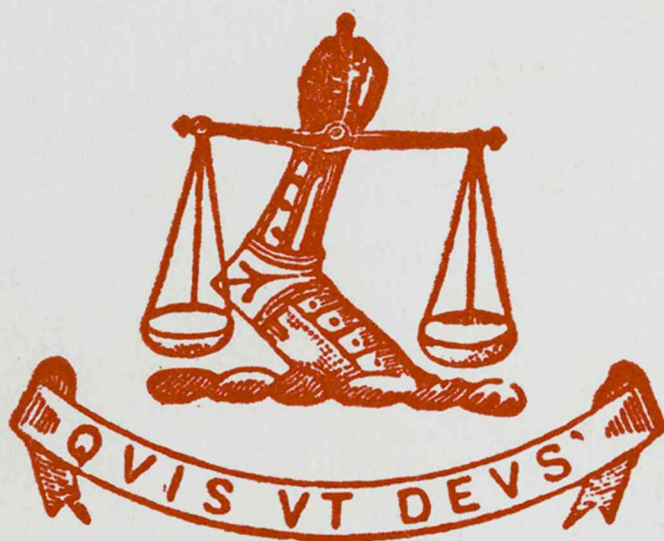


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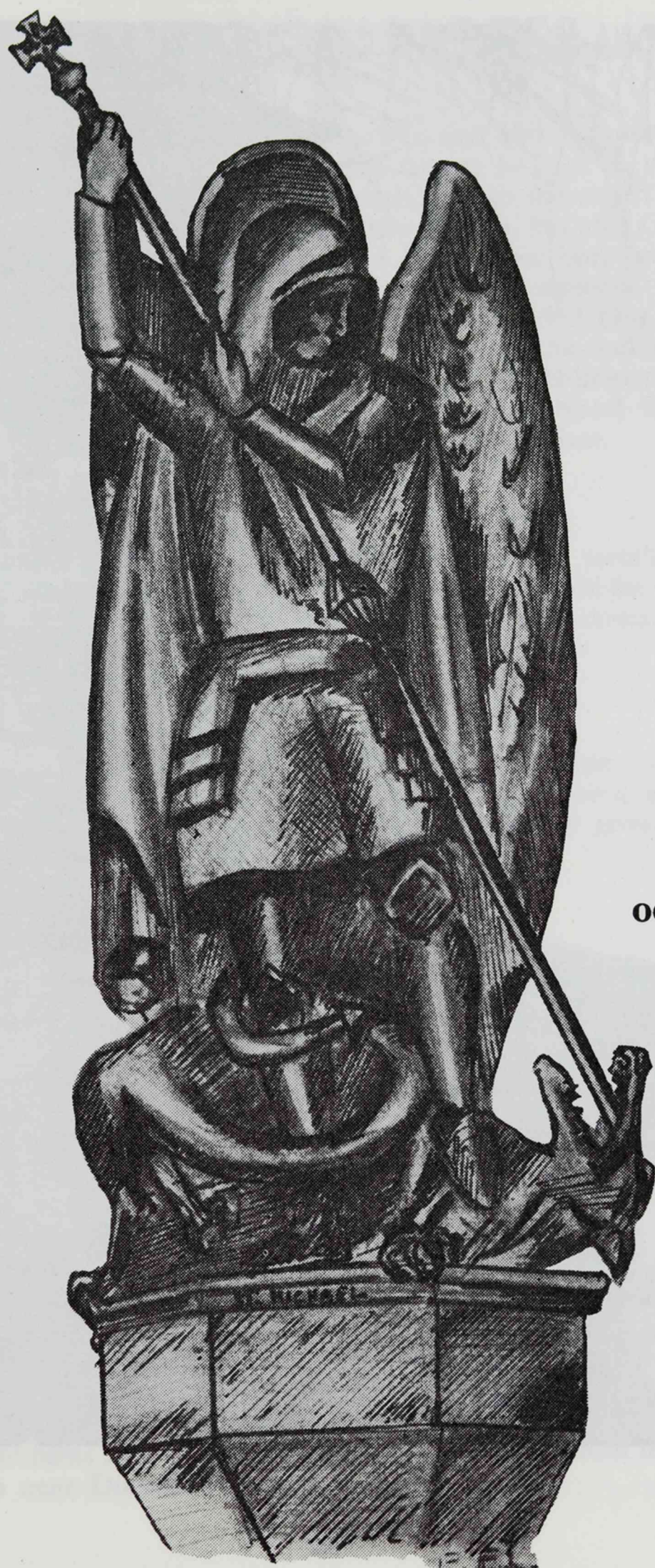
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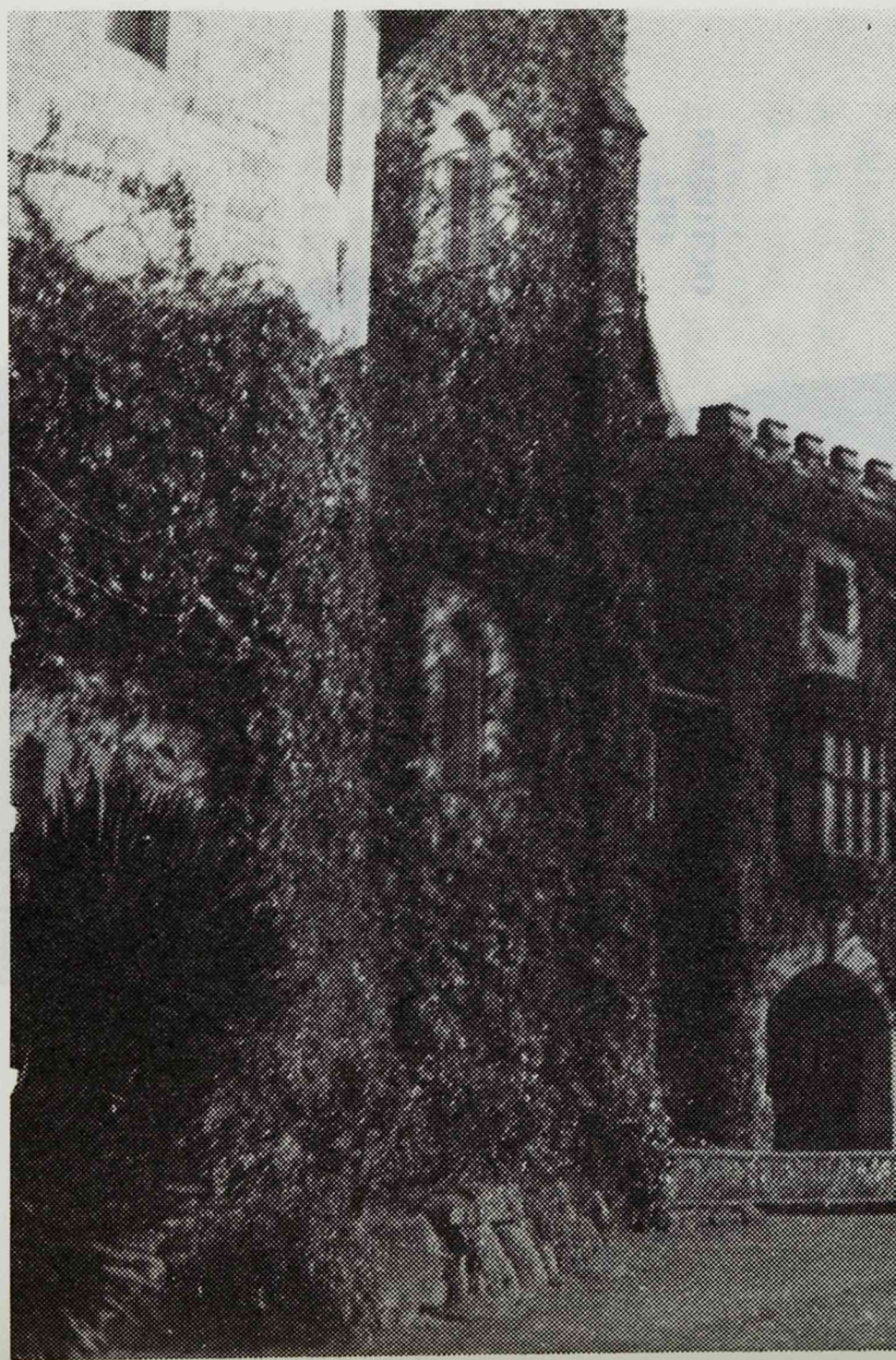




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SCHOOL NOTES

We were sorry to say good-bye to **Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crossley** at the end of the Second Quarter. The former had for $2\frac{1}{2}$ years been Housemaster of East, had devoted much time to the expert coaching of Games and was a teacher of primarily English, but also Geography and Afrikaans. The latter had for just over a year been head of the Maths Department, was the organiser of several societies, took and organised Hockey, and was the producer of our 1972 play, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. In the former's place on the staff we extend a warm welcome to **Mr. M. E. Crampton**, an Old Hiltonian who has been teaching in England since he graduated at Natal University. **Mr. D. B. Miles** has taken over as Housemaster of East.

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Mrs. Campbell has been enjoying a well-earned term's leave in the Third Quarter. We have been glad to welcome back an old friend in **Mrs. Noel Lister**, who has taken over as Rector's Secretary for the duration of Mrs. Campbell's absence.

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The Main Quad has taken on a new look this year, the brown woodwork having all been repainted green. This green and white motif, which extends even to the refuse bins, certainly gives the quad a more attractive appearance.

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Speech Day was held in the Open Air Theatre on Saturday, 2nd September. Our guest speaker was **Mr. D. F. Abernethy**, Headmaster of Pretoria Boys' High School, who delighted the assembled company with his speech. We were also delighted to welcome the band of Mansfield High School, Durban, who not only accompanied the C Block for their display of P.T. and marching, but put on a highly polished display of their own.

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In addition to our annual exchange with Port Natal Hoër Skool, we have recently had an exchange with Vryheid H.S., 12 of their Afrikaans-speaking boys spending a week here while 12 of our boys spent a week, which they greatly enjoyed, at Vryheid. Two of our Sixth Formers have recently spent a week at Waterford, the multi-racial private school in Swaziland, and during the past term the Sixth Form were hosts to a party from Menzi High School from the Umlazi Township near Durban.

We said good-bye during August to Sister **Avril Hornsby**, who, after a year, has left to take up a senior position at Trinity College, Glenalmond, in her native Scotland. In her place we welcome Sister **Marjorie Cooper**. We are also sorry to bid farewell to **Crawford Currie**, who has been filling the time between his leaving school and starting at Oxford University by helping out with some teaching of Maths and Science. During his few months here he has made a host of friends who give him their best wishes for his time at Oxford.

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The Michaelhouse Development Foundation topped its target of R900 000 within three months of the launching of the campaign. The sum contributed or promised now exceeds R1 million. More details of the campaign and the part played by the boys who are at present in the school are to be found elsewhere in this issue.

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Dramatic productions this year have been the Dramatic Society's "A Midsummer Night's Dream", produced by **Mrs. Pat Crossley** in the Open Air Theatre, the VIth Form's "The Fire Raisers", produced by **Anthony Shaw**, and the Choral Society's "Oklahoma", produced by **Mrs. June Hennessy**.

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Various holiday tours have taken place since our last issue; in the April holidays the Rugby and Hockey teams went to the Cape and Johannesburg respectively, whilst in the July holidays, **Mr. Leggatt** took a party to Angola, **Mr. Moon** a party to the Okavango Swamps and **Mr. Law** took the Sixth Form on their annual tour to Johannesburg and Durban.

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The Rector will be on leave during the Fourth Quarter. During his absence the Senior Master, **Mr. R. Gathorne**, will be Acting Rector and **Mr. R. L. Ibbotson** will be acting as Senior Master.

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As usual many boys have distinguished themselves at various games. Our congratulations go first of all to **P. E. Kumleben** and **P. C. Dean**, who have played hockey for South African Schools, the former for the second year. And we congratulate the following who have represented Natal Schools: **S. J. Blanckenberg**, **N. C. Grice** and **T. E. Schafer** (Hockey), **W. I. C. Morgans** (Rugby), **N. J. Youngleson** and **J. D. G. Wallace** (Gymnastics), **M. R. E. Cartwright** (Golf) and **N. M. Inglelew**, **N. P. Tucker** and **J. C. Rowe-Williams** (Squash Rackets). Finally we congratulate **P. M. King**, who ran with distinction in the South African Junior Cross-Country Championships.

SPEECH DAY

The Rector spoke as follows:

Two years ago today I held out high hopes that the particular audience before me would be the last to sit and fry, fanning away, as I made my address. Work has already started, I said, on building a new open-air theatre on the cool shady side of the School. 'Rome was not built in a day' I warned — what an obvious and silly thing to say — of course it must have taken years, but the new theatre of Domus Michaelis, well, I am sure that would not take so long. Yet here you all are, a whole two years later, not screwing up your faces into the sun this time, but still straining to hear the speeches above the sirens of the S.A.R. I would have been sorry for you, but *we* at least would have been more comfortably placed. Gum trees grow apace, but the concrete mixers of Service-projects grind slowly!

Though the elements might persuade you otherwise, Michaelhouse clearly extends a very warm welcome to you and your wife, Mr. Abernethy, and particularly so because in an educational climate which today often chills us to the core as we see a growing control and centralisation of education concentrating in Pretoria, you as Headmaster of a school right on the spot, so to speak, within the city walls, stand out, if I may say so, sir, as a man whose philosophy of education *challenges* the stifling stranglehold of centralisation and uniformity, and as one who champions the inalienable right of parents to choose an education for their sons to become whole men through a liberal and enlightened and expansive approach during their formative years at school.

Mr. Abernethy has been at the helm of his great school, Pretoria Boys' High, for sixteen years, having had nine years as an Inspector of schools in the Transvaal before that, and seventeen years at King Edwards' School in Johannesburg before that. And throughout this time he has recognised that every pupil is a particular person, with a special part to play, someone who belongs to his school and his society but breathes as an individual. He is shortly to retire from a life-long service to secondary education, a service which has earned him a deep respect and affection among all who have passed through his hands and in the one evening he has spent with us — last night — I can well see why. His Valedictory address to each year's leavers and their parents has become a highlight in the life of his school. So we are happy and fortunate to have you give away prizes on this occasion and we look forward to your address very much.

In looking back over the past year, I feel pride of place in my report must go to the outstanding success of the Michaelhouse Development Foundation, and I would salute before you all those men who by their concern, and their energy, by their generosity and sacrifice, have pledged over R1 000 000 to Michaelhouse in the course

of the next five years to ensure that it is not hampered by inadequate facilities in its purpose to turn out young South Africans who have in them the makings of whole men and who will, by their individual and respective contributions, work towards the welfare of our whole society. Some of these men (*and* women, I may say, for *their* contribution has been no less substantial) have been intimately and closely involved in the intensive phase of the campaign during the past few months, some have made major contributions in the earlier planning and preparatory stages, while for many others the years *ahead* will have to be carefully planned in order to meet commitments made. The four key men, Mr. Rosholt as National Chairman, Mr. Grice, Mr. Charles Fiddian-Green and Mr. B. Kramer deserves specific mention, but the wonderful and inspiring aspect to me of the whole exercise has been the involvement of *so* many persons, in whatever capacity, the staggering support that has been shown the School by the whole Michaelhouse Community, the recognition that is explicit in this support of the significant contribution which Michaelhouse is making as a school. The boys themselves, I am pleased to say, have played their part too, and not simply sat back in idle anticipation of the benefits. It was a sad and cruel cut of Fate that the power-boat "The Spirit of Michaelhouse" — so generously offered to us by its owner, Mr. Watts, to help in raising funds — after a truly valiant battle through the traditionally stormy seas of the English Channel and the Bay of Biscay, should have come to grief in the usually quieter waters of the Mediterranean only a few hundred miles from its final destination. The saga of this odyssey is far more gripping than a Rector's report, but unlike Nelson, I fear I cannot turn a blind eye to the immediate situation, for I too am expected to do my duty.

Those of you who heard me speak about the needs of the School at the launching dinners organised by the Development Foundation, will recall that I built my speech round two main themes — open-mindedness and excellence. Both of these themes tie in closely with the call made by SPROCAS — the study Project on Christianity in Apartheid Society — for private schools to examine themselves critically in respect of their contribution towards meeting South Africa's needs, a call which I elaborated on at last year's Prize-giving.

This year I would like to deal with another report, whose full title is of massive length but which can be conveniently abridged to "Differentiated Education for South Africa". You will have read much about it in the Press as far as the purely educational re-arrangements are concerned, and I shall only briefly summarise these, but when I give you the full picture of the educational philosophy which lies behind it, I hope you will appreciate more clearly why I spoke earlier of the cold chill that grips me when viewing the broad sweep of the educational scene in our country.

The preamble to the Human Sciences Research Council report on Differentiated Education, which has been accepted by the Minister of Education and which will start being implemented in certain provinces next year, in the chapter headed "Bases of a National System of Education for the Republic of South Africa", starts as follows:

“Every person, as a *being* directed towards the future, is dependent upon values, and in his striving after values he honours certain norms which find expression in his philosophy of life and take on a *fixed* pattern in his cultural life. Thus everyone has certain values which are important to him and in respect of which he reveals a particular attitude towards life. Each individual educator will consequently achieve his aim in formal and formative education according to his hierarchy of values of a specific way.

“The South African attitude to life”, it continues, “is characterised by striving after the retention of identity. This national characteristic attitude to life is of a Christian nature, and this means that those who profess to be South Africans automatically throw in their lot with the inhabitants of the Republic, and this goes deeper than language, deeper than descent; it culminates in the future.”

And it concludes that “South Africans will be satisfied with nothing less than that their children should be *moulded* as future citizens. This implies that they have become acquainted with Society’s *current* demands of propriety and that they have been appraised of the *generally accepted* values. This being the case, it would seem that formative education is a vehicle for moulding the conscience according to the South African hierarchy of values, on the basis of which the child will one day display the characteristics of adulthood.”

Forgive the long quotation, but quoting at length virtually renders further comment unnecessary. If ever a cramped, unchanging, limiting and limited attitude to education for life exists, it is contained in these words. Surely we *must* recognise *growth and development*, a deeper dawning and understanding in our search for and study of ultimate realities, our theories on the nature of things, and our rules for the conduct of life. The realities we believe are absolute, but our understanding of them is far from complete and we must ever be searching and seeking for the truth. Surely what the philosopher Jean Piaget calls *decentration* — the process whereby an individual moves from a view of the universe as having one centre — himself — to a view of it having many centres — is what moral and intellectual and spiritual development is about, and therefore *is* education. And this in turn involves a continual synthesis of the *many different* aspects of the problems that face us, here in South Africa and elsewhere — a synthesis which helps to bring *new* understanding. Open-mindedness *is* the sine qua non of such synthesis and the subsequent new understanding it affords.

There is, however, much in the *educational* aspects of differentiation that is welcome. The normal twelve years of schooling, from six plus years of age to seventeen plus, are divided into four phases. The acceptance that education should be provided in accordance with the ability and aptitude of and interest shown by the pupil recognises different talents in different individuals and enables them to move in their final phase of schooling into one or more of eight courses of study ranging from an agricultural course to a technical course. For each of these courses seven subjects are prescribed, of which the two official languages are compulsory and at least half of the remaining

subjects must be related to the field of study selected. The subjects will be offered at a higher and standard level of instruction. Six or seven of them are to be presented for examination and a candidate is required to pass in at least five, two of the passes being the official languages, one at the higher level and the other at standard level. For matriculation exemption, i.e. entry to University, at least three of the subjects must be passed at the Higher level. University entry is therefore made easier *in general* (at present four have to be passed at the higher level) but entry to *specific* faculties could well be more difficult as every faculty retains the right to lay down entrance requirements over and above the minimum laid down by the J.M.B.

So the new system, generally speaking, recognises different abilities and different interests, which is sensible. However, in so far as our particular courses are concerned here at Michaelhouse, the humanities and natural science courses, or what may be called the academic courses, as opposed to, say, the commercial or home economics courses, certain changes have been made which can only lead to a lowering of academic standards. Pure Physics and Pure Chemistry, for instance, will no longer be offered and so a study in real depth of these important subjects will give way to a more general Physical Science course. I can see no valid reason why we should be denied the opportunity, if we have the staff and the facilities, of offering Physics and Chemistry as separate studies, other than that this serves the interests of *uniformity*, which in this case seems to add up to nothing more than the outlook "*Most schools are not in a position to make such an offer, so none shall.*"

The mere reduction of the number of passes required at the higher level results in a further lowering of standards. We should be aiming at a raising of the standards required for a University career, not a lowering of them. *Excellence* should be our watchword. We should at our Universities be creating an intellectual élite. Every society *needs* an intellectual élite. Whether that élite should be limited to a single skin colour is another matter altogether, but this issue should not confuse us in our endeavours to aim high in our intellectual pursuits. Is it beyond the bounds of possibility, at this stage of our development, that our Universities should be establishing their own individual entrance requirements as is done in other countries? They have seen fit in individual faculties to demand their own levels of achievement in our school-leaving examinations. Why could this not be extended to cover admission to the University as a whole by its setting its own Entrance qualifications and leaving us at the secondary schools to aspire to our own levels of achievement as is done in some other countries and not be limited to *one* examination, with a rigidly defined syllabus for each subject. Ought we not to be moving into wider, freer avenues of academic development and direction rather than being made to conform to more regimented lines of approach?

I have dealt with this at some length for two reasons. Only last week I attended at the University of Natal the first of a series of lectures on secondary education (a series, we were told, which had been organised by public request). This lecture was entitled "Who

controls education?" There were approximately *eighteen* people present, quite a number of them University staff members. The public was clearly *uninterested*. I am luckier in that I have a built-in audience for one thing, and for another, I believe you *are* interested in these matters, hence the strength of the Michaelhouse Community. So I make no apology for dealing with this matter at some length. Various changes will have to be made in our teaching allocations, number of periods per week per subject, subject choices etc. and you as parents should know about this ahead of time, hence the fairly detailed explanation.

Now to turn to other aspects of educating the whole boy. As I see things (but let me hasten to say how difficult it is to assess trends among adolescents objectively) there has been this year a further swing away from a code of discipline which is exacted externally from above by authority, and towards a self-imposed discipline. This I find most encouraging, for a discipline and respect for rules and regulations whose strength lies in *fear* of direct methods of punishment may well merely teach how to avoid punishment by beating the system rather than impress on the young the need for developing self-control.

Though I believe we have moved some way, through more and more participation and co-operation of Staff and boys on committees dealing with conduct and behaviour, towards abandoning a rigid discipline-for-discipline's-sake system, there are areas of course where agreement and understanding do not come quite so easily. I have, for instance, frequently found myself walking the tenuous tight-rope, struggling to keep a balance between the *reasonable* demands of the young and the *reasonable* prejudices of us older ones. I thought I had come somewhere near a fair answer this term, but the following conversation overheard at home two Sundays ago shows that I'm not yet on the right wave-length. "Gee! I thought we were only supposed to have our hair trimmed by the barber this time — look at me!" "What did you expect?" came the disdainful reply. "Look what he's done to the Rector."

But, speaking generally, I would say that the Jeremiahs who forecast the collapse of the prefect system, on which so much of the internal discipline of a school is based, with the abandonment of corporal punishment by the prefects, have been proved wrong. Indeed the School Prefects this year have had a truer appreciation of their rôle as leaders in the School as a result of this, and have exercised their responsibility both sensibly and effectively. Paul Kumleben's influence as Head Prefect has been admirable and I would like to thank him and Nic Grice, the Second Prefect, as well as all Heads of Houses for their marked contribution to the running of the School and to the happy relationships that exist at all levels in it. Paul will be addressing you shortly, but since it will not come easily from himself when he comments on the sport in the School, I would like to say how excellently he has led the Hockey Team in its all-but unbeaten record this year. Five of the team were selected for Natal Schools, and how pleased we all were that he was chosen as vice-captain of the South African Schools XI, with Patrick Dean as his team-mate.

So Mr. Ron Pennington, who has been in charge of 1st XI Hockey for eight years has ended his tutelage on a high note — his enthusiasm and undivided interest have been the inspiration behind many a fine hockey team, but perhaps none so good as this year's. He feels now that a change would do the hockey and him good, to his giving up the curved stick for the straight but my thanks to him for all he's done and thanks I know of many a hockey player.

Though we are not unnaturally, pleased with the statistics of our matriculation results last year—84 candidates gaining 22 Firsts, 39 Seconds, 26 with Distinctions, 2 Thirds, 16 School Leaving Certificates, a number of which have since been converted into Matrics, and only 5 failing—I am more pleased to report first, that there was a marked improvement over last year's statistics in the two official languages, and second, on more general lines, that there is a growing tendency among the boys to think things out for themselves rather than to wait like parasitic cuckoos for things to be stuffed into them. This has undoubtedly been spurred on by the new approach in external examinations where much more emphasis is now being laid on utilising information to interpret and explain and evaluate rather than merely memorising to regurgitate, but I also feel it is at least encouraged by the swing towards self-discipline in our conduct and the consequent move towards self-reliance generally. The increased use of the Library, though still falling short of its full potential, is further evidence, and the continuous stimulus that members of this year's Sixth Form have given to our intellectual and cultural life, has given added encouragement.

Last year's 'A' level results were not as good as in previous years, though Orchard's individual achievement in gaining three distinctions in Economics, History and Latin, was outstanding. With closer supervision of their work, and indeed a more industrious and responsible sense of academic purpose on the part of the members themselves compared with last year, we anticipate better results this year. I have just heard, incidentally, that three boys have moved into the final round of the National Mathematics Olympiad, so our fine record in that field is being maintained. The Sixth Form's Morality play "The Fire-raisers" was produced by Anthony Shaw who, now that he has been mentioned by name, should be given a special accolade for his five distinctions in Matric also. The play came to life almost miraculously for its public performances after extreme difficulties through illness and absence during rehearsals, and fortunately those rugby-fans who suffered heart-failure when they saw our 1st XV place-kicker consuming gargantuan quantities of rich food the night before the contest against Hilton, were happily restored to health the next day when they saw what powerful vitamins had found their way to his boot!

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" was performed in this theatre last term, involving a large cast who braved with great gusto the hazards of bitterly cold weather in their flimsy make-believe finery; and the musical "Oklahoma" is being rehearsed by an even larger cast for performances in two week's time.

We have added to our exchanges this year. The Port Natal Hoërskool exchange took place as usual in the second quarter, but we were also hosts to twelve Afrikaans-speaking boys from Vryheid High School earlier this term, while twelve of our B Blockers spent a week up there. Two of our Sixth Formers spent a week at St. Marks and Waterford, in Mbabane, Swaziland, this past holiday, and in a few weeks' time we shall have boys from Menzi High School visit us for the day. And we extend a very warm welcome to the Headmaster and Band Master of Mansfield High School, Mr. Rowe and Major McLeod and to their splendid military band whom you've just heard and who will be performing this afternoon at the C Block P.T. display. Our triangular discussions with St. Anne's and Hilton have ranged over such varied topics as Prison Reform, Marriage Guidance and Science Fiction. Our congratulations incidentally to Hilton on its centenary were marked by the gift of a sundial — a symbol of our common concerns and common purposes at this time and all times in the future. The Sixth Form socials with St. Anne's, St. John's and shortly Epworth — they *spread* their favours and their charm! — have been greatly enjoyed, as have the strictly manly pursuits further afield to Angola and the Okavango Swamp, and the usual tours to Johannesburg and Durban.

Service projects continue and perhaps the most gratifying aspect of those which concern the African Village and Farm School, is that there is a growing awareness there towards self-improvement and the need for mastering practical do-it-yourself skills. A Welfare Committee has been formed among the villagers themselves; the latest addition to School facilities (a kindergarten classroom) was built with only minimal help from Michaelhouse; and the vegetable gardens and general upkeep of the village have improved beyond recognition. More emphasis has been given to community service this year in the form of regular visits to the Indian School for the Blind, and the Sunfield Home for the mentally retarded. Though transport costs constitute a major problem, it is nevertheless hoped to expand our activities in this field, so rewarding have they been.

Indeed, I sense a growing awareness generally among the boys of the inequalities and injustices of our society. Much of the content of the voluntary Chapel services which are organised by the boys themselves is centred on the problem of social justice and a good deal of reading is being done on this subject. The Chapel Bookstall continues to enjoy extensive patronage; the boys who attended Camp Jonathon and Skoegheim Camp, both run under the auspices of the Church and catering for senior and junior boys respectively, spoke warmly of the fellowship and understanding achieved.

The pulpit has been brought forward in the Chapel and is now better sited acoustically, and over a hundred of the tapestry kneelers that mothers, wives and even brothers have stitched, are now in the Chapel pews, and a further two hundred others are at present being worked on during spare (and not so spare!) moments in the daily round. Actually, my wife and I have been sometimes amused and sometimes embarrassed by an entirely unexpected aspect of the so-

called kneeler-campaign — the reaction of the husbands. Some have cursed us for keeping their wives occupied and quiet after dinner in the evening and others have blessed us!

That picture of domesticity, my Lord, would, I think, be an appropriate note on which to end my address, but there are two further matters which I cannot omit. First, we say farewell shortly to Mr. Crawford Currie who came out to us from Scotland as a supernumerary while waiting to go up to Oxford. His quiet humour and not-so-quiet bagpipes have endeared him to us and we are very grateful for all the help he has given in the classroom and on the playing-fields. At the end of the year Mr. Alan Barker really does retire from a life of teaching. He came to us after retiring from Selborne College where he had been headmaster, and though we consider that he and his wife, Esme, are still far too young and active for retirement, they feel the time has come, and certainly they have deserved it. We shall miss them. Mr. Stuart Winckworth leaves our Maths Department to take a degree in Education at Wits University next year. We wish them all happiness. Mr. and Mrs. Crampton who joined us at the beginning of this quarter we welcome warmly and trust they will be happy in our community. Finally, my Lord, now that my wife and I have almost completed our first spell at Michaelhouse — I nearly said 'stretch', but that would have sounded too like a sentence, particularly with my apparently convict haircut! — I would like to say a few words, if I may, to you and your Board. It is widely known how keen an interest you have *all* taken in the welfare of this School at *all* times and Michaelhouse is fortunate indeed that men of such calibre are so ready to give so very generously of their time and wisdom in the overall management of the School. I wish to add now my personal thanks to you all for your guidance and encouragement, and your consideration and support to me and my wife throughout. I know better than anyone else how selflessly my wife works behind the scenes in support of the School and of me, and we are both of us grateful for the leave you have granted us next quarter to rest and refresh ourselves for the exciting and exacting years ahead when our extensive building developments get under way.

And I happily give you my assurance that in my absence that part of the management which falls to the Rector will be quite as well run, if not even better, by Mr. Roy Gathorne, the Senior Master, and that I know he will be given the whole-hearted support of the Housemasters and academic staff, as well as of the Bursar and all those many invaluable persons who come under him on the administrative side. To them all, I express my sincere thanks for their tireless work in providing the sort of menu that clearly suits your taste as parents. Savarin, the French gourmet, once said "Let me taste the dish, and spare me the rhetoric on how well you cook." I have not been able to spare you the rhetoric in reporting on our attempts here to provide the right fare, but the record number of applicants aspiring to get into the School next year, surely provides proof that the ingredients which the Staff contribute to the preparation of your boys for the life that lies ahead make up a tasty dish indeed.

Mr. Abernethy in his address spoke as follows:

I have wondered and I am sure you have, what possessed Mr. Rex Pennington to ask another Headmaster to address you on this auspicious occasion. As if one Headmaster about the place is not enough! But Headmasters can be subject to strange thoughts and they can be impulsive too at times! I remember when I was a young master taking over my first post and enjoying a "free period" in the Common Room, the Headmaster entered and seeing me, started a conversation along these lines. "Abernethy, what are your degree majors" I answered, "English and History". "Why, young man, you are not educated! No man is properly educated who has not majored in Latin and Greek."

I have a confession to make. This is the first time I have been to Michaelhouse, even worse, the first time I have seen Michaelhouse! I think that in inviting me here Mr. Pennington is doing his bit to complete my education. No man is properly educated unless he has majored in Latin and Greek and has seen Michaelhouse!

You may have heard that a five year experiment has just run its course in the Transvaal. Certain schools were released from writing the Public Examination, under certain conditions which were in effect

- (a) All had to write a final examination set and marked by the school;
- (b) All schools had to follow the syllabus for the Public Examination in each subject;
- (c) These project schools were subject to all conditions laid down by the Joint Matriculation Board for full exemption;
- (d) The results of the school would be accepted by the Transvaal Education Department.

One of the aims of course was to encourage teachers to improve their methods of teaching by removing the bogey of a Public Examination; and to stimulate new ideas in the methods of examining pupils. In South Africa so much importance has been attached to the acquirement of a matriculation certificate that success in the public examination had become an end in itself. The certificate has become so significant in the life of a boy that it determines his future and at times his status in society. And schools are judged by their percentage of passes and not by the number of educated boys it turns out. As a result teaching *methods* have deteriorated. Drill in the technique of answering examination questions, unthinking swotting; learning prepared questions by heart, "spotting" questions. These methods have paid high percentage dividends in the accepted currency of the Education Department, of the University and of the business world. But could the successful candidates think for themselves, work for themselves, judge for themselves, acquire knowledge for themselves? Were they educated? A schoolmaster who has taught his subject for several years would have to be a poor one if he could not tell pretty accurately what the nature of the examination questions was to be. Why I even know of a "professional punter" furious with the examiner when he asked questions that he had not spotted! The result has been that many of our first year students at university fail because they are unable to face up to a problem themselves, unable to think in an orderly and logical fashion, unversed in the ways of using a library, unthinking citizens, lacking in independent thought and critical judg-

ment. We need critical thinking which will crack open time honoured creed and beliefs and will reject many of them. We must take nothing for granted; our attitude must be one of constant quest and enquiry. From this comes the wisdom which is above rubies and we shall not fear change even if it comes as a result of conflict. Fear of change comes with age and stagnation. Guard against it.

Gone are the days when the schoolmaster could equip his pupils with the required book learning to face the world. We are more concerned with developing attitudes of mind by teaching pupils, it is better to be honest than false, compassionate than cruel, critical than passive, tolerant than self opinionated and arrogant, hardworking than indolent and so on.

You will want to know. Has the experiment been a success? I have no answer based on scientific fact. All I can safely say is that the product of the experimental schools has not suffered at university level. I would love to be able to say to you that pupils have gained much more than that. I do know that I believe that this experiment is a healthy one and it is looking in the right direction. In my experience I have welcomed the release from the tension which accompanies the Public Examination; and so have the boys; the standard of work has been lifted; it has been exciting to see good young masters, grow in stature as teachers and I must admit disappointing to see very conservative teachers afraid to use their freedom, like birds that have been caged too long, and tragic to see that some lazy ones become lazier.

In Michaelhouse you have the freedom to experiment and I know you have wonderful aids and amenities here. The most exciting educational aid is still to come and that is television. I was overseas recently studying the important part which television should play in education. I saw the most wonderful programmes designed by the B.B.C. for the schools. These were so well produced and so fascinating that the ordinary viewers enjoyed them and yet strangely enough only about 10% of the Secondary Schools made use of these programmes. I would like to ask you at this stage if you produce teachers and politicians here. If education is to progress we need enlightened men in the profession. If a country is to progress we need men of integrity as our politicians.

I read some interesting statistics in connection with first year pupils at university. These are relevant to the problem of first year failures. Only 14% of students do better at university than in their matric exam. 35% do as well at university as in their matric exam, but 51% do worse.

There are many reasons for this, not all attributable to the schools. I have mentioned only one, for which the schools must answer. The university has much to do to put its house in order. I am convinced that we in South Africa place too much emphasis on university education. We mistakenly believe that our children must have university degrees to hold the position of superiority of the white man in this country. We would be on much surer ground were we to emphasize the need for more hard work, intelligently

applied maybe by artisans; by businessmen; by farmers. We need skilled workers, men not too proud to learn a trade and technicians *who have been trained* either by the Technical Colleges or by one of the big commercial and business firms. There are too many at university who should not be there. It has been estimated in America that by 1980 some 80% of all jobs will require less than a college degree but they will usually require skills. Many who have thoughtlessly walked into a university have suffered from failure and frustration and heartache. The day will come when a course in motorcar mechanics or T.V. repairs will mean as much as a B.Ed. or B.Com.

This question of intelligence is an interesting one. You are aware one is supposed to be able to measure intelligence and arrive at an intelligent quotient. I wonder how many here know their I.Q.?

One of the most healthy trends in present educational circles is a loss of faith in the I.Q. as a measurement of the intellectual potential of a child.

The attraction of an I.Q. Test is of course its objectivity—personal judgment does not affect the scoring. It seemed to be a heaven sent technique to aid in the selection of pupils; it supplied that “equality of opportunity” which the nation is pledged to offer its children. It was declared that the tests measured something “innate” not affected by accident of birth or early fortune, by good or bad parents, by good or bad teachers or by environment. This was not wholly swallowed but it explains the importance once given to these tests in schools.

We have found out — that there must be something in the child’s head besides “intelligence” if he is to succeed in academic studies. It has also been proved that attainment tests plus the teacher’s estimate are perhaps the most accurate measurements of intelligence after all!

The I.Q. fails to measure industry, powers of concentration, originality of mind, imagination, temperament, and further inaccuracies can be caused by environment, speed, emotional instability.

Though retaining a place in selection, I.Q. tests are likely to surrender much of their previous importance.

My own feeling about I.Q. tests is that they are dangerous. Man will always resent the sense of limitation. These tests are supposed to measure “potentiality”; they fix a “ceiling” to man’s ability to progress. We must not accept this.

I believe that nothing is impossible to man. No person should feel that there is a limit to what he can do, and it is dangerous also for anyone to predict the limitations of another, and especially of a child. I have seen extraordinary changes take place! This has convinced me that there is hope for any man to exceed the limitations set on him by an I.Q.

I was present at a meeting of psychologists and those trained to test the I.Q. of others. You should have seen the expressions of relief and the removal of genuine fear when they were told that they were not going to be given an I.Q. test to write! The truth is that man is fearful of his own limits. Like Dorian Gray we do not want

to see what we fear is the stark truth that we are not really very intelligent! It doesn't help much to be told, cheer up, it may not be true, there are other possibilities. Man fears the worst when he is told that he may not be suffering from cancer, it may be something else!

The only thing that I really like about an I.Q. test is that it at times indicates that one can do better!

Educationists can be annoying by using meaningless jargon. They are inclined to use terms which at one time may have been challenging and interesting but which today are tired and worn out. Of such are "permissiveness"; "study in depth" and "feedback" the "generation gap". I don't believe there is any real or natural gap between the youth and the adult of today. The biggest mistake an adult can make is to act like a teenager. I don't believe young people like to see a man over 30 trying to be "with it" in the length of his hair, his dress or his speech. The young don't want us to put on shorts and romp with them. They want us to act our age — not with stiffness, incomprehension, selfsuperiority, or selfsatisfaction. They want to see in us calmness, restraint, consistency, qualities which are generally associated with dignity and wisdom. Genuine youthfulness we all desire, whether we are 30 or 80 and this is reflected in candidness, basic purity of thought, openmindedness, eagerness to learn, a sincerely fresh outlook on man's problems and compassion. With those qualities we shall have no difficulty in communicating with the young. Perhaps one of the greatest qualities which can link boys to man is a sense of humour. So fathers you *need* not grow your hair long, or have sideburns, or "do your thing" — act your age! Isn't that a relief?

I have been reading John Ruskin and was fascinated to read that he believed true art only developed in those countries where there was conflict and at times war! No wonder *Ireland* has been described as the land of saints and scholars! and he argued that artistically, *peace* meant death, stagnation, sensuality, selfishness and corruption.

I want to talk to you about *Ireland and peace* — for we all long for peace, not the peace of death or stagnation but the peace of mind which comes from an honest heart which loves his fellow-man, and a good conscience from his just treatment of his neighbour.

DRAMATIC PRODUCTIONS

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

by William Shakespeare

One doesn't forget any production in the Michaelhouse Open Air Theatre in mid-winter very easily! Armed with greatcoats and thick jerseys, hip flasks and anti-freeze, the audiences lived once again with the players through the fun of this old favourite of Shakespeare's: lived, yes, because in this theatre despite the many drawbacks, the audience is intimately involved with the players who frolic up and down the aisles, fall asleep so close by that one can touch them and then disappear amongst the Knight-created forest trees.

A simple dream it certainly is not: there are actually four stories interwoven into the general pattern: the nuptials of Theseus and Hippolyta; the loves of Demetrius, Lysander, Hermia and Helena; the theatrical endeavours of the rude mechanicals; and the quarrelsome fortunes of Oberon, Titania and the fairy folk.

Tim Tyrrell was a pleasing and dignified Theseus whose rolling lines filled the afternoon air while his fair Hippolyta (Richard Anderson) looked on numerous occasions very like a noble lady who had been told to play and jolly well had to. No less dignified but certainly no kitten to tackle without gloves! Top acting honours undoubtedly must go to Bottom (John Whitehead), who gave a sustained and admirable performance. On many occasions he reduced his audience to fits of laughter (quite unwittingly) because of the array of foundation garments he displayed either when dying for Thisbe or sleeping like the ass in among the roses. He used his voice well and his actions were well suited to the part.

James Meyer as Lysander was a good choice and both he and Louis Wessels (Demetrius) gave creditable performances. Some of the misunderstandings between the lovers in the forest were really very well handled. Greg McLeod as Egeus played with care and determination.

Beautifully costumed (as indeed all the players were by Illmarie Pennington and her capable helpers) were Hermia (Shaun Holliday) and Helena (Adriaan van Velden). They spoke their lines clearly and with much feeling and it was indeed very difficult to remember that they were ordinary school boys. They displayed the graces and whims of sought-after maidens so well that a remark heard during the interval from one of the visitors was quite apt: "Why, they look and act so real, they are even more attractive than some of us"(!)

Puck (John Phillips), although he appeared to have much talent, never really let himself go: one got the impression that he wasn't enjoying himself skipping around the forest playing on his lute. Oberon (George Brink) had a good voice and at times was quite con-

vincing. He too has talent and I should like to see more of him in the future. Titania (Brian Wallace) was a pretty Queen of the fairies who delivered her lines with confidence and moved gracefully in and out of the fairies in the wood. Her scenes with Bottom were particularly good.

Quince (David Cartwright), Snug (Neil McKerrow), Flute (Kit Mayer), Snout (Michael Westcombe) and Starveling (Alistair Morphet) made up a very happy company and were very much to the liking of the audiences. Their contribution, particularly in the play scene at the end, was a very successful foil to the regal, the romantic and the supernatural in the play. No dream could ever be complete without fairies and there they were in all their colourful array, flitting around, losing their places in their dances and generally having great fun. Their light-hearted gallivanting added to the phantasy of the play. What with Mustardseeds, and Moths and Cobwebs, one was at times transported to a magic wood where we mortals were allowed to see these mischievous beings.

One got the impression that the players were fully involved in their business and enjoying themselves, so much so that lines from the play can be quoted to give some idea of what went on behind the forest where players in off moments were playing poker or reading set books: "When my cue comes, call me and I will answer." Or "God's my life, stol'n hence and left me asleep!"

Credit to David Moon for the make-up, Biddy Hall for the props and all those many back stage hands that helped to produce a happy show. Top honours go to Pat Crossley, the director, who must have spent hours in rehearsals. Indeed it was a dream: "Bottom's dream", but one cannot help but conclude with the Bard's own words:

"Man is but an ass if he go about to expound this dream."

W.A.v.d.W.

OKLAHOMA

Memorial Hall, 17, 20, 22 and 23 September, 1972

The decision to depart this year from the traditional Gilbert and Sullivan musical and to present Rodgers & Hammerstein's 'Oklahoma' was viewed with some scepticism in certain quarters; but, in the event, the Choral Society provided its audiences in the Memorial Hall towards the end of September with four delightful performances—performances which the audience enjoyed the more because all the actors, both soloists and chorus, so obviously were enjoying themselves that they managed to communicate their enjoyment to the audience. Now it was that all the hard work of the previous months, all the practices, rehearsals, dressmaking and set construction seemed to have been well worth it. In fact, it is doubtful whether anyone can remember a production at Michaelhouse which has given such universal pleasure as this one.

June Hennessy had once again inspired her team to give us another outstanding production; Harry Stanton had devoted hour after hour to the training of his soloists and chorus; Jocelyn Hawkins had followed up her superb set design for the Vith Form play with another delightful and suitably rural set; Mike Thompson and his Stage Crew had worked with their usual precision; Nell Stanton and various ladies had toiled tirelessly at the Wardrobe arrangements. And when the time for the performances came, Willie van der Walt and his team were busy on the Lighting; Brian Miles and his group of ladies and boys were working hard at the make-up; Crawford Currie was out in the auditorium organising the seating; and, above all, there was Harry Stanton with our two by now very familiar and extremely able pianists, Anne Thompson and Frikkie Human, surrounded by a motley array of page-turners and prompters, to provide the accompaniment.

With all these people behind them, it was over to the soloists and chorus; and they did not let them down. From the moment that Tim Tyrrell, in the part of Curly, sauntered on to the stage singing, 'O, what a beautiful morning!' the production went with a tremendous swing. All the male soloists, particularly Tim Tyrrell and Tim Schafer as Jud Fry, sang well; and although David Wilson, in the leading lady's part of Laurey, seemed to be encountering difficulties with a breaking voice, his good acting more than compensated for the difficulty he had with some of the notes in his songs. Whether boys should take the girls' parts in these productions is often debated; yet two of the most successful performances were those of Adriaan van Velden as Aunt Eller and Simon Retief as Ado Annie. The former showed so much



Richard Hawkins (Ali Hakim) about to bid Simon Retief (Ado Annie) a Persian good-bye.



The chorus receives some advice from Aunt Eller (Adriaan van Velden).

stage presence and acted so naturally that it was difficult to believe he wasn't really a middle-aged woman, while the latter, looking charmingly petite, captivated the audience by the way in which he acted with just the right amount of roguishness and the way in which he sang out his songs with such gusto that every word could be heard at the back of the Gallery. In fact, if anyone could be said to have stolen the show, it was he. Providing the laughs with him was Richard Hawkins (one of the two members of staff taking part) in the rôle of Ali Hakim. Dressed most unparsonically, he was able, by superb timing, to bring gales of laughter from the audience. Space does not permit us to deal with each actor, but suffice it to say that Michael Cartwright, Barry Lewis, Michael Westcombe, Michael Munro and Dwane Martin all made very significant contributions.

Not only did the Chorus sing extremely well but, with their shrieks and whistles, throwing of hats and beating of tin cans, obviously enjoyed letting themselves go. Some things were quite surprising—as, for example, when the Second Prefect performed what I can only describe as a “fandango-à-go-go”. The male chorus were at their best in the rarely heard “It’s a scandal” with Ali Hakim in Act I, whilst the whole company was in wonderful form for the rousing “Cowboy and Farmer” dance at the beginning of Act II. We should have liked an encore of this but suspect that at the end of it the whole cast were completely exhausted!

“May ‘Oklahoma’ still have power to charm,” said the programme. June Hennessy’s gay and colourful production certainly did!

N.C.F.B.

CAST:

Aunt Eller	...	...	...	...	Adriaan van Velden
Curly	...	...	...	...	Timothy Tyrrell
Laurey	...	...	...	...	David Wilson
Ike	...	...	...	...	Michael Westcombe
Will Parker	...	...	...	...	Michael Cartwright
Jud Fry	...	...	...	...	Timothy Schafer
Ado Annie	...	...	...	...	Simon Retief
Ali Hakim	...	...	...	...	Richard Hawkins
Gertie	...	...	...	...	Dwane Martin
Andrew Carnes	...	...	...	...	Barry Lewis
Sheriff	...	...	...	...	Michael Munro.

Other parts were played by Lance Fleischer, James Meyer and Richard Aitchison. On September 17th the part of Laurey was played by Nicholas Wellington.

Farmers' daughters and cowboys' gals: Graham Barr, Paul Bennett, David Beyers, Richard Buchholz, Anthony Chaplin, Spencer Chaplin, Martin Delpont, David Feetham, Robert Gemmel, Christopher Greig, Michael Hill, Michael Hubble, James Morgan, Timothy Nash, Nicholas Norris, Nicholas Panitza, Preis Sully, Kim Teversham.

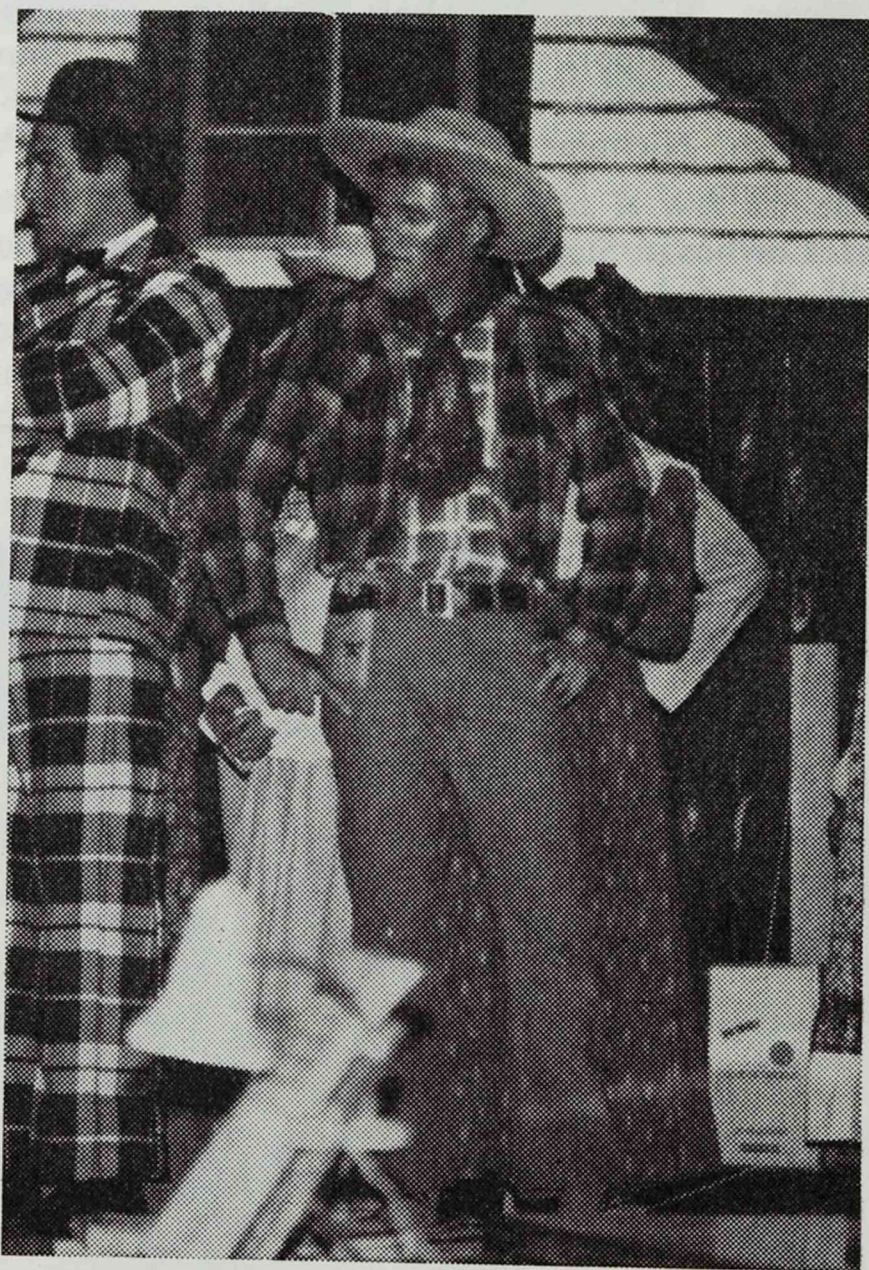
Farmers and Cowboys: Stephen Blanckenberg, Jeremy Boulter, Ian Campbell, Richard Cussons, Timothy du Plessis, Nicholas Grice, Guy Harker, Geoffrey Line, Edward Leftwich, Timothy Pryce, Peter Schram, James Shaw, Philip Turner.

Produced by June Hennessy. Musical Direction by Harry Stanton.



The leading ladies: Dwane Martin, Nicholas Wellington (substituting for David Wilson), Simon Retief and Adriaan van Velden.

OKLAHOMA



Barry Lewis in the part of Andrew Carnes.



An off-stage moment for a bevy of beautiful maidens.



Revolvers, stetsons and ten-gallon hats at the ready, the male chorus await their cue.

Photos: N. P. Tucker and D. R. H. Harriss.

THE SCHOOL CHAPEL

It is difficult to put a finger on it, but there are encouraging signs that the spiritual pendulum may at last be starting to swing back from the extremes of indifference and apathy. Enough has happened in the past year or so to give sufficient grounds for thinking that there has been a significant change of direction.

No one particular activity has sparked this off, but there are a number of factors that contribute towards it. Voluntary weekday morning chapel three times a week with a "House-group" responsible for planning and conducting the services on Wednesday mornings, has been a great success. A voluntary celebration of Holy Communion at 8.25 on a Thursday evening, sometimes accompanied by guitars, has met a real need. Then too, there has been an opportunity for boys to attend Christian houseparties at "Skoegheim" on the South coast. These have provided a tremendous stimulus that has overflowed into the various spiritual areas of school life such as Bible studies and discussion groups. These houseparties are organised and run by The Rev. David Cook, an Anglican clergyman from England who arrived in this country a year ago. Much has been accomplished in the time since his arrival.

During the December/January holidays four activities have been arranged—a multi-racial houseparty/work camp in Swaziland, a work camp at St. Michael's Mission, Zastron, O.F.S., and two houseparties at "Skoegheim" near Port Shepstone on the South Coast. Boys from Michaelhouse have been on two houseparties this year and the keenness and interest prevailing indicate that we have a firm stake in the activities arranged for the Christmas holidays.

None of these developments by itself could be said to have turned the tide. But taken together they do suggest that the next few years could see a real step forward. It is no time for pious optimism. There are still major hindrances, spiritual pride, complacency and hide-bound traditionalism, to name but a few.

But the hopeful signs are here, albeit no bigger than a hand-sized cloud. The downpour may not be far away.

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The pulpit has been moved forward to a position in line with the Chancel steps. This has proved to be most successful as the preacher is now not only clearly audible but can also be seen!

Visiting preachers since the last issue of the Chronicle have been the Rev. E. J. Wilson-Hughes, Canon D. E. Jenkins and the Rev. R. J. R. Ellis.

H.C.C.

MUSIC AT MICHAELHOUSE

The Choir has been kept extremely busy during the 3rd Quarter. On Sunday, August 13th, we held a very successful festival of Church Music in the Chapel, which included anthems by Bach, Harris, Parry, Rutter, Thiman and Shaw.

Three weeks later on Speech Day we presented another programme of Sacred Music which was preceded by an attractive organ recital given by Sixth Former Anthony Shaw.

The Choir was also invited to sing to students and staff from Menzi, who visited the school on September 15th. Our short Recital was greatly appreciated by our African visitors.

We will shortly be saying good-bye to six of our senior boys, who have served the Choir faithfully over a long period. They are Cartwright (Senior Chorister), Tyrrell, Westcombe, Shaw, Schafer and Brooks.

Many members of the Choir also belong to the Choral Society, and are therefore taking part in this year's musical—"Oklahoma", which they are thoroughly enjoying.

We are looking forward to another combined Evensong with St. Anne's, which is scheduled for October 15th at 7 p.m.

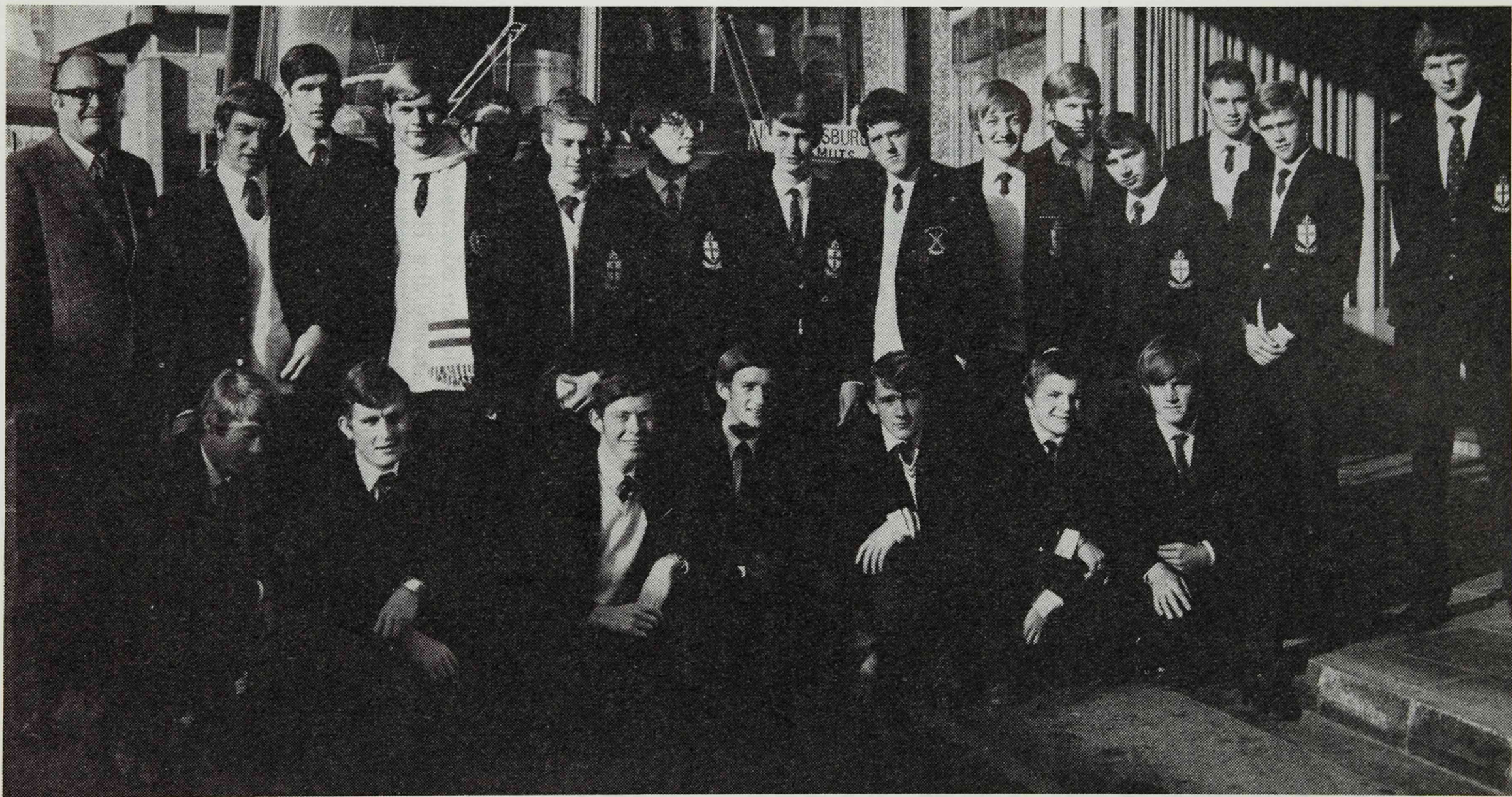
Visitors will have an opportunity of hearing carols in the Chapel on Wednesday, November 29th, at 8 p.m. The programme is likely to include such favourites as: I wish you a Merry Christmas, Past Three O'clock, Rocking, Sans Day Carol, Away in a Manger, What Child is this? (Tune: Greensleeves), Silent Night and Rejoice and be Merry (a carol from Dorset).

H.A.C.S.

THE VIth FORM TOUR

The VIth Form tour this year to (Johannesburg and Durban) was, as usual, a tremendous success. The tour started on Thursday, 20th July, at Johannesburg station, when the Natal contingent had arrived on the Trans-Natal express. After an educational morning at the Stock Exchange we were shown around the Hillbrow (Strijdom) Tower. After lunch we were taken by bus to Leeukop Prison. This proved most interesting, especially as we were allowed into the maximum security section. We left after a moving performance by the "Dagbreek Koor".

On Friday we had the highlight of the tour—a full day visit to Western Deep Levels Gold Mine. This was tremendously well organised. We went down to 11 500 feet and after three hours underground welcomed the sunlight again. We walked around the refinery plant and then had a few "refreshments" before lunch. These proved disastrous at a lecture in the afternoon where everyone seemed to have difficulty in keeping his eyes open. This jeopardised all future hope of "refreshments" on empty stomachs for the rest of the tour!



The Sixth Form Tour.

Photo: The Publicity & Travel Department, South African Railways.

On the following day we attended a stimulating seminar on "Protest", attended by Dr. Dennis Worrall, Jenny Cunningham, René de Villiers, Mr. Ferdie Quass and Mr. John Barrett, at Wits University.

After an excellent lunch at the Country Club we were left to our own devices in the afternoon.

On Sunday morning we played hockey against Roedean—a most enjoyable experience for all; unfortunately accidental run-over tactics marred the games (and it wasn't the rugby players!).

On Monday we visited Jan Smuts Airport, covering the Control Tower, Customs, Immigration, and Security in the International section (what a disappointment when a school Housemaster, just returned from a holiday in Europe, was not searched!) and crew training section. We were also taken into a Jumbo Jet, which was very impressive.

We then moved to the Holiday Inn, which is on International territory and therefore not forced to comply with the South African apartheid laws. We were very well catered for in the hotel.

Our stay in Johannesburg ended with a visit to the awe-inspiring Carlton Centre. Unfortunately we could only look around the shopping and office blocks as work was being done on the other sections.

We travelled by train to Durban that night and on Tuesday morning, after arriving in Durban, set off for the Law Courts, where we listened to a civil and a criminal case.

After lunch at the Royal Hotel we visited the John Ross building (Durban's highest) and then moved to Mr. Rajab's offices, where we had a very interesting discussion. (He is one of the leading Indians in Durban.) We ended the visit by being shown his magnificent porcelain and Persian rug collection.

On Wednesday we visited the Motor Assemblies at Prospecton, after which we were shown around Umlazi Township. We visited Menzi High School and had a very enjoyable discussion with their seniors. Since then they have been up here and we hope this exchange of ideas will continue in the future.

After a very full tour we returned to school, exhausted, but very grateful to Mr. Law and all the organisers in Johannesburg and Durban who helped to make the tour such a tremendous success.

THE VISIT OF MENZI HIGH SCHOOL TO THE VIth FORM

The idea of this very worthwhile undertaking originated on the VIth Form Tour in July, when as part of the excursion to Umlazi Township (just outside Durban) we made a visit to Menzi High School. We were so impressed by the hospitality we received and by the experience—new for many of the form—of frank discussions with Africans of our own age, that it seemed only right that this exercise should be repeated, with Michaelhouse VIth Form acting as hosts this time.

On Friday, 15th September, four masters and thirty boys from Menzi arrived by bus at Balgowan. Among the 30 boys were the members of Menzi High School's soccer team whom we had unsuspectingly challenged to a match—we certainly didn't bargain for most of their 1st Team arriving!

The party was first taken round the Science and Biology Laboratories—something quite new to them as the Bantu Education Department has not yet provided them with Laboratories of their own.

They then joined up with the rest of the VIth Form and we separated into five groups for informal discussions on topics ranging from sport to schoolwork to politics. The latter subject was very popular with some of them, and they fired questions at us constantly.

In the half-hour before lunch we took them round the part of the school which they hadn't yet seen. Some of the 'decorations' and 'adornments' to prefects' rooms and toys seemed to interest (and amuse) them—boys will be boys, I suppose!

We all had lunch together at the cricket pavilion, with the emphasis on mixing freely with people of a different race. One of the Menzi boys remarked how valuable this mixing was—"We're practising integration," he said with a smile.

After lunch the school choir gave a short performance in the chapel for the Menzi boys. We thought this only right, because we had been treated to some very moving singing on our visit to Menzi.

Then came what was for many the highlight of the visit—the soccer match. I was told jokingly beforehand that 'white superiority' meant nothing on the soccer field, so we were not going to find it very easy to beat the Menzi team. And what could have been more true! At times the VIth Form players would just stand and watch their footwork and accurate passing as the Menzi team defeated us 7-3. Nevertheless it was a very enjoyable game for all those taking part, and a good practical experience of mixed sport!

This brought to a close the day's activities, and after tea the Menzi boys left for Durban again. After such an enjoyable day they obviously found it hard to return to the life they knew, and as the bus crept at snail's pace towards the school gates, they never for one moment stopped waving!

All in all the day was an experience which quite definitely benefited everyone concerned. Contact with the other racial groups is vital to one's understanding of them and their problems and for this reason I think that this contact which has been established between Michaelhouse and Menzi High School is something which should most certainly be continued in the future.

N.C.G.

THE MICHAELHOUSE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Nothing at Michaelhouse for many years has given so much pride as the magnificent response by the Old Boys and the School's many friends to the Development Foundation Appeal.

When the appeal was launched last March a target of R900 000 was set; by May 6th when the Rector wrote his article on the Appeal for the last issue of the Chronicle, the total amount had topped R670 000. By the end of July the target figure of R900 000 had been passed and, as we write at the end of September, the total has reached the R1 million mark. This superb figure is indeed a magnificent tribute to the work done by the leaders of the appeal, Messrs. Mike Rosholt, Duchesne Grice, Charles Fiddian-Green and Brian Kramer, and their helpers who so tirelessly have given up so much time for the benefit of their school.

But not merely have the Old Boys and friends of the school all over the country and beyond its borders shown themselves to be generous benefactors; at Michaelhouse itself both boys and staff have joined the contributors. Although it is their younger brothers rather than they themselves who will be the first to benefit from the new amenities, the present generation of boys have inveigled brothers, sisters, cousins, fathers, mothers, uncles, aunts, etc., to contribute one cent for every mile covered by "The Spirit of Michaelhouse" in the London to Monte Carlo power boat race organised earlier this year by the London Daily Telegraph. "The Spirit of Michaelhouse", owned by Mr. Watts, stepfather of two boys at present in the school, and with a crew member in Dr. Pein, father of a boy at present in the school, did extremely well in the race until it was unfortunate enough to strike a rock and subsequently sink when only some 200 miles short of its destination. The net result, however, to the Michaelhouse Development Foundation was a sum of R4 200. The staff, who will be the first to enjoy the benefits of the new buildings, have contributed equally generously.

There is still, however, much work to be done by the planners before the first sod is turned, and it is not likely that building will actually start until well into 1973. Much demolition of existing buildings must take place; but it is probable that the demolition of the present laundry and the construction of a new laundry on a new site will begin relatively soon.

When someone who leaves Michaelhouse this year and returns again some five years hence, walks through the Tatham arch in the main quad, he should see before him an entirely new quadrangle consisting of an Assembly Hall/Theatre, a Biology Block, a new Music and Art School, a new Classroom Wing and various ancillary buildings.

HOUSE NOTES

FOUNDERS

Housemaster: M. E. Thompson

House Tutor: D. J. Moon.

Head of House: M. B. Adnams.

House Prefects: H. M. Barrett, C. J. Metelerkamp,
W. I. C. Morgans, P. D. Potgieter,
E A M Struben.

The last few months have been fairly active, with most of the inter-house competitions having taken place during this period.

In true patriotic fashion it is probably the rugby season which first comes to mind. Our very special congratulations go to Ian Morgans on being selected for the Natal Schools' rugby team which participated in Craven Week during the July holidays. Ian, who took over as 1st XV captain, won honours for rugby and Peter Potgieter won his colours. Founders was proud to have both the Colts A and Bunnies A rugby captains. Mark Clulow captained the Colts A and Rory Deavin the Bunnies A.

The Junior Rugby XV made a promising start in the house matches, but a spate of injuries, amongst other things, helped to put an end to our hopes in the second round.

Congratulations to David Pollard on being awarded his hockey colours.

As yet we have been unable to add any items to the Achievements Board, but our hoodoo-like succession of second places is rather impressive. In addition to the second place gained earlier this year in the swimming competition, the third quarter brought with it excitingly close seconds in the Standards competition, Relays and on Sports Day. Of course, we reached the final in the tug-of-war and were defeated. Congratulations to George Bishop on being awarded his athletic colours. He left many a gasping runner far behind in his impressive middle distance performances both on Sports Day and at the Triangular meet!

Once again, Keld Rasmussen made a striking number of appearances before the guest speaker on Speech Day. He won five of the twenty-eight Founders prizes, including the Herbert Fisher prize for the best Matric. trials aggregate. A very stout effort, Keld!

EAST

Housemaster: **D. B. Miles**

House Tutor: W. E. Layne.

Head of House: D. W. Durham.

House Prefects: S. C. Harle, A. B. Lord, D. M. Sargent, T. G. H. Tyrrell.

With finals now unpleasantly close, the matrices have settled down to hard work and we hope to get good results. The house was well represented among the prize winners on Speech Day.

This has also been a good year sportwise, with both squash teams winning their respective sections, the seniors for the eighth consecutive year. Congratulations to Nick Tucker on his honours and his victory in the Natal Schools' Squash Championships and to John Rowe-Williams, who earned his squash colours by reaching the semi-finals. Against the odds we managed to pull off the seven-a-side rugby tournament after a 33-minute game against West in the semi-finals. Although we managed to get both senior and junior rugby teams into the finals, we were beaten at the last hurdle by West and Baines respectively. Tim Tyrrell, Derick Sargent and David Durham are to be congratulated on earning their rugby colours.

In athletics, good spirit and hard work earned us the Standards trophy, but we did not fare too well in relays and sports day, coming fifth and seventh respectively. Our congratulations to Tim Tyrrell on his good leadership and athletics colours.

It is pleasing to see the many East boys involved in the varied extra-mural activities, from Oklahoma and Curly and company to the weekly visits to Sunfield Home.

At the end of the second term we were sorry to say goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Crossley after two and a half years at the helm. We miss their enthusiasm and interest in all the House activities. We welcome Mr. Miles as Housemaster and Mr. Layne into the House as House tutor.

Finally, our sincere apologies to Simon Rosholt for not including him in the 1971 Valette.

WEST

Housemaster: **W. A. van der Walt**

House Tutor: F. J. Human.

Head of House: P. M. L. Girdwood.

We were sorry to hear on our return after the Christmas vacation that Leith Stewart had decided not to return but to continue to university. We wish him the best of luck with his studies. In the matriculation examination we had more than our fair share of passes and to those who have left us either to go straight to a university or to guard ammunition dumps, we wish the best of luck.

Pete Girdwood, the House Captain, was also elected captain of athletics and rugby; Tim Scott Barnes was elected house captain of cricket; Peter Morphew of tennis and shooting; Jim Raw squash and Christopher Watkins gym; Tony Greene was elected for hockey and when he decided to withdraw, Russell Gould managed that game for us, as well as the swimming. Jim Raw was elected to the School Council and is also the A block House Council representative; Chris Byron represents the B block, Christopher Nash the C block and Christopher Butler, the D and E blocks.

Robin van Zyl did well for us in the swimming and in the second quarter Girdwood, Morphew, Raw and Scott Barnes played several games for the first fifteen. Girdwood, Raw and Morphew were also awarded their rugby colours at the end of the season. We managed to retain the Senior Rugby Cup by beating East in the final 8—3. We were not as successful in the hockey and junior rugby as last year but all the players acquitted themselves well in their encounters with the other houses.

The C block continue to thrive on collecting specimens for the various biology projects they have to do: it is pleasing that so many are so interested in nature and what is going on around them, but it would be appreciated by teaching staff if *live* contributions were not kept in class room desks or lockers! Quite a few of our number became involved in the musical "Oklahoma" and Nicholas Wellington as main understudy, did well as Laury.

FARFIELD

Housemaster: A. J. Rogers.

House Tutor: J. R. Blake.

Head of House: P. C. Dean.

House Prefects: J. N. Boulter, L. K. Fleischer,
C. L. Greene, N. C. Grice, G. M.
Johnstone, P. E. Schram, J. C.
Strachan.

So far this year, the House has managed to acquit itself well in the various school activities in which it has participated.

It was encouraging to note the number of boys who participated in the school productions, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Oklahoma". A. van Velden is to be congratulated on his acting, especially in "Oklahoma", where his performance was of a very high standard.

The House was well represented in the Speech Day awards, with L. K. Fleischer taking a major share of the awards. It is to be hoped that the lower half of the House will try to emulate those above them next year. D. C. Bramwell and J. B. Meyer are to be congratulated on being awarded Brains Bars.

This year has, to date, been a successful one in the sporting field. So far, the House has won relays, tennis and senior hockey.

The following awards have been received this year: Honours—P. C. Dean (hockey), J. N. Boulter (rugby and athletics), N. C. Grice (hockey). Colours—R. C. D. Compton (hockey), I. C. Dickens (hockey), L. K. Fleischer (rugby), P. E. Schram (rugby). P. C. Dean represented Natal Schools and South African Schools at hockey, N. C. Grice, Natal Schools Hockey and N. M. Ingledew, Natal Schools squash.

At the end of the third quarter, C. L. Greene and J. C. Strachan were made House Prefects.

Matric will soon be upon us, and the House extends its best wishes to the A block and hopes that it will maintain the fine tradition of the past few years.

TATHAM

Housemaster: N. C. F. Bloy

House Tutor: R. H. W. Hall.

Head of House: T. D. Pryce.

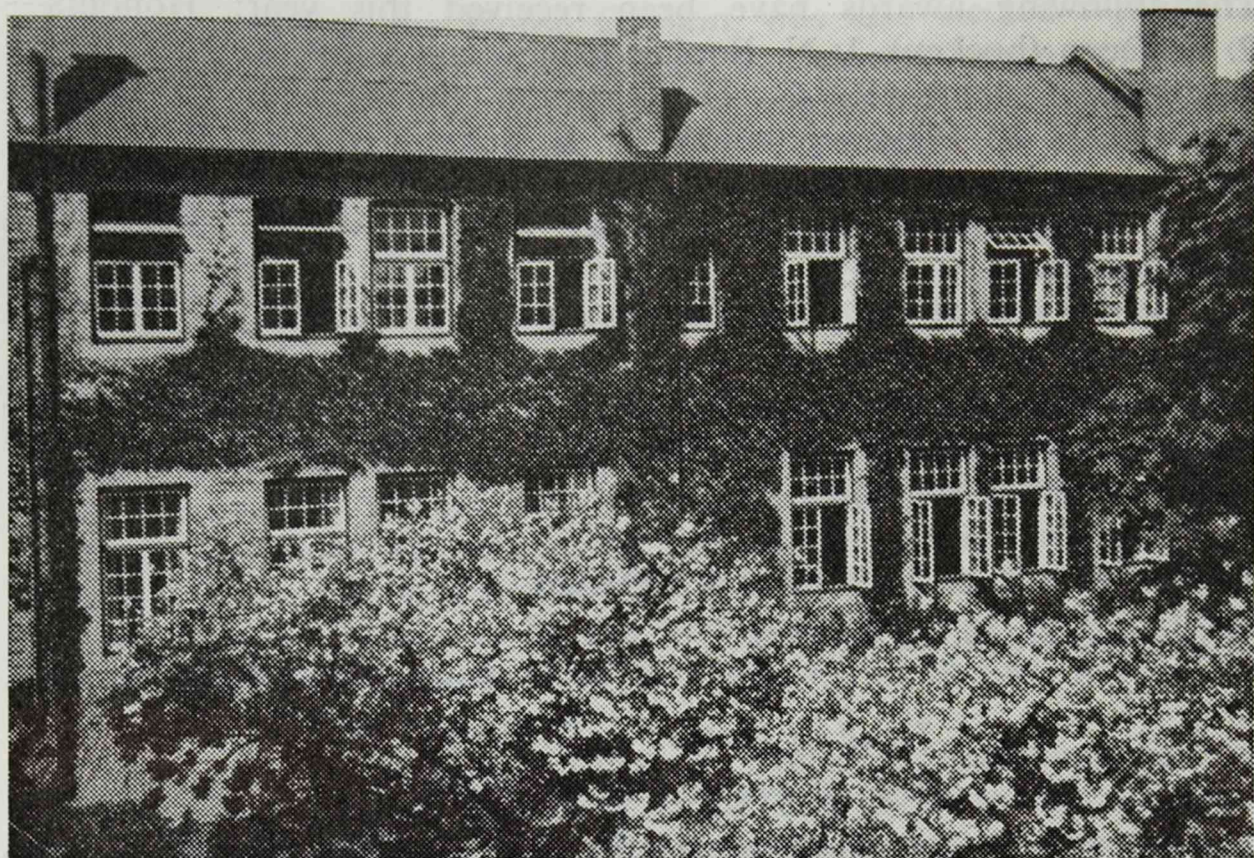
School Prefect: G. Johnston.

House Prefects: R. M. Beeming, A. R. Currie,
D. M. du Toit, G. J. L. Harker,
J. R. Harker, S. J. Blanckenberg.

The exams at the end of the Second Quarter indicated just how hard the majority of the A block was working. Congratulations to them on some pleasing Trial Matric results and best wishes for the end of the year.

Besides winning the Swimming and, with a fine display of concerted brawn, both the Junior and Senior Tug-of-War Cups, there have been no outstanding team achievements, but there have been some fine individual performances. We congratulate Dave du Toit on being awarded his Honours for Rugby, and we were sorry that because of a leg injury early in the season he was unable to lead his team to greater success. Heartiest congratulations to Tim Schafer and Steve Blanckenberg both on being selected for the Natal Schools' Hockey side and for being awarded their Honours. John Harker makes up our fourth Honours man (for Swimming in 1971); Nick Youngleson, following in his brother's footsteps, was selected for the Natal Schools' Gymnastic team and took part in (and did very well in) the South African Schools' Championships in Pretoria. During the course of the year Guy Harker has received his colours for Swimming and Rugby, and Graham Johnston for Rugby.

Early in the third quarter we were hard hit by the 'flu epidemic, one of our dormitories having to be completely given over to about ten victims; and we are sorry to say that illness, too, has struck the Hall household; Mrs. Hall and both children have in turn been laid low by Infective Hepatitis and we hope their recovery will soon be complete. Mr. Hall has thus had a busy term and rumour has it that the standard of his cooking is now almost on a par with that of the prefects!



Tatham at blossom time.

It was good to see that about fifteen members of the House were involved in the highly successful production of "Oklahoma" — they were there as stage hands, prompters, cowboys and beautiful girls, but pride of place must go to Tim Schafer, who not merely acted most convincingly, but whose attractive tenor was heard to pleasing advantage in the villainous part of Jud Fry.

Only one new School Prefect has been appointed in the course of this year and we were particularly pleased that this appointment should have gone to Graham Johnston who has been such a genially efficient prefect for the last eighteen months.

The Dayroom has become even more colourful recently with the addition of various dazzling posters; although some rather dubious comments were passed on these by some parents and visitors at the Housemaster's Speech Day drinks party, they have gone down well with the members of the House.

All in all the House continues to run very smoothly and despite various sarcastic comments made by the Housemaster about the nocturnal steak cooking sessions in the Prefects' Kitchen, they certainly seem to have proved their worth in the Senior Tug-of-War Competition when all seven prefects were members of the winning team!

PASCOE

Housemaster: A. F. G. Cotton

House Tutor: A. E. G. Duff.

Head of House: P. E. Kumlesen.

House Prefects: I. D. Campbell, A. S. G. Clark,
R. D. Clarke, P. H. T. Luckhurst,
S. J. Morrison.

The past two terms have been very active ones in Pascoe. The hours of work done in the toys was reflected by the satisfactory trial matric results, and we are expecting another good set of matric results this year.

Boys in the House have been involved in a wide variety of other activities. On the dramatic front Pascoe has featured prominently in the School play, the VIth Form play and "Oklahoma", and there were some fine performances, notably by John Whitehead in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and Simon Retief in "Oklahoma". There are signs that the Pascoe contribution to clubs and societies is increasing, and more boys are now attending society meetings. Activities have not been confined to term-time and boys have gone on rugby and hockey tours, the Venture Club trip to South West Africa and Angola and camps at Skoegheim.

Last year a paperback library for the House was started. This has been a great success and has encouraged boys, particularly in the lower half of the House, to read more widely. There are now about 120 books in the library and we hope that some lifelong reading habits have been started.

Pascoe seems unlikely to win an inter-house sports competition this year. We seem to produce talented individuals rather than teams. This lack of depth was marked in the Athletics competitions. On Sports Day, four boys scored 51 points between them, while the rest of the House could only manage 18 points. Three boys were chosen for the Pietermaritzburg and Districts Athletics team and Philip King should be congratulated for his fine running this season and for coming fifth in the South African National Junior Cross-country Championship.

Two of our B blockers went to Vryheid for a week in the third quarter and we welcomed two Vryheid boys into the House. Our B blockers obviously enjoyed their stay in Vryheid very much and we hope that Hannes and Piet found their visit interesting and enjoyable.

Despite a bare trophy-shelf in the dayroom, the year has been a satisfactory and productive one in Pascoe, and we have high hopes for 1973.

BAINES

Housemaster: C. H. D. Leggatt

House Tutor: S. N. Winckworth.

Head of House: M. R. E. Cartwright.

House Prefects: M. W. Brunskill, P. E. Clothier,
B. H. Gregson, G. McLeod.

The past two terms have run fairly smoothly for Baines, although the Trial Matric results do not give evidence of this. The results could be better and we hope that those boys who are sitting the exams in November will be better prepared for them.

In the exchange with Vryheid High School, two Vryheid boys stayed in the House and two Baines boys, Hamish Anderson and John Phillips, stayed at homes in Vryheid. The boys fitted in well in the House and appeared to enjoy their stay here. The House seemed interested in Vryheid and both parties benefited from the experience.

House members have been actively engaged in parts in the two school plays. Brian Wallace took the part of the Fairy Queen and Greg McLeod the part of Egeus in "A Midsummer Night's Dream". Mike Cartwright and David Wilson played the prominent parts of Will Parker and Lorrie Williams in the musical "Oklahoma".

Baines has done reasonably well in sport in the last two terms. Although the House has only one trophy to its name, and here the junior rugby team is to be congratulated on their victory, the teams have been in five final rounds. The House has never been particularly strong at athletics, but has done fairly this term, coming third in Standards and fourth on Sports Day.

Individually, Mike Brunskill and Paul Clothier are to be congratulated on their rugby colours, Mike Cartwright, Ian Martin and Greg McLeod on their hockey colours, Paul Cullen and Simon Jacks on their hockey teams, Brian Gregson on his tennis teams, Antony Brunskill and Hugh Wallace on their selection for the first cricket team and their invitation to play in the D.H.S./Maritzburg College Week cricket during the Michaelmas holidays. David Cartwright, Mark Lynn and Christopher Fox are to be congratulated on receiving their Venture Club ties.

We will be sorry to see Mr. Stuart Winckworth leave us at the end of the year. He has been an asset to the House and been popular with the boys. We wish him the best of luck at Wits next year.

SOCIETIES

AFRICAN AFFAIRS

The society continues to run smoothly under the guidance of Mr. Hennessy. During the last two terms, meetings have been occupied mainly with talks given by members on various aspects of South Africa.

At the last meeting of the first quarter, Barrett gave a talk on the significance of the Brakpan by-election. At the following meeting, the speaker was Luther, and his subject was the Tugela Basin. Fleischer spoke on the subject of KwaZulu at the first meeting of the third term; before his talk, a film on KwaZulu was shown to members in the A.V.T. At its most recent meeting, the society was fortunate enough to have Mr. Michael Cassidy as visiting speaker; he gave a thought-provoking talk on the situation in Africa at present.

ART

We were fortunate to hear a talk by Mr. Butler, retired art-master of Bishops. He spoke about his life as an artist and art-master and showed examples of his work.

During the third quarter we visited the Tatham Art Gallery in Pietermaritzburg and apart from the permanent collection which is always stimulating we saw a travelling exhibition of South African art. The handling of the pencil in the drawings on display was particularly interesting and the paintings showed many new ways of using and combining colours.

The Royal Show results were very encouraging and we congratulate the following: E. F. Leftwich, G. Lister, J. P. S. Bennett, A. D. Roberts, J. A. K. Pein, G. Langston and A. van Velden on their awards.

We have also had a talk and demonstration on the challenging medium of water-colour and next term talks will be given by J. S. Thorpe and E. F. Leftwich on Goya and Picasso.

CHESS

There has been an upsurge of interest in chess recently, probably as a result of the Fischer-Spaasky series. As a result our membership stands at a record of 69. Mr. Winckworth has taken over from Mrs. Crossley—who has left—until the end of the year, when he too leaves. We retained the Hilton-Michaelhouse Senior Challenge Cup. This year there was only one match to decide the winners, and it is hoped that next year it will be run over three matches as in the past. We have played the following matches:

Juniors v. Kings	won $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$
Team v. Estcourt	lost 3-9
Seniors v. Hilton	won $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
Juniors v. Hilton	won 3-1

FORUM

For the first time in the Society's history a meeting was held with another school, when twelve St. Anne's girls came up to Michaelhouse in the latter part of the third quarter. Topics under discussion at the meeting were: Munich Olympics; KwaZulu; the World Church Organisation's decision to support terrorists.

We were extremely fortunate in having an Indian lecturer from the Westville Indian University, Mrs. D. Bughwan, come up to Michaelhouse to address the Society on the problems of non-white education. All our members were very impressed by Mrs. Bughwan's adaptation to the Western Culture.

The loan of their home, and the support given by Mr. and Mrs. Law has again been invaluable to the Society.

GEOGRAPHY

Over the past six months there has been great activity both in the society meetings, and an interesting tour through Rhodesia, Botswana and South West Africa.

The tour, organised by Mr. Moon, took place during the July holidays. The party left school on the last day of term and travelled northwards to Bulawayo, where they visited the Matopos. After the excellent tarmac roads northwards to Bulawayo the strip roads of Rhodesia from Bulawayo to Plumtree were regarded as decidedly inferior until the gravel and sand roads of Botswana were encountered! The journey across Botswana from Francistown to Maun took them across the northern section of the Makari-Kari Salt Pan. In the Moremi Game Reserve on the edge of the Okavango Swamps they joined up with a group of Cape Town High boys, who had visited Michaelhouse during June. The two groups returned to Maun and then attempted to cross the Kalahari together but parted company at Ghanzi, in the middle of the Kalahari, where the Michaelhouse group were held up for three days while replacing an oil filter.

After the mechanical hitches had been fixed they continued across the Kalahari into South West Africa, where they spent a few days in Windhoek, recovering from their Kalahari crossing before they drove north to Etosha. They also visited Swakopmund and the Namib Desert before making the long journey home to Natal.

Society members were able to share in some of the experiences of this trip when they attended the film of the trip shown at the society's second meeting of the 3rd Quarter.

During the second quarter we had a most interesting illustrated

talk by Mr. and Mrs. Giddy. Their talk was concerned with the Ecological Balance of different plants to their environment in Southern Africa. Of special interest were their excellent slides which they had taken on trips to the many different regions of Southern Africa.

In August a large group of society members attended a lecture, including slides, by Herr von Liechtenberg at St. Anne's College. He gave us a broad outline of the way of life and future of Malawi, having only recently returned from that country.

The society was not as active as they were last year in arranging exhibits for the Geography Department's well presented Speech Day exhibition. However, we hope that society members will arrange a special section at the next exhibition to reflect more of their activities.

GRAMOPHONE

Thanks no doubt to the interesting variety of music and Mrs. Stanton's baking, we have enjoyed full membership lately.

The first meeting this quarter was arranged by Messrs. W. and D. Taylor. It took the form of a musical quiz which was vastly enjoyed by everyone. The modern classics are beginning to creep in now, and we feel that the Society's catholic tastes are only for the better.

The second meeting was produced by Dwane Martin, who presented a programme of famous film themes which was very favourably received.

KOINONIA

KOINONIA, which means literally "a common sharing in", is the new name for the Tuesday evening discussion/study group in the Chaplain's home. This group has met regularly each week for the past four years and during this time has covered a lot of ground in answering questions and broadening spiritual horizons. A variety of books has been discussed with great profit. The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis is being studied at the present time.

PHILONEIKIA

Since our visit from Bobby Godsell, Philoneikia has had various meetings, two of which have been the highlights of the year.

Halton Cheadle spoke to the society on Marxism as apposed to Soviet Communism. The meeting was held in a relaxed atmosphere in Mr. Layne's study, where we were able to discuss Marxist policy from a number of different points of view.

Later in the term, we saw an extremely good film, "The making of the President", showing the 1961 campaigns and elections in America.

STAMP

The club is thriving, with membership increasing every quarter. Mr. Hawkins is taking a lot of interest in the club and at a recent meeting he addressed the club on his collection of South African stamps, showing the different colour variations and faults. Other members have also addressed the club on their personal collections.

Approvals have been obtained and these have proved very popular. There has been a great interest in first day covers, and these are obtained whenever a new issue becomes available.

Mr. Hawkins and two members exhibited their collections on Speech Day. We would like to thank Miss Hussey for the loan of the library for the occasion. On Speech Day we appealed to the parents present to donate any South African stamps they have and do not want to the club. The aim of this is to start a Stamp Club collection of South African stamps. The collection will be displayed on Speech Day every year so that the progress can be seen.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Among the various projects carried out on Friday afternoons are visits by parties of boys to the New Horizon School for the Blind in Maritzburg. The photograph (taken by J. L. Powell) shows Michaelhouse boys taking part in the School's Sports Day.



SPORTS SECTION

RUGBY

The season was marred by an extraordinary high number of injuries, which caused the Selection Committee to call on a total of 26 players! compared with the 21 who did duty for us last year. Some positions were particularly affected — in the centre berth we were called on to use no fewer than five players. The biggest tragedy happened to our skipper, D. M. du Toit, who before he was injured, managed to play only in the first two games of the season. However, in this brief period he established himself as a leader of great talent and it was perhaps the long awaited expectation of his return that produced a succession of indifferent mid-season games. Finally, when it was realised that his return was not to be, the side took on a new dimension under the leadership of W. I. C. Morgans, and finished up with some convincing wins; notably against Kearsney and Westville.

The side had talent, especially "outside", and was capable of producing spectacular rugby, but such play was seen all too seldom. Too often they seemed to lack direction, purpose and real determination to win. Perhaps their biggest weakness was their inability to learn from their mistakes. Continuously recurring defensive and handling errors not only gave away points, but matches as well. The variability of their play was yet another oddity. Compare the stodgy and featureless performance against Estcourt with the brilliance of the St. John's match, or the spineless exhibition against College with the immensely courageous showing in the second Hilton encounter.

To the team's great credit was the fact that while showing concern for the string of mid-season failures, they never allowed themselves to become demoralised or disgruntled in any way. It is testimony to their endeavour that they were able to show much improved form in the third quarter.

Unusually the season opened with a match in the first quarter against Potchefstroom High School. Then followed a tour to the Eastern and Western Cape, where we were accorded delightful and genuine hospitality by the four schools we visited; this alone made the trip a worth-while and rewarding experience, apart from visits to Nature's Valley, the Bontebok game reserve near Swellendam and Maitjiesfontein.

It is of significance that of the 41 tries scored throughout the season, 26 came from the two wings and the full-back. Boulter who was played in the latter position, was used as an attacking unit, and notched up no less than eight of these tries. On his day he was supreme, but too often having made the running he was slow to recover his position. The long range shots at goal were entrusted to Tim Tyrrell whose best performances were against D.H.S. and the second Hilton match, where two prodigious kicks were a sight for anxious home team supporters to behold!

The pack was not only light, but tended to lack any real mobility. Notice that only four tries were scored by the loose forwards, of which three were earned by the end of the second match. However, the "engine room boys" are to be congratulated on the manner in which they stuck to their task, while the eight generally played with courage. They certainly were a pleasure to coach, being cheerful and willing at all times.

Ian Morgans is to be congratulated on his selection to represent the Natal Schools Craven Week side at Potchefstroom, and Tyrrell, Boulter and Brunskill for making the Zone III representative team.

The following is an analysis of the season:

Played 20, won 9, lost 9, drew 2. Points for, 269; points against, 282.

Captain: D. M. du Toit, Vice-Captain: G. J. L. Harker.

Honours: D. M. du Toit, W. I. C. Morgans, J. N. Boulter.

Colours: M. W. Brunskill, P. E. Clothier, D. W. Durham, L. K. Fleischer, P. M. L. Girdwood, G. J. L. Harker, G. Johnston, P. G. Morphew, S. J. Morrison, P. D. Potgieter, J. B. W. Raw, D. M. Sargent, P. E. Schram, T. G. H. Tyrrell.

Michaelhouse vs. Potchefstroom	...	...	...	won	35-0
Kingswood*	...	...	...	won	18-17
St. Andrew's*	...	...	...	lost	7-22
Plumstead*	...	...	...	draw	12-12
Bishops*	...	...	...	lost	6-10
Alexandra	...	...	...	lost	13-15
Estcourt*	...	...	...	lost	0-3
Old Boys	...	...	...	won	16-11
St. Johns*	...	...	...	won	33-12
D.H.S.*	...	...	...	lost	12-13
Voortrekker*	...	...	...	lost	12-28
College	...	...	...	lost	9-50
Weston	...	...	...	won	12-4
Port Natal	...	...	...	draw	13-13
Hilton*	...	...	...	lost	3-16
Glenwood	...	...	...	lost	6-16
Northlands	...	...	...	won	12-9
Westville	...	...	...	won	21-10
Kearsney	...	...	...	won	16-12
Hilton	...	...	...	won	13-9

*Denotes — played away.

Average points scored per match: For 13,5. Against 14,1.

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Name	Position	Played	Tries	Penalties	Conversions	Points
J. N. Boulter	F. Back	20	8	4	13	70
M. Brunskill	Centre	15	3	—	—	12
P. E. Clothier	Flank	12	—	—	—	—
D. W. Durham	Flank	15	1	—	—	4
D. M. du Toit	8th Man	2	1	—	—	4
P. M. Girdwood	Wing	19	11	—	—	44
L. K. Fleischer	Lock	8	—	—	—	—
C. L. Greene	Lock	1	—	—	—	—
G. J. L. Harker	F. Half	15	1	1(D.G.)	—	7
S. C. Harle	Flank	14	—	—	—	—
N. P. Henwood	Wing	4	—	—	—	—
G. Johnston	Prop	18	—	—	—	—
A. B. Lord	Centre	10	1	—	—	4
B. S. Kelly	Centre	5	—	—	—	—
G. H. Lawrie	Centre	4	1	—	—	4
W. I. C. Morgans	Flank	20	2	—	—	8
P. G. Morphey	Centre	11	2	—	—	8
S. J. Morrison	Wing	15	7	—	—	28
P. D. Potgieter	Prop	20	—	—	—	—
J. B. W. Raw	Hooker	19	1	—	—	4
D. M. Sargent	S. Half	10	—	—	—	—
P. E. Schram	Lock	12	—	—	—	—
J. S. Thorpe	F. Back	1	—	—	—	—
S. G. Tordoff	F. Half	1	—	—	—	—
T. G. Tyrrell	Lock	19	1	16	8	68
N. J. Youngleson	S. Half	10	1	—	—	4
TOTALS		—	41	20+1 D.G.	21	269

Michaelhouse Rugby Results - 1972 Season - Extracts

Date	Opponents	1st XV	2nd XV	U15 A XV	U14 A XV
27/3/72	Weston		won 21-6		
	Potchefstroom	won 35-0			
Tour	Kingswood	won 18-17			
	St. Andrew's	lost 7-22			
	Plumstead	draw 12-12			

	Bishops	lost 6-10			
3/5	Alexandra	lost 6-13	won 41-6	won 23-13	won 14-4
6/5	Estcourt	lost 0-3	draw 9-9	lost 3-4	won 29-10
11/5	Old Boys	won 16-13	won 10-4		
13/5	St. John's	won 33-12			
20/5	D.H.S.	lost 12-13	lost 7-18	draw 3-3	won 24-8
24/5	Howick		won 15-6		
27/5	Voortrekker	lost 12-28	lost 0-10	won 14-12	won 7-6
3/6	College	lost 9-50	lost 3-22	won 14-0	lost 0-24
10/6	Weston	won 12-4			
17/6	Port Natal	draw 13-13	won 12-6	won 35-4	lost 34-0
21/6	Hilton				won 12-4
24/6	Hilton	lost 3-16	won 10-6	lost 11-12	
29/7	Glenwood	lost 6-16	won 27-12	lost 10-12	lost 0-30
2/8	Northlands	won 12-9		lost 9-14	lost 8-14
	Treverton		won 20-6		
5/8	Westville	won 21-10	won 17-9	lost 10-16	lost 4-25
12/8	Kearsney	won 16-12	lost 9-16	lost 7-12	lost 0-45
17/8	Hilton				won 12-10
19/8	Hilton	won 13-9	lost 15-22	won 25-12	

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HOCKEY 1972

The season started with a four-match tour to Johannesburg at the end of the Easter holidays. Although we lost only one match, the team never reached a high standard on the field and many weaknesses were revealed. But this tour laid the foundations of a side which ended with an excellent record, playing attractive and constructive hockey.

At the Pietermaritzburg Schools' Trials S. J. Blanckenberg, M. R. Cartwright, P. C. Dean, N. C. Grice, P. E. Kumleben (capt.), I. D. Martin, and T. E. Schafer were selected for the A side and R. C. Compton and D. A. Pollard for the B side. Then at the Natal Schools' Trials S. J. Blanckenberg, P. C. Dean, N. C. Grice, P. E. Kumleben (vice-capt.) and T. E. Schafer were selected for the side which ended joint winners of the tournament. We were proud to have two members selected for the South African Schools' side which toured Rhodesia—Paul Kumleben who was vice-captain, and Patrick Dean.

The 1972 side will be remembered for its outstanding captain, Paul Kumleben, its very sound half-line which controlled mid-field play in nearly every match, and for the tight unflustered marking.

T. Schafer had some outstanding games in the goals. He has a good eye and very quick reflexes. M. Cartwright developed into a very sound right back. His good eye and strong wrists were frequently displayed, and his hitting of short corners was terrific and won many a match for us. D. Pollard to begin with was inclined to get flustered when under pressure, but he settled down well and was a very effective left back. I. Martin has a natural flair for the game and was a very good right half both in attack and defence. P. Kumleben must rate as one of the best centre-halves we've had for many years and certainly one of the best captains. He was a player with an excellent knowledge of the game, always thinking, with varied distribution, whose anticipation improved remarkably and who was outstanding at "getting back" when beaten. N. Grice at left half "tied up" nearly every opposition right wing which naturally meant a lot to his team. He used the "hard across" to the right inner very effectively and will be remembered for his sound cover defence. G. McLeod on the right wing improved every match and sent some good centres in, but was inclined to lift his head just before he hit the ball. P. Dean was a thrustful right-inner who had very good ball control and his distribution was effective. R. Compton at centre forward has a quick eye and a good idea of the game but was inclined to dribble the ball too close to his feet and thus did not have good control. I. Dickens, although an erratic player, put in some good performances especially at centre forward. He keeps his stick on the ground when "hunting" and is thus good at picking up attempted clearances. He should develop into a very effective player. S. Blanckenberg on the left wing was also an erratic player. However, he moved his body round the ball very well, his stick-work was good and he sent some excellent "crosses".

Members of the 2nd XI: A. S. Clark, S. A. Jacks, N. P. Tucker, D. G. Rothwell, P. E. Lawrence (capt.), B. H. Gregson, C. C. Orford, D. C. Okell, J. N. Devonport, J. P. Rycroft, P. Cullen.

Awards: Honours: P. C. Dean, N. C. Grice, T. E. Schafer, S. J. Blanckenberg. (P. E. Kumleben 1971.)

Colours: M. R. Cartwright, I. D. Martin, I. C. Dickens, G. McLeod, D. A. Pollard, R. C. Compton.

Teams: P. E. Lawrence, D. C. Okell, S. A. Jacks, D. G. Rothwell, J. P. Rycroft, N. P. Tucker, A. S. Clark, P. Cullen, J. N. Devonport, C. C. Orford. (B. H. Gregson 1971.)

Alan Butcher Hockey Stick: I. C. Dickens.

<i>Results of Matches</i>	<i>1st XI</i>		
v. Pretoria Boys' High	Won 1-0	} On Tour	
v. K.E.S.	Drew 1-1		
v. Jeppe	Lost 1-3		
v. St. John's	Won 7-0		
v. Peterhouse	Won 2-1	v. Invitation XI	Drew 0-0
v. Falcon	Won 1-0	v. Rangers	Won 5-1

v. Old Boys	Lost 1-4	v. Hilton	Won 2-0
v. Hamilton	Drew 1-1	v. Glenwood	Won 2-0
v. Alex. High	Won 5-0	v. University	Lost 0-3
v. D.H.S.	Won 6-0	v. St. Andrew's	Won 5-1
v. Olympics	Won 3-1	v. Collegians	Drew 0-0
v. Howick Men	Drew 3-3	v. Hilton	Won 3-1
<i>2nd XI</i>			
v. Old Boys	Drew 2-2	v. Glenwood	Won 2-1
v. D.H.S.	Won 3-0	v. University	Lost 1-5
v. Alex. High 1st	Lost 0-5	v. Collegians	Lost 1-4
v. Howick Men	Drew 2-2	v. Hilton	Won 5-1
v. Hilton	Won 5-2		

Results of the House Matches

Seniors: Farfield beat Baines

Juniors: East beat West.

R.F.P.

ATHLETICS

School Captain: T. Tyrrell (E.).

Vice-captain: P. Girdwood (W.).

The athletic season proved a rather full and hectic one. Considering that the boys moved straight into a full athletic period of Standards, Relays, Heats, Sports Day and Tug-of-War following a strenuous rugby season, they performed very well indeed.

The annual Triangular Athletic Meeting was held here at Michaelhouse this year and provided some fine running and good spirit in the competition.

At the Pietermaritzburg Inter-Schools' Meeting our athletes performed very well. Eight were selected to represent the Pietermaritzburg and District team and two were selected as reserves. They were: P. King (3 000 metres Under 16); R. Clarke (3 000 metres Under 19); T. Tyrrell (Discus Under 19, and 110 metres Hurdles Under 19); N. Henwood (100 metres Under 16, 200 metres Under 16 and Under 16 Relay); G. Bishop (800 metres Under 16); D. Hammill (Long Jump Under 14); J. Boulter (400 metres Under 19). The two reserves were I. Morgans and D. Bond.

In the 3 000 metres Under 16 P. King ran very well and was placed second with a time of 9 minutes, 20,4 seconds. In the 800 metres Under 16 G. Bishop finished fourth. D. Hammill won the long jump Under 14 with a distance of 5,75 metres. T. Tyrrell was placed fourth in the 110 metres Hurdles Under 19 and J. Boulter finished second in the 400 metres Under 19 with a time of 50,8 seconds.

Our own Sports Day Finals provided some good running and proved highly exciting. Out of the 39 events 12 records were broken.

The full Athletic Competitions results read as follows:

Standards Competition: "John Odams" Cup—East.

Relays Competition: "R. H. Harriss" Cup—Farfield.

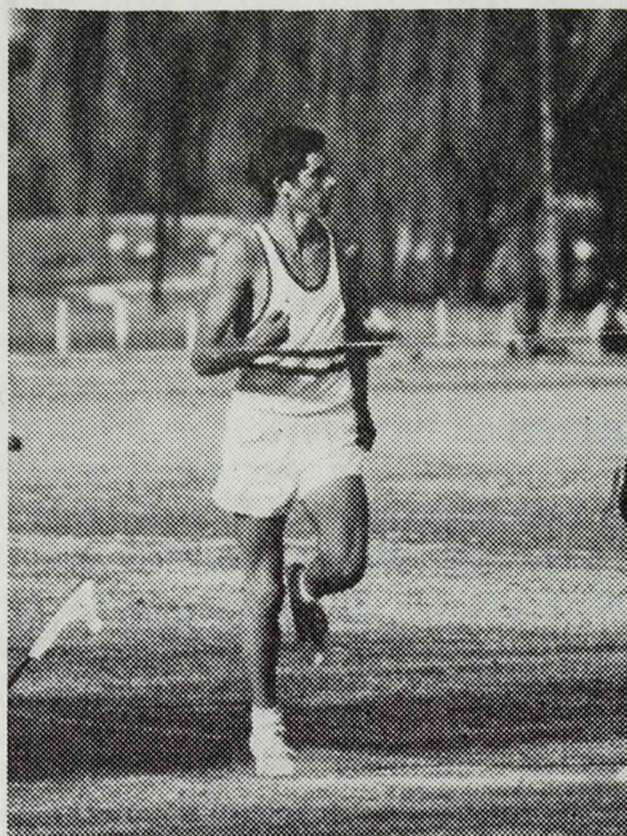
Tug-of-War: Junior—Tatham; Senior—Tatham.
Sports Day: "Eric Strapp" Memorial Cup—West.

The following Colours and Honours Awards were made:

Colours: P. King (P.); N. Henwood (P.); G. Bishop (Fo.); P.
Girdwood (W.); I. Morgans (Go.).

Honours: T. Tyrrell (E.); J. Boulter (Fa.).

K.J.M.



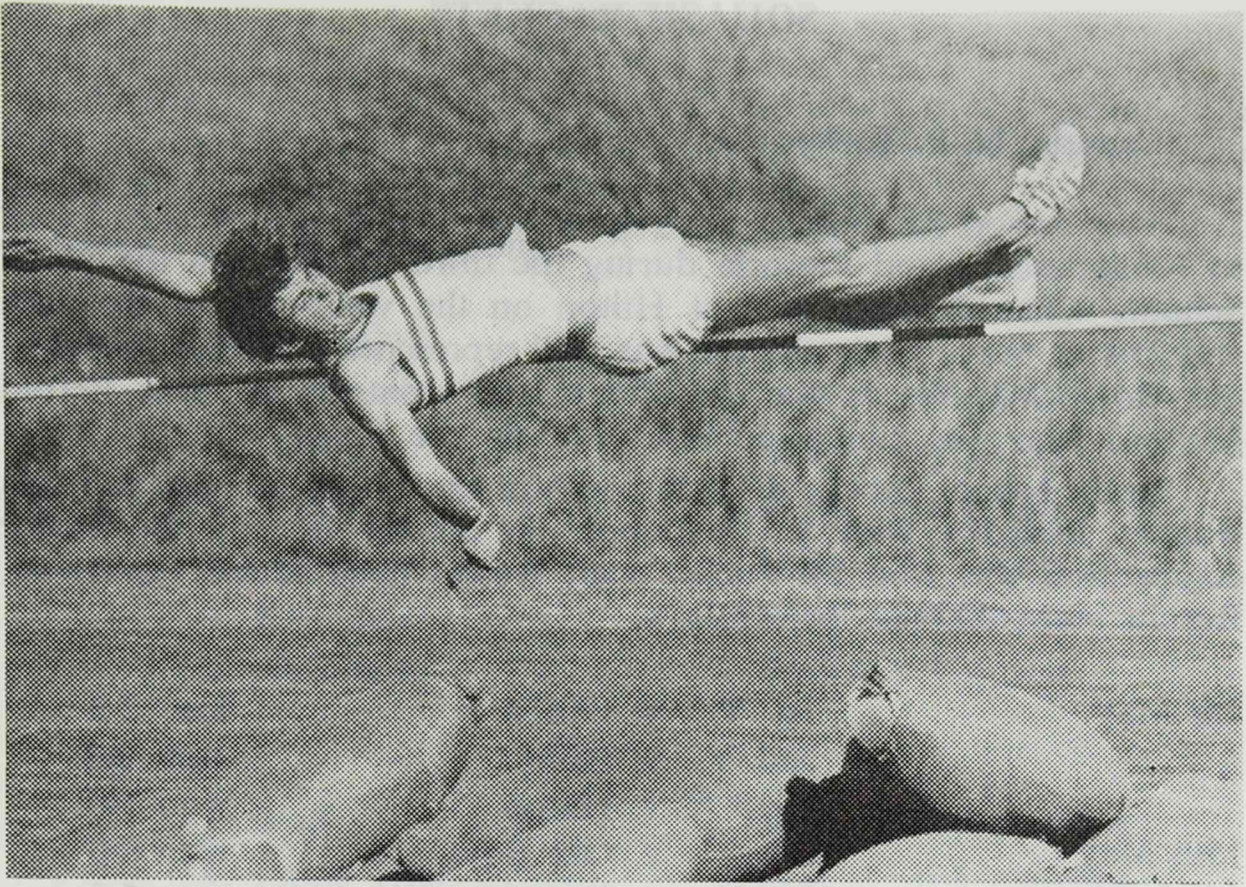
TRIANGULAR MEETING

September, 1972

**G. W. Bishop wins the Under 16
1 500 Metres.**



A changeover in the 4 x 400 Metres.



W. I. C. Morgans wins the Open High Jump.



TRIANGULAR MEETING

with Hilton and Kearsney
at Michaelhouse

**J. N. Boulter leads the Michael-
house team home in the 4 x 400
Metres.**

Photos: Steads Studio, Ladysmith.

SQUASH RACKETS

Captain: N. P. Tucker (E).

This season has been a fairly busy one, including a weekend tour to Johannesburg and Pretoria during the third quarter. In the Natal Schools' Championship held at Hilton on the weekends of the 14th and 21st of May, Michaelhouse was well represented. Tucker knocked out Rowe-Williams in the semi-finals and went on to beat Berold (Hilton) who was runner-up last year—in the finals.

In the school knockout championships the Junior competition was won by Ingledew with R. Devonport the runner-up, and the Senior competition was won by Tucker with Rowe-Williams the runner-up. Results since the last issue follow.

7th May	1st V	v. Hilton	lost 2-3
	2nd V	v. Hilton	lost 2-3
	U-15 V	v. Hilton	won 5-0
15th May	Boys	v. Old Boys	won 6-0
4th June	1st V	v. Kearsney	won 5-0
	U-15 V	v. Kearsney	won 3-2
11th June	Boys	v. Staff	won 6-1
18th June	1st V	v. Hilton*	lost 1-4
	2nd V	v. Hilton*	lost 0-5
	U-15 V	v. Hilton*	won 5-0
17th August	1st V	v. Kearsney*	won 3-2
	U-15 V	v. Kearsney*	won 4-1
20th August	1st V	v. Hilton	lost 1-4
	2nd V	v. Hilton	won 3-2
	U-15 V	v. Hilton	won 5-0
27th August	1st V	v. Staff	won 5-0
	2nd V	v. Staff	won 4-1
9th September	1st V	v. St. John's*	won 5-0
10th September	1st V	v. Pretoria Boys'*	lost 2-3
24th September	1st V	v. Hilton*	won 4-1
	2nd V	v. Hilton*	won 3-2
	U-15 V	v. Hilton*	won 3-2

The following awards have been made:

Honours: Tucker, N. P.; Rowe-Williams, J. C.

Colours: Ingledew, N. M.; Teams: L. K. Fleischer.

Tucker and Rowe-Williams played for a Natal Schools V against the touring British Swallows side at Michaelhouse on the 3rd of August. The three remaining members of the side were from Hilton.

S.N.W.

TENNIS

Although not apparent, as most of the tennis in the second and third quarters involved only the top four non-rugby players, we have been kept fairly busy. The results are as follows:

Denness Trophy Competition:

1st 1V (non-rugby)

v. St. Charles	Lost	9-3 points
v. Hilton	Draw	6-6 points
v. Weston	Won	8-4 points
v. College	Lost	9-3 points
v. Kearsney	Won	7-5 points
v. Alexandra	Won	9-3 points

1st VIII

v. Staff	Lost	10-6 matches
v. Jeppe High School	Lost	6-5 matches (one match drawn)

Under 14

v. Cordwalles	Won	5-4 matches
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1st V1

v. Hilton	Won	5-3 matches (one match drawn)
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The house match finals this year were contested by Farfield and Baines. Farfield won by three matches to nil. (one match being drawn).

D.B.M.

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IN MEMORIAM

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

Parker (19-22) Dr. John Leonard, died in Maritzburg. He qualified at Edinburgh University, where he was awarded boxing and rugby blues. As a student he won the Scottish amateur heavyweight boxing title. On his return he was appointed superintendent of Durban's King Edward VIII Hospital and in 1954 became the first superintendent of Edendale Hospital, which he pioneered. Before going on Active Service in World War II he was senior house surgeon at Grey's Hospital. In 1953 he was appointed Deputy Director of Hospital Services. When he retired in 1967 he had been Director of Hospital Services for Natal for 10 years. He was a member of the Michaelhouse Board of Governors from 1954-56.

Taylor (42-46) Michael died recently in Durban. After leaving school he furthered his education overseas. He became a leading businessman and was managing director of a printing firm. He was also well known in Natal sporting circles as a keen rugby player and low handicap golfer. He was a member of the Durban Club and also the Durban Country Club.

Adams (14-18) Basil lived for many years in Kenya and died suddenly in Malindi last November.

Needham (39-41) George died tragically while on holiday in Natal from Rhodesia, where he had spent most of his life.

Fitzgerald (36-39) William was a House Prefect in East and Captain of School Swimming. He served with the Artillery during World War II. He was in business in Johannesburg.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Sixtieth Annual General Meeting of the
Michaelhouse Old Boys' Club held at Michaelhouse on
Ascension Day, 11th May, 1972, at 11 a.m.

The Opening Prayer was said by the Rev. H. Clark, School Chaplain.

Present at the Meeting and arrived during the day (161): D. P. H. Atkinson, R. W. Anderson, T. M. Adnams, J. Allinson, R. A. Atkinson, G. D. Archibald, M. A. Abbott, J. R. Armstrong, J. A. Adams, G. W. Baruise, J. L. Bowden, A. N. Berend, C. S. Babson, D. G. Badson, J. H. Bennett, J. B. Ball, D. C. Booth, J. N. Burchell, N. C. F. Bloy, B. A. Brink, P. Beggs, J. N. Byron, B. J. Bowes, T. Catchpole, J. H. Cheshire, R. B. A. Cruickshank, S. C. L. Clarke, J. A. Cooke, B. S. Carte, H. J. Carr, C. N. Cotton, A. F. G. Cotton, H. C. Clark, W. G. Collins, K. B. Challinor, J. Cloete, A. N. A. Campbell, P. W. Dobson, J. G. Draper, J. H. Day Wilson, J. J. Davidson, W. A. Dorning, J. N. Dadswell, P. C. W. England, C. J. Fenwick, E. N. French, R. Folker, J. R. Francis, E. W. Gibson, E. H. Goodall, E. J. Greene, C. E. J. Goodyer, P. J. Goldie Scot, N. Godbold, D. C. Greig, P. Gallo, R. G. H. Houghton, J. R. Hankinson, G. Houghton, R. W. Harker, J. K. Hepburn, C. A. Huggins, R. S. P. Howell, T. J. Harrison, R. H. W. Hall, W. B. Hallows, K. B. Hallows, P. D. Hart, A. C. Houston, P. G. W. Henderson, R. J. W. Henderson, G. E. W. Holley, C. G. H. Holley, J. J. Jonsson, J. Johnstone, D. Jones, H. W. Johnston, N. Jackson, P. J. Joubert, W. O. N. James, H. T. James, W. B. Kramer, L. C. Knight, H. D. R. Krause, A. D. Kimber, G. Karagornas, W. J. Kaulback, A. A. Knight, C. Y. Kinahan, W. F. Lambert, P. Leary, G. V. Lange, C. Luther, B. A. Law, A. B. Lawrence, N. J. L'Estrange, R. J. Lister, P. MacIldowie, A. R. Miller, R. D. Makin, P. D. D. McIntosh, J. R. McCarthy, D. B. Mackay, R. K. Mackay, D. G. Maxwell, J. J. Massie Taylor, R. D. Massey, A. D. Macwhirter, N. Mayer, N. MacGillivray, M. H. Nixon, P. D. R. Nairn, A. B. Nicol, F. B. Oscroft, D. C. Okell, I. R. Orchard, A. E. Oxley Oxland, P. J. Oxley Oxland, K. M. Pennington, G. B. Payn, M. E. Pennington, D. M. Parkin, G. O. M. Pennington, J. Porter, Ron F. Pennington, D. F. Pennington, D. N. F. Pennington, P. B. V. Quin, S. N. Roberts, A. S. Rogers, K. A. Renton, C. L. C. Reynolds, M. A. M. Robinson, M. L. P. Rattray, R. L. Robinson, W. L. Robinson, T. I. Rouillard, B. Stacey, I. Scott Barnes, R. I. Scott Barnes, V. Shaw, D. W. Strachan, H. A. C. Stanton, M. L. Soper, H. A. R. Swan, N. P. Scott, K. N. Strachan, R. E. Turner, A. V. Turrell, R. M. Taylor, G. E. Taylor, D. W. Turner, A. M. van Velden, J. D. Wilson, J. A. Whysall, A. H. V. Winter, A. R. Waller, R. M. G. Walker, W. A. van der Walt.

Apologies: C. J. Roberts, C. A. Byron, Dr. W. H. Lawrance, J. Price-Moor, A. Allardice, J. A. L. Fisher, A. Clive-Smith, N. E. Jansen, H. G. Chapman, A. G. van Leenhoff, D. I. Doull, T. E. B. Hill.

The President asked those present to stand in memory of those who had died during the year (12):

A. F. M. T. Chaplin (34-35)	P. Caswell (36-40)
V. Beattie (15-16)	J. Royston (29-31)
D. Pringle (27-30)	A. W. Lister (10-15)
P. Jonsson (35-39)	J. Rhys Evans (23-27)
L. Clive-Smith (00-02)	K. Abbott (20-22)
H. Beddy (13-14)	A. N. Curry (43-48)

The President called on the Rector to present his Report.

Summary of Address by the Rector to Old Boys 11/5/72:

Rector's Report

Wherever we go these days we are reminded of the rapid shrinking of the world, both in that we humans, if we cannot reach any corner of the globe within a matter of a few hours ourselves, we can at least see, in most countries that is, what is actually going on in any corner of the globe as it actually happens. I wish we were equally graphically reminded of how time is shrinking too, for it has really come as quite a shock, to me, that I am facing so soon an audience of Old Boys who have made their annual pilgrimage to Mecca—I mean Michaelhouse! Time marches on inexorably. Only a few weeks ago one of your sons who is hell-bent on thrashing me on the squash court, reminded me forcibly of this. I was victorious in the match but only just, so to give him encouragement, as I thought a good schoolmaster should, I said “Keep it up, old chap. It won’t be long now.” “No, Sir” came the curt, not so courteous reply “it won’t!”

It is customary, I believe, for the Rector to report on the school in this address, and to put before you Old Boys’ various highlights of the past year in an attempt to show that the place is still very much alive and ticking. This is usually a forlorn essay, for to younger Old Boys at least, the refrain usually has it that the place is “not what it used to be” . . . “In my day” . . . etc.

This year, however, I want to talk about the Old Boys mainly. Let me hasten to add that I do not want to tell you that our association is not what it used to be. On the contrary, I want to announce a simple but very significant fact, a fact which some of you may already have heard, but nevertheless one which fully bears repeating today, because in the main the credit for it falls on Old Boys’ shoulders.

You will all be aware by now that the professional guidance that lies behind the Michaelhouse Development Foundation comes from The National Fund Raising Counsel, a concern with its Head Office in Australia, and one which has advised over 400 schools in the raising of funds for development and advised highly successfully, for I believe only two out of the 400 drives have fallen short of the target set.

In all their experience they have never had such a splendid response in the preparatory and early intensive phases of a campaign as has been achieved in this campaign of ours. 8 out of every 10 persons approached to enlist as 'workers', that is those who are prepared not only to make their own honey but to bring the honey in from others, have accepted. In other words, not only have they made pledges to help financially, but they are giving of their time and concern to help us meet the urgent demands of maintaining our position of eminence in the intellectual field while at the same time continuing to emphasize the spiritual and physical growth of the whole body.

That response is a record and redounds to the credit very largely of our Old Boys, in so far as they of course form the bulk of the whole Michaelhouse Community. It would nevertheless not be out of order in my view to pay tribute to the whole Community as such—the boys, the Staff, parents who were not themselves members of the school, and just friends, for all are playing their part in this great common cause, a cause which indeed goes far beyond our own Balgowan bounds in its deepest meaning.

Most of you will have heard at one or other of the functions held so far to launch the Michaelhouse Development Foundation's campaign the details of the many cogs which make up the organisation, and you will have a pretty good idea of the Foundation's aims and objects, so it would be out of place to go into that now, particularly as my own voice is still ringing in my ears from last night—Midlands launching—on this score. All, however, will be interested in the progress made so far and I am happy to report that the latest figure pledged in support of our development stands at just over R700 000. This is magnificent and a truly heartening endorsement of all that Michaelhouse stands for and all that Michaelhouse has meant to all its sons over the years.

Now I would like to spend a few minutes elaborating on why this support is so significant at this time. You will all have read reports in the press on the new differentiated educational system—the so-called 4-tier system, with its different streams, academic, technical, vocational, agricultural, commercial, that is to be introduced in 1975. There is nothing wrong with differentiated education as such. In fact, it recognises the fact that person's talents vary and that what might be the most suitable avenue for full benefit and expression for one is not necessarily the best for another.

However, coupled with this differentiation, there is undoubtedly a deliberate aim on the part of the Central Government to assume control over educational policy generally and to make uniform the

varying approaches followed at present by the Provinces. Lip-service is paid to their autonomy, but Pretoria is the piper calling the tune. Even standardisation could have its benefits, but when one reads the preamble of the Report of the Committee for Differentiated Education, which is the blueprint for the State's future educational policy in the Republic, the prospects are gloomy. The Report begins by emphasizing the necessity to inculcate in our young people "the South African attitude to life", and then goes on: "Education which is primarily Christian and national in character will mean that South Africans will be satisfied with nothing less than that their children should be moulded as future citizens. This implies that they have become acquainted with society's current demands of propriety and that they have been apprised of the generally accepted values. This being the case, it would seem that formative education is a vehicle for moulding the conscience according to the South African hierarchy of values, on the basis of which the child will one day display the characteristic of adulthood."

Consider this along with the words of the Director of Education in the Transvaal, when explaining the so-called YOUTH PREPAREDNESS programme now being introduced as part of the practical implementation of the State's education policy. Claiming that there is a cultural revolution abroad aimed at destroying Western civilization and all its forms of culture, he went on to say to his audience of School principals—"We shall have to teach our pupils anew how to control their thoughts."

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I acknowledge that this is the Transvaal speaking. I acknowledge too that reaction to such a fanatical approach has been sharp in the Cape and in Natal, even to the extent of comparing the educational policy to the super-Aryan herren-volk concept on which the education of youth was based in Nazi Germany, and of describing the programme (in the words of the Daily News editor) "as an ideological brain-washing programme for high schools masquerading as a course in civics under the banner of Youth preparedness". For all that, my fear is that Pretoria is becoming more and more the piper, and what is being done in the Transvaal may exert a powerful influence on the provinces and their schools, including the state-aided.

Do you wonder then why I have considered it necessary to call on your support as Old Boys today? You are all aware, acutely aware, I am sure, of what this school stands for. You all recognise that what I have been bringing to your attention is the very antithesis of what it stands for. But not much heed will be paid us — we are now the only fully independent secondary school left in this Province—unless we deliver the goods, and the goods, I would suggest, are young South Africans who, if not fully bilingual, are sensitive to this shortcoming, and who have an awareness to our South African needs which transcends and extends beyond our own national boundaries, and who see their responsibility in striving for a better South Africa as being a stepping stone towards striving for a better world.

Gentlemen, these are not high-sounding phrases, trotted out with glib and superficial sonority. They underline what Michaelhouse as a Christian and independent school *is*, and should continue to be at all costs and for all time.

How do we rate this year? It seems almost anti-climactic to talk of some aspects of our endeavours, so small do they sound in isolation, and yet nothing is achieved without small beginnings, and a spark has the capacity to become a shining light.

The Port Natal exchange visits are growing in demand at both schools and have already had as a happy corollary the fact that our boys openly state that they enjoy playing rugby matches against Port Natal more than most other schools. I have recently succeeded in arranging a further exchange with Vryheid High School on a larger scale, this year in August only, but next year on two occasions.

Our service projects now include visits to the Sunfield Home for crippled children and the Indian School for the blind, visits enormously appreciated by both centres. Our discussion groups on a wide variety of social issues continue to prosper and our Societies flourish—many of them given great support in time and trouble by Old Boys, which is very much appreciated. All this means communication, contact, concern, co-operation.

Our sporting teams perform with enthusiasm and varying degrees of skill. The 1st XV and Hockey 1st XI have just completed very successful tours. We were not unbeatable on the field of play, but the impressions left by both teams wherever they played *were* unbeatable and this is just as important! Swimming deserves special mention here. We had our first ever boy representing Natal Province, in the National Champs, and five others competed in the Natal Champs. The standard throughout has been very high this year. Incidentally we retain our full amateur status in all our games—i.e. the coaching is done entirely by our own members of Staff, and how right this policy is! Except that it adds grey hairs daily to my already pretty exposed head. To find a good Mathematician or a Geographer, for instance, who is also a wizard cricket coach or hockey coach is just not easy!

Our Matriculation results, happily, were very satisfactory, particularly as we struggle against boys allowing the Matriculation Certificate to control their lives here to the exclusion of other equally important aspects of their full education.

I was interested to read recently, incidentally, the claim by a Natal School to be the first to have a representative School Council. Ours has flourished for years and renders a very valuable contribution to school government.

An intensive interest is taken in religious literature, over 325 paper backs being sold to boys during the 1st quarter of this year; and the School library is gradually being systematically re-organised by our new full-time Librarian, and drawing greater attendance, particularly by the younger boys. Tours and Venture-club outings are always over-subscribed and the assistance of the Michaelhouse

Trust and many individual members of the MHS community gives a host of our boys opportunities to learn about our country.

But I must not ramble on—the task of selecting items of interest for you about life at a school which is anything but inactive is not an enviable one. Omissions there are bound to have been, but I hope none so significant that you are left in any doubt of the vigour of the place, of its vital role in South African education and of its need to continue to enjoy your whole-hearted support.

May I close by bringing the following matter to your attention? One of our oldest and most respected Old Boys — he does not wish to be mentioned by name—has a mind to leave a few very valuable pieces of silver to the school, in the hope that one day the school, through similar bequests, may boast a renowned collection, rather like certain regimental show pieces or university colleges'. He would like the idea aired in case any other Old Boys might be of like mind.

Minutes of the 1971 Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the 1971 Annual General Meeting which had been circulated in the Chronicle were taken as read and the Meeting authorised their confirmation.

President's Report, 11th May, 1972

Gentlemen,

This is the 60th occasion upon which the Old Boys of Michaelhouse have gathered together for an Annual General Meeting. On the face of it that is some sort of jubilee, but as you will no doubt know, the Club was founded in 1903, that is 69 years ago, so that it is not a particularly noteworthy occasion.

Once again I must thank our host, the Rector, for making the School's facilities available to us for Old Boys' Day. It is fitting, of course, that the School should welcome back those whom it sent forth, but we all appreciate that we cause a considerable upheaval by coming in such numbers, and we are duly grateful to you, Rector, and to all those staff members who have enabled us to have this enjoyable day together at Michaelhouse.

As this is primarily a report, I will first deal with the main Committee's activities during the last year, and, thereafter, I propose to permit myself to do some crystal gazing about the future.

All the routine work is, of course, done by Lance and Phyllis Knight. They carry quite a burden as the Committee only met 4 times in the past year, and the President was comparatively inaccessible in far away Johannesburg. When the Committee did meet it discussed the following subjects, not necessarily in order of importance:

Congratulatory letters — which you will be invited to approve and add to if you so wish;

- The School History;
- The Club Constitution;
- The Permanent Secretary Fund;
- Gaudies;
- The Hilton centenary;
- The Members' Roll;
- The Diamond Jubilee Bursary Fund;
- The Chronicle;
- Old Boys' Colours;
- The Hudson Bennett Golf Competition;
- Investment of Funds;
- Honorary Members;
- Successes and Failures;
- News of Branches;

Comparison of our operations with other Clubs.

Most of these matters would not be of great interest to this Annual General Meeting but I would like to mention a few of them again.

First, there is the School History. We still have nearly 2 000 ordinary copies and 32 special copies of this book. This represents a revenue of over R11 000 to the Club and I need hardly emphasise the benefit to the Club if these books could be turned into cash. If you have not got your copy get it today from Lance Knight. I am not asking you for a donation. The book is worth every cent of the R5,50 that the ordinary copy costs.

Permanent Secretary Fund: R19 412. Target — income of R6 000 per annum. We are about half way. R1 710 received this year.

The incoming committee will have to review the situation in regard to the Permanent Secretary Fund if any developments take place in regard to the Michaelhouse Community, about which I shall speak more fully later in this report.

As most of you know that School down the road celebrated its centenary this year. The School and the Club jointly presented a sun-dial to Hilton to mark the event. What I would like to know is who did they play rugby and cricket against during the 25 years before we came into existence? A sporting calendar without Hilton/Michaelhouse games seems almost inconceivable.

The other matter which the Committee dealt with which is of general interest is the Michaelhouse Diamond Jubilee Bursary Fund. This Fund had as its object the provision of bursaries for sons of Old Boys. It is a sad thing that due to the ever rising fees some Old Boys are not able to send their sons to Michaelhouse. I believe that Old Boys' sons should be particularly welcome at the School. The Jubilee Fund is there for this particular purpose, and I am not sure that it is as widely known as it should be. I hope that no Old Boy feels that his pride won't allow him to accept such a bursary for his son. As things stand, approximately 1 boy in 3 at Michaelhouse now receives financial assistance of one sort or another. There is

now R16 000 of capital in this Fund, and to date 18 bursaries have been awarded to a total value of R9 280. In my opinion this matter of getting Old Boys' sons into the School is so important that when the dust of the Michaelhouse Development Appeal has settled, consideration should be given to ways and means of augmenting this Fund.

The Development Appeal has a momentum of its own and I do not propose to deal with it in detail here. The latest news is that R700 000 has been pledged. I am proud that this effort has been spear-headed by Old Boys. Many more Old Boys than those who participate in our routine functions are working vigorously in the campaign. The same happened in the Trust Appeal. It is obvious that when there is a clearly defined and important job to be done for Michaelhouse, we can rely on the active support of the majority of Old Boys whereas a substantially smaller percentage attend our normal social functions. The question immediately poses itself — should the Club not consider whether activities with a more serious purpose should be included in its programme?

I now pass to a matter which has been exercising some of our minds and which has been discussed in the Committee from time to time. This is the subject of the MICHAELHOUSE COMMUNITY. (Although what I have to say is expressing my views entirely and not necessarily those of the Committee.) It is hardly necessary to point out that Michaelhouse derives its strength from many sources apart from the Old Boys' Club. Parents who enter their boys for the school are giving a very tangible sign of their belief in the things that the School stands for and in many cases they continue to give their moral and material support long after the boys have left the school. Mothers and wives can and do make a substantial contribution to activities connected with Michaelhouse. There is developing a consciousness that there exists what has come to be referred to as "the Michaelhouse Community". It is amorphous and unorganised but it is there. Has the time not come to consider whether the Community would not be strengthened by the creation of some form of organisation of all who are interested?

When the Michaelhouse Trust was established in 1957 it was the Community as a whole which responded. The same has happened in the Michaelhouse Development Fund Appeal. I believe that these friends of Michaelhouse who have helped so materially to meet the needs of the School deserve the recognition that would be provided by some closer organisation. Conversely, a closer but wider organisation cannot fail to bring increased benefits to the School, both tangible and intangible.

Since Michaelhouse first asked its friends to support it in 1957, the only regular contact that has been maintained with them has been the publication of Accounts and the Report by the Rector each year. In Johannesburg there have been functions embracing everybody who made donations to the Trust as well as Old Boys. These contacts have, however, been kept alive independently of the Old Boys' Club and there is inevitably some duplication of effort. Now, the Development Appeal is bringing a response from a new set of donors. We cannot take these people's money and thereafter virtually ignore them until

we want to ask them for more money. At the very least it will be necessary to let them have an Annual Report. This means yet another organisation and another mailing list.

There is surely a strong case for finding a formula for bringing the Trust Donors, the Development Fund Donors and the Old Boys under one umbrella. This includes most people who have the interests of Michaelhouse at heart but I would add a further category: Parents of boys entering the School. I believe that mutual benefit would be derived from the involvement of parents in the affairs of Michaelhouse. Apart from the rationalisation brought about by such a development, it is obvious that a Community combining all these elements would be stronger and better able to further the aims of Michaelhouse.

The feeling among some Old Boys against any loss of identity must, however, be recognised. We are seeking unity amongst the friends of Michaelhouse and as certain Old Boys want their separate identity preserved, their views cannot be ignored. If the desirability of a wider organisation is accepted, it should not be beyond our ingenuity to find a solution whereby Old Boys can continue to enjoy the same benefits of membership of the Club as before while being part of a wider Community. Inevitably the lead in such a wider organisation would be taken by Old Boys and the position of Old Boys would actually be strengthened instead of, as some fear, being weakened. If such fears persist, I have no doubt that the Old Boys' position could be constitutionally safe-guarded, but it would be a sad reflection on the ability and interest of Old Boys, if they needed constitutional protection against being ousted by the rest of the Community.

In his speech at the dinner in Johannesburg, for the Development Appeal, Professor Exton Burchell said that Michaelhouse must always strive for excellence. In other words, "good enough" is not really good enough. The School has examined itself and has launched the campaign to raise at least R900 000 in order to achieve excellence. Is the Old Boys' Club satisfied to be good enough, or is it prepared from time to time to take a good look at itself and to consider whether in the light of changing times and circumstances, changes should not be made in order to bring it nearer to that goal of excellence?

I have asked a number of questions, in the hope that they will provoke thought amongst the Old Boys, and possibly bring about new and interesting developments. By the time we meet again these matters will have been further considered by your Committee, the Governors, the Trustees of the 1957 Trust, and the Development Fund Trust, and it is my hope that it may then be possible to put well-considered recommendations before you.

I wish to thank Lance and Phyllis Knight for all their work! also Douglas Turner and finally the Committee.

It has indeed been an honour and a privilege to me to serve as your President and I hope that I have contributed something to the Club by putting forward the suggestions you have heard.

I thank you for your patience in listening to this Report and hope that, now that it is over, you will enjoy yourselves.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. President, Rector, Gentlemen:

The accounts are tabled in the Library where books on the History of the School are also being sold.

The Income and Expenditure Account for the year shows a surplus of R1 015 as compared with R141 for the previous year. However, it must be borne in mind that there was only one Chronicle during the year and although this issue was enlarged there was a saving of R200. This indicates that during the coming year with two issues of the Chronicle we can expect the cost to rise considerably. Portion of this will be off-set by the arrangement made by our one man sub-committee, Mr. Simon Roberts, having met with a sub-committee of the Board of Governors — the school will now increase its contribution.

There was also a saving of R650 in regard to the honorarium of the Hon. Secretary as in the past this was paid in arrears. Under the present arrangement this is paid as a monthly salary.

The income from Life Subscriptions is down by R400 on last year as there were fewer leavers and consequently only 86 boys joined the Club as compared with 105 in 1970.

It should be noted that the interest received on capital investments increased, during the year, by R500. Some years ago I pointed out that it would be a happy state of affairs if the interest received was sufficient to cover the cost of the Chronicle, this it was for the first time last year and it should now be our aim to cover not only this cost but also that of the salary of the Permanent Secretary. This, in turn, would enable us to capitalise the Life Subscriptions from year to year.

It appears from the Balance Sheet that our assets have increased by R6 696. However, R3 605 of this together with an accumulation in the Savings Account of R480, which has become available through the Diamond Jubilee Insurance Scheme policies falling due, will, with your approval, be paid over to the School to be added to the Diamond Jubilee Bursary Fund.

The Permanent Secretary Investment Fund has increased by R1 710,22 during the year, and with the sales of the History of the School and R1 015 surplus in the Income and Expenditure Account makes up the total of the increase in our assets.

That, Gentlemen, concludes my Report for the year ended 31st March, 1972.

L. C. Knight.

The Meeting authorised the adoption of the Accounts and Balance Sheet. The President expressed his and the A.G.M.'s grateful thanks to Mr. D. Turner.

M.O.B.C. Diamond Jubilee Bursary Fund: The Meeting approved the payment of R4 000 (Four Thousand Rand) of the Diamond Jubilee Fund to the Trustees of the Diamond Jubilee Bursary Fund for investment, the income to be used for the purpose of providing further bursaries to the sons of Old Boys.

Election of Officers, 1972/73

President: I. Scott Barnes (Zululand).

President-elect: S. Roberts (Maritzburg).

Immediate Past President and additional Hon. Vice-President:
J. D. Wilson (Johannesburg).

Secretary and Treasurer: L. C. Knight.

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

Hon. Auditor: D. Turner.

Election of New Members

The following new members were elected to the Club:—

Abbott, M. A. (67-71)	L'Estrange, M. J. (69-71)
Acutt, G. (66-68)	Long-Innes, M. C. (68-71)
Adkins, R. A. D. (67-71)	Love, W. F. (66-71)
Aiken, T. E. (67-71)	MacGillivray, C. R. (68-71)
Aitchison, D. G. (67-71)	Mackay, R. K. (68-71)
Allardice, A. A. (68-71)	Main, A. R. (68-71)
Balson, C. S. (68-71)	McBride, R. W. (68-71)
Bauristhene, M. A. (67-71)	Morgan, C. T. (69-71)
Blackman, P. A. (68-71)	Moxley, W. A. O. (67-71)
Bond, M. (67-70)	Needham, C. D. S. (67-71)
Booth, P. J. (68-71)	Norton, P. O. (67-71)
Brassey, N. St. J. (68-71)	Orchard, I. R. (67-71)
Brown, D. M. (68-71)	Parr, C. D. (67-71)
Burnett, S. B. (68-71)	Parrington, C. B. (68-71)
Button, D. T. (68-71)	Pharazyn, N. G. (68-71)
Challinor, M. B. (68-71)	Pond, M. C. E. (67-71)
Coleman, N. C. (67-71)	Ramsay, D. H. (67-71)
Courtenay, R. M. (68-71)	Rendall, P. G. (67-71)
Crunden, R. S. (68-71)	Robertson, B. M. (68-71)
Currie, R. A. S. (67-71)	Robertson, L. J. (67-71)
Curson, C. G. (68-71)	Robertson, S. C. (68-71)
Campbell, K. (Hon. 71)	Robinson, M. A. M. (67-71)
Davidson, C. D. (67-71)	Rosholt, S. D. (67-71)
de Gersigny, I. B. (68-71)	Sangmeister, M. G. B. (67-71)
Dorning, W. A. (68-71)	Scott, R. P. (67-71)
Duff, N. P. (67-71)	Starkey, R. V. (68-71)
Dyer, C. J. (68-71)	Taylor, D. M. P. (67-71)
Engel, C. J. (67-71)	Taylor, P. J. W. (68-71)
Evans, S. T. (67-71)	Thompson, R. S. (68-71)
Fergusson, I. C. (68-71)	Thorrington-Smith, D. (67-71)
Ferguson, R. I. (67-71)	Turpin, T. H. (67-71)
Fitzgerald, S. P. (67-71)	van Velden, A. M. (67-71)
Funstan, M. G. (68-71)	Vassiliades, P. V. (68-71)
Garland, P. J. (68-71)	Vaughan, C. L. (67-71)
Hall, M. J. W. (67-71)	Vipond, F. E. (68-71)

Harris, H. C. (67-71)
Henderson, J. D. (68-71)
Henderson, W. G. H. (67-71)
Hendrix, M. R. G. (68-71)
Johnstone, W. D. (67-71)
Kerr, G. H. (67-71)
Knight, J. M. (67-71)
Kolling, L. S. (67-71)
Lawrence, A. B. (69-71)
Lee, H. H. (67-71)

Wall, N. (68-71)
Wattam, M. S. (68-71)
Whiteley, W. J. (67-71)
Wilson, S. (67-71)
Youngleson, J. (67-71)
Clark, D. (67-71)

Staff

Leggatt, C. H. D.
Crossley, G.

Branch Reports

Johannesburg

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN TRANSVAAL BRANCH OF THE MICHAELHOUSE OLD BOYS' CLUB, 11th MAY, 1972

Statisticians and anthropologists would find much to interest them in the behaviour patterns and habits of members of the Southern Transvaal branch in the year under review.

For example, members don't like dinner dances but they turn out in force for a free meal. They avoid annual general meetings, but they will pack out a church service followed by a garden party.

These, indeed, were the main activities and inactivities of the branch during the year. The dance was a disaster. A vigorous sub-committee of Alan Melville and Vic Cowles fixed the date (June 4), the venue, the band, the menu, the liquor, the flowers and the cost, plus a bottle of free wine for every two couples. Invitations were sent out and the organisers waited for the great night. They waited, all right. A laconic note in the minutes of the next committee meeting recorded: "Dance cancelled for lack of support. Cost to the branch, R50." It is interesting to note that only five of the 18 committee members attended this meeting.

The free meal, on the other hand, was an outstanding success. It was given through the generosity of anonymous members of the Michaelhouse Community when they paid for the launching of the Development Foundation dinner at the Wanderers Club last month. More than 400 people attended, many of them parents of past and present boys, as well as a very strong representation of young Old Boys. It ensured the appeal got off to a good start.

The annual general meeting in August was attended by 22 members out of a possible total of more than 600. The branch showed its appreciation and ensured their future attendance by electing 18 of them to the committee. An interesting revelation at the meeting was that the branch was R400 in credit in spite of the non-dance.

At the beginning of October a very well-attended garden party

luncheon was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, at which the main guests were the Rector and Mrs. Pennington. The Rector addressed the gathering of 210 members of the Michaelhouse Community. The garden party was preceded by a service at Old Boy Hugh Harker's new parish church, St. John the Evangelist. The service was taken by the school chaplain, the Revd. Harold Clark.

Another successful innovation was a New Boys' party to which boys going to Michaelhouse in the following year, and their parents, were invited. The party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Withaus and gave the boys an opportunity to get to know each other before being pitched into cackdom at the school. The branch strongly recommends the idea to other branches.

And finally, there was some cricket, golf, squash and hockey activity, but South Transvaal members generally are a lazy lot or perhaps they have been discouraged by the shattering experience of the hockey team which visited the school in September the previous year to play in a series of inter-branch games only to find that they were the only team there!

Charles Barry,
Committee Member.

11th May, 1972.

Durban

Mr. President, Rector, fellow Old Boys,

I am never quite sure why a branch chairman is appointed at the beginning of the year, since his report in fact covers the work of his predecessor. What I am sure about is that I personally am a lot better off than next year's chap.

Thanks in large measure therefore to Derek Lee, last year's chairman and to the ever energetic and efficient Jeremy Whysall, secretary, we have had a particularly good year.

This was high-lighted by the Hudson-Bennett golf, won at last by Durban. (Sadly for the last time at Maritzburg Country Club. The venue has changed this year to Umkomaas.)

The annual dinner was held this year at the Marine Hotel and 114 of us had a very happy time — our thanks here go to the Bishop as guest speaker and the committee.

More recently we had the Eddie Chapman Golf and Bobby Woods cricket. Both were won by Michaelhouse — but any applaud, I feel should go to the originators and organisers. The outcome is of little or no consequence.

Finally we have all become involved in one way or another with the M./H. Foundation Trust.

We, the Durban Branch are proud of our effort so far; having collected R161 000 of a grand total of R702 000, and our goal of R900 000 should be a piece of cake.

However, one of our fellows rather overstrained himself during this campaign and had to see a psychiatrist. When asked if he was embarrassed going down West Street wearing a blazer, he replied that he felt terrible. It had a Hilton badge on it!

To conclude, we have a pretty active branch and I have no doubt that the future is a very rosy one for the Club.

Mr. Ian Scott Barnes reported briefly on the dinner held at the Safari Motel, Mtubatuba, at which Mr. K. M. Pennington was the guest speaker and which was attended by the Rector and Mrs. Pennington and the Secretary and Mrs. Knight.

Congratulatory Letters

Len Thompson, Prof. History, Yale.

Mike Harvey, Captain Springbok Polo.

Exton Burchell, Dr.'s Degree Natal University.

David Oscroft, Abe Bailey Scholarship.

Tim Woods, Oxford Blue — Hockey.

Prof. van Hasselt, Chair of Anaesthesiology, Wits. University.

P. Kemple, G. and R. Hensman, C. Kearns, Rhodesian International polo.

Tim Seymour, Oxford Blue — Rugby.

Peter Ardington, Theiler award at Onderspoort.

Duchesne Grice, National President of the Institute of Race Relations.

Cost of the Day: R2,00.

A recommendation was made that Congratulatory Letters be sent to prominent sporting members of the S.A. Universities and the Committee was asked to consider this at a later stage.

A speech was made from the floor in regard to the merger of the Club, Trust and Foundation and what was said was noted by the Meeting. No further discussion took place on this subject as the matter is at present being dealt with by the Committee.

With a vote of thanks to the retiring President the Meeting rose at 12.30 p.m.

L. C. KNIGHT.

15th May, 1972.

JOHANNESBURG.

Chairman's Report.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING — Michaelhouse Old Boys' Club (Southern Transvaal Branch) — 13th September, 1972.
Gentlemen,

This is a report of a very successful year for the Michaelhouse Community as a whole and the Old Boys' Club in particular. The first event in the current year was the Church Service and Garden Party on Sunday, October 3rd. The Church Service was held in the morning at Hugh Harker's Church, St. John's Parkmore, where an unexpectedly large crowd of approximately 170 people overflowed Hugh's makeshift church. The service was conducted by the Michaelhouse Chaplain the Rev. Harold Clark. This was followed by the lunchtime party at my house at which the star guest was Rex Pennington. The party was held on a beautiful spring day and was attended, we think, by about 250 people. It was a "community" function by which I mean that wives and/or girl friends were welcome. My wife and I considered it a privilege to be able to hold the first function of this kind. It aroused much favourable comment and there is no doubt that this is a type of function which appeals to the community.

On January 16th this year we had another innovation, namely, a New Boys' party. The venue on this occasion was the house of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Witthaus and the boys who were going to Michaelhouse for the first time were invited to come at 10 in the morning for swimming and their parents were invited to have a drink and meet each other at 12 o'clock. This too was a highly successful function and we have now arranged for Ken to install a tennis court on his property so that the sporting facilities for the next party in January, 1973, will be more varied. I wish to record my thanks to Ken and Geraldine Witthaus for the hospitable way in which this party was conducted. They actually appeared to enjoy it and that is why I assume that they will be the hosts at the next one.

From that time on everything has been overshadowed by the Michaelhouse Development Appeal Fund Raising Drive. As you all know this was a great effort in which about 100 local Old Boys were induced to work in various capacities. As had been stated in the Newsletter the pledges are now well past the million rand mark of which Johannesburg's contribution is approximately R600 000. It all goes to show that although Old Boys do not flock to attend annual general meetings, their hearts are in the right place. They do, however, flock to dinners provided they don't have to pay cash for them. There were about 425 people at the inaugural fund raising dinner at the Wanderers, and we had the unique experience of having to turn late applicants away.

Limited sporting activities have taken place during the year under review. Due to lack of liaison we suddenly found that we had four

teams available for the W. M. Frames Trophy but were only allowed to enter two. We managed to eliminate two teams without, we hope, ruffling too many feelings, and we did rather better than usual. The A team coming 3rd and the B team coming 6th, we have eliminated the possibility of having too many teams again by pulling the pirate organiser on to the committee. You will be asked to vote for him again this afternoon.

The committee understands that cricket takes place but has no official knowledge thereof. I know, however, that a match has been arranged against the Old Hiltonians at the Country Club in the coming summer and the incoming committee will have the task of trying to co-opt somebody who knows all about it.

The last Newsletter gave some details of the organisation twice every year of tours of boys from the school. This is a little-known function of the Old Boys in Johannesburg and I am glad to be able to pay an overdue tribute to Tony Meyer who has borne the burden with a few henchmen of arranging the tours year after year since 1958. This valuable service is much appreciated by the School.

Finally, I would like to mention the development of the "Michaelhouse Community" idea. For many years it has been recognised that the interest of non-Old Boy parents and of wives of Old Boys in the School deserves some recognition. The financial contributions made by non-Old Boys to the Trust and Development Appeals were substantial. The thinking amongst some Old Boys has been that some way of encompassing these people within a "Michaelhouse Community" should be found. Suggestions have been made that the Old Boys' Club themselves should welcome these people by conferring upon them a special type of membership. Your committee supported this idea which has since been canvassed at length on the main committee of the Old Boys' Club and by the School Governors. However, the Pietermaritzburg and Durban representatives on the Old Boys' Club Committee feel that the identity of the Old Boys' Club might be lost and were not prepared to support changes in the membership of the Club. The Zululand representatives on the other hand favoured some such change. The committee has, however, resolved that there is no objection to branches such as the Southern Transvaal and Zululand branches operating as a community if they so wish. In the meantime, the Board of Governors has urged that the long awaited "permanent secretary" be appointed. Certain difficulties are holding up the implementation of this scheme, but the Governors have authorised the interim appointment of a part-time official, whose major tasks will be to co-ordinate mailing lists of members of the Michaelhouse Community as a whole, and to ensure that regular communications by means of newsletters will be maintained with the whole community. The Old Boys' Club and the Governors have agreed that an appointment of the permanent secretary will be made by not later than April, 1975, and that he will have the task of acting as secretary of the Old Boys' Club as well as the functions to be performed by the interim community official. It is intended that the Chronicle will eventually become a means of com-

munication to the whole community, and its production will be the task of the permanent secretary. It will also be his duty to stimulate the interest of the whole community in the school.

The most successful functions held in this area since revival of the Club, a few years ago, have all been community functions. My personal view is that we should seek to operate as a community in this area, without necessarily abandoning such pleasant sporting contests as can be arranged amongst Old Boys. I think that with the appointment of the interim community official in Natal, it should be possible to improve our communications with the local community and the incoming committee should give thought to ways and means of doing so.

I wish to thank the members of the committee and J. Low in particular for their work and moral support during the past year.

DURBAN

This Branch will be holding its Annual General Meeting and Annual Dinner at the Blue Waters Hotel on **Monday, 27th November, 1972.**

Branch activities were mainly centred around the development Foundation but they had the annual golf match against Hilton and the Hudson-Bennett Golf.

Dr. Barry Stacey is Branch Chairman for the year.

MARITZBURG

A very successful gambling and disco evening was held at the home of the Chairman, Jeremy Jonsson, in August. About 40 Old Boys and their partners attended and it was encouraging to see how many younger Old Boys were present.

PERSONAL NEWS

Ardington (61-65) Peter is spending the next two years overseas, the first year as a Veterinary Intern at the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Browne (44-48) Keith was honoured by the Financial Mail by being elected "Property Man of the Year" for 1971. He has since been appointed Executive Councillor of the S.A. Property Owners' Association and to enable him to accept this position has relinquished his former position of General Manager of Creative Homes Ltd., but remains employed by them as Legal Adviser.

Button (40-44) Tom is lecturing at the Kenya Polytechnic and recently returned from six months in England, where he was on a UNESCO Fellowship to brush up on Engineering and Technical Education.

Boyes (61-64) Brian. Congratulations on being named Natal University Sportsman of the Year. He is a B.A. Graduate and second year accounting student in Pietermaritzburg. He is also the Natal rugby hooker and has been capped 14 times.

Collins (31-35) Keith retired after 35 years' service with the Mercury in Durban (but remains a Member of the Board of Directors) and is now farming at Underberg.

Collins (61-64) Bruce is working for Mondi Paper Co., in Durban, as a Chemical Engineer.

Brooks (65-68) David left in early September for Emmanuel College, Cambridge, to read Philosophy.

Dawson (32-36) "Ossie", former Springbok and Natal Provincial cricketer, has been appointed a director on the Durban local board of the United Building Society.

Dancaster (49-53) Peter. After leaving school worked for a Bank in Johannesburg before taking up Articles in Accounting. After finishing a stint of hard labour at University, he went into commerce. Unmarried and carefree, he set out in 1968 to tour the world and, apart from Russia, Poland, Albania, Australia/New Zealand, and the Middle East, visited more countries than he missed. Europe he saw on the back of a scooter loaded with an assortment of second-hand camping gear; spent a year travelling from Britain to Turkey and from Scandinavia to North Africa—an unforgettable experience, which he heartily endorses as being one of the happiest and possibly the most truly informative period of his life. He hitch-hiked round Iceland and toured the States, Canada and Mexico by bus—he says, incidentally, you haven't lived until you have travelled in Mexico by bus, and after the journey you wonder how you managed to survive to tell the tale! The West Indies, Hawaii and the Far East—up into Nepal (Mount Everest) and down to Malaysia in the south and Japan in the north—was done a little less frugally, as by this time he was married and it now mattered that he found somewhere better than a Greyhound bus to sleep in, and have more than \$4.00 a day for food and shelter.

In 1969 he joined the Rothman Group in Canada and was later appointed General Manager of Dunhill (Canada) early in 1971; Since then he has recently moved across to Canadian Breweries Ltd., as Executive Assistant to the President.

Enthoven (51-55) Richard, MPC for Westdene, Johannesburg, is the reputed leader of the "Young Turks". He is an insurance broker and successful business man who spent six years in London. The transformation that he and his team have brought about in the United Party's financial fortunes since his appointment as Witwatersrand finance head last year—from a large debt to a surplus of R250 000 in signed pledges—is regarded as a tremendous achievement. He first entered politics in 1967 and after two attempts gained his seat in the Transvaal Provincial Council in 1970.

Gibson (57-60) Andrew, congratulations on being selected to play for Natal "A" at Polo.

Horton (35-38) Jeffrey, who is Senior Lecturer in the Department of History and Political Science at the University of Natal in Durban, has been promoted to the position of Associate Professor. He was born in Johannesburg and after leaving school took a B.A. degree at the University of Natal in 1942. He majored in English and Psychology and was the joint holder of the Milner Memorial Prize in History. He enlisted in the South African Air Force and was posted to the Aptitude Testing Section, where he worked closely with Dr. Simon Biesheuvel. On demobilisation in 1946, he went to Magdalen College at Oxford and he took the B.Litt. degree in history. On his return to South Africa, he lectured in European and British history at the University of the Witwatersrand for ten years until he came to Natal University in 1960.

In 1963 he spent his long leave at Smith College, Northampton, Mass., where he assisted Dr. Gwendoline Carter in her research into South African politics. Professor Horton also spent some time at Stanford University, where he worked on the South African collection in the Hoover Institution. He visited Canadian Universities and was impressed with their tremendous building and expansion programmes.

In 1970 he returned to Canada, where he lectured on British History in the summer school at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, to which he had been invited by Prof. A. M. Keppel-Jones. He then had four months at the Northwestern University, Chicago, where he participated in the programme of African Studies with Professor G. M. Carter.

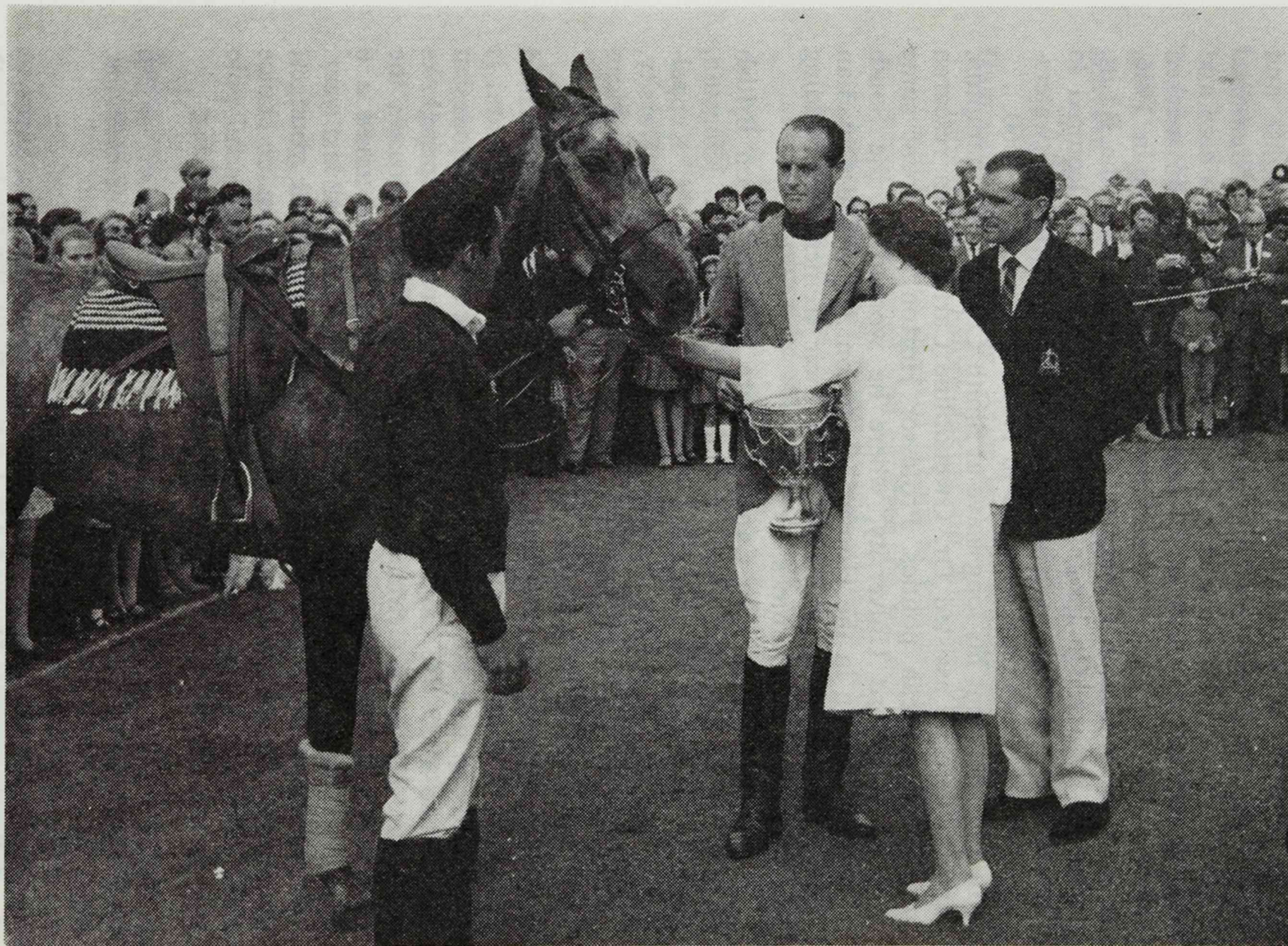
Hensman (57-62) Gary and (60-64) Rory. Both recently represented Rhodesia at Polo against South Africa. Gary plays No. 1 and is a 6 handicap and has been a regular member of the Rhodesian team since 1965. He captained Rhodesia against the Springboks last year. He is also captain of the Banket Club, who are the current Club champions in Rhodesia. He has just received a 6 handicap rating from the Argentine, which he visited last year.

Rory plays No. 2 and is also a 6 handicap. He is the youngest member of the Rhodesian team and has been an automatic choice since 1968 and has recently returned from a very successful polo trip to the Argentine. They both farm at Banket, Rhodesia.

Inman (58-61) Tom, after three wonderful years at Deptford, South East London, is now assistant priest in the Parish of Bellville, Cape.

Kearns (53-56) Christopher, writing from his Bindura Farm, gives us the following news. He and his brother Basil (52-55) have both represented Rhodesia at polo for seven consecutive years. Playing against the Springboks he comments that out of the eight players on the ground — seven of them went to Michaelhouse!

Basil unfortunately had a very serious car accident but is



Basil Kearns being presented with the trophy for Champion Polo Pony at Windsor Park by Queen Elizabeth.

determined to make a come-back on the Polo field. However, in 1967 he was asked to play in Britain and Bonnie Prince Charlie crossed his line, so the rebel Rhodesian promptly rode him into the ground, causing great concern in the Royal circles, even using terms such as "assassin"; but I don't believe Prince Charles will cross the line of another Rhodesian in a hurry. While over there Basil won the Trophy for the best trained polo pony of that season. The Kemple brothers, Michael (51-55) and Patrick (56-59), have both represented Rhodesia and Patrick played for England against America in the Gold Cup series.

Mitchell-Heggs (56-59) Christopher is a partner in a firm of International Lawyers in Paris.

MacLeod (44-48) John, after leaving school, took a degree in Civil Engineering at Cape Town. In 1955 he joined Tube Investments in England and worked in Birmingham for four years. He returned to Springs in 1960 and in 1965 became Operations Manager of a firm in Boksburg. In 1971 he started farming at Ifafa Beach.

Lamont-Smith (59-62) Robert, after graduating at Stellenbosch with an M. in Regional Planning, is now a Town Planner with the O.F.S. Provincial Administration.

Lloyd (28-29) Anson has been re-elected Chairman of the S.A. Sugar Association.

Melville (18-21) Colin has recently returned from a year's stay in Australia after a most enjoyable and instructive experience. Christopher (49-53) went over on a two-year stint as Managing Director of Australian Anglo-American.

Orchard (67-71) Ivor last year gained distinctions in History, Latin and Economics for the English advanced level examinations and a distinction in the scholarship level paper. He is the first Michaelhouse boy to achieve three "A" level distinctions and also an "S" level distinction. The Master of Magdalen College, Cambridge University, has written to him congratulating him on his "splendid" results. He won a Major scholarship to Michaelhouse from Highbury and during his time here won 49 prizes. He was a House Prefect and Editor of "Beacon". In Matric he achieved distinctions in Latin, Maths, Science and History.

Scott-Barnes (36-39) Ian has been appointed Chairman of the Natal branch of the Wild Life Society.

Sandison (54-58) John is working for Dunlop Iberia in Bilbao and tells us the rain in Spain falls mainly in Bilbao!

Taylor (26-27) Morty, Managing Director since 1962 of Huletts Corporation, retired in June, having reached pensionable age. He has also retired from over 30 other directorships of various companies in the Huletts group in the Republic and Rhodesia and has also relinquished the chairmanship of the S.A. Millers' Association.

Wallace (60-62) Richard, after leaving school, spent three years in the U.K. He returned to South Africa in 1966 after hitch-hiking through 22 countries (10 000 miles) from London to Durban via Brussels, Cologne, Innsbruck, Venice, Thessalonica, Constantinople, Ankara, Aleppo, Damascus, Beirut, Cairo, Luxor, Aswan, Khartoum, Asmara, Addis Ababa, Nairobi, Dar-es-Salaam, Zanzibar, Salisbury, Beira, Lourenco Marques, Durban. It cost only R360 and took 14 weeks. After completing a B.Comm. in Durban he is now doing Chartered Accountancy in Johannesburg.

WE CONGRATULATE

Births

Albu (58-60) to George and Val, a daughter.
Cassidy (50-54) to Michael and Carol, a daughter.
Coetzee (57-60) to Boet and Margaret, a son.
Dales (56-59) to Redmond and Lynette, twin sons.
Harkess (61-64) to Graham and Arce, a son.
Hudson-Bennett (55-59) to Roland and Shirley, a son.
Lamont-Smith (59-62) to Robert and Valerie, a daughter.
Scott-Barnes (57-61) to Rob and Pat, a daughter.
Strachan (54-58) to Graeme and Julia, a daughter.

Engagements

Campbell (61-64) Athol to Elizabeth Henderson.
Dawson (65-68) Bruce to Alannah O'Malley.
Dunning (58-61) Richard to Louise Adams.

Marriages

Niven (43-45) Dan to Shirley Bengough.
Oscroft (61-65) Peter to Jacqueline Girdwood.
Webb (56-60) G.B. to Sandra Scott.

HUDSON-BENNETT GOLF 1972

This annual competition was held in perfect weather, and was silently organised by Jeremy Jonsson who remained speechless all day with laryngitis! When words were needed, his place was more than adequately taken by Peter Francis who, incidentally, captained the winning team, the Pietermaritzburg "B" — P. C. A. Francis, O. James, G. Harkess, M. Young.

A ballot was taken of where and when to hold the competition in future, and an overwhelming majority were in favour of holding it on a Sunday afternoon only at the Pietermaritzburg Country Club and, with permission from the Country Club, this is where it will be held in future.

The results were:

Hudson Bennett Golf (best Stableford team score):

1st Prize—P.M.B. "B" 130 points.

P. C. A. Francis, O. James, G. Harkess, M. Young.

2nd Prize—Midlands 125 points.

Cooke, Ross, Hall, Greene.

3rd Prize—Michaelhouse Staff 119 points.

Pennington, Gathorne, Robinson, Bloy.

4th Prize—Himeville/Underberg 112 points.

J. Arnott, Richards, M. Arnott, C. Burger.

Ken Drysdale Memorial Trophy (best individual nett score):

1st Prize—C. Burger 70.

2nd Prize—G. Harkess 71.

K. Hall 71, R. Gathorne 71.

Rhys Evans Trophy (best individual gross score):

1st Prize—O. James 76.

2nd Prize—P. C. A. Francis 78.

3rd Prize—C. Burger 80.

Two Club:

1 ball each—D. Parkin, W. Strachan, J. Cooke, G. Boyes.

Seniors Trophy:

G. Boyes on count out from Du Plessis.

October, 1972.

The Editor,

Michaelhouse Chronicle.

Dear Sir,

May I make an appeal for help? I am making a photographic historical record of Michaelhouse and would welcome suggestions and the loan of photographs from which I can make copies.

The subjects envisaged are:

The Buildings

Special Events and Highlights in the School History

Personalities.

Photo albums are bulky and postage expensive, so may I suggest that, if you have photographs that you would be willing to lend, please bring them to Michaelhouse when you visit or let me know when I could come to make copies or arrange to collect?

Yours sincerely,

J. L. Robinson.

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West: W. A. van der Walt
East: D. B. Miles
Farfield: A. J. Rogers
Tatham: N. C. F. Bloy
Pascoe: A. F. G. Cotton
Baines: C. H. D. Leggatt

Head Prefect: P. E. Kumleben.

Second Prefect: N. C. Grice.

School Prefects: M. B. Adnams, M. R. E. Cartwright, P. C. Dean,
D. W. Durham, P. M. L. Girdwood, T. D. Pryce, T. G. H. Tyrrell,
G. Johnston.

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