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## MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

*The Michaelhouse Chronicle* provides a comprehensive record of what has been a very busy and productive year at the school. The Michaelhouse Community consists of a number of different constituents and this record highlights the involvement of all these, namely, the Boys, the Staff, the Parents, the Board of Governors and the Old Boys. We are privileged to enjoy the support and involvement from all our constituents.

The Board was well led by Bruce Dunlop, in his first year of office, and all members continue to give willingly of their time and effort. This year, 2006, has seen the completion of a number of major capital projects, the Inglis Indoor Centre, the refurbishment of the dormitories, new staff accommodation, the upgrade of the Old Boys' Club and the tarring of the roads on the Estate. In recognising and being mindful of our heritage, we also unveiled two Memorials this year. The bust of our Founder, James Cameron Todd (1896-1903), was unveiled in February, while a Memorial Bell Tower to Rector Fred Snell (1939-1952) was unveiled in November. The latter unveiling was of great significance as it also recognised the link between Michaelhouse and Peterhouse, the school in Zimbabwe which was founded by Rector Snell in 1955.

Many of these developments have been due to the generosity of our various benefactors.

The staff have again contributed tremendously to the all-round development of every boy at Michaelhouse; teaching at Michaelhouse is a vocation in the true sense of the word and the staff here work seven days a week and in many of the holidays to provide the opportunities which the boys enjoy.

My thanks to the parents for their continued support of Michaelhouse and their sons. I have always maintained that educating a son at Michaelhouse is a partnership between parent and school. It is imperative that we have the same goals and that we communicate regularly and openly.

Finally, Michaelhouse is about the boys and this *Chronicle* pays tribute to those who have grasped the opportunities afforded them with both hands. We can look forward to 2007 with great confidence as we open with an enrolment of 547 boys, the largest in our history.

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Founder Canon James Cameron Todd – Speech Day, 1897

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# Leadership 2006



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Memorial bust of Michaelhouse founder, Canon James Cameron Todd



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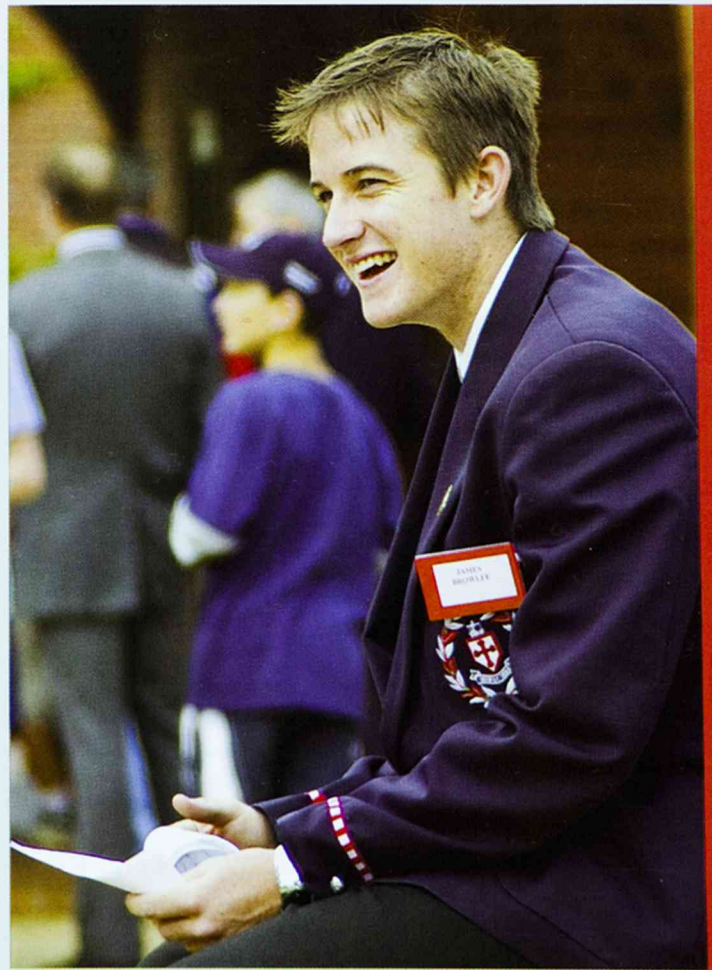
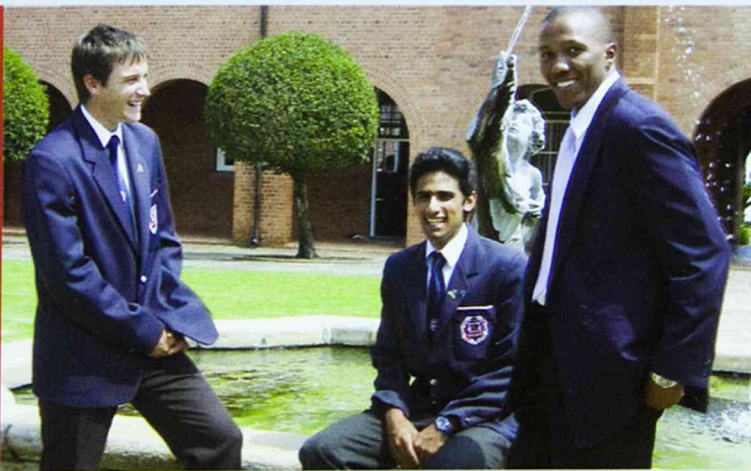
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*Michaelhouse Prefects 2006: Back Row: Rupert Sully, Simon Gowans, Henco Badenhorst, James Chennells, Andrew Cook, Justin Pearson, Brandon Bruins, Front Row: Cullum Allen, Mr. Allan Laing (Deputy Rector Pupil Matters), Tahir Popat (Senior Prefect), Rector Guy Pearson, James Brownlee (Second Prefect), Canon Alan Smedley, David Francis*







Left: Marc Ancillotti  
Right: Nikki Ancillotti

## Teacher Intern Programme

*Written by John Crawford*

We welcomed Mandla Cele (Michaelhouse Old Boy) and Brad Sessions to our campus at the beginning of 2006. They had both been at Treverton School for the past two years. Richardt Kotze joined us as a specialist Sports Scientist.

Bernie Whittaker and Richardt Kotze graduated from our programme and we are proud of their progress and elevation to full members of the teaching profession. 2006 saw the number of interns grow to 13 – the largest number to date.

The Interns have once again been fully involved in the life of the school. Some have coached First and A teams, while all have added enormous value to our extramural programme. They have also been involved in House Tutor duties and have assisted tirelessly with bus and social duties. Many of them have also spent time in the classroom, with great success. They have to keep a very careful check on their own time, not forgetting their own academic challenges!

## New Staff

During the year we welcomed several new academic and administrative staff: Alan Adlington - Corfield (HOD Mathematics), Lisa Hardie (Mathematics), Tony Carter (Physical Science: 3rd and 4th quarters), Lisa Hobson (Marketing), Lile Khuluse (Accounts Clerk), Janice Keith (Secretary to the Deputy Rector/Senior Masters and Sport) and Adrian Rogers (Archives).

## Staff Leaving

### Marc and Nikki Ancillotti

*Written by Shaun McMurtry*

The Hilton College scarf that Marc Ancillotti wore to the Rector's opening function was as much at odds with the balmy January evening as it was with the gruff, die-hard Michaelhousians who eyed the new, young upstart with considerable suspicion. This

irreverent and impish sense of humour was to become the stuff of legend during Marc's time at the school.

Marc's passion for education and the pupils who were lucky enough to have been taught by him are the true hallmarks of his character. His expertise and innovation in the teaching of Mathematics is nationally, and internationally, acknowledged. Marc has presented papers, demonstrations and courses to hundreds of gratified members of the Mathematics fraternity and, in the process, made the Michaelhouse Mathematics Department the envy of other top private schools nationwide. Although he recognised the importance of technology-enhanced learning and the integration of IT skills into the learning of Maths, it was his rare ability to make meaningful contact with every individual whom he taught, that truly characterised his approach to teaching. He interacted comfortably with the boys, whether challenging the top students in the presentation of the complex Additional Mathematics syllabus, or assisting those who find the subtleties of Trigonometry and Analytical Geometry rather too perplexing. One of his catch phrases uttered as encouragement to boys despairing in their own ability to overcome the mental gymnastics of the subject, "I'm not giving up on you" was indicative of the tenacity and concern he showed for those whom he taught. The fact that the Mathematics Society thrived under his leadership is testimony to the enjoyment and passion that he fostered among the boys for a subject that is otherwise regarded with terror by most adolescents.

Marc's tenure as Director of VI Form Studies illustrated his obvious management and people skills. Devoted to making the Post-Matric year as meaningful and relevant to his students as possible, Marc brought to bear his capacity for innovation, superb organisational skills and a genuine interest in the lives of the students and their parents.

An able and versatile sportsman in his own right, Marc transferred his educational passion to the sports field where he coached rugby, was Master in Charge of squash and soccer and assisted with the coaching of cricket. Marc was largely responsible for elevating the status of soccer at Michaelhouse, in acquiring use of the hallowed Meadows for First XI soccer matches and then proudly





Left: Gérard'd du Toit  
Right: Craig Longmore



announcing during an assembly that it was “nice to see the First Team winning on Meadows for a change”!

Nicky Ancillotti posed a more effete and aesthetically pleasing complement to Marc. A talented artist, Nicky shared her manifold skills of creative design, painting, drawing and photography with numbers of budding Michaelhouse artists and, at Matric level, developed photography as a viable and worthwhile option for many boys to include as part of their portfolios. Her quiet dignity balanced Marc’s seemingly boundless energy. Their departure from Michaelhouse left an irreplaceable void in the school; they will be missed by all those were touched by the their warmth and sincerity.

## Gerard'd du Toit

*Written by Alan Smedley*

Gérard'd arrived at Michaelhouse with his wife Heléne and their three small sons in June 1996 to take up the position of Director of Music and Choir Master. He also became the Chapel Organist. He had previously been the Conductor of the Drakensberg Boys' Choir School and the Head of the Music Department at Ermelo Hoërskool. It has been particularly as the Conductor of the Michaelhouse Chapel Choir, that he has made his mark.

Gérard'd became the first Michaelhouse Choir Master to take the boys on an overseas tour to compete in an International Competition. This was in 1999, where the choir obtained a third place in the Mixed Choir Category in the 28<sup>th</sup> International Jugend und Wien Competition in Vienna, Austria. The second tour was in 2002 when they went to Estonia and Russia. The choir was the only school group who competed in the Folklore Competition in Pärnu, Estonia. Here they obtained first place from the Public Vote, first place in the Informal Competition and third place overall. They also went on to perform alongside the world famous St. Petersburg Male Choir on the occasion of its anniversary in St Petersburg, Russia. In Moscow they performed in the Roman Catholic Cathedral. Both these tours were once in a lifetime experiences and the Choir were a huge credit both to Michaelhouse and South Africa.

In addition to all of this he became the Conductor of the KwaZulu-Natal Youth Choir, which he has also taken on a number of overseas tours and served with distinction.

In the Music School he has been an accomplished vocal, piano and flute teacher and his students have enjoyed his dynamic and vibrant personality.

We will miss Gérard'd as he moves to Hermansburg High School and wish him well for the next season in his life and career.

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*Left: Kathy McMurtry,  
Right: Shaun McMurtry*

## **Craig Longmore**

*Written by Jaap van der Vegte*

Craig arrived at Michaelhouse in January 2001 after having taught at St Charles College for three years. His youth and well structured and disciplined approach made him a popular and respected Science teacher to the Grade 8 – 12 boys. Craig served on various committees providing input into the development of leadership skills and was appointed the Director of VI Form in 2004.

Craig coached cricket and rugby and was known for his no-nonsense approach with an emphasis on fitness and discipline. He accompanied the U16A rugby team on the inaugural tour to Paarl Gym in 2003, where Michaelhouse gained the respect of the Cape Schools by playing open running rugby.

His all-round contribution to Michaelhouse is illustrated by his involvement in the Chapel; Saltwater Fly Fishing Society and staff squash and touch rugby teams. He was made an honorary Old Boy in 2005.

Craig completed his MBL studies in December 2005 and joined Investec as a Stock Broker and Portfolio Manager (private clients) in July 2006.

## **Kathy McMurtry**

*Written by Viktor Kurz*

Kathy's association with Michaelhouse started at the end of 1978 when she arrived with her family. Her father, Mr John Pluke, had been appointed the Housemaster of Pascoe House. In the years that followed, he was appointed Deputy Rector and Rector.

Kathy's career has seen her take numerous posts. She began her career at Pretoria Boys' High, after which she moved to King Edward VII, Sandringham High and then ended her teaching days in Johannesburg at Barnato Park High School as HOD Mathematics and Deputy Principal. Kathy's other interests lie in Psychology and Fine Art which she studied at Pietermaritzburg University.

Kathy's role at Michaelhouse has been a varied one. Apart from being a Housemaster's wife, she has played a vital role in generating

the timetable each year and has served on the Staffroom Committee. In recent years, she has played mother to the E Block boys from Pascoe in being their Homeroom teacher.

Kathy leaves Michaelhouse after ten years of teaching. She can look back, confidently knowing, that she has touched the hearts of many while at Michaelhouse. We wish her all the very best as she enters a new and exciting chapter in her life.

## **Shaun McMurtry**

*Written by Nick Cahill*

Shaun arrived at Michaelhouse in January 1997 to take up an English teaching post. He had held posts at King Edward VII, Sandringham High, Hyde Park High and Crawford College where he was the Deputy Head.

He immersed himself in the business of Michaelhouse, coaching Waterpolo, Squash and Soccer, starting the SMILE Outreach Programme and Wine Appreciation Society. His great passion was debating and he spent many hours coaching, organising and traveling with teams of young debaters. His appointment as the SA Schools' Debating Coach was in recognition of his commitment and ability. Shaun was also appointed as an English Oral Moderator for IEB schools.

Student Leadership was an interest of Shaun's and he was one of the driving forces behind a system now in operation at Michaelhouse.

After various pastoral roles – Tutor to Baines and Farfield and Director of the VI Form – Shaun became the Housemaster of Pascoe House which he now leaves after six years at the helm. Shaun takes up his new appointment as Headmaster of Grantleigh School near Richard's Bay in January 2007.

## **Penny Purchase**

*Written by Lynn van der Vegte*

Penny arrived at Michaelhouse in January 1989. Penny has brought her own touch of character to many areas of Michaelhouse over the past 17 years. Her skill as a Latin teacher was recognised





Left: Penny Purchase  
Right: Cathy Thomson

and she was quickly absorbed into the academic life at Michaelhouse, teaching Latin for two years.

Her first love, however, books and reading, was soon to be fervently challenged when she was appointed as the Librarian in January 1991. She has been outstanding in matching readers to books, teachers to interesting snippets of news in their subject areas and researchers to relevant resources. Penny has encouraged boys of all ages to enjoy reading and value the pleasure of escaping into the fantasy world of a book. Where this enthusiasm could not be lit, a second plan was always not far off – “Why not try a magazine?”

Penny’s exceptional management skills were put to the test when a plan was needed to safely move the library and all its treasures from the rambling old Andrew Smithers Library to the more contemporary new Media Centre in 1998. Penny’s policy of getting everyone involved once again surfaced, and a chain of boys was set up to pass batches of books between the buildings. Many tired arms later, each book had been safely relocated to its place on the new shelves – a job completed with little fuss and plenty of enthusiasm.

Penny, a committed Christian, has been a pillar of strength in the Michaelhouse community. She has been very involved in the community partnership programme at Michaelhouse and has helped with the SMILE programme over the last three years. It is a pleasure to see the expressions on the little childrens’ faces when Mrs Purchase arrives with her bags and boxes of interesting show-and-tell goodies to liven up her lessons. The literary needs of the little Zulu children on the estate did not go unnoticed by Penny either. She set up a reading scheme where, every Friday afternoon, Michaelhouse school boys would read to the children and encourage them to read books in their second language. Penny was also very instrumental in setting up the library at the Hlanganani School at Nottingham Road.

Penny regularly added her special touch, with her beautiful arrangements, to many of the Chapel services or special occasions. Many of the ladies in the Community benefited from Penny’s expertise when she offered a course in flower arranging at the school.

Penny, respected teacher and librarian, proud mother of three wonderful children, two of whom were Senior Prefects at Michaelhouse, and supportive wife, now retires, with Chris, to their lovely home in Hilton.

## Cathy Thomson

*Written by John Crawford*

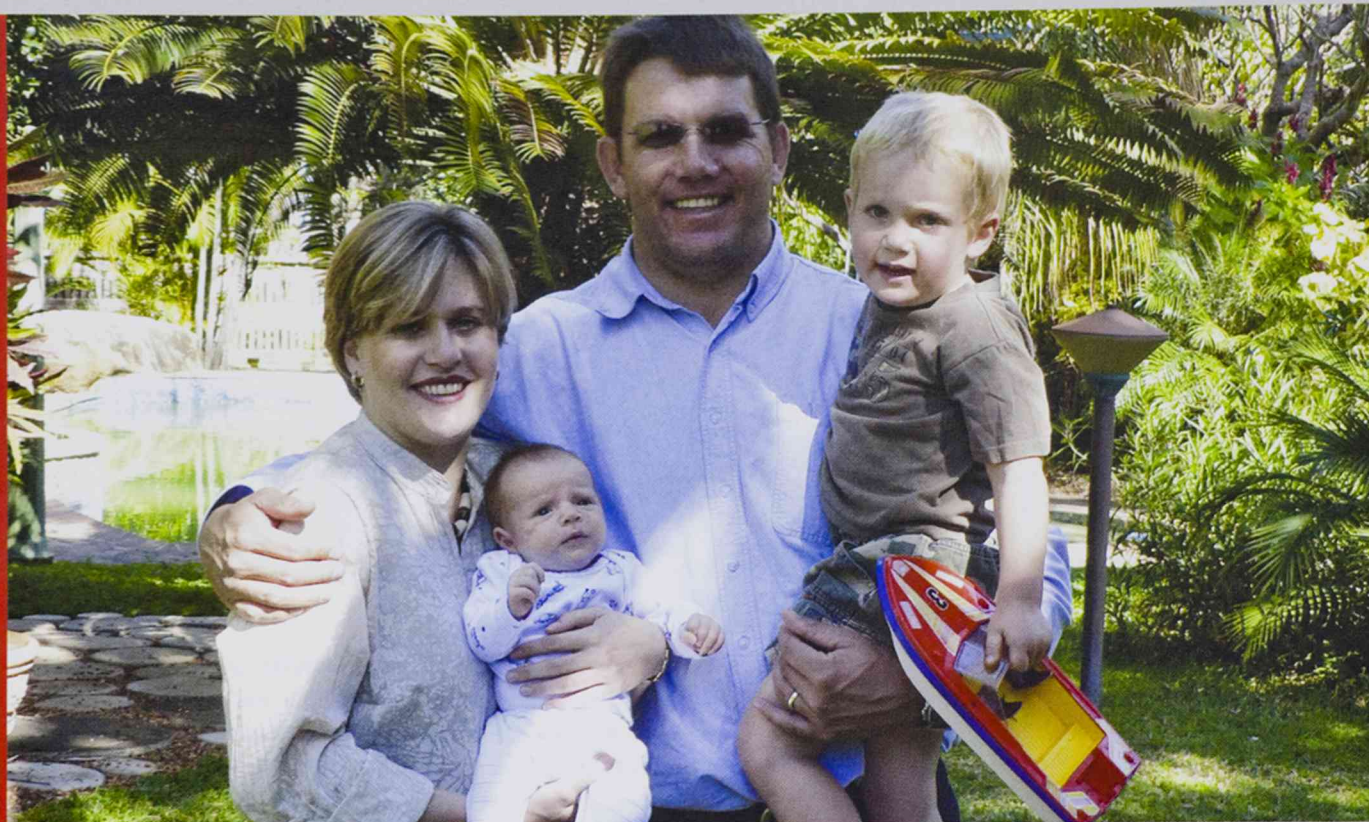
I was very fortunate to have Cathy as part of the Geography Department when I first arrived at Michaelhouse. I valued her organised and disciplined approach to the classes that she taught as well as her innovative methods and expertise with the computer. Cathy has put a tremendous amount into the Department and her legacy will remain for a long time. She continually developed the excursions that the Department undertakes, by improving and streamlining them.

We have all admired her approach to the new systems of education put in place. Cathy embraced the FET concept with great enthusiasm and a massive amount of insight too.

Cathy was a national-level hockey coach standing down in favour of family commitments. She is all too modest about her prowess as a hockey coach but the squash fraternity has benefited as she has thrown herself into this sport with enthusiasm and success. She was fantastic support to Mike all the years that he was Housemaster of Mackenzie.

*“To laugh often and much – to win the respect of people and the affection of children. To earn the appreciation of honest critics – to appreciate beauty – to find the best in others.”* It’s quite easy to see why Cathy has been so successful here at Michaelhouse and will continue to be throughout her career.





*Left: Ryno and Celeste Combrinck with their boys Robert & Baby Herman*

## Congratulations!

### Staff Births

**Ryno and Celeste Combrinck** on the birth of their baby boy, Robert Christiaan on 16 June 2006.

**Sibusiso Ncamane and Asanda** on the birth of their baby boy, Sibusiso Lwazi on 2 July 2006.

**Maritsa and David Chubb** on the birth of their baby girl, Jazmine on 7 June 2006.

**Donald and Marcelle Willson** on the birth of their baby girl, Kelsey Jordja, on 1 November 2006.

### Staff Marriages

Our chief telephonist, **Shakila** and her husband **Pradeep Ramsaran** were married on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2005.

**Jonathan Cribbins** and **Pam McLean** were married at Michaelhouse on 9 December 2006.

**Naveshree Govender** and **Desh Baldavoo** were married on 9 December 2006 at the Jyothi Nilayam Temple, Pietermaritzburg.

## Obituary

### Cyprian Sikhosana

It was with sadness that we learned of the passing away of Cyprian Sikhosana on 22 July 2006, after a long illness.

Cyprian had served Michaelhouse well for 30 years in the Media and Audio-Visual Departments, and had retired in 2005. A

quiet and unassuming man, Cyprian was always willing to help. He will be remembered by many Old Boys for the video recordings of rugby matches, Speech Day ceremonies, drama productions and the like. He developed a solid knowledge of all the video equipment and ensured that all items were kept in good order.

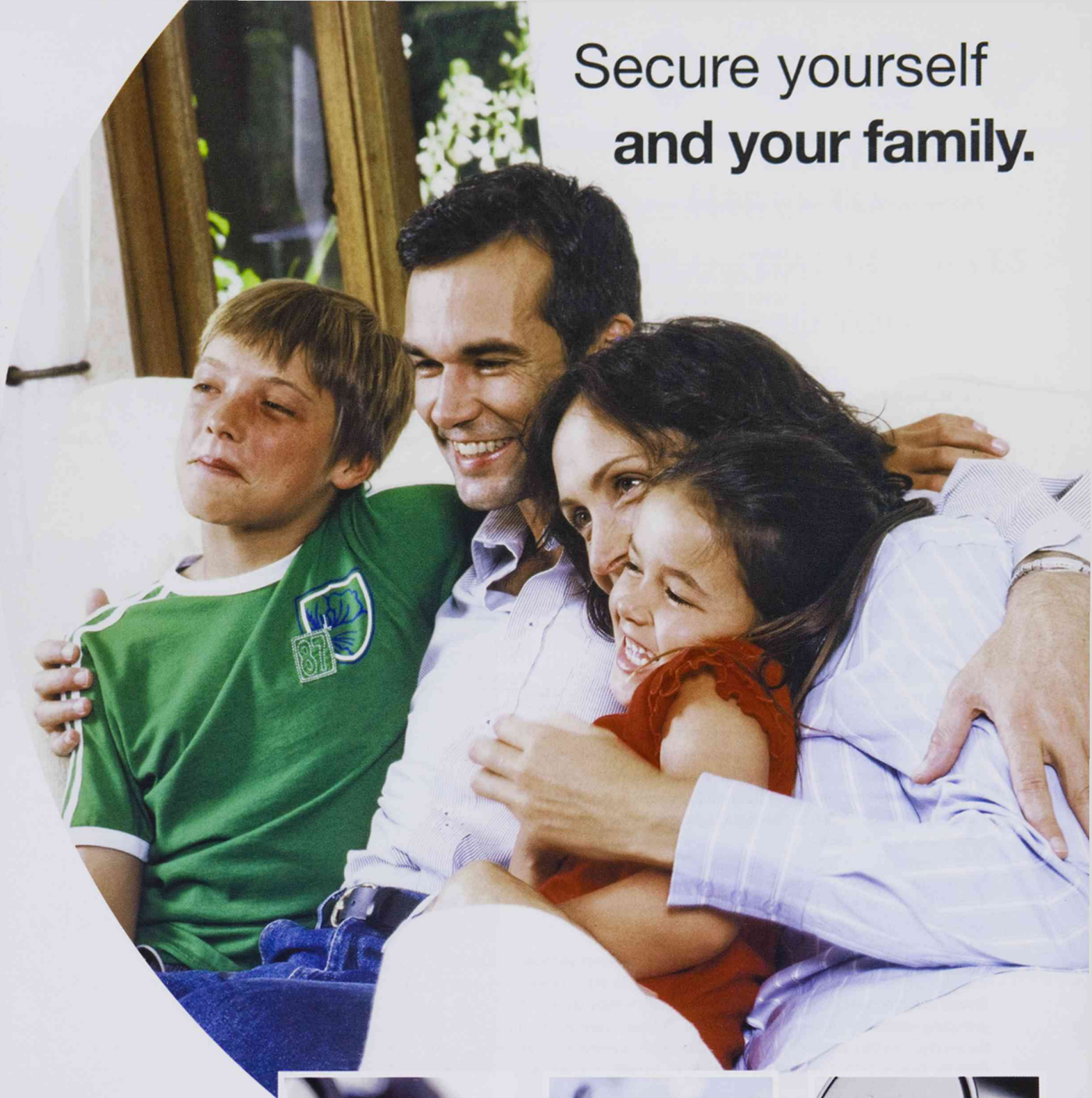
Cyprian is survived by Netta and his sons; Sifiso, Siyabonga and Cedric.



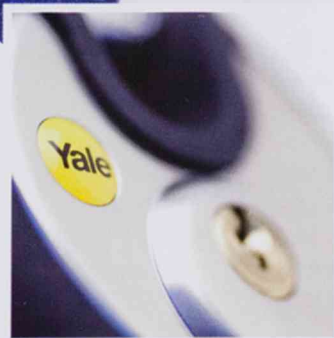
*Right: Jonathan and Pam Cribbin's Wedding*



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## Report of Trustees

for the year ended 31 December 2005

2005 was another good year for world equity markets, with the star performer being the South African equity market:

Index	2005 Performance %	2004 Performance %
FTSE/JSE All Share Index (SA) (ZAR)	47.3%	25.4%
MSCI World Index (USD)	7.6%	13.3%
S&P 500 Composite Index (USA) (USD)	3.0%	9.0%
FTSE 100 (UK) (GBP)	16.7%	4.3%
Nikkei 225 Stock Average (Japan) (JPY)	39.9%	7.3%

The Michaelhouse Trust registered a strong performance of 33.9% for the year. This performance was better than the Fund's benchmark of 31.3% and the average performance of the SA Large Fund Manager Watch of 33.4% (Source: Alexander Forbes). The Trust's investment manager is Foord Asset Management. The investment performance of the Michaelhouse Trust over the past four years has been as follows -:

2005 (%)	2004 (%)	2003 (%)	2002 (%)
33.9	25.1	3.2	-5.8

The above represents a compound annual growth of 14.8%.

Distributions from the Michaelhouse Trust have been as follows -:

	2005	2004	2003	2002
Net income for the year before distribution	941 135	526 175	1 194 163	1 250 596
Distribution to Michaelhouse	(1 666 075)	(1 286 664)	(1 767 381)	(1 687 452)
Excess distribution for the year	(724 940)	(760 489)	(573 218)	(436 856)
Realised capital surpluses distribution	724 940	760 489	573 218	436 856
Retained income at the end of the year	-	-	-	-

Whilst the Trust's net income in 2005 was significantly higher than the previous year, the factors which negatively affected 2004's net income, namely : (1) A higher equity content in the portfolio (2) Generally lower level of interest rates and, (3) A significantly increased management fee, were all factors once again in 2005. We are pleased to report that a new management fee structure has been negotiated with Foord Asset Management and the benefits of this should be seen in the 2006 results. Net income available for distribution decreased over the three years ended 31 December 2004, but having a higher equity content in the portfolio has resulted in significant surpluses on realisation of investments being built up as follows -:

	2005	2004	2003
Net surplus on sale of investments	2 344 380	1 353 136	1 310 181
Surplus applied to Saint Michael's Diocesan College distribution	(724 940)	(760 489)	(573 218)
Net surplus for the year	1 619 440	592 647	736 963

Despite the continued utilisation of realised capital surpluses to ensure that the budgeted distribution to the College is met on an annual basis, Trustees' are reassured by the R6,1 million increase in the revaluation reserve (the difference between cot and market value of the Trust's investments). Nevertheless, Trustees regularly review their income distribution policy in order to ensure continued capital growth as well as providing substantial funding for the College. Trustees' current policy is to distribute income to the College based on a calculation at 7.5% of the average monthly market values of the Trust's investments in the preceding year e.g. the College has budgeted for a R1 904 650 distribution from the Trust in 2006 based on the Trust's 2004 monthly average market value of R25 395 330.

Income distributed by the Trust to the College has been utilised as follows -:

	Budget 2006	2005	2004	2003
Unexpended income – beginning of the year	-	-	407 612	17 792
Income from the Michaelhouse Trust	1 904 650	1 666 075	1 286 664	1 767 381
	1 904 650	1 666 075	1 694 276	1 767 173
Capital expenditure and work in progress	(1 130 146)	(993 792)	(1 142 890)	(872 511)
Fee reductions and scholarships	(696 000)	(598 579)	(482 500)	(441 846)
Supplementary staff pensions	(78 504)	(73 704)	(68 886)	(63 204)
Unexpended income – end of the year	-	-	-	407 612

The College has supplemented funds available to it from the Trust for capital development with non-refundable pupils' acceptance fees and the voluntary development levies which are routed to the College through the Michaelhouse Centenary Educational Foundation. Funds received by the College from the Trust have been applied to the following capital projects -:

Accommodation	-	-	236 667	465 876
Classroom upgrade – Homerooms	-	-	-	129 490
Kitchen upgrade and reconstruction	-	993 792	290 632	-
Multi-purpose indoor facility	1 130 146	-	-	-
Road reconstruction: phases 3 and 4	-	-	615 591	277 145
	1 130 146	993 792	1 142 890	872 511





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# Annual Reports



*Inglis Indoor Centre – view of Knights Coffee Shop*

## Buildings and Grounds

*Written by Guy Pearson*

We are privileged to live in such beautiful natural surroundings in the Balgowan Valley. During the past year there have been several projects which continue to enhance the already outstanding facilities which we enjoy at Michaelhouse.

### Inglis Indoor Centre

This magnificent facility was officially opened by Mr James Inglis on 9 September 2006. It has already proved to be a fantastic addition and we wonder how we ever did without it. This multi-purpose venue contains the following :

- ▶ three basketball courts
- ▶ one indoor hockey pitch
- ▶ cricket nets
- ▶ four sets of changing rooms
- ▶ storage rooms
- ▶ video analysis room
- ▶ dormitory for visiting sports teams and staff
- ▶ seating for 400 spectators
- ▶ sport offices

In addition, the very popular Knights Coffee Shop has been a big attraction and a most welcome venue for boys, parents and visitors to enjoy a wide range of culinary delights!

Our congratulations to our School Architect, Nick Grice, who has made what is a huge building so aesthetically pleasing. A very big thank you also to Jamie Inglis whose enthusiasm and generosity towards this project made it all possible.

### Dormitories Upgrade

This has also been a major project and was finally completed in the Fourth Quarter. In total, it took some 18 months and was very

disruptive as groups of boys had to be moved out at various stages. The boys handled the inconvenience with great understanding and in the end it has all been worthwhile. The renovations are a wonderful improvement as now all the Houses are fully carpeted, there is proper lighting throughout, heating in each room for those cold winter nights, new cupboards, curtains and mattresses. The décor has also been matched to House colours. It will certainly add to the comfort of the boys and hopefully inculcate a sense of care for the fabric of the school!

### Front-of-school Turning Circle

This project was completed in November and has greatly improved the traffic flow in this area. It also ties in with the circle in front of screens and more formalised parking has been created in the circle. At the centre of the circle is a Bell Tower which is a memorial to Rector Fred Snell, the longest serving Rector at Michaelhouse (1939-1952.) It also serves to formally recognise the link between Michaelhouse and Peterhouse in Zimbabwe. (founded by Rector Snell in 1955.)



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*Michaelhouse in 1901 (top left), renovations to the Old Boys' Club (bottom left) and Michaelhouse in 2006 (right)*

## Old Boys' Club

The renovations of the Old Boys Club has been an initiative of the Old Boys and they have provided the major portion of the funds for this project. It should be completed in January 2007 and will be a wonderful venue in which the Old Boys can meet and socialise in the future. It will also be an excellent facility for the school to use for various social functions.

## Future Projects

At a school like Michaelhouse, the need for expenditure on capital development is never ending. In addition to the visible projects you see, there are many other projects of an ongoing nature. One such area is that of IT replacement which happens every year. Future projects include the upgrade of staff housing, teaching classrooms, drama facilities, swimming pool, Trade-Inn etc, etc! A project which has been approved and for which funds have been donated, is the upgrade of the Art School which will start in January next year.

In managing this vast Estate it would be remiss of me not to mention the contribution of the following:

- The School Bursar, Mr Charlie Burton, who has managed all these projects and ensured that the funds have been available to do so!
- The School Architect, Mr Nick Grice, whose 'aesthetic taste' has ensured that every new building fits in so well with its surrounds and the current architecture.
- The Board of Governors for their support of these projects and especially Mr Chris Brown who heads up the Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee.
- John Rockcliffe (Maintenance), Jonathan Cribbins (Grounds) and Amanda Jarvis (Gardens) and all their staff for the tireless work they do in ensuring we have a campus which we are so proud of.



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# St Michael Awards



Cullum Allen and Julian Sturgeon



George Ellis and James Chennells



Garth Collins and David Francis

## St Michael Award 28 April 2006

### Rector's Welcome Message 28 April 2006

Mr Chairman and Mrs Dunlop, St Michael Awardees, Special Guests, Ladies and Men of Michaelhouse.

It is a pleasure for me to welcome you to this St Michael Award ceremony. We have just come from the unveiling of the Bust of our Founder, James Cameron Todd. This is a reminder of our heritage, which is the foundation on which this school is built. The foundation of our Founder's philosophy was the conviction that religion and education go hand in hand; 'Michael' representing religion and 'House' symbolising education, hence the name Michaelhouse.

At the unveiling of the St Michael Statue in 1996, Bishop Michael Nuttall told the boys *"Do not be inward-looking in the relative seclusion of this school. Always be willing to look out, for it is there in the world beyond, that you are called in the spirit of Michael, to be God's Champion"*. This is the spirit of the St Michael Award.

This is why this award is so significant for us at Michaelhouse today. It reminds us of our duty to always stand on the side of Michael. Today, we celebrate and acknowledge three Old Boys who have done that. It is also a challenge to the boys sitting here today, what will your destiny be, will future boys of this school celebrate one of you with this award? I hope that each one of us will be inspired by the citations that will be read to us.

I ask the Chairman of the Board, Mr Bruce Dunlop, to introduce the St Michael Award to you.

### Introductory Remarks by the Chairman of the Board, Mr Bruce Dunlop

This evening's St Michael Awardees, Mr Garth Collins, Professor George Ellis and Mr Julian Sturgeon; previous St Michael Awardees present this evening; Distinguished Guests; the President of the Michaelhouse Old Boys' Club, Mr Mark Perry, fellow Governors of Michaelhouse, the Rector, Staff and young Men of Michaelhouse.

May I add my words of welcome to those of the Rector's.

As you know Michaelhouse has three awards by which it honours deserving people:

- **Receptio ad Portas** – which recognises distinguished people from all walks of life who visit Michaelhouse.
- **The Fellows Associate Award** – which recognises those who have given exceptional service to Michaelhouse itself, and in this regard we are very pleased to have with us this evening our most recent awardee and immediate past Chairman of the Board, James Inglis.
- And then the **St Michael Award**.

Every institution builds on its foundations by honouring those of its number who exemplify the characteristics that hold true to the essence of that institution. One of the attributes that we hold dear at Michaelhouse is the willingness to selflessly serve the community and in particular those who might be less fortunate. It is pleasing to note that our emphasis and recognition on community service in the Michaelhouse school curriculum is as strong as ever. To many this is what sets us apart.



# St Michael Awards

“Astronomy compels the soul to look upwards  
and leads us from this world to another.”  
Plato”

This last mentioned award, the St Michael Award, was instituted in the School's centenary year in 1996 with the following criteria:

- The candidate must be a living old boy of Michaelhouse.
- He must have devoted a considerable period of his life to serving his fellow man and the services so rendered shall be of an exceptional and selfless nature.
- The candidate should not have been motivated by personal gain or fame.
- Some element of personal sacrifice, although not essential, may well provide evidence of the selflessness of the contribution which the candidate has made.
- The last characteristic has to do with St Michael himself. St Michael is one of the seven Archangels and also one of the three mentioned by name in the scriptures, twice in the Old Testament and twice in the New. The name Michael is a variation of Micah, meaning in Hebrew, "Who is Like God". St Michael is perhaps best known for the great battle in Heaven, when the wicked angels under Lucifer revolt against God, and how Michael, leading the faithful angels, defeats the hosts of evil and drives them out. In framing the criteria for the award, the St Michael candidate will ideally display the characteristics exemplified by St Michael: courage, compassion, and a willingness to fight for truth and justice. On truth and justice, it was Benjamin Disraeli in a speech in 1851 who said "I say that justice is truth in action" and Martin Luther King, Jr. who said in the nineteen sixties, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere".

As you will appreciate these criteria set a tough standard. Since inception of the St Michael award in 1996 we have honoured 22 Old Boys who have met and exceeded these criteria. However, it is not every year that a St Michael award is made, with no awards having been made in the 1998, 2000 and 2005 years. This evening however we are privileged and honoured to bear witness to the induction of a further three Old Boys to that very special group of remarkable men.

The format of the St Michael award ceremony is an important part of the induction. These are men whose preference very often is to shun the limelight. Notwithstanding this preference, the Michaelhouse community assembles to honour its awardees in person, and importantly also to institutionalise their status as role models. The reading of the citations is thus an extremely important feature of the occasion.

We have three awards to confer this evening: to Garth Collins, George Ellis and Julian Sturgeon. The act of induction is the presentation of the St Michael medal. The medals will be presented

this evening by the President of the Old Boys' Club, a Governor of the School and past parent, Mr Mark Perry.

It is now my privilege and pleasure on behalf of the Michaelhouse Community to call upon School Prefects David Francis, James Chennells and Cullum Allen to read out the citations.

## St Michael Award Citation

Garth Edward Collins

Read by David Francis

"A bubbling personality, compassionate, humble, thoughtful to others and strongly religious." How well Roy Gathorne, his East Housemaster and family friend, summed up the youthful Garth Edward Collins as his Michaelhouse career unfolded. He was also a good all-round sportsman, representing the school at rugby, hockey, cricket, squash and tennis where he was School Captain.

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Garth Collins has a strong Michaelhouse background. His two brothers, his father and members of his mother's family also attended the school. Today he is married to Bridget and they have three daughters and a son.

After leaving Michaelhouse he attended Rhodes University and whilst there, he won the South African under-23 squash championships. He also captained a junior South African under-23 side, the Knights squash team, to England. He played provincial squash for the then Eastern Province, Natal and Transvaal.

Twenty-seven years ago Garth Collins responded to a call from God to quietly and confidentially draw close to men in leadership positions in Africa, in the spirit of Jesus Christ, with a view to providing friendship, prayer support and encouragement. There was no organisation of which he would be a part, or which would pay him a salary; but he would be supported by friends, who had discovered what a difference it can make in a leader's life if he or she has friends who relate to them in service and in love.

One of these leaders has written: *"Twenty years ago Garth Collins just walked into my life, because he was concerned about me! He knew that I played a leadership role in the struggle for liberation in South Africa, and he simply came to encourage me in what I was doing and, more importantly, in my faith. He always seemed to pop up in my darkest of days when I needed support and prayer."*

Garth has faithfully followed this calling over all these years, quietly and unpretentiously befriending leaders, facilitating fellowship and prayer, bringing together people whose public profiles may be poles apart. He meets with people, individually and in small groups, all the time, and that means breakfasts, lunches, coffee, days away and extensive travel. He encourages, challenges, gently and skilfully directs and is available to everybody in an astonishing way. A hallmark of his life and work is that he serves others, whilst expecting nothing in return.

He has the ability to touch the lives of people who are in high and lowly places, never differentiating between paupers, princes and presidents! Garth Collins is a man who only sees the humanity in people, not prejudiced in any way by their status, race or culture.

His is not in any sense a public ministry. He doesn't even like to call it a ministry, because that infers some kind of status. He is a servant and a friend, and because of that he has become a confidante, and a trusted facilitator. He is in touch with key political and business leaders in many countries of Africa. These are leaders who seek to put God first in their lives and to allow him to work in and through them.

During the 1980's Garth's focus was on those whom God was calling to lead South Africa through what we all know became an extraordinary transition. He brought particular people together for fellowship, Bible study and prayer, who went on to be entrusted with great responsibilities. They included cabinet

ministers, politicians, community leaders, business leaders and academics.

No great meetings or conventions, just little friendships that grew deep and strong. He was able to bring together individuals from opposite camps – whose friendship became the cement in the building of a new national dispensation.

A leader in the liberation struggle writes: *"Garth Collins painstakingly helped in the process of the liberation of South Africa. He is one of the people who were the paramount reason why we did not descend into anarchy and chaos, but instead went through a non-violent transformation process."*

A former South African Cabinet Minister elaborates: *"A strife-torn society needed their leaders and representatives to start talking about ways to end the conflict. Garth helped by bringing us together. Our names are published in the books which have been written about that period; and yet, much of it is due to the behind the scenes, quiet, dedicated and unselfish work of Garth Collins. He never ceased to support us, always arriving at the appropriate moment with encouraging words and gestures; always offering the love of Christ without ever asking for anything in return. His love for me pulled me through some of the most difficult periods in my life. The Garth Collins story is a remarkable one that must be told in detail, sometime in the future. I believe South Africa owes him so much."*

In the 1990s he almost began from the beginning again, getting to know a substantially different range of leaders. In more recent years, he has been recognised as having gifts that are needed in many countries across Africa. He would meet with a group of Members of Parliament in a particular country and lay the foundations for a parliamentary prayer group. The group would contain people who, through their faith in Jesus, have a real desire for the establishment of good governance. He would encourage them in their calling as leaders and urge them to share their lives with trusty, faithful friends, in relationships of care, integrity and accountability.

In many of these countries he has organised Parliamentary Prayer Breakfasts. He has also been taken by his hosts to meet the President and to share something of what God is doing across the continent and what He is able to do in each leader's life. Garth has no agenda, no manifesto – he only seeks to build friendships, and has nothing more to offer than the love of Jesus in a very natural and un-religious kind of way.

On occasion Garth Collins could be found sitting at a table in a secluded, very ordinary, hotel in a place far north of us. On one side of the table would be representatives of a so called 'terrorist' group who have met him before and resolved to trust him so much that they would be willing to meet people who also trust him, but who are respected leaders in Government and business of that country.



“The important thing is not to stop questioning.”  
Albert Einstein

No-one has ever managed to bring these two sides together before. Everyone there has been personally responsible for the deaths of many people. Garth has nothing to offer but Jesus. The others in the room begin to realise that all have sinned, and that the only reconciliation that is possible is in Jesus Christ, the forgiveness that he offers and the forgiveness that they can therefore share. If that meeting is a success then the first reinforcing rods could be laid for the rebuilding of a country and a community that has been at war for many years. However, don't expect to see the name Garth Collins mentioned anywhere.

All this has to stay out of the public eye and be un-trumpeted, because it is about private relationships between private people, and Garth can only do it because he desires to become less and allow Jesus to become more.

We are given a further glimpse into the life and work of Garth Collins in the following words written by a friend: *“Garth and Bridget and their four delightful children trust God for everything. It is still He alone who provides the resources needed by them and for the work. As I write, I am reminded of the phrase in Acts 2:47 ‘they enjoy the favour of all the people’. The Collins family certainly do. They are much loved, even though nobody has a clue what Garth gets up to!”*

A natural extension of Garth's work is the way in which he and Bridget open their home to visitors from all over the world. Sometimes this means that they live for months with an uninterrupted flow of guests, and yet they manage to continue to offer generous, warm and caring hospitality.

At the end of his Michaelhouse career one of Garth's teachers, Brian Law, the VIth Form Tutor, wrote: *“Garth has shown by his example, an attitude and endeavour which future boys may well be inspired to emulate.”*

In the light of this statement, made over 36 years ago, it is so appropriate that we are able to gather together this evening to hear a little of the life and work of Garth Collins. In his adult life, he has continued to offer us all an example, an attitude and endeavour to emulate.

Garth Edward Collins is a worthy recipient of the St Michael Award for his life of compassion, humility and selfless service to others.

## St Michael Award Citation *George Francis Rayner Ellis*

*Read by James Chennells*

George Francis Rayner Ellis won a major scholarship and came from Pridwin to Michaelhouse in 1953. The year 1953 was a momentous one in world news – it was the Year of the Coronation of the present Queen Elizabeth II, Dwight D. Eisenhower was elected President of the USA, Edmund Hillary and Sherper Tensing were the first men on Mount Everest and Winston Churchill was knighted. On the home front it was a dark time for South Africa, when the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act raised its head and The Bantu Education Act severely limited black education. At Michaelhouse, 1953 was indeed a memorable year – it was the year we installed the Bossanyi Rose Window after it arrived by ship, and we welcomed in a new Rector - Mr Clem Morgan.

One can only imagine young George Ellis sitting in his Number 1's as a New Boy in 1953, listening to Rector Morgan's Speech Day Address, where he quoted: *“The chief aim of education is to give a sense of values and the power of distinguishing what is first rate from what is mediocre.”* When one knows the extraordinary path that George Ellis has walked throughout his life, one cannot but wonder if he indeed took heed of those words.

He enjoyed a busy time in Farfield House, and certainly made his mark – two years later he was awarded a scholarship for the Best Science Paper in the Union. He matriculated with a First Class pass and showing what he was made of by being awarded a host of prizes at the 1956 Speech Day, where he was acknowledged for six distinctions, received subject prizes for English, Afrikaans and Chemistry, won The Hutchinson Memorial Maths Prize and the Rector's Afrikaans Essay Prize. Possibly for George Ellis, the most memorable event of his final year was the hattrick that Farfield celebrated – winning the Rugby, Cricket and Hockey trophies.

After Michaelhouse, he went to UCT and obtained a BSc with distinction. It was while he was in Cape Town, that he learned to love mountain climbing and flying – obtaining his pilot's licence at a young age. He also took an active part in fencing and rowing at UCT. He then travelled to the UK where he completed his doctorate in Mathematics at Cambridge University. He held various lecturing positions at Cambridge, and rapidly established himself within academic circles – giving lectures at universities in the USA, Italy and Germany.

In 1973, he co-wrote *The Large Scale Structure of Space Time* with Stephen Hawking – his most recent investigations question



whether or not there was ever a start to the universe and, indeed, if there is only one universe or many.

His return to South Africa in 1974 brought George Ellis back to the racial apartheid system and there he joined the Society of Friends. A dynamic person with a strong sense of values and high ethical views and beliefs, the injustice of the political system led him to publish *The Squatter Problem in the Western Cape* with three friends – a resounding voice for the rights of homeless people, exposing the need for a new social policy to help them. Some years later, Prof Ellis wrote *Low Income Housing Policy in South Africa*, a comprehensive analysis of how to transform the dismal housing situation of South Africa's oppressed majority. This book infuriated segments of the Nationalist government to the point that the Minister for Housing policy took to the floor of Parliament to denounce it. Ironically, this book later helped influence a renewed national housing policy. His efforts were recognised in 1999, when President Nelson Mandela presented him with the Star of South Africa Medal.

George did not limit his energy to involvement in human rights issues; he also pursued cosmological study and research, resulting in his significant dialogue on the boundaries of theology and science. He was head of his department at UCT for many years. In later years he distinguished himself by moving to bring the

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“*You must be the change  
you want to see in the world.*”  
Mahatma Gandhi

forces of science and religion together for the general benefit of both fields. These bold and innovative contributions to the world of science led him to be announced as the 34th Templeton Prize Laureate. He advocated balancing the reality of evidence-based science with faith and hope. This esteemed prize is the world's largest annual monetary prize – even larger in value than the Nobel Prize, and was presented to him at Buckingham Palace in May 2004. A generous and humble man, he has given half of the substantial prize money to non-profit organisations in South Africa. This year, President Mbeki granted him the Order of Mapungubwe (Silver) – South Africa's highest honour for achievement in the international arena.

His visionary perspective advanced his career as a theoretical cosmologist and thrust him into a position of leadership, where he contributed many papers and books that are widely read and respected in this field today. He co-wrote *On the Moral Nature of the Universe: Cosmology, Theology and Ethics*. This is a significant contribution to the understanding of the ethical foundations of the universe, and includes work on the origin of the Universe, evolution of complexity, the functioning of the human mind, and how and where they intersect with areas beyond the boundaries of science. His recent books include *The Universe around Us: an Integrative View of Science and Cosmology*. Another recent book is *The Far-Future Universe* edited from a 2002 symposium examining the cosmological, biological, human and theoretical aspects of the future. Going back many years to that memorable Speech Day where New Boy George Ellis sat in his Number 1's at Speech Day, we wonder if he also listened to Rector Morgan's quote, “*He must be led to see the vision of excellence, even though it may be from afar.*” Perhaps, Prof Ellis, you have taken us closer to the vision of the future than even Rector Morgan could have imagined.

George Ellis now lives in Cape Town, and continues to contribute informed and compelling work. He married his wife, Mary, in 1978, and is the father of two children and two stepchildren. He enjoys an active involvement in the Quaker faith, and is on the Board of ASSET – the Association for Education Transformation. One of his present passions is his regular Saturday walking club, where you will, more often than not, find him leading a group of people up Table Mountain.

We salute this extraordinary man of exceptional thought and scientific vision which has paved the way for the advancement of mankind, his strong ethics, conviction, passion, and his active concern and generosity for those men less fortunate than himself. He is indeed a Michaelhouse man, worthy of this St Michael Award.

## St Michael Award Citation *Julian Paul Sturgeon*

*Read by Cullum Allen*

Julian Paul Sturgeon was born in Lobatsi, Botswana, on 17 November 1951. It was here, in the vast bush and swamps that harbour the great teeming herds of wildlife, that a profound love of nature was kindled in the young Julian. His formative education was at King's School, Nottingham Road, where he was Head Boy in his final year, and won the Dux Award for his academic performance.

Julian started at Michaelhouse in D Block in 1966. He was Head of Pascoe and a School Prefect in his final year. He excelled at sport and was a leg spinner in the first XI cricket team. He acted in the production of the Merchant of Venice, and the Chronicle describes his performance as “*...J P Sturgeon as Gratiano was delightful, cheerful and natural and he excelled in the taunting of Shylock after the reversal of Nerissa's fortunes.*”

The Guest Speaker at Speech Day in 1969 was Archbishop Denis Hurley. In a most challenging address, Archbishop Hurley spoke of what South Africa would look like in 30 years from then, in 1999. I quote: “*in the next 30 years there are bound to be enormous changes in South Africa, and these changes will occur during the active working-life-time of the young men in this school listening to me today. Men of my generation, looking back to 1939, do not find the intervening 30 years a very long period of time. 1999 may seem a long way off now; but 30 years between now and then will pass very quickly. The great fact that we have got to face is that the days of wishful-thinking are over.*”

*Apartheid is not a solution to our problems, separate development is not a reality. I speak to the young men of Michaelhouse and, through you, to all your contemporaries in our country, particularly the white schools, when I ask the question: Are you going to plunge into this rapidly changing South Africa blindly, enjoying what you can of the life it offers you, without a care of the situation developing around you and totally unprepared psychologically and socially for the upheavals that might come? Or are you going into it with your eyes open, determined to keep informed of what is happening and resolved to play your part to building the South Africa of the future.*”

One wonders what impact this address had on the young Julian Sturgeon as he prepared to step into the world beyond Michaelhouse. Like most young South Africans at the time, Julian left school and was enlisted in the army, doing time on the border in the Caprivi Strip. Thereafter, he received a bursary to study Engineering at



UCT; this was his first degree which he studied for 3 years. He then changed degrees and did a BA in African History.

It was whilst at University that Julian's social and political conscience emerged, and he became involved in student politics. He was a member of the NUSAS local committee and editor of the student newspaper *Varsity*.

He participated in the Cape Flats UCT march in August 1976 and was arrested along with another old Michaelhousian, Fink Haysom. They were placed in solitary confinement for two weeks. He graduated that same year and was then called up for army duty on the border. At the same time, threats were being made that he was going to be banned and defectors from the army were being detained at major airports. After threats were made to Julian's mother, he went to Swaziland and took a private plane to Gaborone.

Julian was awarded a Scholarship to the School of Oriental and African Studies in London, where he did an Honours degree in Economics and African History. He was accepted to do a Masters degree but, missing Southern Africa so much, he returned to Botswana and, with the assistance of the ANC underground, re-established the *Southern African News Agency*, an anti-apartheid publication. At an important level, the fight against apartheid lay in bringing to the attention of the outside world the day-to-day hardships and suffering that the system brought upon the black people of South Africa. Julian, at not inconsiderable personal risk, undertook that task through the *South African News Agency*. In September 1980, Julian went to Zimbabwe, where he lived and worked for 13 years in rural development and natural resource management. There he developed his career and discovered his lifelong passion for nature. It was this work which exemplifies Julian's commitment and dedication to the upliftment of his fellow man and, especially, for those less fortunate than he.

He never lost the love for South Africa and, on Nelson Mandela's release in 1991, he started visiting South Africa again; and, as soon as he could legally return, he came to live in Johannesburg in 1993. After being in South Africa for six months, he met Tanya and they were married six months later. They have a son, Benjamin.

Since 1993, he has worked in natural resource management and also spent a year teaching at the Wits School of Public and Developmental Management. He also worked for the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, where he put all his weight behind driving large scale environmental projects such as building the Pondoland National Park. He has helped to establish the Africa Resources Trust, a non-governmental organisation, working in

community based natural resource management; and he is currently the Deputy Chair of that organisation.

Independent in mind and spirit, Julian chose, while in exile, not to join a liberation movement, though he strongly identified with the fight for social justice. In exile while in Zimbabwe, he was instrumental in setting up the Campfire Project. This project enables communities to have a share in the natural resources in which they live, thereby creating the sustainable use of those resources. Through his work, he has developed strong project-management skills, which most recently found expression in his managing the development of a new risk model for screening blood in the South African Blood Transfusion Service. This model has eliminated race as a criteria for the assessment of risk in that service.

Julian's friends describe him as a true Renaissance man. He has a great love of English prose and poetry, the origins of which he ascribes to his early education at Michaelhouse. He is a member of a poetry reading group and is particularly drawn to appreciating the influence of mythology; and regards the universal female principle, exemplified in Robert Graves' *The White Goddess*, the creative one, as being the source of inspiration to poets through the ages.

Julian's life has been dedicated to fighting injustice, and he has tried to establish a better life for those less fortunate than himself. His many years in exile were at great personal sacrifice; and, it was only on his return to South Africa in 1993, that he was able to resume a normal life, get married and have a family.

Julian Sturgeon has lived a life of strong values, humble stature and exceptional vision. He is indeed a worthy recipient of the St Michael Award.



# Prize Giving



*James Brownlee (2nd Prefect), Mr Bruce Dunlop (Chairman of the Board), Mrs Cheryl Dunlop (Guest of Honour), Rector Guy Pearson, Paul Fleischack (Deputy Rector Academics) and Tahir Popat (Senior Prefect)*

## Prize Giving

### Rector's Speech 16 February 2006

The Chairman of the Board, Mr Bruce Dunlop; our Guest of Honour, Mrs Cheryl Dunlop; Members of Staff; Ladies and Gentlemen and Men of Michaelhouse.

It is a pleasure to welcome you here to celebrate the academic successes of 2005. A special welcome to Mrs Dunlop in her first official duty as wife of the Chairman.

This is always a time to look back and congratulate those boys who performed admirably on the academic front last year. It is customary to announce the winners on the Internal Scholarships and the Henry Strakosch Scholarships for the best performance in Maths and Science. Internal Scholarships are awarded for one year only to boys who do not already hold a Scholarship. I have pleasure in announcing the following:

#### Internal Scholarships:

E Block	Dean Dowie
D Block	Pieter-Derk van der Merwe
C Block	Chris Hallier
B Block	Nathan Rafferty

#### Henry Strakosch:

E Block	Dean Dowie; Geoffrey Woollatt
D Block	Ben van Aswegen; Nicholas Meyer

C Block	Chris Hallier; Glen Dowie
B Block	Cullum Allen; Nathan Rafferty

I am also pleased to report on the excellent results of our A Block class of 2005 in the IEB Final Examinations. The class enjoyed a 100% pass rate while 95 of the 98 boys entered for University Exemption were successful. Twenty-four boys achieved an A aggregate while the depth of our performance was again excellent, 90% of the class achieved A, B or C aggregates.

The Dux with seven distinctions was Paul Brittain, while the *Proxime Accessit*, Simon Veenstra, achieved six distinctions. Special mention must also be made of Peter Searle who achieved six distinctions while Campbell Bam, Charl de Jager, Brandon Powell, Phillip Rogers and Hadley Smorthwaite all achieved five distinctions.

While not wishing to single out individual academic departments, it is appropriate to mention the superb results achieved in Art where 63% of the boys achieved distinctions, well done Ms Preiss. We were also very pleased with our improved Maths and Science results.

I am satisfied that the steps which we have taken over the last few years to improve the academic ethic and effort are bearing fruit and I congratulate the Deputy Rector of Academics, Mr Paul Fleischack, and all the academic staff on their efforts.

Today we know so much more about boys and in particular with the way they learn. In the world in general, boys are in trouble



*“Nurture your mind with great thoughts, for you will never go any higher than you think.”*

*Benjamin Disraeli*

*Mackenzie House received the Academic Trophy:*

*Left to Right: Rector Guy Pearson, Cullum Allen (Head of House), Mrs Cheryl Dunlop (Guest of Honour), Mr Bruce Dunlop (Chairman of the Board)*



at school, there are many reasons for this and I will not dwell on them, suffice it to say that we are aware today that boys brains are 'wired' differently to girls and they need to be taught differently. We do this at Michaelhouse, from the Home Room programme which amongst other things improves organisational skills, to the breadth of subjects on offer which allow boys to venture into the areas of art, drama and music, to the way we teach are all important in promoting a positive sense of worth and achievement in our boys. Boys learning needs to be hands on, activity based, and practical.

Our results should not only be judged by the success in the Matric exams but by the performance in external assessment such as Olympiads and Expos. The year 2005 was excellent in this respect. The highlight was undoubtedly the performance of our D and E Block boys in the annual SAASTE National Science and Biology Olympiads. There were a total of 2091 entries in E Block and 2431 entries in D Block countrywide. Michaelhouse boys achieved 14 Merit (above 80%) awards in E Block and 5 Merit awards in D Block. We were the top Grade 8 (E Block) school in the country and we came second in Grade 9 (D Block), an outstanding achievement.

Another yardstick to measure the success of our academic programme is the number of boys who have been accepted at foreign universities in the last year. At the moment we have four boys at the University of Pennsylvania, three at the prestigious Wharton School of Finance, four boys at other American universities and we have had successful applications at Oxford, at Exeter, Durham, Edinburgh and Loughborough College in the United Kingdom.

Mr Chairman, I am confident that the academic programme at Michaelhouse is on a sound footing, we can never be complacent and there are challenges ahead for sure, but we have a highly committed and competent staff who are ready to meet these. My challenge is also to the A Block of 2006 to match and even better the excellent results that we have had over the past two years.

Thank you.

## Subject Prizes & Awards

### E BLOCK

#### AFRIKAANS

*First in Subject: G Woollatt*

*Diligence: M Karam, M Jacobs, J Tatz, T van Dam*

#### ECONOMIC & MANAGEMENT SCIENCE

*First in Subject: K King*

*Diligence: R Holliday, J Trehaeven, W Crockett, J Tatz, S Lishman*

#### ENGLISH

*First in Subject: A Gray*

*Diligence: D Dowie, D Pillay, T van Dam, L Royce, S Lishman*

#### FRENCH

*First in Subject: G Cunliffe*

*Diligence: R Withey*

#### HUMAN SOCIAL SCIENCES

*First in Subject: G Woollatt*

*Diligence: C Morris, J Trehaeven, T Van Dam, J Reilly, R Salter*

#### MATHEMATICS

*First in Subject: G Cunliffe*



“You see things; and you say, ‘why?’ But I dream things that never were; and I say ‘why not?’”  
George Bernard Shaw

*Diligence:* C Morris, R Whitey, A Mahieu, M Jacobs, S Rogers, T van Dam

## MUSIC

*First in Subject:* **D Horscroft**

*Diligence:* A Poltera

## NATURAL SCIENCE

*First in Subject:* **T van Dam**

*Diligence:* M Karam, T Kearns, T van Dam, L Royce, M Hamlyn

## MERIT CERTIFICATES (Aggregate over 80%)

A Batley, R Holliday, C Morris, B Bradford, A King, A Waller, G Cunliffe, K King, S Watt-Pringle, D Dowie, J Kobal, G Woollatt, A Gray, J Magor

*Third in Block:* **J Magor**

*Second in Block:* **D Dowie**

*First in Block:* **G Woollatt**

## D BLOCK

### AFRIKAANS

*First in Subject:* **P-D van der Merwe**

*Most Improved Mark:* (Nov 04-Nov 05): R Keene

*Diligence:* J Trautman, F Gelletich, W Gowans, F Scott

### ART

*First in Subject:* **D Walker, D Sinton**

*Diligence:* E Steere, J van Niekerk, D Wilson, J Chiwaye, A Khumalo

### ECONOMIC & MANAGEMENT SCIENCE

*First in Subject:* **N Meyer**

*Most Improved Mark:* (Nov 04-Nov 05): P Smythe

*Diligence:* P-D van der Merwe, B Thornycroft, O Boyes-Varley, F Scott, P. Smythe

### ENGLISH

*First in Subject:* **B van Aswegen, N Meyer**

*Most Improved Mark:* (Nov 04-Nov 05): B van Aswegen

*Diligence:* D Walker, S Harley, P Lambie, F Scott, J Chellan

### FRENCH

*First in Subject:* **T Rhemtulla, K Chenoweth**

*Most Improved Mark:* (Nov 04-Nov 05): M Muchuri

*Diligence:* A Mwai, G Jenkinson

### HUMAN SOCIAL SCIENCES

*First in Subject:* **M Purnell**

*Most Improved Mark:* (Nov 04-Nov 05): G Mann

*Diligence:* N Meyer, J Aldous, D Bennett, E Hamlyn, H Appelo

### ISIZULU

*First in Subject:* **M Shoba**

*Most Improved Mark:* (Nov 04-Nov 05): A Bowes

*Diligence:* M Shoba

### MATHEMATICS

*First in Subject:* **B van Aswegen**

*Most Improved Mark:* (Nov 04-Nov 05): W Thomas, J Short

*Diligence:* P-D v d Merwe, D Holliday, H Appelo, J Short

## MUSIC

*First in Subject:* **M Lombard**

*Most Improved Mark:* (Nov 04-Nov 05): K Moore

*Diligence:* D Walker

## NATURAL SCIENCE

*First in Subject:* **B van Aswegen**

*Most Improved Mark:* (Nov 04 – Nov 05): K Chenoweth

*Diligence:* N Meyer, D Holliday, S Drower-Copley, A Bowes, H Appelo

## TECHNICAL DRAWING

*First in Subject:* **P-D van der Merwe**

*Most Improved Mark:* (Nov 04 – Nov 05): C van der Riet

*Diligence:* P Smaill

## MERIT CERTIFICATES (Aggregate over 80%)

H Appel, R Raja, E Steere, B Cox, T Rhemtulla, B van Aswegen, E Greene, D Sinton, P-D van der Merwe, N Meyer, P Smaill, C van der Riet, M Purnell, C Smith, D Walker

*Most Improved Aggregate:* J Chiwaye

*Third in Block:* **P-D van der Merwe**

*Second in Block:* **B van Aswegen**

*First in Block:* **N Meyer**

## C BLOCK

### ACCOUNTING

*First in Subject:* **G Dowie**

*Diligence:* C Hallier, N Sombe

### AFRIKAANS

*First in Subject:* **C Pieterse**

*Most Improved Mark:* (Nov 04 – Nov 05): T Puffett

*Diligence:* G Dowie, T Puffett, J Southwood, J Randall

### ART

*First in Subject:* **N Sombe**

*Most Improved Mark:* (Nov 04 – Nov 05): N Sombe

*Diligence:* L Pedlar, S Smith, S Dommett

### BIOLOGY

*First in Subject:* **S Dommett**

*Most Improved Mark:* (Nov 04 – Nov 05): R Cronje

*Diligence:* M Laws, R Berriman, A Butt, N Tatham

### COMPUTER STUDIES

*First in Subject:* **D Foster**

*Diligence:* S Vandeleur

### ECONOMICS

*First in Subject:* **G Dowie**

*Diligence:* J Tillett, J Janse van Rensburg

### ENGLISH

*First in Subject:* **D Foster**



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*Most Improved Mark (Nov 04 – Nov 05):* N Sombe  
*Diligence:* J Durham, B Lowe, M Gardiner, A Lawrence,  
 J Fox

## **FRENCH**

*First in Subject:* **G Mwai**  
*Most Improved Mark (Nov 04 – Nov 05):* N Sombe  
*Diligence:* A Patel, S Smith

## **GEOGRAPHY**

*First in Subject:* **J Durham**  
*Diligence:* M Gardiner, A Lawrence, N Campbell

## **HISTORY**

*First in Subject:* **M Mashinini**  
*Diligence:* D Potts, C Hallier

## **ISIZULU**

*First in Subject:* **N Sokhela, N Setlaba**  
*Most Improved Mark (Nov 04 – Nov 05):* M Mashinini  
*Diligence:* A Sully

## **MATHEMATICS**

*First in Subject:* **J Durham**  
*Most Improved Mark (Nov 04 – Nov 05):* M West-Russell  
*Diligence:* J Durham, S Mudd, L Pedlar, S Rennie, D Button

## **SCIENCE**

*First in Subject:* **G Dowie**  
*Most Improved Mark (Nov 04 – Nov 05):* T Puffett  
*Diligence:* B Gower, G Dowie, N Sombe, M Gardiner

## **SPEECH & DRAMA**

*First in Subject:* **D Plumari**  
*Most Improved Mark (Nov 04 – Nov 05):* P Nortjie, D Firth  
*Diligence:* R Matthews, G Mwai

## **TECHNICAL DRAWING**

*First in Subject:* **A Sully**  
*Most Improved Mark (Nov 04 – Nov 05):* D Button  
*Diligence:* A Butt

## **MERIT CERTIFICATES (Aggregate over 1840)**

J Birkett, D Foster, M Mashinini, N Sombe, G Dowie, C Hallier,  
 C Pieterse, F van Niekerk, J Durham, S King, R Potgieter  
*Most Improved Aggregate:* N Sombe  
*Third in Block:* **C Pieterse**  
*Second in Block:* **C Hallier**  
*First in Block:* **G Dowie**

## **B BLOCK**

### **ACCOUNTING**

*First in Subject:* **C Allen**  
*Most Improved Mark (Nov 04 – Nov 05):* B Krone  
*Diligence:* S Robarts

### **AFRIKAANS**

*First in Subject:* **H Badenhorst**

*Most Improved Mark (Nov 04 – Nov 05):* A Cook  
*Diligence:* S Read, Z Muhumuza, T Thring

## **ART**

*First in Subject:* **R Sully**  
*Most Improved Mark (Nov 04 – Nov 05):* S Manji  
*Diligence:* S Manji

## **BIOLOGY**

*First in Subject:* **S Gowans**  
*Most Improved Mark (Nov 04 – Nov 05):* N Mackay  
*Diligence:* C Olsen, J Frame, G Jardine

## **COMPUTER STUDIES**

*First in Subject:* **C Olsen**  
*Most Improved Mark (Nov 04 – Nov 05):* B Krone  
*Diligence:* T Aubert

## **ECONOMICS**

*First in Subject:* **C Allen**  
*Most Improved Mark (Nov 04 – Nov 05):* M Chapman  
*Diligence:* R Sully, S Allie, A Cook

## **ENGLISH**

*First in Subject:* **C Allen, D Francis**  
*Most Improved Mark (Nov 04 – Nov 05):* S Bird  
*Diligence:* S Gowans, T Aubert, T Gilbert, J Jardine, T Mdluli

## **FRENCH**

*First in Subject:* **T Popat**  
*Most Improved Mark (Nov 04 – Nov 05):* G Peake  
*Diligence:* J Brownlee

## **GEOGRAPHY**

*First in Subject:* **D Francis**  
*Most Improved Mark (Nov 04 – Nov 05):* S Dougall  
*Diligence:* S Dougall, J Chance, L Biden

## **HISTORY**

*First in Subject:* **C Allen, S Gowans**  
*Most Improved Mark (Nov 04 – Nov 05):* M Waldeck  
*Diligence:* D Francis

## **ISIZULU**

*First in Subject:* **S Allie**  
*Diligence:* S Allie

## **MATHEMATICS**

*First in Subject:* **C Allen**  
*Most Improved Mark (Nov 04 – Nov 05):* D McLuckie  
*Diligence:* N Steere, M Murray, D McLuckie, J Chance, C Olsen

## **MUSIC**

*First in Subject:* **G Potgieter**  
*Most Improved Mark (Nov 04 – Nov 05):* G Lloyd-Jones  
*Diligence:* D Francis

## **SCIENCE**

*First in Subject:* **C Allen**  
*Most Improved Mark (Nov 04 – Nov 05):* L Biden



*Diligence:* S Read, L Biden, A McMillan

## **SPEECH & DRAMA**

*First in Subject:* **J Allen**

*Most Improved Mark (Nov 04 – Nov 05):* J Allen

*Diligence:* S Miliatos

## **TECHNICAL DRAWING**

*First in Subject:* **K Holtzhausen**

*Most Improved Mark (Nov 04 – Nov 05):* T Hulley

*Diligence:* J Sloane

## **MERIT CERTIFICATES (Aggregate over 1840)**

C Allen, D Francis, T Popat, N Steere, S Allie, S Gowans, N

Rafferty, R Sully, T Aubert, K Holtzhausen, S Read, R Finlay,  
Z Muhumuza, P Sewgoolam

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# Memorial Bust Unveiling



*Mr Bruce Dunlop and Mr Jamie Inglis unveil the bust of James Cameron Todd*

## Unveiling of bust of James Cameron Todd

### **Rector's Speech** 17 November 2006

Chairman of the Board, Mr Bruce Dunlop; Mr Jamie Inglis; Ladies and Gentlemen and Men of Michaelhouse.

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to this special occasion, the unveiling of the Bust of our Founder, Canon James Cameron Todd. We are privileged to have the two artists responsible for producing this magnificent memorial with us today.

Rosamund O'Connor is a renowned artist having produced many commissioned sculptures, most notably, one which the boys will know well, the sculpture of Annie in front of St Anne's DSG. I would like to mention that Mrs O'Connor had only two photographs from circa 1900 from which to fashion what I am sure you will soon agree is a magnificent image of our Founder.

Kim Goodwin is the artist who cast the bust in bronze at his Lidgetton Foundry; he is also renowned for his work throughout South Africa. He has cast statues at many national monuments; last year he did the Albert Luthuli statue in Zululand.

Because of the persuasiveness of Mr Jamie Inglis and the time constraints, both these artists have devoted their time to this project at the expense of others. Thank you.

A big thank you also to Mr Jamie Inglis whose initiative this was. He is one of the donors and has been instrumental in driving this project.

As you all know, Michaelhouse was originally founded in Loop Street in Pietermaritzburg in 1896. It soon became clear that the site in Loop Street was not satisfactory and so several sights were investigated, mostly in the country, but also at Town Hill and Mountain Rise at the outskirts of Pietermaritzburg. The most promising one was at Camperdown where they offered the hotel at a reasonable price, but when the water diviner was pessimistic about prospects the search for an appropriate site was continued.

In January 1899 when Todd was feeling frustrated by what seemed endless delays, everything began to fall into place. Walter Jaffray at Balgowan suggested the site on which we stand today. The hills were mostly bare but Todd was impressed, for the site had all the openness he wanted. Water seemed unlimited and most importantly, there was a railway on the boundary. Mr and Mrs Jaffray donated 20 acres and the school bought 50 acres of the farm "Annandale" for 100 Pounds.

C W Hannah, one of the first staff employed by Todd in 1898, describes a visit to the site:

*"Never shall I forget the day when I first saw the site at Balgowan. I stood with Canon Todd remember that, at that time this was a piece of bare veld, not a tree, not a building, not a shrub. He then*



# Memorial Bust Unveiling

*“Leadership is the capacity to  
translate vision into reality.”*

*G Bennis*

*pictured to me the type of school he intended to build and  
marvelously accurate his vision proved.”*

Things were not plain sailing because of the outbreak of the War, but undaunted the buildings went ahead, although they were somewhat delayed by the war effort. By the beginning of 1901, the building was ready and the great migration to Balgowan took place.

Although modest by present standards, the school stood commanding in the bare veld looking full square at the hills opposite and flaunting a square battlement over the entrance as if to underline the fighting spirit of St Michael.

I wonder what our Founder would think today were he to gaze out across the hills. I am sure he will be proud that from the

modest beginnings of 109 years ago his vision would be complete with the magnificent school which stands here today.

The plaque on the statue reads:

*“Canon James Cameron Todd BSc Ma  
1863-1915*

*Founder of Michaelhouse 1896  
A man of vision, faith and courage”*

It gives me great pleasure to ask the Chairman of our Board, Mr Bruce Dunlop, and Mr James Inglis, representing the donors, to unveil the Bust of our Founder, Canon James Cameron Todd.

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# Speech Day



“Education is not filling  
a bucket, but lighting a fire.”

*William Butler Yeats*

*Rector Guy Pearson, Deputy President Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka  
and Senior Prefect Tahir Popat*

## Speech Day 2006

### **Address by the Rector, Mr Guy Pearson** 17 August 2006

Deputy President, Ms Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Chairman of the Board, Mr Bruce Dunlop and Mrs Dunlop, Members of the Board, Honoured Guests, Members of Staff, Ladies and Gentlemen and Men of Michaelhouse.

It is my personal pleasure to welcome you all here today, a special welcome to the Deputy President. There is a saying ‘*it is not what you know but who you know that counts*’. In the case of securing the Deputy President as our Guest today, we need to be grateful for who Bishop Rubin knows! Thank you Bishop Rubin and welcome Deputy President, we look forward to hearing your message to us later this morning.

As in previous years, it is not my intention to give a blow by blow account of activities and achievements, these are always well documented in the programme and our Chronicle. I will, however, highlight certain issues.

It is always important to report on the academic performances of the school and I am pleased that the Class of 2005 did us proud in the final IEB examinations, achieving 24 A aggregates and 126 subject distinctions; once again there was excellent depth with 90% of the boys achieving an A, B or C aggregate. The Dux was Paul Brittain who performed exceptionally well with seven distinctions, while the Proximé Accessit, Simon Veenstra achieved six distinctions. Peter Searle with six distinctions and Campbell Bam, Charl de Jager, Brandon Powell, Philip Rogers and Hadley Smorthwaite with five distinctions each were all notable achievements.

The year 2006 saw new challenges with the introduction of the FET Curriculum in C Block. Our staff were well prepared for

this and implementation has been smooth, although there are questions which remain, particularly on how universities will manage admission in the future. It is my view that universities will rely more and more on standardised entrance exams, very much based on the way admission is managed to American universities. The benchmarking exams are already in place for several South African universities. What are the implications for us? It is in my view critical that we maintain rigorous internal standards; we will no longer be judged on success in the final Matric exam (do I hear cheers from fellow Heads?) but on success of our students gaining entry to their university and faculty of choice and then their ability to cope with the academic demands of the tertiary institution.

What is important for us at Michaelhouse is to continue to focus on the needs of boys, we know now that boys learn differently to girls and need to be taught in a different way. There has been a great deal of research done on why boys are generally falling behind worldwide and the view of many is that it is not that boys are failing but that education is failing boys. We know that boy’s minds work differently to girls. Their brains are ‘wired’ differently; boys need a safe, structured environment with clearly defined boundaries to succeed and the learning experience needs to be hands on, experiential and activity based to be successful. We have put into place many interventions to contribute to this at Michaelhouse.

Of course education at Michaelhouse is not about academics alone, the Latin root from which the word “educate” comes, has a basic sense of leading or guiding young people. We need to create a stimulating and challenging environment where appropriate opportunities are provided for all pupils through a range of academic, sporting, cultural, leadership and service events.



*Deputy President Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka and Benjamin Bradford who received the Chree Bright Award from the Deputy President*



There have been some superb individual and team achievements in all areas with Stephen Bird's performances in canoeing worth particular mention, his accolades in this discipline establish him as one of our finest individual sportsmen of the last few years.

I am pleased to report on a full school again for 2007, in fact the school is bursting at the seams. We considered 188 applications for 94 places for 2007 and after offers were made we received 112 acceptances! You will realize that this presented us a problem, we have created seven additional beds and are hoping for natural attrition to bring us to the number of beds we have available.

This will bring the enrolment for 2007 to 545 and it our view that this is absolute capacity, any greater numbers will impact on other facilities such as the Chapel and dining facilities.

To support, discipline and nurture boys in what is essentially 24/7 environment takes a committed and dedicated team of educators. I would like to publicly pay tribute to the Staff at Michaelhouse, academic and non-academic for the role they play in educating your sons. We are indeed fortunate to have the staff we have, it is a settled and highly competent staff; an indicator of the average age of our staff is that a bus containing 32 young staff children head up the hill to Clifton Nottingham Road, every morning!

We did say farewell to Marc Ancillotti and his wife, Nikki, at the end of the First Quarter. Marc was a creative and dynamic Maths teacher who also played an important role in the extra mural programme, while Nicky taught part-time in the Art Department. We wish Marc well in his move to St Stithians Girls' College.

Craig Longmore left Michaelhouse at the end of the Second Quarter to join Investec, he made an excellent contribution to

the school as a Science Teacher, sports coach and Director of VI Form.

A stalwart of the Michaelhouse Community, Penny Purchase, retires at the end of this year. One of the most impressive features of the school is our outstanding Media Centre which has been Penny's domain for the past 17 years. She has always had a wonderful sense of community and has often kept us on the "straight and narrow" with her sense of right and wrong. She has run the very successful SMILE programme which aims to uplift the standard of English in the local disadvantaged schools as part of our Community Partnership. I asked Penny what she thought the highlight of her time has been at Michaelhouse. Her answer typifies Penny, she said it was the achievement of her two sons, Andrew and Colin who were Senior Prefects in 1995 and 1998 respectively. Penny joins husband Chris in a well deserved retirement in Hilton.

At the end of this year we say goodbye to Shaun McMurtry and his wife, Kathy. They leave us for Grantleigh on the North Coast of KZN where Shaun will take up the position of Headmaster from January 2007. We congratulate Shaun on his appointment and wish him well, he has made a significant contribution to Michaelhouse over the past 10 years. He has been an outstanding English teacher, ran the VI Form for 2 years, has been the driving force behind our success in debating over the past number of years, including the hosting of the World Individual Championships at Michaelhouse in 2002, has coached squash and soccer and most importantly has been Housemaster of Pascoe House for the past six years.

He can look back with a great sense of satisfaction to what he has achieved at Michaelhouse and the influence that he has had on the lives of many boys.

Kathy has been a wonderful support to Shaun in his role as Housemaster but has also been an excellent Maths teacher while



“*Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand.*”  
*Chinese proverb*

managing the intricacies of the school timetable with great aplomb. We thank Shaun and Kathy on their fantastic contribution to Michaelhouse and wish them well at Grantleigh.

At the end of the year Elmar de Klerk who has been Housemaster of West House for 11 years steps down from this position. Although Elmar does not leave us, it is time for him to have a break. Housemastering is incredibly demanding and he has done a superb job in West. “Meneer” is much loved and respected by all the boys who he has had under his care; he has had a fantastic ‘down to earth’ rapport with them. Thank you Elmar for a job well done.

I am pleased to announce that George Ferreira and Peter Huntley have been appointed Housemasters of West and Pascoe House respectively.

I would like to thank the Board of Governors under the leadership of Mr Bruce Dunlop for their continued and outstanding support of the school. The Michaelhouse Board gives unselfishly of their time and expertise to the school; this is not a paid job and all of these men and women are professionals who have great demands on their time. They attend at least eight meetings a year, plus many other school functions such as Speech Day! I would like, on behalf of not only the staff and the boys, but also the parents, to thank them for their loyalty and service to Michaelhouse.

The Chairman has reported on the capital projects which are an indication of the fantastic support the school gets from benefactors and the careful and expedient management of our endowments by The Michaelhouse Trust, under the Chairmanship of Mr Jamie Inglis.

In October last year, there were some raised eyebrows when we announced our pupil leadership for 2006. I want to say that none of the raised eyebrows came from within the School, everyone who has had anything to do with Tahir Popat will know that he is an outstanding young man. Not only is he a superbly talented individual, he has Honours awards for academics, cricket and hockey, but he is a special person with all the values which we aspire to at this school. He is also a natural leader, respected and supported by staff, boys and staff. Tahir has been an outstanding Senior Prefect, always leading by example. He has been well supported by his good friend, James Brownlee, who has been an excellent foil for Tahir. They have been a good team, well supported by their Prefect body.

As in any school there have been ups and downs this year but Tahir, James and their leadership team have remained positive and led the school through these inevitable peaks and valleys.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we do live in interesting and challenging times and I look forward to hearing the Deputy President's view on the opportunities and challenges facing the boys as they leave this school.

I suppose one of the biggest issues and challenges facing young boys leaving school today is uncertainty, life is not as simple and clear cut as it used to be, especially in terms of career opportunities. One only needs to talk to the boys and realise how few of them really know what they want to do.

What can we do as a school and as parents to encourage our boys and especially the A Blockers about to leave Michaelhouse? At the International Boys Coalition Conference which was held at St John's in July, I was fascinated by a presentation given by Dr Eli Newberger, author of *“The Men They Will Become”*. Dr Newberger's talk was on the concept that the building of character is ‘work in progress’. This is most interesting and significant for parents and schools as it confirms what a huge influence a boys school experience has on ‘building his character’. His character is formed by his life experience and his interaction with it.

It is telling that our Founder, James Cameron Todd understood this. In the first Chronicle published in 1897; he wrote *“It is perhaps not sufficiently understood that a boy's connection with his school is not severed when he leaves, but lasts throughout life. I mean that his whole tone, moral and spiritual, as well as intellectual, is largely determined for life by his school”*.

I believe that one of the fundamental things which a school like Michaelhouse has in shaping a boy's character, which is critical to their success later, is to develop a degree of personal resilience or inner strength. Life is not easy and our boys need to understand this; it is also seldom fair. It is true that this is a wonderful environment for boys to grow and develop, the boys have a great sense of camaraderie and belonging, it is a nurturing and caring environment, but it also requires a degree of resilience and independence which is crucial in this ‘building of character’.

I always try to explain it this way *“a boys' boarding school has a certain ‘hurly burly’ nature to it.”* The boys will understand what I mean by this. I think we as parents sometimes get it wrong when we intervene too readily on our sons behalf. Cell phones have changed things, parents hear of an incident often before we do, and it is normally a very one-sided version! We need to exercise judgment. At the very first parent meeting I have at the beginning of the year, I tell new parents that you will know if you have got it right when your son says to you at the end of his time at Michaelhouse, *“my parents were never in the way but never out of the way.”*



Of course our boys need our understanding, support and encouragement, they need our advice not our interference. Our children need to fight their own battles and develop their own inner strength which builds character and makes them stronger. This is in many ways a very poignant time for me as these boys in A Block started here with me in 2002. My own son is amongst them and I have seen them all grow and develop before my eyes these past five years. I remember clearly the lovely letter from one of them after the New Boys' Dinner in E Block in my house, he wrote:

*"Dear Rector and Mrs Pearson, thank you for the most delicious meal in your humble home!"*

I thank the A Block of 2006, they have come a long way these past five years, I thank their parents, whose support and friendship Maree and I have so enjoyed.

So I wish you A Block well as you depart, above the door to the Memorial Hall is the inscription, *"Quit You Like Men"*. We will know that we have done well if you leave here as men, with a man's determination to do right, a man's courage in doing good, a man's sympathy for other people's troubles, a man's strength and patience with his own, a man's hatred of injustice to others and with a man's respect for others, including himself. If you can do this, then we will be well pleased. Thank you.

**Address by the Chairman of the Board, Mr Bruce Dunlop**

Madame Deputy President, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka; School Visitor Bishop Rubin; Distinguished Guests; Parents, Ladies and Gentlemen, Fellow Governors; the Rector and Maree; Staff and most importantly, young men of Michaelhouse. It is also good to see a former Chairman of the Board, Tony Ardington, here today.

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# Speech Day



*Jazz Band in action at Speech Day*

May I extend my own words of welcome to you all and in particular to our Deputy President who will have broken into a busy schedule dealing with the affairs of State to be with us today and to address the Michaelhouse Community. We are most appreciative of your presence ma'am.

You should know that although today is Speech Day, it is not my intention in fact to make a 'Speech'. This will surely come as a relief to all of you. For the observant ones, you will note from the Order of Proceedings that the Chairman's address is to be limited to 'Remarks' – an update if you will – and so it shall be.

The Michaelhouse Community is in fact kept updated on the School's activities throughout the year principally via the following publications:

**The Rector's Weekly News**, an e-mail communication that has proved very popular amongst parents.

## **The Michaelhouse News**

**The Chronicle**, a detailed glossy publication covering the full spectrum of the School's activities as well as a section dedicated to the Old Boys, and lastly,

**The Governors' Report to Parents**, with the point of departure for this publication being an account of the School's finances. If you keep up to date with these publications there is not much more to know about the goings on at Michaelhouse and it therefore makes my task today a little easier.

There are many views as to how to judge the well being of a school. I don't intend to give you my views on the topic otherwise this would really turn into a 'Speech'. In his address the Rector will give you a sense of some of those benchmarks, in particular the demand for places at Michaelhouse in 2007 and beyond.



*Senior Prefect Tahir Popat and Second Prefect James Brownlee*

Suffice to say that I would agree with the oft heard statement that "Michaelhouse is on a high" – but at the same time we cannot afford to become complacent.

Over the past ten years and by the end of 2006 Michaelhouse will have undergone an extensive capital expenditure programme including both land and buildings as well as faster depreciating assets. This programme has gathered momentum over the past few years and has been funded by a combination of the School's own funds, the various Trusts associated with Michaelhouse as well as by a number of Michaelhouse's very generous benefactors. Some of the larger projects are the complete refurbishment of the School's kitchen, an upgrade of the water reticulation system, the building of five simplexes for staff accommodation, dormitory refurbishments and a magnificent new indoor sports centre that will be officially opened on the 9th of September. In addition, a number of exciting new capital projects are under consideration, including a refurbishment of the Old Boys' Club and alterations to the Art School

You will have noticed the transformation of the front of School with the new cobbled turning circle that in due course will feature in its centre a memorial to Rector Snell. In addition, at Old Boys' Day on the 29th April a magnificent bronze bust of founder Canon James Cameron Todd was unveiled in front of Screens.

Will all of this activity on the go, Board Member and School Architect Nick Grice has really had his work cut out. Nick, once again thank you for your time and commitment as well as for your architectural flair – much appreciated.

However, institutions such as Michaelhouse are about people and spirit – more about the intangibles. In this vein we are comforted by the fact that Rector Pearson's tenure has been extended for a further four years. Michaelhouse has made great strides across many fronts over the past four and half years since his arrival in



“*If a child can't learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn.*”  
Ignacio Estrada

2002. It was thus most reassuring when the Rector accepted the Board's invitation to remain at the helm until at least the end of 2010.

It would be remiss of me not to make mention of the team around the Rector – Deputy Rectors Paul Fleischack and Allan Laing, Chaplain Alan Smedley, Senior Masters Nic Cahill, John Crawford and Carl Pachonick as well as Director of Marketing, Melanie Wester – not to overlook the rest of the academic staff as well as administrative and support staff. Their dedication and commitment to the education and well being of our sons is always worthy of special recognition and mention.

As you can imagine, the School's finances are no longer chicken feed – but more akin to what you will find in the running of any business. Bursar Charlie Burton and his team are to be congratulated on the fine job that they do in keeping the School's finances on track.

Some of you might be wondering what the Board of Governors actually does apart from meeting from time to time in the Centenary Centre to sip sherry before a roaring log fire.

Well I can tell you that Michaelhouse is incredibly well served by a committed group of twenty-three Governors from all around the country who selflessly give of their time and diverse expertise in the interests of Michaelhouse. One of the Board's key roles is to provide the Rector and his team with the means and wherewithal to go about doing what they do best – and that is to give our sons a Michaelhouse education relevant to the South Africa of today. I might add there is a fine line between the role of the Board and that of management led by the Rector. There are times when we get it wrong, but mostly I think we strike the right balance.

All Governors serve on various sub-committees of the Board with the Chairs for 2006 being occupied by:

<b>Chris Brown</b>	– Building, Grounds and Projects
<b>Jo James</b>	– Community Partnership
<b>Tlalane Lesoli</b>	– Education
<b>Peter Ardington</b>	– Environment
<b>Paul Neal</b>	– Finance
<b>Stuart Craib</b>	– Financial Assistance, and
<b>Clive Shedlock</b>	– Marketing

At its June meeting, the Board decided to introduce an over-riding theme for each of its four Board meetings during the year. At the March meeting the focus of attention will be on academics, in June on strategic planning, September on the next year's budget and in November the focus of attention will be on

sport at Michaelhouse. The idea behind this initiative is to ensure that as a Board we do not get too bogged down in the nitty-gritty, but also give quality time to policy and strategic issues.

The Board recently reviewed and updated the School's disciplinary code – one of the not so pleasant but very necessary facets of the School's governance. Whilst Michaelhouse will never be boot camp, appropriate discipline and the application and enforcement of our disciplinary code are very important elements of an all round Michaelhouse education.

In November 2005 we welcomed Rob Strachan to the Board of Governors. Rob is both an Old Boy of Michaelhouse and current parent. Rob's father, Walter, is a former Chairman of the Board. With his business background, Rob is already making an invaluable contribution to the Board. He serves on the Finance and Financial Assistance Sub-Committees.

I am also very pleased to report that at the Governors meeting in June, Nigel Tatham was appointed Deputy Chairman of the Board. Nigel is an Old Boy and current parent, a former Chairman of the Board of Cordwalles and is a respected member of the legal profession in Pietermaritzburg.

This being my first year in the Chair, I am particularly indebted to all of the members of the Board for their support, advice and counsel. Notwithstanding having served on the Board for the past seven years, and having been a Michaelhouse parent myself, what probably should not have come as a surprise after my first few months in office is how passionate parents and Old Boys are about the School, not to mention the boys themselves. With that passion comes involvement and with involvement comes input, perspectives and views – given often and freely, as it should be, and sometimes even quite forcefully. In this regard I often spare a thought for the Rector and Staff. Would we have it any other way – absolutely not! Far better this way than disinterest and aloofness.

Mention must also be made of our eight Associate Governors: Sir John Craven, Laurie Dippenaar, Fink Haysom, John McCormick, Dolly Mokgatle, Ben Ngubane, Gary Ralfe and Des Sacco. Their wise counsel and the ambassadorial role they play in furthering the interests of Michaelhouse are much appreciated. In closing and on behalf of the Governing body, I leave you rest assured of our commitment to taking this great institution forward within the confines of the Michaelhouse ethos.

Enjoy the rest of Speech Day and thank you.



# Speech Day

## Address by the Senior Prefect, Tahir Popat

*"There is one quality that one must possess to be great, and that is definiteness of purpose, the knowledge of what one wants, and a burning desire to possess it."*

Good morning Madam Deputy President, Rector, distinguished Guests, Members of the Board, Staff, Ladies and Gentlemen and my friends; fine Men of Michaelhouse.

I always thought it would be impossible to fit all that I have to say in such a short space of time, however, when it came to writing this I found that I didn't really have any idea what should make it up. For when it really comes down to it, we find it extremely hard to find that which is most true to us.

The last five years of my life have no doubt been the best, but more importantly they have taught me to understand myself. For if one cannot truly listen to oneself then one will never discover what he truly desires out of life.

I remember arriving here as a new boy with no idea of what would be expected. I was a small, scrawny, Kenyan, Indian and very lost boy who must have looked to all like a fish out of water.

Theo Miliatos and Jamie Hutchinson carried my trunk up to the House. Little did I know that Jamie was to play prop for the 1st XV while Theo would play flank and be my Cop. Picture the scenario. So what were my first words to these giants - I remember distinctly saying that I heard from my brother that Theo was nice..... kind, and caring and that it was him that I should go to should I have any problems. He must have been unimpressed. Later that night the Tatham new boys schemed about our first raid. We planned it down to the wire - including the clever touch of telling Mr Cahill in the hope that he would be impressed with our honesty and aid us!

We have all come a long way since then and it has been an incredible journey. My fondest memories will be incidents that reminded me of what this school is all about. I remember Francois, the Senior Prefect, knowing my name long before I knew his. I'll never forget the togetherness of the school as we welcome our First Team to the stand in the same fashion each game, regardless of the result. I will remember saying goodbye to my crying Mum, and then entering a dorm full of faces that looked so foreign. I will always remember how this place quickly felt like home and how quickly those foreign faces became family. Most importantly I will remember feeling a part of something far greater than myself. It is a proud yet suitably humbling feeling.



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When we hear great things about Michaelhouse we must realise that that is not referring to the grounds, the Chapel or the buildings, but us; the boys and the staff, past and present. For it is you and I, that are Michaelhouse. When we talk about a pride in the school it must start with a pride in self. If you are concerned with the state in the school, then you are concerned with the state of yourself and that of those around you. If you want to see a change, be the change. We have a massive but privileged responsibility as custodians of this great school. Its future is in our more than capable hands. Let us not only maintain in, but also take it to far greater heights.

Like most young people I have come to a stage of my life where I wish to challenge everything, accept nothing, and define my own reality. Although I don't know exactly where this will take me, the thinking has brought me to some realities. There is one that stands out; our lives crave meaning. Furthermore we must accept that we will find the answer in our hearts and not our heads.

In that answer lies everything we need to know in order to do anything we've ever dreamed of. For there is one thing that sets everyone ever born on an equal footing; we each have life and we each have one chance. That chance is ours and no one else's. Our destiny is ours and no one else's. Keep this in mind and you can conquer any task; it is only a matter of daring to dream. We can all be great.

Greatness is a word we often hear and aspire towards and there are many who say this school produces great men. So what is it that defines greatness? Firstly, like life I feel it requires meaning. We all know what it is that we really want to do. For it is something that makes us burn with desire. However, as a writer is sometimes unsure of how to best express his thoughts, we are unsure how we wish to turn our desires in to reality. We may not know how we want to get there, but all of us know exactly where we want to end up. So often, however, we let our heads get in the way. We hide behind our thoughts, comfort zones, doubts and fears.

This quote from the movie "Coach Carter" best describes these fears. It also puts to shame the tall poppy syndrome that sometimes exists here; one where so many of us are scared to achieve. One where we fear being great. He said: *"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light and not our darkness that most frightens us. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking that others won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine as children do. Its not just in some of us, it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."*

We hear so often that life is about choices and it seems the world is teaching us to make them based on security, money, popularity and material needs. It is encouraging us to make these choices based on this fear of excelling beyond our comfort zones. I am not saying we need none of these, but I am sure of the fact that these

things that our head craves only last for so long; but that which is in hearts will be forever. You see those who lead with their heads shall never find contentment. The heart is too strong and wild to follow willingly, not without feelings of doubt and regret.

The heart however is more than capable of leading the head and using it to do great things. Mohammad Ali, like him or not, is an example of someone who is recognised as great and more importantly someone who found contentment. He had his head and heart pulling in the same direction because he let his heart lead. Yes, he is a victim of Parkinsons and so misses out on so many of the comforts that we see as essential. He misses out on many of the things we live for. Yet he wears a smile as wide as any, a glow in his face and still has the eyes of a champion. Why - he knows he sacrificed some of these things to live for that his heart desired; to be the greatest! To be a champion.

This is it. There is no time for regrets. It sounds cliché but we get this gift once..... once..... That shouldn't scare us; if anything it should excite us. I am alive and I can conquer the world. And that's not what excites me; what excites me is that everyone ever born, everyone sitting here can have that same drive. If there is one thing I want to do it is to live every second of my life and not simply drift through one. Whatever I do, I want my heart and my head in it.



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“Life isn’t about finding yourself.  
Life is about creating yourself.”  
George Bernard Shaw

For all of us, the journey through life would be impossible without the people around us. When we achieve, when we are hurt or when we are joyful we need to share it, or it feels irrelevant. On that note I would like to thank all the people who have had an impact on my life.

To my two brothers Naheed and Nadeem with whom I’ve been through it all; games, fights, games that turn into fights and loads and loads of good times. No one has taught or influenced me as much as you two have and I love you.

Coming to a school that is so far away from home has not been easy and there are many people who have made it that much easier. Auntie Julie and Uncle Bruce, thank you so much for all you have done for me and the countless times you have looked after me. You really have been second parents to me. Thank you also to Pete and Debbie Hancock and to Gil and Charlie Brownlee and all the other families who have helped and hosted me. The role of a Housemaster is essential to any boy’s happiness and success at a school such as this. Mr Cahill has gone beyond the call of duty and has become not a Housemaster but a father figure to me. Thank you so much for all the support, advice, time and wisdom you have shared with me. Thank you also to Mr Pearson, Mr Laing and all the staff for all your support, advice and all the lessons you have taught me this year.

I am not sure exactly what I want to do with my life, but I do know that if I can one day give my kids what my Mum and Dad have given me then I know I would have lived an amazing and successful life. Mum, Dad I love you guys so much and although I don’t always show it I thank God for parents like you everyday. In everything I do my only drive is to make you proud. Thank you so much for all your love and support. It means the world to me that my Mum is here today to share this with me and I know my Dad would have loved it.

To the Matric class of 2006; who have been my companions on this amazing journey. Words will never begin to express the love or the respect I have for you guys and how thankful I am for all your support this year. It has been so special to share this time of my life with you and I will hold our friendships in my heart long after we leave this great place.

There is a realness and a rawness about us, something that I’m sure many will never see or understand, but guys it is also something that no one can take from us. I know I shared my school days with fine men. I will remember the little things like how all of us seemed to have our five cents worth of advice for Mndeni’s love life, the obsession with sarcasm, and the dining room chats that flirted with first prep. I will remember how

regardless of the situation, Matty Bowes would get emotional because Matty always cares, Peach would break out into song, Nii would probably sleep and Kgosi have a giggle. I will never forget guys like Bunty or Souch who although sometimes go unnoticed seem to light up the days of everyone around them.

Guys I will treasure our time together forever.

‘King’ James and I have four out of six of the same classes, are members of the same societies and play the same sports. One would think that if you spend this much time with a person you will grow tired of them, and I am..... I’m just kidding James, the more time I spend with James, the more I admire him, the more I learn from him and the stronger our friendship grows. He is a natural leader and a role model for many, including myself. James thank you so much for everything this year, it’s been special.

All these people remind me of the fact that there is no greater emotion than compassion and feeling cared for; it is the emotion that fuels our hearts. To give is something so special, if we all found that; this world would be a different place, a better place. There is something that Mr Cahill taught me and that is to watch the faces of the giver and receiver of a gift. What you will find is that the face of the giver is always filled with double the joy. I don’t want to stand up here and preach, I promise, but I really feel from the bottom of my heart that if you live for those around you, you will be not only a happier but also a more fulfilled person.

Saying goodbye to this place is going to be the hardest thing I have ever done. Yes there is a craving in all of us to get out of here and to really find ourselves. But this place gives us the most amazing gift; it readies us to conquer our dreams. Not with academic symbols, or sporting talent but with values, culture and an appreciation for the finer things in life. As James Cameron Todd, our Founder, once envisioned this school producing, “*not clerks, not doctors, not clergymen but men, men of understanding, thought and culture*”. Whether it’s through the sport, the quads, the friendships, the beautiful campus, the teachers, the atmosphere. Michaelhouse arouses something special in any boy that walks in those gates. It is something that you will never lose and it lies deep within all its boys.

At the end of Scotty J’s speech two years ago he asked us three questions. He asked what our answer would be when our School called, what it would be when your country called and what it would be when God called. I put it to you: your School is always calling, your country, now more than ever, is calling and God is calling!



So friends when that calling from within talks to you, acknowledge it, answer it and follow your hearts. Let no one stop you and you can surpass your wildest dreams.

Live for money and one day all of it shall be spent, live for recognition and I promise you each of you shall be forgotten, but live for love and those whom you love and your love will exist in their souls forever.

The world is our oyster and the horizon is calling. So let us all go to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield.

## Address by Guest Speaker, The Deputy President, Ms Phumzile Mlambo-Ngeuka

The Rector, Guy Pearson; The Bishop of Natal, Bishop Phillip Rubin; Chair of the Board of Directors, Bruce Dunlop, Members of the Board of Governors, Visiting Heads of Schools, Teachers, Parents, Senior Prefects and Prefects and Students;

It is a singular pleasure for me to be with you here today on the most important calendar day of Michaelhouse High School, when the school awards those who have worked hard and have excelled in their various fields of study.

I am touched and delighted to be part of the Speech Day and to present prizes to the boys just when the school bids farewell to all those who will be leaving either for tertiary institutions to further their studies or to join the world of work. In particular those who will strive to be self employed, be wealth creators, those who will be committed to the public service and those who will be caregivers. Aiming to get a degree or a job is a small ambition; you must aspire to be your own bosses.

Our country has just celebrated two important events in our national calendar. The 50th Anniversary of the National Women's Day last week on August 9, and before that the celebrations of the 30th Anniversary of June, 16, 1976.

Those two important days changed the course of history in our country and left an indelible mark and made a lasting impact in

the history of the struggle for freedom. These historical landmarks should therefore be celebrated by your generation and the generations to come.

We celebrate people who didn't follow a path but who opened new pathways. Many a times those paths are now footnotes of history.

I am raising these issues because it is a duty of any young learner to learn from the history of their country, and where they come from; in that way their road to the future will be informed, and hopefully they will be inspired to stand up and be counted!

It is also important for you to understand the importance of our national symbols, national anthem, coat of arms and to understand their meaning and historic significance. For those things are meant to build a sense of identity among our people and are instruments of nation building and reconciliation, without this social cohesion all of us we can have no peace and harmony and nation to boast about. What each one of us does counts!

It is important that as you stay in this island of bliss, far from the turbulence that many public schools face, you identify, integrate and embrace your country and its national symbols and its challenges.

As it was expressed by the founding father of this institution, Founder Canon James Cameron Todd, on Speech Day 1897 when he said (I quote): "Our aim is to make, not accountants, not clerks, not doctors, not clergymen, but men - men of understanding, thought and culture".

In a recent award-winning book about Anglican schools in Natal, the Author Robert Morrell writes as follows:

*"Michaelhouse [founded 1896] ... was built along the lines of Eton and Winchester to "promote the idea of a learning community" not individual and recluse scholars or individualistic. James Todd, believed that classics and maths were essential for "producing men of understanding, thought and culture". On the*



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# Speech Day



“Always do what you are afraid to do.”  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Board members bid farewell to the Deputy President after Speech Day

*other hand, and I disagree with him, he had a deep disdain for applied subjects like shorthand and bookkeeping”.*

Education was an integral part of social engineering in colonial times and these schools were the cradles of masculinity and the subordination of women.

It is not difficult to understand why I would feel excluded from such a school tradition!

Many independent schools played an important role in education under apartheid and most have embraced our new constitutional order with enthusiasm. It is this tradition and ethos of independent schools that we are here to celebrate.

## “Twinning”

In the new South Africa we seek to build bridges between the public and private schools. I firmly support the “twinning” projects that are currently in place between various schools. Especially if they are focused and of a strategic intervention nature. For instance, when every partnership utilises the strengths of each partner as part of a well-crafted process of learning and development for all sides.

Entrenching interdependence and understanding must mean caring for others less fortunate than you and understanding their circumstances, thought culture and predicament. Because if you understand the circumstances you will be able to help them in the manner they wish to be assisted. You will do things with them and not for them. You will not patronise them, after all some of them may in future be your leaders in business, government and society.

The Department of Education has to focus on consolidation and the provision of quality education. Quality improvement throughout the system will remain high on the agenda over the next five years.

Our vision is of a quality education system in which all our people will have access to lifelong education and training. Implementation

of this vision requires that all our children enjoy access to well-resourced schools run by enthusiastic teachers. It also requires creating conditions for ensuring that South Africa has the high-level skills that will encourage innovation, creativity, and growth in our economy. But of that innovation is producing young people as envisaged by Todd, who will leave school with higher ambition than getting a University degree or to be employers. Further we face a challenge of moving our attention from Universities to FET colleges and to respond to scarce skills as per JIPSA.

Our young people need to emerge from our schooling system proudly South African and with the potential to compete globally. We intend to create a further education and training system ready to equip youth and adults to meet the social and economic needs of the 21st century. Starting with identified scarce skills which are:

- High-level, world-class engineering and planning skills for the ‘network industries’ - transport, communications and energy - all at the core of our infrastructure programme.
- City, urban and regional planning and engineering skills - desperately needed by our municipalities.
- Artisan and technical skills, with priority attention to those needs for infrastructure development.
- Management and planning skills in education, health and in municipalities.
- Teacher training for mathematics, science, ICT and language competence in public education.
- Specific skills needed by the priority ASGISA sectors starting with Tourism and BPO and cross-cutting skills needed by all sectors especially finance, project managers and managers in general.



“*Life is a succession of moments. To live each one is to succeed.*”  
Corita Kent

- Skills relevant to local economic development needs of municipalities, especially developmental economists. The vision is to produce leaders through education and to enhance the potential of young people. We also know good education does not produce best and good leaders but it helps to do that.

You must know and learn about your country, love it and understand its challenges and have the will to find solutions using the talents, skills and passion to uphold the values of our new South Africa as reflected in our constitution. Fight against the assault decay. Passing on these values is a challenge to us in the education system. The challenge is to overcome the racial and cultural divisions of the past. The challenge is to transcend race, language, religion and culture.

Reconciliation, nation building and social inclusion are the values that we must aim to promote in our schools. As parents, educators and learners being proud South Africans and keeping your brother is part of the process of creating an inclusive and sustainable democracy.

The promotion of the values of non-racism, non-sexism, gender equality, equity, Ubuntu and respect are entrenched in the department's manifesto of values. The challenge is to bring all these values to life and make them a way of life.

Our languages need to have a special place. In the past, and currently, African languages are undervalued and underdeveloped. Black South Africans had little choice over the language in which they would be instructed. It has been crucial to redesign our language policy so that it reinforces an inclusive approach to cultural identity and better vision. We now have a policy of mother tongue instruction in the foundation phase and the encouragement of multilingualism throughout a child's school career. The absence of such a policy has had a negative impact on our language policy seeks to achieve a number of important imperatives.

The policy recognises that past policy and practice has disadvantaged millions of children, and it also promotes the effective learning and teaching of the previously neglected indigenous languages of South Africa.

The policy has not enjoyed a prominence similar to that given to other policy shifts in education. The policy does not, as some have claimed, deny children the opportunity to acquire English or any other second language.

Rector, we need to assist the children, to grasp better complex concepts in a language they understand better.

Second, all young people should be able to speak and write in a language other than their mother tongue.

Third, young people need to have the ability to communicate in a third indigenous language.

The development of communicative ability, in at least, one African language for all South African children is a goal we must embrace as part of building our nation and building capacity to effective citizenship.

The major obstacles we face in promoting mother-tongue learning are that the many of parents still prefer their children to be taught through the medium of the English language, and the elite attitude of schools and governing bodies towards African languages is backwards.

So, what have I been trying to tell you?

- Understanding that Thought and Culture is important. It means that your education must be a stepping stone, not towards getting a job, but to make you a better person.
- You must aim to create a path not follow one. Education must help you to be a job creator rather than a job-seeker. You must find a niche in life. Education is not everything, values are more important.
- It must mean that you must be your brother's keeper, and that you can make a difference in your society. With good education you can go very far for yourself, but with good education, thought, culture you can change the lives of many people.
- We know that many people who are our torch bearers today, who have given us a democratic country, did not have as much education but they had thought, they stepped in the forefront with limited education but they have made a tremendous difference. The light in you must shine for others. You can even go further in future if you DARE! You can make that choice teachers and parents can help or inhibit you - so you have to want to be more than a footnote.

The world is waiting for you, to be a great South African, to make a valuable contribution in your country and a valuable member of society. We say you have to enjoy your life and make a difference. You've got time on your side.

God Bless.



# Speech Day

## Special Prizes

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### **Bishop Baines Memorial Essay**

David Francis, Highbury Prep

### **Hindson History Essay**

Cullum Allen, St Peter's Prep

### **Old Boys' Essay**

Nicholas Steere, Grayston Prep

### **Rector's Afrikaans Essay**

Erhard Breet, Clifton Prep, NR

### **Rector's English Verse Prize**

Nicholas Meyer, Highbury Prep

### **Tatham Memorial Essay**

Simon Gowans, Clifton, DBN

### **Walter Lloyd Memorial Prize**

Chris Olsen, St Andrew's, Grahamstown

### **M R Butcher Outward Bound Award**

Daniel McCarthy, Cowan House

### **Lions River Conservation Prize**

Erik Wiehe-Lagesse, Clifton, NR

### **Dr H H Stott Yachting Prize**

Anthony McMillan, Nottingham Road Primary

### **P D Barnard Memorial Afrikaans Prize – Senior**

Guy Cronje, Trinity House Prep

### **P D Barnard Memorial Afrikaans Prize – Junior**

Stephen Thring, Clifton, DBN

### **John Allen Art Prize**

*Painting*

Nicholas Steere, Grayston Prep

*Drawing*

Jonathan Frame, St John's College

*Sculpture*

Gerard Slee, The Ridge / Kieran Collen, Petra Primary

### **Roux Family Trophy for Photographic Excellence**

Not awarded

### **Nedbank Biology Prize**

*(Top Biologist for 2006)*

Simon Gowans, Clifton Prep, DBN

### **WA van der Walt Dramatic Prize**

Nicholas Campbell, Lynford

### **F S Bishop Memorial Dramatic Prize**

David Ortlepp, Lynford

Matthew Campbell, Lynford

### **J L Sisson Prize**

*(Proficiency in English Grammar C, D or E Block)*

Nicholas Meyer, Highbury Prep

### **Peter Bell Memorial English Literature Prize**

Simon Gowans, Clifton Prep, DBN

### **Michael Barry English Prize**

Cullum Allen, St Peter's Prep

### **The Biffs-Smith Family Award (Sodalis Dignus)**

Mndeni Ngcobo, Cordwalles Prep

### **Van Velden Trophy**

*(Greatest Contribution to Drama during his school career)*

Timothy Hilliar, Cordwalles Prep

### **Kevin Graham Memorial Geography Prize**

David Francis, Highbury Prep

### **Stubbings-Dyson Prize**

*(The most promising Mathematician in C Block)*

Ben van Aswegen, Constantia Kloof Primary

### **Godfrey Immelman Mathematics Prize**

Glen Dowie, Treverton Prep

### **Hutchinson Memorial Mathematics Prize – Senior**

Cullum Allen, St Peter's Prep

### **Hutchinson Memorial Mathematics Prize – Junior**

Dean Dowie, Treverton Prep

### **Collins Prize for Music**

Keegan Moore, Grantleigh

Riccardo Cerrai, Clifton Prep, NR

### **Peter Beard Memorial Music Prize**

Mark Lombard, Highbury Prep

### **Junior Music Prize**

Alexander Poltera, Cordwalles Prep

### **Senior Music Prize**

Gareth Potgieter, Gratton College

### **JL Robinson Award**

*(Achievement in the theoretical and practical realms of Physical Science)*

Simon Gowans, Clifton Prep, DBN

Sebastian Read, Carmel Valley Middle School

### **Kevin King Memorial Award**

*(Outstanding Scientific Project Work)*

Glen Dowie, Treverton Prep



“ If growing up is the process of creating ideas and dreams about what life should be, then maturity is letting go again.”

Mary Beth Danielson

**Zulu Progress Prize – Junior**

Abbey Ally, St Nicholas College  
Kwezi Songoni, The Ridge

**Zulu Progress Prize – Senior**

Mandla Mashinini, Atholton Primary  
Ross Berriman, Clifton, N.R.

**Nicholas Slack Information Technology Award**

Not awarded

**Chree Bright Award**

(to an outstanding D Block boy)

Benjamin Bradford, Pridwin Preparatory School

**Andrew Crutchley Memorial Award**

James Fox, The Ridge

**Tim Patrick Memorial Prize**

(Society Involvement – Debating)

Simon Gowans, Clifton Prep, DBN

**Richard Hedden Memorial Award**

(Community service)

Jevon King, St Patrick's

**Smithies Shield for Vocal Arts**

Not awarded

**Herbert Fisher Award**

(Best aggregate in Trials)

Cullum Allen, St Peter's Prep



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# Inglis Indoor Centre



“Sports do not build character.  
They reveal it.”

*John Wooden*

*Mr James Inglis cuts the ribbon at the opening of the  
Inglis Indoor Centre*

## Opening of the Inglis Indoor Centre

### Rector's Speech 9 September 2006

Chairman of the Board, Mr Bruce Dunlop; Mr and Mrs Inglis; Special Guests; Ladies and Gentlemen and Young Men of Michaelhouse.

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you all here today. We have waited a long time for this day but I am sure you will agree that it has been worth waiting for! This Indoor Centre is going to add hugely to our ability to deliver a top class all round education to our boys. When this idea was initially muted some four years ago, we were very excited because there were a number of factors which make a facility of this nature such a necessity here at Michaelhouse.

First, the unpredictability of the Balgowan weather! In the summer months, especially the First Quarter, many of our sports practices and matches are interrupted by the rain. This Indoor Centre will go a large way to alleviating that frustration.

Secondly, by the nature of the school buildings it has never been easy to hold social functions within the school, and particular in the Memorial and Junior Halls. When functions have been held there, it has been extremely disruptive for the rest of the school. The common practice has therefore been to hire marquees which have normally been placed on one of the sports fields for social functions. This Indoor Centre will meet that need superbly. Tonight we have an excellent example of how it will be used for such functions with our *All that Jazz* evening.

In addition to all this, Michaelhouse has never had a really suitable examinations venue and the Schlesinger Theatre, which has always had to be converted into an exam venue, is far from satisfactory.

It was against this background that we were adamant from the beginning that this should be a multi-purpose indoor facility and it has been designed as such.

So what do we have here?

- A full sized indoor hockey pitch
- Three basketball courts
- Indoor cricket nets
- Four sets of change room facilities for sports teams including changing rooms for officials
- Tiered seating for 600 spectators
- A dormitory for visiting sports teams
- A video analysis room
- Sports offices for our sports coordinators
- Ample storage facilities
- An examination venue for the whole school
- A coffee shop

While speaking of the coffee shop, it is a welcome new facility and we have named it the Knights Coffee Shop. This is to respect the heritage of the school, I am sure you will know that the old basketball courts were on Knights Field.

In a project of this nature there are many people to thank:

- The bursar Charlie Burton who has been responsible for monitoring the progress and releasing the funds! It has taken



# Inglis Indoor Centre



*Rector Guy Pearson, Mr James Inglis, Mrs Jane Inglis and Mr Bruce Dunlop (Chairman of the Board)*

- up an enormous amount of his time and we thank him
- The quantity surveyor Peter Hills; structural engineers Mike Noyce and Justin Keyser and electrical engineer, Chris Lee.
  - Our builder Russell Byrne and his right hand man, Prithy Harrypersahd for their fantastic efforts, they have maintained a cheerful countenance throughout and have been a pleasure to work with throughout the many challenges such as delays due to bad weather and the like. A very interesting aspect about Russell and Prithy is that they were both born at Michaelhouse and their formative years were spent here. Last but not least, our school architect, Nick Grice. He is a remarkable man. This is a massive structure, in total about 2500 square metres! I am sure that you will agree with me when I say that despite its size it is aesthetically very attractive and fits into the Michaelhouse Estate superbly. Nick has been tireless in managing this project, a huge thank you to him.

As you walk about the Michaelhouse Estate you become aware of how privileged we are to enjoy the fantastic facilities which we have here. It is also, however, true that on almost all of these facilities, one will come across a plaque which acknowledges the generosity of some benefactor. Michaelhouse would not be what it is today if it was not for the generosity of these benefactors. Sitting with us today, we have one of our most generous benefactors in Mr Jamie Inglis. Mr Inglis is well known to the Michaelhouse Community as he has been an active member of the Michaelhouse Board for 16 years, culminating in his role as Chairman up until the end of last year. The boys

will know that Mr Inglis received the prestigious Associate Fellow Award at the end of 2005.

I speak not only for those present today, but on behalf of the entire Michaelhouse Community, those past, present and future when I thank you most sincerely for your generosity and commitment to Michaelhouse. I have great pleasure in naming this building The Inglis Indoor Centre. (The IIC has a nice ring to it!) I would now like to call on Archdeacon Alan Smedley to dedicate the Inglis Indoor Centre after which Mr Inglis will officially open it.

Thank you.



# Snell Memorial



“If money is your hope for independence you will never have it. The only real security that a man will have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, experience and ability.”

Henry Ford

*The original school bell hangs in the Snell Memorial*

## Unveiling of the Snell Memorial

### Rector's Speech 17 November 2006

Mr Chairman, Honoured Guests, Members of the Board, Members of Staff and Men of Michaelhouse.

It is my own personal pleasure to welcome you to this special occasion in which we acknowledge the contribution of Frederick Rowlandson Snell to Michaelhouse. It is a particular pleasure for me to welcome his daughter, Mrs Pippa Vincent. It is a real privilege to have her with us here today. I would like to also say what a pleasure it is to have the Rector of Peterhouse, Mr John Calderwood, with us on this occasion.

In the History of Michaelhouse written by Tony Barrett, Chapter 9 is entitled 'Snell- creative vigour amid war's disruption' 1939 – 1952. At the end of Curry's term, the Governors choice rested on a man who was not only young, 35 years old, and therefore had many years of service to give, but looked so much younger than his age that he could have been mistaken for a Prefect, and he had exceptional vitality.

Frederick Rowlandson Snell was Senior Science Master at Eastbourne College when he was appointed Rector. Before that he had been a scholar at both Winchester College and Oriel College Oxford.

Before he took up his post at Michaelhouse he expressed the conviction that the most important function a school has to perform is to give its sons knowledge and faith; knowledge such as may fit them to seek and recognise in life the good and true and beautiful as well as enable them to earn their living, and a faith which would give them an anchor and compass in life.

Of course Fred Snell's tenure at Michaelhouse coincided with the Second World War. The war started before the end of his first year in office and he had to contend with a very difficult scenario at Michaelhouse. The staffing problems during and after the war, the total ban on buildings, rising prices and the effect the war had on the Old Boys.

Can you imagine heading a school at a time like this? The number of times the boys were called to the Chapel to mark the death of an Old Boy, many who had been fellow students just the year or two before.

A significant development during Snell's time was the completion of our Chapel which was a Memorial to those who fell in the Second World War. At the end of the Second World War, Rector Snell made an announcement:

*"128 Old Boys have lost their lives in the war, one percent of the total Union casualties. It is intended that a visible memorial should be erected worthy of their sacrifice. A new Chapel balancing in the scheme of the buildings with the hall which is erected as a Memorial to those who fell in the First World War is to be built. Both the Chapel and the Memorial Hall are used daily by every boy which is as it should be with a Memorial of this kind."*

The Chapel was completed at the end of 1952, Snell's last year in office. The magnificent stained glass windows in the Apse and the Rose window are part of the legacy he left. He was convinced that the windows should be works of art and craftsmanship and an inspiration to future generations of boys.



Rex Pennington, ex-Rector of Michaelhouse paid tribute to Fred Snell at his Memorial Service. Rex would have known Fred very well; he had been Senior Prefect under Rector Snell in 1941. Rex became son Michael's godfather when he was born. He had this to say;

*"Fred Snell served Michaelhouse longer than any other Rector, 14 years in all, and he served it with an energy, a vitality and a vigour that nobody could deny. His nickname amongst the boys was "Bok", was this because he reveled in scaling the mountain Craggs of the Drakensberg? Was it because he had an obstinate streak in him that sometimes made him seem to enjoy "butting" myths or doctrine out of the way? Was it his sense of fun, his jumping at every challenge, the sprightly spring in his step? Whatever the reason for the nickname, his energy impressed us all immensely."*

During his time Fred Snell introduced the Pomee Cross to the Michaelhouse badge which we still wear proudly today. He believed that *"a boy must learn to sink himself and serve the common good"*. His active encouragement of service enterprises was an indication that his concern extended well beyond the need to be good citizens, he insisted that the school itself should accept

social responsibilities and consequently established what was known as the farm school, now the Asititukhe School in 1951.

At his last Speech Day in 1952 Bishop Inman, Chairman of the Michaelhouse Board of Governor's commented:

*"Outwardly of course the evidence of what we owe to the Rector is to be seen in the additions to the buildings that have been made during his tenure of office, the magnificent Chapel and the new Pascoe House are just some of them. But those are the outward things and they have been more than matched by an inward growth in the reality which is Michaelhouse; not merely in bricks and mortar but in a spirit intangible and in a sense undefinable. This could only have been achieved by one who has always put the things of the spirit first."*

Fred Snell left Michaelhouse when in the prime of his life, on a pioneering adventure, and probably the greatest achievement of his life was the creation and building of Peterhouse.

But his 14 years at Michaelhouse should not be forgotten. Together with the beautiful Rose window in the Chapel, this bell tower is a fitting memorial to him.

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# Snell Memorial



**From Left to Right:** Jon Calderwood, Pippa Vincent (née Snell) and Rector Guy Pearson

## **Address by Jon B Calderwood, Rector, Peterhouse**

The Rector, Mr Guy Pearson; Chairman of the Board, Mr Dunlop; Mrs Pippa Vincent; donors - Mr Chris Sladden, Mr James Inglis; Staff and Gentlemen of Michaelhouse.

It is wonderful to be at this great school and I thank you for the honour of being present at such an important occasion as this. I have been fortunate to have been able to visit Michaelhouse on several occasions during the last few years while en route to Durban for family holidays. You certainly are blessed with a very beautiful school.

It is sad that Peterhouse and Michaelhouse do not have closer ties - Peterhouse grew out of Michaelhouse and many of the traditions we know originated here. Earlier this year we gladly accepted an invitation to play in your Easter Hockey Tournament and I hope that we will be able to reciprocate your kind hospitality in the near future.

I have read and now listened with interest to the account of Mr Fred Snell's impact on Michaelhouse and can assure you that without the vision and efforts of this great man, Peterhouse could not have become the school it is in Zimbabwe.

At our Speech Day and Prize Giving last week, Mr Peter Kolbe, recognised as one of the leading educationalists in Zimbabwe's history, acknowledged that Peterhouse is the "Flagship of Education in Zimbabwe".

When, in 1985, I was tasked with re-opening Springvale House as the Preparatory School for Peterhouse, I was fortunate to meet Mr Snell - sadly I never really got to know him.

It is difficult to form an accurate impression of a man who you have only met on one occasion and therefore I must be careful of what I say because we are privileged to have his daughter, Pippa, with us here today. I was able, however, to spend time with someone who knew him well and who has the greatest respect for him, Mr John Greenacre. Mr Greenacre was a pupil here when Mr Snell was Rector and then joined him to teach at Peterhouse in 1958 - he has been at Peterhouse ever since.

As far back as the 1930s Bishop Paget, the 5<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Mashonaland, saw the need for the establishment of a Church Secondary School for boys in Zimbabwe.

After the Second World War, and during the formation of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, there was an influx of people into Southern Rhodesia (as Zimbabwe was then called). There soon became a real need for schools at the secondary level as many boys had to be sent to schools such as Michaelhouse, Hilton or St Andrew's College.

Bishop Paget, was too, a man of great vision. While on a holiday in Durban in 1951, he arranged, through Bishop Fisher, to meet with Fred Snell who he had heard was thinking of going north to establish a Church School project. After this meeting, Bishop Paget was so taken by Mr Snell that he offered him the Headship of a school that did not exist!

Canon Grinham and Maurice Carver, the founders of Ruzawi School in 1928, were keen to support the creation of this secondary Church school. They offered Mr Snell a base from which to build the school and so at the Michaelhouse Speech Day in December 1951, Mr Snell announced that he would resign in December 1952.



During his final year here he managed several trips north, his aim to find a suitable site for the school as soon as he could. In September the present site was founded, and in January 1953, Mr Snell took up a temporary post at Ruzawi. Mrs Snell and Janet, one of his daughters, progressively took on his teaching responsibilities as the demands of time at Peterhouse increased.

Ruzawi was the ideal headquarters and made possible much more rapid progress than could otherwise have been achieved.

In March 1953, architects were consulted, the site was surveyed and Peterhouse was incorporated under Southern Rhodesian law on 13<sup>th</sup> March. Mr Snell was then authorised to build up a workforce for the project. Building commenced on the Rector's Lodge.

In January 1954 work was begun on the first school House. Mr Snell ceased to be a member of the Ruzawi Staff and was officially appointed Rector of Peterhouse. In February a room on the side of the Rector's house was opened as the school office. Houses and workshop areas began to mushroom up. The Foundation Stone was laid on July 28<sup>th</sup> when work began on the dining halls, kitchen, administration offices and the staff room.

From then on, work continued under increasing pressure and the first 50 boys were admitted into the school on February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1955.

Mr Snell was a practical man who involved himself totally in the construction and development of the school. On one occasion he was laying an irrigation pipeline. Sealing the joints was a messy business and after a long day Mrs Snell went to collect him so that he could fulfil another appointment. He was scrubbed up (two containers of VIM were used in this process!) before he could proceed to a debate in Wedza, which he won!

Mr Snell was an engaging and persuasive person – this was reflected in his ability to raise the money necessary to build and develop the school, and to attract teachers of the highest calibre. Of the first six Housemasters he appointed at Peterhouse, five became Headmasters.

The school, with everything and everybody rather new, got into its stride with remarkable speed. In a very short period of time, there were Chapel services, school concerts, choirs, music; sport against other schools, debating societies and even a Young Farmers Club. In the second year the number of pupils doubled. There was no looking back!

Mr Snell soon established a Headmaster's Conference and was the first Chairman. He was Chairman for seven years and was the 'leading light' in negotiations with the Government up until the mid sixties.

Mr Snell was a man of fortitude. He had that inner strength to stand firm and to stick to his principles. He was a man of great faith and strength of character with a vision and conviction to serve his fellow man.

As a result of the vision of a man for whom music and culture were important, as well as games; for whom the traditions of a public school were adopted and adapted to suit the country, he championed the need to admit black boys into Independent Schools and Peterhouse became the first multiracial school in Rhodesia. He stated, "To build any bridge between the races is to increase hope" in this country.

Out of the fortitude, faith and vision of Mr Snell, Peterhouse has developed and grown into three schools; Peterhouse, a boy's school where girls attend post IGCSE studies; Peterhouse Girl's School and a preparatory school, Springvale House. I know that he would have approved of our 'three-in-one', 'one-in-three' character!

Thanks to the vision of Mr Sladden and Mr Inglis this monument to Frederick Rowlandson Snell will renew and strengthen bonds between Peterhouse and Michaelhouse for generations to come.

Thank you.



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“Whatever must happen ultimately  
should happen immediately.”

Henry A Kissinger

Paul Smedley's 'Broken Images'

4 Distinctions:

**Michael Egner, Wesley Green, Patrick Nesbitt Kyle Thorpe and Andrew Wood**

3 Distinctions:

**Struan Garland, Tyrone Peyper and Arthur Purbrick**

2 Distinctions:

**Jaci Badenhorst, Matthew Carter-Brown**

**Simon Friend, Douglas Jenkinson & Ryan McMahon**

1 Distinction:

**Richard Blore, Andrew Flavell and Charles Warren-Codrington**

Aggregate results

**Matric Exemption:**

A: 24 (24%), B: 37 (38%), C: 27 (28%), D: 7, (A,B,C = 90%)

**Senior Certificate:** C: 2, D:10, E: 2

126 subject distinctions were achieved, 143 B's and 181 C's.

## Academic Awards 2006

Academic Honours:

**Tristan Aubert, Nicholas Steere, Glen Dowie**

Academic Colours:

**Siya Allie, Christopher Hallier, James Birkett, Jonathan Durham, Carl Pieterse**

Academic Half Colours:

**Zach Muhumuza, Nathan Rafferty, Prathik Sewgoolam, Sebastian Read, Lawrence Rumble, David Francis, Tristan Aubert, Simon Gowans, Cullum Allen, Richard Finlay, Kurt Holtzhausen, Justin Sloane, Luke Biden, Tahir Papat, Rupert Sully, Glynn Lloyd-Jones, Ferdi van Niekerk, Rhoan Potgieter, Donovan Foster, Nasho Sombe, Mandla Mashinini, Tom Puffett, Michael Laws, Simon Dommett, Marek Raciborski, Stephen Smith, Grant Nel, Ben Lowe, Matthew Spavins, Henk Appelo, David Bennett, Brian Cox, Edward Greene, Dustin Holohan, Nicholas Meyer, Matthew Purnell, Romal Raja, Donald Stinton, Peter Smaill, Christopher Smith, Edward Steere, Ben van Aswegen, Pieter-Derk van der Merwe, Calvin van der Riet, Dale Walker, Tahir Rhemtulla**

## Senior Certificate Results: Class of 2005

### Erratum in 2004 results

It was incorrectly recorded in The Chronicle 2005 that **Andreas Damm** scored a B aggregate. He achieved a strong A aggregate.

109 boys wrote the Senior Certificate examination in 2005. 95 earned Senior Certificates with Matric Exemption and 14 boys were awarded Senior Certificates.

24 boys earned A-aggregates, their names and number of subject distinctions are reflected below:

### Boys with A aggregates

7 Distinctions:

**Paul Britain**

6 Distinctions:

**Peter Searle and Simon Veenstra**

5 Distinctions:

**Campbell Bam, Charl de Jager, Brandon Powell, Philip Rogers and Hadley Smorthwaite**





Nic Steere's 'Broken Images'



Matthew Murray's 'Unexpected Beauty'

## 2007 Scholarship winners

Award	Recipient
Major Open	<b>Kopano Maroga</b> <i>Kyalami Preparatory School</i>
Minor Open	<b>Andrew Stephens</b> <i>The Ridge Preparatory School</i>
Open Exhibition	<b>Michael Venter</b> <i>Cowan House Preparatory School</i>
Open Exhibition	<b>Paul Hewat</b> <i>Pridwin Preparatory School</i>
Major Trust	<b>Bryan Buchler</b> <i>Atholton Primary School</i>
Minor Trust	<b>Julian Wissing</b> <i>Umhlali Primary School</i>
Closed	<b>Nicholas Bruce</b> <i>The Ridge Preparatory School</i>
Closed	<b>Nicholas Cox</b> <i>Highbury Preparatory School</i>
Closed	<b>Richard Griffin</b> <i>Clifton Preparatory, Nottingham Road</i>
Closed	<b>Sean Hugo</b> <i>St Peter's Preparatory School</i>
Exhibition	<b>Stuart Hadfield</b> <i>St John's Preparatory School, Harare</i>
Exhibition	<b>Christopher Rossouw</b> <i>The Ridge Preparatory School</i>
Exhibition	<b>Christopher Thwaites</b> <i>Creston College</i>
Music	<b>Murray Rait</b> <i>Pridwin Preparatory School</i>
Sport	<b>Cameron Macaskill</b> <i>St Peter's Preparatory School</i>
Sport	<b>David Brill</b> <i>Cordwalles Preparatory School</i>

## Art & Culture

### Art Department Report

HOD: Ms Joy Preiss

Staff: Mrs Nikki Ancillotti, Mr Graeme Calway (*Photography*), Mr Sandile Sibiya (*Intern*)

Cultural Honours: Nicholas Steere, Rupert Sully

Cultural Colours: Matthew Murray, Paul Smedley, Kieren Collen and Jonathan Frame

The Art Department got off to a very positive start this year, with excellent 2005 Matric results having been achieved. Out of thirteen students, eight boys achieved A symbols, 4 B's and 1 C. Mrs Nikki Ancillotti was on maternity leave for the first term of the year and left in April to relocate with her family to Johannesburg.

In May, six of our A Block students: Nicholas Steere, Rupert Sully, Matthew Murray, Paul Smedley, Kieren Collen and Jonathan Frame had their work selected to hang at the 2006 KwaZulu-Natal Matric Art Exhibition which is held at the Tatham Art Gallery in Pietermaritzburg.

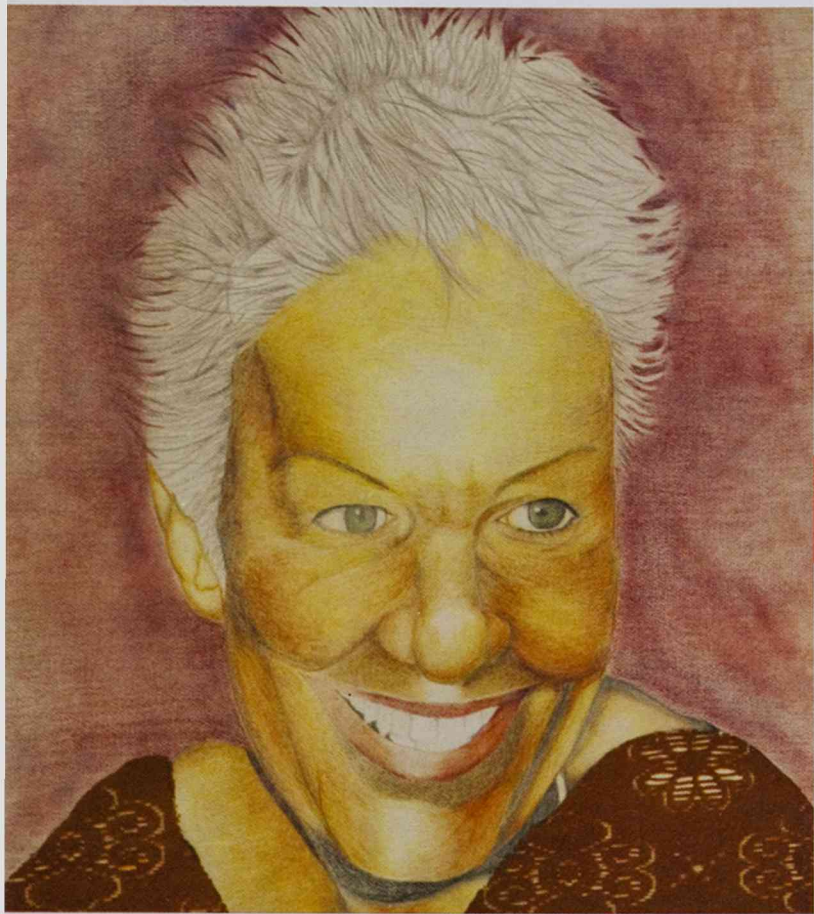
This exhibition consists of a range of the best work which is produced in all schools (both Government and IEB) that offer Art as a subject in Matric. It is a great privilege to have so many artworks chosen for this exhibition and we are indeed very proud of these students' achievements. As a result of this, they were each awarded their Cultural Colours for Art.

The Art Department held three formal Art Exhibitions during the year in the Schlesinger Gallery, the first being the combined Wykeham Collegiate/Michaelhouse exhibition in May, to coincide with the theatre production of *Joseph*. The work which the girls produce is always interesting and very different to what the boys create.

In August it was Michaelhouse's turn to host the annual combined exhibition with Hilton College, and Mr Johann Slee, a very



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“All children are artists. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up.”  
Pablo Picasso

Stephen Bird's 'Unexpected Beauty'



Rupert Sully's 'AIDS' piece

successful, well-known South African architect and father of Gerard Slee, came down from Johannesburg to open the event. He gave a fascinating speech based on creativity and the importance of having passion in order to be creative. This year the gallery was filled with an exceptionally high standard of work ranging from photography, sculpture, drawings and painting, to mixed media pieces. A notable feature of this year's work is that the students are now working far more conceptually and the work has gone past the usual 'picture making' to being processed concepts which are thought-provoking and visually stimulating. Every year in October the A Block students are required to hang their practical portfolio and exam pieces in the form of an exhibition, and an opening is held to mark this event. This year the exhibition opened on the 18<sup>th</sup> October, and a thought-provoking speech was made by Mr Tim Barry, a Clinical Psychologist. He spoke on the issues surrounding Pop Culture today; and how important Art is in the life of our young people as it challenges them out of their comfort zones and forces them to deal with problems creatively.

Outings have consisted of a trip by the B Block students to both the Hilton and St Anne's Matric exhibitions and the D Block

visited the Caversham Press where a famous South African printmaker, Gabi Nkosi, explained all the printmaking processes to them, and also showed them her work. On their return to school they each made their own lino print calendars. They also visited Ardmore, in the Caversham Valley in order to study how ceramics are made and decorated, and then decorated their own mugs in a similar fashion.

## Dramatic Arts Report

HOD: Mrs Sue Tarr

Staff: Mrs Dionne Redfern, Mr Brad Roets

Cultural Honours: Justin Chance, Jacques-Francois du Toit, Gareth Potgieter

Cultural Colours: Nicholas Campbell, Michael Laws

Cultural Half-Colours: Jamaine Chiwaye, Mfanelo Shoba, Brian Cox, Ben van Aswegen, Nicholas Meyer, Michael Butler, Nicholas Tatham, Richard Matthews, Edward Pepperell, Rory Button

This subject continues to thrive and grow - with an escalation this year to a massive intake in C Block of 45 students.

We are very fortunate to have the dedicated talent and professionalism of Dionne Redfern who takes B Block - again a large group of 35 boys. Bradley Roets, a Michaelhouse Old Boy and ex-Drama student, is teaching the whole of D Block. Bradley is a talented actor in his own rights and the boys are very privileged to be in his capable hands.

We are in a bit of a transition phase as we leave behind the old label of Speech and Drama and move into the new FET of Dramatic Arts.

The boys never cease to delight with their practical performances and once again the Matrics have provided us with a wonderful selection of work. Final Practical Exams were never this entertaining when I was at school - and I am sure that the parents who watched will agree. Physical Theatre movements continue





*Awande Khumalo and Riccardo Cerrai perform in the chapel*

to be breathtaking and I am thrilled to see new, fresh ideas creeping in. Erhard Breet as an alarm clock is a memory I will always treasure! Alain Lategan was a hilarious Minister of Health and Jacques-Francois du Toit an outstanding aspirant actor at his desperately needed audition. Dean McLuckie, Patrick Hancock, Rory Button and Christopher Tingle delighted with priceless extracts from Slabolepszy's plays. On the more serious side Thabiso Mdluli, Gino Borrageiro, Mndeni Ngcobo and again Erhard Breet gave chilling performances depicting the darker sides of life. However, to all the Matrics, congratulations on their practical exams – an excellent culmination to their Drama careers.

We have been extremely privileged to have been exposed to two outstanding workshops in the course of this year. The first by Acty Tang who performed at St Anne's and the second by Rob Murray (the playwright of *Bird's Eye View*) which was performed here. Both of these workshops focused on Physical Theatre breathing new life into old ideas – very refreshing – and we certainly hope to get Rob back next year to do a two day workshop for all the Drama students.

The boys continue to be treated to an excellent feast of plays that visit the school but the culmination for me was taking the Matrics to see *Sizwe Bansi is Dead*. It is such a shame that the rest of the school was away as it is a rare treat that we can see the famous John Kani and Winston Ntshona performing live and resurrecting one of the plays that helped to revolutionise the history of South Africa.

May this subject continue to delight – not only those of us who are lucky enough to be involved in the teaching, but all those boys who have opted for the course itself.

## Music Department Report

HOD: **Mr Gerard'd du Toit**

Staff: **Mr Rainer von Schlichting, Mrs Kathy Robinson, Mrs Julie Young, Mr Bernard Kisbey-Green,**

**Mr Leandro Stavros, Dr. Zilla Holcroft, Miss Lyndsay Johnstone, Mr Conrad Kassier, Mrs Elke von Schlichting**

Cultural Honours: **Jacques-Francois du Toit, Glyn Lloyd Jones, Gerard Slee, James Fox, Gareth Potgieter, David Francis**  
Cultural Colours: **Edward Pepperell, Sebastian Read, Mark Lombard, Keegan-John Moore, Johan van der Linden, Ben van Aswegen, Henk Appelo**

Half Colours: **Connor Alexander, Abbey Ally, Andrew Batley, Mivan Howard, Reggie Holliday, Lungelo Nkosi, Stuart McLaren, Hilton Mudariki, Musa Munatsi, Mudiwa Mwayi, Ryan Patchitt, Rory Pelser, Alexander Poltera, Liam Royce, Realeboga Setati, Sanda Shandu, Tristan van Dam, Roche van Tiddens, Russel Whitey**

The Music Department started in earnest this year with a 'hands on' experience for the new boys, trying out and experimenting with all the instruments representing the Strings, Woodwind, Brass and Percussion sections of the Classical Symphony Orchestra.

The Michaelhouse Chapel Choir was initially 150 members strong, and after intensive auditions the choir was trimmed down to 66. The choir studied a handful of 21<sup>st</sup> Century choir works, including those by Mantjärvi and the late Dieter Salbert. An exceptionally difficult work entitled: *Im Licht*, telling the story of the light as clear and cold as ice, is based on four different rhythmic parts. Choristers had to improvise, finding their own pitch. The work was demanding, but allows them to explore, create and enjoy.

### Choir Competition

The bi-annual Michaelhouse KwaZulu-Natal High Schools' Choir Competition proved that the standard of choral singing in KwaZulu-Natal does not need to stand back for any province in South Africa. The mixed boys' category was won by Kearsney College (who won a gold medal at the Choir Olympics in Xiamen, China in July 2006). The Chamber choir category was won by Hilton College and the Equal voices category by The Wykeham Collegiate. The New Choir category was won by Queensburgh



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*Staff perform in 'Encore'*



*Gareth Potgieter and Jacques-Francois du Toit in 'Joseph'*

Girls High School. The Wykeham Collegiate was also awarded Best Interpretation of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Work as well as the Grand Prix (only awarded to a choir which obtains 90% and more).

## **Prize Winners' Concert**

Gareth Potgieter, Glyn Lloyd-Jones, Keegan Moore and Alexander Poltera were invited to perform at the Prize Winners Concert on 25 October 2006 held at the Tatham Gallery in Pietermaritzburg. Mark Lombard was selected as the representative from Michaelhouse to perform at the Tatham Gallery's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert. Mark Lombard was also placed seven<sup>th</sup> for his age group in the National Piano Competition in Bloemfontein in August.

A number of students were enrolled for the external exams. The following exam bodies were supported: Trinity College of London (8 September), The Associated Board of Music of the Royal College (9 September) and UNISA (18 September).

The results of the Trinity College of London exams were as follows:

**Keegan Moore** (Grade 7 Voice *Distinction*)  
**Alexander Poltera** (Grade 7 Voice *High Merit*)  
**Roché van Tiddens** (Voice Grade 6 *Merit*)  
**Tristan van Dam** (Trinity Grade 5 *High Merit*)  
**Musa Munatsi** (Drumkit *Pass*)  
**Anthony McMillan** (Grade 8 Voice *Trinity Pass*)  
**Simon Farrow** (Grade 7 Voice *Pass*)  
**Donald Sinton, Nicholas Surgey and Nicolai van Stackelberg** (Grade 6 Saxophone *Trinity Pass*).

The results of the Royal Schools exams were as follows:

**Gareth Potgieter** (Grade 8 Voice *Distinction*)  
**Glyn Lloyd-Jones** (Grade 8 Voice *High Merit*)  
**Abbey Ally** (Grade 5 Voice *Merit* and Grade 5 Trombone *Merit*)  
**Sanda Shandu** (Grade 4 Piano *Merit*, Grade 5 Voice *High Pass*)  
**Tristan van Dam** (Grade 5 Voice *High Pass*)  
**Liam Royce** (Grade 5 *High Pass*)  
**Digby Berriman** (Grade 3 *High Pass*).

The UNISA results were also above standard. Glyn Lloyd-Jones, Grade 8 Voice, passed this difficult exam with a distinction and Nkateko Vilankulu passed Grade 4 Voice. The theory results will only be published in the middle of November.

## **Annual Choir Camp**

At the Annual Choir Camp held from 17 - 19 September 2006 the choir started to prepare themselves for the Carol Services which took place at the end of the Fourth Quarter.

## **Schlesinger Theatre Notes**

*Written by Mrs Dionne Redfern*

Cultural Honours:

**Justin Chance, Jacques Francois du Toit**

Cultural Colours:

**Nicholas Campbell, Michael Laws**

Cultural Half Colours:

**Jamaine Chiwaye, Mfanelo Shoba, Brian Cox, Ben van Aswegen, Nicholas Meyer, Michael Butler, Nicholas Tatham, Richard Matthews, Edward Pepperell, Rory Button, Xillen van Rooyen**

The Schlesinger Theatre has had another busy year, playing host to the following shows:

14 February: **De Wet's Dreams**

– by *Meren Reddy and Luke Rous*

Directed by James Cunningham and Helen Iskander, this was an excellent show. It was a highly physical two-hander, telling the story of the De Wet brothers of De Aar, obsessed with movies, money and Maggie. Performed with no set, props or costume changes, the two actors created thirteen different characters in this comic and beautiful story about love, brotherhood and the Karoo's most famous crime. The show was very well received and played to a full house.



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*C Block Mask Ritual*

1, 3, 4, 5 May: **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat**  
There was not much deliberation over which musical to do this year. Both Gerard'd and I loved the music of *Joseph* and we were excited by what we believed we could do with it. Over 120 boys auditioned for roles, giving us a clear indication that a musical was long overdue and that we would have the support of the boys. Some were sceptical about a musical written 37 years ago - but not for long! Soon the boys were singing under the spell of the music and were as swept away as we were. We discovered hidden talents, wonderful voices and took delight in watching the progress and development of the younger members of the cast. In particular, Jacques-Francois du Toit and Gareth Potgieter must be singled out for simply superb performances. They certainly elevated the show to an exceptional level of schoolboy performance.

It was wonderful to play to full houses over the five performances and we thank all those who supported the show.

Awards:

Best Performance: **Jacques-Francois du Toit and Gareth Potgieter**

Best Supporting Performance: **Edward Pepperell**

Best Novice: **Jeremy Smythe**

17 May: **Shine 4**

For the third year, we hosted this popular all-woman pop band. Playing to delighted boys, the show was well-received.

10 August: **Bird's Eye View** – directed by Rob Murray

A physical theatre comedy about two birds seeking an alternative source of food, this type of theatre again proved popular with the audience.

1-2 September: **Encore** – a celebration of some of the musicals performed at Michaelhouse to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> birthday of the theatre.



*'Xillen van Rooyen and Ed Pepperell in a scene from Pirates of Penzance -Encore*

The history of theatre at Michaelhouse dates back to 1897, to an evening of music and readings from Mark Twain. For the next 79 years, a total of 115 plays and musicals were performed in the Memorial Hall and Old Amphitheatre, until a generous donation from John Schlesinger led to the building of this venue. The show *Encore* was designed to celebrate this history of the theatre by performing selected songs from some of the musicals.

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*“The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives.”*

*Robert Maynard Hutchins*

*Gareth Peake performs a dissection of heart and lungs in Biology*

Given the support of staff, parents and the local community, we deliberately included a cross-section of our patrons in the show as well as a cast of 60 boys. In this way, all who visit the theatre were represented.

The collage of songs, in some small measure, did justice to our 109 year history of theatrical productions at Michaelhouse and the 30th birthday of our theatre.

7 October: **Pig and Whistle** – directed by Meryl Kurz

This evening of much merriment and entertainment was a supper theatre used to raise funds for the overseas hockey tour.

24 October: **Not the Big Easy** – performed by Paul Slabolepszy  
An amusing one-hander by South Africa's most prolific playwright, Slabolepszy took the audience on a journey through the life and time of a hopeless golfer, searching for yet another lost ball.

24 November: **Fashion Show**

A show arranged by the EAPS as a fundraiser for their 2007 overseas trip.

**Theatre Dinner:**

The following awards were made at the dinner this year:  
FS Bishop Memorial Trophy for Best Novice:

**Jeremy Smythe**

WA van der Walt Trophy for Best Actor:

**Jacques-Francois du Toit**

Van Velden Trophy for greatest contribution to theatre over five years: **Justin Chance**

## Business, Commerce and Management Accounting Department Report

HOD: **Mr Richard McMichael**

Staff: **Mr Rory Drysdale**

The growth in the number of students opting to choose Accounting as a Matric subject is encouraging and next year there will be two sets from C to A Block.

The annual B Block Accounting tour to Gauteng took place in the last week of the Second Quarter. Despite the school being closed early for the flu epidemic, all the boys bar one made the tour. Once again it proved to be highly educational as well as enjoyable. A vote of thanks needs to be extended to the parents who hosted the boys whilst on tour.

The first day involved an early departure from Michaelhouse. In the afternoon the group was taken around the Plascon paint factory in Krugersdorp. Of particular interest here was the number of different brands being produced within the factory by the same company.

The second day revolved around a visit to KPMG. For a number of boys, this proved to be the highlight of the tour particularly the open session where they could ask any question of the young training, or recently qualified Chartered Accountants. It also clarified for some of the pupils what they wanted to study after completing their schooling.

The next day DetNet and AEL hosted the boys. After a tour of the design facilities at DetNet and part of the AEL factory complex at Modderfontein, an explosive demonstration took the breath away from everyone. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The final day started with a guided tour around Soweto followed by lunch and an afternoon's relaxation at Gold Reef City.

## Life Sciences Biology

HOD: **Mr Iain Guthrie**

Staff: **Mr Paul Fleischack, Mr Nick Cahill, Mr Alan Redfern, Mr Dennis Maharaj, Mr Sikhumbuzo Dlamini and Mr Bernard Whitaker.**

Perhaps the greatest change for the Biology Department is the shift from the 'old Matric' to the new FET system and the new Life Sciences curriculum. This change will see a far more balanced Biology syllabus than the current one (which focuses mainly on



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Left to Right: Andrew Surgey and Richard Matthews participate in the autopsy of a cow. Gareth St Clair and Ben van Aswegen with Mr Iain Guthrie and an independent adjudicator at the Science and Biology Expo Awards

human biology and throws in a few sections on population dynamics and photosynthesis) and will result in more rounded biologists with a greater understanding of the subject and a better capacity to succeed in biological courses at tertiary levels.

The Biology Department has kept Biology as practical as possible and pupils have covered a good number of practicals which give them a 'hands on' experience of the subject. This will become even more of a feature in the FET course.

It is pleasing to see the progress made with regard to the Michaelhouse Oribi Reserve which is an exciting and relevant development as there is now a large ecological element in the new syllabus and boys will be able to be involved in participating in various aspects of grassland and forest biology right here on the estate.

The Biology Department has also upgraded many of its resources through the year. DVD machines are now in each laboratory and new material is regularly sourced and obtained from external



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sources while new materials are being developed internally in the form of PowerPoint presentations and worksheets. We look forward to keeping Biology on track with modern developments and hope to remain relevant to the needs of our changing and dynamic world.

Congratulations are extended to the following boys for their outstanding achievements in the SAASTE National Natural Science and Biology Olympiads:

E Block	<b>David Bradford</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	80%
D Block	<b>Gareth St Clair</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	90%
	<b>Alex Waller</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	87%
	<b>Michael Richardson</b>		87%
	<b>Antony Renton</b>		87%
	<b>David Horscroft</b>		87%
	<b>Benjamin Bradford</b>		87%
	<b>Josh Magor</b>		87%
	<b>Simon Watt-Pringle</b>		87%
	<b>Jake Trehaeven</b>		80%
	<b>Kieren King</b>		80%
	<b>Thomas Kearns</b>		80%
	<b>Adam Gray</b>		80%
	<b>Dean Dowie</b>		80%
	<b>Dominic Coyle</b>		80%

## Computer Studies Department

HOD: Mrs Julie Flanagan

Staff: Mr Alwin Murugen, Mrs Lynn van der Vegte,  
Mr Gary Schneider

The 2006 Standard Bank/CSSA Computer Olympiad saw the introduction of a separate junior category for Grades 8 and 9 in the First Round in which 26 senior boys and 11 junior boys participated. The boys who achieved the best results were: Senior Division: **Matthew Aberdein** (1<sup>st</sup>), **Simon Finch** (2<sup>nd</sup>), **Donovan Foster** (3<sup>rd</sup>) and in the Junior Division: **David Horscroft** (1<sup>st</sup>), **Alex Waller** (2<sup>nd</sup>), **Guy Cunliffe** & **Josh Magor** (3<sup>rd</sup>). Eight senior boys participated in the Second Round. The results for the top three candidates were as follows: **Domenico Nusca** (1<sup>st</sup>) – top 40 nationally, **Tristan Aubert** (2<sup>nd</sup>), **Donovan Foster** (3<sup>rd</sup>).

A Block of 2006 have proved themselves this year and their hard work culminated in an A Block presentation of projects of a very high standard.

The staff of the Computer Studies Department has had a busy year as usual with involvement in the KZN User Group Meetings, attendance at the 2006 IEB Conference, various Grade 6 Marketing Days, control of lengthy A Block portfolios as well as all other roles and tasks that come bundled with teaching. Julie Flanagan in her role as SG Theory Examiner for 2006-2007 & CAT Theory and Practical Examiner for 2006-2008 prepared the IEB Exemplar papers for CAT and presented workshops at the IEB conference.

Lynn van der Vegte has been a valuable member of the Computer Studies Department staff for the last six years. We wish Lynn all the best in her new position as Librarian.

The new NSC (FET) syllabus was introduced this year in the form of two new subjects, namely IT (Information Technology) which has a programming emphasis and CAT (Computer Applications Technology) which has an applications emphasis. The C Block boys have found certain aspects of the new subjects challenging, especially the new questioning style which has a large focus on high-order thinking skills as well as knowledge, comprehension and application type questioning.

The ICDL continues to run successfully at Michaelhouse. We moved from a manual ICDL testing base to an automated testing system this year. Naveshree Govender took on the role as Testing Supervisor at Michaelhouse. All the ICDL exams are completed on the system and tests are automatically marked and results are immediately displayed to the candidates at the end of the exam.

The field of IT is exciting and demanding and comes with many challenges. Our academic programme continues to provide the boys with a “foundation of knowledge” to prepare them for a career path, higher education and life-long learning, thus enabling them to become effective members of a computer-user society.

## Information Technology

HOD: Mr Brad Flanagan

Staff: Ms Naveshree Govender, Mr Simon Dottridge

*“It is a capital mistake to theorize before one has data. Insensibly one begins to twist facts to suit theories instead of theories to suit facts.”* – Sherlock Holmes, by Arthur Conan Doyle.

One wonders whether he knew something about computers way ahead of his time.

If anyone should pass through Mthatha, as I have done on a regular basis since 1984, there is a house that has been built in bits (sic). It started as a simple house, but I assume, as the owner has acquired more funds, or family, he has added to it piece by piece without any heed to architectural norms, as every extension in no way resembles the previous. Is this not indicative of how most IT systems are built? All schools run on strict budgets and need to build systems on an annual basis as their budgetary constraints will allow. Do the IT requirements fit the budget, or does the budget fit the IT requirement? What would our friend Sherlock think?

Fortunately Michaelhouse has been fairly liberal in its allocation towards IT funding and I believe we have built an excellent network of computer resources. My predecessors had some great foresight and/or a little luck or were we forced by location to build with caution? Our founder either had a great sense



*“Dreams are the answers to questions that we haven't yet figured out how to ask.”*

*Fox Mulder*

*Tristan Aubert prepares for finals*



of humour when he chose the location of Michaelhouse, or very little idea of what was to happen in the twentieth century and beyond. I strongly suspect the latter. He in his wisdom chose to place the school in one of the top lightning-strike areas of South Africa. Anyone who believes in the myth that lightning never strikes twice in the same place should try running an IT infrastructure in the Natal Midlands!

We have progressed from our fruity early development with Apples and Apricots, to such dull and dreary things known as Pentium 4's. Michaelhouse has endured a rollercoaster ride in experimenting with Notebook (Laptop) programs, open internet, uncontrolled email, 24/7 access from any point in the school, to where we are today. To answer the question as to where we are today, one probably needs the condensed version of the school tour.

All the rooms (bed-sits) are wired into the LAN. Thus we have an almost unique problem, 540 boys stuck in the middle of nowhere, with computers in their rooms, time to kill, an internet at their disposal and depending on grade anything between 16 and 19 hours a day access. It is 540 to 2 odds against the IT department staff preventing them from accessing whatever and whenever they want from the system and surprisingly, very little of what they want enhances their academic achievements. One wonders if we have a philosophy or a battle plan?

Throw into the mix the widest spectrum of computer literacy amongst the academic staff. The levels vary from those who have heard of computers, to those who think that they should be writing this report. Picture the grey haired old History teacher, teaching a class with notebooks; all the students hammering away at email and/or sending pop-ups to each other whilst battling Quake.

Until this point, the most technologically advanced instrument in the classroom was the overhead projector. Would he/she buy into the Notebook program? One does not have to be Einstein to understand why there might just have been some resistance to introducing Notebook computers into each and every class.

To keep the entire spectrum of academia happy we have progressed to five computer labs of 24 desktop computers

each. These allow those techno freaks time enough to use technology and the technophobes to remain united with the overhead projector, soon to be replaced by the overhead data projector. I predict the wrath of the blackboard duster coming my way.

In an attempt to keep the students out of the more anatomically exciting sections of the internet, as well as curbing some of their other less academic pursuits, we have chosen to combine Novell's

Border Manager with Surf Control to manage our internet usage. This has proved to be highly effective. It must be, judging by the amount of hate mail I received after installing it. Our ISP monitors all incoming email for us and very kindly, for a substantial fee naturally, removes it from our incoming feed. For the record we use Novell's GroupWise mail system for all of our email. It has proved to be exceptionally stable over the years, contrary to what some of our users may think. It is also far less prone to Virus attacks than some of the alternatives.

The jury is still out on whether computers in bed-sits are a good idea or not. On the pro side, work can be submitted immediately on conclusion, electronic research can be undertaken, and programming can be done at all times as well as real time queries passing between teachers and students or students and students. On the con side are all

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“A true friend is the greatest of all blessings, and the one that we take the least care of all to acquire.”  
Francois de la Rochefoucauld

the distractions offered by computers, recreational browsing, watching movies, playing games, etc...

Now for a paradigm shift (one has to love those buzzwords). The dominant focus of IT attention has changed from acquiring/building IT systems to ensuring that IT systems are used. Since the ultimate goal of most school IT projects is to enhance academic impact (the exceptions are IT infrastructure renewal projects), and since academic impact can improve if IT systems are used, then it follows that IT systems must be used in ways that are consistent with the educational objectives of the school. This simple shift can result in it becoming apparent that less complex, easier-to-use, and possibly cheaper technologies may offer far greater impact than do the all-bells, all-whistles, best-of-the-best.

In conclusion, the simple philosophy of IT at Michaelhouse is that computers must enhance the learning experience for our staff and students. Academic outcome must drive IT and not IT drive academics.

## Counselling Counselling Department

HOD: Mr Tim Jarvis

This year I attended the International Boys School Coalition Conference in June 2006 where I was also privileged to present on our Michaelhouse Mentorship programme with the Housemaster of Farfield Mr Paul de Wet. The presentation was entitled 'Lean On Me-Boys Helping Out Boys'. As we prepared for this talk by interviewing many different boys it became clear just how much they valued their relationships and the chance to draw strength from each other.

### Counselling & Support

I am always aware that I stand on sacred ground when a teenage boy allows me into his personal world and I count this as one of the greatest privileges of my job. There is a term known as 'peripatetic counselling' which essentially means talking while walking. I have found that this is a very appropriate phrase when dealing with adolescent males. Research shows that for many boys when they are forced to sit still and make eye contact, the emotional centres of the brain shut down. Counselling in an all-boys school is as much about getting alongside the boys in their sports, field trips, outdoor education and in the Houses for an evening, as it is about appointments in my office. Although this is sometimes very time consuming, I am always amazed by how profitable

time spent with the boys outside of the classroom or school environment is as a foundation for further counselling.

In order to be proactive in the area of personal counselling and support, several interventions have been planned and carried out over the course of the year. Some of these are highlighted below.

### 'Safe School' Focus

This took place in the third term and was designed to highlight the issue of bullying. It involved talks, displays and a workshop with certain boys to equip them to make a difference in their boarding Houses. By acting preventatively in these ways, many problems can be dealt with and addressed before they get out of hand.

### Peak Performance

School can sometimes be a very stressful environment particularly when it comes to sports and exams. In order to help boys cope with the anxiety that can result from such stress, workshops were held around exam time to support any who needed it and to help them perform at their peak.

### Drug & Alcohol Education

Alcohol continues to be a problem in our society and one that young people get a very mixed message about. As part of our ongoing programme, Caro Smit, a drug and alcohol counsellor from Pietermaritzburg, visited the school over a couple of weeks and every boy had the opportunity to interact with her during life skills lessons. At our Parents Support Evening in Johannesburg, Professor Ken Boffard who is at Wits University and is the Director of the Trauma Unit at Johannesburg General, gave a talk entitled 'Injuries are no Accident' on the perils of binge drinking so that the message given to the boys in the classroom was echoed at home.

### Peer Counselling

In the First Quarter fifteen A Block boys attended a course on peer counselling run by the Life Line and Rape Crisis Centre in Pietermaritzburg. The aim is simply to give the boys some guidelines and skills so that when other boys talk to them about problems or they become aware of issues in the school, they are equipped to handle these appropriately. We plan to expand this in the future so that more boys get the opportunity for such training and to give follow up to those who have already received some training.

### Careers & Tertiary Educational Guidance

Career education takes place throughout the year in life skills lessons and through a variety of presentations given by various tertiary and occupation institutions. In addition boys have the



*“Education is what survives when what has been learnt has been forgotten.”*

*B.F. Skinner*

*Ross Berriman contemplates a future in medicine during his Work Exposure week*



opportunity for individual guidance if they so desire. Despite this ongoing guidance there are some specific activities which have been highlighted below.

### **Career Mapper**

This year the whole of B Block did an assessment called Career Mapper as part of their life skills programme. Career Mapper has been independently reviewed by the British Psychological Society and approved as a reliable and valid psychometric instrument. It forms part of our careers programme at Michaelhouse.

### **Work Exposure**

This takes place in the Third Quarter each year for B Block boys. The aim is to expose boys to the world of work as part of continued careers guidance.

### **D Block Subject Choice**

Making decisions about subjects and eventually a future career path is not a once-off event. Rather it is a process that is being constantly influenced by their own personal growth and maturity and the ever-changing world of work.

D Block boys get guidance during their life skills lessons on this issue but also have the opportunity to complete the “*Ideas: Interest, Determination, Exploration and Assessment System*.” This assessment includes an interest questionnaire and a workbook which is filled in and enables the boys to narrow their search to their top three interests and find related jobs to match these interests. In turn this can then help them with their subject choices.

### **Life Orientation**

This year we welcomed Mrs Tracy Griffin to the Counselling Department. Tracy was employed to explore the impact that the FET syllabus will make on Michaelhouse. She has done a fantastic job and has put forward a detailed plan which we will be able to follow as we implant the new Life Orientation syllabus right through to A Block.

I would like to draw your attention to a couple of new aspects to the Life Orientation programme:

#### *D Block Sexuality Course*

This gave the boys a very thorough grounding in this subject and

focused on equipping them to make informed decisions in this area. The boys were encouraged to think through a decision making process now, so that they are prepared for what lies ahead.

#### *Catering Course: The Wykeham Collegiate*

‘Cooking up a Storm’ took place in the Second Quarter for interested A Block boys. It focused on basic cooking skills needed for breakfasts, lunches and suppers and finished with the preparation and consumption of a full three-course meal with some of the girls from the Wykeham Collegiate.

As usual at Michaelhouse the year has been a full and challenging one. But as always, it has also proved richly rewarding. I look forward to next year with eager anticipation of the challenges and rewards that each boy will bring.

*“Even youths grow tired and weary and young men stumble and fall, but those who hope on the Lord will renew their strength. They will rise as on eagles’ wings” Isaiah*

## **Extended Academic Programme for Scholars**

Master in charge: **Mr Michael Schwartz**

### **Members**

A Block : **Cullum Allen, Tahir Popat, Nicholas Steere, David Francis, Nathan Rafferty**

B Block : **Glen Dowie, Carl Pieterse, Christopher Hallier, James Birkett, Jonathan Durham**

C Block : **Nicholas Meyer, Ben van Aswegen, Matthew Purnell, Pieter-Derk van der Merwe, Dale Walker**

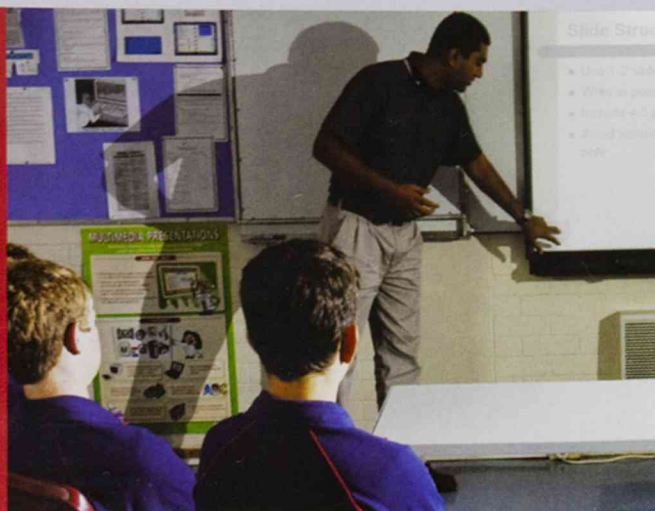
D Block : **Geoffrey Woollatt, Joshua Magor, Kieren King, Andrew King, Dean Dowie**

The aim of EAPS (Extended Academic Programme for Scholars) is to enrich the boys’ lives and extend them in areas not necessarily covered at school.

In 2006, the group has had Challenge 20/20 and food as its focus. Most of this year has been spent working on the Challenge 20/20 project, getting the EAPS web page up and running and planning a trip to the USA. The boys from D and C Block, plus some boys from E block make up the team working on the project.



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“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.”

Nelson Mandela

Mr Alwin Murugen teaching Information Technology

The National Association for Independent Schools in the United States has launched the Challenge 20/20. This challenge has arisen from the book by J.F. Rischard entitled *High Noon: 20 Global Problems, 20 Years to Solve Them*. The challenge is an international one, in that a school from the United States is paired with a school from outside the country. The aim is for these two schools to form a working partnership to investigate one of the 20 global problems and come up with a solution/s. The focus is community, country, and then international. The two schools will then attend a conference in the United States at which their findings will be presented. It will give the boys an opportunity to link with a school in the United States, to learn from other global schools at the conference and for their lives to be enriched.

We will be working with two schools, namely Wilbraham and Monson Academy in Wilbraham, MA and Pace Academy. Mr Walter Swanson (Director of International Studies) and Tracia Anderson are respectively co-ordinating the programme for the United States' schools. I have extended the challenge to the 2006 EAPS (D to B Block), and have asked Mrs de Wet (Head of Economics) to join us as we attempt to solve the problem.

The challenge for Michaelhouse and Wilbraham and Monson Academy: 'Trade, Investment and Competition Rules', and with Pace Academy: 'Education for All.'

Both are quite broad topics, so our focus will predominately be Trade and Investment Rules, and Education in a specific area. Once we have found out the meaning of the rules, we will investigate the effects on our continent and country and then how we can look at improving our local community.

The time-line for the challenge is as follows:

- |                       |                                |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Investigation      | 1 September to 1 December 2006 |
| 2. Presentation       | 5 December 2006                |
| 3. United States trip | 5 February to 4 March 2007     |

The research group is made up of two teachers and sixteen boys. This group is split in two; one group looking at Trade and Investment with Mrs de Wet and the other at Education for all with Mr Schwartz. The results so far are published on the school's web page under School News (other links).

This is possibly a once in a life time experience for most of the boys. The work and research is very stimulating and a visit to the United States is an exciting prospect.

After lots of work came lots of eating and a trip to Ushaka (Wet and Wild). On one of our trips we also spent some time at the Investment offices of Sanlam, getting some first hand knowledge on investing in South Africa.

## Economics

### Economics Department

HOD: Mrs Win de Wet

Staff: Mr Andrew Brown, Mr Ian Hobson

The introduction of the new FET curriculum in C Block this year has had its challenges. Thankfully, the content of the work taught has not changed too radically and we have adapted very easily to the slightly different assessment criteria. The content of the Economics course for A, B and C Blockers and the Economic and Management Sciences course for D and E Blockers remains interesting, relevant and dynamic. The content is also such that it requires our Economics staff to constantly keep up to date so that we can keep our learning material relevant and current.

## Human and Social Sciences

### History

HOD: Mr Mike Thomson

Staff: Mr Bryan Tarr

History here appears to be much the same as History in most other schools in the country where the subject is under threat as both parents and pupils consider it unnecessary for University, Business or Entrepreneurial success.

To this end, the Department has adopted a far more audio-visual and less textbook based approach this year. A Block has worked hard to complete the syllabus and we are looking forward to some



*"I never teach my pupils. I only attempt to provide  
the conditions in which they can learn."*

*Albert Einstein*

excellent results from a capable Block. They produced a wide array of investigations most of which were of a most pleasing quality. B Block are well into their Matric syllabus and face their first Matric style exam paper in November and are also already working on their investigations for next year.

In C Block we followed the new FET syllabus from the start of the year and have largely followed the theme: "Why world power - political and economic - shifted to Europe and the USA between 1450 and 1900". This has been approached in as wide and varied a manner possible, with the pupils utilising all sorts of media to learn and present their work. The FET syllabus also contains a heritage section and we studied the Anglo-Zulu Wars of 1879 as

our heritage section. This was combined with an excellent field trip to Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift.

The trip was a most enjoyable experience and thanks must be extended to Colonel Reggie Purbrick who accompanied the trip and delivered the lecture at Isandlwana and to the Rattray Family of Fugitive's Drift Lodge, who extended us free accommodation at Umzinyathi House and allowed us the services of Joseph for the lecture at Rorke's Drift. Unfortunately, the flu epidemic forced us to cancel the D Block Integrated Studies Trip which was going to feature our first visit to, and field exercise on, the Battle of Spioenkop.

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*B Blocker, Bryan Wester on a field study of the Lidgetton flood plain and waterfalls*

## Geography

HOD : Mrs Cathy Thomson

Staff : Mr John Crawford, Mr Carl Pachonick, Mr Sibusiso Ncamane, Mr Mike Thomson, Mr Bernard Whitaker

The continued introduction of new government education policies has kept us on our toes. However, a positive spin-off has been that we have had to look inward in developing our content and as a result we have utilized the Michaelhouse Estate far more than in the past. E Block continue with their Bog-Stream study, C Block compared micro-climates around the Campus, B Block studied drainage basins, run off and river action on the hillside while A Block studied soil profiles courtesy of all the excavations behind Mount Michael.

The highlight was the A Block excursion to Pietermaritzburg. The aim of the trip was to study the urban problems of a South African city that have come about as a result of a changing socio-political climate in South Africa. This trip provided the basis for the Matric Portfolio Project. This trip was organised by Youth for Christ and included a bus trip to Sgugane Informal Settlement, a walk through France RDP Settlement in Imbali and a walk through the East Street area/ inner city of Pietermaritzburg.

The boys were taken out of their comfort zones and were exposed to squalor and poverty that they thought "belonged somewhere else". The B Block also went to The Jagersrust Pump-Storage Scheme and the Lidgetton floodplain and waterfalls. Finally we also revived the E Block study of a Low-Order Settlement by doing a field study of Lidgetton. Sadly the D Block trip to Em'seni was cancelled due to the flu epidemic. I believe this will be a very exciting addition to our fieldwork next year.

Sharing ideas and exam papers with other schools on a regular basis has been hugely beneficial and I believe we have continued to raise the standards for ourselves and our students. Most pupils have responded positively and have worked hard throughout the year.



*E Block Boys on a Geography field trip to Lidgetton*

Next year the Department will be in the hands of Mr Pachonick and I wish him and all the staff well. I'm particularly delighted that my departure has opened the door for Mr Whitaker to come into the Geography Department. He will be a wonderful asset for Michaelhouse and Geography.

## Languages

### Afrikaans Department

HOD: Mr George Ferreira

Staff: Mr André Black, Mr Ryno Combrinck, Mrs Helene du Toit, Mr Johan van Rooyen, Mrs Elke von Schlichting

It is not uncommon to hear this question from some boys: "Is Afrikaans a dying language?" In the Afrikaans Department our aim continues to be to let our boys discover for themselves that Afrikaans is a vibrant and very useful, modern language. Our endeavour is to continuously seek more effective, creative and enjoyable ways to provide the spine of grammatical structure with the flesh of vocabulary.

A special word of thanks must go to all the Staff for their diligence and constant support. This year our greatest allies were the senior Afrikaans speaking boys. Their public appetite for Afrikaans and especially Afrikaans music filtered through to the rest of the school. This has taken Afrikaans out of the class room, where it is taught much better than inside, because it is applied in the real world where it belongs.

Apart from regular teaching practice, sets were introduced to make teaching more personal. Boys have also had more opportunities to combine their affinity for computers with the application of Afrikaans.

For the third year our boys enjoyed the lively performance of 'Shine 4', an all-girls Afrikaans band. About 400 boys discovered that Afrikaans can sound and look very attractive.



*“Life is either a great  
adventure or nothing.”*

*Helen Keller*

Another highlight was the B Block top set's visit to the Potchefstroom campus of the North West University. The boys were exposed to an Afrikaans environment for two days during which they received presentations in Afrikaans and were exposed to campus activities. We were very proud of the compliments received on boys' excellent behaviour.

Unfortunately, the D Block Integrated Studies trip had to be cancelled due to an outbreak of flu.

With the new FET syllabus, Afrikaans will be taught as a First Additional Language in future as opposed to its current status as a Second Language.

## Afrikaanse toer na Potchefstroom

*By Carl Pieterse and Mitchum Haupt*

Na die reis wat sewe ure geneem het, het ons uiteindelik in Potchefstroom gearriveer. Ons was almal stokstyf omdat ons vir so lank gesit het. Ons het reguit na die De Klerkhuis toe gegaan waar ons die eerste aand gehuisves is en ons tasse uitgepak.

Nadat almal klaar gestort het was dit etenstyd, by die Drakenstein Restaurant – 'n restaurant vir die studente. Ons is na 'n private kamer toe geneem om te gaan eet. Ons is aan die koshuisvader van Patria voorgestel en het iets bestel om ons te verfris. Voordat ons ons oë kon uitvee, was daar 'n Swiss bull, 'n reuse schnitzel voor almal van ons. Ons het almal ook 'n baie groot porsie chips saam met die res van die kos gekry.

Toe ons almal versadig was, het die Studenteraadse Voorsitter met ons gepraat. Hy het teologie geswot, maar het nie veel oor sy graad gepraat nie, maar meer van hoe lekker die Puk rêrig is. Hy het baie gepraat van die studente-ewe by Pukke en al die aktiwiteite waaraan almal deelneem.

Na die ete het ons op 'n toer van die hele kampus gegaan. Ons het nie mooi geweet wie die toerleier was nie, maar al wat ons kan onthou is wat hy gesê het: “By Pukke is jy wie jy is, en dis cool.” Ons het almal baie vir hom gelag.

Ons het die volgende oggend by die Studentesentrum gaan eet waar ons weer chips geëet het. Ons het na die Farmasie Fakulteit toe gegaan waar ons met van die studente gepraat het en ons het 'n toespraak van die Dekaan van die Fakulteit ontvang.

Daarna het ons na die Taaltegnologie Departement toe gegaan waar hulle vir ons vertel het wat hulle alles doen. Ons het toe na die MenslikeBewegingskunde Fakulteit toe gegaan waar 'n baie

lang meneer vir ons gesê het wat hy alles doen en hoe ons kan betrokke word in Menslike Bewegingskunde. Ons was ook op 'n toer van die nuwe indrukwekkende “High-performance” sentrum wat die universiteit begin het. Hulle ontwikkel en rehabiliteer alle sportmanne wat enige sportsoort beoefen.

Daarna het ons middagete gaan eet by die rugby klub waar ons heerlike biefstuk geëet het. En weer chips. Matthew Proudfoot, 'n voormalige stut van Skotland het met ons kom praat oor die Puk se rugbystelsel. Hy is die hoofafrigter van die Pukke se Rugby Instituut.

Ons het toe na die Astrovilla toe gestap. Die Astrovilla is deel van die universiteit se Hokkie Akademie waar ons gehuisves is in luukse chalets. Hier het ons ons gemaklike klere aangetrek want ons was op pad om koshuisrugby te gaan kyk. Ons is in twee groepe opgedeel; een groep wat die een koshuis (Patria) ondersteun het en die ander wat vir Veritas ondersteun het. Patria het die wedstryd gewen. Ons het by die rugby gebly tot tienuur en toe terug na die Astrovilla toe gegaan. Ons het die volgende oggend op die kop vyfuur gery en ons het om en by eenuur by Michaelhouse aangekom.

Dit was 'n baie informatiewe toer. Ons het dit baie geniet en hoop dat dit weer in die toekoms sal gebeur.

## English Department

**HOD: Mr Peter Dennyson**

**Staff: Mrs Colleen Cook, Mr Peter Huntley, Mrs Mary McMichael, Mr Shaun McMurtry, Mrs Dionne Redfern, Mr Bryan Tarr.**

*“It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done; it is a far, far better rest that I go to, than I have ever known.”*

I steal the words from Charles – not Glass, of course. But with Sunderland demoted, my favourite poet, E.E.Cummings, written up in capital letters on the IEB Poetry list, and with Shakespeare in danger of being dropped from some schools' syllabi, it must be time to hang up my HOD boots. Tony Hancock opted to be a traffic warden rather than give blood; I will choose to tiptoe into the classroom and make as little literary noise as possible.

I do feel that twenty-five years at the helm of any educational post is more than long enough, and even though I also feel that Michaelhouse could have made the noble gesture of replacing me with at least two women, I do leave the Academic Committee



“With an eye made quiet by the power of harmony,  
and the deep power of joy, we see into the life of things.”  
William Wordsworth

with no regrets. I praise Paul Fleischack and David Lewis for their Sisyphus-like efforts to persuade the School that academic pursuits are more significant than sporting ones; and I wish Colleen Cook all the best in her running of the Department.

As I move sideways, Shaun McMurtry moves upwards, leaving Michaelhouse at the end of 2006 to take up his post as Headmaster at Grantleigh. Shaun will be a great loss to the English Department; he combines a scholarly approach to the subject with a splendid sense of humour and a very sharp wit. In any heated discussion, Shaun generally managed the last word, and an eloquently delivered word it would be. I thank him sincerely for his enormous contribution to English at Michaelhouse, and wish him well in his new position.

As a Department, we were very pleased with our 2005 Matric results. We hope for similar results from the Class of 2006. I have taught the top set for this year – I inherited them in C Block – and know that I have enjoyed their company enormously; we even fitted in some work occasionally. They are an exceptional collection of individuals.

In the English Olympiad, we still battle to feature regularly in the top echelon of this competition – it is several years since we had a boy in the top fifteen – but Simon Gowans deserves congratulations for his Gold Award and his place in the top hundred. Pleasing too were the nine Silver Awards – going to Nathan Rafferty, Rupert Sully, Mandla Mashinini, Donovan Foster, Michael Laws, Dale Walker, Brian Cox, Erhard Breet and Glyn Lloyd-Jones – as well as the eleven Bronze Awards. We will battle on against that infamous post-literate current; in fairness, our top pupils are very busy people, with so many Olympiads that each department expects their ‘stars’ to enter.

The Douglas Livingstone Creative Writing Competition produced limited success for us, but two of our top literary pupils did achieve commendations for their offerings – Nicholas Steere in the Grade Twelve Short Story, and Michael Laws in Grade Eleven Poetry. Nicholas was the winner of the Old Boys’ Essay Competition, his entry being published elsewhere in this magazine.

And finally Michael English’s poem, ‘Grandmother’s Kitchen’, which was awarded second place in last year’s Douglas Livingstone Competition, was published in this year’s ‘English Alive.’ The poem appeared in last year’s Chronicle.

And so I bid farewell to the Chronicle and to the Departmental reports. I ride off into the sunset of the classroom, where new challenges will face me every day. My present B Block class, who will be my 2007 Matric set, inform me politely that they

“don’t do poetry” – there’s a challenge. I rejoice in leaving Colleen to unravel the intricacies of the FET and the GETC; William and Edward Estlin will help me plod my way down Cemetery Road – and maybe Roy Keane will join my list of heroes before the year is out.

## English Writing

### The Search for the Shattered Fragments of Cinderella’s Glass Slipper, Lost

By Nicholas Meyer

Childhood memories  
cling-

Holding hands  
before the playground,

reassuring clasp and  
familiar presence.

Fantastical dreamlands shared  
of richest chocolate rivers  
and faerie dappled forests,

blur and fade...

Today I hold your hand  
and sensations are confused.

My clammy hand meets tentative yours,  
your nervous smile and hurried glance.

I see you differently today,  
older now.

And should we still pretend that we are

Still  
Insolent innocent?  
When fantasy means  
Something else?

Is it still shared?

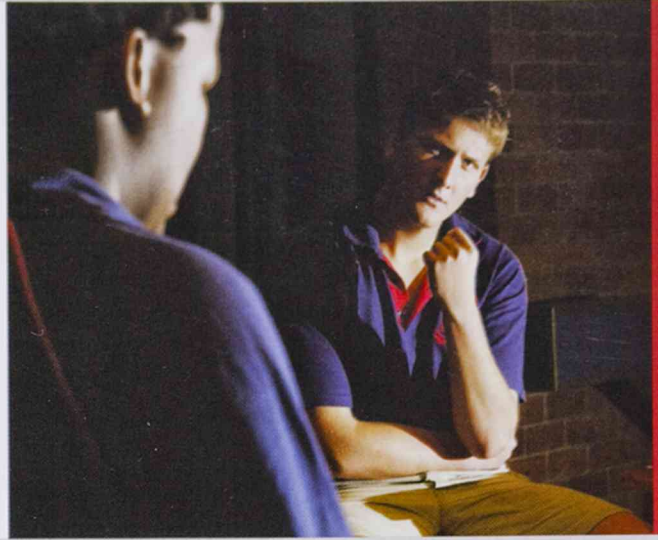
I love you at five,  
I love you at fifteen (corny, I know)

as familiar blurs and fades  
t exciting unknown.



*History is the witness that testifies to the passing of time; it illuminates reality, vitalizes memory, provides guidance in daily life, and brings tidings of antiquity.*

*Marcus Tullius Cicero*



I want to find out if you do.

Childhood memories  
bur and fade...  
What is left?

## Coffee

*By Jamie Chennells*

Its distinguishable brown scent laps at the nose  
It playfully swims in the atmosphere around us  
Finding every corner and arousing every occupant.  
We drink it with expectations, and as it  
Races towards the stomach it awakens the being within.  
No rest is found, nor time for nothingness.  
Activities persist into the early hours of morn.  
And as the windows gather grey, and the papers grow full,  
The student grows a slow.  
His task is done, and true satisfaction greets.  
The bed is provided and the sun is alarm.  
And as he wakes, though only hours later,  
He feels brand new.  
Until school is over, when his needs him tell  
He reaches for anew.

## Beneath the façade

*By Domenico Nusca*

music pounding  
chatter resounding  
alcohol consumed  
chatter resumed

faces painted thick  
hiding from reality  
emotionless dancing  
showing fears

more alcohol  
more dancing

more chatting  
more fear  
but when the music fades  
they all go home  
and lie in bed alone  
realizing the blind reality

## Subtle Waters

*By Dale Walker*

You trickle by so softly  
That anyone can see  
You hold the perfect man  
That I can never be.

I sit upon your shore  
And gaze into your wonders  
Is the face gazing back  
Nought but the mask I wore?

Your waters ever changing  
Your message disappears  
Another bobs to the surface  
Erasing all my fears.

You trickle by so subtly  
That only I can see  
You hold a perfect person.  
Me

## Will I

*By Rupert Sully*

They are there  
At the foot of my bed, like angel.  
Even thin, humbling silence is quiet

Two horned men, in the dark.  
Of the dark.  
Of Self.



*“Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.”*

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

They have no shape or colour  
Yet they are there.  
One short, one tall.  
Will they talk with me.  
Looming, close yet distant.  
Keep open your eyes!

Dark flashes of light  
Column forms.  
The choice.  
Will I let the black waves  
Wash over the land.  
What will drown.  
I ran, leaving the dark and the gnashing teeth.

## **My poetry is only as good when written in maths**

*By Michael Laws*

As I sit here and slowly  
Realise the trouble I'm in,  
a single  
thought  
comes to mind.  
You see the thought is  
Both  
The solution to  
And  
Reason for my problem.  
I'm in a state of Limbo

Awake and asleep-dreaming  
I'm a goldfish in a bowl  
Stuck  
while the answer to X squared laughs on the outside.  
(No alliteration, Litotes or grand figures of speech)

Eyes see:  
My pen harvesting fruits of my boredom;  
A teacher walking towards my desk...

My shy laughter prevents an intervention

All of a sudden  
Even my original problem  
Has slipped out the fish bowl

## **Pupil Teacher Reunion – Winner, Old Boys Essay**

*By Nicholas Steere*

The young graduate wandered about his garden, kicking up autumn remnants. His polished shoes slid through the crackling leaves, a combination of elements that alleviated his senses. He was exhausted. The heavy demands a career in business entailed had never become wholly apparent to him during his years as a student; but, since his inception at the banking firm he now served, a firm notorious for whisking-off intellectuals like himself, he had come to know and understand that the smell of green print was little substitute for the countless hours he had spent in purgatory, only escaping every so often, as he now did, to break the perpetual cycle.

His tie, the noose that normally hanged him, now hung itself loosely round his neck, tame for the while. Glancing down, he lifted his sleeve – five thirty. This was a time commonly reserved for meetings, and today was no different. A deep breath and a quick glance at his surroundings, and he was off, squeezing the noose up in sharp swings as he went. Mercedes waited patiently in the drive...

A man sat in a chair. Before him lay a desk. On the desk lay a collection of papers. Scribbled on the papers was an assortment of red ticks and crosses; sixteen A's, four B's, one C – the best he'd seen since his own paper was part of the same pile. He sat back, relaxed and satisfied. A man past his middle-ages, he had neither cause nor time for crises. Now, he sat with the choice of what to do next. His stomach was the judge of that – a visit to his favourite Italian restaurant, a fifteen minute drive from his humble suburban residence. He would take an old friend along for company. Standing up, he gathered the papers, affirmation of a small reward, and filed them neatly away.

The front door gave a tired yawn, having been rested the better part of the afternoon. Stepping onto the porch, the man placed his hands on his hips and smiled; it was definitely a fine day, a fine autumn day, and days like this were to him best spent driving somewhere. It didn't matter where, as long as wherever he went required the use of a vehicle, an old eight-valve 1952 Rolls Royce to be specific. Left to him by his father, a rich eccentric (he could never dream of earning one by his own occupation), he favoured it mostly for two things: that Rolls Royce's seldom if ever broke down, rendering their need to be serviced invalid, and that the car itself was the only car he'd ever driven, meaning he had little to compare it against anyway, but that didn't matter, ignorance really was bliss. He slid the keys into position and gave a quarter turn... The Mercedes sped along the highway, indicators in full stride.



He was late, and it wasn't something he was unfamiliar with either. It seemed he was always fighting the clock, but no matter how hard he fought, the clock always won. This led him to question things: How did everyone else always make it on time? Was the problem perhaps less superficial than he thought - and if so, what was it? Why couldn't he find answers?

He noticed a car moving very quickly towards him. It seemed to be reversing. Fast. Too fast! The brake pedal was flattened instinctively, stopping the Mercedes inches from collision. A cheeky red traffic light poked its head into view. He looked around. Faces peered back at him, wide eyed after bracing for impact. He was on the off-ramp and heading for town.

Heads turned a full one-hundred-and-eighty degrees (two-hundred-and-seventy around corners) to follow the majestic trail covered by the Royce and its driver. This pleased the driver greatly. It wasn't often he had the chance to exhibit something to an envious public. They had even reserved (for him and his car) a prime parking spot by the restaurant he now drove to.

The restaurant he now drove to happened to be in the centre of town - a place littered with intersections and angry interceptors. He, in his old age, was a cautious driver unaccustomed to the hyped-up attitude one had to maintain in this environment; notwithstanding, he pressed bravely on, presently stopping at a traffic light. At least his familiarity with the route that had to be taken allowed for some assurance of his relative positioning, and therefore the distance left for him to travel. The light shone green. He gently worked the pedals. The car began to move, but suddenly lurched forward, coming to an abrupt halt at the front of a long line of angry Mercedes.

Town made him anxious - the stopping and starting, the monotonous square features - especially when he was late. He might as well begin walking. As he saw it, the pedestrians owned the roads in town. He felt always at the mercy of the 'man in the street'. Here, his feelings were not misplaced as his car slowed to a stop. Up ahead, they flooded the crossings, a flock of anonymous faces. He looked around again. Everyone sat, tapping their wheels. He was doing the same. It was like a unanimous, unspoken opinion.

The red man emerged, flagging the cars out of their starting blocks. The graduate let his automatic gearbox do the work as the Mercedes gathered momentum. Then, for the second time, he was forced to test his brakes. What was this?! A Rolls Royce blocked the way ahead. That was an absurdity, but he was too flustered and furious to notice. He leapt out of his car and strode intently towards the driver's seat of the Royce. Once there, he caught sight of an old man reaching under his steering wheel. "What's the problem here?! Don't you think this car should be making tin cans by now?" The old man looked up. Hundreds of cars in the distance were hooting. Their horns carried purpose, but not effect. For a moment, the graduate forgot his meeting; he forgot everything, except the man in front of him. That was clear. "Hello John, could you lift the bonnet for me?"

"Yes, sir."

"Thank you."

## French

HOD: **Ms Martine Planteau de Maroussem**

Staff: **Mrs Martine Pinnell**

The A Block boys enjoyed their annual French Matric Dinner at Kearsney College during the month of March. The evening was a great success and Mrs Victoria Hawthorne treated us once again to a slide show of one her French tours.

Unfortunately the B Block could not attend the annual quiz held at Hilton College during the course of the year as concurrent events took place here at Michaelhouse. From the Minutes received, the evening was a great success where other participating schools enjoyed a "*déjeuner sur l'herbe*" and the *pétanque* game experience, as well as the French quiz. To compensate, the pupils have asked for a French breakfast which has been organized for the Fourth Quarter.

C Block boys had a quiet year at school, with a lot of grammar to learn in this important year of learning.

D Block boys had the pleasure of attending the '*Journé à l'Alliance Française de Durban*' in September and they had a fantastic time meeting French pupils from all across Durban. The day was divided into five different activities and included LOTTO; the 7-Family Game; *Pétanque*; a quiz on France and a short movie extract to stimulate the pupils' taste for the French language and culture.

The E Block class also had a quiet year at school. This group consists of some very strong students, extending the class average to 77%, so far.

## isiZulu

HOD: **Mr Sandile Khuluse**

Staff: **Mrs Annette Murugen, Mr Mandla Cele (Intern)**

This year, we had isiZulu as a 1<sup>st</sup> Additional Language from E Block. That means we had three sets in E Block. Two sets were doing isiZulu second Additional Language, and the other set as a first Additional Language.

I have designed the syllabus for isiZulu first Additional Language for my E Block boys and it has been my pleasure to work with this group. I have never seen such a dedicated group of boys. There were twelve in the group and this number will increase next year with some boys moving from second Additional Language.



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*E Block boys are presented with Reading Certificates from Rector Pearson and Mrs Penny Purchase*

The other two sets were taught by Mrs Annette Murugen and I. There were 21 boys in each of these sets. Under my guidance, Intern Mandla Cele, taught some lessons to the second Additional Language group.

Mrs Murugen was also in charge of teaching D Block first Additional Language. She had thirteen boys in this group.

There were only six boys in the C Block group. They were a diligent group of boys, although some found the subject too challenging, particularly with the implementation of the new FET curriculum.

On 10 September 2006, I took this group on an excursion to Shakaland in Northern Zululand. The boys really enjoyed learning in a relaxed environment. This is what Mandla Mashinini had to say about the trip:

*"On the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2006, our B Block Zulu class, under the guidance of Mr Khuluse embarked on what was to be an awesome and fulfilling Zulu tour to Zululand. After a six hour trip, enduring highways, gravel roads and a car breakdown, we arrived at our destination of Shakaland resort, nestled in the hills outside Eshowe. In true African style we were late, but on our arrival were escorted to our chalets and treated to a wonderful, traditional Zulu meal. We were then treated to our first true isiZulu experience when escorted into the main hut by Zulu maidens and warriors. The atmosphere was thrilling inside the hut as the smoke and drumbeat encapsulated our senses. We were then given a glorious and electrifying performance of Zulu dancing Ingoma followed by performances of the different Nguni people, from the stick wielding Xhosas to the more soothing Swazi dances.*

*The next day was to prove even more exciting than the previous day's event. After a breakfast buffet we were shown the traditional courting rituals of the Zulu nations which proved rather interesting (especially for us adolescents), but Shakaland had far more in store for us. Over the next two days we were treated to a range of sensational experiences, from spear making and throwing, to umqombothi (traditional drink), to a full on stick fight between the members of our class.*

*The whole experience however culminated in the actual performance of the boys in front of the resort staff and guests. After being trained in the art of traditional dancing by a member of Shakaland staff, we were left to our own devices in front of the crowd. I am glad to report that we did not do ourselves a disservice and in fact were treated to a standing ovation.*

*On 12 September we sadly had to bid farewell to the friendly staff of Shakaland. I would like to thank the school for the opportunity and especially to Mr Khuluse for putting up with us for a weekend. It was a lovely opportunity to learn, have fun and grow a strong bond between the members of our class.*

*All in all, a very memorable, enjoyable experience for the boys and I have no doubt that this trip will be one of the things that these boys will never forget in their lives".*





*Michaelhouse Inter-Provincial Mathematics Olympiad representatives*

## Mathematics Department

HOD: Mr Alan Adlington-Corfield

Staff: Mr Marc Ancillotti, Mr Albie Dahlberg,  
Mr Paul de Wet, Mr Given Dzingwa, Ms Lisa Hardie,  
Mr Allan Laing, Mrs Kathy McMurtry

The Mathematics department has had a busy year. Our mission is, and remains at the core of all that we do: to make Mathematics relevant, exciting and accessible to all our boys.

### Competitions

#### *South African Mathematics Olympiad*

The first round of the South African Maths Olympiad took place in March. Michaelhouse entered 106 boys into the competition. 40 junior and 13 senior boys moved through to the second round of the competition, which was written in May. A number of our boys performed well in this second round and David Horscroft was placed within the top 100 in the country. This is a tremendous achievement and he wrote the third medal placing round, in September, where he achieved a bronze medal.

#### *AMESA Problem Solving Challenge*

Approximately 100 of our boys took part in the AMESA problem solving challenge held in August.

#### *Inter-Provincial Mathematics Olympiad*

Eleven of our boys were selected to represent the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands in the annual Inter-Provincial Mathematics Olympiad. Based on their performance, the boys took part as follows:

A team: N Steere; J Magor

B team: D Foster; W Gowans; D Dowie; K Sefako; D Bradford

C Team: M Arron; S Gallie; G Cunliffe

## Media

### Media Centre

HOD: Mrs Penny Purchase

Staff : Mrs Lynn van der Vegte, Mrs Thembi Sikhakhane,  
Mr Simon Zondi

### Media Studies

E Block Reading Challenge: 28 boys received gold and 10 silver reading certificates from the Rector in September, for reading more than six books from different genres. The E Blockers of today come to us 'visually assaulted' so this is a challenge to get them to read black on white print and to read with discernment. Resource Management Course: The E Block boys are working through this workbook which I have compiled, to help them select information from a variety of sources, compile a bibliography, evaluate websites critically and take notes without plagiarising.

### Displays

We have mounted several displays to make the boys environmentally aware: Earth Day, Tsunamis, Wetlands Day, National Water Week, National Bird Week, World Environment Day. In the foyer, we have recognized the seasons. We have had displays on Don't Do Drugs, Mother's Day, Father's Day, World Cup Soccer, Countries in Conflict (Israel and Lebanon, Iran and Iraq), Celebration of Women, Bullying and Religious Festivals. We have displayed boys' work: E Block Birds made from Waste and B& D Block Design and Technology. We have New Book displays twice a term and the system of reserving new books is working well. We try to keep the boys current with our news board and the weekly 'News Events of the Week'.



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*Media Centre displays are always a drawcard*

## Computers

Libwin, our library programme is running well. We have ActiveConnect which enables the boys to search the catalogue independently. We have nine computers for web searching and word processing.

## Audio Visual Department

Simon Zondi was appointed to run the A.V. Department in 2006. He was well tutored by Cyprian Sikhosana, who sadly died in July after a battle with cancer. We have had a problem with theft of video recorders and DVD players in the classrooms, despite being locked in cages. We are only buying DVD's now.

## Monitors

A band of E Block boys have helped with running the issue desk. I am grateful to Donovan Foster who has been very reliable in locking the Media Centre every afternoon.

## Outreach

I have helped with teaching the SMILE programme to Hlanganani and Ngezi schools. We have trained the B Block boys to be facilitators. I have helped establish the new libraries at these disadvantaged schools. My little reading group on Friday afternoons, where the Michaelhouse boys read to the children of staff members, still continues.

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“See one promontory, one mountain,  
one sea, one river, and see all.”  
*Socrates*

*E Block Tatham Boys constructing their bivy at Umgeni*

## Outdoor Education

### B Block: Leadership Weekend

*Written by Allan Laing*

The annual B Block Leadership weekend took place over Sunday, 8 October and Monday, 9 October. The aim of these two days is to expose all B Block boys to the final phase of leadership training before leadership selection takes place. The programme is designed to be of benefit to all boys and includes presentations on leadership styles, servant leadership, teamwork and co-operation, and rights and responsibilities presented by a lawyer. There is also an emphasis on teambuilding and the boys traverse much of the greater Michaelhouse Estate as part of the programme. This year included a stimulating interactive drumming workshop that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. All Housemasters were involved and a number of outside presenters were also used to help guide the boys through this final stage of leadership preparation.

The lectures were interspersed with fun activities ranging from the ‘NASA game’ that challenges co-operation to raft construction and the crossing of new dam. Although a lot of fun was had, the boys were serious about the programme and were better equipped by the end of it. The final activity was the supper preparation that took place in a Housemaster’s home. The boys had to work within a budget to prepare a dinner for themselves and invited staff. Once again much fun was had and some excellent food prepared.

### C-Block: Three-Day Hike Challenge

*Written by Nicholas Meyer*

Between the 18 and 20 September, the C Block boys participated in a three day hike aimed at cultivating the potential leaders

among us and the leadership qualities within us all. The hike took place in and around the same venue as the C Block Confirmation Camp which took place earlier this year *Emseni* – and was done in House groups all in competition with one another, each boy with his own individual responsibility (be it navigating, communicating with staff, organising community services, managing food supplies, tools and resources). The aim was to complete each day’s allocated distance (navigating from checkpoint to checkpoint), hiking through the beautiful terrain of the area, and completing various teambuilding exercises along the way, moving towards the site where camp was to be set up for the night.

After camp had been set up, more group activities were completed and then, come dark, each House returned to its respective campfires and prepared dinner. We then retreated to the well deserved comfort of cosy sleeping bags in warm tents after a strenuous day filled with many trials.

These challenging situations resulted in bringing each house to a unity, and out of this togetherness, emerged leaders who guided the House as a team, this was one of the aims of the camp and this was achieved. Groups of boys who would not get along in normal circumstances resolved their trivial differences and worked together to achieve a common goal – mostly free of petty conflict. The hike brought House groups together, which is essential as the boys in your House are the boys with whom you grow and so it is vital that they can get along and co-exist in relative harmony. The extent to which the hike brought the groups together surpassed everyone’s expectations, as people carried the packs of struggling team mates and in one House, even carried the struggling team mate himself.



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*Baines C Block hikers*

For the first time this year an element of community service was introduced into the exercise. Each House carried writing materials and a few sweets for a small group of children at Mpondweni School, which was one of the checkpoints.

Overall it was a most worthwhile and enriching experience from which the whole of Michaelhouse C Block 2006 learnt valuable lessons.

## **D Block Leadership: Course at Spirit of Adventure**

*Written by Geoffrey Woollatt*

On Monday, 17 August the D Block boys did a final check of their kit-list, boarded the buses and set off on our outing to Spirit of Adventure.

The boys were excited to go, especially since we were missing the last three days of school. The ride down to Shongweni was filled with loud shouting and laughter. After a long trip we arrived at the camp, overlooking the Shongweni Dam. We were met by Rudy, the owner of Spirit of Adventure, who explained what the course would involve. We were separated into groups and met our instructors. A group leader was selected by the group and we introduced ourselves. After a quick lunch, Rudy told us about Spirit of Adventure and reminded us that this experience was for us to learn about leadership, strengths, weaknesses and teamwork.

That afternoon was spent orienteering and raft-building. Once two rafts were built (and one half built) it was time to race. Meat for our potjie was at stake and we all enjoy meat. After the race was finished, each group made their own potjie and waited impatiently for it to cook. We ate the delicious supper and then met for a talk on the 'Night Hike'.

Once we knew where we were heading, we set off on our two hour walk. During the walk we were regularly frightened by an instructor jumping out of the bushes, either barking or growling, followed by quick running and shouting. My highlight was walking through a long tunnel and cutting through the mountain. After getting our takkies full of water crossing the river, we toiled up a massive hill with squelching shoes. We finally arrived at camp exhausted, sharing stories and complaints. After an early breakfast, we made our way to the obstacle course and various team-building activities. Everyone was given a leadership role for each activity. After much hoisting and heaving the tasks were done and lunch was a welcome break.

After lunch we went rap-jumping, dam wall jumping, rock climbing, canoeing and hiking. After a braai, it was time to pack our sleeping bags and pillows for our night in the bush. We left the camp in high spirits with ominous clouds hanging overhead. My group's campsite was the furthest away. We prayed for rain not to fall, but sadly it did rain and we got sopping wet. After two hours of sleeping (attempted sleep) in wet sleeping bags we packed up and arrived back at camp at 4 o'clock in the morning.

After three hours sleep and a quick breakfast we headed for the obstacle course known as Oliver's Travels- A massive, wooden, A-frame structure. We got our harnesses on and climbed up the ladder in pairs. We each stood on poles that were about one and a half metres apart. We then leaned against each other and made our way across. At the end we had to jump for a bar, just off the platform. Once we had all done the obstacle, we met in our groups with our instructors and reviewed the past three days.

After thanking the staff we gathered our belongings and got on the waiting buses. We were all extremely tired and thankful to sit down for a rest. All in all, Spirit of Adventure was fun but quite challenging at times. I'm sure that all the boys gained





*Sekatle Sekatle*

something from the camp and learnt about their strengths and weaknesses, leadership and teamwork skills. With the help of the staff at Spirit of Adventure the camp was a great success.

## **E Block: Umgeni Valley**

*Written by Jonathan Purnell and Jake van Koevering*

During the last week of the Michaelmas Quarter the E Block boys travelled to Umgeni Valley as part of our outdoor education. We were met by the staff of Umgeni who told us how to do minimum impact camping. We were then split into three groups to go to the different camping sites. Founders and Mackenzie went off first to Cycad Camp. They were dropped off and had to carry their bags and equipment to Cycad. Baines, Tatham and Farfield walked to Nkonka Camp near the top of the reserve and East, West and Pascoe were at Ndulo Camp in the middle. We all had to set up our camps for the night. We had to make a bivy from two tarpaulins, some bamboo poles and some rope. We had to make them water tight so that we wouldn't get wet if it rained. Some groups made their bivies quickly while other groups took most of the afternoon. East was judged to have the best bivy followed closely by Mackenzie, Farfield and Founders. The Tatham rock bivy next to the river was the most attractive site.

Our task for the late afternoon was to cook supper. We were given two chickens each, some potatoes, carrots, onions and other things and had to prepare a stew. We didn't know that the chickens still had all their feathers on and they had not been prepared like the ones you buy in shops. It was quite difficult to get the feathers off but most groups managed to boil water and put the chickens in the water to get the feathers off. We heard that some of the Houses got to bed late because they took so long preparing the chickens before they could even start cooking! Ben Hodgson in Mackenzie led Mackenzie's cooking team to victory.



*Johan Badenhorst*

We were tired when we finally got into our sleeping bags. There were lots of night noises and the night was very dark. Founders thought they heard a large animal near their camp. By morning we were all hungry and had to make our own breakfast. It was a challenge getting the different people in our Houses to work together and to make sure that the food was shared out equally and making sure everyone did his bit.

We all took part in a number of activities on the second and third day in the valley. We had to cross the river with a man on a stretcher as part of the parachute rescue simulation, we had mind puzzles and an obstacle course, catapult competitions while there was still time to appreciate the valley, swim in the river and have a lot of fun.

In one of the catapult competitions Michael West-Russell had an exceptional lob shot to hit the can with his stone and everyone in Mackenzie cheered loudly for him.

On our last day we had breakfast and then packed up our camp and then had to carry all our bags out. The walk out was very steep and we were all tired getting the litter and bags up to the entrance. There were some tame Zebras who watched us as we gathered for the finale. We all received certificates for our participation on the course and then had a war-cry competition between houses. In the end Farfield won because their war-cry had the most about the environment and what we had learned. We then headed back to Michaelhouse after a great time and were happy to get lunch in the dining halls which we didn't have to cook ourselves.

Our thanks go to Mr Guthrie, Mr Hobson, Mr Adlington-Corfield, Mr Ncamane, Mr Sessions, Mr Kotze, Sister Macmillan and the staff of Umgeni Valley for making the trip so successful.



# Academic Reports



*"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."*  
Eleanor Roosevelt

C Block boys survive their three-day hike challenge

## Sanatorium

The first term in the San was a challenging one. Nottingham Road had two dentists who visited the area weekly and this included taking mouth guard moulds in preparation for the rugby season. The whole process saved holiday time for parents and boys as well as reduced the cost per mouth guard. The boys ended up with well fitting mouth guards.

The Impact Concussion Baseline Testing was run over a week to ensure all of the boys who play rugby were tested before the rugby season began. This programme has come into its own with boys who had been concussed during the rugby season, and helps with a more accurate system of deciding when a boy may return safely to a contact sport.



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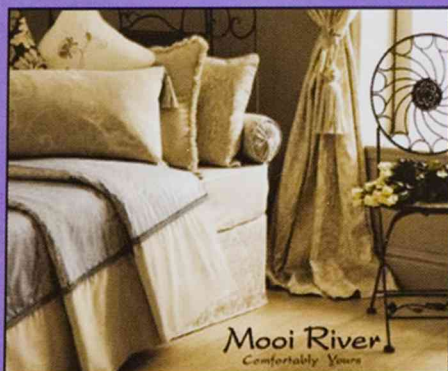
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*SAASTE National Biology and Natural Science Olympiad winners*

First Aid training was held at the end of the First Term and this year seventeen boys successfully completed the course.

According to the news reports there were eleven different strains of flu doing the rounds and we certainly saw most of them affecting the boys throughout the year. Due to the severity of the flu the school closed a week early at the end of the Second Quarter. As the boys recovered from one bout of flu they succumbed to the next, resulting in a number of sport fixtures being cancelled. We had bunk beds set up in what is now known as *Pill Parlour* which brought the number of beds available in the San up to forty-four. (We usually operate with twenty-eight beds). Most of the local boys sent home to be cared for by their families.

The Third Quarter arrived with its own set of challenges. Morag Atherstone spent her July holidays helping at a mission station in Malawi. While working there, she contracted Hepatitis A infection which laid her low for six weeks. Fortunately for us, Sister Jenny Caruth had returned from living and working in Ireland and was able to help us in the mornings.

Over the half term the Annual School Nurse Conference was held at Hilton College covering talks and discussion groups on Impact concussion tests, teenage suicide, drugs and drinking, strapping injuries, and last but not least the dispensing licenses. It was a very informative conference which included a drive around the Hilton Game Reserve in the evening to see their two baby giraffes. The Fourth Quarter saw some order to the year's chaos. The boys were concerned about exams, the rugby obsession seemed to abate and a sense of peace prevailed. Time was made for interviewing the new boys for next year.

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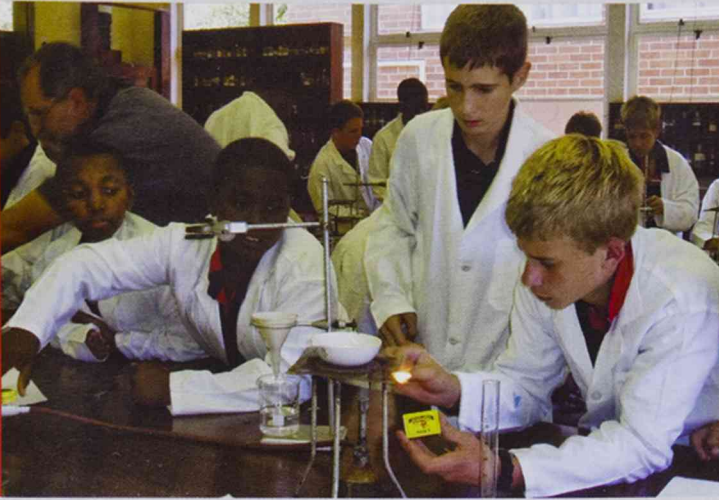
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# Academic Reports



*E Block Scientists approach their experiment with caution*

## Science

HOD: Mr Michael Schwartz

Staff: Mr Tony Carter, Mr Craig Longmore, Mr Gavin Ross, Mr Jaap van der Vegte, Mr Raymond Duma and Mr Mfanseni Phungula

Much of the focus at the start of the year was on the newly implemented FET curriculum. After a long search and much work, we chose to get the ball rolling with the help of a text book written by S Crossman, our Physics Examiner for the past six years.

The C and B Block groups were once again streamed and this allowed for the continuation of the extension work in and outside of the classroom, the latter including a visit to Engen and Chemical Initiatives in Durban. This not only showed the boys what a Scientist/Engineer does, but also tested their attitude towards the waste products generated by the chemical companies concerned.

The Department was very busy this year with Olympiads and Science Expos. The A Block boys participated in the annual Mittal Olympiad, with David Francis being the most successful. The E to B Block boys participated in the SAASTE Olympiad in October. Michaelhouse ended as the best school in Grade 8 and the second best in Grade 9. Top performers were Adam Gray (93%, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Grade 8) and Ben van Sweden (87%, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Grade 9)

At the annual Science Expo, Stephen Green and Brian Cox were our top performers, obtaining a bronze medal and a prize for the Best Senior Poster. Ed Steered achieved a 3<sup>rd</sup> class award and Rees Keene and Johan van der Linden achieved a 2<sup>nd</sup> class award.

The boys have been exposed to pure academic work, practical, projects, informal work and who will forget the budding musician singing tunes with scientific lyrics from B Block.

One of the highlights of the year continues to be the entertainment of the Grade 6 boys during their visit to Michaelhouse. The shock, excitement and anticipation on the faces of the boys will long be remembered as fingers were frozen and squashed, as volcanoes erupted and as balloons were exploded.



*Glen Dowie and Ferdi van Niekerk on tour at Chemical Initiatives*

## Engineering, Graphics and Design Technical Drawing

HOD: Mr Elmar de Klerk

Technical Drawing will in future be called Engineering Graphics and Design. The curriculum has changed and a new syllabus has been adopted. Mechanical and Architectural drawing on computer and on the drawing board has made it a very popular choice as a subject if you would like to pursue a career in Engineering, Architecture, Land Surveying or Graphic Design.

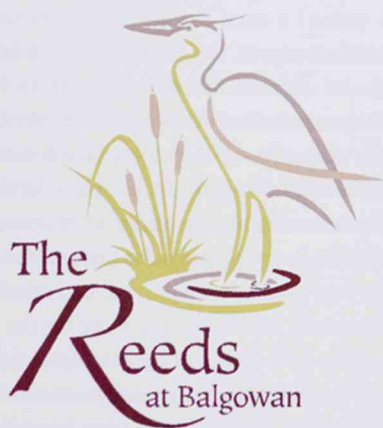
The boys in D Block enjoyed the Technology syllabus ranging from geometrical constructions to building bridges and catapults. I was most impressed with the B Block portfolios that they have handed in on building cranes. They had to plan, design and build a model. It included forces, electricity and structures to complete the project successfully.

I am looking forward to the new challenges of Engineering, Graphics and Design and I am confident that it will be a popular choice amongst the boys.



*Douglas Button adds the finishing touches to his project*





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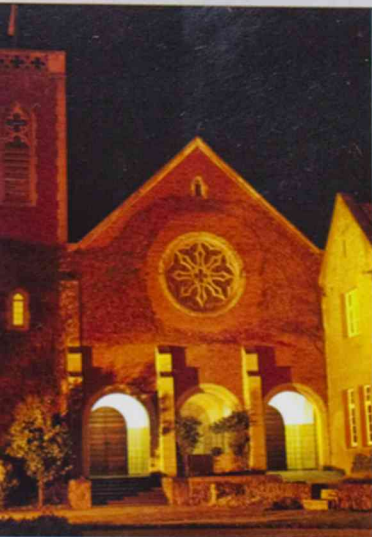
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Proverbs 9:9

Boys at Confirmation camp

## Chapel News

Written by Canon Alan Smedley

As I have been reflecting upon the past year I found myself being drawn to 1 Corinthians 2: 1 – 5. In these verses the Apostle Paul writes the following: “When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, so that your faith might not rest on men’s wisdom, but on God’s power.”

I believe this is one of those key passages of Scripture which speaks into the context of all Christian ministry. It contains such a fundamental principle. Behind Paul’s acknowledgement of his inabilities, and his understanding of the need for there to be a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, is the realization that it is not what we do that will be of lasting value and have eternal consequences, but it is only what God does by his Spirit. In fact, we can do nothing, but he can do everything. What is required of every Christian is to remain faithful to Jesus Christ and be totally dependent upon his Spirit. Then, when we make ourselves available to be used by him, he can do anything! The spiritual life at Michaelhouse during the past year is a reflection of the grace of God at work again and again. This report is not about what we have done, but about what He has done in our school. To Him be all the praise and glory, now and forever.

## Confirmation Camp

I would suggest that the most important event in the school calendar is the Confirmation Camp! Those of us in leadership marvelled at what God did in so many lives during those few days. This year 103 boys from C Block attended the camp. It began on Monday evening after the half term weekend and we returned to school on Friday afternoon the 24<sup>th</sup> February. It was held at the new Scripture Union in Independent Schools (SUIS) Camp and Conference Centre (“Em’seni” – place of Grace) which is situated at the foot of the Spioenkop Mountain on the banks of the Tugela river near Winterton. It is an ideal facility.

Once again I was assisted by Rod Capon, the National Director of SUIS, and three of his young interns. In addition six of our A Block were part of the leadership team (Cullum Allen – Head of Mackenzie; David Francis – Head of Farfield; Prefects - Paul Smedley, James Souchon, Matthew Aberdein and Gareth Jardine). Tim Jarvis, the School Counsellor, also joined us for two days and made a significant contribution. It was also very good to have the Rector visit us one afternoon and then Allan Laing (Deputy Rector- pupil affairs) and Paul de Wet (Housemaster) one morning.

As we have done in the past, we used material from the Alpha Course which looks at the basics of the Christian Faith. There were talks, question and answer sessions and the boys met in House Groups for discussion. We also gave them the opportunity to make a personal commitment to Christ and invited them to stay behind after the evening meeting, to receive prayer for personal needs as well as to surrender themselves to God the Holy Spirit. Over two evenings we prayed, individually, for most of the boys on the camp. The following morning the boys shared with the whole group how God had ministered to them the night before. It was “awesome”! Such a privilege and deeply moving to listen to their stories. I found it incredibly humbling and very, very special to witness the grace of God at work in so many of their lives. As part of the follow-up to the Confirmation Camp, a staff member in each house has been leading a “cell group” for the C Block boys. The group provides the opportunity for the boys to share personal issues with each other, to pray for one another, and to reflect on a short Bible Study.

## Confirmation Service

On the last Saturday of the 1st Quarter at 6.00pm, the School Visitor and Bishop of Natal, Bishop Rubin Phillip presided at the Confirmation Service. 85 C Block boys were confirmed and of these 13 were baptised. Bishop Rubin spent the night at the Rector’s home and then presided over the Eucharist on Sunday morning. Once again the whole Confirmation weekend was a very special time for everyone involved.

## Roman Catholic Confirmation Service

On the 8<sup>th</sup> October, 16 boys were confirmed at the Roman



Catholic Church in Howick. They had received catechism classes during the preceding months. Sister Joanne McMillan our senior San Sister took responsibility for the whole process and I am most grateful to her for looking after our Roman Catholic boys.

Christian Representative Council (CRC) and the Christian Fellowship Committee (CFC). The CRC for 2006 consisted of:

Cullum Allen as Chairman (Head of Mackenzie); David Francis (Head of Farfield); James Chennells (Head of Founders); Justin Pearson (School Prefect); Nii Laryea, Anthony McMillan, Andrew Robarts, Paul Smedley (House Prefects) and Gareth Jardine. The CFC for 2006 had Paul Smedley as Chairman and then Cullum Allen, David Francis, Gareth Jardine, Justin Pearson, Nii Laryea, Anthony McMillan (all A Blockers) and Glen Dowie, Joel Janse van Rensburg, and Ntsolo Setlaba from B Block.

## Christian Fellowship Meetings

The Christian Fellowship group has continued to meet each Wednesday evening in the Crypt at 20h15, under the leadership of Paul Smedley. It has been a joy to see about 80 boys attending week by week. The worship band has grown and there is now a team of boys who take turns to lead the singing. At the beginning of the second term we purchased electronic equipment which makes them that much more effective.

## Wednesday Chapel Services

Every Wednesday morning we have a twenty minute Chapel Service for the whole school and Academic Staff. Once a year each house will take a service for which the boys are responsible. The remainder are taken by Staff. As I have listened to the different sermons and styles of delivery, I have been struck by the wealth of encouragement and teaching that we at Michaelhouse receive from such committed people. It is also so valuable for the boys to experience the public acknowledgement of the faith of so many of their teachers.

## Informal Worship

Once a quarter we have what we call "Informal evening worship". On this occasion the boys are allowed to attend Chapel in "civvies" and the atmosphere is much more relaxed. The Christian Fellowship Band leads the worship and this has provided a more contemporary teenage ethos to the evening. The members of the CF committee usually organise the service, say the prayers, do the readings and one of them will give a talk.

## D Block Social Awareness Outing

During the week of the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of June, as part of the D Block Integrated Studies program, and as an important extension of the boys spiritual lives, we organized for each set - one at a time - to go on a Social Awareness Outing. Unfortunately due to the flu epidemic a number of boys were unable to participate. The objective is to expose the boys to the reality of poverty in South Africa and in particular in the greater Pietermaritzburg area. The outing was facilitated by Setseka Seleokane and Mndu Mchunu. They originally were employed by the Youth for Christ, L'Abri Outdoor Centre, but now operate from a BE company called Qaqeka Adventures.

The night before the outing I spoke to each class and highlighted the fact that their experience of life and consequently their "reality" was very different to that of the overwhelming majority of South Africans. I pointed out that Michaelhouse could be described as an island of affluence in a sea of poverty. In addition to this, most of us live in homes, travel in motor cars, watch TV programs and movies and go on holiday to destinations which are all part of this "reality". As this is all that we have experienced in our lives we tend to assume that this "reality" is the norm. I then went on to tell them that the next day we would go and experience what is in fact the situation for most South Africans. I also stressed that the objective was not to make them feel guilty, or fearful, or depressed, but simply to make them aware. They were then required to use the internet and complete a worksheet in which they researched poverty statistics and relating issues in South Africa. The boys were amazed to discover that about 45% - 18 million people in South Africa, live below the poverty line and consequently receive an income of less than R13 per day.

The following morning we traveled to Pietermaritzburg where we met Sets and Mndu. After introductions and a briefing on the day ahead we set off on a walking tour. Very soon we met up with a number of street children, huddled around a fire trying to keep warm. In all the interactions with the street children and other people during the day, the usual procedure would be for our facilitators to speak in Zulu and greet the people and then introduce the boys. The boys would then be invited to ask them questions about their lives and for the people to respond. After this, they could then ask our boys questions. All of this being translated into Zulu and English. We then walked on through the informal trading area behind the City Library and on to the lower end of Pietermaritzburg. As we went, we would stop next to a street vendor and enter into conversation. The boys found themselves in an environment where there were no other "white" people, which was an experience in itself. When we returned to the bus we had a debriefing session in which each boy was given the opportunity to talk about his feelings and what he had experienced. A common thread was that their prejudices had been turned upside down. They had been overwhelmed by the sense of community amongst the people. They couldn't get over the friendliness and the welcome they had received. Consequently they had not felt scared or threatened. However, they were shocked by the poverty and deprivation. From here we drove to a nearby informal settlement of shack houses. We walked through these communities and interacted with whoever happened to be there. We then visited a township composed of RDP houses. The boys were also briefed about the social problems related to poverty, particularly crime, alcohol abuse, prostitution and promiscuity, and the resultant HIV epidemic.

That evening during prep the class completed another worksheet which required them to reflect upon the experience.

## Street Children's visit to Michaelhouse

On Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> June, as a follow up to the visit to Pietermaritzburg, 20 of the street children that we had interacted with the week before visited Michaelhouse. The D blockers acted





*“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*

*John 8:32*

*Gareth St Clair and one of the street children*

as their hosts and greeted them on their arrival. They were taken to the senior dining hall for lunch and then went down to Punchbowl where a soccer match was organized. After the game we had juice and biscuits and then all assembled on the lawn in front of the school. The boys then presented each of the visitors with a gift. We gave them a new blanket and a pair of running shoes. The bus then transported them back to the streets of Pietermaritzburg.

It is impossible to measure the value of such an experience, but I trust that the street children will indeed have been encouraged to aspire to a better life, and that our boys will have become even more aware of the humanity of people who are destitute, and also that it will have helped them to better understand that with privilege comes the responsibility to care about those who have less.

## **National Independent Schools Chaplains Conference**

This year the conference took place in Bloemfontein from Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July and was hosted by the Chaplains of St Andrews and St Michaels. Siphosiso Zuma and I travelled up to Bloemfontein by car with 6 other Natal Chaplains.

## **Christian Representative Council and Christian Fellowship Committee Leadership Training Weekend**

This took place over the half term weekend in the fourth quarter at Em'seni near Winterton. In the past the camp has been held over a normal term-time weekend. However, due to sports commitments boys invariably missed parts of the program and it was reduced in effect to a 24 hour experience. Consequently we decided this year to hold it over the half term weekend, bearing in mind that the September holidays were only two weeks before. Some of the newly elected members of the CRC were unable to attend the camp, but ten Michaelhouse boys joined about ninety Christian Fellowship committee members from the other major Independent Schools in KwaZulu-Natal.

## **Technology in the Chapel**

During the course of last year we began the process of installing audio visual equipment in the Chapel. We recognised that the present generation of teenagers spend their lives interacting with multi media

technology. Elsewhere in the school televisions, computers, data projectors and smart boards have become standard teaching aids. So, why not in the Chapel? Of great concern was that we should in no way interfere with the aesthetics of this beautiful building. I am pleased to report that this has been achieved thanks to some inspiration! We now have a data projector permanently mounted which effectively projects onto the wall/roof above the choir stalls. Flat plasma screens mounted against the walls enable boys in the choir to see the image. There is also a plasma screen at the back of the Chapel for those seated in the baptistry. All the words for hymns and songs as well as some of the liturgy are now projected onto the screens. Power point presentations as well as movie clips are used from time to time to enhance a sermon. Whilst always being conscious of the need to avoid being gimmicky, there is no question that this significantly helps the congregation to concentrate and learn from what is being presented.

## **Remembrance Sunday Eucharist**

This took place on the 12 November at 08h00. Each year we remember OMs who have died in war. OMs who fought in World War 2 joined us with their wives for the Eucharist and afterwards in the Centenary Centre for breakfast. Mr Adrian Rogers was the guest preacher. He gave a wonderful talk which gave the school much to think about. Once again it was a very moving ceremony and we are grateful to our Old Boys for attending and making it that much more meaningful.

## **Carol Services**

These were held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November for “Friends and Neighbours”, on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> December for the School, and then just before the school closed for the holidays on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup>, for Parents. This year we organised a different programme for the three congregations. Overall this seemed to satisfy their different expectations and all went well. As has occurred in the past the Choir really rose to the occasion for the Parents service and it was a special spiritual experience for all.

## **Staff Thanksgiving Service**

On Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> December we had our annual “Thanksgiving Service” for all the employees of Michaelhouse. It is an opportunity



## Remembrance Day: Back Row L-R:

Dr Joseph Harle, Gordon Chapman,  
Honorary Colonel Errol Richardson,  
Quinton Stubbings, Roy Gathorne,

Canon Alan Smedley, Donald Blackhurst,

Front Row L-R: Adrian Rogers, John Sulin,

Barry Stacey, Rector Guy Pearson,

Walter Strachan



for the whole community to come together in the Chapel and give thanks for the past year. It also enables the Rector to say goodbye to any staff who may have left during the year or who are about to leave. We also give thanks for the lives of those who have died. The service is held in both English and Isizulu and one of our Zulu speaking staff translates when English is used and visa-versa. After the service refreshments are provided for everyone in the Main Quad.

## Conclusion

I would like to conclude this report by thanking most sincerely all those who have contributed to the spiritual life of the school during 2006. In particular I would like to thank the following:

The Layministers: Messrs Guy Pearson, Paul Fleischack, John Crawford, Paul de Wet, Allan Laing, Viktor Kurz, and Tim Jarvis. All of these men, not only help in the leading of services, but also give talks and support and encourage the overall spiritual life of the school.

Mrs Kate Smedley, who has continued to teach Divinity to all the boys in E and D Blocks. Her dedication and commitment to her teaching has meant that our junior boys enter Michaelhouse and get a firm grounding in the Christian Faith. Kate also ensures that there are flowers in the Chapel every week.

Pastor Sipho Zuma who has continued to minister to the Zulu speaking employees of the school and to the members of Zinzane village.

The Choir Master, Mr Gerard'd du Toit, and the members of the Chapel Choir. We are going to greatly miss Gerard'd when he leaves us at the end of this year. He has contributed so much to our worship over the past ten and a half years, always doing his best to complement the theme of the services and the sermon with appropriate music.

The Chapel Servers, School Prefects and the Bellringers who participate in the life of the Chapel.

## Visiting Preachers

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

**The Venerable Dr N Ndwandwa**

**Revd J Pretorius**

**Mr Tim Jarvis**

**Mr Iain Guthrie**

**Mr Adrian Rogers**

**Revd Mandindi**

## Weddings of Michaelhouse Old Boys

01 April	Trevor Garden ('93) & Lianna Conidaris
22 April	David Robinson ('61) & Ann Reed
22 April	Stephen Smithyman ('93) & Sanet Bronkhorst
06 May	Stuart Roberts ('86) & Peta Warren
07 Oct	James Briscoe ('97) & Bronwyn McKeown
14 Oct	Ian Holderness ('94) & Tracey Elliott
20 Oct	Bruce Witherspoon ('85) & Amanda Serfontein
21 Oct	Mike Pitts ('91) & Janet Dewar
02 Dec	Duncan Prince ('89) & Kari Haesloop



Senior Prefect Tahir Popat and Rector Pearson at the wreath laying ceremony





“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes straight to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.”

Nelson Mandela

Erhard Breet, Carl Pieterse and Ferdi van Niekerk lobby support for the AKV Society

## Clubs and Societies

### African Affairs Society

Master in Charge: **Mr Sandile Khuluse & Mr Sibusiso Ncamane**

Chairman: **Siyabonga Allie**

Secretary: **Mandla Mashinini**

The African Affairs Society is a club in which members are informed about current topics of discussion over-shadowing the African Continent. Members of the Society are allowed to be opinionated and debate a wide range of issues affecting our continent. The Society has managed to cover topics on the poor leadership of pusillanimous African leaders and the high level of crime among our political leaders, particularly in South Africa.

The following topics were covered in our meetings this year:

- ▶ **Zambian presidential candidate threatens to implement Mugabe tactics. Is Africa in trouble?**
- ▶ **Will the UN still have a vested interest in Africa after Koffi Anan steps down as Secretary General?**
- ▶ **Zimbabwe: Should they be rescued?**
- ▶ **If not Zuma, who else?**
- ▶ **Is the brain drain negatively or positively affecting our African countries?**

We have also managed to touch base with Africa's heritage and culture not forgetting Africa's sporting world. The highlight of the topics covered this year was the coverage of the South African Presidential race debate.

## Afrikaanse Kultuurvereniging (AKV Society)

Master In Charge: **Mr Johan van Rooyen**

Chairman: **Erhard Breet**

Secretary: **Alec van der Merwe**

The Afrikaanse Kultuurvereniging, also known as the AKV Society has once again proved to be a very popular society. The Society's objective is to get boys to participate in the Afrikaans culture and heritage and appreciate it to the full.

We enjoyed going to a 'Klopjag' show, an Afrikaans rock band, at Voortrekker High School. We were accompanied by Mr and Mrs van Rooyen and Mr and Mrs von Schlichting. Mitchum Haupt and Alec van der Merwe jumped at the chance to mingle with the girls from Voortrekker. Later in the year we went to a 'potjiekos en sokkiejol' evening at The Wykeham Collegiate where we were taught to do some dancing (langarm), while also enjoying true 'boerekos'. Henco Badenhorst and Louis Claassen showed off some skilled footwork.

During the course of the year we had a few informal get-togethers where Mr van Rooyen and Carl Pieterse played the guitar and sang some folk songs. We enjoyed a braai at any opportunity feasting on 'pap en vleis' whilst listening to Afrikaans music.

The society is full of 'gees' and we feel very much at home in Mr van Rooyen's garden around a burning fire. Another year has come and gone and many A Block members will be sad to leave this part of Michaelhouse life behind.



“*It is easier to go down a hill than up, but the view is best from the top.*”  
Arnold Bennett

*Mivan Howard and Glyn Lloyd-Jones viewing a Black Eagle during a Bird Club outing to Bird of Prey Centre*



## Archives Society

Teacher in Charge: **Mrs Penny Purchase**

Chairman: **Jonty Allen (First Quarter) Justin Sloane (Second and Third Quarters)**

Secretary: **Michael Sparkes**

We have had a large, lively group of boys in the Archives Society this year. Jonty Allen started the year as Chairman but resigned after the first term. Justin Sloane took over, but most of the work has been done by Michael Sparkes as Secretary with Donovan Foster being supportive in the background. We have debated old and new traditions of Michaelhouse. We have looked in old Chronicles to find information on Old Boys and the boys have reported back on their school careers and achievements. Here, Jared Chellan told us of his father, Jesse Chellan, (1979-1982) a good cricketer, who was one of the first pupils of colour at Michaelhouse in the 1970s. Rory Sladden spoke about his brother, John Sladden (1996-2000), a sportsman and academic. In another meeting we went to the Rector's reception area and the boys looked in the display cases on the history of Michaelhouse. Over tea, they then reported back some information about a previous Rector, event or personality from the past.

We've enjoyed two meetings with guest speakers: Mr Adrian Rogers, the current School Archivist, who entertained the boys with amusing anecdotes of his time as Farfield Housemaster and as History teacher for 30 years. We also welcomed three old stalwarts of Michaelhouse: Mr Mike Thompson, the previous School Archivist, and his wife, Anne and Mrs Betty Butler who is Walter Jaffray's granddaughter. Mr Thompson answered questions about his life as a Housemaster, Science teacher, Rugby and Cricket Coach and actor; also spanning 30 years at Michaelhouse. The last meeting was an outing to some of the historical sites of Nottingham Road, (including trying to find Charlotte the ghost, at the local hotel). I have enjoyed running

this society for the last ten years and hope the boys will continue their interest in the traditions of this most amazing school.

## Art Society

Teacher in Charge: **Mrs Joy Preiss**

The Society Fair at the beginning of the year is always great fun and a real opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with what activities take place in the Art Society, and for the students to be encouraged to join.

The outings this year took the form of visits to the local Art Galleries and to Exhibition openings. We also spent two evenings in the Art room watching BBC DVD's on Art related matters, which broaden the student's general knowledge. A popular outing every year is the trip to Pietermaritzburg to Art in the Park, where students can view work done by commercial artists from around the country, and also sample the wares from the local Dutch Reformed Church's restaurant! Students also attend all the student exhibition openings both at Michaelhouse, The Wykeham Collegiate and at the Tatham Art Gallery.

## Art/Birds 4 Africa

Staff Members in charge: **Mrs Kate Smedley and Mr Ian Hobson**

Chairman: **Jed Talbot**

Secretary: **Glyn Lloyd-Jones**

Once again, the club has maintained a good number of members with a nice mix of E to A Block boys. Time has been our enemy once more and unfortunately, bird watching can be a time consuming business! However, a number of evening meetings



“*Science and art belong to the whole world, and before them vanish the barriers of nationality.*”

Goethe

have been held throughout the year with talks and activities to keep the members interested.

Highlights of the year were outings, with about six or seven boys enjoying the experience on each occasion. Ian and Lisa Hobson took a group of very excited boys to the African Bird of Prey Centre which has now relocated to Ashburton, making it much more accessible for us to visit. They had a wonderful time as one of boys, Mivan Howard, describes:

*“We travelled to the African Bird of Prey Centre on Sunday, 14 August, 2006. On arrival we entered through the Curio Shop and moved out onto an open plot of land with ‘well furnished’ cages overlooking a deep valley. A magnificent Black Eagle of considerable size was in the first holding. He was one of the more docile birds and so we were easily able to observe him. We moved on to see the massive vulture enclosure which contained the strangely inquisitive White-Backed and Cape Vultures.*

*The Centre had one ‘wing’ which was dedicated to owls only. This was a definite highlight because here we saw eight different types, one of which was the elusive Pels Fishing Owl, (the biggest and most majestic owl), Marsh Owls, Barn Owls and Eagle Owls.*

*We were then given a very interesting open-air show on owls, falcons and sparrow hawks. These birds each had a chance to fly and display their incredible skills.*

*All in all the day was well worth the trip and I would like to visit the Centre again.”*

Another two outings were to evening talks, one at the University of Natal, Pietermartizburg, given by Mark Brown on his work and research on Raptors, and the other in Howick where James Wakelin gave a fascinating account of his encounters with Vultures. On both occasions Kate Smedley took a party of six boys who thoroughly enjoyed the talks.

The Fourth Quarter included another trip to the African Bird of Prey Centre and one to Highbury to see the Blue Swallows before they migrate North next year.

## Board Games Society

Staff Member in Charge: **Mr Albie Dahlberg**

The Board Games Society met twice a quarter and the meetings

were attended by between 20 and 30 boys. Some of the games were rather rowdy and were more popular, while others were more serious.

The Society has quite a large number of games including Battleships, Backgammon, Cluedo, 30 Seconds, Monopoly, Trivial Pursuit, Risk, A Word or Two and Jenga to name but a few. The record for Jenga so far is 35 levels!

The object of the Society is enjoyment and the boys have a great deal of fun in a relaxed environment.

## Business Society

Master in charge: **Mr Rory Drysdale**

The Business Club has met regularly during the year and a fair amount of trading has taken place. Anglo American Platinum, Anglo Plat Preference, Richemont, Woolworths, Brait, Discovery, Illovo, Spar, Spurcorp and Mercantile Bank shares were all sold during the year. The only shares kept throughout the year were SA Breweries, Grindrod and Wilson Bayley. Shares bought during 2006 that have been kept and that are currently performing really well are Group 5, Italtile, Anglo, Scharrig and Basil Read.

The unit value at the start of this year was R1,03 per unit. On 7 November 2006 the unit price had increased to R1,25 per unit. This represents a 21,4% gain for this year and a 25 % gain from the time that the trust was created early in 1998.

### Fund holdings on 8 November 2006:

100 SA Breweries	14 460
1000 Grindrod	14 790
100 Wilson Bayley	7 000
300 Group 5	11 700
75 Italtile	16 013
100 Anglos	33 900
100 Scharrig	1 030
200 Basil Read	2 370
Cash /Creditor	(200)
	R101 463

The total number of units issued on 8 November 2006 is 81 143. The unit value on that date is therefore R1,25 to buy, and R1,23 to sell.





*Left to Right: Teachers Paul Fleischack, Brad Roets, Elmar de Klerk, Alan Redfern and Allan Laing survive the grueling Giants Castle Mountain Bike Challenge. Avid cyclist; Edward Greene*

Chess Society

Master in charge: **Mr Richard McMichael**  
Chairman: **Nathan Rafferty**

There tended to be a solid core of around twelve boys who were regular members of the Chess Society. Two evening sessions were organised each term, and biscuits, cool drinks and good chess games were enjoyed by all. It was interesting to note that some pupils tended only to match their skills against the same opponent, whilst others would play all and sundry, including Mr Schwartz who attended a number of the meetings. He proved to be a difficult student of the game to beat.

Cycling Club

Master in Charge: **Mr Jaap van der Vegte**  
**and Mr Elmar de Klerk**  
Chairman: **Brian Cox**

The road section of the club has had an eventful year this year. Although the number of riders actively participating in races has decreased, the results have been superb. The highlight was the selection of Brian Cox and Edward Greene for the KwaZulu-Natal Junior A and B Cycling Teams respectively. They both took part in a four day Tour in the Harrismith region in September. KwaZulu-Natal A finished forth overall and Brian and Ed built up a huge amount of experience riding on four successive days covering a distance of 230 km. Brian and Ed hope to enthuse more riders to follow their example next year.

It was great to make contact with Glenwood High School, when we had a training ride with their boys and staff on 4 June. It was special to have Paul Brittain, who boosted the status of road cycling at Michaelhouse with his efforts last year, join in the ride to Midmar and back.

Elmar de Klerk rode all the races with the boys and found the Karkloof Classic especially memorable. The off-road section participated in the Karkloof Classic; Weenen Classic and in the Howick Highlander with Matt Dyer & Nikolai von Stackelberg, being the main participants. Brad Roets also rode many of the races and his enthusiasm and fitness levels were impressive. He rode the Giants Castle and Hill to Hill, which are incredibly grueling races.

Results:

Race	Distance	Result	Time
Argus Cycling Tour	109 km	B Cox	3h05min
		E Greene	3h20min
Island Criterium	112 km	B Cox	2 <sup>nd</sup> U16 -3h06min
Ladysmith Challenge	80 km	E Greene	4 <sup>th</sup> U16
AmaShovashova	106 km	B Cox	4 <sup>th</sup> U16 - 2h40min
		N von Stackelberg	3h45min
		M Wedderburn-Maxwell	4h10min
Pick & Pay 94.7	106 km	B Cox	(results pending)

He led a break-away group but was passed at the end.





*Christopher Hallier and Mandla Mashanini in New York en route to the World Debating Championships*

## Debating Society

Master in charge: **Mr Shaun McMurtry**

Junior Coach: **Mrs Tracy Griffin**

Chairman: **Simon Gowans**

Colours: **Christopher Hallier, Dustin Holohan, Michael Laws, Mandla Mashanini**

### Tour to Connecticut, USA (17 March - 1 April 2006)

Two Michaelhouse debaters, Christopher Hallier and Mandla Mashanini, were fortunate enough to have been included in the South African Invitational Debating team which competed at the World Individual Debating Championships in Connecticut, USA. They joined competitors from Hilton College, Bishops and the Leap School in Cape Town as members of the South African Team, coached by Shaun McMurtry.

Both Michaelhouse Debaters performed with aplomb. Christopher Hallier was placed 29<sup>th</sup> overall and Mandla Mashanini 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Parliamentary Debating section and 33<sup>rd</sup> overall.

### Midlands Debating League (1 February - 26 July 2006)

The following results were achieved during the Senior and Junior Teams' participation in the Midlands Debating League:

After seven rounds of debating the Michaelhouse Senior and Junior League teams won six of the seven rounds of debates and therefore both qualified for the Finals of the Midlands Debating League. The following Michaelhouse speakers received Best Speaker Awards during the course of the season:

#### Juniors:

Arniv Badal (Twice)

David Horscroft (Twice)

#### Seniors:

Simon Gowans (Twice)

Mandla Mashanini (Twice)

Ben van Aswegen

Dustin Holohan

David Francis

The Finals were held on 26 July 2006 at Drakensberg Secondary School in Estcourt. Victorious over Drakensberg Secondary, the Senior Team was crowned Midlands Champions for 2006 and Michael Laws was pronounced Best Speaker for his brilliant effort as Opening Speaker for the Proposition. In garnering this title, the Michaelhouse team plus two other representatives became eligible for Midlands Schools' selection. The Juniors were defeated by Estcourt High School but certainly did us proud in their efforts.

### 22 September - 2 October 2006

Two of the year's most prestigious debating events took place during the September holidays.

In the first of these, Michaelhouse was proud to host the KwaZulu-Natal Schools Provincial Debating Championships from 22 to 24 September. Twenty of the top schools from around KZN competed for the title of Provincial Champions, which was eventually won by Glenwood. The Michaelhouse team represented by Michael Laws, Mandla Mashanini, Chris Hallier, Dustin Holohan and David Horscroft was placed 7<sup>th</sup> overall – a fine achievement against the cream of high schools debating.

The second event was the South African Individual Debating Trials held at Bishops in Cape Town from 28 September to 3 October. Unlike the KZN Championship, which is a team event debated in the World Schools style, the Bishops contest is an individual contest, closer in style to the British Parliamentary format of debating. The competition included 58 debaters from 20 South African schools. Dustin Holohan did extremely well by qualifying for the Finals of the Persuasive section and achieved sufficiently well in all four sections to gain tenth position overall.



*“To live is to choose. But to choose well, you must know who you are and what you are and what you stand for, where you want to go and why you want to get there.”*

*Kofi Annan*

*Simon Gowans received the Inter-House Debating Trophy*



Michael Laws excelled by being placed first in two of the four speaking sections, which earned him an outstanding fifth position overall. By virtue of their superb performances, Michael and Dustin have been selected as members of the South African Team, which will compete in the World Individual Championships, to be hosted by Bishops at the end of March 2007. They will take on the might of teams from Canada, USA, England, Australia and several of the world's top debating nations.

The following boys were awarded Colours for the 2006 season:

#### **Michael Laws**

- ▶ Midlands Debating League Champion
- ▶ Midlands Debating Selection for KZN Provincials
- ▶ Selected for SA team competing in World Individual Championships in March – April 2007. Overall national ranking of 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Mandla Mashinini**

- ▶ Overall ranking of 33 in the World Individual Debating Championships at Hotchkiss, USA
- ▶ Midlands Debating League Champion
- ▶ Midlands Debating Selection for KZN Provincials
- ▶ KZN Provincial ranking of 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Christopher Hallier**

- ▶ Overall ranking of 25 in the World Individual Debating Championships at Hotchkiss, USA
- ▶ Midlands Debating League Champion
- ▶ Midlands Debating Selection for KZN Provincials
- ▶ KZN Provincial ranking of 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Dustin Holohan**

- ▶ Selected for SA team competing in World Individual Championships in March – April 2007. Overall national ranking of 10<sup>th</sup>.
- ▶ Midlands Debating Selection for KZN Provincials.

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*Sr Joanne McMillan administers First Aid to Patrick Hancock*



*East E-Block boys at the recycling bins*

## Film Society

Teacher in charge: **Mrs Helène du Toit**

Chairman: **Jacques-Francois du Toit**

Secretary: **Gareth Potgieter**

The Film Society once again proved to be an activity that the boys enjoyed this year. We managed to go on at least one outing per quarter to the Midlands Mall on a Sunday, leaving early enough to see a film and to have lunch before returning to school.

It has been a pleasure to accompany the boys, knowing that they are always well behaved and enjoy themselves. It has been interesting to see which films they chose to watch, and to listen to their comments afterwards.

There has also been an educational aspect to watching films ranging from action and science fiction, to drama and comedies, if only to show us that we live in a global village and that our experiences are somewhat limited.

## First Aid Society

Staff member in Charge: **Sister Joanne McMillan**

Chairman: **Kyle Meyer**

Secretary: **John Stathacopolous**

One never knows when ones first aid knowledge and skills will be put to the test. While boys were practising for their First Aid exam, a friend of theirs was brought in with a fractured jaw. Blood spewed everywhere and the boys were able to have hands-on practice. One has to manage the adrenaline rush and have a strong stomach to deal with a friend in pain.

Seventeen boys volunteered to do the First Aid training this year and all passed. As usual their new skills were put to the test during the winter sports season. We had our usual band of faithfuls who gave up many hours over the weekend to help make sure we had the fields well covered during fixtures.

A good day for the boys was when they dealt with multiple injuries, blood and broken bones. To the San Sisters these were bad days. For us a quiet day next to the field with no injuries is heaven but to the boys that is boring! Either way we survived the season with no major injuries.

## Green Flag Society

Master in Charge: **Mr Paul Fleischack**

A number of activities have been initiated in the Environmental Management and Environmental Education spheres, some as pilot projects and others as school-wide initiatives.

### Waste Sorting

This started as a pilot project in East House. Now, all Houses sort their paper, tins and 'other' waste. Collection stations have been established at appropriate sites in each House. Posters, encouraging sorting and recycling have been designed and printed by boys. Sorted waste is collected at the dump depot and Umngeni Municipality has provided wheelie-bins for most categories of sorted waste.

The Student Leaders have played a role in driving the sorting programme, which is working better in some Houses than in others. A new sorting scheme has been introduced and plastic bottles are now also collected.





*Paul Smedley performs alongside the backdrop of "Summer Nights at the Frosty Palace"*

#### Resource Use

Boys are still repeatedly encouraged to switch off electrical appliances when they are not in use. The desired 10% cut in electricity consumption was achieved this year.

The dormitory staff continue to monitor the sorting of waste and the switching off of appliances during their daily inspection of the House. Each House is rated on the degree to which these are being done. This rating is included in a quarterly 'Good Housekeeping Award'. This is a monetary prize awarded for low maintenance requirements and cleanliness of houses. A large cash prize is given to the House funds of the four (of eight) top Houses.

#### School Grounds

A further 40 odd indigenous trees were planted in 2006. A trail has been cut in a patch of indigenous bush and a nursery has been established for growing indigenous plants for planting along the bogstream.

#### Oribi Reserve

Fencing of the area has just been completed and projects within the sanctuary can now commence. Attention has been given to eradication of alien vegetation and management of the veld (which was previously burned too frequently). Rustic outdoor facilities are being considered for boys, who will be involved in many aspects of the sanctuary management.

#### Hoops Society

Master in Charge: **Mr Carl Pachonick**

The Hoops Society was started about five years ago which studied

aspects of the sport of basketball, beyond the actual playing of the sport. The Society's aims changed to include the development of competent referees and scorers. During the First Quarter, Chas Lee, captain of the First basketball team, Lawrence Rumble, Philip Vrontamitis, Travis Ning, Shane Drower-Copley and Jonathan Rowe, refereed matches on a regular basis. John Rowe was also the First Team's official scorer. During the Fourth Quarter, Philip, Travis and Shane continued to provide invaluable service as referees and they have been joined by Tahir Rhemtulla and Lunga Gumede.

Part of the Hoops Society's area of involvement is also the Winter Basketball programme, which several boys attended to improve their basketball skills.

Two amazingly inspirational videos were also screened during the year for members of the society. In the First Quarter, the boys watched *Coach Carter* which is generally accepted as being one of the most inspirational sports videos currently on circuit. In the Fourth Quarter, an equally impressive video entitled: *Glory Road* was screened. It features a coach who scouts players for a high school team, from all over the USA.

#### Jazz Band

Master in Charge: **Mr Rainer von Schlichting**

Cultural Colours: **David Francis**

Cultural Half Colours: **Craig Griffin, Luke Biden, Simon Farrow, Mark Lombard, Edward Greene, Joshua Nuttall-Smith**

The 2006 Jazz Band is a young band, with more than half the members in E and D Block. The first performance at the Health and Wellness Fair in Howick on 30 July, resulted in quite a shaky start to an otherwise successful subsequent two terms.





Devin Dedwith and Francis Gelletich sign up for the Scuba Diving Club



Scuba diving trip to Aliwal Shoal

It was a privilege for the band to hold the first official function, our annual *All That Jazz*, in the Inglis Indoor Centre on 9 September. With 370 guests, the hall was beautifully decorated with the Grease theme 'Summer Nights at the Frosty Palace'. Two arrangements, *Grease Lightning* and *We Go Together* became highlights of the evening and were performed twice to the dancing crowds. The ever-popular *In The Mood* was performed three times on request. The raffle and auction were hugely successful, raising close to R20 000. The profit was donated to the Khazimula Aids Project in Lidgetton and Hlanganani School, Nottingham Road. Our gratitude goes to the parents and staff of Michaelhouse and the local community for their support.

In the last term the band performed successfully at the St. Andrew's Church in Mooi River on 13 October, and at the Retro Exhibition *The Wheel is Turning* at Caversham Mill on 15 October.

## Natural History Society

Master in charge: **Mr Paul Fleischack**

Friday evening game counts became popular outings this year. These normally followed a route through local farms and on our own hillside. Common sightings included: Reedbuck, Bushbuck, Duiker, Oribi, Black-Backed Jackal, Blesbuck and Porcupine. Less frequently observed were Caracal, Serval and Genet.

These outings attracted as many members as non-members. An evening drive on an open bakkie spotting game with a spot light was quite appealing to the boys.

Other activities included a survey of water snakes (none were found!) and talks on trekking to Base Camp of Mt Everest Camping and hiking outings were offered each quarter. This year the Society has been to Weenen Game Reserve and to Cathedral Peak.

Wall climbing remained a popular pastime for a number of boys and Tatham New Boys enjoyed climbing and abseiling at Sarsden earlier this year.

Climbing to the summit of Cathedral Peak was one of the highlights of the year. We were joined by Justin McCarthy (OB & father of Daniel). We met up en route with two other OB's Richard Wood & Neil du Plessis. The summit was reached at 10h30 and for the morning it belonged to Michaelhouse: five boys, one Staff Member and three Old Boys!!

## Photographic Society

Master In Charge: **Mr Graham Calway**

Chairman: **Dale Walker**

The Society has a core membership of ten, of which six of the members; Erhard Eiselen, Dale Walker, Justin Sullivan, William Crockett, Russell Withey and Tom Molony have all submitted entries into competitions at the 'Maritzburg Camera Club. Unfortunately, we didn't have the time to organise extra photographic excursions and the boys had to find the time themselves to go and take photos.

## Scuba Diving Club

Teachers in Charge: **Mr Mike Schwartz, Mrs Cathy Thomson**

2006 started off with our usual Open Water Course. Fifteen boys from E block to A Block enrolled. They attended lectures, video sessions, dives and completed a written exam. An Advanced Course was held in the Third and Fourth Quarter with six boys and Mr Schwartz attending. Here follows a diary entry of our final qualifying dives:

*"On Sunday, 29 October 2006, eight divers left Michaelhouse to complete their respective courses. Two qualified as Open Water 1 divers (Matthew Gardiner and Greg Heeger) and six qualified as Advanced Divers (Mr Schwartz, Dustin Holohan, Francis Gelletich, Chris van Zyl, Lee Pedlar and Johan van der Linden).*



*“People generally quarrel because they cannot argue.”*

*G.K. Chesterton*

*Street Luge enthusiasts*



*At Aliwal Shoal, we were met with favourable conditions and after kitting up, we were soon on our way to test the water.*

*The temperature was 21°C, the visibility about 16m and the fish plentiful. On the way out, a school of Dolphin and a Manta Ray paid us a visit.*

*After the usual hot breakfast feast, we were off to the Westville quarry to complete our navigation section of the course. All went well, although Mr Schwartz did struggle to get the instrument to respond.”*

## Sky Diving Society

Teacher in charge: **Ms Martine De Maroussem**

Chairman: **Tristan Aubert**

Secretary: **Heath Beckett**

This year, the Sky Diving Society did not have as many enthusiasts. The Club had a group of eight boys who completed their training course. They were Tristan Aubert, Heath Beckett, Lungelo and Mbongeni Gumede, Mitchum Haupt, Joshua Nuttall-Smith, Carl Pieterse and Dino Plumari.

The increase in the fuel price and the ‘Drop Zone’ moving to Cato Ridge has impacted on the boys’ participation in the Club. As an alternative, the training course will in future be offered at the beginning of each term.

## Street Luge Society

Master in Charge: **Mr Tim Jarvis**

Society Chairman: **Nkosana Mpofu**

Street Luge is one of several activities that fall under the category of gravity powered sports. It developed from the sport of skateboarding but with the variation that involves the rider lying

on the board instead of standing. The following extract from Wikipedia explains a little more:

*“Street luge was born in Southern California as downhill skateboarders found they could reach faster speeds by lying down on their skateboards. This early form of the sport is now referred to as ‘classic style’ or ‘butt boarding’.*

At Michaelhouse the Street Luge Society formally began in 2005 although it had been operating informally amongst the boys some time before that. Street Luge runs take place either on ‘Baines Hill’ or the terrifying ‘Laundry Hill’. ‘Baines Hill’ is a gentle run from the staff houses down to the front of Pascoe House and is suitable for beginners. Because it is more sedate, this run is suitable for head-to-head racing. On the other hand ‘Laundry Hill’ is only for the more experienced. Its steep gradient and the sharp ‘Theatre Bend’ make it unsuitable for racing. Competition on this run is done in the form of timed runs. The Society has three specialised ‘luges’. A luge takes the appearance of an elongated skateboard so that the rider can stretch out. Two of these luges have been built by the boys themselves. Each rider must have a helmet, gloves, long trousers, long sleeved top and closed shoes.

The boys are now very adept at organising a run and ensure that there are road closure signs, radios at the start and end of the run for good communication and qualified and equipped first aiders in the event of an accident.

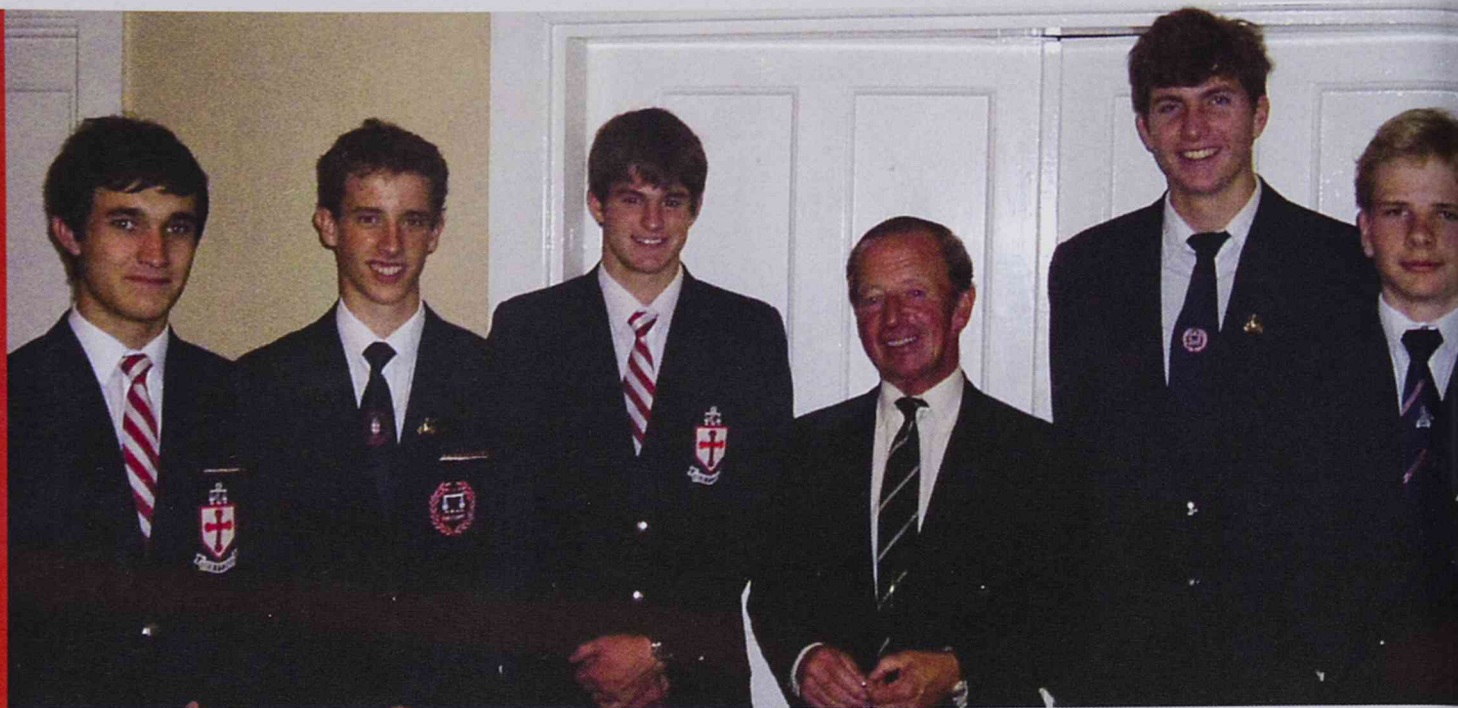
## Theatre Technology Society

Teacher in Charge: **Mrs Dionne Redfern**

Theatre Captain: **Justin Chance**

Under the most capable leadership of Justin, the society has flourished this year. We have also had invaluable assistance and training from two professionals: Terry Acres from Prosound and Johann Kupfeburger, who both have vast theatre experience. Having these two men on hand, especially during *Joseph*, meant





*Carl Pieterse, Cullum Allen, Duncan Turner, Col Reggie Purbrick, Rupert Sulley and Nicholas Steere at Toastmasters*

the boys were well-trained and challenged. While the society is relatively small, each boy is vital and has specific areas of interest. The society does not meet at scheduled times as there is always work to be done. The number of hours spent in the theatre by this dedicated crew is nothing short of astonishing and I am grateful to them for their time and commitment. When one considers that we have done two major musical productions this year and that the lighting and sound was run by school boys, it gives some measure of their competence.

## Tight Head Society

Masters in Charge: **Mr George Ferreira**  
Chairman: **Justin Sloane**  
Secretary: **Jevon King**

Statistical analysis has become a very important part of a rugby coach's planning for upcoming matches. The aim of the Society is to give boys who have an interest in rugby the opportunity to be involved with the game off the field by collecting statistical information for the Michaelhouse coaches. Most of the activities took place during the rugby season when the boys analysed matches played by Michaelhouse teams. These sessions provided valuable information to coaches in terms of measurable patterns of play. The system has progressed from a manual one to a sophisticated computer program, which is currently in use. A special word of thanks must go to Justin Sloane who did a superb job as Chairman.

## Toastmasters' Society

Teachers in charge: **Mr Viktor Kurz and Mrs Dionne Redfern**  
Chairman: **Tahir Popat**  
Secretary: **Prathik Sewgoolam**

It never ceases to amaze me how passionate the boys are about Toastmasters. It remains a Society which is held in high regard by the boys who are members. There is also a fervent determination to uphold the traditions and high standards synonymous with the Society.

Each term sees the Society host two formal evenings. At each meeting both prepared and impromptu speeches are delivered with evaluation for each speaker provided by the boys. At the conclusion of each evening, a best Prepared Speaker, Best Impromptu Speech and Best Evaluator are awarded. Each meeting had a chosen a theme for the evening, with all speeches centred on this topic.

This year has seen us have numerous memorable evenings. In the Second Quarter, we were entertained by Colonel Reginald Purbrick, who as Guest Speaker, chose to talk on the topic: *Roads, Romans and Rockets*.

The Parents and Sons meeting in the Third Quarter remained a highlight for parents and their boys, as it is an opportunity for boys to put to use the skills learnt throughout the year. This year proved no less a highlight. With the theme for the evening being: *'Tie R95, Blazer R350, Memories- priceless'*, the boys once again rose to the occasion, producing speeches of the highest order. What is encouraging is the understanding of the boys that the evening is a formal one, with no need for language which is inappropriate or content which is distasteful. It is always an evening from which one returns feeling proud of being associated with Michaelhouse. At this evening, awards are made to boys for their contribution to the society. These are voted for by the boys. The awards for 2006 are:

*Jack Crutchley Award* for Excellence in Public Speaking:  
**Nicholas Steere**





*Thomas Thorpe and Ryan Patchit at Riverside*



*Rock climbing enthusiast, Anthony McMillan contemplates his next move*

*John Pluke Award* for the Most improved Speaker: **Gareth Peake**  
*Dudley Forde Award* for the promotion of Excellence of Toastmasters: **Prathik Sewgoolam**

## Trout Club

Master in Charge: **Mr Paul de Wet**  
 Chairman: **Tim Hulley**

The Trout Club enjoyed another successful year with a number of young enthusiastic anglers coming through. The Club had an active membership of 45 boys, all of whom participated in at least one activity during the year. At the time of writing, the Club had been on five outings and held two meetings.

At our first meeting of the year, Old Boy Jem Cahill demonstrated various fly patterns. At the second meeting we showed a video entitled *Techniques for Trout*. As always, the highlight of the year was the Trout Camp - our annual pilgrimage to East Griqualand. This was the 51<sup>st</sup> consecutive year that we have been hosted by the Cathcart family. It was a great privilege for Michaelhouse to be able to present the Cathcart family with a bench, complete with inscribed plaque, to acknowledge their incredible generosity over 50 years.

A number of good trout were caught during the year, the best by Jac Aldous - a seven pounder from Banchory. In October we held our annual fun competition against Hilton College at Lake Le Sueur. Unfortunately the trout were most uncooperative with only six fish being landed by twelve boys and two teachers.

It is important to record our grateful thanks to the many friends of Michaelhouse who make their lovely waters available to the club. Without their generosity there would be no Club.

## Wall Climbing Society

Master in Charge: **Mr Brad Roets**  
 Chairman: **Anthony McMillan**  
 Secretary: **Francis Gelletich**

The Society has had a rather quiet year with regards to outings, with scheduled events being rained out every time. This did not slow down the activities on the wall at the back of the theatre. Anthony McMillan and company could often be seen plastered to the wall in the middle of a game of "add-on", a bouldering game requiring incredible dexterity and stamina.

## Water Ski-ing Society

Masters in charge: **Mr André Black and Mr Alwin Murugen**  
 The Water Ski-ing Society came into existence in 2006. Mr Russel Byrne kindly offered the use of his ski boat and many of our boys enjoyed the experience of spending an entire Sunday on the water.

Three outings were planned to Midmar Dam and much fun was had by all. The more experienced skiers assisted those less competent on the skis. The day outings always ended with the boys being towed behind the boat on a tube. A braai and picnic ensured that the energy levels were replenished after a long day on the water.

I am certain that the interest in this very enjoyable society will grow in the future. Special thanks to Mr and Mrs Byrne for the use of their boat.





“Photography is more than a medium for factual communication of ideas. It is a creative art.”

Ansel Adams

SMILE: Benjamin Lowe with pupils from Indezi School

## Community & Environmental Programmes

### Community Service Awards 2006

Colours: **Jevon King**

Half Colours:

**Ronan Worthington**

**Michael Richardson**

**Brett Gower**

**Paul Halsted**

**Angus Kramer**

**Anthony Lawrence**

**Ben Lowe**

**Mark Farrow**

**Tom Hodgson**

**James King**

**David Horscroft**

### Outreach Programmes

*Written by Michelle Huntley*

2006 has been a busy and productive year in the area of Community Partnership. Ukubambisana Komphakathi is dedicated to improving those less fortunate in the wider community and thus we have run several programmes this year:

#### Adult Literacy

This year started with Mrs Annette Murugen running both the English and Zulu classes, assisted by Mr Mark Longbottom. Attendance was erratic; however the core group of ten students attended classes regularly. The media works Level 4 Computer Programme appeared difficult for the students and some text books were purchased to use as an alternative to the computer.

#### ICDL (International Computer Drivers License)

Co-ordinator & Trainer: **Julie Flanagan, ICDL**

Trainer: **Mfaniseni Phungula**

The ICDL has become an international standard to promote and encourage computer literacy for all. Lungile Hlela (Michaelhouse

kitchen), Desmond Nkuna and Dennis Mvelase (Jabula Combined School) completed their last exam at the end of October.

Mfaniseni Phungula is currently taking a group of students from Asithuthuke Combined School that attend afternoon classes during the week. A group of teachers from the Hlanganani School attend e-Citizen classes during the week. This is a new computer skills certification programme that we have started at Michaelhouse and caters for those with limited knowledge of computers and the Internet.

#### SMILE (St Mary's Interactive Learning Experience)

The Smile Programme worked very well this year. We completed the year with 28 children from Esiphethwini Sendiza School and 15 children from Indezi Primary School. We had a total of 38 Michaelhouse B Block Boys who contributed to the Programme and were awarded Certificates by SMILE for completing the course. Included in this group were three exchange students from Trinity College, Canada. The Michaelhouse boys really applied themselves fully and enthusiastically to the programme.

We completed four teaching modules during the year. The children loved the play time, which was given in between the activities, with the Michaelhouse boys. The boys played soccer and the girls played a game called 'mada' with tennis balls.

#### Nina Campbell-Quine Art Project

This is the fifth year that we have run an art programme. It is directed by art intern, Mr Sandile Sibiya and HOD, Ms Joy Preiss.

The painting on fabric to make tablecloths was the first project for the year. Bright-coloured landscapes was the second part of the programme for the year. During the course of the year the students entered into a competition organised by the Golden Horse Casino in Pietermaritzburg. They did us proud and produced some wonderful work.

#### Asithuthuke Combined School

Support was once again given to the library. Extensive meetings with the school management team took place during the year and we are working on a partnership with the School for 2007.



“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

Maya Angelou

Three **Sports Development** programmes were run this year. Soccer coaching took place at Esiphetwini Sendiza School during the Third Quarter. Development swimming was run with 12 children during the First Quarter followed by basketball in the Second Quarter.

Our **Health Awareness Programme** to the community has taken off this year. During the course of the Second Quarter the Umngeni AIDS Centre visited Michaelhouse and addressed all Staff. A committee was formed with representatives from all departments at Michaelhouse.

An AIDS Day was held at the Balgowan Clinic on 18 September 2006. Social workers, Home Affairs employees, Counsellors of the area, Medical Staff and many other support staff were available for the wider community to speak to.

Voluntary testing resulted in 78 people under-going testing and counselling. A short film about the stigma relating to being HIV positive has now been produced and we have been given permission to copy the video and show it to the wider community.

We are also planning on training staff members from different departments to become counsellors. We have set a five year plan to start the process of educating the community. The Umngeni AIDS Group will change their name to the Balgowan AIDS group and it will be part of their portfolio to encourage these facilities into the area.

#### **Basketball Facility at Asithuthuke School**

Monies have been raised from various sources to fund the construction of a basketball court at Asithuthuke School. Construction of the facility will start early in 2007.

#### **Esiphetwini Sendiza School (Hlanganani School)**

A generous donation was received from a private donor to establish a library/computer room facility at the school. The teachers are receiving computer lessons to enable them to teach the children. The library is still in need of more books and we will be continuing with this project in 2007.

A big thank you to our sponsors; DHB Investments, Paul Barnett, Fulton Trust, Inglis Family Charitable Trust, The Nina Campbell Quine Trust, Sani-tech and the Alison Lee Education Fund.

#### **My School Programme**

*Written by Elke von Schlichting*

The MySchool fundraising programme is an ongoing process and thanks to the very supportive Michaelhouse parents, we donated a substantial amount to Khazimula Place of Safety and Leadership Training Centre in Lidgetton this year. Michaelhouse has become an important beneficiary to Khazimula, being the top South African donor for the second consecutive year. Every time you swiped your card, you made a difference to someone's life - thank you.

#### **The Michaelhouse Oribi Reserve**

*Written by Iain Guthrie*

One of the exciting events of the year has been the establishment of the Michaelhouse Oribi Reserve on part of the Michaelhouse Estate.

The Reserve protects more than 250 hectares of mistbelt grassland as well as patches of afro-montane forest known as Gleneagles and Alex Bushes, several wetlands, streams, Alex Dam and Strips Dam.

The flagship species of the Reserve is the endangered Oribi which has seen a serious decline in the past 50 years as a result of a loss of suitable habitat. As much as 94% of Mistbelt grassland has been transformed in the last 150 years as a result of expansions in agriculture, commerce and residential properties. This means that Michaelhouse has a grassland gem and its formal protection is much needed.

The fencing of the Reserve area was completed during September 2006 after a bold decision by the Board of Governors to get the Reserve established. Once the fences were up, it was found that there was still one pair of Oribi, and action was taken to increase this number. Through the support of Andre Rousseau of the Endangered Wildlife Trust, three Oribi were located at the Usher property for translocation to Michaelhouse. Dr Oliver Tatham was tasked by Chris Brown to dart them and transport them to what is now called *Oribi Flats* in the Michaelhouse Reserve. George Zaloumus played his part in getting the permits arranged for the move.

The release of the Oribi by Dr Oliver Tatham and staff members could be considered as the official launching of the Reserve and brought the population of Oribi at Michaelhouse up to five.





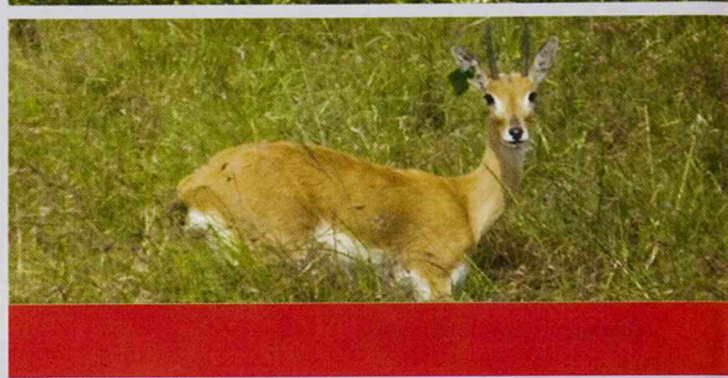
*D Block boys repairing a donga in the Michaelhouse Oribi Reserve*

While Oribi are the flagship mammal for the Reserve, a number of other mammal species will also be protected. The large species include Southern Redbuck, Grey Duiker, Bushbuck, Serval, Caracal, Large Spotted Genet, Water Mongoose, White-tailed Mongoose, Large Grey Mongoose, Cape Clawless Otter, Porcupine, Scrub Hare, Natal Red Rock Hare, Vervet Monkey and Black-backed Jackal.

The Reserve is a haven for birds with its grassland, forest, wetland and dam habitats and includes such special birds as Blue Crane, Denham's Bustard, Montague's Harrier, Striped Flufftail, Broad-tailed Warbler, Black-winged Lapwing, Buff-streaked Chat, Olive Bush Shrike, Crowned Eagle and African Quailfinch. The bird list is now over 180 species and still growing.

Healthy grassland requires careful management and this is partially achieved with the help of Mr Tony Ardington's herd of Nguni Cattle which moved into the Reserve at the end of August 2006. The herd consists of more than sixty head, nine of which were born in the reserve and others are expected. This magnificent herd serves as grazers, soil fertilizers, nutrient recyclers and soil improvers and their effect on the Reserve is already noticeable. They are controlled with portable electric fencing and provide a way to keep the grass in certain areas short for Oribi grazing, while other areas are left rank for the Oribi to hide in and more particularly to hide their young in. This is one of the key requirements for Oribi. One oribi fawn was born in the reserve (December 2006) and the other doe is pregnant.

Countless Old Boys would have spent many happy hours in these hills above Michaelhouse and it is hoped that this tradition will continue for future generations of Michaelhouse boys. The Reserve will form a valuable resource for teaching about conservation to



*Above: Southern Redbuck ram in the reserve, Below: One of the Oribi rams released in November 2006*

boys at Michaelhouse, and the projects with which they may become involved, are endless. Already D Block boys have built erosion barriers across a large donga near Alex Dam during an Ecology day in the Reserve.

As with any venture of this kind, the Reserve requires funding. To this end, Old Boys and Parents will have been contacted. Should you require more information or wish to assist in funding the Reserve, please contact Dr Peter Ardington. For further information on the Reserve, please see the school's website [www.michaelhouse.org](http://www.michaelhouse.org) or contact Paul Fleischack or Iain Guthrie at Michaelhouse.



*Under the leadership of Steven Robarts and Jonathan Frame, Founders House collected over 2500 Easter eggs for distribution at Jabula, Ashithuthuke and Hlanganani schools. There were happy smiles all around*





**Back Row:** C. Rohrbach, L. Royce, B. van Aswegen, R. Combrinck, S. Dommett, A. Mahieu, **Middle Row:** N. Meyer, J. Fieldgate, A. Dalais, L. Albertse, G. Heeger, E. Steere, **Front Row:** Mr. G. Ferreira, B. Bruins, Mr. A. Black, D. Turner, Mr. R. Kotze

## Athletics

Master in charge: **Mr André Black**

Coaches: **Mr George Ferreira, Mr Richardt Kotze, Mr Rory Drysdale**

Captain: **Brandon Bruins**

Half Colours: **Ruan Combrinck, Edward Steere**

The Michaelhouse athletes worked hard throughout the season at realising their potential. Even though not many of our athletes were selected for in regional and provincial games, they managed to improve their personal best times and distances.

The annual Standard Points Meeting, Pre-Sports Day Finals, Inter-House Relay Competition and Sports Day were run in perfect weather conditions. Farfield House are to be commended for their efforts and enthusiastic participation. They were the victors in the Standard Points Meeting, Relays Competition and Sports Day.

On behalf of the athletes, I would like to thank Mr Ferreira for his dedicated coaching. Mr Kotze and Mr Drysdale also played a very important role during the season.

**USSASA Regional Trials held on 11 February at Treverton.** Our athletes competed against neighbouring schools.

Name	Age	Event	Result
Dumisani Mabhena	U15	Long Jump	1 <sup>st</sup>
		Triple Jump	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Alain Mahieu	U15	800m	1 <sup>st</sup>

Ruan Combrinck	U17	100m	1 <sup>st</sup>
		200m	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ben Van Aswegen	U17	1500m	4 <sup>th</sup>
Brandon Bruins	U19	400m	1 <sup>st</sup>

### USSASA Regional Meeting held on 25 February in Pietermaritzburg.

Alain Mahieu, Dumisani Mabhena, Edward Steere and Brandon Bruins competed. Edward Steere's sixth position in the U17 3000m was the only official result received.

### KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Championships held on 10 and 11 March in Durban.

Liam Royce, Craig Kohler, Wally Adedipe, Dumisani Mabhena and Brandon Bruins travelled to Durban to compete in the Provincial Championships.

Two notable achievements:

**Brandon Bruins** competed in the 400m Boys U19 event. He made it through to the semi-finals and bettered his personal best time in the heats.

**Dumisani Mabhena** made it through to the final of the Boys U15 Long Jump. He was placed ninth and bettered his personal best distance





“Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will.”

Mahatma Gandhi

**Michaelhouse Inter-House Standards held on 1 September.**  
The final results were as follows:

Position	House
1	Farfield
2	Baines
3	Founders
4	Tatham
5	Pascoe
6	East
7	Mackenzie
8	West

**Grey Bloem/ Menlo Park Athletics Trials held on 2 September at Howick High.**

Eleven athletes competed in the trials held at Howick High. The following athletes achieved top three positions:

Name	Age	Event	Result
Gregory Heeger	U14	90m Hurdles	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Louis Albertse	U16	Discus	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Edward Steere	U17	3000m	3 <sup>rd</sup>

**Michaelhouse Pre-Sports Day finals held on 4, 7 and 8 September.**

**Michaelhouse Inter-House Relays Competition held on 5 September.**

The final results were as follows:

Position	House
1	Farfield
2	Tatham
3	East
4	Pascoe
5	Baines
6	West
7	Founders
8	Mackenzie

**Clover Top 8 Meeting held on 6 September in Durban.**

A team of eight athletes travelled to Durban to compete in the Clover Top 8 meeting.

Name	Age	Event	Result
Gregory Heeger	U15	100m Hurdles	4 <sup>th</sup>
Liam Royce	U15	400m	7 <sup>th</sup>
Louis Albertse	U17	Discus	7 <sup>th</sup>
Dale Walker	U17	3000m	4 <sup>th</sup>
Edward Steere	U17	3000m	2 <sup>nd</sup>

Edward Steere bettered his personal best time in the 3000m and in doing so, bettered the existing school record set by him earlier in the week in the Michaelhouse Pre-Sports Day Finals.

**The Michaelhouse Sports Day was held on 9 September.**

The following awards were made at the completion of the event:

**Relays Day:**

**The 5 Age Relay**

Grant Cornish Bowden Floating Trophy **Farfield**

**4 x 100m Relays**

David Chance Floating Trophy **Farfield**

**Senior 4 x 800m**

The West 1971'ers Challenge Trophy **Farfield**

**Winning House**

CRH Harris Floating Trophy **Farfield**

**Age Group Champions:**

**U14**

Gold	Silver	Bronze
I Sturgeon (E)	J Thomas (T)	S Mhlongo (B)

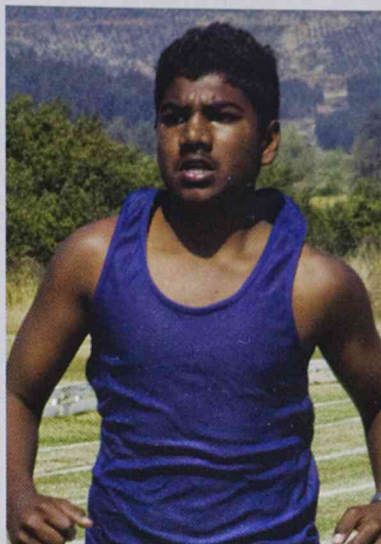
**U15**

Gold	Silver	Bronze
R De Bruyn (E)	R Nakin (B)	A Gray (P)
	L Karovsky (W)	

**U16**

Gold	Silver	Bronze
A Khumalo (T)	G Kibby (B)	D Walker (E)





Reggie Holliday and Joshua Key battle it out on the track

Joshua Chellen at Athletics Day

A giant leap for Paul Heaton Nicholls

## U17

Gold	Silver	Bronze
<b>M Richards</b> (Fa)	G Cronje (T)	P Nortje (P)

## U19

Gold	Silver	Bronze
<b>D Turner</b> (Fo)	B Bruins (W)	A Dalais (Fa)

## Trophies

### Junior Victor Ludorum

Paul Nash Trophy	<b>A Khumalo</b>	Tatham
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### Senior Victor Ludorum

John Odams Trophy	<b>D Turner</b>	Founders
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### Standard Points

John Odams Trophy		Farfield
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### U19 100m Sprint

D Barford Trophy	<b>A Dalais</b>	Farfield
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### Best Single Field Event

Mike Gledhill Cup	<b>G Kibby</b>	Baines
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### Best Single Track Event

Steven Waidelich Floating Trophy	<b>G Heeger</b>	Farfield
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### Best Single Performance in any event

St Evens Trophy	<b>G Kibby</b>	Baines
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### 20x100m Combined Age Relay

J Cahill Floating Trophy		Tatham
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### Service to Athletics

M Jeffrey Memorial Tray	<b>B Bruins</b>	West
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### Winning House

MHS Eric Strapp Memorial Trophy		Farfield
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## Records Broken:

<b>E Steere</b>	U16	3000m	10:08,08	Farfield
<b>G Kibby</b>	U16	Triple Jump	13.08m	Baines
<b>J Cairns</b>	U19	Javelin	57.25m	West

## KwaZulu-Natal Sub-Youth Provincial Championships held on 14 October in Durban.

Gregory Heeger, Jonathan Fieldgate, Alain Mahieu and Liam Royce competed in the Provincial Championships. The following athletes won medals:

Name	Age	Event	Result
<b>Gregory Heeger</b>	U14	90m Hurdles	1st
<b>Alain Mahieu</b>	U15	800m	3rd

**Erratum:** It was incorrectly reported in the Chronicle 2005, that Edward Steer broke the U15 3000m record at the Michaelhouse Sport Day in 2005. This record was broken by Dale Walter.



Founders boys prepare for the relay event





“I don't know anything that builds the will to win better than competitive sports.”

Richard M. Nixon

## Swimming

Master in Charge: **Mr Rory Drysdale**

Coaches: **Mr Jonathan Fergusson and Mr Brad Roets**

Captain: **Michel Mahieu**

Honours: **Andrew Chance**

Colours: **Murray de Bruyn, Christopher Tingle, Robert de Bruyn, Simon Dougall, Thomas Watkins (Diving)**

Half Colours: **Douglas Button, Nicholas Wilson, Alexander Dummer, Richard Bennett, Trevor Akal, Kurt Holtzhausen, Alexander Dalais**

## Inter-house Gala

The Inter-house gala was, for the third year, held in near perfect conditions.

Results were as follows:

### Junior Individual Medley

A Wex Trophy

**Robert de Bruyn**

### Senior Individual Medley

Branson Bowman Edgar Trophy

**James Winter**

### Junior Victor Ludorum

Nick Folker Trophy

**Patrick Durham**



## Newstead Farm Bed and Breakfast

Newstead Farm, built in 1848, is one of the Natal Midlands oldest homesteads. Conveniently situated just 2.5kms from the N3 motorway and 10 minutes from Michaelhouse, the farm has been beautifully transformed by its current owners Mike and Paula Schmidt into a comfortable bed and breakfast establishment.

Set in the grounds of the house are five exquisitely appointed en-suite rooms. Roaring log fires, tennis court, swimming pool and a comfortable guest lounge add to the unique ambience of this lovely country home. Hearty farmhouse breakfasts are served to guests in the original family dining room.

Close proximity to the freeway makes Newstead an ideal stop over between Johannesburg and Durban, as well as a relaxing base from which to explore the magical Midlands. With two magnificent golf courses within easy driving distance, Newstead also offers a variety of all inclusive mid-week golfing packages to suite all levels of golfing enthusiast.

Details and reservations

Tel / fax 033 2344170 . Newsteadfarm@mweb.co.za . www.newsteadfarm.co.za





**Back Row:** J. van der Linden, M. Butler, N. Wilson, L. Pedlar, B. Jahnig, R. de Bruyn, T. van Dam, D. Potts, K. Holtzhausen, **Fourth Row:** A. Dummer, R. Keene, A. Chance, A. Dalais, J. Winter, G. Peake, D. Berriman, M. de Bruyn, **Third Row:** B. Bradford, S. Christodoulou, C. Le Roux, S. Thring, P. Durham, S. Dougall, A. Gray, S. Gallie, L. Royce, C. Lindsay, **Second Row:** R. Shiel, K. Schoerie, J. Nupen, S. Maclaren, D. Button, M. Daly, R. Janse van Rensburg, M. Vinen, **Front Row:** C. Tingle, Mr. A. Dahlberg, R. Bennett, Mr. B. Roets, M. Mahieu, Mr. J. Fergusson, R. Button, Mr. R. Drysdale, L. Claassen

#### U17 Victor Ludorum

Andrew Wex Cup

James Winter

#### Senior Victor Ludorum

Bob Larsen Silicones Trophy

Louis Claassen

#### Open Freestyle Relay

Bowman Edgar Trophy

Farfield

#### Winning House (relays)

K & B Reeve Trophy

Farfield

#### Winning House

Twenty-man Trophy

Farfield

Swimming Staff Trophy

West

#### Age Group Championship

Gold	Silver	Bronze
U19		
Louis Claassen	Stephen Bird	Kurt Holtzhausen James Brownlee
U17		
James Winter	Michel Mahieu	Murray de Bruyn Simon Dougall
U16		
James Winter	Michel Mahieu	Jonathon Ritten
U15		
Robert de Bruyn	Benjamin Bradford	Louis Karovsky
U14		
Patrick Durham	Storm Gallie	Renier Janse van Rensburg

The following records were broken at this year's gala:

Andrew Chance	U16	50m Freestyle	25.7
Robert de Bruyn	U15	50m Butterfly	29.8
(equalled Michel Mahieu's record)			
Farfield	U16	4 x 25m Medley relay	58.3
Farfield	U16	4 x 50m Freestyle relay	1:53.4

#### Inter-School Competition

We are, once again, ranked seventh in KwaZulu-Natal. Despite our rank order not changing, it is disappointing to note that the gap between our traditional rivals has widened this year. Results were as follows:

#### Michaelhouse Invitation Gala

	Westville	MHS	Hilton	Northwood
U14	165	99	95	50
U15	146	97	110	81
U16	148	86	121	62
U17	126	91	150	51
U19	127	83	124	87

It is worth noting that in a field of 12 swimmers, **Robert de Bruyn** came second in the U15 Butterfly, **James Winter** came second in the 100m Freestyle and **Louis Claassen** won the U19 Butterfly. The U15 team came second in the 4 x 50m Medley and we also came second in the 4 age medley relay.





*Louis Claassen*



*Alexander Dalais*

## Top Eight Gala

1 <sup>st</sup>	Westville	195 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	DHS	192 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hilton & College	112 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	Kearsney	109 points
6 <sup>th</sup>	Glenwood	90 points
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Michaelhouse</b>	<b>66 points</b>
8 <sup>th</sup>	Northwood	60 points

Some really good individual performances were given: **Louis Claassen & Andrew Chance** both swam the 50m freestyle in less than 26 seconds. **Robert de Bruyn & Benjamin Bradford** swam the same event in under 28 seconds. **Michel Mahieu, James Winter & Louis Claassen** all swam good butterfly times.

## Private Schools Quadrangular Gala

This was the first time that Treverton took part, and we look forward to them being a permanent contestant in the future.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Hilton	114 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kearsney	104 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Michaelhouse</b>	<b>74 points</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	St Charles	55 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	Treverton - Weston	39 points

## Dimant Co-Ed Gala

Michaelhouse was drawn to swim with St Mary's, and we came first winning R200 for our efforts. Our boys swam really well and in a number of age groups our swimmers were dominant in the partnership.

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>St Mary's &amp; Michaelhouse</b>	<b>410 points</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fatima & St Charles	386 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	GHS A & College B	288 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Kearsney A & Epworth	278 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	DHS A & St John's	260 points
6 <sup>th</sup>	College A & GHS B	233 points
7 <sup>th</sup>	DHS B & St Anne's	208 points
8 <sup>th</sup>	Carter/Treverton & Hilton	174 points
9 <sup>th</sup>	TWC & Kearsney B	128 points

## TWC Co-Ed Gala

Michaelhouse swam in the Private Schools Gala at The Wykeham Collegiate with each age group linked with a different girls school:

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Michaelhouse</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kearsney
3 <sup>rd</sup>	St Charles
4 <sup>th</sup>	Hilton White
5 <sup>th</sup>	Hilton Black

## Provincial Competition

### KwaZulu-Natal

This was the first year that there was no Midlands team selection. Swimmers went straight through to the KwaZulu-Natal Trials Gala. We had 12 boys participate in Trials this year with **Andrew Chance** and **Storm Gallie** being selected to represent KwaZulu-Natal.

### SA Schools

**Storm Gallie** won his heat and came 14th in the 100m Butterfly. **Andrew Chance** came fifth in the country in the 50m Freestyle event which is an enormous achievement. To put Andrew's performance in perspective, Andrew consistently swims the event in under 26 seconds, both on short and long course. He broke the school record in this event this year and is 0.4 seconds off the best time ever recorded by a Michaelhouse boy.

In addition to this, to be selected to represent KwaZulu-Natal in a relay is reserved only for the best in the province. Andrew swam in both the Freestyle relay and the Medley relay. He won a silver medal for the Medley and a bronze medal for the Freestyle relay.

### Midmar Mile

For the first time this year we had two boys who swam all eight events - four on Saturday, and a further four on Sunday. Special congratulations to **Richard Bennett** and this year's swimming captain, **Michel Mahieu**. The best performance by a Michaelhouse boy was by James Winter who swam the race in 21 min 36 seconds.



“A man’s heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps.”

Proverbs 16:9

Simon Dougall



## Water Polo

Master in charge: **Mr Rory Drysdale**

Coaches: **Mr Jonathan Fergusson** (1<sup>st</sup> team),

**Mr Brad Roets** (2<sup>nd</sup> team), **Mr Albie Dahlberg** (U16A),

**Mr Bernard Whitaker** (U15A), **Mr Kelvin Berry** (U14A),

**Simon Harris** (U15B), **Thomas Watkins** (U14B).

Captain: **Gareth Peake**

Half Colours: **Johan van der Linden, Jonathon Ritten,**

**Robert de Bruyn**

The First Quarter was not as busy as most of the time was taken up with swimming; however, we had a very busy season during the Fourth Quarter with games being played every Saturday and occasionally during the week. It is really gratifying to see how popular water polo has become at Michaelhouse, and it is now quite a challenge to find the various teams pool-time. We now have seven teams playing on a regular basis, a feat that can be matched only by Hilton and Maritzburg College in KwaZulu-Natal.

Some of our parents kindly managed to arrange a coaching clinic that was run by an ex-Hungarian player. Those boys and staff who did attend learned a great deal. We are hoping to get someone in early next year to train our coaches to become competent referees.

In the First Quarter our U14A side played in a tournament at Jeppe High School in Johannesburg. Most of our U14 players had not played Polo before having come to Michaelhouse. Despite this, they acquitted themselves well.

Two additional tours took place over the Michaelmas break: An U15 tour to Selborne in East London, and a First Team tour to SACS in Cape Town. This is the second time that we have played in the Selborne Tournament - the team won 1, Drew 1 and lost 8 games. The SACS Tournament, which is probably the most prestigious in the country saw tough opposition. The 1st team won 2, and lost 7 games at this tournament.

Two of our senior players were asked to take responsibility for two junior teams this year and they performed their duties with both enthusiasm and commitment. A special thank you to Tom Watkins and Simon Harris in this regard.

The following boys were selected to represent various provincial sides during 2006:

<b>James Winter</b>	KwaZulu-Natal U19B
<b>Sean Rennie</b>	KwaZulu-Natal U19B
<b>Tom Watkins</b>	Midlands U19
<b>Simon Dougall</b>	Midlands U19
<b>Murray deBruyn</b>	Midlands U19
<b>Alex Dummer</b>	Midlands U19
<b>Nick Dunn</b>	KwaZulu-Natal U16A
<b>Rees Keene</b>	Midlands U16
<b>Johan van der Linde</b>	Midlands U16
<b>Robert de Bruyn</b>	Midlands U16
<b>Jonathan Ritten</b>	Midlands U16
<b>Andrew Chance</b>	Midlands U16
<b>Digby Berriman</b>	Midlands U14
<b>Eric Lagesse</b>	Midlands U14
<b>Patrick Durham</b>	Midlands U14
<b>Storm Gallie</b>	Midlands U14
<b>James Nupen</b>	Midlands U14

This is the first year that the **Kyle Pepper Floating Trophy** was awarded. It is awarded to an A Block boy who has made significant improvement in the level of skills developed and performance achieved over the past three years, and has offered his time and service, without the expectation of compensation, to the sport over the same time span. **Rory Button** was the worthy recipient in 2006.





Back Row: A. Dummer, R. Button, J. Winter, J. Ritten, M. Mahieu Middle Row: R. de Bruyn, D. du Plessis, M. de Bruyn, J. van der Linden Front Row: S. Dougall, G. Peake, Mr. J. Fergusson, R. Bennett, T. Watkins

Water Polo table of results:

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st	29	8	1	20
2nd	12	5	2	5
3rd	2	1	-	1
Total	43	14	3	26
U16 A	6	1	1	4
Total	6	1	1	4
U15 A	33	6	3	24
U15 B	6	2	1	3
Total	29	8	4	27
U14 A	18	7	1	10
U14 B	8	4	1	3
Total	26	11	2	13
Final total	104	34	10	70

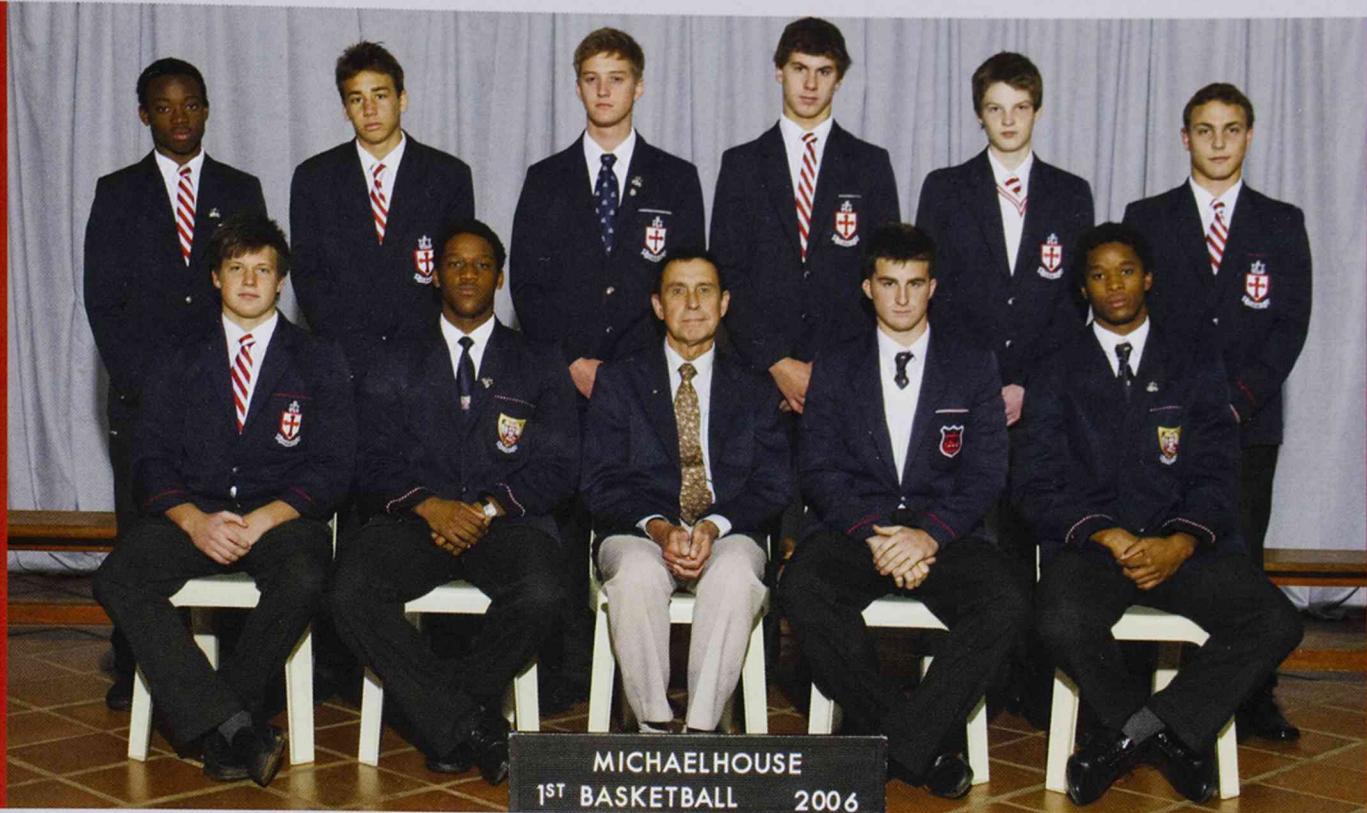
Top 10 Tournament – KwaZulu-Natal

1st	8th
U15A	8th
U14A	7th

Inter-House Competition

	Seniors	Juniors	Senior results	Junior results
Founders	6 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	Farfield beat Pascoe 8-1	Farfield beat Mackenzie 8-3
East	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	West beat Founders 6-3	Baines beat Founders 7-5
West	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	East beat Tatham 4-1	Tatham beat Pascoe 8-0
Farfield	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mackenzie beat Baines 3-1	West beat East 7-4
Tatham	7 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	West beat Mackenzie 6-1	Baines beat Tatham 7-5
Pascoe	8 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	Farfield beat East 9-4	Farfield beat West 6-5
Baines	5 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Mackenzie	4 <sup>th</sup>			





*Back Row: N-A Laryea, P. Vrontamitis, H. Beckett, M. Spavins, J. Janse van Rensburg, X. van Rooyen*

*Front Row: L. Rumble, P. Mofokeng, Mr. C. Pachonick, A. Fiorotto, M. Ngcobo*

## Basketball

Master in Charge: **Mr Carl Pachonick**

Captain: **Cesare Lee**

Colours: **Alessandro Fiorotto**

Half Colours: **Nii-Amar Laryea, Heath Beckett, Matthew Spavins, Xillen van Rooyen, Philip Vrontamitis, Lawrence Rumble**

### First Team Basketball

The First Team of 2006 is able to reflect on the season with a great deal of satisfaction. Although the First Team lost four of the eleven matches played, those lost were extremely closely-contested games with only the match against DHS being one-sided. The closeness of the games played in our Midlands League underlines just how competitive the sport has become in this region. Our first match against Hilton College was, as always, an extremely tense affair.

Playing at Hilton, the game remained close until half-time, but a series of errors by us, saw Hilton surge ahead in the second half. However, when all seemed lost, we again came from behind to go into a one point lead with only minutes remaining. Unfortunate turn-overs by Michaelhouse ultimately gave Hilton victory by four. In our return game, we were determined to prove our superiority on the court and the players did this in excellent style to win by 42 - 24. Another highlight of the First Quarter was the seven point victory over Alexandra High School. We hadn't been able to beat Alex, one of the pioneer schools of the

school basketball programme in the country, for several seasons, but on this occasion, the boys again showed a great deal of commitment and courage to score an exciting win.

Chas Lee, the Captain, is an extremely talented point-guard who played a huge role in the successes achieved by the team. His ability to drive the zone, draw the defence and then hand-off to a fellow team member was a feature of his play. His ball-control, so crucial in the role of point guard, was another of his great strengths. Pheelo Mofokeng, the Vice-Captain, was the most improved player in the team. His strength under the boards on both offence and defence was inspirational to the rest of the team. He always had to play against players who were considerably taller, but managed to out-rebound them on more occasions than not. In this department, he received great support from Mndeni Ngcobo, Matthew Spavins and Heath Beckett, who all played vital roles in the team's performance.

The other forward/post player who deserves special mention is Alessandro Fiorotto. He emerged as the leading scorer for the team as well as the season's most valuable player. His determination under the offensive boards and his love of putting the ball through the hoops was a feature of his play. His game in the match against Hilton will long be remembered for the 40 points which he scored.

Lawrence Rumble was the number two guard for the First Team. He had an uncanny ability to score baskets under the most difficult circumstances. The other guards; Xillen van Rooyen, Philip Vrontamitis and Nii-Amar Laryea all made significant





“People who work together will win, whether it be against complex football defences, or the problems of modern society.”

Vince Lombardi

Xillen van Rooyen

contributions to the team during the season. Xillen, in our victory over St Charles sank a crucial three-pointer in the latter stages of the game when St Charles were threatening to come from behind.

## Results:

Treverton College	won	36 – 13
Weston College	won	52 – 17
St Charles College	lost	35 – 41
Clifton College	won	44 – 31
Pinetown Boys' High	won	31 – 17
Hilton College (Away)	lost	60 – 64
Carter High	won	39 – 34
Northwood	lost	28 – 31
Hilton College (Home)	won	42 – 24
Alexandra High	won	47 – 40
DHS	lost	32 – 82

Played: 11      Won: 7      Lost: 4  
Points for: 432      Points against: 394

In the Fourth Quarter, the First Team squad for 2006/7 was selected from boys up to, and including B Block. The side is commonly referred to as the Stayers' Team.

## Results:

Pinetown Boys High	won	44 – 35
Treverton College	won	39 – 18
Weston College	won	45 – 28
Linpark High	won	32 – 22
Carter High	lost	34 – 35
Clifton College	won	34 – 31
St Nicholas College	won	46 – 35
LinPark	won	38 – 10
Maritzburg College	won	35 – 29
Hilton College	won	42 – 29
Maritzburg College	won	36 – 27
Alexandra High	lost	34 – 52
St Charles College	lost	36 – 54
Westville Boys High	won	44 – 21

Played: 14      Won: 11      Lost: 3  
Points for: 539      Points against: 426

The highlight of the Fourth Quarter was undoubtedly the opening of the James Inglis Indoor Centre, a facility which basketball has been dreaming about for many, many years. Its effect on basketball has already been significant. Besides providing the

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*Siyabonga Mhlongo on court*



*First Team team talk*



school with a weather-proof facility to practice and play in, its sheer magnificence has inspired players from all teams to lift their game.

The results of the Stayers' team have been extremely impressive when one considers that only three players from the First Team in the First Quarter were not in matric. The feature of this side has been the dedication that all the players have demonstrated. At practices the attitude of the boys has been superb. There is a keenness to listen and improve and this more than anything has contributed to the successes. Xillen van Rooyen, as Captain, has been inspirational in the effort he puts into every practice and match. Our game is based around an intense defence and in this regard, Xillen is quite superb. He has been well-backed up by Matthew Spavins who, after a slow start, has emerged as one of the great strengths in the team. He is developing into an excellent post player.

As point guards, we are blessed with real talent in Tahir Rhemtulla, Philip Vrontamitis and an ever-improving Joel van Rensburg, whilst the forwards; Ntsolo Setlaba, Travis Ning and Joshua Nuttall-Smith all have great potential which will develop further in 2007. At centre we have the youngest member of the team, Andrew Laing who is still U15 and Nhlengano Sokhela. Andrew and Nhlengano are rapidly developing into fine players who will be major strengths in the team in 2007. Shane Drower-Copley and Francis Scott, who are still U16, played most of their matches for the U16A team, but did represent the First Team on a number of occasions. Both players have benefited from the practice sessions and the matches and will add strength next year.

#### **U14 Basketball**

Coaches: **Mr Selby Sibiya, Mr Johan van Rooyen**

We fielded our strongest U14 age group in a number of years which augurs well for the future of the sport at Michaelhouse. Centred on Siyabonga Mhlongo who had represented KwaZulu-Natal Primary Schools in 2005, the U14A side showed great all-round development during the year and was undoubtedly one of

the two strongest U14A teams in the province. The team beat both St Charles and DHS who, in the last few years, have been the two strongest basketball-playing schools in the province. The U14B team's results were equally impressive which is indicative of the depth in the age-group.

#### **U15 Basketball**

Coaches: **Mr Elmar de Klerk, Mr Given Dzingwa**

Michaelhouse also fielded two teams in this age group. The U15A team which had shown so much development during 2005, continued to improve and several players have emerged as definite stars of the future. Andrew Laing, playing at centre played a big role in the side's success, in both rebounding and scoring, whilst Neil Benton is a point guard with a great deal of potential for the future. The results of this team were most commendable with the only losses being those against St Charles and DHS – both matches by a few points only. The U15B team, like the U14B's mirrored the results of their respective A-teams, by also achieving really good results during the season.

#### **U16 Basketball**

Coaches: **Mr Allan Laing, Mr Sibs Ncamane**

Despite the fact that the U16A team was without their number one point guard, the side pulled off some amazing wins during the season, and those games lost, were lost by a few points only. During the First Quarter, players like Travis Ning, Shane Drower-Copley, Francis Scott and Tahir Rhemtulla developed into extremely competent players and it came as no surprise when they were all selected as part of the Stayers' Squad in the Fourth Quarter. It was therefore a depleted U16 side which took to the courts in the Fourth Quarter, but despite this, Mr Laing managed to extract something special out of them and they ended the Fourth Quarter with a commendable set of results. The U16B team had relatively few games during the season and on occasions had to link up with the Third team for inter-schools matches.





*Back Row: A Butt, B Farley, N Von Stackelberg, S Maclaren, S Callen, J Birkett, P Brown, J Aldous, A Lawrence Fourth Row: R Patchitt, G Martin, B Bradford Third Row: N Southwood, M Chance, P Smedley, C Lindsay, C Griffin, S Mudd, A Bowes Second Row: N Chaplin, J Atkinson, S Lang, R Gifford, M Dean, A Birkett, S Harley, D Pearce Front Row: I Rennie, J Dillon, T Hulley, Mr A Redfern, S Bird, Mr A Adlington-Corfield, B Krone, J King, D Firth*

## Seconds and Third Basketball Teams

Coaches: **Mr Mandla Cele, Mr Sandile Khuluse**

The number of open boys playing basketball increased during the First Quarter and most played in the Third Team, drawn to a large extent by the excellent spirit which prevailed amongst the players of these teams. The Second Team played an excellent standard of basketball and achieved some noteworthy results during the season - perhaps their best being the excellent win over St Charles in the Fourth Quarter. The Third Team often did not have matches against many of the schools we play, as they do not field as many teams as we do.

It is said that the real strength of a school's sporting programme may be measured by the performances of that school's B-teams and the Second and Third Teams. If this is the case, then 2006 has been a most successful season. Appreciation is expressed to the Coaches and Players of 2006.

## Canoe Club

Master in Charge: **Mr Alan Redfern**

Coaches: **Mr Iain Guthrie, Mr Alan Adlington-Corfield, Mr Doug Bird**

Captain: **Stephen Bird**

Secretary: **Ben Krone**

Honours: **Stephen Bird, Iain Rennie**

Colours: **Tim Hulley, James Dillon**

Half Colours: **James Dillon, Craig Griffin, Shaun Mudd, David Firth, Michael Chance, Andrew Birkett, James Birkett, James King**

Looking back over the 2006 results, the canoeing team has performed beyond expectation. Once again the red-and-white vests of the Michaelhouse Canoe Club have been seen at all the major races around the country, and members of our Club have kept the flag flying in Australia, France and Slovenia. Stephen Bird, the Club Captain, has been inspirational to all sportsmen at Michaelhouse, and the Canoe Club sets the tone with regards to training ethic and commitment to their sport and achieving at the highest level.

It is said that success breeds success, and this most certainly holds true for the Canoe Club. The hard work put in on the dam by the top canoeist has rubbed off on the junior boys, and I am particularly pleased with the influx of U14 and U15 boys into the Club. The growth at the lower-end of the Club will ensure that we continue to compete as the top School Canoe team in the Country.

Having dominated the Inter-schools Canoe League for the past four years we knew going into the 2006 season that we would be chasing the Maritzburg College team all the way. We got off to the best possible start, winning the first event of the season, the slalom event hosted at Black Rock in Estcourt. The event was won by Stephen Bird with James Dillon, Iain Rennie and David Firth all performing well. We had encouraging results in the U14 age group with Julian Atkinson winning the U14 race.



*“Our philosophy precedes from the belief that sport is an inalienable part of the educational process and a factor for promoting peace, friendship, cooperation and understanding among peoples.”*

*Juan Antonio Samaranch*

*Stephen Bird was awarded the Michaelhouse - Hilton Victor Ludorum Shield. MIC Canoeing, Alan Redfern holds the School Trophy*



The second race on the calendar was the Weston-hosted Mooi River race, where College began to show their strength and depth. Stephen Bird did well to finish second, Tim Hulley was placed seventh. The sprints event is a specialist discipline and our boys once again performed admirably, but were beaten by a group of boys who have chosen to focus all of their attention on sprinting. We did, however, manage to win the team event.

The K1, K2 and K4 Classic relay was the next event on the race calendar. This was a social event, as the top paddlers were away at the Umkomaas River Canoe Marathon. Michaelhouse once again came second to a strong College team. It was a most successful event, allowing the boys an opportunity to paddle in K4 boats. The pattern for the season had been established, we were placed 2nd in the College hosted race.

Michaelhouse hosted the first race in the Fourth Quarter. Hard work in the off-season saw us win the team event by the narrowest of margins, despite the fact that College boys came in first and second. James Dillon, David Firth and Tim Hulley all had excellent races. The biggest disappointment of the season was our performance at Canoe Polo. We finished in a disappointing third position after playing poorly in the semi-final and losing to Hilton.

Going into the last event of the season we were only one point behind College, a position we had never expected to be in at the beginning of the year. A win would be enough to share the overall-league-trophy with College. The racing was tight for 10 laps, but unfortunately our rivals had the inside line going into the final corner, and beat us around the buoy. They won the final sprint by less than half-a-boat length.

Our B team performed well all season and were placed third in the overall league standings ahead of Hilton A. Stephen Bird did not complete enough races, as a result of international commitments and injury, to challenge for the Victor Ludorum. James Dillon was placed second in the U18 age group. Brian Farley was placed second in the U14 Victor Ludorum and Julian Atkinson was placed tie third.

The Hilton/Michaelhouse was once again an overwhelming success, not only on the river, but also in terms of a social event

for canoeists and their families. We held our annual dinner at Rawdons on the Friday evening, before heading up to Underberg on the Saturday morning. Michaelhouse dominated the first day and Stephen Bird was a comfortable winner, Michaelhouse had seven boats in the top ten and 13 in the top 20. The results on the second day followed a similar pattern and the club registered a fifth convincing victory over our friends and arch-rivals from Hilton. Stephen Bird was the Victor Ludorum and also collected the School Trophy. Brian Farley collected the top Novice Trophy.

The river racing season was keenly contested. The highlight of the season is always the Dusi Canoe Marathon. Twenty six boys paddled under Michaelhouse colours, ten of whom were recently departed Old Boys. The performance of the Michaelhouse team was most encouraging. Stephen Bird and his partner from College managed an eighth place finish and were placed first in the junior division - an unbelievable performance from Stephen! We were unable to retain the trophy for the Top Junior Club and were narrowly beaten by College. Had it not been for a slight mishap for James Dillon and Andrew Birkett at the pump house weir 15km from the end things could have been very different. All the Michaelhouse boys finished the race. Special mention is made of Michael Chance and Ben Krone who raced in singles.

The Umkomaas Marathon was the next big race on the calendar and, despite the fact that Stephen Bird was in a 'rest phase' and had done no training, he won the U18 section of the race and was placed eighth amongst the men. Michael Chance and Iain Rennie completed the race with their fathers. Unfortunately, Ben Krone and his father had their boat succumb to the mighty river.

The Drak Challenge was another eagerly anticipated event on the race calendar. The Club has a proud association with this race with one of our Old Boys being the race organiser. A symbolic moment in the club's history was that we stayed on the Rennie's farm. (The same venue that had been used 30 years prior to this, in the Club inaugural year, in 1976. Alick Rennie was one of the founder members.) The overall results of the weekend were not great but the boys and parents had an excellent weekend.





*Andrew Birkett and Ian Rennie in training*

Winter Canoeing did not attract as many boys as the appeal of popular winter sports reduced our numbers. The Winter Canoeing calendar focused on sprints and marathon and a few boys participated in both SA Schools and SA Sprints Championships, as well as SA Marathon Championships.

Of note in the Senior boys were Stephen Bird and Tim Hulley. Stephen clocked up some exceptional results, including Protea



*Stephen Bird negotiates a rapid*

Colours, qualifying for the SA Marathon Team for World Marathon in France, second in the K2 at SA Marathon and fourth overall in SA Sprints. Tim Hulley made the KZN Sprint Team for 2006 and was awarded his Canoeing Colours.

Amongst the junior boys it has been pleasing to see the success of Brian Farley and Julian Atkinson in both Sprints and Marathon. Brian was the U14 Victor Ludorum for both SA Schools Sprints



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*Mr Alan Redfern (MIC Canoeing), Mr Doug Bird, Mr Neil Tupper, Stephen Bird, Rector Guy Parson and Mrs Avril Bird*

and SA Marathon while Julian Atkinson was placed third and second in these events respectively.

The annual trek to the Fish River Canoe Marathon took place in October. Stephen Bird fresh from the World Cup in France, teamed up with his Dusi partner and put in an impressive performance finishing first U18 and tenth overall. James Dillon and Tim Hulley, along with David Firth and Peter Brown, all performed well. Encouraging in the junior division was the efforts made by Ben Bradford and his partner Cameron Lindsay. Stuart Maclaren and Gregor Martin had some misfortune on the first day.

One of the stand-out-performers this year has been Iain Rennie. He has committed himself to slalom and has put a great deal of effort into his discipline. Whilst he will be the first to admit he has a great deal to learn, he has achieved an enormous amount in a short period of time. He was placed second in the SA Junior Slalom Championship and was selected to represent the country at the Junior World Champs in Slovenia. He was placed seventy-ninth overall in the U18 age group, as an U17 canoeist. I hope that he is able to return next year and improve on this result.

The most outstanding sportsman at Michaelhouse this year has been **Stephen Bird**. He has captained the Club with distinction and performed at the highest level. He is extremely committed to his training and serves as an example to all Michaelhouse on how to get right to the top. In February this year he was awarded the trophy for the top junior canoeist in KZN for the 2005/2006 season. I list his remarkable achievements:

**KZN Paddler of the Year (Junior)** - The Gordon Rowe Trophy awarded for the following performances:-

- ▶ Protea Colours for Junior World Sprint Championships, Hungary 2005

- ▶ Protea Colours for Junior World Marathon Championships, Perth, Australia 2005
- ▶ SA River K1 Championship - Fish River Marathon, 2005 1<sup>st</sup> U18, 11<sup>th</sup> overall
- ▶ SA River K2 Championship - Breede River Canoe Marathon, 2005 3<sup>rd</sup> U18
- ▶ SA Marathon K1 Championship, Keurbooms River 2005 - 2<sup>nd</sup> U18
- ▶ SA and KZN Mixed Doubles Championship, Underberg 2005 - 1<sup>st</sup> U18
- ▶ Duzi Canoe Marathon K1 2005 - 2<sup>nd</sup> U18, twenty-seventh overall
- ▶ Umko Canoe Marathon 2005 - 1<sup>st</sup> U21, 5<sup>th</sup> overall
- ▶ Drak Challenge 2005 - 1<sup>st</sup> U18, 8<sup>th</sup> overall
- ▶ SA and KZN Mixed Doubles Champion (with Lizzie Chiazari) - The Oliver Family Trophy
- ▶ Duzi Canoe Marathon 2006 K2 1<sup>st</sup> U18, 8<sup>th</sup> overall
- ▶ Umkomaas Canoe Marathon 2006 K2, 1<sup>st</sup> U18, 8<sup>th</sup> overall

Stephen was awarded his Protea Blazer by the chairman of KZN Canoeing, Mr Neil Tupper, at School Assembly on 27 February. Stephen represented South Africa at the Junior World Marathon Championships in France this year and was placed 9<sup>th</sup> overall in the Junior K2 race.

James Dillon, David Firth and Andrew Birkett represented KZN in various races this season.

Once again my thanks to my two assistants for their input into the Canoe Club. Doug Bird has done a remarkable job as the Club's technical coach and I am most grateful for the enthusiasm that he has shown towards the Michaelhouse Canoe Club members. My thanks to the parents who continue to support us.





*Back Row: R. Cronje, J. Cairns, J. Barr, G. Cronje, A. Beach, Middle Row: N. Tatham, M. Scott, P. Roux, J. Southwood, Front Row: P. Hancock, J. Brownlee, Mr. A. Brown, T. Popat, Mr. I. Hobson, M. Bowes, H. Nanji Sitting: R. Worthington (scorer)*

## Cricket

Master in Charge: **Mr Nic Cahill**

We continued to field four Open teams throughout the year and the usual age group sides. Rain interfered with a large number of fixtures during the First Quarter but we were able to play most games during the Fourth Quarter. Greater interest in basketball, canoeing and technological pursuits has an impact on the number of boys playing cricket.

Our facilities continue to provide wonderful opportunities and we hope to have the nets in the Indoor Centre operational early in the New Year. The pitch on Meadows, which was re-laid in 2006, will be in full use and we hope to 'rejuvenate' two others during 2007.

We are undertaking an assessment of the general state of cricket at Michaelhouse and, hopefully, this will highlight areas that need attention and enable us to reinforce strengths.

Our ground Staff, led by Jonathan Cribbins, has provided fine playing surfaces and conditions and we are most grateful to them. The team coaches have also made a significant contribution and I thank them and Graeme Calway for their input.

Provincial Representatives

U19: **Tahir Popat, Hafeez Manji, Jarryd Cairns**

U17: **James Southwood, Nicholas Tatham**

U15: **Mark van Heerden**

First XI Cricket

Coaches: **Mr Andrew Brown and Mr Ian Hobson**

Captain: **Tahir Popat**

Honours: **Tahir Popat, James Brownlee, Hafeez Manji**

Colours: **Jarryd Cairns, Matthew Bowes, Patrick Hancock, Philippe Roux**

Half Colours: **Ross Cronje, Guy Cronje, Nicholas Tatham, James Southwood, Andrew Beach, Michael Scott**

Team Members: **Tahir Popat (Captain), James Brownlee (Vice Captain), Hafeez Manji, Jarryd Cairns, Matthew Bowes, Patrick Hancock, Philippe Roux, Ross Cronje, Guy Cronje, James Southwood, Andrew Beach, Michael Scott, John Barr**

The team of 2006 can look back on a very good year in many different respects from their performances on the field to the team spirit shown, and friendships developed. The team played as a happy cohesive unit and produced largely good results. It was also backed by a group of very supportive parents who attended all the games.

The team matured a great deal over the past two years, and this was reflected in many of the tight games we won. Notably the game against Glenwood that we won by four runs, when we could have lost, considering that Glenwood only needed fifty runs with eight wickets in hand.

Another important factor in the development of the side was the strong leadership and excellent cricketing brains provided by Tahir Popat and James Brownlee. It came as a huge blow to the team





*Patrick Hancock, a powerful batsman*

when James was sidelined due to an injury to his knee in the off season. Patrick Hancock unfortunately suffered from a similar injury and was also out for the Fourth Quarter. This did provide opportunities for players such as Michael Scott and John Barr to show that they too, could quite capably perform at First Team level.

The team played in 17 fixtures of which two were uncompleted due to rain and a further two rained off without a ball being bowled. Therefore the results were: won eleven, lost four with two games not completed. These results represent a 73% win rate. When compared with the team goal of an 80% winning percentage, we were only one favorable result shy of meeting this challenging target! This, despite an unanticipated lack of match practice at the start of the summer season.

The Cricket season started with the annual KKS festival which was held at Kearsney. This festival provides the Michaelhouse boys with the opportunity to play against schools from outside of KwaZulu-Natal who would not be part of our normal fixtures. We won the first game against Paarl Boys, in which Patrick Hancock scored a good fifty enabling Michaelhouse to set-up a total that we were able to defend. The second match of the tournament was rained off and the third was played against St Johns from Zimbabwe. We bowled well to get St Johns out for 168 runs; Ross Cronje and James Southwood took three wickets each and then unfortunately, we let ourselves down with below par batting. As a result we lost the game by thirteen runs which was a big disappointment. But, credit to the side's fighting spirit, we went on to win seven of the next eight fixtures. The only other loss recorded was to a very good DHS side in which we lost in a similar manner chasing 160 runs; Mathew Bowes bowled really well taking four wickets.

In the First Quarter we recorded some good wins against Maritzburg College, Westville, Kearsney, St Charles and Hilton. Key performances in these games were Phillipe Roux and Hafeez Manji scoring fifty's when we were in trouble against Maritzburg College. Phillipe Roux and Andrew Beach took four and three wickets respectively against Westville. Defending a low score, Hafeez Manji scored another fifty against Kearsney to

set-up the win. Matthew Bowes took six wickets against St Charles and Jarryd Cairns then scored ninety while chasing down a stiff target; we had to score at ten runs an over, for a long period of time.

The match against Hilton was probably the game in which we played the most disciplined and professional cricket of the season. All the bowlers bowled accurately on one side of the wicket, putting pressure on the opposition, which in turn enabled us to bowl Hilton out for 109. We set about the run chase in a responsible and mature manner to record a comfortable six wicket win.

All the planning and preparation went ahead for the eagerly awaited overseas tour to Sri Lanka and we started practicing hard towards the end of July. This included a warm-up game against the Old Boys at which a number of very experienced players, Henry Fotheringham and Craig Sugden, were able to pass on some valuable advice to the boys. The biggest disappointment of the year came when a bomb went off in Colombo and the tour had to be called off. As a result we missed what would have been a lifetime experience for the players and staff.

We unfortunately missed out on the Michaelmas cricket week due to the scheduled tour to Sri Lanka. As a result it meant that we were short of match practice when the summer season started. This was evident when we played our return game for the year against Kearsney and were soundly beaten. We did not bowl as a unit and Kearsney were able to score a relatively large total. Andrew Beach, to his credit, took one of the few five wicket hauls for the year. The run chase did not go any better and we lost by over a hundred runs, Hafeez Manji was the only one to score any runs of significance.

We worked hard over the next few weeks trying to get ourselves into good form. The following match against St Charles was washed out in what would have been a very closely contested finish. Jarryd Cairns and James Southwood batted well, both making sixties. The next weekend we came up against a much improved Maritzburg College side and lost a closely contested

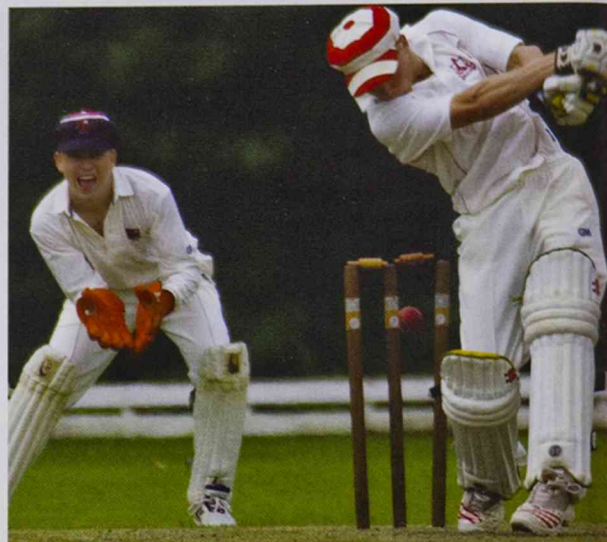




*Junior bowler with intent - Nicholas Lister-James*



*Eager wicket keeper - Hilton Mudariki*



*Guy Cronje*

match. We batted first and scored 187 and then bowled well up front to have Maritzburg College in some trouble at just over fifty odd for five and then ninety for six. But, to their credit, they batted themselves out of a difficult spot to pass our score with four wickets in hand.

We then started to build momentum for the Hilton match by beating both Glenwood away and Westville at home. In the Glenwood game Matthew Bowes, Philippe Roux and Ross Cronje bowled well to enable us to defend a low total. Hafeez Manji starred once again scoring an unbeaten eighty against Westville; Hafeez was our most consistent batsman in 2006. One of the moments of the season to remember occurred in the Westville game when we scored six byes off the last ball of the match. The ball had gone straight from the bowler through to the wicket keeper in what should then have been the end of our innings. We however managed to scamper through for what should have been a single bye, but the wicket keeper shied at the stumps and missed and we were able to run a second. This was then followed by another attempted run out that resulted in a further four over throws, which were all run. Rain then set-in the following weekend and we were unable to play Hilton.

A big thank you must go to Jonathan Cribbins and the ground staff for preparing pitches under difficult rainy weather conditions. Our thanks must also go to our Master in Charge of cricket, Nic Cahill, for all his support and hard work that went on behind the scenes.

With a number of players back in 2007 and some good young players joining them we, as coaches, are looking forward to an enjoyable and exciting year. We hope to be able to match the high standard set by the team of 2006.

**Tahir Popat** (Captain, Honours and Inland U19 Vice Captain) has been one of the best cricket captains in KwaZulu-Natal this year. He has an extraordinary ability to read the situation and implement a plan to match and as a result, his captaincy has often been the difference between us and the opposition.

**James Brownlee** (Vice Captain, Honours) has been a real asset to the team this year and this was evident when an injury to his knee put him out for the end of year season. James has the ability to bowl accurately at a good pace while swinging the ball away and was almost guaranteed to pick-up a few wickets at a good economy rate.

**Hafeez Manji** (Honours, Inland U19) blossomed this year as a classic one day middle order batsman, adept at rotating the strike and accelerating the scoring rate, he showed excellent temperament and a range of shots. Hafeez is a natural fielder and an instinctive runner between the wickets.

**Jarryd Cairns** (Colours, Inland U19) anchored the batting in the key no.3 batting slot. His timing and ability to find the gaps in the field improved exponentially. Jarryd has practically eliminated a few of his technical flaws, and provided he puts in the hard work has the ability to play the game at a higher level!

**Matthew Bowes** (Colours) has been a most valuable member of the team's make-up since he gained his first cap some three years ago. Matt received over fifty caps, and he almost always made a significant contribution with bat or ball. It was almost impossible for the opposition to keep him out of the game!

**Patrick Hancock** (Colours) was a powerful and clean striking opening batsman. When he got settled at the crease, we could be confident of a flying start! He was worth his weight in gold as an outfielder, and his injury came at a most unfortunate time.

**Philippe Roux** (Colours) was a gritty performer, who seemed to get runs in the middle order when no one else could! He was the ideal foil for some of the shot makers and higher risk takers. Philippe bowled accurate inswing, and he provided his Captain with a reliable option.

**Ross Cronje** (Half-Colours) is a talented strike bowler, who provided he is motivated and able to give Cricket enough focus in 2007 will be a significant force. He has the temperament for the big occasion, and he showed it often this year!





*U14 Fielder Greg Heeger in action*

**Guy Cronje** (Half-Colours) is a much improved keeper, who will have a crucial role to play as vice captain and as a middle order batsman in 2007. Guy has an excellent strike rate and puts pressure on the bowler, simply by virtue of his presence at the crease!

**Nicholas Tatham** (Half-Colours, Inland U17) found some belated batting form! He is the 2007 Captain and will also have a crucial role to play as a top order batsman and off-spin bowler. Nic has significant potential, and much will be expected of him in 2007!

**James Southwood** (Half-Colours, Inland U17) has found some very good batting form in the second half of the year, and it is vital that he takes it on in 2007. James has the potential to be a match winner, not only with his batting, but also with some lively pace bowling. The secret is to maintain the healthy work ethic!

**Andrew Beach** (Half-Colours) is a genuine away swing bowler, who is a handful in favorable conditions. When conditions are unfavorable or tough Andrew is still a force, as he is in great physical shape and always wants the ball in his hand!

**Michael Scott** (Half-Colours) contributed right to the end as a keeper and opening batsman. He was in and out of the team over the last two years, but still managed to amass several caps.

**John Barr** has no award, because he hasn't played enough as yet! John is a lively left arm seam bowler, and a free flowing batsman, who certainly showed his credentials when elevated to the 1<sup>st</sup> XI in the latter half of this year.

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## Cricket Results 2006

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st XV	8	6	-	2
2nd XV	2	1	1	-
3rd XV	4	2	-	2
4th XV	5	1	-	4
5th XV	1	-	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>
U16 A	3	-	2	1
U16 B	2	-	-	2
U16 C	3	2	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
U15 A	4	1	-	3
U15 B	2	-	1	1
U15 C	3	2	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
U14 A	4	1	-	3
U14 B	5	2	-	3
U14 C	3	1	-	2
U14 D	4	1	-	3
U14 E	4	2	-	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Final total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>31</b>

## Cross Country

Master in Charge: **Mr Rory Drysdale**

**Inter-House Cross Country: 28 August 2006**

Results were as follows:

### Individual

#### Juniors

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Alain Mahieu</b>	Farfield	15m17.0
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>David Pearce</b>	Tatham	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>David Woodham</b>	Tatham	

#### Seniors

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>James Dillon</b>	Farfield	23m55.0
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Edward Steere</b>	Farfield	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Simon Dougall</b>	Founders	

House (The figure in brackets shows the number of participants per house)

House	Juniors	Seniors	Combined	Position
Farfield	100 (27)	144 (35)	244	1
Tatham	126 (31)	98 (26)	224	2
Pascoe	90 (28)	80 (22)	170	3
Baines	103 (23)	56 (16)	159	4
Mackenzie	77 (26)	60 (25)	137	5
East	55 (26)	79 (31)	134	6
West	46 (24)	66 (22)	112	7
Founders	48 (25)	56 (27)	104	8

## Golf

Master In Charge: **Mr Brad Flanagan**

Assisted by: **Mr Jaap van der Vegte, Mr Rory Drysdale**

Captain: **Justin Pearson**

Colours: **Seamus King, John Barr, Justin Tillet.**

Half Colours: **Gino Borrageiro, Myles Waldeck, Justin Pearson, Matthew Murray, Bryan Wester**

*'It is almost impossible to remember how tragic a place this world is when one is playing golf.'* Robert Lynd

"So near, yet so far" is probably the best way to sum up the achievements of the golfing fraternity in 2006. The results were a definite improvement on the previous year; however that was not really unexpected as most of the players from 2005 had returned, one year older and in some cases, one year better. The most disappointing aspect of the year was the fact that this was probably the most talented group of golfers to have graced the Michaelhouse First Team. Unfortunately they all seemed to fire salvos, but never in unison when it really counted.

The year started brightly enough with some easy wins in the Inter-School league matches, allied to a draw against Maritzburg College on their home course. We were narrowly defeated by our arch rivals, Hilton in both the First and Second Team fixtures.

We then had to rely on College to beat Hilton to win, but unfortunately they failed and Hilton deservedly ran out winners of the Midlands league. The boys then set their sights on regaining





Seamus Kind



Stephen Lishman

the Douglas Cup. After ending up all square in the pairs section, it was all set for an exciting afternoon of singles matches. Our top order played magnificently against much stronger opposition and won two and halved two at the top of the order. Unfortunately, our middle order, which was perceived as our strength, failed badly and in the end we were soundly beaten by thirteen matches to seven. This squares up the spoils of six Douglas Cups at three-all. Hopefully we can return the trophy to its rightful place next year.

At the end of the First Quarter it was off to Dainfern for eight of our best golfers. Our top four performed adequately without any single heroics, with the exception of a great 75 from Bryan Wester on day one. Our Second Team were once again exposed, and they finished well down the field. Our First Team finished in seventh place which gave us automatic qualification into next year's tournament. With all four top golfers returning in 2007, we will be pushing for a top-five finish at the very least.

The highlight of the Second Quarter was a second-place finish in the Natal Schools Championships held at Royal Durban Golf Club. Interesting to note that this was the lowest combined-total to have ever won the championships. Durban High School must be commended on their excellent combined gross of one-over-par. We finished on a combined gross of nine-over-par, which saw us comfortably into second place. Allied to this is that our whole team consisted of B Block boys so we are expecting big things for 2007. Seamus King was our best individual golfer on the day, with a final score of two-over-par.

After the lay-off for the winter sports, it was off to Sun City in August, with big expectations. Unfortunately, we were severely

under-cooked and had a disastrous first day which left us in 22<sup>nd</sup> place overall. To the credit of the boys, and a little ranting and raving from the coach, they showed steady improvement over the remaining three days to finish in eleventh place eventually. In the singles section of the tournament, days three and four, we finished in ninth and fourth place overall, which showed glimpses of the true potential of the team. It was just not enough to squeeze us into the top ten and, with it, a gold medal. Special mention must be made of John Barr who finished ninth overall out of 156 players in the individual rankings, an incredible achievement judging by the calibre of players at the event.

It was interesting to note that the combined handicaps of the winning school (Hoerskool Outeniqua) was a staggering plus five. It also shows how schools' golf is improving throughout the country. The winning score in 2004, the year we won, would have been good enough for fifth place in 2006. It is incredible to see how much better scores are at every level of schools' golf, with each passing year; this augurs well for the future of golf in South Africa.

We ended the year with a friendly eighteen-hole fixture against Westville in the Fourth Quarter and achieved a 4-all draw, which probably sums up the year that was for Michaelhouse golf: "we came, we saw, but didn't quite conquer".

I thank the assistant coaches; Jaap van der Vegte and Rory Drysdale for their assistance during the year and the work done with the juniors. I also wish the entire A Blockers farewell and thank them, for the time and effort they put into golf. Stalwarts like Myles Waldeck and Gino Borrageiro have been playing for a number of years and will be missed. Also to the captain, Justin





*Back Row: J. Barr, J. Tatham, J. Tillett, B. Wester Front Row: M. Waldeck, J. Pearson, Mr. B. Flanagan, M. Murray, S. King*

Pearson and his sidekick Matthew Murray, as well as Second Team captain Neil 'Stick' Mackay and any others who I have omitted to mention, do not let the dust gather on the clubs!

## Summary of Results:

Stroke play:

**Dainfern** (54 Holes – 4 man team)

Seventh out of 25 Schools.

**Natal Champs** (18 Holes – 3 man team)

Second out of 15 Schools.

**St John's Elite International Tournament**

(72 Holes – 4 man team)

Tie eleventh out of 40 Schools.

Match play:

**Midlands A League**

1st team : Played 5, Won 3, Lost 1, Drew 1. 2nd Overall.

**Midlands B League**

2nd Team: Played 4, Won 3, Lost 1. 2nd Overall.

**Douglas Cup Vs Hilton**

Lost By 13 to 7.

**Friendly Vs Westville**

Drew 4 All.

Honours: **Michael Scott, Tahir Popat, Glen Dowie, James Brownlee**

Colours: **Zach Muhumuza, David Zwemke, Hafeez Manji**

Half Colours: **Seamus King, Michael Crawford, Alim Popat, Andrew Beach, Brett Gower, Andrew Surgey**

Despite the unfortunate disruptions caused by the flu epidemic, four Open, three U16 and three U14 teams produced good hockey in an enjoyable and successful season.

In the Open Division the Fourth Team season was characterised by enthusiasm and enjoyment while the Seconds and Thirds were always competent, committed and competitive. The First XI, when on song, were difficult to contain as teams like St Andrews, Falcon, Jeppe and Westville discovered, but also had their off days and lost some matches when they allowed their rhythm and pattern to be disrupted. The U16A side had an excellent season which bodes well for next year, and the B's and C's produced some fine results but were not always as consistent as they might have been, particularly in terms of converting opportunities into goals. There is some exciting potential in the U14 age group and all three teams made very good progress during the winter season.

We hosted two Festivals this year. An Easter Festival which involved five U18 and five U16 teams from Zimbabwe, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape, and the annual Prep Schools Festival in July. Both ran very smoothly and were thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated.

Aitkens Astro continues to play well although there are the odd signs of wear which is hardly surprising in the light of the heavy traffic it endures. Necessary repairs will be carried out in the off-

## Hockey

Master in Charge: **Mr Bryan Tarr**

Assisted by: **Mike Thomson, Win de Wet, Peter Dennyson, Alan Redfern, Colleen Cook, Gary Schneider, Alwin Murugen, Ian Hobson, Brad Sessions, Paul de Wet**

Captain: **Tahir Popat**





James Brownlee shoots for goals

Michael Crawford takes control of the ball

season and a maintenance contract is receiving consideration. Another exciting off-season development is the opening of the Indoor Centre that will provide facilities for Indoor Hockey - ideal preparation for the winter season.

There have been some outstanding individual achievements this year as the list of selections below indicates.

- Representation  
National Colours:  
SA U18A - Michael Scott  
SA U16A - David Zwemke  
SA U16B - Arniv Badal

- Midlands U18A:  
Michael Scott, Tahir Popat, James Brownlee, Glen Dowie  
Midlands U18B:  
Zach Muhumuza, Sean Rennie

- Midlands U16A:  
David Zwemke, Calvin Freese, Jason Trautman, Arniv Badal, Murray Forbes, Michael Crawford  
Midlands U16B:  
Stuart Harley, Daniel McCarthy  
Midlands U14A:  
Jethro Thomas  
Midlands U14B:  
Nicholas Lister-James, Daniel Hulbert, Rob Clucas, Munatsi Ziumbe, Ethan Malan

- First XI Hockey  
Coach: Mr Mike Thomson  
Team members: Tahir Popat (Captain), James Brownlee (Vice Captain), Michael Scott, Glen Dowie, Brett Gower, Zach Muhumuza, Andrew Beach, Andrew Surgey, David Zwemke, Mickey Crawford, Hafeez Manji, Alim Popat, Seamus King

Summary of Hockey Results

Team	Coach	Captain	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against
1 <sup>st</sup>	M Thomson	T Popat	20	10	2	8	46	31
2 <sup>nd</sup>	B Tarr	M Murray	8	3	2	3	13	18
3 <sup>rd</sup>	W de Wet	S Allie	7	3	0	4	8	13
4 <sup>th</sup>	P Dennyson	T Gilbert	5	0	0	5	48	17
U16A	A Redfern	D Zwemke	18	10	6	2	10	26
U16B	C Cook	T Gardner	9	3	1	5	8	29
U16C	G Schneider		8	0	3	5	2	36
U14A	I Hobson	R Clucas	12	4	3	5	11	31
U14B	B Sessions	R Shiel	12	3	1	8	4	23
U14C	P de Wet	D Horscroft	4	1	1	2	1	15





**Back Row:** Z. Muhumuza, G. Dowie, D. Zwemke, **Middle Row:** A. Popat, M. Crawford, B. Gower, A. Surgey, A. Beach, S. King  
**Front Row:** M. Scott, T. Popat, Mr. M. Thomson, J. Brownlee, H. Manji

In reflecting on the 2006 season I sat and thought long and hard about how to sum up this season in just one word. I feel that that word should be “challenging”. It was challenging as I had a squad of talented players and I was going to have to manage them, as there were going to be some disappointed boys who were not going to command regular places. It was challenging as players with great talent inexplicably quit the heights they had achieved in hockey to go and register mediocre performances in other sports. It was challenging as the team never seemed to be able to motivate themselves to produce the sublime hockey they were capable of, when they faced weaker teams. Yet they produced outstanding displays against ostensibly much better teams like St Johns, Jeppe, Westville and St David’s, where they could have beaten anyone, College and Hilton included.

It was challenging as the season was disrupted by illness and freak injuries that cost us at least three fixtures that we could have won and seriously disrupted a major fixture against Hilton. And, it was challenging as I was constantly looking for exercises to help improve and develop the players who showed a great desire to improve themselves and learn more about this beautiful game.

## Human Kinetics

**HOD:** Mr Ryno Combrinck

**Staff:** Mr Richardt Kotze and Mr Jonathan Fergusson

*“An active pupil will become an active adult”.*

This is what we strive for, and Richardt Kotze, Sport Scientist,

has been a huge boost in this regard. He is supported by Jonathan Fergusson, and together they have taken the Human Kinetic lessons to a new level. In our quest to help create a general wellness attitude, the lessons have dramatically changed to a more formal approach whereby the boys are introduced to the philosophies of training. It is very encouraging to see many younger boys in the gymnasium in their free time, and so one cannot ask for better proof that the Human Kinetics staff are succeeding in our goals.

## Rugby

**Master in Charge:** Mr Gavin Ross

**Honours:** Pheelo Mofokeng, Louis Claassen

**Colours:** Pieter Nortje, Ross Cronje, Guy Cronje, Kyle Ross, Mdeni Ngcobo, Xillen van Rooyen, Mark Richards

**Half Colours:** Gareth Peake, Rory Button, Henco Badenhorst, Duncan Turner, Thabiso Mdluli, Murray de Bruyn, Gino Borrageiro

### Representatives:

**Midlands U18:** Pieter Nortje, Louis Claassen, Xillen Van Rooyen, Guy Cronje, Ross Cronje, Gino Borrageiro, Pheello Mofekeng, Kyle Ross

**Under 18 Final Trial:** Pieter Nortje, Louis Claassen, Xillen Van Rooyen, Guy Cronje, Ross Cronje, Pheello Mofekeng, Mndeni Ngcobo

**KZN Natal U18 Academy:** Pieter Nortje, Xillen Van Rooyen, Guy Cronje, Ross Cronje, Mndeni Ngcobo





*Back Row: M. Richards, R. Button, P. Norje, K. Ross, M. Ngcobo, G. Peake, G. Nel, T. Mdluli Middle Row: C. Tingle, N. Setlaba, R. Cronje, G. Borrageiro, D. Turner, M. de Bruyn, G. Cronje, X. van Rooyen Front Row: Mr. G. Schneider, H. Badenhorst, Mr. R. Combrinck, P. Mofokeng, Mr. G. Ross, L. Claassen, Mr. R. Kotze*

KZN Natal U18: **Pheello Mofekeng**

Midlands U16: **Mark Blore, Louis Albertse, Rees Keene, Jonathon Ritten, Michael Simpson**

Selectors : **James Tatham, Awande Khumalo, Patrick Lambie**  
Under 16 Final Trial: **Awande Khumalo, Patrick Lambie, James Tatham, Michael Simpson**

KZN Natal U16: **Awande Khumalo, Michael Simpson**

Nineteen teams were fielded on a regular basis over the season. On occasion a combined U15 and U14 team, comprising boys who were unable to make a team in their respective age groups, took to the field. There were not enough boys available every Saturday, due to injury in the higher teams, to make a regular U15E or U14E team. Sadly the games against Glenwood, Northwood and St Charles had to be cancelled owing to the nasty flu epidemic that lingered in the school during the month of June and for a greater part of the Second Quarter. The season certainly lost a little of its momentum owing to this disruption.

The attendance at pre-season festivals once again proved beneficial. A First XV squad of twenty-four players was privileged to tour Wales, England and Ireland over the Easter holidays and won four of the five games played. In the July holidays the team attended the Independent Schools Festival at Kearsney and won all three games. The U16, U15 and U14A teams attended the Voortrekker Festival and all teams won their matches. This was the first time that an U14 team had attended a festival and from all accounts, this new venture proved to be a great success. The U16's attended the traditional festival at Paarl Gymnasium and played St Andrew's Bloemfontein

Second XV on the way to Paarl. They acquitted themselves admirably against strong opposition, winning two of the four games played. The U15A were once again unbeaten at this growing festival hosted by Michaelhouse. Due to the need to balance the number of teams at eighteen the U15B team also attended. They did exceptionally well, winning two of their three games which were all against A teams.

The Open age group results were generally disappointing. Whilst most of the games were keenly contested, the opposition seemed to be hungrier for the win – they certainly capitalised on the mistakes made by Michaelhouse. The fitness levels of the players were higher than in the previous seasons and this must be attributed to the success of the ongoing gym programmes. The forwards were smaller than their opposition which further highlighted the importance of a well-managed gym programme at all levels of the game. Once again all teams played an exciting brand of running rugby, which may be conducive to the making of mistakes, but is certainly enjoyed by the players.

The U16A had a good season despite early injuries to key players early in the season. Boys going on exchange in the Second Quarter certainly does not help this age group as they miss out on crucial skill development which is necessary for their future years in the open division. Whilst being competitive in most games the B, C and D teams were really up against it when playing against the larger schools.

The U15A team was once again the most successful team, only losing two games. It was pleasing to see a team playing together





Touring Rugby team after their muddy match at Clongowes

and not relying on the skills of a few individual stars. The B, C and D teams played in the same spirit but also struggled against the larger schools.

The U14A team won half of its games and was only found lacking against bigger boys from the larger State Schools. In fact all teams

in this age group battled against the size of the opposition teams. They showed a great deal of commitment and enthusiasm and in most instances only succumbed in the latter stages of the game.

Fitness assessment continued during the off-season and involved all age groups. All players will be reassessed at the beginning of

Summary of Rugby Results 2006

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Points Against
1st XV	17	10	0	7	460	270
2nd XV	9	3	0	6	116	153
3rd XV	9	3	0	6	126	165
4th XV	8	2	0	6	110	144
5th XV	9	5	1	3	221	100
6th XV	8	1	0	7	56	257
7th XV	5	1	0	4	77	171
Total	65	25	1	39	1166	1260
U16 A	14	8	1	5	233	178
U16 B	8	4	0	4	103	144
U16 C	9	4	1	4	142	133
U16 D	8	2	0	6	64	227
Total	39	18	2	19	542	682
U15 A	13	11	0	2	293	106
U15 B	12	5	1	6	200	234
U15 C	9	4	0	5	157	155
U15 D	8	4	0	4	159	210
Total	42	24	1	17	809	705
U14 A	10	5	0	5	249	177
U14 B	9	4	0	5	105	176
U14 C	8	3	0	5	130	115
U14 D	8	2	0	6	113	226
U14 E	2	1	0	1	44	8
Total	37	15	0	22	641	702
Final total	183	82	4	97	3158	3349





*Xillen van Rooyen, Gareth Peake, Gino Borrageiro and Rory Button dominate a break away*



*Xillen van Rooyen retrieves the ball*

next year. It must be mentioned that the programmes that the boys are involved in take into account all sports that the boy may be participating in – not just rugby.

A special word of thanks must be given to the Catering Staff, Ground Staff and the San Sisters. A very big thanks must also be given to all the Coaches who attended the clinics and gave their all at practice and matches.

#### First XV Team Members

Captain: **Pheello Mofokeng**

**Brandon Bruins, Rory Button, Thabiso Mdluli, Henco Badenhorst, Pieter Nortje, Ross Cronje, Louis Claassen, Christopher Tingle, Guy Cronje, Ferdi Van Niekerk, Murray De Bruyn, Gareth Peake, Nicholas Tatham, Gino Borrageiro, Rory Sladden, Kyle Ross, Mndeni Ngcobo, Grant Nel, Duncan Turner, Simon Dougall, Trevor Akal, Mark Richards, Xillen Van Rooyen, Andrew Cook, James Southwood, Mathew Basson, Ntsolo Setlaba**

#### First XV Results

##### Tour to England, Wales and Ireland

vs Redruth RFC	Won	51-3
vs Hartpury College	Lost	10-15
vs Bradford Grammar	Won	44-7
vs Clongowes Wood College	Won	12-10
vs Connacht U18 Provincial RFC	Won	71-3

##### Independent School Festival – Kearsney

vs St Benedicts	Won	38-12
vs St Albans	Won	22-15
vs Uplands	Won	32-29

##### Domestic Season

vs Maritzburg College	Lost	10-24
vs Kearsney	Lost	17-23
vs Hilton	Lost	19-23
vs Glenwood	Cancelled	
vs St John's	Lost	27-34

#### vs DHS

Lost 11-16

#### vs Northwood

Cancelled

#### vs St Charles

Cancelled

#### vs Voortrekker

Won 37-20

#### vs George Campbell

Won 15-3

#### vs Westville

Won 28-14

#### vs Hilton

Lost 16-19

#### Rugby First XV Report

*Written by Mr Ryno Combrinck*

This was without a doubt a very demanding season and also a very rewarding one. It was a challenging task to select the squad to travel overseas and the committee acknowledged that some players were going to be extremely unlucky, but we were confident in our decision with the final squad.

We played five matches against Redruth (Eng), Hartpury (Eng), Bradford (Eng), Clongowes (Ire) and Connaught (Ire). We only lost against Hartpury because of an unnecessary line-out mistake. The coach of the Connaught Team complimented the Michaelhouse player's skills and superior fitness and also mentioned to his players that, that was how the game should be played. A great compliment to the players from an Irish provincial coach. The matches against Clongowes, Hartpury and Bradford were particularly physical and to see our physically smaller team taking them on was very encouraging so early in the season.

The confidence we gained from our tour could sadly not carry over against our traditional rivals back home. The next part of the season can only be described as "if only"; it was very frustrating. The next five matches were lost, with the last three matches of the Second Quarter cancelled due to the flu epidemic.

One must not forget to compliment the opposition on their fine wins; but some coaches admitted that they were very relieved when they heard the final whistle. It was an emotionally difficult time as the players tried to live up to the expectations of their supporters.





*Louis Claassen*

Our match against Maritzburg College was very tough. They were the best team we played against this season and deservedly walked away as winners. We matched them in every department and only panic on our side saw them leading 14-0 in the first ten minutes. A penalty and a try in the last minute were the deciding factors but the biggest difference was that it took us twenty minutes into the game to believe in ourselves. This was our biggest defeat of the season, with the rest being by fewer than seven points.

Not learning from the past we started in the same way against Kearsney. Before we knew it we were trailing by thirteen points; unnecessary penalties and a try had us fighting from behind again. Poor line-out calls resulted in many lost line-outs and attacking opportunities. Not even the spectacular try of Rory Button could save us.

The match ended well, but we could only defend for so long against the wind and a lengthy extra time. The team was ready for this game and no one will question the commitment they exhibited on attack and defence. Sadly this exciting match will only be remembered for the extra time that was played and for a disallowed try that would have been the try of the season.

I salute the players for not becoming despondent, and an undefeated St John's found themselves trailing by eighteen points. Our ferocious defense had them staggering and ready to be counted out, but then, it seemed as though we were surprised and did not know how to land the knock out punch. We became tentative and slowly but surely, they got back into the match and ended up winning.

Our lead up to the DHS game was very good and this was evident when we started defending. Their forwards were huge and played a conservative forward-orientated match. Our loose forwards and inside backs tackled like men possessed which in turn sparked the rest of the team. At the time it was very disappointing to lose through a drop kick and later, a penalty from inside the oppositions half, because this team had come such a long way and yet again we were just not good enough. The boys were physically and mentally hurt and I was so proud to see them



*An un-disputed try by Patrick Hancock*

lift themselves and build on what was actually a fantastic game of rugby.

The third and final chapter of the season started at the bi-annual Independent Schools Festival held at Kearsney. St Benedicts, St Albans and Uplands threw everything they had at us, but it was not enough. The team played smart and effective rugby, that led to convincing wins over very motivated teams.

The team hardly had a rest as the Third Quarter started, but was well prepared for the matches against Voortrekker and George Campbell High Schools. The night match against Voortrekker at the Woodburn stadium was one to remember. The team were inspirational and had the Pietermaritzburg crowd on their feet with their positive attitude towards the game. It was fitting that Mndeni Ngobo scored the winning try after he made two bone crunching tackles to put an end to a Voortrekker come-back.

George Campbell put early pressure on us, but resilient defence and clever play by our backs, put an end to their hopes of a victory. The physical demands started to take their toll and we were satisfied with the win and looked forward to a longer rest before the next match.

The game against Westville High School was always going to be a match to look forward to. Our commitment to an imaginative style, in which games are won by running the ball and scoring tries, was wonderful to watch. The First XV had spectacular support from the school and they did not disappoint the home fans and entertained them right to the end. Ntsolo Setlaba made an inspirational debut with a try under the uprights, after some great footwork, and a Guy Cronje kick. The final score was flattering for Westville as we did not use all our scoring chances.

"So close, yet so far." The large crowd around Meadows was treated to an exciting end- of-season game against Hilton College. Hilton did not keep to the script and the expected fairy tale ending was not to be. We played the majority of the rugby and Hilton used their chances. Early in the match, the Hilton fly half burst over to





*Grant Nel in possession with Pieter Nortje in the background*

score in the corner, after the ball was turned over. One of the season's best tries came from a turn-over just outside our own half; it was quickly moved to the pacy Pieter Nortje; he outstripped the defense and scored what should have been the winning try. Unfortunately for Michaelhouse, with seconds to go in the match, the Hilton fly half scored again, to secure the match, after his pack hooked a tight head five metres from our line.

It is always easy to ask the players to run and play into space rather than revert to the crash-ball and kicking rugby that we have got used to and is so safe to play, but to actually do it is a different story. I compliment the team for having the courage to attempt the tougher but more exciting option that is difficult to execute but so rewarding to play and to watch. The First XV added a few new arrows to their quiver and hopefully the investment in younger players over the last two years and the UK Tour will pay dividends in 2007.

The statistics tell us that the First XV scored 68 tries in 17 matches, accumulated 460 points with 270 against, won ten and lost seven; but the fact remains that we need to be far more positive and better prepared for the fixtures against all the major rugby playing schools.

I wish Gavin Ross all the best in what can be an exciting couple of years in the history of Michaelhouse. The First XV will be in very capable hands. I thank the players whom I have coached over the last few years. To coach the Michaelhouse First XV has been a privilege and an exciting and rewarding period in my life and, without a doubt, a time I will never forget.

## Sailing

Masters in Charge: **Mr Rainer von Schlichting and Mr Tim Jarvis**

Commodore: **Anthony McMillan**

Vice Commodore: **Simon Dommett**

Positive developments during the year resulted in KwaZulu-Natal sailing becoming more competitive:



*An awesome pass by Henco Badenhorst*

- ▶ At the Inter-Schools Regatta in March a new body known as KwaZulu-Natal Youth Sailing was inaugurated. The previous Natal Schools' Sailing Association amalgamated with this body which has more role players and greater authority within SA Sailing.
- ▶ Participation in sailing has grown considerably in KwaZulu Natal. An increasing number of schools are now participating more frequently in the Monthly Mug races, Grand Prix and Inter-School events.
- ▶ Regular organised training events are being held more frequently during the year. There were two training weekends in October with top class Laser sailors from Holland.
- ▶ A ranking ladder has commenced with nominations for provincial colours with the selection for national and international events more reliable.

Michaelhouse sailors were privileged to participate in a specialised two-day offshore keelboat training programme in Durban in February conducted by a crew member of *Sunsail* and Michaelhouse parent, Richard Crockett. This would not have been possible without the input of Mr Crockett and Old Boy, Chris Bonnett. The training event blew new wind into our young sailors' sails, and they returned to Michaelhouse ready to take on the world.

The opportunities created for our boys to experience different classes were exciting and added yet another dimension to this versatile sport.

At the KwaZulu-Natal Inter-Schools' Regatta this year we were placed seventh overall with our First Team comprising Anthony McMillan and Simon Dommett. Individually, Anthony and Simon achieved thirteenth and eighteenth positions respectively.





**Back Row:** W Crockett, D Rattray **Middle Row:** K Renton, D Horscroft, N Mpofu, A Renton **Front Row:** S Dommett, Mr R Von Schlichting, A MacMillan, Mr T Jarvis, M Gardiner

We also participated in the four Grand Prix events held between October and May and achieved the following results:

Laser 4.7 Category:	<b>Simon Dommett</b> 4 <sup>th</sup>
Laser Full Rig:	<b>Matthew Gardiner</b> 8 <sup>th</sup>
Laser Radial:	<b>Anthony McMillan</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup>

Although sailing is not yet regarded as an official winter sport, some of our boys are participating in events throughout the season, fitting it into the normal sporting routine wherever possible. Anthony McMillan skippered a Hunter with crew Glyn Lloyd-Jones during the Von Klemperer races held over five Sundays, achieving third place overall.



Sailing enthusiasts exit Point Yacht Club for the deep blue yonder







**Back Row:** F Van Niekerk, J Brownlee, M Ngcobo, M Bowes, A Fiorotto, T Akal, **Middle Row:** R Richard, N Setlaba, M Sparkes, T Popat, N-A Laryea, V Githakwa **Front Row:** P Mofokeng, Mr T Jarvis, H Manji, Mr S Sibiya, K Serobe

## Soccer

Master in charge: **Mr Tim Jarvis**

Colours: **Alessandro Fiorotto, Hafeez Manji** (re-award)

Half Colours: **Ryan Richard, Trevor Akal, Ntsolo Setlaba, Nii Amar Laryea, Matthew Bowes, Pheello Mofokeng, Victor Githakwa, Kgosi Serobe**

Re-awards: **Alessandro Fiorotto, Mndeni Ngcobo, Ferdi van Niekerk, James Brownlee, Tahir Popat**

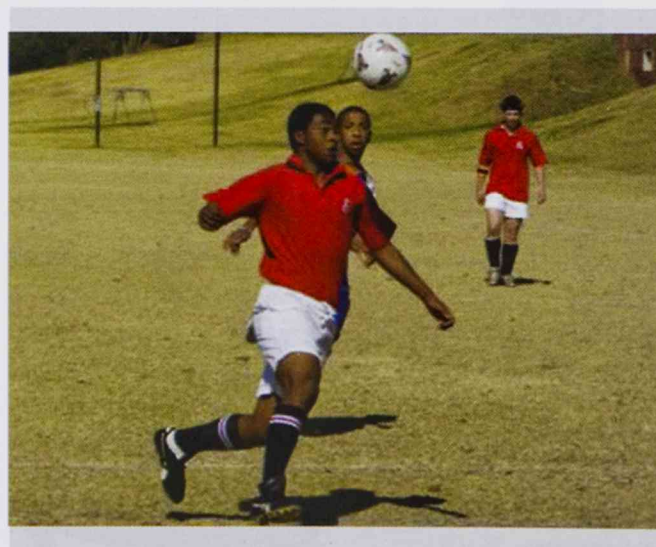
With South Africa set to host the next football World Cup in 2010 and the fact that many of our feeder schools play a lot of soccer, the interest in the sport at Michaelhouse continues to grow.

Despite the fact that the seven week soccer season at Michaelhouse is entirely voluntary we are able to field in excess of six teams at U14 level, four at U15 level, three at U16 level and for the first time a fourth team in the open age group. The feedback from the boys was primarily on how much they enjoyed the season and the chance to play in a more relaxed environment than some of the more traditional sports at Michaelhouse.

In terms of results, the boys more than held their own and teams were competitive across the board and often dominated in the lower teams where our strength in depth came in to play. The highlight of the season for the first team was home and away victories against Hilton College (3-0) and (1-0). After a slow start the First Team picked up their performance over the season and their record reads: Played ten (including festival games), won four, lost four and drew two.

New developments this season included a set of afternoon fixtures for the lower teams against Hilton during Sports and Family Day and changes to the end of term festival format. The festival went from being a First Team festival for sixteen different schools, to a First and A team festival for all age groups from five different schools. The motivation behind this was to give more game time for all age groups not just the first team.

My thanks go to all the coaching and support staff. A special mention to Mr Jonathan Cribbins for the provision and maintenance of the fields as without doubt we had better facilities for soccer than any other school that I visited in KwaZulu-Natal over the season.







James Brownlee controls the ball



Michael Crawford strikes the ball

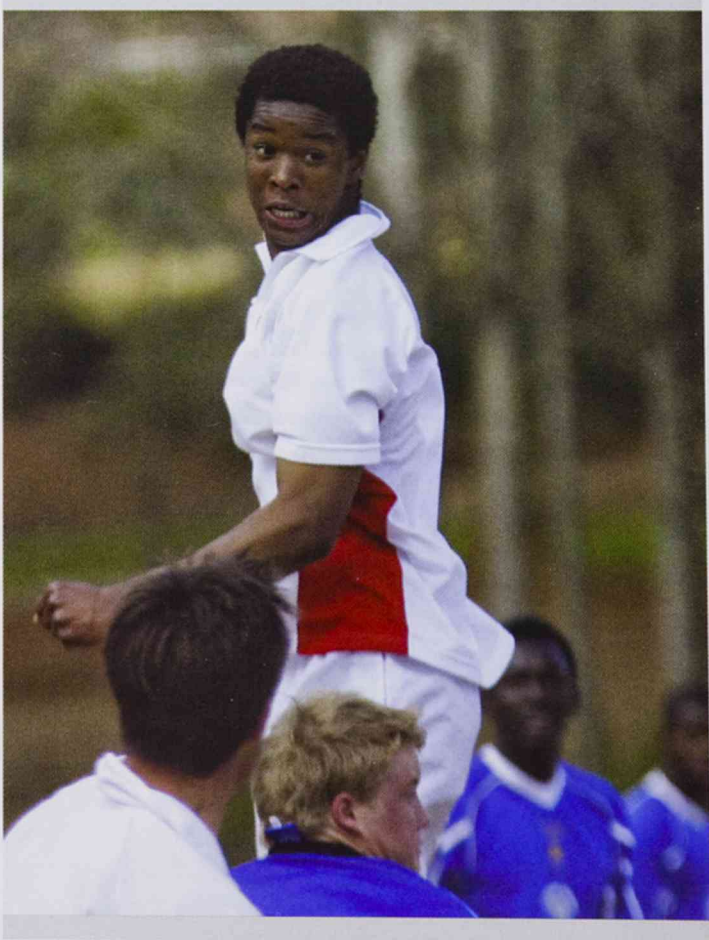
Soccer Results:

Team	1stXI	2nd	3rd	U16A	U16B	U16C	U15A	U15B	U15C	U15D	U14A	U14B	U14C	U14D	U14E
Played	4	3	3	3	4	3	4	3	2	2	4	4	3	3	1
Won	2	1	-	1	1	1	1	2	2	-	2	3	2	2	-
Drawn	1	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-
Lost	1	3	3	2	2	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	1
Goals For	5	4	-	4	4	4	5	13	5	2	13	12	5	11	-
Goals Agains	4	9	5	5	6	2	2	1	2	5	7	5	3	5	1
Festival: 5 Schools	2nd				3rd			2nd				1st			



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Mndeni Ngcobo lines up for a header





**Back Row:** C. Allen, J. Chellan, M-J. Currie, B. Lowe, J. Short, M. Massey **Front Row:** A. Popat, K. Collen, Mr. P. Huntley, A. Surgey, S. Gowans

## Squash

Master in Charge: **Mr Peter Huntley**

Assisted by: **Mr Andrew Brown, Mr Mark Longbottom, Mrs Cathy Thomson and Mr Mike Thomson**

Captain: **Kieran Collen**

Honours: **Kieran Collen**

Half Colours: **Alim Popat, Jonathan Short, Cullum Allen, Simon Gowans, Michael-James Currie, Andrew Surgey, Mark Massey, Jared Chellan**

It was indeed an honour to lead the first overseas squash tour out of Michaelhouse in ten years (the last being in 1996, under the guidance of Stuart Winckworth). A school such as ours has a long and proud squash heritage and one only has to read names on the honours boards; such as Devonport, Melville, Plumstead and the like, to realise this. It is therefore quite fitting that the First Team of 2006 should be afforded the opportunity of visiting the birthplace of squash rackets and not only competing and interacting with a number of up and coming players, but also learning about the rich traditions of the game.

A specific goal over the last year has been to expose our players to a variety of playing styles and competitive situations. To this end, we attended the prestigious St. Andrew's Festival in Bloemfontein in February, and this has been instrumental in making our players aware of the high standards set in junior squash in our country. We also toured the Johannesburg region in August playing against a mixture of Club and School teams, including playing doubles fixtures against the Johannesburg Jesters.

On a local level, in addition to all the school competitions we competed in, most of our top players were given playing time in the Midlands Men's League – from first league through to eighth league. The value of this type of exposure is also immense.

Squash is undoubtedly growing in popularity at Michaelhouse as the numbers attending practices in the First Quarter will attest to. That we could field five open age group teams was quite remarkable indeed, whilst we had an A and B team in both U16 and U14 age groups. There is no doubt that the excitement of an overseas tour also generated a great deal of interest and elevated the sport in the popularity stakes.

The Squash Tour Party anxiously anticipated the first fixture of the tour as it was at Eton College, one of the leading schools in the world. However not even fourteen hours of flying could deter the Michaelhouse players and perhaps having terra firma underfoot inspired them even further, as the might of Eton crumbled in the face of the Michaelhouse challenge! Squash aside this first fixture was certainly a highlight of the tour as we all stood in awe in the main quad, looking at buildings that were well over 600 years old.

There were a host of other highlights as the tour unfolded, travelling across beautiful English and Welsh countryside, playing matches in superbly equipped clubs in places like Tewkesbury, Wimbledon, Cheltenham College (one of the most impressive sports complexes with an indoor Olympic swimming pool, six squash courts etc) and then travelling extensively on every line the London Underground had to offer, to play matches at exotic venues such as Finchley Manor and West Byfleet.





*Proudly South African - the Overseas Squash team: Simon Gowans, Kieran Collen, Mr Peter Huntley, Michael-James Currie, Ben Lowe, Joshua Chellan, Jonathan Short, Mark Massey, Andrew Surgey and Cullum Allen*

We were all extremely proud and privileged to have had the opportunity of representing our school and our country on such a memorable tour. There is no doubt that the shared experiences will live on in each player's memory for decades to come.

#### **Match 1 vs Eton College**

Michaelhouse won 8 – 1

#### **Match 2 vs Truro College**

Michaelhouse won 8 – 1

#### **Match 3 vs Strings Club**

Michaelhouse lost 1 – 8

#### **Match 4 vs Gloucestershire U19 County Side**

Michaelhouse won 6 – 3

#### **Match 5 – vs Kings College, Wimbledon**

Michaelhouse won 5 – 4

#### **Match 6 – vs Surrey Juniors at West Byfleet**

Michaelhouse won 7 – 2

#### **Match 7 – vs Middlesex Juniors at Finchley Manor Club**

Michaelhouse lost 4 – 5

The KwaZulu-Natal Inter-Schools' Tournament was played during the first weekend of the Second Quarter. Our top five players made up the A team and played in the A section with some really stiff opposition in Glenwood, Westville and DHS. Glenwood bolstered by some newly acquired talent, proved too strong for us in the Durban heat and we ran out 4 – 1 winners. A brave display by our team saw defending champions Westville on the brink of an upset. However they snuck in 3 – 2, thanks to their SA number three player. DHS suffered the backlash and we outclassed them by four matches to one. Our play-off opponents

were Maritzburg College. A superb team performance saw Michaelhouse emerge 3 – 2 winners securing fifth place as reward.

The Midlands' Schools Trials were held over two days and a number of boys competed. In the U14 age group Ian Sturgeon did exceptionally well, dropping very few points on his way to the number one ranking in the Midlands. Josh Chellan ended fifth and Jacques Adams, sixth. At U16 level our results were as good, with Jonathan Short upsetting the number one seed in convincing style and winning the age group final 3 – 0. Jared Chellan played good squash to end third and Mark Massey finished sixth. We only had two entrants in the U19 group as three of our top players were away on hockey commitments. Kieran Collen worked hard to secure the number three spot whilst Simon Gowans was ranked tenth.

At the KwaZulu-Natal Trials, three of our boys were selected in KwaZulu-Natal Schools' Teams to play in the Inter-Provincial Tournaments in the July Holidays;

U19B	<b>Kieran Collen</b>
U16A	<b>Jonathan Short</b>
U14B	<b>Ian Sturgeon</b>

The Third Quarter proved to be a very busy one as an invitation First Team undertook the traditional tour to Johannesburg, which again proved its worth in exposing our players to different playing venues and conditions. They also benefited immensely from the interaction, both on and off the court, with some of South Africa's squash legends.





*Andrew Surgey, Mr Peter Huntley and Ben Lowe*

Playing and learning from people like Des Saccos's Jaguars, Michaelhouse Old Boys led by Mike Melville, Johannesburg Jesters (on the JCC doubles courts) and John Devenport's Wanderers Club Team meant a lot to the development of our youngsters' squash. Perhaps the 8 – 0 victory over St. John's College on the Sunday reflected partially on the lessons learned the preceding Friday and Saturday!

Once again we must pay tribute to the efforts of Des Sacco and Richard Waller who do go to a great deal of trouble in order to put this weekend together.

Back on the domestic front we had a full set of fixtures against Hilton on the Wednesday following the Michaelhouse/Hilton weekend. The boys were very motivated and keen to re-dress the results suffered by our 'major' sports teams over the weekend. Our First Team won in convincing style 5 – 0, only dropping a single game, whilst the U14A team also won 5 – 0. The U16A side had a far tougher match but ultimately ran out 4 – 1 victors. We then travelled down to Pietermaritzburg to take on Maritzburg College and recorded an excellent set of results. Our First

Team were in irresistible form and demolished College 5 – 0. The U16A team (albeit depleted by the First Team) lost another hard-fought encounter 1 – 4, whilst our very keen U14A team produced an outstanding 4 – 1 win.

The 2006 First Team finished their season on a high by beating the visiting Eton College side, 5 – 3, thus concluding a memorable double by having beaten them both away and at home. The Fourth Quarter saw the commencement of the 'Stayers'

Programme with teams competing in the Open, U16 and U14 age groups. Of particular note must be the performance of the First Team who have continued the winning streak established earlier in the year by recording resounding victories over Kearsney and Maritzburg College by the same 4 – 1 margin.

A most memorable First Team dinner was held with a number of parents in attendance and for the first time trophies were awarded to:

- ▶ The Most Improved Player for 2006 (donated by the Collen Family) to Andrew Surgey.
- ▶ Sportsmanship Trophy for 2006 (donated by Mike & Karen Short) to Benjamin Lowe.

The final set of fixtures were played against Hilton College with the First, Second and U14A teams all scoring very pleasing victories over some determined opponents.

The School Championships saw a number of very hard fought tussles being played out in the Balgowan heat. Kieran Collen finally ran out a most deserving winner after a tough encounter with Jonathan Short. Kieran is to be congratulated on his outstanding achievement of winning the School Championships for a third consecutive year.





“Victory is won not in miles but in inches.  
Win a little now, hold your ground, and  
later, win a little more.”

Louis L'Amour

Miles Arron receives the Ted Tatz Memorial Trophy for the Open Singles Championships

## Tennis

Master in Charge: **Mr Viktor Kurz**

Captain: **Jamie Chennels**

### Representatives:

KwaZulu - Natal UISA: **Myles Arron**

Midlands U15A: **Myles Arron and Mathew Shave**

Midlands U15B: **Sanda Shandu**

Midlands U18B: **Ben Rafferty** (reserve)

This year has seen an influx of highly-talented and enthusiastic junior players. This has shaken the established and 'comfortable' senior players.

For the first time, we played the Deness League in the First Term. This is an open league, and is traditionally played in the Second Term. However, with all the clashes in the rugby and hockey months, the move to the First Term was an inevitable one. The move proved to be to our advantage, as it enabled us to field our strongest team. We entered two teams in the A League with our First Team losing one match only. Schools we beat, were: St Charles A, Hilton College A, Grace College; Maritzburg College B and Voortrekker A. The only match that was not completed (due to rain) was against Maritzburg College.

In addition to this league, we played our regular Saturday Derby matches. These matches were somewhat frustrating; we could never field our strongest team, as many of our top players were playing cricket too. The results were thus vastly different from the weekday matches in the Deness League. The Saturday matches, however, did allow boys, who would ordinarily not have played, to represent Michaelhouse. Next year, these Derby Matches will

be played on a Friday afternoon. The end of the First Term saw seven of our players play in the Midlands Tennis Trials.

The Second Term allowed us to focus on two age groups: the U14 and U16. This is where our strength lies. A training squad, led by Alan Cairns, a professional Coach was held once a week, with the second day of the week reserved for matches against Hilton College. These were bi-weekly matches, where each school took turns in hosting the other school. The aim was to total the scores of all the matches, with the eventual winning school receiving a trophy. This will be an annual competition. The name of the Competition is yet to be decided on, but tentative suggestions have surrounded the name of each school's First tennis Coach or tennis Captain.

The Third term saw us enter two teams in the A League of the Bonnefin League. Our A team (Myles Arron, Ethan Malan, Michael Watson and Matthew Shave) won this league by a wide margin, an achievement that has not happened in a long time! Our U16 team (Brian Cox, Mark Lombard, Sanda Shandu, James Murray and Andrew Craib) was also entered into the Natal Witness A league, in which we came Third.

During the Third Term we played a touring tennis team from Falcon College in Zimbabwe. They had suffered the loss of some of their top players, which made the matches somewhat one-sided in our favour. However, much experience was gained by our players.

The Inter-House Tennis Trophy was won by Mackenzie House, while the Ted Tatz Memorial Tennis Trophy for the Open Singles Champion was won by Myles Arron (an E Block boy!)





**Back Row:** M Arron, B Cox, D Dowie, S Shandu **Front Row:** DJ Kleynhans, Mr V Kurz, J Chennells, Mrs W De Wet, B Rafferty

We can look back at an exciting year. Our Captain for 2006, Jamie Chennells, led with distinction and example. Our Coaches, Mr Kurz, Mrs de Wet, Mr Schwartz and Mrs Cook remain committed encouraging talented and top tennis players to choose tennis as their main sport.

With the Hockey and Tennis Tour of 2007 being a certainty, a boost in competitiveness has resulted! We are taking ten boys, and with a strong E Block group, the pressure is on for the older players to perform, so as to make the touring team!



Tennis Results:

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
<b>A Team</b>				
Bonnefin A League	5	5	-	-
Deness A League	5	3	1	1
Natal Witness A League	5	3	2	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>B Team</b>	5	2	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Final total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>





John van de Ruit, Michaelhouse Old Boy and author of the number one bestseller 'Spud'



Alison autographs books for the boys

## Enrichment Speakers

Written by Carl Pachonick

Several outstanding speakers addressed the staff and boys of Michaelhouse during the course of 2006, covering a wide range of fascinating topics.

Early in the year, **Mr Iain Guthrie**, Head of our Biology Department addressed the school on a subject entitled; 'Our Origins'. His talk was thought-provoking and highlighted his knowledge and interest in this field. In a world where huge advances have been made in the fields of Science and Technology, it is sometimes easy to simply accept scientific explanations regarding the origins of the earth and indeed, the universe. Mr Guthrie, in his address, reminded his audience that at the heart of the wonder of creation and life is an almighty God.

**Dr Peter Ardington**, as he last did five years ago, challenged the Michaelhouse community with a presentation on environmental issues. Undoubtedly, man has been the major contributor to the increasingly large number of environmental disasters which are changing the world as we know it forever. He told of the annihilation of the buffalo herds in America in the 1800s and 1900s by way of example and issued a challenge to the boys of Michaelhouse to make the care of the environment a priority in their lives. He has long been urging Michaelhouse to increase its involvement in environmental issues in ways which transcend all subjects and learning areas.

Over the past two years, 'Spud' has become a household word at Michaelhouse and throughout the country. Old Michaelhousian and actor, now turned author, **John van de Ruit**, paid his old School a visit to talk about his outstandingly successful novel; *Spud*. His address was highly entertaining and hilarious and left the boys of Michaelhouse with a great deal of food for thought. He spoke of his own experiences at Michaelhouse in the 1990s and explained how he had developed the characters in his novel. It was probably with a sense of relief that staff members who were his teachers learnt that he had not based the teachers in his novel

on them! We were all thrilled to hear that *Spud* is to be turned into a film and that he will be writing sequels to his very successful first literary endeavour.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the year was the visit by **Alison**, a young woman who was raped and left for dead by her assailants who attempted to murder her. Her ordeal was a terrifying one and the fact that she survived it, can only be ascribed to the divine intervention of God. In her talk she acknowledged this. She told of her ultimate rescue and then of her recuperation in hospital and at home and of the people who provided her with help and inspiration. It is truly remarkable that she is able to inspire thousands of people with her message. The standing ovation which she received at the end of her address was a tribute by the boys of Michaelhouse to her courage and faith.

**Scott Balson**, another Michaelhouse Old Boy also visited his old School during a trip to South Africa to launch his latest novel, *Children of the Mist – The Lost Tribe of South Africa*. Scott currently lives in Australia where he runs a number of successful advertising companies, but the interest he developed in aspects of South African history has remained an integral part of his life. Whilst still living in South Africa he developed a keen interest in the history of the Griqualand people who trekked from their original home in the centre of the country to the region around Kokstad. He told the boys of his early days at Michaelhouse and then went on to highlight aspects of the fascinating history of the Griqualand people. He dispels the myth that the Great Trek was started by unhappy Dutch people living in the Cape in the 1700s. Historical evidence suggests that the people of Griqualand trekked before this.

For our final enrichment speaker of 2006, we invited **Matthew Willman**, professional photographer, to address the School. As one of former President Mandela's personal photographers, he has researched major events in the history of the country, for example the Rivonia Trial, where he had access to all the documentation. He also got to know many of the former political leaders from whom he has been able to gain first hand information.



“The revolution is not an apple that falls when it is ripe. You have to make it fall.”  
Che Guevara

Besides people like Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu, he also befriended the late State President PW Botha, whom he visited on a regular basis.

Matthew entitled his address: ‘The Political History of South Africa since 1948’. He delivered a fascinating account of the apartheid era, the period of violent unrest leading to Mandela’s release, the interim period whilst politicians wrestled with the task of mapping out a new future and then commented on the present political situation. His address was supported by fascinating photographs, video clips and interviews with many of the country’s leaders.

It was refreshing to hear a message of optimism about our wonderful country and the boys’ generous applause indicated warm support for Matthew’s message.

## Student Exchange Programme

Master in Charge: **Mr Mike Thomson**

The Exchange Programme for 2006 has been an extremely busy one with pupils coming and going in all terms this year.

Quarter	Incoming	Outgoing	School
Dec '05		Jed Talbot	The Chase Foundation, South America
Lent	Beltran Vergara		The Grange School, Santiago, Chile
Pentecost	Ross Strike Devon Howard Carl Chauvin Matthew Jackson	Dustin Holohan Michael-James Currie Chris Hallier Nhlangano Sokhela Rhoan Potgieter James Dillon	The Grange School, Santiago, Chile Merchiston Castle, Scotland Trinity School, Canada Trinity School, Canada Trinity School, Canada St Andrew’s Cathedral School, Sydney St Andrew’s Cathedral School, Sydney St Andrew’s Cathedral School, Sydney St Andrew’s Cathedral School, Sydney St Andrew’s Cathedral School, Sydney
Michaelmas	Sam Little Cullum Brown Geoff Kibby Lewis Johnston Jeremy House	Henk Apello John Strathacopoulos	Wanganui Collegiate, New Zealand Christ Church Grammar School, Perth Montgomery Bell, Nashville, USA Montgomery Bell, Nashville, USA Wanganui Collegiate, New Zealand Merchiston Castle, Scotland Christ Church Grammar School, Perth
Christmas	Nicholas Lyddon Tom Tanner Tim Bowman Joseph McCombe Lachlan Brown Alexander Schroeder-Finckh	Murray Forbes Patrick Lambie Arniv Badal David Bennett William Gowans Edward Green	King’s School, Sydney King’s School, Sydney Cranbrook, Australia Christ Church Grammar School, Perth Montgomery Bell, Nashville, USA Institute Saint Andre, Brussels Institute Saint Andre, Brussels King’s School, Sydney King’s School, Sydney Cranbrook, Australia Christ Church Grammar School, Perth Dusseldorf, Germany





*A Block Cookery Course*

## Etiquette Course

*Written by Tracy Griffin*

*"Truly good manners are invisible: they ease the way for others, without drawing attention to themselves." Lynn Truss, 'Eat, Shoots and Leaves'"*

The Etiquette Course for B and C Block boys, conducted by Merrill King during the Third Quarter, was intended to remind the boys that good manners are important, not only at balls, formals or during work exposure, but even in the school dining hall!

Much like polishing our shoes, we know how to and that we should do it, but we often slip up. The boys learnt how to lay the table, which cutlery to use; when and how. They also learnt to distinguish the array of glasses on the table, and how to seat and treat a lady. The boys thought that the most important thing they learnt, was how to impress by pouring wine appropriately. The course was concluded with an opportunity to test their newly-polished manners in the dining hall. Comments from the boys included: "You only realise how bad your etiquette really is when you find out how it should be done" and "It's amazing how the smallest things are so important."

## A Block Cookery Course

A basic cookery course was run by KKS for interested A Block boys at the end of the Second Quarter. The three-week course covered aspects such as: table manners, social etiquette, recipes for breakfast, lunch and supper. A recipe book was included in the course. In the last session, the boys cooked a delicious three course dinner, and put into practice all the skills learned on the course. That same night we invited some girls from The Wykham Collegiate and the boys had the opportunity to serve them the meal they had cooked. The feedback from the girls was overwhelmingly positive.

The response from the boys was very positive, both in terms of the demand for the course, and their enjoyment of it. They also claimed the skills learned would be very useful for the following



*Louis Karovsky and Grandparents*

year when they would have to look after themselves to a far greater extent.

## Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day is one of the most important events on the Michaelhouse calendar. On this day, we celebrate the role that grandparents play in the lives of their families and acknowledge their contribution. Saturday, 13 May dawned as a beautiful day and this added significantly to the programme, which included a Jazz Band performance, tours around the estate, a special Chapel service and a delicious lunch for grandparents and their grandsons. The day was a great success and more importantly, our guests enjoyed it!

## Matric Ball

This year's Matric Ball was held on the night of Friday 17 February. The theme was a Masked Venetian Ball and the marquee was decorated accordingly: black draping with hundreds of fairy lights; table cloths of gold taffeta with black chair covers and gold menus. Candelabra were decorated with brightly coloured roses and ivy and candles. The foundation area looked spectacular with an enormous arrangement of brightly coloured flowers and candelabra surrounding it. Even "Pete" was draped and masked; floating candles and rose petals on the water completed the beauty of this area. Screens and the tunnel into the marquee were also draped in black with brightly coloured feathered and sequined masks positioned all along the sides. Mrs Redfern dressed in her gold wedding dress and a feathered mask stood at the entrance and presented each girl with her own beautiful feathered mask. Couples were then given a glass of champagne and orange juice and they moved on into the photographic area to have their photos taken. The evening began with speeches and grace said by the Chaplain; salmon mousse starters were served and the party began. The loyal toast was made by Nic Steere, and after the main meal of fillet and vegetables, Tahir Popat made his formal speech on the Brotherhood of Michaelhouse. Dancing and posing for photos took place and the meal was completed with Italian kisses.





*Michaelhouse Matric Ball*

It was agreed by all that this year's ball was a great success, and enjoyed by all who attended.

## Chanel Ball

The Michaelhouse B Block boys were invited to participate in the St Anne's Chanel Ball programme. During the course of the Michaelmas Quarter, they attended a series of dancing lessons at St Anne's, culminating in the grand Chanel Ball on 15 September. The occasion provided our boys with the opportunity of displaying their formal etiquette and dancing abilities. The evening was a great success and our boys proved to be wonderful partners and guests.

## Socials

During the course of each year, a number of socials were organised at Michaelhouse in order to give our boys the opportunity of meeting girls from other schools on a social basis. Boys were also invited on a regular basis to attend socials at St Johns DSG, St Annes and Epworth. The completion of the Inglis Indoor Centre now provides the perfect social venue and we will be in a position to arrange many more home socials.

## Inter-House Fun Activities

Every year, three different, but all fiercely contested, Inter-House events are held. The **Tug-O-War**, **Pancake Race** and the **Pushcar Events** generate a huge amount of interest and spectator enthusiasm.

The **Pancake Race** was won by Pascoe House. It was held on Shrove Tuesday and took place in the Main Quad Cloisters. It invariably involved numerous spills and crooked 'panwork'. The **Pushcar Event** was won by East House with the best engineered car. Even very strong and fit boys could not push, with any success, a vehicle that had lost a wheel!



*The 'East Beast' - Dean McLuckie prepares to push Rowan Worthington*

The **Tug-O-War** really separates the men from the boys and the winner enjoys a fair amount of status! The competition is always eagerly awaited and well supported, however it was unfortunately cancelled due to the flu epidemic.



*Spill and thrills at the Pushcart Race*





“*Instead of waiting for the storm to pass, learn to dance in the rain.*”  
Saskia Wusteveld

*Recipient of the James Cameron Todd Award – Tahir Popat*

## Student Profile

### James Cameron Todd Award

The James Cameron Todd Award was instituted in our Centenary Year – 1996. It was felt that from time to time there was a pupil whose range of activity and the level of excellence achieved in his involvement in the life of Michaelhouse, required special acknowledgement and recognition. This award was not to be given as a matter of course every year but only if there was a pupil whose achievements placed him in a very elite group.

The James Cameron Todd Award is a premier award at Michaelhouse. It seeks to recognise outstanding achievements by a boy in a wide range of endeavours.

In 2006 we have such a person - Tahir Popat .

His achievements are as follows:

### Academic Record

#### Academic Honours

Member of EAPS (Top 5 Academics) for 5 years  
5 A's for Trials examinations

### Awards

Chree Bright 2003 – Grade 9 all round excellence  
Senior Best Speaker Inter-House Debating – 2004  
English Olympiad – Bronze Award

### Cultural Involvement

Debating  
Green Flag Committee (Environmental)  
Chairman of Toastmasters  
African Affairs Society  
SMILE (teaching English to underprivileged children)

## Sporting Record

### Cricket

U14; U15; U16 and 1st XI Captain  
School Honours for Cricket – 2005  
U19 Natal Midlands Captain – 2005  
Kenyan U15 and U17

### Hockey

School Hockey Honours – 2006  
U16 and 1st XI Captain  
U18A Natal Midlands (2005, 2006)

### Soccer

1st XI – 2004, 2005, 2006  
Vice Captain – 2006

## Leadership

Senior Prefect – Michaelhouse





**Back Row:** M. de Abreu, S. Dougall, B. van Aswegen, F. Lyall, M. Basson, J. Rosenberg, C. Morris, M. van der Vegte, M. Eybers, D. Coyle, M-J. Currie, N. Campbell, F. van Niekerk, K. Sesupeng, M-A. Ahmad, **Fourth Row:** M. Haupt, M. Dyer, P. Sewgoolam, M. Burns, F. Mennigke, A. Joscelyne, J. van der Linden, J. Badenhorst, H. Appelo, J-F. du Toit, D. Plumari, A. Beach, C. Pieterse, N. Mpofu, B. Rafferty **Third Row:** T. Kearns, J. Chileshe, R. Nakin, N. Sombe, J. van Niekerk, N. Breedt, B. Bradford, S. Sekatle, C. Le Roux, C. Rohrbach, O. Gandar, D. Pearce, W. Campher, JJ. Rousseau, N. Meyer, A. van der Merwe **Second Row:** L. Rakau, E. Rousseau, J. Mare, S. Smith, I. Yusuf, L. Mennigke, S. Mhlongo, A. Adedipe, R. Lynn, D. Stephen, R. Janse van Rensburg, T. Tsiki, R. Shiel, J. Hammond **Front Row:** G. Slee, Mr. C. Longmore, G. Peake, Mr. G. Ferreira, H. Badenhorst, Mr. J. van Rooyen, E. Breedt, Mr. A. Black, N. Rafferty, Mr. B. Roets, Z. Muhumuza

## Baines House Report 2006

*Written by Henco Badenhorst*

Housemaster: **Mr Johan van Rooyen**

House Tutors: **Mr George Ferreira, Mr Andre Black, Mr Craig Longmore, Mr Brad Roets**

Head of House: **Henco Badenhorst**

House Prefects: **Erhard Breet, Zach Muhumuza, Gareth Peake, Nathan Rafferty, Gerard Slee**

Baines is really a unique House, where there are two words that best describe us: 'Happy' and 'Gees (spirit)'. It doesn't matter whether we are first or last in the Inter-House events, everyone always participates and supports one other.

In Swimming we came sixth, with every member of the house participating, we even convinced Prakas to do a whole length this year. We had awesome spirit with Erhard leading us with the famous 'blou' war cry and Alec proving to be an excellent 'lifesaver'.

Staying with aquatics, we are very proud of Gareth Peake who captained the First Team water polo and Erhard Breet who captained the Second Team. Johan van der Linden also played for the First Team, while Scott Dougall represented the Second Team. Henk Appelo, Michael Eybers and Johan Badenhorst represented the U16A Team. Ben Bradford and Chase le Roux played for the U15A Team, whilst Ryan Shiel and Renier Janse van Rensburg represented the U14A Team.

We were delighted to take the Inter-House Rugby Trophy, with our U15's contributing largely to that and Chase leading the pack. Rugby is a sport that brings out a lot of character, something that Baines doesn't lack at all.

Many of our boys played in the top Rugby teams this year. At the U14 level we had Siyabonga Mhlongo and Tau Tsiki playing for the A Team. Dale Stephen, Reef Nakin, Manuel de Abeu and Chris Morris played for the U15A Team and Karabo Sesupeng, Johan van der Linden and Adam Joscelyne represented the U16A Team. Wesley Campher and Mohamed Ahmad made the U16 touring squad, while Ferdi van Niekerk, Gareth Peake and I went on the First XV Rugby Tour to the UK. Matthew Basson, Gareth Peake and I played for the First XV, while Ferdi van Niekerk and Francis Mennigke represented the Second XV.

We are also proud of Andrew Beach and Zach Muhumuza who played First XI Hockey and Derek Pearce and Ben Rafferty who played in the Second Team. Ben Rafferty played First Team Tennis, while Michael-James Currie went on the UK Squash Tour. Ferdi van Niekerk played First Team Basketball and Mohamed Ahmad and Jacques van Niekerk played for the U16 A Team. Manuel De Abrue played U15A and Siyabonga Mhlongo and Lebogang Rakau played for the U14A Team.

On the Soccer front Siyabonga Mhlongo, Manuel De Abrue, Mohamed Ahmad, Adam Joscelyne and Chris Morris all played for the A Team in their respective age groups. Ben Rafferty played for the Second Team and Ferdi van Niekerk represented the First Team.





*“No person is your friend who demands your silence, or denies your right to grow.”*  
Alice Walker

*As part of their Leadership Programme, Baines B Blockers prepared a meal for invited guests*

Andrew Beach proved to be a bowling asset for the First XI Cricket, while Derek Pearce, Michael-James Currie and Nathan Rafferty played in the Second Cricket Team. Karabo Sesupeng and Adam Joscelyne made the U16A's. Dale Stephen played for the U15A Team, with Tau Tsiki represented the U14A Team.

We had an exchange student from New Zealand, Jeff Kibby, who settled in extremely well. He excelled on Athletics Day breaking the triple jump record and winning a silver medal. Once again the House was behind each runner, supporting Nathan in the 1500m race. Reef Nakin received the U15 silver medal. However, it was the overall team effort that got us through.

With regards to culture, there are a number of boys that stand out. Gerard Slee, Jacques du Toit, Carl Pieterse, Henk Appelo, Johan van der Linden, JJ Rousseau and Ben van Aswegen were in the Natal Youth Choir. In Joseph, Jacques du Toit, received the Best Actor Award and Erhard Breet had the lead role of Jacob. Erhard received Colours for Drama and Jacques received Honours.

“This year we went for a different look on our push car, we went white because we're Baines.” This was Mitch Haupt's introduction for our 'kaskar'. 'Carburettor' Carl, 'Axel' Alec, 'Manifold' Mitch, 'Bearing' Breet and 'Hammer' Henco built the car. We didn't end up in the top seven, but it was all good fun.

In Baines we not only played hard, we worked hard too. In E Block we had Richard Lynn and Siyabonga Mhlongo who were in the top ten. Chris Morris, Ben Bradford and Dale Stephen were top academics in D Block. In C Block, Nicholas Meyer and Ben van Aswegen were in the top 5. Nasho Sombe had the most improved mark and was also a top academic. Ferdi van Niekerk and Carl Pieterse also really stood out in B Block. Nathan Rafferty, Prathik Sewgoolam and Zach Muhumuza were top achievers in A Block. Scott Dougall and Alec van der Merwe received an award for The Most Improved Aggregate. Erhard Breet received the Rector's Afrikaans Essay Prize for the third consecutive year and a Silver Award in the English Olympiad. Nathan Rafferty also obtained a Silver Award. Prathik Sewgoolam received the Dudley Forde Award; a Toastmaster's award for promoting excellence

along with the John Richards Award, an In-House award. Ben Bradford received the prestigious Chree Bright Award at Speech Day. This year we also boasted several EAPS students: Nathan Rafferty, Carl Pieterse, Nicholas Meyer and Ben van Aswegen.

At Michaelhouse (and Baines) we are given great opportunities and it's up to us to take them. I would like to thank Mr and Mrs van Rooyen for their guidance and help over the past few years. The Tutors also played a big part in ensuring that Baines maintained their traditional high standards. Thanks to Bongie, our Housemaid, who does an excellent job, which everyone really appreciates.

To all the Prefects and the A Blockers of 2007, I wish you all of the best for Matric. A big thanks to all the boys in Baines, especially the A-Blockers - it was awesome spending my five years at Michaelhouse with you.

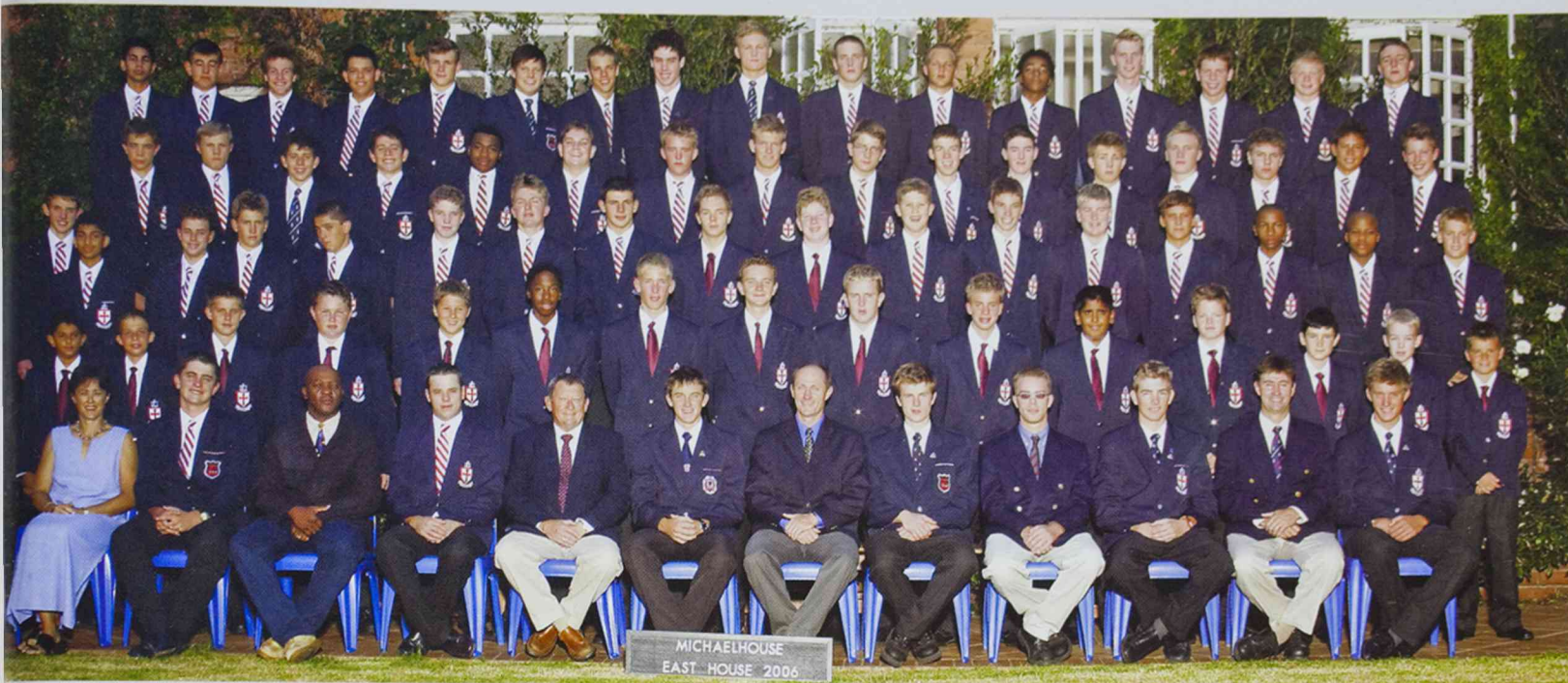
**Salvete:** Henco Badenhorst, Matthew Basson, Erhard Breet, Scott Dougall, Jacques-Francois du Toit, Zach Muhumuza, Gareth Peake, Nathan Rafferty, Prathik Sewgoolam, Gerard Slee, Alec van der Merwe.

**Valvete:** Adewale Adedipe, Jason Hammond, Renier Janse van Rensburg, Richard Lynn, Juan-Pierre Mare, Luke Mennigke, Siyabonga Mhlongo, Lebogang Rakau, Etienne Rousseau, Ryan Shiel, Spencer Smith, Tau Tsiki, Ibrahim Yusuf.



*Carl Pieterse rustles up a sauce for the dinner*





**Back Row:** T. Rhemtulla, N. Raw, J. King, B. Krone, J. Nuttall-Smith, L. Rumble, E. Desfontaines, A. Lategan, K. Ross, C. Lee, J. Rautenbach, B. Molapo, S. Rennie, S. Finch, N. Wilson, V. Edwards **Fourth Row:** A. Bowes, K. Botha, A. Birkett, J. Birkett, N. Setlaba, J. Talbot, P. de Bruyn-Smith, B. Jahnig, K. Meyer, J. Durham, S. Smith, R. Voudouris, R. de Bruyn, C. Smith, M. Hamlyn, D. Sinton **Third Row:** D. Walker, A. Patel, D. Pearce, S. Maclaren, D. Krone, J. Kobal, G. Davson, O. Green, J. Sullivan, T. Molony, S. Rogers, S. Lishman, B. Foster, E. Hamlyn, K. Galeforolwe, L. Nkosi, R. Withey **Second Row:** K. Patel, M. Vinen, J. van Koevinger, C. Davson, A. Clark, P. Kasolo, P. Durham, I. Sturgeon, R. Nuttall-Smith, G. Walker, A. Patel, R. Atherstone, G. McLuckie, R. Worthington, C. Baker **Front Row:** Mrs. C. Thomson, M. Bowes, Mr. G. Dzingwa, P. Roux, Mr. B. Tarr, J. Brownlee, Mr. A. Brown, S. Reid, Mr. B. Sessions, D. McLuckie, Mr. I. Hobson, H. Beckett

## East House Report 2006

*Written by James Brownlee*

Housemaster: **Mr Andrew Brown**

Senior Tutor: **Mr Bryan Tarr**

House Tutors: **Mr Bradley Sessions, Mr Ian Hobson, Mr Given Dzingwa**

Head of House: **James Brownlee**

Prefects: **Heath Beckett, Matthew Bowes, Philip Roux, Dean McLuckie, Sebastian Read**

I am sure that I am not the only boy who realises that your time at Michaelhouse is limited. I know you hear this a lot while you're here, from your parents and relatives but trust me, you don't realise it until you are just about to leave. Michaelhouse is a great school but the question you need to ask is whether it would be a great school without East House? East is one of the oldest houses in the school and is deep in tradition and spirit.

This spirit and commitment was shown during the highly prestigious push-car race. East once again retained the trophy with a convincing win over the rest of the Houses. It seems the driving skills of our new boys were of a much greater standard. On the same day we were crowned junior squash champions with Ian Sturgeon leading the way. However, not everything went our way. We were unlucky in the Inter-House swimming gala coming narrowly second, but managing to pick up a few medals. The same thing happened with athletics. We are very proud of Ian

Sturgeon, Robert De Bruyn and James King who won most of their events. We were unfortunate to lose by only two points and claim second. But the boys can be proud of their effort.

During the year, East boys have contributed continuously to Michaelhouse sport and have not disappointed themselves. On the cricket field Matt Bowes and Phil Roux contributed to both the bowling and batting for the First XI. Phil achieved the best economy rate for the First Term and Matt averaged over thirty. Both were awarded colours.

It did not seem as though Kyle Ross would be playing much rugby this year as he underwent a back operation, but his determination was notable and he ended playing the whole season, missing only one game. Kyle was awarded colours for rugby after he made the Midlands side earlier this year.

Stuart MacLaren was involved in a South African Schools' Canoeing Competition and finished third his age group proving that he was East's hope of winning Inter-House canoeing. Ben Krone was given the responsibility of being the Michaelhouse Canoeing Secretary. It's a job that not many people would take under their belt, but Ben's commitment to canoeing over the years has been amazing.

East is a diverse house and it's not only about the sport. We take pride in all our activities and these achievements are normally the most notable ones to be mentioned. Sebastian Read has been





“*You are the only person on earth who can use your ability.*”  
Zig Ziglar

*Kevin Patel, Akash Patel, Rory Nuttall-Smith and Joshua Nuttall-Smith at the Tree Planting Ceremony*

involved in the KZN Youth Choir which is an elite group of singers. The most important dates of the year can often be the ones where there is a social taking place. Our very own Jed Talbot is the head organiser of socials and has done a great job in organising and decorating. Thanks Jed. There is one person who must get a special mention and he is Alain Lategan. Alain was voted to become War Cry Leader for 2006 and did a great job. He even achieved Man of the Week after the Hilton game where he choreographed the spelling of Michaelhouse.

Sebastian Read was the Academic Student Leader for the year and has inspired many to get busy and put more effort into their schoolwork. Sebastian, who has colours for academics, finished in the top ten of the Block for the Matric year. James Birkett and Jonathan Durham also received their academic colours and are still only in B Block. In C Block Tahir Rhemtulla and Donald Sinton have had an ongoing battle to see who can finish ahead of one another. Tahir Rhemtulla came first in C Block earning him a Man of the Week Award. Donald was not far behind in fifth place. However, Akash Patel who improved by more than 40 places in his year has achieved so much as well.

As East is the best House, we can only have the best Tutors. Mrs Thomson has been our E Block House Mother for the year and has done an outstanding job. She has been looking after the new boys this year and has helped them settle in much easier. I would like to wish Mrs Thomson all the best for next year at her new post. Mr Hobson and Mr Dzingwa have always been available to give advice. Mr Tarr, one of the longer serving House Tutors in the school joined us two years ago and brought with him so much experience. Mr Tarr will always be remembered by the Matric boys. Last but not least is Mr Brown. Mr Brown has been an awesome Housemaster this year and has been a role model to all the boys in the House. His commitment and enthusiasm has allowed East to grow. I would like to wish the Tutors and Senior Tutors all the best for the years to come

It has been an extremely busy year for most of the Matrics, especially the Prefects. I would not have managed this year without them. Special thanks must go to Matt, Heath, Phil,

Sebastian and Dean. You have supported me the whole year and have made my life a lot easier. Then to the A Block: you have also helped by leading the way for the rest of the house. Thank you!

This year has been so awesome in many ways and it's going to be a sad day when I know that I am not going to be walking through the gates as a Michaelhouse boy. However the pride that the school has and that East boys possess, will be kept in my heart for a very long time. The days of duck diving and quad soccer will always be remembered.

I wish the Prefects next year the best of luck; keep the House going strong. Keep the legacy going. To the House, make the most of your time here and then when you have finished, look back at your time at Michaelhouse and savour the moment.

**Salvete:** Richard Atherstone, Cameron Baker, Ronan Worthington, Roux Wessells, Colin Davson, Kevin Patel, Jake Van Koevinger, Michael Vinen, Graham McLuckie, Rory Nuttall-Smith, Ian Sturgeon, Patrick Durham, Grant Walker, Alexander Clark

**Valete:** Kyle Ross, Heath Beckett, Lawrence Rumble, Matthew Bowes, Bobby Molapo, Etienne Desfontaines, Ben Krone, Dean McLuckie, Sebastian Read, Alain Lategan, Phillipe Roux and James Brownlee



*The late Scott Parker was the 'Cop' of Jonathon Durham and Nicholas Raw in 2003*





**Back Row:** N. Steere, C. Hallier, R. Keene, M. van Heerden, D. Nusca, M. Mashinini, A. Dalais, T. Hulley, M. Van Goethem, A. Chance, I. Rhemtulla, A. Batley, J. Tillet, J. Tatham, S. Mudd, J. Dillon. **Fourth Row:** A. Mahieu, L. Royce, C. Freese, M. Richards, M. Blore, D. Barge, M. Mahieu, M. Ellis, R. Berriman, J. Trautman, J. Murray, N. Tatham, D. Bennett, Martin Blore, A. King, R. Patchitt. **Third Row:** J. Barr, G. St Clair, R. Setati, M. Forbes, W. Crockett, N. Tingle, P. Brown, M. Strachan, S. Shandu, D. Strachan, D. Button, R. Cerrai, I. Khan, A. Campbell, E. Steere. **Second Row:** N. Philp, D. Bradford, J. Atkinson, C. van der Merwe, L. Taylor, R. Gifford, D. Berriman, J. Fieldgate, L. Nderitu, G. Heeger, A. Strathern, T. Thorpe, A. Steiner. **Front Row:** R. Button, Mr. A. Adlington-Corfield, R. Bennett, Mr. S. Ndwandwe, D. Francis, Mr. P. de Wet, S. Bird, Mr. A. Dahlberg, T. Mdluli, C. Tingle

## Farfield House Report 2006

*Written by David Francis*

Housemaster: **Mr Paul de Wet**

Senior Tutor: **Mr Albie Dahlberg**

House Tutors: **Mrs Colleen Cook, Mrs Win de Wet, Mr Alan Adlington-Corfield, Mr Marc Longbottom, Mr Siyabonga Ndwandwe**

Head of House: **David Francis**

House Prefects: **Richard Bennett, Stephen Bird, Rory Button, Thabiso Mdluli, Christopher Tingle**

Farfield is more than a House or just a place to sleep and keep one's clothes. Indeed, it is a great collection of young men aspiring to greatness. But what exactly does it mean to be great? Is success alone enough, or does the attainment of greatness require something more? I think a great House is a structure which allows boys to pass Matric (and a rugby ball), but it is also comprised of great individuals who have become so because of the environment in which they live; an environment that values the fulfilment of its occupants. And by that I do not mean that Farfield is great because the boys eat lots of pizza and chocolate, but because we pride ourselves in being a House in which boys can realise their own goals and develop their individuality, while being members of a community in which people can grow from other peoples' strengths instead of emulating them - an idea best described in the Zulu word 'ubuntu' which means 'I am because you are.' We made further progress in fostering the Farfield Community with many

opportunities for families to become involved in social gatherings. The New Boy and Parent Braai, the Jo'burg Parents' Evening and the Farfield Golf and Family Day were all highly successful and enjoyable.

And so, as I sat with hair long enough to give any member of Management heart palpitations, I considered how I was to encapsulate the greatness of Farfield in 1000 words. And this was more of a daunting task than it may seem, and for good reason. For Farfield is not only a list of achievements, of our exceptional academics, sportsmen and artists, but a realisation of what it is to be Michaelhouse Men. What with games of touch rugby, hard work during prep, and political debates instigated by Mandla Mashinini, Farfield is more than a simple list of oh-look-how-good-we-are-at-everything- achievements. But to those fathers who are now muttering to themselves that Farfield should stop worrying about politics and being nice, and focus on rugby, don't worry, we do. And we are good at it. In fact, it seems Farfield is good at any sport it attempts. This year alone we won a multitude of Inter-House events: the Senior and Junior water polo, athletics, athletic relays, athletic standards, cross country, swimming and swimming relays. Not one of these victories was aided by my sporting ability because I haven't any, and thus I can bask in the glory of these achievements as would a proud parent taking credit for their son's Gold Star at the Maths Olympiad, even though they can't find the root of 64, no matter how deep they dig.





*Farfield House celebrates their Inter-House Gala victory*

Now that you have seen that Farfield is indeed a force to be reckoned with, I can move on to the other, less noticeable things that make Farfield such a great place in which to live. These things, however, are not worthy to be put up on a wooden board, or framed and hung up on the wall, but they are in fact vastly more important in many ways and I will try and document them as best I can. There are many quotes by many important people that attempt to explain what exactly Michaelhouse does between New Boys' Day and the end of year exams that is so special and which result in the high quality of men that leave here. I will leave such quoting to Mr Todd, and instead provide my own explanation of what makes the Men of Farfield great. And it goes thus: we are offered such a wide range of activities and outlets at Michaelhouse and in Farfield every boy has the chance to find himself and realise his own goals without fear of persecution, or someone stealing his lunch money and giving him wedgies. The result is a House of happy boys who can form one voice when cheering the house on at the Gala, and at the same time be individuals who do not have to fit a preconceived mould in order to be accepted and be great. The proof of this can be seen in the different spheres in which Farfield boys have succeeded.

This year saw Farfield boys in the First XV as well the First Teams for basketball and water polo, to name a few. We have an exceptional sportsman in Stephen Bird and he has represented South Africa for canoeing at events in Hungary, France and Australia, and at the beginning of this year he broke the U18 Duzi record. In culture, Mandla Mashinini and Christopher Hallier joined the South African Debating Team at the World Schools' Individual Debating and Public Speaking competition in New York over Easter, where both were ranked in the Top 50 in the world. Many Farfield boys are also involved in the Choir, Jazz Band or the Toastmasters Society. Furthermore, Honours awards are held by Nick Steere for Art and Academics, Steven Bird for Sport and David Francis for Academics and Music. A large proportion of the boys have also received recognition in the form of Half or Full Colours for a variety of disciplines. In addition, this year saw Chris Hallier go on exchange to Canada and Murray Forbes, David Bennett and James Dillon to Australia. In reciprocating, we have had the opportunity to host the



*Sanda Shandu announces the Farfield Chariot. Thabiso Mdluli and Rory Button are trusted participants in the Push Cart Race*

boys from these countries, which proved to be an interesting and enriching experience. Domenico Nusca excelled in the National Computer Olympiad, being placed in the Top 50. Two of our more aquatically inclined A-Blockers, Michel Mahieu and Richard Bennett, completed the eight mile swim at this year's Midmar Mile.

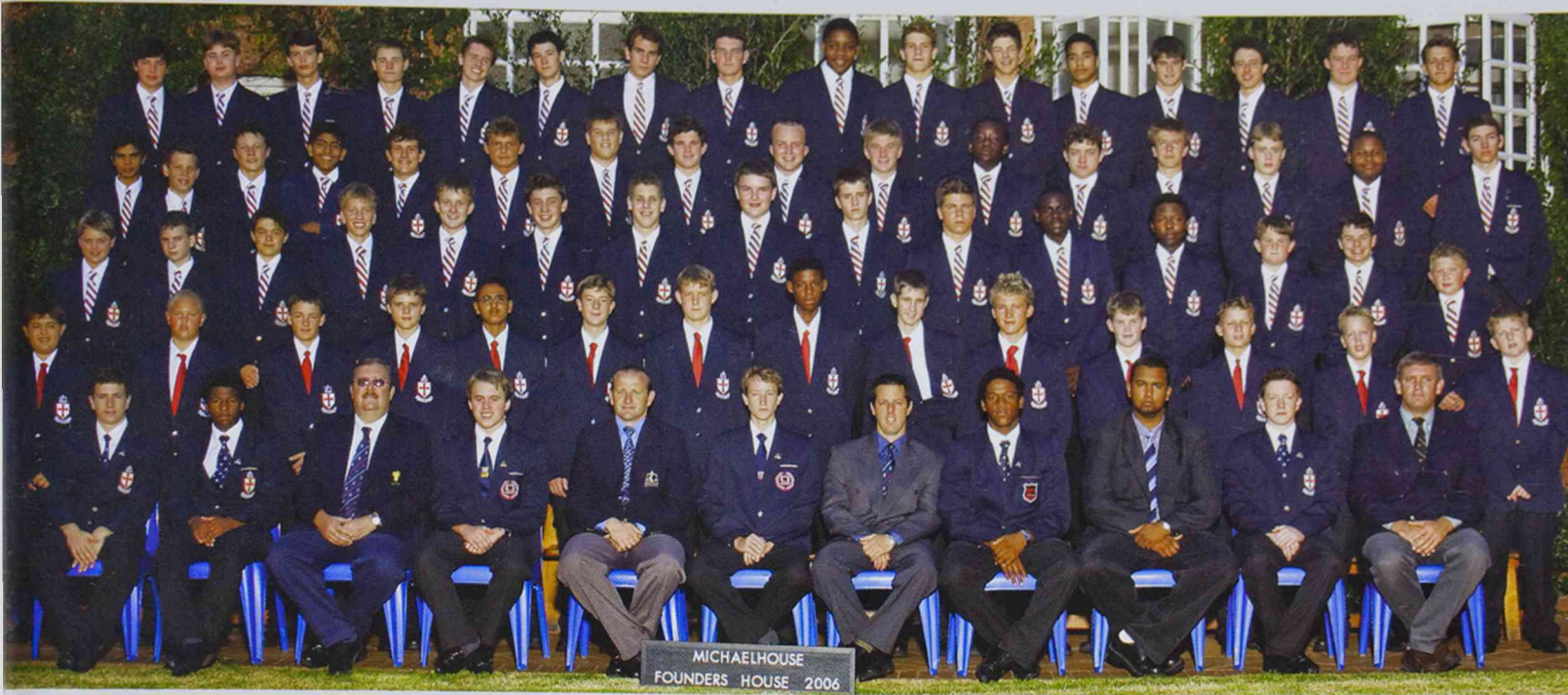
Yes, it's all very well for you to know that these guys have excelled in their own way, but of what benefit is this to you? Well, I hope the above record of achievements goes some way in showing the range of activities in which Farfield boys involve themselves in school life, but more importantly, that you finish reading this knowing that Farfield is great. Great, not only because of its achievements, but because of what it offers to its boys. By allowing them fun, freedom and the pursuit of happiness it creates men who can work as a team, but allows them the freedom to be individuals and define greatness for themselves.

Finally, and most importantly, a few words of thanks are due to those who have done much to ensure that Farfield is such a great place. Credit must go to the Student Leadership of Farfield in the form of the Student Leaders and the Prefects, who have all done invaluable work to keep the House running smoothly. My most sincere thanks, however, must go to Mr de Wet and his team. Through his limitless enthusiasm and dedication, Mr de Wet has taken Farfield to new heights this year, and I know that I speak for the House when I say that his efforts and guidance are most appreciated by us all. I have really enjoyed the opportunity and the challenges of running Farfield this year and I wish Chris Hallier and his team all the best for 2007.

**Salvete:** Julian Atkinson, Digby Berriman, David Bradford, Jonathan Fieldgate, Robbie Gifford, Greg Heeger, Lee Nderitu, Andrew Steiner, Anthony Strathern, Luke Taylor, Thomas Thorpe and Claude van der Merwe.

**Valete:** Richard Bennett, Stephen Bird, Rory Button, Riccardo Cerrai, David Francis, Timothy Hulley, Michel Mahieu, Thabiso Mdluli, Domenico Nusca, Nicholas Steere and Christopher Tingle.





**Back Row:** J. Frame, P. George, M. Raciborski, J. Clucas, N. Savage, J. Fox, E. Pepperell, J. Allen, N. Sokhela, S. Harris, B. Wester, N. Dunn, D. Turner, M. Laws, R. Sladden, S. Dougall **Fourth Row:** A. Popat, S. Harley, P-D. van der Merwe, A. Badal, N. Griffin, P. Lambie, K. Chenoweth, M. Abraham, R. Chenoweth, A. Lawrence, J. Chiwaye, J. Fuller, C. Kohler, W. Gowans, M. Shoba, T. Aubert **Third Row:** M. Collins, G. Cunliffe, M. Wedderburn-Maxwell, T. van Dam, G. Anger, R. Salter, C. Wilson, A. Poltera, S. Smallwood, J. Tatz, M. Opare-Kumi, M. Munatsi, N. Chaplin, J. Hoepfl, P. Halsted **Second Row:** J. Adam, R. Halsted, D. Hulbert, N. von Stackelberg, H. Bhachu, M. Nash, G. Richard, K. Bortsie, J. Pretorius, B. Farley, N. Clucas, S. Morris, J. Pond, J. Atkinson **Front Row:** A. Roberts, S. Allie, Mr. P. Huntley, S. Gowans, Mr. A. Redfern, J. Chennells, Mr. M. Ancillotti, P. Mofokeng, Mr. S. Ramharack, J. Jardine, Mr. I. Guthrie

## Founders House Report 2006

*Written by James Chennells*

Housemaster: **Mr Alan Redfern**

Senior Tutors: **Mr Marc Ancillotti, Mr Peter Huntley**

House Tutors: **Mr Iain Guthrie, Mr Sandeep Ramharack, Mr Mike Thomson**

Head of House: **Jamie Chennells**

House Prefects: **Simon Gowans, Siyabonga Allie, John Jardine, Pheello Mofokeng, Andrew Roberts**

I've always felt that this school is not only about an academic education; I believe that the academics make up but a fraction of what we really come here for. To me and many others, this school is about the things that you do here which you would not associate with 'school' at all. It's about the touch rugby and duck diving after the big storms, it's about being with friends, it's about the people. My five years in Founders have come and gone and I can honestly say that I enjoyed both the good and the bad of it all.

The beginning of the year saw Founders giving the rest of the school a small sniff of our 'superiority' by winning the Inter House Public Speaking Competition. We cunningly unleashed Simon Gowans, one of the many deadly debaters in the house, who went on to win the competition. On the golf course, Bryan Wester sunk a few birdies playing First Team golf and also obtained his Half Colours for the sport. While Bryan thrashed it out on the course, I thrashed it out on the tennis courts, captaining

the First Team to many solid victories. On the cricket pitch Daniel Hulbert, Jonty Tatz, and Patrick Lambie pulled in some amazing performances and made their respective A teams, with Patrick captaining the U16A's. Rory Sladden played Second XI cricket.

On the basketball court Graeme Richard, Kweku Bortsie, Mike Opare-Kumi, and Jamaine Chiwaye all played for their respective A teams. Peach Mofokeng played for the First Team, while Nhlengano Sokhela played for the stayers' First Team towards the end of the year. Siya Allie also had some great performances while captaining the Second Team.

In the pool, Arniv Badal, James Fuller, and Grant Anger made their respective A teams. Simon Harris and Simon Dougall played in the First water polo Team. Nick Dunn also played solidly throughout the season to make the Kwa-Zulu Natal U16A water polo team. Simon not only became good in the pool, but also managed some outstanding Natal Triathlon results, beating most in his category. He received Colours for making the Natal Triathlon Team.

Winter sports season also saw Founders House provide some crucial top performers on both the field and on stage. Daniel Hulbert, Stuart Harley, Pieter Dirk van der Merwe, and Arniv Badal all played for their respective A teams on the hockey pitch and all made the Midlands A and B hockey sides. Arniv Badal was selected to represent the SA Schools U16B hockey team. Jamie Chennells played for the Second XI and Alim Popat gave





*“To be able to look back upon ones life in satisfaction, is to live twice.”*

*Kahlil Gibran*

*Founders house supporters at the Pancake Race*

us a glimpse of his sporting talent for both the Second and First XI's.

On the rugby field Jamaïne Chiwaye, Cameron Wilson, Grant Anger, Jonty Tatz, Keith Chenoweth, and Patrick Lambie all played for their respective A teams. Peach Mofokeng captained the First XV and lead the boys to some superb victories. Duncan Turner represented the First XV along with Peach, and Rory Sladden earned his stripes while playing for the Second XV. These three boys, along with Simon Dougall, were part of the UK Rugby tour in which they won every game, but one. Peach Mofokeng made us proud when he was selected to represent the KZN U18A rugby team at Craven week.

In the Third Quarter, we had a large number of boys involved in soccer: Nick Clucas, Matthew Collins, and Patrick Lambie all made their respective A teams, with Patrick captaining his team. Andrew Robarts and I played some stupendous soccer for the Second XI, with Peach Mofokeng representing Michaelhouse at First Team level in a third code. Throughout the year Simon Gowans and Alim Popat represented the First Squash Team, with Simon joining the successful UK squash tour.

Besides the involvement on the field, Founders boys also showed their talent in the cultural sector. Tawana Munatsi, Alex Poltera, Tristan Van Dam, Cameron Wilson and Nikolai Von Stackelberg were all part of the jazz band, and were involved in the very successful 'All That Jazz' performance. These five boys, along with Jacques Adams, Edward Pepperell, and James Fox were all also part of the Michaelhouse Choir. James Fox and Edward Pepperell both made the KZN Youth Choir and received Colours for their achievements. Daniel Hulbert, Tawana Munatsi, Morgan Wedderburn-Maxwell, Tristan Van Damme, Cameron Wilson and Alex Poltera were all part of the *Joseph* production with Michael Laws and Edward Pepperall playing lead roles. Along with Keith Chenoweth, the above mentioned boys were also involved in 'Encore.'

Michael Laws was involved in the South African Debating Championships, where he was ranked the No. 1 After Dinner Speaker in the country. Not only this, but he was also awarded Colours for Drama. Michael was awarded a silver certificate for

his effort in the English Olympiad, while Simon Gowans was awarded gold and placed in the top 100 participants in the country.

Tristan Aubert was placed Second overall in the trial exams and was awarded his Academic Honours. Siya Allie earned his Academic Colours. Simon Gowans was awarded Honours as did James Fox for Music. Edward Pepperell earned his Music Colours.

Anthony Lawrence should be congratulated on his award of Half Colours for service, helping Founders House along the way to winning the Inter House Service Trophy. This trophy reflects the numbers of service points all the boys in a house have collectively accumulated and Founders really have worked hard for this award. Steve Robarts and Jonathan Frame were highly influential throughout the year in organising house service projects. We managed to collect hundreds of items to aid those less fortunate than ourselves through the winter, and also collected over 2000 Easter eggs for under-privileged children. Stephen Robarts was awarded the prestigious Kohler Family Fellowship Award voted for, by the boys in Founders House.

Over the year, Founders saw many of its boys head off on exchange. Nhlengano Sokhela attended Trinity College School in Canada; William Gowans attended Montgomery Bell Academy in Tennessee, USA; Arniv Badal attended Cranbrook College while Patrick Lambie attended Kings School, in Australia. These exchanges have been very successful in that the boys live in the different cultures and experience the lifestyle first hand.

As I said earlier, this school is not only about academic education; it's about the people, the buildings and the experiences forged within the beautiful surrounds. A report of this nature can never truly capture the spirit and camaraderie that are experienced in this house. Founders has been a happy House and a place where school boys have been given a place to live, learn and grow. I have made lifelong friendships in this school, which would not have been the same had it not been for my time in Founders House.

I wish Michael Laws and his prefects all the best for 2007 - the year is what you make of it. To Mr and Mrs Redfern and the Tutors, thanks for an awesome five years. To the leavers of 2006,





Andrew Robarts, Mrs Nina Morris, Scott Morris and Pheello Mofokeng on New Boys' Day



Anthony Lawrence, Sam Little (Exchange Student) and Michael Laws share a joke in a B Block bedsit

may we always remember the good times we spent together on the top floor of Founders House.

**Salvete:** Jacques Adam, John Atkinson, Heim Bhachu, Kweku Bortsie, Nicholas Clucas, Brian Farley, Robert Halsted, Daniel Hulbert, Scott Morris, Michael Nash, Jonathan Pond, Johnathan Pretorius, Graeme Richard, Nikolai von Stackelberg.

**Valete:** Jonty Allen, Siyabonga Allie, Tristan Aubert, Jamie Chennells, Jonathan Frame, Simon Gowans, Jonathan Jardine, Pheello Mofokeng, Alim Popat, Andrew Robarts, Stephen Robarts, Duncan Turner.

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## Mackenzie House Report 2006

*Written by Cullum Allen*

Housemaster: **Mr Viktor Kurz**

Senior Tutor: **Mr Rainer von Schlichting**

Tutors: **Mr Rory Drysdale, Mrs Joy Preiss, Mr Sibusiso**

**Ncamane, Mr Richardt Kotze**

Head of House: **Cullum Allen**

Prefects: **Richard Finlay, Nii Amar Laryea, Kgosi Serobe,**

**Justin Sloane, Paul Smedley, Singqobile Ngwenya**

When writing something like this, I ask myself just what it is that has made Mackenzie House the special home that it has been to the 11 matric leavers over the past few years; what it is that creates the spirit of selfless camaraderie and endless fun amongst the boys of this House; what it is which sets this house apart from each of the other houses in the hearts of every boy which passes through it.

Perhaps as a recent leaver, I am in no position to answer such a question. Perhaps one can only begin to appreciate what Mackenzie offers once one can put it firmly into perspective and think about it with a level head. However, Mackenzie has always, in my eyes, been more than just the House. Whether it is the fact that each boy can approach anyone else in the house about any matter, or whether it is the sense of spirit which sees daily games of quad sport started up, be it rugby, cricket or soccer, I am not sure. However, Mackenzie has been and will always continue to be a house of easygoing, but respectful fellowship. This year has been no different.

2006 has been a year of change for Mackenzie. It has seen Mr Viktor Kurz take over from the long-serving Mr Mike Thomson as well as the entry into the house of Mr Rory Drysdale, Mr Richardt Kotze, and Mrs Joy Preiss as House Tutors. Mr Kurz, as a result of his compassionate and energetic outlook, has easily overcome the challenges in dealing with teenage boys.

Mackenzie has also seen the complete revamping of its dorms, corridors and dayroom, as well as the conversion of the old Head of House's room into a formalised 'cop shop'.

The final change in the House has been the settling in of the new E Block boys who have approached and conquered this year with aplomb. As a year they have been both successful and promising and I am sure that they will continue in this vein throughout their careers.

On the academic front, the House has enjoyed noteworthy successes from Rich Finlay and Matt Purnell whose endeavors have placed them in the top ten in their Blocks and from Don Foster, Kieran King, Rob Clucas, Jon Purnell and Myles Arron, whose placing in the top five has put them in line to attain EAP status. Recognition must also go to Tom Puffet and Sam Vandeleur who have frequently been awarded green card status for their efforts. However, a lack of depth lead to the house dropping out of contention for the overall academic shield which we have won for the past six years. However, the academic achievements have not been limited to strictly curricular activities. Don Foster was placed second in the school's computer





*Mackenzie House supporters at the Push Cart Race*

Olympiad and Myles Arron and Kopano Sefako were both selected for the Junior Natal Midlands Maths Olympiad team.

For debating, Rich Finlay was awarded Honours after being selected to the Natal team that competed in the National Championships and David Horscroft was awarded Best Speaker Awards in the Junior Regional Championships this year.

Culturally, our stand out soloist Keegan Moore has been a member of the KwaZulu-Natal Youth Choir and an integral member of our Chapel Choir this year. Mark Lombard was invited to attend the National Junior Piano Competition and Abbey Ally continued to shine as a soloist in the Chapel Choir. Michael Simpson and Jem Smythe played important roles in *Joseph*, with Michael being awarded Best Novice for his performance. Ben Hodgson was awarded the Ken Schuter Memorial Award for an E Blocker displaying the qualities of compassion and leadership. Particular mention must be made of Jevon King who has amassed a mammoth 500 service points over four years. Most boys will only get around 50 during their whole five years, so this is a truly amazing achievement and one worthy of much acclaim. Jevon, for your spirit of service and caring, and for your fine example, we salute you.

On the sporting front, many boys were particularly successful. At under 14 level, Rob Clucas represented the A cricket and soccer sides, came second in cross-country and captained the A hockey side. James Nupen represented the A water polo and rugby sides and was also chosen to represent KZN Midlands for water polo. Connor Alexander captained the A rugby side while Devin Norman played A Team for both hockey and basketball. The hockey side was also represented by Jon Purnell, Myles Arron and Ben Hodgson and the squash side by Thulani Sishi, Michael West-Russell and Matt Lowe. Jon came fourth and Myles seventh in the cross-country. For spirit, one must recognise Ben Hodgson and Matt Lowe who never seemed to miss a game of quad.

At an under 15 level, Andrew Laing and Neil Benton represented the A's for basketball; Andrew played a few games for the First Team and played in the soccer team as well. Jason Clarke played



*E Block Mackenzie Valentines*

for the A team in water polo and single-handedly held up a weak swimming team in the Inter-House gala.

At an under 16 level, the achievements kept coming. Jono Ritten, Michael Simpson, Ryan Baker, Steve Green and Louis Albertse played A team rugby. Louis got a First Team cap, Jono captained the side and Michael represented Natal. In soccer, Ryan Baker and Lethu Mtshali played A Team and in hockey, Mickey Crawford captained an outstanding side before being called up to the First Team for most of the season. He was also selected for the Midlands Team. The squash team was represented by Abbey Ally, Tseko Letlala and Rory Pelsers-all D Blockers-and by Eric Chang, while Jac Aldous took to canoeing with great success. Louis Albertse and Mickey Crawford played for the cricket side and Mickey was called up to the Firsts at the end of the season. Our water polo team was represented by Michael Simpson and by Jono Ritten, who also played for First Team and for Midlands. This list cannot be complete without mentioning Jem Smythe and Matt Purnell for spirit and their organisation of quad games.

In the Open age group, Paul Smedley and Justin Sloane were prominent members of the Second rugby Team and Brett Gower and Seamus King were members of the First hockey side. Kgosi Serobe, Sinqobile Ngwenya (Bumz), Nii-Amar Laryea and Mike Sparkes all played First Team soccer and Ben Lowe and Sam Vandeleur played for the Second team. Ben Lowe was also a member of the triumphant touring squash side to the UK. Our tennis team was revamped with the advent of a number of brilliant E Blockers. Myles Arron was ranked number one in the school and Mark Lombard number three. Rob Clucas, Justin Van Tonder and Steven Green played for the Second team. Nii was a member of the basketball side and Kgosi and Bumz excelled for the Second team. Also noteworthy was the selection of Warrick Day and Brandon Moore for the A and B KZN Fishing sides respectively. Brandon later went on to win the Midmar Challenge amidst a field of over 100.

However, despite all of these individual achievements, a lack of depth again prevailed in the Inter-House events that took place



this year and this saw Mackenzie struggle, only winning Junior Tennis. Our strengths were unfortunately not played to this year and events such as senior soccer, senior rugby, senior and junior hockey, wall climbing, debating, house music and house plays all failed to materialise. Instead, we had to settle for second in junior squash and public speaking and third in senior squash and junior soccer, in a disappointing year of house events, which saw our house song go unsung.

However, one tradition which did seem to continue was the prominence of Mackenzie boys on the Christian Fellowship Committee; Gareth Jardine and Nii-Amar Laryea served in a team led by Paul Smedley.

But after all of this, one achievement stands out above all others, and this is the Jeff Cruxley Memorial Award for A Block fellowship. It is voted for by the A Block and awarded at the Leaver's Dinner as the crowning achievement of the year. This year, the award went to Paul Smedley and there could have been no better recipient for this award for humility, contribution, fellowship and service. Again, Mackenzie must salute a worthy recipient of a wonderful award.

But what of the future? In Seamus King, who is the first non-St Peters Old Boy to become head of house since 2000, and his team

of prefects, Mackenzie has strong and capable leadership which will undoubtedly carry forward the proud traditions of the house while building on the awesome fellowship which already exists. I wish them all the best in their endeavors to do so and I am sure that they will not disappoint.

Finally, it is left to me to thank Mr and Mrs Kurz and the Tutors: Ms Preiss, Mr Ncamane, Mr Kotze, Mr Drysdale and Mr von Schlichting. I would also like to thank the A Block of 2006, whose tremendous spirit of camaraderie and togetherness has set a fine example for all to follow and has made my job a lot easier. And so to Warrick, Rich, Kurt, Gareth, Nii, Brandon, Bumz, Kgosi, Juz and Paul, thank you for a great year and I wish you all the best for your futures.

**Salvete:** Myles Arron, Casper Badenhorst, Robert Clucas, Benjamin Hodgson, Richard Johnstone, Otto Joseph, Matthew Lowe, Devin Norman, James Nupen, Jonathan Purnell, Kopano Sefako, Thulani Sishi, Justin van Tonder, Nick Vilankulu, Michael West-Russell

**Valete:** Cullum Allen, Warrick Day, Richard Finlay, Kurt Holtzhausen, Gareth Jardine, Nii Amar Laryea, Brendan Moore, Sinobile Ngwenya, Kgosi Serobe, Justin Sloane, Paul Smedley

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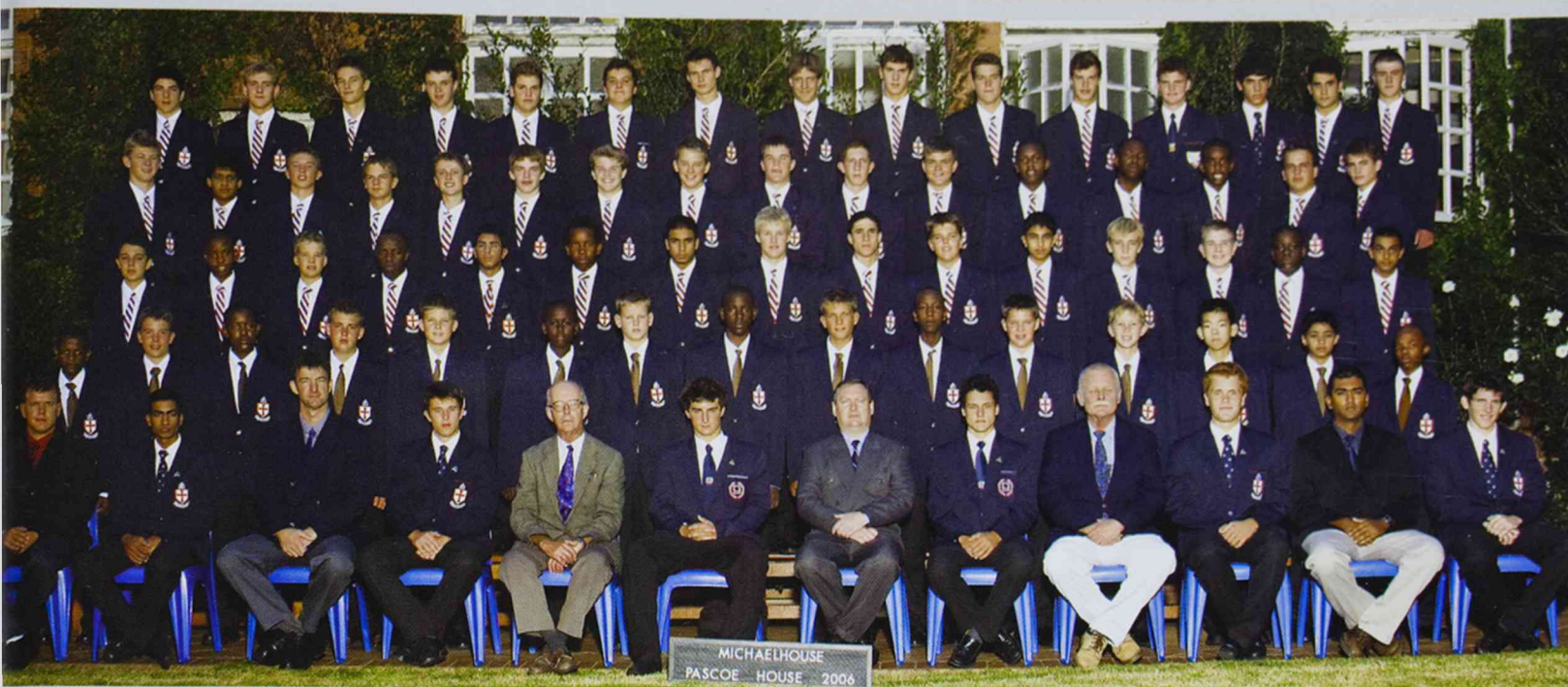
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## Pascoe House Report

*Written by Justin Pearson*

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Pascoe House can best be described as a cosmopolitan House in the fact that we have boys from eight different countries across Africa. It is no wonder that the range of personalities and cultures within the House make for an interesting and entertaining living environment for all. 2006 has proved no different and has also been a prosperous year for the House. The good times shared, and achievements both as individuals in the House and collectively, have far outweighed any negative aspects. Pascoe has provided an environment for boys to enjoy each other's company and form firm and valuable friendships. Through the year we have upheld the Pascoe values of dedication to achievement but ensured that we never ever passed up an opportunity for enjoyment.

Like the members of our House, the achievements by the boys this year have come from a wide spectrum of activities at this great school. It is a great tribute to both Pascoe and Michaelhouse

that a boy can be recognised in sport, culture and academics, proving that the goal of the school in producing rounded young men, is successful.

Cultural achievements included the selection of Douglas Rattray and Roche van Tiddens in the KwaZulu-Natal Youth Choir which, considering the two were still in C Block, is an excellent achievement. Both will be awarded Choir Colours for this achievement. Roche has also been elected as a Junior Prefect in the Michaelhouse Choir. Dustin Holohan excelled in debating this year. Dustin was not only selected for the school First debating Team, but was also selected for Midlands and received a national ranking earlier this year at the National Debating Championships. Another fine achievement by a C-Block boy. Dustin was awarded Colours for debating.

Sport plays a vital role in the life of most young men and the Pascoe boys are no different. As Pascoe we pride ourselves in our dominance on the athletics track and squash court in particular. However, our poor showing at athletics day must surely be the lowest point of the year. Due to injury and lack of commitment by some, we were unable to reclaim the athletics title we have won so many times before, much to our disappointment. However, we did manage to secure the Inter-House squash title for the sixth consecutive year. Pascoe also claimed victory in the Inter-House junior soccer and the pancake race. Although overall victories may seem scarce, there was seldom an event in which Pascoe was not competitive and in many cases contesting the final of an event.





*“A friend is someone who lets you have total freedom to be yourself.”*  
Jim Morrison

*Head of House, Justin Pearson welcomes Peter and Mrs Nicky Rattray to Pascoe House on New Boys' Day*

Therefore the boys must be congratulated for their efforts for Pascoe this year.

I must acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of the Pascoe boys who have achieved individually in sports over the past year. First Team representatives include: Andrew Cook (Rugby); Gino Borrageiro (Rugby, Golf); Kieran Collen (Squash); Alessandro Fiorotto (Basketball, Soccer); Matthew Murray (Hockey, Golf); Hafeez Manji (Cricket, Hockey, Soccer); Alex Dummer (Water Polo); Matthew Spavins (Basketball); Andrew Surgy (Hockey, Squash); DJ Kleynhans (Tennis, Golf); Pieter Nortje (Rugby, Athletics); Victor Githakwa (Soccer); Dustin Holohan (Soccer); Ruan Combrinck (Athletics) and Jonathan Short (Squash).

Provincial representatives include: Hafeez Manji (Cricket, Hockey); Alessandro Fiorotto (Basketball); Kieran Collen (Squash); Gino Borrageiro (Rugby); Alex Dummer (Water Polo); Pieter Nortje (Rugby, Athletics) Munatsi Ziumbe (Hockey); Tom Gardener (Hockey) and Nicholas Lister-James (Hockey).

Special mention must be made of Hafeez Manji's selection to play cricket for the Kenyan U19 side and more recently for the Kenyan men's side. These are both outstanding achievements and a tribute to his immense natural sporting talent.

The Pascoe new boys of 2006 were a very talented group of young men. They can be proud of the way in which they integrated themselves into Pascoe and Michaelhouse life. I am very thankful for the contribution they made to my final year at Michaelhouse and thank them for being such great assets to Pascoe House. I look forward to following all of their progress in the years to come.

The end of 2006 also marks the end of Mr and Mrs McMurtry's time at Michaelhouse as Mr McMurtry takes up the Headmastership at Grantleigh College on the KZN North Coast. On behalf of Pascoe, I would like to thank the Mr and Mrs McMurtry for their invaluable and enormous contribution to the boys of Pascoe and to the all round success of the House. Thank you for your mentorship, support and sound advice. You will both be missed.

It is not without sadness that I leave Pascoe House this year. Pascoe has meant more to me than just a place to live and work over the past five years. Pascoe represents a place of friendships, happiness and other events which I am forbidden to place in this report but will remain as some of my fondest memories! I will take many memories of the place we have called our home from home over the past five years. I will always be proud to have been in and be associated with Pascoe House. Even if our house colour is brown!

Pascoe House Prayer

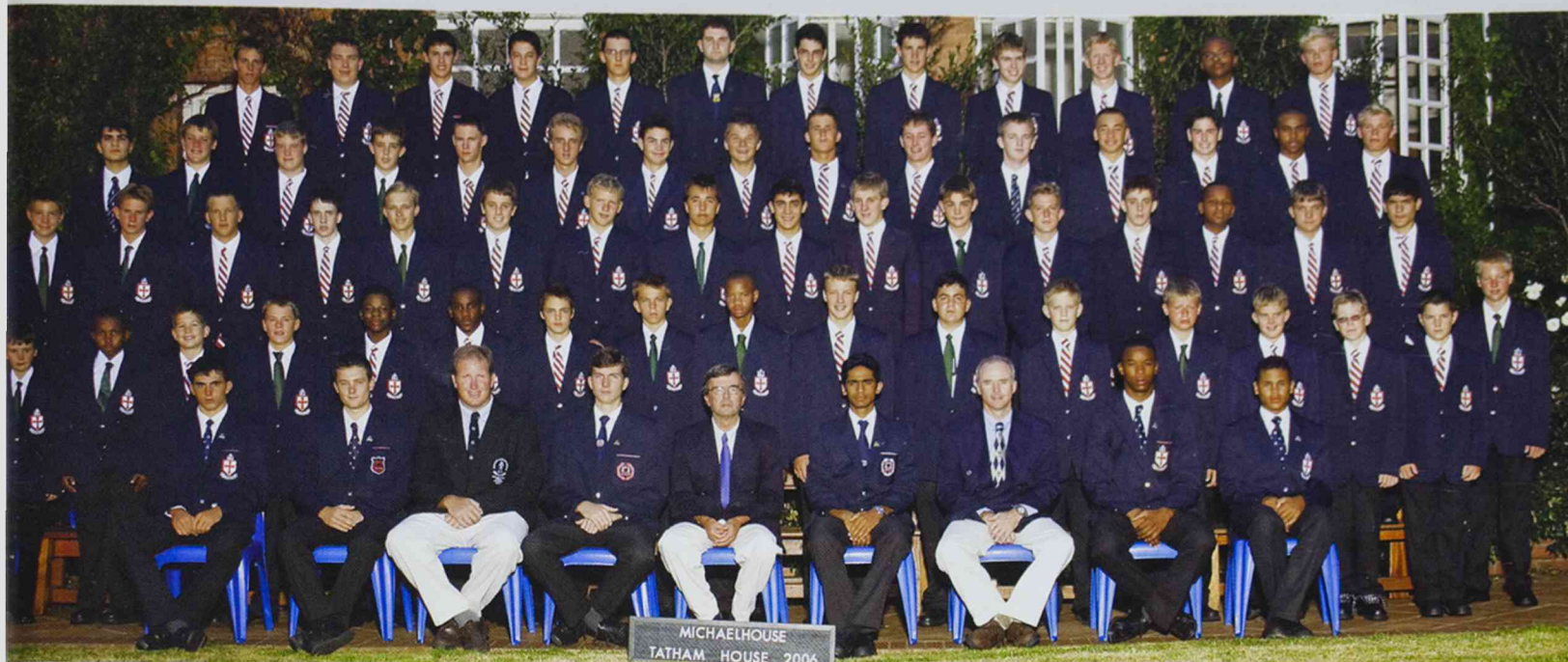
*Written by Chris Brown, Head of House 2003*

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

**Salvete:** Justin Chen; Nicholas Halsey; James Hitchcock; Shaka Kalisa; Nicholas Lister-James; Menzi Ndlovu; Vincent Nunes; Tiro Phalatse; Ravi Raja; Mokhele Ramaseli; Peter Rattray; Kwezi Sogoni; James Stroud; Nicholas Surgy.

**Valete:** Trevor Akal; Luke Biden; Gino Borrageiro; Matthew Chapman; Kieran Collen; Andrew Cook; Alessandro Fiorotto; Hafeez Manji; Suhail Manji; Jason Martinaglia; Matthew Murray; Christopher Olsen; Justin Pearson; Terrence Rice





*Back Row:* S. Dommett, G. Mann, G. Dowie, J. Fawcett, T. Gilbert, G. Potgieter, T. Thring, D. Dowie, M. Gardiner, C. Griffin, M. Gumede, G. Cronje *Fourth Row:* S. Miliatos, P. Howard, R. Richard, B. Robinson, C. Allen, L. Pedlar, F. Scott, A. Kramer, D. du Plessis, D. Potts, J. Rowe, P. Vrontamitis, S. Thring, A. Khumalo, R. Cronje *Third Row:* S. Callen, E. Wiehe-Lagesse, A. Butt, W. Thomas, E. Eiselin, G. Jenkinson, G. Martin, F. Schutte, S. Christodoulou, D. Zwemke, J. Thomas, N. Byrne, S. Sharratt, W-S. Chambulo, J. von Mollendorff, M. Papadopoulos *Second Row:* G. Purbrick, A. Mncube, J. Fisher, D. Pearce, H. Mudariki, D. Mabhena, D. Woodham, P. Pelser, M. Nhleko, M. Howard, G. Christodoulou, G. Woollatt, K. Schoerie, R. Holliday, A. Renton, K. Renton, S. Gallie *Front Row:* R. O'Brien, A. McMillan, Mr. B. Whitaker, R. Sully, Mr. N. Cahill, T. Popat, Mr. G. Calway, M. Ngcobo, M. Scott

## Tatham House Report

*Written by Rupert Sully*

Housemaster: **Mr Nic Cahill**

Senior Tutor: **Mr Sandile Khuluse**

Tutors: **Mr Graeme Calway, Mr Bernard Whittaker, Mr Gerard'd du Toit**

Head of House: **Rupert Sully**

House Prefects: **Michael Scott, Mndeni Ngcobo, Anthony McMillan, Richard O'Brien, Louis Claassen**

As yet another wonderful year for Tatham draws to an end. I remember thinking, early in my appointment, how I was going to leave 'my mark' on these green doors. However, I soon came to realise that leading a house like Tatham is far more about upholding rather than reforming. Tatham is a great House. It has developed strong characteristics over the years, known as a house of immense spirit. However, what exactly is meant by 'spirit'? I see it as a self-sustaining force which takes a House beyond being merely a boarding establishment to becoming an integrated part of an individual's life. Tatham is not so much the actual green doors, but the boys who make up its warm environment.

There is a sense of pride in every Tatham Boy. This leads individuals to associate themselves strongly with their fellow peers in the House, thus creating an expectation to perform to their best, as it reflects on the House as a whole. We have had representatives perform well in all aspects of school life.

On the lush Michaelhouse hockey astroturf, Michael Scott played his fourth year in the goals for the First Team. His dedication to the sport has been rewarded by representing Midlands U18A and then SA U18. He was awarded the Most Valuable Player of the Year. Tahir Popat captained the First XI as well as also playing for the 18A Midlands team. David Zwemke, a member of the First XI Hockey, represented SA U16A. Glen Dowie played for the First side and has been appointed as Captain for 2007. He also made U18A Midlands. Tahir Popat, Michael Scott and Glen Dowie honours. Pieter Pelser and Dean Dowie played for the U16A's. Jethro Thomas represented both the U16A and U14A. Ethan Malan played for the U14A's. Both represented Midlands at U14A level.

In rugby, Louis Claassen, Mndeni Ngcobo, Ross Cronje and Guy Cronje all represented the First XV Rugby side. Ross and Guy Cronje both played in the Craven U17 side and were both awarded Colours. Mndeni Ngcobo represented the Natal Academy and was awarded Colours. Louis Claassen was awarded Honours, as well as Most Valuable Player of the Year. Awande Khumalo, Gary Mann, Philip Vrontamitis, Angus Kramer, Francis Scott represented the U16A side. Awande Khumalo was also the vice-captain for U16A KZN rugby. Tatham won the Senior Interhouse Rugby, which bears testament to the skill of these boys. David Woodham represented the 15A's. The U14's captained by Hilton Mudariki also including Patrick Howard, Dumisani Mabhena, Kyle Schoerie and David Pearce.

In cricket, the First XI was captained by Tahir Popat and included Ross Cronje, Guy Cronje and Michael Scott. Tahir Popat was





*Left: Storm Gallie contemplates the formidable climb up Inhlozane*



*Right: Erik Wiehe-Lagesse rock climbing on New Boys' Weekend*

awarded Honours for cricket. Angus Kramer and Awande Khumalo were Tatham representatives in the U16A. In the U15 age group David Woodham and Pieter Pelser represented the A side. The U14A team was captained by Hilton Mudariki alongside Jethro Thomas and Ethan Malan.

In basketball, Mndeni Ngcobo and Philip Vrontamitis played for the First Team. Francis Scott and Patrick Howard represented U16A and U14A respectively. In swimming and water polo, Tatham was represented by the following: David du Plessis (1<sup>st</sup>), Louis Claassen (1<sup>st</sup>), Lee Pedlar (U17A), Nic Byrne (U15A), Stephen Thring (U15A), Erik Wiehe-Lagesse (U14A), Storm Gallie (U14A) and Kyle Schoerie (U14A). Storm Gallie was also chosen to represent the KwaZulu Natal Swimming Team. Louis Claassen was awarded Honours and was awarded the Senior Victor Ladorum.

In our own personal preparation for 2010, Tatham produced the following stars on the soccer field: Tahir Popat (1<sup>st</sup>), Mndeni Ngcobo (1<sup>st</sup>), Ryan Richard (1<sup>st</sup>), Ross Cronje (1<sup>st</sup>), Guy Cronje (1<sup>st</sup>), Awande Khumalo (U16A), Philip Vrontamitis (U16A), Ethan Malan (U14A), Jethro Thomas (U14A), Erik Wiehe-Lagesse (U14A), Hilton Mudariki (U14A) and Patrick Howard (U14A).

Tatham was defended proudly on the tennis courts in both school and league fixtures, by the following boys: Ethan Malan (1<sup>st</sup>), Dean Dowie (1<sup>st</sup>), Pieter Pelser (U16A) and Jason Fawcett (U16A). Pieter Pelser (U16A) and Reggie Holliday (U16A) represented Tatham on the Squash courts. Tatham has always been home to avid canoeists, this year being no different. The likes of Richard O'Brien and Greg Martin have done very well. In sailing, Anthony McMillan, the Commodore, did extremely well on the water, winning numerous prizes. Simon Dommett also formed part of the Michaelhouse team as Vice Commodore. On a slightly different note, I believe it fitting to congratulate George Purbrick and Jethro Thomas on their achievements in equestrian events.

On the Academic front Tahir Popat, Rupert Sully, Glen Dowie, Simon Dommett, Dean Dowie, Storm Gallie and Ethan Malan achieved top ten places in their various age groups. Tahir Popat and Glen Dowie were awarded Honours for their Academic performance. In Cultural circles, Tatham had several individuals who shone. Gareth Potgieter achieved a high distinction in Grade Eight Royal School's exam and a Performer's Diploma in vocal

from Trinity College of Music. He was on the council of the KwaZulu-Natal Youth Choir as well as being the Deputy Head Chorister of the Michaelhouse Chapel Choir. Gareth Potgieter was awarded Honours by the school. Tim Thring and Anthony McMillan have also represented Tatham well in Music, obtaining Grade 5 for Theory from Trinity School of Music with merit and colours respectively.

Rupert Sully had two of his paintings displayed in Provincial Art Exhibitions, as well as being awarded his Honours.

The religious element of school life is strongly observed in Tatham. Anthony McMillan represented the house on both the Christian Fellowship Council and Christian Representative Council committees; next year he will be replaced by Glen Dowie (Chairman) and Alexander Sully.

It is satisfying to be able to list the achievements of the various boys in this article, however there is far more to Tatham than personal achievements. It needs no flowery praise to assure itself of its worth. I only hope that this unique atmosphere is upheld in years to come. Boys of Tatham act not because of the rules but because it is honourable to do so.

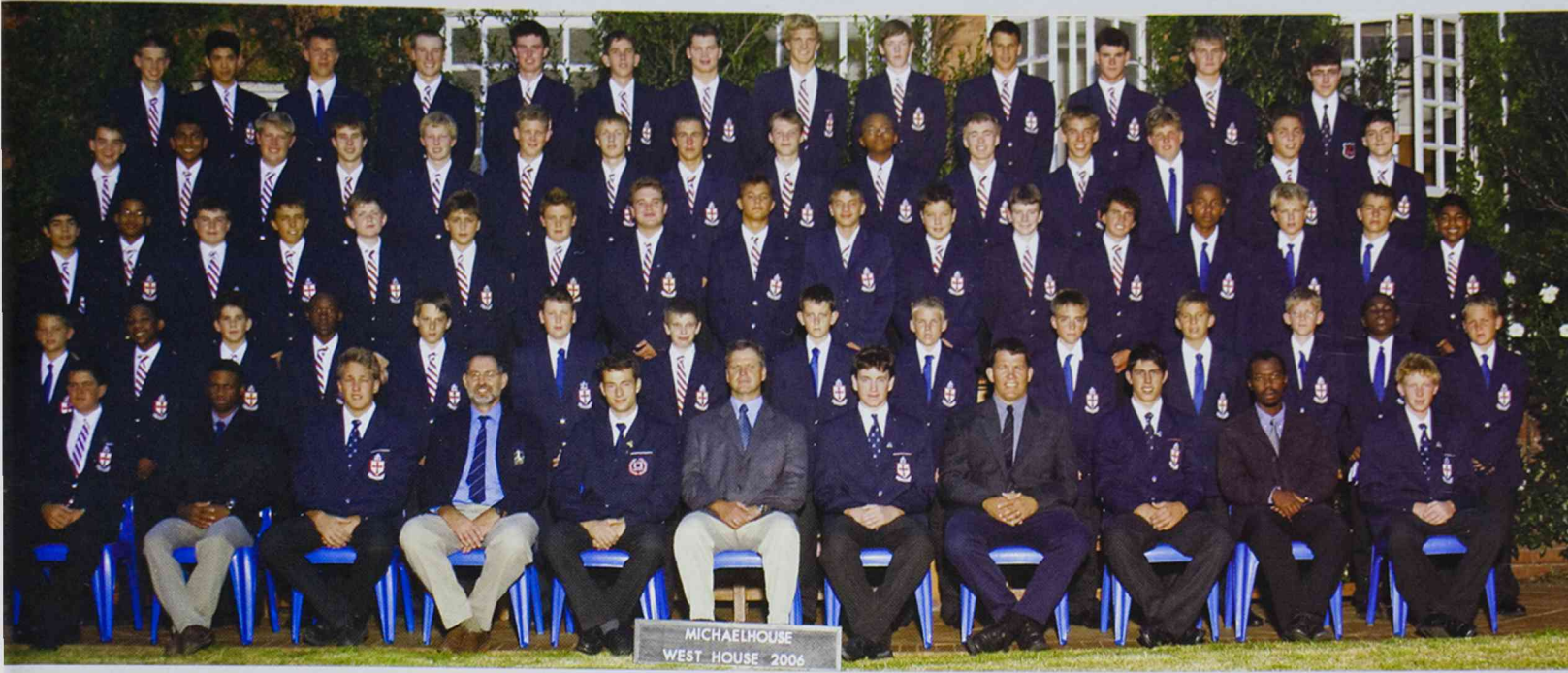
I would like to thank the worthy body of House Prefects who fulfilled their duty to ensure Tatham remains the place it is. Tatham is extremely fortunate to have Mr Cahill as Housemaster. He has a remarkable understanding of boys and is a great source of comfort and guidance.

The time has come to leave these green doors, but I will always remember them. My experiences in this wonderful House have taught me many things that will assist me in my life.

**Salvete:** Stuart Callen, Erhard Eiselin, Storm Gallie, Patrick Howard, Andile Mncube, Mpumelo Nhleko, David Pearce, Pieter Pelser, George Purbrick, Brett Robinson, Kyle Schoerie, Jethro Thomas, Erik Wiehe-Lagesse

**Valete:** Louis Claassen, David du Plessis, Anthony McMillan, Stephen Miliatos, Mndeni Ngcobo, Richard O'Brien, Tahir Popat, Gareth Potgieter, Jonathan Rowe, Michael Scott, Rupert Sully, Timothy Thring





**Back Row:** S.Farrow, T.Ning, C. van Zyl, J.Cairns, S. Drower-Copley, I.Rennie, G.Nel, J.Winter, N.Mackay, C.Lindsay, T.Watkins, L. Karovskys, G. Lloyd-Jones **Fourth Row:** P.Smythe, Jared Chellan, S.Watt-Pringle, B. Cox, M.Chance, P.Heaton-Nicholls, M. Richardson, J.Southwood, J. van Rensburg, L.Gumede, M.Butler, F.Gelletich, G.Brunskill, X.van Rooyen, M.Stevens. **Third Row:** J.Cabaleira, Z.Buthelezi, M.Massey, S. Lang, J.Magor, D.McCarthy, M.Griffin, R.Matthews, A.Craib, N.Southwood, M.Hedges, E.Greene, D.Firth, N.Mosienyane, M.Watson, M. Daly, Josh Chellan. **Second Row:** W. Johnston, M.Thuto, M.Watkins, R.Mavhunga, M. Janse van Rensburg, J. Taylor, J.Veenstra, T. Kean, M.Shave, J. Key, J. Taylor, M. Farrow, O. Oyewo, A. von Glehn. **Front Row:** M.Waldeck, Mr S.Mofokeng, M.Aberdein, Mr J. van der Vegte, B.Bruins, Mr E.de Klerk, J.Souchon, Mr R.Combrinck, P.Hancock, Mr S.Malinga, J.Chance

## West House Report 2006

*Written by Brandon Bruins*

Housemaster: **Mr Elmar de Klerk**  
 Senior Tutor: **Mr Jaap van der Vegte**  
 House Tutors: **Mr Ryno Combrinck, Mr Sibonelo Malinga, Mr Sam Mofokeng, Mr Mandla Cele**  
 Head of House: **Brandon Bruins**  
 House Prefects: **Matthew Aberdein, Jarryd Cairns, Justin Chance, Patrick Hancock, James Souchon.**

As the saying goes "all good things have to come to an end" so the end of my Michaelhouse days have come. I look back at the past five years and realise that West House has given me some fantastic and outstanding experiences and has created strong bonds of friendships that can never be broken. I am sad to say that the end has come too soon and I know that the fond memories of West will live on in my heart forever.

West has been a house of acceptance, care and happiness. The boys in West have created strong bonds of friendships between all Blocks from A to E block. This year has been another fun and successful year with Mr de Klerk, fondly known as 'Meneer', who has served as Housemaster of West for 11 years. The House will be sad to see him leave next year, but his dedication, care, love and legacy will live on. 'Meneer' has done a marvellous job in running West and the boys in the House applaud him for his efforts. We wish Mr George Ferriera all the best for next year as

the new serving Housemaster of West House and I am sure he will do an outstanding job.

West has done terrifically in the classroom, on the sports field as well as in the choir and the theatre. West is a house that other Houses fear when challenging in any Inter-House event for we are strong competitors and brilliant team workers with the same goals in mind.

In this year's summer sports, West had great results in the swimming pool with Thomas Watkins and James Winter who were First Team Water Polo players. Thomas came second in the USSASA Champions for SA diving and James achieved Honours and Colours for swimming and water polo respectively; James also made it into the U19 Natal Water Polo Team. Louis Karovsky, Cameron Lindsay and Michael Watkins are all in the U15A Water Polo Team, with Michael also in the SA Diving Team and Louis in the KwaZulu-Natal Water Polo side.

On the rivers, David Firth, Iain Rennie and Michael Chance are First Team Canoeists who have done us proud. Michael achieved Half Colours for canoeing and came tenth in the U18 Bushmans River Championship. Iain achieved Honours for canoeing and did well in the Junior World Slalom Champs in Slovenia.

On the cricket field, James Southwood, Jarryd Cairns and Patrick Hancock were all First Team cricketers who made the KwaZulu-





West boys Francis Gelletich, Jose Cabeleira and Jared Chellan

Natal Cricket Team with James being accepted to practise with the KwaZulu-Natal High Performance Cricket Squad.

Special mention should be made of Xillen van Rooyen who is Captain of the First Team basketball and only U17 this year. Other promising players are Travis Ning and Shane Drower-Copely who both are in the Stayers' Team with Xillen next year.

On the squash courts, West was on form with Jared Chellan and Mark Massey in the First Team and in the Midlands Squash Team; they also went on tour to the United Kingdom. Mitchell Hedges was also a promising player and played for the U16A team. Joshua Chellan was the U14A squash Captain and Paul Heaton Nicholls was in the U15A team.

West has done extremely well this year on the rugby fields, by having many boys in the A teams in various age groups. This year in the senior division, West had seven boys playing in either the First or Second Teams. In B Block, we had Xillen van Rooyen, James Southwood, Richard Matthews, Grant Nel and James Winter. In A Block we had Jarryd Cairns, Patrick Hancock and myself. Xillen also made the U18 Natal Rugby Academy week.

We had two C Block boys who took up cycling as a major sport; Brian Cox and Edward Greene. Edward made the Natal B Cycling Team and Brian made the A Team.

Off the sports fields, we have done well in the classroom with Joshua Magor in D Block who is an EAPS student. He has achieved academic Half Colours, is in the KwaZulu-Natal Maths Team, Junior Debating Team and came third in the Computer Olympiad.

In the theatre, West had many boys who partook in school plays such as *Joseph* and *Encore*. West members in *Joseph* were: Jared Chellan, Mudiwa Thuto, Brian Cox, Joshua Key, Mark Farrow, Olaoluwa Oyewo, Xillen van Rooyen, and Richard Matthews. In *Encore* we had Mudiwa Thuto, Mark Farrow, Simon Lang, Jared Chellan, Simon Farrow, Glyn Lloyd-Jones and Travis Ning. Also special mention must be made of Justin Chance who achieved Honours for his role in the running of the theatre.



Matthew Shave

West has had a lot of musical boys; we had many members in the choir and two Choir Prefects: Lunga Gumede and Glyn Lloyd-Jones. Besides the choir we had four boys in the Jazz Band: Andrew Craib, Thomas Watkins, Edward Greene and Simon Farrow. Francis Gelletich played the violin in the KwaZulu-Natal Youth Orchestra and Glyn Lloyd-Jones sang in the KwaZulu-Natal Youth Choir. He has done well in various music exams and achieved Honours for music.

As you can see, West is a diverse House and everybody respects each others' differences. I enjoy this aspect of West because there is a general atmosphere of care and encouragement among all the boys.

To the E Block of 2006; I would like to thank you for your help and friendship this year. I hope that your years left at Michaelhouse will be filled with joy. To the West House Matrics; I know that all nine of us have been a diverse bunch of radical guys but thank goodness not as radical as the guys in *Spud*. Thanks for your support and camaraderie throughout the years. I hope that the memories we share, will endure.

Now that all things have come to an end I only now understand the saying "You only realise what you have, when it is gone." My advice to boys of West is: "Guys, enjoy it while it lasts and make the most of it!"

**Salvete:** Guy Brunskill, Michael Daly, Mark Farrow, Wesley Johnston, Thomas Kean, Joshua Key, Neil Mosienyane, Olaoluwa Oyewo, Matthew Shave, James Taylor, Jonathan Taylor Alistair Von Glehn, Michael Watson.

**Valete:** Matthew Aberdien, Brandon Bruins, Jarryd Cairns, Justin Chance, Patrick Hancock, Glyn Lloyd-Jones, Neil Mackay, James Souchon, Myles Waldeck.



# Michaelhouse Old Boys



## Office Bearers 2006-2007

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## Rector's Report to Old Boys

*at the Annual General Meeting 28 April 2006*

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Mr President and Old Boys of Michaelhouse

The first and most pleasing aspect which I wish to report to the Old Boys is that Michaelhouse is a full school of 540 pupils. The boys occupy almost every nook and cranny and there is no space for any additional beds. We continue to receive enquiries for enrolment on a weekly basis and are in a fortunate position to have a substantial waiting list. The interest for 2007 has been exceptional and we have received in excess of 200 applications for 105 places.

Of interest to Old Boys is the fact that the school remains predominantly a KwaZulu-Natal school with 270 boys from this region. We have approximately 170 from Gauteng, 40 from other parts of South Africa and in the region of 85 boys from north of our borders. Our biggest feeder school at the moment is Clifton, Nottingham Road, followed by Cordwalles. Our intake of 110 boys in E Block in 2006 came from 62 different schools.

What is particularly pleasing for us at the school at the moment are the number of Michaelhouse boys who continue to be accepted at universities in the United Kingdom and America. At the moment we have four boys at the University of Pennsylvania, three at the prestigious Wharton School of Finance, four boys at other American Universities, while boys have been accepted at Exeter, Durham, Edinburgh and Loughborough College in the United Kingdom.



# Michaelhouse Old Boys



“Yesterday is but today's memory,  
tomorrow is today's dream.”

*Kahlil Gibran*

*Brett Davidson, Kevin o'Brien and Tony Taham on  
Old Boys' Day*

Michaelhouse remains a vibrant hive of cultural activities with excellent performances in drama, music and art, whilst the Clubs and Societies continue to be a central part of a boy's involvement at school.

I am confident that we continue to instill the proper values in our boys and I am certainly proud that they still exhibit appropriate manners and etiquette which we expect from them. The past 18 months have been a hive of activity as far as capital projects are concerned. The multi-purpose Indoor Centre is nearing completion and will certainly add hugely to our excellent facilities. We are currently involved in a major refurbishment of our dormitories, and I am sure those of you who have visited them will agree that the improvement is most pleasing and certainly has added a more homely feeling to the boarding houses.

Various other projects have added to the general appearance and aesthetics of the school in particular the new turning circle in front of the Media Centre, while much needed additional staff houses have been built. Further projects planned this year include alterations to the Art School and to the Old Boys Club.

Michaelhouse is indeed indebted to the donors who contribute towards these projects which ensures that the school remains at the cutting edge, not only in South Africa, but comparable with other independent schools around the globe.

Mr President, I would like to thank you for your support this year, you are always able to see the positive side of things and your encouragement is much appreciated.

I conclude by assuring the Old Boys of Michaelhouse that I continue to consider it a privilege and honour to lead this school. I believe strongly that Michaelhouse is an ideal environment in which to grow young men; we have a committed and dedicated staff and a wonderfully supportive Board of Governors. This

together, with the continued support and encouragement which we receive from the Old Boys makes being a leader of this community a lot easier. I believe that Michaelhouse, a secluded country school yet interdependent on the world is still a producer of men, with virtues of the past and dreams of the future; men with definite and unshakeable foundations.

## Branch Reports 2006

### Durban Branch – 2006 Report Chairman: Owen Skae

The Durban and Coast Branch hosted two fund raising events in 2006.

The first was the Fifth Annual Golf Day, sponsored by BOE Private Clients, held at Durban Country Club Beachwood on 25 May 2006. A total of 27 four-balls participated, playing under a Betterball Stableford format. Once again some great prizes were on offer.

The second was Surfing Safari – “The Ultimate Beach Party” at the Barnyard, Gateway on 5 October 2006. In the true Michaelhouse community spirit, this was attended by Parents, Staff and Old Boys alike. Our sincere appreciation to all the staff members who made the long journey down to Umhlanga.

A word of thanks must go to the 2006 committee members. The backbone of the Durban committee is often the wives of Old Boys and current moms. Without their efforts, we would not be able to function effectively. Our heartfelt thanks to them.

Finally a big thank you to Brett Davidson, who will be assuming the mantle of President of the Old Boys Club in 2007. Brett has been a stalwart of the Durban committee for many years and we have certainly benefited from his passion and commitment to our great school. We wish him all the best in his term of office.



# Michaelhouse Old Boys



*Old Boys Lunch, 1944-1949*

## **Gauteng Branch – Report** Chairman: **Hal Rosholt**

The Gauteng branch has very little to report this time around. The members of the sub-committee have all been very busy career-wise, and as a result we have decided to defer the annual dinner, originally scheduled for 16 November until early February 2007, which will give us enough time to plan and execute it as we would want, and hopefully ensure the Rector's attendance. We feel that he is an important presence.

An informal drinks evening at the OJC has been substituted for the dinner, and will hopefully be well attended.

The annual Golf Day was held at Killarney Golf Club on Friday 22 September, and while well subscribed up front suffered from late cancellations. The feedback from those who were there was uniformly positive, and we will certainly not lose heart. The plan for next year will be to allocate a number of fourballs as the responsibility of each committee member, and a couple of others - and perhaps consider moving the event to a venue such as the River Club. More costly, but we believe also more enticing.

We'd obviously delighted to have OM's from other chapters at any of our events.

## **Midlands Branch – 2006 Report** Chairman: **Philip Stanistreet**

Our branch is pleased to be able to say that things are looking good for us at this present time.

We have presently got seven boys with bursaries; we found our bursary funding had not kept track with inflation and have boosted this shortfall, to provide 25 to 30% of the fees per annum. We have one new applicant that fits the criteria for a bursary from us for 2007. We are looking to perhaps change our constitution, to

enable a wider selection of applicants to be illegible for bursaries from us during times that we have a shortfall. This will be attended to, by our committee.

At the time of taking over as Chairman of the Midlands Branch, we had 35 head of cattle in the field. It is our intention to place 160-180 head out there. At present, we have 77 head of cattle in the field falling in the Nottingham Road/ Dargle areas and by spring we should have approx 100 head in this area. My next aim is to actively get more people from Underberg and Swartberg to hold cattle for us.

It is becoming increasingly more difficult to find homes for these cattle; we have the funds, but the farms are not what they used to be as far as land use and enterprise distribution. Beef is not a booming enterprise and people in general would rather fill vacant space with their own cattle to get the best financial results.

Besides this negative trend, I am extremely grateful for those of our Old Boys and friends that generously help our scheme and it is through these people that we are able to provide bursary assistance without depleting our capital.

For those of you that are not farmers and wonder what all the fuss and cattle talk is about, we aim to make 30% plus per annum on money invested in cattle, and we manage it!

We have large sums of money invested in the B.E.T. fund and in shares and am pleased to say that everything has performed beyond our expectations.

On the social front, the Midlands Branch had a Michaelhouse/ Hilton golf challenge held at Boschhoek on 4 August, organised by Chris Brown.



# Michaelhouse Old Boys



“To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.”

Anatole France

*Old Boys Lunch (1944-1949): Dr Terrence Rockey, Dr Donald Clarke, Martin Winter*

On the first Friday of the First Term in 2007, we would like to host a get together cocktail party held at Notties Hotel for Old Boys, Parents and friends of Michaelhouse.

## **Zululand Branch – 2006 Report** Chairman: **Lawrie Kramer**

The quadrangular Sports Day held in September was a big success this year and was held at the Eshowe Hill Country Club. The day was organised by OB Richard Chennells who in his enthusiastic spirit, got some 85 people to participate in golf, tennis, bowls and cycling. Great prizes and sponsorship made the day more enjoyable. I'm sure it will be an even bigger day next year and hopefully turn it into one of Zululand's social events of the year. Well done Richard for a sterling effort.

The Zululand Branch AGM and dinner took place at the end of October. A very pleasant evening was had by all with some lovely wines etc. kindly sponsored by OB Iain Hooper. We were very honoured to have the Rector, Bruce Dunlop and Mark Perry in attendance which was much appreciated by the Zululand OB's. Good interaction took place and discussion regarding the rugby results and coaching was noted.

The St Bernards Fund has grown by approx 20% this past year but still needs more funds before any meaningful assistance can be given to a worthy Zululand boy to attend Michaelhouse.

In a typical Zulu manner, Mally Abraham ousted the dictatorial Lawrie Kramer to seize the Chairman's position with much blood being spilt and many life threatening mutterings. Thanks were given to Lawrie for the enthusiastic manner in which he has run the branch for the last five years. After mopping up the blood stained floor, a much weakened Mally vowed to inject new blood and vigour in to the Zululand branch and take it to new heights. The Rector gave a fantastic presentation to all during the dinner. It was great to have some new faces attending

the meeting for the first time. Lawrie thanked the branch for the support he had been given and wished the new Chairman great success.

## **Western Cape Branch – 2006 Report** Chairman: **Charles Phillips**

You know that when the South-Easter arrives – so does summer! It has been a long winter and those of you who missed our Annual Dinner on Friday 12 August 2006 at the Five Flies Restaurant have only yourselves to blame! You missed a really enjoyable evening as we had a turn-out of over seventy OMs. The venue was superb, the food was outstanding and the speeches by Rector Guy Pearson and Guest Speaker, Graham McIntosh (ex MP) were certainly very interesting.

Those of you with next year's calendar open – please diarise for the 10th August 2007! Your Committee (comprising Anthony Haggie, Chris Taylor, Evan Alexander, Joshin Raghobar and myself) are busy planning a whisky tasting between now and the end of the year, and you will be informed as and when details are available.

To all our younger OMs at Varsity here – we wish you good luck with your exams! We would welcome any suggestions for future functions or sporting events.

## **North America Branch – 2006 Report** Chairman: **Michael Brooke**

We held our annual Reunion in Vancouver, British Columbia on 11<sup>th</sup> November. The next photo shows, from left to right: Bill Gallaway, Jon Walker, Alan Burns, Karl Rein-Weston, Michael Stevenson, Donald Barford, Michael Havers, Grant Kolling, Michael Brooke, Jonathan Chutter, Hugh Fraser.

All participants had been to previous reunions with the exception of Fraser and Kolling. We hope to attract more first timers in the future. There is a money back guarantee. You don't enjoy yourself, you get your money back. No one was spared the good humoured



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**North America Branch: Back Row:** Bill Gallaway (Pascoe, 61-64), Jon Walker (East 74-77), Alan Burns (Tatham, 60-62), Karl Rein-Weston (Tatham, 63-67), Michael Stevenson (Founders, 57-61), Donald Barford (East, 58-63), **Front Row:** Michael Havers (Farfield, 60-63), Grant Kolling (Pascoe, 62-65), Michael Brooke (East/Baines, 52-56), Jonathan Chutter (West, 49-52), Hugh Fraser (Founders, 45-49)

ribbing. Certain teachers who will remain nameless were subjected to particular abuse. We all know who they are. Right?

Grace was said by Michael Stevenson, Head of Founders and now President of Simon Fraser University in Vancouver. Bill Gallaway handed around copies of his new autobiography called *Otherwise Called Wullie* which had a very humorous self-effacing section on his BG experience. All participants were from Canada except for the Three MustDrinkBeers from Washington State: Barford, Havers and Rein-Weston and Kolling who came all the way from California. We had a number of door prizes including a few OM ties, a bottle of wine, a copy of Gallaway's book, a copy of *Spud* and the Paul Lavender print of the Chapel.

2007 promises to be a BIG YEAR for Reunions provided we do what we say we are going to do. In October, Doug Brown is holding the main reunion in Washington DC; there will be two regional Reunions. Michael Brooke will hold one in Victoria, B.C. and Grant Kolling will hold one in San Francisco. The plan is to raise money for a North American Scholarship for talented but needy students.

At present we have a mailing list of only about 200 OMs in North America. We suspect that there are at least 500 and we would love to get their names and addresses. So if you are one of these please contact Michelle Huntley ([michun@michaelhouse.org](mailto:michun@michaelhouse.org)) OM Secretary.

This is Michael Brooke's twentieth year of being the representative for North America and he thinks it is time he passed the job onto someone younger. Any offers?

## Old Boys' News

**Jon Bates (1961-1964)** – His health spa, Fordoun at Nottingham Road, has been recognised at the "Best Destination Spa SA" at the Professional Beauty Gala Awards for 2006

**Andrew Blore (1983-1987)** – Married to Bronwyn and has two sons, Murray aged 6 and Hayden age 3. He is a financial controller for Sanmina - SCI in Perth, Australia, an electronics manufacturing corporation. He moved to Perth in 2005 after having lived in New Zealand for five years.

**Bruce Bishop (1973-1977)** – MD of Elzea Snacks in East London. He is one of the finalists in the emerging category of this year's World Entrepreneur Awards, organised by Ernst & Young in association with Rand Merchant Bank.

**Damien Bradley (1991-1994)** – Competed in the Triathlon World Championships in Lausanne, Switzerland.

**Patric Cilliers (2001-2005)** – Was selected for the KZN U 19 Rugby Team

**Andrew Clark (1976-1977)** – Andrew is currently working for Mercy Ships as the Director for Organizational Development. In New Zealand he studied Medicine and became interested in a global charity called Mercy Ships when one of their ships, the *Anastasis*, visited Dunedin. He joined as a Crew Physician in 1991, and went on to serve in various medical management roles, relocating to the Caribbean in 2000. He is married to Robyn and they have three children, Sarah (14), Tym (12) and Nick (8).



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**Peter Clucas (1948-1951)** – Has joined forces with a colleague Fairfax Gray (ex Peterhouse) and James Clucas (1981 – 1985) and Paul Carter (1981 – 1985) to start a private client investment company, ClucasGray. The four partners have over 100 years investment experience among them. Craig Clucas (1974 – 1978) runs a hedge fund and also is a shareholder in the business.

**Robbie Diack (1999-2003)** – Robbie was chosen to represent Western Province Rugby Team during 2006.

**Andrew Gilson (1985-1989)** – Came third in the “Young Farmer of the Year” competition.

**Bob Hayward (1955-1958)** – Bob is living in the UK. He submitted a wonderful poem written by Mike Beresford, a fellow Old Boy, who will be remembered by many. It is all the more poignant for those of us who were born in Africa of British parents or who have lived a large portion of their lives in Africa and who have now settled finally in England. (the poem may be viewed on [www.michaelhouse.org](http://www.michaelhouse.org))

**Grant Kolling (1962-1965)** – After leaving Michaelhouse Grant worked for his parents and then travelled to Hong Kong and Japan before sailing to the USA. He graduated from the University of San Francisco (Bachelor of Arts in Government) and the University of California, Hastings School of Law (JD – Juris Doctor). At Hastings, he played on the law school’s rugby team; was elected to the Hastings Law Journal, an academic selection to the student-run professional law journal. For the past 20 years he has been in government service as a city attorney and was appointed a Senior Assistant City Attorney for the City of Palo Alto. He has published articles in professional law journals on matters pertaining to energy law, telecommunications law, tax law and bankruptcy law. He is most proud of several articles and editorial opinions published in a national journal and two California legal newspapers regarding lawyer (racial) prejudices and biases. He is the father of three teenagers, all in the first year of high school. He enjoys motorcycling and biking and running in 5K races in the area.

**William Le Cordeur (1995-1998)** – Directed one of the most controversial plays “Ghosts” which was staged at the Hexagon Theatre in Pietermaritzburg.

**Hon J B Macaulay QC (1924-1925)** – The oldest Old Boy alive from Michaelhouse – he turned 100 in August 2006.

**Cameron McIntosh (1989-1994)** – Competed in the SA Slalom Team at the World Champs in Prague – he participated in the C2 canoe class where he partnered Cyprian Ngidi.

**Nigel Porter (1958-1961) & Michael Porter (1987-1990)** – Launched one of KwaZulu-Natal’s first locally managed Unit Trust Offices in Howick.

**Richard Poynton (1962-1966)** – Richard collaborated with his wife and daughters to produce an award winning cookbook. It won the Best First Cookbook in the World Award for 2005, awarded by the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards in Spain.

**Michael Quenet (2000-2002)** – After leaving Michaelhouse, Michael went to Pretoria University to study Mechanical Engineering. He was awarded the Golden Key International Honours Award in 2006.

**Michael Rhodes (2001-2005)** – Was selected for the KZN U 19 rugby team.

**Dr Hamish Stevenson (1974-1978)** – Hamish Stevenson established a company “Fast Track” as part of his Virgin Atlantic-sponsored fellowship in entrepreneurship at Templeton College, Oxford University. The firm has achieved steady year on year sales and profit growth. It monitors Britain’s top performing private companies and the entrepreneurs and directors who own and manage them.

**Paul Trehwela (1955-1958)** – Currently living at St Mary’s Church in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, UK. He was the only Michaelhouse pupil of his generation to serve time as a political prisoner in the upheavals of the sixties. In Pretoria local prison he shared a cell for a while with his former co-trialist Bram Fischer, and he met up there again with his former art teacher from Michaelhouse, Harold Strachan. Prior to that, he has been editor in Johannesburg of the underground newspaper of Umkhonto weSizwe, Freedom Fighter (1963-1964). Very fortunately for him, this was not something that the security police of those times uncovered. Having been a journalist in South Africa after graduating from Rhodes University, at the Rand Daily Mail from 1962-63 and at News / Check magazine in Johannesburg from 1963-64, he worked as a schoolteacher in Britain and Ireland until his retirement earlier this year. He is now a full time painter.

**Tim Twidle (1995) & Sean Christie (1995)** – Produced a book about Cape Town, “A City Imagined”, which was launched at the Cape Town Book Fair in June 2006.

**John van de Ruit (1989-1993)** – Won the 2006 Booksellers Choice Award for his novel “Spud”.

**Dean Williamson (1991-1995)** – Left for London in 2003 to travel. Returned to Durban and met his now wife in 2004. Married Twane in 2006 and has a son, Joshua, born in August 2006. Working in Durban as an IT Manager with Far & Wild Safaris CC.



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*Old Boys at the '52-56' Gaudy held in the Memorial Hall, Left to Right: Justin van Maasyk, Murray Armstrong, Stan Sharratt, Donald Guthrie, Barry Edmunds*

## Fifty Years On

*Written by Ronald Brooks*

(Member of Staff 1947 – 1956,  
Old Boys' Secretary 1985 – 1995)

An article I had written about my Cape Town home appeared in the December 2005 Inflight Magazine of SAA and caught the eye of the wife of Sidney Chaplin (1953 – 1956). Consequently Sidney contacted me and invited me to the christening of his infant grandson, on the 21 December 2005 at the Holy Trinity Church, in Kalk Bay. The father, Jonathan, is also an OM (1986 – 1989).

Sidney drove me to Kalk Bay where I had a fascinating day, meeting a number of members of the Chaplin clan. Jonathan had flown, for this occasion, from New York, where he works as an Investment Banker, with Grace, his wife of three years, a charming and beautiful Chinese lady, and their ten-month-old child, Luka.

Fifty years ago Sidney Chaplin played the part of Sebastian in Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, which was my ninth of ten annual productions in the old Open Air Theatre. Being reminded of those times, I pulled out my programme of the play and looked over the names of those taking part. How interesting it was!

J.J.F Simons played Cario. Two days before the christening I was present in a packed St. Georges Cathedral, at a Memorial Service for John Simons (1953 – 1956). He had danced for many years with the Cape Town City Ballet, a 'consummate artist'. (He did not appear in *Twelfth Night*)

P.H. Trewheld played Viola. Later, as a political activist, he was interned for a number of years by the apartheid government. I have heard nothing of him in recent years.

Ronayne Roberts was Toby Belch. He had acted in the previous

three of my plays, his first role being Rosalind – and a lovely Rosalind – in *As you like it*. Who could have guessed then that three years later he would mature into Toby Belch? Ronayne is now a GP in Cumberland. He visited me in Cape Town four or five years ago.

Julian Craggs (Maria) and Rudolf Schmidt (Sir Andrew Aguecheek) both died tragically, I believe, when young. They were brilliant in their comic roles – two delightful boys. Alan Dashwood (Olivia), and a very able Latin scholar in my class, is now a senior fellow of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge University, a Professor of International Law.

A.E. Rowe (Antonio), when I met him in 1996, was a producer with Northern Ireland TV. Earlier he acted with the Bristol Old Vic Company.

G.S. Morgan (Officer), also a good Latin scholar, became the Headmaster of a leading school in Australia.

T.A. Dippenaar (Lord and Attendant) blossomed as a senior officer in the S A Defence Force.

R.D. Forde (Also a Lord and Attendant) became Rector of Michaelhouse.

And..... believe or not ..... one of the make-up artists was G.D.R. Armstrong !!!!!

## Tribute to Rector Snell

*Written by Dr Donald Clark*

I was so pleased to know that a memorial was to be established for past-Rector Frederick Rowlandson Snell. I respected the man,



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*Old Boys XI vs 1st XI: Old Boys Back Row: Left to Right: Jesse Chellen, Alan Briscoe, Henry Fotheringham, Jason McCormick, Lloyd Holley, Matthew McCormick, Justin Jackson, Craig Stuart. Front Row: Left to Right: Craig Sugden, Rowan Stuart, Ryan Reeves, Stuart Scott*

who was my Rector between 1944 and 1947 which were difficult war years. There were privations of many kinds and the fact that he was Rector for 14 years indicated how valued he was by the school.

He met all 'cacks' in groups, in his study, soon after their arrival, in an attempt to get to know the new boys. Later, he took many of us climbing in the 'berg, which he loved so much and we got to know why he was called 'Bok'. There was horse riding with him on Sundays and swimming at the Dargle. He even lent Martin Winter and I his horses to go riding on a Sunday. I was proud, as a very new old boy, with Lawrie Stewart, to bring an old Andrian and an old Johannian to the school to meet the 'Bok', whom we persuaded to play the Hymn, "Turn back Oh man forswear thy foolish ways" on the organ in the New Chapel. With the bass at full blast it rattled the stained-glass windows, much to our delight. Lawrie Stewart wanted this hymn to be played as part of his wedding ceremony later, but the words seemed very inappropriate.

I still have a letter from Mr. Snell, written in 1948, saying how pleased he was that I had been accepted into Wits Medical School. I know that his recommendation had an awful lot to do with my successful application.

He was a fine, sincere and deeply religious man, who did much to enhance the image of Michaelhouse.

## Roll of Honour

The following Old Boys passed away during the year:

<b>Boyd</b>	John Stuart	1948 – 2006
<b>Denny</b>	Allen	1956 – 2005
<b>Desmidt</b>	Jacques	1930 – 2005
<b>De Villiers</b>	Etienne	1970 – 1985
<b>Devonport</b>	Robin William	1957 – 2005
<b>Dickinson</b>	Ivan C.B.	1917 – 2005
<b>Down</b>	Lionel Arthur Neale	1922 – 2005
<b>Dunlop</b>	R.E.S.	1929 – 2004
<b>Elliott</b>	John	1936 – 2006
<b>Forsdick</b>	John Herbert	1918 – 2005
<b>Guinness</b>	Mike	1956 – 2006
<b>Hindle</b>	Roy Baring	1926 – 2005
<b>Howard</b>	George	1956 – 2006
<b>Johnson</b>	Lynn	1924 – 2005
<b>Mylne</b>	Colin Angus Macrae	1935 – 2005
<b>Ralfe</b>	Eric Douglas	1915 – 2005
<b>Smythe</b>	William Malcolm	1911 – 2005
<b>Stevenson</b>	James	1931 – 2005
<b>Wallis</b>	Neil Heathcote	1966 – 2006
<b>West</b>	Charles Spencer	1915 – 2005
<b>Wood</b>	Roy Lewis	1931 – 2005



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## Obituaries

### **John Gordon Drummond Elliott**

(Michaelhouse 1947-1951)

Born January 1933 - Died April 2006

John was born at Leribe, Lesotho on 30 January 1933, where his father was a District Commissioner. The family were transferred from one district to another over the years. This was when the friendship with the Yeats family began, and lasted until his death. He was sent to Cordwalles as a Boarder at the age of seven. In those days it was customary to send the children by train. His friend and senior, Norman Yeats was asked and paid to look after John on the train, this consisted of taking away his shoes and giving them back when the train reached Pietermaritzburg.

In 1947 he arrived at Michaelhouse and was in West House. He came with the nickname "Buck" which stuck with him for the rest of his school days. At school he was a House Prefect, awarded his Second XI colours and played in the First XI cricket team. He was a useful field athlete specialising in the long-jump, shot-putt and discus. He won the long jump in the Hilton-Michaelhouse athletics competition. Polo was his favourite sport and he played for Mbabane, Mhlume, Ottawa and Mooi River as well as roving sides.

On completion of his diploma at Glen he went overseas to Britain and Europe for two years. On his return he worked for the Swaziland Agricultural Department before joining the Mhlume Sugar Company as a section manager. He was married on 21 June 1961 to Margaret Booth. In 1965, in partnership with Neil and Murray Yeats, he started farming on his own on what was known as CDC Settler Farms. John was always a perfectionist and his cane farm became the model for the whole district, and he saw to it that only the best was good enough.

In 1976 he bought a farm at Curry's Post where he started a small herd of registered Black Angus cattle, then branched out into registered Red Angus cattle. In 1979 he started breeding Brangus cattle and again, only the best was good enough in his cattle breeding, and he imported bulls and heifers from America to achieve this. At the time of his death on 20 April 2006, he had relocated to Swartberg, East Griqualand taking his Brangus herd with him. He was a loving family man and leaves his wife Margaret, daughter Jean, son-in-law Guy and grandchildren Abby and Jack, daughter Sheila and son-in-law, Ian.

### **George Nicholas (Nick) Embleton**

(Michaelhouse 1950 - 1953)

Born 1937 - Died October 2006

Nick Embleton was born in Johannesburg in 1937 and attended Pridwin School. He came to Michaelhouse in 1950, entering Farfield. Quiet, but community-oriented, he had many friends.

He became a House Prefect, captained Farfield athletics and was a member of the school's athletic and judo teams.

Post school he went to Britain to train in the steel mills. Four years later, he returned to South Africa, working for British Steel. In the 1970s, with an old friend, he formed a company specializing in industrial handling equipment.

Nick participated in the sport of power boating. He was also a keen photographer who, in a freelance capacity, became Powerboat Editor (submitting articles and pictures) to SA Yachting Magazine. He often collaborated with his journalist wife, supplying photographs to accompany her articles.

His strong social conscience was evinced in 1976 when he volunteered as a fireman in Sandton Emergency Services. He then qualified as a paramedic and was one of the first volunteers in South Africa to be made a Station Officer. When he resigned after twenty years' loyal service, he carried the rank of Divisional Officer. His high level of training in emergency medicine led to his serving on the Flight for Life helicopter, operating out of Johannesburg General Hospital.

His daughter, Peta-May Law, went to St Anne's, whilst his son, Giles, followed in his footsteps at Michaelhouse, later joining him in the family business.

Nick was a committed Christian, who quietly helped a number of disadvantaged people with education and housing. He enjoyed military history and was a member of the Military History Society as well as Sandton Photographic Society.

At the end of 2005 he was diagnosed with cancer and died on 7 October 2006, leaving his wife of 45 years, Angela, his daughter, son and two grandchildren.

### **John H Henderson (Chick)**

(Michaelhouse 1943 - 1947)

Born 1930 - Died November 2006

*By Paul Dobson*

Chick Henderson, one of South Africa's best known and best loved rugby men died in Johannesburg on Tuesday, 21 November 2006, at the age of 76.

There can be few rugby men as idealistic as Chick was throughout his life and few more loyal.

The pinnacle of Chick's playing career was to represent Scotland nine times as a lock or a flank in 1953 and 1954. They lost every one of the matches in which Chick played. In those matches he played against Wales, Ireland, France and England twice each and against the All Blacks. He scored three tries, against Ireland, England and Wales.



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Chick learnt rugby at Michaelhouse when he went down to Balgowan at the age of thirteen. He was on a good Michaelhouse side that lacked a prop. The coach put Chick into prop. Chick explained that he had won the 100 yards. The coach said: "Good to have some speed in the front row." Chick played tighthead for Natal Schools. He was also a goal-kicker and claimed to have scored more points for Michaelhouse than any other prop in the First XV's history.

From Michaelhouse, Chick went to Wits to study engineering and was chosen to play for the Transvaal U19 side, now a loose forward. He was chosen as the captain, the only English-speaker in the side. At Michaelhouse he had learnt French, Latin and Ancient Greek but not Afrikaans. He became grateful to rugby for teaching him Afrikaans. He captained Transvaal U19 for two unbeaten years. Their great moment was to beat Orange Free State U19 at Ellis park in a curtainraiser to the Test between South Africa and New Zealand in 1949, the only time his father saw him play. That day Chick scored two tries and kicked goals.

Chick first played for Transvaal in 1950 when he was just twenty, the youngest forward to play for Transvaal till Wahl Bartmann came along. The other two in the loose trio were great Springboks - Hennie Muller and Basie van Wyk. Transvaal won the Currie Cup that year. Chick played for Transvaal after his Oxford days again until 1960, by which time he had moved on to Wanderers Club. He captained Transvaal in his last two seasons, playing in all 25 times for the union. He was a Springbok trialist.

In 1952 Chick was won a Blue while up at Oxford and was elected a Barbarian and played for them against East Midlands and Swansea. The spirit of the Barbarians became important in his life and in 1960, when the South African Barbarians were formed, a Natal initiative, Chick was on the first committee. The first South African Barbarians team was a combination of Springboks and All Blacks that played against Natal at King's Park.

The high point of his involvement with the South African Barbarians was to take a racially mixed team to the UK. There were 24 players in the team - eight black, eight coloured and eight white. Chick was the manager with Alfred Dwesi as the assistant manager and Dougie Dyers as the coach. Probably the highlight of the tour on the playing field was the victory over Llanelli at Stradey Park. There was great opposition to the tour from anti-apartheid groups but the management did particularly well which left many people wondering why Chick was not the manager on the Springbok tour to New Zealand in 1981.

Chick became nationally known as a radio and then television commentator, ending this activity as a commentator for a popular series of schools matches.

Chick was loyal to his school, Michaelhouse, serving for years on its Board of Governors and purchasing property near the school at Balgowan in the Natal Midlands. He was loyal to his union

and in 1978 was elected a vice president of the Transvaal Rugby Union. He was loyal to his club and his country.

John Hamilton Henderson was born in Johannesburg on 9 February 1930. He was educated at Michaelhouse, Wits and Oxford. He was the chairman of his engineering company. Chick died in Johannesburg after a long illness caused by a rare heart condition on 21 November 2006, survived by Alison, his wife of 39 years, three children and a grandson.

Chick? The nickname started at school when some clever soul decided that a hen's son was a Chick. The whole world, except Charles Fortune, called him Chick.

## Sir Ian Lloyd

(Michaelhouse 1935 - 1938)

Born May 1921 - Died September 2006

Ian Lloyd was originally an economist but found his main parliamentary role in science, particularly as an advocate of nuclear energy and information technology. He was a South African who detested apartheid, yet, as a Conservative MP in the UK from 1964 to 1992, he always worked for closer links with the Republic. He was a member of the Conservative Party's hard Right but he voted consistently against the restoration of capital punishment. He described himself as "a supply-sider long before the term was even thought of." but maintained that in a complex society there were still sectors which could be controlled only by some form of public organisation.

He was born in 1921 in Durban at the heart of the English-speaking South Africa. Ian went to Michaelhouse and then onto Natal and Witwatersrand University, though his education was interrupted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, which he spent mainly as a flying instructor in the South African Air Force.

After demobilisation, he won a scholarship to Cambridge and chose to go to King's in order to read economics under Keynes. Though Keynes died soon after he arrived, Lloyd still imbibed Keynesianism from Gerald Shove, who was one of his tutors. In politics, Ian moved to the right and became president of the Union, though at this point he did not join the Conservative Party. Despite an early ambition to become a Westminster MP he decided his future was in South Africa.

Back in SA, then still more than a decade away from becoming a republic, Ian took a post with the South African Board of Trade and Industries, but in 1955, repelled by Apartheid, he resigned and returned to Britain. He became director of a small research organisation and was then appointed Research Director of British and Commonwealth Shipping. His heart was in politics and in 1964 he was chosen as candidate for true-blue Portsmouth Langstone, for which he was returned with a majority of 9843 in a three-cornered fight, in the year that brought Labour back to power after thirteen years in the wilderness. The original seat was changed to Havant &



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Waterloo in 1974, and in 1984 to Havant, all of which he held with ever-increasing majorities.

Despite his antagonism to Apartheid he visited his birthplace as the guest of the South African Government and backed rugby tours of the Republic. His other great concern was Science and Technology and he was acknowledged as one of the House's leading experts in this field. In 1978 he was the first MP to suggest the appointment of a Minister for Information Technology.

He joined the Select Committee on Technology in 1970 and for ten years was one of its most assiduous members. For the following ten years he was chairman of the Select Committee on Energy. He inspired the creation of the Parliamentary Information Technology Committee and he was the main force in establishing the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology. Ian Lloyd was a resolute supporter of nuclear energy on the grounds that it was safe and reliable. Towards the end of his Commons career he concentrated on the dangers of global warming. He called for energy consumption to be curbed and his view on climatic change was that "civilisation is clinging by its fingernails to the cliff".

He was knighted in 1986. He stood down from Parliament in 1992 but continued his interest in science policy as a member of the council of Save British Science. He married in 1951 to Frances Addison, who survives him with their three sons.

## Rob Matthews

(Michaelhouse 1954 - 1958)

Born 1940 - Died 2006

*Written by Rob Lewis*

*"The older I get, the more I recognize that Rob was the most exceptional man I have ever known".*

Born physically disabled in 1940, the nature Rob's problem was discovered only 39 years later. He never spoke of his condition, except on his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, when he said in his speech that when he was six his parents had been told by a Harley Street Specialist that he wouldn't last long, to take him home and keep him happy. "They kept me so happy that here I am on my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday!" Rob never complained of his condition either. He died just short of his 66<sup>th</sup> birthday, leaving a loving wife, four delightful children, and a myriad of friends in almost every corner of the world.

Rob spent happy years at the Ridge, where his parents insisted he be treated as any normal lad. He joined his Ridge friends to go to Michaelhouse where he was to make many lifelong friends and build a considerable reputation for himself. Before he was a prefect in West, when he could enjoy hot showers, he would rise an hour before the others, even in winter, struggle down two flights of cold stairs to the showers, and then all the way up again. He could easily have been excused this daily routine, but he would accept no quarter for himself. He also enjoyed midnight swims,

being dumped in a rose-garden when his accomplices were discovered. By his final year as Chairman of the Debating Society, School Prefect, and prominent member of the VI Form, Rob had established himself as a young man with a keen brain and razor-sharp wit, ready to annihilate any opponent in argument who was not sufficiently resilient and prepared. This trait was to accompany him through his entire life, and attract to him many admirers and friends, and a few enemies as he did not suffer fools gladly, and "told you like it was."

At Rhodes he studied Law and made many more friends, one of his exploits being to go to the circus for half-price dressed as a Cape Coloured, accompanied by others in various disguises. From Rhodes he went to Lincoln College, Oxford, where he made yet more friends, and was elected as one of the very few honorary members of the elite Vincent's Club for prominent sportsmen. His rooms at Lincoln were visited by men and women of all races and religions from all over the world, including a young Broederbond, who came to enjoy his coffee, wit and chat. A tobogganing/skiing holiday in Austria was one of his numerous holiday exploits.

On returning to South Africa he entered the business world in Johannesburg; for a while at Anglo and City Merchant Bank and then formed his own asset management firm Madsen, Antelme and Matthews. When Standard Merchant Bank, was formed he and his colleagues joined. In 1977 he married Lynne Chennells from Zululand, spent a year with Bankers Trust International in London then, with his brother Nigel, took over Klipton, an industrial conglomerate, soon to become the largest security company in South Africa - Sandton Sentry. This they sold in 2000 to Tyco Industrial, a US-based conglomerate. Thus Rob enjoyed a very successful business career.

Having lived in Johannesburg most of his life, he and Lynne moved to Caversham, family territory, in the Natal Midlands. He was Chairman of the Balgowan Clinic and a great benefactor of the Lidgetton AIDS orphans project. Their two older sons, James and Anthony, went to Michaelhouse, where Richard is now. Georgina is at St Anne's. R50,000 donated in lieu of flowers at his funeral will go to a basketball court at Asithuthuke, formerly the Michaelhouse Farm School. Rob was a philanthropist too, all his life, generous and caring.

Rob leaves an admiring and loving family, sisters Jill and Julia - "He was a legend" - brother Nigel, nieces and nephews, and many friends. All will miss him greatly.

## John Pemberton-Lowe

(Michaelhouse Staff from 1948 - 1990)

Born January 1927 - Died August 2006

*Written by Mike Thompson (ex-Colleague)  
and Joy Pemberton-Lowe*

John was born on the 28 August 1927 in Durban, where he stayed until his formal schooling was completed. He volunteered for Military Service and trained as a pilot on Tiger Moths and then



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Harvards. He later furthered his education at the University of Natal, obtaining a BSC.

He joined the Michaelhouse Staff in 1948 and spent his entire teaching career there, retiring after 42 years in 1990. John had a deep understanding for his subject and delighted in explaining the intricacies of Newtonian mechanics to his pupils. He taught Physics and Chemistry throughout his career; to what is now Grade 8 to First year university level in the Post Matric Year. He was a very brave chemist who performed explosive experiments for his classes which most teachers shy away from and never had an accident himself, though ceilings occasionally had to be repainted.

He coached the school shooting team for over 25 years, indeed until the rifles were removed during an emergency. Squash was his main sporting occupation and he played league squash in Pietermaritzburg for many years while coaching the school team. When canoeing was introduced, John took many boys onto the Mooi River. He was probably the only man to have canoed across Willows, Meadows and almost to his house near the school entrance after a cloudburst had flooded the area. He was Housemaster of Pascoe for seven years and acted as Head of Science on a number of occasions.

He married Amy Mansfield on 14 April 1952 and had three sons, Dale, Shaun and Craig. He had a happy life with Amy for 41 years before she died. Shaun, his middle son, was killed in a motor bike accident, which left the family devastated. A couple of years after Amy's death he married Joy on the 25 February 1995 and was still married to her on his death some eleven years later. He was a well-respected man, constant, reliable and protective husband - a true gentleman without any guile. John and Joy spent 11 wonderful years in the Cape - he loved to walk, most of all, in the Hermanus Mountains, high enough almost to touch the clouds. He also loved trips to see the flowers in the Biedou Valley. In his retirement he led a quiet but contented life. He missed the Midlands. A memorial service was held at the Anglican Church in Hermanus and attended by his widow, two sons and grandchildren. He will be mourned by many who were touched by his ability as a teacher, his good friendship and his concern for others.

## Ernest Polack

(Staff member at Michaelhouse)

Born 17 May 1930 - Died 8 March 2006

The last of the Polack Family to head the eponymous boarding house at Clifton College, Bristol; Ernest Frank Polack was born in the surrounding area and educated at Clifton itself. Named after his uncle Ernest, killed in the First World War, he was the youngest of four children of Albert Jesse Polack and his wife, Beatrice Hendelah, nee Cohen. An older brother and sister survive.

Albert followed in the footsteps of his father, the Rev Joseph Polack, who headed the first Jewish boarding house in an English public school from 1890-1923. Clifton's venture was adopted by other

schools, but Clifton remained pre-eminent and closed its Jewish house only in 2005. After reading History at Cambridge, Ernest taught at Carlisle Grammar School from 1953-1956. He then taught in South Africa at the well-known Michaelhouse School in KwaZulu-Natal. Strongly opposed to the policy of apartheid, which was being implemented by the National Party, he was beaten up by white farmers after condemning its inhumanity at a rally.

He had a deep love of the countryside and wildlife, and led thirteen overland trips for schoolboys from Michaelhouse to climb Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. He returned to England in 1964, to take over as Polack's Housemaster, from his cousin Philip, who had succeeded Ernest's father in 1949. Under new school rules, a housemaster's maximum term was limited to fifteen years. Ernest was later joined by his sister, Pat, who helped him run the group of up to 90 boys. Brother and sister, both unmarried, lived and worked together until Pat's death in 1999.

## John Quested

(Michaelhouse 1944 - 1947)

Born 16 September 1929 - Died 20 May 2006

John was born in Ladysmith, where the Quested family farmed. His family arrived in South Africa on the Minerva which was wrecked off Port Natal (Durban) in 1850. His great grandfather, who was two years old, was carried to land and safety.

His father died when he was four years old, leaving his mother with a very difficult road ahead. She responded bravely and made sure that her only son received a good education. After primary education at Treverton College, he attended Michaelhouse where he matriculated, and then went on to qualify as a Land Surveyor at Natal University. One of the highlights of his time at University was being chosen for the SA Universities Proteas Hockey Team which travelled to the UK and Holland and gave a good account of themselves in spite of the bitterly cold weather they experienced.

Due to a shortage of work in South Africa, he accepted a job in Northern Rhodesia, which he found extremely interesting and fulfilling. He continued to play hockey and was chosen for the combined South African Country Districts team in 1958. In 1964, the Northern Rhodesia Government paid for him to do a Photogrammetry Diploma at NUC which he completed successfully.

By 1968, the government positions were being Zambianised (by that time John was one of four Surveyor Generals) so he made plans to return to South Africa where he opened his own business in Pinetown (at the age of 40!) The business flourished and he was involved with some large and interesting projects - 'Paradise Valley', 'Woodhaven', the first stages of 'Zimbali' and many others.

His Christian based life was very Spirit-filled; St Agnes Church playing a large part in his and his family's lives. Some of the tributes from the church members described him as being a great "prayer warrior and evangelist." He was loved and



respected by a great number of people whose lives he seemed to have touched in many different ways. He will be sorely missed by his wife, Alice and their four children, their spouses and six grandchildren. He has fought the good fight. He has finished the race. He has kept the faith. ~ 2 Timothy 4 vs 7

Michaelhouse can be very proud of this past pupil.

## John James Frederick Simons

(Michaelhouse 1954 - 1957)

Born 1940 - Died October 2006

*Written by Hugh Robertson (Tatham 1953-1957)*

John James Frederick Simons died in Cape Town of liver cancer on 8 October 2006. He will be remembered by many of his generation at Michaelhouse as one of the most unusual products of the school - a boy who wanted to do nothing more in life than be a ballet dancer and who, indeed, went on to become one of the most distinguished dancers in South Africa.

At Michaelhouse in the first decade after World War 2, when an almost military conformity was the prevailing order, it was not easy for a boy to proclaim his intention to become a ballet dancer, and John's contemporaries will recall that his ambition was met with a good deal of scepticism and derision.

He had come to Michaelhouse from Christchurch Cathedral School in Dublin, where he was a chorister and John quickly won recognition as an alto (and later a bass) in the chapel choir, and as an enthusiastic participant in the school's cultural life.

After John matriculated at Michaelhouse, his father, a physician and a patriarch of somewhat imposing presence, insisted that he study law. He began doing so reluctantly but when his father died suddenly a year later John fled to Johannesburg to begin studying ballet. It was not a comfortable time. He worked at a string of menial and boring jobs to support himself and to finance his classes and he continued to face the discouragement of many of his friends and some in his family.

But his determination and talent were noticed by the late Dr Dulcie Howes, doyenne of South African ballet, who was about to set up the country's first formal school of ballet at the University of Cape Town and who offered John a bursary. I recall the alacrity with which he packed his bags and set off for the city where he was born and where, as a child of five, he had begun learning to dance.

John's ability and natural artistry were recognised by Professor David Poole at the UCT School of Dance, and the noted choreographer Veronica Paeper. In an interview with the Cape Times, she described John as "the most superb artist and dancer of his generation, whose character portrayals were unsurpassed." Paeper went on to choreograph many roles especially for John, including Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol*, the Don in *Don Quixote*, John in *John the Baptist*, Tybalt in *Romeo and Juliet*, the Man in *Drie Diere*, Drosselmayer in *The Nutcracker*, Orpheus

in *Orpheus in the Underworld* and Baron Douphel in *The Merry Widow*.

As part of a cultural exchange programme, John danced for a year in Germany with the Wuppertal State Opera, where he won acclaim for his portrayal of roles choreographed by fellow South African John Cranko of the Stuttgart Ballet. At the height of his career John was a principal dancer with Capab Ballet, which undertook tours throughout southern Africa and Britain, and for many years he was also the company's Ballet Master. His colleagues recalled him as a stickler for dance precision and musical interpretation, but above all, he was recalled as a friend of all in the company.

In my own long career of dealing with exceptional people around the world, John stands out as the genuine article - a true artist who was utterly dedicated and authentic, and who triumphed over privations which would have overwhelmed many of his contemporaries. A memorial service for John was held in St George's Cathedral, Cape Town, where Michaelhouse was well represented. Among those present were John's former housemaster in Tatham, Ronald Brooks, who was a source of encouragement to John for many years, and former Michaelhouse music master Barry Smith (now organist and Musical Director of the Cathedral) who played a selection of John's favourite Bach and Mozart pieces. The homily was given by the Very Reverend Rowan Smith, Dean of the cathedral and an old friend of John's, who described him as "a gentle soul whose brilliant art will live in our memories for the rest of our lives".

## Beverley John Steere

(Michaelhouse 1942 - 1945)

Born 10 December 1928 - Died 25 July 2006

*Written by his wife, Marié Steere*

When John had a stroke at the age of nineteen he thought that his life had come to an end. However, he experienced an inner awareness which assured him that there was still work to be done - and that work was Cordwalles.

The effects of his illness made it very difficult for him to continue with his University studies, and he eventually became a student teacher at Cordwalles, then Assistant Master and ended his career as Senior Master for 37 years. The boys respected him and felt at ease to discuss difficulties with him, be it academic or personal. Having to meet him 'under the bell during break' was an effective way of dealing with transgressions.

The origin of his nickname 'Monk' isn't clear - perhaps it was due to his bald head surrounded by a neatly brushed brim of hair or because of his commitment to the Chapel and the teaching of Scripture. He lived as close to Christ's teachings as possible, served in several ways at St Peter's Church, and The Cathedral of the Holy Nativity. Sunday services were seldom missed and it gave him pleasure to attend Communion Services in Cordwalles Chapel. This included breakfast which enabled him to keep in touch with members of staff and news of school developments.



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There was a healthy co-operation with the staff, and they readily responded to his proposals and his sense of humour. He never compromised on his principles such as honesty, loyalty, courtesy, faithfulness and humility. He also enjoyed attending social events at the school. He was an ardent supporter of Michaelhouse and thoroughly enjoyed meeting Old Boys and parents at Speech Day and Old Boys' Day.

In his retirement he created a little garden out of a patch of veld and was able to express his love and admiration for nature. Stones fascinated him; he collected them from various parts of the country. Children, grandchildren and the neighbours' grandchildren would add to his collection and then followed serious discussions on where to place them in the garden and where they would be happy. Mountains, trees of all shapes and sizes, the ever-changing colours and formations of clouds and the beauty of nature never ceased to fill him with wonder.

John will be remembered by many. He was an honourable man. He leaves his wife, Marié, whom he married in the Cordwalles Chapel in 1958, two children and their spouses and four grandchildren.

## **Ian Barry Clayton Streek**

(Michaelhouse 1961-1965)

Born August 1947 - Died July 2006

*Written by Dr Frank Streek*

Barry enjoyed five happy, uneventful years at Michaelhouse. He had four passions: journalism, politics, community service and Norway. Brave Tony Heard, a former editor of the Cape Times said this: *"We shared a profession and a liberal outlook whose day came in 1994. I was immeasurably enriched to have known Barry, both intimately and professionally, as trusted friend and colleague for over 30 years. Barry had qualities of compassion and thoughtfulness, not easily found in the world of headlines in which he moved for much of his life. He was an absolutely superb newsman. He enriched his profession and he touched the hearts of a wide throng of people."*

Helen Suzman said, *"Barry's contribution to journalism will be sorely missed. He is a fine example of honest and clear reporting."*

FW De Klerk said, *"I came to know Barry over many years of interaction in Parliament. Although we often held widely differing views, I always experienced his coverage of parliamentary politics as fair, informed and professional."*

Barry's St Michael citation covered some of his social activities. One that escaped public attention was his central role in establishing three trusts that distributed R77 million to thousands of disadvantaged students including Robben Island prisoners. Another was the Community Centre at Salt River. Bevel Lucas, its Manager, told me that plans were deadlocked until Barry found the necessary funds for the much-needed facility.

The Norwegian Ambassador said: *"Barry had a life long relationship with representatives of the Norwegian Government and the Church*

*of Norway. He was a friend and an invaluable informant. Barry taught us that there was a future for all South Africans."* Norway is responsible for awarding the Nobel Peace Prize. Barry told me casually that in 1993, his opinion had been sought, and he had recommended a joint award to Mandela and De Klerk.

## **Charles Spencer West**

(Michaelhouse 1928 - 1932)

Born 1915 - Died June 2005

Charles West was born in Vryheid in 1915 and went to Cordwalles in 1925. He entered Michaelhouse in 1928 and was, not surprisingly, put in Foundation West House, with Ken Pennington as his housemaster. He matriculated in 1931 and stayed on for VI Form.

He studied Mechanical Engineering at Cape Town University from 1933 to 1936. After qualifying, he joined De Beers and worked in Kimberley until joining the Engineers Corp at the start of the war. He served in North Africa and Italy, and returned to De Beers at the end of the war.

During his career he worked for De Beers in Kimberley and Jagersfontein, and for Consolidated Diamond Mines in Oranjemund, South West Africa. He was transferred to Anglo American Head Office in 1959, and later became Consulting Mechanical and Electrical Engineer. He retired from this position in 1975.

He remained active after his retirement and worked with a number of charitable organisations including the Rand Epileptic Association and Flower Foundation.

He married Esme Dwyer in 1940 and they had four children – Colleen, Gillian, Richard (1962-1965) and Shelagh, seven grandchildren, including Michael West (1993-1997), and ten great-grandchildren.

Charles died in Johannesburg at the age of 90 on 15 June 2005.

## **Harold (Hal) White Miller**

(Michaelhouse 1937-1942)

Born 1925 - Died 2006

*Written by Rosemary Miller*

Hal Miller was born in Bulawayo with newspaper ink in his blood. His father, who sold The Friend newspaper on the streets of Bloemfontein as a boy to help support his widowed mother, would eventually head the Rhodesian Newspaper Printing and Publishing Company. After the war, Hal joined The Star as a junior reporter and retired 44 years later as Managing Director and Chairman of the Argus Newspaper Printing and Publishing Company (new Independent Newspapers).

While Hal was born with special gifts, it was the quiet, loving and deeply ethical example of his father and the outstanding education he received at Michaelhouse which equipped him for life. At Michaelhouse he developed his lifelong passion for History and English (under the imaginative tutelage of



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Douglas Pennington), with an especial love of poetry. He had a superb command of the English language, wrote with great facility and read widely: History, Philosophy, New Physics – and Louis L'Amour after a long, hard day! Hal was Head Boy in the sixth form. He captained the Rugby First XV and won second prize in the senior cross country run. A few years later, while working for the Daily News in Durban, he played Rugby for Natal.

Fred Snell, the Rector in Hal's final year at Michaelhouse, wrote in Hal's last school report: "He has shown high qualities of leadership... He has ability, humility and determination – not an over-common combination... I have high confidence in his future. Hal would amply fulfil this prescient assessment."

After school, in 1943, he joined his father's proud Scottish regiment, the Black Watch, and was awarded the prized Sam Browne Belt as best cadet in the Officer Cadet Training Unit (OCTU) in the Middle East. He was immensely proud of his Scottish heritage.

Hal was handsome, courteous, charismatic and an outstanding public speaker (skills learnt in Michaelhouse debates) but he was innately reserved and did not seek the limelight. Although he held powerful positions as Manager of the Cape Argus, The Star and finally Managing Director and Chairman of the Argus Group, he honoured the Argus rule that the Editor was the voice of the paper. He believed passionately in the classic newspaper ethos of yesteryear that "while comment is free, facts are sacred" and he often quoted Confucius: "Without proper information, right action is impossible; with proper information, right action will follow."

Hal retired in 1991, as the New South Africa was coming into being. His Michaelhouse years had instilled in him a passionate belief in the importance of education and he sought avenues to promote education based on excellence and ethics. With personal funds, he established and ran the Gaia Educational Trust, which has put more than two hundred learners through short and long-term environmental and related courses. He was the Chairman of Outward Bound South Africa for seven years, setting it on a sound footing. He was instrumental in funding and guiding the resurrection of Tiger Kloof Educational Institution near Vryburg, a learning centre with an heroic history and extraordinary stone buildings reminiscent of Michaelhouse, which had been built by the original students and desecrated during apartheid. His good friend Rex Pennington lured him onto the board of Khanyisa College near Giyani. He was a Trustee of WWF South Africa. Retirement stripped Hal of Argus authority and easy access to finance and he learnt to lead purely by inspiration, the sheer weight of wisdom and experience and very hard work.

Hal was passionate about the environment and his favourite destination was the Kruger National Park. He and Rosemary travelled widely overseas both on business and, in later years, on adventurous holidays. He had three children by his first

wife Agnes, and five grandchildren. He was a devoted husband to Rosemary whom he married in 1973.

## Roy Lewis Wood

(Michaelhouse 1940 - 1944)

Born 1926 - Died October 2005

*Written by Michael Brooke*

Roy was in West in the 1940s under the watchful eye of Bobby Woods. Roy went through the motions of enjoying the school in the days when bullying was more the rule than the exception. His main shortfall being that he did not excel at sport, the ticket to being left alone, if not idolised. He did, however, excel at academics and left with a first class matric with one or two distinctions.

Roy had set his mind on being an Advocate from an early age so it was natural that he went on to Rhodes University to do a B.A. LL.B. His excellent performance ensured him a place at Balliol College, Oxford where he read law once again, this time doing the academically, very rigorous, BCL. He returned to South Africa and set about becoming an Advocate in Durban.

Sometime during the early stages of this process he started to have doubts about his vocation. In short, it was not long before he called on Bishop Inman and said he wanted to be ordained. This was a coup for the Church, as Roy was very bright and was considered to have a bright future whatever he did. Further study ensued. He studied theology (L.Th) at the Theological College attached to Rhodes University in Grahamstown. Then, because of his potential, in 1959 the Bishop sent him to the General Seminary in New York, one of the leaders in the field, where he studied for his MST (Masters in Sacred Theology). He never graduated as he returned to South Africa to be with his terminally ill mother.

He became a curate at St. Savior's Cathedral under Dean Scoggings. This is when the writer met him and they played squash together. At about this time 1960, he also met Audrey Brooke, the writer's sister, who was a Sister Tutor at Grey's Hospital. They were married in 1963 and lived in Howick which was his first "living". They then moved to Saint Martin's, Durban North. However, Roy being academically inclined did not take kindly to the mundane activities of parish life. He did however enjoy teaching and counseling on religious and spiritual matters and it was here that he started to consider other career possibilities. By this time (1968), he and Audrey had three children, Elizabeth, David-John, and Deborah.

In 1970, to the chagrin of the church authorities, many family and friends, took a leave of absence and went to the University of Toronto where he did graduate work in adult education. He never returned to South Africa.

Armed with an MA in Adult Education, he moved with his family to British Columbia where he began work at the Naramata Centre for Continuing Education, a United Church Institution. It focuses on helping the individual, through group and individual counseling, to develop religiously spiritually and emotionally.



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It also provided more general adult education course, usually with a spiritual bias. Roy was Program Coordinator and so helped design the courses and workshops, much as he had done in Natal and he also facilitated many of the workshops himself and came in touch with people of many different perceptions, interests, views and lifestyles.

During the years he was at the Centre, Roy struggled with his personal identity and eventually came to the conclusion that he was homosexual. In 1978 he openly admitted it to the community, his wife and three teenaged children. It quickly put an end to the marriage and his work at the Centre. Roy then moved to Phoenix, Arizona where he took further courses in counselling. In 1981 he returned to Canada and settled in Vancouver. To earn a living, he continued with his counseling doing largely marriage counseling. When he retired he bought a place on the Sunshine Coast near Vancouver with his partner, Harry. Despite the trauma and upset to himself and those close to him, he felt he had done what he had to do to be true to himself. His family eventually came to accept that. He remained in touch with his children throughout these years, and maintained a good relationship with them and their families.

Very recently Roy was diagnosed with metastatic liver cancer. There was nothing medically that could be done for him, so he prepared himself and his family for his inevitable end. He died at home on 20 October 2005 with his two daughters, Elizabeth and Debbie, and Harry, whom he had recently married under the new B.C. Gay Marriage Act, at his bedside.

Roy led a different kind of life than most of us, and while some of his ups and downs caused distress along the way he followed faithfully the words of Polonius in Hamlet.

*This above all: to thine own self be true,  
And it must follow, as the night the day,  
Thou canst not then be false to any man.*

## David Christopher Wright

(Michaelhouse 1943 - 1946)

Born 1927 - Died 2006

*Written by Mary Wright and Donald Clark*

Dave, alias Lofty Wright was born in Johannesburg, the youngest of a family of eight children. Arthur J Wright his father was for many years Sir Percy Fitzpatrick's Personal Secretary and trusted confidant. I first met David at Pridwin Preparatory School in about 1936, where in his last year; he became both Captain and opening bat of the First XI cricket Team. He and the future Springbok Johnny Waite, frequently made sufficient runs between them for our side to retire, and as a result the rest of us seldom even got a chance to bat!

From an early age he was a keen ornithologist and became a wildlife enthusiast of note. In later years he and his family spent many happy times camping in the Zimbabwean bush about which he was so knowledgeable. He continued his successful cricket

career at Michaelhouse where he spent four years in Tatham, and was again opening batsman for the First XI in 1946.

After leaving school and completing his Sixth Form year, he firstly attained a BSc Degree at Witwatersrand University, and then went on to study Veterinary Science at Onderstepoort. At that time, only about eighteen students annually were accepted for the course, an indication of his considerable academic prowess.

After he qualified he married Mary Rodwell in Johannesburg in 1957, and they moved to Salisbury Rhodesia in early 1959 with their small daughter. There, he became a partner in a most successful Veterinary practice where he remained for 36 years until 1995. On his death Mary received endless appreciative letters from animal owners and veterinary colleagues alike, recalling his ardent love of animals both large and small, and his great surgical and medical skills.

David found time for many interests and pursuits in his life, and undoubtedly enjoyed living right on the edge. While still a student at Onderstepoort, he trained in Harvard's, went on to fly Spitfires in 4 Squadron SAAF and eventually converted to Sabre Jets and took part in many aerobatic displays. He loved his MG's and spent many happy hours down in the pit in his garage working on same. He enjoyed motor racing and rallying. He won the Rhodesian Grand Prix in a Lotus, and took part in Grand Prix races in the 60s in South Africa where in a Cooper Climax Formula 1 car; he was thrilled to be on the grid with Stirling Moss and Jack Brabham. He won the Total International Rally as driver of an MG hardtop Sports car with George Mennie as his navigator.

During the Rhodesian War, he was a member of a Police anti-terrorist unit in PATU and this proved to be a most dangerous and distressing period of his life. He spent many hours both counselling and comforting bereaved parents who had lost their young sons in the war. David was chosen to serve as Close Security Agent for Mrs Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, when she attended the Zimbabwe Independence Celebrations in 1980. There had already been a number of threats on her life at that time. She commented later, that she had been an honoured guest in many countries worldwide, but had never before been accredited with a vet as her close security guard! David treasured the wonderful letter of appreciation she wrote him, and the presentation of a magnificent set of cutlery he received from her. Even at this stressful and exhausting stage of his life, he managed to win the Rhodesian Veteran Squash championship.

The fact that his second name was Christopher, I am sure had a lot to do with him surviving many hazardous situations during his lifetime. He continued after the war in his veterinary practice, but then sadly had to retire due to a severe arthritic problem. Despite serious pain levels, he always managed to maintain a very noticeable sense of humour and never complained of his lot! Eventually, he and Mary moved down to Fish Hoek in the Cape, where after three years back in South Africa, he recently died. To say that David led a full and exciting life is an understatement and this extraordinary man will be greatly missed



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by his wife Mary, his four children Anne, Carol, Paula and David to whom we express our sincere condolences.

## Lloyd Wroughton Turner

(Michaelhouse 1990 - 1994)

*Written by Roger Turner*

Born 7<sup>th</sup> March 1977 and fell tragically to his rest on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2006 whilst climbing in the Yellowwood Amphitheatre area of Du Toit's Kloof.

Lloyd attended Michaelhouse from 1990 – 94. He was a third generation member of East. He enjoyed cricket and squash and was the first pupil to study music as a matric subject. He played lead trumpet in the popular Jazz Band and will be remembered for his faultless and emotional rendition of the Last Post at Remembrance Day Services.

During his matric year he applied to study Medicine at the University of the Free State, but was not accepted despite having an "A" aggregate. He then completed one year B.Sc. passing so well that he was accepted into 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Thereafter he excelled academically and on qualification did his internship at Grey's and Northdale hospitals in Pietermaritzburg and his community service at Jooste and Victoria Hospitals in Cape Town. A year later he was accepted by the University of Cape Town to specialise in Orthopaedic surgery.

At the time of his death he was a member of the Trauma Unit at the Red Cross Children's Hospital. According to his Professors, Lloyd was an extremely bright doctor and an excellent surgeon, who was able to remain calmly competent in stressful situations. He had great empathy with his patients, was quiet, honest and "just got on with the job".

Living in Cape Town allowed Lloyd to pursue his other great passion; traditional rock climbing. Climbing filled a void within

him and became an avenue for introspection, friendship and challenge. according to his climbing friends Lloyd was great to watch, he climbed with such technique and determination, he was cautious and responsible. They all trusted him and felt safe when "sharing a rope" with him.

Known in climbing circles as "Hard Man Dr -T" he had 'ticked off' many traditional routes. He gave a great deal back to his sport, encouraging beginners from all walks of life and had begun to gain a reputation as a writer and photographer for climbing magazines. He had spotted a classic unclimbed line on the Africa Ledge, Table Mountain, but, sadly did not get the opportunity to open the route. Two of his friends recently opened it for him. "The Good Doctor" (Grade 24) will remain in his memory.

Lloyd loved the great outdoors and the bush. Many happy days were spent hunting in the rugged Tugela Valley during winter. He was a fine shot but first prize for him was being with family and special friends in this wild and beautiful place.

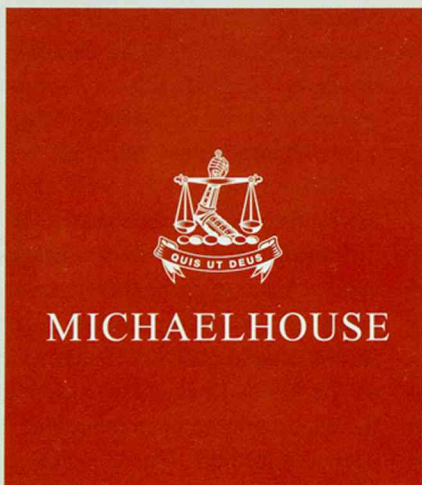
A memorial service was held at Rhodes Memorial. His great friend Tristan later wrote "As I gazed upon the crowd gathered I was struck not so much by the number – well into triple digits – but far more by the calibre of the people he'd attracted. It occurred to me that the beautiful person, the compassionate, articulate, enthusiastic, generous, humorous, approachable and deeply intelligent person was the very same, if not more, to each and every one of us who had been fortunate enough to have shared some of his life. I was suddenly very proud for him."

A week later a Service was appropriately held in the Michaelhouse Chapel. His brother Bruce delivered a moving Eulogy and we celebrated and gave thanks for a short life well lived to the full.

This humble young man touched many lives.  
Your family and friends are all very proud of you Lloyd!



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