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Report of the Headmistress . . .

Speech Day 1987

Mr Chairman, Reverend Mother, Mrs Gqubule, Guests of Honour, Staff, parents and girls — it gives me great pleasure to welcome you and to present my report for this year.

To my knowledge six schools have Prize-Giving functions today and I thank my friends and colleagues who have found the time to be here this afternoon. I welcome in particular Tony Law who has had a very busy schedule today. I value our relationship with St Charles and I would like to thank Mr Law for this friendship and co-operation.

A special word of welcome goes to Ronnie and Pat Todd from St Albans. They are here today as proud parents and it is good to have them with us once more.

I look forward to hearing from our special guest, Mrs Miriam Gqubule. I thank her for giving of her time to be with us and I look forward to hearing about her teaching experiences.

Our society is one of flux and the St John's community is not untouched by changes and social and economic pressures. However this school is one founded on the basis of particular qualities and values.

T.S. Eliot wrote:

"What life have you, if you have no life together. There **is** no life that is not in community And no life in community not lived in Praise of God."

I believe that we are a community at St John's and for this reason I believe that we can go forward with confidence into the uncertain future.

A measure of my confidence in this matter is vested in the men and women who form our school board. They are people of vision and expertise who are concerned about education and who are convinced of the viability of this school.

I must express my thanks to Mr Hesp, Chairman of the Board of Governors. When he was elected he said he was not a good listener. I want to thank him for listening to me — (I don't know if he always hears what I say) and for his involvement in the life of the school. He has been supportive and loyal at all times, a hard taskmaster and an innovative planner.

The fact that I was on sick leave last term placed heavy responsibilities on the shoulders of the staff. I would like to express my appreciation to Mrs Mortimer for her work in the Boarding Establishment and to Mr Dirksen, the Business Administrator for all he does for the school. Mr Wotherspoon's relaxed manner, administrative abilities, and his sense of humour have contributed much to the smooth running of the school. During my leave I received many enchanting letters from the pupils. One of the standard fives wrote "Miss Hyman is running the school quite well in your absence." Another wrote, "Miss Hyman will turn into a living stick of dynamite if you don't return soon!" Miss Hyman, thank you for all you have done in my absence and for your dynamic contribution to the ethos of St John's!

I am grateful to my staff for their competence and loyalty and their ability to face change bravely and with dignity. One of our matrics said during a visit to the convent recently, "It is not places that are special but the people in them." So to my staff; academic and administrative, "the special people", thank you.

My "thank yous" would be incomplete if I did not pay tribute to the St John's Community — to those Old Girls and parents who enter enthusiastically into all aspects of school life. I thank you for your contribution and for making this a real family school.

Jenkin Lloyd Jones wrote: "A speech is a solemn responsibility. The one who makes a bad 32 minute speech to two hundred people wastes only half an hour of his own time. But he wastes one hundred hours of his audience's time — more than four days — which should be a hanging offence!" I must therefore move on with haste if I am to complete my report in time.

Maintenance, upkeep and improvement of school facilities continue to be a priority feature of school management. This year we have concentrated on improving security and the living quarters of our domestic staff. The chapel has been rewired, certain common rooms recarpeted, and extensions are planned to the Resource Centre to give us a new Art Room and an extra classroom. The painting of the school buildings is an endless job and I thank the staff who are responsible for the appearance of our school. It is appropriate at this point to pay tribute to Mr Griffiths, our Estate Manager, who retires at the end of this year. He has given endlessly of his time and talents to the school and we are grateful to him.

Philippa Law, our Head Girl, and Lisa Todd who is Head of House will, as is the custom, deliver reports on the varied activities of the school. I wish however to cover in my report certain aspects of school life and events of special significance before I address a few words to our matriculants.



Miss Alison McLean

The enrolment this year has stayed at a steady 306. We are looking forward to an increased enrolment next year and we have a considerable waiting list for standard six. We continue to receive applications for places as far ahead as 1991.

The 1986 matriculation results were most pleasing. We achieved a 100% pass and only one subject failure. Over the past five years St John's has had only one failure. Schools are frequently judged by results, but often those who judge have little or no knowledge of the academic abilities of the pupils concerned. Results will differ from year to year because every matric class is different. I deem it important that every pupil strive for and attains her personal best. We need caring, concerned and well-balanced young people in our society and I believe that we produce not only good results, but young women of character who are able to adapt to a fast-changing world. I would like to quote from Dr H.C. Mears who wrote: "Much time is spent teaching young people how to make a living, yet few know how to make a life." I hope that we will succeed in doing just this, at St John's.

My parent letters, and those of Miss Hyman tell you much of school life and the excursions and enrichment programmes which we offer. I do not therefore intend to dwell on these but instead will turn to more immediate matters, particularly that of staffing.

Staff changes are an inevitable aspect of school life. At the end of the third term we said farewell to Mrs Quicke who has served St John's with dignity and loyalty over a considerable period of time. We will miss her contribution to school life. Another long serving member of staff who leaves at the end of the year is Mrs Tonkin who has given tirelessly of herself in the Mathematics department. Mrs Chemaly moves to East London at the end of the year as her husband has been transferred, and Mrs Sclater retires from active service! These members of staff have served the school with great loyalty and striven for excellence in all that they did.

In her book "Circle of Children" Mary MacCracken writes, "No matter what they admit this is what I think. Not only should there be loving, there **MUST** be loving in our schools. Tough, strong, responsible, loving, by people who can accept other people's weaknesses and ignorance — and their own as well. They must accept and then attempt and act, taking the responsibility for the consequences the actions bring, because there **is** no real loving without action and responsibility." I believe that the staff of St John's love in this way and I applaud them for all they do and I thank those who are leaving for their specific contributions to school life.

At the end of the second term we received a slide/tape programme on St John's made by Access Studios and sponsored by Mr Scott-Barnes, one of our parents. We are indeed indebted to him for this magnificent programme and I hope you will have had an opportunity to view it this afternoon.

In the introductory slides are sequences of the Prefect's Induction Ceremony. I find this ceremony a deeply moving event in the school calendar. I was doubly moved this year as we have an outstanding matric group and I know that some girls were sad not to have been chosen as prefects. I have watched these girls grow, mature and share responsibilities this year and I salute them for their dignity and positive contribution to school life.

We have an excellent team of prefects. Their youthful enthusiasm, and leadership qualities and the strong sense of values which they possess have had a positive and far-reaching effect on school life. Philippa's quiet dignity and sense of duty and Lisa's vitality and organisational abilities have ensured that the school runs smoothly under their guidance. They have never shirked a duty or failed in their responsibility. The prefects generally are a fine group of young people.

In 1986 our Day Head Girl, Catherine Peattie, founded a movement which has had a significant impact on our young people. Youth for Reconciliation is non-racial and young people throughout Pietermaritzburg meet regularly for discussions, social outings and lectures. Splinter groups are now firmly established in many schools (usually known as Youth Forum). Mary Hauff, this year's chairperson, is to be congratulated on her innovative planning and involvement in this movement.

Our young Interactors continue to work hard for a wide variety of causes. They are actively involved and not just passive fund raisers. I am proud of them, as I am of our younger pupils who spontaneously raise money for the St Alphege's Bonginkosi scheme. I believe our young people are learning things of value for their involvement with others. Gerald Moore says, "... there is hope in the presence of others, in their concern, even if they are completely powerless to change those things we must face."

Mr Hesp had paid tribute to the Sisters in their Centenary year. The inspiring service in the Cathedral was a wonderful experience for all of us. The girl's singing was outstanding and we are lucky to have Miss Harland with her undoubted talent and expertise to guide our young choristers to such a high standard of excellence. Many of you contributed to this day and I thank you all for your support and generosity.

Ruth Evans, a former and much-loved headmistress, died quietly a week after this service. She will be remembered for her charm and dignity. Ruth made a generous bequest to the school and her memory will live on in a bursary fund in her name.

Now to more specific items in the life of the school. 17 electronic typewriters — real space age machines — were bought for the Commercial department. A number of our pupils entered the Business Game for the first time and made a profit of 1,7 million. Mr Fitzsimons wondered whether we should second them to the Finance Committee. Our pupils have been involved extensively in items of a cultural nature. We have participated in plays, numerous choral events, speech contests and debates and I am proud of our achievements as our high school is small — 196 pupils this year.

Particular mention must be made of the poetry evening, a project of the St John's Community, and ably organised by Dr Hurry. In an increasingly scientific world cultural items of this nature are significant.

Our major production this year was the play "Bonaventure" and our youthful actresses handled their demanding roles with great competence. Hours of work are put into productions of this nature and I am grateful to all those who were involved.

The house plays once again reflected a good standard. The winning play was described by Hugh Thompson, Subject Advisor, as a "gem of theatre" and I hope you were able to see this play and other cultural items during Family Day on the 26 September. To the organizers and to the St John's Community — thank you for your enthusiasm and support on this very wet day.

Once again St John's achieved very good results at the Royal Show — 62 prizes in all. Specific mention must be

made of Philippa Law who received seven prizes for Art. Kathleen Fitzsimons won a special award for most points in the Home Industries Section.

On the sports field a number of our pupils achieved success. I would like to mention some of these. Jenny Bam continues to excel on the Athletics front. She represented Natal in the 3 000 metres event and was also chosen to represent Natal in the Cross-Country team. Bernadette Breetzke and Lisa Todd were selected for the Pietermaritzburg and Districts and the Country Districts Swimming teams. Lisa Kretschmar was chosen to represent the Natal Midlands Colts team at the Basketball Tournament in Cape Town held during the Michaelmas holidays.

For the fourth year running Deidre Walker was selected for the Natal Gymnastics team and was invited to attend the South African Championships held in Durban. Debbie Crookes won the floor section in the South African Novice Team Trophy Gymnastics competition. In non-official school activities, St John's has also achieved representation. Leanne Mostert represents Natal in Equitation, Show Jumping and Dressage events. In Polocrosse Sharman and Daphne Byers, Gaye Bryden and Michelle Caldwell have received recognition.

Once again our Conservation team has done well, ably guided by Miss Davies. Our standard nine girls won second place in the Conservation Symposium and won

a trophy for first place in their category with a paper on the population explosion. As a result they attended the National Symposium at Golden Gate during the holidays.

I was very proud to receive a phone call from Rotary congratulating St John's on the high standard of candidates put forward for selection as Rotary scholars. Four of our matriculants go forward as ambassadors to other countries next year; Sharman Byers to Canada, Nicci Cawse to Germany, Lisa Todd to New Zealand and Debbie Fellowes to Australia. I believe that we have achieved something of a record in having four pupils selected. I know that in a sense all our matriculants leave us as ambassadors at the end of the year.

I believe that my students are more than aware of the South Africa of today. I could talk to them now of the power of technology, education as a key to South Africa's survival, the economy and social survival, equal rights and equal opportunities. However they have heard far more competent speakers than I: And I have no wish to even try to compete with the Clem Sunters of this world. Instead, I want to talk to them about themselves, and about joy in living. One of Joseph Conrad's characters was always stepping back out of the sweat of the moment to exclaim to himself, "What an adventure, what an adventure!" Life is an adventure— a journey of discovery of self and of abilities and gifts.



PREFECTS 1987

Back Row: D. Lowe, D. Walker, P. Buckley, N. Cawse, S. Nicholson, A. Pilcher, S. Hayhoe, J. Young-Thompson, M. Hauff Front Row: K. Nicholson, L. Soobedar, K. Potter, L. Todd, Miss A. McLean, P. Law, L. Engel, D. Fellowes, G. Bryden



MISS McLEAN AND HEADGIRLS L. Todd, Miss A. McLean, P. Law

Like everyone else, girls, you are not one person but three. The person you think you are; the person other people think you are — and the person you really are. Generally the last one is the person nobody, except God, really knows. In your journey of exploration get acquainted with yourself, as only then will you attain fulfilment. Today as we listen to the roar of history it may seem impossible at times to hold to one's belief in self and in life. One needs to remember the Greek adage, "Life is the gift of nature, but beautiful living is the gift of wisdom." We need to learn how to use our wisdom correctly.

Edmund de Rothschild wrote, "Our greatest challenge is how to keep pace as spiritual beings with the accelerating snowball of our discoveries. Can we control elements, harness nature and still retain our humanity?"

I believe that you can retain your humanity if you really know yourself and believe in God. A number of you are entering scientific and technological fields. Seek for a utilization of science to aid humanity but keep your roots firmly grounded in a rich heritage of spiritual belief. These words may seem without substance in the modern materialistic world. Deep within each person here today there is a great uncertainty as to his or her future, and a definite fear of anarchy, radical takeovers and above all a loss of personal freedom. All of us have had the benefit of privileged education. In a mature and educated society talents must be used wisely and well.

Today you, the matrics, stand on the threshold of a future that is in your hands. Never were maturity and responsibility more critically needed. Perhaps this scares you — it should. That is why I said earlier that you can only attain fulfilment if you learn to know yourself.

Each one of you is a unique creation and so you each have something unique to offer to the world. It may be an outlook on life, a quirk of charcter or a gift for friendship. Whatever your gifts are, learn to give freely of them if you wish to be truly happy. The philosopher Emerson wrote: "Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself."

Listen to these magnificent words from the theologian Teilhard de Chardin.

"Someday after mastering the winds, the leaves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God, the energies of love — then for the second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire."

Constantly reaffirm your joy in living, harness for God the energies of love, and remember that belief in life is the essence of youth. Finally, take to heart these words of T.S. Eliot —

"Yet nothing is impossible, nothing To men of faith and conviction."

Thank you.

MRS MIRIAM GOUBULE

The Guest of Honour was Mrs Miriam Gqubule who is currently the Headmistress of Ekukanyeni, "the place of light", which is a school for retarded children at Imbali.

In her talk, she shared with us her awareness of life, and the wealth of knowledge and experience she has gained from her contract with children who are retarded more than from any other source. She stressed the joy of human fellowship, the joy of reaching out to others, to share all that binds people in common unity.

Knowledge and wealth have no meaning, she said, unless one has a positive attitude towards oneself. She went on to emphasize the importance of a positive and balanced view of oneself, the acceptance of the fact that we are imperfect beings with limitations and weaknesses. One must conscientiously strive for achievement and improvement, not losing sight of the importance of reaching out to others.

It is in so doing that we shall create a society of caring people.

The warmth, vitality and compassion of Mrs Gqubule's vision, served to make Speech Day, 1987, a memorable one for all those who heard her speak.



Prize List 1987

SPORTS CUPS:

Swimming:

Norman McLeod Cup for the Most Able Lisa Todd Maxwell Cup for Diving Janet Young-Thompson



Philippa Law and Mary Hauff walking off with St John's highest award, the St John's Cup.

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All-Rour Goodma	an Cup Janet Young-Thompson
INTER-H	HOUSE TROPHIES
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CLASS	PRIZES
Std 6 1	Ist
Std 7 1	st
Std 8 1	st
Std 9 1	st Leanne Mostert Merit Certificates Jenefer Bam

Susanne Kinvig

Roxanne Bennett

Karen Bell

MATRICULATION SUBJECT PRIZES	
Afrikaans Art Commercial Subjects French Home Economics	Philippa Law . Joanne Stanton . Latifa Soobedar . Amanda Pilcher
Speech and Drama English	
Geography	Kim Potter
Biology Mathematics Additional Mathematics Physical Science	Kathryn McIlrath Kathryn McIlrath
SPECIAL PRIZES	Katiliyii Mciiratii

SPECIAL PRIZES
Music: Middle School Award Linsey Leslie Senior Kim Potter
Public Speaking Cup Levern Engel
Most Improved
Individual Debater Tracy Dunley-Owen
Kate Holmes Trophy:
(for most promising actress) Linda de Klerk

Reynolds Trophy:
(for girls' art in the Royal Show) Philippa Law
Gooding Cup:

(for Std 8 girl who achieved high marks in Science, Biology and Mathematics) Wendy Pocket Lantern Award:

(for Std 9 girl who achieved high marks in English, Afrikaans and French) Susanne Kinvig Gavel Club Cup for most improved speaker Karen Jenkins

Special Award (school photographer) Mary Hauff

TOKENS OF APPRECIATION

Sacristan:	
(Presented by Old Girls)	Shirley Hayhoe
Senior Chorister	Bronwyn Leroux
Long Attendance	
(Class i to Matriculation)	Deirdre Walker
Vice-Head Girl's Award	Lisa Todd
Head Girl's Award	Philippa Law
St Joseph's Cup	Kate Nicholson
	Shannon Nicholson

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St John's Cupand Lambert's Prize for Leadershi	



P. Law



Achievements 1986-1987

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1986 SEPTEMBER Pietermaritzburg and District Athletics Team
1986 DECEMBER Natal Equitation: Show Jumping and Dressage TeamsLeanne Mostert
1987 JANUARY Durban and District Athletics Team Jenefer Bam
FEBRUARY Pietermaritzburg and District High Schools Swimming Team: Senior
MAY Natal Midlands C Hockey Team Hoskings Week B Hockey Team Transvaal Equitation and Dressage Champion Rotary Scholarship Leanne Mostert Sharman Byers Nicola Cawse Deborah Fellowes
JUNE Pietermaritzburg and District A Cross Country Team
JULY Natal Midlands A Team Polocrosse Gaye Bryden Sharman Byers
Natal Midlands B Team Polocrosse . Michelle Caldwell
AUGUST Natal Midlands Basketball Colts Team Lisa Kretzschmar Seiko Sun City International Indoor Show Jumping Leanne Mostert
SEPTEMBER Natal Cross Country Team Jenefer Bam Natal Gymnastics Team Deirdré Walker Runner-up Natal Schools Environmental Symposium Joanne Bairstow

Susanne Kinvig Penelope Lavender Leanne Mostert

Chaplain's Report

John Powell S.J. in his book "A Christian Vision" wrote:

Recently I heard an appealing analogy for the faith experience. It seems that a small boy was flying a kite high up in the sky. Soon a low-drifting cloud encircled the kite and hid it from view. A man passing by asked the boy what he was doing with that string in his hand. "Flying my kite," the child responded. The man looked up at the sky and saw only the cloud in an otherwise clear sky. "I don't see a kite up there. How can you be sure that there is a kite up there?" The child replied, "I don't see it either, but I know my kite is up there because every once in a while there is a little tug on the string."

In the same sense I know that there is a guiding hand in mine as I proceed along the path of my life. I know that there is a light, not mine, that shows me the way I am to go, one step at a time. I know that the Lord walks with me.

Our prayer is, that each girl and each staff member too, may come to know that there is a guiding hand reaching out to hold theirs and may know, for life, that the Lord walks with them, so that in time of joy and in times of deep sadness, they may experience the peace that passes all human understanding.

There are so many who help keep the chapel a place of reverence and of beauty. Our thanks go to each and everyone, as well as to the Sacristans, Servers and S.C.A. leaders, whose help has been invaluable.

We welcome, as adult members of Christ's Church, those who were Confirmed this year:

Kerrin Angela Bam, Jacqueline Black, Franwyn Burman, Daphne Jane Byers, Vanessa Elizabeth Byers, Fiona Mary Cassels, Ashley Daykin, Bronwen Mary d'Oliveira Tracy Dunley Owen, Verity Jane Grantham, Vanessa Jane Hay, Alison Margery Howells, Bronwyn Jones,



SACRISTAN AND SERVERS
Back Row: M. Salkeld, T. Vilakazi, J. Stanton, S. Nicholson
Seated: L. Curling, K. Beattie, S. Hayhoe, Rev. R. Smith

Hayley Wendy Macleod-Henderson, Kathryn McIlrath, Deborah Elizabeth Nelson, Sally Vanessa Pitt, Wendy Gay Pocket, Lara Ann Proksch, Catherine Jean Scott-Barnes, Jocelyn Jane Taylor, Kirsty Jean Wilkinson, Shona Wright.



A Friday morning Chapel Service. On this occasion it was led by the matrics.



Back Row: Rev. W. Lourens, Prof. A. Barrett, Mr G. Clarke, Mr R. Zammit, Mr A. MacMillan, Prof. R. Raab Front Row: Mrs A. Steer, Mr C. Harris, Rev. Mother Mary Evelynn, Mr A. Hesp (Chairman), Sister Margaret Anne, Mr O. Grantham, Mr M. Fitzsimons

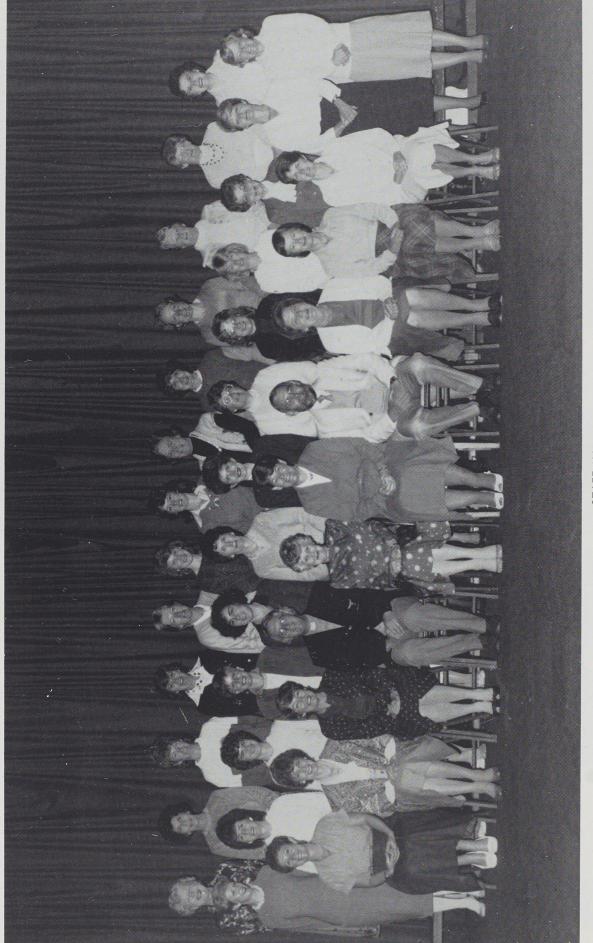
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The Society of St John the Divine 1887-1987

One hundred years ago, Sister Fanny arrived in Pietermaritzburg to discuss with Bishop Macrorie the possibility of founding a religious community in Natal. She herself had been professed in the Community of St Michael and All Angels, Bloemfontein, in 1877. Two former novices of that community joined her in Pietermaritzburg and were professed on 9th July 1887 by Bishop Macrorie in his private chapel, and the Society of St John the Divine came into being.

Two days later, the Sisters received the first of the orphans for whom they were to care, and at the end of the month Sister Anna took over the parish school at St Luke's and Sister Margaret the parish school at St Saviour's Canon Usherwood gave the Sisters his house in Loop Street, St Cross, and it became the mother house of the community and St Cross Orphanage.

The early work of the Sisters was much concerned with children, as this was the great need of the time. At first there were both girls and boys at St Cross, but in 1910 the Sisters opened St Martin's Home for boys in Durban, and kept St Cross for girls only.

Mother Fanny died three years after the foundation of the Society, and Sister Anna became Mother until 1897, then Sister Margaret. It was Mother Margaret's drive and vision which led to the establishment of more schools: she visualized a chain of schools in country districts and a good boarding school in Pietermaritzburg itself. The foundation stone of the boarding establishment of St John's High School, as it was then called, was laid in Burger Street on 12th April 1894, Mother Anna's fiftieth birthday. The school opened in August 1897, using two wood-and-iron classrooms which had already served St Saviour's.

By 1910, the Sisters had in Pietermaritzburg the Good Shepherd School for Coloured children (a successor to St Luke's Parish school) as well as St Saviour's school and St John's; they had 'country schools' at Kloof, Frere and Dundee, which were regarded as branch schools of St John's and contributed news to the St John's magazine; and they had the two children's homes, St Cross and St Martin's. As there were only nineteen professed Sisters, it will be appreciated that the Sisters



The first St John's, in Burger Street.



Mother Fanny

did not do all the teaching in the schools. There was a Sister-in-Charge of each school, usually assisted by one or two others, who looked after the boarding establishment and the general and spiritual welfare of the girls. They taught the Scripture classes, prepared the girls for confirmation and confession, and sometimes taught other subjects. St John's had a Sister as Headmistress in 1910: Miss Beloe, who had come as Headmistress in 1900, and done a great deal for the school — among other things, given it the distinction of being the first girls' school in Pietermaritzburg to play hockey! — entered the community and was professed in 1907 as Sister Edith, without ever ceasing to be Headmistress.

It was in 1910 also that the Sisters first began to think of moving St John's out to Scottsville. They set about raising funds, and in 1914 were able to buy eight acres of land and begin building. Mother Margaret worked very hard for the school, even labouring in the grounds to make them a place of beauty. One hundred trees were planted! The hall, classrooms, kitchen and dining rooms were built first, and when they were ready the school moved, the boarders having temporary accommodation in two houses in the area, and having to take all they needed for the day to school every morning. On 6th August 1916 everything was complete and the builders moved out: on the same day Mother Margaret, who had been in poor health for some time, died. As the school owed so much to her, it was decided to build the chapel in memory of her. The 'Mother Margaret Memorial Chapel' as it was then called, was consecrated on 25th June 1923. It is the present chapel of the school.

St John's remained the dearest of all their works to the Sisters. Sometimes there was a Sister as Headmistress as well as a Sister-in-Charge: Sister Mary Ancilla was head in the nineteen twenties; Sister Miriam from 1936 to 1946. Other Sisters took charge of dormitories, and helped with the teaching, mostly of Scripture. Many are the anecdotes told by Old Girls. We rather like the one about Sister Mabel and her concern that St Joseph's should not miss out on the traditional 'midnight feast'.

On the appropriate evening, but surprisingly early, she was observed making her way to the dormitory with a large jug of cocoa to add to the jollity. In view of the tender age of her charges, the 'midnight feast' was over and they were safely tucked up in bed once more before 9 p.m.



The diminishing number of Sisters and other pressures led to the closing of the country schools in the nineteen twenties. It was a sad day for the Sisters when they were obliged to face the prospect of giving up St John's. At the end of 1949, the running the school was handed over to a council, although Sisters still continued to teach there. In 1964, St John's became a diocesan school with a Board of Governors, on which the Sisters had the right to three seats, so that all ties were not severed. Indeed, almost until the time when the Convent was moved to Durban in 1968, Sisters continued with the Scripture classes, and dear Sister Faith, remembered and beloved by many Old Girls. soldiered on to the very last moment with her chapel work. Every Saturday she would be driven out to school, and she and St Joseph's cleaned the chapel brass. Then she kept an eye on the servers as they prepared for the Sunday service - one wonders just how many generations of servers were taught by Sister Faith? She spent the night at the school, attended the Mass in chapel, and then returned to the convent. In the latter years, she then spent the Monday in bed: but, after all, she was ninety when the Sisters moved to Durban.



St John's c. 1930

This move to Durban was made after much thought and prayers. The Sisters handed St Cross Home, the last of the institutions which they still ran, to the diocese; sold the Congregational Church in Loop Street) and built a the Congregational Church in Loop Street) and build a new convent in Wentworth. For some ten years they were involved in parish work in St Gabriel's, Wentworth and later St Barnabas, Bluff: parish visiting, Sunday school, women's guilds, and so on. Gradually, as Sisters grew older, they had to be withdrawn from such work; then the pressure of people coming to the convent caused the withdrawal also of the younger Sisters. Today the convent is a place where groups come for conference or retreat for a day: parish councils, youth groups, confirmation classes . . . It is also a place where individuals come to stay, for retreat, for spiritual counsel, while relatives are in Wentworth hospital, or just for peace and quiet. On one occasion, two St John's matrics decided that it was the ideal place to come for swot week!

We value our continuing links with St John's and try to attend what functions we can at school. The annual matric visit to the convent is a highlight for the Sisters as well as for the girls! And, in this year of our Centenary, we have been enormously heartened and touched by the way in which school, Old Girls, parents and girls — the whole St John's community — supported the Thanksgiving Service at the cathedral on 10th May. You are all very much in the Sisters' prayers and thanksgivings.



The Sisters in 1986

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS — MAY 1987



Old Girls and new having tea together on the Chapel lawn.



Miss Hyman talking to Pearl-Jene Mapamulo (1985 Old Girl) afterwards.



Girls lining up . . .



Paula Buckley and Nikki Cawse sharing a joke with Bishop Desmond.



and entering the Cathedral for the Centenary Service.



Miss McLean and Bishop Russell (Behind: Mrs Hallowes, Bishop Hallowes and Nicky Hauff — Head Girl, 1985).

This is what I think becoming a Christian is like...

1.

You Start off as a catipillar

2.

And you eat and eat as much of the word of God as you can.

3.

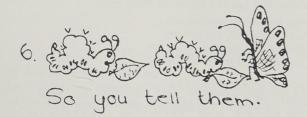
In order to start again, you must be born again.

4.

And you imerge as a much more boautiful creature than you ever were.

5.

All the other catipillars admire you for your beauty (i.e. your beautiful charictar, because Jesus in you) They ask how you got to be so beautiful, when all you used to be was an ugly green catipillar, like them.



7. And soit goes on!

and on

and on

and on

and on!

Tribute to Staff Leaving

MRS CHRISTINE QUICKE

C-O-N-N-A-U-G-H-T!

Connaught had just won the Gym Competition, and Mrs Quicke was beaming with pride and pleasure. It was a fitting farewell from her House.

She has been a member of Connaught and of the St John's Community for a very long time, starting here as a pupil from Standard 6 to Standard 10. In 1973 she took up a post in the Junior School. During her years at St John's she has acted as deputy headmistress and has been a member of the Management Team.

Her firm guidance and experienced teaching has given generations of young pupils an excellent grounding for their education. They would do well to remember the values and codes of behaviour which she imparted. Her sound advice, authority and help have always been greatly appreciated, and will be sadly missed by all of us. She has been co-ordinator of the Service Club whose code of service typifies her attitude to life.

Both daughters, Jill and Mary, were head of Connaught. They were awarded honours blazers, and were outstanding sportswomen. Jill was Senior Day-Scholar Prefect.

Another field of Mrs Quicke's sterling service to the School has been that of the Old Girls' Association, as secretary and then chairman. She is still a committee member.

As a member of the Old Girls, Mrs Quicke will still be part of St John's, and we know she will always belong to the St John's Family. We are very sad to say goodbye, and wish her well in the future.



Mrs Sandy Tonkin



Mrs Christine Quicke.

MRS SANDY TONKIN

A good grounding in mathematics is essential if one is to do well later on and Mrs Tonkin gave class after class this excellent start to their mathematical careers. Even more valuable, she showed them, by precept and example, the importance of doing a job properly. Because she herself is never, ever, slovenly or slapdash in her approach to anything, she impressed the qualities of care, rigour and proper methods on all her classes, which will benefit them all their lives

"For her work continueth and her work continueth, Broad and deep continueth; Great beyond her knowing."

(as Kipling would have said)

A keen sportswoman (she confesses to being "sport-mad" at school) she keeps fit playing tennis and squash and board-sailing, as her roof-racks and naughty bumper-stickers attest. However busy she is, she can always summon a twinkle and an offer of help if you need it.

As well as attention to grounding, she is very concerned with setting high standards and keeping bright pupils extended and stimulated, and she sees to this in her classes, in projects and in the skilful use of her knowledge of computing techniques to keep them intrigued and interested.

Mrs Tonkin has been a member of the Management Team, and a senior member of our staff, and she will be sorely missed.

CONNAUGHT



Back Row: L. Winterton, D. Walker, N. Hurry, P. Eustace, S. Whitley, J. Stockil, B. Mobiglia, K. Austin-Smith, K. Lund, S. Eustace, P. Nkwanyana, M. Caldwell, P. van Rooyen, T. Stanton, A. Pilcher, J. Gordon, D. Winter, T. Vilakazi, L. Curling, B. Jones, C. Albu, V. Byers, S. Byers, D. Byers

Fourth Row: K. Bam, L. Leslie, D. Lowe, L. Hennessey, G. Illingworth, H. Macleod-Henderson, L. Zank, S. Nkwanyana, V. Grantham, R. Bennett, F. van den Berg, L. Griffin, T. Walker, C. Crookes, J. Bairstow, C. O'Gorman, J. Wiseman, M. Gallagher, L. Hill, J. King, C. Illingworth, C. Curling, K. Beattie, J. Bam

Third Row: F. Wallace, P. Lund, A. Crookes, T. Dunley-Owen, M. Foster, F. Burman, S. Lowry, J. Taylor, H. Gwala, G. Bryden, Mrs C. Quick, D. Crookes, B. Macleod-Henderson, P. Saytapal, P. Farhina, A. Hassam, T. Searle, M. Luffingham, V. Albu, T. Reynolds Second Row: C. Winter, A. Heunessey, N. Lowry, J. Le Feuvre, M. Schmidenberg, D. Sneiders, L. Purchase, A. Rudge, A. Vorster, C. Heunessey, N. Schmidenberg, H. Holmes, D. Lowry, V. Mobiglia, J. Izaaks, C. Sweeney, Y. , A. Mkhize

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Front Row: T. Izaaks, V. Erasmus, H. Byloo, M. Cudmore, P. Daniell, A. de Santos, T. Rudge, C. de Santos, C. Winter, N. Cudmore, K.
Winter, C. Poole, Z. Leband, C. Marino

I feel really proud to sit down and write the 1987 Connaught House Report.

The highlight of the sporting year is definitely the Inter-House Swimming Gala held in the first term. Debbie and her "Ragdolls" really looked good and I commend them on the way they managed to stir up so much spirit and excitement. Unfortunately Connaught girls do not seem to be "amphibians" and were beaten to the finish line by Athlone and Rhodes. Maybe next year we will show them what we are made of. Although we only managed to gain second place in the diving, our divers were confident and very impressive.

This year the plays proved to be of a very high standard and although we tied with Rhodes for second place, the skill and hard work of all involved was evident.

Although Connaught did not shine in any particular Inter-House event this year (except the netball which we

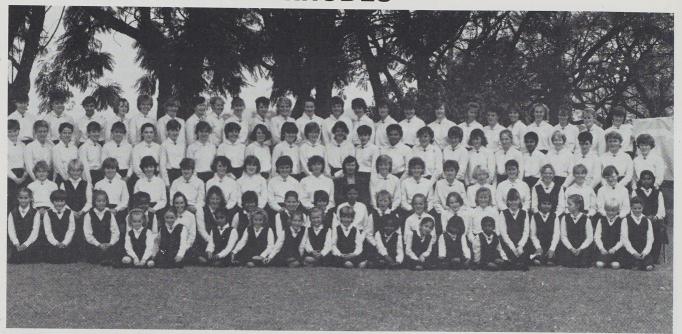
won) I was very impressed by the way people were so very willing to participate in different events. It is very encouraging to see total beginners as well as experienced players giving of their best on the sports field and so too in the cultural activities.

Our sincere thanks go to "Mother Connaught" who will be leaving us soon. Mrs Quicke has been a caring and supportive member of our house for many years and Connaught will miss her in the future. Thanks also to Debbie who has been a very competent Vice-Captain who has been of invaluable help to me.

To the members of Connaught: thank you for your support and co-operation, it has been an honour to be your captain. You are a great house and will soon be on the road to victory.

Gaye Bryden House Captain

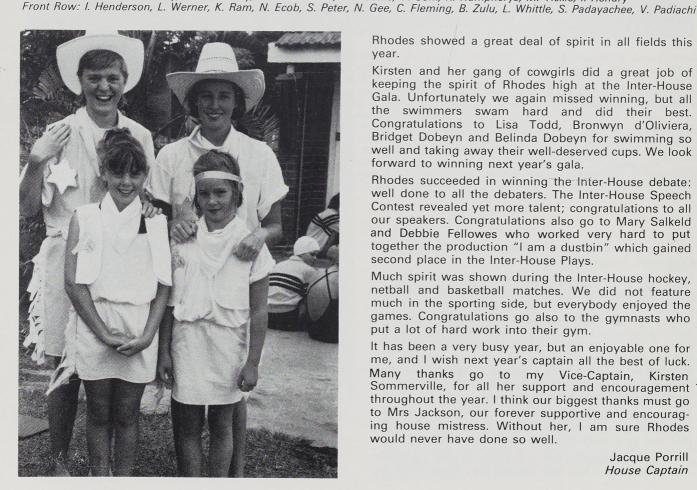
RHODES



Back Row: B. Dobeyn, H. Vincent, A. Moosa, A. Daykin, S. Nicholson, K. Swanepoel, B. Dobeyn, S. Lewis, B. Lewis, J. Moggridge, L. Todd, S. Kinvig, K. Slaughter, J. Stanton, B. d'Oliveira, H. Slaughter, B. Reynolds, C. Rattray, L. Hay, D. Zammitt, P. Arnot, M. Peattie, J. de Chazal, T. Blacklaw

Fourth Row: C. Reynolds, K. Potter, C. Twyman, C. Goodenough, K. Muldoon, L. Taylor, S. Mackay, M. Salkeld, M. Hauff, N. Cawse, K. Fitzsimons, S. Taylor, L. Elliot, G. Simons, Q. Mynwable, V. Hay, K. MacKenzie, L. Proksch, C. Killerby, L. Soobedar, A. Gerrard, C. McCluskey, P. Nicholson, K. Morgan

Third Row: J. McIlrath, R. Jeuschnak, R. Gace, J. Wallace, A. Peros, V. Hadley, D. Fellowes, D. Nelson, J. Porrill, Mrs J. Jackson, K. Sommerville, J. Twyman, K. Nicholson, L. Gerrard, J. Redfern, J. Peattie, S. Nicholson, S. Collins, J. Narain Second Row: T. Le Hane, B. Kilpatrick, S. Humpherys, F. Zulu, T. Ward, N. Bentley, A. Lawler, K. Marshall, D. Peter, P. Aheer, C. Lewis, B. Hay, B. McMurray, L. Holtzhausen, M. Peattie, Y. Soni, K. Humpherys, M. Tickle, I. Hendry



Rhodes showed a great deal of spirit in all fields this

Kirsten and her gang of cowgirls did a great job of keeping the spirit of Rhodes high at the Inter-House Gala. Unfortunately we again missed winning, but all the swimmers swam hard and did their best. Congratulations to Lisa Todd, Bronwyn d'Oliviera, Bridget Dobeyn and Belinda Dobeyn for swimming so well and taking away their well-deserved cups. We look forward to winning next year's gala.

Rhodes succeeded in winning the Inter-House debate: well done to all the debaters. The Inter-House Speech Contest revealed yet more talent; congratulations to all our speakers. Congratulations also go to Mary Salkeld and Debbie Fellowes who worked very hard to put together the production "I am a dustbin" which gained second place in the Inter-House Plays.

Much spirit was shown during the Inter-House hockey, netball and basketball matches. We did not feature much in the sporting side, but everybody enjoyed the games. Congratulations go also to the gymnasts who put a lot of hard work into their gym.

It has been a very busy year, but an enjoyable one for me, and I wish next year's captain all the best of luck. Many thanks go to my Vice-Captain, Kirsten Sommerville, for all her support and encouragement throughout the year. I think our biggest thanks must go to Mrs Jackson, our forever supportive and encouraging house mistress. Without her, I am sure Rhodes would never have done so well.

> Jacque Porrill House Captain

ATHLONE



Back Row: S. Wright, D. Rhodes, P. Buckley, K. Jenner, L. Young-Thompson, S. Moore, P. Law, S. Wright, K. McIlrath, G. Liebenberg, W. Pocket, N. Bentley, F. Cassels, T. Mills, D. Williams, L. Kretzschmar, S. Mitchell-Innes, K. Bell, B. Le Roux, A. Mills, S. Hayhoe, T. Reynolds, H. Duke, D. Newman, L. de Klerk

Fourth Row: L. Chennels, F. Hassam, L. Simmons, L. du Mollard, H. Anderson, G. Don Wauchope, M. Lassak, P. McIlrath, L. Liversage, K. Scott-Barnes, K. Wright, O. Duff, J. Varney, A. Howells, E. Wright, K. Varney, L. Mostert, V. Hogno, K. Dickason, G. Doxey, B. Breetzke, K. Carter-Brown, L. Engel, L. Collett, B. Drummond

Third Row: S. Williamson, C. Clulow, K. Wilkinson, S. Balcomb, N. Pitout, D. Mills, T. Willaimson, K. Jenkins, Mrs U. Law, J. Young-Thompson, N. Cassels, J. Black, G. Mkhize, N. Maistry, C. Canning, A. Hassam, A. Essack, S. Cormack, N. Greyling Second Row: J. Sinclair, C. Ngocokovane, P. Carter-Brown, R. Bharath, S. Boast, L. Boast, M. Ivins, T. Soni, E. Brown, G. Hawke, A. Kok, V. Duke, T. Lassak, S. Maistry, C. Lamprey, J. Lamprey, M. Lourens, J. Mhkize, D. Bhengu, K. Sinclair, B. Dickens Front Row: K. Pienaar, P. Breetzke, M. Janneker, L. Lawrence, S. Safla, T. Dick, C. Campbell, T. Seerey, N. Canning, S. Hamilton,

1987 has been an exciting and **most** successful year. Out of a total of ten events Athlone was placed first in seven of them. Well done!

Our most enjoyable event was the Gala in which we were placed first. The house spirit was tremendous and Penny and her "ducks" as cheerleaders gave the swimmers continuous encouragement.

We won the diving, hockey, basketball and squash events and were placed second in the gym (although we won the Intermediate and Senior trophies) and third in the netball.

On the cultural side Athlone did very well coming first in the Inter-House Public Speaking Competition where we were well represented by Levern Engel and Penny Lavender. Levern was awarded the prize for the Best Speaker. Our debators spoke very well and were placed second. Athlone's play "The Man Who Wouldn't Go To Heaven" was of a very high standard. Of particular note was the fact that no one part was any bigger or smaller than another which showed tremendous house spirit. Our winning play was presented at St John's Family Fun Day.

I should like to express my thanks to each and everyone in Athlone House. My thanks also go to the House Mistress and my Vice-Captain. I would like to wish all Athlone girls the Best of Luck next year and to keep the blue flag flying high.

Janet Young-Thompson House Captain



SPORTS REPORT

Swimming

The Swimming team had an early start to the season when we were up at 5.30 a.m. for three mornings a week training at the Varsity. Although a few members were fairly disgusted with this idea it seemed to pay off as we started the season in fine style by attaining second place in the Linpark Gala.

Many girls swam the Midmar Mile on the 8th February and congratulations go to Debbie Williams, Lisa Todd, Bernadette Breetzke and Bronwyn d'Oliviera who were all placed in the first 100.

As always we had a very entertaining Inter-House Gala with Athlone managing yet again to pip Rhodes at the post for 1st place with Connaught placed third.

Towards the middle of the season our enthusiasm lapsed slightly and we attained two 5th places in the G.H.S. and Carter Gala's respectively.

However all was not lost as we came back to achieve 3rd place at the Inter-Schools Gala at Alexander baths. Next year we will endeavour to beat Epworth!

Benadette Breetzke and Lisa Todd were chosen to represent Natal Midlands this season, so all in all it was a successful year. I would like to thank my Vice-Captain, Karen Jenkins for all her help and support throughout the season and to wish the swimming team the best of luck for next year.

Lisa Todd



COUNTRY DISTRICTS SWIMMING TEAM L. Todd



JUNIOR COUNTRY DISTRICTS SWIMMING TEAM B. Breetzke



SENIOR SWIMMIING

Back Row: K. Bell, S. Mitchell-Innes, S. Wright, T. Mills, G. Liebenberg, D. Williams, L. Kretzschmar, B. d'Oliveira, B. Dobeyn, K. Lund, L. Hay

Third Row: J. Porrill, L. Elliot, T. Walker, S. Moore, A. Mills, V. Hay, K. Sommerville, D. Crookes, L. Young-Tompson, K. Swanepoel, B. Dobeyn, F. van den Berg, J. Young-Thompson

Second Row: V. Hogno, G. Symons, M. Gallagher, L. Todd (Capt.), Mrs L. Wyrley-Birch, K. Jenkins, O. Duff, E. Wright, K. Dickason, C. Reynolds

Front Row: C., Twyman, K. Austin-Smith, D. Mills, C. Clulow, R. Gace, J. Twyman



JUNIOR SWIMMING TEAM

Back Row: S. Cormack, V. Hadley, S. Tonkin, G. Doxey,
L. Channels
Third Row: N. Schmidenberg, D. Sneiders, L. Purchase,
G. Hawke, A. Rudge, T. Reynolds, A. Vorster, B. Hay
Second Row: D. Lowry, R. Jeuschenak, B. Breetzke, Mrs G.
Jewell, N. Greyling, M. Schmeidenberg, T. Lassak
Front Row: J. Lamprey, N. Lowry, K. Humphreys, T. Izaaks,
B. Dickens, S. Peter, C. Sweeney, K. Marshall, V. Mobiglia





Hockey Report



1st TEAM HOCKEY

Back Row: J. Bam, J. Young-Thompson, C. Rattray, G. Liebenberg, P. Buckley, K. Sommerville, G. Bryden Front Row: K. McIlrath, J. Porrill (Capt.), Miss L. Gordon, N. Bentley, S. Hayhoe Seated: S. Moore

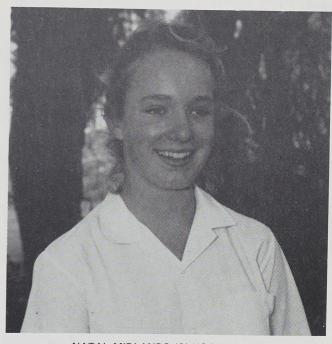
Mixed results have been the order of the day this hockey season.

The First Team, after losing all but three players from last year, showed determination and good sportsmanship at all times. Our best match was against Durban Girls' College and it seems almost unfair that such a fine performance from both sides resulted in a 1-0 victory to Girls' College. The U16 and U14 teams, however, showed their usual form, winning both matches and are proud to boast two well-earned trophies. We look forward to the return match next year and are determined to return with all three cups.

The U16 team has had an outstanding season, winning all but two matches. We are fortunate in that this reputation is sure to be carried on next year, when the present U14 team, who have also had a successful season, move up to take the place of the present U16's.

This season has also introduced a third and fourth team and the players thoroughly enjoyed the social matches played. The matches at times also proved to be more serious with scores such as 5-0 against Wykeham in favour of St John's. On the whole this season has been a successful one and we owe our thanks to the coaches, Miss Gordon and Mrs Jewell, for their encouragement and patience at all times.

Nicola Bentley



NATAL MIDLANDS 'C' HOCKEY TEAM N. Bentley



U16A HOCKEY TEAM

Back Row: K. Mackenzie, L. Young-Thompson, B. d'Oliveira, V. Hogno, S. Balcomb Front Row: P. McIlrath, K. Bell, Mrs G. Jewell, K. Bam, J. Wiseman Seated: H. Slaughter



U14 A HOCKEY

Back Row: P. Lund, M. Luffingham, D. Nelson, F. van den Berg, S. Mackay, D. Mills, R. Gace Front Row: T. Ward, K. Wilkinson, Mrs G. Jewell, C. Scott-Barnes, J. McIlrath



JUNIOR HOCKEY

Back Row: B. McLeod-Henderson, J. Taylor, P. Satyapal, V. Hadley Second Row: N. Greyling, G. Hawke, L. Chennels, T. Reynolds,

T. Lassak Seated: J. Jeuschenak, J. Izaaks, Mrs G. Jewell, B. Hay,

S. Cormack

Tennis

1987 has been a season of mixed success for St John's tennis teams.

Although the first team did not fare too well in the Lyle League played in the first term, coming 7th out of 9 schools, they played a lot of competitive tennis and benefited greatly from it. The second team improved tremendously as the term continued whilst the U16A team really excelled themselves and played good tennis all the year through (getting up early in the morning was worth it after all!) The U14's thoroughly enjoyed playing in the Emily Howard League. A number of friendly matches were also played and gave many people the opportunity to participate in matches against other schools.

During the first term the 1st and U16A teams travelled to Durban for a weekend tour. We played St Mary's and as well as having a lot of fun, we learned that one should not eat too much before a match!

Our thanks to to Miss Gordon for her endless patience and help, and to Nicci who has been a wonderful Vice-Captain.

I trust that tennis will go from strength to strength next year.

Gaye Bryden



1st TEAM TENNIS
Back Row: T. Searle, K. Slaughter, D. Williams, D. Fellowes
Front Row: N. Bentley, Miss L. Gordon, G. Bryden (Capt.)



JUNIOR TENNIS TEAM

Back Row: Miss L. Gordon, T. Reynolds, B. Breetzke, B. McLeod-Henderson, L. Chennels, V. Albu, N. Greyling Front Row: C. Lewis, L. Purchase, G. Hawke, K. Sinclair, P. Carter-Brown



Seated: S. MacKay, Miss L. Gordon, K. Wilkinson

U14 A TENNIS
Back Row: M. Luffingham, L. Proksch, D. Nelson, J. McIlrath

Netball

Once again this year's netball season did not prove to be very successful. Those people who played did so with enthusiasm and determination. Although we rarely experienced the joy of victory, everyone thoroughly enjoyed playing and through the matches we gained experience in both playing and refereeing.

1sts, 2nds and U16A teams took part in the annual Natal Midlands Schools Netball Association Tournament. All teams fared relatively well and showed true St John's spirit. This year the first team also attended the Natal Midlands Netball trials, gaining experience and practice and meeting many friends. Genée Liebenberg was asked to attend the final trials but unfortunately did not gain selection.

I would like to thank Mrs Wyrley-Birch for all her constant support and encouragement this year and I sincerely hope that Netball at St John's will become more successful in years to follow.

Genée Liebenberg



1st NETBALL

Back Row: T. Vilakazi, D. Williams, M. Caldwell, L. Hay Front Row: J. Porrill, Mrs L. Wyrley-Birch, G. Liebenberg (Capt.), J. Young-Thompson

Squash

Our Squash Club joined the school league again this year. Although we did not win many matches, the two age-groups that were entered had a very enjoyable season and gained much experience. It was good to be back in the squash circle again.

Due to the enthusiasm of many squash players two sessions of squash have been held each week at the Y.M.C.A. These sessions together with keen coaching from Mrs Herselman have encouraged many young players. This promises an exciting season for the squash teams next year. At the beginning of the year six girls were coached by Rod Soutter. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Hogno for his support and help in strengthening the squash teams.



OPEN SQUASH

Back Row: S. Moore, G. Liebenberg, T. Searle

Front Row: K. Jenkins, Mrs K. Herselman, P. Buckley (Capt.),

T. Blacklaw



B. Lewis, Std 9



1st BASKETBALL Back Row: K. McIlrath, L. Todd, T. Vilakazi, S. Moore Seated: J. Porrill (Capt.), Mr G. Raynor, D. Williams

Basketball

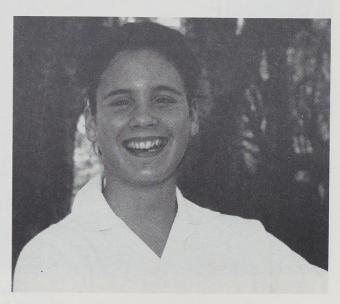
Although we have enjoyed mixed results this season the teams have played with determination and enjoyment.

Jacqui Porrill, Sharon Moore and Debbie Williams attended the Natal Midlands trials, and Lisa Kretzschmar attended the Natal Midlands Colts trials. Congratulations go to Lisa Kretzschmar who was chosen to represent the Natal Midlands Colts Team.

Although the first team had a very unsuccessful season the matches were enjoyed and much was learnt. The under-sixteens and under-fourteens had a more successful season, and a lot of talent is evident.

Many thanks go to Mrs Wyrley-Birch and Graham Raynor for all they have done for basketball this year. Thanks also go to my Vice-Captain, Penny Lavender, for all she has done.

Jacqui Porrill



NATAL MIDLANDS BASKETBALL COLTS TEAM
L. Kretzschmar



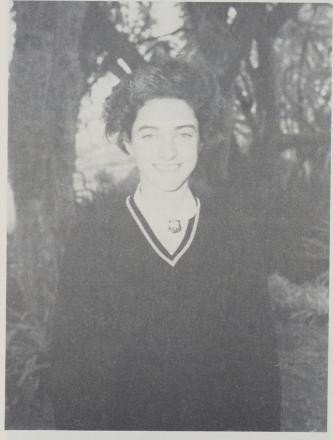
GYMNASTICS and S.A. TEAM FOR NOVICES D. Crookes



NATAL GYMNASTICS D. Walker



NATAL ATHLETICS and CROSS-COUNTRY J. Bam



NATAL EQUITATION, SHOW JUMPING and DRESSAGE L. Mostert

Polocrosse

This year St John's was once again able to field a team for the Inter-Schools Polocrosse Tournament.

We all had a most enjoyable day although we were beaten by both G.H.S. 'A' (7:12) and Maritzburg College 'B' (13:15). Everyone played very well, and although we started off a bit shakily having never played as a team, by the end we were really pulling well together, and I am sure we'd have won the next game!

We were very pleased to win the trophy for the best turned out team (much to the surprise of a certain member of staff!) Many thanks to Balgowan polocrosse club for the loan of their yellow and black shirts and saddle cloths and to Mrs Greta Byers for making the banner and putty covers.

Congratulations to Gaye Bryden and Sharman Byers for making the Midlands Scholars 'A' team, Michelle Caldwell the 'B' team and Daphne Byers the short list of reserves. They all had a most enjoyable time playing in the Inter-Provincials at Springs during the July holidays.

Sharman Byers







Anthea Crookes, Gaye Bryden, Daphne Byers, Michelle Caldwell, Jane Gordon, Sharman Byers.

POLOCROSSE

St John's has entered polocrosse teams in S.A. Inter-Schools Tournament for two years now, so we went to Otto's Bluff on the 23 August to support our team, and see how the game was played.

The parade was at 8.15 a.m. and they looked very smart indeed, proudly bearing the banner which was beautifully made by Mrs Byers.

Polocrosse is a cross between polo and lacrosse, played on a large field with a goal at each end. A team consists of six players, divided into two groups of three, playing alternate chukkas.

Four of the six were matrics, who emerged pale and blinking from the incarceration of Trials, but they soon got their form back, and in the second game, against Maritzburg College B (who had a distinct size and weight advantage) they played magnificently.

Swift, deft scoring by Jane Gordon and Daphne Byers chalked up a very respectable total, and they all showed great skill at passing the ball at full gallop while avoiding their opponents' sticks. Gaye Bryden and Michelle Caldwell put up a tenacious defence, thundering down the field, harrying their bigger Number Ones, and repeatedly foiling their attempts at scoring. The pivotal Number Two position was admirably filled by Sharman Byers, alternating with plucky little Anthea Crookes on a huge horse. When a riderless animal emerged from a melée of whirling sticks, dust and flying hooves, it was followed by a limping College boy, while the girls circled neatly away.

College had to fight for every goal, and although St John's lost, the score was most creditable. Our team's fine riding and sportsmanship won them the respect and admiration of both opponents and spectators, and they showed grace and courtesy which made me very proud of them.

Sharman was Captain and tactition, and was asked to umpire another game. Our girls also served as timekeepers, scorers and goal judges.

We deeply appreciate the support of the parents of these girls, whose backup and organization enabled St John's to participate in this exciting event.

Well done, the Yellow-Shirts!

J. Jackson

CULTURAL

Drama

As usual the drama department has had a busy year. Many of our pupils are very keen and talented and they have worked hard to produce some excellent work.

When last year's magazine went to press we had not heard the results of the Oral Communication examinations which the Standard 8 and 9 pupils had taken. They all obtained Highly Commended or Honours.

The first important event of this year was the senior school production of "Bonaventure" which took place at the end of March. This play was set in a Convent and was specially chosen to celebrate the centenary of the founding of the Sisters of St John the Divine. Three senior pupils from Maritzburg College came over to take the men's parts. All the members of the young cast worked very hard and the play was very much enjoyed by everyone who came to see it. Those taking part were Levern Engel, Linda de Klerk, Mary Salkeld, Penny Lavender, Lara Liversage, Suki Kinvig, Alison Howells, Kerry Jenner, Stefan de Bruin, Stuart Roberts and Paul Wells. Production was by Phyllis Sclater.



Levern Engel and Linda de Klerk as Sarat Carn and Sister Mary.

Standard 8A presented an Easter play "Over the Garden Wall" for the school Easter Service.

During the second term the Standard 5 pupils gave us a delightful interpretation of the sea in music, poetry and movement. At the end of the term the great event was Inter-House Drama; excitement ran high over this event. Rhodes produced "I am a Dustbin", Connaught "The Cinderella Story", and Athlone "The Man who wouldn't go to Heaven". The adjudicator, Mr Hugh Thompson, awarded the first place to Athlone for a most artistic production with a large cast; Rhodes and Connaught shared second place.



Sister Mary and Dr Jeffreys, played by Stuart Roberts.

The main event of the third term was a Drama Festival. This involved Standards 2-7 and every pupil took part. Standards 2 and 3 presented theme programmes on "Learning" and "Families", Standard 4 presented a play "Elfen Hill", Standard 5 took part in a dramatization with music and movement, of a charming story by Marguerite Poland, "The Season of the Stubby Caterpillar". Standards 6C and 6L presented scenes from "Dotheboys Hall" (Nicholas Nickelby) and "Jane Eyre". Standards 7A and 7B were entered in the experimental section; they had the skeleton of a scene to work on and they created their own characters and dialogue. Our adjudicator, Mrs Pat Connold, gave much praise and some very constructive criticism; she was particularly struck by the spirit of co-operation shown by all the groups.

The drama pupils visited various plays in the course of the year, the most memorable being "Cider with Rosie" and "Breaker Morant" at the Winston Churchill and "Romeo and Juliet" at the Hexagon. They also saw the dance programme at the Hexagon. Paul Datlen, who is now lecturing at the local university, is a most talented mime and the whole programme was delightfully witty and satirical.

At the time of going to press the Standard 8 and 9 drama girls are once again working for the Oral Communication examinations. These examinations give the girls excellent experience and they gain confidence for the Matric practical assessment from this. The matric girls will present this practical theme at the end of October — and so another busy year has ended.

Phyllis Sclater

Une Soirée À Epworth

Vendredi, le dix-neuf juin nous sommes allées à Epworth pour y passer une soirée française. Il y avait aussi des élèves de Hilton et de G.H.S. et nous nous sommes assis à de petites tables. Nous avons recontré beaucoup de personnes et nous avons mangé de la vraie nourriture française et nous avons bu du coca-cola et du chocolat chaud. On nous a présenté quelques discours sur la France et nous avons chanté des chansons françaises. Les élèves d'Epworth ont présenté une bonne pièce et nous nous sommes bien amusés.

Kathryn Mcllrath

Music

Sing joyfully to the Lord all you lands; break into song, sing praise.

The Senior Choir under the direction of Miss Sheila Harland and with Bronwyn Leroux as Leader, have maintained their high standard of singing and have been kept very busy acquitting themselves so well both at St John's and in public. This year being the Centenary of the Sisters of St John the Divine, a special Centenary Celebratory Eucharist was held in the Cathedral on Sunday, 10 May 1987. The Choir gave a most exquisite rendering of the Agnus Dei from Schubert's Mass in G. In the third term they provided some inspired singing at the Confirmation Service.

By the end of the year the Junior Choir will have had a very busy year. In May they spent a most enjoyable evening with other choirs at the Cordwalles School 'Sing-Along'! Together with the Senior Choir they participated in the Annual Mini Choir Festival organised by the South African Society of Music Teachers where they had the opportunity not only of singing in public but also of hearing other choirs sing. In the third term both choirs had the honour of being invited to sing at the Spring Tea Party held for the Senior Citizens in the City Hall. The girls received many compliments. Both choirs are again singing for the entertainment part of the Family Fun Day programme to be held on 26 September 1987. Other events at which the choirs will be singing are Speech Day; the Senior Carol Service and the annual St Charles Combined Schools' Carol Service.

This year all the Standard Six girls have formed a choir. They provided background music in the form of Plainsong for the play 'Bonaventure' and are singing some minstrel songs on Family Fun Day.

Three girls have continued with violin lessons this year and one senior girl is making good progress with the viola. They too will be playing on Family Fun Day. Mrs Patricia Robinson, the violin teacher, organised a concert, using a string ensemble and soloist, which was performed at three Pietermaritzburg schools and one concert in Mooi River. The playing was of a high standard and Sally Tonkin is to be congratulated on her solo item. We thank Mrs Robinson for her enthusiastic and dedicated work with these pupils.

Outings this year included attending concerts given by the Natal and Pietermaritzburg Philharmonic Orchestras; 'Harmony' produced by the Drakensburg Boys' choir and the Pietermaritzburg Choral Society; a lecture-demonstration preview of the Napac Dance Company's production of 'Impressions from Africa" and "Pineapple Poll Plus Three' programmes; 'Rule Brittania', a musical review produced by Alexander High School together with St John's girls; 'Camelot' produced by Hilton College and St Anne's and the String Ensemble Concert held at Epworth School. The Rhodes University Choir gave us an enjoyable programme in September.

The Junior and Senior Recorder groups have worked hard and have made good progress increasing their repertoire.

There are at present sixty-two pupils taking music lessons (piano, recorder, flute and singing) with Miss S. Harland and Miss E. Murray. I would like to thank them for their dedication and support.

I would like to thank Miss McLean for her support, encouragement and appreciation given to the Music Department.

M. Cherry



SENIOR CHOIR

Back Row: P. Arnot, S. Byers, O. Duff, J. Gordon, S. Nicholson, B. Reynolds, S. Eustace, S. Kinvig, T. Mills, K. Lund, K. Sommerville, A. Pilcher, S. Hayhoe, V. Byers, D. Rhodes, L. Kretzschmar

Third Row: S. Nicholson, L. Proksch, K. Fitzsimons, C. Scott-Barnes, L. Engel, A. Daykin, T. Vilakazi, P. Buckley, N. Cawse, A. Howells, C. Crookes, S. Nkwanyana, N. Pitout, G. Bryden

Second Row: K. Wilkinson, H. Gwala, L. Gerrard, C. Morgan, J. Bairstow, T. Searle, Miss S. Harland, B. Le Roux, S. Mitchell-Innes, A. Gerrard, K. Potter, D. Fellowes, H. Macleod-Henderson
Front Row: J. Stockil, N. Hurry



JUNIOR CHOIR

Back Row: V. Duke, J. Peattie, P. Satyapal, S. Lowry, J. Taylor, S. Tonkin, G. Doxey, B. Breetzke, V. Hadley, B. Drummond, L. Chennels Fourth Row: N. Schmidenberg, G. Hawke, V. Albu, J. Narain, S. Cormack, A. Rudge, A. Vorster, M. Lourens, L. Boast Third Row: J. Izaaks, M. Schmidenberg, D. Lowry, D. Sneiders, L. Purchase, B. Hay, H. Holmes, T. Lassak, N. Greyling Second Row: R. Jeuschenak, J. Lamprey, N. Bentley, V. Mobiglia, Mrs M. Cherry, C. Lewis, J. Mkhize, M. Ivins, S. Boast Seated: L. Holtzhausen, C. Sweeney, Y. Lallo, Y. Soni, A. De Santos, K. De Santos, C. Winter, D. Peter, K. Sinclair, R Bharath



MUSIC PUPILS

Back Row: O. Duff, L. Liversage, D. Crookes, T. Blacklaw, K. Sommerville, T. Mills, S. Kinvig, P. Nkwanyana, N. Hurry, C. Crookes, L. Griffin, S. Hayhoe, P. Buckley, K. Potter
Second Row: N. Cassels, C. Killerby, L. Hill, N. Pitout, Q. Mnywabe, G. Symons, N. Cawse, L. Leslie, C. Reynolds, S. Nicholson, M. Foster
Front Row: J. McIlrath, S. Williamson, C. Clulow, D. Nelson, Miss E. Murray, Mrs M. Cherry, Miss S. Harland, S. Collins, M. Luffingham, R. Gace, P. Aheer



STD 6 CHOIR

Back Row: G. Symons, E. Wright, F. van der Berg, P. Eustace, T. Walker, P. van Rooyen, P. Nkwanyana, B. Dobeyn, L. Eliot, C. Albu, S. Mackay, Q. Mnywabe

Middle Row: C. Hennessy, S. Collins, D. Mills, J. King, C. Reynolds, L. Hill, L. du Mollard, G. Mkize, J. Twyman, D. Nelson, N. Cassels, N. Maistry

D. Nelson, N. Cassels, N. Maistry
Front Row: T. Ward, B. McMurray, S. Williamson, R. Gace,
C. Canning, Mrs M. Cherry, C. Clulow, A. Crookes, P. Lund,
J. McIlrath, A. Dursen



JUNIOR RECORDER PUPILS

Back Row: V. Duke, B. Breetzke, S. Tonkin, J. Narain Second Row: A. Mkhize, R. Bharath, L. Purchase, S. Maistry, N. Schmidenberg, J. Izaaks, D. Bhengu Front Row: T. Dick, I. Hendry, L. Lawrence, Mrs M. Cherry, T. Le Hane, S. Humpherys, B. Dickens

Examination results for 1987:

Royal School of Music:

Grade 1 Mandy Peattie Pass
Grade 1 Nicola Schmidenburg Pass
Grade 4 Sally Tonkin Pass

Theory Examination:Grade 5 Linsey Leslie Pass

Public Speaking

Public speaking competitions have played a larger part than usual in the lives of our high school girls this year.

The first event was Inter-House Public Speaking which took place on the 19 February. Debbie Crookes and Kirten Austen-Smith spoke for Connaught, Mary Hauff and Nicki Cawse for Rhodes and Levern Engel and Penny Lavender for Athlone. Our adjudicators, Mrs Pat Connold and Miss Leanne van der Leeuw, placed Athlone first, Rhodes second and Connaught third. Levern Engel was adjudged best speaker and so she went forward as our contestant for the Hofmeyr Speech Contest.

One of the first rounds of the Hofmeyr was held at St John's in March. Levern came first in this one and so went on to round number two at Michaelhouse but unfortunately she did not get through to the finals.

Our pupils also took part in the Toyota Crossways Contest; Suki Kinvig represented Standard 9 and Oonagh Duff spoke for Standard 7. Oonagh was placed second in the final round.

Some Standard 9 pupils also took part in the Shell Public Speaking contest, and while they did not get through to the finals they gained valuable experience.

The SANCA speech contest also took place at St John's. There were two preliminary rounds and a final. Nicci Cawse was awarded first place in the first round and was placed third in the final.

Phyllis Sclater

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	N. Canning
	D. Drew
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Second Prize	C. Fleming
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Third Prize	
Commended	C. Campbell
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Commended	M. Hawkins

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	C. McCluskey
Second Prize	B. Reynolds
	J. Stockil
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Painting:	T. Law
Second Prize	B. Reynolds
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Teaching their classmates about the Festival of Lights.



Junior Primary Nativity Play.

A PEEP AT THE JUNIOR SCHOOL OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



Standard 5 in "The Season of the Stubby Caterpillar".



Senior Primary girls learning about nature.



Miss Marguerite Poland presenting the prizes on Speech Day.



Our willing Standard 5 waitresses.



The Easter Hat Parade.







Junior Primary Gala.







Milking the cow.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Interact

Interact is a junior extension of Rotary in action. Our Interact Club is sponsored by the Pietermaritzburg Rotary East Club.

Our purpose is to provide a club in which Interactors are given the opportunity to —

- 1. Serve the community.
- 2. Develop a broader understanding of others, and
- 3. To learn responsibility and commitment.

The committee gathers twice a term for a formal meeting in the Board Room. Mr Wotherspoon attends all these meetings and his help and guidance are much appreciated. Mr Metcalf (our Rotary correspondent) advises us on matters from the point of view of Rotary.

We have undertaken a number of projects this year. We decided to organise regular visits to both the SPCA and the New Horizon Blind School. Four club members visit the SPCA every Saturday. They walk the dogs (or the dogs walk them!). In general they are required to love the dogs in the same way they would treat their own pet. We have helped the SPCA with such things as fêtes, and the 4th October open day.

Our contact with the Blind School plays a very important role in our club. Our aim is to establish relationships with the pupils, who look forward to our visits. They are not all totally blind and many of us have been able to learn from their determination and enthusiasm. On the 4 September we held a coffee evening to which we invited the pupils we have been visiting.

The first project we undertook in order to raise money this year was the Valentine's Ball. All members attended this with partners from various schools.



Tammy Searle amd Kerin Lund decorating the hall for the ball.



Sharman Byers, Gaye Bryden and Mary Hauff ready for a Valentine.

The Fun Run on 27 September was our major fund raising event of the year. Badges with "St John's Interact Fun Run" and the Interact emblem were issued to all who completed the course. By issuing these we hoped to promote our club.

Another of our fund raisers which runs throughout the year is a monthly 'Hundred Club'. This brings in a small, but steady sum of money.

Before the Easter holidays we issued every member of the club with a R1,00 coin with the aim of each Interactor devising a way in which to double this money, preferably in a way which would be beneficial to others. Some enthusiastic Interactors raised as much as R20,00.

On 21 August our committee held a meeting with the Standard 7's. The aim of this was to tell them exactly what Interact is all about; to show them all the sides of becoming an Interactor. This we hope will help them in deciding with the full knowledge of what it entails whether or not to become Interactors.

Our Induction dinner will be held at the end of the fourth term. From the enthusiasm and ideas proposed by the standard sevens, I am sure that 1988 will be a prosperous year for Interact.

Lastly, I extend the thanks of all Interactors to all who have helped our Club: Mr Wotherspoon, Miss McLean, Mrs Mortimer, Mrs Jackson and Mrs Elliott, the Boarder mistresses and Miss Naidoo.

Lindi Reynolds

Conservation Group

Five years ago when doing this environmental report, I called it 'The Year of the Pink PINSSA'. Well, I feel a certain affinity with 1982 this year — not because anything has been noticeably pink, but because of the MICE Five years ago I was haunted by the large, pink eyes of a dozen rats, who were undergoing tests in a T-maze. This year I have been innundated with mice for fourteen weeks whilst the Conservation team carried out a population growth study. And did that population grow . . . I began to suspect that each night one of those furry little horrors let all his family and friends out of their cages so that they could cavort wildly amongst the test-tubes . . . certainly evidence of their passing was found in the most extraordinary places. Faint indignant screams from the science lab frequently alerted us the following day to the presence of delinquents who had missed the early morning round-up.

The mice, of course have been only part of the story. The team - Joanne Bairstow, Suki Kinvig, Penny Lavender and Lindi Reynolds — have worked extremely hard since September last year, and produced their paper "Too Many People - Too Many Problems" in time to present it at the annual PINSSA Conference held at Pietermaritzburg University on July 31st. The paper, a consideration of the causes and effects of the population explosion, was then entered for the Natal Schools Symposium on the Conservation of the Environment where it was placed 2nd overall, winning the Rhino trophy for a study of one particular aspect of the ecosystem. The girls were also presented with a cheque for R500 from the Sunday Tribune, enabling them to attend the National Youth Symposium on Conservation held at Golden Gate in October.

This year, St John's hosted the finals of the Environmental Symposium, which was attended by some 300 pupils from 14 schools in Natal and a large number of adult visitors. The guest of honour was Mr O. Olmesdahl, the Director of Education, and the chairperson was Leanne Mostert. I would like to thank all those people — ground, catering, administrative and academic staff, parents and pupils — who contributed towards making this such a successful day; and in particular Leanne, who chaired the conference with such dignity and courtesy.



PINSSA COMMITTEE
S. Kinvig, S. Byers, T. Dunley-Owen

Congratulations to the Conservation team who produced an excellent paper and who thoroughly deserved their win after a year of consistent reading, discussion, interviews and practical work.

S. Davies



CONSERVATION

J. Bairstow, L. Reynolds, Miss S. Davies, S. Kinvig

PINSSA

PINSSA. How many of you reading this know what PINSSA really means? Maybe you know that P.I.N.S.S.A. stands for Pietermaritzburg and Inland Schools' Science Association. Or, possibly, you are only aware that once a term on a Friday night, a group of pupils go to another school to listen to a-scientific talk. Possibly you have already attended one of these evenings. But, there is one fact about PINSSA that many people either don't know or don't realize.

PINSSA is a FUN science association. A very good example of this is our annual conference. Here pupils from various schools present papers on a variety of subjects. The talks are about fifteen minutes long and the pupils' hard work and perseverance can be seen in all of them. This year's winning paper was entitled "The effect of slow cooking on the TRYPSIN inhibitor level in beans" and was presented by G.H.S. The St John's paper "Too many people, too many problems" was an excellent insight into the stresses of over population. The meeting starts at 2.00 p.m. and continues until 9.00 p.m. However there is a break for tea and later, a braai. So the afternoon and evening at the university is really great fun and yet still a great deal is learnt from the talks.

Much preparation is necessary for the successful running of each quarterly meeting. Speakers are invited who talk on a great variety of subjects, ranging from the Periodic Table to Palaeontology. At Michaelhouse we had a very interesting talk on the Kalahari Bushmen. Unfortunately during the past year pupils have begun to find the talks a little too scientific and that is why one of our major aims for this year is to put the fun and interest back into this unique society.

So hopefully 1988 will be a very successful year, and, between the professors at the University of Natal, the teachers and the pupils on the committee, we hope to bring you four talks packed with fun and scientific value.

Tracy Dunley-Owen



JUNIOR WILDLIFE

Back Row: C. Sweeney, J. Le Feuvre, J. Narain, A. Vorster, P. Satyapal, V. Duke, E. Brown, N. Schmidenberg, K. Marshall Front Row: D. Bhengu, C. Lewis, B. Lewis, K. Swanepoel, M. Ivins, S. Boast



1987 will be a year to remember in the life of our club! In the second term Miss Davies and Mrs Mills took sixteen of the members to Golden Gate, where they enjoyed a fun-filled weekend. Unfortunately Karen and I were not able to accompany them as we were studying for the June examinations, but we were soon caught up in the excitement when we saw the photographs and heard of exciting and heroic incidents such as saving each others cameras!

In the third term we studied the Equatorial Rain forests and also the plants in our school grounds. Through these studies we learnt how important plants are in the ecological cycles. Under the guidance of Mrs Raab, we planted three trees on Arbor Day, namely "Cassi", the Acacia, "Ollie", the Wild Olive, and then a slip of an indigenous thorn tree. We were also invited by the Midlands Schools Wildlife Association to accompany several other schools on a hike at Ferncliffe reserve in Chase Valley, which we all thoroughly enjoyed. Karen and I have attended M.S.W.A. meetings regularly and we are proud to be the only junior school wildlife club belonging to the association.

We would all sincerely like to thank Miss Davies and Mrs Mills for all their support and also the help which they gave us in the organizing of the outings. We have not only enjoyed our meetings and outing this year, but we have also learnt much about the natural beauties of our world and how we can save them.

Bronwen Lewis and Karen Swanepoel





CHESS

Back Row: C. Hennessey, N. Maistry, C. Curling, N. Cassels, A. Crookes Front Row: W. Pocket, T. Dillon, Mr M. Wotherspoon, L. Liversage, F. Cassels

Chess Club

With five girls back from last year to form a strong nucleus, the Chess Club has progressed well. Not only has the standard of play improved steadily, but the original complement of nine members has now risen to seventeen. We started the season with our five stalwarts playing in the pre-league tournament and after the initial butterflies, all did reasonably well. In the league proper, our first team have won most of their matches whilst our second team, lacking experience, have surprised themselves by not losing too heavily and even pulling off the odd victory.

If we could now learn a bit of aggression, not refer to our opponents as "partners", stop feeling sorry for them when they are losing and avoid unnecessary stalemates — when in winning positions, we could claw our way up the league. Despite the above comments, it has always been a pleasure to take our teams to other schools or just to be at an ordinary Friday afternoon session. My grateful thanks to Mrs Jackson for assisting with transport and to Lara and Carolyn who have clways led their teams by example.

M.R. Wotherspoon



Mr Wotherspoon clawing his way to victory.



GUITAR CLUB

Back Row: C. Goodenough, L. Zank, M. Gallagher, S. Wright, F. Burman

Front Row: D. Lowe, K. Fitzsimons, S. Nicholson

Guitar Club

The guitar club members this year have enjoyed many happy Friday afternoons practising and improving their playing. They have proved themselves to be very useful by playing for the chapel services and other activities within the school.

We have been very fortunate to have had coaching from Mrs Pitout from Michaelhouse from time to time. However, she has not been able to come to St John's on a regular basis and owing to our lack of a steady teacher our numbers are low.

Despite this, our meetings are still very much enjoyed by the girls who do attend, as they have time to help each other with difficulties, while those who have private lessons share their knowledge.

Shannon Nicholson

Pathways Club

The Pathways Club started off the year with only six members but recently it has increased to sixteen members.

We have done many different things such as making cards and gifts for special occasions. For Valentine's Day we made heart-shaped chocolates which were a great success. We have discussed the lives and careers of such people as Helen Keller and Vincent Van Gogh.

We have also had an excellent discussion on drug abuse with Carol du Toit, which made all of us realise how much drugs can effect our lives.

We were also lucky enough to see two videos on the habit of smoking. All of us were shocked to see the effects of smoking such as lung cancer or loss of vocal chords.

Pathways Club is always interesting and enjoyable and the Pathways members look forward to every meeting.

Jocelyn-Jane Taylor

Service Club

Service Club has been well attended this year. Under the supervision of Miss Hyman and Mrs Quicke, we have spent many happy Friday afternoons painting and varnishing toys for African pre-primary schools. We are grateful to Mrs Axelson who provides us with all the equipment that needs sanding, painting and varnishing.

The Geographical Society

The Geographical Society consists of Std 8s and 9s who meet on a Friday afternoon. This year we have enjoyed watching the television series "Gerald Durrell in Russia" and David Attenborough's excellent "Living Planet" programmes.

Members have also shown slides and given talks on their visits to Swaziland, Hong Kong, the Cape and S.W.A. we have also had several "trivial pursuit" type quizzes which have encouraged participation from even the shyest of pupils!

Next year we look forward to more talks from individual members and visitors, and a weekend at the Nyala Game Ranch!

Photography

The school photographer this year has been Mary Hauff—and what a wise choice this turned out to be! Mary has worked with enthusiasm throughout the year, producing pictures of an excellent standard illustrating every school event, and both the archives and the school magazine will be the richer for her efforts. Thank you, Mary.

Georgie Don Wauchope entered photographs in two categories in the PSSA Natal Schools Photographic Competition. All her photographs were accepted for display and she also won 3rd prize in the theme section 'This is South Africa'. Thirteen girls attended the gala presentation evening at Queensborough Boys' High School and I hope that next year we shall have many more entries for this competition, and perhaps even challenge Queensborough for the overall winner's trophy. What about it, girls?

S. Davies



Georgie Don Wauchope with her prize-winning photographs.

Gavel Club

1987 has proved to be a successful and enjoyable year for the Gavel Club of St John's. The eagerness of the members is reflected in the excellent attendance at our meetings.

Our guest speakers for this year have included Mr Ward, Mr Meintjies (Head of the Lectern Clubs in Natal) and Mr and Mrs Rob Lewis, who informed us about the Kwa-Natal Indaba. Mr Lewis answered many questions and it became apparent that the St John's pupils take a keen interest in current affairs and wish to be better informed on this particular development.

After Mr Meintjies had addressed the Club, the members decided to withdraw from the American organisation and join the Association of Lectern Clubs. This was decided in view of the high cost of the subscription to the American organisation.

More recently we were fortunate enough to attend a meeting of eight Gavel Clubs in the Pietermaritzburg area. Girls' Collegiate School were the hosts and many ideas were exchanged over dinner, and links were established between the various clubs.

We would like to thank Mrs Sclater on whom we have often relied and whose time, we all know, is precious. To Phil Law and Shirley Hayhoe, I would like to say thank-you for all their help in organising dinners and coffee evenings. May the Gavel Club go from strength to strength.

Levern Engel





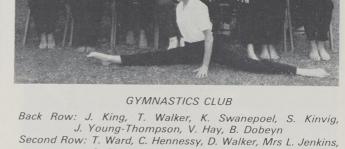
GAVEL CLUB

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JUNIOR DEBATING

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S.C.A.

C. Clulow, J. Twyman, G. Simons

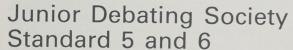
Front: S. Williamson

"Talk about a child who loves her Jesus" is a line of a really beautiful Christian song. In the case of the S.C.A., however, there is not only one child, but many children, ranging from Standard 6 to Matric, and the numbers are still increasing. Although that is important, it is the fact that the S.C.A. girls are growing spiritually that is really important.

Apart from Tuesday meetings, smaller prayer meetings are also held on other afternoons during the week. It is during these meetings that people really get to know each other and each other's spiritual needs and blessings. The S.C.A. has also been enriched by the many speakers who have shared their ministry at the meetings. In February, eighteen girls joined with the Girls' High S.C.A. and camped at the Nicholson's farm in Underberg for a really educational and fun-filled weekend. We have also just enjoyed a peaceful and fulfilling weekend at Midmar Dam, and despite the predicted gloomy weather, the Lord really blessed us with sunny skies.

Through the S.C.A. we are able to use our individual experiences to help each other with problems, and the general discussion answers many questions. We are all truly grateful to Mrs Haird, through whose constant dedication and help, our S.C.A. is a group of girls who really do love the Lord.

Shannon Nicholson



The Society started the year with few attending because a Tuesday afternoon was simply not a suitable time. We reverted to the Thursday evening slot and numbers swelled rapidly. The society has had several debates in the latter half of the year as new members become more confident in, and familiar with, the art of debating. It is the society's aim to improve the quality of debating as well as provide other opportunities for girls to discuss issues in an informal situation.



DEBATING

Back Row: J. de Chazal, J. Moggridge, B. Mobiglia, K. Jenner, S. Kinvig, T. Mills, T. Stanton, L. Kretzschmar, K. Austin-Smith Second Row: S. Nicholson, L. Leslie, V. Byers, N. Hurry, D. Zammit, G. Ilingworth, J. Redfern, H. Anderson Seated: J. Black, B. d'Oliviera, G. Don Wauchope, D. Crookes, T. Dunley-Owen, A. Daykin, K. Wilkinson





HISTORY SOCIETY

Back Row: L. Soobedar, M. Hauff, L. de Kierk, S. Byers, L. Engel, N. Cawse, G. Bryden Front Row: F. Hassam, K. Potter, Mrs C. Worthington, M. Salkeld, K. Nicholson



Standard 9 ladies and "gentlemen" at the Empire Dinner.

Historical Society

"History is junk", to paraphrase an old saying, and what may be clutter to many is the stuff School Archives thrive on! The Historical Society devoted its time and the effort of its 10 members this year to the reorganisation of the Archives. Piles of photographs, old paintings in dusty frames, the tin cover of a long-vanished typewriter, a collection of serviette holders and other miscellaneous objects, had gathered in a rather dark small room. This year the room has been repainted. The photographs have been dated and identified wherever possible, and placed in albums; the paintings and framed photographs have been remounted and rehung. Silver shields have been polished until they shine. Light blue cotton curtains hang in the windows. A beginning has been made.

That past pupils of St John's do not forget was manifested on the St John's weekend when the tiny

room was filled to bursting with eager alumini identifying old photographs and examining the two albums which had been completed. This interest was very cheering to the new society and to the School Archivist, Mary Salkeld. Since then, some photographs and a very precious letter (from Sister Mary Richmal SSJD to a newly appointed prefect dated 1947) have been received. We are hoping that this will be only the beginning. We need old letters, diaries, school uniforms other than the current design, an honours blazer, more photographs, drawings of the school, and, of course, funds. The school's centenary is only 10 years away; by that time we would like to see display cabinets with precious pieces of our school's history on display; letters and anecdotes to bring the life of the school alive; and, eventually an illustrated history of the school. We have made a beginning; perhaps you could help us reach our goals.

C. Worthington



Mrs Worthington and Fahiza Hassam in the archives.

TRIPSJunior Wildlife Club
trip to Golden Gate







Junior Wildlife Club planting a cabbage tree on Arbor Day.





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Standard 4 and 5 Field Trip to Hastings Farm in Dargle

in May, produced the following writing:

FIRE

As the flames lick the air
The warmth spreads out like a sheet.
The fire sizzles, a stick cracks,
And a swirl of smoke rises and disappears.
A large black three-legged pot
stands over the flames
as they dance, leap and then shrink.
In the morning, misty coloured ashes remain,
To say that the fire has been there.

NIGHT

We all sit on haybales round large cable cog tables snuggled together for warmth. We chatter and eat our steaming potjiekos, then sing songs.

SLEEPING IN TENTS

We crawl into snug sleeping bags and lie on the hard ground, feeling all the bumps and hollows. The night falls and the dampness creeps in, while the chill, fresh air rushes through the tent openings.

Laughter and stories drown out the night noises of chirping crickets and croaking frogs. Gradually the excitement dies down, and we settle down for a night of interrupted sleep.

THE MARSH

Our feet slowly disappear into a swamp of squelching water.

The mud squirms and oozes between our toes.

Then we sink thigh deep into an underground stream. Little creatures scurry away at the sound of huge footsteps.

The black wings of water birds skim the surface of the water,

then they rise overhead, crying out to one another, as they fly away.

WALKING IN THE OUHOUT

There is the sound of crunching, crackling leaves under my feet and a lovely smell of mint. Not looking, I walk into a spider web.

Another sound of something like a cricket echoes



Kerry Jenner

around, as I step among the lush green foliage.
A log in the shape of a question-mark fascinates me.
There are ant-heaps dotted along the path.
I would never have thought such a beautiful jungle would be in the middle of the veld.

BUCK

At the sight of people they gracefully spring up the hills, to places were they are safe.

They look like statues standing on high mountain peaks. We reach the flattened grass where they had spent the night, undisturbed, until we came along.

DRINKING FROM THE STREAM

We sweep the flowing fresh, cool water up in our hands and sip it down.

It has a sweet mountain taste.

Sitting down, we dip our feet into the rushing, gurgling, bubbling water of the mountain stream.

CLIMBING

The high peak of the Nhlosane beckons us.

We set off at a slow pace straining up the steep slopes. We jump from rock to rock and sometimes trip in the long grass.

As we climb we stop to pick everlasting wild flowers, that dot the veld, and a variety of coloured grasses, that cascade down the hillslopes.

Our feet ache as we tramp slowly along.

Our legs are scratched by bracken.

We are thirsty and tired and sticky and hot. As we near the top, a cool breeze spurs us on. We arrive at the beacon puffing but elated.

The view stretches out before us dwarfing all the farms and villages down below.

We feel happy and proud.

Kerry Jenner



Umgeni Writings

SOLITAIRE

Alone, yet surrounded by pulsing life The river rushing, spouting, gurgling a kingfisher dives The trees whispering, bending, growing a frog croaks The grass rustling, swaying, drinking a dassie scuttles The eagle's lazy, circular descent clouds collide The pool mysterious, tempting, ice-cold —

The eyes — unseen, glinting, watching . . .

Kerin Lund

NIGHTWATCH

thoughts race

4.30 to 5.00 a.m. torch switched on while milo is made once settled on a log near fire torch switched off silence. fire crackles noise loud noise torch goes on insect eyes illuminated a sigh torch goes off . . . no wood on fire torch switched on logs placed on fire torch switched off how long still? torch goes on twenty more minutes torch goes off . . . and so when dawn arrive a pair of batteries are lifeless. Written at Umgeni NATURE FOREVER?

From the world outside Peace has new meaning The business of people seems insignificant to the quiet of the surroundings Above, an eagle soars, unhindered Below, animals roam freely.

K. Sommerville C. Bowles, Std 9

I WONDER

I wonder . . How did this rock get here? When? How much could this tree grow in a day; a year; a decade; How big will it be in a century? Will it still be here or destroyed by man's desperate greed for expendable money and power rather than everlasting natural beauty? As I soak up the deliciously warm sun My wondering slows down and eventually stops.

I hear only the distant sounds in the near silence: And stare only at the patterns of light formed by spaces in the sparse foliage of the tree. I start to wonder again: how long



SOLITAIRE

I sat quietly — trying to use all my senses so as to get the most benefit from this experience. At first there was nothing — just a heavy silence. I tried to concentrate on just what I could see.

Slowly I realized the whole area around me was moving and alive. In front of me stretched a beautiful, intricately woven spider's web. The spider seemed to be pondering on what it could eat from its large store of grotesquely-covered prey. Even though it was a warm day there were dewdrops caught in the leaves of plants. I even noticed tiny ants running quickly in and out of crevices on the rock. I saw two black and white hornbills playing in the tree above — they flew away, swooped in a large circle, dived as if to tease the insects, and then soared away into the cerulean brilliance above. I was not alone.

Nor was there silence. The breezes lifted the dry grass beating rhythmic tunes. I heard the clarion calls of birds and the whirr of their wings as they darted through the air. The quiet was pierced by the telephone-like ring of a cricket and the raucous calls of hornbills.

To begin with I had been a little nervous at remaining alone in the quiet of the valley; but now I felt tranquil. The grass tickled my arm as a chill breeze wandered through the valley. However I also felt somewhat melancholy because I wondered whether all these new and wonderful experiences would be enjoyed by my children and their children.

ABSEILING

Tension, nerves, fear. We look to the rocks — from whence cometh our help? Not from this rock, that is for sure! Lean over and have faith in the rope, says the guide; Lean over and eternally regret, we say, our nervous, sweaty hands holding — hanging — on to the rope. The guide — now, let yourself slowly out of lock — not that slowly, Walk now, body perpendicular to the rock. No, not parallel! Okay, you're almost there, now lock and bounce. You've almost got it, but how about making your feet leave the rock? Right you may walk the rest of the way . . . Ground! Solid ground! Relief and hysteria surge through our bodies; light-headed we join our classmates . . . How did it go? they eagerly ask; Oh, it was nothing is our airy reply.

D. Crookes





The Standard 9's inside the natural arch.

Std 9 Geography Excursion to Sheffield Beach

The Std 9 Geography class, accompanied by Mrs Haird, Miss Barboure and Mr and Mrs Duke, set off on Friday afternoon for a weekend of work and fun on the North Coast. We arrived at the McIlrath's cottage to be served delicious roast chicken by their chef — what a treat!!

Fortunately Saturday was overcast (a working day back at St John's) so pupils were willing to complete worksheets and study the geology of the coastline. The highlight was the discovery of a classic example of a natural arch and a trip around a new holiday resort at Thompson's Bay!

On Saturday evening we enjoyed a braai and then went off to ten-pin bowl in Ballito but were disappointed to find they had closed at 9 p.m.! Oh well — we would just have to chat the night away!

Sunday was a glorious, sunny day and we had numerous swims and sunbathed. We also went off to Umhlali beach to look at the lagoon and sand spit there. We returned to Pietermaritzburg after lunch via the old North Coast road, travelling through Verulam and Tongaat and noting street patterns, types of farms and transport routes on the 1:50 000 topograhpical maps we had brought of the area.

We arrived back at St John's, tired and sunburnt after a super weekend. Thank you again Mr and Mrs McIlrath for the use of your lovely spacious cottage at Sheffield!



Standard 8 visit to Beachwood Mangroves

On Saturday 9th and 16th May, the Standard 8 classes went with Miss Davies on an ecology day-trip to discover the wonders of the Beachwood mangrove swamps in Durban. When we arrived, the tide was in, which meant that we spent part of the morning squelching ankle deep in oozing mud and tripping over hidden roots. We were able to see how the animals were affected by the tide. With Miss Davies, camera in hand, our eyes were opened to the wonders of gobis, sesarmid crabs, whelks and fiddler crabs. This strange new world became our classroom and the study of the mangrove trees was real and personal. Of course there was no work without play and our lunch break was spend on the sandy dunes and swimming in a rather cold sea!

It was good to learn so much outside a classroom and it was a time in which we could get closer to the natural environment and feel in harmony with it. On our return, we felt that we had gained much in knowledge and understanding.

Nicky Hurry





One of the Standard 8's in the swamp!

History Excursions

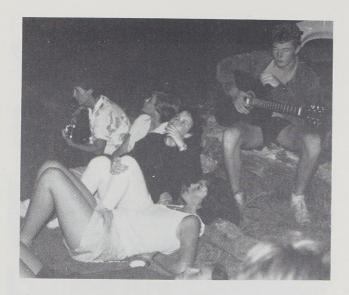
This year has been a busy and interesting one for History pupils. The Standard 8 pupils started the trend with visits to the Natal Society Library which culminated in projects which were subsequently displayed in the foyer of the Library.

All three senior classes then went on an Historic Walking tour of Pietermaritzburg, the resulting projects from which were displayed in the Publicity House.

A trip was then taken back in time, and the Standard 9 History Class hosted an extremely successful Empire Dinner, with Dr Ruth Gordon as guest speaker. The school provided a delicious traditional English dinner and the girls dressed up in 1880 fashions. The following Monday the Matrics took a History Assembly, describing to the girls some of the earlier life of the school.

The Matrics attended a very successful workshop with the Hilton Matric class later in the term, presenting a slideshow and a document study. Then it was the turn of the Standard 9s, who joined Wykeham on a tour of the Anglo-Zulu Battlefields. This three-day trip away from school is a privilege awarded to the Standard 9s who have chosen History as one of their subjects, and is the culmination of the minor excursions in lower standards.

The Standard 8s were taken by their student teacher, Miss C. Hulley, to the Natal University Library and on a day trip to Giants Castle to see Bushman paintings. The Standard 9s visited the Archives, and were given a guided tour.



The Kruger Trip

On the last night of the first term, ten matrics spent most of the night excited and awake, knowing that we would have plenty of time to sleep during our thirteen hour trip to the Kruger National Park the next day. We left at 4.00 a.m., with Miss Davies and Mrs Mills, plenty of food, (fridge cake!) Miss Davies's guitar (taking up the best seat) and Mrs Mills's six-pack. Once we had established our places in the bus, most of us fell asleep to the drone of Nicci's voice complaining about her uncomfortable seat

Our first stop was Ladysmith, where we were delayed for an hour by a flat battery. We were rescued by Mr Porrill who kindly organised a new one for us — not an easy thing to do so early in the morning! We finally arrived at Lower Sabie at 6.00 p.m. just as the gates were closing, and were met by Gert Erasmus of the National Parks Information section. That night he taught us the finer skills of braaing, and we had a discussion on the importance of conservation areas.

The following day he took us out along some of the firebreak roads and into the areas that the tourists do not see — at one stage we found ourselves in the middle of a breeding herd of elephant who took some exception to our presence . . . We were also able to walk about in and sit quietly in the bush, and felt ourselves lucky to have such an interesting and informative guide.

We spent the next two nights at Satara, where we were introduced to another organism — Alexander Beetle by Miss Davies. Our last night in the park was spent at Olifants, and here we were lucky enough to see the very rare Pels fishing owl. Our routine during these days hardly altered: we were up at 5.30 a.m. and out of the gates by 6.00, trying to see as much game as possible. We would return for breakfast at about 9.00 a.m. and be out again by 10.00. Once the midday sun was up and our eyes were closing, we would return to camp for a picnic lunch, and then we would sun-tan, sleep, and read in our air-conditioned rooms. In the late afternoon we would go out for another drive, and then have a mad rush to get back to the gates before they closed. Animal highlights included a pair of hyaena who instead of slinking away in the usual hyaena fashion, played around our bus for about half an hour one morning. One was most fascinated by the vehicle and was especially taken with the exhaust pipe which it tried to remove several times. The other played puppy-fashion with a stick that it found by the side of the road. We also

saw three young lionesses who walked and played in front of us for two kilometers early one morning.

The last three days of our trip were spent with the Rushworths on their private game ranch 'Trackers' near Swadini. The Rushworths were wonderfully hospitable, and devoted a great deal of time and effort to making our stay enjoyable. We camped under the stars for two nights on the banks of the Blyde river, went swimming and rowing (did you know that it is far easier to row in a circle than in a straight line?); we visited the Pilgrims Rest area, saw the Blyde river canyon and Bourke's Luck potholes; we abseiled and climbed and swung from ropes into the river and at night we sat round the fire and sang and watched the stars.

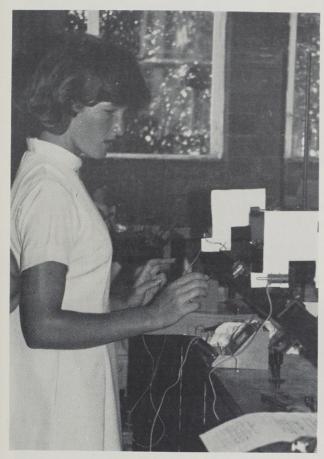
On the last night we packed up the bus for an early start, (We were so good at it by this time that Miss Davies didn't even have to check every knot!) and at 4.00 a.m. the next morning we started our long journey home, well supplied with food by Mrs Rushworth! Our ten days in the Eastern Transvaal were packed full of fun and things to do, thank you Miss Davies and Mrs Mills, we had an unforgettable holiday.

Kathryn McIlrath, Shirley Hayhoe, Sharman Byers





SCENES AROUND THE SCHOOL











The Resource Centre

Our resource centre continues to grow and develop in interesting ways. We are fortunate to have an excellent range of both fiction and non-fiction books plus the facility of being able to draw from the Provincial Central Reference and Teachers' Reference Library.

The purchase of a second television and video has enabled us to improve our audio-visual facilities, which in turn has assisted us with the resource centre's enrichment programmes.

The bequest from the estate of the late Justice Len Hurt ensured a valuable extension to our section specializing in wildlife and ecology which were his special interests.

The Junior Resource centre continues to be the stimulating hub of the Junior School under the excellent guidance of Mrs Law. An exciting development is the extension Maths room which is attached to our Junior Resource centre and the brain child of Mrs van der Leeuw.

E. Carbutt



LIBRARY PREFECTS

Back Row: F. Hassam, J. Gordon, A. Mills, D. Winter, B. Le Roux Front Row: K. McIlrath, M. Hauff, Mrs E. Carbutt, S. Byers

Howlers

HOME ECONOMICS

The gluten becames light and holy.

Soak the beans in worm water.

The first stage in the family life cylce is the BEGGING stage (should be beginning stage!)

My parents are in the owl's nest stage (should be empty nest stage).

The wood should be hard, not cheap like chippendale!!

FROM BIOLOGY SCRIPTS

A potato is a stem tuba.

Human eggs come from aviaries.

The female butterfly lays her eggs after mating under cabbage leaves.

Insect larvae lose their skins by molten paraffin wax. Extracellular means too many or an excess of cells.

Guidance



St John's girls have a special advantage in having the caring, skilled and informed guidance of Mrs Jean Ward, the full-time counsellor.



A visit to Sukuma.



A visit to Cedara Agricultural College to explore study and career opportunities in agriculture.





The matrics relaxing . . .



Pancake Tuesday means a busy time for the Home Economics girls.



. . . and working . . .



Mother Margaret haunts . . .



. . . the dormitories.



MATRIC 1987

Back Row: A. Mills, B. Le Roux, P. Law, D. Williams, G. Liebenberg, J. Stanton, M. Caldwell, L. Todd, A. Pilcher, D. Winter, C. Rattray, S. Nicholson, J. Gordon, L. Curling Second Row: L. Engel, G. Bryden, M. Hauff, N. Cawse, P. Buckley, J. Porrill, K. McIlrath, L. Hay, S. Moore, S. Hayhoe, L. de Klerk, M. Salkeld, L. Simmons, D. Walker, J. Young-Thompson

Front Row: K. Beattie, D. Fellows, L. Soobedar, K. Potter, S. Byers, Mrs C. Worthington, Mrs J. Jackson, T. Vilakazi, K. Nicholson,

F. Hassam, D. Lowe



ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENTS D. Fellowes, S. Byers, L. Todd, N. Cawse



C. Curling, Std 8

Creative Writing

ON MOTHER'S DAY

I got both the dog's bowls and I filled them.

Megan Cudmore, Class i

I tidied my Mum's bedrooms.

Sarah Smart, Class i

NEWS

My dog always has a sad face — he was born like that!

Megan Janneker, Class i

We went to a fun run at the Church. It was 16 kms and my Mum nearly died. Then we went to bed!

Megan Janneker, Class i

A Visit to the Botanical Gardens

The leaves were all different colours. They went crush crackie like a packet.

Pascual Daniels, Class i

We fed the ducks and we had lunch under a tree. The tree was orange and green and no rain came through.

Megan Jannekar, Class i

RAIN

I love the rain because it makes diamonds in the leaves and the rain causes mud slides.

Isla Henderson, Class i

I like the rain because I can watch T.V. My mother gets videos when it rains.

Kathleen Pienaar, Class i

Clouds, black, grey and rolling across the sky. When the raindrops fall they look like leaves falling.

C. Poole, Class i

The clouds get black and grey. As the rain falls it makes shapes in the sky. It is dark. The thunder rumbles. The rain falls on the window. It looks like diamonds.

N. Canning, Class i

I feel the mud and it feels sloshy and when the rain falls it looks like sticks. I smell the mud and it smells like smoke and all damp.

L. Wittle, Class i

AUTUM LEAVES

Crunch — crackly, as I run over the leaves. The leaves look like rain as they fall.

L. Werner, Class i

I wish I lived in a fairyhouse. It was so pretty — just like fairyland. The leaves were yellow and danced when the raindrops fell.

B. Kilpatrick, Class i

CATS

My cat's name is Sarah. Her fur is as soft as wool. She jumps on the couch and tears it. Mom gets cross!

C. Morenco, Class i

City Lights

Gold, silver, orange and red. The lights twinkle and shine, glow and flash Like rainbows glittering in the dark.

Michelle Tickle, Class ii

Easter Hat Parade

On Saturday we had an Easter Hat Parade. I could not stop smiling.

I love the music which Mrs Cherry played on the tape and the choir sang.

Ah! it was beautiful.

Naomi Gee, Class ii

Easter Hat Parade

It was really fun going round in between our parents. Sharlene and Colin won the Easter Hat Parade. Mrs Cherry taught the choir to sing The Easter bonnet song. It was lovely.

Claire Campbell, Class ii

SATURDAY SPORT

Mrs Shaw, the Standard 1 teacher organised sport at St Charles. It was the worst time of my life in the hot sun. It was a fun day for the children and for the parents. It was a day that everyone will remember. Even me!

Scheherazade Safla, Class ii

STANDARD ONE

Naughtiness is . . .

Putting silkworms down my mother's back.

Taniel Dick

Putting a drawing pin on my teacher's chair.

Katelyn Winter

Making mudpies and throwing them at the wall.

Christophina Ngocokovane

Hitting your dog for tearing your school shirt.

Tanya Le Hane

Playing in the rain and getting wet.

Anele Mkize

Hiding away when you are in trouble.

Sarah Humphreys

Being a pest!

Shannon Peter

Riding on the running-board of Penny's V.W.

Beth Dickins

Making a promise and not keeping it.

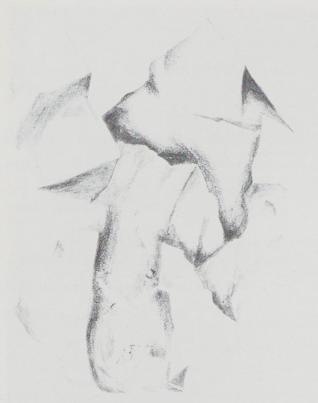
Tracy Izaaks

Frightening mummy when she is pouring tea.

Nadine Ecob

Hurting someone else's feelings.

Kadambari Ram



V. Hay, Std 8

WHITE FLOWERS

There once were flowers who lived in a deep wood by a stream. The flowers grew on a bush of May. It was nice there because when the bush was thirsty it bent down and drank. Every day a flock of birds flew above. It was lovely because the wood was deep and green and cool in the shade with moss all around.

Taniel Dick, Std 1

DINOSAURS

Dinosaurs big, fat and lazy.

Brontosaurs slip — slopped through the mud.

So lazy was Allosaurus who liked to eat Brontosaurus.

Triceratops this number three, was not afraid of
Tyrannosaurus.

Tyrannosaurus Rex made wrecks of other beasts. I wonder why these Dinosaurs died out.

Liezl Lawrence, Std 2

FIRE

We lit a fire in the grate
To keep the family warm.
We saw the flames leap high and bright
Shutting out the storm.
The fire crackled as it burnt,
The glow was golden now.
We went to sleep so warm and snug,
Unlike the poor old cow.

Angie Hennessy, Std 2

FIRE

I jump as the fire cracks
It snaps the sizzles, and licks the air.
Sparks shoot before my eyes —
As it blazes and the flames jump across the firebreak —
Into the other cane field.

Neulah Lowry, Std 2

NOISY INSECTS

Butterflies' wings flapping Bees buzzing from flower to flower Collecting pollen as they go Ants scratching in the sand Crickets chirruping too.

Kate Humphreys, Std 2

FARMING

In the morning the cock starts crowing, The cows are mooing, The farmers are hoeing, The doves start cooing, It is OH!
Such a noise
The sheep start bleating, The geese are splashing, The ducks aquacking, The pigs start grunting.
The cows munching.
The clanging of a milk bucket It is such a racket.

Mandy Peattie, Std 2

Little piglets with their mummy, Feeding from her big fat tummy, Like a baby sucking a dummy!

Jessica Sinclari, Std 2

INSECTS

The cricket is a very noisy creature He hops around the garden Rubbing his legs together, He makes a frightful sound. When you try and catch him He always gets away.

Claire Hawkins, Std 2

THE BEE

A bee has fluttery wings. He is black and yellow He lives in a little hive, In a tree so hollow.

A bee will only sting you, When you are naughty Horrible and unkind When you steal some honey Which you find.

Joanne Armstrong, Std 2

W

Wit is the groot wolke in die lug Wit is die ysbeer by the Noord Pool

Wit is die sneeu en die melk in the piering

Wit bladsye in ons boeke lyk so skoon

Wit muise met pienk ogies lyk so klein

Wit mure in wit huise blink in die son

Wit is kalm Wit is sag.

Vanessa Mobiglia, Std 3

NIGHT SOUNDS

Lying in bed I listen.

The splish-splosh of the fountain dripping in the pool relaxes me.

The bleeps of my watch-alarm irritate me.

The sharp click of my bedside lamp frightens me.

The squeak of footsteps down the passage terrifies me.

The roar of the trucks thundering down the road disturbs me, keeping me from sleep.

Natalie Bentley, Std 3

GOUD

Juwele is goud
Sonstrale is goud
Die goue heuning van die bye
smaak so heerlik
Die goue motte wat vlieg
lyk so mooi
Goud is die kleur
van die vis in die water
Goud is die kleur
van die feëtjies se vlerke
Alles wat goud is

is skitterend en

fraai.

Yashmmita Lalloo, Std 3

MY TROETELDIER

My troeteldier is 'n kat. Haar naam is Cherrie Pie en sy is 'n siamese kat. Sy is 'n klein katjie met 'n baie groot stem. Wanneer sy honger is, knor sy en wanneer sy bly is, spin sy.

Sy het groot blou oë en groot grys ore en sy het 'n lang grys stert.

Snags wanneer ek slaap, kom sy en slaap op my gesig. Sy speel met my hare en sy loop oor my maag. Wanneer sy by my slaap, word ek baie warm. As dit koud is, kruip sy onder my duvet.

Ek het gedink dat sy my broer se budgie sou vang. Sy het saggies geloop en sy het gewag en kyk. Toe spring sy oor die hok, maar sy kon hom nie vang nie.

Sy is 'n baie gawe kat!

Jennie Le Feuvre, Std 4

THE SEA

Like a thirsty dog the waves lap the shore, Leaving behind a glazed, mirror-like surface. The beach lies in a half-moon of creamy beige, Unblemished by a single footprint. A cool breeze brushes the hair across my face And the sky hangs over me Like a jewelled bowl. The never-ending rumble and hiss of the sea enchants me While the water swirls and bubbles around my ankles, Making me shiver.

Clare Winter, Std 5

MY EERSTE SKOOLDAG

Ek was baie opgewonde. Ek het my nuwe rok, hemp, trui, skoene en kouse aangetrek. My ma het my hare gekam toe het my ma my kos in my tas gesit. Ek het my ontbyt geëet en my tande geborsel. Toe was ek reg vir my eerste dag op skool.

Ons het by die skool stilgehou. Ek was bang. Ek het my ma se hand baie styf vasgehou. Die skool was baie groot, en ek het baie klein gevoel. Daar was ander kinders. Een kind het my gevra wat my naam was. Ek het baie skaam geword, ek wou haar nie sê nie. My ma het haar vraag beantwoord. Ek het na 'n groot, lang gang gestap. My klaskamer was daar. Ek wou nie gaan nie. My ma het my onderwyseres gesien. Sy het baie mooi gelyk.

Sy het ons my klaskamer gewys. Daar was ses ander kinders. Ek was baie skaam. Daar was 'n tafel met N.I.K.K.Y. daarop. Ek het by 'n kind gesit. Haar naam was Lisa. Sy was baie mooi. My onderwyseres se naam was Juffrou Corbet. Sy het baie vrae gevra. Die klaskamer was baie mooi. Ek het baie bly geword. Dit was my eerste dag op skool.

Nicola Schmidenberg, Std 4

AUTUMN SOUNDS

The soft sweet cooing of a dove as it nestles in the pine trees;

The munching of horses, contentedly chewing the cud and flicking their tails at persistent flies,

The fall of a leaf, The lowing of a cow, Silence.

Sally Tonkin, Std 5



B. Reynolds, Std 9

MORNING MIST VIEWED

From the balcony,
A sea of mists
Rolls over houses and hills.
In this white, wispy world
Everything takes on a different form.
Spiralling funnels
twirl and
Float among the chimney pots.

Sarah Cormack, Std 5

DADDY'S PAINTINGS

My daddy loves his painting
He sits and works all day
A touch of yellow here, no, there.
A little dabble of green.
When it's finished,
Everyone stands in a row
As daddy hangs it proudly on the wall
But . . In a day or two it's off again!
He thinks he's painted the ears askew
Or the nose isn't pink enough.
Secretly my Mum
Gives it to a friend
She's sick of dear old daddy
Altering it all over again.

Sarah Cormack, Std 5

TROUT

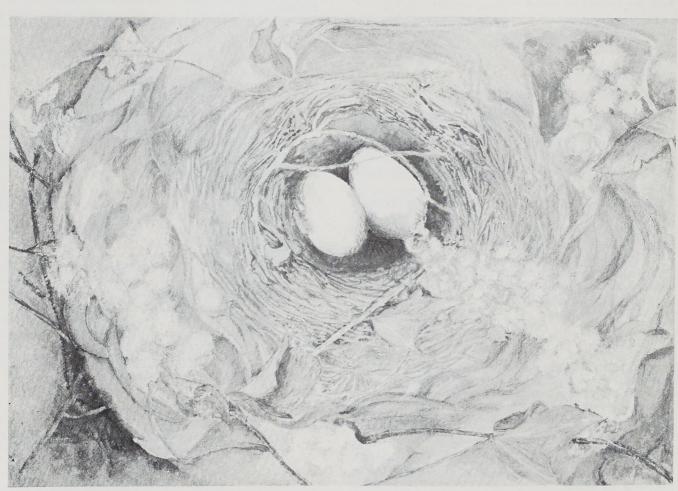
A stippled trout dances and dives
Drops of colour merge into swirling shapes as it glides
gracefully through the icy water.
Tiny scales catch the light for a moment,
then lose their shine.
Hungrily, the trout swims towards a drowning beetle.
One gulp and the beetle is devoured.
Silently the graceful hunter swims off into the icy water.

Jocelyn-Jane Taylor, Std 5

SECRETS OF THE SEA

In the calm, green water
I sense that I am an alien.
I do not belong in this watery, dreamy, mysterious world.
Tiny jewel-coloured fish glide between my fingers, then swim on through soft, waving clumps of seaweed.
Large, languid bodies lie on the ocean bed, glancing lazily at me.
Then, with a flick of their patterned tails they swim off into the murky water.
What secrets does this world hold?
I will never know because I am merely a visitor.
Now, I must return to my world.

Jocelyn-Jane Taylor, Std 5



Sarah Cormack, Std 5

DYING

The tree was firm The branch was strong; The creatures slept For night was long.

Although I slept And dreamt the night; I knew that something Was not right.

Away out there Where rivers flow; A child was dying No time to grow.

When morning came Then I ran out; I heard a cry And gave a shout.

When I found him He was dead; A hungry child With a swollen head.

Sarah Collins, Std 6

MONGOOSE

Stealthily, rustling the leaves They dart from bush to bush Sleek bodies catch the sunlight as The mongooses hunt for food.

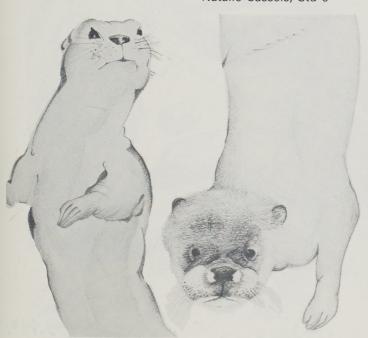
Bright red noses delve into holes Nimble paws scratch at the earth Searching, searching For their unsuspecting prey.

Hurrying, scurrying Nose twitching Eyes flashing Tails weaving Diving, squirming Alert for any sound.

At last a tasty morsel In a flash it's down.

A sudden sound Sends them diving for cover and . . . They're gone!

Natalie Cassels, Std 6





P. Law, Std 10

BUTTERFLY

A butterfly softly alights and knows that it pleases wherever it goes.

Gina Symon, Std 6

THE SILVER MOON

The silver moon, a luminous orb of colour on an empty sky.

N. Maistry, Std 6

HIBERNATION

Time to curl and dream
To hide under moistened leaves
before cold winds blow.

C. Hennessy, Std 6

MATRON

Her eyes were slit Her face was cold With no love in it She scolded me.

Her face was lined — She stared at me. Her nose was pointed She scared me.

Paula Eustace, Std 6

DROOMTYD

Dis stil, kalm Werklikheid is verlore Gedagtes dwaal.

L. Leslie, Std 7

SONONDER

Die groot bol van die son het verdwyn En duisternis het die wêreld omhul. Dit was nag.

O. Duff, Std 7

REËN

Skitterend reën val saggies Soos 'n klein feëloningin Wat in die wind dans.

C. Killerby, Std 7

DIE BLOM

So tenger en sag Dit ritsel en draai en dans In die wind so stil.

C. Twyman, Std 7

DAG

Helder is die dag. Dit is so pragtig en sag. Ag, hier is die nag.

L. Collett, Std 7

A TUMBLEWEED

Modelled like a starched snowflake The brittle, tanned star Awaits on toes A gust of wind and the dead object is reborn to life as it scuttles away.

N. Hurry, Std 8

BESIGE BYE

Zoem gons die bye bedrewe om die blomme. Waar is die heuning?

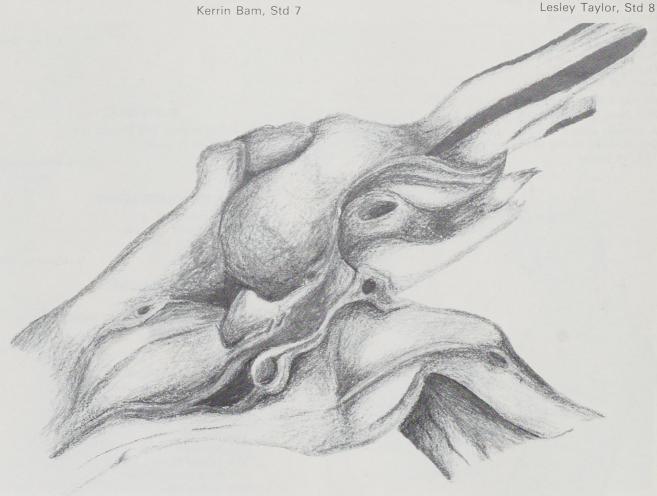
H. Gwala, Std 7

THE FISH

The fish manipulated the hook, The ripples shivered up the line, Alerting my clammy hands. A thrill of excitement Was borne in my soul, Giving my fingers A tingling Impatient feel. My mind wheeled. Directing my concentration On the fish.

DOVES

I would love to hear the dove that laughs above high up in the trees where no-one sees him calling me.



TOE EK DIE FOTO SIEN

Ek is alleen in my kamer, net ek en die foto. Die foto wat baie herrineringe terug bring. Goeie herrineringe en slegtes ook. Ek kan tog nie glo dat hulle albei oorlede is nie. My pa, die slagoffer van 'n skielike hartaanval, en my broer, slegs twee maande gelede, die ongelukkige slagoffer van 'n messtekery. Hoekom? Dit is die vraag wat ek al 'n honderd-en-een maal gevra het. Het God ons dan nie lief nie? Wat het ons gedoen om so iets te verdien? Ons probeer almal so hard om regverdig in die lewe te wees, om goeie mense te wees. Is dit hoe ons vergoed word? Hoekom moet ons so sukkel, so seerkry? Om te dink, dit is nog nie eers twee vollle jaar sedert my pa . . . ek durf dit nie eens sê nie.

Dit maak baie seer. Die eensaamheid, die neerdrukking en daar is glad en geheel niks wat 'n mens oor dood kan doen nie. Dit is so finaal. Te finaal miskien. Dit is sommer die einde. Geen kanse om te vergoed vir wat jy nie gesê het of gedoen het nie. Straf God ons en indien so, waarvoor? Waarom is ander toegelaat om gelukkig te wees? Almal, behalwe ons. Die rede?

"Miskien het God 'n doel" sê hulle, maar ek sien nog steeds nie die rede vir my pa se dood in nie; nou is ek gedwing om 'n rede vir my broer s'n te soek. Albei was dan jonk. Te jonk om te sterwe. Het God dan geen genade nie? Het hy ons verlaat? Dit is alles goed en wel dat mense jou sommer advies gee, maar weet hulle regtig hoe ek voel? Gee hulle regtig om? Dit is tog nie hulle probleem nie. Hulle het nie 'n geliefde verloor nie. Hulle het maar net van sterftes gehoor, nooit ondervind nie.

Skielik besef ek dat daar trane oor my wange loop. Ek sit die foto neer. Daar is tog niks wat ek daaromtrent kan doen nie. Dit help niks om daaroor te huil nie. Dit sal my probleem glad nie oplos nie. Die engiste manier waarop ek die pyn kan verminder is om dit net te aanvaar. Ek vee die trane weg en stap vinnig uit die kamer uit.

Amanda Kok, Std 8B



B. Lewis, Std 9

THE INDEPENDENT BUSINESSMAN

Calm and collected Jacket neatly pressed Briefcase closed and tie in place All ready for the crowd.

Independent he may seem All neatly dressed and cleaned What does that tidy oufit hide? What's hidden deep inside?

Kerry Jenner, Std 8



C. Curling, Std 8

"... ek is so jammer mamma dat ek nie is wat ek graag vir jou wil wees nie."

Ma, my hart is vol dinge. Dit wil vir u dankie sing, maar dit slaag nie daarin nie want ek voel nie volkome nie.

My hart is selfsugtig. Die swart gordyn van selfliefde verblind my oë en verbind my hande agter my rug. Ek help u nie die helfte as wat u verdien nie. My emosies draai om my wêreld om en gee geen gedagte aan iemand anders nie. U sukkel met allerhande werke by die huis sonder om te kla. U werk vir my met 'n glimlag en 'n hart vol liefde, maar as dit my beurt is, dan kla en mompel ek as ek iets kleins vir my ma moet doen.

Vir u wil ek volkome wees. Elke faset van my lewe moet 'n blye lied van liefde en dankbaarheid sing. U behoort 'n perfekte kind te hê. Die lied wat ek egter sing het baie treurige note daarin. Daar is die note van jammerte, omdat ek nie is wat ek graag vir Ma wil wees nie, en dié van tekortkoming. Ek voel asof ek nie my doel bereik het nie. Ek het nie daarin geslaag om vir u perfek te wees nie.

U is altyd vir my daar, maar kan u op my staatmaak? Ek kan altyd na u toe kom vir ondersteuning en bystand as ek die lewe moeilik vind. U deel met my probleme en wys vir my die regte pad in die lewe. Wat skort in my lewe? Waar het ek verkeerd gegaan om nie vir u my volle liefde te wys nie? Ma, dankie dat u vir my so lief is, alhoewel ek glad nie is wat ek wil wees nie.

Ma, weer eens sing my hart. Net om aan u te dink verlig die pyn. Die hartseer dwing my om nader in u voetstappe te volg en u voorbeeld myne te maak. U naam gee my 'n gevoel van sekuriteit. Met u voel ek veilig.

Ek gaan na 'n doel mik. Ek wil vir u bewys van my liefde gee. Die klein dinge in die lewe gaan ek gebruik om u gemakliker te maak. Klein dinge, byvoorbeeld om vir u soggens 'n warm koppie tee te bring of 'n klein blommerangskikkinkie langs u bed te sit. Help my, asseblief, om die tyd te neem om meer aandag aan u te skenk.

Die swart gordyn het begin lig, maar alhoewel ek myself in die toekoms wil verbeter, het ek altyd die gedagte in my geheue dat ek nie genoeg liefde aan u vertoon het nie. Ma ek is jammer.

Wendy Pocket, Std 8

OOM FRIKKIE

Oom Frikkie van der Westhuizen. Ja, dié is nou vir jou 'n karakter wat geeneen wat op Karoofontein oornag het, sal vergeet nie. Dis nie so seer oor die feit dat hy seker die onnetste man op dese aarde is nie, ook nie die feit dat die ou nie so aangenaam ruik nie, maar die feit dat hy sommer 'n bobaas storieverteller is. Natuurlik, soos enige ander storieverteller, praat hy die waarheid so bietjie snaaks en dan is daar ook nog 'n stertjie of twee wat aangelas word. Maar nou ja . . .

Oom Frikkie se lewensverhaal self laat 'n mens wonder of hy nie dalk . . . maar nou ja, luister en besluit maar self.

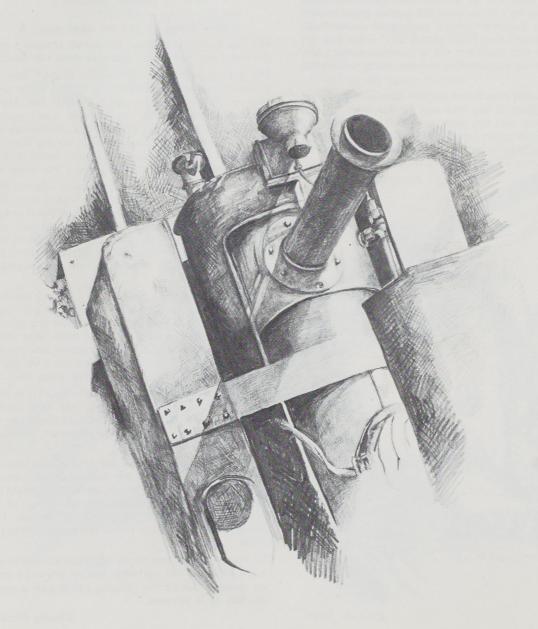
Volgens dierbare oom Frikkie, toe sy ma nog met hom swanger was, het sy tot op die laaste toe nog elke dag landerye toe gegaan om na die ploegwerk om te sien. In elk geval, eendag, terwyl sy nog besig was, verskyn daar 'n "engel" aan haar en dié sê toe vir haar dat sy 'n seuntjie gaan hê, (maar die storie begin toe al verskriklik bekend klink). Met dié het mejuffrou Brink (want oom Frikkie se ma was ongetroud) alles net so op die landerye laat staan en gemaak dat sy by die huis kom.

Maar julle moenie glo dat dit uit vrees was dat sy die hasepad gekies het nie, O nee, geheel en al nie. Dit was net omdat 'n gees haar liggaam oorgeneem het. Nou ja, soos die "engel" aan sy ma verduidelik het, so het dit ook gebeur. Dit is darem nie so erg nie, maar as oom Frikkie eers begin met die ding oor hy so dikwels vir 'n paar dae "daar bo" gaan kuier, dan begin 'n mens nou eers nadenke kry. Dit is alles goed en wel, maar as jy oom Frikkie vra hoe dit "daar bo" lyk en wat hy nou eintlik daar doen, dan ly die ou skielik aan geheueverlies en so hoor jy ook niks verder nie.

Dan is daar ook nog die storie oor hoe hy 'n bul aan die horings beetgepak het, letterlik, en die dier se horings skoon van sy kop afgeruk het. Dis toe dat hy besluit het om hulle te laat skoonmaak en te monteer, en nou hang hulle in sy eetkamer, of liewer, het hulle daar gehang totdat iemand hulle helder oor dag gesteel het. Kan jy nou meer!

Om te glo wat oom Frikkie sê, of om hom nie te glo en vertrou nie, dit is die groot vraag. Hy mag nou wel die waarheid so bietjie snaaks vertel en daarby las hy ook nog altyd 'n stertjie by, maar dit maak die lewe darem 'n tikkie meer amusant.

Levern Engel, Std 10A





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ST JOHN'S OLD GIRLS

ST JOHN'S OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION REPORT FOR 1987

A very successful cake sale was held in December last year to raise funds for our Bursary. We made over R600 which, together with a very generous R300 from the Thrift Shop and over R800 made on the Fun Day in September was put into the Bursary Account. As this Fund is always in need of a boost we have decided to hold a fete in September 1988 in the City Hall. 25% of the proceeds will go to the Bursary Fund and the rest to the School.

We had a lovely reunion at School in May and after our Annual General Meeting pitted our talents against those of the girls in hockey and tennis. What excitement when the Old Girls won the hockey match!! Next year we hope to field even more teams — please don't be shy in coming forward when you are approached. It really was great fun. My thanks to everyone at School who had gone to so much trouble to make the day a happy one for us all — we really do appreciate it.

In the afternoon we went to the Cathedral where we celebrated the Sisters' Centenary with a Mass — what a wonderful service it was and how lovely that we could share in this event with the Sisters. Part of our gift to the Sisters was a video of the Service which they can enjoy at the Convent and a copy which Reverend Mother took with her overseas. The rest of the money was used to purchase beautiful new kitchen cupboards at the Convent which were very badly needed. My thanks to all who contributed so generously.

At the AGM in May, Collie Davis (Jones) and Royce Godden (Walshaw) were both made Hon. Vice-Presidents of the Association in recognition of their services to the School and Association.

Old Girls' bursaries for 1988 have been awarded to Suzanne Kinvig, Kerry Slaughter and Sarah Jane Stewart.

In September we took the Matrics to the Convent in Durban to meet the Sisters and I would like to express my thanks to Mrs Thompson, Miss Mann and Mrs Volans for giving up their spare time to drive the girls to Durban. Thanks also to the Durban Old Girls for providing the large tea for the girls. It is hoped, next year, to take the 5th Form to the Convent so they can get to meet the Sisters and have a longer contact with them before they leave school.

An Old Girls' reunion was held at the Convent in October to celebrate the Sisters' Centenary and a wonderful day was had by all. The crowning glory was that the sun shone all day after having been in hiding for weeks!!

Mrs Penny Walker will host this year's Matric supper and I thank her in advance. The object of the evening's outing is to give the girls a chance to hear about the functions of the Association and to ask any questions they may have regarding it. Otherwise the girls are inclined to think they are joining an organisation that does nothing but organise fetes and cake sales!!

Mrs Gill Stevens has taken over the post of Secretary from June Bovet whom I thank for all her years of hard work. Thanks too, to all my Committee who have supported me during the year.

We were saddened by the deaths of two Old Girls during the year. Mrs Ruth Evans (ex-headmistress) and Mrs Lynn Manning (Allenbrook) passed away within days of each other.

I would like to thank Miss McLean, Miss Hyman and staff for all they do for the School. All results continue to be excellent and the name of St John's is held very high in Pietermaritzburg and, I'm sure, all over Natal.

We think too of the Sisters and thank them for their love and prayers and on behalf of the Old Girls I would like to congratulate them on their Centenary.

In closing I would like to thank you all for your hard work and loyalty during the year and wish you all a blessed Christmas.

Margaret Shephard, Chairman



J. Porrill, Std 10

PIETERMARITZBURG BRANCH REPORT 1987

After a two month recess over Christmas we were back in harness in February preparing for the Reunion and Centenary Mass.

Our meetings were held alternately in the afternoons and evenings to cater for our two groups of ladies. That way no-one has an excuse not to come to meetings!! My thanks to all who have given up their homes to host meetings and who always provide such excellent teas!

We were saddened by the death of Mrs Evans earlier in the year and miss her presence at our meetings.

At a jumble sale in August we made over R140 for our branch funds. It was felt the venue at the All Saints Church sewing group was ideal and we hope to have more sales there. Thanks to all who gave of their time to mark and sell.

Thanks too to all who helped at the school Fun Day in September — we had a most successful day in spite of the rain which, unbeknown to us, was the start of those dreadful floods. And last, but not least, thanks to all of you who will be providing puddings for the Matric supper — I know they'll be greatly appreciated.

We've had a very busy year and no doubt you are looking forward to the recess but it has been fun and I have enjoyed your friendship and loyalty.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRWOMAN OF THE ST JOHN'S OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION, DURBAN, FOR THE YEAR MAY 1986 - MAY 1987

This year has had a good many highlights, the first of which was St John's Day on 4th May 1986, when we had the pleasure of meeting Miss Alison McLean as the new Head Mistress of St John's. Then in June the Matric girls came down for the traditional visit to the Convent, again a happy occasion for them and for the Sisters and for us. A luncheon on 4th October for the Pietermaritzburg and Durban Old Girls was a marvellously successful affair — Old Girls meeting Old Girls whom they hadn't seen for so many years. Reverend Mother and Miss McLean and Mrs Evans were our guests.

On 12th August the Old Girls from Pietermaritzburg came down for the Quarterly Meeting which was held at Yvonne Armstrong's home.

Joy Jackson has steadily — and by stealth! — accumulated funds for Bursaries by selling jumble; while Gwen Anderson has devised a fairly painless method of extracting money, also for the Bursary fund, by the "secret number" cards. Our grateful thanks to everyone who thus contributes.

In December, as in the past, we, the Durban Old Girls, gathered together the festive ingredients for the Christmas Hamper for our beloved Reverend Mother and all the Sisters at the Convent on the Bluff, and we spent a very happy morning with them.

On 17th February two of us went up to Pietermaritzburg to attend the Quarterly Meeting at Margaret Shepherd's home.

All the events of this past year have been made possible by the unstinting co-operation of our members who make it all seem so easy by their warm caring attitude.

Jane Rowntree, Chairwoman

News of St John's Old Girls

ALERS, Vivyan (Armstrong) — At Krugersdorp Hospital as Occupational Therapist. Have two children, Luke (9) and Lucinda (5). Fond of riding. Have a house in King Willow Crescent, Randjesfontain. St Saviours Church from Pietermaritzburg is nearby, it was moved brick by brick and is very beautiful.

ALLAN, Roslyn (Toor) — Married Adrian Allan — met at University of Stellenbosch where I graduated with a

B.Sc. H.O.D. Husband a lawyer. Have two children, Bryce (3) and Scott (8 months).

ARMITAGE, Katherine (Lee) — Living in Estcourt with my daughter. I'm a very Old Girl!

BARRETT, Mandy (Burns) — We have a 15 month old son, Timothy. Mike and I are going on a holiday at the end of October to Australia to see my brother and sister and their families who live there. We are happily settled in Greytown.

BAZLEY, Phyllis (Braatveldt) — still busy with many hobbies. My cousin Joy Gover (Johnson) recently widowed, has moved to Durban hopefully will be joining Old Girls.

BEYLEVELD, Robyn (Allenbrook) — Living in Port Elizabeth with four children still at home. Would welcome any contemporaries passing through.

BOVET, Antoinette — Thoroughly enjoying varsity in Stellenbosch. At the moment studying B.Sc. Am playing lots of sport and having a wonderful time. We had a reunion in July which was great.

BOVET, June (McKenzie) — Mike and I are going with friends to the Okavango at the end of September, a trip we have been wanting to make for years! Our daughter Susan is getting married in November so I am very busy with preparations for her wedding.

BRAY, Rozanne (Wallis) — Still living in Johannesburg. Would love to see any Old Girls or hear from them. Son Graham making the most of the army by playing hockey for Griqualand West and Defence. Roger writes matric in November. Gavin looking forward to boarding school in 1988.

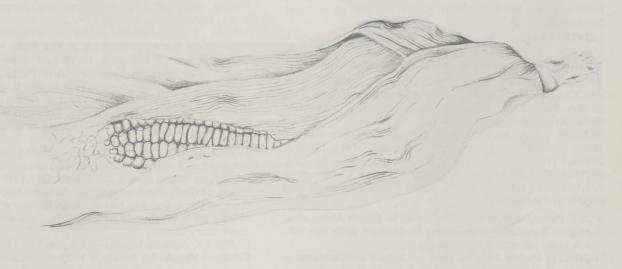
CAIRNS, Rosemary (Jackson) — Dione has a son of 16 months. Neil is at University doing a B.A.

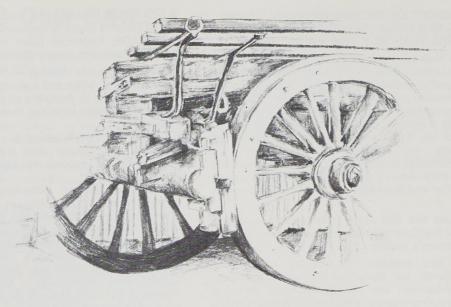
COLVIN, Margaret (Grice) — Am enjoying being a participating member of Durban Old Girls' Association. I think we are quite a nice bunch (!) — come and join us local Durbanites — we even have fun!!

COOK, Tessa (Hathorn) — Living in Cape Town and have just had a baby boy, Keegan John born on 6 July 1987.

CRAYFORD, Kathryn — Finished matric in 1986 and now working for the Allied Building Society head office in Durban.

DE GOEDE, Jinny (Nilsen) — Still living in Kloof. Daughter Wendy is $7^{1/2}$ and son Derek $5^{1/2}$ is at Pre-Primary school, he starts Class i next year. Have just completed a year's locum tenens teaching position at Queensburgh G.H.S. I'm happy to be staying at home again now.





P. Law, Std 10

EDWARDS, Sarah — At Natal Technikon doing a Secretarial course.

ENGLAND, Teazle (Fricker) — Working for Tape Aids for the Blind at Head Office, Durban.

EVANS, Brenda (Kirkpatrick) — Married to a GP in Grahamstown. Two sons both at St Andrews Prep. Settled into life in Eastern Cape.

GORDON, Gillian (Allen) — Now living in Empangeni and have the post of Chief Radiographer at Ngweezana Hospital. I have a married daughter living in Australia, a son at Maritzburg Varsity (3rd year B.Comm.), a son completing his Military training and a son in Form IV at Durban High School.

HAMILTON, Jean (Catherine) — Busy with Bowls, Bridge and grandchildren.

HAMILTON, Sheila (Elliot) — Living in Cape Town. Daughter and family also in Cape Town. Son in Philadelphia USA.

HORNER, Margie (Jenkins) — Dairy farming in Underberg and now have a son, Richard. Hoping to organise 10th Anniversary Matric Reunion in December. HORNBY, Dorianne (Coubrough) — Teaching Maths at Pretoria High School for Girls as well as doing Hostel duties. Husband Trevor is a first year student at the University of Pretoria doing a degree in Landscape Architecture. Mark (5) and Keith (3) are at a local Nursery School.

HOYTE, Margaret (Hamilton) — Kept very busy with 3 children. Delighted that Catherine (10) has been accepted as a boarder at St John's for next year.

JACKSON, Helen — Nursing in Durban.

JACKSON, Joy (Salmon) — Living in Durban. Sees a lot of the Sisters and keeps in contact with Durban Old Girls' Association.

JENKIN, Linda (Hathorn) — Living in Johannesburg. Have four children, Juliet (7), Ross (5), Treve (3) and Jessica (1).

JENNINGS, Eve — Still enjoying my own Commercial Art business after 14 years. Sister Paula also lives and works in Pinetown.

POLT, Penny (Hathorn) — Returned to South Africa after living in Australia. Now living in Durban with her two sons Luke (6) and Jonathan (3).

PORRILL, Paddy Ann (Smith) — Jacqui matriculates at St John's this year and is going to do Horticulture in Cape Town. Douglas and Stuart both enjoying

Michaelhouse. I often visit Roselee (Geekie) in Estcourt and Roslyn (Sturdy) in Durban.

QUICKE, Christine (Jamieson) — Looking forward to retiring from teaching.

QUICKE, Jill — Finishing up at Rhodes this year. Have a teaching post at St Anne's for 1988. Still playing hockey seriously. Played for Eastern Province Women's A side at the Provincial Tournament. Also selected for S.A. Universities B side.

QUICKE, Mary — Working for First National Bank and enjoying it. Playing tennis and hockey. Played hockey for Natal Midlands Under 21 and Egrets team at Provincial Tournaments.

SHIPMAN, Ismay (Hodges) — I am the proud Grandmother of third generation of family at St John's — Georgina Don-Wauchope. Daughters Morell Thornton-Dibb, has been living in Canada and America for 8 years — an interior designer of shopping centres, luxury yachts. Jill Balcolm has two sons and is supplying flowers to Durban and Johannesburg from ten thousand rose plants on their farm near Stanger. SIMPSON, Caryl (Abbot) — Secretary at Penzance Primary in Durban. My son Lance is now in Std 2. Marion Waugh-Young (Gibb) recently had her two children at Penzance. They have now left to settle in the Middle East. Also at Penzance are Jenny Gatonby's (Pohl) children.

SMITH, Lindsay (MacKenzie) — We had a lovely Reunion of the 1964 Matrics at the farm in July 1986. Super to see all the girls. Have just done a course in Community Nursing Science. Girls Patsy in Std 7 at Collegiate, Kathy to go next year in Std 6. Julie in Std 1 at Howick. My sister Jean West is living in Kent UK. Helps her husband in the office. Children all left school. SPENCER, Pauline (Wright) — Living at Virginia, Durban North.

STANFORD, Beryl (Spooner) — Living next door in Gonubie are newcomers Phil and Joan Bellew. Phil's late sister Mary was a St John's Old Girl and a great friend of Taffy Rind whom the Bellews hope to visit on their forthcoming trip to UK. Joan Bellew was also at St John's for a brief spell in her early days and a friend of Joan-Mary Slater.

STANLEY, Audrey (Allen) — 50 years in 1988 since I left School!! Would be lovely if 1938 matriculants could be together for a luncheon — perhaps during St John's Weekend. Contact me at (0331) 34091.

STEER, Ann (Gregory) — Delighted to be a Grand-mother to a dear little daughter born to Jennifer and Martin SOUTHEY of Cedarville in August. Younger daughter Lynne SOLE and husband Malcolm live in Halfway House and Lynne works at CSIR in Pretoria. Hopes to complete her Doctorate in Chemistry in November this year. Son, Bryan is an Electrical Engineer at Siemens in Johannesburg. Husband Bryan has retired and so we are able to get away when we want to and enjoy it.

STEVENS, Gillian (McKenzie) — Living in Maritzburg. Recently taken over as Association Secretary as well as being Branch Secretary. Michelle (21) working for the Wimpy Group, Greg (18) is in the army presently based in Bloemfontein, Claire (14) is in Std 6 at G.H.S.

VAN DER LEEUW, Leanne — After four very exciting years at Wits completing an Honours degree in Drama and Film Production I returned in 1986 to Maritzburg Varsity to do an H.D.E. which I found most challenging. I am now teaching at St Charles College just "down the road" from St John's and am thorougly enjoying it (although exhausted 90% of the time!) Still keep in contact with Kate King (Holmes) in Malawi and with my

mother still teaching at St John's, see the staff and girls regularly.

WATSON, Lynne (McKenzie) — Still farming in Himeville. Son Kevin also farming in the Himeville District.

WATSON, Meryl (Toad) — First year at Rhodes doing Law. Played hockey for Rhodes 1st team and also got into EP Under 21.

WESSELS, Bronwyn (Watson) — Farming in Naboomspruit. Playing lots of league tennis.

WILLIAMS, Fritha — Still working in Johannesburg as a Management Consultant with Arthur Andersen & Associate. Getting married in January 1988 to Douglas Davidson.

WRIGHT, Billy — Very happily retired at Southport near Port Shepstone. Keep in touch with several Old Girls and was sad to hear of the death of Jean Haines's (Galliers) husband in August.

RIP

Ruth Evans Lynne Manning (Allenbrook) Vera Kelly (Mundey)



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