120 p.a. and this with a donation to Hilton of R250 being portion of the cost of a sundial accounts for the surplus being lower this year.

On the credit side — the number of boys eligible to join the Club was lower than in previous years and as you probably know the handling of Old Boys' clothing by the Club itself has brought in extra commission. In regard to our Investments the sum of R4 000 in the Michaelhouse Old Boys' Club Diamond Jubilee Bursary Fund was handed over to the School in accordance with your Minute at the Annual General Meeting, last year.

The Permanent Secretary Fund has increased by R1 454 which includes a donation from the Durban Branch of R268. The interest of R1 696 which accrued from the investment of R19 400 in the Fund was used to augment our Revenue Account.

Over and above the investment made in the Permanent Secretary Fund R1 000 was invested in Club Funds.

Although the Hon. Auditor was overseas during our audit, he very kindly arranged for his firm to undertake this arduous task and I would like to say how grateful we are to the firm and I am sure Mr. President that this meeting would wish me to express our appreciation.

That, Gentlemen, concludes my Report for the year ended 31st March, 1973.

L. C. Knight.

The Meeting authorised the adoption of the Accounts and Balance Sheet. They expressed grateful thanks to the Hon. Auditor's firm for auditing the accounts while he was on leave overseas and the Secretary was asked to write to them in this regard.

#### **Election of Officers, 1973/74**

President: S. Roberts (Maritzburg).

President-elect: Dr. J. Harle (Northern Natal)

Immediate Past President and additional Hon. Vice-President:  
I. Scott Barnes.

Secretary and Treasurer: L. C. Knight.

Committee Members: R. Gathorne, B. Kramer, D. P. Atkinson,  
W. Lambert.

Hon. Auditor: D. Turner.

### Election of New Members

The following new members were elected to the Club:—

Barrett, H. M. (68-72)	Line, G. L. (72)
Beeming, R. M. (68-72)	Lord, A. B. (69-72)
Blanckenberg, S. J. (68-72)	Mayne, W. M. (69-72)
Blore, P. R. (69-72)	McCullagh, D. C. (71-72)
Boulter, J. N. (68-72)	McLeod, G. (69-72)
Brooks, J. M. (68-72)	Melouney, R. G. (69-72)
Brown, C. J. (68-72)	Morgans, W. I. (69-72)
Brunskill, M. W. (68-72)	Morrison, S. J. (69-72)
Byron, M. C. (69-72)	Nicholls, P. E. (68-72)
Campbell, I. D. (68-72)	Okell, D. C. (68-72)
Carr, J. F. (68-72)	Potgieter, P. D. (69-72)
Cartwright, M. R. (68-72)	Pryce, T. D. (67-72)
Clarke, A. S. G. (68-72)	Raw, J. B. (68-72)
Clarke, R. D. (68-72)	Roberts, G. A. (69-72)
Clothier, P. E. (68-72)	Rooney, D. S. (69-72)
Craib, G. C. (69-72)	Rothwell, D. G. (69-72)
Currie, A. R. (67-72)	Rowe-Williams, J. C. (68-72)
Dean, P. C. (68-72)	Sargent, D. M. (68-72)
Durham, D. W. (67-72)	Schafer, T. E. (69-72)
Durnford, A. P. (69-72)	Schram, P. E. (68-72)
Du Toit, D. M. (68-72)	Scott Barnes, T. C. (69-72)
Duxbury, J. K. (68-72)	Slatter, W. E. (69-72)
Ellis, J. R. (69-72)	Stephan-Smith, G. H. (69-72)
Fitzgerald, N. M. (69-72)	Stevens, A. J. (69-72)
Fleischer, L. K. (69-72)	Stevens, P. J. (69-72)
Flint, K. G. (69-72)	Stevens, J. M. (00-00)
Foaden, P. J. (68-72)	Sully, R. P. (68-72)
Girdwood, P. M. (67-72)	Thorpe, J. A. (68-72)
Goodwin, C. R. (67-72)	Tyson, A. J. (70-72)
Greene, A. M. (69-72)	Trebbles, M. C. (69-72)
Greene, C. L. (69-72)	Tucker, N. P. (68-72)
Gregson, B. H. (68-72)	Tyrrell, T. G. (68-72)
Grice, N. C. (68-72)	van Hasselt, C. R. (68-72)
Harker, G. J. (69-72)	Wood, R. S. (69-72)
Harker, J. R. (68-72)	Kimber, R. G. (71-72)
Harriss, D. R. (69-72)	Wallace, R. S. (60-62)
Haynes, C. A. (69-72)	Partridge, H. (69-72)
Johnston, G. (68-72)	
Johnstone, G. M. (69-72)	Staff
Kumleben, P. E. (67-72)	Mullen, K. J.
Lawrence, P. E. (68-72)	Miles, D. B.
Lee, C. R. (69-72)	Clark, Rev. H. C.

## Branch Reports

### Johannesburg

After the successful efforts made by our members on behalf of the Michaelhouse Development Foundation, the Branch has, during the past year, been taking things easy. This report is therefore an account of how easy we have been taking it.

The first event after last Old Boys' Day was the Annual General Non-Meeting in August. Present were the Chairman and one member, John Nolan. As the Branch has no constitution the Chairman declared a quorum to be present. The Committee were re-elected en bloc and in absentia. The Chairman then presented the member with his report, which was adopted with acclamation. The member then proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair, which was seconded by the Chairman, who in his reply invited the member to have a drink with him. After a couple of reciprocal rounds the meeting terminated.

The Committee now has a problem. That is, how to get off the committee, since nobody will turn up at the A.G.M. They could, of course, quit, but basically they are decent Michaelhouse products, and they feel that they can't leave the Chairman carrying the can. So they are thinking hard about how to get some members to come to the next A.G.M. They are even thinking of coming themselves.

Our Golf organisation also came unstuck this year. In the Transvaal we have an annual competition for all non-Transvaal Schools called the W. M. FRAMES TROPHY. We are entitled to enter two teams of four each. Last year there were some red faces when we found we had organised four teams. This year our faces were even redder when only 1½ teams turned up for the competition. However, although we didn't win the tournament, we won the sweepstake.

On the other hand Peter Gallo was able to raise a cricket team, which had no trouble in dealing with the Old Hiltonians and Nick Pougnet's Golf team also beat up the chaps from down the road, although we must admit that it was the first time for several years that we had done so.

The Club need not, however, think that its Southern Transvaal Branch is about to expire. Its committee does meet and plans things. It publishes a Newsletter. It still, through Toney Meyer, runs the 6th Form and Trust Tours which we are assured by the School are extremely valuable. The customary morning party in January for new boys and their parents was again held at Ken Witthaus' house. During the next few months it will turn over new ground by asking members to assist with the Santa National Appeal. It will hold a Spring Party for the Michaelhouse Community in October on the lines of the successful one in October, 1971.

There are therefore plenty of plans. Wait for the next year's gripping instalment to hear whether there has been any action.

## Durban

This branch has had an active year with a variety of functions. Needless to say our membership thrives and we are rewarded by a good attendance on these occasions.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 27th November last at the Blue Waters Hotel. This was followed by the annual dinner at which 110 persons were present, a reflection of the support which this function each year stimulates amongst our members.

We were extremely lucky and indeed honoured to have as our guest speaker Mr. Chris Saunders who needs no introduction. Without making apologies for the fact that he was educated at an equally well-known school, we must thank and admire him for his most admirable and eloquent deliberation on that occasion. We were sorry that our Rector was not able to be present. We look forward to his presence on the next occasion. However it was noticeably conspicuous that so few young OM's attended the function and we hope that with the offer made to reduce cost to them on this occasion they will give it more support in the future. Nevertheless a very enjoyable occasion.

Our Branch introduced for the first time a get together of parents of those new boys who it was felt had no previous connection or association with Michaelhouse. A pre-lunch drinks party was arranged on the 11th March this year which was attended by parents of no less than 11 new boys from the Durban area. It was an informal and most pleasant occasion which provided the parents with the opportunity to meet and discuss with the Committee something of the School's history, its background and the community aspects with which the parents were unfamiliar. We hope that this function will be repeated in view of the feelings which were expressed by those parents who attended the function. We commend to other Branches particularly Johannesburg, that they must do something similar in their area.

On the sporting scene I regret to report that this has not been a successful year. In spite of a good turnout at the Hudson Bennet Trophy none of our many teams were able to retain the Trophy which we had won the previous year. This however may be explained by the fact that the tournament played for the first time over 18 holes, undoubtedly favoured the locals. If this is not the case then I hesitate to think that too much time and attention was given before noon to the organising ability of Johnny who is undoubtedly the best barman the Club has yet employed.

At any rate it was a very successful day and in spite of the fears that an 18 hole event would lose its popular appeal, I think it can be safely said that this event was a resounding success. I also regret to report our inability to retain the D. A. Chapman Memorial Trophy played at the Circle Country Club on the 6th May. I suppose that when you have a record of successes in previous years, there is bound to be a change in the venue and this will explain why Hilton were so insistent that the event should not take place this year at the Kloof

Country Club. This flank manoeuvre took us all by surprise and we were forced to acknowledge our defeat by a disturbing margin.

In all, our Committee have had nine meetings throughout the year. Perhaps the most important subject matter for discussion has been the attendance of women at Old Boys' day. Whilst I do not wish in this report to canvass this contentious issue nevertheless it is necessary to report that because of the divergence of opinion amongst OMs, that a circular letter was addressed by our Branch to each of its members seeking their views. Of the statistical result, out of 140 questionnaires returned, 110 stated that positively they were not in favour of women attending Old Boys' day. Fifteen members stated that they would like their wives to attend but would bring their own lunch. The remainder did not really understand the need for any concern. I hope this rather debatable subject can be resolved today and that during the ensuing year there will be no need for this subject to reappear in our Committee discussions.

On a more encouraging note we are pleased to report that our finances have not dwindled and the number of our members still grows.

As the largest branch we are conscious of the responsibility which lies in our hands to stimulate interest in the Old Boys' Club. Once again we were most pleased to assist the sixth form in their annual visit to Durban during Careers Week. This we feel is a most worthwhile cause each year.

**Pietermaritzburg** reported that they had held a Braai and Discotheque for the younger members which had been supported by about 50 couples — but it was not a financial success. However, the Hudson-Bennett Golf which was over 18 holes for the first time was a great success and will be held again this year on the 4th August, also over 18 holes. A Dinner is to be held on the 3rd August, the only date suitable to the guest speaker.

The Branch Annual General Meeting had been held and the Committee was re-elected en bloc.

**Zululand.** The Chairman reported that a very successful Dinner had been held last year which was well attended. It is hoped to hold a sporting week-end at Eshowe some time later in the year.

### **Wives Attending Old Boys' Day**

The President addressed the Meeting on this subject saying that lengthy discussion had taken place at the Committee Meeting earlier that day and the Committee had the following four resolutions to put before the Meeting:—

- (i) That wives and girl friends are welcome on Old Boys' Day.
- (ii) That because of the catering arrangements the School must have adequate advance warning.

(iii) That wives or girl friends should not be allowed at the Beer Garden.

(iv) That the whole matter should be put up as a formal resolution at the 1974 Annual General Meeting.

These were unanimously agreed to.

### **Congratulatory Letters**

The Rules relating to the despatch of Congratulatory Letters, which were agreed to by the Committee, are as follows:—

1. As a normal rule, the following achievements qualify an O.M. for a congratulatory letter:—

1.1 Election as a Bishop;

1.2 Elevation to the Bench;

1.3 Appointment to a Professor's Chair;

1.4 Appointment as the President of any National Professional Society (e.g. Institute of Architects, Accountants Board, President of the Association of Law Societies, etc.);

1.5 The award of a Rhodes Scholarship or Elsie Ballot Scholarship;

1.6 Selection for one of the following International Sports Teams:—

Cricket

Rugby

Hockey

Golf

Tennis

Squash

Polo

Shooting

Swimming

Bowls;

1.7 The award of an Honorary Degree superior to an Ordinary B.A., B.Sc. or its equivalent;

1.8 An award for gallantry, whether military or civil;

1.9 An outstanding professional award, e.g. a gold medal for medical research, and the like;

1.10 Election or appointment to the Senate, or election to the House of Assembly or Provincial Council;

1.11 Public appointment as Administrator, Secretary of a State Department, Chairman or Chief Executive Officer of a Statutory body such as Escom, the Local Health Commission, the Town and Regional Planning Commission, and the like;

- 1.12 Election as Mayor of cities such as Pretoria, Cape Town, Pietermaritzburg, Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth, Kimberley or Durban;
- 1.13 Appointment to the military rank of Brigadier General, or above, or its naval or air force equivalent.
2. In exceptional circumstances, a congratulatory letter may be sent to an O.M. who has distinguished himself or brought credit to Michaelhouse, in some manner not falling under 1 above.
3. For the guidance of the Committee of the Club, it follows that the following, inter alia, do **not** qualify:—
  - 3.1 Provincial professional honours;
  - 3.2 Provincial sporting honours;
  - 3.3 Academic honours falling short of those referred to in 1 above;
  - 3.4 University sporting honours;
  - 3.5 Appointment or election to offices junior to those referred to in 1 above.

The following names were submitted to the A.G.M.:—

A. M. Barrett, Prof. of Education, Natal University.

Dr. D. Standing, O.B.E.

A. M. Rosholt, Rex F. Pennington, Development Foundation.

J. R. Harker, Springbok Colours, Swimming.

J. M. Burchell, Elsie Ballot Scholarship.

### **Plaque**

A plaque of the full school crest was displayed at the Meeting and is available to interested parties at R20 each.

### **Cost of the Day**

The Meeting noted that this was R2.

The Meeting rose at 12.40 p.m.

L. C. KNIGHT.

1st June, 1973.

**SOUTH AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF BOTANISTS  
SOUTH AFRICAN MEDAL FOR BOTANY**

(Citation read at the presentation of the  
first South African Medal for Botany

to

**ROBERT ALLEN DYER D.Sc. F.R.S.S.Af.**

on the occasion of the SAAB Banquet, held at the  
Pretoria Country Club on the 29th of June 1973.)

Robert Allen Dyer may be regarded as the present doyen of South African Botanists. For nearly three decades he played a leading role in botany in South Africa. His influence on the development of particularly the taxonomic and ecological aspects of this science has been profound and he is a figure well known in international botanical circles. He has an impressive list of publications to his credit all of which maintain a high exacting standard. Among the best known are "The Succulent Euphorbiae" to which he was the main contributor, and "The Cycads of Southern Africa" which are held in high esteem by botanists and laymen alike. The beautiful book "Wild Flowers of the Transvaal" by Cythna Letty, which he edited, contributed to, and for which he arranged the publication by establishing a book trust fund, shows his talents as an editor, author and organiser. His main contribution however has been to "Flowering Plants of Africa", the prestige publication of the Botanical Research Institute, for which he wrote the text to several hundred colour plates. Many of the great number of new species of indigenous plants which he described, appeared in these volumes. A considerable part of these contributions was produced during the time when he was director of the Institute.

Dr. Dyer obtained the M.Sc. degree at Natal University in 1923 and in 1926 joined the then Division of Botany and Plant Pathology. He was stationed at Grahamstown as the first Botanical Survey Officer to be appointed and was placed in charge of the Albany Museum Herbarium.

From 1931 to 1934 he was stationed at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, as Botanical Liaison Officer and was transferred to Pretoria on his return from England. In 1937 he was awarded the D.Sc. degree for his treatise on the Vegetation of Albany and Bathurst. In 1944 he succeeded Dr. E. P. Phillips as Chief of the Division, a post he held until his retirement in 1963.

Under his able guidance the Division expanded rapidly. The Botanical Survey Section was revived and additional posts were created. This had an impact on the National Herbarium which as a result has grown considerably in status. The Pretoria National Botanic Garden, on which the new building now stands, is a monument to his drive and foresight, while the preparation of the Flora of Southern Africa was initiated during his term of office.

He has been the recipient of the main scientific honours in leading Scientific Societies in which he has played an active part. He was president of Section C of S<sub>2</sub>A<sub>3</sub> 1941–42, received the S.A. Medal and Grant in 1951 and was president of the Association 1960–61. He received the Senior Captain Scott Medal of the S.A. Biological Society in 1942 and in 1948 was president of this Society. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of South Africa in 1944.

On the international scene Dr. Dyer became a well-known figure due to his active participation in overseas congresses.

The considerable contributions of the Botanical Research Institute, during the years of his tenure, have been to a great measure due to Dr. Dyer's leadership. He has devoted his life to Botany and continued after his retirement in the research programme of the Institute.

I think it is indeed a fitting tribute that the South African Association of Botanists have awarded to Dr. Dyer the first South African Medal for Botany.

### PERSONAL NEWS

**Armstrong (52–55)** Graham has been elected President of the South African Polo Association.

**Brooke (52–56)** Michael is living in Ottawa, Ontario. He wrote telling us that he is involved in adult occupational training research with the Federal Department of Manpower and Immigration. He recently obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Toronto and has had a book published on adult basic (literary) education in Canada and the U.S.A.

**Cottrell (49–52)** Richard returned to South Africa in 1971 from Iran. He was married in the United Kingdom and has a son. He is now a partner in a firm of Accountants in Johannesburg.

**Henderson (33–36)** Tim, a well-known Natal Midlands farmer, joined 12 other cattle breeders from all parts of Southern Africa taking part in the first cattle mission to Canada. The group were the guests of the Canadian Trade Commission in conjunction with the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in Canada. The Hereford Breeders, including Tim, visited the Toronto, Winnipeg and Calgary areas—covering more than 3 000 km by road in a fortnight. Canada will stage the next World Hereford Congress in 1976. He returned to South Africa after visiting New York and Rio de Janeiro.

**Hoare (62–65)** Chris left Natal in May, 1971, to spend five months with his father—former mercenary Col. Mike Hoare—on his boat in the Mediterranean, travelling around Spain, North Africa, France and Italy. He then spent some time in London and two months in a

kibbutz in Israel. Then he went to Paris and got a job as a handyman while learning French at the American Centre for students and artists in the Latin Quarter. He is now the agent for Paris based artist Amaranth Ehrenhart and recently held an exhibition of her work in Durban.

**Love** (66-71) William is at the University of Glasgow doing 2nd Year B.Sc. Electronic (Bio Med). When sporting his O.M. Tie was mistaken for an Old Boy of a Prep. School in Glasgow whose tie, apparently, is identical.

**Lambert** (51-54) Bill, President of the Maritzburg and District Chamber of Commerce has been elected Natal Second Vice-President of ASSOCOM.

**Lloyd** (28-29) Anson has been appointed to the Board of Escom for three years. This was announced by Mr. S. L. Muller, the Minister of Economic Affairs.

**McIntyre** (54-57) Bill, after graduating at the top of his class at the University of British Columbia's Medicine School a few years ago is practising in Boston, Massachusetts.

**Melville** (49-53) Chris, a manager of Anglo American Corp., has been appointed to the Board of L.T.A. Ltd., as a non-executive director.

**Pitman** (44-48) Harry is far from being a mere political entity; he is something of a "jack of all trades", and master of not a few. Outside the field of Progressive Party politics, he has done much. The son of a school teacher he spent his early youth on the Cape platteland, living at Graaff-Reinet, later he was educated at Michaelhouse and Natal University. To both he won scholarships. At the latter he became president of the S.R.C. and Captain of the cricket and athletic sides. In 1952 he graduated with a B.A. When he was 21 he went whaling in Antarctica: after graduation he hung around the Durban docks until a job as a deckhand on a Norwegian Whaler was afforded him. He was going back for a second season with the Norwegian whaling fleet, but, on the day it sailed, his Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford was announced. He looks on those rugged experiences as teaching him a lot about life and people. At Oxford he similarly distinguished himself, obtaining a blue for athletics as well as an M.A. degree in jurisprudence. On his return to South Africa, he captained the Natal Athletics team and four years ago ran in the Comrades Marathon. (He still runs about 5 km every day.)

Twenty years after his whaling experiences, and considerable legal qualification and practice, he was defence advocate in a nine months terrorist trial that ended last year. Both that and the whaling, he regards as the greatest endurance tests of his life. Wiry

and lean in appearance his friends have nicknamed him "Harry the Horse".

From early days as a youth in school, he wanted power to right the wrongs he learnt of in history and society; he knew he must enter politics—and he did. His hero was Abraham Lincoln, and of him it may be said that Harry has become something of a protégé. He ousted Leo Boyd from leadership of the Progressive Party and is working as hard as ever to improve the political status.

**Simpson** (50–54) Martin is President of a firm on the New York Stock Exchange dedicated to research excellence for institutional clients.

**Stubbings** (39–43) J. A. has been appointed director of the University of Natal's Wattle Research Institute. He is presently the silviculturist at the institute which he joined in 1968. In addition to his research work in wattle and eucalyptus he has been responsible for a wide range of extension work among growers. He compiled the institute's handbook on eucalyptus growing. Chairman of the Natal branch of the S.A. Institute of Forestry since 1971, he is also a member of numerous timber associations and committees. He graduated with a B.Sc. in forestry at the University of Stellenbosch.

*Prep. School Headmasters, 1973:*

**Peter Dauncey** (49–53) Western Province Prep. School, Claremont, Cape.

**Allan Cheales** (40–43) The Ridge, Johannesburg.

**Gwyn Long** (25–30) Pridwin, Johannesburg.

### **Births**

Edmundson (52–55) to Barry and Robin, a daughter.

Harvey (60–63) to Miles and Phillippa, a son.

Nash (59–62) to Andrew and Patti, a daughter.

Whittaker (60–64) to Lewis and Jinny, a daughter.

### **Engagements**

Acutt (60–63) Paul to Natalie Campbell.

Barras (60–64) Christopher to Norajean Campbell.

Collins (61–65) Churton to Libby Jackson.

Laughton (57–60) Digby to Sue Bennett.

Peacock-Edwards (62–65) Michael to Barbara Ann Foster.

Whittaker (62–66) Clive to Jennifer Devitt.

Wilmot (58–61) Laurie to Isobel Porter.

Tyrrell (60–64) Jo. to Helen Gunthorpe.

**Housemasters:** Founders: M. E. Thompson.  
(Acting: D. J. Moon).  
East: D. B. Miles.  
West: W. A. van der Walt.  
Farfield: A. J. Rogers.  
Tatham: N. C. F. Bloy.  
Pascoe: A. F. G. Cotton.  
Baines: C. H. D. Leggatt.

**Head Prefect:** M. B. Adnams.

**Second Prefect:** L. S. Kranidiotis.

**School Prefects:** G. S. Clarke, S. C. Harle, J. C. Strachan, S. G. Tordoff,  
N. J. Youngleson, R. P. Gould, A. M. Struben, J. M. Meyer.

**Bursar:** I. T. M. Day.

**Careers Adviser:** W. A. van der Walt.

**Librarian:** Miss M. D. E. Hussey, M.B.E.

**Rector's Secretary:** Miss P. Farrow.

**Bursar's Secretary:** Miss J. Taylor.

**Duplicating Centre:** Mrs. J. S. Inglis.

**Medical Officers:** Drs. J. L. Hyslop & O. W. Smyth.

**Sanatorium Sisters:** Miss G. M. Hesom, S.C.M., S.R.N. & Mrs  
N.Lovell, S.C.M., S.R.N.

**Bookkeepers:** Miss M. Wellbeloved and Mrs. J. MacNaught

**Housekeeper / Matron:** Mrs. D. M. Ward.

**Estate Manager:** L. C. Knight.

**Works Manager / Carpentry Instructor:** V. O. Kirsten.

**Zulu Instructor:** L. Cele.

**Caterers:** Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Norberg.

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