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MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

The Michaelhouse Chronicle provides a comprehensive report on what has been an outstanding year for the School. We began the year with the news of excellent academic results of our A Block class of 2006 in the IEB examinations, certainly the best results achieved in the past ten years. Special mention is made of our Dux, Cullum Allen, who achieved eight distinctions and was placed in the Top 50 of the IEB in the country.

The success of 2007 has been a result of a number of factors; there is no doubt that the leadership of the A Block was significant and I pay tribute to the Senior Prefect, Ntsolo Setlaba, his Deputy, Glen Dowie, and their team for the wonderful example they set. It was also a very talented group which excelled in all aspects of School life.

The Tim Harkness LEAP Programme (Life, Excellence, Attitude, Performance) was a positive influence on the School with an emphasis on changing attitudes of boys in all their endeavours. The attitude of "try hard", "aim high", "focus", and "take the gap" became the goal of every boy in striving to be the best that he could be in activities. We look forward to the programme being developed further next year.

At Michaelhouse the staff play a vital role in supporting the boys in what is very much a 24/7 environment. I am proud of the Michaelhouse academic and support staff, who provide the multitude of opportunities for the boys to grow and develop.

We are also blessed with fantastic resources with which to deliver our "product" to the Michaelhouse boy. Never have our estate and buildings been in better shape, and for this we are continually indebted to our Trustees and Benefactors for the management and provision of the financial resources which allow us to enjoy our world-class facilities.

We are fortunate to be guided by a dedicated and committed Board under the guidance of Bruce Dunlop; it is their collective wisdom which has assisted us in reaching our goals.

My sincere thank you to our parents for their support of the School and their sons during the year. It is well to remember that educating boys is a partnership between school and parent and we need to be together in providing what is best for them.

I thank all who have contributed to the success of Michaelhouse during the year and know that you will enjoy reading this Chronicle which is an excellent record of the achievements of our boys.

G N PEARSON
RECTOR

POSITION

Michaelhouse, the Anglican Diocesan College of Natal, was founded in 1896 and is a South African boarding school for senior boys, with an international reputation. Situated on a secure estate in the beautiful Midlands of KwaZulu-Natal, the school has a fully residential staff which facilitates a high level of pastoral care and interaction with the pupils. The distinctive architecture of inter-linked quadrangles inspires a sense of belonging amongst the 550 boys.

VALUES

To live our lives according to the Christian values of integrity, humility, compassion and courage in service to our community and country.

MISSION

To provide a dynamic and progressive education for boys that respects individual needs and embraces diversity and change in pursuit of academic, sporting and cultural excellence, while providing social and leadership skills and nurturing spiritual growth.

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Founder James Cameron Todd, Speech Day 1897

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George S. Patton

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Leadership 2007



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Glen Dowie (Second Prefect), Canon Alan Smedley, Mandla Mashinini



Glen Dowie (Second Prefect) welcomes Jonathan Needham on New Boys' Day



Murray de Bruyn and Ntsolo Setlaba (Senior Prefect) carry Luca Scribante's trunk on New Boys' Day



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Staff Visitorship

The Rev. Don McLean Aitchison, B.Sc., M.Div., M.Litt., ChLJ

I arrived at Michaelhouse on 1 October 2007 for a one-term exchange and, at the time of writing, I have been here for exactly four weeks. My impressions of Michaelhouse to date are entirely favourable. Having visited for ten days in July 2004 and worked with a number of exchange students to Trinity College School over the last eight years I had already developed a high regard for the School and these opinions have only been reinforced by my current experience.

Apart from the beautiful grounds and buildings; the friendly and welcoming staff; and the obvious devotion of the boys to each other and to their School; I have been most impressed by, and want to commend you, for your faithful commitment to the Christian foundation of Michaelhouse. In an age when marketers and popular sentiment might pressure a school into downplaying its Christian roots, Michaelhouse has shown admirable self-awareness and integrity in proudly advocating for the instilling of Christian values and Christian character where others might settle for the empty rhetoric of abstract "character development."

I am grateful for the opportunity and privilege of being a part of the School this term and will always treasure my time here. Many thanks.

The Intern Programme

Written by Paul de Wet

The Intern Programme has, as its primary objective, the development of teachers to help meet the critical shortage which exists in South Africa. I took over the programme from Mr John Crawford at the start of the year, and I record my thanks to him and Mr Richard McMichael for the work they have put into establishing the programme.

This year we were joined by Mr Kelvin Berry who embarked on a BEd and by Michaelhousian, Mr Mark Robertson who joined us for one year to do his PGCE. Kelvin helped with the coaching of water polo and rugby and leaves us at the end of the year to travel overseas. Mark made a valuable contribution in a short period of time. He is keen to further his studies overseas but we hope that, in the fullness of time, he may be drawn back into the classroom.

Mr Jonathon Fergusson left us at the end of the third quarter to start a swimming coaching business in Pietermaritzburg. We are grateful to him for the contribution he has made, particularly in the area of aquatics. He was replaced by Mr Kyle Kumm who coached the first water polo team in the fourth quarter. Kyle will start his studies in 2008 and will remain part of the Intern Programme. Mr Mark Longbottom completed his studies at the end of the year.

He made a major contribution in a number of areas and we wish him all the best in a promising career in education. Mr Sibonelo Malinga left us at the end of the year to continue his studies in Pretoria. We wish him all the best and I sincerely hope that he makes teaching his profession. Mr Jean Louis Swart has been in the School as a Music assistant this year and will be joining the Intern Programme when he starts his studies in 2008

Mr Siya Ndwandwe left us after a number of years. He made a profound contribution to both rugby and cricket and we wish him all the best for his future at the Sharks Academy.

During the course of the year I have endeavoured to raise the bar by making our Interns more involved and accountable. It is my desire that they be viewed as professionals who can be trusted with more than just mundane tasks such as bus duties and accompanying boys to socials. I firmly believe that we should be looking for every opportunity to develop these young men. To this end, I have assigned each Intern a personal mentor on the full-time academic staff. This mentor will be responsible for guiding the Intern with his own studies and in helping him be as effective as possible in his role at Michaelhouse, always looking for opportunities to further his growth. I record my thanks to those staff who have taken on this mentoring role.

New Staff

During 2007 we welcomed several new academic and administrative staff: Mr Ernest Barkhuizen (Operations Manager), Mr Simon Crane (English), Mrs Louise Erwee (HOD Afrikaans), Mr Keith Fairweather (Life Orientation), Mr Gunter Heynecke (Groundsman), Mr Adrian Moran (Science), Mrs Laura Moran (Marketing), Mrs Moyra Rowney (Marketing), Mr Mathew Sabine (Music), Mr Abri Venter (Music) and André van Wyk (Maths).

Staff Leaving

Annette Govender

Written by Lynn van der Vegt

Annette joined the staff at Michaelhouse in 2004 to take up a part-time teaching post in the Zulu Department. Her versatility was soon recognised, and in her short stay at Michaelhouse she also taught HSS and spent a year working in the Media Centre.

Annette developed an excellent rapport with all of the boys she taught. As an educator, she mastered the balance between being friendly and yet firm, and the boys respected her for this. Her conscientious and pleasant approach to her teaching saw many boys sign up for extra English lessons with her where they have enjoyed her care and encouragement. Annette also successfully ran the ABET programme at Michaelhouse from 2004 to 2006. This programme involved teaching Michaelhouse wage earners English and Zulu skills.



Carl Pachonick

Gill Derrett

Martine Pinnell

Annette Govender

Annette made an invaluable contribution to the Media Centre this year with all the attractive and informative displays. She quietly went about her task of sourcing information and props and has created the most stunning displays. She performed every task asked of her professionally and with aplomb – a truly dependable colleague who will be greatly missed.

Annette has been appointed as the Librarian at Thomas More Preparatory School from January 2008. We wish her well in this new challenge.

Kathy Robinson

Written by Melanie Wester

Kathy Robinson joined Michaelhouse in January 2004 and taught music and theory to E and D block boys. She left in July 2007 to pursue her own business interests.

Carl Pachonick

Written by John Crawford

Our lives first crossed on the Pietermaritzburg campus of the University of Natal in 1971. Carl was my senior in the Geography Department, but we both happened to do a course in Intro. German where the majority of the students and lecturers found my pronunciation of German pretty hysterical. It was a result of one such moment of mirth that our friendship started, and it has remained and grown ever since; to add to it our career paths have drawn us together in an uncanny way.

Carl started his teaching career at Alexandra High School in the Geography and Afrikaans Departments and it wasn't long before his teaching was recognised as pretty exceptional. Those who taught with him marvelled at his blackboard work. His diagrams were masterpieces in their own right – and he rubbed them off after every lesson. The white board has not allowed him to shade as freely as he did with the old chalk but 33 years down the line his artistic flair can still be seen in his classroom. Carl was passionate about everything that he tackled and the last class that he taught at Michaelhouse will have been given with the same enthusiasm as his first at Alexandra High School but

with 33 years more experience added. It really has been a marvel to see him so concerned for and prepared to go out of his way to help his students, right up to the last minute. He is an extraordinary example for all of us in the profession.

Carl will however probably best be remembered for his service to basketball. The sports arena is where the teacher is in the public domain. His work in the classroom is often hidden behind the walls of the room and excellence in it is seldom appreciated as readily by the school community. Carl is the father of basketball in South African schools as he was responsible, with a small group of others, for its introduction as a game in schools in the country in 1974. His achievements are too long to list in this space but a fitting tribute to Carl published in "The Witness" is testament to his enthusiasm, commitment and successes. What more is there to achieve in a sport? Natal Schools' Coach, Senior Provincial Coach, South African Schools' Coach and National Coach – the list is limitless, yet Carl was as enthusiastic and dedicated with his own school team in his last term at the post as he was with his first. It would have been fitting and slightly surreal if his last match as a school boy coach against Alex at Alex had actually taken place. Rain unfortunately had the last say, but in retrospect it was probably not a bad thing as the emotion of the day would surely have been enormous for the coach.

The games played between Alexandra High School and Maritzburg College were amongst the biggest sporting events in Pietermaritzburg during the 1980s when Carl must have been one of the few people in the city's history to attract people to the matches just to watch a coach in action. His antics were legendary, equalling his passion for the game he loves, and I know that he has so enjoyed having Mr Allan Laing on the staff, as Allan was one of the greats that he produced as a coach during that decade. It is so appropriate that Allan takes over the mantle from his mentor in 2008.

Carl's career in the profession can not go unnoticed either. He was a wonderful Headmaster at Ixopo High School, a school with such a proud history in its own right, and Carl's elevation to the heady levels of the

inspectorate with the Natal Education Department was just reward for an excellent educator. The Department's loss was Michaelhouse's gain as Carl proved to be a loyal and wonderful servant to the School for the last 11 years where those that have been taught by him and worked with him have certainly been greatly richer for the experience.

The profession therefore bids farewell to a man who wore his heart on his sleeve and I know that Carl treasures this quote from Yevgeny Yevtoshenko which is indeed very relevant in describing his approach to others. *'I also arrived at a new standard by which to measure the intellectuals. I realized that a man's intelligence is not the sum of what he knows but the soundness of his judgment of people and his power to understand and to help them. For me, the aristocracy of the spirit is not made up of those who can spend hours quoting everything from Plato to Kafka and Joyce, but of those whose hearts are open to others.'*

We taught in the same Department – often in next-door classrooms for 26 years. Carl's soundness of judgment and his ability to understand and to open his heart to others have been exceptional indeed. He certainly leaves on the crest of a wave.

We all wish him great happiness in his retirement.

Martine Pinnell

Written by Martine Planteau de Maroussem

Mrs Martine Pinnell arrived at Michaelhouse in 2003.

Having shared five fruitful years of teaching with Mrs Pinnell, it is with great sadness that the French Department bade farewell to her as she and her husband Dave, emigrate to her homeland to start a new life in Corrèze, in the French Limousin region.

While we are happy to share these new adventures in thought with them, we also feel a sense of loss at Martine's departure as she has been a strong support to the Department over the years. She has brought to the boys an immense sense of guidance and comfort that they will carry with them for many years to come.

Martine will always be remembered for her vibrant personality and her fiery, straightforward and genuine honesty. We will also miss her never-failing and generous pool of knowledge. But most of all, we will miss her kindness and genuineness.

To Martine and Dave: Go well.

John and Joan Rockliffe

Written by Charlie Burton

John and Joan Rockliffe joined Michaelhouse in January 1996 and retired on 31 December 2007.

Mrs Joan Rockliffe was initially employed as an assistant in the Tuckshop and in January 1998 she took over as the Assistant Manager

in the Trade-Inn. Despite Joan's quiet demeanor, her proven ability and previous retail experience made her the obvious choice to take on the role of the Trade-Inn Manager when the post became available during 2002. Joan performed admirably in her leadership role, but for personal reasons, she chose to relinquish the Manager's role at the end of 2003 and continued as an assistant to the date of her retirement. Joan proved that power does indeed come in small packages as she tackled every task willingly and enthusiastically. Her quirky English humour brightened up even the dullest of Balgowan days in the Trade-Inn.

Mr John Rockliffe was employed as Michaelhouse's Maintenance Manager but when the Estates Manager retired, John's known ability and wide range of experience and expertise, made him the natural successor to the Estates Manager's position. For a number of years John handled the dual responsibilities of Maintenance and Estates Manager superbly. The position of Estates Manager was relinquished by John following a Management re-structure.

Perhaps perceived by some in stereo-typical terms as a "tough maintenance man", John fulfilled his duties according to the School's values of "integrity, humility, compassion, courage and service". The number of examples bearing testimony to the foregoing are too numerous to mention but the fact that they are unseen, unrecorded and have generally gone unnoticed are further proof of the quality man that is John Rockliffe: less scrupulous suppliers have been quickly given their marching orders having tried to provide some "encouragement" to secure Michaelhouse business; one dark, wet and stormy night saw rain damage in the single quarters with John gathering as many dry blankets as he could at some unearthly hour and taking them to the affected staff; John's quick marshalling of "his men" to fight fires on the estate, including fighting a suspicious blaze in a staff member's house whilst having to also restrain an axe wielding member of academic staff (name withheld) who felt chopping down the doors of the house in question was the way to go, will certainly be a story remembered well into the future; after major electrical and borehole pump breakdowns, John's on-the-hour-every-hour vigil and visits during the night to boreholes and water reservoirs to ensure that the School and staff had water when they woke the following day was testimony to his complete and dedicated loyalty to Michaelhouse; transporting food up to Woodridge to be cooked as an emergency for one year's Matric Ball was certainly appreciated by the boys. They were all part of the job for John.

John's intricate knowledge of this estate and its buildings is irreplaceable. Over R58 million has been capitalized in fixed assets over the last ten years or so and John has played his part in each major project. John has been solid and reliable – the assumption to the day of his retirement has been that any challenge on the estate will be met as "John Rockliffe will deal with it". As a team, John and Joan will be sadly missed but we are confident that people of their talent, quality and determination will not simply ride off into the sunset and retire, so we wish them a busy and profitable future in their retirement.



Jane Louw

John Rockliffe

Jone Rockliffe

Jonathan Cribbins

Jane Louw

Written by Melanie Wester

Having recently returned from Chicago, USA, Mrs Jane Louw rejoined Michaelhouse on 10 January 2005 in the capacity of Marketing Officer.

Jane brought immense knowledge and understanding of Michaelhouse protocol and its magnificent standing to a completely newly-staffed Marketing Department. Her insatiable zest for life, passion for people, animals and absolute love of Michaelhouse shone through in all her marketing endeavours. It was not uncommon for Rector Pearson to pace patiently through his Reception area awaiting the arrival of his next interview candidate whilst Jane passionately engaged with families as to 'why Michaelhouse was the only school of choice'.

Jane re-located to Durban in July and is now employed at Clifton School as their Marketing Manager.

Gill Derrett

Written by Melanie Wester

Mrs Gill Derrett joined Michaelhouse on 1 October 1994 as Secretary to the Rector. Her dogged determination, organisational skills, creative ability and infectious personality soon saw her co-opted to assisting the then Marketing Manager and History Master, Mr Adrian Rogers. Her natural people skills soon positioned Michaelhouse public relations as an enviable strength.

Gill was later promoted to Admissions Officer, a position she competently held until her resignation on 31 May 2007. Gill was a perfectionist in all she did and the legacy she leaves behind is one that will be respected for decades to come.

Gill is currently pursuing a field that has always been of interest to her – natural healing methods aided by aroma therapy oils.

Jonathan Cribbins

Written by Charlie Burton

Jonathan Cribbins commenced duties at Michaelhouse in June 1993 as Groundsman and understudy to Jon Morgan, the Estates Manager at the time. Jonathan's dedication and love for his job saw him develop into a particularly knowledgeable and able groundsman, certainly capable of stepping up to being the Estates Manager at Michaelhouse or any other institution. Jonathan's apparent presence on all parts of the estate at the same time, operating the backhoe, chopping down trees, planting grass, supervising cricket pitch preparation, erecting rugby posts or hockey and soccer goals, carting refuse, burning firebreaks, planting trees and even putting his finger in the dam wall to plug a leak, earned him the title of "Mr Michaelhouse" amongst fellow support department managers. There is no doubt that Jonathan's life on this estate was "eating, drinking and sleeping Michaelhouse" and that he lead his team by setting the example. Jonathan's willingness to assist no matter the challenge or the time of day or night, and his "we will make a plan" attitude, will be qualities that will be remembered for a long time into the future.

Jonathan has definitely left his mark on Michaelhouse during his 14 year stint here. Michaelhouse has benefited from his efforts and we wish him every success in his new venture as Greenkeeper at Boschhoek Country Estate.

Staff Marriages

Congratulations to Sr Joanne McMillan, Senior San sister, who married Graham Oliver in the Michaelhouse Chapel on 26 September 2007.

Staff Births

Congratulations to Mr Simon Crane and his wife, Marianne, on the birth of their son Joel on 15 July 2007.

Annual Reports

The Michaelhouse Trust

Report of the Trustees: for the year ended 31 December 2006

Investment Performance

After an almost 20% correction in mid year, the South African equity market again recorded an exceptionally strong performance in 2006:

Index	2006	2005
	Performance	Performance
FTSE/JSE All Share Index	41.2%	47.3%
FTSE / JSE Resource Index	44.0%	71.5%
FTSE / JSE Industrial Index	40.7%	35.3%
FTSE / JSE Financial Index	35.9%	33.1%

Few market forecasters were expecting such a strong performance after the extremely high returns achieved in 2005 and 2004. The JSE All Share Index has now recorded an annual compound return of 37.7% over the past three years.

The strong performance in 2006 was largely driven by powerful earnings growth delivered by South African companies and by a generally favourable backdrop in world equity markets:

Capital return	2006	2005
MSCI World Index (US\$)	15.8%	7.6%
S&P 500 (USA) (US\$)	14.1%	3.0%
FTSE 100 (UK) (GBP)	11.1%	16.7%
Nikkei 225 (Japan) (JPY)	5.3%	39.9%

The investment managers of the Michaelhouse Trust (Foord Asset Management) achieved an excellent return of 38.4% in 2006. This performance was significantly better than the Fund's benchmark of 30.6% and the average performance of the SA Large Fund Manager Watch of 30.3% (Source: Alexander Forbes). The investment performance of the Michaelhouse Trust over the past four years has been as follows:

2006	2005	2004	2003
38.4%	33.9%	25.1%	3.2%

The investment performances detailed above represent a compound growth of 24.4%.

Distribution to the College

Trustees have previously reported on their concerns over the increased utilisation of realised capital surpluses in order to ensure that budgeted distributions to the College have been met. The constant review of the Trust's distribution policy and strong investment performance reported on above, have resulted in a pleasing reduction in the use of realised capital surpluses. The distributions from the Michaelhouse Trust to the College have been as follows:

	2006	2005	2004	2003
Net income for the year before distribution	1 313 837	941 135	526 175	1 194 163
Distribution to Michaelhouse College	(1 904 650)	(1 666 075)	(1 286 664)	(1 767 381)
Excess distribution for the year	(590 813)	(724 940)	(760 489)	(573 218)
Realised capital surpluses distributed	590 813	724 940	760 489	573 218
Retained income at the end of the year	-	-	-	-

Net income for the year before distribution has increased dramatically over 2005 with key issues being the following:

- A 21% increase in investment income earned (slightly higher interest rates and strong earnings growth).
- A favourable interest rate was paid on the Michaelhouse Capital Replacement Reserve during 2005. This fund was paid to the College and was used in their dormitories' refurbishment project.

College utilisation of distributions received

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

	2006	2005	2004	2003
Unexpended income - beginning of 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	1 785 173
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 funds available to the College for capital expenditure have been supplemented by the College's non-refundable acceptance fees and voluntary development levies. Trust income distributed to the College in respect of College capital expenditure has been applied to the following projects:

Adult presence in Houses (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

In view of the seemingly never-ending necessity for both new and replacement capital expenditure by the College, the Trustees and College Board of Governors have agreed that it would be in the College's best interests to take responsibility for the funding of the Trust Scholarships and the supplementary staff pensions in future years. In simple terms, this objective will mean a reallocation of funding with greater emphasis on Trust income being used for capital expenditure, which is very much in line with the original objectives contained in The Michaelhouse Trust Deed. As a first step, the supplementary pensions have been included in the College's 2007 operating budget.

Trustees note that the College has achieved capital expenditure of over R58 million in the ten years ended 31 December 2006. Trustees extend their sincere thanks to the many generous donors who have assisted in making this capital expenditure possible, and we congratulate the College on ensuring that Michaelhouse retains and improves its facilities, which can be described as being amongst the best in the world.

“Touch the earth, love the earth, honour the earth, her plains, her valleys, her hills, and her seas; rest your spirit in her solitary spaces.”

Henry Beston

Buildings and Grounds

This year was a year of consolidation in terms of major projects. The Inglis Indoor Centre, completed last year, has matured into its surrounds and gardens as an integral part of the Michaelhouse campus. The front-of-School turning circle has blended into its background as a familiar feature framing the Media Centre. The new roads completed at the end of last year amidst mud and thunderstorms have been a welcome improvement for the drivers on the estate, and the upgraded dormitories continue to be enjoyed by the boys. This year has seen the completion of the Old Boys' Club and the upgrade of the Art Department, both Donor funded projects. However, the significant focus this year has been the upgrade of Staff housing.

Old Boys' Club

The newly renovated Old Boys' Club was officially opened on Old Boys' Day, 2 June 2007. This venue has proved to be a valuable facility serving Toastmasters Dinners, Board Meetings and staff gatherings. The addition of a self-contained flat has hosted visitors, Board Members and Coaches.

Art School

The upgrade of the Art School was completed in December. It has a new red-brick façade with concrete trims that houses a 27-seat lecture theatre. Its internal rearrangements provide a secure sculpture room; a light, open-plan art studio; and newly fitted offices for the staff.

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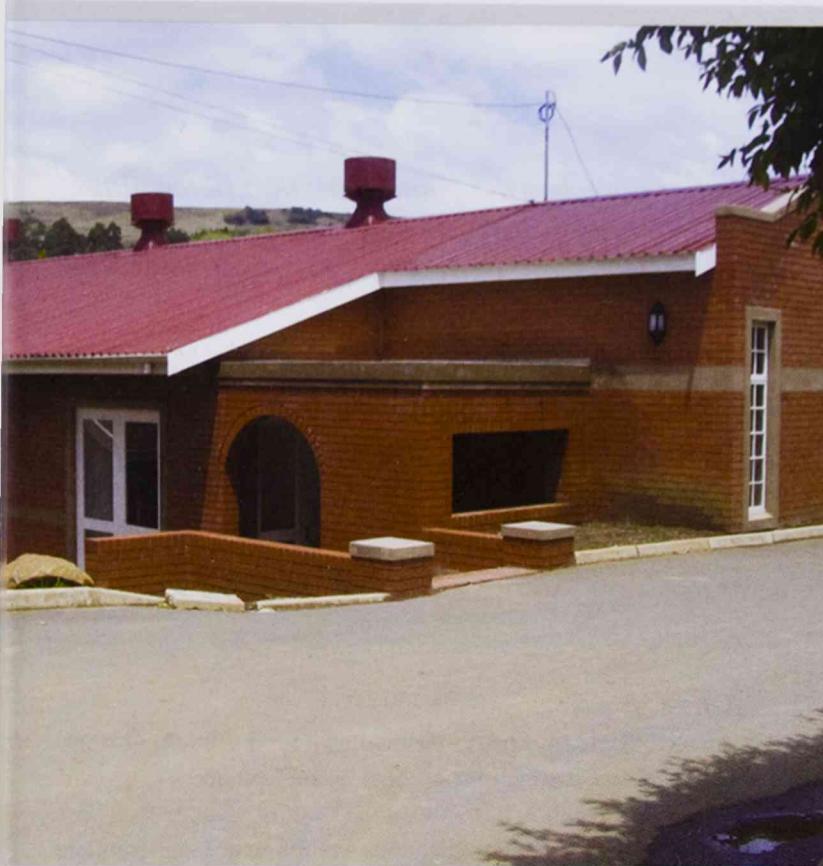
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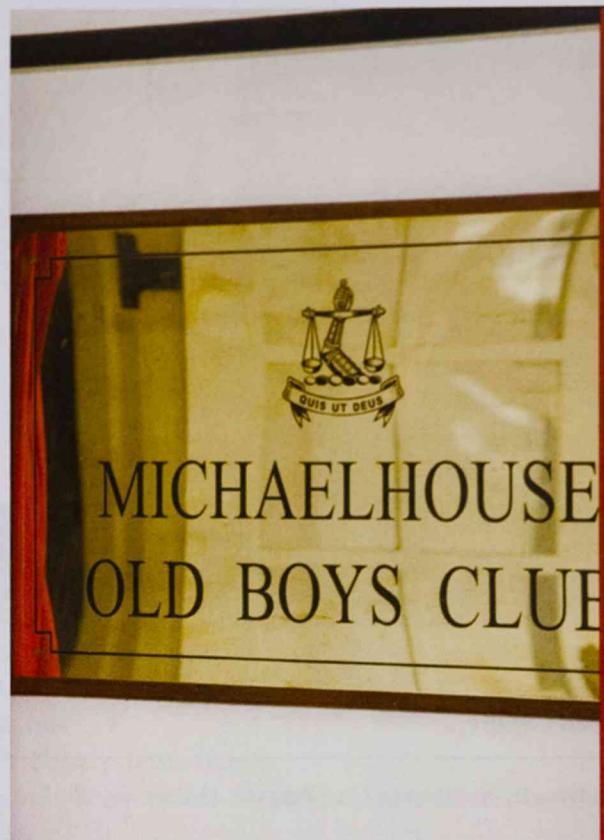
The upgrading of the Art School was completed in December 2007

Staff Housing

The upgrade of Staff housing was a priority in 2007. The work completed has included major repair work on five roofs, the refurbishment of various kitchens and bathrooms and general maintenance. The maintenance of these facilities will be ongoing.

The management of this vast estate requires constant dedication and commitment, and it is important to acknowledge the contribution of the following:

- The School Bursar, Mr Charlie Burton, who manages budgets, balances overspends and keeps the School on an even keel ensuring there are funds still available to keep these projects going
- The School Architect, Mr Nick Grice, whose commitment to the School's needs is consistent and constant as he manages projects as diverse as signage to kitchen canopies
- The Board of Governors for their support of the various projects
- The Operations Manager, Mr Ernest Barkhuizen, whose hands-on approach has greatly eased the smooth functioning of this estate
- The groundsmen, mowers, gardeners, electricians, plumbers, painters, laundry ladies and dormitory staff for the tireless work they do in looking after the boys and maintaining this beautiful campus.



The plaque commemorating the official opening of the renovated Old Boys' Club on 2 June 2007

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Prize Giving



“It's not the going out of port, but the coming in, that determines the success of a voyage.”

Henry Ward Beecher

Left: Cullum Allen, who was placed in the IEB top 50 received the Antony Evans Dux Trophy from Dr Lesoli

Prize Giving

Address by the Rector, Guy Pearson 15 February 2007

Dr Lesoli, Members of the Board, Members of Staff, Ladies and Gentlemen, and Men of Michaelhouse.

It is my personal pleasure to welcome you to our Prize Giving which acknowledges the academic performance of boys in B-E Block in 2006. I welcome Dr Lesoli especially, who has played a prominent role on our Board and in particular on our Education Sub-Committee.

When we look back at 2006 we can do so with a great deal of satisfaction. It would be true to say that the staff waited with bated breath for the publication of our A Block results last year. Our anxiety proved to be unfounded as the class excelled with some of our finest results for many years. They did us proud and certainly pulled out all the stops at the right time.

Collectively, the results were outstanding; we achieved a 100% pass rate and all candidates who sat the University Exemption course were successful. 27% of the class achieved A aggregates, 60% A and B aggregates and 91% A, B and C aggregates. The class achieved 139 subject distinctions which equates to 1.54 per boy. In all but two subjects we exceeded the national average in the IEB.

There were some outstanding individual achievements, most notably by our Dux, Cullum Allen, who achieved eight distinctions. This superb performance placed him in the Top 50 in the country in the IEB, an exceptional performance. It is a real pleasure to have Cullum take time out from UCT Rag Week to be with us today. The Proximé Accessit, Nathan Rafferty, also excelled with seven distinctions while David Francis achieved six distinctions. Siyabonga Allie, Tristan

Aubert, Richard Finlay, Tahir Popat and Simon Gowans achieved five distinctions each.

All in all, these are tremendous results and I congratulate our Deputy Rector, Academics, Mr Paul Fleischack and the entire staff team on their efforts in encouraging and in many instances cajoling the class of 2006 to such great heights.

I also have great pleasure in announcing the internal Scholarships based on pupils performance in Blocks B-E in 2006.

The John Hamilton Internal Scholarships are awarded to boys who do not already hold a Scholarship and are placed in the top of their respective Blocks. The awards are valid for one year and my congratulations go to :

E Block 2006: **Ethan Malan and Kwezi Sogoni**

D Block: **Benjamin Bradford**

and Christopher Morris

C Block: **Tahir Rhemtulla and Edward Steere**

B Block: **James Birkett and Christopher Hallier**

I am also pleased to announce the winners of the Sir Henry Strakosch Memorial Scholarships awarded for the highest combined Physical Science and Mathematics marks, two in each Block for one year :

E Block : **David Bradford and Storm Gallie**

D Block: **Benjamin Bradford and Dean Dowie**

C Block: **Ben van Aswegen and Edward Steere**

B Block: **Christopher Hallier and Nasho Sombe**

As we look forward to 2007, what is my challenge to you boys today? Exactly 100 years ago the St Michael's Chronicle Volume 2, No. 8 of June 1907 read: "It was announced on the eve of Prize Giving on 6 April 1907, that the Natal Rhodes Scholarship for this year was awarded to C G Roach, to whom

Right: Nick Meyer, the top academic student in C Block receives his Merit Certificate from Dr Lesoli.



accordingly we offer our heartfelt congratulations". In our history 33 Michaelhouse students have been awarded the Rhodes Scholarship, the last in 1993 to R A Baber, it is surely time that we had another.

The Editor of that same Chronicle notes the following: "the achievements of the school during the year which ended on Prize Day have been so many as to render that period remarkable in our annals, it is no doubt a fine thing to have been associated with the school in its days of realised hope and ambition, yet we must thankfully acknowledge our debt to those who have gone before us and into whose labours we have entered; and we must also remember that 'to have done' is not to be construed as 'to be doing'. As a corrective to any unhealthy pride and vainglory, there yet rings in our ears the advice of the Bishop when he warned us to preserve our modesty, and urged us 'to go on and to do still better than we have done'."

So this is my challenge to the class of 2007; go on and do still better than we have done.

Thank you.

Subject Prizes and Awards

E BLOCK

AFRIKAANS

First in Subject: S Gallie

Diligence: J Atkinson, E Eiselen, R Clucas, K Schoerie, N Survey, M Daly

ECONOMIC & MANAGEMENT SCIENCE

First in Subject: J Purnell, S Gallie

Diligence: J van Koevering, M Nash, P Pelser, E Eiselen, R Shiel

ENGLISH

First in Subject: D Bradford

Diligence: D Bradford, J Atkinson, G Walker, K Sogoni, R Shiel

FRENCH

First in Subject: J van Koevering

Diligence: R Shiel, A Patel

HUMAN SOCIAL SCIENCES

First in Subject: S Gallie

Diligence: J van Koevering, R Worthington, C Badenhorst, K Sogoni

ISIZULU

First in Subject: K Sefako

Diligence: M Nhleko

MATHEMATICS

First in Subject: J van Koevering

Diligence: J Atkinson, K Sogoni, J Purnell, M Farrow, G Walker

MUSIC

First in Subject: N von Stackelberg, N Survey

Diligence: M Farrow

NATURAL SCIENCE

First in Subject: S Gallie

Diligence: E Malan, J Atkinson, G Walker, K Sogoni, R Shiel

MERIT CERTIFICATES (Aggregate over 80%)

M Arron, D Bradford, M Daly, S Gallie, R Lynn, E Malan, V Nunes, J Purnell, K Sogoni, A Steiner, A Strathern, N Survey, N von Stackelberg, J van Koevering

Third in Block: S Gallie

Prize Giving

Second in Block: **J Purnell**
First in Block: **D Bradford**

D BLOCK

AFRIKAANS

First in Subject: **N Breet**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 05-Nov 06): **S Thring**
Diligence: **B Bradford, N Southwood, J Reilly, S Thring, L Royce**

ART

First in Subject: **G Martin**
Diligence: **S Watt-Pringle, T Kearns, T van Dam, L Royce, M Howard, P Halsted**

ECONOMIC & MANAGEMENT SCIENCE

First in Subject: **A Renton**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 05-Nov 06): **O Dakile**
Diligence: **J Trehaeven, M Richardson, T van Dam, J Reilly, M Blore**

ENGLISH

First in Subject: **J Magor**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 05-Nov 06): **N Breet**
Diligence: **D Stephen, S Rogers, L Royce, S Lishman**

FRENCH

First in Subject: **G Cunliffe**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 05-Nov 06): **M Dyer**
Diligence: **D Stephen**

HUMAN SOCIAL SCIENCES

First in Subject: **A King**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 05-Nov 06): **M Dyer**
Diligence: **B Bradford, D Stephen, J Tatz, M van Heerden, S Rogers**

ISIZULU

First in Subject: **A Ally**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 05-Nov 06): **O Dakile**
Diligence: **S Shandu**

MATHEMATICS

First in Subject: **G Cunliffe**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 05-Nov 06): **C le Roux**
Diligence: **S Lishman, M Hamlyn, J Chellan, J Hoepfl, D Dowie**

MUSIC

First in Subject: **T van Dam**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 05-Nov 06): **A Ally**
Diligence: **A Poltera**

NATURAL SCIENCE

First in Subject: **B Bradford**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 05-Nov 06): **B Bradford, G Cunliffe**
Diligence: **B Bradford, D Stephen, T van Dam, L Royce, R Salter**

SPEECH & DRAMA

First in Subject: **J Trehaeven**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 05-Nov 06): **L Karovsky**
Diligence: **M Blore**

MERIT CERTIFICATES (Aggregate over 80%)

A Batley, B Bradford, A Craib, G Cunliffe, D Dowie, A Gray, R Holliday, M Howard, M Karam, A King, K King, J Kobal, S Lishman, J Magor, C Morris, A Renton, S Rogers, R Salter, D Stephen, J Trehaeven, M van Heerden, A Waller, S Watt-Pringle, G Woollatt, M Ziumbe
Most Improved Aggregate: **A Ally & O Dakile**
Third in Block: **C Morris**
Second in Block: **G Woollatt**
First in Block: **B Bradford**

C BLOCK

ACCOUNTING

First in Subject: **D Holohan**
Diligence: **E Hamlyn, J von Mollendorff**

AFRIKAANS,

First in Subject: **N Meyer**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 05 – Nov 06): **R Combrinck**
Diligence: **J Veenstra, M Griffin, D Sinton, D Holliday**

ART

First in Subject: **P Smythe**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 05 – Nov 06): **A Campbell**
Diligence: **D Holohan**

BIOLOGY

First in Subject: **E Steere**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 05 – Nov 06): **S Sekatle**
Diligence: **D Holliday, T Molony, E Hamlyn**

“ *Though ambition may be a fault in itself, it is often the mother of virtues.* ”
Quintilian

COMPUTER APPLICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

First in Subject: V Edwards

Diligence: J Veenstra

ECONOMICS

First in Subject: N Meyer

Diligence: D McCarthy, J Cabeleira

ENGLISH

First in Subject: N Meyer

Most Improved Mark (Nov 05 – Nov 06): R Combrinck

Diligence: B Cox, R van Tiddens, A Joscelyne, D Rattray, F Scott

FRENCH

First in Subject: R Raja

Most Improved Mark (Nov 05 – Nov 06): C Allen

Diligence: A Mwai, G Jenkinson

GEOGRAPHY

First in Subject: J Aldous

Diligence: M Griffin, J Trautman, M Blore

HISTORY

First in Subject: M Purnell

Diligence: N Meyer, D Barge

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

First in Subject: D Walker, P-D van der Merwe

Diligence: T Rhemtulla

ISIZULU

First in Subject: M Shoba

Most Improved Mark (Nov 05 – Nov 06): A Campbell

Diligence: J Stathacopoulos

MATHEMATICS

First in Subject: B van Aswegen

Most Improved Mark (Nov 05 – Nov 06): J Veenstra

Diligence: V Githakwa, J van der Linden, J Aldous, B Cox,

A Chance

MUSIC

First in Subject: R van Tiddens

Most Improved Mark (Nov 05 – Nov 06): K Moore

Diligence: M Lombard

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

First in Subject: B van Aswegen

Most Improved Mark (Nov 05 – Nov 06): T Ning

Diligence: D Walker, C Smith, N Mpofu, J Aldous

SPEECH & DRAMA

First in Subject: N Meyer

Most Improved Mark (Nov 05 – Nov 06): A Bowes

Diligence: B van Aswegen

MERIT CERTIFICATES (Aggregate over 1840)

H Appelo, B Cox, N Meyer, M Purnell, T Rhemtulla, D Sinton, E Steere, J Trautman, B van Aswegen, P-D van der Merwe, R van Tiddens, D Walker

Most Improved Aggregate: R Combrinck

Third in Block: D Walker

Second in Block: B van Aswegen

First in Block: N Meyer

B BLOCK

ACCOUNTING

First in Subject: G Dowie

Most Improved Mark (Nov 05 – Nov 06): D Dedwith

Diligence: J Birkett, N Sombe

AFRIKAANS

First in Subject: X van Rooyen

Most Improved Mark (Nov 05 – Nov 06): S Dougall, A Surgey

Diligence: L Pedlar, S King, M West-Russell, I Rennie, S Dougall

ART

First in Subject: N Sombe

Most Improved Mark (Nov 05 – Nov 06): N Wilson

Diligence: L Pedlar, R Berriman

BIOLOGY

First in Subject: M Gardiner

Most Improved Mark (Nov 05 – Nov 06): P Nortje

Diligence: C Rohrbach, S Dommett, M-J Laws

COMPUTER STUDIES

First in Subject: J Birkett

Most Improved Mark (Nov 05 – Nov 06): I Rennie

Diligence: D Foster

Prize Giving



Chris Hallier accepts the Academic Shield on behalf of Farfield House from Guest of Honour, Dr. Lesoli.

ECONOMICS

First in Subject: M Mashinini

Most Improved Mark (Nov 05 – Nov 06): M de Bruyn

Diligence: N Raw, G Mwai

ENGLISH

First in Subject: M-J Laws

Most Improved Mark (Nov 05 – Nov 06): G Mwai

Diligence: C Pieterse, T Gilbert, R Berriman, A Lawrence, N Dunn

FRENCH

First in Subject: T Gilbert, D Potts

Most Improved Mark (Nov 05 – Nov 06): T Leclezio

Diligence: R Sladden

GEOGRAPHY

First in Subject: J Durham

Most Improved Mark (Nov 05 – Nov 06): J Rosenberg

Diligence: S Smith, S Dougall, J van Rensburg

HISTORY

First in Subject: M Mashinini

Most Improved Mark (Nov 05 – Nov 06): N Campbell

Diligence: B Lowe, D Potts

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First in Subject: N Sokhela

Most Improved Mark (Nov 05 – Nov 06): M Mashinini

Diligence: R Berriman

MATHEMATICS

First in Subject: N Sombe

Most Improved Mark (Nov 05 – Nov 06): D Dedwith

Diligence: C Pieterse, S Dougall, M Chance, T Gilbert, L Pedlar

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

First in Subject: D Foster

Most Improved Mark (Nov 05 – Nov 06): D Foster

Diligence: M Richards, S Mudd, D Dedwith

SPEECH & DRAMA

First in Subject: M-J Laws

Most Improved Mark (Nov 05 – Nov 06): R Matthews

Diligence: N Tatham, N Campbell

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Diligence: D Button

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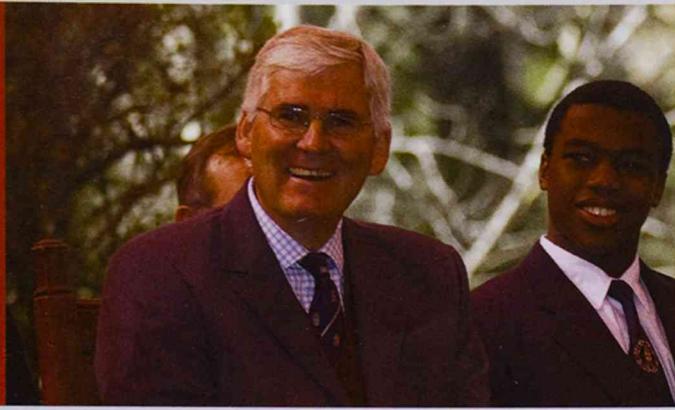
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Mr Bruce Dunlop pictured at the annual Speech Day, together with Senior Prefect, Ntsolo Setlaba

Address by the Chairman of the Board, Mr Bruce Dunlop **16 August 2007**

Guest of Honour, Mr Dick Muir, Distinguished Guests, Parents, Fellow Governors, the Rector and Mareé, Staff, Ladies and Gentleman and most importantly, you young men of Michaelhouse.

May I extend a welcome to you all and in particular to our Guest of Honour. It is good to see Mr Tony Ardington here today – distinguished Old Boy and former Board Chairman. Also a welcome to Bishop Michael.

We have a long programme to get through this morning with many speeches and so I will try to be brief. However, should you feel short changed then I would commend to you a thorough read of the Michaelhouse Chronicle – a 180-page glossy publication covering the full spectrum of the School's activities as well as a section dedicated to the Old Boys' Club.

The Rector, in his address to you shortly, will pick up on issues in the running of the school of interest to parents.

In my short address however I would like to comment on the spiritual life at Michaelhouse. As you know a central theme of a Michaelhouse education is to nurture the spiritual growth of each of our sons according to the Christian values of integrity, humility, compassion, courage and service to our community and country. In this regard I want to quote from a letter received by Chaplain Alan Smedley from a parent after Confirmation week-end this year.

‘I am writing to let you know how very grateful I am to God for you and your team following last weekend’s Confirmation, and to give you ten out of ten!!! It was a truly beautiful and moving ceremony and occasion. I was particularly moved by the extent to which the Christian faith and ethos is upheld and followed. I was so touched to see the Rector and his Deputies all taking part in the two services and in the administering of communion.

I recall Guy telling me and other parents at one of the Parent

meetings that the school takes Christian and Biblical values very seriously. I saw it in action this past weekend and I was blown away. I am so grateful for what you have instilled in my son. He has confirmed his choice of Jesus as his Lord and Saviour because of what he has seen, been taught and experienced at your hands. May God bless you richly for all the good work you and your team do.’

Powerful stuff.

Another highlight of the year thus far was the official launch on 17 March 2007 of the Michaelhouse Oribi Reserve by Guest of Honour, Mr Ian McDonald, past Director of the World Wildlife Fund. A huge thank you to all those involved. We have received wonderful support from the Michaelhouse Community with generous financial contributions from donors. Michaelhouse is the first school in South Africa to dedicate land and resources to a nature reserve. My personal thanks to Governor Peter Ardington for all his effort, in particular for piloting the initiative through the Governing Body’s approval processes.

Over the past few years Michaelhouse has undergone an extensive capital expenditure programme transforming the School’s infrastructure into the magnificent estate that it is today. Grand occasions have included the unveiling of the bronze bust of the School’s founder in front of Screens, the opening of the magnificent Inglis Indoor Centre and the unveiling of the Snell Memorial. The renovation of the Old Boys’ Club is now complete, and so the list goes on.

In some respects 2007 was a year for taking a breather as far as new capital projects were concerned as we finished off approved projects and take some time to enjoy the estate without it looking and feeling like a building site. We are also using the time to reflect on our capex priorities before embarking on the next phase. I am sure that School Architect and Governor, Nick Grice, is also enjoying the lull.

At last year’s Speech Day I reported that Rector Pearson’s tenure had been extended at least until the end of 2010. Michaelhouse continues to make great strides under his capable leadership. I wish to quote from a letter to the Rector earlier this year from a parent:

“Guy, we have been impressed by your approach as Rector. Your exemplary leadership, erudite oratory skills and fine personal example set for all the young men at Michaelhouse has great value in the lives of all your pupils. In a world that is becoming increasingly difficult for young people to navigate, your contemporary approach and ability to communicate at the level of young people is a rare and precious skill. We know that the like of yourself and the School will not be found anywhere else.”

I do not intend to try and better that, but only fully endorse it.

I know that the Rector would want to very quickly deflect this praise onto the team around him – Deputy Rectors Paul Fleischack and Allan Laing, Bursar Charlie Burton, Chaplain Alan Smedley, Senior Masters John Crawford and Paul de Wet, Senior Housemaster Nick Cahill and Director of Marketing, Melanie Wester – not to overlook the rest of the academic staff as well as administrative and support staff. A wonderful team making it all happen with dedication and commitment.

Michaelhouse remains in a strong financial position. Whilst conceding that the fee increase last year was above the country's inflation rate, it is worth once again noting that the inflation rate applicable to private schooling in South Africa is also above general inflation levels. In coming to a final decision on fees, the Board considers what a Michaelhouse education has to offer and in this regard, after balancing all of the competing interests, is satisfied with its competitive positioning.

Our thanks must go to Bursar Charlie Burton and his team for the sterling work that they do in keeping our finances intact.

Michaelhouse's finances are underpinned by its two principal Trusts, The Michaelhouse Bursary Endowment Trust and the Michaelhouse Trust as well as by the Chairman's Club. We are indeed fortunate to be able to call on these endowments to assist in a major way with bursaries and capital expenditure. The Michaelhouse community is truly blessed to have amongst its number Benefactors and a Donor community with such generosity.

As you know the School is embarking on a major initiative under the banner, "Michaelhouse Vision 2015". We are all very proud of our association with Michaelhouse – a South African School that in broader educational terms is able to compete with the best that the country and indeed the world at large has to offer.

You will no doubt also agree the world is a fast changing, challenging one. The ability of a Michaelhouse boy to be able to adapt to the changes and to stand by the principles and values of the School will be an important life skill into the future. It is also important, for Michaelhouse to thrive, that it adapts appropriately to the dynamics shaping our community and nation.

To remain at the forefront as an educational institution in this fast and ever changing world, Michaelhouse will need to continue to recognise the changing needs of its constituent stakeholders such as parents, staff and old boys as well as those of the community and country. By researching and understanding these needs and by testing how well we are coping with the dynamics of a changing world, Michaelhouse will be able to adapt and prosper.

To this end, the Board has decided to engage in a strategic survey of all of its stakeholder groupings. The survey material will be designed to take stock of where we are at the present as well as to provide future direction to our desire to adapt and prosper.

Furthermore, the Board has appointed Mr John Brand, an Old Boy, and Ms Felicity Steadman to facilitate the strategy formulation process.

It is intended that this strategy be a comprehensive one which should cover the perennial issues of curriculum, culture, social responsibility and marketing as well as topical issues of transformation like teacher and pupil demographics, diversity and employment equity. The strategy needs to be legitimate, credible and acceptable to all major stakeholders, including parents, teachers, boys, old boys and support staff. The strategy must also be attainable, practical, cost-effective and capable of measurable implementation. It must also be true to Michaelhouse's entrenched values.

The process has just begun and will be widely consultative. Our thanks to Governor Zuzi Buthelezi for all the time and effort that he is putting into this process.

Michaelhouse is well served by a committed group of Governors from all around the country who give up time and offer their expertise in the interests of Michaelhouse. As Governors, we continue to tread a fine line between the role of the Board and that

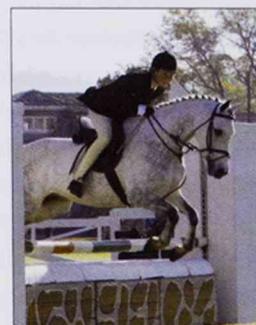


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“ *The noblest service comes from nameless hands, and the best servant does his work unseen.* ”

Oliver Wendell Holmes

of Management led by the Rector.

As in other walks of life, when things are going well you tend to be left to do your own thing, but the opposite is true when things are going pear-shaped. It makes it easier for the Governors to tread that fine line when things are going well, as they have been at Michaelhouse.

All Governors serve on various sub-committees of the Board with the Chairs for 2007 being occupied by:

Chris Brown - Building, Grounds and Projects

Jo James - Community Partnership

Tlalane Lesoli - Education

Peter Ardington – Environment

Zuzi Buthelezi - Transformation

Paul Neal - Finance

Stuart Craib - Financial Assistance, and

Clive Shedlock - Marketing

In November we welcomed Mr Gary Ralfe as a Governor. Gary had been an Associate Governor for a number of years and recently retired as Managing Director of de Beers. After serving as a Governor for eight years, Mr Tony Phillips retired from the Board last year although he has accepted the Board's invitation to stay on as an Associate Governor. We thank Tony for his invaluable contribution to the Board's deliberations. Former Board Chairman, James Inglis has also been appointed an Associate Governor. At the end of last year we bade farewell to Mr Des Sacco and Mr John McCormick as Associate Governors and thank them for their contribution to the affairs of Michaelhouse during their terms of office.

I am particularly indebted to Deputy Chairman, Mr Nigel Tatham for all of his support and counsel. To the Governors, a very big thank you for your contribution to the affairs of the Governing body.

Thanks must also go to our seven Associate Governors: Sir John Craven, Laurie Dippenaar, Fink Haysom, James Inglis, Dolly Mokgatle, Ben Ngubane and Tony Phillips for their counsel and the ambassadorial role they play in furthering the interests of Michaelhouse.

In closing I cannot resist repeating a couple of lines from Barret's 75-year history of Michaelhouse. He wrote that "when the First XV were winning and playing well, it greatly improved the tone of the school".

Enjoy the rest of Speech Day and thank you.

Address by the Rector, Mr Guy Pearson 16 August 2007

Mr Chairman, Mr Dunlop, Guest of Honour, Mr Dick Muir, Ladies and Gentlemen, and Men of Michaelhouse

It is my own personal pleasure to welcome you all to this Speech Day. A special welcome to Mr Dick Muir who I know will be an inspiration to the boys when he speaks later.

I would like on this occasion to pay tribute to Mr Mike Nicholson who retires from the position as Headmaster of Hilton College at the end of this year. Mike has had a distinguished career as an educator and is highly respected by his colleagues in the profession. We at Michaelhouse have always appreciated the role Mr Nicholson has played in fostering the special relationship we have between our Schools and would like to congratulate and thank him. We wish him well and I would like him to accept this gift as a sign of our appreciation.

Ladies and gentleman I am pleased to report on an exceptional past 12 months. This year began with the announcement of outstanding Matric results from the class of 2006; certainly the best results in the past ten years. The class achieved a 100% pass rate. All our candidates who sat the University Endorsement Course were successful, 27% achieved A aggregates and 91%, A, B or C aggregates. There were 138 subject distinctions (which equates to 1.54 per candidate), while the outstanding individual performance was by our Dux, Cullum Allen, who achieved eight distinctions and was placed in the Top 50 in the IEB nationally. The Proximé Accessit, Nathan Rafferty, obtained seven distinctions and David Francis achieved six distinctions.

So we began the 2007 year with a great deal of anticipation; the reason for our optimism was well founded, the A Block class of 2007 have proved to be an outstanding group since arriving at Michaelhouse back in 2003. They have not disappointed

“Success is a consequence and must not be a goal.”

Gustave Flaubert

us, their academic performance, while still to be tested in the final examinations, has been of a high standard throughout. Your programme lists their many achievements across a wide range of activities, from academic performances in various Olympiads and Expos, most notably by Donovan Foster who has reached the final rounds of the Computer Science and Mathematics Olympiads. Not forgetting, too, young David Bradford, who reached the finals of the junior Mathematics Olympiad. The cultural excellence achieved by many of our boys in music, art, drama and debating is to be commended.

It has been an exceptional year on the sports fields with five national and 68 provincial selections. The boys who have achieved national selections have been Patrick Lambie and Ross Cronje for rugby, David Zwemke for hockey, Iain Rennie for slalom canoeing and Simon Dougall for triathlon.

The boys' sense of commitment to those less fortunate is also evident in the involvement in several community partnership projects, both on an individual basis and in various House projects.

Yes, it has been an excellent year; I would suggest that this success did not just happen by accident. The core values of Michaelhouse are consistently reinforced at every opportunity with the Chapel remaining at the centre of all our endeavours.

Never is the cliché “life is about the journey and not the destination” truer than in the Michaelhouse context. The “destination” or “final outcome” has been fantastic, but it would not have happened without the “journey” which each Michaelhouse boy goes through during his time here. I believe that if the journey is good, the results, the final destination will be good.

We made a significant change to the “journey” of a Michaelhouse boy this year with the introduction of the Tim Harkness ‘LEAP’ programme. LEAP stands for Life, Excellence, Attitude and Performance. The aim of this programme has been to develop positive attitudes and behaviour in the School in all areas. It changes the common “adolescent” or “immature” attitudes of:

- “if you don’t try you can’t fail,

- success is about talent and luck;
- aim low, avoid disappointment; and,
- don’t be a tall poppy, don’t stand out in the crowd;

to the more mature attitudes and values of:

- try hard;
- aim high;
- focus, and
- take the gap.”

I would like to congratulate Tim on the fantastic manner in which he has introduced this programme, it should be noted that this is not only aimed at the top achievers but at each and every boy. Tim’s view is that it is about changing attitudes and creating a culture which embraces these values in all that we do; if we can do this, results will follow. I would like to commend all the boys and the staff for the way in which they have supported this programme. Yes, there have been teething problems; it is the first time that Tim has launched a “whole school” programme like this but it has been overall extremely positive, the results speak for themselves.

The second reason for our successful journey this year has been the boys themselves. I have always said that we do have fantastic facilities, a beautiful campus, but it is about the people in the School, the boys and staff. Each boy brings to the journey special talents and it is about nurturing and expressing these which makes the difference. We know how important role modelling is for boys and I want to congratulate all A Blockers on the part they have played in this. Our pupil leadership has been outstanding. I cannot speak highly enough of our Senior Prefects, Ntsolo Setlaba and Glen Dowie. The hallmark of their leadership has been their dignity; they have a presence about them and have always led by example. They are both young men who have strong values and are prepared to stand by their principles. They have been well supported by the School Prefects, House Prefects and their fellow A Blockers.

Ladies and Gentlemen: an essential contributing factor to our success this year has been the contribution of our staff, academic and support. We have a committed and talented staff who are involved in the education of our boys, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, such is life in a full boys’ boarding school. My thanks to the entire staff, the Management team, Housemasters, academic

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staff and support staff for the terrific work they do in educating your sons.

We have a settled staff and it is significant that we are only saying farewell to two members today. Mrs Martine Pinnell has proved to be an excellent French teacher, and the boys have blossomed in her classes during the time that she has been at Michaelhouse. She joined us in a part-time post in French and leaves us at the end of this year as she and her husband emigrate to France. We wish them well and thank Martine for her contribution.

At the end of the year we bid farewell to Mr Carl Pachonick who has made a significant contribution at Michaelhouse as a leader on the Management team, an academic as Head of Geography and as a sports coach; indeed Carl has been 'Mr Basketball', not only at Michaelhouse but in KZN in general. His passion has been for basketball and his influence has been significant, the growth and interest in the game at Michaelhouse is largely due to his influence and enthusiasm. Carl, we thank you and wish you well.

We at Michaelhouse are extremely fortunate to enjoy the support we have had from our parents and the Board of Governors. I am sure that every parent will agree that the journey that their sons have been on is about to end all too soon. Our parents have been on the same journey and will recognise what a huge impact the Michaelhouse journey has had on their sons.

Thank you all for your support, not only of your sons, but for all of us who have been involved with them every step of the way, these past years. I can tell many stories about the fantastic successes we have had with each and every one of the boys who leave here at the end of the year.

The School is well supported and guided by our Governors and Trustees. My thanks go to Mr Bruce Dunlop and his team of men and women who have contributed so much to ensuring that we have the right support to ensure that the journey can take place with the necessary facilities and wisdom. The initiative "Michaelhouse Vision 2015" is commendable and is an excellent opportunity to establish where we are, what is important to us, and how we meet the future challenges which face us in this ever changing world.

The last aspect of a Michaelhouse journey which I want to examine is that of relationships. I was fortunate to attend the International Boys' Schools Coalition Conference in Boston in July where the keynote speaker was Mr Joe Ehrmann, a former All American Football player, now an educator, motivator and coach. He spoke of the crisis of masculinity, the modern myths portrayed consistently by the media and society that defining a man has; firstly, to do with athletic ability, size and strength; secondly, it associates masculinity with sexual conquest and thirdly, the view that being a man is about achieving economic success.

The result of this is a world of violence: domestic and family, and materialism. His definition of masculinity rests on two criteria:

One: life is all about relationships and secondly, every person needs a cause or purpose in life.

In the end, every man needs to ask the question whether he has the capacity to love or be loved, how did he relate and connect with people? It is not what you do or achieve that is important, it is how you make others feel that is lasting.

It is no surprise that the best teachers are those that have a good relationship with their pupils, the best coaches are those who have the same. The best pupil leaders are those who are respected by their peers and have a relationship with them, not only in their own peer group but to those junior to them.

In this Michaelhouse journey and the journey to follow, in every community that we find ourselves, it is about finding the balance between our own well-being and that of others in our community. If we can understand that each member of the community needs to be treated with the same care, dignity and status that we desire, our journey through life will have been worthwhile.

For you boys in A Block, if you can balance your own personal well-being in relation to those around you, then you have made a difference; then your Michaelhouse days will have been a successful and fulfilling journey. If this has been achieved then we can say that we have been true to our Michaelhouse tradition and vision. At the same time, your journey through Michaelhouse should have been an adventure.

In his brilliant book "The Way of the Wild Heart", John Eldredge describes the age 13 to 20 as the "Cowboy" years. It is the time of learning the lessons of the field, the time of great adventures and testing, and also a time for hard work. Boys need open horizons during this time as they spread their wings, what more perfect place to do this than in the secure and yet "free" environment of Michaelhouse.

I leave you with these famous words of Teddy Roosevelt:

'It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly... who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who knows at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who have never known neither victory nor defeat.'



“A good civilisation spreads over us like a tree, varying and yielding because it is alive. A bad civilisation stands up and sticks out above us like an umbrella – artificial, mathematical in shape; not merely universal, but uniform.”

G K Chesterton

In his address to the School, Senior Prefect Ntsolo Setlaba urged all students to maximise the opportunities offered at Michaelhouse.

If you have learnt to face the future with courage and with the understanding of who you are and have a meaningful relationship with all those around you, then you will have a sound foundation from which to go forth and build the next stage of your lives.

I wish you well.

Address by the Senior Prefect, Ntsolo Setlaba 16 August 2007

Good Morning Mr Pearson, Honoured Guests, Members of the Board, Staff, Parents, Mr Muir and Men of Michaelhouse.

It is both a privilege and an honour to be addressing you all on this windy winter morning. As I stand here today it seems as if it was only yesterday that I drove into the Michaelhouse gates, eager and nervous to start what was to be the most enjoyable five years of my brief existence. Upon arriving I can still remember seeing the many corridors and wondering whether Michaelhouse really was the place for me. Little did I know that I would grow to love those corridors and above all form great relationships with the people who walk through them.

It is no secret that this is one of the best schools in the country and even holds its own against the best in the world. One can always talk about Michaelhouse and how great a school it is in terms of facilities, but in my experience it is a place where great memories are created and special relationships formed. I cannot stand here today and tell you what Michaelhouse has taught me, for I would be here the whole morning.

When your time at a school like Michaelhouse begins to fade you begin to wonder what the things are that you will remember most about this place. There are many answers but only a few spring to mind immediately: I will miss that exhilarating feeling of running down the banks of Meadows in the red and white for yet another exciting rugby game. I will never forget the feeling when singing “Stars of the Morning” with the sound echoing in the beautiful Chapel. These experiences will forever have a place in my heart.

But even above all these special feelings, the things I will miss the most are the simple things about Michaelhouse – the same simple things which keep it running and which make it such a special school.

As young boys growing up there is a continuous desire to belong. I will miss that feeling you wake up to every morning at Michaelhouse. That feeling of belonging and being a part of something which is bigger than any individual.

Above all I will miss the camaraderie of this School. But when I say camaraderie I am not referring to how loud we manage to shout war cries during a first-team game, because I believe that is a temporary sense of camaraderie. Instead I am referring to the genuine camaraderie, which can be seen everyday here at Michaelhouse. I will miss the sense of respect and concern that each and every boy has for another in the School, regardless of age.

As I look back on my time at Michaelhouse I liken it to a good book. The day I entered those gates was my first chapter and now as time fades, and our days at this School decrease so the final chapter begins and the book begins to slowly draw to a close. I look back at this final chapter with much joy and satisfaction and

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for that I would like to thank everyone who has made this book so interesting and fulfilling.

To my family: Khanya, Mosa and Tumelo. Thank you for everything that you have taught me. Mosa and Khanya thank you for your guidance and support whenever I have needed it, words cannot begin to explain how much I appreciate it. Tumelo I must say, thank you for teaching me the meaning of patience. Your positive attitude is something which I admire about you. To my parents, Nina and Daddy, thank you for all the opportunities which you have given me. I thank you for the efforts and interest you have shown in me and the many lessons in life that you have taught me. Thank you for making me the person I am today. Although I do not always show it, I appreciate everything you have done and love you so much.

I would like to thank Mr Pearson for affording me the honour of leading Michaelhouse. Thank you for your support. Thank you to Mr Dunlop and the Members of the Board who work tirelessly to make this School the success it is today. On behalf of the School Prefects I would like to thank Mr Laing and Rev. Smedley for their constant guidance and patience throughout the year.

On behalf of A Block I would like to thank the entire teaching Staff for their five years of wisdom, academic guidance and creative thinking. Although we might not always show it, we do really appreciate your efforts and are extremely grateful for your time and concern. Thank you to Mr Brown for your guidance throughout the years. Your advice has always been relevant and of great assistance.

Now to the men who are the purpose of this establishment, you the Men of Michaelhouse, my fellow students and friends:

In terms of support, I could not have asked for a better group of individuals to work with in the School Prefects. You have been incredible this year and I thank all ten of you for your sound advice and positive contributions.

It is easy once you have been given power and responsibility to abuse it, or use it for personal gain. It is said that the true test of ones character is if they can use the power passed onto them, to develop and motivate those around them; I believe that this group has done just that.

To Big Doove! Your mature nature, coupled with your sound logical advice has been immeasurable throughout the year. I wish you well in the coming years, as success seems inevitable in your path.

I will forever be grateful to the members of my House, East House – most importantly the A Block. My stay in East over the last few years has been enjoyable and I thank every one of you who have

made my stay so pleasant, it has been a pleasure to be associated with the place “where the sun never sets”. I am thankful to the East A Blockers for all the good times we have experienced together, from the days of hiking up, what seemed to be huge unfathomable mountains to simply just sitting in a room catching up on all the good times.

Then on to the E Block; Gents it has been a pleasure meeting and spending time with you in my final year at this great establishment. I think back to just a couple of months ago and you were all beady-eyed and keen to embark on your Michaelhouse careers and now are looking at your second year. Remember always to give this School your best and with that, you shall receive the best the School has to offer.

To the D Blockers, I wish each and every one of you success in your Michaelhouse careers and beyond. I urge you to use all the opportunities on offer at this school. Fortunately going forward as a block, time is still on your side and an enjoyable Michaelhouse career awaits you.

To the C Blockers, you are an extremely talented group of individuals and already many of you are beginning to shine as boys of Michaelhouse. I wish you the best for the coming years.

To the B Blockers, over the years I have come to know many of you very well and know that you are a talented balanced group with enormous potential. I urge you to begin to look at ways in which the A Block of 2008 will make a positive difference to this School. I look forward to visiting next year, as it looks an exciting prospect for Michaelhouse.

And finally to A Block: Gents it's been a pleasure! You have been fantastic throughout this year and it has been a pleasure being with all of you for the past five years. We have worked together throughout the year, despite our differences, and have been rewarded with excellent achievements along the way. As our time begins to draw to a close I urge us to appreciate what this school has given to us and as Muhammad Ali once said, ‘don't count the days, rather make the days count.’

We arrived here and have experienced great times together. We have hiked and more often than not, been lost. We have had those evenings out and those rainy afternoons on Punch Bowl. We have witnessed some priceless moments together. One will never forget Nick's outrageous attempt at trying to bite the first team rugby prop and of course Grant's philosophy that a thesaurus is a dinosaur which we all keep in our lockers. Simple memories such as these will never be forgotten.

At the beginning of the year we promised to be a unified front and for that I appreciate your support, but above all I appreciate your friendships. Muhammad Ali once said, ‘Friendship is the

hardest thing in the world to explain. It's not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learnt the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learnt anything.'

I thank you all for teaching me the meaning of friendship and I know that we will all stay in touch, because Facebook and Mxit are two great things.

To all the boys, if there is one thing I urge you to do it is to always dream big. There is a quote which says, "he who dares nothing, need hope for nothing".

If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it. It is entirely in your hands. Dreams are there to show you where you could be, you determine whether they become a reality.

I do not want to preach to you but I also think attitude is so important. It is said over and over again but it is so true. You will become whatever you think and achieve what you personally desire, as long as your attitude is a positive one.

Attitude is such a major factor in a school such as this. Each and every individual in the School determines how successful the School is, it's a case of self-discipline and hard work on everyone's part.

Yes, it is the responsibility of teachers and Prefects to assist, encourage and motivate, but ultimately, it is your decision to be better than average that drives this School. Do not accept mediocrity from yourself. Settle for nothing less than a firm belief in your ability and demand a full effort from those around you because in the end every success is based on the ability to be better than just good enough.

One of the most important lessons my parents taught me was to respect every person you come across, regardless of social status, financial situation or occupation. Once you begin to think you are any better than any individual you immediately have to take a second look at yourself. It is said that: "You can see a true gentleman by the way he treats those who can do absolutely nothing for him."

Here at Michaelhouse we aspire to be true gentlemen, therefore it is important that we always respect and acknowledge everyone regardless of their situation.

Above all, believe in yourself. Tahir made reference to Mandela's quote last year in his speech. It is something which has stuck with me and I feel is so true in today's world, especially in a school such as Michaelhouse. '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 enlightening about shrinking so that others won't feel insecure around you.'

What Mandela was saying is be great at whatever you desire. We are all unique and must constantly celebrate that. Be confident about yourself and in what you are doing. Do not always try to please others by trying to be someone that you are not.

Michaelhouse is a very special place and will have a place in my heart forever. It is a School where each boy is given an opportunity to develop into a true gentleman. There is something about its beauty, the buildings and the people who occupy them, which is so amazing. Yes, the desire to explore the world and put into practice what I have learnt at this School is there, but I truly cannot say that I am looking forward to leaving this place. There is something about it which all its boys will never forget and will always treasure.

As we leave Michaelhouse what lies ahead of us now is the unknown and yet to be discovered. It is a time of rejoicing in the past and slowly beginning to let go of what has been a part of our lives for the past five years. I would like to leave you all with this poem, by Molly E Mobley entitled "Goodbye". It is a poem which explains the best goodbyes. It is a poem which is so



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relevant to this period in ones schooling career. It also signifies a meaningful parting, as we say thank you to all those who have been so significant in our lives.

*"We never thought this day would come,
But it's finally here at last,*

*What once was our bright future,
Is now our past,*

*But we hold onto the memories,
The lessons that we learned,*

*The pathways we have travelled down,
The corners that we turned,*

*And soon we say our sad goodbyes,
That will last us forever;*

*We may see each other again,
Maybe once or maybe never;*

*So make your goodbyes ones to remember,
The kind that will stay in their heads,*

*Those are the goodbyes they will treasure,
The ones that were sad to be said."*

Address by Guest Speaker, Mr Dick Muir 16 August 2007

I would first of all like to congratulate Michaelhouse on a fantastic rugby season, not just because of the results on the field but the way you went about it. You played with passion and commitment, you played a running style of rugby, and the rewards were producing a South African school player in Patrick Lambie and Ross Cronjé in the Academy side. You as a team can be very proud because they wouldn't have made it without your collective efforts.

Secondly it is a great honour for me to be addressing the Michaelhouse family that are so rich in tradition and proud values and I can draw a direct correlation to the Sharks family that I am proud to be part of. When we move on we know we will continue to become part of what the organisations have been built on by those that came before us.

I was fortunate to play in a very successful era, with great players under Mr Ian McIntosh and learned some valuable lessons about life, which I now coach and would like to share with those pupils that are going to be moving on.

An organisation like the Sharks is built on good people and we are constantly trying to improve on this. One of our shining



Ross Cronjé received the Des Sacco Award from Mr Dick Muir for the best sportsman of the year.

lights is from Michaelhouse where he matriculated in 2005 and thanks to those that helped mould him into the great product that he has become. I'd like to thank you, and in particular Mr Ryno Combrinck, for the specimen we have in Pat Cilliers. He can surely play a good game.

A good friend of mine relayed a story about a little boy who went fishing with his Dad. He caught his first fish and it was a beauty, he landed it onto the boat, unhooked it, and while holding it for a photo the fish wriggled free and fell back into the water before the photo could be taken. That is what the Super 14 team felt like. That is life and it is now in the past. Fortunately we can only control the future and need to move on quickly.

If you have the correct environment, have good people, trust one another, are unselfish in what you do and enjoy doing it; do what you need to do for the collective effort of the team. Like in the Super 14, we came desperately close.

If you committed to something and want it badly enough and you have the passion for it, it all takes hard work and lots of sacrifices and you can achieve anything with the right attitude.

Life is like a steel rod. Some will stay a steel rod and others will rust away, others may mould into a horse shoe and be worth double, others may become a whole lot of knitting needles and be worth four times; and then the really imaginative will become watch springs and be worth 10 000 times; but in the end that is your choice.

In closing I just want to say that you have been given the perfect platform from which to perform, but don't be fooled, it's tough out there, it's cruel at times, but with the value system you have been given, your commitment and effort, you can consider the challenges and join me in my efforts to make South Africa a great country to live in.

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Gabrielle Massey Prizes

(Awarded for oral work in English)

E Block: Christopher Thwaites, Kieran Allen, Harry Epsom, Ross Reid, Chester Holliday

D Block: Menzi Ndlovu, Jacques Adam, Ola Oyewo, George Purbrick, Michael Watson

C Block: Joshua Magor, Connor Alexander, Stuart Smallwood, Louis Karovsky, Mudiwa Mwayi

B Block: Dustin Holohan, Jose Cabeleira, Awande Khumalo, Ryan Baker, Justin Johnstone

A Block: Michael Laws, Tommie Gilbert, Edward Pepperell, Nick Campbell, Michael Chance

Subject Prizes

A BLOCK

ACCOUNTING

First in Subject: James Birkett

Most Improved Mark (Nov 06 – June 07): Thomas Watkins

Diligence: Ferdi van Niekerk, Marek Raciborski

AFRIKAANS

First in Subject: Rhoan Potgieter

Most Improved Mark (Nov 06 – June 07): Iain Rennie

Diligence: Jed Talbot, Simon Dommett, Lee Pedlar, Simon Harris

ART

First in Subject: Ross Berriman

Most Improved Mark (Nov 06 – June 07): Lee Pedlar

Diligence: Stephen Smith

BIOLOGY

First in Subject: Carl Pieterse

Most Improved Mark (Nov 06 – June 07): Prasanthan Vandayar

Diligence: Mark Richards, Jed Talbot, Carlos Rohrbach, Anthony Lawrence

COMPUTER STUDIES

First in Subject: Donovan Foster

Most Improved Mark (Nov 06 – June 07): James King

Diligence: James Birkett, Justin Tillett

ECONOMICS

First in Subject: Mandla Mashinini

Most Improved Mark (Nov 06 – June 07): Michael Papadopoulos

Diligence: Geoffrey Mwai, Nicholas Raw, Bryan Wester

ENGLISH

First in Subject: Michael Laws

Most Improved Mark (Nov 06 – June 07): Patrick George

Diligence: Ferdi van Niekerk, Tommie Gilbert,

Matthew Gardiner, Patrick George, Michael Chance

FRENCH

First in Subject: Tommie Gilbert

Most Improved Mark (Nov 06 – June 07): Nasho Sombe

Diligence: Carlos Rohrbach

GEOGRAPHY

First in Subject: Simon Dougall

Most Improved Mark (Nov 06 – June 07): Michael Sparkes

Diligence: Stephen Smith, Anthony Lawrence,

Joel Janse van Rensburg, Bryan Wester

HISTORY

First in Subject: Mandla Mashinini

Most Improved Mark (Nov 06 – June 07): Sean Rennie

Diligence: Michael Laws, Duncan Potts

ISIZULU

First in Subject: Ntsolo Setlaba

Most Improved Mark (Nov 06 – June 07): Ntsolo Setlaba

Diligence: Ross Berriman

MATHEMATICS

First in Subject: Glen Dowie

Most Improved Mark (Nov 06 – June 07): Shaun Mudd

Diligence: James Birkett, Tommie Gilbert, Shaun Mudd, Lee Pedlar, Ross Berriman

ADDITIONAL MATHEMATICS

First in Subject: Simon Finch

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

First in Subject: Simon Dommett

Most Improved Mark (Nov 06 – June 07): Simon Dommett

Diligence: Mark Richards, Jed Talbot, Alexander Sully

SPEECH & DRAMA

First in Subject: Michael Laws

Most Improved Mark (Nov 06 – June 07): Douglas Button

Diligence: Michael Laws, Craig Griffin

TECHNICAL DRAWING

First in Subject: Michael Abraham

Most Improved Mark (Nov 06 – June 07): Andrew Butt

Diligence: Douglas Button

MERIT CERTIFICATES (Aggregate over 1840)

James Birkett, Simon Dommett, Glen Dowie, Jonathan Durham, Simon Finch, Donovan Foster, Christopher Hallier, Seamus King, Michael Laws, Mandla Mashinini, Carl Pieterse, Rhoan Potgieter, Marek Raciborski, Nasho Sombe, Ferdi van Niekerk

A Block

Most improved Aggregate: Simon Dommett

3rd in Block: Glen Dowie

2nd in Block: **Simon Finch**
1st in Block: **James Birkett**

Special Prizes

Rector's English Verse Prize
Nicholas Meyer (Highbury Preparatory School)

Old Boys' Essay
Guy Cunliffe (Broadhurst Primary School)

J L Sisson Prize
Joshua Magor (Cowan House Preparatory School)

Bishop Baines Memorial Essay
Mandla Mashinini (Atholton Primary School)

Michael Barry English Prize
Mandla Mashinini (Atholton Primary School)

Zulu Progress Prize – Junior
Mark Taylor (Cordwalles Preparatory School)

Zulu Progress Prize – Senior
Andrew Campbell (Clifton Nottingham Road)

Hindson History Essay
Michael Laws (The Ridge School)

Peter Bell Memorial English Literature Prize
Michael Laws (The Ridge School)

Nedbank Biology Prize
Carl Pieterse (The Ridge School)

Rector's Afrikaans Essay
Carl Pieterse (The Ridge School)

P D Barnard Memorial Afrikaans Prize - Senior
Sekatle Sekatle (Clifton Nottingham Road)

P D Barnard Memorial Afrikaans Prize - Junior
David Horscroft (St Peter's Preparatory School)

Tatham Memorial Essay
Tom Puffett (Kingswood College)

Walter Lloyd Memorial Prize
Benjamin Bradford (Pridwin Preparatory School)

John Allen Art Prize:
Mixed Media: Ross Berriman (Clifton Nottingham Road)
Progress in Painting: Lee Pedlar (Gratton College)
Drawing: Nasho Sombe (Baobab, Lusaka)

Sculpture: John Wilkes (Grace College)

Roux Family Trophy for Photographic Excellence
Michael-James Currie (Hluhluwe Primary School)

Kevin Graham Memorial Geography Prize
Jonathan Durham (Uelzen Primary School)

Stubbings-Dyson Prize: C Block Mathematics
Alexander Waller (Pridwin Preparatory School)

Godfrey Immelman Mathematics Prize
Brian Cox (Highbury Preparatory School)

Hutchinson Memorial Mathematics Prize - Senior
Glen Dowie (Treverton Preparatory School)

Hutchinson Memorial Mathematics Prize - Junior
David Bradford (Cordwalles Preparatory School)

Collins Prize for Music
Sanda Shandu (Cordwalles Preparatory School)

Peter Beard Memorial Music Prize
Abbey Ally (St Nicholas Diocesan School)
Roché van Tiddens (The Ridge School)

Senior Music Prize
Alexander Poltera (Drakensberg Boys' Choir)

Junior Music Prize
Sean Hugo (St Patrick's College)

J L Robinson Award
(Achievement in the theoretical and practical realms of Physical Science)
Simon Dommett (Underberg Primary School)

Kevin King Memorial Award
(Outstanding Scientific Project Work)
Simon Dommett (Underberg Primary School)
Glen Dowie (Treverton Preparatory School)

Dr H Halley-Stott Yachting Prize
Simon Dommett (Underberg Primary School)

Nicholas Slack Information Technology Award
Donovan Foster (Beaulieu Preparatory School)

The Biffs-Smith Family Award (Sodalis Digmus)
(For a non-Prefect who best demonstrates qualities of care, compassion, concern and communication)
Ferdi van Niekerk (Trinityhouse Preparatory School)



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Elbert Hubbard

M R Butcher Outward Bound Award

Daniel McCarthy (Cowan House Co-ed Preparatory School)

Lion's River Conservation Prize

Philip Clay (Cedarwood School)

Des Sacco Award

Best Sportsman of the Year

Ross Cronjé (Trinityhouse Preparatory School)

Andrew Crutchley Memorial Award

(*For leadership on the C Block 3 day hike*)

Ben van Aswegen (Constantia Kloof Primary School)

Tim Patrick Memorial Prize:

(*Contribution to Societies*)

Michael Laws (The Ridge School)

Richard Hedden Memorial Award

(*Community Service*)

Jevon King, St Patrick's College

Peter Brown Service Award

Ross Berriman, Clifton Nottingham Road

Jevon King, St Patrick's College

Chree Bright Award

(*Outstanding D Block boy*)

Robert Gifford, Highbury Preparatory School

Rob Matthews Award

(*Courage in the face of personal adversity*)

Thomas Hodgson, St Peters Preparatory School

Herbert Fisher Award

(*Best aggregate in June exams*)

James Birkett, Clifton, Durban

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS 2007

ACADEMIC & CULTURAL

ART:

Work exhibited at the KwaZulu-Natal Art Exhibition: Simon Dommett, Patrick George, Michael-James Currie

COMPUTER STUDIES:

Final Round of SA Computer Olympiad: Donovan Foster

DRAMA:

WA van der Walt Dramatic Prize: Kai Botha, Ryan Baker, Francis Scott

F S Bishop Memorial Dramatic Prize: Nick Campbell

Van Velden Trophy : Greatest contribution to Drama during school career: Nick Campbell

ENGLISH

Gold Awards (placed in Top 150): Mandla Mashinini,

Patrick Smythe

Silver Awards: Simon Dommett, Jonathan Durham, David

Horscroft, Michael Laws, Joshua

Magor, Calvin van der Riet, Dale Walker

National Writing Competition: Adam Gray

SACEE English Alive: Domenico Nusca

EXCHANGES 2006/2007

FROM MICHAELHOUSE TO:

Trinity College School, Canada: Daniel Barge, Daniel McCarthy,

Calvin van der Riet

Montgomery Bell, USA: Dale Walker, William Gowans

Merchiston Castle School, Scotland: Calvin Freese

The Grange, Chile: Rowan Salter

King's School, Australia: Murray Forbes, Patrick Lambie

Cranbrook School, Australia: Ariv Badal

Wanganui Collegiate, New Zealand: Stephen Lishman

Christchurch Grammar, Australia: David Bennett, Jonty Tatz

Institut St Andre, Belgium: Edward Greene

MATHEMATICS

KZN Midlands Annual Inter-Provincial Olympiad:

A team: Joshua Magor, Nicholas Steere

B team: David Bradford, Dean Dowie, Donovan Foster, William Gowans, Kopano Sefako

KZN AMESA Mathematics Problem Solving Competition:

Gold Awards: Myles Arron, John Atkinson, Guy Cunliffe, Kopano Sefako, Kwezi Sogoni, Geoffrey Woollatt

MUSIC

NATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION

U15 and Top 7 Placement: Mark Lombard

Speech Day

KZN Youth Choir Members: Abbey Ally, Henk Appelo, Digby Berriman, Andrew Batley, Wesley Campher, Gareth Jenkinson, Keegan-John Moore, Edward Pepperell, Douglas Rattray, Liam Royce, Francois Schutte, Sanda Shandu, Edward Steere, Tristan van Dam, Roché van Tiddens
KZN Youth Symphony Orchestra: Andrew Steiner

SCIENCE

Expo for Young Scientists: Senior: 1st Class and Bronze medal: Stephen Green, Brian Cox

SPORT

CANOEING

1st and 2nd in KZN Junior Slalom Championships: Iain Rennie
1st and 2nd in SA Junior Slalom Championships: Iain Rennie
Represented SA in Junior Pre-World Championships, Slovenia: Iain Rennie
2nd U18 in Dusi Canoe Marathon: James Dillon
3rd in U18 Drak Challenge & KZN U18 K1 & K2 River Team: James Dillon
3rd U18 in Dusi Canoe Marathon KZN U18 K1 & K2 River Team: David Firth, Stuart Maclaren, Gregor Martin, Benjamin Bradford
KZN U16 Sprint Touring Team representing SA at Bochum, Germany: David Firth, Stuart Maclaren, Gregor Martin, Benjamin Bradford
KZN U14 Colours: Julian Atkinson
KZN U21A Canoe Polo and 1st U18 K2 Umkomaas Canoe Marathon: Craig Griffin

CYCLING

KZN U16A: Brian Cox
KZN U16B: Edward Greene

DIVING

KZN: Thomas Watkins; Michael Watkins

EQUESTRIAN

KZN Provincial Colours for 3rd year in Show Jumping and Eventing: George Purbrick
KZN Junior Show Jumping Derby: 11 August 2007: George Purbrick

FISHING (BASS)

1st in KZN: Brendan Moore

GOLF

KZN Schools A: Seamus King
KZN Schools B: John Barr; Jason Trautman

HOCKEY

SA U17A Team: David Zwemke
KZN Midlands U18A Team: Arniv Badal, Glen Dowie, Sean Rennie, David Zwemke
KZN Midlands U18B Team: Michael Crawford, Brett Gower, Seamus King, Jason Trautman
KZN Midlands U16A: Dean Dowie, Jethro Thomas
KZN Midlands U16B: Thomas Gardner, Ethan Malan
KZN Midlands U14A: Craig Clowes, Angus Clucas, Andrew Houston
KZN Midlands U14B: Andrew Fairweather, Guy Goddard, Gaza Khoza, Andrew Stephens

JUDO

KZN: Kweku Bortsie

RUGBY

SA U18: Patrick Lambie
SA Academy: Ross Cronjé
KZN U18A Rugby: Ntsolo Setlaba, Guy Cronjé, Killen van Rooyen, Murray de Bruyn
KZN U18 Academy A: Ruan Combrinck, Mark Richards
KZN U18 Academy B: Louis Albertse, Nicholas Tatham
KZN U16 Rugby: Robert de Bruyn, Reef Nakin

SAILING

Vasco da Gama Yacht Race Crew Member: William Crockett

SQUASH

KZN U19B Team: Mark Massey, Jonathan Short
KZN U16B Team: Ian Sturgeon
KZN U14B Team: Angus Clucas, Andrew Stephens

SWIMMING

KZN Swimming Colours: Andrew Chance

TENNIS

KZN U19C: Sanda Shandu
KZN U15B: Ethan Malan

TRIATHLON

SA U18/19: Simon Dougall

WATER POLO

KZN U19B: Sean Rennie, James Winter
KZN U16B: Nicholas Dunn

Grandparents' Day



Louis Karovsky and his grandparents enter the Chapel.



Michael Venter and his grandparents.



Oliver Boyes-Varley and his grandmother.

Sunday at Michaelhouse



“Friends are born, not made.”

Henry Adams

Sunday at Michaelhouse

Speech by Ntsolo Setlaba Senior Prefect 2007 14 October 2007

To prospective pupils and parents attending “Sunday at Michaelhouse”

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen.

During my preparation for this presentation, I was reminded that my time is indeed beginning to come to an end. I thought thoroughly about my time over the years and it became clear that the things which make Michaelhouse special and the things which I will never forget are the simple things about Michaelhouse – one of them being the Sunday afternoons.

Michaelhouse is a home to over 500 boys, a place which us, the boys of Michaelhouse, have come to treasure and hold so dear to our hearts. Michaelhouse is very much like a family, with teachers, ground staff, kitchen staff and students constantly interacting and forming relationships.

This School has commendable cultural, academic and sport facilities creditably staffed with highly capable staff members. It is a School overflowing with opportunities for all its boys, and I can assure you there is a place where every boy will be recognised for his strengths; not only that but; the opportunities are endless for him to develop his weaknesses.

It is a school which is distinguished for its many proud traditions and the boys who fill its corridors. One only has to be present for a Main Quad war-cry or simply spend some time with the boys to realise the incredible sense of camaraderie among Michaelhouse boys.

A system which the boys at Michaelhouse respect and a programme which is so unique to Michaelhouse is the Prefect/New Boy Service Programme. It is one which we boys firmly value and we treat it with the utmost care. It is a positive relationship between the Prefect and new boy. It is a relationship based on service from both parties. The A Blockers position is one of mentorship. Not only does this arrangement allow for boys to settle in easier but also becomes the foundation for which a life-long relationship between the junior and

senior is established. This relationship is one which current matrics at Michaelhouse still have with their Prefects, who have long left Michaelhouse.

For me, Michaelhouse is not just about the buildings but is rather a place which boys love and know as a home away from home. The extraordinary thing about Michaelhouse is the special friendships and bonds which are created. Mohammed Ali once said:

‘Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It’s not something you learn in school. But if you haven’t learnt the meaning of friendship, you really haven’t learnt anything.’

This is especially true in a school such as Michaelhouse where great friendships are created contributing to the incredible sense of school spirit.

When your time at Michaelhouse begins to fade you begin to ask yourself a number of probing questions. You begin to wonder what the things are that you will remember most about this place? There are many answers but a few things spring to mind immediately.

One of the many days that one will never forget about Michaelhouse is the Sunday afternoons.

Beautiful afternoons which are spent on one of the fields playing in the many infamous touch rugby games. Believe you me when I say these aren’t ordinary games. These games often last right through to supper; with neither team willing to surrender the last try and ultimately surrender to defeat; a dilemma which is brought about by the last-try-wins rule.

Sundays are also spent simply relaxing by the pool or in one of the Houses catching up on the good times with your friends. These are the moments that one will never forget.

The last thing that I can say about Michaelhouse is that, it is a place in which you arrive as a young boy, still trying to find your place in life; young and eager to learn and leave here a gentleman. A gentleman who understands and respects people for who they are. Above all that, you leave here knowing that you have made life-long friends and made memories which will always have a special place in your heart.

Michaelhouse MTB Festival



Above: George Purbrick



Above: James Strord

MICHAELHOUSE MTB FESTIVAL

The inaugural Michaelhouse MTB race was held on Sunday 7 October 2007. The race was extremely well attended, with long lines of cyclists finalising late entries an indication of the big fields in the 75km, 35km and 10km races.

The weather was wonderful and the school looked very festive with flags and bunting flying at the start of the race in front of School, and the finish, which was on Meadows. Cyclists and their families took full advantage of the facilities and enjoyed a well organised day.

The event is set to become an annual fixture on the MTB and Michaelhouse calendars.

ACADEMIC REPORTS

Senior Certificate Results: Class of 2006

Ninety boys wrote the examination with eighty six candidates achieving Matric Exemption. Four boys were awarded Senior Certificates. Twenty four boys earned A Aggregates, their names and numbers of subject distinctions are recorded below.

Aggregate results:

Matric Exemption:

A: 24, (26.6%) B: 30, (33.3%) C: 24 (26.6%), D: 8;
(A,B,C: 88 = 91%)
Senior Certificate: B: 1, C: 2, D: 1

Subject Symbol Scores:

A: 137, B: 114, C: 141, D: 108, E: 60, F: 12, G: 1, H: 0
Subject A's per boy: 1.52

Top 10 Candidates with their aggregate scores

1	Cullum Allen	2131
2	Nathan Rafferty	2015
3	Tristan Aubert	2008
4	Tahir Popat	1996
5	David Francis	1988
6	Richard Finlay	1923
7	Siyabonga Allie	1918
7	Simon Gowans	1907
9	Rupert Sully	1849
10	Zach Muhumza & Sebastian Read	1849

A Aggregates – Class of 2006

8 Distinctions	7 Distinctions	6 Distinctions	5 Distinctions
Cullum Allen	Nathan Rafferty	David Francis	Siyabonga Allie Tristan Aubert Richard Finlay Tahir Popat Simon Gowans
4 Distinctions	3 Distinctions	2 Distinctions	1 Distinction
Zach Muhumza Justin Pearson Sebastian Read Prathik Sewgoolam Nicholas Steere Rupert Sully	Luke Biden Kurt Holtzhauzen Stephen Miliatos Lawrence Rumble Paul Smedley	Matthew Bowes Domenico Nusca	Matthew Chapman James Chennells Nii-Amar Laryea

Academic Reports

Academic Awards 2007

Academic Honours: Donovan Foster, Ben van Aswegen
 Academic Colours: Carlos Rohrbach, Nasho Sombe, Brian Cox, Edward Greene, Matthew Purnell, Josh Magor, Kieran King, Simon Watt-Pringle, Geoffrey Woollatt, Guy Cunliffe, Simon Finch, James Birkett, Mandla Mashinini, Ferdi van Niekerk, Rhoan Potgieter, Seamus King, Nicholas Meyer

Academic Half Colours: Henk Appelo, Donald Sinton, Jason Trautman, Nicholas Turner, Pieter-Dirk van der Merwe, Roché van Tiddens, Abbey Ally, Benjamin Bradford, Dean Dowie, Reggie Holliday, David Horscroft, Justin Kobal, Jake Treahaven, Alex Waller, Munatsi Ziumbe, Julian Atkinson, David Bradford, Storm Gallie, Patrick Howard, Ethan Malan, Vincent Nunes, Akash Patel, Jonathan Purnell, Kwezi Sogoni, Andrew Steiner, Anthony Strathern, Jake van Koevering, Nikolai von Stackelberg, Grant Walker, William Gowans, Alasdair Allen, Jack Bassett, David Brill, Stefan Buys, Stuart Hadfield, Tyler Halliday, Paul Hewat, Sean Hugo, Richter Landman, Kieran Lyle, Kopano Marogo, Jonathan Needham, Christopher Rossouw, Andrew Stephens, Michael Venter, Myles Arron, Andrew Craib,

Michael Daly, Richard Lunn, Duncan Potts, Anthony Renton, Tahir Rhemtulla, Rowan Salter, Dale Stephen, Nicholas Surgey

Senior Certificate Results: November 2007 - Summary

- 108 boys wrote the examination. All passed. • 106 entered for the Senior Certificate with matric exemption.
- 102 achieved matric exemptions while 4 qualified for conditional exemptions. • 2 boys entered for and were awarded Senior Certificates

23 boys earned A-aggregates, their names and subject distinctions are shown below.

Top 10 Candidates with their aggregate scores		
1	Mandla Mashinini	1940
2	Carl Pieterse	1937
3	Glen Dowie	1908
4	Nasho Sombe	1888
5	Jonathan Glyn Durham	1885
6	Carlos Johann Rohrbach	1872
7	Christopher Hallier	1864
7	Seamus Kevin King	1864
9	Ferdinand Van Niekerk	1863
10	James Birkett	1855

Boys with A- Aggregates – Class of 2007		
6 Distinctions	5 Distinctions	4 Distinctions
Carl Pieterse	Glen Dowie Chris Hallier Mandla Mashinini Ferdie van Niekerk	James Birkett Simon Dommett Jonathan Durham Simon Finch Seamus King Michael Laws
3 Distinctions	2 Distinctions	1 Distinction
Donovan Foster Daniel Kleynhans Grant Nel Rhoan Potgieter Tom Puffett Marek Raciborski Carlos Rohrbach Stephen Smith Nasho Sombe	Geoffrey Mwai Duncan Potts	Andrew Birkett

Aggregate results:

Matric Exemption: A: 23 B: 43 C: 29 D: 7; (A,B,C: 88%)

Senior Certificate: B: 0 C: 0 D: 6 (includes conditional exemptions).

Subject Symbol Scores: A: 139, B: 147, C: 169, D: 124,

E: 69, F: 21 G: 0, H: 1

Subject A's per boy: 1,28

2007 Scholarship winners

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



Ross Berriman's 'Your Life is in Your Hands'



Lee Pedlar's 'Diminishing Zimbabwe'

ART & CULTURE

Visual Art

HOD: **Ms Joy Preiss**

Staff: **Mr Graeme Calway (Photography)** **Mr Sandile Sibiya (Intern)**

Cultural Colours: **Patrick George, Michael-James Currie, Simon Dommett**

Half Colours: **Stephen Smith, Ross Berriman, Nic Wilson**

Exhibitions

This year the Art Department participated in a number of public and school exhibitions. At the start of the year an exhibition was displayed in the Schlesinger Theatre of the work done by senior students from the previous year.

Patrick George, Michael-James Currie, Simon Dommett and Edward Steere, had work chosen to hang at the KwaZulu-Natal Matric Art Exhibition which is held annually at the Tatham Art Gallery. This is a prestigious event in the art calendar for which the boys receive Colours for the privilege of having their work on display.

Another important public exhibition which has become an annual event was the combined Matric Exhibition with The Wykeham Collegiate art students. The girls' art is of an extremely high standard with over 25 students taking art. Together with the 12 Michaelhouse A Block students, the standard of the exhibition was very high and the work was unique, exciting and engaging. Mrs Cathy Thomson, in her capacity as the new Deputy Head-Mistress of The Wykeham Collegiate, was the Guest of Honour and opened the exhibition.

Another annual event in the calendar was the Hilton/Michaelhouse Matric Art Exhibition. This year it was held at Hilton College and the opening on 3 August 2007, was attended by many of our parents, the A Block art students, Rector and Mrs Pearson, Mr

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Fleischack and Ms Preiss.

Our final exhibition of great importance was the A Block Art Exhibition which was opened on 17 October 2007. Guest Speaker was Mr Kim Goodwin who owns and runs the bronze foundry at Lidgetton. Kim is responsible for the casting and making of a great deal of the bronze sculptures at Michaelhouse; the most recent being the bust of James Cameron Todd which looks out from Screens over the Balgowan Valley. He was very encouraging about the students' work and mentioned particularly that the work being produced was both innovative and very expressive.

A and B Block Art Outings

Two trips were made: one in the first quarter where we attended a photographic exhibition at the Durban Art Gallery, interacted with the artist in residence at the KZNSA, and viewed a painting exhibition at the ArtSpace Gallery. We also visited the Bat Centre and were shown around by the students, viewed demonstrations of print making, and also saw two current exhibitions. We ate lunch at North Beach which was, of course, the highlight of the day.

The second outing was at the end of the second quarter – this time students went in civvies because of the State schools' teachers' strike and unrest. We saw the MTN collection at the Durban Art Gallery and viewed the art in the restaurant Beanbag Bohemia (the boys really responded to the "funky, way out stuff" being produced by the artists). We also visited the KZNSA and saw the Andrew Verster retrospective and attended a Fibre Art Exhibition at the ArtSpace Gallery. At the Durban Art Gallery we were given guided tours of the MTN collection by Durban Westville art students and very informative handouts were distributed amongst the boys.

The internet, magazines, books and art history lessons cannot take the place of viewing the real thing, and in some cases actually meeting the artists themselves. Although the outings take the boys out of the School programme for the day, they are very beneficial to the Art students and particularly to the ones who live in farming areas or small towns. It is an interesting observation that the majority of boys who live in Johannesburg do not attend exhibitions or galleries to view current art. The only art that is seen by the majority of students is the commercial stuff in the picture framing shops in the malls; and so it is of the utmost importance that students view current exhibitions at reputable galleries.

The New Art Centre

We now have a new lecture theatre which is fully equipped with all the necessary audio visual facilities and the studio space for senior students has been increased with a separate room for welding and metalwork. Pinboards hang on all walls, a separate area has been set aside for computers and the offices for teachers have been renovated. Perhaps the biggest improvement has been the new entrance which is more welcoming and attractive than before. A special opening of the new Art Centre is planned for 2008.



Ryan Baker, Jeremy Smythe and Kai Botha perform an hilarious skit at the "Stars" Variety Show.

Dramatic Art

HOD: Mrs Sue Tarr

Staff: Mrs Dionne Redfern, Mr Bradley Roets

Cultural Honours: Nick Campbell, Nicholas Tatham, Michael Laws

Matric Final Practical Examinations

As with every year, I was quite amazed at how superb the boys' performances were – from those who struggled with movement and characterisation to the delight of watching the likes of Nicholas Tatham and Nick Campbell in their hilarious extract from "Tokoloshe". No wonder the latter were chosen to end the school variety evening. They are born naturals and total foils for one another. One of the examiners told me that they were so professional she forgot she was watching an exam – high praise indeed. Other memorable performances were from Michael Laws, who finally came into his own on the stage this year, Edward Pepperell, Geoffrey Mwai, Francis Mennigke, James Dillon, Craig Griffin, Guy Cronje and Tom Hodgson.

I feel that all the boys acquitted themselves really well and should feel very proud of their achievements.

Because the Dramatic Arts are deeply rooted in the practical component, the new syllabus has not been too much of a shock and once we were able to get our heads around all the little finicky bits and pieces, the portfolios proved not too arduous.

Sadly, Mrs Dionne Redfern will be leaving the Department. She has been with us for several years now and we will miss her expertise. I take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and support for the Department. My thanks also go to Mr Bradley Roets who not only runs the D Block Drama section but has also helped me with the arduous task of trying to crit the many A Block students we have had to deal with this year. I have been most grateful for his support.



Chapel Choir: **Back Row:** S. Maclaren, K. Maroga, L. Sales, T. Van Dam, D. Berriman, R. Patchitt, N. Cox, D. Guiney, J. Fieldgate, M. Howard **Third Row:** M. Munatsi, A. Alley, D. Mashinini, S. Christodoulou, S. Shandu, L. Royce, R. Setati, L. Nkosi, S. Chirwa, B. Kariithi, L. Mogkosi **Second Row:** C. Rossouw, R. Mashego, JJ. Bradford, J. Adam, M. Farrow, K. Dunn, B. Buchler, O. Oyewo, M. Mwayi, G. Khoza, M. Ngoepe, M. Rait **Front Row:** A. Khumalo, E. Steere, W. Campher, H. Appelo, Mr A. Venter, K. Moore, R. van Tiddens, D. Rattray, G. Jenkinson, N. Mpofu

Performing Arts

HOD: Abri Venter

Staff: Mr Rainer von Schlichting

Intern: Mr Jean Louis Swart

Part Time Staff: Mrs Kathy Robinson, Mrs Julie Young,

Mr Bernard Kisby-Green, Mr Leandros Stavrou,

Mr Theo Venter, Mr Peter Quinn, Mr Matthew Sabine

Secretary: Mrs Elke von Schlichting

Cultural Honours: Keegan-John Moore

Cultural Colours: Simon Farrow, Josh Nuttall-Smith

To take over a Department from anyone else is never an easy job, but after nearly a year as Director of Music at Michaelhouse, I can gladly say that I have adapted to the new surroundings, the academics, the boys and all other cultural activities surrounding the Music Centre. In the short while that I have been here I have had a taste of what it is like to be part of the Michaelhouse Family.

We started off the year with 23 boys taking Music as a subject, while 118 boys were enrolled for individual lessons. We are very pleased to say that we increased our numbers to 138 pupils in November.

The objective for the Music department this year was to teach our boys the joy of making music together.

Another aim was to bring the Michaelhouse community (i.e. boys, teachers and parents) to the Music School to utilise the Band Room to its full potential. With this in mind, we introduced the @bandroom.live concerts which proved to be very popular with staff, boys and parents alike. These concerts offer an opportunity for boys to showcase their talents in an informal environment. Guests bring their own picnic baskets and enjoy friends, food and fellowship.

The foyer of the Music School was upgraded and is an asset where boys can wait for lessons, or just take time to socialise in a musical environment.

Marimba Band

At the end of the first quarter the Michaelhouse Music School purchased a set of five marimbas, heralding the first Michaelhouse Marimba Band and adding another exciting component to the already vibrant Music Department. The Marimba Band comprises 15 boys who are divided between the different instruments and the repertoire covers a large variety of genres from the more traditional African music through to Western Society music, including works from composers such as Beethoven, as well as Popular and African music.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter we expanded our marimbas to eight, making it more versatile for the band to perform a greater



Members of the Michaelhouse Marimba Band

selection of intricate works. The band performed on regular occasions, taking part in different festivals on campus as well as in the surrounding area.

Chapel Choir

There are currently 45 boys in the Chapel Choir. Apart from singing on a regular basis in the Chapel, they performed a recital on Speech Day and for the first time attended the bi-annual Choral Chill Mass Choir Festival held in the Pietermaritzburg City Hall. Here they sang together with more than 500 choristers from seven different schools.

A highlight on this year's calendar was the Spring Choir Festival held on 1 September 2007 in the Chapel. The Chapel Choir hosted the Cantare Children's Choir from Johannesburg while Hilton College, St Mary's DSG and the Pietermaritzburg Childrens' Choir joined us on the Saturday evening for a feast of choral music, celebrating the arrival of spring in our beautiful Balgowan Valley.

The annual Choir Camp, in preparation for the Carol Services at the end of the year, was held at Em'seni, and the final performances of the Choir were the two Carol Services held on the last two days of the fourth quarter. These were outstanding and moving performances.

Jazz Band

The Jazz Band welcomed Murray Rait on trumpet, Kieren Lyle on saxophone and Menzi Ndlovu on hand percussion as new members. The band comprised 21 members.

The first commitment of the year was a concert at the Makaranga



Mr Jean-Louis Swart

Alex Poltera

Garden Lodge in Kloof, an event focused on raising funds for the David Rattray Foundation. Other commitments included performances at The Wykeham Collegiate, Howick Catholic Church, Grandparents' Day and Sunday at Michaelhouse.

Earlier this year a number of the Jazz Band members joined forces with the St Annes' Orchestra and held a highly commendable performance with the KZN Wind Ensemble at St Anne's DSG.

The "All That Jazz" was held on 8 September 2007 in the Inglis Indoor Centre under the theme "Mexican Fiesta". On arrival, the guests walked through a Mexican market scene and were greeted in the foyer by a man-sized Mexican puppet sitting on a donkey. The venue was transformed with a vast array of Mexican cloths, hats, flowers and cacti as table decorations, colourful draping, fairy lights and flashing tequila glasses. Each table boasted a Piñata, handcrafted beautifully by Michaelhouse parent, Karen Poltera.

The tone was set with the Michaelhouse Jazz Band performing a selection of Mexican pieces and as is customary, several sessions of dance music brought the masses to the dance floor. The band received several commendations on their professional conduct, showmanship and high standard of performance. The cherry on the top was the truly Mexican meal of nachos with dips, tortillas with fillings, and scrumptious desserts in all textures and sizes. The all new KKS management team delivered excellently.

Proceeds of the evening were donated to Sunfield Home and Khazimula. Our gratitude is extended to all who so graciously donated gifts and services to this successful event.



The Michaelhouse Jazz Band perform at All That Jazz, 'Mexican Fiesta'

Music Awards

At the annual Pietermaritzburg Eisteddfod, the following results were obtained:

Tristan van Dam:	Silver
Andrew Batley:	Silver
Sanda Shandu:	Gold
Abbey Ally:	Gold
Digby Berriman:	Gold

The following boys were members of the KZN Youth Choir:

Edward Pepperell, Keegan-John Moore, Roché van Tiddens
Francois Schutte, Gareth Jenkinson, Edward Steere,
Henk Appello, Douglas Rattray, Andrew Batley,
Sanda Shandu, Abbey Ally, Tristan van Dam,
Digby Berriman

Andrew Steiner was selected for the KZN Youth Orchestra.

A definite highlight of the KZN Youth Choir year was their trip to Russia, Germany and Estonia, where they performed with 30 000 choristers in Tallin, the capital of Estonia.

Music External Examinations

The following results were obtained this year:

Gr 1 Sean Hugo	Trinity	Percussion	Distinction
Gr 2 Sean Hugo	Trinity	Saxophone	Pass
Tseko Letlala	ABRSM	Trumpet	Pass
Roché van Tiddens	ABRSM	Violin	Distinction

Gr 3 Abbey Ally	ABRSM	Trombone	Distinction
Harry Epsom	ABRSM	Saxophone	Pass
Francis Gelletich	ABRSM	Violin	Pass
Gr 4 Jon-Paul Akal	Trinity	Voice	Pass
Kopano Maroga	ABRSM	Piano	Pass
Gr 5 Digby Berriman	Trinity	Piano	Pass
Mark Farrow	ABRSM	Violin	Pass
Gr 6 Abbey Ally	Trinity	Voice	Pass
Andrew Batley	Trinity	Voice	Pass
Ryan Patchitt	Trinity	Saxophone	Pass
Andrew Steiner	ABRSM	Flute	Pass
Nick Vilankulu	Trinity	Voice	Pass
Andrew Batley	Trinity	Voice	Pass
Gr 7 Alex Poltera	Trinity	Saxophone	Merit
Roché van Tiddens	Trinity	Voice	Pass
Nikolai von Stackelberg	Trinity	Saxophone	Pass
Gr 8 Mark Lombard	ABRSM	Clarinet	Distinction

Roché van Tiddens and Abbey Ally received awards from the South African Society of Music Teachers as best violinist and best trombonist respectively for the Midlands Region, and Mark Lombard was chosen to play at the Tatham Art Gallery as one of the "Best of Eisteddfod 2007".



The cast of Murder at Meadows Hall: Back: Francis Mennigke, Michael Laws, Nick Campbell. Front: Nicholas Tatham, Richard Matthews, Edward Pepperell

Schlesinger Theatre Notes

Theatre Director: **Mrs Dionne Redfern**

Theatre Awards

W A van der Walt Trophy for Best Novice: **Kai Botha, Ryan Baker and Francis Scott**

F S Bishop Memorial Trophy for Best Actor: **Nick Campbell**

Van Velden Trophy for Greatest Contribution to Drama:
Nick Campbell

The Schlesinger Theatre hosted a number of excellent shows this year, in addition to two School productions:

27 February:

Life's a Pitch

by Paul Slabolepszky

Paul Slabolepszky's smash hit comedy was about cricket umpires. "Life's a Pitch", starring James Borthwick and Graham Hopkins, won three FNB Vita Awards – for Best New Script and Best Comedy Performances in 2001 and has received acclaim from many of our country's sporting heroes.

12 – 16 March:

Murder at Meadows Hall

adapted from a play by Alan Ayckbourn

Our School play was something a little different – a murder mystery. Based on a play by Alan Ayckbourn, a widely performed British playwright, this play sent up the Christie-type thriller, written with tongue-in-cheek humour and slyly ironic comment. Picture the scene: a thunder-storm; a windswept country house; a family of failures including a detective who has never solved a case, a failed writer, a dreadful artist and a temperamental composer whose work has never been played. Add the obligatory butler to the cast as well as a wrangle over a will and all the prime ingredients for a murder-mystery thriller in the traditional mould are set. Performed by Michael Laws, Edward Pepperall, Richard Matthews, Francis Mennigke, Nick Campbell and Nicholas Tatham, the show was a successful venture and a novel experience – especially for Richard who had to don a wig, high heels, make-up and shave his legs for the part.

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23 April:

Blood Orange

performed by Craig Morris

Scripted by Greig Coetzee, Craig Morris and Troy Blacklaws from the novel by Troy Blacklaws, Blood Orange was the story of Gecko, a boy who has an oblique, out-of-synch way of seeing the world; of his childhood among the green hills of Natal and of his jagged school days in the Cape where the Simonsberg drinks the Blood Orange sun at dusk. Brilliantly performed by Craig Morris, this simple story of a white boy's growing pains in an apartheid South Africa is told through physical action and characterisation. This was an incredible show and exceptionally well received by all who saw it.

16 May:

Footing with Sir Richard's Ghost

by Patricia Glyn

On behalf of The Lion's Bush Conservancy and the Mooi River SPCA, Michaelhouse hosted well-known radio broadcaster and TV host, Patricia Glyn, who recounted her fascinating 2000km journey from Durban to Victoria Falls, using incredible slide and video footage. She followed the 19th century wagon trails taken by her adventurous ancestors, Sir Richard Glyn and his brother Robert who came to Africa in 1863 and reached the Falls shortly after Livingston.

25 May:

Spitfire: The Return of the Red –I

Written and performed by Iain 'EWOK' Robinson

Spitfire introduced two poets, existing in two different spaces, yet engaging with similar content in their work. The poetry and text of Spitfire was a blend of Slam Poetry and Rapping staged in a physical theatre style. Spitfire premiered this year at the Musho! Festival and won two awards: Audience Choice and Pick of the Festival.

14 – 15 August:

Stars Variety Show

This was another innovation this year. Having used a small cast for the official school play earlier this year, I was aware of untapped talent that had not been given a means to perform. Borrowing from the “LEAP” programme ideology and the “STARS” intranet site, I called this Variety Show “Stars” in the hope that it further enhanced

the ideas of the LEAP programme. Over 80 boys finally took to the stage, after extensive auditions. The range of material performed was superb, from fire poi to skits, dances, music items and even a few brave staff members making fools of themselves as swans. The show was far more successful than I envisaged and highlighted not only the talent of the boys but also their need to perform. While not all the items were of the same stellar quality, all of them were nonetheless good. Sometimes we need to allow the good to perform alongside the outstanding because the opportunity means as much to them all. It is also educationally sound to allow for the growth in confidence that each performer gains. I hope this will become an annual event.

2 October:

Brothers in Song

The Soweto Opera Quadro with their musical Brothers In Song performed at our School as part of their nationwide tour and prior to their dates in Asia. The Quadro, which comprises tenors Edward Mabunda, Bokang Sehau and Elliot Koena and baritone Xola Mpola, showed their versatility singing a diverse array of popular light classical, adult contemporary and operatic songs.

2 – 3 November:

The Best of Ian and Rory

Ian von Memerty and Rory Rootenberg, two of South Africa's best-loved entertainers joined forces in a hilarious and moving journey down musical memory lane performing highlights from their favourite musicals and shows.

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

HOD: Mr Richard McMichael

Staff: Mr Rory Drysdale

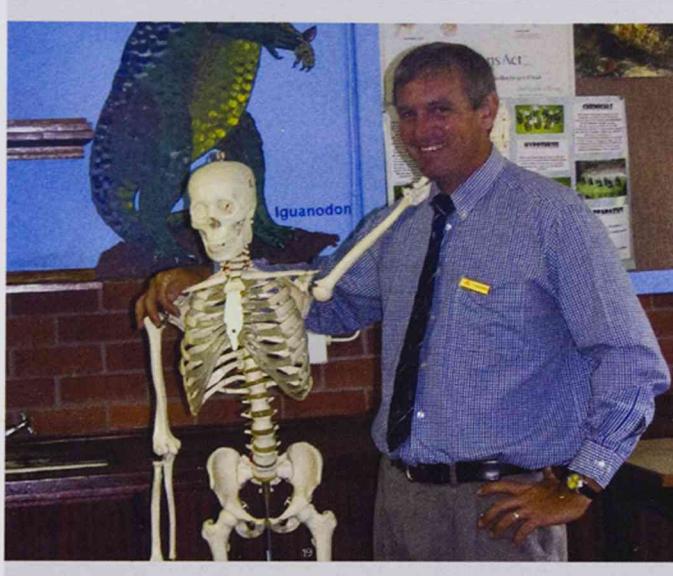
With sound preparation and revision the results of our current A Block will emulate those of the last few groups.

During the year the IEB approached Mr Rory Drysdale and myself to set the Grade 11 Exemplar Papers, which focus on our planned implementation of the new curriculum requirements. In addition, it would assist the Michaelhouse

“ *He who knows others is wise. He who knows himself is enlightened* ”

Lao-Tzu.

boys to meet the expected exam requirements in their final exam next year.



HOD Biology, Mr Iain Guthrie

BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

HOD: Mr Iain Guthrie

Staff: Mr Paul Fleischack, Mr Nick Cahill, Mr Alan Redfern, Mr Dennis Maharaj (Laboratory Manager), Ms Zanele Mchunu (Laboratory Assistant)

We welcomed to our Staff this year our new Laboratory Assistant, Ms Zanele Mchunu. She came to us from Lidgetton and has certainly made her mark on a previously male dominated Department.

Biology continues to be a popular option for boys at Michaelhouse and the Department has strived to provide lessons that are practically based and interesting. In this regard, the ability to take boys into the Michaelhouse Oribi Reserve during lesson time proved to be a successful option as the learning opportunities that are then possible, are vast.

The final year of the old syllabus has come and gone and all the 2008 lessons will in future bear the new names of Life Sciences and Natural Sciences. The new syllabus is balanced and provides the boys with a solid background in broader Biology. The scope for providing interesting and relevant study material is greater too.

We increased the DVD collection considerably this year and regularly screened relevant and up-to-date material on a wide variety of topics to supplement our lessons. This high quality visual material helped in the boys' understanding of more complex issues.

The study of the biosphere and the biomes of South Africa in C Block was greatly enhanced by our having the Michaelhouse Oribi Reserve on our door step. We were able to see grassland, forest, thicket and wetland areas with relative ease which provided a very relevant and practically based course for the boys.

As part of the C Block Biodiversity Studies visited uShaka Marine in Durban, which proved to be very popular and provided valuable insights into the variety and beauty of marine ecosystems. Boys were also exposed to the threats and pressure being placed on these marine environments which are considerably different from those encountered in the Balgowan Valley.

Finally, Boris, the stuffed head of a bush pig, has taken his place in the Department and has caused considerable mirth amongst boys and staff in general.

COMPUTERS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Computer Studies Department

HOD: Mrs Julie Flanagan

Staff: Mr Alwin Murugen, Mr Gary Schneider, Mrs Elke von Schlichting

The following boys were awarded Computer Studies prizes at Speech Day 2007: First in Subject: **Donovan Foster**. Most Improved in Subject: **James King**. Diligence: **James Birkett** and **Justin Tillett**.

The 2007 Standard Bank / CSSA Computer Olympiad continued to grow in popularity with numbers in the first round at a record high of 33 869 students from 489 schools. Michaelhouse also had a record number of entries with 41 Senior (C-A Block) and 66 Junior (E-D Block) boys participating, making this a total of 107 boys who participated in the first round. The boys who achieved the top three positions in each category were:

FIRST ROUND

Junior Division

1st	David Bradford	D Block
2nd	Richard Griffin	E Block
3rd	Vincent Nunes	D Block

Senior Division

1st	Donovan Foster	A Block
2nd	Alexander Waller	C Block
3rd	Matt Dyer & David Horscroft	C Block

The second round of the Computer Olympiad was very challenging with 3301 entries from 214 schools. We had five boys participating in the Start Division and ten boys in the Open Division. Our internal Michaelhouse top three positions in each category were:

SECOND ROUND

Start Division

1st	David Horscroft	C Block
2nd	Antony Renton	C Block
3rd	Tristan van Dam	C Block

Open Division

1st	Donovan Foster	A Block
2nd	Edward Steere	B Block
3rd	Simon Finch	A Block

Donovan Foster was chosen to represent Michaelhouse in the final round of the Computer Olympiad held in Cape Town. Considering that the Olympiad attracted so many students, it was an outstanding achievement that Donovan was chosen as one of the top 22 students. Donovan achieved a Provincial Certificate for being placed second in KwaZulu-Natal.

The staff of the Computer Studies Department had a busy year with involvement in the KZN User Group Meetings, attendance and involvement in the 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.

Thanks are extended to Mr Alwin Murugen, Mrs Elke von Schlichting, who joined the Department to help with ICDL, and Mr Gary Schneider for his involvement with the E Block classes. Mr Gary Schneider moves over to the IT Department from next year

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Donovan Foster achieved a fantastic double in securing a place in the final round of the Computer Science and Senior Mathematics Olympiads

and we thank him for his enthusiastic contribution to the Department over the past four years.

Our thanks are also recorded to our support staff, especially the IT Department: Mrs Naveshree Baldavoo who performs a very supportive role as ICDL Examiner and Computer Studies support together with Mr Simon Dottridge and Mr Brad Flanagan on the technical side.

The ICDL (International Computer Driving Licence) continues in our E and D Block classes. Eighty-four new ICDL certificates were issued in 2007. We were very pleased with the number of A Block boys who completed their ICDL (56 Full ICDL, 19 Start ICDL) which is a 75% achievement, our highest ever. We congratulate the following boys who completed their ICDL in their E Block year: Stuart Hadfield and Edward Riley; and in his D Block year: Ronan Worthington.

The new curriculum offers many challenges and we say farewell to Computer Studies as a subject and continue our road 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.

Both IT and CAT provide the learner with a fountain of knowledge to prepare them for a career path, higher education and life-long learning to become effective members of a computer-using society. This ensures that learners can enter different career paths in a number of fields, or apply these and related skills to create employment for themselves and for others.

Information Technology

HOD: Mr Brad Flanagan

Staff: Ms Naveshree Govender, Mr Simon Dottridge

2007 has been a fairly quiet year as far as IT goes. Both CS3 and CS4 (Computer Labs) have had hardware upgrades which went very smoothly. The new PCs in CS3 have allowed us to add AutoCad

software for our Technical Drawing students which I am hoping they take the opportunity to use. The PCs in CS4 reached the end of their life spans and were upgraded to cope with every day activity.

The bulk of year's budget went toward installing fibre-optic cabling campus-wide; we will have completed all the academic staff houses on the premises by the end of this year. The Workshops, Stores, Centenary Centre, Inglis Indoor Centre and Old Boys' Club have also had live network points installed.

The Smartboard expansion saw a further five new boards added during 2007. The Afrikaans, History, Biology, Accounting and Science Departments have all bought into the Smartboard concept.

Back in the engine room of IT, we have been experimenting with the compatibility of Linux (Open Source) servers to establish their compatibility with our existing Novell Servers. This exercise is being done with an eye to migrating parts of our network onto new servers in 2008. We are also pleased to note that the price of broadband internet is continually dropping, so that we are able to acquire increased bandwidth for the School without adding to the expense.

Internet and email security is still an ongoing challenge, however with our service provider providing email filtering and with Surf Control doing our internet security; and we are managing to exercise some degree of control. The new challenge seems to be social networking, i.e. Facebook, in itself a harmless package, but when it becomes addictive (to both staff and students) it becomes a major challenge to prevent our entire bandwidth being overrun by this addiction. We have managed to work a compromise by allowing it during restricted times.

The introduction of Microsoft Vista as a new desktop operating system provided a fair amount of challenge as it is largely incompatible with our existing servers – however we envisage being able to integrate this system into our network in the near future.

“ *By their fruits shall ye know them.* ”

Bible – Matthew 7:20

COUNSELLING AND LIFE ORIENTATION DEPARTMENT

HOD: Mr Tim Jarvis

Staff: Mr Keith Fairweather

John Eldridge in his book, “The Way of the Wild Heart” tells the story of a visit to Alaska and in particular a hike into the interior of Chichagof Island in the Icy Strait. On the way the group encounters a bog, “a low lying jungle of brushy groundcover about two feet high, and barley supported by another two feet of moss and peat. A very difficult place to walk.” However through the bog appeared to be a trail of massive footprints, pressing into the bog and making a path through it. It was, in fact, a centuries’ old bear trail which, by following it the guide explained, they would be able to cross that place.

‘For as long as bears have been on this island, they’ve taken this path. The cubs follow their elders putting their feet exactly where the older bears walk. That’s how they learn to cross this place.’

A lot of time around the teenage years is spent on identity formation, asking the question ‘Who am I?’. This is not an easy question to answer and adolescence can be a very difficult place to walk. Boys need to be shown clear paths through to the other side. Where there is no one with whom to walk close by during this time the difficult task of identity formation is made even harder.

A large part of the focus of the Counselling and Life Orientation Department, with the support of the whole staff, is on walking with the boys during this time and giving them clear guidance. In addition to this there is a reliance on the partnership between home and school, working in tandem to help our boys through their teenage years. This year we were able to introduce a new course “The Courage to Connect” for fathers and sons to go alongside our “Strong Mothers-Strong Sons” course, which we have run for the past three years. Seeing the interaction between fathers and their sons over the weekend of the course leaves me in no doubt as to just how crucial this relationship really is.

Counselling and Support

If the task of the adolescent is to form an identity, then the task of parents and teachers is what Erik Eriksson calls “Generativity”. This has been explained as reaching back to the next generation

in order to assist them in their journey. Another way to put it is creativity in the service of the youth. We know that males, and in particular adolescents, do not always respond well to sitting down and talking. Far from it, they are in fact far more likely to express their emotions and talk about things while doing something. The implications for a School Counsellor can be exhausting but certainly help one to stay young. Conversations around a camp fire, at the coffee shop, around the pool table or on Mxit as opposed to in the office, help give you a clearer picture of where the boys really are.

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. A couple of these are mentioned here below.

Drug and 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 on-going 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. Professor Ken Boffard, who is at Wits University and is the Director of the Trauma Unit at Johannesburg General, gave a talk to the boys 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 Advisors: A total of 16 boys completed a course over six months to give them 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. The training started with an awareness of their personality type and moved on to highlight more specific issues that they might be faced with in the boarding Houses. While there is lots of room for improvement in this programme, it was an encouraging start to what is hoped will become an established part of Michaelhouse. My thanks go to Mr Jaques Pretorius for his help with this initiative.

D Block Sexuality Course: This gave the D Block boys a 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

“ *Live your life as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever* ”

Gandhi

that they are prepared for what lies ahead. Sister Ruth Loubser, a qualified Sexual Health Educator led this course in her typically frank and direct way.

Careers & Tertiary Education 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 opportunity for individual guidance if they so desire. Despite this on-going 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 the 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.

All D Block boys get a full morning of guidance on this issue but now also get to complete the “Ideas: Interest Determination, Exploration and Assessment System.” This assessment includes an interest questionnaire and a workbook which is filled in to enable 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

It has been a great pleasure to welcome Mr Keith Fairweather to the Counselling and Life Orientation Department. Life Orientation now forms part of the final FET assessment and as such forms part of the requirement for entry to some courses at some universities. This has elevated the position of Life Orientation as a subject and has required a different approach to teaching what was previously

known as Life Skills.

For the most part Michaelhouse has already been delivering much of the new curriculum, but what we do now needs to be recorded and harnessed so that what we do as a School becomes more co-ordinated, intentional and focused. Keith’s role in the Department has been to drive Life Orientation in the School and to oversee the Enrichment Speaker Programme. He has also assisted me when necessary in other areas.

We started with a focus on the Michaelhouse Mission Statement, Vision and Values. This set the tone for the year, as a great deal of emphasis in Life Orientation is on values, skills and attitudes to manage their lives more responsibly in a challenging and transforming world. Our focus on skills and values tied in well with Tim Harkness’ High Performance Programme, LEAP: Life, Excellence, Attitude and Performance.

In E Block, we covered the important topic of self-esteem and being positive, as well as general personal wellness.

In D Block, we focused on physical wellness and maintaining a Wellness Diary.

In C and B Block, we completed a useful Coaching Certificate, as well as understanding the self-discipline of fitness, health and physical wellness.

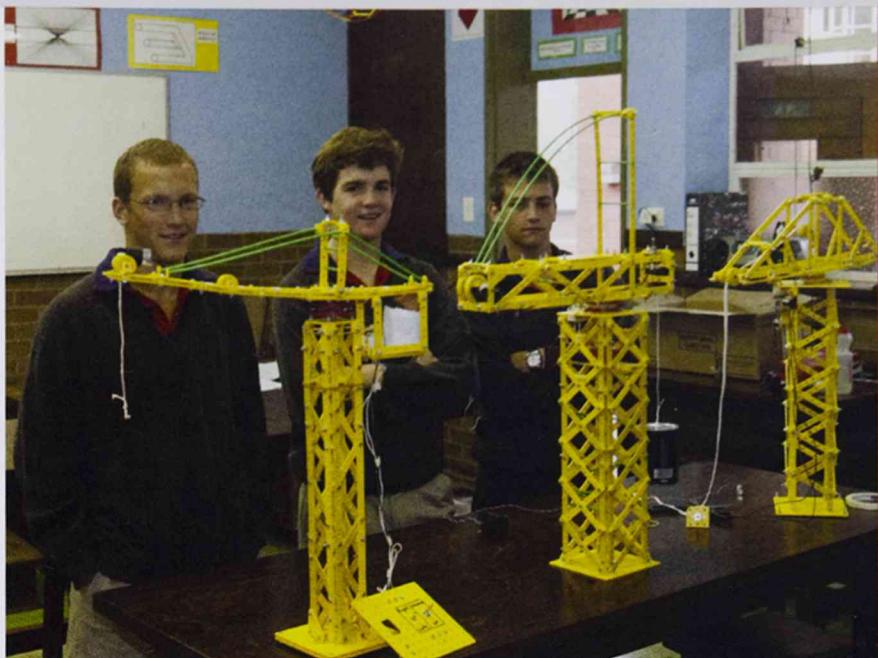
In A Block, we discussed the University requirements, gap year options and what it entails to study for a degree.

Enrichment Speakers: This year we had a number of speakers talk to the School: Mr Tim Harkness, Prof. Ken Boffard, Mrs Brenda Vos and Mrs Caro Smit, Mr Cy Edmundson and Mrs Bridget Ringdahl. All shared either their unique experiences or insight into a particular area. Finally, Mr Lawrence Anthony gave a fantastic talk on his work with Baghdad Zoo and the rescue of the animals there during the war in Iraq.

Home Room Programme: Each day each Block in each House meets with their Tutor for 15 minutes. This is often just time to touch base and deal with day to day issues. However, each week, a certain area from the Life Orientation syllabus is featured for discussion with the Tutor and their Home Room.

As usual at Michaelhouse, the year has been a full and challenging one;

Andrew Butt, Michael Abraham and Douglas Button



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 40:30-31

ENGINEERING GRAPHICS AND DESIGN

HOD: **Mr Elmar de Klerk**

At the beginning of 2007 the subject changed its name to Engineering Graphics and Design. The emphasis in EGD is on learning how to draw within the context of Civil Technology, Electrical Technology and Mechanical Technology.

The introduction of Computer-Aided Design (CAD) is an exciting new inclusion to EGD and goes a long way to making the subject relevant in the future. In the CAD module the emphasis is on the students becoming familiar with drawing on the computer.

A group of 16 students selected EGD as one of their subjects for 2008. At the end of 2007, I am confident that the current A Block pupils will do well in their final IEB Technical Drawing exam. I was very impressed with the portfolios completed during the year. Their project was to design and build a model crane.

Our D Block pupils completed their Technology CTA. It is, however, very time consuming and some of the material is relevant to the syllabus of EGD.

I am looking forward to the new challenges in this subject and it is really rewarding to see the pupils enjoying the work that we do in class.

EXTENDED ACADEMIC PROGRAMME FOR SCHOLARS (EAPS)

Teacher in Charge: **Mr Michael Schwartz**

Members:

A Block: **James Birkett, Carl Pieterse, Glen Dowie, Christopher Hallier and Donovan Foster.**

B Block:

Nick Meyer, Ben van Aswegen, Brian Cox, Dale Walker and Matthew Purnell.

C Block:

Geoffrey Woollatt, Benjamin Bradford, Chris Morris, Dean Dowie and Kieren King

D Block:

David Bradford, Andrew Steiner, Ethan Malan, Jake van Koevering, Storm Gallie and Jonathan Purnell

The year started off with the traditional dinner at Panarotti's Pizzas where the new "graduates" were inducted and those who had retained their EAPS status, congratulated. The talking point for most of the evening was the upcoming trip to the USA and the outreach opportunities at Hlanganani School.

EAPS Visit to USA

written by Mr. Michael Schwartz

A group of 17 boys and two staff members left Johannesburg on Saturday, 17 February 2007 for the Pace Academy in Atlanta. The boys interacted with their hosts in the classroom and during a workshop at which we presented the research of our project, "Education for All". During the next eight days we travelled up the north east coast *en route* to our second school stop in Wilbraham, Massachusetts. Some highlights included visits to Union Station; the US Capitol building; Arlington Cemetery; an ice hockey game featuring the DC Capitols; the Smithsonian Museums; the Amish community in Lancaster County; a Broadway Show; NBA



An excited EAPS touring squad and accompanying staff members in the departure hall at Oliver Tambo International Airport.

basketball at Madison Square Gardens and a trip to the top of the Empire State Building to name but a few.

At Wilbraham & Monson Academy, it was back to boarding school and snow. Touch rugby and snow ball fights made the outside temperature a little more bearable. We enjoyed a fantastic time engaging with the teachers and pupils from that school. We were involved in a workshop where we looked at practical applications to the problems surrounding trade and investment in the world today; our second project.

Next stop was Boston and with this a trip to Harvard, Fenway Park and a harbour cruise.

This was a unique experience for the teachers and boys involved. It was a truly memorable occasion for which we are very grateful and we thank the School for this amazing opportunity.

In the second quarter, EAPS presented Maths and Science lessons at Hlanganani School on percentage calculations, fractions, density and pressure. The boys found the experience moving and were encouraged by the willingness of the learners to engage with the work.

The EAPS boys were struck by the lack of basic stationery in the classes and have set about collecting calculators for the Grade 8 and 9 students which will be presented to Hlanganani School in the new year.

The year ended with a dinner at Rawdon's Hotel where members paid tribute to the A Blockers, in particular Glen Dowie and Carl Pieterse who has been members of EAPS for four consecutive years.

ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

HOD: Mrs Win de Wet

Staff: Mr Andrew Brown, Mr Ian Hobson

Economics is alive and well at Michaelhouse, and has grown in popularity over the last few years. We have 60 boys in B Block and 59 boys have opted to take Economics in their C Block year in 2008, the most out of all the choice subjects.

Some of our current Economics pupils, who are part of the EAPS group, were involved with a project called the 20/20 Challenge. The idea is to research one of the 20 global problems outlined in a book by JF Rischard entitled "Highnoon – 20 Global Problems, 20 Years to Solve them" and present a project. Michaelhouse partnered with two schools in the United States of America and researched the problems of Trade and Investment, and Education. This group of boys travelled to the USA in February this year where they spent some time with the schools with whom they were working on this project. We were involved in a workshop where we looked at practical applications to the problems surrounding trade and investment in the world today.

The Economics pupils at Michaelhouse continue to be taught by a dedicated group of staff who encourage the boys to read widely to enhance their knowledge of the South African economy and to see where South Africa fits into the global picture. The boys are encouraged to share their points of view and to ask questions. Amongst others, topics such as South Africa's economic growth, ASGISA, our increasing inflation rate, increasing interest rates, trade with China and their increasing interest rates, and who is going to be the next

“ *What makes a good writer of history is a guy who is suspicious. Suspicion marks the real difference between the man who wants to write honest history and the one who'd rather write a good story.* ”

Jim Bishop

South African President are all hotly debated and discussed in the classroom. We continue to aim to provide Michaelhouse Economics pupils with the confidence and insight to hold their own in economic discussions and debates as well as the ability to interpret and critically think through the implications of national and international events.

Last year we had 44 Matric entries and managed six A symbols and 11 B symbols. We have a committed and competent A Block group this year with whom we hope to improve on these results.

HUMAN AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

History Department

HOD: Mr Mike Thomson

Staff: Mr Bryan Tarr

The History Department moved into 2007 confidently trying to get to grips with the demands of the new syllabus. The B Block class is in its second year following this syllabus and with the C Block year, we thankfully have one year's experience with this syllabus and are more conversant with its requirements and pitfalls.

Student numbers in 2007 were up with two classes in A Block, B Block numbering 20 and C Block at 25.

For the second year in succession, the A Blockers wrote a combined History Trials Examination, with Hilton College, Grace College, St Anne's, Treverton and ourselves all contributing questions to the two papers. This proved very successful last year and provides an indication of the results that we might achieve at the end of the year. It also brought to the fore major problems that we were able to deal with in the weeks before their finals.

The B Block class was exposed to a virtually complete National Department of Education Exemplar Paper as their June exam. The way they handled the new and, at times, rather woolly, questioning technique was most encouraging. They commenced their Matric syllabus in the third quarter and enjoyed all aspects of The Cold War. With the IEB having finalised the format of their paper for 2008, they will be exposed to a version of this at

the end-of-year examinations.

C Block have also been exposed to History in as varied a way as possible and over the course of this year, not only have they had to produce essays and answer source-based questions, but they have also had to create documentaries using Windows Movie-Maker, make posters, do PowerPoint presentations and latterly work through a computer-based lesson programme as well as producing group Newscasts. They approached these tasks with much enthusiasm. This group was also exposed to an Exemplar Paper in June and were not fazed by the differences in questioning technique.

The Department is now in possession of a Smartboard, which is in the Colley Shop and has expanded its DVD Collection to include a number of excellent new films that cover both South African history and world history. The Department also purchased its own DVD camera to assist with matric presentations, and the increasing demands of audio-visual techniques in both their teaching and presentations.

It was most gratifying to receive the results of the KZN Young Historians Olympiad. In August we entered 24 candidates from the DB group who did extremely well. Kopano Sefako finished second and Anthony Strathern third, with Kwezi Sogoni, David Bradford and Jake Van Koevering all sharing fourth place. Michaelhouse ended with seven out of nine pupils in the top four in this Olympiad – a most pleasing performance.

Geography Department

HOD: Mr Carl Pachonick

Staff: Mr John Crawford, Mr Sibusiso Neamane, Mr Mike Thomson, Mrs Kate Smedley, Ms Annette Govender, Mr Bernard Whittaker

Like every other year, 2007 has proved to be an extremely busy one which in keeping with the trend in recent years has literally flown by. Flushed by the success of our 2006 Matric results there was, from a staff perspective, an eagerness to continue the good work done in the Department last year. There are many excellent geographers in the ranks of the A Block who from the start adopted a positive and diligent approach to the year. One of the highlights of the year was the annual field trip

“ *The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.* ”
Emerson

to Pietermaritzburg to prepare the students for their research project which is based on problems and related aspects of a changing South African city. The boys enjoyed the trip and produced many outstanding projects. We achieved pleasing results in both the half-year examinations and the preliminary examinations in August, and were also able to concentrate on the weaknesses evident in these exams. The final Geography examinations generally met with the approval of the boys and hopefully their results will reflect their optimism.

The new FET syllabus was introduced to our B Block at the beginning of the year. With few guidelines from the Department of Education, the start to the year was one of uncertainty, but like most other schools, we were ultimately able to develop a scheme of work for the year which combines the prescribed B Block work as well as large portions of the work to be examined in the final FET Matriculation Examination at the end of 2008. The annual fieldtrip to study the fluvial characteristics of the Lions River and Lidgetton Falls was undertaken, despite the inclement weather which prevailed at the time. Again, the trip proved to be an extremely valuable opportunity for boys to test their theoretical knowledge of geomorphology against reality in the outdoors. The end of year results achieved by the B Block are very encouraging which augurs well for 2008.

There were only two C Block classes in 2007 which is a cause for concern as we have generally had three classes over the past number of years. One of the reasons appears to be a perception that other subjects perhaps offer a wider range of career opportunities and that Geography is simply a subject which studies places. This could not be further from the truth. Geography has evolved over the past 30 years to a point where the subject at A Block level opens doors to a host of career opportunities. We live in an information age and with GIS now established as an integral part of the Geography curriculum in C and B Blocks, boys choosing Geography have an opportunity study this exciting field.

The D and E Block years where we study Human and Social Sciences (a combination of Geography and History) remain exploratory years for both the parent subjects. 50% of teaching time is dedicated to each and selected modules which the boys will both enjoy and learn from. The D Block syllabus is particularly popular with the boys and the modules on the

Second World War and Apartheid are favourites. We also spend a great deal of time on map work. Map work is regarded as one of the geographer's essential tools and the skills required to cope with the Matric syllabus are concentrated on.

The History studied in the E Block in 2007 included both the French Revolution as well as the Industrial Revolution, whilst in Geography, we concentrated on South Africa and what makes it unique from other countries and then did an in-depth module on Fluvial Studies, again using the local environment for the practical side. We ended the year with a brief introduction to Settlement Geography and paid trips to Lidgetton to study a typical low-order South African town, its role in society and how, through government-backed schemes such as the RDP, communities are being given new leases on life.

In closing I would like to pay tribute to the teachers who have worked so hard to provide each boy with a good Geography grounding and experience. It would be true to say that, without Geography, one tends to go through life like the proverbial blinkered ass which is unable to see and understand what passes him by to the right or to the left. Finally, to Mr Mike Bownes who has been appointed as the new Head of Department from the beginning of 2008, I extend my best wishes for a long, happy and successful tenure at this wonderful School.

LANGUAGES

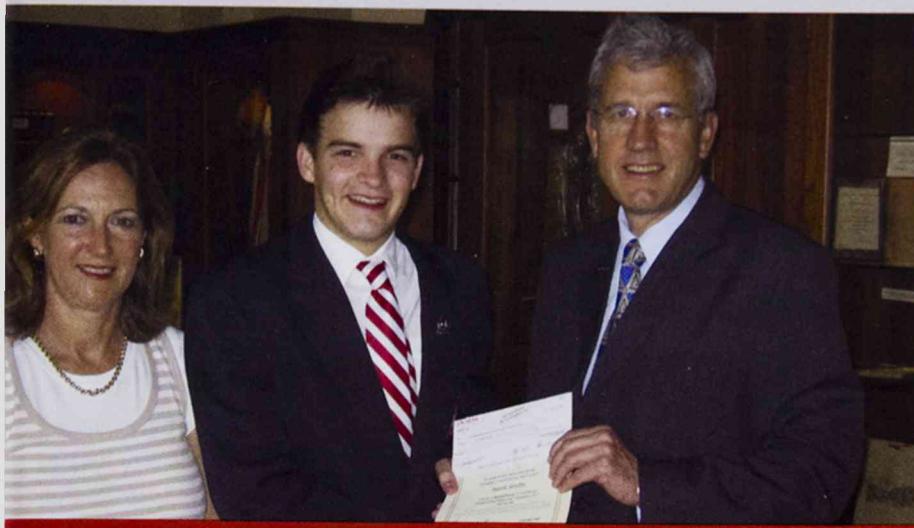
Afrikaans Department

HOD: **Mrs Louise Erwee**

Staff: **Mr George Ferreira, Mr André Black, Mr Ryno Combrink, Mrs Helené du Toit, Mr Johan van Rooyen, Mrs Elke von Schlichting**

The 2006 A Block managed to achieve a total of 14 A symbols, which is virtually unheard of in the history of Michaelhouse and is our best Afrikaans result for many years. Mr Johan van Rooyen is congratulated on his sterling efforts in having lead and guided these men to such heights.

KwaZulu-Natal remains the last outpost of the British Empire and despite years of democracy and so-called tolerance towards all, the poor subject of Afrikaans still gets the short end of the stick



Mrs Colleen Cook, Patrick Smythe and Rector Guy Pearson. Patrick won the National Animal Week Essay Competition.

– what price the global village? Afrikaans is the third most spoken home language in South Africa, this as opposed to English which can only manage a fifth position (makes one think).

I started teaching at Michaelhouse at the beginning of the year - a daunting prospect with two past HODs in the Department.

It remains our aim to try to change the attitude towards a language that is so incredibly expressive and useful. We have identified certain areas in which change should take place and are actively going about it. We should, by next year, have completed the upgrade of all our classrooms with regard to IT equipment, which will help us reach the boys in a way that is more suited to the manner in which the youth of today operate and learn.

Modern children live in an instant-gratification mode and, as such, libraries have become relatively under-utilised. This weakness needs addressing with mechanisms employed to build up a useful vocabulary; without which no language teaching can be effective.

We are now fully compliant with the requirements of the new curriculum. Afrikaans is no longer a second language – it is a first additional language. The goal posts have indeed shifted. Our B Blockers are already being groomed for their final examination in 2008, as we feel it is not possible to complete all the preparation in one year. We also feel that it is important to start implementing the changes right from E Block in various ways and have adapted to new material by introducing film studies and poetry in order to stimulate interest.

In order to provide stimulation and enjoyment of Afrikaans, we took a large group of boys to Hoërskool Voortrekker in Pietermaritzburg to attend an Afrikaans Rock Concert which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The D Blockers were involved in a marketing strategy as part of

their Integrated Studies period during which they had to compile a PowerPoint presentation as well as a brochure promoting certain aspects of life at Michaelhouse. They had to have script writers, directors, photographers and IT experts and really impressed us with the quality of what they produced.

We tried to initiate an Exchange Programme with Voortrekker, but unfortunately the timing simply did not work, and thus it will have to wait for next year. This can be an extremely interesting experience for our boys who are social creatures at heart.

We still have a large contingent of Afrikaans speaking boys at Michaelhouse, and what an absolute pleasure it is to walk across the Quads and hear the “taal” being spoken so comfortably and fluently..

English Department

HOD: Mr Peter Dennyson

Staff: Mrs Colleen Cook, Mr Simon Crane, Mr Peter Huntley, Mrs Mary McMichael, Mrs Dionne Redfern, Mr Bryan Tarr.

I'm not certain which literary reference best sums up my position at the end of 2007. A biblical reference to Lazarus seems appropriate; a mention of the veritable Kraken, from Tennyson, is clearly pertinent since my sleep in the nether regions of the English Department has been invaded; or perhaps John Donne's poem “At the Round Earth's Imagin'd Corners” is most relevant, since it demands that all who have been slain by “war, dearth, age, agues, tyrannies, despair, law and chance” must arise and return to scattered – or shattered – bodies; and that seems to epitomise my role or, indeed, the role of your average schoolmaster.

Whatever the case, I return to the HOD fold to pen yet another final report before ceasing on the midnight with as little pain as possible. I am assured that this will be my last HOD offering; Mrs Mary McMichael takes over the reins in 2008 – may the portfolios, the

“ *By its very looseness, by its way of evoking rather than defining, suggesting rather than saying, English is a magnificent vehicle for emotional poetry.* ”

Max Beerbohm

CTAs and the plethora of acronyms bring her more joy than they have bestowed on my latter years.

A pleasing set of Matric results allowed us to start the year on a high note. I had hoped for more As than the 13 we did garner, but with no failures and with 72% of our candidates scoring a C symbol or better, then we can be reasonably happy. I was delighted to achieve only As and Bs with my top set – and most appreciative of the Sunderland shirt they presented me with at the Leavers’ Dinner.

The year flew by. Mr Simon Crane arrived at Easter and has settled into the Department extremely well. He brings humour and confidence with him from England; I am sure that his expertise in Media Studies will prove invaluable. It was comforting to have someone from England close by when the Rugby World Cup was so tragically lost.

The other members of our esteemed Department are proving reliable and resilient. We congratulate Mrs Colleen Cook on her appointment within the Media Centre; we are delighted that she will still be able to teach some English, and we thank her for her input as our HOD and her noble attempts to move us dinosaurs (the male variety) into the 21st century.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Bryan Tarr as a full-time member of the English Department — his other teaching subject is now History, if you understand my meaning — and we are very pleased that Mrs Dionne Redfern will be teaching a lot more English in 2008. I am confident that the boys won’t be bored in the English classrooms in 2008.

In our seriously post-literate society, it is pleasing to report some successes in national, literary ventures. In the English Olympiad, Gold Awards (placed in the top 150 of 5000 entries) were presented to Mandla Mashinini and Patrick Smythe, and Silver Awards went to David Horscroft, Joshua Magor, Dale Walker, Calvin van der Riet, Simon Dommett, Jonathan Durham and Michael Laws. A further twelve boys earned Bronze Awards with thirteen others gaining Merit Awards.

Patrick Smythe achieved further success for himself and for Michaelhouse by winning his category in the National Animal Week Essay Competition; he won R1000 for himself and R1000 for Michaelhouse – the latter part of the prize was donated to a charity

of Patrick’s choice.

And finally, a poem by Domenico Nusca (2006) entitled “Beneath the Façade” was accepted for publication in the prestigious “English Alive.” Domenico’s poem was published in our magazine last year.

Portfolios and acronyms and rubrics and CTAs will continue to plague our existence, but I am confident that, like true fly-halves, we can catch any linguistic ball that is thrown our way. I just hope that parents are content to learn that their children are enjoying their time in the English classrooms, even if their literary skills are not exactly soaring. I warn all mothers: you keep telling us that you want your sons to read more; I’m telling you that the only “book” that most of your darlings study willingly is “Facebook.”

English Essay

The Factory Farming of Pigs and Laying Hens is a Form of Violence and a Breach of our Constitutional Right to Human Dignity

Who’s the Chop Now?

by Patrick Smythe

They both sit alone, not because they are outcasts but because they are forced to, concentrating on the task at hand; work. Work to keep a place, work to earn a living and most importantly... work to stay alive. Both trapped by the box that surrounds them, isolation is their only friend. They are the cogs in a great clock; so small, yet without knowing it, so necessary. The pace and noise engulfs them, turning life into a blur. Conformity strips them of their individuality; everyone is the same, their suits, their ties, their feathers, their trotters.

As the human race continues to strive for greatness, our costs continue to increase. I believe that the mass production of animals, produced to be slaughtered is wrong. It undermines all that we as civilized beings stand for, I am not against the consumption of other lesser beings, just the manner in which it is done. The word ‘humane’ is a derivative of who we are, humans. An ‘evolved’ life form, graced to walk the planet in ownership of it, but with leadership comes responsibility. Lack of respect for our planet is not only making us consume our only home, but also our ‘faunative’ friends.

“If you don't like something change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude”

Maya Angelou

I would say that one of the most underestimated animal in terms of their use, ability and nature would have to be the pig, never one to 'hog' the limelight, pigs do not get the recognition they deserve. Before modern science allowed it to be otherwise, we relied on pigs for more than just pork. Pigs are roughly the same size as your average human and so were of great use when one of us, most certainly not the other way around, needed a new organ for instance. A break though in human evolution it could be said, it did however leave the pigs heartbroken, or even worse, heartless. So like lamb (or should I say pig) to the slaughter, these beasts were killed in great numbers, the fact that they are the most popular meat worldwide doesn't exactly increase their life expectancy either. History states that we have been in interaction with pigs longer than our 'best friend', the dog. Not only are pigs a lot smarter, but also cleaner and even pick up tricks faster than their canine counterparts. Yet old Lassie is allowed to lie on the bed with acute halitosis until death, normally in the form of the neighbour's car wheel, drags her away. It seems ironic, considering that you don't eat the dog once it dies, whereas Old Major is marched straight to the kitchen as soon as his belly touches the floor. Not only are pigs a lot cleaner, they will leave their living area to relieve themselves, but they also have a pretty sharp nose. And while the shotgun wielding pompous Yorks are most appreciative for their ability to sniff out the ever elusive truffle, the rifle wielding soldiers of 1914 found more use in their ability to smell land mines waiting to make mince of more than just these walking pork chops. Why don't we give them credit where credit is due, and as the Hollywood stars start buying enough eco-friendly cars to have negative affects one the planet, I say we follow in the foot steps of the ever popular George Clooney and own a pet pig.

Chickens lead an even duller life, (at least Babe was given the opportunity to act in a movie) they are confined to wire cages so small that they don't even have space to stretch their tiny legs. They eat to grow, grow to die, die to be eaten as Chicken McFry. And as the cycle continues, the poor little birds are left to face their maker after a life shorter than a year. That would partly be thanks to the Americans who consume over eight billion chickens annually - and they wonder why obesity is a major cause of death. We think that this feathered food is without emotion and as odd as it may seem, female chickens are more popular when it comes to gracing the dinner table as their skin is softer and their breasts more tender. I discovered that your average rooster takes eighteen to twenty breaths per minute whereas the hen will take

between thirty and thirty five. There we go; scientific proof that she's hyperventilating in full knowledge that KFC is her next destination. In that case it's most probably fortunate that we've locked chickens up, not only because there are more chickens than humans on the planet, but being the only living relative of the tyrannosaurus-rex, they might just have some fight left. Free range chickens are our equivalent to Elvis Presley out of rehab, free to do what he wants, but death still imminent. That's right, almost all chickens die in the most unsacred of fashions, the only life we seem to care about is the marinated chicken wing's shelf life. The animal itself is meaningless, some even fear them. Alektorophobia is in fact the fear of these harmless birds; I can understand the panic caused by bird flu, but I truly find it hard to see a chicken as the kind of ally-lurking beast you fear to discover under your bed.

It's time we take a look at ourselves, asses the damage caused and get it fixed. It simply isn't worth it, the balance is starting to tip and the repercussions are imminent. Baby steps can be made through the simplest of tasks, buying organic eggs or meat and although I may sound like an old fishwife, it is my generation that will be left to pick up the pieces. There may be no use crying over broken eggs, just broken dignity.

Intentionally Untitled

by Nicholas Meyer

Tomorrow and tomorrow
and tomorrow
creeps
in
this petty pace
frivolous faith
idiotic ideals
Just see
the blaring blatant
truth
literal metaphors
and metaphorical realities
But it is meaningless.
Poignant nothingness.
Can it really mean nothing?
From day to day
to the (very) last syllable of record time.

“*For the creation of a master-work of literature two powers must concur, the power of the man and the power of the moment.*”

Matthew Arnold

A Beautiful Song

The trees are moving
So empty and hollow

The wind controls them
Like Slaves who follow

This world so serene and beautiful

Leaves me left behind,
So brutal.

Our Daily Lives
From stress to stress

The ups and downs,
Happy to be depressed

It all ends too quickly
Our days are gone,

That single chance,

Like the final verse,
Of a beautiful song.

Parents

A prehistoric, cunning pair!
Stone comes of everything they touch
They fret about my clothes and hair
And praise their childhoods far too much
I'll explode next time I hear "back in my day"
I'll hijack the couch and kidnap the remote
Fill mom's conditioner with sand and clay
This is sure to cause a raging fit of note!
On second thought; they can't be bad
They stuck with me through thick and thin
Kicked Jimmy when he made me sad
And chased my monstrous girlfriend Lynne
They raised me well with beer and wine
Gave me their love: I'll give them mine

by Justin Kobal

(it's fine)

by Nicholas Meyer

You are a coward

Spineless betrayal with every unuttered word
- it's easier, isn't it?

To smug smirk ignore it

Until its elephant-in-room presence goes
poof

Gone now (it's fine)

Smile — they're watching: judging
But you've stripped yourself of all imperfections

Like me

So their anaesthetic analysing should be no pertinent problem for
your strained reality

But they accept you

So (it's fine)

Morbid Dreams

by David Horscroft

I close my eyes to leave this life,
And revel in my dreams of song.
Yet song is often torn by strife,
And dream turns nightmare far too long.

There comes the Lady of the Lake,
Above a grisly pool of blood.
A burning city in her wake,
And squealing infant from above.

And then the Creature of the Trees,
That stalks me every step I choose.
A glimpse of it I've never seen,
Yet CRACK of branches spurs my shoes.

And dreams like these will always wake me,
And wait for eyes to shut and take me...

“...wise men thinking for themselves and heartily seeking the good of mankind, and counting the cost of innovation, should dare to arouse the young to a just and heroic life...”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

A cause for celebration

by Guy Cunliffe

What defines a cause for celebration? What are the characteristics of a good cause for celebration? Which situations could one describe as having no, or lack of, cause to celebrate? Where celebration might perhaps be considered over the top, in bad taste or miscued? How would such negative celebration affect those concerned? Might it not lead to a sense of disdain, disrespect or, God forbid, sarcasm? It is essential that well-spoken gentlemen, such as ourselves, acknowledge these critical aspects. Particular emphasis should be placed on the Michaelhouse environment, where fierce competition is ever present. In such a place, you daren't put a foot wrong in your day-to-day race for success, achievement, excellence and recognition. Identifying good causes for celebration is so important and would assist tremendously in our efforts towards a better school.

The news is good. Michaelhouse has arrived at its halcyon days. The first weekend of May was a fine example of this. The Michaelhouse first team rugby overpowered their Hiltonian rivals, forty-nil, in front of a crowd that would put the Colosseum to shame. In the first XI hockey contest, an admirably fought game in the presence of a hostile away crowd, Michaelhouse had the narrowest of victories. Given the recent history of defeats in both these fixtures, this change of fortunes contributes largely to a momentum that gathers, quickly. The anxiety builds up and culminates in ultimate joy and one grand celebration. The Michaelhouse celebrations certainly met Mr Cahill's expectations, with that harsh, traditional school spirit element, aggressive chants, boisterous yet appreciative applause, slightly-mad but heart-lifting cheers and, of course, the earth-shattering renditions of 'Stars of the Morning'. Such was the spectacle, that a genuine cause for celebration was given the appropriate celebrations.

On this same glorious weekend, Manchester United dominated the premiership, confirming their position as first on the log and successfully removing Chelsea, the pretenders, from their throne. This was another excellent cause for celebration for me, and happened roughly the same time as the Hilton-Michaelhouse success. Sadly, the presence of die-hard, good rugby-playing Arsenal fans reduced any chance of large scale celebration on this occasion.

When someone dies, there is a funeral. It is customary of most funerals for there to be a fair deal of mourning and sadness (although a slightly different approach may be taken for some people, with Robert Mugabe springing to mind). Often at these events, someone will read out an obituary of the deceased's life, entitling it as a Celebration of the life of

the deceased. Now, this is where getting ones causes for celebrations right is absolutely crucial. It is understood that misunderstanding of a good cause for celebration could lead to a rather unfortunate scenario, whereby one mourns the deceased's life and celebrates their death!

One should always remember to keep ones causes for celebration in perspective to the situation. For example, Mr Redfern failing to show up at Founders one morning, because he has flu, is not as great a cause for celebration as when he's gone on first team hockey tour, and is away for the whole week. Unfortunately, owing to the tyranny from above, such causes for celebration, invariably, don't receive the celebration they deserve, and I think this is a tremendous shame. To neglect a good cause for celebration is like not studying for exams — you know you will regret it later!

French Department

HOD: Miss Martine de Maroussem

Staff: Mrs Martine Pinnell

Academics

Congratulations to the A Block of 2006 who produced an outstanding performance with a 100% pass rate in a challenging paper. The remaining Blocks also did well in their exams, with the best results coming from the juniors.

The 2007 French final IEB paper came across as being particularly difficult. A few boys showed some mixed feelings as to how they fared in the paper. We wish them good luck in anticipation of the results and good continuation thereafter.

Outings

The A Block enjoyed an annual French Dinner at St Mary's DSG, in February.

The B Blockers enjoyed an evening of French culture at Hilton College, and participated in an evening quiz, and interacted with various neighbouring schools.

C Block discovered the process of cheese making at La Petite France and enjoyed a *déjeuner sur l'herbe* at the premises. Thank you to Mr H Verbizier.

D Blockers spent half a day at the Durban Alliance Française,



John Stathacopoulos, Mr Sandile Khuluse, Mfanelo Shoba, Andrew Campbell, Mr Mandla Cele, Awande Khumalo and Adam Bowes visit a traditional Zulu village.

and participated in various activities such as *pétanque*, Bingo, and many more. They also enjoyed socialising with pupils from various Durban schools.

E Blockers enjoyed the Balgowan country life, with a picnic, preceded by fun games in the fields.

Farewell

The Department bade farewell to Mrs Martine Pinnell, who emigrated to France with her husband, Dave. We wish them both well and good continuation in their new life.

isiZulu

HOD: Mr Sandile Khuluse

Staff: Ms Annette Govender

Intern: Mr Mandla Cele

It is always an emotional moment to say farewell to the boys that one has worked with for five years. The saddest thought is that we may not see some of these boys ever again. To my A Block class of 2007, I have this to say to you: 'When you leave this place you must remember that the world is your oyster. The world is ready for you. Go out there and shine and make your contribution. Stand up and be counted as leaders, community builders, nation builders and shining stars. Your parents are a source of inspiration to you. Let their sacrifices inspire you. South Africa is a growing economy competing with other markets in the world. Our products need people like you to market them internationally. You are now going to enter a world of ideas. Anything that is successful starts with an idea. It is

important that you do not hide your ideas. Share them with people that can help you live your dreams. Who knows? Perhaps your idea can solve peoples' problems. Go out there and make a difference'.

The Department bade farewell to Ms Annette Govender who served for four years. I would like to thank her for a job well done. She added enormous value and I wish her all the best in her new endeavours.

B Block outing to Fugitive's Drift

On Saturday 25 August 2007, Mr Mandla Cele and I accompanied the B Block Zulu class to Fugitive's Drift, in the heart of Zululand.

After watching soccer at Hilton College we set off in high spirits for our destination. The journey was characterised by many debates ranging from music to the physical superiority of the Zulu warriors. We arrived at Fugitive's Drift in the evening. We were accommodated at a self catering cottage called Umzinyathi House. After settling in we had a delicious supper at the main Lodge and everybody went to bed full of excitement and eagerness for the following day.

We all woke up at 7am to prepare our breakfast. After that we proceeded to a traditional Zulu village nearby for the boys to learn and experience the Zulu culture and heritage. The boys were taught how to enter a homestead in a respectful manner, and they experienced some other basic aspects of traditional Zulu life such as beer making, dancing (ukusina), the role of cattle in a Zulu homestead and the role men, women and children play. The boys even engaged in an epic stick fighting battle. Boys were exposed to new vocabulary, e.g., ithunga (milk can), ivovo, etc.

We returned to Umzinyathi for lunch and after that the boys tried

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“ *Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man.* ”

Francis Bacon

shooting. The boys were using a powerful double-barrelled shotgun and each boy had a blast at a time. After shooting we went on a long horse ride with many people, including myself, finding it a lot harder than previously thought. This was a great experience for many boys.

After horse riding we went back to Umzinyathi for a braai. The boys then went to bed, tired and excited.

The last day was a solemn occasion as we would be returning to School. We said our sad goodbyes to the wonderful Fugitive's staff and then made our trip to School.

I thank the B Block for being true ambassadors of Michaelhouse during this trip. The Fugitive's Drift staff was always commanding our boys for being polite and respectful. I would also like to thank Mrs Nicky Rattray for making sure that we enjoyed our stay at Fugitive's Drift to the fullest.

C Block outing to Shakaland

On Saturday 11 August 2007, the C Block Zulu class travelled to Shakaland just outside Eshowe. After a long journey from highways to gravel roads, we arrived safely and were greeted by the very receptive people of Shakaland. We were then escorted to our sleeping quarters where we had a shower and then to the buffet supper.

Our traditional Zulu experience got underway at 8pm with “Ingoma,” which is a collection of traditional dances from various members of the Nguni tribes. The boys were dazzled by the Zulus, entertained by the Xhosas and serenaded by the calmer movements of the Swazi nation. The loud drumming and constant clapping created an atmosphere that would make a cynic change. As there was only one event scheduled for the evening we decided to retire to our rooms early as we had a long day ahead of us.

The second day greeted the boys earlier than they had expected, but still greeted them graciously. After breakfast they were taken on a tour through Shakaland where they were shown spear throwing and making, weaving, traditional herbalists and Zulu love letters. We were even lucky enough to be offered a taste of some fine, home brewed Zulu beer, but only a sip.

The boys were told that they had to learn a Zulu dance for the night as they were the main guests. Being the skilled movers our boys are,

they rose to the challenge. After a tedious practice session, the boys decided they were ready. By the time it was 8pm the air was buzzing with anticipation and all eyes were on our boys, wondering if they had it in them or not. The regulars performed but the air was still filled with tension. Everyone was silent. Our boys were then called to step up for their performance. It was electrifying.

The morning of our departure was upon us and the only thing left to do was say ‘good-bye’. As we left the legacy in the hills of Eshowe, we bade farewell to a place that we called home for a weekend. The boys felt that the trip was very different and most enjoyable.

D Block outing to Mpophomeni

Written by Ms Annette Govender

On 28 July 2007, our D Block IsiZulu Second Language students embarked on an unforgettable trip to Mpophomeni. Mpophomeni is a little, vibrant township just outside Howick. The students were accompanied by Mr Khuluse, Mr Cele and Ms Govender. The sole aim of this trip was to expose the boys to township life.

Our experience at Mpophomeni started off with us travelling to a nearby village to watch a traditional Zulu dance. The students really enjoyed this and got into the spirit of things by joining in and dancing with the local folk.

In the evening we were all taken to a house in Mpophomeni where the hosts prepared a traditional Zulu feast for us. Some of us had never eaten traditional Zulu food before. It was divine. All of us were definitely appreciative to our hosts for their hospitality.

After a long tiring day and a scrumptious meal we all retreated to different homes where we spent the night with families in the township.

On Sunday morning after waking up to a traditional Zulu breakfast, we were picked up by our tour guide and taken to an Isangoma – a traditional Zulu healer. The boys had an opportunity to interact with him. A lot of misconceptions regarding traditional healers were cleared up by him.

Our last stop was a Shembe Church in the mountains. We were all mesmerised by the Zulu folk who danced in recognition of a special service. The members of the church provided us with a quick snack.

“ *What force is in relation to our will, the impenetrable opacity of mathematics is in relation to our intelligence.* ”

Simone Weil

Our trip to Mpophomeni was an unforgettable experience and we all learnt how humble and hospitable people really are. Our boys behaved impeccably and I would like to compliment them on being real Michaelhouse gentlemen.

Matric joint lessons with St Anne's DSG.

On Friday 27 July 2007 our A Block boys had a lesson with the St Anne's girls. This was facilitated by Mr Radebe, the St Anne's Zulu teacher, and Mr Khuluse.

We discussed literature, in preparation for the trial exams. In literature we always encourage debate. It is always interesting to note that the girls sometimes look at issues differently from the boys and this results in very interesting debates. Both our boys and the St Anne's girls thoroughly enjoyed this evening and we intend to organise more of these lessons.

'Impossible' is a word to be found only in the dictionary of fools.

(Unknown)

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

HOD: Mr Alan Adlington-Corfield

Staff Members: **Mr Albie Dahlberg, Mr Paul de Wet,**

Mr Given Dzingwa, Miss Lisa Hardie, Mr Viktor Kurz,

Mr Allan Laing, Mr André van Wyk

The Mathematics Department had a busy year. The new FET curriculum brought with it many challenges with the Department offering Mathematics, Mathematical Literacy and Advanced Programme Mathematics. Our mission is and remains at the core of all that we do: to make Mathematics relevant, challenging, exciting and accessible to all our boys.

Competitions

AMESA problem solving competition KZN:

78 of our boys wrote the AMESA KZN problem-solving competition this year. The competition drew approximately 11000 entrants. Thirty one of our boys received Bronze Certificates (top 25%); 15 of our boys achieved Silver Certificates (top 15%) and 18 of our boys achieved Gold Certificates (top 10%). Five of our Gold Certificate winners were invited to take part in a second round of competition: David Bradford and Andrew Steiner in D Block and Henk Apello,

David Bennet and Robert de Bruyn in B Block. Both Andrew Steiner and David Bradford went on to win Gold Medals in the final round, placing them in the top 20 participants in the competition.

South African Mathematics Olympiad:

A number of our boys took part in the Olympiad. David Bradford and Donovan Foster in D and A Block respectively were placed in the top 100 pupils in the country in the second round and as a result qualified to take part in the final medal placing round, where they both received Bronze Medals. This is an immense achievement.

Inter-Provincial Mathematics Olympiad:

Eight of our boys were selected, based on their SA Maths Olympiad results, to form part of the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands Provincial Team to take part in the Inter-Provincial Maths Olympiad on the 15 September 2007. After a weekend of training and individual competition, the boys were placed in teams for the final team competition as follows:

William Gowans was placed in the Senior A team

Henk Appelo was placed in the Senior B team

Ben van Aswegen was placed in the Senior C team

David Bradford and Andrew Steiner were placed in the Junior B team

Nikolai von Stackelberg was placed in the Junior C team

Jake van Koevering was placed in the Junior C team

All of these boys represented their Province well in the final competition.

Outstanding Maths Achiever of the year:

David Bradford (D Block) achieved a Gold Medal in the final round of the AMESA Problem Solving Competition, a Bronze Medal in the final round of the South African Mathematics Olympiad and represented KZN at the Inter-Provincial Maths Olympiad.

MEDIA CENTRE

HOD: Mrs Lynn van der Vegt

Staff: **Ms Annette Govender, Mrs Thembu Sikhakhane,**

Mr Simon Zondi, Mr Sibusiso Dlamini

2007 has been an exciting year in the Media Centre with many new ideas being introduced in an ongoing effort to encourage leisure reading and sound research practices amongst the boys.

Leisure Reading

A general enjoyment of reading prevailed amongst most of

Academic Reports

“ *For when we have faced down impossible odds, when we've been told we're not ready, or that we shouldn't try, or that we can't, generations of Americans have responded with a simple creed, that sums up the spirit of the people, “Yes we can. Yes, we can. Yes, we can!* ”

Barack Obama

the boys. Fantasies, biographies and, of course, the continued adventures of Spud and Harry Potter, have been the most sought after books. The regular appearance of a biography of one of the boys' favourite Premier League soccer players prompted many a reluctant reader to read more about his hero. A new feature, namely "Best Books of the Week", also proved to be very popular. In this system, four of the most recently published books were displayed on the Issue Desk for reservations for a week and were then issued. This procedure saw a good batch of books circulating quickly and proved to be very successful.

To further heighten the boys' awareness of the importance of reading, two activities were organised for Readathon Week in September. Ida Gartrell conducted a workshop with the entire E Block group in the Schlesinger Theatre on Thursday 6 September 2007. The highlight of the workshop was definitely Ida's enactment of various African stories which encouraged the boys to read other African Myths and Legends. Dave Freer, one of the few South African fantasy authors, was our guest speaker on Readathon Day. He kept the boys entertained with his story of how he became a writer and explained how a couple of tricky real life situations had formed the basis of his novels.

Encouraging Research

The installation of ten new computers encouraged the boys to come to the library for research purposes. The boys' enthusiasm to use the very visual sites offered by the internet as their only source of information was somewhat countered by a new selection of attractive and up-to-date, non-fiction books. The library has also been open two evenings a week during prep this year in an effort to provide the boys with the opportunity to do research and quiet reading in the evenings. These times have proved to be very popular and the boys have enjoyed the quiet relaxed atmosphere in the library during this time.

Adding Interest

Ms Annette Govender designed some stunning displays appropriate to the boys' interests throughout the year. The Rugby World Cup was most certainly the favourite. Others which caught the boys' attention were the 20/20 World Cup Cricket, the acknowledgement of India's 60th year of Independence, Energy Efficiency Month, National Bird Week and National Animal Month. Books play a large role in these displays and they serve as another way of drawing the boys' attention to what resources are available in the

library.

The news boards have once again been very popular. These boards carry newspaper articles of school activities, local and international current affairs, as well as film and book reviews. The boys were also exposed to important news events via a page of headlines on the Intranet page which were linked to full newspaper reports which could be read online.

Starting them early

The Media Studies programme for the E Block this year took on a two-pronged approach. The first was to expose the boys to reading different genres of books and the second was to lay a foundation for good research skills, with the emphasis on avoiding the cut-and-paste approach at all times.

Staff Development

An innovation called "Lectures Over Lunch" was introduced with the view to discussing topics which could be beneficial to staff in their teaching. The talks were held just after school – eats were provided and staff enjoyed their lunch whilst listening to the presentation. Topics which were discussed included approaches to Internet searching and the evaluation of web sites, the use of multimedia software to enhance lessons and projects and, finally, thinking skills.

Audio/Visual Department

The Audio/Visual Department also experienced a year of growth and change. New shelving was installed to improve the display of the videos and DVDs. The DVD collection was expanded with many popular new titles which the boys have enjoyed watching on rainy afternoons, as well as some very interesting educational titles. The Department was extremely efficiently run by Mr Simon Zondi and Mr Sibusiso Dlamini and my sincere thanks go to them both for their hard work and support throughout the year.

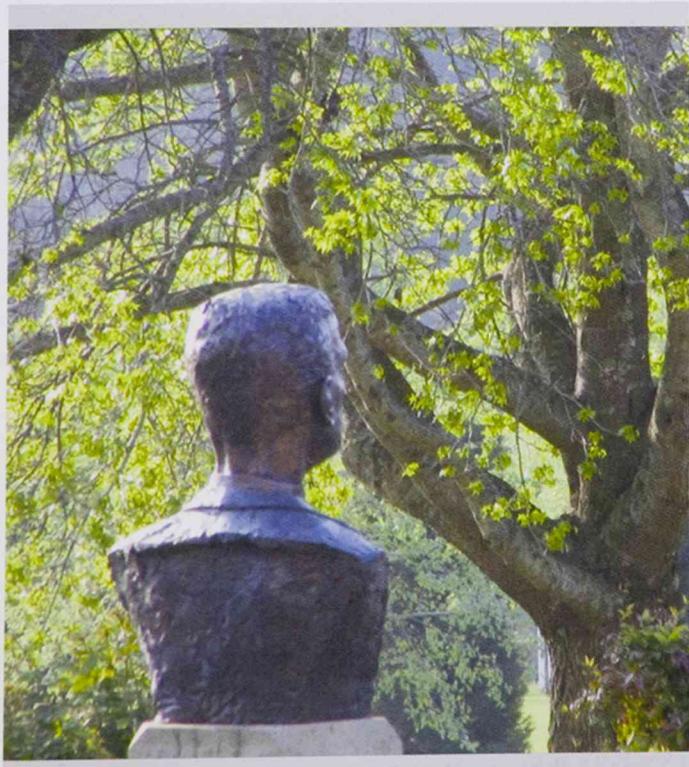
Conclusion

The success of any organisation depends wholly on the team running it. The library team won a World Cup of their own this year. The support from the Student Leaders and Monitors was fantastic – my thanks go to them. I would like to make special mention of Donovan Foster, the senior Student Leader, who was always available to help out when needed – thank you. My sincere thanks go to Mrs Thembisikhakhane who worked tirelessly at the

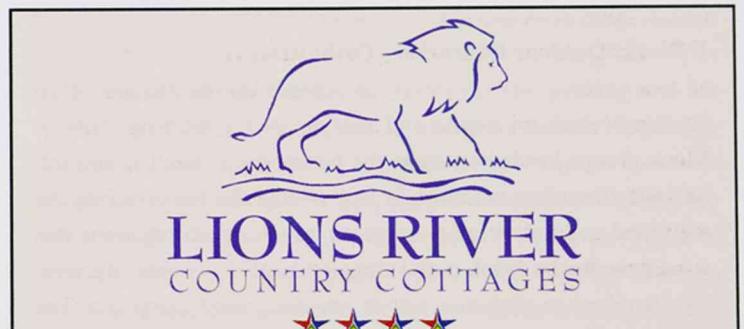


National Nutrition Week display in the Media Centre

issue desk and covered countless books. Ms Annette Govender was the new kid on the block who really kept the library alive with her stunning displays. Sadly Annette leaves us at the end of the year and takes up the post as librarian at Thomas More Preparatory School. We wish her well in her new challenge.



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Jurgen Kurz, Kieran Allen, Rector Guy Pearson, Kopano Maroga, Stephen Griffin and Harry Epsom (front) at the E Block Outdoor Education outing in the Oribi Reserve.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

E Block: Outdoor Education - Oribi Reserve

Written by Alasdair Allen

At five o'clock on a cold and misty winter's morning, eight E Block groups headed out onto the beaten track. Each House left one after the other, all on their way to find the red clue box. As we found a clue box we were given a new set of directions that would eventually result in the completion of the course. We were also required to pitch our tent at our designated camp site. The completion and design of our shelters were given points. Our final task of the first of the three days was orienteering. Each House needed to search the Reserve to find 20 flag poles with a different coin on each.

The following day, we were given instructions on the raft-building exercise we were going to undertake. We were to carry equipment such as barrels, logs and rope. These were to be carried to Alex Dam. Houses built their rafts and raced rapidly over the smooth surface of the water. Once all the Houses had crossed the finish line we received sandwiches to aid our exhausted food supplies. Once again we had to carry our equipment all the way down to New Dam, an even bigger dam. Again each team was to cross the dam, whether by boat or by swimming. As in Baines' case we swam. Back at the camp we were given a series of puzzles and quizzes to complete, again for points. Our last task of the day was to pluck, gut, and cook our chickens, which were to be cooked to the teachers' standards; if they didn't like your rubbery chicken you would lose points so we needed to ensure that the chickens were superbly cooked.

After two gruelling days in the sweltering heat of the Oribi Reserve, we finally reached the last day. We were once again given a challenge. This time we were instructed to find all the harmful objects that we could, such as rusting metal, barbed wire and other metals that had the potential to harm the magnificent wildlife. After our tea, each House performed a song and quoted or used a motto which they had thought up. These were judged and attracted points. Our last challenges involved cattie shooting and the famous clean up.

These challenges led to a sensational outdoor education experience. Congratulations to Founders House, the eventual victors.

D Block: Spirit of Adventure

Written by Jake van Koevering

The undertakings of Spirit of Adventure started brilliantly for me. Before I had even climbed out of the bus I had managed to trip and collide with the person in front of me; there I lay, on the floor of the bus with blood flowing from my mouth.

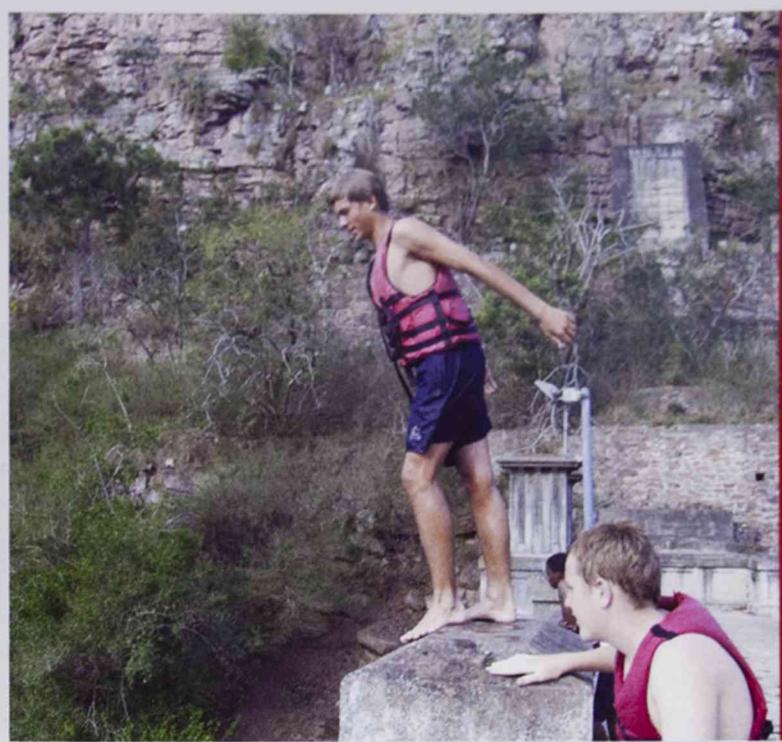
We were assigned to groups and taken to the houses we would be staying in. The room was very small and reminded me of a garden shed. We left our room wondering how we'd ever fit.

Our activity for the day was to build a raft and race it across the dam. In our groups we had a good plan and idea which unfortunately did not work. Within seconds of the race's start we were trailing behind the others struggling to stay afloat.

After recovering from our race we were faced with an even bigger



Ross Reid at the E Block Outdoor Excursion



Peter Rattray and Rory Nuttall-Smith at the D Block Spirit of Adventure

shock that night as it turned out that we would be attempting a marathon of a run in total darkness. We started the race last, because of our poor result that morning, and within a few minutes we were trailing the others by a large margin. This is when we made the decision to work as a team and really push our limits; so we began to run. In a short while we had passed many groups and were catching up on the groups in front. We finished the race second. I feel we reached this success because as a group we encouraged and pushed each other on. This was the most valuable lesson I learnt while on camp, if you work together as a team you can conquer anything, even the unimaginable.

The next morning we undertook different activities around the Reserve, these were: abseiling and rap jumping down the largest dam wall I have seen, rock climbing up a cliff and canoeing on the dam. The highlight of the day was when Richard Atherstone decided that there was a shortcut if we turned off the road. After about fifteen minutes of hiking through marsh and jumping over streams we reappeared on the same road 100m from where we turned off.

The next day was the scariest and most challenging event we had done so far. It involved climbing up a 6m ladder, balancing across two wooden poles with a partner and finally jumping onto a trapeze in mid-air. It wasn't easy being the last group to attempt this activity as we had already witnessed an hour of horror-stricken faces.

Spirit of Adventure was a new experience where we tested our nerves, had fun and learnt meaningful life lessons. It was different because it was the first outward bound that did not split us into school houses but into random groups. Instead of becoming tighter as a House while on camp, we became tight as a Block. Spirit of Adventure was a great experience.

C Block: Three Day Hike Challenge

Written by Antony Renton

It all really starts on Sunday in the dorm. The packing and the excluding of valuable items which, of course, did not hit priority 10 and so were not included for mere weight reasons. However much we unpacked and repacked, our packs still seemed to stay the same weight. They were heavy. We were told by countless previous trekkers about the gruelling and taxing hike we were about to embark on and how our packs would get heavier and heavier and that we should definitely pack light. All in all I found there was nothing more I could do and so gave up with the demanding task of packing and settled into an early bed.

An awkward start led to the usual complaints and disjointed song. Our first checkpoint came quickly. We faithfully trekked on in the knowledge that our navigators would not get us lost. At the foot of the first real mountain a debate started. We were already tired and scratched by the dense thorns and bladed grasses and so the long debate about how to tackle this obstacle turned more into an extended rest for some who gave the occasional grunt or nod of agreement. Finally spurred on by the sight of two teams clambering past us we reluctantly got up and started to climb. The gradient was so steep that I had to hold onto the grass to stop myself from being pulled backwards by the weight of my backpack. The climb reminded me of the Seven Sisters, but far steeper. Finally we arrived at the top. Lunch – brilliant but we were soon met with the cold, 'Up-up-up, walk-walk-walk' from the keener members of the group.

So we were off, but yet again (this was after much walking of

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D Block boys enjoying the varied activities available at the Spirit of Adventure camp

course) we incurred another debate about how to walk around the next hill. I thought it didn't really matter but the decision cost us so much time that an argument started and we lost yet some more time. At the next point two of our group members were given the infamous punishment: "The Rock" which is when a group member has to carry a rock for the rest of the day. The way I was feeling it's the last thing I would want after a long hot day. After a lengthy puzzle-solving session we made our way towards the home straight. We were finally able to set up camp near a river and some of us (me included) went to bathe in the near-zero temperatures of the river. I almost lost my breath and drowned but I must say I look back at that experience with some fondness.

I found the next day utterly boring. We walked in silence at a monotonous pace. I did not spare effort or care about the thorn bushes and the brambles any more and they started to become part of my path. There was one humorous event that I can recall during the day: the river crossing. It was 1.6m deep at parts and we had to carry all our bags across above our heads. We were all drenched as some of us had slipped and for some, the water level came up to their nose at parts. Yet the experience left us feeling better and refreshed and as we looked back we saw the 1.5m tall member of the other group on the other side and that put a spring in our step.

The night hike proved we weren't the most accurate of navigators. Our pole ended up being about 70m away from where it was supposed to be. The evenings were really quite delightful and they gave one freedom to sleep early, free from the criticism of others. The next morning turned so quickly to scorching midday heat that I found myself yearning for School. Besides the aches and pains of the blisters and sore muscles I was plodding along almost deliriously in the blazing sunlight and soon we were amongst trees and houses and a pool. I soon enjoyed my dip and was cooled off and

revitalised. Then the time in the shade quickly passed, as all good time does, and I left for the buses.

I enjoyed that hike; at the time it would be unthinkable to say that the hike was truly a thoroughly enjoyable and amazing experience for me. Yet I say so now.

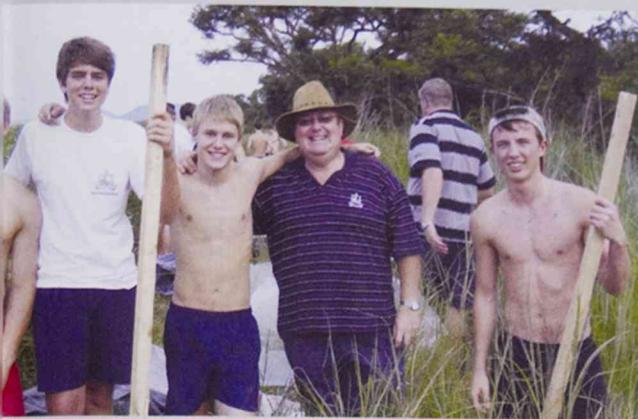


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Pascoe B Block boys on the Leadership Course – Ruan Combrinck, Robert Hackney, Calvin van der Riet, Mr Peter Huntley and Dustin Holohan



Adam Bowes, Dale Walker, Thomas Molony, Robert de Bruyn and Justin Sullivan from East on their raft.

B Block Leadership Course

Written by Allan Laing

The annual B Block Leadership weekend took place over Sunday 7 October and Monday 8 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 focuses on the concept of “servant leadership”. There is also an emphasis on team building and the boys cover much of the greater Michaelhouse estate as part of the programme, although this year we were limited by the semi-final rugby match on Sunday afternoon. All Housemasters were involved in the programme in which outside presenters were used to help guide the boys through this final stage of leadership preparation.

SANATORIUM

Senior Sister: Sr Joanne McMillan

Staff: Sr Alice McGhee, Sr Morag Atherstone

We worked towards a number of goals this year:

1. To promote personal wellness

To encourage multi-vitamin use

To encourage healthy eating

To encourage boys to dress warmly when the cold weather sets in

To run a ‘flu immunisation program for those who would like to take part

We had the usual run of ill health amongst the boys. This year we had German measles, mumps, a Coxsackie virus, gastro and ‘flu, sometimes all at the same time.

2. Encourage safety at rugby

Once again we had the dentists from Nottingham Road visit the School to take impressions for those who need good, fitted mouth guards. Over a hundred boys took part. A large number of boys still had their mouth guard from the previous year.

We completed the compulsory impact concussion testing before the rugby season started. This has been a valuable tool in assessing when a boy, who is concussed, is deemed safe to return to sport.

3. To reduce sport injuries in general

We are working with and supporting the coaches with the guidance of the School physiotherapist (Ms Debby Ludgater) and biokineticist (Mr Paul Candler) on how to prevent injuries in sport.

Dr AA Osman spoke to the school on lower-back injuries mainly related to cricket and fast bowlers. The idea is to reduce over bowling, increase their core stability through exercise and to take back injuries seriously.

This was followed up with a talk by Debby and Paul to the coaches. The overall consensus was that we need a practical exercise programme which boys can take part in that strengthens and tones the boys’ bodies so that they are fit for all sports and not just the sport they are currently playing. Most injuries occur at the start of a sporting season as the boy’s bodies are not fit for the sport they are moving into.

Blood Bank

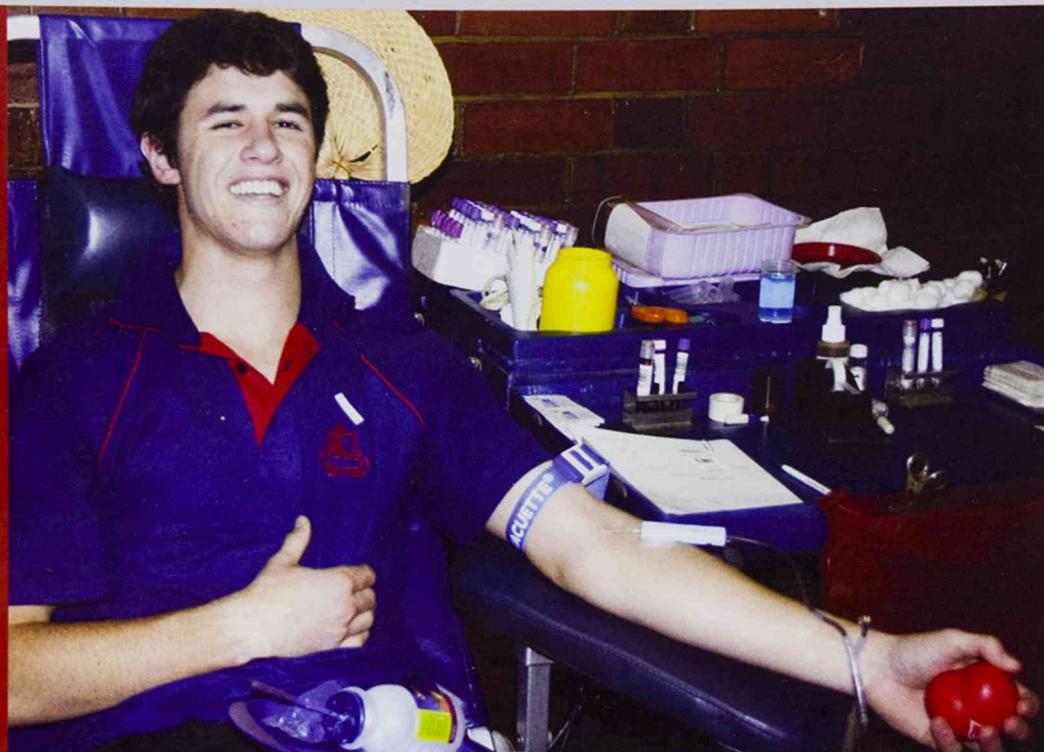
C Block boys are now organising the Blood Bank days as part of the Life Skills Programme. Those that took on the role of organising have done a sterling job. Each group tries to outdo the previous group on the most pints collected. The National Blood Service has been very impressed with their efforts.

Dispensing License

Sr Morag Atherstone and I have received our dispensing certificates. We have requested an air-conditioner for the drug office as we need to keep the medication below 25°C, and with the hot summers we are experiencing this is not happening.

ISASA Conference

All three Sanatorium Sisters attended the annual ISASA School Nurses Conference organised by St Peter’s Prep School in Johannesburg. The venue was the Indaba Conference Centre.



Glen Dowie, Second Prefect, donating blood

We had a practical CPR update followed by guest speakers, Felicity Randaldies, Robyn Hare and Colleen Walls who tackled the topics of substance abuse, trauma and pornography. We were left with new terminology, shock at how young the children are involved with drug abuse and pornography, and a book called "Teen Drug Scene" by Laura Edmons and Lee Wilcocks aimed at parents and schools.

The second day we were treated to a motivational session with Joanne Boshell who encouraged one to empower oneself by changing ones attitude to change ones life. Dr Denise Warries, a dermatologist, completed the conference with a presentation on acne.

School Insurers

We changed our school insurers from Alexander Forbes to Glenrand MIB. The speed with which our service providers are being paid by the insurers has improved.

Community Development Programme – Health

Last year Mr Dan Le Cordeur approached the School offering to start an Umgeni AIDS support team in the area to help those affected by the disease.

The local team is currently made up of Michaelhouse employees from different departments in and around the School. Mrs Veronika Mnguni is the Chairperson. She is employed by Mr and Mrs McMichael as their domestic worker.

We are trying to broaden the range of people involved to those outside the School, on the local farms. We are currently drawing up a constitution on the needs of the community in the hope that over the next five years more of the government services are available in the Balgowan area.

Other areas that the group are working on:

- Improving the social well-being of the community
- Improving employment opportunities, especially for the youth
- Improving community health
- Improving education in the community

The committee members have identified five members of the Balgowan community who are unemployed who have been trained as Home Based Carers and are to be trained as HIV Counsellors for the community. They will then receive some financial reward for home and farm visiting and counselling of families and individuals.

The committee organised for the Michaelhouse staff to see a film called "Finding Thembu" written and directed by Mr Dan Le Cordeur's son, a Michaelhouse Old Boy. This was followed by an open discussion on the fear of HIV in our community and how to dispel that fear.

During the July holidays a meeting was held with the local community at Zenzani village to apporve the constitution of the Balgowan Committee. We are now waiting for a member of the Welfare Department to visit us so that we can hand the constitution over. Once this is cleared by the government we can then apply for NGO status.

Plans are being devised at the School for a support and guidance programme for individuals and families with regard to the correct treatment and management of attitudes towards this disease, particularly in matters of contact with other people in normal, day-to-day circumstances.

“Astronomers work always with the past; because light takes time to move from one place to another, they see things as they were, not as they are.”

Neale E Howard

SCIENCE

HOD: **Mr Michael Schwartz**

Staff: **Mr Adrian Moran, Mr Gavin Ross, Mr Jaap van der Vegte, Mr Raymond Duma, Mr Mfansen Phungula**

The Science Department and I looked forward to 2007 with much excitement. We had surpassed our expectation in 2006 with the A Blockers having achieved a fantastic set of results and the expectations for 2007 were high.

Once again it was into uncharted waters with the new FET syllabus. At the annual IEB Conference we were assured that everything would be done to help us. The volume of work was great, but at least we had one year behind us. As I look back now, we covered an amazing amount of work in a limited time and I am very happy that the IEB are reconsidering the curriculum demands for 2008.

In the new year we welcomed Mr Adrian Moran to the Science Department.

The Science Department still aims to teach in such a way as to ensure that each pupil achieves to his full ability, produces work reflecting his true potential and is a Science literate learner that can make informed decisions about his life, his living conditions and the environment.

The Department was once again very busy this year with Olympiads and Science Expos. The boys from A Block wrote the annual Mittal Olympiad and the E to B Blocks participated in the KAASTE Olympiad in October, with the results only published at the end of the year. Michaelhouse ended as the best school in Grade 9.

At the annual Science Expo we achieved the following results:

First Class medal winners:

Antony Renton and Geoffrey Woollatt.

They also received a prize for the most promising project.

Second Class medal winners: **Jake Trehaeven, Joshua Magor, Christopher Morris, Rowan Slater and Benjamin Bradford.**
Benjamin also received a prize for the most promising project.

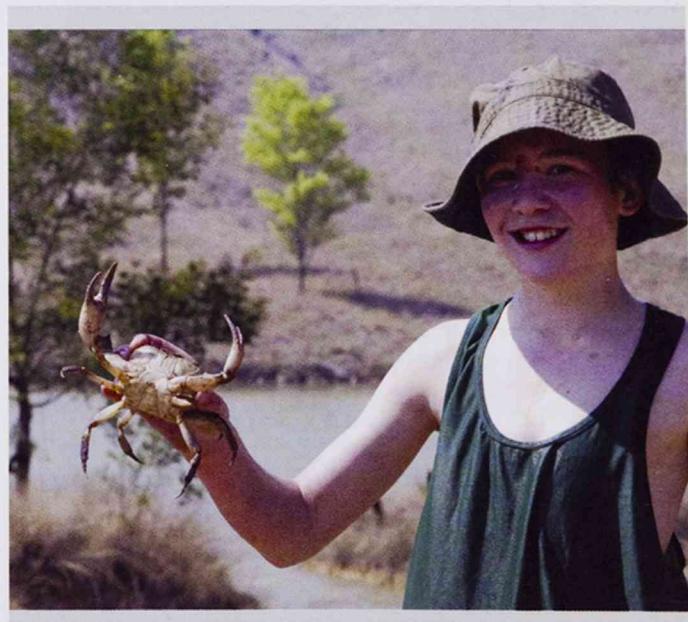
Third Class medal winners: **Reggie Holliday, Dale Stephen, Tristan van Dam**

This year the B Block boys were taken to the Science Unlimited exhibition in Pietermaritzburg where they attended some lectures and looked at some scientific exhibitions. The topics chosen tied in well with what they are learning and some also extended the boys.

Our expectations are for a good set of results from A to E Block. The boys have been exposed to pure academic work, practicals, projects, investigations and some Exemplar Papers. The portfolios have received positive feedback, which reflects the work put in by the boys and staff in the Science Department.

One of the highlights of the year continues to be the entertainment of the Grade 6 boys during their marketing visits to Michaelhouse. The shock, excitement and anticipation in the faces of the boys will long be remembered as fingers were frozen and squashed, as volcanoes erupted and as balloons exploded. Thanks go to Mr van der Vegte for his enthusiasm and help over the past three years.

I would like to thank the School for the opportunity of running the Science Department and I wish Mr Adrian Moran everything of the best as he takes over as HOD: Science from 2008.



Francis Edwardes on the E Block Outdoor Excursion



CHAPEL NEWS

Written by Rev. Canon Alan Smedley

I am writing this report from Trinity College School in Port Hope, Ontario, Canada. Michaelhouse has an exchange program with Trinity and our boys come here each year. About three years ago, their Chaplain, Rev. Don Aitchison, visited Michaelhouse and at the time we discussed the possibility of doing an exchange ourselves. That has come to fruition and we have changed places for the fourth quarter of 2007. My wife Kate and 16 year old daughter, Suzanne, have accompanied me.

As I write this report, we have been here for five weeks. It has been a truly wonderful experience where we have already seen and done so much. We have been shown tremendous hospitality and our hosts could not have been kinder. We are most grateful to them for their generosity and warm welcome.

As I have had conversations with clergy, staff and various people, and as I have reflected on what I understand to be the spiritual life in Canadian schools, including those which have Anglican foundations, I have naturally made comparison with Michaelhouse. Arising out of these observations are three issues which I would like to refer to in this report.

Firstly, I am enormously grateful for the centrality of the Chapel and the spiritual life at Michaelhouse. It seems to me that if we as Christians believe that Jesus Christ is “the Truth” (that is not to deny that there is truth in other religions and philosophies. I would argue that there is. But, Biblical Christianity asserts that Christ is “the” Truth), then as a Christian foundation School we need to proclaim this unambiguously and unashamedly. I believe that we do this at Michaelhouse. My fervent plea and prayer is that we never allow our School to lose this fundamental principle. In the muddled waters of being politically correct and in an attempt to be inclusive, it would be relatively easy to follow the trends that have occurred in other parts of the world and lose this Gospel imperative. If we did that, in my mind we would be losing and

undermining the basic foundation upon which James Cameron Todd and his successors built the School.

Secondly, I am enormously grateful for the involvement of our academic staff in the spiritual life of Michaelhouse. I greatly appreciate the fact that they agree to attend Chapel Services. I know that some do not personally identify with all that is said and done there, but nevertheless they attend. In addition to this there are many who are regularly willing to lead services and openly share their faith with the community. Particularly on Wednesday mornings, but also on Sundays, we receive an enormous wealth of spiritual food from staff. All of them bring their own insights and stories from their personal faith journeys. I believe that their combined influence impacts hugely on who and what we are, and this is one of the great strengths of the spiritual life of the School. I sincerely thank God for each one of them.

Thirdly, as has happened in previous years, our schoolboy leaders have also made major contributions to our spiritual life. They have led services, given talks and openly declared their commitment to Christ. In 2007 our Senior Prefect Ntsolo Setlaba and Glen Dowie our Second Prefect, as well as a number of the other School Prefects, have been involved in leading the Christian Fellowship group and hence giving credibility to an authentic personal Christian faith. They have been fantastic ambassadors for Christ and I am enormously grateful to God for each of them as well.

These are the treasures of Michaelhouse which God, by his grace, has given to us. As we have experienced these blessings over a number of years now, may we never become complacent and take them for granted. They are to be highly prized and valued.

To the Almighty, Eternal God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, be all thanks and praise for all the spiritual blessings that we have received at Michaelhouse in 2007.

The Funeral of Mr David Rattray

As was reported around the world, Mr David Rattray was



“There is one spectacle grander than the sea, that is the sky; there is one spectacle grander than the sky, that is the interior of the soul.”

Victor Hugo

murdered on Friday 26 January 2007 in his home at Fugitives' Drift Lodge near Isandhlwana. He was a world-renowned historian and raconteur. His deep knowledge of the history of the Anglo-Zulu Wars of the 19th century made him world-famous. David, a St Alban's Old Boy, sent his three sons Andrew, Douglas and Peter to Michaelhouse. Douglas and Peter are still at the School. It was the family's wish that his funeral should take place in the Michaelhouse Chapel. Consequently preparations were made for what was to become possibly one of the largest gatherings of influential South Africans ever to congregate at Michaelhouse. Over two thousand people attended the funeral on Thursday 1 February 2007 at 11:30am on a stunningly beautiful Balgowan day. Seating in the Chapel was reserved for special guests and the Main Quad was draped in a huge marquee where a big screen and sound system were erected. Bishop Rubin Phillip (Bishop of Natal), Mr Robin Woodhead (Representative of His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales), The Honourable Mr J S Ndebele (Premier of KZN), and Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi (MP, Chairman of the House of Traditional Leaders, KwaZulu-Natal, and member of the Zulu Royal Family) were amongst those who participated. It was a deeply moving service as we struggled to make sense of David's untimely and tragic death. The extremely eloquent and thoughtful tributes made it profoundly meaningful. After the service refreshments were served in another large marquee which had been erected on Meadows. As we continue to mourn the death of a great South African, we express our condolences and sincere sympathy to Mrs Nicky Rattray and her family.

Divinity Lessons

Mrs Kate Smedley has continued to teach Divinity lessons to all the boys in E block twice a cycle and to the whole of D Block once a cycle. In E Block she focuses on key figures and stories in the Old Testament as well as the Christian year and symbols. She particularly introduces them to those found in the Michaelhouse Chapel. In D Block she moves on and teaches about the life of Christ and the New Testament. The broad objective is to familiarise all the boys who enter Michaelhouse with the contents of the Old and New Testaments. Some of them have no Christian upbringing

and background knowledge at all.

I take the whole of C Block once a cycle. The topics I cover include issues around making the right choices, sexuality and pornography, family life, respecting those who are different from us, the major world religions, and other topical issues at the time. My objective is more about developing a meaningful relationship with all our C Blockers, particularly as part of the ongoing Confirmation process,



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rather than simply teaching content.

I try to bear in mind that the teaching of Divinity lessons constitutes just one component of the overall spiritual package that boys receive as they pass through the School.

Sunday Evenings with a difference

On Sunday evening 29 April 2007 the Christian Rock Band MIC performed in the Theatre. This took the place of our normal Sunday Evening Worship. In the middle of their programme one of the band members gave a short talk encouraging the boys to persevere in their faith. The style of music was hip-hop which is very loud and uses data projectors and flashing lights etc. – not my scene at all. However, most of the boys seemed to enjoy it and it was a welcome alternative to a Chapel service. To me the real value of such an occasion is for our boys to be reminded that one can be a committed Christian whilst still being a member of a rock band and enjoying that kind of music.

After the Michaelhouse/Hilton day, the boys always return to school on Sunday evening tired and not very receptive to a sermon from the Chaplain. Consequently, this year we watched a 25 minute DVD using the data projector in the Chapel. It was entitled “Beyond the Try Line” and comprised a number of interviews (interspersed with live footage of them playing) with various rugby internationals from around the world. They included François Pienaar, Corné Krige, Jaco van der Westhuyzen, Ruben Kruger, Pieter Rossouw, Cobus Visagie and Jannie de Beer from South Africa. In the interviews the men spoke about their Christian faith and how it has impacted upon their game. It seemed a fitting way to end what had been such a wonderful weekend for Michaelhouse.

National Independent Schools' Chaplains' Conference

This was held from 22 to 27 July 2007. The conference was hosted by the Johannesburg Chaplains. Twenty eight delegates from around South Africa attended and were based at St Benedict's House in Rosettenville, Johannesburg. Pastor Sipho Zuma also attended in his capacity as the Chaplain to Asithuthuke School.

During the past 14 years or so, through our annual Chaplains' Conferences, I have had the privilege to visit most of the Independent Church High Schools in South Africa. When I was sitting in the Chapel at St Martin's on the Thursday morning, with all the boys and girls participating in the Eucharist, it struck me that there is something very special and valuable about these schools. Yes, they are all independent schools, all striving for academic, sporting and cultural excellence, but the common golden thread which weaves through them all, which differentiates them from other schools, is that they have Christian chapels and a desire to teach young people about the Christian faith. The Founding Fathers of all these schools clearly saw this as a fundamental aspect of the educational institution they sought to create. As I alluded to in the beginning of this report, in this day and age, where the “spirit of the age” is hedonistic, secular, and materialistic, it seems to me that it is so important that this heritage is closely guarded and preserved. I believe that the greatest gift we can give to any young person, indeed any human being, is a solid spiritual foundation for life, built upon the “rock”, Jesus Christ.

It was a most worthwhile conference and I am grateful for being given the opportunity to attend. Once again, the informal interaction with Chaplain colleagues was so valuable. We prayed together, gained new insights into various issues, encouraged and challenged one another and enjoyed just being together.

Christian Representative Council and Christian Fellowship Committees

The Christian Representative Council who were elected for 2007 were the following: Glen Dowie (Second Prefect), Ntsolo Setlaba (Senior Prefect), Michael Laws (Head of Founders), Mandla Mashinini and Jevon King (School Prefects), Ferdi Van Niekerk, Joel Janse van Rensburg, Sean Rennie, Ben Lowe, Alexander Sully (all House Prefects) and Jonathan Durham. The Christian Fellowship Committee includes all of the above A Blockers plus six B Blockers in 2007. These were: Stephen Green, Patrick Lambie, Brian Cox, Daniel McCarthy, Wesley Campher and Nicholas Turner. All these boys have played an invaluable role in the spiritual leadership of the School.

Unity Camp and Christian Fellowship

The October mid-term break was the occasion for the annual Unity Conference at Em'seni. Students from ten schools gathered together for four days of fellowship and training for their roles as leaders for their respective Student Christian Societies.

Hosted by Mr Xavier Moran from the Scripture Union – Independent Schools, the weekend also featured other SU interns or "Trendsetters". Worship music was provided by a group from the Hilton Baptist Church. The Michaelhouse Exchange Chaplain and the Chaplain of Hilton College were also in attendance.

Each day there were sessions on various topics such as: being a good follower; how to defend your faith; accountability and leading worship. A special session made time for the 'Boks Rugby Final. The last day was spent designing banners that the various committees would hang in their schools to motivate them in the year to come.

The Michaelhouse crew came back very charged up and in addition to making a commitment to meet together on a regular basis for prayer as well as administration, they have planned a mission trip to Ixopo for the summer holidays. Ten boys will be going to the Woza Moya orphanage for three days to plant gardens and help organise a Christmas party.

Carol Services

The annual Christmas Carol services were held on 30 November and 1 December 2007. This year the friends and neighbours of Michaelhouse were invited to join the parents' service on Saturday morning before the boys went home for the holidays.

This was the first such service to be organised at Michaelhouse by Mr Abri Venter. He did an outstanding job of selecting music to complement the traditional nine lessons of the King's College, Cambridge Ceremony. Instrumental musicians were incorporated throughout the service and there were several surprise performances.

The Choir entered and exited the Chapel singing "Hallelujah" arranged by Alna Smit and accompanied by Rainer von Schlichting on violin, Mark Lombard on clarinet and Jean-Louis Swart on the double bass. Alex Poltera played a saxophone obligato with the congregational hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful". As a lead-in to the readings an ensemble performed some Baroque music. The group was led by Rainer von Schlichting and included Roché van Tiddens on violin, Andrew Steiner and Nicholas Cox on flute, Alexander Poltera and Nikolai von Stackelberg on saxophone, Simon Farrow and Tseko Letlala on trumpet, Abbey Allie on trombone and Jean-Louis Swart on double bass.

Andrew Steiner on flute and Mark Lombard on piano accompanied the Choir in "Gesu Bambino" with a trio verse sung by Abbey Ally,

Digby Berriman and Sandra Shandu. Exchange chaplain Fr Don Aitchison sang solo verses for Riu Riu Chiu. The lovely Afrikaans carol "Somerkersfees" was sung partly by the choir and partly by the chamber choir. Mike Thompson and Jean-Louis Swart treated the congregation to a duet version of "The Angel Gabriel". Alex Poltera once again supported "Away in a Manger" on sax. Roché van Tiddens sang a solo verse for the congregational carol "While Shepherds Watched" and the chamber choir performed a wonderful rendering of "We Three Kings". Following the ninth lesson Keegan-John Moore and Given Dzingwa wowed the congregation with their singing of Andrew Lloyd-Webber's "Pie Jesu". Rati Mashego sang the obligatory solo for "Once in Royal David's City", again with Alex Poltera providing a saxophone flourish. The singing of "Silent Night" was a truly South African experience. Sandra Shandu sang the first verse in Zulu; a staff choir sang the second verse in Afrikaans and the choir sang the third verse in English, followed by a fourth verse with the congregation. Finally, Abbey Alley & Roché van Tiddens sang a duet verse of "O Holy Night" with Mark Lombard accompanying on clarinet. The choir joined in on the chorus and did a magnificent job of evoking the mystery of the incarnation.

Dionne Redfern prepared the readers for the service who were outstanding. They included Patrick Lambie, Brian Cox, Jamaine Chiwaye, Ryan Baker, Matthew Purnell, Ben van Aswegen, Edward Greene, Calvin Freese, Nicholas Meyer and the Rector.

End of Year Staff Service

The Michaelhouse staff came together in the Memorial Chapel for a final service of thanksgiving on Wednesday 5 December. The service was co-led by exchange Chaplain, Don Aitchison and Pastor Sipho Zuma. The hymns were Ngahamba Hamba and Uyinkosi Yamakhosi. The Rector thanked everyone for their contribution to a successful year and paid special tribute to those who had died during the year, and to those who were leaving Michaelhouse or retiring.

Conclusion

Once again I conclude this report by thanking, most sincerely, all those who have contributed to the spiritual life of the School during 2007. In particular I thank the following:

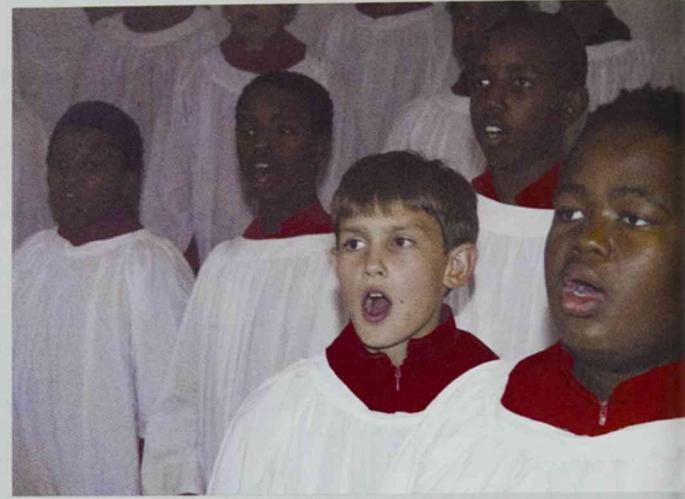
The Lay Ministers: Messrs Guy Pearson, Paul Fleischack, John Crawford, Paul de Wet, Allan Laing, Viktor Kurz, and Tim Jarvis.

Mrs Kate Smedley, who has continued to teach Divinity to all the boys in E and D Blocks. 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.



Matthew Purnell, Father Don Aitchison, Edward Greene



Back: Magashe Ngoepe, Gaza Khosa, Brian Kariithi

Front: Murray Rait, Rati Mashego

The Choir Master, Mr Abri Venter, who has faithfully instructed the Choir and played the organ each week.

The Chapel Servers, School Prefects and the Bell Ringers 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:

Rev. Jaques Pretorius

Mr Tim Jarvis

Mr Ian Guthrie

Rev. Linda Mandindi

Col Reggie Purbrick

Confirmation 2007

The Confirmation Camp

On Monday afternoon at the end of the half term weekend in the first quarter, we set off to Em'seni Camp and Conference Centre at the base of the Spioenkop Mountain near Winterton. There were 96 boys and I was assisted by Mr Allan Laing (Deputy Rector – Pupils), Mr Tim Jarvis (School Councillor), Mr Paul Smedley and Mr Gareth Jardine (OMs 2006). Academic staff members, Mr Paul de Wet, Mr Iain Guthrie and Mr Viktor Kurz travelled to Em'seni and gave talks.

The following A Block boys also came out for a few days at a time: Ntsolo Setlaba (Senior Prefect), Glen Dowie (Second Prefect and Head of Tatham), Mandla Mashinini (School Prefect), Christopher Hallier (Head of Farfield), Xillen Van Rooyen (Head of West), Michael Laws (Head of Founders), Ben Lowe, Ferdi Van Niekerk and Jonathan Durham (House Prefects). Most of these boys, at some stage of the camp, shared their personal faith stories with the whole group. It was very encouraging to hear how their own Confirmation Camp experience, a couple of years before, had made a huge impact upon their lives.

I am most grateful to all these people for their most valuable contribution. Without them the camp would not have been the success it was.

As we have done before, we used the talk scheme from the Alpha Course. On the first day we began by considering objections to the Christian Faith using the title "Christianity, boring, untrue and irrelevant". Having given the boys the opportunity to unload their prejudices and negative baggage, Mr Paul de Wet then gave a talk entitled "Who is Jesus?" This included the evidence for his existence, his claims to be divine, his nature, the reliability of the New Testament documents and the evidence for the resurrection. In the late afternoon we explored the significance of the death of Jesus, "Why did Jesus die?" I then gave the boys an opportunity to make a commitment or recommitment to Christ and about 30 responded. That evening we watched Mel Gibson's movie "The Passion of the Christ".

On the second day, after beginning with a short Bible Study and an introduction to the concept of having a personal quiet time with God each day, we then considered the topics: "Who is the Holy Spirit?" "What does the Holy Spirit do?" and "How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?" These talks were given by Mr Iain Guthrie, Mr Tim Jarvis and me. Before and after each one we divided into smaller House groups for discussion.

Confirmation is essentially all about affirming our Christian faith and then receiving prayer from the Bishop, with the laying on of hands. He prays that we may be "strengthened and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as Christians in the world and serve God the Father". In view of this, I feel it is important and appropriate that we spend a whole day considering the subject of the Holy Spirit. After supper we then gave boys the opportunity to stay behind in the hall, once the others had left, to do one or all of the following: To again make a commitment or recommitment to Christ; to receive prayer for any personal needs; and to receive prayer to be filled with the Holy Spirit (to fully surrender oneself to him). I always encourage boys to think this through very carefully;

“ *Then when the earth was first poised in mid-space;
Then when the planets first sped on their race;
Then when was ended the six days employ;
Then all the sons of God shouted for joy* ”

Michaelhouse – Stars of the Morning

to not feel pressurised in any way; to not rush it and rather delay if they don't feel ready. The leaders then split into three teams to pray individually for those who requested it. Well, on that evening we must have prayed, in an unhurried manner, for over 40 boys. The following evening we once again gave them the opportunity to receive prayer. A number came back for the second time plus a further 40 or so different boys.

On both Thursday and Friday mornings, before starting the day's programme, we asked if any boys would like to share with the whole group what they had experienced on the camp and more particularly the night before during the time of prayer. It was both deeply moving and humbling to listen to a large proportion of the boys tell stories of how God had been at work in their lives during the past few days. Some spoke about how they had arrived on Monday evening sceptical and reluctant, pressurised by parents to attend, and then slowly had come to realise that Christianity was both true and relevant. Then, after having made a decision to follow Christ and surrendered themselves to God, the Holy Spirit, had felt an overwhelming sense of his presence and peace in their lives.

The talks for the remainder of the week covered the following topics: "How can I make the most of the rest of my life?" "How can I be sure of my faith?" "The meaning of the Eucharist and the Confirmation Service", and "How can I resist evil?" We also had a question and answer session where a panel of leaders answered anonymous questions (they had been written down and put into a box) on a diverse range of issues regarding the Christian life.

The whole camp was amazing. It is difficult to express my gratitude to God for the way in which his grace was so generously lavished upon us in so many ways. I can only thank and praise him for what he did amongst us during those few days.

The Confirmation Service

This took place on the last Saturday of the term at 6pm when Bishop Rubin presided. I then presided at the boys' first Eucharist on the Sunday morning. Usually a Confirmation Service includes both these sacraments on the same occasion. However, because of the numbers involved and the time required for the Baptism and Confirmation, we split the ceremony in half. So, the boys got confirmed on Saturday evening and the Eucharist took place on Sunday morning.

Of the 96 boys who attended the Camp, 77 were eventually confirmed as Anglicans, of which 12 were baptised; 15 are to be confirmed as Roman Catholics and the remaining four are members of other denominations.

It was, as before, a very special weekend and both boys and their families seemed to find it deeply meaningful. As is the case each year, the challenge now is to help them retain their Christian commitment. To this end, various staff in each House run a weekly cell group for C Blockers.

Remembrance Day Service

Remembrance Sunday fell on 11 November this year which added poignancy to the annual service in the Memorial Chapel. Once again wreathes in memory of those who died in the wars were placed at the altar on behalf of the School, Navy, Army Air Forces, POWs, Red Cross and the Durban Light Infantry.

The Last Post and Reveille were played by Simon Farrow and Murray Rait. The sermon was preached by Lt Col Reggie Purbrick, who spoke on the origins of the tradition of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. A cousin of the Colonel's was involved in the selection of the first Unknown Soldier who lies in Westminster Abbey. The story of the selection process and the honours which accompanied the body on its journey from battlefield to Abbey was most interesting. The sermon concluded with a reminder that because of the nature of the process, the anonymous soldier who shares his burial place with kings and queens could very well have been one of the Michaelhouse men who died in the Great War.

Following the service, the invited guests enjoyed breakfast in the Centenary Centre. It was wonderful to have three generations of Atkinson's in attendance.

Address by Lt Col Reggie Purbrick:

'I want to tell you the story of the Unknown Warrior and what he stands for by way of a finale to Home Room briefings we have been enjoying about both world wars since half-term.'

'In the old days, kings, chiefs and famous men were often buried in magnificent tombs. The pyramids stand as a massive example of this and the idea of an unknown man being buried with honour is a very recent idea.'



Three generations of the Atkinson family, and friends, at the Remembrance Day Service.

‘It was a South African chaplain to the forces, Padre Railton, who in the First World War noticed a grave near Armentieres which bore the inscription “An Unknown Soldier of the Commonwealth” and he conceived a plan then, which has been copied in every country which fought in both Wars on the Allied side.

‘The plan was to disinter, i.e. remove from a grave, the remains of an unknown soldier and bring his remains to Westminster Abbey in England - an Abbey founded in 616 AD i.e. 1391 years ago. There are 137 bodies buried there – three were removed by King Charles II and there are 21 Monarchs and the Unknown Warrior. The remains were to be buried on Armistice Day in that great Abbey – and so an unknown soldier was brought from the battlefields of France and buried with ceremony among the tombs of the most illustrious in the land.

‘The authorities gave out no information about the selection of the unknown warrior and it wasn’t until 1939 that my cousin who had been a part of the process released the details in a letter which my family has in its possession.

‘General Wyatt, as general officer in charge of troops in France and Flanders and director of the War Graves Commission, ordered that a body of a British soldier, which would be impossible to identify, should be brought in from each of the six battle areas – Marne, Cambrai, Somme, Arras, and Ypres – on the night of 9 November 1920. South African soldiers were present at all six of these battle sites. The working party in charge of each body was to return immediately to its area so that there should be no chance of anyone knowing on which body the choice fell. The six bodies were received by Padre Kendall at an army hut close to Ypres and placed on stretchers and covered in a Union Jack flag in front of an altar beside an open and empty, rough coffin sent from England.

‘A guard was set on the door. At midnight the general, with

Colonel Gall, entered the hut and the general was blindfolded and pointed towards the six bodies. The body on the first stretcher he touched was to become the Unknown Warrior. With the help of the colonel the general placed the body in the coffin and screwed down the lid.

‘He later said that he had no idea even of the area from whence had come the body “and so no-one else can know it”. The other bodies were re-buried in the military cemetery at St Pol and the guard remained over the hut all that night.

‘There is no reason whatsoever why that body should not be one of those 46 names which are engraved on the end of Memorial Hall. Give this a passing thought as you daily pass that list of names.

‘Next morning an all denominational Service was held in the hut and at noon the coffin was taken by military ambulance under escort to Boulogne where it arrived through troop-lined streets, and was received by eight soldiers including an Australian Light Horseman and a South African Natal Carbineer who stepped forward as bearers. The Natal Carbineers are represented here today by a very gallant gentleman – Colonel Peter Francis, Military Cross and the last living MC holder in South Africa. Just to bring this Remembrance Day alive for you I must add that he is James Dillon’s Grandpa – he is seated at the back. Please rise and turn and salute him – an Old Boy of this school.

‘The library of the ancient castle at Boulogne had been turned into a *chapelle ardente* and, with French soldiers lining the corridors, the body was taken and left under French military guard for its last night on French soil. At noon the next day, 10 November (yesterday in our time frame), the rough wooden coffin was placed in a plain oak coffin sent from England – made from an oak tree at Hampton Court Palace which had been growing in the 13th century. The coffin was placed upon a French military wagon drawn by six horses and escorted by French troops and set out for the port of Boulogne where a British war ship was waiting.

‘The cortege was a mile long and headed by a thousand school children.

‘The Admiralty had sent HMS Verdun in honour of that City’s brave defence and aboard the British destroyer the coffin was placed on the port afterdeck where Royalty lies and next to it were placed six barrels of earth from those same six battlefields so that the body should eventually repose in the same soil from whence it had been taken. The destroyer was escorted by six battleships and set off with a 19-gun salute from the castle.

‘At Dover members of all three Armed Services acted as bearers and, escorted by admirals, air marshals and generals, the coffin was taken to the marine railway station and placed in a saloon coach

– the same one which had taken Nurse Edith Cavell to her funeral (another story). During the one hour before the coach moved off the coffin was guarded by more members of all four Services and an officer and 15 soldiers stood guard in a second coach and a salute of a further 19 guns was fired from Dover Castle. The body arrived at Victoria Station and spent the night of 10/11 November guarded by a company of the Grenadier Guards.

'The following day – today the 11th day of the 11th month – the body was taken and covered by Union Jack and with a steel helmet and side arms such as those worn by soldiers during the First Great War on top was placed upon a gun carriage. Led by a firing party and the bands of the Coldstream Welsh and Scots Guards and under escort of a whole battalion – that is 650 men – of the Grenadier Guards the procession marched in slow time towards the Cenotaph in Whitehall with troops of all the Services marching behind. The Cenotaph was built by the same man who built the Union Buildings in Pretoria and is the focal point in UK for Remembrance Sunday – today the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.'

'On arrival at the Cenotaph the gun carriage halted and King George V stepped forward and placed his wreath of red poppies from Flanders upon the coffin. Following the two-minute silence the King took his place behind the carriage as Chief Mourner and accompanied by all members of the Royal Family and the government the procession moved slowly off towards Westminster Abbey. At this great Abbey the body was taken by soldiers of the Brigade of Guards and passed through two lines of holders of the Victoria Cross. Behind these lines were over 100 women. Mothers and widows – those who had lost sons and husbands during that awful war were specially invited. It is said that any who had applied, were accepted.'

'The service was conducted by the Dean with every seat full. The hymn "Lead Kindly Light" signified the time for the bearers to come forward again and remove the side arms and flag and for the body to be lowered into the tomb. The king came forward and scattered earth from those six barrels. The notes of the "Last Post" rang out followed by the "Reveille", the muffled bells above tolled and the VC holders and widows and mothers filed past.'

'The service was the mourning of the nation. The honours that had been paid were those due to royalty. The Unknown Warrior is the only commoner to be buried in the Abbey and one of only two to receive a State funeral – the other is Winston Churchill that great statesman from the Second World War.'

'It is the only tomb upon which you may not walk. On that tomb is written "Beneath this stone lies the body of a British Warrior unknown by rank or name". By 27 November that same year over 1.5 million people had passed by that tomb – that figure stands today, 11 November 2007, at 63.5 million people – how may of them know this story I wonder?'

'I have told you this very personal story so that you shall never forget the sacrifices made for each and every one of you by your forefathers and by those previous members of this fine School. You must look with different eyes upon the two war memorials in this place and reflect upon the silver thread of duty which connects these names with some of those presently at Michaelhouse.'

'It is my duty and my privilege to tell you of these things and it is your duty to take up the moral armour from this great story, as those whom we remember today did, so that you may stand true to your selves – always.'



Mr Gordon Chapman presented a wreath at the Remembrance Day Service.

Weddings 2007: Old Boys and Staff

		Bride		Groom		Comment
Feb	17	Asanda	Taleni	Sibs	Ncamani	Staff
Apr	11	Janine	Van Lelyveld	Wayne	Davidson	OB '93
Apr	28	Heather	Brand	David	Doull	OB '92
Apr	30	Nicki	Louw	Craig	Friderichs	OB '96
May	19	Karen	Hughes	Andrew	Lewis	OB '96
Jun	30	Nici	Stewart	Mark	Slaughter	OB '90
Aug	04	Lindsay	Vaughan	Charles	Lorentz	OB '92
Sept	26	Joanne	McMillan	Graham	Oliver	Staff
Sept	29	Caroline	Goodwin	Lloyd	Holley	OB '97
Oct	13	Abby	Clark	Andrew	Gomersall	OB 2000

Clubs & Societies

African Affairs Society

Master in Charge: **Mr Sandile Khuluse**

Chairman: **Mandla Mashinini**

Vice Chair: **Michael Laws**

Secretary: **Nhlangano Sokhela**

This Society aims to offer students from various backgrounds an opportunity to meet and discuss issues which affect the continent we all call home, and which will one day affect us all. We aim to attract as diverse a crowd as possible with the only common view, which is an interest in African Affairs.

We have discussed subjects ranging from uniquely South African issues like quotas in sport and the ever-present saga surrounding Jacob Zuma, to issues pertaining to the entire continent such as the poverty affecting vast numbers of Africans, to more boy-orientated issues such as Africans playing soccer in Europe.

I hope that this Society has helped all its members to foster a deeper understanding of Africa and its opportunities and challenges. I also believe that it has boosted the boys' general knowledge in addition to sharpening their reasoning and debating skills.

In a nutshell, the Society helps Michaelhouse develop men 'of thought, understanding and culture.'

AKV Society

Master In Charge: **Mr Johan van Rooyen**

Chairman: **Henk Appelo**

Secretary: **Johan Badenhorst**

The Afrikaanse Kultuurvereniging, known as the AKV Society, has once again proved to be a very popular society in the Michaelhouse clubs and societies programme. The main aim of the society is to expose the boys to some Afrikaans cultural events and activities. Unfortunately not many opportunities outside the School arose this year, and there were also many clashes with other events within the School. However, one of the highlights was a visit to Hoërskool Voortrekker where we had the opportunity to attend a show of a top Afrikaans rock band.

The AKV society is also known for its braais when we managed to combine a braai with an Afrikaans video evening. On another occasion we visited a popular restaurant where the boys enjoyed some traditional Afrikaans food.

Even though the opportunities were few, the Society still managed to get the boys to indulge in the Afrikaans culture and to appreciate it to the full.



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Members of the Archives Society at Harry Jacks

Archives Society

Teacher in Charge: **Mrs Lynn van der Vegt**
 Chairman: **Michael Sparkes**
 Secretary: **Donovan Foster**

The Archives Society continues to be popular amongst those boys who have a long tradition of family members attending Michaelhouse or those who are just interested in the School's history. The Society met twice quarterly when attendance varied from 20 to 30 boys.

During the first meeting the floor was opened to discuss the traditions of Michaelhouse. The main topic to be discussed was the relevance of the book "Spud" and how closely it represented the current situation at Michaelhouse.

Mrs van der Vegt used the book "The Balgowan Valley" written by Mrs Betty Butler in the second meeting to explain how the various farms in the district had been allocated to farmers and how this eventually resulted in the land for Michaelhouse being bought from Mr Walter Jaffray. The boys enjoyed looking at the maps and getting a feel of how the various farms were positioned relative to Michaelhouse today. An outing was organised to the Old Balgowan Farm and Annandale where Mrs Betty Butler was our hostess.

"The House System at Michaelhouse", presented by Mr Iain Guthrie, was a popular topic. The first point he emphasised regarding the House system is that no House can claim to be the first. Four houses were initially started at the same time – Farfield, Foundation East, Foundation West and Rector's (later Foundation North and then Founders). Tatham, Pascoe, Baines and Mackenzie followed later – in that order.

Mr Adrian Rogers, currently the Archivist at Michaelhouse, presented a thoroughly enjoyable talk on the history of rugby at Michaelhouse. Mr Rogers indicated that our founder, Canon James Cameron Todd, had originally made the playing of rugby compulsory. The first match between two teams from different schools was played between Michaelhouse and Maritzburg College in 1897. Maritzburg College won 11-3.



Proactive members of the AKV Society

We ended a successful year with an interesting outing to the Howick Museum and Harry Jack's Restaurant. The boys enjoyed looking at the old photographs of Howick and Harry Jack's – a Victorian house which belonged to Mr James Buchanan, a wagon maker, in the early 1900s.

Art Society

Teacher in Charge: **Ms Joy Preiss**
 Chairman: **Patrick George**

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. This year Patrick George and Stephen Smith canvassed students to sign up and a very long list was the result.

We held numerous meetings in the Art Department this year, where students have watched movies on art and art making. Students also painted their own mugs, and they attended all of the Art Exhibition openings held at Michaelhouse and the Tatham Art Gallery.

Birds 4 Africa

Teachers in Charge: **Mrs Kate Smedley and Mr Ian Hobson**
 Chairman: **Mivan Howard**

The society had a good sized and enthusiastic membership.

Mr André Rossouw, of the Endangered Wildlife Trust, very kindly came to present a slide show to us at Michaelhouse on the conservation of the Blue Swallow and the various Crane species. The boys really enjoyed learning not only about the number of different activities that the Endangered Wildlife Trust was involved in to try and save these species, but it was also great for them to be able to tap into his vast general knowledge of these birds and their habits. We are all hoping that we may one day see Blue Swallows flying over Michaelhouse, even if it is on their way to Creighton or Richmond.

Clubs & Societies

“Business is thirty percent patience.”

Chinese proverb.

Popular demand once again made us decide to visit the African Bird of Prey Centre. This truly is a worthwhile trip to make as the variety that one can get to see from close-up is absolutely outstanding, from Eagles, Vultures, Hawks, etc, to rare Owls. Some of the special new additions to the Centre were Palm-Nut Vultures and an African Cuckoo Hawk which was fantastic to see as most of us had never encountered one before. We were able to spend an hour or so wandering around between the cages before the flying display. This was a real highlight as we saw various different families fly. We had Owls flying silently just over our heads and we were able to watch the awesome speed of the Lanner Falcon racing down towards us. After the display there was time for us to sit and enjoy toasted sandwiches and milkshakes before heading back to Michaelhouse.

Another memorable outing was an overnight camping trip to Weenen Game Reserve which is situated near Colenso. We saw quite a reasonable variety of birds but not quite the more than 250 species of birds that have been recorded. Our excuse was that we were there before the migrants had arrived back. There are two beautiful hides that overlook dams at which we spent a lot of time, simply sitting quietly and enjoying the scenes of birds and animals that came and left. The game viewing was also excellent as we enjoyed some good viewing of giraffe, red hartebeest, eland, zebra, kudu and a very close-up sighting of white rhino. The weather was good to us and we were able to braai and sit out late into the night drinking coffee and enjoying the evening sounds of the bush, especially the Fiery-Necked Nightjar.

We are hoping that next year we are able to visit more and different birding spots in and around the Midlands, in particular we would like to make special trips to view the Cape Parrots, the three Crane species and the Blue Swallows.

Board Games Society

Master in Charge: **Mr Albie Dahlberg**

Chairman: Simon Sharratt

The object of the Society is enjoyment where the boys have a great deal of fun in a relaxed environment. We met twice a quarter

– to play Risk, Monopoly, Cluedo, Scrabble, Backgammon, Codemaster, 30 Seconds, A Word or Two and Jenga to name but a few.

Some of the games were rather rowdy and popular, i.e. Jenga which reached 35 levels, while others were more serious.

The Society is popular and has a membership of 65.

Business Society

Master in charge: **Mr Rory Drysdale**

The Business Club met irregularly during the year, and whilst little trading took place, all shares performed well. The only shares purchased were 25 Italtile and 100 Wesizwe Platinum.

We also lost 9 Anglo American shares which were replaced by 10 Mondi Ltd & 25 Mondi PLC shares.

The unit value at the start of this year was R1.25 per unit. On 7 November 2007 the unit price had increased to R1.91 per unit. This represents a 52.8% gain for this year, and a 91% gain from the time that the trust was created early in 1998.

Fund holdings on 8 November 2007:

100	SA Breweries	19 340
1000	Grindrod	25 200
100	Wilson Bayley	13 867
300	Group 5	19 560
4400	Italtile	31 020
100	Anglos	38 966
100	Scharrig	2 498
200	Basil Read	7 340
100	Wesizwe Platinum	920
10	Mondi Ltd	649
25	Mondi PLC	1 465
Cash /Creditor		(2 231)
		R158 593

The total number of units issued on 8 November 2007 stood at 158 593. The unit value on that date was R1.91 to buy, and R1.89 to sell.

“ Ideally, the umpire should combine the integrity of a Supreme Court Justice, the physical agility of an acrobat, the endurance of Job and the imperturbability of Buddha. ”

Time, 25 August 1961

Chess Society

Master in Charge: **Mr Richard McMichael**
Chairman: **David Horscroft**

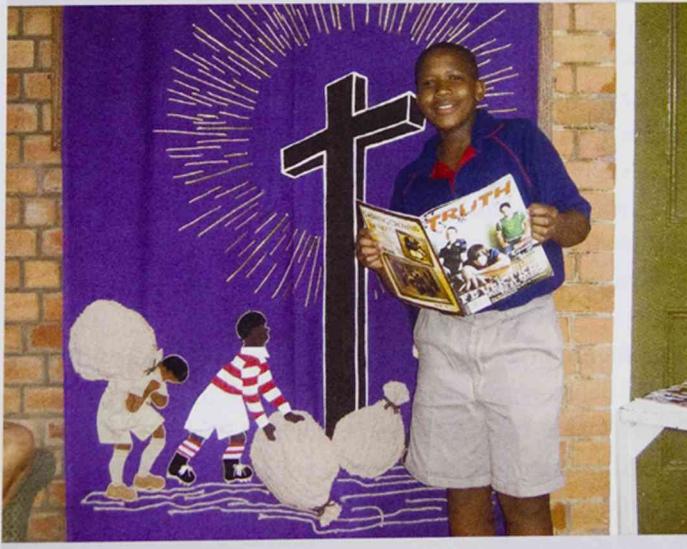
While some new boys joined the Society throughout the year, there tended to be a solid core of around ten boys who were regular members. Two evening sessions were organised in most quarters where biscuits, cool drinks and, at times, good chess were enjoyed by all. It was interesting to note that some 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-to-beat student of the game. The Club has 25 members.

Christian Fellowship Association

Masters in Charge: **Rev Alan Smedley and Rev Don Aitchison**
Chairman: **Glen Dowie**

Christian Fellowship Meetings

Wednesday evenings saw the Crypt rocking and rolling to the sounds of the worship band led by Jonathan Durham (guitar), Sean Rennie (bass), Joel Janse van Rensberg (guitar), Steve Green (guitar), Andrew Craib (drums), Sandra Shandu (vocals) and Wesley Campher (vocals). Attendance continued to swell which points to



Tseko Letlala

the popularity of this opportunity for boys to put their faith into practice in the company of their School friends. In addition to worship, various students took turns giving inspirational talks. The evenings often ended with small groups breaking off for discussion and prayer.

Cycling Club

Master in Charge: **Mr Elmar de Klerk**
Chairman: **Edward Green**

The highlight of the year must be the Michaelhouse MTB cycling race. We had over 800 cyclists participate in the 75km, 35km

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Arniv Badal, Daniel McCarthy, Dustin Holohan, Nicholas Turner, Mrs Louise Erwee and Calvin van der Riet en route to the SA World individual Debating and Public Speaking Championship in Cape Town.

and 10km events. Matt Dyer is congratulated on completing the 75km race. Seven other boys also participated in the race.

Andrew Laing entered the 75km Giants Castle race which he completed.

Some other races in which the boys participated were the Howick Highlander and the Karkloof Classic.

Brian Cox and Edward Green completed the 106km Amashova and the Argus around the Cape Peninsula.

The Cycling Club is popular. We will be entering most of the major races in 2008.

Debating Society

Teacher in Charge: **Mrs Louise Erwee**

Chairman: Michael Laws

The Midlands Debating League was fraught with problems in 2007. There was new leadership, the Constitution had been changed, sport interfered with fixtures, the State Schools went on strike, the Grade 8 League no longer existed – and so on.

Michaelhouse is proud to have A Blockers the calibre of Michael Laws, Mandla Mashinini and Christopher Hallier, who have all represented South Africa in previous World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships.

This year was no exception. In October 2006, Michael Laws and Dustin Holohan qualified as members of the South African team, who participated in the World Championships

held at Bishops in Cape Town from 30 March 2007 to 5 April 2007. Our boys participated against 85 debaters/speakers from all over the world. In the final results Dustin was ranked 44th, and Michael 54th respectively. This is no mean feat, and we extend our heartiest congratulations to these two amazing speakers.

We had many juniors who expressed great interest in debating and who participated in the Junior League. One of our most promising juniors has been David Horscroft – what an incredible way this young man has with words.

On Sunday 27 May 2007, David participated in the Inter-League Tournament for Grade 9 and 10 at Estcourt High School, where he was ranked 28th out of 48 participants.

David Horscroft, Michael Laws, Christopher Hallier and Dustin Holohan were invited to join the Midlands Composite Team to participate in the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Tournament held at Hilton College from Friday 21 to Sunday 23 September 2007. As this was the first weekend of our holiday, only David, to his credit, saw his way clear to participate. David was ranked 40th out of 95 participants province-wide, and emerged as the top Midlands participant. We are looking forward to seeing David ("Dexter", as he is known to fellow debaters) in action next year.

The highlight of our public speaking year for the five B Block debaters, was undoubtedly the trip to Bishops in Cape Town, where the SA World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships were held from Friday 12 October to Sunday 14 October 2007.

We departed from Michaelhouse for the airport at the insane

The aim of argument, or of discussion, should not be victory, but progress.

Joseph Joubert

time of 4.20am. More insane was the fact that Mr Paul Fleischack came to wave us goodbye at departure – anyone else for 24-hour duty?

Strapped into our seats in a row in the aircraft, the boys rehearsed earnestly and most audibly to themselves, gestures and all.

There were 18 schools and 54 competitors from all over the country competing for a place in the South African Team to participate in Germany early next year. The competition was fierce and no quarter was given/taken. Our Michaelhouse competitors were: Dustin Holohan, Daniel McCarthy, Calvin van der Riet, Arniv Badal, and Nicholas Turner.

There was a spine-chilling final on Sunday. Dustin was selected for the finals in the debating Impromptu and After-Dinner Categories, Calvin for the After-Dinner Speech, Nick for Debating and Daniel for the Persuasive Speech.

The top eight competitors were chosen to represent the South African Team next year. Dustin Holohan took second place and will be winging his way to Germany to represent his country in 2008, for the second year in a row.

The full ranking is as follows:

1. Dustin Holshan	2 nd place
2. Daniel McCarthy	12 th place
3. Calvin van der Riet	23 rd place
4. Arniv Badal	25 th place
5. Nicholas Turner	27 th place out of 55 competitors

Film Society

Teachers in Charge: **Mr Simon Crane and Mrs Helené Du Toit**

Chairman: **Jevon King**

This year we were again fortunate to see excellent movies over a

wide range, such as "Pirates of the Caribbean", "The Departed", "Mr Brooks", "Spiderman III", "Transformers" and others. Somehow the boys always found time for our Sunday outings to the Mall, where they were able to see a movie and have a light lunch before returning to School again.

In addition to the outings, the society changed direction with the arrival of Mr Simon Crane who started a Film Appreciation Group in July.

The major difference between the two sections is that while the Film Club takes boys out to the cinema to see current and topical releases, the Film Appreciation Group is based firmly at Michaelhouse. The aim is for boys to be exposed to films that are challenging, creative, perhaps a little less well known and which perhaps present the viewer with unusual uses of music, editing and camera work. In many ways this should be of benefit to boys in their visual literacy component of the English syllabus.

A further intention is for the Film Appreciation Group to be a society in which a group of boys get together perhaps every third week with the goal of watching a film that ideally they haven't seen before. The film should be challenging and creative and inspire independent thought and perhaps discussion.

So far the Film Appreciation Society have had five meetings this half year. The attendance has grown significantly from the two boys that attended our first evening, to the 25 that have attended meetings four and five. To date audiences have seen the following movies; "Patriot Games" starring Harrison Ford, "Unbreakable" starring Bruce Willis, "A Fistful of Dollars" with Clint Eastwood and "Panic Room" with Jodie Foster. By far our most popular evenings were for the prison escape drama "The Shawshank Redemption" with Tim Robbins and for "Panic Room".

The films are shown in the Media Lecture Theatre on Friday evenings and the evening commences with a brief introduction to each film by Mr Simon Crane. At the conclusion, one or two chaps are invariably found staying behind to chat about what they have seen.

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“The use of natural history is to give us aid in supernatural history: the use of the outer creation, to give us language for the beings and changes of the inward creation.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Daniel Holliday, Jonathan Short and Francis Gelletich at the Clubs and Society Fare.

First Aid Society

Sister in Charge: **Sr Joanne McMillan**
Chairperson: **Daniel Holiday**
Vice Chair: **Calvin Van der Riet**
Secretary: **Jonathan Short**

At the end of the first quarter Sr McGhee and I trained seven boys over three Sundays to First Level first aid. Unfortunately a large number of boys interested in the course could not join us due to other commitments. As a result we started training boys in the evenings during the second quarter. We finished the theory test by half-term and the practical exam was completed over three afternoons. Three boys completed Second Level and 13 First Levels. We have found that by doing the course during the evenings the boys were more attentive as we only engage with them for an hour at a time.

We had the annual first aid braai to thank the first aid team for their contribution to the match fixtures in hockey, rugby and soccer. Rain and hail poured down on us, but fortunately only after we had finished cooking the meat.

Hoops Society

Master in Charge: **Mr Carl Pachonick**
Chairman: Philip Vrontomitis

When the concept of the Hoops Society was first conceived, its aim was simply to provide basketball enthusiasts with an opportunity to view videos of top games played in the American NCAA and NBA. However, because to the nature of the game, it offers boys the opportunity of becoming involved in officiating in the Inter-Schools' matches; it was decided to extend the scope of the Club to encourage boys to become scorers and referees as well.

During the course of the first quarter of this year, we screened two excellent DVD movies entitled "Coach Carter" and "Glory Road", both stories of coaches who overcome serious obstacles in order to develop winning teams. The DVDs are both highly inspirational and have been used by other sporting codes in order to highlight aspects of teamwork and dedication.

Several of our boys developed into very competent referees during

the past few years and have rendered excellent service to the game. Philip Vrontamitis, the First Team captain for 2007/8 is an excellent referee and earned a great deal of praise from visiting schools. Other B Block boys who have officiated on a regular basis include Travis Ning, Shane Drower-Copley and Jemaine Chiwaye, whilst Lunga Mbongeni refereed on a regular basis during the first quarter. During the latter part of the fourth quarter, Mr de Klerk, the U14A coach, began training some of his U14 players to become referees, and some of them assisted in officiating in the recent senior Inter-House competition. I know that Mr de Klerk will be offering more boys the opportunity to learn in 2008. All these boys are sincerely complimented on their willingness to undertake this important role.

Many boys, too many to mention individually, have also rendered sterling service as scorers in matches. A basketball score sheet is a fairly complex document which requires that boys remain vigilant and focused throughout games to ensure accuracy. Special mention needs to be made of two young men: Victor Githakwa who scored for the bulk of the First Team matches during the fourth quarter and then a future Michaelhouse boy, Jonathan Laing from Clifton, Nottingham Road, who scored for many of the First Team matches during the first quarter.

Natural History Society

Master-in-Charge: **Mr Paul Fleischack and Mr Iain Guthrie**
Chairman: **Edward Steere**
Secretary: **Daniel McCarthy**

This year our focus was on the Oribi Reserve. Boys walked transects to surveys and record surface water, natural springs, alien vegetation growth, and the presence of old barbed-wire fencing.

As a result of these studies, clear-up operations in the Oribi Reserve have been very effective. Boys removed all the bugweed, about half of the blackwood and wattle plants, and a start will soon be made on the invasive brambles. A few pieces of old barbed-wire fencing remain, these are collected on an ongoing basis.

Game counts and mammal surveys were undertaken, and the Birds of Balgowan project, to identify and record the birds present in the Reserve and at School, was revitalised, with the involvement of

boys. Justin Sullivan, Edward Steere, Daniel McCarthy and Dale Walker contributed enormously in these areas.

Members of the Society also camped out in the Oribi Reserve where they enjoyed a unique wilderness experience.

Photographic Society Report 2007

Master in Charge: **Mr Graeme Calway**

Chairman: **Dale Walker**

The Society hasn't grown in numbers this year as I had hoped. We still have our core members, but only one extra boy submitted photos to the Maritzburg Camera Club Competitions. Whilst the standard of the photography has improved, we submitted fewer entries this year than in the past.

Of the entries submitted by Dale Walker, Thomas Molony, William Crockett, Simon Margesson, Russell Withey and Jonathon Short, there were many Gold Awards and a Merit Award for Dale Walker with his rugby photograph "All eyes on the ball".

I look forward to many more entries and Merit Awards next year.

Rugby Referees' Society

Master in Charge: **Mr John Crawford**

Members of the Society attended two special functions this year. The first one was a Level One course held in Pietermaritzburg at the Woodburn Stadium and conducted by the NRU. It was an intensive three-hour course where a great number of aspects of the game and refereeing were covered. The presenter at one point emphasised the importance of fitness amongst referees in the modern game and stated that the referees of top games had to achieve a minimum level on the beep test. He asked the attendees who would manage that specific level. He was shocked to see so few hands go up – most of whom were Michaelhouse boys, good rugby players who had been in training. It is pleasing to note that many boys interested in refereeing do so to become better acquainted with the laws as they will become better players as a result.

The second function was a touch-judge course run by Mr Llewellyn Muller from the Maritzburg Referees' Society. This was a real eye opener as the boys learnt how intricate proper touch judging actually is. Llewellyn is an experienced referee who explained things very well and was inundated with questions about the game – again mainly from players trying to improve their knowledge about the game they love.

My thanks go to all who showed such interest as well as the members of the Maritzburg Referees' Society for always being so accommodating and helpful.

Scuba Diving Club

Master in Charge: **Mr Michael Schwartz**

Staff: **Mr Alan Adlington-Corfield**

Chairmen: **Dustin Holohan and Francis Gelletich**

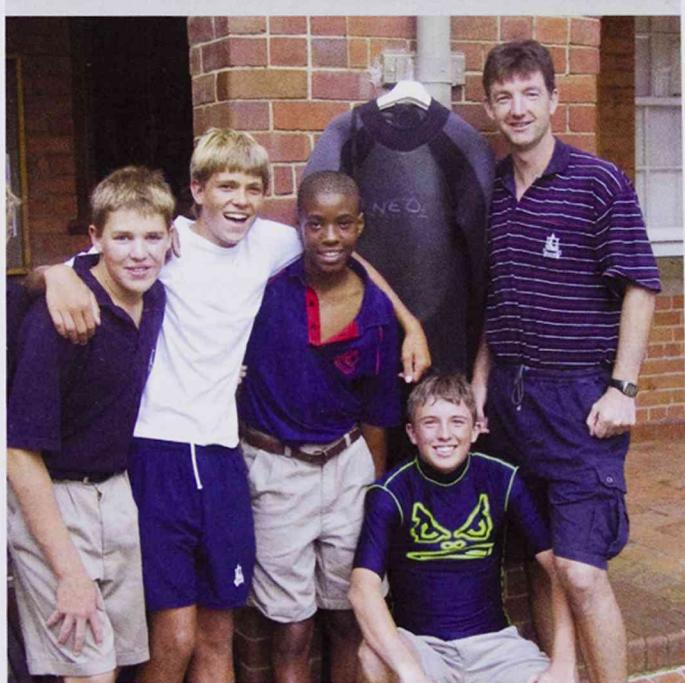
The year got off to a very good start with 55 boys registering for the Club, in one of three categories, namely open-water, advanced and social.

The open-water course started on 25 February 2007 with much enthusiasm, but the boys were soon disappointed because the weather they experienced was not favourable for diving. After three cancelled attempts, the boys finally got into the water. For some, they were very nervous getting into the dark sea, but after the first dive, everyone looked forward to the second attempt. Sunday 29 April saw 16 boys and Mr Adlington-Corfield complete the open-water course.

During the first two quarters, ten divers and Mr Schwartz completed four social dives at Aliwal Shoal.

Over the weekend of 1–2 September, seven boys and Mr Adlington-Corfield spent two days doing their Advanced Course at Aliwal Shoal. They did three sea dives, one going down to 32m. They completed the course by doing a dive in the Durban Quarry.

A group of 30 people comprising one teacher, 12 boys and 17 family members went to Sodwana for the half term in the third quarter. On the group's arrival, the wind was blowing strongly



James Stroud, Peter Rattray, Ofentse Dakile, Dustin Holohan and Mr Michael Schwartz represent the Scuba Diving Club at the Clubs and Society Fare.

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which resulted in some large swells which caused a strong surge under water. Fortunately both boats trips for day one were very short and the groups quickly arrived at the dive spots. The first dive was at Two Mile Reef. The visibility was about 10m where they were able to see quite a lot of the marine life up the east coast. Because of the surge, the later dive's visibility had deteriorated in places making diving quite difficult.

By the Saturday morning the wind had died down, the sea was flat and the divers were treated to some good diving conditions. The visibility had improved, whales crossed their path and it seemed as if all the marine life in Sodwana arrived at Seven Mile Reef. Wow! What an experience.

After four dives in two days, it is amazing how tired one gets. My chalet endured my cooking, but looking at the empty pots and clean plates I would say that the food went down very well. I must thank Blu Juice for the experience and Beryl at Africa Blue for organising the trip.

Street Luge Society

Master in Charge: **Mr Tim Jarvis**

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". In 1975 the first professional race was held at Signal Hill, California and hosted by the U.S. Skateboard Association. Meanwhile in the early 1990s some Austrian skateboarders started sitting down on their skateboards on the way back from teaching skiing in the Alps. This activity led to a penultimate classic style street luge race in Austria. Eventually the sport was run under the auspices of the International Gravity Sports Association."

At Michaelhouse the Street Luge Society formally began in 2005 although it had been operating informally amongst the boys some time before that. The 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, the inexperienced or the fainthearted. Competition on this run is done in form of timed runs.

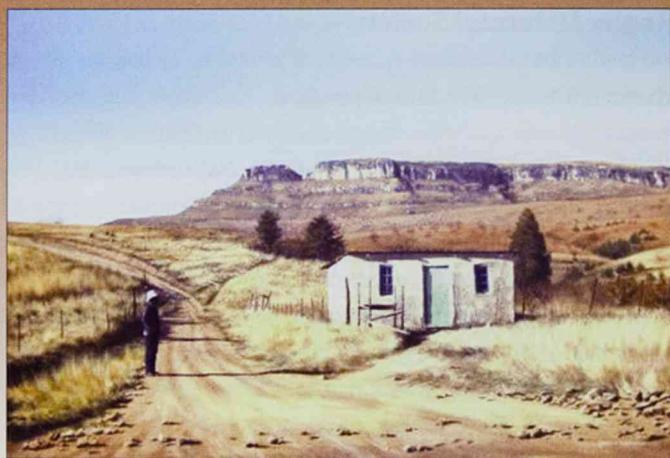
The Society this year had two specialised luges. A luge takes the appearance of an elongated skateboard so that the rider can stretch

out. One of these luges has 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.

This year we ran Laundry Hill on two occasions with Simon Farrow and Nkosana Mpofu pulling off a couple of impressive high-speed runs, running very close to the kerb, and disaster, on the sharp left hand bend on the way down the hill. Mark Farrow, Murray Rait and Robert Renton all with slightly less experience were more cautious in their approach but all completed the run without incident. A thunder storm and heavy rain added some extra spice to the second run – as if it were needed – but the boys remained unscathed and exhilarated after their exploits.

Our search continues to find some suitable runs outside of the School grounds that are both safe yet challenging enough for some of our more experienced lugers. We look forward to a more daring year in 2008.



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Phillip Massinger

Ten Pin Bowling Club

Master in Charge: **Mr Bernard Whitaker**

Chairman: **James King**

Ten-pin bowling was a new club this year. The society uses the bowling ally at 50 Durban Road, Pietermaritzburg, as a venue. Our top bowlers on average this year were James King and Andrew King, with the top score going to Mark Van Heerden on 197.

Theatre Technology Society

Teacher in Charge: **Mrs Dionne Redfern**

Chairman: **Sean Rennie**

The dimmer boards were replaced and a new lighting desk was installed. This has greatly improved the lighting and capacity of the theatre as well as the safety.

We purchased six new fresnels, six parcans and a new follow spot – all welcome upgrades. It is wonderful to know that 31 years after being fitted, the original carpet in the theatre is going to be replaced in the new year, along with the seats.

My sincere thanks to Sean Rennie for his work as Theatre Chairman this year. Without the commitment and effort from an incredibly dedicated crew, the theatre simply would not function.

We welcomed Jean-Louis Swart (Student Intern) to the team.

Tight Head Society

Master in Charge: **Mr George Ferreira**

Staff members: **Mr Gavin Ross, Mr Ryno Combrinck,**

Mr André van Wyk

Chairman: **Wesley Campher**

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 the First XV. These sessions provided valuable information to coaches in terms of measurable patterns of play. A special word of thanks goes to Wesley Campher who did a superb job as Chairman.

The Society had 14 members in 2007.

The Society also ran a Super 22 competition, which is based on the Super 14 Format. The following is the result.

Michaelhouse Super 22

Team	Matches	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points diff	Bonus Points	Points
16A	8	7	1		169	7	45
15A	9	8	1		135	6	38
1st	8	7	1		202	7	34
14A	9	6	3		183	7	30
15B	8	6	1	1	107	5	30
5th	8	6	2		176	4	28
2nd	9	6	3		81	3	27
6th	8	5	3		146	6	26
14C	6	3	3		128	5	23
15C	7	5	2		205	5	25
14B	7	4	3		113	4	24
4th	8	5	2	1	75	3	24
14D	4	3	1		74	5	19
16D	6	2	4		-58	3	15
3rd	7	4	3		11	4	13
16B	8	3	4		-14	2	18
7th	7	3	4		67	4	15
8th	3	2	1		55	2	10
15D	5	2	2	1	-6	1	7
9th	1	1			5	1	1

Toastmasters' Society

Staff members in charge: **Mr Viktor Kurz and**

Mrs Dionne Redfern

Chairman: **Michael Laws**

The Toastmasters' Society remains, arguably, the premier Society of Michaelhouse. It is viewed by the boys who are members in the highest regard. There is also a fervent effort and determination by the boys to uphold the traditions and high standards synonymous with the Society. The selection process for new members takes place at the end of the third quarter.

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Mr Peter Dennyson was the Guest Speaker at the 178th Toastmasters' Meeting. Pictured are: Carl Pieterse, Mr Peter Dennyson, Michael Laws, Dustin Holohan and Ben van Aswegen at the Toastmasters meeting.

Each term the Society hosted 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.

We have had numerous memorable evenings. In the second quarter, we were entertained by Mr Peter Dennyson, who as guest speaker, chose to talk on the topic, "And the award goes to...."

The Parents and Sons' meeting in the third quarter remains a

highlight, as it is an opportunity for boys to use the skills learnt throughout the year. With the theme for the evening being, "Just stop it!" the boys once again rose to the occasion, producing speeches of the highest order. A common thread that runs through most meetings is one of content. South African and international politics always features prominently.

The Parents and Sons' meeting is always an evening from which one returns feeling proud of being associated with Michaelhouse. At this evening, awards are made to certain boys for their contribution to the Society. These are voted for by the

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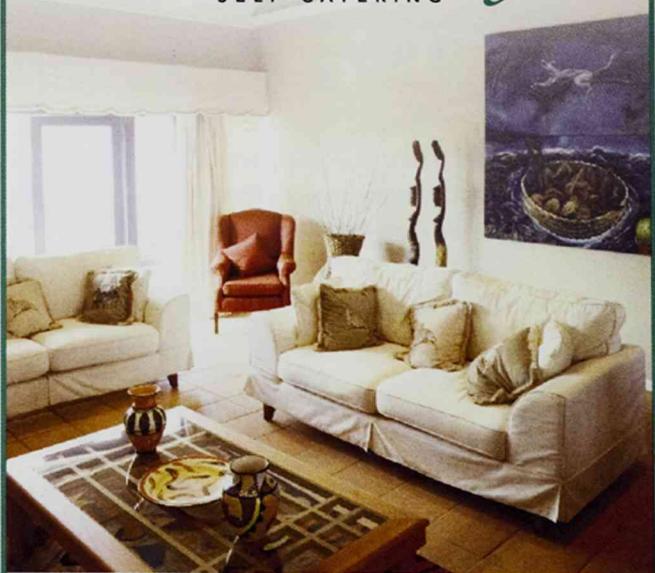
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Babylonian proverb



Alistair von Glehn

boys. The awards for 2007 are:

Jack Crutchley Award for Excellence in Public Speaking:

Michael Laws

John Pluke Award for the Most improved Speaker:

Nasho Sombe

Dudley Forde Award for the promotion of Excellence of Toastmasters: **Glen Dowie**

The Toastmasters' Society remains a society to which Mrs Dionne Redfern and I are wholly committed. It is a life-skill which all of us need (and most want). Attending meetings where one sees boys grow and develop as well as produce speeches of the highest quality, makes the visit to the Centenary Centre a rewarding and fulfilling opportunity.

Trout Club

Master in Charge: **Mr Paul de Wet**

Chairman: **Jed Talbot**

The Trout Club has undertaken four trips this year. We have fished on the Robarts' farm twice and have been moderately successful catching both trout and bass. We have fished on the Worrall's but were unsuccessful.

The highlight of the year was our annual April trip to East Griqualand. This year was the 53rd consecutive annual trip to the Cathcart's farm. We enjoyed excellent fishing with some very good fish coming out of a number of dams. The most notable was Alistair von Glehn's 4.5kg monster ("ten pounder") from Waterford. This is the best fish in the history of the Club which he has had mounted by a local taxidermist. Mr Stigs Cathcart always gives a fly box to the angler who tries the hardest – this year the lucky recipient was Jac Aldous.

Unfortunately we were unable to find a mutually suitable date for our fifth annual fish-off against the Hilton Trout Club.

As always we are totally indebted to the various riparian owners

for allowing us access to their lovely farms. Without their kindness there would be no Club. Thanks also to Mrs de Wet for her assistance in running the Club – joining us on outings and catching the odd fish, she has done all the administration and logistics.

Wall Climbing Club

Master in Charge: **Mr Brad Roets**

Due to the injury sustained by the Master in Charge of Wall Climbing, this small, informal club did not really get off the ground in 2007. There were only three part-time members. Climbing usually took place in winter, to avoid disruptive rain.

We look forward to a more successful year in 2008.

Water Skiing Club

Master in Charge: **Mr André Black**

Chairman: **Nicholas Byrne**

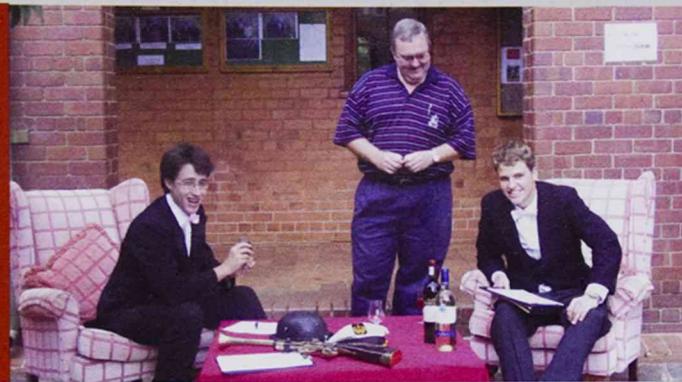
The Water Skiing Club has grown in popularity amongst the boys. Outings were organised throughout the summer months and were always well supported.

A weekend away at Midmar Dam was organised and the group of boys made good use of the two days of superb sunny weather. It also gave less experienced skiers the opportunity to improve their skills on the skis and wakeboard.

Safety and correct driving skills have been emphasised on all the outings. It is pleasing to see that a number of boys opted to get their R-Category Skippers License. Three of our boys are now qualified skippers and another eight are in the process of getting their license.

I would like to thank the parents for the use of their boats and equipment. It is greatly appreciated.

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Members of the Wine Appreciation Society, Michael Laws, Mr Peter Huntley and Alexander Dummer.

Wine Appreciation Society

Master in Charge: **Mr Peter Huntley**

Chairman: **Alex Dummer**

Secretary: **Michael Laws**

Great interest was shown at the beginning of the year with over 80 boys indicating their desire to belong to this highly valued Society. A series of tests based on the Cape Wine Academy course soon sorted out the serious connoisseurs from the rest, and 28 boys were accepted as members. They benefited from lectures on the history of South African wine, viniculture, viticulture and matching wine to food. Eight lucky candidates participated as pourers at a five-star wine-tasting evening hosted by Mr Trevor Gower at Michaelhouse and were suitably impressed by the nectar on offer.

The year culminated with a memorable Society Dinner and Wine Tasting again made possible by the generosity of Mr Trevor and Mrs Zan Gower who not only provided the meal but also provided the link with a well known wine merchant based in Durban.

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY

Eco-Schools Programme 2007

Written by Mr Paul Fleischack

Eco-Schools is an international programme of the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) that originally started in Europe in 1994. About 5 500 schools have earned green Eco-Schools' flags in over 37 countries around the world.

The Eco-Schools Programme was launched in South Africa in 2003. This pilot programme is supported by World Wildlife Fund, SA, and the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA), endorsed by the Department of Education and funded by Nampak. Last year 385 schools received their Eco-Schools' flags in South Africa for 2006.

This is the fifth year that Michaelhouse has subscribed to the Eco-Schools Programme. For the past four years we have been awarded Green Flag status for the teaching of environmental education and the environmental management principles which we have



Michaelhouse proudly flying their Green Flag.

implemented on campus. In 2006 we were one of only 13 schools in KwaZulu-Natal to have been awarded the green flag for four consecutive years. Our fifth and permanent flag for work done this year was awarded at the end of the year.

The following are some of the projects which have been established under the banner of the Eco-Schools Programme to the School:

- Recycling of plastic bottles, tins, paper in boarding houses. This will be extended to staff homes in 2008
- Composting of leaves, grass sweepings from fields. Next year organic waste from staff homes will be also be included
- Development of a comprehensive Environmental Policy and action plan for the School.
- Educating boys about national and international calendar days and about environmental issues.
- Auditing the use of our resources (electricity and water) in houses.
- Auditing the effectiveness of our waste sorting for recycling in the houses.
- Natural history and service projects within the Oribi Reserve
- Outdoor Education and Environmental Education camps-out in the Oribi Reserve and elsewhere.
- Linking with other schools through visits to the Oribi Reserve and to co-ordinate recycling in the area.

At the 4th World Environmental Education Congress held in the International Convention Centre in Durban, Mr Iain Guthrie presented a paper entitled "Environmental education opportunities and environmental action at Michaelhouse" which gave wider publicity to Michaelhouse's Eco-Schools project.

The Congress focused on how environmental education world wide could be used to further sustainable living and development.

Simbithi Country Club



Simbithi Country Club is the first executive golf course to be built in South Africa. With a par of 60, made up of thirteen par 3's, four par 4's and one par 5, you might be forgiven for anticipating this golf course as a lesser challenge, but that will be at your peril!

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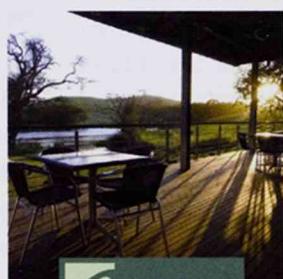
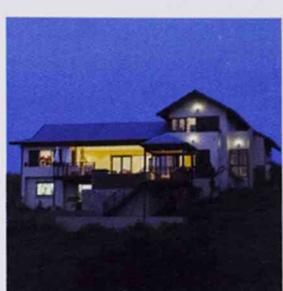
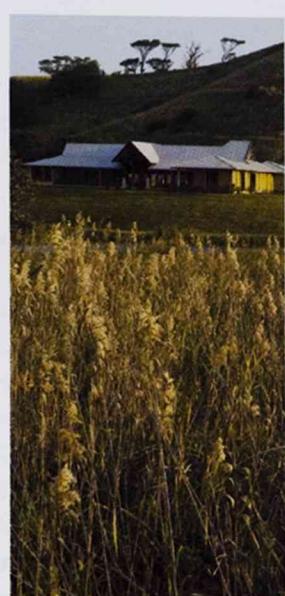
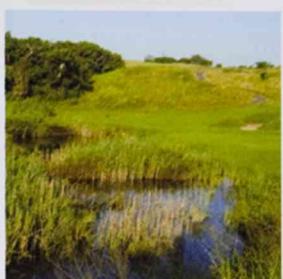
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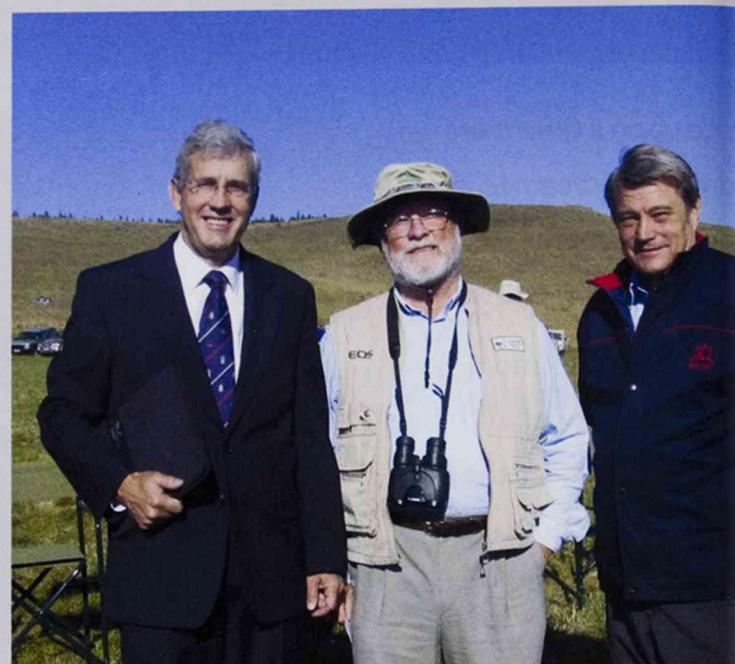
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Bookings and tee off time are subject to Simbithi Country Club availability and exclude Corporate Days.

Environment & Community



Oribi being released at the reserve.



Rector Guy Pearson, Mr Ian McDonald and Dr Peter Ardington at the opening of the Oribi Reserve.

Oribi Reserve

Written by Mr Paul Fleischack

People talk about this Reserve. Some have had the pleasure of cycling through it, others visit just to be part of this unique and peaceful space. Local schools come to learn about grassland and wetland biology and to see oribi.

The Reserve has been the focus of much attention this year. Since the arrival of the first relocated oribi at the end of November 2006, the population has grown to seven, with the birth of two lambs. The opening ceremony at the south-eastern corner of the Reserve was a memorable occasion with all boys, many staff and one (lady) member of the Board of Governors walking from School to the site of the opening. The autumn morning brought clear blue skies and a wonderful view of the Reserve and vistas from the Berg to the Karkloof hills in the distance. The reserve reflects Alan Paton's words, spoken by Alan Smedley: *'The grass is rich and matted. You cannot see the soil. It holds the rain and the mist. And they seep into the ground feeding the streams in every kloof, not too many cattle graze on it, not too many fires burn it, laying bare the soil. Stand unshod on it for the ground is holy, being even as it came from the Creator. Keep it, guard it, care for it for it keeps men, guards men, cares for men. Destroy it and man is destroyed.'*

By using holistic management principles to maintain and enhance the grassland we believe that we are caring for it in the best possible way. The evidence, even in the short term certainly shows this to be the case.

The money raised by Old Boys has paid for the perimeter fence

and some remains in the bank to purchase more oribi. The Michaelhouse Mountain Bike race will generate more funds which will be used for alien-plant eradication and other maintenance costs in the Reserve. We anticipate receiving about R25 000 from this race, which will become an annual event and, hopefully, a permanent source of revenue.

Boys have been very involved in service projects in the Reserve including removing old barbed wire, eradicating alien plants and filling eroded dongas with rocks and bales of hay. The amount of soil trapped by these bales during the spring rains has been amazing.

Natural History Society members have undertaken a number of projects and have camped out in the Reserve.

Almost every day boys are in the Reserve. They train for cross country here, ride their mountain bikes or find some quiet space.

This year saw the realisation of a long-held dream to have the E Block Outdoor Education and Environmental Education programme and camp-out in the Reserve. This was a huge success which included experiential learning and lessons on mammal and tree identification, navigation and orienteering, low-impact camping and outdoor cooking. Boys had an opportunity to learn to rely on the earth for their water and shelter, and on their friends for support. This is truly a place where, in the words of John Eldridge, 'the natural geography of the landscape can reflect the real geography of the hearts of our young men.'

To date all boys have at least visited the Reserve and approximately

“The good thing about the country is ... that we don't have there any bad weather at all – only a number of different kinds of good.”

Joseph Wood Krutch

250 have spent time there participating in a variety of activities. One lad recently had his first experience of drinking water from a natural fountain at the head of a valley and was surprised at how cold the water was and how good it tasted. For each, the Reserve has become a place where memories are being made and where the wilderness can refresh their souls.

The quality of the grassland which has been grazed by the herd of Nguni cattle has improved visibly and the layer of organic matter on the soil has improved throughout the Reserve with the exception of the area burned in the runaway fire. The cattle have also become the focus of lessons in grassland ecology, Zulu culture and art. Mr Guthrie's C Block Biology classes know many of the cows by name – Ntulo, the bull, has a special place in many hearts. Town boys have had the pleasure of bottle-feeding calves, building haystacks, moving the herd and occasionally de-worming and medicating animals. Farm boys have enjoyed getting back to their roots here.

The Dommett family from Waterford Farm in the Underberg area have donated a Clydesdale horse to the Michaelhouse Oribi Reserve. This horse, (now called 'Michael' or 'Michael Horse') together with Mr Guthrie's Clydesdale, Jazz, will be trained as draft horses and will provide low emission horse-power for transport and work in the Reserve. The horses are still yearlings but the training process has begun and it is hoped they will be trained within the next 18 months. Peter and Barbara Dommett will certainly be called upon regularly to provide assistance in the training of these magnificent animals.

The antelope population in the Reserve was increased towards the end of November with the arrival of four oribi (two rams and two pregnant does) from an endangered and threatened population in the Greytown area.

Community Partnership News

Written by Michelle Huntley

Community Partnership has experienced another busy and productive year during 2007. The outreach programmes are 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 Ms Annette Govender

running both the English and Zulu classes, assisted by Mr Mark Longbottom. Attendance at the start of the year was erratic, however this picked up during the second quarter when staff were given time off to attend classes on a regular basis. My sincere thanks to Ms Annette Govender for all her enthusiasm and dedication to the Adult Literacy Classes.

ICDL: (International Computer Drivers License) Co-ordinator & Trainer: Mrs Julie Flanagan, ICDL Trainer: Mfaniseni Phungula.

The Asithuthuke Group completed the ICDL course this year with only four students qualifying. The rest of the group gradually dropped out. We have started afresh with a group of five teachers from Esiphetwini Sendiza School and five teachers from a school in Curry's Post. They are busy with the basic Word and Excel Programme and have attended classes regularly. We have had applications for a new class from 40 non-academic staff members at Michaelhouse.

SMILE (St Mary's Interactive Learning Experience): We completed the year with 28 children from Esiphetwini Sendiza School and 15 children from Indezi Primary School. We had a total of 65 Michaelhouse B Block boys who contributed to the Programme and were awarded Certificates by SMILE for completing the course. We were fortunate that we were able to introduce SMILE into Esiphetwini Sendiza School and they received classroom reinforcement and teacher training on a weekly basis during 2007. We will implement this at Indezi during 2008.

Nina Campbell-Quine Art Project: This is the sixth year we have run this art programme with the assistance of Mr Sandile Sibiya and HOD of Art, Ms Joy Preiss. The year began with eight new students being added to the Art programme. Derek Ndlovu and Langa Sithole are enjoying their third year in the programme. While carrying on producing their own work, they assist the younger boys whenever required. One of our staff members, Mrs Pushpa Govender's motivation and interest is still seen in the Art Department. The students have completed a portrait painting and have painted a ceramic bowl during the year.

Asithuthuke Combined School: Support was once again given to the library as well as to the construction of a basketball court, which is complete and being used by the school.

Environment & Community



Martin Blore interacts with students at a community outreach programme.



Nicholas Byrne raised R 20 024 in sponsorship by swimming all eight Midmar Miles. He hands over the proceeds to Rector Guy Pearson and Mr Dave Lewis, Trustee of Asithuthuke Combined School.

Sports Development: Basketball was run the whole year with a group of students from Asithuthuke School and they eventually ended up participating in five matches, including playing against a Michaelhouse team in the Inglis Indoor Centre.

Health Awareness: This year we broadened the range of people involved and have drawn up a constitution on the needs of the community in the hope that over the next five years more of the government services are available in Balgowan area. HI virus testing is ongoing as well as the guiding to people testing positive into the ARV programme in the hope that we can preserve good quality of life for many, for longer. Other areas that the group worked on were: the improving the social well-being of the community; improvement of employment opportunities especially for the youth; improvement of community health and improvement of education in the community.

Esiphetwini Sendiza School (Hlanganani School): Further donations were received which have enabled us to refurbish numerous classrooms as well as establish a vegetable garden which is now producing fresh vegetables for the staff to feed their children on a daily basis.

Art Competition: This was run for the first time in 2007. The competition was run on the basis that any child from 11 schools in the wider Michaelhouse area could enter. The competition had a theme – “What makes me Smile” and was divided into five categories, Grade 0–2, Grade 3–4, Grade 5–6, Grade 7–8, Grade 9–12. A total of 1300 entries were received from 11 schools. Thanks to Mrs Faith Bam and Ms Joy Preiss for judging the art.

Some fantastic art was received and we held a wonderful prize giving afternoon at School with the winner’s art being displayed in the Schlesinger Theatre Foyer. Congratulations to Nottingham Road Primary School for winning the “Faith Bam Trophy” for the best art in a Junior School and to Ms Gabi Nkosi of Ulwazi CreACTIVE Centre for winning the “Barnett Trophy” for the best art in a senior school.

Sponsors: A big thank you to our sponsors: DHB Investments (Paul Barnett); Fulton Trust; Inglis Family Charitable Trust, The Nina Campbell-Quine Trust, and Alison Lee Education Fund, as well as donations from two private donors.

Khazimula

written by Mrs Elke van Schlichting

Helpers: **Mrs Emma Guthrie, Mrs Jill Rouillard and Mrs Elke von Schlichting**

The bus, packed with school boys, juice and biscuits, leaves Michaelhouse at 2:45pm each Monday. Its destination? “The Place Where Faces Shine”: Khazimula, the foster care at Lidgetton, which opened its doors to 21 children on 15 January 2007. A weekly visit to a home which currently has 28 orphans, street and abused children is all it takes to make their faces shine. On a weekly basis we observe the commitment, the compassion and the enjoyment in the eyes of our schoolboys and realise, that with every week we are a little closer to our dream coming true. They learn from the children to be humble, understanding and patient. They learn to show love and mutual understanding,

“They who know the truth are not equal to those who love it, and they who love it are not equal to those who delight in it.”

Confucius

something that our children today need.

Khazimula has been an extremely successful outreach project this year. This would not have been possible without the true commitment of A Blocker, Jevon King, who has been an inspiration to many boys who have followed his example. In addition to this, my gratitude goes to Emma and Jill for their enormous help in working with the children, to improve their English as their first additional language. The impact that this language teaching has had can be seen in improved marks for English on their school reports. We are proud of their achievements and trust that we can continue supporting this very worthwhile project through visits, language teaching, donations and financially through MySchool income.

We thank Mrs Anna Bruce, who is a therapist in BodyTalk, for visiting Khazimula every week to work with children who are emotionally disturbed. This has resulted in very few discipline issues lately.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank all the parents who so willingly donate clothing, linen, stationery and sport equipment to Khazimula.

Outreach is such an important aspect of training life skills, and we trust that the Vision 2015 process will address this issue in detail, and propose solutions to get staff and boys more involved in the future.

MySchool Fundraising:

Teacher in Charge: **Mrs Elke von Schlichting**

As far as we are aware we are the only school in South Africa who uses the income through MySchool purely for outreach purposes. Until now we have mainly supported Khazimula, but recently we have started supporting more Michaelhouse Outreach Projects. We have bought 50 soccer balls from the “Soul of Africa” soccer ball project, where rural women in the Greytown area make these balls. We have distributed 20 to Khazimula, 20 to Sunfield home and another ten will be allocated to another outreach project by the school. My vision is to expand the support base within our School to the extent that we can use the income as a major fund source for community outreach.



Chris Hallier teaches Maths at Asithuthuke School



Ms Nondaba (Headmistress of Asithuthuke), Jevon King, Rector Guy Pearson, Ross Berriman and Mr Chris Brown. Jevon and Ross were joint recipients of the Peter Brown Award for Service



2007 Swimming Team: **Back row:** M. Venter, L. Scribante, S. Hadfield, H. Epsom, S. Buys, K. Wilmot **4th row:** J-P. Akal, K. Lyle, J. Stroud, M. Shave, J. Nupen, R. Halsted, J. Crouch, M. Vinen **3rd row:** R. Janse van Rensburg, M. Daly, R. Shiel, P. Durham, D. Berriman, T. van Dam, S. Thring, S. Gallie, T. Thorpe, A. Mahieu **2nd row:** K. Schoerie, C. Le Roux, A. Bailey, G. Anger, D. Barge, M. Eybers, H. Appelo, L. Karovsky, N. Byrne, J. Clarke, **Front row:** N. Butler, C. Lindsay, A. Sully, L. Pedlar, Mr. B. Roets, N. Wilson (C), Mr. A. van Wyk, B. Jahnig, D. Bennett, R. Matthews, G. Nel

Aquatics: Swimming

Master In Charge: **Mr Rory Drysdale**

Coaches: **Mr Jonathon Fergusson, Mr André van Wyk**

Captain: **James Winter**

Colours: **Nicholas Dunn, Benjamin Bradford**

Half Colours: **Alexander Sully, Lee Pedlar, Grant Nel, Brannan**

Jahnig, Reece Keene, Johan van der Linden, Jonathan Ritten, Arniv Badal

Introduction

We were again fortunate to have had a good intake of young swimmers this year, and although our depth was still not strong enough to contend with the likes of Westville and Maritzburg College, some excellent individual performances were given.

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*): **Ryan Sheil**

Senior Individual Medley (*Branson Bowman Edgar*):

James Winter

Junior Victor Ludorum (*Nick Folker Trophy*): **Kyle Schoerie, Storm Gallie**

U17 Victor Ludorum (*Andrew Wex Cup*): **Andrew Chance**

Senior Victor Ludorum (*Bob Larsen Silicones Trophy*): **James Winter**

Open Freestyle Relay (*Bowman Edgar Trophy*): **East**

Winning House Relays (*K & B Reeve Trophy*): **Farfield**

Winning House: **Farfield**

Twenty Man Trophy (*Swimming Staff Trophy*): **Tatham**

Age group championship:

U19 Gold: **James Winter**; Silver: **Douglas Button**; Bronze: **Nicholas Wilson**

U17 Gold: **Andrew Chance**; Silver: **Nick Dunn**; Bronze: **Brannan Jahnig**

U16 Gold: **Robert de Bruyn**; Silver: **Benjamin Bradford**; Bronze: **Cameron Lindsay**

U15 Gold: **Kyle Schoerie & Storm Gallie**; Silver: **James Nupen**; Bronze: **Matthew Shave**

U14 Gold: **Renier Janse van Rensburg**; Silver: **Ryan Sheil**; Bronze: **Nicholas Bruce**

The following records were broken at this year's gala:

U19 100m Breaststroke	James Winter	1:13.6
U19 100m Backstroke	James Winter	1:07.8
U17 50m Freestyle	Andrew Chance	24.5
U17 4 X 25m Medley relay	Farfield	57.0
U17 4 X 50m Freestyle relay	Farfield	1:50.4



A race gets underway at the Inter-House Gala

Inter-School Competition

We were ranked eighth in KwaZulu-Natal. Our position has dropped one place as a result of the emerging strength of Clifton College Durban.

Michaelhouse Invitation Gala:

The gala was against DHS, Hilton College, Northwood and ourselves.

Results were as follows:

U14 DHS 70	Northwood 68	Hilton 61	Michaelhouse 59
U15 DHS 86	Northwood 62	Hilton 52	Michaelhouse 50
U16 DHS 89	Hilton 73	Michaelhouse 58	Northwood 47
U17 DHS 87	Michaelhouse 72	Hilton 58	Northwood 51
U19 DHS 79	Hilton 77	Michaelhouse 71	Northwood 20

DHS won with 369 points, Hilton came second with 292 points, Michaelhouse came a close third with 283 points and Northwood came fourth with 226 points.

Top Ten Gala

Swimming against the top schools in the Province, we achieved eighth position out of ten schools.

Results were as follows:

1 st	DHS	242 points
2 nd	Westville	231 points
3 rd	Clifton	192 points
4 th	Kearsney	169 points
5 th	Hilton	130 points
6 th	Maritzburg College	128 points
7 th	Glenwood	114 points
8 th	Michaelhouse	77 points
9 th	Northwood	71 points
10 th	George Campbell	53 points

This was the first time that Clifton College Durban, and George Campbell participated in the competition. Some outstanding individual times were swum at this gala. Most notable were those

for the freestyle: Andrew Chance 24.52 and Murray de Bruyn 25.13.

Private Schools' Quadrangular Gala

1 st	Kearsney	108 points
2 nd	Clifton	94 points
3 rd	Hilton	89 points
4 th	Michaelhouse	61 points
5 th	St Charles	36 points

This was the first time that Clifton College, Durban participated in this gala.

Dimont Co-Ed Gala

Results were as follows:

1 st	GHS A & Hilton	394 points
2 nd	Epworth & DHS	384 points
3 rd	St Marys & Michaelhouse	350 points
4 th	TWC & College	280 points
5 th	GHS B & Kearsney	252 points
6 th	St Annes & St Charles	246 points
7 th	Our Lady of Fatima & Kearsney B	205 points
8 th	DHS B & St Johns	160 points

TWC Co-Ed Gala

Michaelhouse swam in the Private Schools' Gala at The Wykeham Collegiate. Each age group was linked with a different girls' school. Three schools tied for first place, and the fourth school was only a single point behind.

Final results in the boys section were as follows:

1 st	Kearsney	108 points
1 st	St Charles	108 points
1 st	Hilton White	108 points
4 th	Michaelhouse	107 points
5 th	Hilton Black	90 points

Provincial Competition

Midlands

The following boys were selected to represent Midlands at swimming this year:

Andrew Chance: U19 100m & 50m Freestyle

Nicholas Bruce: U14 50m Freestyle & Butterfly

Ryan Shiel: U14 50m & 100m Freestyle

Storm Gallie: U16 200m Individual Medley

Patrick Durham: U16 50m Butterfly

Thomas Watkins: U19 Diving

Michael Watkins: U16 Diving

KwaZulu-Natal

Andrew Chance was selected to represent KwaZulu-Natal at the SA Schools' Nationals in Cape Town this year.

Thomas and Michael Watkins were selected to represent KwaZulu-Natal at Diving.

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Swimming

Andrew Chance came sixth in the U19 50m Freestyle and was also part of the 4 x 50m relay which won the Gold Medal at the SA Schools Gala in Cape Town earlier this month. It is noteworthy that Andrew is still U17.

Diving

Thomas Watkins won the Silver Medal for second place in the U19 age group.

Michael Watkins won the Bronze Medal for third place in the U16 age group.

OTHER

Zimbabwean Inter-Provincial Gala

Andrew Chance swam at Triangle in Zimbabwe during the first week of the Christmas holidays of 2006. He swam in seven events and came second in all seven.

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2007 Water Polo 1st Team: Back:

R. de Bruyn, A. Chance,

Middle: J. Ritten, J. van der Linden, N. Wilson, R. Keane, D. Button, C. Lindsay

Front: M. de Bruyn, S. Dougall (C),

Mr K. Kumm, J. Winter (VC),

T. Watkins

Sub-Saharan Gala

Andrew Chance swam four events, and was placed fourth in the 100m Freestyle and 100m Backstroke and first in the 50m Freestyle. What is most noteworthy is that his best time of 24.9 is the fastest that any Michaelhouse boy has ever swum this event.

Midmar Mile

For the first time in its history, the main event, had to be cancelled because of dangerous conditions on the day.

Swimming all eight events at the Midmar Mile is becoming quite popular and we have instituted a "Michaelhouse 8 Miler Award". Each boy who successfully swims all events swum on the weekend, (with a minimum number of three on each day if races are officially cancelled for dangerous conditions), is awarded a numbered medal engraved with his name, school and the year in which he successfully completed the challenge.

Eight Miler Award

Medal

No.	Name	Year
1	Michel Mahieu (FA)	2006
2	Richard Bennett (FA)	2006
3	James Winter (W)	2007
4	Simon Dougall (FO)	2007
5	Douglas Button (FA)	2007
6	Nicholas Byrne (T)	2007

Water Polo

Master in Charge: **Mr Rory Drysdale**

Coaches: **Mr Jonathan Fergusson** and **Mr Kyle Kumm** (First Team), **Mr Bradley Roets** (Second Team), **Mr Albie Dahlberg** (Third Team), **Mr Bernard Whitaker** (U15A), **Mr Kyle Berry** (U14A), **Mr André van Wyk** (U14B)

Captain: **Simon Dougall**

Colours: **Sean Rennie**

Half Colours: **Rees Keene, Douglas Button, Andrew Chance, Cameron Lindsay**

Provincial Representation:

James Winter	KZN U19B
Johan van der Linden	KZN U19C
Nicholas Byrne	KZN U16B
Cameron Lindsay	KZN U16B

No Midlands Trials were held in 2007.

In the first quarter our U14A side played in a tournament at Jeppe High School in Johannesburg. They acquitted themselves well and were unfortunate to draw so many matches which could have been won. The team was placed third in the pool and achieved an overall sixth position out of 16 teams. St John's, with whom we drew, eventually came second, losing narrowly to a strong DHS team in the final.

A coaching clinic was run by Mr Mike Harrison during the third quarter and well attended by boys and staff. We are hoping to make

this a more regular occurrence in future.

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, probably the most prestigious in the country. Although the results were not all that flattering on paper, enormous benefit was gained by the boys who participated.

We have had a very busy season during the fourth quarter with games being played on every Saturday and also during the week on occasions. The first quarter is not as busy as most of the calendar is allocated to swimming and competitive galas.

The Kyle Pepper Floating Trophy 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 who has offered his time and service without the expectation of compensation to the sport over the same time span. James Winter was the worthy recipient in 2007.



Jonathan Ritten

2007 Results: Inter-Schools' Competition: Local

DATE	OPPONENT	1st	2nd	3rd	U16A	U15A	U14A	U14B
Feb 2007	St Charles	11 - 3	12 - 2			9 - 3	9 - 2	
	Northwood				3 - 7	7 - 6	7 - 4	
	Hilton	5 - 11	2 - 8	3 - 3	9 - 5	7 - 6	13 - 2	1 - 8
Oct 2007	Maritzburg College	1 - 8	5 - 3					1 - 8
	Treverton		19 - 1			14 - 0		
	Westville		3 - 6	3 - 5		2 - 12	3 - 4	2 - 4
Nov 2007	Kearsney	10 - 7	3 - 10	8 - 4		2 - 4	0 - 11	3 - 7
	Clifton	3 - 12	4 - 10			4 - 6	2 - 11	
	Hilton	4 - 20	7 - 10	6 - 7		7 - 6	5 - 7	1 - 4
TOP 10 TOURNAMENT								
	Westville	5 - 13				2 - 8	6 - 9	
	Maritzburg College	5 - 7				4 - 6	5 - 7	5 - 4
	Kearsney	7 - 4				4 - 7	1 - 16	
	Hilton	4 - 5				3 - 6	3 - 6	
	Northwood	10 - 2				3 - 9	3 - 2	
	Thomas More	6 - 4				4 - 1	10 - 4	
	Glenwood						3 - 5	
	FINAL PLACING	Placed 6th out of 10				Placed 8th out of 10	Placed 7th out of 10	



Nicholas Byrne

INTER-HOUSE WATER POLO	SNRS	JNRS
West	1 st	2 nd
Farfield	2 nd	4 th
Mackenzie	3 rd	5 th
Founders	4 th	8 th
East	5 th	3 rd
Baines	6 th	6 th
Tatham	7 th	1 st
Pascoe	8 th	7 th



2007 Athletics Team: **Back row:** G. Heeger, A. Mahieu, J-P. Akal, I. Yusuf, J. Fieldgate, A. Craib, E. Wiehe- Lagesse, S. Smith **Middle row:** B. van Aswegen, V. Edwards, Mr. R. Kotze, A. Dalais(C), Mr. A. Black, E. Steere, R. Combrinck, L. Albertse **Front row:** T. Dalais, P. Noel, D. Mabhena, J. Chinyanta, C. Badenhorst, N. Meyer, W. Gowens

Athletics

Master in Charge: **Mr André Black**

Coaches: **Mr George Ferreira, Mr Righardt Kotze**

Captain: **Alexander Dalais**

Provincial Representation: **David Pearce, Dumisani Mabhena,**

Gregory Heeger

'We run, not because we think it is doing us good, but because we enjoy it and cannot help ourselves...The more restricted our society and work become, the more necessary it will be to find some outlet for this craving for freedom. No one can say, "You must not run faster than this, or jump higher than that." The human spirit is indomitable.' – Sir Roger Bannister

The following results were achieved during the 2007 season:

Athletics League Meeting held on 19 January in Durban.

Alexander Dalais, Alain Mahieu, Edward Steere, Jonathan Fieldgate, Liam Royce and Andrew Craib travelled to Durban to compete in the first League Meeting of the season.

Menlo Park Athletics Meeting held Saturday on 3 February in Pretoria.

Gregory Heeger, Alain Mahieu and Edward Steere were selected as members of the Pietermaritzburg & Districts Invitational Team and competed in a meeting held at Hoërskool Menlo Park in Pretoria. The Pietermaritzburg team competed against seven top athletics

schools from Gauteng and the Free State.

INTER-HOUSE STANDARDS



Michaelhouse Inter-House Relays Competition held on 4 September 2007

The final results were as follows:

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**

The Michaelhouse Sports Day was held on 8 September 2007

The following awards were made at the completion of the event:

“ *To achieve great things we must live as though we were never going to die.* ”

Vauvenargues

Age Group Champions:

U14 Gold: **David Brill** (Fo); Silver: **Jon-Paul Akal** (P); Bronze: **Harry Epsom** (T)
 U15 Gold: **Gregory Heeger** (Fa); Silver: **Ian Sturgeon** (E); Bronze: **Dumisani Mabhena** (T)
 U16 Gold: **Alain Mahieu** (Fa); Silver: **Robert De Bruyn** (E); Bronze: **Neil Benton** (M)
 U17 Gold: **Ruan Combrinck** (P); Silver: **Dale Walker** (E); Bronze: **Andrew Chance** (Fa)
 U19 Gold: **Guy Cronjé** (T); Silver: **Mark Richards** (Fa); Bronze: **Pieter Nortjé** (P)

Trophies: Sports Day

Junior Victor Ludorum
 (Paul Nash Trophy), **David Brill**, Founders

Under 17 Victor Ludorum
 (Martin Rose Floating Trophy), **Ruan Combrinck**, Pascoe

Senior Victor Ludorum
 (John Odams Trophy), **Guy Cronjé**, Tatham

Standard Points
 (John Odams Trophy), **Tatham**

U19 100m Sprint
 (D Barford Trophy), **Mark Richards**, Farfield

Best Single Field Event
 (Mike Gledhill Cup), **Gregory Heeger**, Farfield

Best Single Track Event
 (Steven Waidelich Floating Trophy), **Gregory Heeger**, Farfield

Best Single Performance in a Javelin Event
 (JR Cairns Trophy), **Ruan Combrinck**, Pascoe

Best Middle Distance Athlete
 (GD Barrie Trophy), **Alain Mahieu**, Farfield

Best Single Performance in any event
 (St Evens Trophy), **Gregory Heeger**, Farfield

Records broken:

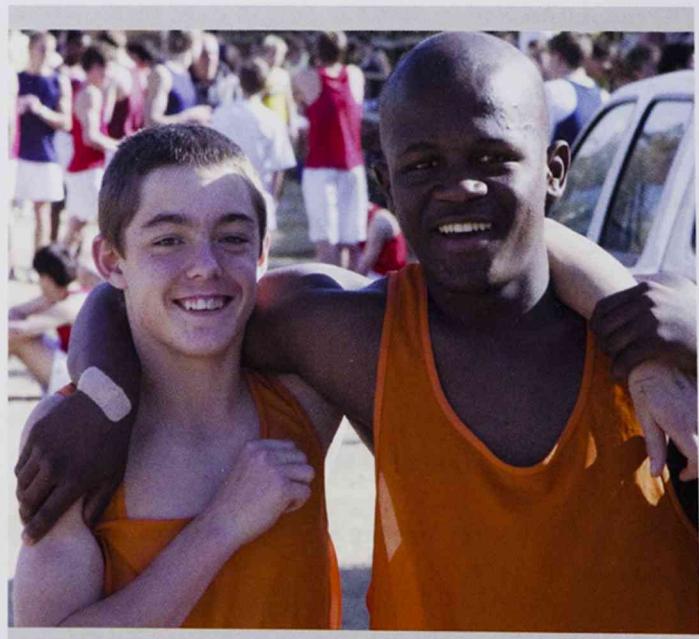
U15 - 4 x 100m Relay (Tatham)
 U17 200m - **Vaughn Edwards** (East)
 U15 200m - **Gregory Heeger** (Farfield)

2007 INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS RESULTS



Grey (Bloemfontein) Athletics Meeting held on Saturday 6 October in Bloemfontein.

Edward Steere, Dale Walker, William Gowans, Alain Mahieu, Gregory Heeger, Thomas Dalais, Jon-Paul Akal and Justin Chinyanta travelled to Bloemfontein to compete in the annual Grey Bloem/Oranje Meisies Athletics Meeting. They competed against top athletes from five other provinces.



Mackenzie participants Lewis Humphreys, and Lethoxolo Mtshali at Sports Day held on 8 September 2007

“ We need programs that will teach athletes how to spell “jump shot” rather than how to shoot it. ”

Larry Hawkins, founder, Institute for Athletics and Education

Inter-Provincial Athletics Meeting held Saturday, 17 November in Germiston

Dumisani Mabhena, Gregory Heeger and David Pearce travelled to Germiston to compete in an Inter-Provincial Athletics Meeting. They competed as part of the KwaZulu-Natal Sub-Youth Team against athletes from four other provinces.



Liam Royce



Alexander Dalais (red vest)



David Pearce, Dumisani Mabhena and Gregory Heeger.



David Brill

2007 ATHLETICS RESULTS:

Meeting	Name	Age	Event	Result
Athletics League Durban 19 January	Jonathan Fieldgate	U16	HJ	4th
	Jonathan Fieldgate	U16	400m	7th (heats)
	Liam Royce	U16	100m	2nd (heats)
	Liam Royce	U16	400m	5th (heats)
	Alain Mahieu	U16	1500m	5th
	Andrew Craib	U16	100m	7th (heats)
	Andrew Craib	U16	400m	5th (heats)
	Edward Steere	U17	1500m	6th
	Alex Dalais	U18	100m	5th (heats)
Menlo Park Pretoria 3 February	Gregory Heeger	U15	100m hurdles	5th
	Alain Mahieu	U16	800m	1st
	Edward Steere	U17	3000m	2nd
KZN USSASA Athletics Championships, Durban, 9 March	Gregory Heeger	U15	100m hurdles	4th
KZN ASA Athletics Championships, Durban, March 24	William Gowans	U16	3000m	6th
Grey Bloem/Menlo Park Trials, Howick, 1 September	Thomas Dalais	U14	200m	Top two
	Jon-Paul Akal	U14	100m	Top two
	Jon-Paul Akal	U14	Shot Putt	Top two
	Gregory Heeger	U14	100m hurdles	Top two
	Gregory Heeger	U14	100m	Top two
	Justin Chinyanta	U15	Shot Putt	Top two
	Alain Mahieu	U16	800m	Top two
	William Gowans	U16	1500m	Top two
	Edward Steere	U17	3000m	Top two
	Dale Walker	U17	3000m	Top two
Grey Bloem Meeting Bloemfontein 6 October	Jon-Paul Akal	U14	100m	4th
	Gregory Heeger	U15	100m hurdles	4th
	Alain Mahieu	U16	800m	4th
	Edward Steere	Open	100m	5th
KZN Sub-Youth Championships Durban 13 October	Jon-Paul Akal	U15	100m	3rd
	Gregory Heeger	U15	100m hurdles	1st
	Gregory Heeger	U15	100m	2nd
	David Pearce	U15	1500m	3rd
	Dumisani Mabhena	U15	100m	3rd
	Dumisani Mabhena		Long jump	3rd
Athletics League Durban 27 October	Gregory Heeger	U15	100m hurdles	1st
	Gregory Heeger	U15	100m	2nd
	Dumisani Mabhena	U15	Long jump	2nd
	Dumisani Mabhena	U15	100m	3rd
	Vaughan Edwards	U17	100m	1st
	Vaughan Edwards	U17	200m	1st
	Edward Steere	U17	1500m	3rd
	Ben van Aswegen	U19	1500m	1st
Athletics League Durban 10 November	Dumisani Mabhena	U15	Long jump	4th
	Justin Chinyanta	U15	Shot putt	4th
	Vaughan Edwards	U17	100m	3rd
	Vaughan Edwards	U17	200m	2nd
	Louis Albertse	U17	Shot putt	2nd
Inter-Provincial Athletics Germiston	David Pearce	Youth boys	1500m	11th
	Dumisani Mabhena	Youth boys	Long jump	7th
	Gregory Heeger	Youth boys	100m hurdles	2nd



2007 1st Team

Basketball: Back Row:

F. Scott, J. Nuttall-Smith,
J. Janse van Rensburg,
A. Laing, T. Ning,
P. Vrontamitis

Front Row: N. Sokhela,
X. van Rooyen (C),

Mr. C. Pachonick,

M. Spavins, N. Setlaba

Basketball

Master in Charge: **Mr Carl Pachonick**

Coaches:

First Team: **Mr Carl Pachonick**

Second Team: **Mr Mandla Cele**

Third Team: **Mr Sandile Khuluse**

Under 16A Team: **Mr Sandile Sibiya**

Under 16B Team: **Mr Sibs Ncamane**

Under 15A Team: **Mr Allan Laing**

Under 15B Team: **Mr Given Dzingwa**

Under 14A Team: **Mr Elmar de Klerk**

Under 14B Team: **Mr Johan van Rooyen**

Under 14C Team: **Mr Johan van Rooyen**

Colours: **Philip Vrontamitis, Xillen van Rooyen, Matthew Spavins**

Half Colours: **Nhlangano Sokhela, Ntsolo Setlaba, Tahir Rhemtulla, Andrew Laing, Josh Nuttall-Smith, Francis Scott, Travis Ning, Joel Janse-Van Rensburg**

Awards:

Most Improved Player for 2007: **Nhlangano Sokhela**

Most Valuable Player for 2007: **Xillen van Rooyen**

First Team - First Quarter:

Xillen van Rooyen (Captain), Matthew Spavins (Vice-Captain), Philip Vrontamitis, Ntsolo Setlaba, Nhlangano Sokhela, Tahir

Rhemtulla, Josh Nuttall-Smith, Joel Janse van Rensburg, Travis Ning, Andrew Laing and Francis Scott.

At the end of the first quarter, the team was able to look back on another very successful season. After two relatively easy wins against Carter and St Nicholas we had our first true test when we came up against a very motivated Hilton College team in the Inglis Indoor Centre. After leading comfortably for most of the game, in typical fashion, Hilton College staged a come-back which saw them tying the game at 29-29 with only 11 seconds remaining on the clock. It was a Michaelhouse put-in and with only five seconds left Xillen van Rooyen put up a long-range three-pointer which went through the hoop to give Michaelhouse an exciting 32-29 win. At the annual Michaelhouse Tournament two weeks later, we played three matches and, as expected, beat both St Nicholas and Westville fairly comprehensively, but in our last fixture of the day, came up against a strong Alexandra team. Over the years Alex has proved to be a difficult team to beat, but in this match, Michaelhouse ran out winners by the narrowest of margins: 38-37. To end the season with nine victories and only three losses was a tribute to a team which played with great enthusiasm and energy.

Xillen van Rooyen proved to be an exemplary Captain who had the ability to take control when play became a little loose and unforced errors were being committed. He was outstanding on defence and on the fast break and at the right moment also had the ability to pop in the odd three-pointer. Matthew Spavins, the Vice Captain was also our number one post player. Often half a head shorter than the opposing posts, he nonetheless possessed the ability to out-rebound most players and under the offensive boards had the necessary skills to net many points for his team. He undoubtedly

“When you feel how depressingly slowly you climb, it’s well to remember that things take time.”

Piet Hein

played a major role in the team's success. The two point guards, Philip Vrontamitis and Tahir Rhemtulla improved tremendously as the season progressed and netted many baskets to add to the team's tally during the season. Ntsolo Setlaba was one of the big discoveries. In the first quarter of 2006 he was playing in the School's Third team and eventually worked himself up to starting five in the First team. His game against St Charles College, which we ironically lost, was one of his best. Nhlangano Sokhela, who was awarded the Most Improved Player Trophy at the end of the season, grew in stature with every game he played. His role under the defensive boards in particular was invaluable. Josh Nuttall-Smith, although he had only been playing basketball for one year, was another player who showed huge improvement as the season progressed and along with Travis Ning had the ability to score baskets at crucial stages of the game. After a relatively quiet start, Joel van Rensburg suddenly found his confidence and in the latter half of the season turned in some outstanding games for his team. Francis Scott played some matches for the Second Team in order to gain experience and, like Joel van Rensburg, his improved confidence allowed him to play with more flair in the final matches of the season. Last, but by no means least, Andrew Laing, the baby of the team, gained a great deal of invaluable experience as the season progressed and played some great games for the First team. He possesses excellent skills and will no doubt become one of the stars in future Michaelhouse teams.

First Team - Fourth Quarter:

Philip Vrontamitis (Captain), Francis Scott, Andrew Laing, Munatsi Ziumbe, Patrick Howard, Travis Ning, Shane Drower-Copley, Matthew Fraser, Devin Norman, Siyabonga Mhlongo and Jemaine Chiwaye.

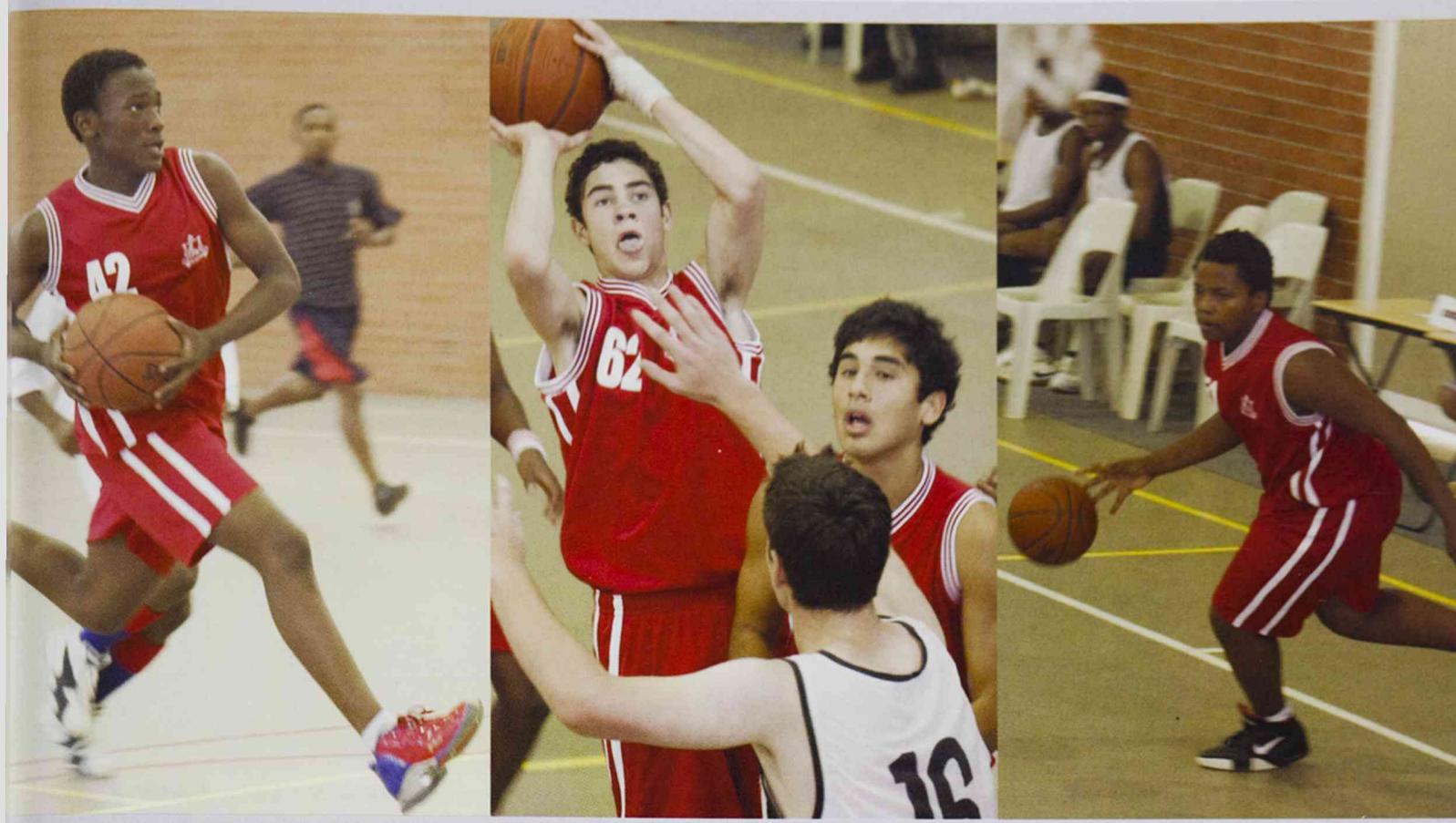
Prior to the start of the season there were feelings of uncertainty as the squad selected to represent the school First Team in the fourth quarter must surely be the youngest in the history of the game at Michaelhouse – four of the players were still in D-Block.

The first games played at the annual Stayers Tournament staged at Michaelhouse were played somewhat tentatively with victories over Westville, Carter and Pinetown, but not by big margins. In the fourth and final game of the day, team plays and players began to gel and we scored a convincing 44-15 win over Maritzburg College. The following week we played Maritzburg College again – this time on their home courts which must be the worst in the

province. Struggling with the poor playing surface and baskets which were out of alignment, we stuttered to a 31-27 win and the following week against Clifton College we scored our biggest win of the season; 77-29. The following Saturday was Derby Day as we trekked to Hilton College for a full round of fixtures. Playing a clinical brand of basketball and putting the full-court press into effect for the first time, we outplayed Hilton by 36 points to 26. The following Friday it was another trip away – this time to St Charles College who we had never beaten on their home courts. From the start of the game, Michaelhouse showed that they were going to be no push-over and at the end of the first quarter were only one point behind. During the second quarter St Charles built up a lead and turned over at half time, seven points up. Michaelhouse then applied a half court press which forced the St Charles point guards into numerous errors and slowly but surely we clawed our way back into the game and in the final quarter, at one stage, had built up a ten point lead. At the final buzzer, in the face of a St Charles counter-attack, the score board reflected a 52-49 win for Michaelhouse; our first ever win over St Charles College on their home court.

And so the season ended on an unbeaten note for the First Team of 2007/8 as the game against Alexandra the following Saturday was cancelled due to rain. Philip Vrontamitis spearheaded the success of the side. As Captain and Point Guard he was quite outstanding on occasions and led his side with passion. Besides scoring many baskets himself, as the playmaker he was able to feed his post players under the boards for many scoring opportunities. Francis Scott who has improved significantly this season was the most outstanding player on defence. Under the boards, Andrew Laing used his skill and experience to emerge as one of the leading rebounders and scorers. Newcomers to the team, Patrick Howard and Munatsi Ziumbe showed that they are forces in the side to be reckoned with and despite their inexperience at First Team level, played superbly. The bench performed admirably and on every occasion that they entered the playing arena were able to maintain the impetus established by the starting five.

It has been a wonderfully fulfilling experience coaching the Michaelhouse First team over the past 11 years. 2007, in particular, has been rewarding and has seen the emergence of Michaelhouse as a real force in the game. I would like to thank the teams of 2007 for their passion and support and wish the



Michaelhouse basketball players on the attack from left: Siyabonga Mhlongo, Francis Scott and Mohammad-Ali Ahmad, Lunga Gumede

Stayers side all the success which I know they will achieve under Mr Allan Laing in 2008.

The Second team had a very good 2007 season which is a reflection on the growing depth in basketball at the School and in the fourth quarter, in particular, scored some exciting wins, including a convincing win over St Charles College. Players who gave sterling service to the team during the year include Lunga and Mbongeni Gumede, Victor Githakwa and Dustin Holohan. The Third team did not play as many games as the Seconds, as many of the schools we play against do not field Third teams. However, they enjoyed the year and no doubt some of the members of the team will move up the ranks in 2008.

Our U16 teams are also able to look back on a successful season. The U16A team won 12 of the 17 matches played during the year, and even in the fourth quarter, despite having lost several players from the first quarter, continued to play well. Neil Benton is an exciting young player who should set his sights on playing First team basketball during 2008.

The U15 age group emerged as the strongest in the School, with the U15As winning all their matches in the first quarter – some by very big margins and it therefore came as no surprise when four members of that side gained selection to the Stayers' team in the fourth quarter. Despite this, the As continued to play inspired basketball in the fourth quarter and lost only one game. A truly amazing record. The U15B team also had a very successful season

and with the departure of A team players in the fourth quarter, some of them had the opportunity of playing for the A team and did so with distinction.

The U14 age group started out the year with very few players who had ever played basketball before. This, however, did not prove to be a deterrent as the players developed their skills quickly and the sides improved remarkably during the course of the year. We were able to field three teams in the age group and with Clifton Nottingham Road and Cowan House now playing basketball, the C team, in particular, had regular fixtures. A number of the A team players are showing signs of developing into excellent players. Tyler Halliday, Sabelo Chirwa, Jonty Sacks and Francis Edwardes impressed in the fourth quarter particularly. Special mention must be made of the U14B players, none of whom had ever played the game before high school. During the fourth quarter they lost only one game against Maritzburg College and some of the players were ultimately promoted to the A side.

In closing this report on basketball, I thank my fellow coaches for their amazing efforts over the past year. Michaelhouse is so fortunate to have teachers coaching all our basketball teams. (Many of the schools we play against have to hire outside coaches.) Your efforts and time are greatly appreciated. Finally, I wish Mr de Klerk, who will be taking over the organisation of basketball next year, the best of fortunes and to the players simply to say; 'Basketball is an amazing game – play with passion and enjoy the experience.'



2007 Canoe Team: Back row: J. Fisher, P. Brown, S. Harley, A. Houston, S. Maclaren, O. Gandar, M. Dean, N. Chaplin, J. Atkinson, G. Purbrick Middle row: B. Hodgeson, R. Gifford, N. Griffin, R. Patchitt, J. Aldous, C. Lindsay, M. Richardson, G. Martin, S. Callen, T. Letlala, J. Hoepfl Front row: S. Mudd, A. Birkett, D. Firth, Mr. I. Guthrie, J. Dillon (C), Mr. A. Redfern, J. King, J. Birkett, C. Griffin

Canoeing

Masters in Charge: **Mr Alan Redfern, Mr Iain Guthrie**

Coaches: **Mr Alan Adlington-Corfield and Mr Shaun Griffin**

Captain: **James Dillon**

Secretary: **David Firth**

National: **Iain Rennie**

Honours: **James Dillon, David Firth, Iain Rennie**

Colours: **Andrew Birkett**

Canoeing at Michaelhouse continued to be a well supported and a well performing sport with boys participating in one way or another throughout the year. It has again been a particularly successful year with boys representing the School at national and international level. Our biggest canoeing rival remained Maritzburg College – this year we moved into second place in the schools' ranking against a strong Maritzburg College showing. In terms of our ranking against other schools for slalom, river races, sprints, enduro and canoe polo this year, Michaelhouse boys amassed a total of 341 points, being overtaken only by Maritzburg College with 429 points, but remaining far ahead of Clifton College, St Charles College, Kearsney College and Hilton College who scored 90, 80, 78 and 71 points respectively.

The year got off to a good start with solid performances by a large contingent of boys in the Duzi Canoe Marathon. Of particular note were performances from James Dillon and David Firth who were placed second and third U18 respectively. It was also

encouraging to see our U16s performing well too with Gregor Martin, Stuart Maclaren and Matthew Dean being placed fourth, seventh and eighth in their age groups. As the premier race in KwaZulu-Natal it is pleasing to see these strong performances.

A strong sign of the health of the canoeing is the ability of the boys to take part in the variety of different facets of canoeing. At the KZN Slalom Championships in January 2007, Iain Rennie was placed first overall, but it was encouraging to see James Dillon and James Birkett placed fifth and sixth overall, Stuart Harley the first novice and Stuart Maclaren and Julian Atkinson taking first and third places in the U16 section, making us the top slalom boys' school for 2007, beating Maritzburg College.

Iain Rennie has been a stalwart of the Canoe Club, adding considerable value to the Club with his cheerful attitude and continual banter. It has been pleasing to see his continued success in slalom as he was placed first in the juniors (and second overall) for the KZN Slalom championships and second in the juniors (third overall) in the SA Slalom Championships.

River racing remains the most popular part of canoeing at Michaelhouse with boys participating in a wide variety of races on very different rivers throughout the province and occasional forays further afield. In the School's Mooi River Race our boys did well to collect 64 points only being surpassed by Maritzburg College's 76 points. Here David Firth, James Dillon and Shaun Mudd were placed third, sixth and twelfth respectively in the



Gregor Martin



Iain Rennie in Australia.

on the "Drak", David Firth and James Dillon were placed third and fourth respectively for U18 and Stuart Maclaren third in the U16s. A big thank you to the parents who supported these races, particularly Mr Alick Rennie and his mother Mrs Anne Rennie who hosted the Michaelhouse boys and staff magnificently at Bulwer Mountain.

The annual Hilton/Michaelhouse canoeing weekend started off with dinner at Rawdons on the Friday night, followed by two days of racing on the Umzimkulu River. It was quite clear that the pattern set over the past few years would remain in place and Michaelhouse had an easy win over Hilton with a substantial points difference of 1057 points to Hilton's 494 points. The event is a particularly pleasant one for the canoeists and their families and ranks as the canoeing social event of the year. Our sincere thanks go to the Hilton mothers who handled the catering and acted as the hosts for this year.

As the winter season approached more sprints events featured on the schools' canoeing calendar and fine results were obtained from a number of events including the KZN Schools' Sprinting Championships and KZN Sprinting Championships on Nagle Dam and the SA Schools' Sprinting Championships at Roodeplaat. Fine performances were achieved by Andrew Birkett, Stuart Maclaren, Gregor Martin, Ben Bradford and Iain Rennie.

The highlight of the Sprint season was the 55th International Rhur Regatta in Bochum, Germany where Stuart Maclaren, Gregor Martin and Ben Bradford represented KwaZulu-Natal as part of an invitational team. Against international competition the following results were obtained:

Stuart Maclaren/Gregor Martin

K4 Junior Mens1000m	5th – Semi-final
K2 Junior Mens1000m	6th – B Final
K2 Junior Mens 500m	8th – B Final



Benjamin Bradford received Best Novice and James Dillon received Overall and Individual School Trophy at the Hilton/Michaelhouse canoeing event.

U18 level and Stuart Maclaren, Gregor Martin and Matthew Dean were placed first, third and fourth in the U16 level. Two of the most popular and hotly contested races on the race calendar are the Umkomaas Marathon and the Drakensberg Challenge (affectionately known as the "Umko" and "Drak"). In the "Umko", two partnerships, namely that of Andrew Birkett and Craig Griffin, and James Birkett and Iain Rennie took first and second places respectively at U18 level, while

K4 Junior Mens 500m

5th – Semi-final

Benjamin Bradford

K1 Junior Mens 500m

8th Semi Final

Other river races saw our paddlers doing well. David Firth came first U18 in the Orange River Marathon. Stuart Maclaren, Gregor Martin, Matthew Dean and Benjamin Bradford came third, fourth, fifth and sixth respectively at U16 level in the Highlands Tracker Challenge in Bethlehem. In the Zig Zag Tugela 20 Gregor Martin, Benjamin Bradford and Cameron Lindsay were placed fourth, sixth and ninth in the U16s. Other results of interest were at Bo's Lance Park Night race where in the U16s Stuart Maclaren and Gregor Martin were first in a K2 and in the K1s Stuart Maclaren, Benjamin Bradford, Gregor Martin, Matthew Dean and Cameron Lindsay were second, third, sixth, fifth and seventh respectively for U16. In the SA K4 Championships, Stuart Maclaren came first in U16 K4, Gregor Martin third in U18 K4 and Matthew Dean, Nick Southwood, Ryan Patchitt and Benjamin Bradford were all second in the U16 in their K4.

A number of boys travelled down for the Fish River Marathon during the Michaelmas holiday. The results from this event included a fifth place U18 for David Firth, an eighth place U16 for Gregor Martin, a ninth place U16 for Matthew Dean and a twelfth place for Benjamin Bradford.

Having lost narrowly in the three hour Enduro to Maritzburg College last year, it was pleasing to see a strong field from Michaelhouse with five K4 teams competing. This year we managed to beat Maritzburg College 30 points to 22, with very little competition from other schools. Our top U18 team consisting of Peter, Brown, David Firth, Stuart Maclaren and Gregor Martin were placed second and the top U16 team consisting of Julian Atkinson, Robert Gifford, Matthew Dean and Cameron Lindsay were placed first overall. Our second U18 team, comprised of Nick Southwood, James Dillon, Owen Gander and Jonathan Chileshe, were tenth and our second U16 team, of Andrew Houston, David Pearce, Ben Hodgson and Storm Gallie, were twelfth.

It is pleasing to see a strong showing from the U16 boys this year which augers well for next season. A number of junior boys have also joined the club ranks and should help keep our canoeing momentum going. Thanks to the canoeing Masters who have helped make this year a success.

Finally many thanks to Shaun Griffin who has played a considerable role in the weekly training of our canoeist on the School dam, at Midmar and at Camps Drift. Shaun's professional approach and dedication to the sport has clearly rubbed off on the boys and his input back into Michaelhouse canoeing as an Old Boy is greatly valued by both boys and staff.

Cricket

Master in Charge: **Mr Nick Cahill**

Coaches: First XI – **Mr Andrew Brown and Mr Ian Hobson**,

Second XI – **Mr Gary Schneider**,

Third XI – **Mr Richard McMichael**,

Fourth XI – **Mr Gavin Ross**,

U16 – **Mr John Crawford, Mr Alwin Murugen, Mr Sandeep Ramharack**,

U15 – **Mr Siyabonga Ndwandwe, Mr Adrian Moran, Mr Peter Dennyson**,

U14 – **Mr Bryan Tarr, Mr Mark Robertson, Mr Sibonelo Malinga, Mr Sam Mofokeng, Mr Bradley Sessions**

Honours: **Guy Cronjé, John Barr, Patrick Lambie**

Colours: **Ross Cronjé, James Southwood, Andrew Beach, Nicholas Tatham**

Half Colours: **Jason Trautman, Michael Crawford, David Zwemke, Derek Pearce**

Provincial - KZN Midlands:

U19 : **Patrick Lambie; John Barr**

U17 : **David Zwemke; Jason Trautman**

U15: **Daniel Hulbert; Hilton Mudariki (C)**

Written by Mr Nick Cahill

The fourth quarter began successfully from a cricket perspective with a high percentage of fixtures taking place as opposed to being cancelled because of rain. We continue to be blessed with wonderful facilities, and are constantly working at refining and improving these. I thank our Groundsman and his staff for their considerable efforts. I also thank Mr Jonathan Cribbins for his many years of input and wish him well in his new pursuit.

We have consulted Mr Phil Russell with regard to the rehabilitation (instead of completely rebuilding) of a number of our pitches and the early results of our efforts are encouraging. If successful, the procedure will save a considerable amount of money as well as maximising the use of all pitches.

We are also in the process of repairing and replacing picket fences and improving and re-surfacing the Astro nets.

Michaelhouse fielded 16 teams during the first quarter and 15 during the fourth quarter. It is encouraging that, despite the pressures of A Block exams, we are still able to field four teams in the Open age group. Although a number of schools are experiencing a decline in the number of cricketers, this has not been the case here and the game remains a very popular choice. Clearly, the facilities and coaching play a role in this and I thank Mr Graeme Calway and the coaches for their expertise and commitment.



2007 1st XI Cricket Team: Back row: M. Crawford, D. Pearce, P. Lambie, J. Barr, M. van Heerden, J. Trautman, M-J. Currie, D. Zwemke, C. Freese. Front row: A. Beach, G. Cronjé, Mr. A. Brown, N. Tatham (C), Mr. I. Hobson, R. Cronjé (VC), J. Southwood

1st XI Cricket Report 2007

Written by Mr Andrew Brown

Coaches: **Mr Andrew Brown and Mr Ian Hobson**

Captain: **Nicholas Tatham**

Vice Captain: **Guy Cronjé**

Team:

At the conclusion of the 2007 Cricket Season, the parents, boys and coaches enjoyed a traditional final dinner. The purpose was simply to draw the season to a fitting close, to say a special farewell to the A Blockers, and to celebrate and reflect on a game that we, the boys and the parents cherish and for which we share a real passion and love.

This year a special message of gratitude was voiced to the following key role-players:

- To the Master-in-Charge of Sport (Mr John Crawford), Master-in-Charge of Cricket (Mr Nick Cahill) and Professional Coach, Mr Graeme Calway – who in particular has had a great deal to do with the development of these young men as cricketers throughout their time at Michaelhouse.
- To the parents for their supportive and loyal presence at the games – so critical for the cause of each individual and for that of the team.
- To my co-coach Mr Ian Hobson for the incredible expertise he brings to the table, as well as the tailored advice he offers on an ongoing basis to each individual (especially the batsman) – always so thoughtful and appropriate.
- To our wives, for being our support and for helping us as coaches

to keep a sense of perspective, whatever the circumstances.

- Most importantly to the boys and team for continuing to play attacking and positive cricket, which we all enjoyed and appreciated. A special word of mention to the five A Blockers (Nicholas Tatham, Guy Cronjé, Ross Cronjé, James Southwood and Andrew Beach) for the better part of three years service to the First XI, as well as to a further two others (John Barr and Derek Pearce) who came through so well this year, making such a worthwhile contribution!

In summary the 2007 Results are as follows:

Played 23, Won 9, Lost 9, Drew 2, No result 3 (due to rain / lightning / bad light)

In addition to these matches a 20-20 fixture was played vs Grey, Bloemfontein, (which Grey won by five wickets with four balls to spare); as well as a fixture for a 2008 Stayers Team vs a powerful St Alban's Stayers Team (which St Alban's won by 13 runs, in a memorable game of cricket in which 517 runs were scored in the day).

The team got off to a promising start at the KKS Pre-Season Cricket festival hosted by Hilton College, with a comprehensive win over Bishops. Andrew Beach using his accurate away-swingers to good avail, to return with the excellent match figures of 3/24. This was the kind of effort that the team had come to expect from Andrew, and something that he regularly continued to deliver. Young Michael Crawford scored a typically gutsy 67 on debut and this laid the platform for the victory. The next day Jason Trautman went one

“Cricket can only flourish if it is played by civilised people, with the highest standards of sportmanship and good humour.”

Duke of Edinburgh

better on debut, with an elegant innings of 104 n/o against Paarl Boys. It was a match for the two left handers, as John Barr wrapped up the game with 5/36. Although Patrick Lambie showed resistance and much future promise in a fighting innings vs St John's (Harare), he could not save us from our first defeat as wickets fell around him in the face of disciplined pace bowling.

There were several highlights (and some lowlights) that followed in the course of the year. Perhaps the ones that will be remembered best would be these:

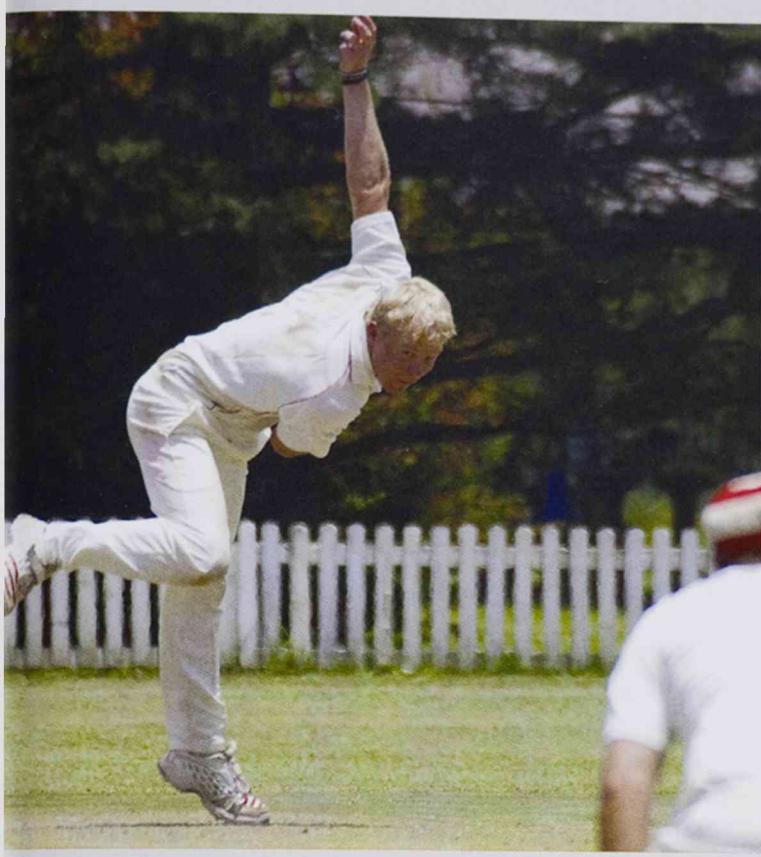
- A typically explosive 48 runs (off 41 balls), by Ross Cronjé, vs Maritzburg College. This was our first home game of the season on the RG Oval, and it set up an unlikely, but satisfying victory, in a low scoring game.
- A comprehensive win vs St Charles College in a day/night fixture, with the off spinner, Derek Pearce emerging as a match winning force, as he claimed 4/10 in nine overs.
- After doing so well to reach the Natal Witness Night Series final, we chose to bat first vs Maritzburg College, but were unable to get some tight seam bowling away and post a challenging score. Wickets fell at regular intervals, and it was only a brisk 40 (off 36 balls), by David Zwemke down the order, that restored some respectability to the scoreboard. However, it was never a total that Maritzburg College struggled to chase down, despite some enthusiastic, spirited support from the entire school. Thanks for this guys.
- Our best partnership of the year undoubtedly came in a declaration match vs St Charles College. This was between Guy Cronjé 107 n/o and James Southwood 96 (who fell short of what would also have been a well-earned century). As a consequence of this partnership, we were able to post 303/7, which was our best total of the season.
- It has been some time since there have been so many centuries for the Michaelhouse First XI batsman, and once the gifted Patrick Lambie had broken the ice, with his first one of 105 vs Clifton College, he followed it up with a masterful 103 n/o against Kearsney. Unfortunately this splendid innings was unable to guide us home to a win, as he ran out of partners just three runs short of the target.
- In the bowling department there was a five-wicket haul of 5/22 for Captain, Nicholas Tatham, as he sent the Old Boys packing; as well as a further one for John Barr, who destroyed a powerful Kingsmead Mynahs batting line-up with 5/55 on a sticky wicket.

• Special innings in challenging circumstances were played by Nicholas Tatham who showed his batting potential with a noteworthy 71 vs Maritzburg College on Goldstones; as well as the boys' choice for Cricketer of the Year, wicketkeeper Guy Cronjé, who smashed 88 vs Affies.

Ironically the team's best performance was arguably in a fixture vs DHS which we were unable to conclude due to lightning: DHS, probably the strongest schoolboy team in KwaZulu-Natal, won the toss at the RG Oval and elected to bat. David Zwemke made a crucial breakthrough when he had their SA Schools' Captain and opening bat, Jonathan Vandiar, caught at mid-wicket. A good partnership between Govender and Alexander ensued, but after both lost their wickets to loose shots and good catches, off-spinner and Captain, Nicholas Tatham, tightened the screws with a good spell of bowling, which yielded 3 for 37 in 10 overs. DHS had posted 228 for 7 in their 50 overs, and the Michaelhouse batsman looked forward to taking up the challenge. DHS removed both openers as well as form batsman, Patrick Lambie relatively cheaply, but a partnership blossomed between Guy Cronjé (92 from 106 balls) and James Southwood (67 from 100 balls). They took us to the brink of a deserved win, but a storm was threatening and bad light was becoming a factor. Southwood was out in unfortunate fashion and Cronjé also perished in an attempt to end the game quickly. With 26 runs needed, 5 overs remaining and 4 wickets in hand, the game was still certainly up for grabs, when the threat of lightning forced the umpires to call a premature conclusion to a wonderful game of cricket.

On statistical analysis the best performing batsmen, were Guy Cronjé and Patrick Lambie who both scored in the region of 800 runs, with batting averages of very close to 40. Four bowlers stood out – John Barr was the leading wicket taker with 38 scalps (average 18.5 and econ of 3.8), but Nicholas Tatham (29 wickets, avg. 19 and econ. 3.6), Andrew Beach (25 wickets and econ. 3.6) and Derek Pearce (19 wickets and econ. 3.2) certainly played their part. David Zwemke was clearly the outstanding fielder, but in the end it was once again a healthy team contribution, for which Captain Nicholas Tatham and Vice-Captain, Guy Cronjé, must take much of the credit.

Thanks for being a special team. As coaches, we once again look forward to a promising and successful year of cricket in 2008.



Ross Cronje on the attack.



Awande Khumalo pitches it up

Cricket Results 2007

Team	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	No Result
1st XI	20	7	2	8	3
2nd XI	10	5		4	1
3rd XI	10	4		5	1
4th XI	12	9		3	
5th XI	6	5		1	
Total	58	30	2	21	5
U16 A	12	3	1	6	2
U16 B	11	4		6	1
U16 C	8	4		4	
Total	31	11	1	16	3
U15 A	16	7	1	7	1
U15 B	12	7		5	
U15 C	13	6		7	
Total	41	20	1	19	1
U14 A	15	8	2	3	2
U14 B	11	6	2	2	1
U14 C	11	6	1	3	1
U14 D	12	5		7	
U14 E	3	3			
Total	52	28	5	15	4
Final Total	182	89	9	71	13

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Cross-Country

Master in Charge: **Mr Rory Drysdale**

We had a small contingent of runners who participated in the Inter-Schools Cross-Country League this year. Kieran Wilmot, Nicholas Meyer and Simon Dommett regularly came in the top 20 in fields of about 50 athletes.

Inter-House Cross-Country Wednesday 29 August 2007

Results were as follows:

INDIVIDUAL

JUNIORS

1 st	David Pearce	(T)	time 15m 29,0
2 nd	Jethro Thomas	(T)	
3 rd	Gregory Heeger	(FA)	

SENIORS

1 st	Alain Mahieu	(FA)	time 24m 25,0
2 nd	Edward Steere	(FA)	
3 rd	Simon Dougall	(FO)	

INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

	JNRS	SNRS	TOTAL	
Tatham	179 (22)	121 (29)	300	1 st
Farfield	83 (22)	152 (22)	235	2 nd
Founders	88 (21)	105 (32)	193	3 rd
Baines	44 (14)	86 (24)	130	4 th
East	71 (24)	52 (24)	123	5 th
West	51 (22)	66 (24)	117	6 th
Mackenzie	71 (21)	41 (24)	112	7 th
Pascoe	45 (21)	32 (11)	77	8 th

HOUSE - The figure in brackets shows the number of participants per house.

Golf

Master In Charge/Coach: **Mr Brad Flanagan**

Assisted by: **Mr Jaap Van Der Vegt, Mr Rory Drysdale, Mr Mike Thomson.**

Captain: **Seamus King**

Provincial Honours: **Seamus King (KZN Schools A)**

John Barr, Jason Trautman (KZN Schools B)

Honours: **Seamus King**

Colours: **John Barr, Jason Trautman, Justin Tillett and Bryan Wester**

Half-Colours: **Guy Cronjé, Ross Cronjé, Stephen Lishman, James Tatham, Colin Davson, Daniel Hulbert.**

“It is almost impossible to remember how tragic a place this world is when one is playing golf.” – Robert Lynd

The year started with great expectation as we had not lost any of our top four golfers from 2006. However with greater demands being placed on most of the team, by virtue of other sporting commitments as well as school leadership roles and an increased academic load, it is not surprising that results were not as glittering as first envisaged.

The year started brightly enough with some easy wins in the Inter-School League matches, with a mixed bag of results in the Midlands League. We eventually finished third behind Hilton and Maritzburg College. Which was a little disappointing as I felt we had the beating of College, however Hilton with their exceptional crop of talented golfers were always going to be a large ask.

The boys then set their sights on regaining the Douglas Cup. After one of the most exciting days of golf, with only three matches (out of 20) not going to the last hole. We lost a very exciting tussle, with the eventual score line of 13 matches to 7 not really reflecting the closeness of the contest. However golf is a cruel game in that a loss of one down has the same net effect of a 5+4 whitewash. As per 2006 it was once again the middle order that let us down, with the boys at the top and bottom showing great tenacity. Special mention must be made of the Cronjé twins who dusted off their golf clubs and both recorded some great results on the day.

At the end of the first quarter it was off to Dainfern with eight of our best golfers, our top four performed adequately without any single heroics, with the exception of consistently good performances from



2007 1st Golf Team: Back: D Hulbert, G Cronjé, J Tatham, S Lishman, J Traitman, G Davson, C Davson
Front: R Cronjé, Mr J van der Vergte, J Tillett, S King (Captain), J Barr, Mr B Flanagan, B Wester.

Justin Tillett, who at the end of the week was awarded the best non-Gauteng golfer. Our second team had a rather dismal week, ending near the bottom of the pile. However once again the A team did us proud by finishing in sixth place overall. It was however done without

the inspirational performances of our captain, Seamus King and Jason Trautman who were overseas on hockey duty.

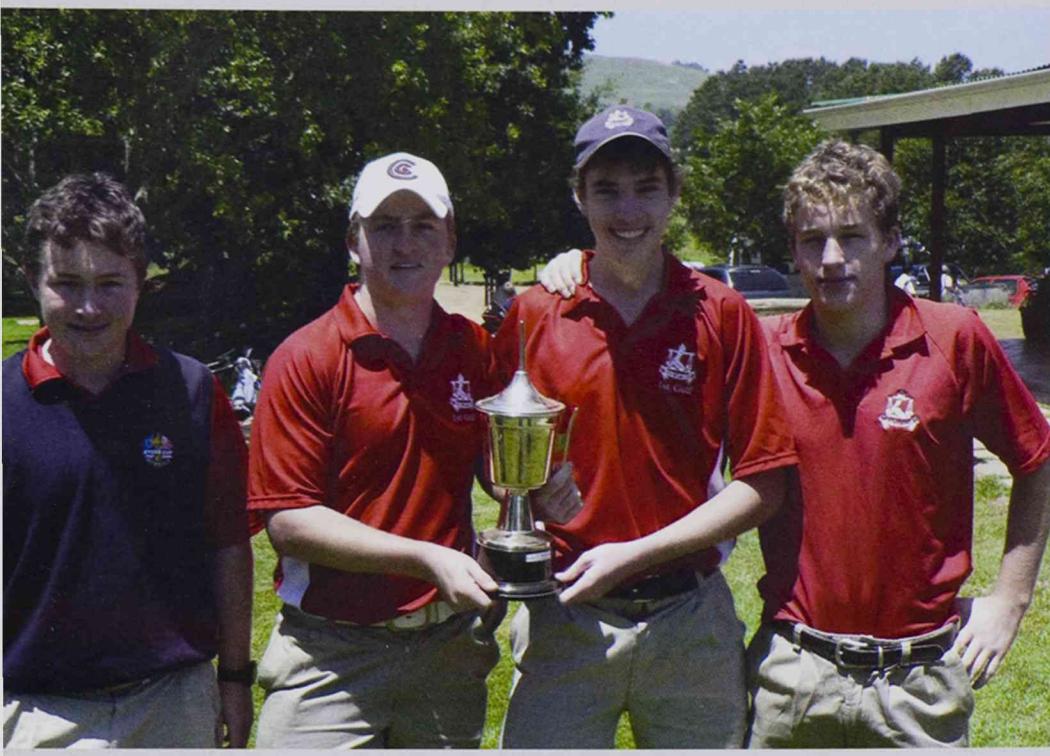
The highlight of the second quarter was a third place finish in the Natal Schools' Championships held at Royal Durban Golf Club. Hilton College deservedly won the event, with Durban High School in second place.

After the lay-off for the winter games season it was off to Sun City in August, with big expectations. Unfortunately we had two out of the four-man team playing well, which left us handily placed after the two betterball rounds. We slipped off the pace quite badly in the singles and eventually finished in nineteenth place. It was interesting to note that our winning score of 2004 would have placed us in eleventh place in 2007. However because of the large number of participating teams, the courses were set up to far lower standard than was the case in previous years, with the boys playing off the club and not the championship tees. John Barr, as he did in 2006, finished comfortably the best of the Michaelhouse team.

We ended the year with a friendly eighteen-hole fixture against Kearsney and Westville in the fourth quarter and won both fixtures with a stayers team which hopefully bodes well for 2008. In the interim we also had the privilege of hosting King's College from Canterbury (UK) on a tour to South Africa and are looking forward to a fixture against Auckland Grammar School next year, as well as possibly undertaking a tour ourselves.

In conclusion I would like to thank the assistant coaches; Mr Jaap

Ross Cronjé pitching out of a bunker



Colin Davson, Garth Davson, Stephen Lishman and Roux Wessels of East with the Inter-House Golf Trophy



Justin Tillett at work on a putting green

Van Der Vekte, Mr Mike Thomson and Mr Rory Drysdale for their assistance during the year and the work done with the juniors. I would also like to wish all the A Blockers farewell and thank them, for the time and effort they put into golf. The likes of Seamus King, John Barr, Bryan Wester and Justin Tillett as well as the two Cronjé's are going to be extremely difficult to replace. 2008 is going to be a year of rebuilding as we bring the next generation of Michaelhouse golfers through the ranks.

Summary of Results:

Stroke play:

Dainfern (54 Holes – 4 man team) 6th out of 25 Schools.

Natal Champs: (18 Holes – 3 man team) 3rd out of 15 Schools.

St John's Elite International Tournament.

(72 Holes – 4 man team)

Tie 19th out of 40 Schools.

Vs King's College Canterbury, won by 123 to 93.

Match play:

Midlands A League:

1st team: Played 5, Won 3, Lost 2. 3rd Overall.

Douglas Cup vs Hilton College: Lost by 13 to 7.

Friendly vs Kearsney and Westville: won 4-0 and 3-1

Hockey

Master in Charge: **Mr Michael Thomson**

Coaches: **Mr Alan Redfern, Mr Peter Dennyson, Mr Bryan Tarr,**

Mr Keith Fairweather

Honours: **Arniv Badal, David Zwemke, Sean Rennie,**

Glen Dowie

Colours: **Andrew Beach, Michael Crawford, Seamus King,**

Brett Gower, Jason Trautman, Calvin Badal

Half Colours: **Calvin Freese, Murray Forbes, Stuart Harley, Dean Dowie, Jethro Thomas**

Representation:

SA U17: **David Zwemke**

Midlands U18A: **Glen Dowie, David Zwemke, Sean Rennie**

Arniv Badal

Midlands U18B: **Seamus King, Jason Trautman,**

Michael Crawford, Brett Gower

Midlands U16A: **Dean Dowie, Jethro Thomas**

Midlands U16B: **Jake Trehaeven, Tom Gardiner, Ethan Malan**

Midlands U14A: **Craig Clowes, Andrew Houston,**

Angus Clucas

Midlands U14B: **Gaza Khosa, Andrew Fairweather,**

Andrew Stevens, Guy Goddard

First XI:

Written by Mr Michael Thomson

The hockey season of 2007 was one of ups and downs on all fronts. It encompassed new additions to our calendar with fixtures for four teams against Grey College (Bloemfontein) and for six teams against St David's College, Sandton, but also involved the cancellation of fixtures against traditional rivals Glenwood High School and Northwood Boys' High School because of the national state schools' teachers' strike.

The season commenced with the most successful First XI Tour to Singapore, Malaysia and Perth. Michaelhouse then hosted the Independent Schools' Festival with first teams from Johannesburg, Zimbabwe, Bloemfontein, George, Pietermaritzburg and Cape Town taking part. This was a most enjoyable Festival in which the



2007 1st XI Hockey: Back row: M. Forbes, M. Crawford, J. Thomas, S. Rennie, D. Dowie, J. Trautman, C. Freese, S. Harley.
Front row: A. Surgey, A. Beach, G. Dowie (C), Mr. M. Thomson, D. Zwemke (VC), B. Gower, S. King

First XI performed admirably after a long tour, and returned an impressive five wins out of five matches.

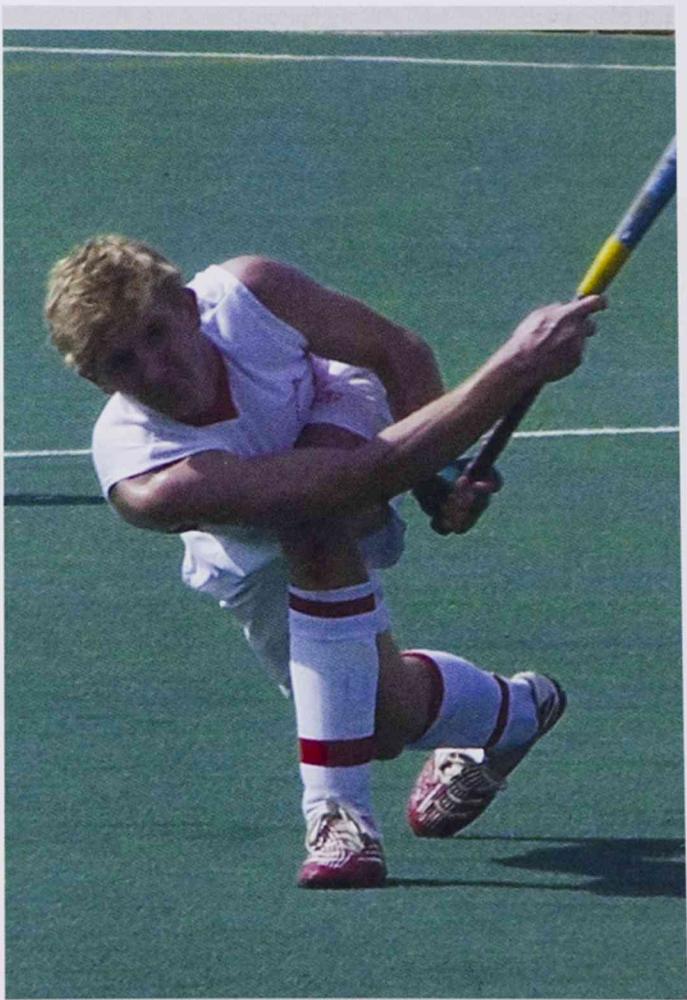
The U14A squad was taken to Potchefstroom for a training camp by Mr Keith Fairweather. This was an extremely successful camp and the benefits were clearly seen towards the end of the season as the U14As performed with great aplomb.

As the season progressed, it was gratifying to see our teams play with greater commitment and heart. It was, however, worrying to see the lack of basic core strength and flexibility amongst our players and quite often they lost games in all divisions, purely because their opponents were just stronger and faster than they were.

Mr Alan Redfern was selected as the SA U18 Assistant Coach for 2007.

The Aitkens Synthetic Surface underwent a major clean and refurbishment at the start of the season. Markers (5m) were tufted in and some repairs were also completed. We also purchased a new software programme called "Gamebreaker" and an Apple Mac computer. This is a professional match analysis programme designed for use by all levels of players and has proved to be a most useful coaching and learning tool.

2007 was a pleasing season, but one where weaknesses became apparent. To develop, we must analyse these weaknesses and work hard at improving them in 2008.



David Zwemke

“The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don’t play together, the team won’t be worth anything”

Babe Ruth.

Report on the Hockey and Tennis Tour to Singapore, Malaysia and Western Australia

Written by Mr Michael Thomson

On 19 March 2007, 16 hockey players and 10 tennis players embarked from Michaelhouse on a tour to the Far East and Australia. The players were accompanied by Mr Alan Redfern, Tour Manager, Mr Michael Thomson First XI Coach, Mr Viktor Kurz First Tennis Coach and Mr Mike Pitt a Hockey Umpire from the Southern Cape. Mr Pitt joined the trip as a full paying member.

After a long and crowded flight the group landed in Singapore. The first two hockey matches were against the Singapore Men's National Squad and the team played exceptionally well losing the two matches 0-3 and 1-2. Sightseeing in Singapore included Sentosa Island, Chinatown, the Arab and Indian Quarters as well as the Merlion Park.

Next stop was Melakka. This might have been an interesting town, but unfortunately our hotel, excellent though it was, was situated well away from the tourist areas. Matches the next day were against Melakka High School. A good victory was recorded. After the matches, the party moved by coach to Kuala Lumpur where we were to stay for the next four nights.

The hockey side played matches against the Victoria Institute, St John's, Setapak Secondary School and Bukit Jalil Sports School. We beat St John's and Victoria quite comfortably and drew with Setapak and Bukit Jalil, the second draw being most satisfying as BJ is a sports school which concentrates on hockey and draws players from all over Selangor State as well as Kuala Lumpur.

Sightseeing activities included visits to the KL Tower and the Petronas Twin Towers as well as a trip to the Batu Caves, a Batik factory and a visit to the Royal Selangor Pewter Factory. The hockey side were also fortunate to have a coaching session with Mr S Kuchan, the former Captain of the Malaysia Hockey Team.

The group then proceeded to Perth on the last leg of the trip. On this leg, most of the accommodation for the boys was hosted and they did Michaelhouse proud in this sphere. The hockey side played matches against Christ Church Grammar, Bunbury Cathedral Grammar, Hale College, Melbourne Grammar and Scotch College, winning four and drawing to Bunbury.

Both the hockey and tennis sides had excellent coaching courses at the University of Western Australia. Sightseeing activities included visits to Rottnest Island, the Margaret River Wine District, Fremantle and the Caversham Wildlife Park.

2007 Hockey Results

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST
1 st	26	17	3	6	75	29
2 nd	15	6	1	8	36	24
3 rd	10	4	2	4	10	17
U16A	13	6	2	5	27	23
U16B	13	2	1	10	10	37
U16C	11	4	1	6	17	24
U16D	7	1	1	5	10	22
U14A	11	6	2	3	20	14
U14B	14	6	0	8	18	20
U14C	9	4	2	3	12	15
TOTAL	129	56	15	58	235	225



Andrew Surgey on the attack.



Glen Dowie on tour in Malaysia

After 19 days a tired but happy and well travelled group landed at Oliver Tambo International and went home to a well earned holiday. The boys, under the tour leadership of hockey captain, Glen Dowie, were a pleasure to take on tour. They were well behaved, polite and interested and were a great credit to Michaelhouse and South Africa, wherever they went. It was an excellent experience from a sporting, cultural and educational point of view and all those who went will cherish the memories for years to come. I must also express my thanks to Mr Viktor Kurz, Mr Alan Redfern and Mr Mike Pitt. They were excellent company and it was a pleasure to travel with them.

Human Kinetics

Master in Charge: **Mr Ryno Combrinck**

Staff: **Mr Righardt Kotze, Mr Jonathan Fergusson, Mr Kelvin Berry**

The impact of a changing training culture can clearly be seen in the afternoons with the number of younger boys using the wonderful gymnasium facilities available. The involvement of the Life Orientation Department is also helping with the understanding when it comes to the short- and long-term benefits of a stronger and more athletic body.

It is very difficult to change the mindset of boys when it comes to gymnasium programmes where often one will find boys using programmes they found in magazines. Righardt Kotze spends much time on this issue and encourages the boys to be patient with regards to gymnasium work and not to follow any one-hit-wonder programmes. He is also the official voice when it comes to the use of supplementation and therefore uses the Human Kinetics lessons to educate the boys. Boys at Michaelhouse are encouraged to follow a healthy diet and not to use creatine or any illegal supplementation to try and reach personal goals quicker. The boys live in a very competitive world today and it is therefore very important that they are taught the positive impact it can have on one's life to train using the correct techniques and methods.

We are always trying to find ways to improve and next year will not be any different.



Department of Human Kinetics.

Rugby must be seen for what it is: it is a wonderful form of recreation which is excellent for building camaraderie and discipline.

Morné du Plessis

Rugby

Director of Rugby: **Ryno Combrinck**

Honours: **Guy Cronjé, Ross Cronjé, Murray de Bruyn, Patrick Lambie, Mark Richards, Ntsolo Setlaba, Xillen Van Rooyen.**

Colours: **Louis Albertse, Ruan Combrinck, Christopher Hallier, Grant Nel, Rhoan Potgieter, Rory Sladden, Nicholas Tatham, James Winter.**

Representatives:

Grant Khomo Week: **Robert de Bruyn, Reef Nakin**

KZN Academy B: **Nicholas Tatham, Louis Albertse**

KZN Academy A: **Mark Richards, Ruan Combrinck**

KZN 7s: **Mark Richards, Ntsolo Setlaba, Pieter Nortje, Ruan Combrinck, Awande Khumalo**

Craven Week: **Guy Cronjé, Ross Cronjé, Ntsolo Setlaba, Murray de Bruyn, Xillen van Rooyen, Patrick Lambie**

S'bok 7s Training Squad: **Guy Cronjé**

SA Academy: **Ross Cronjé**

SA Schools: **Patrick Lambie**

Representative team selection:

Midlands: **Louis Albertse, Ruan Combrinck, Ross Cronjé, Murray de Bruyn, Patrick Lambie, Grant Nel, Mark Richards, Xillen van Rooyen.**

Selectors: **Guy Cronjé, Awande Khumalo, Pieter Nortje, Ntsolo Setlaba, Nicholas Tatham, James Winter.**

KZN Final Trial: **Louis Albertse, Ruan Combrinck, Guy Cronjé, Ross Cronjé, Murray de Bruyn, Patrick Lambie, Mark Richards, Ntsolo Setlaba, Xillen van Rooyen.**

KZN Schools: **Guy Cronjé – Captain, Ross Cronjé, Murray de Bruyn, Patrick Lambie, Ntsolo Setlaba, Xillen van Rooyen.**

Director of Rugby Report

Written by Mr Ryno Combrinck

2007 will certainly be remembered by all for the Springboks winning the World Cup, but also for the fantastic results of the First XV. Ntsolo Setlaba's team also produced an SA Schools' player in Patrick Lambie, an SA Academy player in Ross Cronjé and a player that joined the SA 7s Team on a training camp in Dubai in Guy Cronjé, a number of Provincial XV and 7s players and two Provincial Captains; Craven Week – Guy Cronjé and Mark Richards – KZN 7s. What a year, indeed.

I thank many people for the efforts to help make a season successful. The Master-in-Charge of Sport, Mr John Crawford, for his continuous support; Mr Graeme Calway the sports organiser who spent many hours on the phone finding fixtures for lower teams and checking that the match days ran smoothly; the Midlands Referee Society without whom we would not have been able to play; Sr Joanne Macmillan, Sr Alice McGhee and Sr Morag Atherstone of the Sanatorium who, with their first aiders, unselfishly spent many hours in the sun looking after the injured; Mr Jonathan Cribbens and his team for marking the fields and making sure they were in top playing condition; Miss Mandy Rouillard and the kitchen for all the catering arrangements and then a special thank you to the coaches who look after the boys for a season of hard rugby. The Michaelhouse rugby players are fortunate to have had committed and enthusiastic coaches and therefore special thanks go to them. Mention also goes to all the supporters, not only the ones giving their all in the stands, but also the Old Boys and parents that help to make a match day a special day.

The season kicked off with some very promising results from the U14, U15, U16 and First XV at the Voortrekker Rugby Day. It was a big ask for the U14s to play so early in the season, and they did themselves proud.

The First XV attended the KES Easter Festival and for the first time the Second XV attended the Vryheid Festival, the U16s played at the tough Paarl Gymnasium Festival and the U15s successfully defended their unbeaten track record, 12 from 12, at the U15 Independent Schools' Rugby Festival.

2007 will also be remembered for the fact that for the first time in our history we fielded a Ninth XV against George Campbell, which we won 10-5. It is also encouraging to know that the U14 and U15 E teams have each played one game this season.

The open age groups' tremendous depth led to definitely one of the better years for this age group. The pick of the bunch was obviously the First XV and then the Fourth XV with winning percentages of 86 and 70 respectively. The flag-ship side led by example – the First XV of 2007 will be remembered for a long time for the exhilarating tries they scored and their courage on defence. The Fifth XV also is complemented as they scored the second-most tries but the highest average of tries per game in the age group, again a compliment to the coaching staff and the



2007 1st XV Rugby: **Back row:** T. Lecluzio, G. Nel, C. Hallier, R. Sladden **Middle row:** N. Tatham, R. Combrinck, M. Spavins, J. Winter, R. Potgieter, L. Albertse, P. Lambie, J. Southwood **Front row:** X. van Rooyen, R. Cronjé, Mr. R. Kotze, N. Setlaba (C), Mr. G. Ross, G. Cronjé (VC), Mr. M. Schwartz, M. de Bruyn, M. Richards

positive approach to the game by the boys. The Ninth XV played one match this season, as mentioned earlier, the Eighth XV three and both teams had a positive winning ratio. Well done to these boys, it was great to see your enthusiasm at practices.

It is fair to say that the U16 age group had some disappointing results. Injuries certainly did not do this age group any favours and one hopes that it will be turned around in the open age group next year. More dedication is needed and expected when the odds are stacked against you. It needs to be said that not many teams will get a compliment from a World Cup winning coach, this is exactly what happened with the A team playing under difficult circumstances against Hilton College in the last match. Mr Eddie Jones was particularly impressed with this team's ability to play themselves out of trouble rather than taking the easy option by just kicking the ball away.

The U15 age group showed fantastic improvement, not only did they score more points this year but also showed determination on defence by letting in less points than a year ago. Mr Adrian Moran, the coach, can be proud of what his team achieved in his first season. The E team played one match and the D team was very unlucky and often lost matches because the opposition would unfairly strengthen their teams. The A, B and C teams had winning margins of 70% and higher, a remarkable achievement. The A team showed true spirit on defence and liberated minds when it came to attacking with ball in hand. The B and C team was not far behind scoring 92 tries between them. Well done.



Patrick Lambie kicks Michaelhouse to victory.



Ruan Combrinck heading for the try line.

The U14 season started well, just going down 0-14 to Maritzburg College at the Voortrekker Rugby Day. Mr André van Wyk did a fantastic job in his first season and his team responded by playing very good rugby. It is never easy to coach at U14 level but the coaches again must be complimented for their superb work with these boys. The D team did especially well – how will one ever forget their inspirational victories over Maritzburg College and their victory in the last game over Hilton College? This age group has a lot of potential, and we look forward to their development over the next few years.

The season was again disrupted; this year it was because of a national state schools' teachers' strike. This meant that we did

not play against Northwood and Glenwood. Outside our normal fixtures we did organise matches against our friends in the area, Treverton College and Howick High School. The U14A and U15A teams played against touring Helpmekaar Kollege. The U14A and B teams also played against the KwaZulu-Natal U13 teams when we hosted the KZN teams as preparation for the U13 Craven Week and the Second XV played against a touring team from England, Cornwall First XV.

First XV Rugby

Written by Coach Gavin Ross

Players selected for one or more games (number of games played in brackets):

N Setlaba - Captain (14), **G Cronjé** - Vice captain (11), **L Albertse** (14), **R Berriman** (1), **R Combrinck** (12), **R Cronjé** (13), **M de Bruyn** (14), **S Dougal** (1), **A Dummer** (1), **C Hallier** (11), **R Keene** (1), **A Khumalo** (3), **A Kramer** (2), **P Lambie** (11), **T Leclazio** (4), **F Mennigke** (1), **G Nel** (14), **R Potgieter** (12), **M Richards** (14), **M Simpson** (3), **R Sladden** (13), **M Spavins** (5), **J Southwood** (5), **N Tatham** (12), **X Van Rooyen** (11), **J Winter** (9).

After the squad to play at Voortrekker and KES had been announced the boys were asked to list each other's strengths. This was important as it made them focus on each other's strengths rather than weaknesses. This helped to build confidence in each other as the players soon realised that everyone had more strengths than weaknesses. After the game against Maritzburg College, when everyone was feeling down and certainly battle weary one of the players reminded us of the importance of playing to each



Michaelhouse boys supporting their team

“*The most crucial period of a rugby game is the last ten minutes.*”

FW de Klerk

other's strengths. This lifted the team and we all regrouped and beat Westville and Hilton College.

The team certainly had an abundance of flair, particularly in the backline, but it was the forwards who developed as a unit that supplied the backs with a solid platform from which to work. “You cannot dance if the band does not play”. The game against Grey (PE) at the KES Festival set the tone for the season. A much larger pack was pushed off the ball in the first scrum resulting in a tight head. The first lineout was also won against the throw. In hindsight this became the norm. Most opposition forwards were bigger and most teams underestimated the Michaelhouse forwards in their efforts to prevent the ball getting to our backline. There were many turnovers which resulted in tries as the opposition continuously attacked the fringes with their larger forwards. The defence always remained resolute.

As the season progressed it became evident that the undoubted strength of the team was in their ability to support, trust and communicate with each other. Their camaraderie and the fact that they enjoyed playing together made the team a pleasure to coach. The boys' ability to put the previous game into perspective and to concentrate on the next game made practices very easy. Their feet were always on the ground and nothing was ever taken for granted. At no time did any arrogance surface, there was a job to do – ‘let's get on and do it to the best of our ability’, appeared to be the silent motto. Hopefully they will leave this as a legacy for all Michaelhouse teams to follow in the future.

The season began against Hoërskool Voortrekker at their festival. First-game nerves, confusion with the new ruck laws and inclement weather were not conducive to a flowing game. The team did manage to run in three tries and I think everyone was relieved to have the first game under the belt.

The team assembled at Michaelhouse two days before the Easter Festival at KES. It soon became apparent that this was a team who just wanted to go out and play. Every practice session was undertaken at full pace and everyone was keen to get to Johannesburg. The game against Grey (PE) has been mentioned already in terms of the forwards but it was here that the backs showed their pace on both attack and defence. Resolute defence in the second half kept Grey at bay. A try in each half saw the team home. According to tradition all players must start at least

one game at festivals and all the reserves were fielded in the second game against Rondebosch. This proved to be a nail biting affair as the team's nervousness and inexperience showed. Despite scoring two tries to Rondebosch's five penalties we were fortunate to draw. Rondebosch knocked on in the dying seconds of the game with the Michaelhouse try line at their mercy. There was a lot of hype before the final game against the hosts, KES. A determined, near full strength team was held 7-5 at half time but ran in two more tries in the second half to win comfortably.

The domestic season started with a home game against George Campbell. One or two combinations still needed to be finalised but the team was near to full strength. Six tries were scored against a team that had shown good form in their previous games. The stage was set for the games against our Independent School contemporaries, Kearsney College, Hilton College and St John's College. Two last minute injuries on the Friday disrupted the team for the away game against Kearsney College. The boys however showed tremendous resolution and a try in each half saw them beat Kearsney College for the first time since 1997. A settled and confident side took the field for the first of the Hilton College games. Resolute defence around the fringes was the order of the afternoon. This resulted in turnover ball which allowed the backs to move the ball wide. The wings scored three of the five tries. Once again last minute changes had to be made before leaving on the bus for St John's College. This undoubtedly disrupted the defence patterns and whilst scoring seven tries the team let through four. It was great to see the forwards getting amongst the tries in this game.

The last game before the mid term break was a mid-week one under lights at Woodburn Stadium against Voortrekker. This has become a keenly awaited fixture with tremendous school atmosphere. A fired up Voortrekker team held the score to 10-7 at half time. Michaelhouse then began to dominate to run in three more tries to end up with a somewhat flattering hard fought victory. It was with some relief that the team had a weekend break. Five hard games coupled with zonal and provincial trials had certainly taken its toll. More trials and four more tough games still lay ahead before the July holidays.

The rest over the weekend did everyone the world of good. A full strength team took the field against DHS and played some scintillating rugby to outscore our opponents by six tries to two.

“It may not be politically correct, but the sight of green and gold jerseys on a rugby field is immensely stirring.”

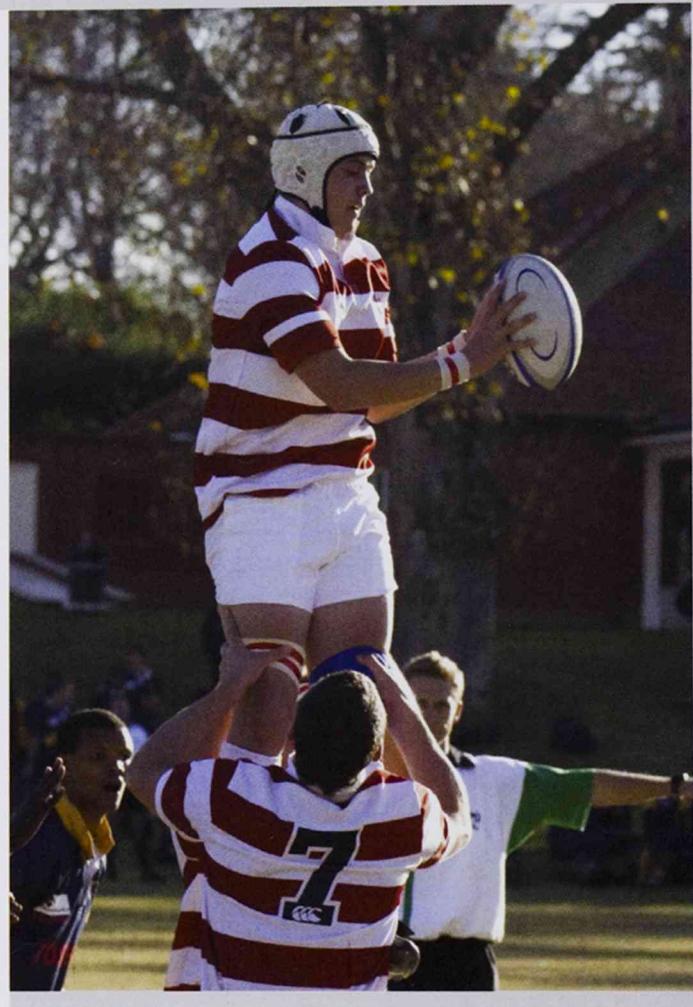
Colin Bryden –Journalist

The same team took the field against the fancied St Charles College side on our Old Boys' Day. The benefits of having a settled and confident team came to the fore in this game. Michaelhouse dominated all aspects of play and ran out comfortable victors scoring seven tries to one in the process. Sadly the last two games of the quarter, against Glenwood and Northwood were cancelled owing to the nation-wide teachers' strike.

With ten of the boys involved in Provincial rugby over the holidays the team was relatively match fit for the start of the second quarter.

Martizburg College on Goldstones in front of the TV cameras on their Reunion Day was always going to be a daunting task. This, coupled with the absence of our two National representatives, who were playing at Newlands, and a crucial concussion in the opening minutes really put pressure on the team. Whilst the game itself, for the puritan, may not have been a true classic, it certainly was an exciting encounter and an exhibition of pride, passion and commitment from both teams, with the result in doubt right until the end. Michaelhouse certainly had their chances but did not capitalise on them. To the boys' credit they regrouped for the tough encounter against Westville on their Old Boys' Day. Committed defence and turnover ball saw the team run in three tries to overcome this tough hurdle. The final game of the season against a much improved Hilton College team was always going to be eagerly contested. The Michaelhouse team was the same as that in the first encounter – I cannot recall when this last happened. An early intercept try certainly gave Michaelhouse a wake up call. They settled down and adopted a more conservative approach to turn 27-10 up at half time. The game flowed backwards and forwards in the second half with the team adding two more tries to Hilton College's one. It certainly was an entertaining game and the comments afterwards from Mr Jake White and Mr Eddie Jones were extremely complimentary in regard to the way traditional schoolboy rugby is still played.

A special season like this does not just happen. The boys had been well coached and nurtured over the past four seasons. I would like to thank the Rector and all my fellow coaches for their continuous support and advice during the season. A special word of thanks must be given to Mr Michael Schwartz, whose support and enthusiasm for the game and work with the backline was invaluable. A big thanks must also go to Mr Righardt Kotze, for



Rhoan Potgieter being lifted by Grant Nel

his fitness monitoring, well structured warm ups and help with the forwards. I know that the boys really appreciated the input from both of them. I would also like to thank Mr Ryno Combrink for his input to all teams. Michaelhouse is certainly fortunate to have a Director of Rugby who is in a position to standardise coaching policy and help implement the new techniques us Schoolmasters are continually faced with. Coaches are now in a position to get on with the planning needed to beat the opposition.

To those boys leaving I wish you all God speed and the best of luck as you tackle your next stage in life's grand journey. To those of you remaining, I wish you all of the best for next year. I sincerely hope that the lessons that you have learnt in camaraderie and respect this season will be carried forward into next year.

Undoubtedly this was one of the most enjoyable seasons that I have

experienced at Michaelhouse. I am extremely grateful for having been given the opportunity to be involved with these youngsters.

Results:

Voortrekker Festival

vs	Voortrekker	won	22-7
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KES Festival

vs	Grey Port Elizabeth	won	23-5
vs	Rondebosch	draw	15-15
vs	KES	won	21-11

Domestic Season

vs	George Campbell	won	46-3
vs	Kearsney	won	20-10
vs	Hilton	won	40-0
vs	St Johns	won	53-29
vs	Voortrekker	won	29-7
vs	DHS	won	44-21
vs	St Charles	won	57-7
vs	Northwood	cancelled	
vs	Glenwood	cancelled	
vs	College	lost	14-25
vs	Westville	won	19-5
vs	Hilton	won	44-17

2007 Rugby Season Summary

Team	Played	For	Against	Tries	Won	Lost	Drawn	%	Coach
1 st	14	446	163	55	12	1	1	86	Mr Gavin Ross
2 nd	16	327	198	47	9	7	0	56	Mr Michael Schwartz
3 rd	11	213	182	32	5	6	0	45	Mr Richard McMichael
4 th	10	214	89	31	7	2	1	70	Mr Brad Flanagan
5 th	11	290	136	49	7	4	0	64	Mr André Black
6 th	10	247	181	39	5	5	0	50	Mr Brad Roets
7 th	9	176	168	24	3	6	0	33	Mr Nick Cahill & Mr Allan Laing
8 th	3	97	42	14	2	1	0	67	Mr Sandeep Ramcharack
9 th	1	10	5	2	1	0	0	100	Mr Sandeep Ramcharack
Total	85	2020	1164	293	51	32	2	60	

U16A	14	275	193	40	9	5	0	64	Mr Elmar de Klerk & Mr Siya Ndwandwe
U16B	11	131	227	21	4	7	0	36	Mr John Crawford
U16C	10	150	184	26	4	6	0	40	Mr Albie Dahlberg & Mr Mark Robinson
U16D	10	130	187	23	4	5	0	40	Mr Jaap van der Vchte
Total	45	686	791	110	21	23	0	47	

U15A	16	444	144	72	13	3	0	81	Mr Adrian Moran & Mr Jonathon Fergusson
U15B	11	254	101	40	8	2	1	73	Mr George Ferreira
U15C	10	326	90	52	7	3	0	70	Mr Sibs Ncamane
U15D	8	85	142	14	2	5	1	25	Mr Johan van Rooyen
U15E	1	0	70	0	0	1	0	0	Mr Johan van Rooyen
Total	46	1109	547	178	30	14	2	65	

U14A	13	332	106	53	8	5	0	62	Mr André van Wyk & Mr Sam Mofokeng
U14B	12	268	155	44	6	4	0	50	Mr Bernard Whitaker & Mr Mandla Cele
U14C	10	223	152	34	5	5	1	50	Mr Graeme Calway & Alan Adlington -Corfield
U14D	8	162	94	27	5	3	0	63	Mr Sugar Malinga & Mr Mandla Cele
U14E	1	12	32	2	0	1	0	0	Mr Sugar Malinga & Mr Mandla Cele
Total	44	997	539	160	24	18	1	55	

Grand Total	220	4812	3041	741	126	87	5	57
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2007 Sailing Team

Back row: M. Rait, R. Renton, E. Riley, D. Horsecroft, S. Farrow, M. Farrow, K. Renton

Front row: A. Butt, M. Gardiner, Mr. R. von Schlichting, S. Dommett (Commodore), N. Mpfu

Sailing

Master in Charge: **Mr Rainer von Schlichting**

Staff: **Mr Tim Jarvis, Mr Jean-Louis Swart, Mrs Jane Renton, assisting as a parent**

Commodore: **Simon Dommett**

Vice Commodore: **Matthew Gardiner**

Colours: **Simon Dommett**

We continued this year, by training and participating in a variety of classes. Added to our fleet of Lasers, were two Miracles in which we can accommodate two boys each per race, and three during training. The Michaelhouse sailors are furthermore involved in the Hunter Class, L29ers, Flying Fifteens, Hobcats and keel boats up to 11.6m.

We were privileged to attend two off-shore training sessions in Durban, one weekend for seniors only on Michaelhouse parent, Mr Richard Crockett's, boat, and a second weekend for all sailors, arranged by Mr Richard Crockett and sponsored by Michaelhouse Old Boy, Mr Chris Bonnet, from SunSail.

During the second quarter, the enthusiastic sailors frequently expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to continue sailing during the winter months and participated more frequently in a variety of events held during the official sailing season in KwaZulu-Natal, which goes from August to May.

Winter months' sailing consisted mainly of Monthly Mugs, dinghy training and other club racing events at the Henley Midmar Yacht Club.

Our off-season sailors did us proud on two occasions this year. William Crockett, Andrew Butt, Matthew Gardiner and Simon Dommett, participated in the 2007 MSC Shosholoza Regatta from 30 June to 6 July. They crewed on a Beneteau, Caversham Caprice, skippered by a Michaelhouse parent. The Caversham Caprice was the winning boat in its category. In addition William Crockett crewed for the boat Gumption during the Vasco da Gama Race from Maputo to Durban from 26 to 27 July. Gumption won on both line and handicap honours. It was William's third Vasco Race.

The fourth quarter sailing calendar was very busy with several Monthly Mug events, training sessions and family weekends at the HMYC. The new miracles and dabchicks were put to excellent use, and the young sailors were given many opportunities to sail with more advanced sailors and learn sailing and racing skills in a hands-on capacity.

The nature of sailing often requires less sailing time than boat preparation and repairs, and we are proud of our hard-working teams who supported each other in all aspects, on and offshore. In Simon Dommett, we had a passionate Commodore in all respects, and the contact with Mr Richard Crockett and the SunSail team in Durban opened up possibilities for our boys which few other schools can offer. Although the racing contingent is still quite limited, the sport provides much value in itself, especially when offshore keelboat racing is involved and where success and safety depends on all members of the team.



“Nowhere else than upon the sea do the days, weeks, and months fall away quicker into the past. The seem to be left astern as easily as the light air-bubble in the swirls of the ship's wake”

Joseph Conrad - The mirror of the sea (1906)

Sailing requires a discipline, especially when offshore keelboat racing is involved and where success and safety depends on all members of the team.

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“Enthusiasm is the mother of effort, and without it nothing great was ever achieved”

Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Results table:

Event	Category	Name	Position
KZN Inter-Schools Regatta 3-4 March	Mirror Class	MHS A: Kenneth Renton, Simon Farrow, Nkosana Mpofu, Mark Farrow, Robert Renton	2nd
		MHS A: Jonathan Durham, Simon Dommett	4th
		MHS B: William Crockett, Matthew Gardiner	6th
		MHS C: David Horscroft, Andrew Butt	10th
		MHS D: Nicholas Halsey, Douglas Rattray	13th
	Laser Class	Kenneth Renton with crew Simon Farrow	2nd
		Nkosana Mpofu with crew Mark Farrow and Robert Renton	7th
		Jonathan Durham	9th
		Simon Dommett	10th
		William Crockett	11th
Grand Prix II	Laser 4.7	Matthew Gardiner	13th
		David Horscroft	17th
		Andrew Butt	19th
	Laser Radial	Nicholas Halsey	21st
		Douglas Rattray	22nd
	Laser Standard	Kenneth Renton	3rd
		David Horscroft	3rd
		William Crockett	3rd

Soccer

Master in Charge: **Mr Tim Jarvis**

Colours: **Dustin Holohan**

Half-Colours: **Tom Gardner, David Zwemke, Awande Khumalo, Philip Vrontamitis, Adam Joscelyne, Victor Githakwa, Oliver Green, Adam Bowes**

Written by Mr Tim Jarvis

Soccer at Michaelhouse is a short compact season lasting seven weeks with only four Saturdays available to play a full set of fixtures against opposing schools. Despite this most teams played in the region of nine or ten games thanks to the midweek fixtures and festivals which were held.

As the world's major sport, soccer is very popular at Michaelhouse amongst many of our boys, and despite the

fact that it is entirely voluntary we were able to field four teams at U14 level, four at U15 level, two at U16 level and three in the Open age group. With South Africa set to host the 2010 World Cup and the fact that many of our feeder schools play a lot of soccer, the interest in the game at Michaelhouse looks set to grow in the future.

The feedback from the boys was primarily on how much they enjoyed the season and how they relished the chance to play in a

In terms of results, the boys more than held their own with competitive teams across the board and often dominated in the lower teams where our strength and depth came in to play. Unfortunately our First team did not do well and battled through the season. They performed credibly against

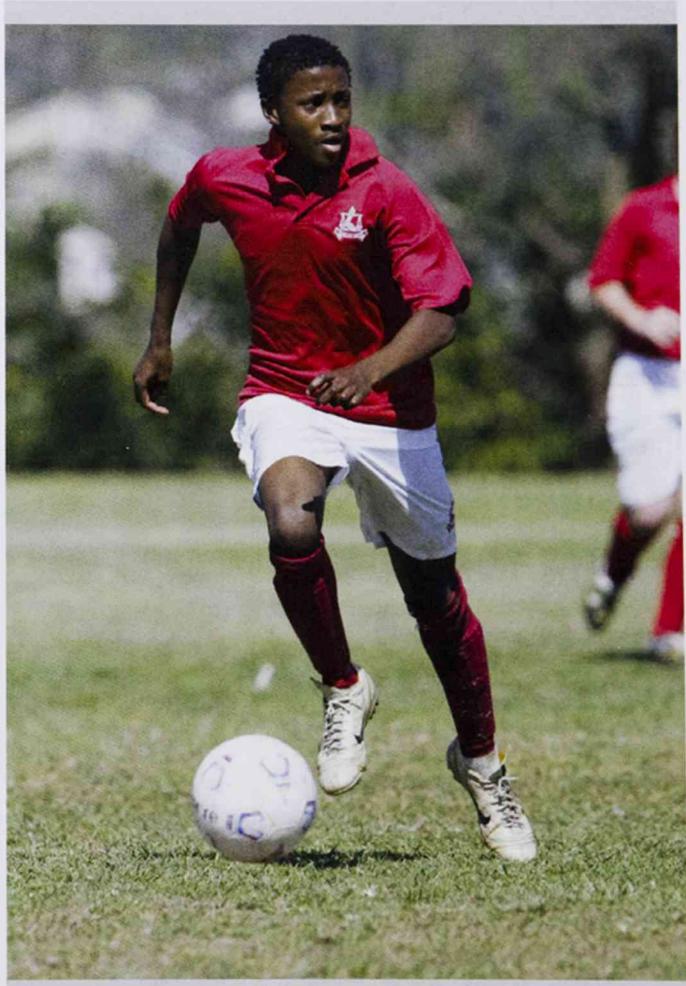


2007 1st XI Soccer: Back row: T. Gardner, J. Chellan, J. Short, A. Bowes, O. Green, C. Freese, M. Ramaseli
 Front row: P. Vrontamitis, N. Setlaba, Mr. S. Khuluse, D. Zwemke (C), V. Githakwa, D. Holohan

Maritzburg College, gaining a 0-0 draw at home and this seemed like it might give them the confidence they needed to turn their season around. This was not to be and I know that the First team will have been disappointed with their performance this year. The one bright note is that almost to a man they were all B Block boys which bodes well for next season if they stay together as a team.

A special mention goes to our U15A side who not only played some fantastic soccer but also remained undefeated right up until the very last game against Carter High School.

Last year we changed the Michaelhouse 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. This year we took that concept even further by ensuring that not only the A teams got to play but also all the B and C teams. With the help of Hilton College and St Charles College we created a triangular festival where each school took the responsibility to host teams of all abilities in an age group. Michaelhouse hosted the U14 age group where we were able to have separate tournaments for the U14A, B and C teams from the three schools involved as well as Howick High and Asithuthuke who joined us at U14 level.



Kagiso Galeforolwe



Matt Collins

Because of the changes to the festival format and the midweek games most boys were able to play a meaningful number of matches despite the limitations to the season.

This year three of our coaching staff, Mr Sandile Khuluse, Mr Sam Mofokeng and Mr Sandile Sibiya were able to attend the week-long Level Two coaching course run by Mr Clive Barker. Their input into the accumulated pool of coaching expertise in the School was greatly appreciated. My thanks go to all the coaching staff and also to the support staff who provide the catering, facility co-ordination, new programme cover design and production, transport arrangements and field maintenance. To my mind we had better facilities for soccer than any other school that I visited in KwaZulu-Natal over this season and the last.

15/09/07 INTER-HOUSE SENIORS

East	1 st
Pascoe	2 nd
Farfield	3 rd

INTER-HOUSE JUNIORS

Pascoe	1 st
West	2 nd
East	3 rd

Exciting developments next year include the further professional development of coaching staff, planning for an overseas tour and of course the 2010 World Cup taking place in South Africa. As we put the foundations in place for soccer at the School I look forward to seeing the boys develop both as soccer players and soccer enthusiasts and to seeing the game grow at Michaelhouse.

DATE	OPPONENT	1ST-XI	2ND	3RD	4TH	U16A	U16B	U15A	U15B	U15C	U15D	U14A	U14B	U14C	U14D
10/08/07	vs St Charles vs Treverton	L 1-2 W 2-1	D 0-0	L 2-1		L 0-3	W 1-0	W 2-0	W 3-0	W 2-1	W 7-2	L 0-1	D 1-1	W 3-1	D 1-1
17/08/07	Kloof Festival vs AD Lazarus vs St Davids vs Alex High	L 1-2 L 0-3 L 0-1													
25/08/07	vs Hilton	L 0-2	D 2-2	L 1-3	W 3-1	L 1-2	D 1-1	W 5-3	W 7-0	W 4-1	W 8-1	D 0-0	W 4-1	W 4-3	W 0-3
	vs Westville (5- a-side)			U15 - Won 1 Drew 5 Lost 1 U14 - W 2 Drew 3 Lost 4											
03/09/07	Triangular Festival vs St Charles vs Hilton vs Alex High vs Asithuthuke	L 0-5 L 2-3 L 1-2	L 0-3 L 0-1	D 0-0 L 0-2								D 1-1 W 2-0 L 1-2 W 3-1	D 2-2 W 1-0		L 0-6 L 1-4
05/09/07	vs Howick High	W 1-0		vs 2nd D 1-1		L 1-4	W 2-0					W 3-0			
13/09/07	vs Carter High	L 1-5	L 1-3			L 1-2	W 2-0					W 7-1	D 3-3	L 3-4	L 0-3

“Success demands single men of purpose”
Vince Lombardi

Squash

Master in Charge: **Mr Peter Huntley**

Assisted by: **Mr Andrew Brown, Mr Michael Schwartz, Mr Mark Longbottom, Mrs Louise Erwee**

Captain: **Andrew Surgey**

Colours: **Andrew Surgey, Jonathan Short, Mark Massey, Joshua Chellan, Ben Lowe**

Half-Colours: **Michael-James Currie, Ian Sturgeon.**

Written by Mr Peter Huntley

The first six weeks were extremely busy for squash coaches and players at Michaelhouse. Interest levels rose to unprecedented heights with good participation at U14 and U16 levels and an unbelievable six open teams being fielded.

Early highlights this year began with the KwaZulu-Natal pre-season tournament where nine of our boys participated, all of them being ranked in the top 15 in the province in their respective age-groups. Of particular note was Jonathan Short's performance in his first year in the U19 age-group where he finished seventh.

The annual tour to Bloemfontein to participate in the prestigious St Andrew's Festival is always special and this year proved to be no exception. Our relatively inexperienced team (plagued by injury) performed incredibly well, recording convincing victories over St

Alban's, Dale College and St Andrew's, Grahamstown, drawing with PBHS (B) and losing to the all-powerful hosts. An invaluable and unforgettable experience it proved to be.

This was followed closely by a visit from Marlborough College, a top squash school from the United Kingdom. We thoroughly enjoyed hosting them, where winning the fixture 8-2 was the cherry on the top.

The KwaZulu-Natal Midlands Inland Schools' Championship was held early in March and Michaelhouse was well represented by a large contingent of players in all three age groups. Some impressive performances were recorded: in the U19s Jonathan Short was placed second, Mark Massey fifth, and Jared Chellan sixth – all being selected to the Midlands U19A team. The U16 age group was dominated by our boys, with Ian Sturgeon, Justin Kobal and Joshua Chellan filling the top three rankings. Not to be outdone, the U14 group also performed creditably with Andrew Stephens fourth, Angus Clucas fifth and Nicholas Smythe sixth in the rankings.

The focus in the early part of the second quarter was almost entirely on the domestic front, with the ultimate goal for our leading players being a KwaZulu-Natal Schools' selection.

The KwaZulu-Natal Inter-Schools' Tournament, at the beginning



The Des Sacco Jaguars on their annual visit to Michaelhouse.

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2007 1st Squash Team

Back row: P. Pelser,
B. Lowe, P. Heaton Nicholls,
I. Sturgeon,
A. Lawrence

Front row: J. Chellan,
M. Massey, Mr. P. Huntley, A
Surgey (C), J. Short



of the term, saw our First team again beset by illness; however those able bodies acquitted themselves well and we ultimately finished sixth in KwaZulu-Natal. A full strength First Team then demolished St John's College 6-0 in Johannesburg a few weeks later, which provided a timely morale booster before taking on the Des Sacco Jaguars at the end of May.

The Des Sacco led Jaguars visit is always keenly anticipated and this year proved no exception. The Jaguars was a good blend of experience and even more experience. Despite the obvious pedigree of Des's team, both the Staff/Community Team on the Friday night and the First Team on Sunday gave good accounts of themselves. The benefit of this weekend to the development of the boys' squash is inestimable and we are certainly indebted to both Mr and Mrs Sacco for making this weekend possible.

The Midlands Wednesday League progressed well with both the Second Team and U16A side performing with great credit. The U16 team won three out of five matches, whilst the Second Team also won three out of five (one loss being to the U16A team).

The KwaZulu-Natal Schools' selection process began apace but unfortunately became quite confused at one stage because of numerous clashes with School arrangements over consecutive weekends. Finally, after a rigorous challenge procedure, five of our boys laid claim to KwaZulu-Natal Colours. In the U19B team we had Jonathan Short and Mark Massey; Ian Sturgeon in the U16B team and Angus Clucas and Andrew Stephens selected to the U14B side.

The undoubtedly highlight of the third quarter was our Johannesburg Tour. Now in its third year, this brainchild of Mr Des Sacco and Mr Richard Waller has proved to be a most valuable squash experience for our boys.

Once a few minor issues regarding player's availability had been ironed out, our top ten boys undertook this memorable tour. There were a couple of innovations this year, namely: flying to Johannesburg which proved to be cost effective, far less stressful and provided for more energetic performances on arrival. We also included an educational aspect this year, and spent a free morning travelling to the Hartebeeshoek Radio Observatory. This was a truly memorable visit which enabled the boys to participate in interactive experiments, whilst learning an substantial amount about astronomy, sound and light waves.

The most heartening aspect of this tour was seeing the obvious improvement in the boys' squash, with this being especially evident in the youngsters (three D Blockers, two C Blockers in the top ten). The 4-4 draw against the Des Sacco Jaguars Team is our best result in three years, whilst we dealt Roedean Girls' and St John's College 10-0 winning margins. An extremely tough tussle against a Michaelhouse Old Boys' team eventually saw the somewhat exhausted boys succumb 3-7, the final result hanging in the balance right to the end.

A huge debt of gratitude is owed to both Des Sacco and Richard Waller for organising a most memorable squash experience for our boys again.

“When you’re out there, wearing the green and gold, representing South Africa, with the eyes of the world on you, you finish. You crawl, bleeding, over the line but you finish.”

Bruce Fordyce

Back in Balgowan we hosted the Johannesburg Jesters in July as well as the Pietermaritzburg Jesters in August. There is no doubt that this level of squash interaction is the most valuable for our boys and this is borne out by the 4-3 win over the Pietermaritzburg Jesters.

The fourth quarter sees high school squash played on a Stayers' basis. Our Open and U16 Stayers' team seem to indicate that we have a wealth of talent at our disposal over the next few years.

The Stayers' First team, under the captaincy of Jared Chellan, recorded convincing victories over Weston Agricultural College 4-0, Kearsney College 5-0 and Hilton College, an exciting 3-2 encounter which was won at the death. Whilst the Second team accounted for Weston Agricultural College's seconds, 5-0 and the U16A team beat Kearsney College's U16A, 5-0 and then proceeded to inflict the same result on Hilton College's U16A team. Back to full strength the First team demolished Maritzburg College 5-0 and the U16A won comfortably by 4-1. The First team finished off with a fine 4-2 victory over a tough Staff team in the season finale. This unbeaten run through the Stayers' mini-season for both the First and U16A teams does bode well for 2008 and the boys are eagerly awaiting the chance to prove their mettle at the St Andrews Festival in February next year.

We also held a successful School Squash Championship just prior to half-term. Although the number two and six seeds had to withdraw because of illness and injury, adequate replacements were found. Jonathan Short eventually subdued Ian Sturgeon 3-1 in the final to take the title for 2007.

A most enjoyable first team Squash Dinner was held on the eve of half-term when two special awards were made. Mark Massey was awarded the Mike and Karen Short Trophy for Sportsmanship, whilst Ian Sturgeon won the Collen Family Trophy for the Most Improved Player. All players who had represented the First team on more than ten occasions were awarded a citation noting their contribution to the success of the team this year.

Finally I place on record my sincere thanks to a fine group of coaches who have contributed much to the success of our teams throughout the year.



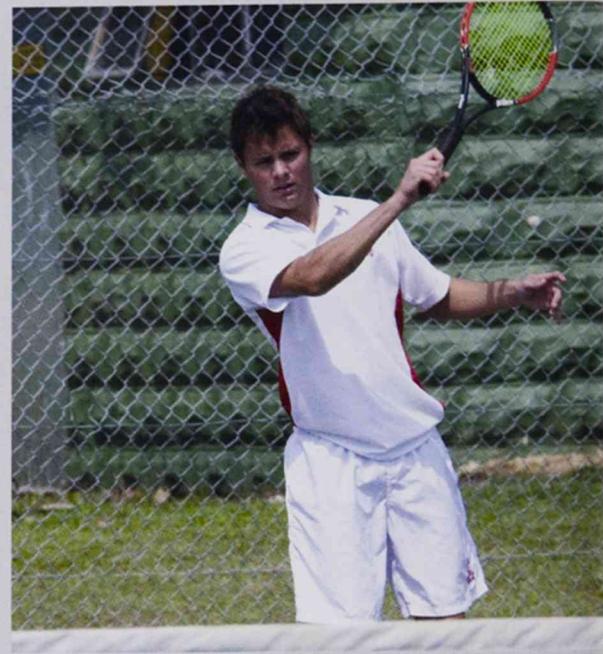
Anthony Lawrence



Ian Sturgeon, Mr Peter Huntley and Mark Massey proudly display their trophies presented at the Squash Dinner.



David Watson



Andrew Craib

Tennis

Master in Charge: **Mr Viktor Kurz**

Coaches: **Mrs Win de Wet**

Captain: **Brian Cox**

Half Colours: **Sanda Shandu, Ethan Malan**

Provincial: **Myles Arron, Ethan Malan**

2007 started with much anticipation, with the looming prospect of the Tennis and Hockey Tour to Malaysia in the April holidays.

For the first time, we played the Deness League in the first quarter. This is an open league and is traditionally played in the second quarter. However, with all the clashes in the rugby and hockey months, the move to the first quarter was an inevitable one. The move proved to be to our advantage as it enabled us to field our strongest team yet. We entered two teams in the A League with our First Team losing only one match. Schools which we played against and beat were: St Charles College A, Hilton College A, Grace College; Maritzburg College B and Voortrekker A. The only match which was not completed (because of rain) was against Maritzburg College. When rain stopped play we were behind seven points to five. The result was that we were placed third in the final tally of points. The Third Team played in the B league and fared well.

A League

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	Points For	Points Against
A	5	3	1	1	31	17
B	5	0	4	1	12	35

B League

C	7	2	5	0	198	256
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In addition to this league, we played our regular Saturday derby matches. These matches were frustrating as we could never field our strongest team as many of our top players were playing cricket. 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. From next year these derby matches will be played on a Friday afternoon.

One notable achievement was Ethan Malan representing the KwaZulu-Natal B Tennis team in the Inter-Provincial tennis competition in Pretoria in the June/July holidays. Myles Arron was selected to represent KwaZulu-Natal, U15B but injury prevented him from fulfilling his obligations.

The end of the first quarter saw us depart for a successful and enjoyable tour to Malaysia, Singapore and Perth, Australia.

We took along ten boys. Half of the team consisted of 14-year-old boys while the remainder of the boys ranged in ages from 15 to 18.

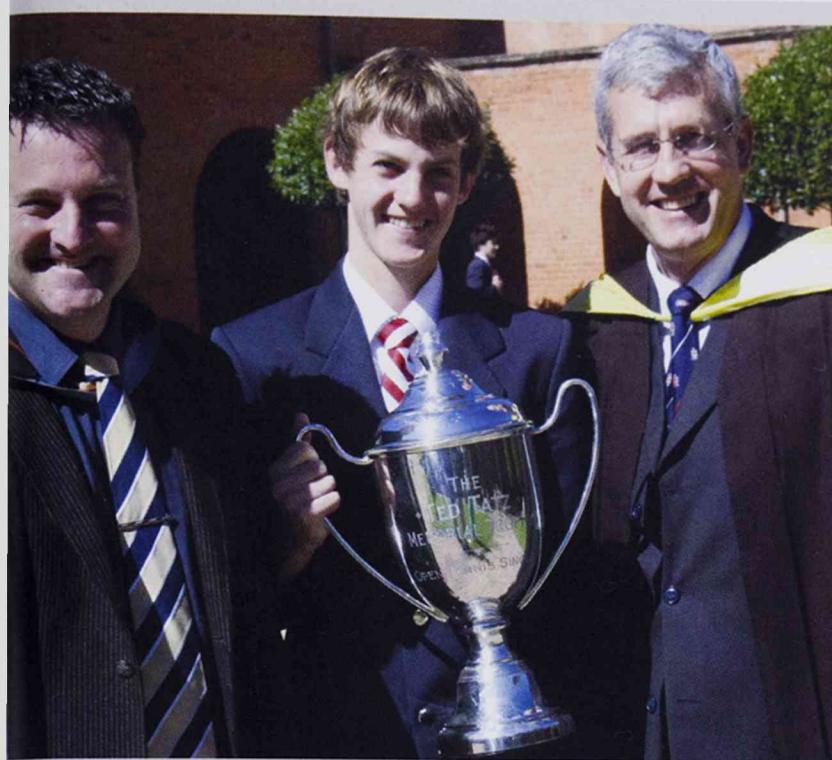
The following is a summary of this tour.

Singapore:

Unfortunately the tennis was not strong and the matches arranged were at Club level. Hence our one-sided matches with Michaelhouse not losing a match. An interesting feature of our first match at the Exclusive American Club was that the matches were played on synthetic grass.

Malaysia:

Our first match was against the Melaka State Team. The encounter consisted only of doubles matches. Michaelhouse won by four matches to one.



“I just try to concentrate on concentrating.”

Martina Navratilova, tennis player

Mr Viktor Kurz, Myles Arron with the Ted Tatz Singles Open Trophy and Rector Guy Pearson

All three matches played in Kuala Lumpur, were against the Kuala Lumpur State Team. This was tennis on another level, with all boys playing for the National Team. Many boys returned on the last day, having played at a national tournament in Penang. The result was that we lost all three encounters against this National team. All three matches comprised boys who were 17 and 18 years old.

The results were:

Match 1: Michaelhouse lost by 8 matches to 2
 Match 2: Michaelhouse lost by 11 matches to 3
 Match 3: Michaelhouse lost by 10 sets to 5

Perth, Australia

We played against four schools in Perth, with three of them the top-ranked schools in Western Australia. The format for all the matches was a round of ten singles matches and then five doubles matches. All matches were played on grass – a wonderful, new experience.

The results were:

Match 1: Christ Church Grammar School
 Michaelhouse lost by 69 games to 131
 Match 2: South Western Independent Schools
 Michaelhouse won by 129 games to 22
 Match 3: Hale College
 Michaelhouse lost by 94 games to 102
 Match 4: Scotch College.
 Michaelhouse won by 101 games to 96

We saved our best tennis for this match as Scotch College is the top ranked team in Perth and Western Australia, having

won the trophy for their Inter-Schools' league a week before we arrived.

The third quarter saw us enter one team in the U14 Bonnefin A League and one team in the U16 Natal Witness A League. Michaelhouse did well to finish second in the A league in the Natal Witness League.

The results are as follows:

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	Points For	Points Against
Bonnefin	5	4	1	0	179	127
Witness	8	7	1	0	270	238

The Inter-House Tennis Trophy was won by Farfield House (Seniors) while the Junior Tennis Trophy was won by West House. The Ted Tatz Memorial Tennis Trophy for the Open Singles Champion was won by Myles Arron for the second consecutive year.

An inaugural Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament, hosted by Michaelhouse was organised in the fourth quarter. It was a very successful day. Four boys' schools were invited together with four girls' schools. Michaelhouse drew St Anne's and managed to win the tournament. It is hoped that this tournament will become an annual event.

We continue to enjoy the expertise of Mr Allan Cairns, the professional coach who coaches our top boys' squad.

We can look back at an exciting year. Our Captain for 2007,

“Winning doesn't always mean being first, winning means you're doing better than you have done before”

Bonnie Blair

Brian Cox (B Block), led with distinction and example this year. I look forward to his leadership next year.

Mr Kurz steps down at the end of the year as Master-in-Charge of Tennis, with Mrs Win de Wet taking over as Teacher-in-Charge of tennis from 2008.

Our coaches (Mr Kurz, Mrs de Wet and Mr Schwartz)

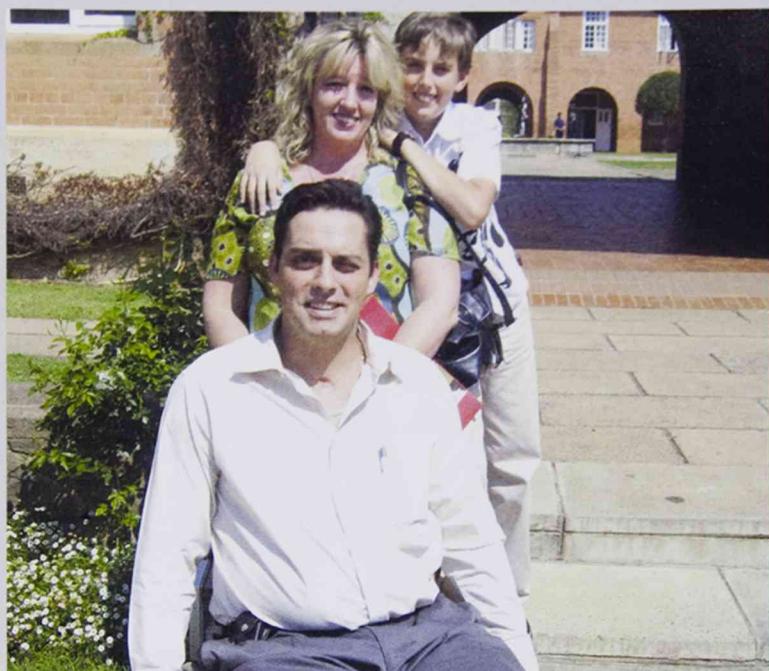
remain committed to the vision that we must encourage talented and top tennis players to choose tennis as their main game.

We are entering an exciting phase with regard to tennis. Our future is most promising.

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2007 National and Provincial Representatives: Back Row: G. Heeger (KZN Athletics), M. Chance (KZN U18 Canoe Polo), J. Thomas (KZN U16A Hockey), N. Byrne (KZN U16B Water Polo), L. Albertse (KZN U18B Rugby), C. Griffin (KZN U21 Canoe Polo), R. Combrinck (KZN U18B & 7's Rugby) D. Dowie (KZN U16A Hockey), J. Barr (KZN Inland U19 Cricket), A. Stephens (KZN Midlands U14B Hockey & KZN U14 Squash) **3rd Row:** A. Chance (Zimbabwe & KZN Swimming), A. Badal (KZN U18A Hockey), S. King (KZN Schools Golf & KZN Midlands U18B Hockey), M. Arron (KZN U16B Tennis), R. de Bruyn (KZN U16A Rugby), J van der Linden (KZN U19 Water Polo), M. de Bruyn (KZN U18A Rugby), X. van Rooyen (KZN U18A Rugby), M. Richards (KZN Academy A & 7's Rugby), E. Malan (KZN U16B Hockey & Tennis), D. Holohan (KZN U19B Soccer), S. Rennie (KZN Midlands U18A Hockey) **2nd Row:** G. Purbrick (KZN Youth Equestrian), H. Mudariki (KZN U15 Inland Cricket), D. Mabhena (KZN Athletics), A. Birkett (KZN Canoeing), A. Fairweather (KZN Midlands U14B Hockey), D. Hulbert (KZN U15 Inland Cricket), B. Gower (KZN U18B Hockey), M. Crawford (KZN Midlands U18B Hockey), D. Pearce (KZN Athletics), R. Nakin (KZN U16A Rugby), K. Moagi (KZN U15A Soccer), A. Clucas (KZN U14 Squash & Midlands U14A Hockey) **Front Row:** G. Dowie (KZN U18A Hockey), S. Maclarens (KZN & SA Sprint Canoeing Team), G. Martin (KZN & SA Sprint Canoeing Team), G. Cronjé (SA 7's & KZN U18A Rugby), P. Lambie (SA Schools & KZN U18A Rugby, KZN Inland U19 Cricket), R. Cronjé (SA Schools Academy & KZN U18A Rugby), I. Rennie (SA Canoeing), D. Zwemke (SA U17 Schools Hockey, KZN U17 Inland Cricket), N. Setlaba (KZN U18A Rugby)



Ms Bridget Ringdahl, Matthew Burns and Bjorn Meehan

Enrichment Speakers

Master in Charge: **Mr Keith Fairweather**

Brenda Vos and Rory Eliot:

Our first Enrichment Speakers for 2007 were Ms Brenda Vos from "The Wandering Star Project", together with Mr Rory Eliot. Their powerful theme was: "Choices to change your life – Teen Drinking".

Rory and Brenda lost someone they cared for and loved deeply. His name was Chas Smit who was the lead guitarist of the popular South African band, "Plush". Chas was a pedestrian killed by an allegedly drunk driver in September 2005.

Since Chas's death, Rory and Brenda have become spokespeople for SADD – South Africans Against Drunk Driving – an organisation which Chas's mother, Caro Smit, launched soon after her son was lost his life.

During their talk they addressed the issue of binge drinking in high schools, and the destructive and fatal choices alcohol can lead to. Brenda and Rory also played an excerpt from the Plush DVD, with the use of photographs. Rory performed some of his popular songs, and we all left with a clear message that we all have the power of choice.

Bridget Ringdahl:

Bridget's interesting talk on Women's Day was entitled "South America from Tip to Top"

Determination and her keen sense of adventure fuelled

Mr Cy Edmonson with his wife Wendy and son Josh

Bridget's year long, 13 110km bicycle trip across the South American continent (Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador and Colombia). Starting off alone in Ushaia, the Southern most town in the world, she finished in the beautifully preserved colonial city of Cartagena set on the shimmering Caribbean in Colombia. Following the Andes mountains all the way, Bridget crossed the glacier encrusted paradise of Patagonia, more than 15 passes between 3000m and 4700m, the incredible Salar Uyuni (the world's largest and highest salt pan, Bolivia), the Central Cordillera of Peru, the avenue of volcanoes in Ecuador and the high mountains of Colombia.

Cy Edmondson:

Struck by an unknown virus and paralysed in the height of his youth, Cy Edmondson's poignant personal story provided a great example of the often unspoken determination necessary to translate simple intentions into concrete actions.

In 1990, during a school leadership course, Cy Edmondson fell ill with an unknown virus which attacked his spinal cord. After three months in a coma, Cy regained consciousness but had to learn to deal with the heavy burden of being disabled for the rest of his life. He had to re-learn how to speak and had to come to terms that he would never walk again. During his stay in hospital, Cy developed a close relationship with his nurse, Wendy Lurie, and married her in 1994. They were informed that producing children would be a near miracle and probably not possible. Cy and Wendy's son, Joshua, was born in April 1995.

Despite his disability, Cy has continually given his energy to assisting individuals in steering their lives towards their own destinies, whether they are family, relationships, directing



Daniel McCarthy, Mr Lawrence Anthony and Henk Appello

focus on their goals or making profound contributions to their organisations and communities.

During November 2000, Cy Edmondson's determination and courage was again portrayed when he took the challenge of climbing the Sentinel Peak in the Drakensberg, defying the rules of disability and making history in the process.

Lawrence Anthony:

This interesting talk was about Mr Anthony's' wartime rescue of the Baghdad Zoo which took place during 2003.

Mr Anthony, who lives at the Thula Thula Game Reserve, Zululand, South Africa, realised that with the American invasion of Iraq there would be nobody looking after the Zoo and so he decided to do something about it. He managed to gain access to Iraq and then drove himself, in a hired car, to Baghdad, a distance of 800km.

Conditions at the Zoo were appalling, and the area was surrounded by fighting and looting. Mr Anthony, together with a couple of loyal Iraqi Zoo workers, set about trying to feed and water the animals under the most trying and dangerous conditions. In time, Mr Anthony convinced members of the US 3rd Infantry Division, as well as some foreign mercenaries, to help by providing protection and by rescuing abused and mistreated animals from the Hussein family palaces.

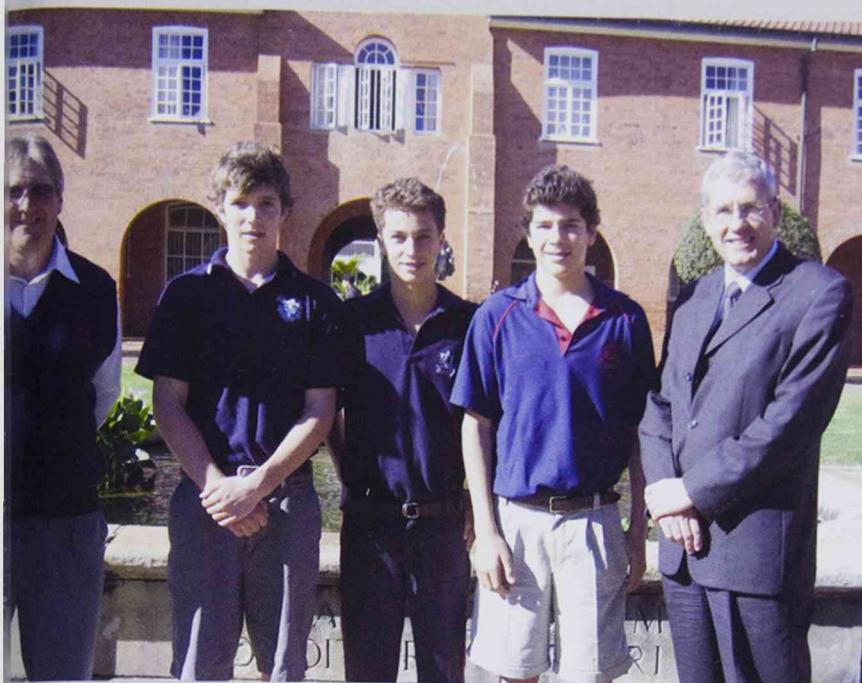
Mr Anthony and his team also managed to locate and rescue Saddam Hussein's personal herd of Arabian horses from the black market in Abu Ghraib, and these have now been returned to the people of Iraq.

In closing, Mr Anthony reminded us of the dwindling spiral of life on earth as a result of the deterioration of the plant and animal kingdoms and the planets' environment.

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Mr Michael Thomson, Duncan Sutherland, and Tony Arnold from Kings School Australia and Richard Feetham from Cranbrook, Australia and Mr Guy Pearson. Richard's father and grandfather are Michaelhouse Old Boys. His grandfather, the Honourable Justice Richard Feetham received Ad Portas in 1961 and served on the Michaelhouse Board of Governors for 31 years.

Student Exchange Programme

Written by Mr Michael Thomson

It was another busy year for the Student Exchange Programme as can be seen from the table below. Special mention is made of Richard Feetham from Cranbrook whose father and grandfather are Michaelhouse Old Boys.

Quarter	Incoming	Outgoing	School
Lent	Michael Kimber	Rowan Salter	The Grange School in Santiago, Chile
Pentecost	Galen Flaherty	Calvin van der Riet Daniel McCarthy Daniel Barge	Trinity College, Canada
		Calvin Freese	Merchiston Castle School, Edinburgh.
	Tony Won		Ridley College, St Catherine's, Ontario; Canada
Michaelmas	Elliot Sutter Chase Taylor		Montgomery Bell Academy, USA
	Patrick Jones	Stephan Lishman	Wanganui Collegiate, New Zealand
		Jonty Tatz	Christ Church Grammar, Perth
Christmas		Alex Waller	Ridely College, Canada
		Andrew King Gareth St Clair	Montgomery Bell, Tennessee, USA
	Toby Williams Duncan Sutherland	Liam Royce Jake Trehaven	Kings School, Sydney
	Richard Feetham	Chris Morris	Cranbrook, Sydney
		Dale Stephen (private exchange)	Southport College, Brisbane
		Ben Bradford	Christ Church Grammar, Perth



A Blockers with their beautiful partners



Ferdie van Niekerk and partner.

Matric Dance

Teacher in Charge: **Ms Joy Preiss**

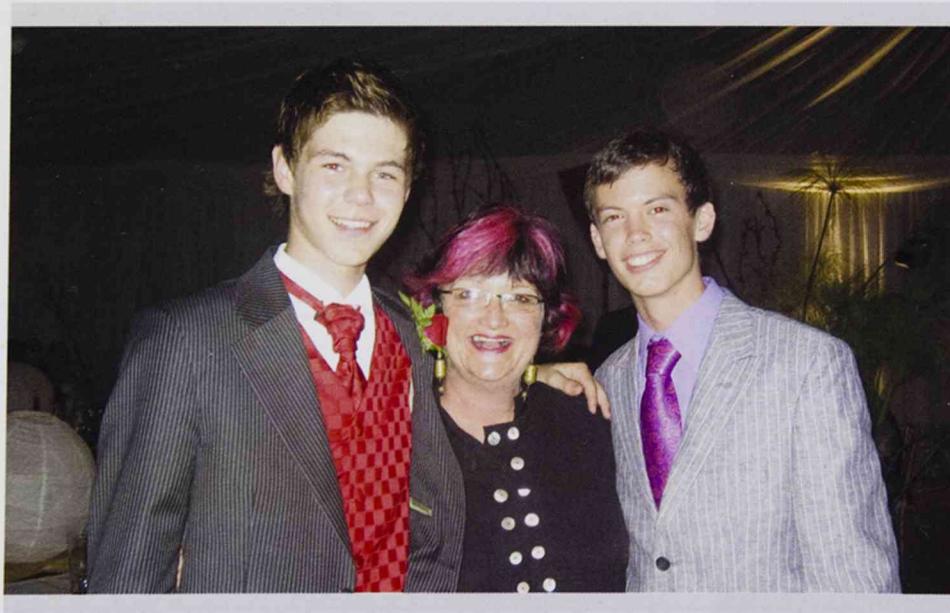
This year was another first in the life of Michaelhouse. The venue for the Matric Ball was, after much debating and argument, changed. The great event was held this year in the new Inglis Indoor Sports Centre, and it was so successful that no further debating on the issue will reoccur.

The centre was halved in size by the drapery, and once all the tables and décor were in position, it turned out to be a sophisticated and spacious venue. Maybe even more importantly, it is a secure structure which, when the early evening storm broke, and the hail

came down, was a far more stable venue than the previously used marquees which leaked and one year even burst.

Early in the fourth quarter 2006, a Matric Ball Committee was elected to organise the event. It was very responsibly lead by Jevon King. The staff involved, as always, were Rev. Alan Smedley and Ms Joy Preiss. Some parents gave a great deal of help with special mention made of Mrs Robin Watkins who went out of her way to source and arrange most of the décor and accessories. Mr John Sparkes also brought a great deal of décor sourced from his restaurants in Johannesburg.

The theme was "The Land of the Rising Sons" which featured the décor and food of the East, particularly Japan. The main colours



Bryan Wester, Ms Joy Preiss, Marek Raciborski

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used were black, red and gold. Another first was the use of square tables which were covered in black cloths and gold runners, and large white Japanese lanterns filled the centrepiece. Very smart gold chairs also replaced our usual covered plastic chairs. All guests were given their own chopsticks; the girls received a fancy pair as a gift with a paper fan and a very smart Martini glass which was inscribed with the details of the event and the Michaelhouse crest.

The entrance foyer was particularly stunning: at the doors were Rickshaw bicycles, large containers of bamboo and the doors were all converted into screens. The screens then ran throughout the foyers, some beautifully painted by Mrs Onie Button and some of the A Block Art students. There were oriental umbrellas, fans and very large containers of bamboo as fillers.

The meal was truly outstanding and, for the first year in a long time, very little food was left on plates. Perhaps what was most impressive was the atmosphere in the space; throughout the evening the students behaved impeccably and thoroughly enjoyed themselves with their partners. It was a remarkable evening largely as a result of all the hard work which had gone into it and also because of the calibre of student attending the event. What a pleasure it was to watch the young people enjoying themselves so much.



Delectable starters were served at the Matric Ball.

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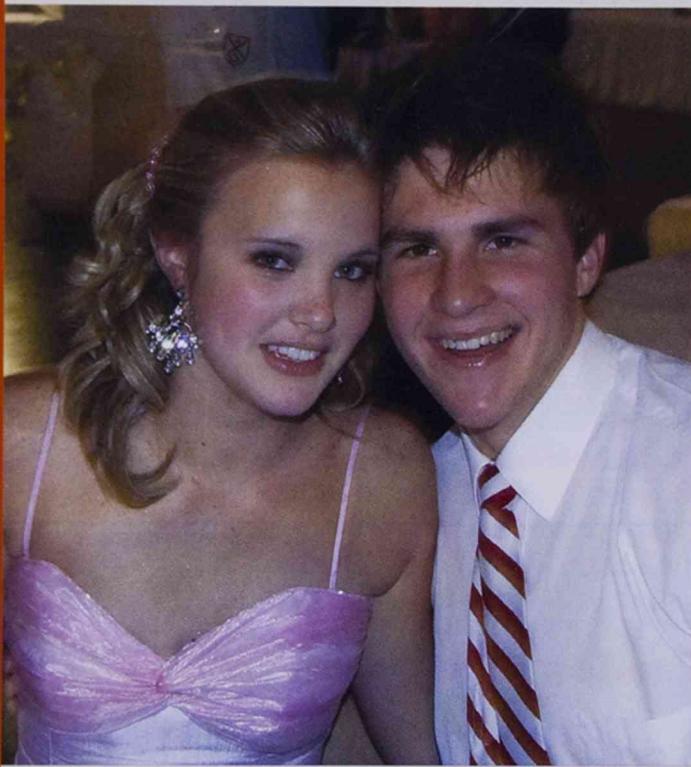
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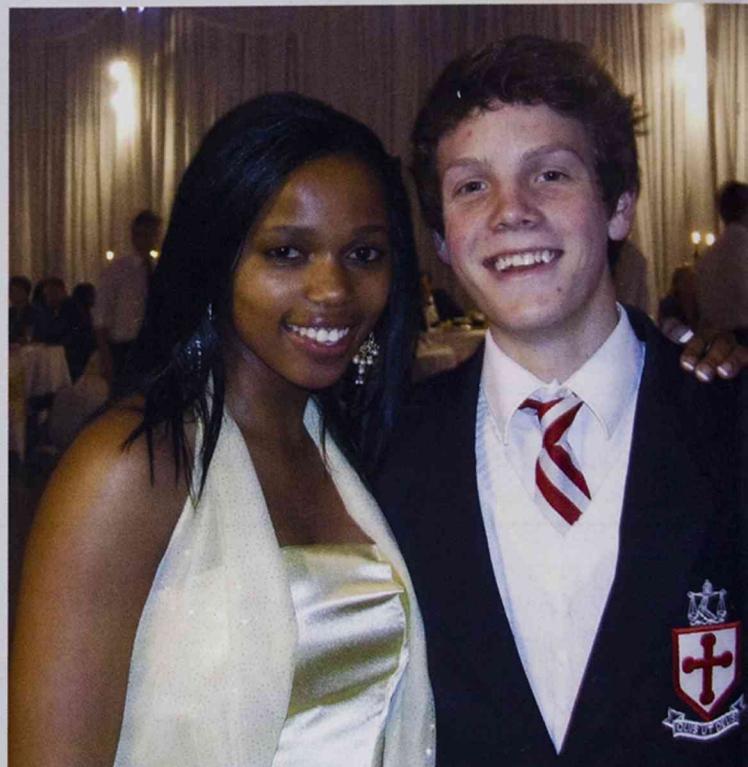
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*“Come now, what masques, what dances shall we have
To wear away this long age of three hours
Between our after-supper and bedtime?”*

William Shakespeare - Theseus, in A Midsummer Night's Dream, act 5, sc. 1, l. 32-4



Michael Eybers and partner at the Chanel Ball



Stuart Harley and partner at the Chanel Ball

Socials

Master in Charge: **Mr Nick Cahill**

The boys attended a number of social functions at various girls' schools during the year. These included formal functions and the more favoured informal events.

The B Block boys enjoyed a ball at The Wykeham Collegiate and, of course, the annual Chanel Ball at St Anne's. This involved weeks of rehearsal in acquiring a measure of expertise in ballroom steps. It was a highly successful venture culminating in a grand evening event attended by the boys with their partners and the girls' parents.

We hosted an evening at Michaelhouse for the B Block boys and their partners. The Memorial Hall was beautifully decorated and a fine meal and evening of dance was enjoyed.

We hope to extend the programme in 2008 to include more interaction at the junior level and look forward to a successful Matric Ball in the first quarter of 2008.



Jonathan Durham and Sean Rennie learn the art of omelette making at the A Block Cookery Course



Tatham boys plant a tree on Arbor Day.



Quizz Masters Mr Kurz and Mr Corfield



Boys prepare for the pancake race.



Reece Chittenden, Dominic Harris and Kyle Dunn enjoy their first weekend



New Boys' Day.



Polar Bear Day - boys prepare to meet their St Anne's counterparts with red roses.

Enthusiastic participants at the Inter-House Pushcar Race



Inter-House Activities

Written by Mr Allan Laing

This year again saw the fun activities, namely Pushcar Race and Pancake Race, providing many with a much enjoyed lighter side of Inter-House Competition.

The Pancake Race was held on Shrove Tuesday in and around the Main Quad cloisters. Much enjoyment was had by all who participated and the crowds certainly enjoyed some of the spills and thrills that go with flipping pancakes. Owing to some irregularities in the "pan handling" of the pancakes there could be no clear winner decided.

The Pushcar Race once again was won by an exceptional machine from East House. They had the design and the manpower to ensure that they led from start to finish in this memorable event.

The Tug-O-War was once again affected by the illness that tends to sweep through the School at the end of the second quarter and so was not held for the second year in a row. This repetition might be an indication that the time of year for the Tug-O-War should move.

Inter-House Problem Solving Competition

Master in Charge: **Mr Alan Adlington-Corfield**

This brand new event on the Inter-House calendar took place on Friday 5 November 2007. Each House put forward a team of four representing all the Blocks. At the end of the first round one person was eliminated from each team. The next round was in relay format with boys tearing up and down the Schlesinger Theatre to retrieve their questions. The top four Houses were selected from this round and they then competed in a "fastest finger first" final round to identify the eventual winners, Baines House. All the questions

for the various events were compiled by the Maths Department. This competition was a great step in the process of encouraging academic competition and interest. The event was well supported and thoroughly enjoyed by the boys.

Inter-House General Knowledge Quiz

Quiz Master: **Mr Tim Jarvis**

On Wednesday 19 September 2007 the Inter-House General Knowledge Quiz was held for the first time in several years. This proved to be a very popular evening with opportunities for audience involvement. The questions covered a diverse range of topics from history to the recognition of songs and sports stars. The first round eliminated one of the three members from each team. The second round eliminated four Houses and the final round identified the top three. Mr Jarvis was the Quizmaster and the final positions were as follows:

1st **Farfield**

2nd **Founders**

3rd **Tatham**

It is hoped that this Quiz will continue as an annual fixture on our Inter-House calendar.

Inter-House Performing Arts Competition

Teacher in charge: **Mrs Dionne Redfern**

In a dramatic change from previous years, the old Inter-House Drama and Music Competitions were re-invented and became the combined Performing Arts Competition, which took place on 19 and 20 June 2007. The drama had become unwieldy and the texts being used were unsuitable and sloppy. The new format encouraged existing texts to be used (rather than self-scripted material) and called for fewer boys on stage. This led to a marked improvement in the standard of work. A new section was added,

namely Movement. This encompassed physical theatre, gumboot dance, hip-hop and the like. The boys are very good at this form of self-expression and we need to keep this competition up to date and accessible. We retained the Inter-House song as this calls for the involvement of the entire House, which is important. The final item on the programme was the ensemble piece, which allowed the musically gifted an opportunity to show their skill. Each House had half an hour to perform each of the above sections. It was agreed by most boys and staff that this new format ran well and was an excellent way to end the second quarter.

The results were as follows:

Best actor:	Nick Campbell	Baines
Best supporting actor:	Francis Mennigke	Baines
Best dancer:	Francis Scott	Baines
Best choreographer:	Jamaine Chiwayi	Founders
Best House song:	Pascoe	
Best ensemble:	Mackenzie	
Best director:	Michael Sparkes	Mackenzie

Overall positions: (top 3)

1. **Mackenzie**
2. **Farfield**
3. **Pascoe**

Inter-House Public Speaking

Teacher in Charge: **Mrs Dionne Redfern**

The Inter-House Public Speaking Competition was held in the Schlesinger Theatre on Thursday 4 October 2007.

The eight selected speakers were asked to deliver a prepared speech on a topic of their choice as well as an impromptu speech. Adjudicated by three accredited Toastmasters, the boys impressed with their level of preparation and maturity. Particular mention is made of Michael Laws' hilarious speech on "Lawsism", in which he proposed giving autocracy a face-lift and replacing democracy with his own special brand of "Laws".

Mandla Mashinini's impromptu, based on excuses, was also superb.

Overall, the evening showed a very high calibre of oratory skills and an impressive range of talent. The precedent has been set for next year.

The final results were as follows:

1. **Founders**
2. **Mackenzie**
3. **Farfield**

Baines House Report 2007

Written by Carl Pieterse

Housemaster: **Mr Johan van Rooyen**

Senior Tutor: **Mr Michael Schwartz / Mr Richard McMichael**

Tutors: **Mr André Black, Mr Rory Drysdale, Mr Adrian Moran, Mr Bradley Sessions**

Head of House: **Carl Pieterse**

Prefects: **Andrew Beach, Michael-James Currie,**

Francis Mennigke, Dino Plumari, Joseph Rosenberg,

Ferdi van Niekerk

The year started smoothly with the Cacks settling with ease, they flourished throughout the year. During the rugby season we saw Richter Landman, Mkhululi Mkhulusi, Murray Marx and Toka Tsiki represent the U14A rugby side. Due to Mutale Chileshe's "faulty" passport, he was not able to play rugby, which is a shame as he showed a lot of potential. Fortunately there are also a handful of academics amongst the rugby playing brutes with Christopher Rossouw, Richter Landman, Alasdair Allen and Sean Hugo making regular appearances in the top ten in E Block.

The D Blockers showed a great deal of improvement during the year as we now have two boys with green cards. They were ever-present in the top sporting teams with Tau Tsiki and Siyabonga Mhlongo playing for the U15A rugby team. Luke Mennigke was a prominent figure in the U15A cricket side throughout the whole season. Renier Janse van Rensburg and Ryan Shiel represented the U14A water polo team and Etienne Rousseau, Lebogang Rakau and Wale Adedipe played for the top basketball sides in their respective age groups. Siyabonga Mhlongo played magnificently during the basketball season and made the First team; an outstanding achievement for an U15 boy. Lebogang Rakau also revealed himself as a talented rapper in the "Stars" variety show.

The C Blockers are promising to be a diverse and talented group of boys. Christopher Morris, Dale Stephen and Benjamin Bradford represented Baines and Michaelhouse overseas at various schools on the Exchange Programme. I am certain that they were good custodians of what we uphold at Michaelhouse. Reef Nakin was particularly noticed on the rugby field as he played some fantastic rugby for the U16A team. Karabo Sesupeng played First team soccer and Matthew van der Vegt represented the School at golf.

It was the B Blockers that spearheaded our legendary victory at the Inter-House Mathematics Quiz. B Block generally were fairly intellectual group of guys with Ben van Aswegen, Nick Meyer and Henk Appelo making appearances in the top five places in B Block. Nkosana Mpofu was awarded Colours for service. Johan van der Linden was selected for the KwaZulu-



Baines: Back Row: D Coyle, C Morris, M Dyer, D Plumari, F Lyall, M-A Ahmad, R Lynn, H Appelo, A Joscelyne, B van Aswegen, W Adedipe, J Badenhorst, N Campbell, K Sesupeng, M Eybers, M van der Vegt **Fourth Row:** S Mhlongo, M de Abreu, L Mennigke, C Rohrbach, C le Roux, B Bradford, S Margesson, J van Niekerk, D Pearce, M Haupt, M Burns, N Breet, N Mpofu, O Gandar **Third Row:** J van der Linden, S Sekatle, JJ Rousseau, R Nakin, J Chileshe, T Kearns, E Rousseau, L Rakau, J Hammond, T Tsiki, R Shiel, R Janse van Rensburg, S Smith, W Campher, N Meyer, D Stephen, I Yusuf **Second Row:** M Chileshe, M Mkhulisi, K Moss, R Drummond, J Bradford, C Rossouw, A Allen, R Reid, T Tsiki, M Marx, S Hugo, S Buys, R Landman **Front Row:** J Rosenberg, Mr B Sessions, M-J Currie, Mr A Black, F van Niekerk, Mr J van Rooyen, C Pieterse, Mr M Schwartz, A Beach, Mr A Moran, F Mennigke, Mr R Drysdale

Natal U19C water polo team. Adam Joscelyne and Jacques van Niekerk played Second team rugby and both had a great season.

Baines A Block of 2007 was an interesting group. When we were not bantering with one another, we showed flair. Andrew Beach and Derek Pearce played First team cricket, Michael-James Currie played First team squash and Ben Rafferty played First team tennis. Andrew Beach was awarded Colours for both hockey and cricket. Nasho Sombe, Ferdi van Niekerk and Carlos Rohrbach performed well academically and Michael-James Currie received Colours for Art. Matthew Burns received the John Richards Award for good fellowship. Nicholas Campbell was a definite highlight of the year. Not only did he entertain us during our very fruitful Homeroom Meetings, he often mesmerised the audience with his brilliant role play, for which he was awarded Honours in Performing Arts.

My sincere thanks go to the Prefects, Francis Mennigke, Ferdi van Niekerk, Michael-James Currie, Dino Plumari, Andrew Beach and Joseph Rosenberg, who helped me this year. I wish all the Tutors well for next year and thank you for the time that

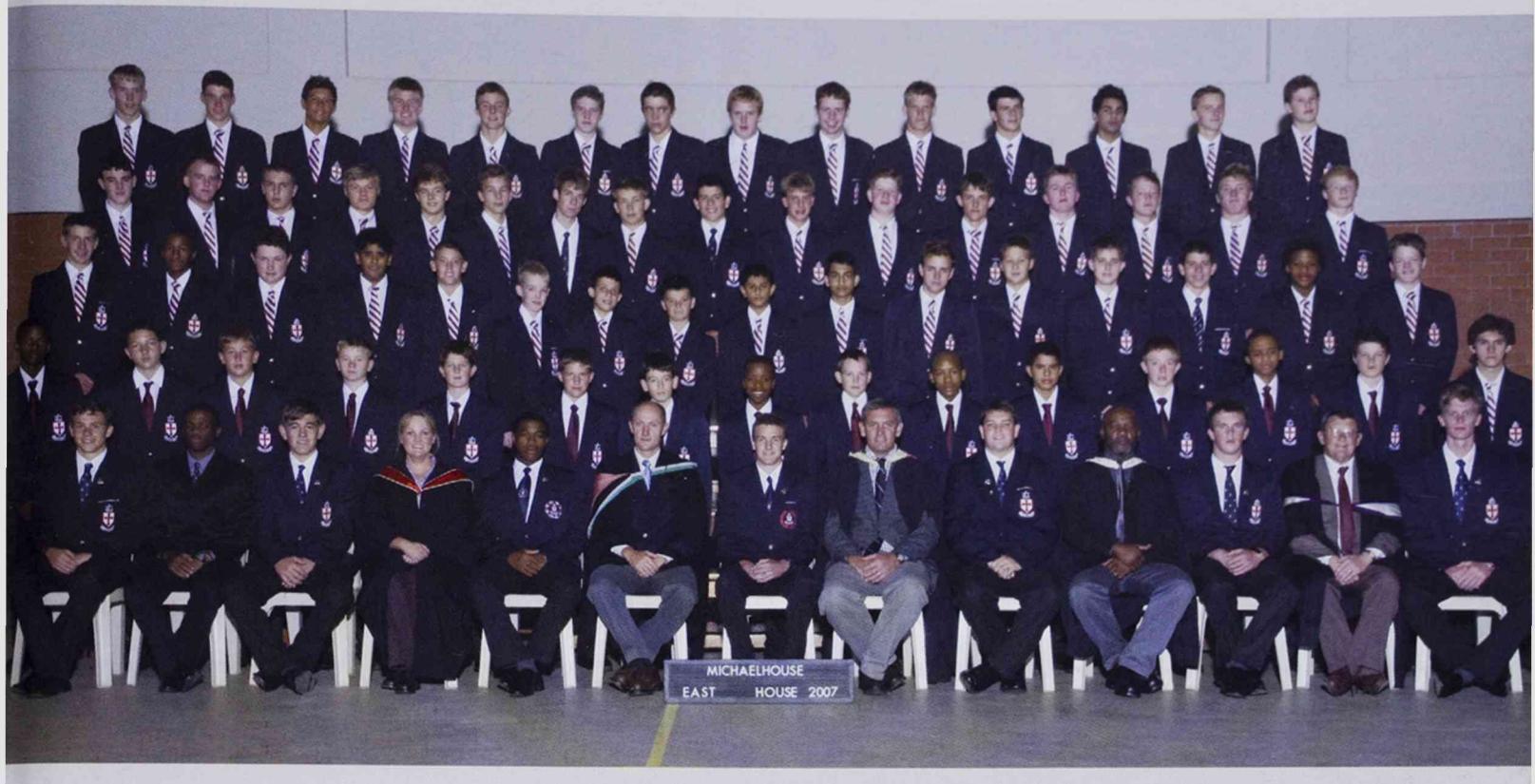
you spent helping with duties around the House; your time is much appreciated.

Baie dankie vir vyf wonderlike jare Meneer. Voorspoed en dankie vir tyd wat Meneer saam met ons spandeer het, ek weet almal waardeur dit baie.

Thus, I conclude my last duty as Head of House. I urge you to uphold the lifestyle of Baines, and to ensure that it remains a pleasant House to live in.

Salvete: **Alasdair Allen, Jeremy Bradford, Stefan Buys, Mutale Chileshe, Robert Drummond, Joshua Goddard, Sean Hugo, Richter Landman, Murray Marx, Mkhululi Mkhulisi, Keith Moss, Ross Reid, Christopher Rossouw, Toka Tsiki**

Valete: **Andrew Beach, Matthew Burns, Nicholas Campbell, Michael-James Currie, Manuel De Abreu, Mitchum Haupt, Francis Mennigke, Derek Pearce, Carl Pieterse, Dino Plumari, Benjamin Rafferty, Carlos Rohrbach, Joseph Rosenberg, Nasho Sombe, Ferdi van Niekerk**



East: Back Row: P Durham, S Lishman, E Hamlyn, B Foster, V Edwards, J Kobal, A Bowes, R Nuttall-Smith, S Finch, O Green, T Rhemtulla, I Sturgeon, S Rogers **Third Row:** S Smith, P de Bruyn-Smith, C Smith, K Botha, J Sullivan, R Wessels, J Durham, R Voudouris, J Birkett, G Walker, T Molony, D Walker, G Davson, D Sinton, Robert de Bruyn, N Wilson **Second Row:** S MacLaren, K Galeforolwe, C Davson, A Patel, R Withey, R Worthington, M Vinen, C Baker, K Patel, A Patel, D Pearce, A Clark, J van Koevering, A Birkett, L Nkosi, R Atherstone. **1st Row:** S Chirwa, M Cohen, L Scribante, N Daniels, S Powell, C Clowes, B Raw, G Khosa, M Taylor, L Bam, N Bruce, G Nuttall-Smith, L Mokgosi, E Riley, N Gonzales (Exchange Student) **Front Row:** J Nuttall-Smith, Mr S Mofokeng, N Raw, Miss L Hardy, N Setlaba, Mr A Brown, J King, Mr I Guthrie, J Talbot, Mr G Dzingwa, M de Bruyn, S Rennie. **Absent:** M Hamlyn, M Durham

East

Written by James King

Housemaster: **Mr Andrew Brown**

Senior Tutor: **Mr Iain Guthrie**

Tutors: **Mr Given Dzingwa, Mr Bryan Tarr,**

Mr Sam Mofokeng

Head of House: **James King**

Prefects: **Murray de Bruyn, Joshua Nuttall-Smith,**

Nicholas Raw, Sean Rennie, Jed Talbot, Jonathan Durham

I'm sure every Michaelhousean will tell you that every moment at this amazing School should be cherished because before you know it you'll be leaving through the front gate with a packed trunk in tow. Yet for me this theory applies to my thoughts on every school boys' House life. The memories made and friendships forged in your House will be with you forever.

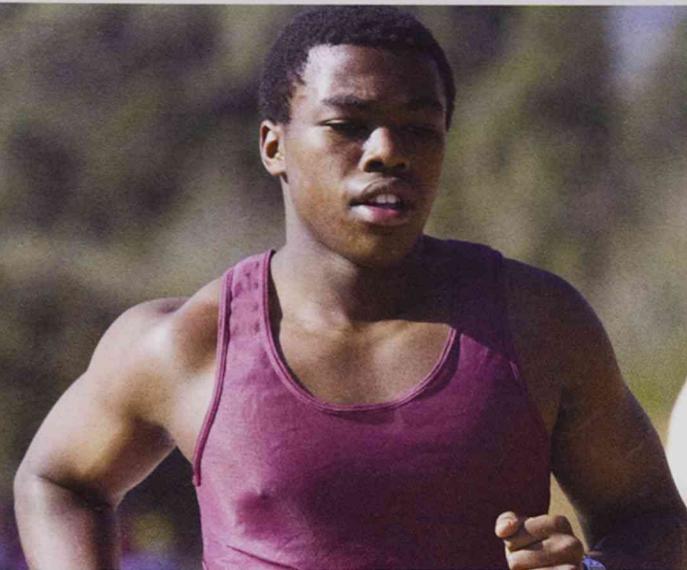
As for me, it has indeed been a great honour to have been accepted into the most prestigious and traditional House, 'Foundation East'. This year East has as usual, excelled in more ways than one. It seems like the Inter-House Push Car race will not see another House take the title for many years to come

because through the combined efforts of the young men of East we again claimed the push-car title, lapping three other Houses in the process.

To add to East's achievements, we claimed the Senior Inter-House squash trophy. We were captained by Ricci Voudouris and led to victory by Ian Sturgeon. East later went on to stake its claim in soccer by winning senior Inter-House soccer, with exceptional performances by Murray de Bruyn and Ntsolo Setlaba, yet it was Nicholas Raw's goal in the final that secured our position as champions.

One House cannot have everything and so East accepted a narrow defeat in the Inter-House swimming with Nicholas Wilson and Robert de Bruyn winning bronze and gold medals respectively, maintaining East's pristine performances. Inter-House athletics saw us take third place, once again showing our spirit and camaraderie a hallmark of East. Again the young men of East upheld our great name, with extraordinary performances by Vaughan Edwards, Robert de Bruyn, Josh Nuttall-Smith and Ian Sturgeon.

Yet we should not forget the tremendous individual performances from the young men of East. Ntsolo Sethaba and the de Bruyn



Ntsolo Setlaba in the Inter-House cross-country

brothers, Murray and Rob should be commended on their rugby performances, all having made a KwaZulu-Natal A side.

With rugby always comes its close contestant hockey and it is Sean Rennie who did East proud with his selection for the Midlands U18A side.

Again we see Stuart Maclaren's name come up in the canoeing world with his reselection into the KwaZulu-Natal canoeing team. It is also necessary to recognise two other extremely talented canoeists, Andrew and James Birkett who performed exceptionally well throughout the season.

Now we must not forget our talented, yet not very often recognised, golfers, Colin and Garth Davson, Stephen Lishman and Russell Withey who all played for firsts with Russell representing Botswana as well.

Now where would East be without its diverse culture and talented academics? As many of us saw this year, East put on a masterful yet hilarious sequence of performances from marimba bands to a remix of Oedipus. So to Dale Walker, Kai Botha, Ricci Voudouris and all those involved, I congratulate you on a memorable experience.

East had its fair share of academics too, but I think it important to name two men who have achieved so much academically. Simon Finch and James Birkett have had a tight competition between themselves for first and second place in the Block. So with James claiming first and Simon second in the June exams, and the opposite during trials, the scores are all but tied and I can only wish them good luck for finals.

As I draw to a close I find it necessary to thank all those involved in East's tremendous success this year. To the knowledgeable and ever-friendly East Tutors, Mr Mofokeng,



Louis Bruce and Dale Walker in the pushcar race

Mr Guthrie, Mr Dzingwa, Mr Tarr, Ms Hardy and East's new arrival Mr Crane, it has been an honour to know you all and thank you so much for passing on your wise words when I needed them most.

To Mr Brown thank you so much for making this year in East run so smoothly. I truly appreciated your insight and your approachability no matter the problem. Just as James Brownlee said, you really are a role model to everyone in East.

To the 007 East Prefects, you made my job seem like a summer vacation in the way you handled your duties and if ever a problem arose we settled it easily in a dignified fashion and so to you I give you my sincerest thanks: you guys were awesome.

Last but not least are the young men of East House, it is each and every one of you that makes this House unique, so keep up the pride, tradition, honour and talent that is present in every single person in East.

“East: where the sun never sets and quality will always shine through”.

Salvete: Luthando Bam, Nicholas Bruce, Sabelo Chirwa, Craig Clowes, Michael Cohen, Nicholas Daniels, Matthew Durham, Gaza Khosa, Lebogang Mokgosi, Gareth Nuttall-Smith, Shaun Powell, Byron Raw, Edward Riley, Luca Scribante, Mark Taylor

Valete: Camo Baker, Andrew Birkett, James Birkett, Nicholas Bruce, Murray de Bruyn, Jonathan Durham, Simon Finch, James King, Josh Nuttall-Smith, Ashir Patel, Nicholas Raw, Sean Rennie, Tahir Rhemtula, Ntsolo Setlaba, Stephen Smith, Jed Talbot, Ricci Voudouris, Nicholas Wilson



Farfield: Back Row: A Chance, M van Heerden, R Keene, D Berriman, J Trautman, M Ellis, J Murray, A King, R Patchitt, J Barr, MC Blore, S Mudd, J Tatham, J Tillett, A Batley, A Dalais **Fourth Row:** D Strachan, N Tingle, J Fieldgate, S Shandu, R Gifford, A Strathern, MGA Blore, P Brown, L Taylor, L Nderitu, A Mahieu, L Royce, W Crockett, D Barge, M Strachan **Third Row:** A Campbell, R Setati, G Heeger, C van der Merwe, T Thorpe, A Steiner, D Bradford, M Forbes, E Steere, J Atkinson, G St Clair, D Button, C Freese, D Bennett **Second Row:** T Dalais, D Guiney, D Mashinini, C Macaskill, A Lockington, M Venter, G Goddard, J Lellyett, M Hanbury, L Bruce, B Buchler, J Tindall, T Halliday, A Becker, N Cox **Front Row:** Mr A Venter, J Dillon, Mr M Longbottom, R Berriman, Mrs W de Wet, M Mashinini, Mr P de Wet, C Hallier, Mr A Dahlberg, N Tatham, Mrs C Cook, M Richards, Mr A Adlington-Corfield, Mr S Ndwandwe

Farfield

Written by Christopher Hallier

Housemaster: **Mr Paul de Wet (30/06/07)** **Mr Michael Schwartz (effective 01/07/07)**

Senior Tutor: **Mr Albie Dahlberg (30/06/07)**

Mr Alan Adlington Corfield (effective 01/07/07)

Tutors: **Mr Abri Venter, Mr Mark Longbottom,**

Mr Siyabonga Ndwandwe

Head of House: **Christopher Hallier**

School Prefect: **Mandla Mashinini**

Prefects: **Ross Berriman, James Dillon, Mark Richards, Nicholas Tatham**

It was a privilege to lead Farfield this year, in another great year for the House. In case you do not make it to the end of my report, I am recording my thanks up front. I am indebted to the staff members in Farfield. I have really enjoyed working with Mr de Wet. On behalf of the whole Farfield community, I wish to thank him for the work he has done in his tenure to ensure that Farfield was more than a House. Mrs de Wet has been fantastic in support of him and has given great input to the Farfield E Block during a number of years and has been a great supporter of the House at Inter-House events. Thanks also to Mr Schwartz for the wonderful way in which you picked up the reins

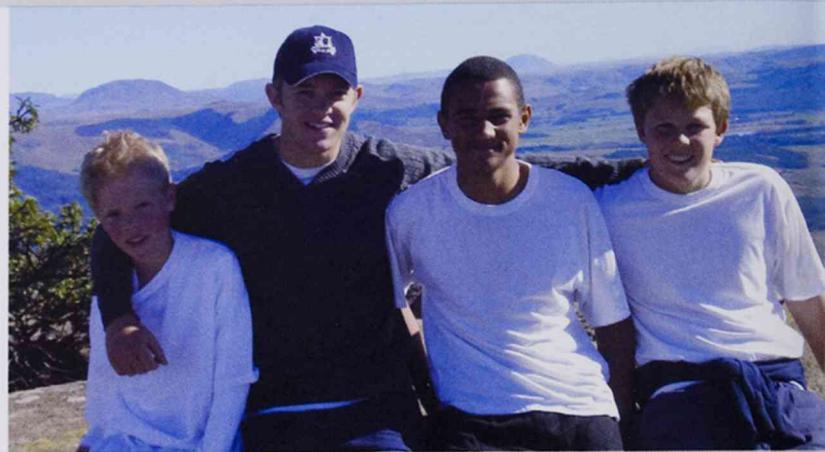
midway through the year. Mr Dahlberg stood down as Senior Tutor after a number of years at mid year and his role was taken on by Mr Adlington-Corfield. We are grateful to both of them and are pleased to retain Mr Dahlberg as a Tutor in the house. Thanks also to Mr Longbottom, Mr Ndwandwe and Mr Venter who have all served as Tutors this year. I would like to thank Paulina Mshengu, our maid, who has helped to keep Farfield clean and tidy for years.

Mandla Mashinini has been an excellent source of support and wisdom for me. He is an amazingly talented yet humble person and, I feel that he was unlucky not to be Head of House himself. I appreciated the way we were able to work together. Finally, thanks to the other Prefects for their support. They have been fantastic and have helped to keep Farfield a house where, "we do things properly and treat people decently".

The year started well with the integration of the new boys. We have a wonderful group of boys and I hope that we have given them the start that will make them fine leaders of the House in years to come. We look forward to watching their progress.

At the Prize Giving at the start of the year we were awarded the Academic Shield for our successes in 2006. I record this here as it would not have been recorded in last year's Farfield report. We were highly successful in Inter-House competitions, winning: swimming,

David English, Ross Berriman, Dumisani Mashinini, Andrew Becker at the top of Inhlosane



athletics relays, athletics, the senior cross country, senior tennis and the inaugural General Knowledge Quiz. Although all of these achievements are prized, we are most proud of the fact that Farfield remains a place where boys can live and learn in a secure, tolerant environment and where everyone is respected in his own right.

We have had a number of boys go on exchange this year and all have been enriched by the opportunity. We have also enjoyed hosting boys from other schools.

It is always dangerous to single out individuals as there will always be boys who may be undeservedly omitted. However, I would like to make special mention of a few star performers: Andrew Chance has been a legend in the pool, helping us defend our title of top swimming House and breaking records in the process. Mark Richards was awarded Honours for rugby and John Barr for cricket. Nicholas Tatham has Honours for Drama in recognition of his performances on stage. James Dillon has Honours for canoeing – we are very proud of his second place in the Duzi, continuing a Farfield tradition of excellence in boats. Douglas Button prefers to be in the water. He captained our successful swimming campaign and also achieved the rare feat of swimming all eight events in the Midmar Mile. Cameron Macaskill scored two centuries this term and we look forward to watching his progress. Gregory Heeger has been a star athlete, both in the Inter-House and in provincial competition.

Farfield has some excellent academics. Most noteworthy is David Bradford who has been prolific in Maths Olympiads and we hope that he may be our first Dux in a number of years when he writes Matric in 2010. We continue to have many boys in the Choir and Jazz Band. Andrew Steiner has continued to excel in his Music and Sanda Shandu is a star performer who entertains on stage, in the choir and, most notably, in the House. We continue to have boys who excel outside of the conventional school disciplines. William Crockett has done well in his sailing, both locally but, more significantly in being part of a winning crew in the Vasco da Gama Yacht Race. Matthew Hanbury has excelled in his Moto-cross.

Farfield continued to make contributions to the local community. Our Community Partnership Leader this year was John Barr. We partnered with Asithuthuke, helping out with sport coaching. This was enjoyed

by our boys and by the children at Asithuthuke. However, there is significant work still to do in this area if we are to get more of our boys meaningfully involved. Ross Berriman won the Peter Brown Memorial Award which was accompanied by some money to put to a charity of his choice. Ross with joint-winner, Jevon King, refurbished a classroom at Asithuthuke, making use of local labour – a fantastic achievement, considerably facilitated by his fluency in isiZulu. It is fantastic that Edward Steere won the Peter Brown Award for next year and we look forward to seeing the fruits of his efforts. Alexander Dalais and Mandla Mashinini both qualified as Peer Counsellors and were effective in this role, in the House and beyond. Mark Richards is a great friend to so many and it was no surprise when he won the Farfield Fellowship Award.

The House continues to be more than a house by creating a real sense of community amongst family and friends. We have had a few functions which have facilitated this, including a braai for new parents as well as our traditional Golf and Family Day. Jason Trautman and his father, Chris, were the best golfers on the day with James and Rick Dillon winning the Smorthwaite Trophy for approaching the golf in true Farfield spirit. We are grateful to Mrs de Wet for all the work she put into arranging these functions over the years.

In summary, it has been a great year for the House and I feel very privileged to have had the opportunity to serve the fine young men of Farfield through my leadership. To all the boys of Farfield, keep doing your best and keep respecting one another and treating one another decently.

Salvete: Andrew Becker, Louis Bruce, Bryan Buchler, Nicholas Cox, Thomas Dalais, David English, Guy Goddard, Duncan Guiney, Tyler Halliday, Matthew Hanbury, Justin Lellyett, Austin Lockington, Cameron Macaskill, Dumisani Mashinini, Kgosi Moagi, James Tindall, Michael Venter

Valete: John Barr, Ross Berriman, Douglas Button, Alexander Dalais, James Dillon, Myles Ellis, David English, Christopher Hallier, Justin Lellyett, Mandla Mashinini, Shaun Mudd, Lee Nderitu, Mark Richards, Nicholas Tatham, Justin Tillett, Claude van der Merwe



Founders: Back Row: S Harris, E Pepperell, R Salter, K Bortsie, N Dunn, P George, C Kohler, N Savage, R Chenoweth, J Pretorius, J Fox, S Smallwood, B Wester, A Poltera, N Sokhela **Fourth Row:** K Chenoweth, G Anger, J Chiwaye, P Lambie, N Griffin, A Badal, W Gowans, M Nash, N von Stackelberg, T van Dam, J Fuller, P-D van der Merwe, J Tatz, C Wilson **Third Row:** H Bhachu, N Clucas, S Morris, S Harley, M Wedderburn- Maxwell, G Cunliffe, M Collins, J Atkinson, P Halsted, J Adam, R Halsted, J Hoepfl, M Shoba, N Chaplin, T-M Munatsi, N Turner **Second Row:** R Chittenden, O Clark, B Mole, J Needham, K Anger, G de Villers, D Atkinson, D Harris, R Daniel, S Hadfield, K Dunn, D Brill, L Hunt, R Griffin **Front Row:** R Sladden, M Abraham, Mr A van Wyk, S Dougall, Mr A Redfern, M Laws, Mr I Hobson, A Lawrence, Mr M Thomson, M Raciborski, Mr S Ramharack

Founders

Written by Michael Laws

Housemaster: **Mr Alan Redfern**

Senior Tutor: **Mr Ian Hobson**

Tutors: **Mr Mike Thomson, Mr André van Wyk,**

Mr Sandeep Ramharack

Head of House: **Michael Laws**

Prefects: **Michael Abraham, Simon Dougall, Anthony Lawrence,**

Marek Raciborski, Rory Sladden

What epitomises Founders House? Not the awards and prizes we've achieved, but the true sense of social cohesion and warmth in the House. One need only look at the new Cacks of 2007 to see how this has manifested. I believe it was this group's incredibly effective teamwork and innate group unity which have made them such a strong presence and easy-going Block to work with.

Their winning of the annual Inter-House E-Blockers' Hike was a fine indication of the group's talent and team-work. Individually the boys have performed well. Academically, Stuart Hadfield was placed second in the Block, while Jonty Needham and David Brill both consistently came in the top ten.

On the sport side, Luke Hunt and Jonty Needham played for the U14A hockey side while Richard Griffin, David Brill and Richard Daniel played for the rugby U14A team. Richard Griffin captained the U14A water polo side with Dominic Harris playing as one of his team mates. Reece Chittenden played tennis for the First and Second teams. David Brill had a superb year winning the Junior Victor Ludorum, coming third in the cross-country, as well as playing U14A soccer, cricket and rugby. Culturally, Kyle Dunn was selected to the Pietermaritzburg Youth Choir while some of the Cacks participated in the House-play and movement.

The D Block boys year, served as a fine example of mentors and grew tremendously as a group.

This group extremely well on the sports fields. Nick Clucas had a great season with the U15A soccer team, while Robert Halsted played in the U15A water polo as well. Kweku Bortsie, Daniel Hulbert and Nikolai Von Stackelberg have particularly excelled this year with their sport. Kweku, in his judo, came first in KwaZulu-Natal and seventh in South Africa and also played U15A basketball and rugby. Daniel Hulbert played U15 KwaZulu-Natal cricket, First team golf and five games for First team hockey. Nikolai's cycling has been of top standard with him placing sixth in the Johannesburg 94.7 cycle challenge in the

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junior division. Academically John Atkinson picked up a Gold Certificate in the AMESA maths competition while Nikolai also went on the EAPS tour to the USA.

C Block was highly commended on their development into a group of strength with rich dynamics. Alex Poltera picked up the Senior Music Prize at prize-giving for his superb efforts in the Marimba Band, Jazz Band and Choir as well as picking up his Grade 7 for Saxophone. Tristan Van Dam and Musa Munatsi sang in the KwaZulu-Natal Youth Choir. Paul Halsted and Rowan Salter earned their Half-Colours for Service. Rowan and Jonty Tatz represented the School on exchange to Chile and Australia respectively. Guy Cunliffe came first in the Block a number of times and Rowan Salter earned his Academic Half Colours. Sports-wise, the entire U16A front row was Founders boys. Grant Anger, Cameron Wilson, Jonty Tatz played U16A rugby, with Musa Munatsi playing U15A rugby and Rowan Salter must be commended on his First Team cricket. Grant, Morgan and Tristan also played U16A water polo while Alex played for the U16A Basketball team. Grant and Jonty also made Midlands rugby and Musa came fourth at the KwaZulu-Natal Championships for shot putt.

The B Block performed marvellously. They group has provided a deep level of support and skill for the House.

Keith Chenoworth played U16A rugby, cricket and soccer and also made the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands A Team. Patrick Lambie played First team rugby, soccer and cricket and made the SA Schools' rugby A side. Arniv Badal played a great season in the hockey First team and played for the Midlands A team. William Gowans made the Midlands athletics team. Jamaine Chiwaye played U16A rugby and captained the U16A basketball side before moving into the First basketball team. Culturally, Jamaine was awarded Best Choreographer in the Inter-House Performing Arts Competition with Founders winning the best movement section; he also delivered a moving monologue in "Stars" along with Keith's rendering of "Behind Blue Eyes". Keith, Jamaine, Pat and Will also participated in the SMILE service project.

Academically P-D van der Merwe came first in the Block in the third quarter and was a consistent member of EAPS while William Gowans made the Midlands A team for Inter-Provincial Maths Olympiad.

And finally the A Block: I thank the men with whom who I've shared the last five years, for the unbelievable memories, times of fun and opportunities for growth and maturity. I thank you for your support and friendship during both the good and bad days and experiences we have shared. Although next year will see us scattered in many directions, the gaps in geography will always be bridged by the good times. I'd like to personally thank the Prefects of 2007 (Abe, Marek, Tubba, Dougal and Steak) for

their hard work and dedication in running this House; they were fair, committed, consistent and supportive.

We had a large number of A Blockers playing various first teams: Nhlangu Sokhela for basketball; Rory Sladden for rugby; Simon Dougal for water polo; Bryan Wester for golf, Nick Dunn for water polo; and Anthony Lawrence for squash. Simon Dougal made the South African Triathlon team and received Honours as well as captaining the Second rugby team and captaining the First water polo side. Nick earned water polo colours for representing KwaZulu-Natal and Bryan was awarded Colours for golf.

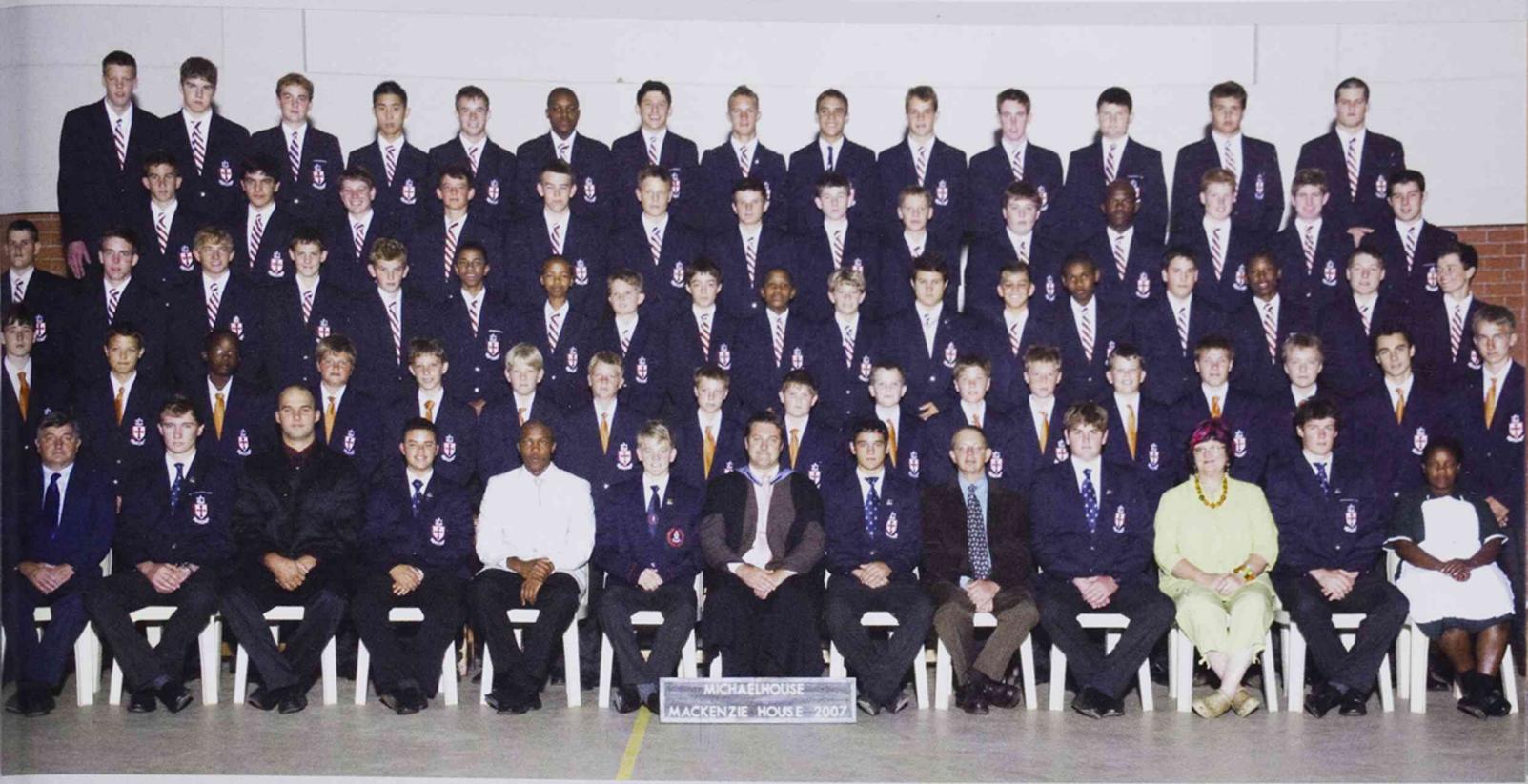
Off the sport's field we were also successful. I picked up Honours and Edward Pepperall Colours for Drama and we both acted in the school play, "Murder at Meadows Hill". Edward was awarded Best Actor for his performance. I had the privilege of chairing Toastmasters this year and gathered the Best Speaker of the Year award while also placed first in the Inter-House Public Speaking. Edward continued his reign as Head of Choir and a member in the KwaZulu-Natal Youth Choir and also earned Colours for his work in the choir. Edward also had some Matric artwork exhibited throughout the year, while Patrick George came fourth in the Classic Surf T-shirt design competition. Academically, Patrick, Mike, Anthony, Bryan and I received various awards on Speech Day.

On my return to Michaelhouse this year in the first quarter I was struck with how little time I actually had left in Founders and now I sit here amazed at both how quickly the year went and also how packed it was with such rich memories. Thus I would like to thank all the boys in this House for making the year so memorable. I especially thank Mr Redfern and Mr Hobson, Mr Thomson and Mr Ramharack for the hard work and support in the House. Looking after 67 teenage boys is no mean feat and I know I speak for the whole House when I extend our thanks and appreciation.

Finally I wish the A Block and Prefects of next year good luck. PD and his team are more than worthy a group to hand over to, and I wish them the best of luck.

Salvete: Kevin Anger, Dale Atkinson, Joe Bosch, David Brill, Reece Chittenden, Oliver Clark, Richard Daniel, Grayson de Villiers, Kyle Dunn, Richard Griffin, Stuart Hadfield, Dominic Harris, Luke Hunt, S'wakhile Mashwama, Ben Mole, Jonathan Needham

Valete: Michael Abraham, Richard Chenoweth, Simon Dougall, Nicholas Dunn, James Fox, James Fuller, Patrick George, Simon Harris, Anthony Lawrence, Michael Laws, Scott Morris, Edward Pepperell, Marek Raciborski, Nicholas Savage, Rory Sladden, Nhlangu Sokhela, Bryan Wester



Mackenzie: Back Row: D Norman, A Laing, O Boyes-Varley, E Chang, J Randall, N Vilankulu, M Purnell, S Green, M Sparkes, J Clarke, J Johnstone, K Moore, L Albertse, J Ritten **Third Row:** N Benton, J Aldous, M Lombard, MC West-Russell, B Thornycroft, J Nupen, J van Tonder, D Horscroft, J Purnell, C Alexander, L Mtshali, R Baker, S Vandeleur, D Foster **Second Row:** M Lowe, R Johnstone, C McMurtry, M Arron, B Hodgson, K King, O Joseph, MA West-Russell, L Humphreys, T Letlala, R Clucas, M Simpson, R Pelser, K Sefako, C Badenhorst, A Ally, J Smythe, M Crawford **1st Row:** C Thwaites, A Fairweather, N Mwaura, K Williams, H Stockl, A Clucas, T Albertse, N Smythe, C Donaldson, M Whalley, KL Wilmot, P Grealy, M Smurthwaite, KM Wilmot, J Bassett, M Fraser, A Stephens
Front Row: Mr R McMichael, T Puffett, Mr R Kotze, J King, Mr S Neamane, S King, Mr V Kurz, B Gower, Mr R von Schlichting, T Hodgson, Miss J Preiss, B Lowe, Ms J Msimang

Mackenzie

Written by Seamus King

Housemaster: **Mr Viktor Kurz**

Senior Tutor: **Mr Rainer von Schlichting**

Tutors: **Mr Sibusiso Neamane, Mrs Joy Preiss,**

Mr Richard McMichael, Mr Righardt Kotze,

Mr Elmar de Klerk

Head of House: **Seamus King**

School Prefect: **Jevon King**

Prefects: **Brett Gower, Tom Hodgson, Jevon King, Ben Lowe,**

Tom Puffett

2007 saw 17 new boys enter the House, 15 of which were E Blockers, one D Blocker, Matt Fraser from the USA and a C Blocker, JD Mwaura from Kenya. On the sporting front Mackenzie showed a promising start when we finished seventh in the Inter-House swimming competition, a vast improvement from last year's eighth place. Amongst our normal sinkers there were one or two who stood out – James Nupen who was awarded the bronze medal for finishing third in the U15 age group, Jason Clarke who finished third in the U16 backstroke and our formidable U17 medley relay team consisting of Jonathon Ritten, Ryan Baker, Jeremy Smythe and

Michael Simpson who were placed third. James Nupen and Jono Ritten continued to represent the Midlands water polo teams in their respective age groups.

Mackenzie also fared well in the Inter-House pancake race finishing third. Tom Hodgson was selected by the A Blockers as chief war-cry leader, a job which he handled with distinction. This, of course, is evident in the outstanding performances of the First XV. Mackenzie was also well represented on the Malaysia/Australia Tennis and Hockey Tour by: Myles Arron, Mark Lombard and Robert Clucas (tennis), Seamus King, Brett Gower and Michael Crawford (hockey), which proved to be a huge success. Ben Lowe was also awarded full Colours for squash after competing as a member of the Super 8. Our E Blockers proved to be a talented group of squash players and they claimed the Junior Inter-House squash title with Andrew Stephens and Angus Clucas both being selected for the Midlands U14 team.

The following boys were selected for Midlands hockey: Brett Gower, Michael Crawford and Seamus King (Midlands U18), Andrew Fairweather, Andrew Stephens, Angus Clucas (U14) and Robert Clucas (U15). Brett Gower was later awarded the Coach's Trophy for Sportsmanship and Team Spirit at the final First team hockey dinner. Brett, Seamus and Michael were all awarded hockey

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Mr Righardt Kotze (back), Tom Hodgson, Jevon King, Michael Sparkes, Seamus King (Head of House) and Mathew West-Russell enjoying the Mackenzie House Braai

Colours. Louis Albertse was selected for the Midlands U18 rugby squad and later for the Natal Academy side. The School recognised these achievements and awarded him with rugby Colours. Seamus King was selected for the KwaZulu-Natal High Schools' golf team. Although Mackenzie did not set the athletics alight, Neil Benton won the bronze medal in the U16 section. Devon Norman came first in the U15 high jump. Mackenzie finished third in the senior Inter-House water polo competition and were runners-up in the junior Inter-House tennis competition. The junior tennis team comprised Myles Arton, Robbie Clucas, Angus Clucas, Justin van Tonder and Thys Albertse.

On the academic side, Mackenzie had three boys in EAPS, namely Matthew Purnell, Jonathan Purnell and Kieren King. On the IT side, Donovan Foster was placed first in the school in the Senior National Computer Olympiad while David Horscroft was placed third. After further rounds in the National Computer Olympiad, Donovan Foster was placed in the top 20 in the country and travelled to Cape Town to compete in the final round along with making it into the final round of the Mathematics Olympiad and again travelled to Cape Town. He was awarded the Nicholas Slack Information Technology Award. Donovan received Academic Honours for outstanding performance in the Matric Trials Examinations.

In the cultural department, Jevon King was rewarded for his continuous service to the community and school with the Peter Brown Community Service Award. In the second term Jevon was also appointed as a School Prefect – a great achievement. Mackenzie practised hard for the Inter-House Performing Arts Competition and even though the House was unimpressed to be woken up at 6am for an early morning practise, we were rewarded with first spot in the competition. Special mention must go to Michael Sparkes who directed the production. Ryan Baker, Jeremy Smythe, and Tom Hodgson all received Colours for Performing Arts with Jeremy Smythe being recognised as the Best Novice in



Mackenzie E Block getting ready for a house outing

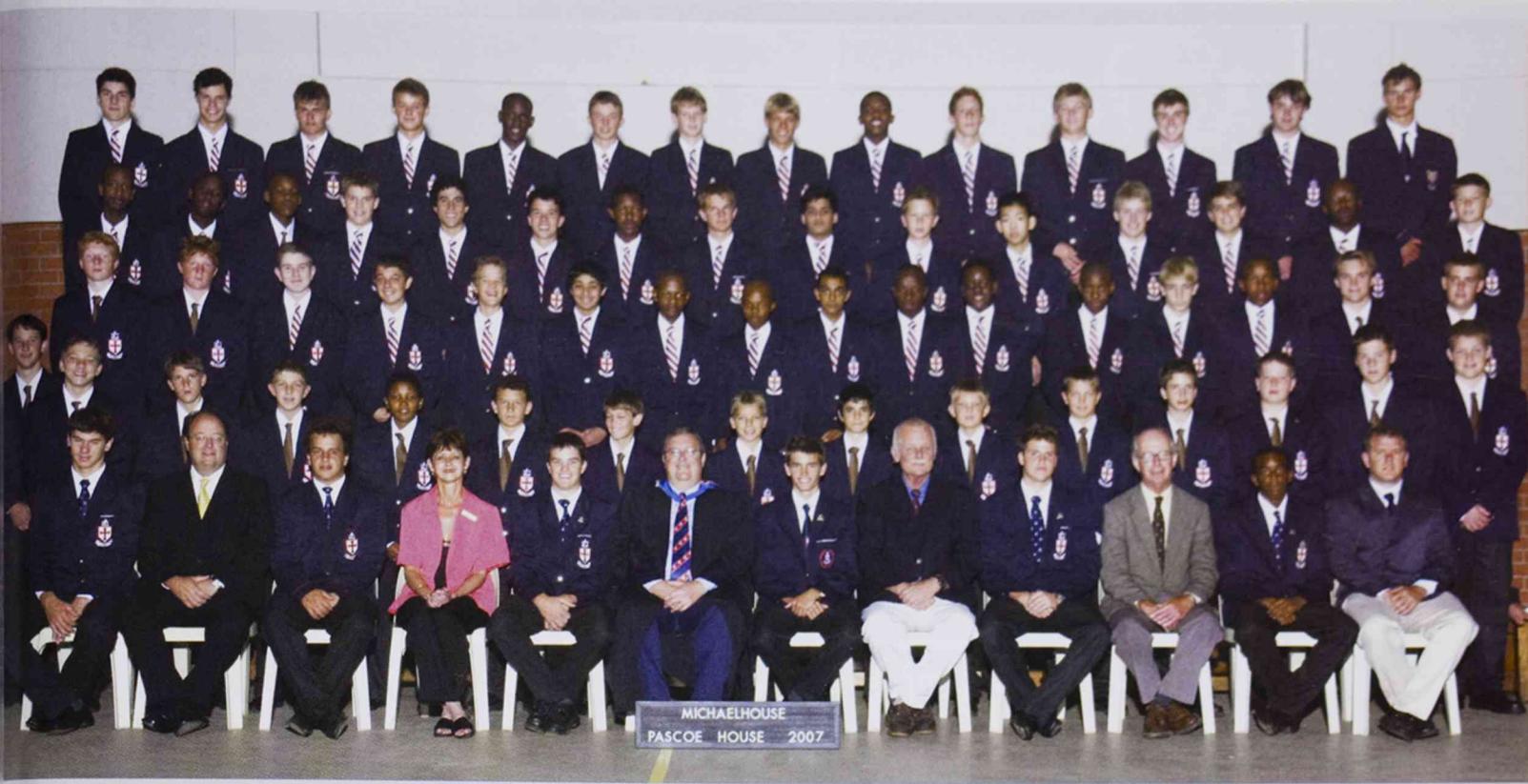
Theatre and Drama when he was awarded the WA van der Walt Trophy.

Mackenzie continued to perform well in the Music arena. Keegan - John Moore was elected as Vice Chairman of the KwaZulu-Natal Youth Choir and was later awarded the KwaZulu-Natal Youth Choir Chorister of the Year Award at the Awards Ceremony in late August and Mark Lombard received Honours for Music. Abbey Ally was also a member of the Youth Choir. David Horscroft was selected to represent the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands Debating team in the Inter-Provincial Competition. Ben Lowe did extremely well to be placed second in the Inter-House Public Speaking competition. Tom Hodgson was awarded the inaugural Rob Matthews Award as well as the Nick Crow Award for Good Fellowship and Jevon King was awarded the Richard Hedden Memorial Award and the Peter Brown Service Award for Community Service.

This year has flown by. I realised from the outset that what I put in was what I would get out – and this I have done. I would like to acknowledge my prefects, Jevon King, Tom Hodgson, Tom Puffet, Ben Lowe and Brett Gower for their support this year. They really have embodied Mackenzie's motto: "We will shine, not burn." Mackenzie is a home away from home for us all – long may it remain so.

Salvete: Thys Albertse, Jack Bassett, Angus Clucas, Creag Donaldson, Andrew Fairweather, Matthew Fraser, Patrick Grealy, Ndungu Mwuara, Matthew Smurthwaite, Nicholas Smythe, Andrew Stephens, Hudson Stockl, Christopher Thwaites, Marco Whalley, Keague Williams, Kieran Wilmot, Kyle Wilmot

Valete: Donovan Foster, Brett Gower, Tom Hodgson, Jevon King, Seamus King, Ben Lowe, Christopher McMurtry, Tom Puffett, Jarred Randall, Michael Sparkes, Hudson Stockl, Christopher Thwaites, Samuel Vandeleur, Matthew West-Russell



Pascoe: Back Row: B Meehan, J Short, D Rattray, J Reilly, M Ziumbe, D Holohan, J Hitchcock, P Rattray, A Mwai, C Cresswell, R Combrinck, R van Tiddens, J Wilkes, P Nortjé **Fourth Row:** S Kalisa, T Phalatse, T Ponde, J Stroud, John Stathacopoulos, V Nunes, M Ndlovu, J Trehaeven, Romal Raja, N Lister-James, J Chen, C van der Riet, R Hackney, T Mokete, N Surgey **Third Row:** N Brown, W Brown, A Waller, M Karam, D Holliday, Ravi Raja, M Ramaseli, K Sogoni, P Vandayar, V Githakwa, J Chinyanta, O Dakile, T Gardner, J Muchiri, P Noel, N Halsey **Second Row:** J-P Akal, J Wissing, J Dalais, T Lister-James, M Ngoepe, M Markides, M Rait, F Noel, Jason Stathacopoulos, A Lowe, L Cresswell, S Carrara, C Mystris, J Sacks, L Sales **Front Row:** M Spavins, Mr K Fairweather, D Kleynhans, Mrs L Erwee, D Dedwith, Mr P Huntley, G Mwai, Mr J Fergusson

Pascoe

Written by Andrew Surgey

Housemaster: **Mr Peter Huntley**

Senior Tutor: **Mr Gavin Ross**

Tutors: **Mr Elmar de Klerk, Mr Keith Fairweather,**

Mr Jonathan Fergusson, Mr Peter Dennyson,

Mrs Louise Erwee

Head of House: **Andrew Surgey**

Prefects: **Devin Dedwith, Alexander Dummer, Daniel**

Kleynhans, Thierry Leclezio, Geoffrey Mwai

In early January, the Prefects went on a Prefect's camp and went about seeing what was going to be best for the House for the current year. We looked at our strengths and weaknesses and identified areas that needed improvement. We devised a mission statement and to what extent we achieved our goals will only be evident in a few years down the line.

"Pascoe is a House where commitment is standard and excellence is achieved through discipline, unity and the competitive edge. With a steady hand and determination the Prefect body of 2007 will eliminate any and all sub-standards thereby creating superior discipline and a happy environment. At the end of this year we wish

to leave the House with a reputation of being a head above the rest and be known for integrity and charisma."

On the cultural side, Pascoe boys continued to perform at top levels. One of the most notable achievers this year was Dustin Holohan; who achieved a national ranking of second in South Africa for Debating and Public Speaking. The Pascoe boys have been involved across the spectrum from doing work in the Oribi Reserve to SMILE, to the House's outreach programme at Hlanganani Prep where we helped paint and build classrooms.

Academically we have continued to do well with Menzi Ndlovu and Kwezi Sogoni from D Block who consistently achieved places in the top ten. Dustin Holohan and Daniel Holliday also achieved commendable positions in B Block. In A Block, Rhoan Potgieter, DJ Kleynhans and Matthew Spavins continued to perform and do well for the House.

In terms of Inter-House events, we did quite well winning the Junior Inter-House soccer. Although we got nothing for coming second, we achieved this in senior squash and soccer. In Inter-House athletics we came a hard-earned fourth. Jon-Paul Akal was awarded the silver medal in his age group. Ruan Combrinck won the U17 Victor Ludorum and numerous other prizes, and was the star of the

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Ruan Combrinck pushing Kwezi Sogoni



Pascoe Cops and Cacks at Midmar Dam

day. Unfortunately Peter Nortjé wasn't up to full strength having had a bad leg injury but was still able to participate in a few events and received a bronze medal in the U19 category. Our U17 relay team comprising Ruan Combrinck, Rhoan Potgieter, Calvin van der Riet and John Stathacopoulos did exceptionally well winning the 100m and 200m relay.

The Pascoe new boys of 2007 have been an exciting and, at times, amusing group to work with. They have had their ups and downs as we all do but they have come a long way. They have integrated themselves well into Pascoe as well as Michaelhouse. It is a talented year-group, and it has been a pleasure getting to know them. I trust we have given them a good foundation upon which to build a successful and enjoyable Michaelhouse career. I look forward to hearing of their progress in the years to come.

Provincial representatives include: Pieter Nortjé (KZN 7s rugby) Ruan Combrinck (KZN U18B rugby) Jonathan Short (Midlands U19B squash); Dustin Holohan (Midlands U18B soccer) Tom Gardiner (Midlands U16B hockey) Douglas Rattray and Roché van Tiddens (KZN Youth Choir)

As the year draws to a close, it is with great sadness that the 12 A Blockers leave Michaelhouse and Pascoe. We have been here for five years and it truly has flown by. I am sure they will look back on their times at Michaelhouse and Pascoe House with nostalgic memories. The A Block of 2007 are men of high calibre and high achievers, ranging from academic, cultural and sport. The one thing that we are all going to miss about this House is the amazing friendships we have built over the past five years. I wish you all the best of luck for next year and the years to come. I have great confidence in all members of Pascoe and I look forward to following your progress with interest.

To those staying, make use of all the opportunities afforded to you at this school, try everything and enjoy every moment you spend here. As each year goes by, this school truly grows on you and before you know it your time here will be drawing to a close.

Salvete: **Jon-Paul Akal, Henrik Alfredsen, Simone Carrara, Luke Cresswell, James Dalais, Thomas Lister-James, Angus Lowe, Matthew Markides, Costa Mystris, Magashe Ngoepe, Fabrice Noel, Murray Rait, Jonty Sacks, Luke Sales, Jason Stathacopoulos, Julian Wissing**

Valete: **Cameron Cresswell, Devin Dedwith, Alexander Dummer, Daniel Kleynhans, Thierry Leclezio, Bjorn Meehan, Tausif Manji, Joe Muchuri, Geoffrey Mwai, Pieter Nortjé, Rhoan Potgieter, Matthew Spavins, Andrew Surgey, Nicholas Surgey, Prasanthan Vandayar, John Wilkes**

Tatham

Written by Glen Dowie

Housemaster: **Mr Nick Cahill**

Senior Tutor: **Mr Sandile Khuluse**

Tutors: **Mr Graeme Calway, Mr Bernard Whitaker,**

Mr Mark Robertson, Mrs Hélène du Toit

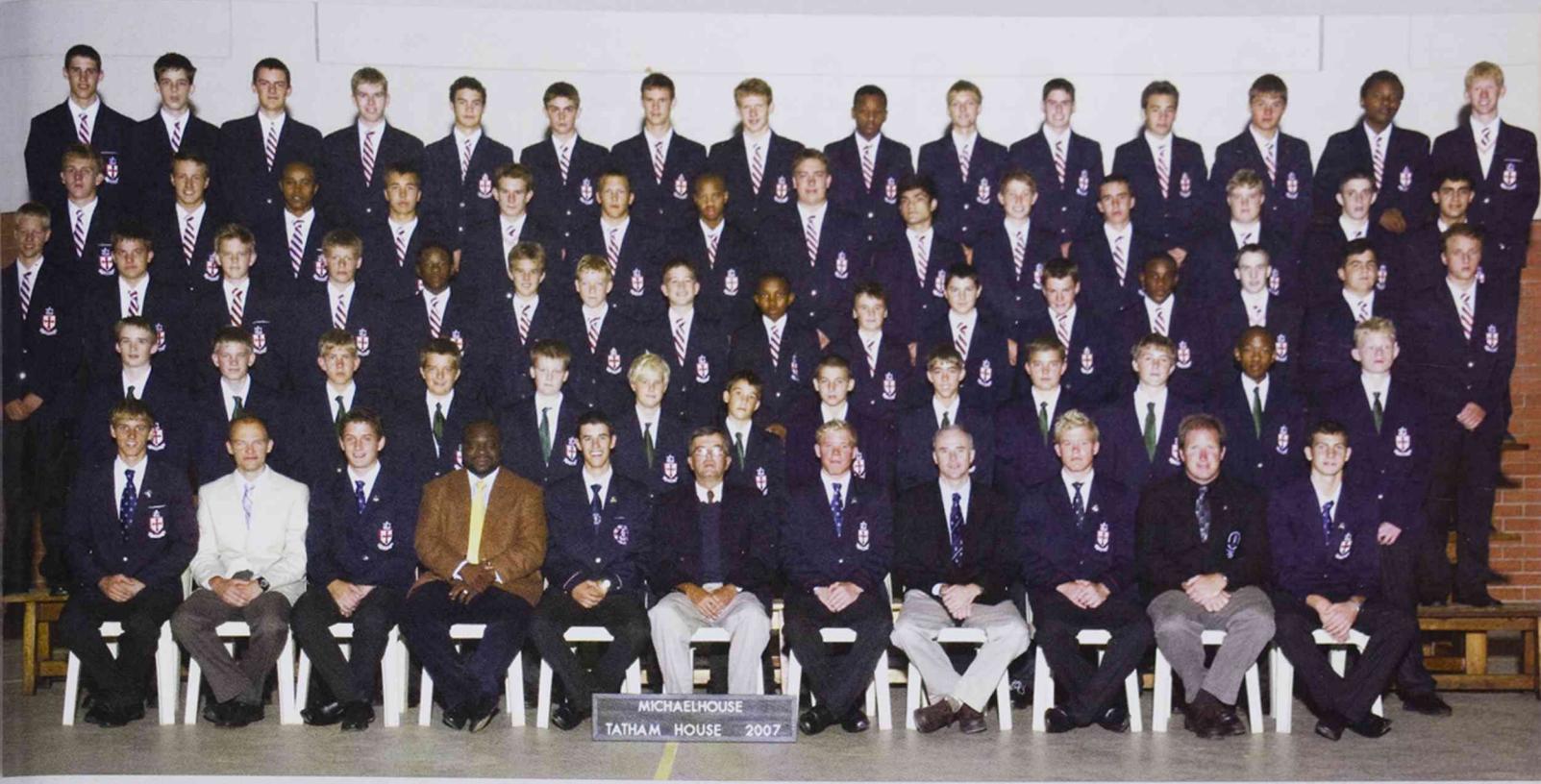
Head of House: **Glen Dowie**

Prefects: **Guy Cronjé, Ross Cronjé, Simon Dommett, Duncan Potts, Alexander Sully**

There are very few places that are able to leave such a positive impact on a boy. After spending five years within these walls we certainly do all leave changed people. There is a certain influence that boys exert on one another, and it is this expectation from the boys themselves that makes their time in this House so enjoyable. It is so important that a House provides far more than just one's academic and sporting aspirations, it also needs to inspire a sense of self-worth and trust among the boys within. Tatham is a place that has definitely done this, and through the guidance of Mr Cahill, the Tutors and Prefects I believe we encourage boys to strive.

Here is a quotation that has inspired me to achieve – I think that many Tatham boys live by it:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how



Tatham: Back Row: D Dowie, B Robinson, T Gilbert, M Gardiner, F Scott, J Thomas, C Allen, G Martin, W-S Chambulo, E Eiselen, S Thring, P Vrontamitis, A Kramer, M Gumede, C Griffin **Fourth Row:** D Zwemke, M Howard, A Khumalo, F Schutte, E Wiehe-Lagesse, A Butt, M Nhleko, G Mann, M Papadopoulos, M Dean, E Malan, R Richard, S Sharratt, S Christodoulou **Third Row:** S Gallie, J von Mollendorff, G Woollatt, K Schoerie, H Mudariki, R Holliday, A Renton, J Fisher, A Mncube, G Purbrick, K Renton, D Pearce, D Mabhena, W Thomas, G Christodoulou, L Pedlar **Second Row:** K Allen, R Southey, S Griffin, J Kurz, A Simmons, C Holliday, F Edwardes, A Jordaan, S Partridge, R Renton, A Houston, K Maroga, H Epsom **Front Row:** S Dommett, Mr M Robertson, D Potts, Mr S Khuluse, G Dowie, Mr N Cahill, G Cronjé, Mr G Calway, R Cronjé, Mr B Whitaker, A Sully

the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; because there is not effort without error and shortcomings; but who does actually strive to do the deed; who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotion, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement and who at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly. So that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat." — Theodore Roosevelt

The striving that each boy has been through, as well as the sweat and tears, is evident in the achievements and representatives that we have, yet it is not only the representatives that make up this House, each and every boy had his part to play and that is why we so often win participation events.

This year saw amazing results in rugby for the First XV team, and with Ross and Guy Cronjé, Angus Kramer and Awande Khumalo all representing the team from Tatham it comes as no surprise. Ross was selected for the SA Schools Academy team and Guy to play for the SA 7s side and both were awarded Honours for these achievements – we wish them well with their endeavour at the Natal



The victorious Tatham Pancake Racers: Awande Khumalo, Guy Cronjé, Patrick Howard, Pieter Pelser, Andrew Houston

Sharks Academy next year. David Woodham played for the U16A side; Hilton Mudariki captained the U15A side and was joined by Dumisane Mubhena and Patrick Howard. Sam Partridge and Harry Epsom played for the U14A side.

On the hockey field we had four representatives playing for the First team; Glen Dowie, David Zwemke, Dean Dowie and Jethro Thomas. These four players were fortunate to experience a great tour to the Far East and Australia. David and Glen represented the KZN U18A side and David gained selection for the SA U17A side as the Vice Captain.

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David was also selected for an SA U21 training camp. Dean and Jethro both played for the KZN U16A side and Ethan Malan played for the KZN U16B team. Kieran Allen and Peter Pelser were members of the MHS U16A side. In the U14 division Andrew Houston played for the KZN U14A side and also represented the MHS U14A side along with Steven Griffin and Jurgen Kurz.

In our new indoor centre we had Philip Vrontimitis, who was appointed 2008 captain for the up and coming basketball season, Francis Scott and Patrick Howard also played for the First team. Mpumi Nhleko played for the U15A side and Francis Edwardes played for the U14A team.

In the pool we had Nick Byrne playing for the First team water polo as well as representing the Natal U16B side, and for the MHS U15A side Storm Gallie, Kyle Schoerie and Erik Lagesse were all members. Harry Epsom enjoyed a season for the U14A side.

Alexander Sully was a member of the First swimming team and he was joined by Kyle Schoerie who represented his age group A team.

George Purbrick has had another successful Equestrian year and was rightfully awarded his place in the KZN show jumping team.

On the soccer field we were lead out by David Zwemke who captained the side; Philip Vrontimitis and Awande Khumalo were also members of the team. There were also members in the younger teams; Jethro Thomas was in the U15A side.

On the cricket field there were many notable achievements: David Zwemke was selected for the KZN U17 side and Hilton Mudariki was the Captain of the U15 Natal side. In the 1st XI, Guy was on great form with the bat and scored a couple of 50s and a century, Ross and David also played for the first team. David Woodham played for the U16A side, Hilton Mudariki was Captain of the U15A side and Sam Partridge played for the U14A side.

On the athletics track, we won the Inter-House cross-country competition and had individual success through the selection of Dumisane Mabhena and David Pearce's to the KZN Athletics Team.

Other outstanding achievements include Gregor Martin's selection for the SA Canoeing Team where he went to Germany to compete in an international event. Craig Griffin gained selection for the KZN U21 canoe polo team and Ethan Malan was selected for the KZN tennis team.

This has been a fantastic year for all involved and especially for our A Block as we have enjoyed so much time in this House. So to Mr Cahill and the rest of the Tutors, a huge thank you for all that you have done for us, all the extra time that you have invested to make our stay so much happier and enjoyable. You have always gone that extra distance to make sure that we will make the most of our

opportunities, your guidance has been invaluable and will not be forgotten.

Salvete: **Kieran Allen, Francis Edwardes, Harry Epsom, Stephen Griffin, Chester Holliday, Andrew Houston, Alexander Jordaan, Jurgen Kurz, Kopano Maroga, Sam Partridge, Robert Renton, Adam Simmons, Richard Southey**

Valete: **Andrew Butt, Guy Cronje, Ross Cronje, Simon Dommett, Glen Dowie, Erhard Eiselen, Matthew Gardiner, Tom Gilbert, Craig Griffin, Mbongeni Gumede, Angus Kramer, Michael Papadopoulos, Lee Pedlar, Duncan Potts, Ryan Richard, Alexander Sully**

West

Written by Xillen van Rooyen

Housemaster: **Mr George Ferreira**

Senior Tutor: **Mr Jaap van der Vegte**

Tutors: **Mr Ryno Combrinck, Mr Carl Pachonick,**

Mr Sibonelo Malinga

Head of House: **Xillen van Rooyen**

Prefects: **David Firth, Joel Janse van Rensburg, Richard Matthews, Grant Nel, Thomas Watkins**

As 2007 rapidly draws to a close and as we West A Blockers begin to reminisce about our last five years here at Michaelhouse, and more specifically in West, we find it evident that we have been privileged to experience true happiness, lasting friendships and a unique brotherhood – three simple things that we will never forget. West has certainly become a home away from home and it will be saddening to leave such a family behind as we embark on a new journey. At least we will have many precious memories.

The year started off positively and in good spirits. We were certain that our brand new Housemaster, Mnr Ferreira, would bring fresh ideas and innovation along with his authority. I quote a man by the name of Ralph Marston in saying that *“Excellence is not a skill. It is an attitude”*. As I reflect on the West achievements for the year I can safely say that we definitely strived to make excellence an attitude in the House.

Through Inter-House events this year we managed to display our competitiveness as a House by regularly coming in the top three places for various events. West achieved third place in the Maths Competition, second place in the Push Car Race and third place in the swimming gala. Our juniors showed what they are made of by coming first in tennis, second in squash, second in water polo and second in the soccer. As usual our seniors set a good example by coming first in the rugby as well as first in



West: 5th Row: F Gellelich, M Richardson, C van Zyl, L Karovsky, S Watt-Pringle, J Southwood, L Gumede, M Chance, S FarRow, G Brunskill, T Ning, S DRower-Copley, P Heaton Nicholls, J Winter **Fourth Row:** B Cox, P Smythe, M Griffin, M Massey, D McCarthy, Z Buthelezi, M Watson, C Lindsay, M Mosienyane, J Magor, M Hedges, E Greene, JD Chellan, N Southwood, M Butler, A Craib **Third Row:** JJ Chellan, M Janse van Rensburg, J Cabeleira, M Watkins, M Shave, W Johnston, A von Glehn, M Mwayi, O Oyewo, M FarRow, JC Taylor, R Mavhunga, J Veenstra, JBW Taylor, M Daly, T Kean, S Lang **Second Row:** M du Randt, P Hewat, B Kariithi, D Oti, K Lyle, R Mashego, B Bent, S Peel, L Harris, J Crouch, A Harkess, D Johnston **Seated:** R Matthews, Mr R Combrinck, J Janse van Rensburg, Mr J van der Vekte, X van Rooyen, Mr G Ferreira, D Firth, Mr S Malinga, T. Watkins, Mr C Pachonick, G Nel

the water polo. Our C Blockers must also be congratulated for achieving first place in the strenuous C Block hike.

Whilst reflecting on some notable individual achievements, I find it interesting to see how West boys excel in so many different areas at Michaelhouse. It is also a good indication of the dedication and effort that the boys put in to make certain activities their forte. The West realm contains some truly serious talent which must be mentioned.

The following guys all played 'A' team games for their respective age groups:

Basketball – Neil Mosienyane, Zakithi Bhutulezi, Simon Watt-Pringle, Mudiwa Mwayi, Ranga Mavhunga, Daniel Oti,

Cricket – Michael Watson (U15 v/c), Guy Brunskill, Thomas Kean,

Paul Heaton-Nicholls, J Magor, P Hewat, D Johnston

Hockey – P Heaton-Nicholls

Rugby – Andrew Craib, Joshua Chellan, Louis Karovsky, Cameron Lindsay, Michael du Randt, Drew Johnston

Soccer – Joshua Chellan, Daniel Oti

Squash – Stephen Peel

Water polo – Michael Daly, Matthew Shave, Alistair von Glehn, Michael Watkins, James Crouch, Luke Harris, Kieran Lyle

Many West boys also represented various first teams for Michaelhouse:

Basketball – Joel van Rensburg, Travis Ning, Shane Drower-Copley, Xillen van Rooyen (C)

Cricket – James Southwood

Soccer – Jared Chellan

Squash – Mark Massey, Paul Heaton-Nicholls, Joshua Chellan, Jared Chellan (C)

Tennis – Andrew Craib

Water polo – Louis Karovsky, Cameron Lindsay, Richard Matthews, James Winter, Thomas Watkins

Stripes (1st/2nd rugby):

First XV – Grant Nel, James Winter, Xillen van Rooyen, James Southwood

Second XV – Richard Matthews, David Firth, Michael Butler

“A man's country is not a certain area of land, of mountains, rivers, and woods, but it is a principle; and patriotism is loyalty to that principle.”

George William Curtis

Our canoeists had a tough start to the year competing in the Duzi Canoe Marathon. Cameron Lindsay, David Firth and Michael Chance all participated, with David having done extremely well to finish third U18. Nick Southwood and Cameron Lindsay also raced in the Fish River Canoe Marathon. Well done to Michael Chance for making the KZN canoe polo team, Dave Firth for being chosen for KZN U18 canoeing, and Ian Rennie for representing the SA Slalom team at the World Junior Olympics. Other provincial representatives include Mark Massey for the KZN U19B squash team, Josh Chellan for the Midlands U16 squash team, James Winter for the KZN U19B water polo team, Josh Magor in the KZN Invitational U16 cricket team, Michael Watkins for KZN diving where he was placed third at the SA diving champs, Brian Cox and Ed Green in the KZN U18 cycling team, and Xillen van Rooyen made the KZN U18 rugby team for Craven Week.

Lunga Gumedede must be commended for winning the U19 discus on Athletics Family Day. Xillen van Rooyen received the Most Valuable Player award for First basketball and the Shu Shedlock Award for First XV best team player. Sport Half-Colours were awarded to Michael Chance (canoeing) and Travis Ning (basketball). Sport Colours were claimed by Grant 'Ducky' Nel (rugby), James Winter (water polo), Xillen van Rooyen (basketball), James Southwood (cricket) and Jared Chellan (squash). Sport Honours were awarded to Davie Firth (canoeing), Ian Rennie (canoe slalom) and Xillen van Rooyen (rugby).

Paul Hewat, Kieran Lyle, Joshua Magor and Joshua Chellan managed to come in the top ten in their respective Blocks for academics at some stage during the year. In the English Olympiad, Andrew Craib received a bronze and Joshua Magor a silver certificate. Louis Karovsky, Mudiwa Mwai and Joshua Magor were awarded the Gabriel Massey Prize for orals in English. Patrick Smythe to achieved first place in a South African English Essay Competition, and Daniel McCarthy well to came twelfth in South African Schools for debating and public speaking competition. Joshua Magor was privileged to go on the EAPS Tour to the USA and he received the JL Sisson English Prize. Andrew Craib and Joshua Magor received Academic Half-Colours. On the stage we had Richard Matthews acting in 'Murder at Meadows Hall' and Mudiwa Mwai, Daniel Oti, Rati Mashego and Xillen van Rooyen were involved in the

"Stars Variety Show". Thomas Watkins, Simon Farrow and Kieran Lyle were in the Jazz Band and Joel van Rensburg was in the Christian Fellowship Band. Rati Mashego was chosen for the Pietermaritzburg Youth Choir. Travis Ning was awarded Cultural Half Colours, and Richard Matthews and Simon Farrow received Cultural Colours. The following must be congratulated for service awards: Philip Clay for the Lions River Conservation Prize; Michael Richardson and Michael Chance for Service Half Colours; Simon and Mark Farrow for Service Colours.

It is with great pride that I look back on how West has grown as a House this year, whether it be on the sports field, in the classroom, or on the stage. I would like to thank a few people who played integral parts in making 2007 so successful. Firstly I want to thank Florence Jali for keeping the House in an impeccable state for us, which I know is a huge task. I would like to thank all the House Tutors for the dedicated and hard work that they have put in, as well as the Prefects and A Block for being supportive. MnR Ferreira, thank you very much for your guidance during the last year and your much appreciated effort in making West the unofficial BEST house. Finally, to my fellow A Blockers – you have made the last five years the most awesome years of my life. I regard each one's character as unique and must thank you for making me laugh more often than not. I will never forget our time together or the countless pranks that we played on each other. I look forward to seeing you around in the future.

Remember, "Good, better, best; never let it rest till your good is better and your better is best". And so, from the 2007 A Blockers – adios West House.

Salvete: Bradley Bent, Philip Clay, James Crouch, Michael du Randt, Matthew Greenwood, Alyx Harkess, Luke Harris, Paul Hewat, Drew Johnston, Brian Karithi, Kieran Lyle, Rati Mashego, Daniel Oti, Stephen Peel

Valete: Michael Butler, Michael Chance, David Firth, Lunga Gumedede, Joel Janse van Rensburg, Micah Janse van Rensburg, Wesley Johnston, Mark Massey, Richard Matthews, Grant Nel, Iain Rennie, James Southwood, Xillen van Rooyen, Thomas Watkins, James Winter



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Old Boys' Annual General Meeting

Report by the Rector Guy Pearson Saturday 2 June 2007

Mr President and Old Boys of Michaelhouse

It gives me great pleasure to present my report to this meeting. At the outset let me say that the school is indebted to the support it receives from its Old Boys and in the last year it has been no different. I can also report on an extremely successful 2006/2007 year at Michaelhouse. If pupil numbers are anything to go by, then we can be extremely satisfied as the School opened with a record enrolment of 547 boys in January of this year.

At the same time we celebrated our superb academic results from the Class of 2006; certainly the best results achieved at Michaelhouse in the last 10 years. In a class of 90 boys, all passed with 86 boys who sat the University Exemption Course being successful. 27% of the class achieved A aggregates while 61% achieved A's or B's and a fantastic 91% achieved at least an A, B or C aggregate. In total the class achieved 137 subject distinctions, an average of 1.54 per boy.

“Every age has its pleasures, its style of wit, and its own ways.”

Nicolas Boiliau

The outstanding individual performance was by our Dux, Cullum Allen, who achieved eight distinctions and was placed in the Top 50 in the Independent Examinations Board final results. He was closely followed by the Proximé Accessit, Nathan Rafferty, with seven distinctions whilst David Francis achieved a full house of six distinctions. We are exceptionally pleased with this performance and look forward to a similar set of results from the Class of 2007.

At Michaelhouse we continue with the aim of educating the ‘whole person’. It is particularly pleasing to me that Universities and the world of work in general are placing greater emphasis on the all round achievements and involvement of boys in

admission to faculties and into the workplace. Not only is one's academic result important, but Universities are now looking at the broad involvement in academics, sport, cultural, leadership and community service endeavours. This is to be applauded and there is no doubt that this is one of the reasons why Michaelhouse students are so readily accepted into Universities, not only in South Africa, but abroad as well.

The school once again provided many opportunities for boys to be involved in the cultural programme through the Choir, Jazz Band and various Drama productions, most notably the very successful musical ‘Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat’ which was produced at the end of the third quarter of last year. This year the



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Prof. Hamish Drummond from Australia and Mr Murray Armstrong enjoying Old Boys' Day.



intriguing 'who dunnit' 'Murder at Meadows Hall' was produced in the Centenary Centre. The acting was of a high standard and drama continues to flourish at Michaelhouse.

One of the subjects that has progressed in leaps and bounds is Art. The Art Department, under the guidance of Ms Joy Preiss, has gone from strength to strength and many our boys' works were chosen for an Exhibition in the Tatham Art Gallery Matric Exhibition during the past year.

The year 2006 will not go down as one of our most successful years on the sports fields but there were some exceptional individual performances, most notably by the outstanding canoeist, Stephen Bird, who achieved double National Colours in Marathon and Sprint canoeing while Iain Rennie represented South Africa in Slalom canoeing. We have taken steps to improve the sporting performance of all our codes in 2007 and thus far we have performed exceptionally well across a wide range of sporting disciplines. The 'high performance' programme which we have introduced with the assistance of Old Boy, Tim Harkness has been very successful. Its aim is to change some of the values and attitudes which often prevail at high schools; it is not only aimed at improving sport performances but is a whole school programme which applies to every activity, including academics.

I am not only pleased for the results achieved by teams, but more important is the level of skill, commitment and style of play which the boys are producing.

The Chapel remains central to all that we do at Michaelhouse and we are extremely fortunate to have Canon Alan Smedley as our Chaplain. It is not only the importance of formal worship in the Chapel on Sunday's and Wednesdays, but the voluntary and informal involvement in Christian Fellowship, House bible studies and in the annual Confirmation Camp that indicate to me that the spiritual life of the school is alive and well. It is interesting that the majority of our pupil leadership over the pat few years have been boys who have a strong faith and are also the boys who are on the Christian Fellowship Committee.

The past few years have seen a number of capital projects being undertaken at the School and 2006 saw the completion of the major refurbishment of the dormitories. Although the boys were most inconvenienced during the building operations, it has turned out to be extremely worthwhile. There is not doubt that the mothers have a great deal to do in choice of which school their sons attend and it is important that the living areas are attractive and homely! Last year also saw the completion of the magnificent Inglis Indoor Centre, certainly one of the finest facilities of its kind in the country. This facility has been a fantastic boon to the School and one wonders how we ever did without it. There have been a number of other projects completed in the past 12 months; namely the Bell Tower as a Memorial to Rector Snell and which formalises the link between Michaelhouse and Peterhouse in Zimbabwe; the refurbishment of the Old Boys' Club, the proclamation of the Oribi Reserve on the hillside and the current renovation to the Art School.

The school is grateful to the donors who have made these projects possible. The ability to undertake capital projects of this nature are also due to the judicious financial management of the school by our Bursar and by the Board of Governors.

Michaelhouse is extremely fortunate to have the calibre of men and women who serve on our Board of Governors and our congratulations need to go to the current Chairman of the Board, Bruce Dunlop, and all the Governors for the time and effort and expertise which they contribute so willingly for the good of your Alma Mater.

In closing, I would like to thank the Old Boys for their support and especially the outgoing President, Mr Mark Perry, who has continued to make it an absolute pleasure for me in my association with the Old Boys Club. I would like to wish the incoming President, Mr Brett Davidson all the best as he takes office.

I want to leave the Old Boys with a message that the school is in good shape and well placed to continue to tackle the challenges which face us in the future.



Eastern Australia Old Boys' lunch: From left to right: Greg Bawden, Barry Edmundson, David Phipson, Derek McIntosh, Dermot Hatfield, Peter Keeble, Jeremy Burden, Derek McIntosh

Branch Reports 2007

Durban and Coast

Chairman: **Kevin O'Brien**

During 2007 we hosted our Sixth Annual Golf Day, sponsored by BOE Private Clients. This was held on 24 May 2007 at Durban Country Club, Beachwood. After last year's fantastic prizes and the great day enjoyed by all, this year's event was over subscribed. Another fantastic day was had by all. We will commence organising the 2008 event early next year.

In November, the Durban Branch was privileged to host John van der Ruit (of Spud fame) at a dinner which attracted 160 old boys, current parents and new parents. The evening was a tremendous success and the committee will be hard pressed to match the event in 2008.

During 2007, we said farewell to our Branch Chairman Owen Skae who had been an asset to the Branch and to the Central Committee. His dedication and attention to detail will be missed.

Thanks to the regular committee members, Patrick Baker, Stephen Boast, Brett Davidson, Ian Lambie, Kevin O'Brien, Anton Southwood and Siya Shelembe. Murray Nel, Roger Miller and Ngcebo Zungu have joined the local Branch Committee and we are delighted to have them on board.

Just as the School faces the challenges of re-inventing itself whilst maintaining its best traditions, so too do our local committees. The Durban Committee continues to have as its mission, the extension of the Michaelhouse community spirit in the Durban and Coast area and fundraising to support Old Boys sons, who might not otherwise have the opportunity to go to our great School.

I would like to thank all of those members of the Michaelhouse community who support our efforts and I would also like to

thank my Committee for all their hard work during the year.

Cape Town

Chairman: **Charles Phillips**

Our Annual Dinner was held on 17th August 2007 at "La Caveau" (previously known as Josephine's Mill) next to Newlands Rugby Stadium – a superb venue with wooden floors and ceilings and excellent cuisine. The evening was extremely successful and well supported with over eighty OM's in attendance (approx 25% were students). The Rector very kindly made the trip all the way down from Balgowan and brought us up to speed on Michaelhouse matters, likewise did OM President, Mark Perry on the Old Boys' Club. Proceeds from the evening's auction helped subsidise the loss from the reduced entrance fee for students.

Other planned functions such as the van Ryn Brandy Museum tour for Stellenbosch students, and whisky tasting in Constantia were postponed until next year.

In September, Evan Alexander left our Committee and moved to Johannesburg where his car was stolen within first the two weeks! Our remaining four hard core Committee members continue meet on the first Tuesday of each month at Foresters Arms in Newlands at 6pm.

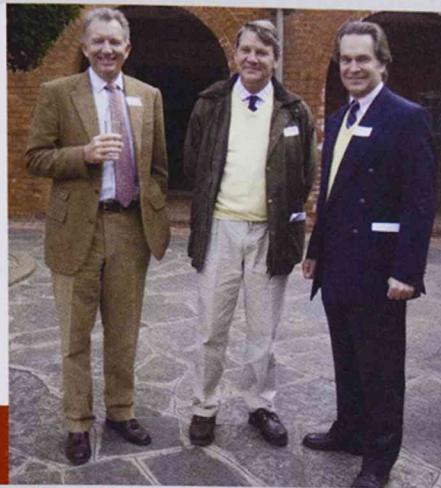
Our final event for the year was the Chairman's Lunch held on Friday 7 December 2007.

Gauteng

Chairman: **Halvor Rosholt**

The Gauteng Branch continues along its road reasonably successfully.

A very enjoyable, though rainy, golf day was held at the Killarney Golf Club in early October. As ever, a lot of work contributed to a fairly representative field of 56 players, less the



Mr James Fitzgerald, Mr Anthony Haggie and Mr Steve Dallamore enjoying Old Boys' Day

inevitable few no-shows, and including a few non-OM guests. The competition was finally decided in a count out over 12 holes as no-one finished, but all completed at least that 12.

My thanks to Simon and Justin Bothner for their efforts and supported by brother, Dominic who arranged some great Jack Daniels-related prizes for us. A welcome offer from OM Rob Brown to commit some funding and managerial resources to making next year's event more professional organisationally, will be enthusiastically followed up. All that remains is to improve our communications reach via a significantly more effective mailing list. It would be nice also to have representatives of the School and other Branches involved in 2008.

The issue of the mailing list and where it resides really needs to be addressed.

Otherwise, the year is over to all intents and purposes, and our activities with it. We plan to hold the annual dinner earlier in 2008 - probably February or March - and will communicate with the School in this regard.

Midlands

Chairman: **Philip Stanistreet**

Our Branch is pleased to be able to report that things are looking good. We have presently got seven boys with bursaries and for 2008 nearly all our boys will be receiving between 25 and 30% funding from the Weaner Scheme, besides what the School may be offering.

We have no applications that fit the criteria for a bursary from us for 2008 and as a result have been able to increase our contribution to present members without too much difficulty.

At present we have 61 head of cattle in the field falling in the Nottingham Road / Dargle areas. We were up to 98 head but some have been sold prior to the onset of winter. Thankfully

Mike Rennie of Swartberg has found homes for about 45 head over and above our present numbers.

Cattle are a numbers game, and to date we are running on about a 48% growth rate on money spent on cattle. I am extremely grateful to those Old Boys and friends that generously help our scheme. Besides cattle investments, our BET Funds and other investments continue to grow at a very healthy rate.

On the Social front, the Midlands Branch hosted a Michaelhouse/ Hilton Golf Day at Bosch Hoek on the 4 August 2007. We also had a successful cocktail party at Nottingham Road Hotel hosted by myself and Rector Guy Pearson.

Pietermaritzburg

Chairman: **Callum Smythe**

The Branch has not had an AGM this year and so strictly speaking no Chairman has been appointed. I have however agreed to take up the position until an AGM is held.

The Branch has not as far as I am aware held any functions during the course of 2007, other than the annual Hudson-Bennett Golf Day.

It is my immediate intention to arrange for more activities to recommence in 2008 with a cocktail party, in late January or early February. This was traditionally held to welcome new parents and for them to meet local Old Boys, but this time I will in addition see if the occasion can also be used as a belated AGM and to elect a Committee and Chairman.

I will also need to discuss with local Old Boys the suggestion that we combine our Branch with Midlands for functions, which seems to me an excellent idea.

Having negotiated these formalities, I would like to see some of the traditional Maritzburg branch activities resume, and in

Old Boys in Bahrain, Middle East. From left to right: James Houghton (2003 - 2004) Raymond Houghton ,Farfield (62-66), Matthew Rushton, West, (89-92) and Richard Dunning, Founders (58-61).

Michaelhouse Old Boys



Mr Myles Japhet



Old Boy Patrick Cilliers sharing a secret with aspirant Springboks.

particular the dinner with Hilton held before the rugby match.

Western Australia

Chairman: **Andrew Burnett**

Our annual dinner (with partners) was held at the John Wollaston Conference Centre in Perth on Friday 23rd February. In attendance were: Our Khehla, Jim Woods (Farfield 31-32) who must be one of our oldest living OM's, Bruce Acutt (West 61-64), Jonathan Adams (Baines 74-78) Brian Boyes (East 63-67) Charles Brooks (Pascoe 42-46) Andrew Burnett (East 61-65) Peter Colvin (Pascoe 74-78) Rhidian Dalrymple (Pascoe 60-64) Brian Downing (Tatham 54-58) Mark Grobicki (McKenzie 98-02) Bob Jenkins ((West 49-52) Guy Kirk (Tatham 60-63) Trevor Lewis (Tatham 75-78) Brynn Morgan (02-05) Chris Manger (02-05) Alex Norman (East 74-78) John Nelson (Pascoe 40-43) Chris Stevens (02-05) Bruce Were (Tatham 76-79) and Ken Whiting (West 63-66)

It was very good to have new young OM's Manger, Morgan and Stevens all of whom left the school in 2005. Chris Manger as the youngest OM had the honour of saying grace. Apologies were received from Robin Giles, Doug Sisson, Derek Pennington (who has moved to Tasmania), Andrew Grobicki, Mark Turner, Gordon Brown, David Brown, Dave Landmark, Richard Turner, Mark Sangmeister, Mike Burnett, Max Sully, James Shaw and Mark Antoniades.

Zululand

Chairman: **Malcolm Abrahams**

In October we held our annual Quadrangular Sports Day at Eshowe Country Club. Golf, bowls and cycling were the activities chosen this year. Michaelhouse brought back the shield

with sheer numbers and talent.

On 25 October we held our Regional AGM at Eshowe. We had a good turn out and enjoyed hearing the Rector's feedback on the very healthy state of the school.

Office Bearers for 2007 and 2008:

Chairman: **Malcolm Abraham**

Vice Chairman: **Richard Chennels**

Secretary: **Jono Chennels**

Regional Indunas : **Paul Larsen (Monzi)**

Chris James (Empangeni)

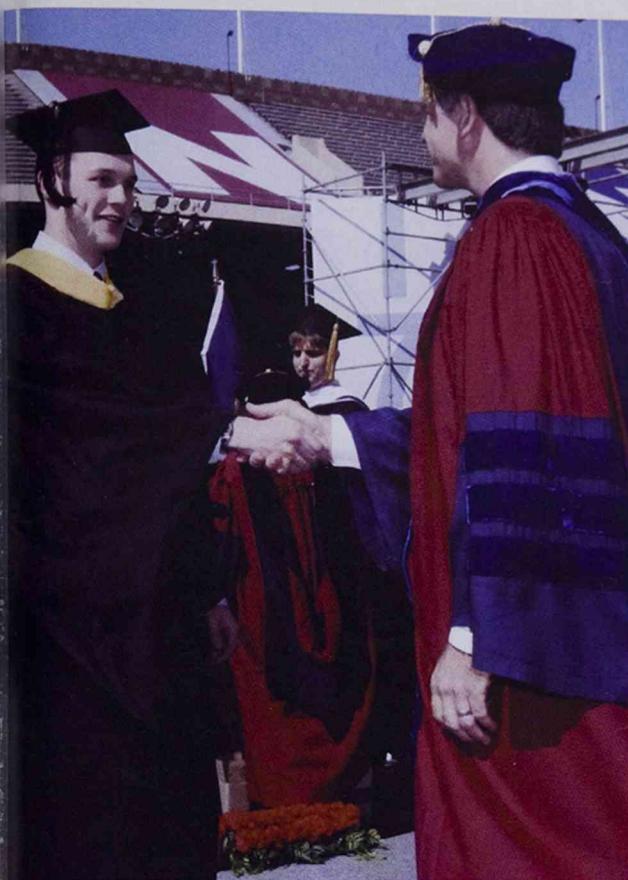
Lawrie Kramer (Ging/Mtunzini)

It is encouraging to see younger Old Boys like Richard Chennels and Paul Larsen happy to take up the short stabbing spear and put Zululand back on the map again.

Future activities include a sports day to be held in Kwambonambi toward the end of February 2008. Golf and tennis will be played.



Mr Ian Lambie, Mr Tony Hodgkinson and Mr Dave Tatz, Class of 1977



Greg Smithies graduated cum laude from the Wharton Business School.

Old Boys' News

Bowditch, Michael (75 – 79) – Studied Hotel Management in London and worked in 5 star hotels in the USA/ UK/France and Sun City. Thereafter worked in Sales and Marketing for International Brands, drink brands and importing cigars from Cuba into the UK. Moved to the south of France, Languedoc, in January 2006, where I work for myself in web design, wine importation and property renovations.

Cilliers, Patric (2004) – Represented the Sharks Rugby Team during 2007.

Crookes, Robert David (1971 – 1974)

Crookes, Ashley David (1997 – 2001)

Crookes, Charles Gerald (1999 – 2003)

I am married to Alvera and we have two boys Ashley David (97-2001) and Charles Gerald (99-2003) both Old Boys of Michaelhouse. Ashley has completed computer and photographic courses at the Pretoria Technikon and has been very active with the YMCA Christian Camps in the USA. Charles is doing his Bsc Human Biological Sciences at Stellenbosch and gets into Stellenbosch Hospital whenever he can as he has set his sights on Medicine. My wife Alvera and I have bred the Copperleigh Holstein Stud over 25 years. I

Mr Rex Pennington, Mrs Sarah Pennington, and Mr Steuart Pennington toast the opening of the Old Boys' Club.

was awarded the Pick 'n Pay and Landbou Weekblad Southern African Dairy Farmer of the Year Award for 2006. We were second in 2005. I was also Afri / MPO North Dairy Farmer of the Year for 2005. In 2003 I won the Gold Cup at the Royal Show in Pietermaritzburg with Copperleigh Rhero Wavespray 9922

Gray, Justin – Justin competed in the World Ironman Championships in Hawaii in October. He finished 40th in a time of 9 hours and 52 minutes.

Greaves, Adin (1954) – Adin won the Kudu Award and it was presented to him in May 2007. This award is an initiative that aims to reward stakeholders for their contributions and efforts in making South African National Parks the custodian of choice for protected areas. There are various categories and Adin was nominated in the category Corporate Contribution for Conservation. This award is given to organisations, companies or persons that have made significant contributions to conservation. Adin runs the Bontebok National Park.

Haysom, Fink (1969) – Appointed as Assistant to Secretary General for Political Affairs at the UN.

Higginson, Craig (1989) – Performed in the show, "Dream of



Michaelhouse Old Boys at their 50 year Reunion:

Mr L J Wilson, Mr D B Catheart, Mr M Irving, Mr B Smith, Mr P Inman, Mr N Armstrong, Mr R Oxley-Oxland, Mr P G Lorentz, Mr D Mitchell.

the Dog" at 2007 National Arts Festival, in Grahamstown,

Holliday, Mark (1974) – Was awarded the SA Aero Club's Pilot of the Year for 2007 at an awards ceremony in November 2007. He beat several recent World Champions to win one of 10 international gliding heats for the finals to be held in New Zealand in December 2007.

McLennan, Steuart (1960) – Joined the Cape Provincial Administration as Assistant Manager Architectural Professional Section in the Department of Public Works – Works Education in July 2006 in a contract post. He was later joined by John English (1944) in the Engineering Section of the same Department in January 2007, also in a contract post. John always wears his Old Boys Tie on Wednesdays and that is how they first met. They were both Tatham Boys.

Peacock-Edwards, Rick (1961) – Rick remains very active in aviation circles in the United Kingdom. In March 2008 he will take up a major and prestigious position when he becomes Master of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators. In addition to the many UK commitments that this responsibility will bring, Rick will also be visiting Branches of the Guild in Australia, New Zealand and Hong

Mr Mark Perry and Mr Murray Moxham (Chairman of Hilton Old Boys' Club). The Hilton Old Boys donated the clock to the new Michaelhouse Old Boys' Club.

Kong in Oct/Nov 08. He regularly visits South Africa to see his brothers John (60-63) and Mike (62-65)*.

Pennington, Steuart ('64 –'68) – Steuart received the Public Service Entrepreneur of the Year Award made by the African Heritage Society at a gala event held at the Sandton Sun during May 2007. They were 50 nominees for the award.

Porter, Nigel (1961) – Received the Order of the Holy Nativity – the highest possible award for a lay person in the Anglican Diocese of Kwazulu-Natal.

Smithies, Greg (2002) – At a colourful ceremony at the University of Pennsylvania on 13th May 2007, Greg Smithies graduated *cum laude* from the Wharton Business School with a Bachelor of Science in Economics, majoring in Finance, Operations and Information Management and minoring in Computer Science. (greg.smithies@gmail.com)

Zaloumis, Andrew (1980) – CEO of the Greater St Lucia Wetland

“ Time is a strange thing. It is a whimsical tyrant, which in every century has a different face for all that one says and does. ”

Goethe

Roll of Honour

Notification of the deaths of the following OMs were received in 2007:

Barrett	D.M.	1937 – 2006
Boyd	J.S.	1948 – 2006
Bradford	P.	1930 - 2007
Chaplin	S.S.T.	1940 – 2007
Chapman	G.R.	1922 – 2007
Cottrell	C.B.	1934 - 2007
Crawford	C.N.J.	1933 – 2005
Dawson	R.E.	1924 – 2005
Embleton	G.N.	1937 – 2006
Fieldgate	J.B.	1926 – 2006
Foster	J.G.	1927 – 2006
Forsdick	J.H.	1918 - 2005
Garland	I.F.	1925 - 2007
Harker	J.M.S.	1936 – 2007
Harvey	M.N.	1931 - 2007
Henderson	G.W.	1926 – 2006
Henderson	J.H.	1930 – 2006
Houghton	G.	1914 - 2007
Houghton	P.C.H.	1920 – 2007
Howard	W	1936 - 2006
Jessup	M.A.L.	1947 – 2006
Johnson	M.F.	1933 - 2006
Kerr	A	1919 – 2006
Lenz	C.J.	1926 - 2004
Lloyd	I.S.	1921 – 2006
Main	A.R.	1954 - 2007
Malcolmson	B.R.	1927 – 2005
Matthews	R.J.L.	1940 – 2006
Miller	H.W.	1925 – 2006
Moultrie	B.D.A.	1942 – 2007
Palmer	N.W.	1939 – 2006
Pemberton-Lowe	J.	1927 – 2006
Polack	E.	1930 – 2006
Quested	J.W.	1929 – 2006
Rabe	S.F.	1987 – 2007
Rattray	A.M.L.	1964 – 2006
Scogings	D.A.	1927 – 2006
Simons	J.J.F.	1940 – 2006
Sprackett	F.P.	1936 – 2006

Steere	B.J.	1928 – 2006
Storm	F.	1923 – 2006
Strachan	G.K.	1940 – 2007
Streek	I.B.C.	1947 – 2006
Turner	L.W.	1977 – 2006
Vowles	W.L.	1923 – 2007
Whiting	J.R.	1925 – 2007
Wright	D.C.	1927 – 2006



The Snell Memorial

“Now the word “statesman,” when it is not mere pomposity, connotes a man whose mind is elevated sufficiently above the conflict of contending parties to enable him to adopt a course of action which takes into account a greater number of interests in the perspective of a longer period of time.”

Walter Lippman

Obituaries

Barrett, David

Born 1937, Died 2006
(Michaelhouse 1951 – 1954)

We are sad to report the loss of David Barrett who died in London on 5 October 2006 after a short struggle with bowel cancer. David had lost his wife of 44 years, Barbara, to Motor Neurone Disease only a year previously.

Whilst at Michaelhouse David competed in many inter-school swimming and diving competitions, and he continued with his swimming training avidly throughout his life. At university he took up competitive judo and was the first person to attain a brown belt.

Upon graduating in chemical engineering from Natal University he took up a job with Shell UK. This was to be the start of an outstanding career with the company, initially in oil (manufacturing and supplies) and then in chemicals for which he held presidencies in South Africa, Japan, and latterly Brazil. He settled in the UK in 1989 with the position of head of development for Francophone Africa, the Middle East, Pakistan and India.

He took early retirement in 1994 and, typically, tackled his hobbies and pursuits with gusto. David and Barbara continued to travel widely, and enjoyed the arts scene in London with their sons.

One of David's proudest public achievements, years before the end of apartheid, was devising a programme to secure post matric places for 40 black students each year at all of the top private schools of South Africa, to enable them to attend University. This started in 1982 with substantial opposition from the government, and from some school parents, though none from MHS he was proud to note! At the time there was 1 “non-white” qualified chemical engineer in the whole of South Africa – a fact which appalled him. Dismayed by the apartheid regime, he left South Africa permanently in 1983.

David was highly regarded for his easygoing nature, love for his family, and quiet determination on matters of fairness. He had little patience for those who pulled rank. Despite his accomplished career, he said his proudest personal achievement was the tender way in which he took care of Barbara in her final months. Those who knew him would heartily concur.

He is survived by his 2 sons, their partners, and a granddaughter.

Written by his son, James Barrett



Above: John in his Michaelhouse rugby strip, 1965.

Boyd, John Stuart

Born 1948, Died 2006
(Michaelhouse 1962 - 1966)
Written by Claire Boyd

John Stuart Boyd died at home after a short illness on 3 March 2006. He is survived by his wife Claire and step-children Nicky and Steven.

We have been overwhelmed by messages of support from the many people whose lives he touched, including Michaelhouse old boys. John was always very proud of his Michaelhouse education (even of being ‘defrocked’ from head boy status for smoking). From UCT, he went on to enjoy a career that started with prospecting in Namibia and ended with his early retirement from Engen in 2004 after 32 years of service.

John died as he lived – with dignity, love and humour. We miss him every day, but know he is in a far better place now. We only hope they have a decent cricket and rugby team for him to support.

Bradford, Peter

Born 1930, Died September 2007
(Michaelhouse 1943 - 1947)

Written by Candice Bradford

A scholar, a team-mate, a sportsman, and a friend. Those at Michaelhouse would remember him along with his brother David Bradford for their schoolboy charms and pranks. Peter made an impression on everyone whether it be in business among farming communities or people at a general everyday life, he strived to deliver good service and dedication. In a personal capacity he made many colleagues and friends, both on a tennis court or bowling green, he cheered on his teammates, never failing to encourage them saying “Good shot!” even if they played a foul. He was always friendly, helpful & charming, courteous to all. His passion

for life and enthusiasm encouraged others. Strangers who had the fortune to meet him remember his warmth of spirit and total reverence for life! He led a good and wonderful life, all 77 years of it. On October 13 he would have been 78 Years, you had a wonderful innings dad and you served many an ace in life!

Of the things he loved most were good food, good wine, good company, a lover of the outdoors, his favourite thing was to hike to the highest mountain or cliff and give a yodel and wait for the echo. He enjoyed family holidays and picnics with children and grandchildren Sean, Andrew, Kimmy, Jordan, Michael, Rachel and Matthew. Loving and loyal husband to wife Shirley, they shared their home in Merrivale. Dedicated, loving father to their four children, Sharon - now in Canada, John in Johannesburg, Jenni in Winterskloof, Candice in Merrivale. He took time to encourage us to be the best we could, if we failed it didn't matter, He taught us the value of life, living it to our best, be ourselves. An exceptional person and an exceptional father, grandfather and husband! A brave, courageous man, even in sickness he was kind, thankful to all for their help. We feel extremely honoured to have shared 77 years of his life with him. Gone from our sight, never forgotten in our hearts.

Chaplin, Spencer Sydney Tunstal

Born February 1940 – February 2007

(Michaelhouse 1953 – 1956)

An excerpt from his memoirs:

Reminiscing on an ill spent, but very varied and for the most part, productive and enjoyable life!

I was born in Maseru, the capital town of what was then a British colony, Basutoland. My later received its independence from a very relieved British Crown under the name of Lesotho. His father worked for the Colonial service which, believe it or not, was considered a noble calling in those days before "colonial" became a dirty word. Colonial servants worth their salt seemed to travel the world, the British part of it anyway, building up their knowledge of the various colonies and peoples, until they achieved the height of their career and then retired. This being so we grew up living in all sorts of far-flung places: Bermuda, London, British Honduras (Belize) to name a few. It made for an interesting upbringing if a bit unsettled.

Salad days in Maseru

The 60's were great for me and my friends. We were young Gods in our small fish bowl. It's quite fun to be the most eligible bachelor in town! Actually, the whole country. How arrogant we were. We the young whites and the black people who actually owned the country hardly existed other than to make our lives more comfortable. Those were the days my friend.....

Dropping out

Tess and I, and others in our crowd often talked about dropping out and going sailing or something. Remember this was at the end of the Hippie age. The golden age of Aquarius. We were young and invincible and the world and all that was in it was ours! After one of these 'when we drop our sessions' Tess collared me and said words to the effect of 'either let's do it or for God's sake stop talking about it!' And with that challenge our lives and those of our family were never the same again. Broadly speaking the plan was to buy a yacht and a restaurant in a nice little cove and use that as our base whilst we had fun chartering our yacht to the rich and famous. Talk about arrogance! Or to be more accurate, pure stupidity. We blithely ignored the fact that none of us had ever sailed, run a restaurant or spoke a word of any foreign language. Afrikaans or Sesotho hardly qualified in helping live in a European country.

Chapman, Graham Roland

Born September 1922, Died 7 March 2007

(Michaelhouse 1936 - 1939)

Graham Chapman started his school life at the age of seven at Cordwalles and completed his high school years at Michaelhouse. His favourite academic recollection of those years was of the time he scored 100% for a Latin exam whilst his involvement in rugby remained his most satisfying memory of the sports field. After qualifying as an accountant in Durban, he trained as a pilot in the SAAF, based for much of the time in Port Alfred. Involved in several air-sea-rescue operations where his keen eyesight was a huge asset, he also became a well-respected bomber pilot trainer. For many years his stories of his flying escapades made entertaining listening, remembered well by two of his nephews:

'I could listen to your Dad for hours talking about his time in Rhodesia, in Iran, the States and in the UK; about his days at Port Alfred at bomber training school and of his near fatal spiral dive whilst training in cloud over Pretoria. He was a veritable goldmine of information on virtually every subject imaginable. What an incredible intellect. A most memorable man.'

Michael Manners, Australia. 'I always liked Graham's endless stories. He certainly was one of the memorable characters of my twenties and beyond! He had an unruffable quality that is so rare.'

Leigh Kealton, Australia

For 25 years Graham was the Chief Accountant at the then Amalgamated Packaging Industries in Mobern. He resigned from API in about 1969 and spent the remainder of his working career involved in personal investment management, occasionally accepting requests from well-known businesses to assist their accounts departments in time of trouble, with his thorough accounting methods and keen investigative eye.

He is sadly missed by his wife Mavis, three daughters Brenda,

Patricia and Lynda, and two sons-in-law Lindsay Brown and Alan Cookson.

Cottrell, Christopher Bosworth

Born September 1934, Died March 2007.
(Michaelhouse 1948 – 1951)

Written by Rick Cottrell

Kit Cottrell was born in Mongu, Northern Rhodesia. His parents had arrived there after a 32 day trek by barge up the Zambezi from Livingstone where they had just been married. The Cottrell and Acheson boys (also OM's) were the first white children born in Barotseland and were all given Lozi tribal names by the Barotse people.

Kit's father (also an OM) was an Education Officer in the Northern Rhodesian Government and had terms of duty in various places. He was also an ornithologist and had an instinctive understanding of nature. Not surprisingly Kit inherited these interests which he was able to develop during school holidays in the Northern Rhodesian bush and the Kafue Flats. One of his father's postings was to Mazabuka where Wilbur Smith's father farmed and some of the trips were with Wilbur.

It was at Michaelhouse that his interest in butterflies became more focused. His father had been a school friend of Ken Pennington. Kit went on a few field trips with KMP during school holidays. Over the years he collected a number of species which had not previously been discovered, the first at age 15. In later years he was able to revisit the Karkloof and found plenty to interest him, both birds and insects.

Kit obtained a first class matric and was a prefect in Founders. He won a scholarship to Natal University but changed to Rhodes after the first year to specialise in Entomology. Research became his passion and after obtaining his BSc in 1955 he carried on with post graduate research projects obtaining his MSc in 1957. He was awarded a research scholarship to Cambridge which culminated in a PhD at Queens College in 1960.

At that time, the new post graduate college, Churchill, had just been established at Cambridge and Kit was one of the founding academics after being awarded the Gulbenkian Research Fellowship. He has fond memories of participating in the selection of the wine collection being acquired by the new college which had to compete with its long established counterparts.

Despite his academic success in the UK, the call of Africa prevailed and he returned to the then Southern Rhodesia in 1961 with a view to putting something back into the continent. He carried out research in the Department of Zoology at the then University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. This evolved into his becoming the principal research officer for the Federal

Government's Agricultural Research Council for Central Africa at the then Gatooma, Cotton Research Station.

He returned to academic life in 1979 becoming Professor of Zoology in 1980 at the University, now known as the University of Zimbabwe. In a break from the academic world he accepted a contract with the Transvaal Museum in Pretoria as the Head Curator, Entomology. He returned to Harare in 1992 to head the Entomology department at the Kutsaga Research Station sponsored by the Zimbabwean tobacco industry.

Throughout his life he took every opportunity he could to get away into the bush where he pursued his interests in natural history especially butterflies. In all these activities he was supported by his wife Meriol, who he married in 1962. He had a habit of bringing his work home; there where often worm and ant farms taking up space in the garage and whole forests of plants on which insects could feed.

Events in Zimbabwe had an impact on his life firstly during the bush war and subsequently when his involvement with the tobacco industry became unsustainable. He left Zimbabwe in 2005 to settle in Bangor, North Wales, with his wife.

Kit was a renowned scientist and a well known Lepidopterist with a knack of imparting his knowledge from which so many benefited. He donated his important butterfly collection to the Zimbabwe National Museum at Bulawayo

He died in Bangor on 19 March 2007 after an illness which he bore with fortitude and courage.

He is survived by Meriol and their two sons, John and Noel (Chris)

Foster, John G

Born 1927, Died 2006
(Michaelhouse 1941-1944)

John arrived in West - then under K M Pennington - in 1941 with others from The Ridge and D L (Plumber) James from Pridwin. He was born at Cradock, his father, Sir Saxby having come from England to the Karoo to recover from gassing in the final stages of World War I. In the early 1930's the family moved to Johannesburg. John and I met at pre-prep school at the age of 5.

In 1941 World War 2 was into its second year with petrol rationing and many fathers away in the forces "up north" - but the clothing list for new boys still included - for Sundays - stiff starched collars and navy blue serge suits which we had grown out of by the end of the year.

“The reason for the sadness in this modern age and the men who live in it is that it looks for the truth in everything and finds it.”

Edmond and Jules de Goncourt

John's and Plumber's mothers had saved up their petrol coupons to drive down to Balgowan for the start of our first term and kindly offered me a lift. We stayed overnight at a

Nottingham Road guest farm and drove down to the school the next morning. A slight, fair-haired young man greeted us in the Quad. We asked to see the Rector. It was Fred Snell himself.

West had another Foster 'new boy' that year - a likeable young Afrikaans speaking graduate from Stellenbosch - D S Foster, our House Tutor - 'Frikkie Worster' (sometimes just "Ne?") - perhaps a clue to the otherwise mysterious process as to how, John, heir to a baronetcy, became "Wors" - a nickname he cheerfully retained through school and army days and, to some of his contemporaries, for the rest of his life.

With his ready smile John was a good all rounder, a talented musician - he played the cello - and racquets player. Even from those days he had an unaffected concern for the welfare of his fellows and he had to work hard for his matric - qualities which stood him in good stead in his later medical studies and practice as a physician. After two terms as a prefect in post matric and squash colours he joined up in the Artillery with several of us his contemporaries.

John enrolled for medicine at Wits University - an enlightened Principal, H R Raikes having waived for ex-servicemen the requirement of a first in matric, producing perhaps the best bunch of dedicated, well-rounded doctors in the medical school's history. John worked hard and qualified M B.B.Ch in 1951. He went on to Edinburgh where he passed the MRCP exams and returned to South Africa to work as a specialist physician at the Anglo American mines hospital at Welkom.

About this time he met Jean Watt, a radiographer and they were married in 1956 in Johannesburg - Plumber and I in attendance.

In 1963 John heard of an opening for a specialist physician at George. The prospects seemed promising and he decided to move there and start his own practice as a consultant in what was then a peaceful, friendly small town on this coastal plain between the Outeniquas and the sea. He polished up his Afrikaans - in which he soon achieved a most effective, if at times ungrammatical, fluency. It was not long before "Sir John" - to his

English and Afrikaans colleagues and patients alike - was kept as busy as he, if not his family, could wish.

John worked hard, as he had always done, at his practice and keeping up to date with his reading. He was dedicated to his profession, had an easy manner with patients and established himself as a diagnostician much in demand by colleagues and patients alike. He was an honorary consultant at the George Provincial Hospital and for many years made weekly visits to clinics in Knysna and Oudtshoorn.

Despite these commitments he reduced his golf handicap to nine and gained his private pilots licence. Above all he was a good family man, liked the quiet life and shunned large noisy social gatherings. All of this I discovered when, having lost contact with John for almost 30 years, my wife and I came to live in Knysna. We picked up again as if it had been yesterday. Plumber is about in these parts too, having retired to his historical riverside family cottage in Stillbaai.

Towards the end of last year the three of us and our wives met for lunch at Fancourt near George. About 10 days later John and Jean celebrated their golden wedding with a quiet family dinner in Wilderness. In the car, driving home, he was asked what he would like for his forthcoming 80th birthday. "Well I always wanted a Harley Davidson" he said - and quietly slipped away.

John is survived by his wife Jean, their son Greg and 3 daughters - Debbie, Caroline and Rosemary.

Forsdick, John Herbert

Born 27TH April 1918, Died 12TH October 2005
(Michaelhouse 1934-1937)

This Tribute has been jointly written by his son Charles and his grandson Edward

John Herbert Forsdick was born in Johannesburg on the 27 April 1918 and attended Michaelhouse from 1934-1937, died in Durban on the 12 October 2005. Beloved husband to Hope and loving father to two daughters, Prudence and Fiamma, and son Charles who attended Michaelhouse from 1963-1966 who, along with grandson Edward, also attended Michaelhouse from 1998 – 2002.

The School he so loved, Michaelhouse, he often would be heard

“A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature.”

Emerson

reminiscing of fond days in a far away youth, whilst gaining and learning the skills and values that would eventually become the qualities he will most be remembered for. He was an upstanding man of immense moral fibre, brave in the service of his Country during WWII, serving in the North African Theatre, strong and extremely courageous in his many attempts to escape Prisoner of War Camps whilst helping his fellow man during partisan warfare with Marshall Tito in Yugoslavia.

These codes he lived by, many learned at Michaelhouse, would later earn him the award of the prestigious Military Cross for courage and bravery.

A man of outstanding wit and charm, beloved by all those whose lives he touched.

A leader in the business field serving as Managing Director, and later Chairman of Forsdick Motors Limited, a publicly quoted Company, established by his founder Father Jack, and also as Managing Director of the McCarthy Group Limited – a job he carried out with great passion and vigour. Always opposed to injustice, he rewarded effort solely on merit. Colleagues in the Motor Trade will remember him for his fairness across all boundaries, including racial lines, in a time when inequality was entrenched in law.

Happily married to his wife Hope for sixty six years, he was always faithful, caring, loving, and upstanding. A quietly proud, dignified man, exhibited even in death.

A true Michaelhouse gentleman of which his School and family can be proud. He is sorely missed by his wife, daughters, son, five Grandchildren, and two Great-Grandchildren.

Garland, Ian Frederick

20 March 1925 - 3 August 2007

Ian Garland's interest in natural history was born in the pristine forests of Umhlanga, Meadowbank lagoon, and the woodlands around his childhood homes in Verulam and Mt. Edgecombe. Originally an interest in shooting (a 3m black mamba with his fathers elephant gun at the age of 10!) and fishing, this was quick to metamorphose into a passion for natural history.

At Cordwalles, gifted teacher, Gerald Pennington, nurtured Ian's interests. On his progress to Michaelhouse, he connected with people such as Hamish and GD Campbell, Simon Roberts, Patrick Niven, Ivan Gillatt and others who shared his interests. Under the guidance of Housemaster (West House) Ken Pennington, the well-known butterfly authority, and Rector Fred Snell, close contacts were made and he retained contact with them and their families long after school.

On leaving Michaelhouse, Ian joined the Royal Navy, which provided unique opportunities to bird watch from Trincomalee, Tobermory and Egypt. Ian finally arrived at Twinstreams farm in 1945. This pristine ecological backdrop, with two main streams confluencing through to a lagoon on the beach, was to provide the canvas for Ian's passion for nature.

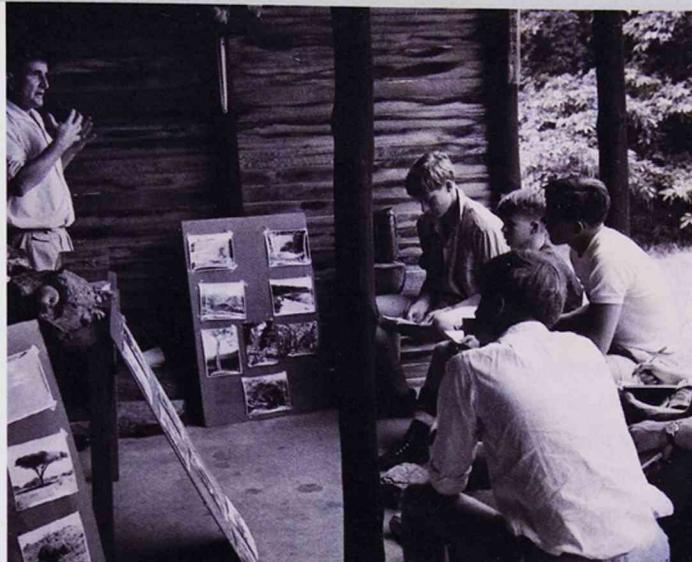
The Michaelhouse connection persisted in the establishment of “Mick's Park” at Twinstreams, named for Michael Pennington, another close school friend. It is from this environmental education base, which serves as a living demonstration of how nature can work, that thousands of people, and particularly children and teachers, have opened their eyes to the wonder of life around us. “Mick's Park” continues to thrive and flourish as a joint project of the Wildlife and Environmental Society of South Africa and Mondi Forests - a living legacy, and tribute to its founder.

Ian became a life member of the Natal Society for the Preservation of Wildlife in 1947 and was chairman of that pioneer society when it joined the National Society and became the Natal Branch in 1954. He later edited the monthly bulletin and wrote a natural history column for many years.

Most topically, in our present climate change crisis, Ian was amongst the first to recognize the importance of water, and the protection of wetlands and catchment areas. His “botanical engineering” with root systems of various riverine species, to clarify and restore agricultural damage to water resources, was to culminate in a huge restoration project on the Siyayi catchment. This involved transforming the environment along river banks by planting tens of thousands of trees that stand testament to one man's power to change things. Today, the birds continue to perpetuate the ecological results in the canopy forest network that can be seen along the stream edges from the highway as you head north up the coast to Mtunzini.

“A work of art is static; and its value and its weakness lie in being so: but the tuft of grass and the clouds above it belong to our own travelling brotherhood.”

Freya Stark



Above: Mr Ian Garland teaching on the granite dome rock at Ngoye Forest

Ian's most lasting legacy was his ability to inspire in others a passion for the natural world and the need to care for it. The baton has been passed to those of us who benefited from knowing this wonderful man. Most of all, he shared his knowledge generously, and he and his wife Jean's hospitality was legendary. He is survived by Jean and their five children - Bill, Francie, Peter, Ruth and Jilly and their families.

Ian Garland was much honoured in his lifetime, including: MSc University of Natal (1971), Wildlife Conservationist of the Year (1982), Sugar Association Gold Medal (1990), Botanical Society Flora Conservation Gold Medal (1990), Wildlife Society Gold Medal (1991), SA Nature Foundation (WWF) Gold Medal (1995), Honorary Doctorate of Science, University of Natal (1995), Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy, University of Zululand (1997), ST. MICHAELS AWARD

Ian Garland was proud to be an alumni of Michaelhouse, and his sons and grandsons have all been pupils at the school.

Harvey, Michael Norman

Born 21 February 1931, Died 23 August 2007
(Michaelhouse 1944 -1948)

Written by Brian Kramer

Michael was born in Gingindlovu during the depression. He



Above: Mr Ian Garland, mentor and friend Mr Jobe Mafuleka, eldest son and MHS alumni Mr Bill Garland.

attended Cordwalles before entering Tatham's in 1944. He soon made his mark on the sports fields and played for the 1st XV and 1st XI in 1947/48. He captained Tatham's to win the Rugby and Cricket House titles in 1948. In the 1948 Easter holiday, Rector Snell invited Michael and three other Matric boys, to ride on horseback to the foothills of Giants Castle. They were the first climbers in history to scale the Eastern face of the mountain.

He entered Cedara in 1949 for two years, and then became an overseer at Natal Estates for six years, when he married Maureen Stranack, before returning to farm in Gingindlovu. They produced five children. Michael became involved in Sugar politics,

He was elected to the Tongaat- Hulett Mills Group board for 30 years (more than half as Chairman). He became Chairman of the Grocane Fire Insurance Co-operative Board. He also served on the Council of the Natal Agricultural Union, and was elected Chairman of the NAU Co-operative Association. In 1966 he was elected to the Board of Coastal Farmers Co-op and became its longest serving Director for 26 years, nine of which as Chairman before retiring in 1992. Michael also excelled on the sports fields, Captaining South Africa Polo, in 1971, and as an accomplished pilot finishing second in the State President's Air Race in 1960.

He married Merle in 1979. However Life was not always easy for Michael, as he was on many occasions confronted with adversity

“ *Two things stand like stone; kindness in another's trouble and courage in your own* ”

Adam Gordon

which he accepted with great courage and in typical fashion faced head-on. The premature loss of his sister, Jill, (married to OM Kim Elgie). His sons Alistair and John and his son-in law Shane. His fortitude and resilience evidenced in his career were once again highlighted in the uncomplaining and positive manner in which he responded to his ailing health in recent years. Tony Ardington once remarked “If you were at war in a trench, with bullets flying around you, you would like to have Michael at your side. There was never any doubt to his courage and loyalty.”

Michael is survived by his wife Merle, and children Peter, Diana, Sandy, Vanessa and Gary.

Henderson, George William

Born 24th November 1926, Died 9th November 2006

(Michaelhouse Staff 1953-1964)

Written by Anne Taylor (eldest Grand-daughter)

George was born in Durban. He went to school at Highbury and Maritzburg College. Shortly after he matriculated he joined the Artillery. When he was demobilized, he went to study at Cape Town University. Later, he returned to Ceza (Zululand) to help his parents with the family business. In 1953 George became the Estate Manager at Michaelhouse. Even though George was later to work as a representative for the Old Mutual, he was always exceptionally proud of the role that he played at Michaelhouse.

As George grew up at Ceza, he was fluent in the Zulu language, which gave him an excellent rapport with the Zulu staff. George was responsible for the ground staff and the welfare of all their families. Projects which he often spoke of included the laying out of the athletics' track, building stage sets for the many Shakespearean plays and planting the avenue of pine oaks from the Station to the start of Warrior's Walk. He was responsible for keeping the School grounds and playing fields in tip top condition, built roads, prepared building sites, burnt firebreaks, ran the farm and bought cattle for the school butchery. He took considerable trouble to find the tallest goalposts for the rugby field. He was a member of the Nottingham Road Rifle Club and went to Bisley.

George married Shirley in 1954. They had three children, Wendy, Bridget and David. The Henderson family left Michaelhouse at the end of 1969. In 1973 George joined the Old Mutual and he continued to work there until 1994, when he retired to spend more

time with his family. His friendly nature and concern for other people enabled him to win many clients service awards.

George was heavily involved with his local community. Up until the time George was diagnosed with cancer, he was the Chairman of the Sybrand Park Civic Association and a committee member of the Old Mutual Pensioner's Committee. He also acted as a sideman at St. Thomas' Church in Rondebosch and was a member of the Mowbray Police Forum.

George died on the 9 November 2006, narrowly missing his 80th birthday. By all who knew him, he was thought of as a 'thorough gentleman' and by his family he will always be remembered for his generous nature and kind heartedness.

Houghton, George

Born 3rd December 1914, died 17th February 2007

(Michaelhouse 1928 – 1931)

Written by his son, Raymond Houghton (1962 – 1966)

George died on the 17 February 2007. He simply faded away from old age. He was 92 and must have been one of the oldest Old Boys at the time. We sent him on his way with his Michaelhouse Old Boys tie on and trust stethoscope around his neck, both of which were indelible parts of his life.

George was born in Alice, Cape Province on the 3 December 1914. His Irish father had a medical practice there but went back to the UK to help in the 1st World War. On returning in 1918, they were torpedoed in the Bay of Biscay. The Galway Castle sank, but George, his two sisters and his father were saved and eventually reunited. Sadly, their mother did not survive.

On returning to South Africa, he went to St Andrew Prep in Grahamstown and then onto to Highbury in Natal when his father moved to a medical practice in Malvern. George came to Michaelhouse in 1928 and was a foundation member of Farfield when it was a small house across the bogstream and some distance from the main school. He loved to tell us how they used to have to slog across to the main school in winter to get hot water. They had one of the early or perhaps only lawn tennis courts in South Africa. He enjoyed his sports and was a Prefect in Farfield. He made many good and lasting friends at Michaelhouse, some of whom he would meet again in later years in W W 2 and beyond.

He wrote matric at age 16 in December 1931 and in early 1932 found himself, at 17, bound for Scotland to attend the Edinburgh Infirmary (University) where he qualified as a medical doctor in 1937. He toured Europe in 1938 and saw the writing on the wall and a swastika festooned Germany. Returning to South Africa in 1939, he arrived in Cape Town as war was declared. He applied to join the SA Army but there was much political debate and confusion as to whose side SA should be on, so he got back on the ship as ship's doctor and ended up doing his basic military training at Aldershot near London and being drafted into the Royal Army Medical Corps.

It was naturally assumed that since he was from South Africa, that he would be fluent in all African languages, so he was posted to Nigeria for a while and then as a Major was sent to Burma where he commanded a Medical unit. It is often thought that medical men have an easy time in war. Not so, George had total involvement and was with the troops in the jungle against the Japs. He met Diana in Burma. She had arrived from the London blitz and was a nursing sister further up the Arakan coast of Burma. She was not keen on the huge black and green mambas that frequented the mango trees. As luck would have it, a Michaelhouse Old Boy, George Chater, was boss of a large RAF base and would fly George up the coast in a Harvard to visit. It was in the Arakan that he first used the new "miracle antibiotic" Penicillin.

They were married in St. Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, India on the 3 July 1945. They went back to the UK where he was demobbed with the rank of Lt. Col. And went back to Edinburgh where he specialized as a heart and chest physician.

Back in South Africa in 1947, he joined King George Vth hospital in Durban and became well known for his expertise and knowledge about heart and chest disease, specifically tuberculosis and lung cancer. He came to Michaelhouse in the mid-60's to talk to the School about the dangers of smoking. He was a well known consultant at Hospitals and Universities in Natal where he lectured and was recorded on a number of occasions including Malawi and in Brussels. In 1972 Edinburgh University honored him by making him a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (FRCP Ed.)

George spent most of the rest of his life living in Kloof with Diana and their four children, Elisabeth, Raymond (62-66), Peter (66 – 69) and Sheena and had 11 grandchildren, one of whom, James was in Farfield and left in 2004.

He loved Michaelhouse and enjoyed Old Boys Days and other major occasions. He stopped practicing as a physician at the age of 80 for health reasons. That's a good score and a good innings and he would always say to us 'hamba kahle chaps' when we were up to something. He was a wonderful father. So from Diana and the four of us, we say to him goodbye and HAMBA KAHLE old KEHLA!

Howard, William (Bill)

Born 9TH August 1936 – Died 4TH April 2006
(Michaelhouse 1950 - 1953)

Written by Peter Dauncey (Tatham 1949-1952)

After a long illness, Bill died peacefully in Canada on 4 April 2006, aged 69.

Bill was born in Luanshya, Northern Rhodesia on 9 August 1936 and spent his school years first at Ruzawi Prep in S.Rhodesia and then at Michaelhouse (Tatham House). On leaving school, Bill immediately embarked on a very successful and fulfilling career as a journalist, first with newspapers in England and then with the Natal Mercury, where his undoubted talent was soon rewarded with a swift climb up the ladder. At the time of his marriage to Helen, he was a very witty "Idler", and then took over a second column, "People I Meet", from the legendary Dennis Henshaw. His subsequent promotion to news editor apparently made him the youngest of that standing in South Africa at that time.

Bill's talents were sadly lost to the Mercury, then a family business, and to journalism generally, when he decided to adventure into the property world by joining Russell and Marriott. Again, promotion came quickly and it wasn't long before Bill was appointed to the Board of Directors of what later became the Russell, Marriott and Boyd Trust.

Bill and Helen were blessed with a son, Alan, (MHS OB), two daughters and eight grandchildren. Of these, Matthew attended Michaelhouse and Patrick is presently there on an academic scholarship. In 1993, Bill and Helen emigrated to British Columbia, Canada, to join family there. They started their own property management business but sadly had to close this down when Bill was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in October 2001.

I first knew Bill at Michaelhouse and there was then a thirty year gap before we were able to renew our friendship. All the wonderfully magnetic qualities my parents and I recognised in the young Bill had grown and multiplied over those thirty years - as, too, had his enviable skills with his hands. Who will forget that sea-going yacht in his Hillcrest back garden which he so lovingly built and equipped? A role model for all who knew him, a man of total integrity, high principle and humility, he was a very special man with the kindest and most generous heart imaginable. With all this, his caring nature, warmth, delightful wit and sense of fun made him excellent company. For those who still value the full worth and meaning of the word, Bill was a true gentleman from head to distant toe, and, too, a deeply committed Christian.

Who better to round off this tribute but Michael Cassidy, mutual friend, who so accurately sums up all that Bill was in such a moving way:

"As cacks we sang in the choir together and we went through the Old School as fellow travellers in those important and formative years. I always remember Bill as a delightful, sensitive, warmhearted, gracious and thoroughly friendly person. Even in those early years he had a depth and graciousness beyond many of his contemporaries. Thereafter we lost contact for a good many years while he did his studies and got going on his early career in South Africa while I did my training in UK and USA. But on my return to South Africa I met up with Bill in the early years of my ministry in African Enterprise and I was very delighted to discover that Bill himself had come into a deepened Christian commitment and was a very strong and convinced believer. In fact, so much so that he took initiatives wherever he could within his circle of influence in business and the professions to share his Christian faith or to create situations where that faith could be communicated by outside or visiting speakers. On a number of occasions I had the privilege of being one of these. I remember that Bill's Christian faith was not only focused into living the Christian life credibly and seeking to have it conveyed personally and meaningfully to others, but he had beyond that a deep social concern and longed to see Christian principles more thoroughly worded out at a societal level. Apartheid was an abomination to him and socio-political reform seemed to him to be the most logical and necessary outcome of a genuine personal faith. I remember him too as a warm and loving family man who proudly showed off his beautiful wife Helen and gave a fine example of Christian character and behaviour to his children. I was very sad to hear of his premature death and, with many others from his circle of friends both at school and in Natal would want to send loving and warm sympathy to Helen and the family. They must feel gratified to have had as husband and father such a very fine Christian Gentleman".

In remembering a very dear friend and in expressing my feelings of sympathy to his family, I can do no better than echo Michael's admirable words. Enjoy deserved rest in the Peace of your beloved Lord, Bill.

Johnson, Michael Farrar

Born July 1933, Died November 2006

(Michaelhouse 1947-1950)

*Written by his wife, Pat and close friend Alan Buchanan
(1947 – 1950)*

Mike was born on the 18 July 1933 in Durban, and grew up on a sugar farm near Nyoni in Zululand. He did his schooling at Amatikulu, Highbury and Michaelhouse.

'MF' was his nickname at school. 'Mike' took over after schooldays ended. Mike came to Michaelhouse from Highbury and entered West House under the housemastership of Bobby Woods in January 1947. He liked to stress that he 'went' to his school of choice unlike those who were 'sent' willy-nilly to lesser rival institutions. 'MF' was one of a large contingent of Zullanders, quite a close

knit band despite being scattered to sundry houses. We rode the Zululand Express in triumph, homewards or returning to start a new term, through the hot nights of grime from the smokestack while the train went at the pace of the ox, taking a whole night to reach Empangeni from Durban. Boys shouted farewells as they alighted to join their families in the dark at such stations as Inyoni, Fairbreeze, Umzimbete, the train finally chugging in to Emgangeni after daybreak. So we became friends, despite being in different Houses.

We were in the same age group, played rugby together, shared several classes and once a rare and precious tin of pilchards hungrily consumed – a classic example of Mike's generosity which proved to be an outstanding feature of his character throughout his life.

Before life began in earnest we shared interesting times working in England at the Simmons Brewery which was said to make the worst beer in England. Mike soon rose to the position of driver's mate and saw much of the countryside and several places of historical interest and stately homes from the comfort of the delivery vehicle, not sparing much sympathy for these fellow labourers lugging full crates inside the bleak brewery buildings.

After Michaelhouse he went to Cedara and in 1956 went to work as an agricultural extension officer for the British government in Swaziland. Mike spoke Zulu fluently, he was known as "Madevu", and was well suited to helping local Swazis to develop their farming skills. Initially he was based at Siteki before moving to Sihoya to start a government sugar farm. Mike was one of the pioneer sugar farmers in the North of Swaziland, and in 1965 he started his own cane farm near Mhlume where he spent most of his farming days until 1990. In the early 90's he moved to the Swartberg area of East Griqualand to farm cattle. He retired to Pietermaritzburg in 2001.

We met more frequently when we both had sons at Michaelhouse and when Mike was still farming at Swartberg, before his retirement to Pietermaritzburg.

Mike was a delightful character, a raconteur of distinction, a witty man, and quick witted. These traits together with his rare talent for friendship, his warmth, his kindness and his generosity made him a much loved friend to so many people. He kept living life to the end and even publishing a funny whimsy set in East Griqualand called 'The Haggis of Horton Hill' which displays his love of Scottish humour.

Mike died on the 29 November 2006. He will always be remembered for his good sense of humour and his generosity, as well as for being a well known Swaziland character. He is survived by his wife Pat, sons Rob and Mike and daughter Sheila.

Lenz, Christopher John

Born 16th November 1926 – Died 15th August 2004
(1940 – 1944 Michaelhouse)

Written by close friend, Ronald Howland.

Christopher John Lenz was born in Johannesburg on 16 November 1926. He attended St Johns School in Johannesburg and then to Michaelhouse in 1940. He was a magnificent sportsman – playing first team rugby and a great runner and swimmer. On the amusing side he once tackled me in a House Rugby tournament and fractured my left arm.

On leaving Michaelhouse, he attended Stellenbosch University where he graduated BSc in Physics and Geology, followed later by MSc in Geology. He subsequently worked in Swaziland and for the Anglo-American in Southern Rhodesia, and then in Northern Rhodesia. He then returned to Salisbury – now known as Harare.

He married Cathy Keet in 1950 and had two sons, Christopher George, who lives in Brisbane and Peter John who lives in Adelaide. Both sons went to Michaelhouse. In 1957 he developed Poliomyelitis. He was very restricted in his movements – eventually ending up in a wheelchair. He retired to Cape Town in 1981 and died on the 15th August 2004. A dear man who will be sorely missed. He never complained about his Polio disability. His wife Cathy was most loving and supportive throughout his life.

Main, Andrew Roy

Born February 1954, Died September 2007
(Michaelhouse 1968 - 1971)

Written by Charlie MacGillivray

.....better known to some as Andy, or Speedy

By whatever name you knew him, this multitude gathered here today to mourn his passing, though more importantly to celebrate his life, is testimony to what an incredible person Andy was, and to the indelible mark he left on each one of us, in so many different ways. Everyone of us here will have experienced and treasured something of - “Affable Andy” and the “Magic of Main”. You will forgive me if at times I appear flippant or even jocular; they are merely a mechanism in trying to deal with the sorrow, the disbelief and the sheer barbarity of Andy’s demise. Real men and cowboys don’t cry – well who wants to be a cowboy? We are all here to pay our last respects to a truly extraordinary father, friend, and colleague and in every way an exemplary individual who epitomised the true meaning of humanity and “ubuntu”.

Andy attended Cordwalles and then came here to Michaelhouse. He was a keen and talented sportsman with a good eye for the ball, an impressive turn of speed and he was always a popular “team player”.

He played in the 1st XV rugby team and 1st XI Cricket at both Cordwalles and Michaelhouse, and made his mark on every occasion. Andy was an organised if not entirely diligent pupil, but in common with a lot of us, academics were merely a necessary evil that served to pad-out the real purpose of being at school – significantly we seemed to languish in the same classes and were graded at the same level – I don’t recall the term gifted being given us in our stream, and a newly graduated maths teacher cut his teeth on the FFMM factor – Funston, Ferguson, Main and MacGillivray were all in his F stream and the only missing F was - EFFORT!! Suffice to say we were able to sufficiently torment Stuart and other teachers, all of whose dedication to our success exceeded our application to the power of 10. As a prefect in West with some of you here today, you will recall Andy was the tidiest of everyone and he was always well organised. He was a keen trout fisherman and loved flicking his fly into the water whilst barely interrupting his conversation. The many friendships that Andy kindled at school endured to the end, and Andy was particularly good at ensuring on-going contact - he never forgot a name, place or context.

He was truly a “people’s person” with an empathy for others and a genuine interest in their pursuits. Andy was comfortable in any company yet never projected himself for what or who he really was. I cannot think of any other person whose humility was only ever exceeded by his popularity. That in itself is an abiding testimony that sets Andy apart from most others. Andy’s remarkable capacity for friendship was one of his many hallmarks - it came so naturally to him. His ability to commune and mix with both the haughty and the humble, the rich and the poor, and significantly, he drew no distinction. Andy was an “all weather” friend and had a genuine interest, love and concern for everyone with whom he came in contact. “Manners maketh man” – a saying oft forgotten in this modern world of greed and gratification. Our dear friend was indeed a MAN by that credo, and all who knew him whether in business or socially, will testify to his courteous way and impeccable manners. He was a deliberate eater and would generally finish last – partly because he ate slowly but also because he remembered what he was taught, “don’t talk with your mouth full”. Andy was hard working (post school that is) and having graduated from Cedara, he remained an active old Cedarian and as was his way – he gave it his all.

Andy and Michelle toiled relentlessly together for nearly two decades on the farm Gilmore, growing, packing and marketing vegetables. As we all know, farming is not always kind or rewarding, nor for the faint hearted. Andy always strove to do the best he could for his family, he was though frustrated by climate, market conditions and all the other improbables that are an integral part of farming in general, and I think Vegetables in particular. Whilst determined to succeed, the past few years had taken their toll on the resolve of both who had together tried so hard to make things work.

I do not recall a single occasion when I heard Andy really speaking ill of someone. He would not say to others what he could not say to the individual concerned, and this typified his patient, open and generous interaction with people. As we pay our last respects to our dear friend we must not forget that what he stood for was noble, what he strove for laudable and the greatest legacy would be for each of us to some small way emulate something that was Andy. There was certainly enough goodness to go around and I know he would want us to celebrate his life by living it to the full.

Nicky and Kate, the richness of your memory will help heal the hurt, it should inspire you both in your lives ahead and I know anyone of us here today have an open door, a loving heart and are here for you at any time. You loved your father – we loved our friend.

Vowles, Wilfred Lawrence

Born 1923, Died January 2007

(Michaelhouse 1939 - 1941)

Written by Richard Vowles

A packed St. George's church in Knysna bore testimony to the fact that the old cricketer occupied an earthly crease to great effect, and that he occupied a special place in many, many peoples lives and minds. Neville Cardus wrote: "We remember not the scores and the results in after years; it is the men who remain in our minds, in our imagination."

Dad was born some 83 years ago. His father was a banker. In his senior years at school, it became obvious that he was sporting phenomenon in the making so he went to Michaelhouse on a scholarship. He was a School Prefect and House Captain of Tatham. He played for the 1st XV Rugby and played in the Natal Schools rugby trials. He obtained his Tennis colours and played Cricket for the 1st XI. In Athletics he came 2nd in the hurdles and 3rd in the 100 yards. Had they to have offered cycling, Dad would have been the one in the yellow jersey.

He left school in 1941 with a first class matric and went to study law at Rhodes University. He represented Rhodes University in almost every sport. He kept the team photos in the back of his cupboard. Thankfully, he was invariably the captain or vice captain and so sitting down: you didn't notice that he was short and bandy. Rather, he looked dashing, with his hair sporting a healthy layer of Vitalis Hair Cream. I think dad was grateful that he was bald by the time Vitalis was withdrawn from the market.

After obtaining his legal degree in 1943 he joined the South African Artillery. He was sent to the 6th South African Armoured Division in Italy and was initially posted to the reserve camp, not far from Monte Cassino, where he lived in a tent with seven others for four months, five of whom were contemporary Old Michaelhousians (David Atkinson, John Johnstone (deceased), David Geerds, John Rissik (killed in action) and Walter Strachan. In the latter years of Wilf's life all the surviving inmates of the tent, with their

respective wives, would meet annually at various venues in South Africa to reminisce.

After the war, he married my mum, Hilda Mary Codner. In their wedding photos they look like the perfect couple on the top of the cake. Having completed his articles, he left Bissets in Cape Town for Knysna, a decision he made with his heart. Dad and Knysna were well suited to one another. As a product of his generation, he built a life upon a set of values he had fought for, and these seemed so deeply engrained in him, that you seldom sensed any indecision in him. Life after the war was a photo album full of parties. Dad enjoyed his life immensely, like a man determined to do so. He was dedicated and honest, with an unswerving commitment to integrity. He was incisive and sharp, meticulous in his work as an attorney, and in his life. He carried this unusual burden with grace and style.

He played cricket, squash and golf. His love for sport was palpable. Before he left for golf on Saturdays, Dad would hand me my pocket money and then remind me to listen to BBC 1 so I could tell him all the results when he got back. To keep me interested, he would bet me 'double or quits' on the results of certain events. On one triumphant Saturday in 1970, I took ten cents off the man when Piggott won on Nijinsky, so he doubled it for the next Saturday and I became wealthy when Chelsea beat Leeds in the cup final at Old Trafford, seven days later. He was smart, in a funny way.

Dad wasn't a supporter. He was more a participant in the struggle. He was that kind of guy. He valued the contest far more than he did the outcome, as if fascinated by the idealism of glory. Inside of the adult was a child he let out on Saturdays, one that would delight in the heroics of competitive sport. He supported the underdog, and he abhorred celebrity. He couldn't see the point.

I often wondered why cricket held so special a place in his heart. Neville Cardus himself provided me the clue. In his posthumously published book on the Ashes, (it's a really good read) he says. "The laws of cricket tell of the English love of compromise between a particular freedom and a general orderliness, or legality."

You see, Dad lived according to his own, tough set of rules. He loved the game that best described the paradox between freedom and tradition, between easy and tough choices and between sportsmanship and one-upmanship. He placed far greater value in the approach than he did in the outcome. Dad kept his admirations strictly in check, mindful that life needed balance.

Dad valued community, and his life and work testify to a deep love and respect for his, borne out of a natural interest he held in the humanity of his fellow man. It had nothing at all to do with rank, position, status, celebrity or wealth. He simply valued people. He wasn't at all judgmental, except when he encountered dishonesty. He had little, if any, class consciousness and was as

convivial with his friends as he was with the gardeners, the maids and anyone he bumped into. Despite his acumen, he was the least materialistic person I know: Mum even bought his clothes for him, which is why he wore them so well.

His involvement in Round Table and in the founding and building two old -aged homes. The real measure lies in the qualities that he exemplified: loyalty, honesty, openness.

When his health deserted him so suddenly, you might have forgiven him for becoming introverted or even defeated, but he fought back tenaciously. The doctors gave him six months – it was five years before he died. His inner strength bought him the years, along with his discipline and physical energy. Throughout his struggle, he carried on expressing his quiet concern for his world in helping the old folk with their taxes and financial affairs right until his end: - he showed determination to run the full course.

Stripped of any pride in his physical abilities, we witnessed a softening, as if his Teflon coating had been rubbed away. He came into his own. The dormant child that we often glimpsed as children ourselves, and whom we spotted on Saturdays was evident in his delight each time we were together. Dad not only fought back, he engaged all the more, and he thrived.

The journey Dad walked took him beyond the limitations that life's circumstance imposes on most others. In this sense, his journey to wholeness had traveled its full course by the time he died. He found and experienced a fullness of life, expressing himself with astounding love in his relationship with my mum, challenging his emotional boundaries to fully connect with those he loved, facing his limitations with astonishing strength and grace.

Whiting, John R.

Born 1925, Died January 2007

(Michaelhouse 1939-1941)

John was born in Johannesburg in 1925, and attended The Ridge before following his elder brother Spencer to Michaelhouse. He was at the School at the beginning of the Snell era during the 2nd World War, and took all advantage of facilities available at that time.

He studied Commerce for 1 year at Rhodes University, but was then caught up in the war, and served in the South African Navy for three years in local waters. After the war, he studied Accountancy on a part time basis, and became a CA.

After serving articles with Hamilton & Pringle (today Ernst & Young), he embarked on a very successful business career with JH Isaacs & Co, the Property Realtors, and thereafter with Northern Trust Co, which is today Absa Trust. Thereafter he was

one of the founder members of Pangbourne Properties, which is today an extremely flourishing concern. John retired in 1995.

He was extremely community minded, and education was his particular interest. He served on the Board of the Ridge Preparatory School, and was for many years the Chairman of the Board of Roedean School for Girls in Johannesburg. He and Brian Law, ex Housemaster of Farfield, formed a formidable partnership that took that school from strength to strength. He was also a founder member of the Michaelhouse Trust, together with the likes of Mike Rosholt and the late Harry Twycross, and served as a trustee for many years.

After hours John was a keen gardener, fisherman and bowler – not necessarily in that order. Those were interests that were easy to take into retirement, and he remained active up until the time that his final illness took its toll.

He is survived by his wife, Karoline, and three children.

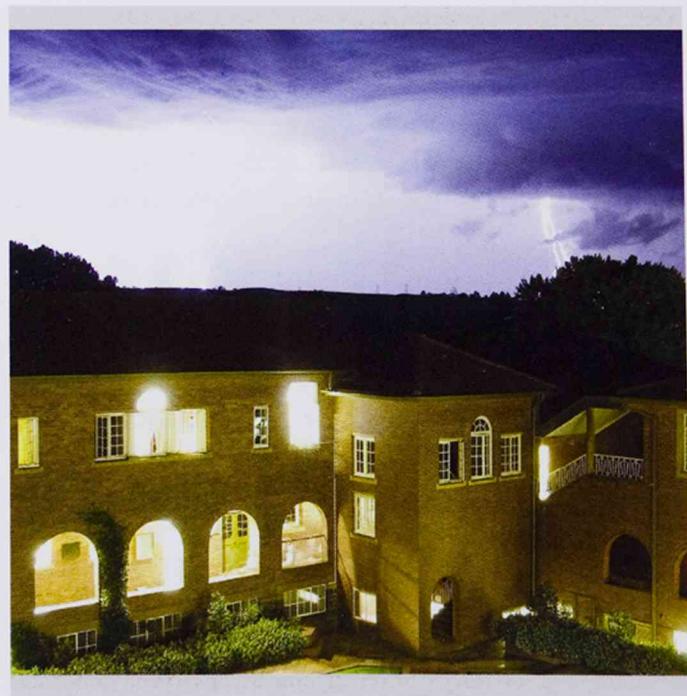
Erratum

Wallis

It was incorrectly reported in The Chronicle of 2006 that Mr Neil Heathcote Wallis passed away during 2006. Mr Neil Heathcote Wallis died tragically at Michaelhouse after being struck by lightning in 1982.

Mr David Lovell Wallis passed away on the 7 December 2005 and this was inadvertently omitted from the Roll of Honour in 2006.

We sincerely apologise to Mrs A Wallis, Mr Peter Wallis and Mr John Wallis for any distress this error might have caused.



“
*There's a highway of stars across the heavens
There's a whispering song of the wind in the grass
There's a rolling thunder across the savannah
A hope and a dream at the edge of the sky....*”

Johnny Cleg – Spirit of the Greatheart

Leavers' Dinner Speech

Address by Fr Don Aitchison

Reector, Mrs Pearson, Staff and Guests, Gentlemen of the Class of 2007:

I want to begin by thanking Mr Pearson for giving me this opportunity to address you in one of these formal events to mark the end of your careers as students at Michaelhouse.

Today I am approximately half way through my time in South Africa and I can tell you that it has been an important experience for me and one that I will surely reflect on often in the years to come. I am only sorry that by coming in the fourth quarter I missed out on getting to know the Matric class better as well as missing the thrill of watching Michaelhouse triumph over Hilton in rugby.

Knowing that this has been a year of triumphs for you, I wanted to say a few words to you this evening about keeping an even keel in the face of the occasional defeats and challenges that you will occasionally face as you move on from this place.

I'd like to start by quoting from a report received by the New York Times 108 years ago today, November 16, 1899.

Father Don went on to quote extensively about Churchill's capture and escapades in South Africa, and later as a world statesman, and he concluded with Churchill's words from 1941 when he returned to his old school, Harrow, to address the student body:

“You cannot tell from appearances how things will go. Sometimes imagination makes things out far worse than they are; yet without imagination not much can be done. Those people who are imaginative see many more dangers than perhaps exist; certainly many more than will happen; but then they must also pray to be given that extra courage to carry this far-reaching imagination. But for everyone, surely, what we have gone through in this period - I am addressing myself to the School - surely from this period of ten months this is the lesson: never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never-in nothing, great or small, large or petty - never give in except to convictions of

honour and good sense. Never yield to force; never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy.”

Father Don concluded with his own words:

I think we can draw a few lessons from his life as you prepare to leave this stage of your education and move on to the next one.

1. You must never allow your education to be directed simply by the syllabus of the institution you are attending. It may play a big part in the focusing of your energies — but always read beyond the syllabus — stay up to date with current affairs — think critically. Follow your passions. Get experience.

2. Be ambitious. Churchill had very big dreams — much grander than anyone initially gave him odds of achieving, but he dreamed big and he never gave in. Every failure of his life only emboldened him and gave him wisdom for dealing with the next situation and the next success. You must dream big dreams.

3. Churchill's dreams may have been self-centred, but they were never selfish. He took responsibility for his life — but he imagined for himself a life of public service. The quality of the society we live in is a reflection of the quality of the men and women who put themselves forward to lead society. Churchill became a great individual BECAUSE he devoted himself to serving the greater good. Those who chase personal security and success at the expense of society undermine the only foundation that can give them what they want. “Seek first the kingdom of God and everything else will fall into place.”

4. Finally, honour the past and those who have sacrificed for you by giving back and: you will have a chance to bring great honour to your self, your family, your school and your country. We live in an age that does not value honour — but schools like yours and mine continue to hold fast to those old values. And we live in a world that has never needed honourable men more. I hope that in the years to come, I will hear again the names of the Class of 2007 in connection with great adventures of all kinds and that all success will be yours. Never give in.



Rector Guy Pearson presents the Nick Crowe Award for Good Fellowship to Tom Hodgson.



Alexander Sully signs the Leavers' Book

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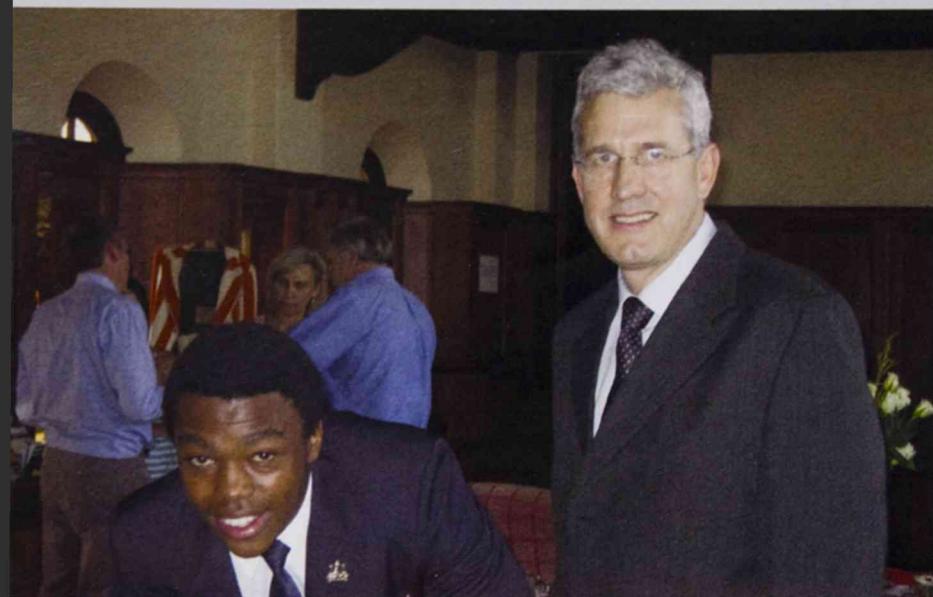
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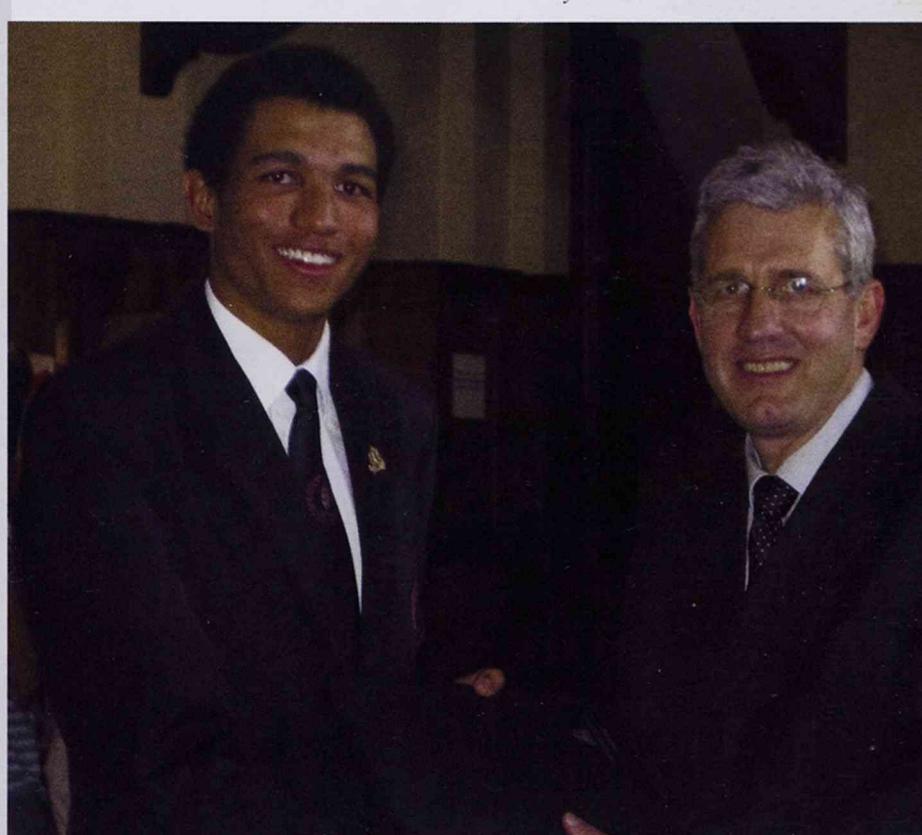
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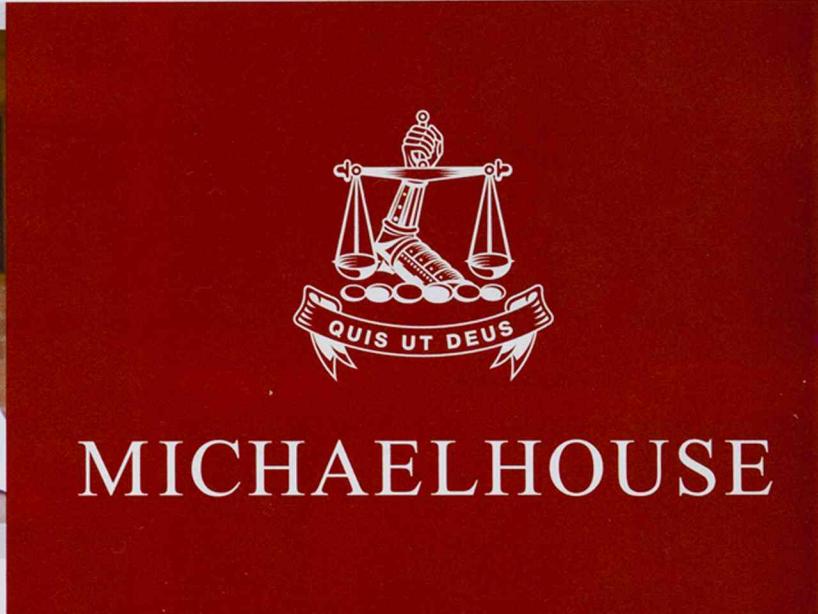
Simon Dougall on his last day



Guy and Ross Cronje



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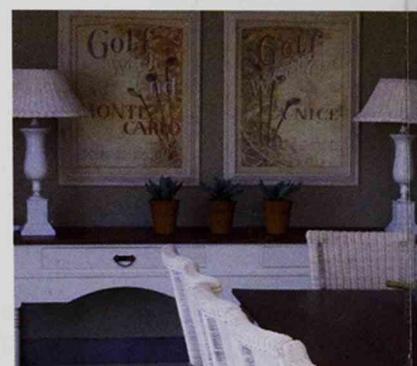


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