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B.B.C. Television recently presented a most stimulating series of lectures on Man and his Universe to young Britain. One visiting American professor who gave the brilliantly illustrated talks captivated his attentive brood of boys and girls by shooting them off into space on various missions, even inviting one young pair to step onto a superbly simulated surface of the moon for their traditional 'British cup o' tea.' In his final lecture, the professor justified the astronomical cost of Man's search for the stars by saying "Man virtually knows all there is to know about the Earth, so to satisfy his thirst for knowledge and to stimulate his technological appetite he *must* now explore extra-terrestrial lands. His search must go on, even if in the end it proves only that he has no equal, no rival in the universe."

Under the headline 'THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG' in a British newspaper a few weeks ago, a correspondent commented that for most of Britain's young, possibly two out of every three school children, this age-old problem was little more than academic. Beneath a picture of a hen busily scratching the earth's surface in search of titbits for her brood of attentive chicks, the correspondent claimed that the vast majority of children today would never see such a scene in real life. Indeed, both chickens and eggs would be for them merely goods produced by man and procurable at any supermarket to satisfy his appetite. The fascination of which came first was an irrelevant issue, which paled into insignificance compared to cosmic probes and priorities

It is frighteningly easy for the young people of today to feel that nothing, absolutely nothing, is beyond the power of Man. Wherever one turns one finds ample evidence of his achievements and one

is vastly impressed by his apparently superhuman skills, his awesome ability and his mighty mind. He seems omnipotent and omniscient, no longer a mere creature, but a great creator. He is a veritable god in *his* universe.

At places of learning like Michaelhouse, it is clearly a matter of prime importance that young minds should have their intellects whetted and sharpened to the limit, that there should be a constant and vigorous search for greater understanding of *all* our concerns, both those here in our midst and those out there in space.

But, hopefully, in their total Michaelhouse experience, our boys will acquire in their search for truth an awe and a sense of wonder about our world and the worlds beyond it which will humbly acknowledge a power beyond the reach of Man.

An eagle swooping from the skies to the spire of an ageless, upright, probing yellowwood; a tiny wild flower peeping in its pretty party-frock from a cluster of lichenised rocks; the gay, sparkling orchestration of winking waters and the secret harmonies of whispering winds; the creamy splendour of fields of lilies and hillsides of colourful grasses curtseying in chorus; the thunderous silence of silhouetted mountains in the mysterious light of a magical moon — perhaps experience of these and other natural wonders will bring an awareness to our boys at Michaelhouse of the bounty and the beauty of our world which is beyond their power to create, ever. Hopefully, in their deepening consciousness of the extraordinary gifts bestowed on them as they grow to manhood, they will admit, with reverence, with respect, and with awe:

My God, You are God. You are good.

REX PENNINGTON

The Pennington family and Michaelhouse had been so closely associated for so much of the school's history that the appointment, nine years ago, of Rex as Rector seemed but a natural unfolding of destiny. One tended to overlook the fact that he was not only the first O.M. but the first South African to be selected for this demanding post. One tended to take for granted his being, like his father, a Rhodes Scholar, an outstanding athlete, and a teacher dedicated to the highest ideals of his profession.

His more personal qualities and the very special contribution they made to the life and development of the school became apparent only during his Rectorship. From whatever angle they are considered one returns inexorably to the conclusion that they were rooted in his deep commitment to Christianity. From this stemmed his very real concern for every member of the community, whatever his or her race or standing, as well as his equally real humility. Those present at his final Speech Day (held in the Open Air Theatre he himself had designed) were moved to hear the Head Prefect conclude his speech by saying that "Mr. Pennington will always be remembered for his integrity, humility, and compassion." Clearly, these nowadays all-too-rare qualities had made a deep and abiding impression on the boys committed to his charge, and not only on the adult members of the community. The Head Prefect was in a better position than most to form a just assessment of the Rector and he placed his finger unerringly on those qualities of character which made him such a fine example for all — especially receptive youth — to copy. His unaffected life of Christian witness will surely prove to have been his greatest contribution to the fulfilment of the ideals of the founders of Michaelhouse.

When he periodically reminded us that the Chapel was the heart and soul of the school, his sincerity was evident and persuasive. Paradoxically, his concern that attendance in Chapel should be more meaningful led Mr. Pennington to make some of the week-day services voluntary, as well as the final section of the Sunday Communion service. His reward for this significant move must lie in the contemplation of the (sometimes disappointingly small) band of boys who are there because they

want to be. Equally significant has been his abolition of corporal punishment by prefects and his relaxation of school discipline, especially in the case of the VI Form. After the inevitable set-backs while the boys were adjusting to their new freedom and the authorities were making their adjustments in the light of experience, self-discipline and responsibility have been the gainers. Other experiments have been made in the move away from formality and conservatism, many of them standing the test of time and contributing to an improvement in our way of life at Michaelhouse.



The Penningtons.

It goes without saying that Mr. Pennington was at all times deeply involved and keenly interested in every aspect of the life of the school and all its inmates. Even in the holidays he would frequently devote time to school affairs, on one occasion conducting a highly successful squash tour to the United Kingdom. It also has to be recorded — with

some amazement that he found the time, with less amazement that he was so proficient in yet another field — that he made several appearances on the stage, at least once in a singing role and at least twice as a most convincing burglar!

The time so unstintingly devoted to the everyday routine of Michaelhouse had considerable extra demands made upon it by the largest fund-raising and building project in the history of the school. "Michaelhouse in the Seventies" spanned Mr. Pennington's entire Rectorship and involved endless travelling, speech-making, planning and consultations. It is only fitting that the resulting complex of buildings, centred on the beautiful "K.M.P. Memorial", should have been named "Pennington Quad."

In the midst of all this Mr. Pennington has throughout played an active and imaginative part in the beautification of the school grounds in the immediate vicinity of the school buildings, as well as in the construction of the Alexandra Dam and the development of the surrounding Game Park. Present and future boys of Michaelhouse and, indeed, the whole community owe him a tremendous debt for thus enhancing the beauty of the school he loves so deeply.

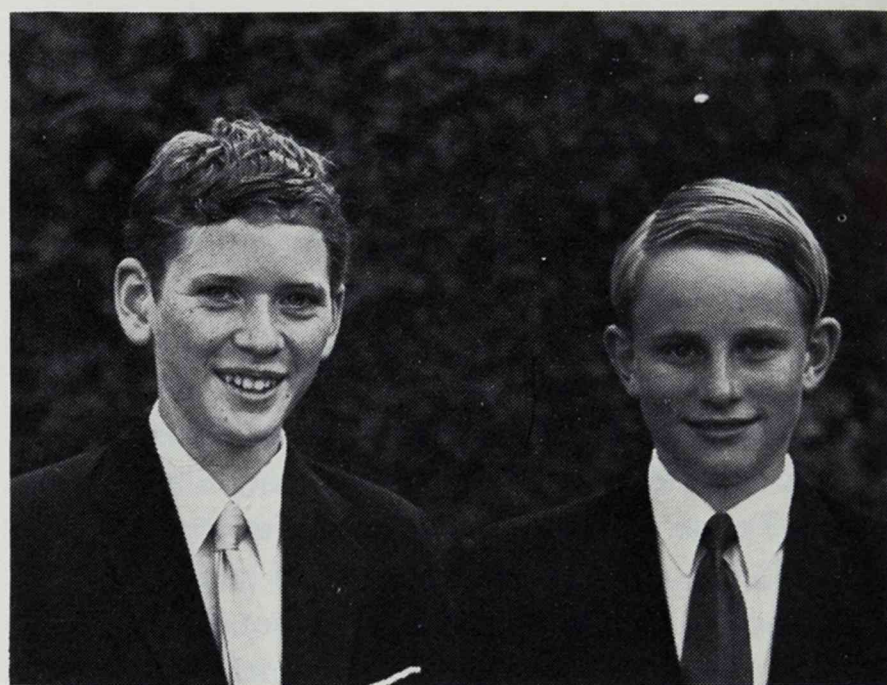
In this work of beautification Rex has been most ably assisted by Sarah, whose contribution, however, comes rather under the heading of interior decoration. One thinks first and foremost of the equipping of the Chapel with kneelers, a daunting task to which she devoted tremendous drive and energy in order to bring it to a most successful conclusion. Evidence of her artistic choice of colours and materials is to be found not only in the Chapel and Crypt, but also in both Halls, both Common Rooms, the Community Centre, and, most recently, the Sanatorium, this last involving considerable reconstruction. The contrast between the original cold and institutional interiors of all these buildings and their present attractive and habitable warmth is quite startling and makes one wonder why the former state was allowed to continue for so many years and, in fact, decades. The answer lies mainly, of course, in Sarah's artistic sensibility and her determination to take corrective action where necessary.

Another prominent instance (albeit on a practical rather than an aesthetic plane) of the way in which Sarah translated an imaginative scheme into reality by spurning difficulties, lies in the Swop Shop, which has already been and will continue to be much appreciated by large numbers of parents and their sons.

In these and many other ways Sarah afforded Rex fine support in his onerous task, not least in her more conventional role as hostess at the Rectory. Even here, though, her characteristic originality, energy, and attention to detail took over and were responsible for many memorable dinner parties.

Much more might be written, but suffice it to say in conclusion that both Rex and Sarah were at all times ready to put their varied talents at the service of the whole community, not forgetting the Indians and Africans, for whom they did so much. In its turn the whole community, as evidenced by numerous ceremonies in their honour, acknowledges its debt to them and wishes them every happiness in their new life in Johannesburg.

R.L.I.



*M. V. Reid and A. E. Everett
— Minor and Major scholarship winners.*

CHAPEL NOTES

On Tuesday 30th August, Father Stephen Hall was licensed by the Bishop Philip Russell as chaplain to the cure of souls at Michaelhouse. Canon Victor Shaw, who very kindly kept the chaplain's work going during the interregnum period, preached the Michaelmass sermon on 20th September and on Tuesday evening 4th October 46 boys were confirmed by Bishop Kenneth Hallows.

The University Choir from Pietermaritzburg joined our choir for Evensong on Sunday evening 16th October and sang us some interesting and diverse pieces of music instead of a sermon.

Father Jimmy Draper Rector of S. Paul's preached at our Remembrance Day service, and Rex Pennington preached his valedictory sermon on 27th November.

S.C.H.

Geoffrey Lange came to Michaelhouse in 1961 and has thus served the school for seventeen years. During the whole of this time he has periodically suffered from ill-health, which unfortunately this year has become so persistent and serious that he felt he could not continue teaching here. No words can adequately describe his loss to the school.

He has always been a cricket enthusiast, for three years coaching the Bunnies B XI and organising all cricket arrangements from 1961 to 1965 and half of them from 1965 to 1974. During that time he established our cricket and minor games organisation. His successors can testify, as I can, to the excellence and precision of the system he evolved. They may not know, as I did, of his conscientiousness and thoroughness, two qualities which he brought to his job of Recorder in the Athletics. The Announcer and close bystanders on Athletics occasions have been treated over the years to a variety of entertaining asides which his fertile brain effortlessly produced.

In other areas he has also been very busy. My impression is that the Cadet correspondence, which he did for some years, frequently tried his patience. He is not a true military man! He certainly found much greater pleasure in Society work: for years the Shakespeare Society flourished under his control as did the Phoenix Society and latterly Forum. For long he attended the History Society; meetings where he was present were always more interesting, amusing and enlightening than the others. He represented the Staff on the Chapel Committee and was a highly respected convenor of the Agenda Committee of the School Council where his judgement as to what was of consequence was impeccable. In the School Council itself his comments were invariably pithy. He served also for many years on the Activities Committee.

His deep and abiding interest in people, coupled with his compassion, fitted him admirably for the work of house-tutoring and housemastering. All the boys who were lucky enough to have him as House Tutor of West (1961-5) and Founders (1968-70) and as Housemaster in West (1966-8) understood and appreciated his dedication and involvement in every aspect of their lives and development. They showed their appreciation invariably, when returning as Old Boys, by seeking him out as soon as they set foot on the estate. Unfortunately his deep in-

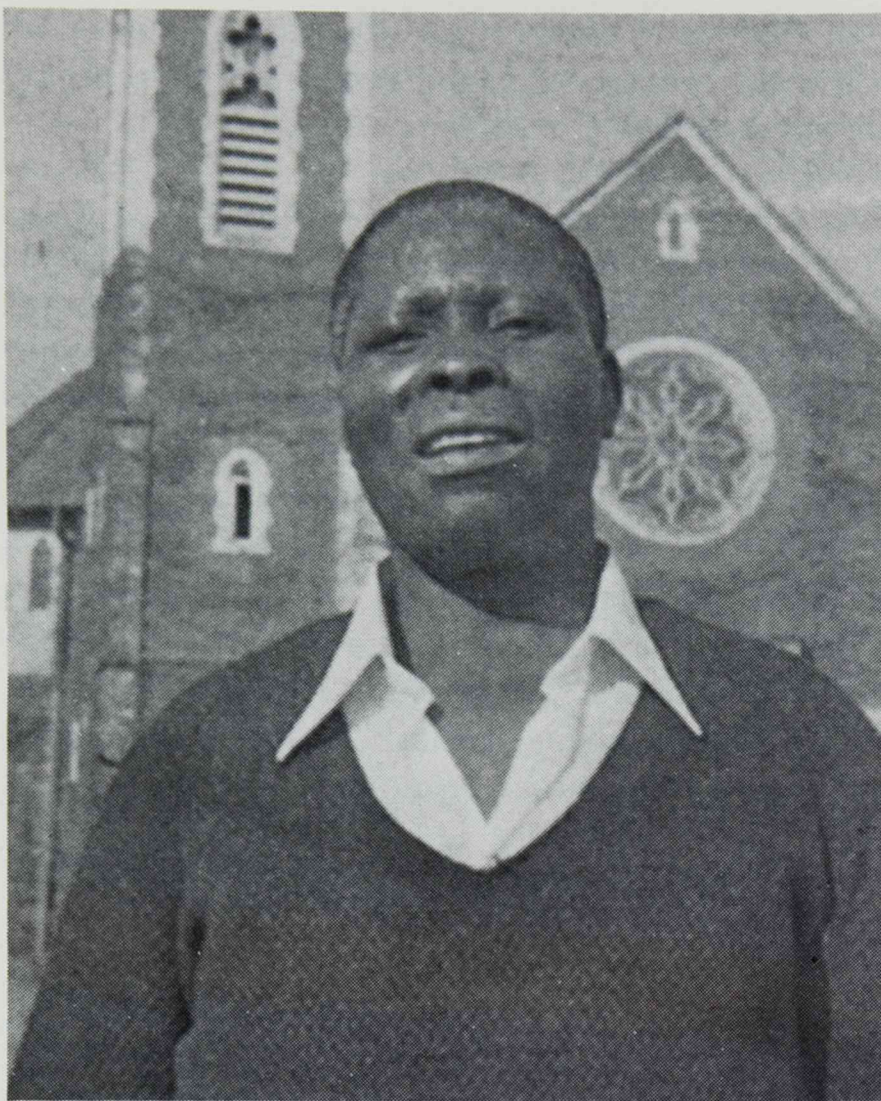
volvement and concern was too heavy a burden on his health, which explains his tragically short period as Housemaster.

But it is on the academic side of the school that I feel he exerted the greatest and most beneficial effect. Every school needs some schoolmasters of top scholarship and high intellectual ability and Geoffrey is one of these. I am not referring here to his early labours in Junior Maths, which cost him so much anguish, or to his remarkably successful tuition of the National Senior Certificate class in the vagaries of Mercantile Law and Commerce in 1965-66. I am sure that every member of that class remembers with gratitude his labours, which included the regular provision of light relief when tension reached breaking point.

It is I believe his contribution to the teaching of History and English and his continual demand for academic excellence that mark his finest work at Michaelhouse. He has one priceless quality seldom found in the true scholar, at any rate on the Arts side — a genius for organisation and an infinite capacity for taking pains. The two I feel are complementary. His organisation both of the History (1970-75) and of the English (1975-77) Departments provide models from which anybody could learn. As Head of Department he worked tirelessly in the interests of the boys. Moreover, being a true scholar, he has always been open to new ideas and new approaches. These, after being tested by his probing intellect and against practical common sense, have been introduced if they passed the tests. The search has been for perfection, even if that is an unattainable ideal.

There is so much more that could be written (for instance about his musical interests and knowledge, as well as his dramatic ability, alas not seen at Michaelhouse!) but space does not permit. I shall miss Geoffrey as a friend, as will so many others. We shall miss his magnificent sense of humour, his deep chuckle, his occasional mellifluous spoonerisms, his corduroys and his voluminous cloak. We shall miss his concern for people, his vision and percipience, his dedication to the school which he has served so selflessly these many years. And certainly our classrooms will be the poorer for not having him in them. No longer will Michaelhouse boys be able to learn from him a love of his subjects and an understanding of true scholarship. How lucky are the girls of St. John's who will be taught by him from the beginning of next year. Our severe loss is their fortunate gain.

R.G.



We record with regret the recent death of Mr. Sazele Bhengu known to generations of Michaelhouse boys as **CHAKA**. The Editor would be grateful for any anecdotes or pictures that might be useful in an Obituary which will appear in a later edition.

We said farewell to Mr P. F. Skinner who continued on the next leg of his tortuous journey home to Australia. In his place we welcome Bill and Alison Ashmole and their two children Craig and Deborah, who come to us from Vainona, in Salisbury.

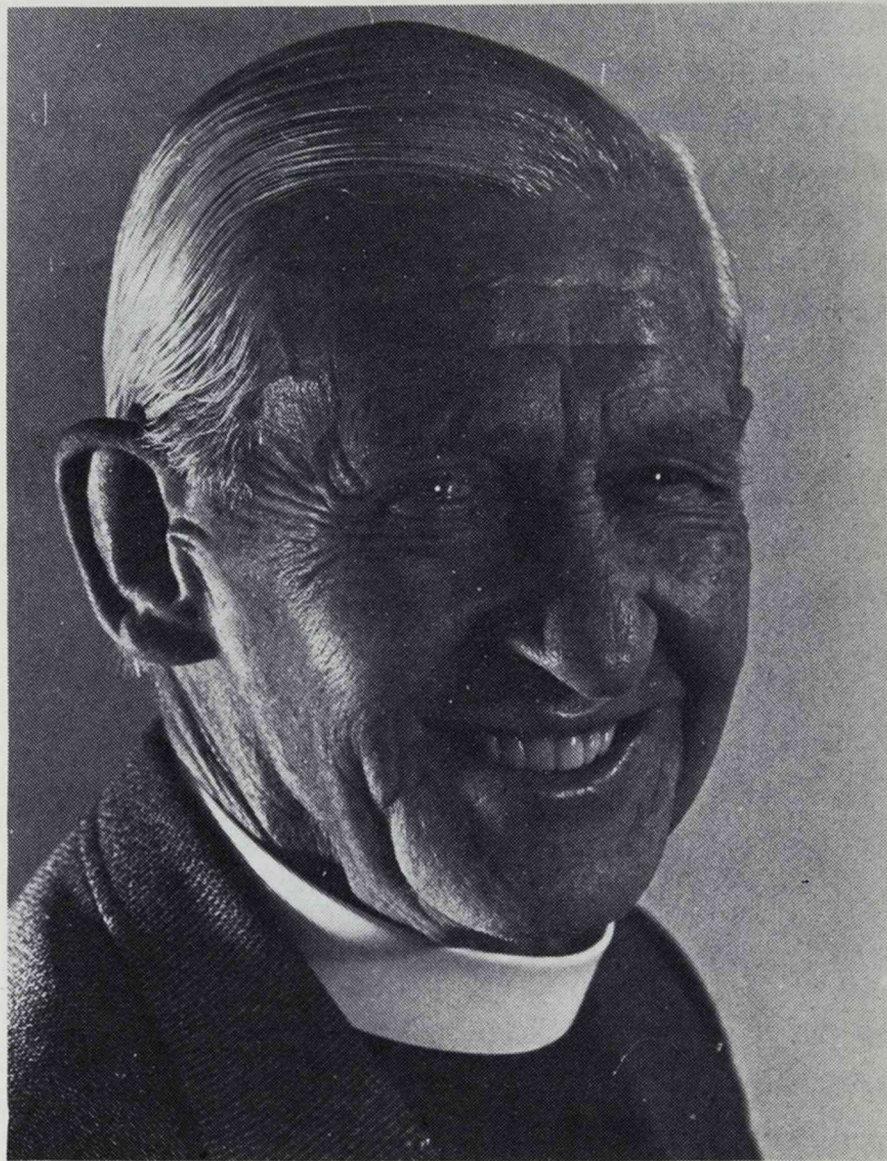
Michaelhouse records its gratitude to the late Mrs H. N. Tolmer who left a legacy to the School in memory of her son, Guy Steadman Foster Tolmer who was killed in World War II while serving in the South African Air Force.

Rev. 'Vic' Shaw

During the interlude between the Rev. Clark's departure for New Zealand and the licensing of Father Hall we were fortunate in being able to call upon a Michaelhouse old boy to act as chaplain.

The Rev 'Vic' Shaw who lives on a farm in the Kar-kloof, made a considerable personal sacrifice of time and energy in making the twice-weekly 60 km

trip to Balgowan. But the 3 000 km of travelling that he clocked up was just part of his hectic programme which included Tuesday afternoon communion classes, the 6.00 a.m. voluntary eucharist, compulsory after breakfast services, Thursday evening communions and of course the normal Sunday services. Yet in spite of this demanding itinerary he remained always calm, cheerful, relaxed and in complete control of an inexhaustible supply of anecdotes.



The all-too-common coughs and shuffles were conspicuously absent at the commencement of an address by Rev. Shaw. The remedy was simple. Everyone was waiting to hear the latest story. Would he be forced to repeat the one about the Young Nurse, or the Shepherd and his Dog, or the one about the St. Bartholomew Rugby Match? But no! Never was he caught out telling the same story twice — except perhaps by the most devout. The Christianity that he taught during his stay with us — of Faith, Love and Goodwill — will for many be always tinged with the suspense of waiting to hear the latest 'parable'.

The MHS Community extends to Canon Shaw its sincere appreciation of his Christian example, and thanks for his service.

C. D. Geerds.



1977 School Prefects.

Back: S. R. Shacksnovis, N. J. F. Rockey, D. R. Feetham, P. A. Zaloumis, R. K. Jardine.

Front: M. J. Hickman, S. D. Tatz (Head Prefect), Rex F. Pennington (Rector), S. J. Y. Reid (Second Prefect), A. J. K. Pein.

VI FORM ACTIVITIES

There were very few occasions in 1977 when at least some members of the form and their tutor were not busy preparing and organising an activity and this resulted in a very full and profitable year.

The first quarter got off to a busy start with the VI form production "American Dream", and the year ended in a similar spirit, with another dramatic contribution, the "Variety Concert".

On the academic side, probably the most interesting and noteworthy activity has been the Options in the first 3 Quarters which have covered a wide variety of interesting topics involving the arts and the sciences, including such subjects as 'Pottery', 'The Motor Car' and 'Psychology'. The efforts of those people who concerned themselves with the Options were much appreciated. The climax to the Academic year has of course, been the A-level and UNISA examinations which commenced 2 weeks into the 4th Quarter.

Entertainment in the form of socials with various schools such as Collegiate, Wykham, St Johns and Epworth has punctuated the more serious activities throughout the first 3 quarters. There were 4 socials in all.

Numerous excursions to places of interest were organised throughout the year. In the first quarter, an outing to the Pietermaritzburg law courts was arranged, and this was followed by a luncheon and an afternoon of discussion, snooker and tennis with a nearby Bantu, Coloured and Indian theological college. The day was enjoyed by all.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the Johannesburg tour which was reported in the last Chronicle.

A tribute must be paid to Mrs. and Mr. Thompson for preparing a splendid dinner for the get together of the staff and their pupils in the pavilion in the third quarter. This was greatly appreciated.

Also in the 3rd Quarter was a Sunday outing to the Spioenkop Battlefields under the guidance of MET. This certainly stimulated interest in the 4th Quarter History outing over a couple of days involving the Ladysmith and Vryheid battle sites.

The early examinations in the fourth quarter facilitated the organization of a number of outings after the exams were over. These included the history outing mentioned above. Also arranged was a trip to Champagne Castle, a tour of the Ndumu Game Reserve in Zululand and a beachwalk at Lake St. Lucia on the North Coast.

A special thanks to Mr. Thompson for taking the major organizational role (a sometimes thankless task) and for making the year so profitable for all.
A. Young-Pugh.

HOUSE NOTES

FOUNDERS

Housemaster: **Mr. A. E. G. Duff**

House Tutors: **Mr. P. M. Channing, Mr. P. E. Skinner**

Head of House: **J. D. van Hasselt and R. K. Jardine**

House Prefects: **B. D. Bishop, S. D. Blanke, P. L. Chisholm, B. C. Jones.**

Founders' academic results at the end of 1977 were good. All our candidates passed: seven with university exemption. There were five distinctions. Our two VI Formers also did well in their Unisa papers.

Unfortunately, Founders did not carry off any sporting trophies though we came close on certain occasions. This was particularly so in the Standards when we were beaten into second place by less than 1 %. Sports Day saw us take an early lead, but, as the day wore on, we were overtaken and finished third. There were some good individual performances with Struben, D. Harris, Jackson, Mayhew and Webb being the main contributors. Struben received his colours for Rugby and Athletics, D. Harris for Athletics, C. Clucas for hockey and Blanke for rugby. The latter was also awarded the cup for the best gymnast.

R. K. Jardine took over as Head of House in June when J. D. van Hasselt left for the U.S.A. In December we said farewell to Mr. Skinner who has returned to his native Australia. We welcome Mr. Hammond who has moved into the Founders' flat.

EAST

Housemaster: **Mr. D. B. Miles**

House Tutor: **Mr. J. S. Inglis**

Head of House: **P. A. Zaloumis**

House Prefects: **A. Robertson, G. Barr, J. Walker, B. Collins.**

The latter half of the year has been an extremely successful one in both the spheres of academics and sporting achievements.

On the academic front East rose to an unsurpassed brilliance with Andrew Robertson, Clive Sperryn, Ross Vietch and Graham Sperryn taking 17 out of East's 21 prizes. (These pupils attained 6, 3, 5, 4 prizes respectively). Other prizewinners were Ian Simpson, Richard Daugherty, Darryl Fischer and Ryall Hamlyn. Congratulations must be extended to Andrew Robertson for being awarded his "super-brains bar", and Graham Sperryn and Ross Veitch for their brains bars.

On the sportsfields, East, though not able to win an event, managed four finals. However the house did have a large contingent of first team and school team representatives. Barr, Ferguson, Burnett and Strang kept the flag flying by representing the first XV regularly. John Perrott was our sole first XI hockey representative. Cricket season ended with Brett Ferguson, John Perrott and Graham Barr having been permanent members of the first XI. Graham Earle represented the school's first tennis, while Barry Colins, Roger Burnett and Robertson represented the non-rugby firsts. Eugéné Du Toit and Paul Zaloumis represented the school's first XI waterpolo squad, while Simon Grimston, the gentle giant, soon became the star of the first team basketball. Clive Sperryn and John Perrott, had good results on Sports Day, with Clive winning 5 events and John taking 2. Clive went on to win 3 events at the "Triangular-sports", a good achievement. Richard Miller must be congratulated on being selected for the Natal K-4 canoeing team to represent Natal at the S.A. championships. Peter Earle, Andrew Zaloumis and Richard Miller all represented the school as part of the official under 16 canoeing team. Graham Barr, Roger Burnett, Brett Ferguson, John Perrott and Clive Sperryn received colours awards.

In extra-mural activities we maintained our previous high standards. Graham Barr, Graeme Sperryn, Andrew Dotteridge, Darryl Fischer and Jacques Asscher participated in the production "Oliver". In a musical concert held at the school, Jose Goncalves played the piano, Andrew Harle the piano and Peter Beard the clarinet. Jacques Asscher played chess for the school. Robert Fleischer was

elected chairman of the Natural History Society, Andrew Robertson was secretary of the Senior Debating, Graeme Sperryn was secretary of the Junior Debating Society and Clive Sperryn was secretary of the Forum Society. Clive Sperryn also served on the Venture Club Committee.

WEST

Housemaster: D. M. R. Lewis

House Tutor: G. D. Paterson

Head of House: S. D. Tatz

House Prefects: J. A. F. Hewat, M. O. Nel, J. Rissik, A. W. Robertson, R. B. Sampson.

In sport 1977 was a year of mixed fortune. Since our creditable 3rd in the swimming reported in the last Chronicle our only other performances of note have been winning the Junior Tug-o-war, reaching the Junior rugby Housematch final and the senior and junior shooting. In fact, our shottists must have recorded something close to a record score in a House shooting competition. More than that, the entire school team came from West with Murray Nel winning the Natal Schools Bisley and earning his Honours. Had there been an inter-house canoeing competition West would have romped home as winners. Rowan Sampson missed the title of S.A. Slalom Champion (Senior) by only one tenth of a second: Ken Mackenzie and Justin Clarke have also been very successful in outside competition, and there are a number of keen junior members of the House. We defeated Founders in the first round of the cricket housematches thanks to a fine 90 out of 107 by David Tatz, but his ploy of keeping the bowling to 'protect' the other batsmen did not work against East, and we came second. Andrew Baker came within two strokes of the Natal Junior Strokeplay title on handicap in the Michaelmas holidays. James Edington earned his place in the 1st XV at flank. Dave Tatz captained the 2nd teams both in cricket and rugby, while six members of the very successful school Bunnies rugby team were from West: it was this core that took us to the junior rugby final.

Prize-winners in West this year were Tatz, Hewat, Law, Everett, Dorning, J. Simmons, M. O. Nel and van Hoegaerden: and we congratulate Andrew Everett on winning the major scholarship for 1978.

In other activities West boys have featured prominently: we have six representatives in the choir, sacristans and servers: we played a leading part in running both the Agricultural and Natural History societies: there are library monitors from West, and

some of the supporting cast for 'Oliver' were from West, (a more short-sighted member staggering accidentally into a lamp-post).

In general it has been a happy year in which a healthy relationship between all members of the House, irrespective of age or rank, has been evident: the prefects were reliable and firm but pleasant: and the House enjoyed the quiet leadership of David Tatz. Next year will see a crack-down on general tidiness, and conservation of electricity: and we hope the new prefect body will settle in well to the demanding job of keeping us in order, but happy. The new prefects are Andrew Strachan (Head of House), Andrew Baker, Rodney Dorning, Guy Johnstone and David Rissik.

The John Poynton Award for the greatest contribution to the welfare of West in the course of the year went to David Tatz, while the Christopher Nash Memorial Award for the West Sportsman of the year went to Murray Nel.

Finally, we congratulate Mr. Lewis on his decision to leave bachelorhood, and his choice of wife: and we wish Mrs. Lewis every happiness in her married life, and in her involvement with West. We also welcome Mr. Andy Taylor as new resident House Tutor.

PASCOE

Housemaster: Mr. A. F. G. Cotton

House Tutor: Mr. P. E. Dennyson

Head of House: N. J. F. Rockey

House Prefects: S. L. Dyer, G. W. Ellis-Brown, P. D. Stoute, R. L. W. Packham.

1977 began quietly with slightly fewer new boys than usual. However, the year ended most successfully.

On the sporting side Pascoe had a particularly successful year. The house was represented by Henry Mansell, Steve Dyer, Garth Ellis-Brown and Andrew Eagle in the 1st XI all of them being awarded their colours. Henry Mansell must be congratulated on playing for the Natal Schools' "B" team in the Nuffield week. The house senior side excelled themselves in winning the house matches convincingly. The juniors reached the finals, but unfortunately lost to a strong Farfield eleven.

Rob Packham, Doug Evans and Richard Hoption were awarded colours for playing in the 1st hockey XI. With eight in the 1st game we had little trouble in winning the Inter-house cup. The majority of the

side are back again this year and we hope to repeat our victory.

Garth Ellis-Brown kept the Pascoe flag flying in the 1st XV Rugby and was awarded his colours. We did not excel in the house matches.

Pascoe had a great year on the squash courts with David Melvill and Steve Dyer being selected for the Natal Schools' A side. For this they were awarded their honours. David Bester was selected to play in the U15 Natal squash team. Pascoe succeeded in winning the senior house matches convincingly.

The basketball teams were dominated by Pascoe with Doug Evans, Steve Pendray and Rob Hersov playing in the 1st team. Had there been basketball house matches, Pascoe would certainly have proved a very difficult side to beat. Our swimming and athletics achievements require slight mention but with a promising crop of 1978 sportsmen we look forward to a successful year.

We were represented well in the School Play by Rob Hersov, Nigel Hughes, Wayne Meiring and David Bester. In the musical "Oliver" we were well represented by our juniors. Pascoe was again in force in the societies.

Academically the house was well represented amongst the prize winners on Speech Day. Hans Woerman must be congratulated firstly on being awarded his "Super Brains Bar" and secondly for reaching the finals of the Maths Olympiad. For the matrices, Trials came and went too quickly and they were soon learning hard for their exams. The matric results were pleasing and Hans Woerman and Jem Clarke must be congratulated on obtaining three A's and one A respectively.

TATHAM

Housemaster: Mr. N. C. F. Bloy

House Tutors: Mr. R. H. W. Hall
Mr. F. J. Human

Head of House: M. J. Hickman

House Prefects: R. S. Bailie, W. M. Blore, P. N. Fitzgerald, J. H. A. Gittings, G. J. L. Woollatt, A. D. Young Pugh.

The second half of the year went very quietly for Tatham, and, apart from games, there is little for us on which to report. Although we did not get very far in the House Rugby competition we were delighted that our seven-a-side team (Mark Hickman,

Jonathan de Wet, Walter Blore, David Kramer, Patrick Fitzgerald, Mark Jonker and Geoffrey Green) should have carried off the highly exotic Donaldson-Selby trophy. In Hockey we did rather better than expected, our team of non-experts being inspired by captain Ross Bailie (whom we congratulate on his selection for Natal Schools B and his Honours award) to reach the final. Our tennis was disappointing, our second pair of experienced Sixth Formers being defeated by two Baines cacks — a defeat which caused one or two wry smiles, though perhaps not from the Sixth Formers concerned! The less said about our Athletics the better, but it was considerable compensation that in Cross Country (an activity that excluded any boys who might be required for the school athletics team) we discovered that at all levels in the house we have some highly promising and able long-distance runners. This activity evoked a great deal of enthusiasm in the house and we won the Ramparts cup by a considerable margin. Another disappointment was to come our way in cricket, in which we were hoping to retain the cup, but it was not to be. Nevertheless, many congratulations to Patrick Fitzgerald and David Kramer on being chosen to represent Natal Schools and to Mark Hickman on being chosen to captain the Natal Schools' B team. Also to Patrick on being chosen as captain of the Natal B schools squash team.

An activity which concerned many members of the House in the Third Quarter was the production of 'Oliver'. Mr. Human was responsible for all the music and much of the production, and the housemaster appeared as a "chubby hubby" to Mrs. Hall. The stage crew, who built the magnificent set, were almost *in toto* from Tatham, and it was pleasing that they and our efficient chapel bell ringers should have had their efforts recognised by the award of Service Ties at the end of the year. Many members of the House were of course among the prize-winners on Speech Day, none more deserving perhaps than Alan Young Pugh, who has given so many excellent performances on the stage over the years and who received the school Acting prize. And, at the very end of the year, Patrick Fitzgerald was awarded the Nick Crowe Good Fellowship Cup — another richly deserved award.

Our 1977 Matric results were pleasing. Our particular congratulations go to Peter Maiden (with Distinctions in Science and Geography), Geoffrey Green (Distinction in Science) and Patrick Fitzgerald on their B Matrics (comfortable first-classes on the old reckoning). Congratulations, too, to Walter Blore on his Distinction in Zulu.



Nigel Bloy

Mr. Bloy, who has been resident in Tatham since January, 1962, first as House Tutor for 6 years and then as Housemaster for 10 years, leaves the House at the end of 1977 and will be succeeded as Housemaster by Mr. Human, to whom we give our best wishes. Mr. Bloy is pictured above with his cut-glass decanter — a farewell gift from Tatham members since 1962.

BAINES

Housemaster: Mr. H. Leggatt

House Tutors: Mrs. M. T. Goulding
Mr. C. W. Thorpe

Head of House: S. J. Y. Reid

House Prefects: S. R. Shacksnovis (*School Prefect*), M. E. Patrick. C. J. Odams, D. R. Townsend, M. F. Whitaker, A. I. Redding.

Baines boys have established a reputation for their participation in various school activities and this was apparent yet again in the casting of 'Oliver'. Stephen Jobling (Oliver) and Matthew Reid (the

'Artful Dodger') excelled, while virtually every second-year in the house took a part. Steve Shacksnovis and Steve Reid produced the VIth form variety concert in the last week of the year, and it was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

Most boys in Baines belong to at least one society, which indicates their readiness to take advantage of all the opportunities the School offers.

Academically, Matthew Reid has done well to receive his 'brains bar' and more recently, the first minor scholarship. Congratulations also to Mark Patrick and Steve Schacksnovis, who were placed in the first 100 in the National Science Exam (F.E.S.T.) and consequently attended the conference in Pretoria.

Andrew Redding joined the rest of the prefects in August, and has fitted in well. We also congratulate Steve Shacksnovis on his appointment as a school prefect at half-year.

Baines seems to have established a fairly consistent record this year for coming second in the inter-house sporting competitions. In the senior rugby, 7-a-side rugby, senior shooting, junior hockey, discobolus, squash, athletics and cross-country competitions, our teams have reached the finals but have unfortunately not been able to make the final stretch. This hoodoo was broken in two cases however, namely the tug-of-war and the tennis house-matches, both of which we won narrowly. The Baines senior rugby side, which boasted 13 regular forwards and not one back, lost a tough and exciting match against Farfield in the finals, while on sports day gallant efforts by individuals, notably Stephen Reid, failed to pull us up to last year's heights.

Mark Bainbridge, Dale Townsend, Steve Shacksnovis, Mike de Carle and Gwinnet Bompas made regular appearances for the 1st XV, and the latter four were awarded their colours. Mark Patrick deserves congratulations for his appointment as school hockey captain and his selection and captaincy of the Natal Schools B XI. He was subsequently awarded his honours and David Bean, the regular 1st XI goalie, earned his colours.

We welcomed back Mr. Thorpe who returned from Oundle, England, in August and is once again house tutor in Baines.



Farfield Senior Rugby XV:

Back: A. Inglis, D. Thorndike, S. Birchfield, T. J. Lewis.

Middle: J. Boyes, S. G. Campbell, D. M. P. S. Daly, D. Feetham, J. Lawrie.

Front: G. J. Landmark, I. Lambie, A. J. K. Pein (Capt.), M. A. Tingle, I. C. Patchitt.

FARFIELD

Housemaster: Mr. A. J. Rogers

House Tutors: Mr. W. E. L. Layne
Mr. E. G. Hinditch

Head of House: A. J. K. Pein

House Prefects: S. D. Cox, D. R. Feetham
(School Prefect), I. S. Lambie,
G. J. Landmark, M. A. Tingle, M.
R. van Velden.

Farfield has done extremely well in the Academic field this year. Landmark P and Whitehouse gained their Brains Bars as did Fleischer who achieved 5

distinctions in the July exams and came second in the Victoria League Essay Competition. Feetham (4), Van Velden (3), Harris (2), Howard, Bellew, Richter, Whitehouse and Fleischer won prizes on Speech Day.

The prefects room has swelled to 7 members, with the appointment of Mark Tingle and Mark van Velden. David Feetham was appointed a School Prefect in June.

Farfield has played a large part in Chapel activities with seven members of the choir including the Head Chorister, Mark van Velden, and the Head Server, James Pool.

On the sports fields Farfield has never struck it so rich! The house has won nine competitions this year, three more than its previous best in 1965. The Juniors have done particularly well, winning the Squash, Cricket, Rugby and Hockey. Gavin Goodwin was selected for the Natal U15A Schools Squash Team and Patchitt and Tingle for U15B.

We also congratulate Mike Patchitt on being selected as vice-captain of the Natal Schools U15 cricket team.

Farfield won all the athletics competitions. Renzi (two) and Fleischer broke records while helping the house to convincing victories. Philip Randolph, who joined us at half-year to do 'A' levels, together with Cox, Daly, M. Patchitt, M. J. Tingle, Renzi and

Fleischer won 1st places in their respective events for the school at the Triangular athletics meeting held at Kearsney.

On the rugby field Tingle, Patchitt and Pein (capt.) won their colours and Lambie, who was a Natal Schools' trials finalist, his honours. Cox and van Eeden also won their colours for hockey while Allister Inglis kept the yellow flag flying in the rivers.

The house also won the Youngleson Shield after having been ably coached by Paul Maitrê who was unfortunately unable to take part due to a neck injury he received in the second term which put him in hospital for four weeks.

It has been an outstanding year for Farfield — we hope that next year is better still!

MUSIC SCHOOL

Michaelhouse is probably one of the few schools — if not the only one — in South Africa to enjoy such a superb Music School. It is very encouraging to see (and hear!) an ever increasing number of boys making fine use of the available facilities.

On most afternoons the Music School is a hive of activity with boys producing a cacophony of sound. It is also encouraging to see the variety of instruments being studied: piano, organ, flute, recorder, trumpet, clarinet, violin and cello.

Mr Gallo very kindly donated 2 new pianos which arrived here shortly before Speech Day. With the growing department, these have been most useful since there has been a shortage of practice pianos.

The Music School presented 2 concerts during the course of the year — both highly successful. They afforded a few of the more advance students the opportunity of performing in public.

1977 saw the first music student, S. Dyer, complete his matric with music as one of his subjects; his main instrument being the treble recorder. We congratulate him on his 'B' symbol for his matric exam.

M. Reid is to be congratulated on passing the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music grade V piano examination with distinction. He also wrote the grade V theory of music exam.

The Director of Music B. R. J. was invited to perform at the Pietermaritzburg Philharmonic Society's October recital. The recital as a whole went off well, but suffered a technical hitch at the outset when some of the switches "tripped" and the organ operated only on about half supply of electricity. This produced a weird effect from the organ — behaving like a half-blown whistle — but since the opening work was modern, the sound was not unusually disturbing! Fortunately the organ builder was at hand to rectify the fault and the recital continued in a more conventional fashion!

The Royal School of Church Music, Northern Natal Branch, held a one-day Choral Workshop in Dundee on 12th November. The Director of Music was invited to instruct organists from surrounding towns who attended the course. There was a special service to conclude the activities for the day — held in St. James' Anglican Church. This too was highly successful and everyone enjoyed the day, finding it both interesting and stimulating. One or two very controversial topics were discussed (concerning the various changes in the Church) — this led to very fiery but thought-provoking discussions.

In closing we wish to thank Mrs van Heyst who visits us once a week to coach 'cello.

B.R.J.

THE LIBRARY

The influx of bright new books, gaily displayed, has made the library far more attractive and readership has increased.

Our planned extension under the stage of the Memorial Hall is well under way and has benefited enormously from a generous donation by Mrs B. Bernstein. She envisages a warm and welcoming fiction library and reading room in this space, as a memorial to her son Andrew Smithers. Her enthusiastic supervision and tasteful choice of bright, comfortable furnishings and her insistence that nothing should be spared (hence the underfloor heating!) will completely transform the area and the aim of making this the most attractive room in the school and a superb memorial to her son will surely be fulfilled.

We have also benefited enormously from other generous bequests and donations and mention must be made of the Lowenstein Trust whose donation of a large sum of money has enabled us to buy more books.

Our plans to refurbish the gallery have benefited from a donation from the Crouch family in

books and periodical and newspaper subscriptions and we are extremely grateful. The assistance of the Midlands Regional Library in helping to build up our book stock is also extremely valuable.

Boys continue to request books on extremely varied topics and these are obtained through the Central Reference Library in Pietermaritzburg and through the inter-library loan system. We have been able to obtain the majority of requested books and we have borrowed books from libraries in all four Provinces! In 1977 about 650 books were obtained in this fashion and this function of the library shows every sign of expanding as readers become more aware of the possibilities.

Schoolboy librarians are now appointed at the beginning of the 4th Quarter to free the matrices for their studies. Senior boys do an excellent job of evening supervision and, with the juniors, are extremely helpful in many ways. The display committee under the able leadership of Robin Berry have mounted some exciting displays using books and other props. These very professional displays have brightened the chimney corner and stimulated interest in the books. Subjects dealt with include "India", "Pottery", and "Christmas".



Pottery Display.

Rhodesia. This will be renamed the Crouch Gallery in honour of their son who lost his life on the Rhodesian border. Work will start on this project in 1978 when the fiction has been re-housed.

In 1977 almost 3 000 new books were added to our shelves. Many well-wishers have donated

In the Andy Smithers complex there is provision for a schoolboy librarians' room — beautifully appointed, and with tea making facilities. We hope the future librarians will deserve it as much as do the present boys.

P. G. Atkinson and Mrs M. E. C.

MATRIC RESULTS

Matriculation Exemptions

(Distinctions in Brackets)

M. M. Barrett (Biology, Physical Science, Geography)
M. W. Beard
W. M. Blore (Zulu)
G. G. Bompas (Maths)
M. J. Bowditch
G. A. Bucholz
R. E. Burnett
J. S. Burns (English, Geography)
S. G. Campbell
P. L. Chisholm
J. J. G. Clark (English)
C. L. Clucas
I. A. Cox
S. D. Cox
G. Cullen
M. R. de Carle
S. L. Dyer
G. V. Earle
D. J. Evans
P. N. Fitzgerald
J. D. Gordon-Thompson (Biology, Physical Science)
G. M. Green (Physical Science)
I. M. Greene
S. H. Grimston
R. H. Hamlyn
D. G. Harris (Biology, Physical Science)
T. R. Henwood
R. B. Hersov
R. J. Hoption
M. Immelman
R. D. Jones (Add Maths.)
M. C. Jonker
G. Landmark
D. MacKenzie (English, Physical Science)
P. R. Maiden (Physical Science, Geography)
P. A. Maitre
P. C. March
R. G. Miller
M. O. Nel
A. K. Norman
C. J. Odams
R. L. Packham

A. J. Pein
S. Pendray
J. M. Pittaway
J. A. Pool
J. R. F. Powell
J. G. Pringle
A. I. S. Redding
J. Rissik
A. J. Robertson, (Afrikaans, Maths, Physical Science, Latin, Geography, Add Maths.)
R. K. Rood
A. P. Rose (Afrikaans)
R. B. Sampson
C. M. Shepherd
G. M. Shute
E. R. Smale
B. G. Smith
R. C. Standish-White
S. R. D. Struben
D. C. Thorndike
D. R. Townsend
C. L. Tunnicliffe (Physical Science)
S. P. van Eeden
P. B. van Hoegaerden
M. R. van Velden (Latin)
G. S. Wacher
J. S. D. M. Walker
M. F. Whitaker
H. J. Woermann (Afrikaans, Latin, Geography, German)
G. J. Woollatt
N. M. Young

School Leaving Certificates

F. A. C. Baker
D. M. Bean
N. A. Beckett
B. D. Bishop
I. S. Lambie
H. R. Mansell
B. S. Marx
P. R. Norbury
C. Strang
S. J. Taylor
M. A. Tingle
J. G. Trafford
R. P. S. T. van der Bos

Summary of Matric. Results over the past six years
(expressed as percentages).

	1977	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972
Matric. Exemption	79	74	60	65	73	79
School leaving certificates	14	19	24	25	13	14
Failures	7	7	16	10	14	7

Speech Day

RECTOR'S ADDRESS

Mr Chairman, Members of the Board of Governors, Dr Koornhof and other distinguished guests, Parents, Staff and Boys:

I thank you sincerely for your introductory remarks on this my last Speech Day as Rector of this wonderful school. You have been too generous in your words, too kind in your appreciation, but I am most grateful nevertheless. For I believe that the very essence of life is to serve God and, through that service, one's fellowmen; and if our family, through its long and close association with Michaelhouse, has been able to be of service over the years to many young South Africans in one way or another, then we have been blessed with lives both fulfilling and faithful and for that we are truly grateful.

F. R. Snell, my Rector here in my last year at school, in a remarkably prophetic article in the "Chronicle" at the time of the School's Silver Jubilee entitled simply 1946–1996, wrote "It must be obvious to anyone that the development and consolidation of the School on the material side in the years ahead, will involve the expenditure of very large sums of money. That this can be obtained over a period of years I have no doubt, provided that those who believe in the value of this School and who have good reason to owe gratitude to it, give it their full interest and support. Without that interest and support the development of the school will prove impossible."

At Speech Day last year, linked as it was with the dedication of all those buildings made possible by the MHS Development Foundation, I gave credit to all those who had given so wholeheartedly of their interest and support, and I believe Fred Snell's vision of a consolidated school has been achieved, and it has been my particular challenge and my good fortune to have been the Rector during this period. To have worked so closely with so many members of the whole Michaelhouse Community and to have experienced its great generosity and sacrifice in rallying to the needs of the School in the development of the 1970's, has been a rare and heartwarming privilege. In these highly competitive times developing our material resources and consolidating the physical aspect of the school have

been vital and essential steps in maintaining ourselves in the vanguard of new trends and emphasis in the educational process.

You, sir, and your Board, have permanently linked our family name to the school by giving to our new open-ended quadrangle, which incorporates most of the development of which I've spoken, the name, Pennington Quad. Its heart and central motif is the Old Boys' Memorial to my father, KMP, who contributed the lion's share in our family's association with the school. But I speak for all its members, as I did last Old Boys' Day when the memorial was dedicated and the Quadrangle officially named, when I say here before you all, as parents of the present generation of Michaelhouse boys, that we, as a family, are deeply conscious of the signal honour bestowed on our name by this act of the Board's. We would wish in the same breath, however, to acknowledge the enormous debt this school owes to the many, many others who have served it so faithfully and fully throughout its history whose names are not tangibly linked in this way. Of "that best portion of a good man's life, his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love", (and to Wordsworth's thoughts I would add a further word, "service") Michaelhouse has had its full measure, and we are deeply conscious of that.

Educational Goals

At the very first Speech Day held in the School's history in 1896 our founder, James Cameron Todd, said "Now, our aim at Michaelhouse is to make not accountants, not clerks, not doctors, not clergymen, but MEN — men of understanding, thought and culture." 30 years later, W. F. Bushell, the School's fifth Rector, in giving his impressions of South Africa and the role to be played by our boys, asked "And what of the difficulties that are said to beset this country? Will racialism with all its accompanying evils persist, or will it disappear? Surely in 50 years, when the grandsons of our present leaders are presiding over the destinies of our country, it will seem incredible that foolish and futile bickerings should ever have interfered with the great destinies of a great nation? Will not a mutual forbearance today reap a rich harvest in years to come?."

His fifty year prognostication would bring us to the present day. The most sanguine of us could not now accept that the optimistic outlook of Bushell has been realised, for unhappily the differences of opinion in our country today have not disappeared, but have become far graver than "foolish and futile bickerings". The opposing views are deeply and sincerely held, but all of us here must recognise the growing insistence of demands for partnership in a developing and richly blessed land, demands to be allowed to achieve greater skills in the search for a higher standard of living, demands to become better educated in the desire for greater fulfilment and freedom.

Could this mean that not only we here, but all our schools, provincial and private, have failed in what must surely be their prime purpose — to produce a great nation? That somewhere along the line our educational planners have been sidetracked, perhaps by the bogey of separation, or of uniformity, or prejudice, or privilege, from the fundamental focus of education?

Agents of Reconciliation

I would submit that our founder's goal — to produce men of understanding — is of even more paramount importance now than it was in 1896. Very much the same theme was expressed only a short while ago by our own Administrator here in Natal when addressing the pupils of one of our illustrious Afrikaans medium schools in this Province, when he said — and I am paraphrasing — that the formula for our time must not be one of uniformity, but the acceptance of diversity in our approach, and of the fact that we live in circumstances which bring constant change — how important it was, therefore, to maintain and broaden existing channels of communication between the language and racial groups in South Africa, so that in spite of differences, a way of life would pertain through greater mutual understanding that would guarantee a happy and peaceful relationship for all. Another high-ranking voice has called for a broader base to our decision making processes of Government, and has spoken of federation or confederation, a binding together of our peoples and culture in a single purpose of building a great nation. Where and when can such links best be forged? Surely it is amongst our young, when they are still at school, when communication and contact perhaps come most easily, and are felt to be most natural, when dependence on others is most readily acknowledged, when understanding is least crippled by prejudice and fear.

I would plead, therefore, that our private schools at

least, committed as they are to obedience to God's will as taught us through Christ, may be permitted to act as the channels of reconciliation by having all restrictions removed to the admission of pupils to our schools and by extending the contacts we may have with other cultures, so that we may become men of deeper understanding and deeper trust of our fellows, which is surely the absolute essence of citizenship. And I pray that those negotiations which are at present taking place between our Archbishop and the Government, and which have the full support of our Board of Governors, may soon be settled in such a way that the accepted and publicly proclaimed principle of this school that there are no grounds for discrimination on the basis of race in the Christian education it aims to provide for its pupils, may be implemented without restriction.

We are aware that radical changes must by definition spring not from a click of the fingers or nod of the head, but from the roots up, and we are conscious of the difficulties and problems that pepper the way, but if we always turn to God to help us, we are assured of His promise to be at our side.

Last year we were warned from this very platform, and I am sure the words have not been forgotten, that "teaching the ethic and example of Christianity may have a purpose: teaching Christianity in a free society which does not live a lie, may have a fulfilment." This was Mr Rally's challenging conclusion after sparring with his concern about the total value contributed to a community by adding material increments to it. His message was well taken, coming as it did, at a time when we were flushed by the improvements to our physical and material facilities.

I myself, preceding him, had spoken of our responsibilities in filling our new buildings with a spirit that would emanate outwards into our society and enrich its peoples. That, as I see it, is Michaelhouse's challenge of the eighties, and it is a much more fundamental one than that which we have faced and met in these seventies. But I believe we are singularly well placed and poised to measure up to it, and I would like to place on record my faith in those who will be involved in the destiny of this School in these challenging years ahead.

It has been said, with justification, I believe, that the things we learn consciously are for the most part not retained, and the things we learn unconsciously are those which never leave us. The importance of our environment in this is clear. In some senses we may be felt to be isolated, but in one very real sense we are a crucible where the links of

understanding can be fused, consciously or unconsciously, which are so vital to our future. For our community here is a microcosm of our total society and there have been signs this year of a growing community spirit which could prove a most powerful educational force — events occurring in our theatre, for instance, or up at our African bachelor quarters, or at our clinic, in classrooms, on excursions, at the communion rail, at our Community centres, indeed, even in my own study, all of which point, in however small a way, to “teaching Christianity in a free society which does not live a lie.” Mixed audiences applauding a Zulu show, seven Staff wives combining forces with teachers from our Farm School to teach English to illiterate African adults; Sixth Formers producing one-act plays to be performed at the Farm School with a cast of Form I pupils to promote their confidence in English; members of the Works Committee meeting in my study and putting forward their own proposals to combat unwanted trespassers — there are many such signs which, by providing a sense of community, of fortifying or building together, lead to great understanding, confidence and trust.

Academic Achievements

Our Matric class in 1976 was the biggest we have ever entered — 108 in all — and we were very pleased with our overall results. They are difficult to compare precisely with previous years, as the evaluation of candidates' ability was broadened for the first time into only three categories — Matriculation passes, School-leaving Certificates and failures, and our scores were in the respective categories as follows: 79, 14 and 7 — a very creditable performance in our view.

Our record in the National Mathematics Olympiad was exceptional — C. S. Olver was placed first in South Africa out of the 2 880 who entered, C. Pakshong and J. A. F. Hewat were in the first ten, and S. J. Y. Reid and R. M. Jardine were among the 100 finalists. Such success has never been achieved by one school in the 11 years history of the Olympiad.

In the National Science Week Examinations this year three boys, R. M. Jardine, M. E. Patrick and S. R. Shacksnovis, were chosen out of more than 3 000 entries to attend the week in Pretoria. And I have just this week heard that one of our entries, C. W. Sperryn, in the B Block has been sent a special letter of congratulation for having achieved full marks in the Maths section of this examination.

We have won prizes, too, in literary fields so I really believe our academic output is healthy and I con-

gratulate both teachers and pupils on their achievements.

I would like to make special comment here on the complete rejuvenation of the library, thanks both to our irresistibly enthusiastic librarian, Mrs Margaret Crampton, and to the warm co-operation of the Provincial Library authorities. My very sincere thanks must go for two very generous donations from Mrs. Bernstein and Mr and Mrs Crouch which have made it possible respectively for the basement of the Memorial Dining Hall, to be converted into an extension of the library, and for the gallery of the present library to be refurbished — both in memory of their sons.

You will be interested to know, too, I am sure, that over 10 000 seats have been officially booked for a wide variety of live shows in the Schlesinger Theatre in its first year of operation, so it is already proving to be a significant cultural asset, both for our own boys and for the community at large. Most of the productions have been imported, but our own Dramatic Society is as intense as ever, and I would like to thank all those Staff and their wives who do so much for the school in this field. Those of you who have already seen this year's musical production will be aware of the immense amount of extra work that goes into such an exercise, both on the part of the boys who are involved on stage and behind the scenes, and on the part of the Staff and their wives. Their common endeavours to produce the best they can, as in so many of the other extramural activities which are such a great feature of our community life here, help greatly to generate an influence of co-operation and an understanding of a common purpose in the broad education scene.

Sport

Let me turn to sport. I am much more concerned that sport should be played in a manner which will build qualities of character, and true sportsmanship than with statistics of matches won or lost, and I would like to thank all our coaches in all our sports for their constant concern in underlining this approach to our players.

There have been some outstanding individual performances, and some conspicuous team successes, but seldom has there been such a group record as that of our Under 14½ rugby division, our Bunnies, so-called, who this Season have played 59 matches in all, from the A down to the E teams, lost only eleven of them and scored very, very nearly 1 000 points more than they've had scored against them. They are an enthusiastic lot in their games and their work and this augurs well for the future.

Farewell

My successor, Mr. Neil Jardine, will very quickly appreciate just how fortunate he is coming to this School. He and his wife paid a fleeting visit here before he knew of his appointment and were most impressed, needless to say, by its setting, its buildings, its educational facilities, its playing fields. But it was holiday time and the real life-blood of the place — its Staff, in the full sense, and the boys — was missing — so it was not really ticking. He is addressing a Teachers' Conference in the Transvaal at this moment, but will be down here for a few days next week to see the school in full swing, or perhaps I should more fittingly say, since we are in the middle of our athletics, at full gallop. My own course is now all but run, and I would like very sincerely, but briefly and generally, for there will be

later opportunities to be more specific, to extend my thanks to you, Mr. Chairman, and to all the Governors for all your advice and help this past year; my thanks to the Staff, teaching and administrative, and Staff wives, for all your respective contributions to the well-being of this School and its boys; and my thanks, too, to the African and Indian communities for your share in its welfare. And last, but by no means least, I would like to thank my own wife, who through all these past years, has not only made a very substantial contribution to the appearance of the School, but has in so many ways done so much to weld together the wider M.H.S. community by involving so many mothers and wives in her exploits and in keeping virtually open house for parents and visitors.

Thank you.



The bush buck groomers.

SPECIAL PRIZE LIST

<i>Tatham Memorial Essay</i>	J. J. G. Clark
<i>Rector's Verse</i>	J. J. G. Clark
<i>Peter Bell Memorial English Literature</i>	J. S. Burns
<i>Andrew Henderson Prize for Agriculture</i>	Snr. R. J. V. Dorning Jnr. J. J. Kennedy
<i>P. D. Barnard Memorial Afrikaans</i>	Snr. R. S. McLellan Jnr. J. M. Bellew
<i>Hudson Bennett Natural History</i>	Snr. J. M. D. Simmons Jnr. R. C. Daugherty
<i>Hutchinson Memorial Maths</i>	Snr. A. J. Robertson Jnr. D. A. S. Hammond
<i>David Small Brand</i>	Science: J. A. F. Hewat Arts: S. J. Y. Reid
<i>John Allen Art</i>	S. L. Dyer
<i>Art</i>	Snr. C. J. Odams Jnr. R. G. Young-Pugh
<i>Photographic</i>	G. D. McIntosh
<i>Music</i>	Snr. S. L. Dyer Jnr. M. V. Reid
<i>Netherlands Bank Biology</i>	G. G. Bompas
<i>Herbert Fisher</i>	A. J. Robertson
<i>Norman Lyon Classics</i>	S. D. Tatz
<i>W. A. van der Walt Dramatic</i>	J. S. Burns
<i>J. J. L. Sisson</i>	C. A. Harris
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<i>W. R. Hindson English Literature</i>	D. R. Feetham
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<i>Bishop Baines Memorial Essay</i>	D. R. Feetham
<i>Rector's Afrikaans</i>	M. R. van Velden
<i>F. S. Bishop Memorial Dramatic</i>	J. J. G. Clark
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Biology Seminar: S. J. Y. Reid
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German: H. J. Woermann
Geography: A. J. Robertson
History: M. R. van Velden & R. B. Hersov
Zulu: W. M. Blore

B Block

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English: K. R. Harrison
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History: D. M. Thompson
Zulu: R. G. V. Beattie

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Physical Science: D. A. S. Hammond & N. L. H. Hughes
Latin: S. S. Burns
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COMMUNION

Rector's English Verse Prize, 1977

Five, and dark to rise early
that cold slides her fingers
around the ribs. Now, across
the valley, Nature rests
while her radiant servant, the sun
skyward slips, spreading
his sure, silent summons
through taught twigs to me.

A kiss from Dawn
on blanket-balmed cheek;
a pierce to sheathed throat
is a scything blade of air.
Fragile in frost are the blades of grass
which the feet file through
while icy rinds enfold the valley's
lilies and young daffodils.

Soon vital as the Light
unfolds from crisp wrappings,
Essence awakes, nurtured by Dawn.
Swaddling and solitude extol the silence,
hinting of water, cold and clear,
bubbling up from within.
Treasures brim in a cup of clay
while pale sounds nibble the ear.

Daisies uncurl toward the east
where tolls a tower the time
for another Holy Communion.
Once swathed in white, I wait
at Life's Light Altar, to love
those few white flowers, unfurled
in an ancient ever-new rite
of Dawn, Night passed.

Lyrical light, stained hue
in glass, or dawn stars,
diamonds in dew,
instil Jesus' joy to
e'en those unconfirmed.
A symphony of light ascends:
I soar in ever-upward gyres
to Communion with Eternity.

J. J. G. Clark

WORLD DETERIORATION

Prize winning entry in the Old Boys' essay competition

The twentieth century may be regarded as a period of ethical, cultural and psychological renaissance, following a Middle Ages of Industrial Revolution and Victorian idealism. This new era has been dominated by an onset of materialism in Western societies, by a continuous shifting and realignment of military and economic strength, and by an active tendency to explore and rethink moral and religious abstractions that previously have been regarded as sacrosanct and inviolable.

Ascendance of the common man

Scientific and mechanical discoveries in the fields of transport, medicine, agriculture, education and the like have improved numerous aspects of civil life in the developed countries, and the general tendency has been one of uplift and improved living standards. A significant result of this improvement, however, is the increased general ability of the common man to assert his human nature, which traditionally has been in many cases one of greed and selfishness. Whereas previously this human nature had been restricted by idealistic moral tightness and a lack of material possessions, this century has seen an assertion of a human nature that is not only free of inhibiting tenets, but is also equipped to do both good and bad, to a level previously unattained in human history. Tragically the good achieved, mostly in social fields, has been overshadowed by the bad.

Evidence of this is legion. Thefts now involve millions, not tens or hundreds, hijackers replace the common abductor and millions die in wars, the battlefields of which take the form of smashed and barren wastelands. Many nations have atomic weapons; just as many experiment with germ and gas warfare; — the outbreak of war requires only the pressing of a single button. Man's scientific and material development has been unmatched by his mental and spiritual growth. Man is essentially incapable of controlling the new and powerful playthings he has put at his disposal.

Disillusionment

Many people, and this is especially so in the "younger generation" have become disillusioned with what this new renaissance of power, wealth and permissiveness has brought. This disillusionment has given way to a general cynicism concerning, and wary reappraisal of, man in the context of the urge to find "the meaning of life" in a world which is so often far divorced from truth and reality. Dabbling in Eastern religions; wearing different hairstyles, clothes and facial expressions and smoking pot has become the vogue. The muscle-bound soldier-type who was the "ideal man" of 40 years ago has been replaced by a flower-powered Bohemian in sandals; — the wails of Punk-rock now drown the dying strains of Edwardian lyrics.

Some elements of this "cynicism-orientated" behaviour are unacceptable, even in terms of today's standards, and thus contribute to "world deterioration".

By no means can they be regarded as the only cause of deterioration; — indeed some would argue that cynicism is merely the light that reveals the rot; — the breeze that cools the cheek of the puce and choleric businessman from suburbia.

Thus it is that cynicism, be it good or bad, detrimental or advantageous is a mere by-product of an age which has deteriorated for other, previously mentioned reasons. The idealism and impractical stiffness that dominated the prelude to this age is certainly no longer. It is therefore true to say that cynicism has triumphed over idealism, in so much as that the former has replaced the latter as a code of behaviour or approach to living. Both have been largely insignificant in the deterioration of the last half century. Both will remain irrelevant in the further international moral and political movements that will mark the years ahead.

J. S. Burns

Address by Dr Koornhof

Mr Chairman, Members of the Board of Governors of Michaelhouse, Rector and Staff, Distinguished Guests:

The end of the academic year is always of special importance in the lives of many young people in our schools, particularly in this respect that it is the time when the various institutions for higher or tertiary education in South Africa, as well as leaders in the vast field of employment in this country, are looking forward to welcoming the large number of young men and young women who will be leaving our schools towards the end of the year.

In the Republic of South Africa, where there is an insatiable demand for suitably educated, and also suitably trained, men and women, a virtually endless variety of avenues of employment await our young people on leaving school after attaining the Matriculation Certificate or the School-leaving Certificate. Great employment opportunities await young men and young women trained at the highest levels, namely at the university, or at tertiary level, that is, at colleges for advanced technical education or at technical colleges or institutes. It is of great importance to school-leavers, as well as being in the national interest, that these young people should develop their educational potential to the full. South Africa offers unlimited scope for young people with the necessary academic or technical qualifications.

Our well-being, however, depends not only on material values, but also on spiritual values. These, too, are of vital importance.

A Changing World

In the everyday world that changes, it is essential that we know that there are Eternal values, and that these do not change: Truth does not change. These values are our anchors in life; they are the values by which we regulate our lives. Without these values, an ordered society cannot exist.

It was with appreciation that I noted, among other things, in this school's publication, *Michaelhouse 1896-1968*, that the rectors of the institution have consistently upheld the view that Christian witness should be a distinguishing feature of the school.

Allow me to mention, very briefly, some of the danger signals which are apparent where the Christian

values of life tend to be disregarded. I shall refer mainly to conditions overseas where, in larger population groups, such phenomena are likely to be more apparent, though South Africa is by no means free of them.

In the first place, there is the steady erosion of the traditionally accepted norms of conduct and of values to which attention has often been drawn by spiritual leaders. Discipline, and self-discipline, and respect for other people, seem to show symptoms of decline. A climate of extreme humanism seems to prevail, together with a tendency to be more concerned with so-called human rights, for selfish ends, rather than with duties to others. Reports of violent behaviour, lawlessness and destructiveness are only too common in the world today. Leftist views are often advocated, mostly with great intolerance of the views of others, while the voice of the silent majority, who are the backbone of any healthy society, is too little heard. As we further know, education has often been hampered by the lawless behaviour of pupils or students, in their respective educational institutions.

The existence of such conditions in some Western societies, South Africa not excluded, strongly emphasises the need for education in the Christian tradition, or closer observance of the basic principles of this educational tradition, where character-training is among the most important ends in view in the education of the children of the nation.

Among the traits of character that have traditionally been cultivated in schools are courage, truthfulness, trustworthiness, a sense of honour, moral strength, good citizenship, love of the fatherland, and leadership, a need which is widely apparent in many fields today. Sound knowledge, the right values, and a clear view of life are among the prerequisites of good leadership.

Christian Values

Great change has been brought about on the South African scene in recent years, and further change may come in Southern Africa. More than ever before, it is therefore essential that our young people should be thoroughly equipped with knowledge, in the first instance. Sound and dependable knowledge is essential in all human striving, whether this

be in the study or the application of the two official languages, the natural sciences, or technology, or art, or in the field of commerce, or in other fields of human endeavour. In times when material values count heavily in the choice of school subjects, the traditional cultural subjects have lost neither their charm, nor their usefulness, and, where taken, hold an honoured place in the high school curriculum. Knowledge of a classical language has great value, particularly in contributing generously, as it does, to the training of the intellect, and to the enrichment of the mind.

Knowledge is power. In the Christian spirit, it is power to do good, materially and spiritually, in the interests of the doer, and of others. In a wider setting, South Africa has always contributed much towards promoting the well-being of others on the African Continent, and will always be ready, where needed, to devote her knowledge, and sense of values, to this end.

In conclusion, I wish to congratulate all those pupils who have qualified for prizes. The sterling qual-

ities which they have revealed in their studies are, humanly speaking, permanent assets which will go with them, and carry them further on the road to success in their studies.

Those pupils who will be leaving Michaelhouse at the end of the year to continue their studies at the university, or at any of the types of institutions for tertiary education which I have already mentioned, have my very best wishes. I hope that some of them will follow in the footsteps of their teachers, who have done so much for them, and that they will enrol for courses of study which will qualify them for entry to the teaching profession. Furthermore, I sincerely trust that the treasures of education which all these senior pupils have received at Michaelhouse — in their lessons and in their studies, and also in the life and in the pervading cultural atmosphere of Michaelhouse, and particularly also at the Chapel services there — will ever be a source of inspiration to these pupils, and serve to give them a clear direction and purpose in life, in the Christian tradition.



Dr Koornhof addressing the Speech Day gathering.

The Schlesinger Theatre



You've got to pick a pocket or two!



"Do you know this voice —"

"OLIVER!"

"Oliver!" by Lionel Bart was presented by the Michaelhouse Dramatic & Choral Societies in the Schlesinger Theatre on September the 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

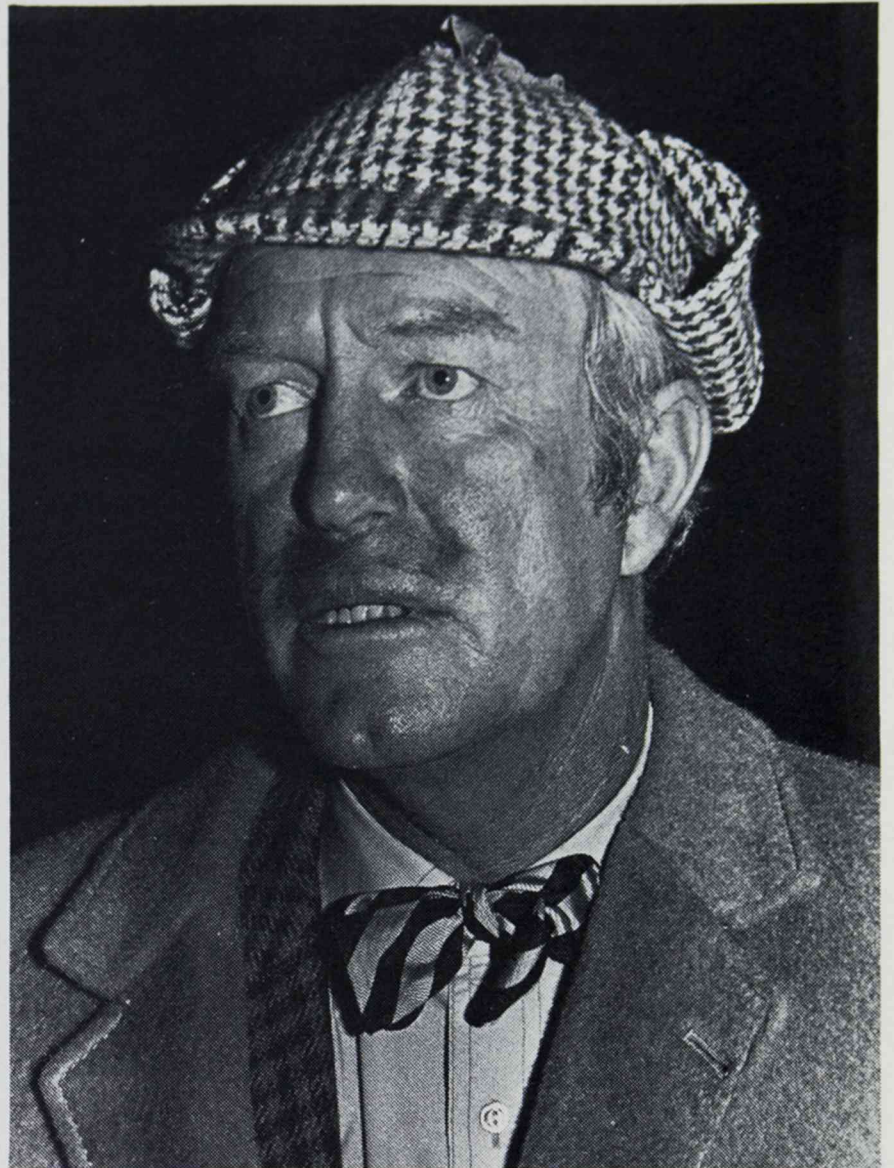
Over the years I have had to sit through many school and amateur musicals and I have become conditioned to accepting what has been offered. With the production of "Oliver!" for the first time in many years I can state quite categorically that I enjoyed every minute of the show: it was amateur entertainment of the highest standard. I would venture to say that it surpassed quite a number of professional shows I have seen in this country and overseas. All those, and there were many of them, who had anything to do with it, can feel justly proud of a first rate show. With this production a very high standard has been set in the Schlesinger Theatre.

Let us take the artistes as protocol sets them down: Stephen Jobling as Oliver stayed well within his part, sang his songs clearly and made the most of a demanding role. No one could have been a "chubby hubby" than Nigel Bloy as Mr Bumble and Mrs Bumble was superbly played by newcomer to the stage, Biddy Hall. Over the years we have got to know her expertise as property mistress for numerous productions but we hope that this will not be her last appearance on stage.

Richard Gordon (an old boy doing his student teaching here) filled the part of the undertaker, Mr Sowerberry very well and a welcome new face was that of Mary Davidge who played Mrs Sowerberry with considerable gusto. Matthew Reid sang his songs, danced his dances with great enthusiasm and brought a great deal of zest into the part of the Artful Dodger. I hope we will see much more of him in years to come. His sensitive portrayal and polished performance was sustained right to the last scene when he and Fagin go back into business.

In his dirty hide out with his dishevelled gown and matted hair, Fagin trained little boys "to earn some money" for him. The pathos of this character was brought out very well by the sensitive and superb handling Willem van der Walt gave to it. The contrasts between the daring ebullient leader of the underworld and the loneliness of an old man with no one left in the world, were beautifully drawn by his involvement in his acting. He created a cameo long to be remembered. Another new face was that of Jenny Barbour as Nancy: she sang well and gave a well rounded performance. The big bully Bill

Sykes, played by Rex Pennington, left no one in any doubt as to his evil intentions: fortunately one doesn't have to find this unsavoury character lurking behind the pillars in the quad on dark Balgowan nights!

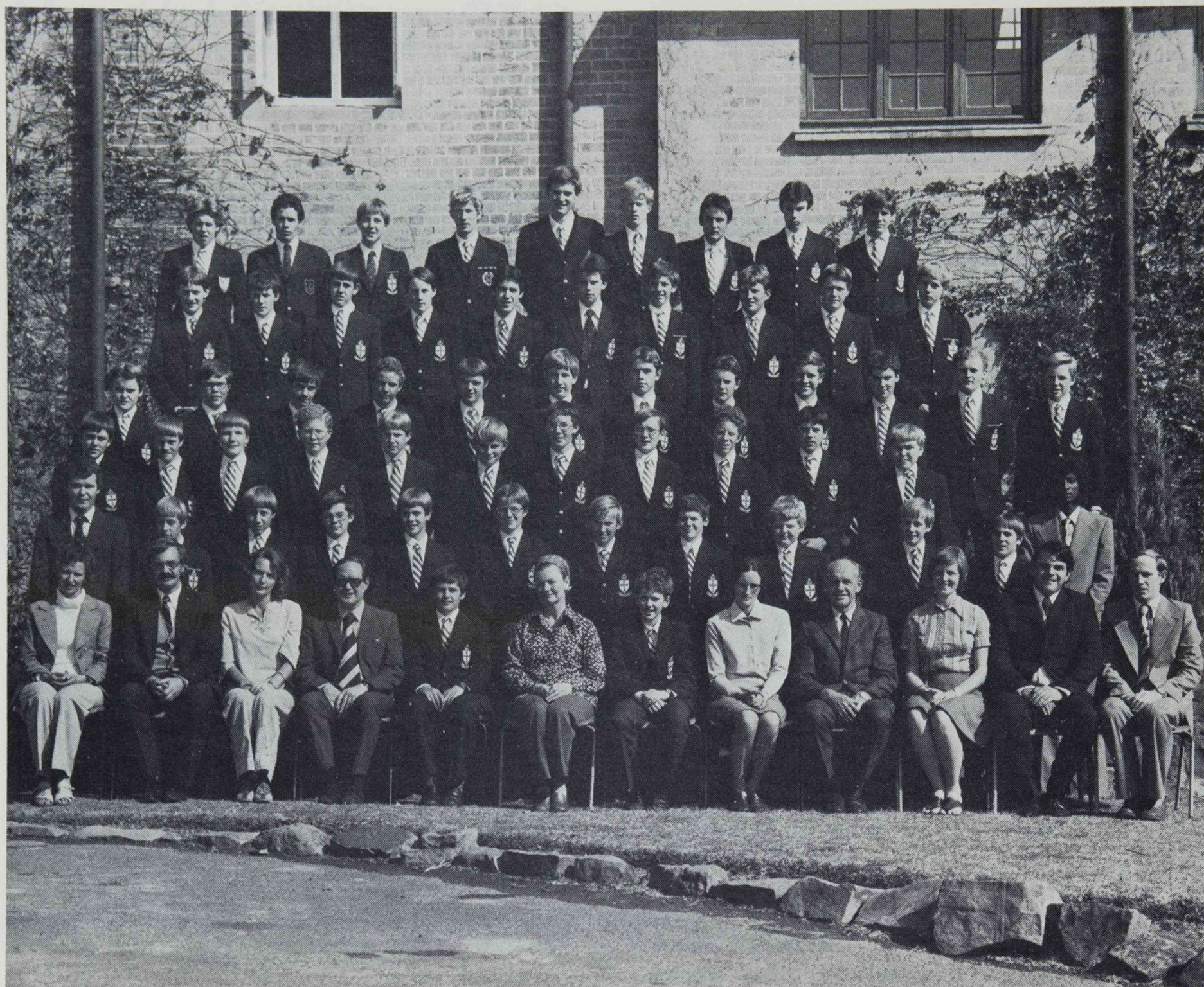


The terrible Bill Sykes.

All the supporting roles were well handled and all the actors worked together to produce a well balanced and integrated performance. June Hennesy was responsible for the production and Frikie Human trained the singers as well as acting as accompanist with Anne Thompson. The inclusion of Stephen Reid and his flute and violin made all the difference to certain scenes. Brian Miles's superb set (built under his watchful eye by the gents of the stage society) was professional: revolving stages and all! The lighting was very competently handled by Geoff Shute and David Kilian and a never tiring Dan Moodley.

I must mention Biddy Hall's properties and her back stage organisation: her involvement and care over the smallest detail is quite incredible. There are too many names to mention but each one, whatever his or her responsibilities were, did his best to make this production of "Oliver!" a memorable one. It was obvious that the whole cast was enjoying what they were doing, and this happiness came across to us in the audience very noticeably.

W.E.L.



Cast of Oliver:

Back: J. H. Gittings, G. C. Barr, J. A. Hewat, S. J. Y. Reid, J. A. Pool, A. D. Young-Pugh, D. J. Donaldson, F. C. Dixon, P. J. Arnott.

2nd. Back: P. G. Atkinson, C. S. Marais, N. I. Rademan, G. M. Shute, C. J. Hide, S. W. Cooke, D. S. Pennington, R. C. Standish-White, N. A. Dalton-Brown, S. B. Anderson, G. S. Davies, C. D. Geerdts.

3rd. Back: C. S. Lardner, P. T. Weddepohl, D. L. Kilian, W. D. Buchanan, S. J. Taylor, D. Fisher, S. M. Renton, C. M. Standish-White, N. A. Dalton-Brown, S. B. Anderson, S. S. Burns, O. C. Phillips.

3rd. Front: P. D. Moran, A. G. Lee, N. L. Hughes, R. C. Berry, K. M. Gittings, A. E. Everett, A. H. Dotteridge, P. I. Webster, P. J. Richter, P. E. Moxley, B. L. Were.

2nd. Front: Mr. D. B. Miles, D. Landmark, C. J. Brown, M. E. Moore, V. Kirchner, P. R. Norbury, P. Johnston, G. C. Verhoef, H. C. Conradie, P. Landmark, G. J. Sperry, Mr. D. Moodley.

Front: Ann Thompson, F. J. Human, Jean Barbour, W. A. van der Walt, S. V. Jobling, June Hennessey (Producer), M. V. Reid, Bidy Hall, N. C. F. Bloy, Mary Davidge, Rex. F. Pennington, P. E. Skinner.

PATRICIA AND PAUL WILES EXHIBITION

Over Speech Day week, which also coincided with the production of "Oliver!" these two well known South African artists held their combined exhibition in the Gallery. 39 paintings were hung, 12 of which were not for sale as they had been prepared for the International World Wilderness Congress which

was held in Johannesburg in October 1977. The exhibition was open from Monday 29th August until Sunday 4th September 1977.

MUSIC HALL VARIETY SHOW

Presented by the Howick Players in the Schlesinger Theatre on Tuesday November the 29th.

THE RIVALS

On Wednesday the 7th September, Napac presented Sheridan's "The Rivals" in the Schlesinger Theatre. The play was directed by up and coming young British director Leslie Lawton and the role of the eternal Mrs Malaprop was played by West End star Moyra Fraser. John Hussey (famous for his Mr Dingley on SABC-TV) played opposite her as Sir Anthony Absolute. His son Captain Absolute was played by Richard Haines and John Rogers played Mr Faulkland. Sir Lucius O'Trigger was played by veteran actor James Irwin and Adrian Egan played Bob Acres. Mrs Malaprop's immortal words had the audience not only on their toes but certainly in stitches for most of the evening. The clever set, where backlighting was used quite effectively, was another example of how we can learn from the professionals. It is interesting to note the comment of the stage manager after the show: he said that it usually took them one and a half hours to strike the set after each performance but with the expert help of the Michaelhouse stage crew, the set was down in record time: "All I had to do was stand and watch!"

"THE WINTERS TALE"

This Shakespeare play was presented in the Schlesinger Theatre by the University of Natal Dramatic Society on Friday June 3rd. It was a long play but the atmosphere was sustained throughout and a simple but effective set, clever lighting and very competent acting held the audience for a considerable length of time. Shakespeare's obsession with the seasons was well brought out in this production — his imagery contrasts the sadness of winter with the joys of summer. The tone is one of nostalgia for lost youth and the work as a whole is perhaps the artistic expression of an old man's longing for a new world where one's past mistakes can be set right, where even a happy ending is possible. Perdita strikes the key-note when she says to Florizel: "I would I had some flowers O' the' spring". The play was produced by Richard Aithcison with Cara Pretorius as Hermione, the king's wife and Vaughan Girdlestone as Leontes. John Whitehead played Camillo.

SIXTH FORM VARIETY CONCERT

The annual Sixth Form variety concert was held in the Schlesinger Theatre on Saturday 26th November. Stephen Reid and Steven Shacksnovis worked hard to produce a well rounded off evening of varied entertainment. I particularly enjoyed the rendition of the School Rules set to a well known chant. Ellis Brown's mime of Elvis Presley also deserves to be mentioned. One surprise was that Nick Rockey won the Miss Lucky Legs competition! Feetham's presentation of the BG-TV news was also very competently handled. The second half of the programme was music made by local musicians: it really proved to be very enjoyable and when one thinks of the decibels modern young people enjoy, it was a relief to hear good pop and rock music expertly presented.

MELODY, MAGIC AND MIRTH

A show presented by the Don Hughes Theatre Organisation in conjunction with Willem van der Walt, was staged in the Schlesinger Theatre on Monday 28th November. International cabaret artistes entertained the boys and guests. It was the last day of the final exams and one could sense the elation in the audience. Dan Bailey, Australian cabaret star, who has had shows in America, Italy and England, was the compere for the evening. Well known South African mime artist Graham Rich had the audience in fits of laughter and David O'Connor, the magician produced some startling effects.

AN EVENING WITH JOHN WALTON AND JEANETTE YORKE

These two well-known cabaret artists and entertainers gave a very lively and well received concert on Saturday the 6th August in the Schlesinger Theatre. John Walton immediately got the audience involved with his magic show and his clever and smooth patter. One would not think it but he is ranked 6th in the world on the harmonica and he demonstrated his versatility later in the evening while Jeanette showed her skill at the Hammond organ. The two of them provided some interesting numbers on a variety of instruments. It was a happy evening with a relaxed atmosphere in which the audience felt part of the show all the time.

CAREERS SYMPOSIUM

On Saturday night 11th June another very successful Careers Symposium was held in the Schlesinger Theatre under the chairmanship of Mr Willem van der Walt, school Guidance Counsellor. The speakers, to whom we are very grateful for their willingness to come to us and enlighten us about their professions, were: Mr Gerald Walker who spoke on accountancy, Mr Mike Southwood — the legal profession — Dr Wachter, a veterinary surgeon, and the school doctor, Dr O. Smythe who spoke on the medical profession.

As in the past each speaker spoke to the whole group for about ten minutes giving broad outlines of their profession and then smaller groups were formed and boys could ask more detailed questions. From all reports this seems to have been a most interesting and valuable evening.

WILD LIFE ENGRAVINGS

On behalf of the S.A. Nature Foundation, which is affiliated to the World Wild Life Society, an exhibition of resin engravings by some of South Africa's best known artists was presented at the end of the fourth quarter 1976. Some of the names presented were Nils Burwits (two lowveld studies) Ernst de Jong (secretary bird and ostrich) Zakkie Eloff (elephant, oryx and springbok) Leigh Voigt (zebra and lion) and Clive Walker (Bushman and water-hole). These works were published in a limited edition of 150 but only 100 were for sale in South Africa, 50 being reserved for overseas collectors. For every work sold a percentage was donated to the S.A. Nature Foundation.

SHEILA BAINBRIDGE EXHIBITION —

Sheila Bainbridge's exhibition was officially opened by Dr E. A. Zaloumis at a cheese and wine party on Tuesday 17th May. There were 28 pictures on exhibition and some 85 guests attended the opening. Mrs Bainbridge presented the school with a magnificent picture which will hang in the downstairs foyer of the Theatre: "Leopard about to pounce".

PIANO RECITAL

The visiting British pianist, John Clegg gave a recital on Saturday 20th August in the Schlesinger Theatre. His programme included works of Mozart, Debussy, Chopin, Faure and Granados.

"THE EDWARDIAN SCRAPBOOK"

With the facilities of the Schlesinger Theatre we are receiving more and more visits from professional companies. The presentation of Napac's "Edwardian Scrapbook" brought to the Theatre some very well known theatrical names. Devised and directed by Malcolm Woolfson, such names as Albie Louw, Greg Patterson, Jill Fenson, Valerie Anderson, Glynn Day, Lawrence Folley and Marcelle Mitchell appeared in a light bill reflecting the mood and music of the bygone Edwardian Era, captivating the audience and providing an evening of happy entertainment. Songs such as "On the road to Mandalay" superbly sung by Lawrence Folley, and the ragtime collection "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and nostalgic old timers such as "By the light of the silvery moon" set the right mood for the evening. Even though there were not many who could remember the words of the songs or even the songs themselves, the evening proved to be a great success and it was indeed an education to see professionals at work.

"THE ROYAL SINGING ZULUS"

On Saturday the 30th July, the well known group the Royal Singing Zulus performed in the Schlesinger Theatre. Although one felt that the programme could have been slightly modified, the concert was very enjoyable. From serious works like "Nkulunkulu Baba Wethu" (God our Father) which the choir sang with great feeling to the tribal numbers, for which most of the members donned their tribal costumes, the choir upheld a high standard. It was a pleasure to watch the involvement of each member of the choir. They are trying to raise funds to tour abroad and we know that with their singing and inspired performance, they will be acclaimed wherever they go.

DRAKENSBERG BOYS' CHOIR

The Drakensberg Boys' Choir gave a recital in the Schlesinger Theatre on Saturday 12th November.

Although I would liked to have heard a more varied programme, there is no doubt as to the superb quality of their singing. It was only unfortunate that their conductor didn't seem to enjoy the evening as much as we did before or after his little cadenza to the audience! This was their top choir that had won international acclaim and had only recently returned from a very successful tour of Israel.

"A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

This play, the 1977 Dramatic Society presentation was staged in the Schlesinger Theatre on May 25th–28th. A challenging production which succeeded in holding the attention of the audience right to the dramatic final scene, which was very effectively lit against the dark blue cyclorama. Bolt's fresh approach to theatre could clearly be seen in this play which in typical Brechtian style brought actors and audience much closer together.

The Common Man (excellently played by Andrew Redding) in his comments on the historical development of the play, his common touch and clever changes of character, brought the movement of the production right into the auditorium: it had a warmth which one so often finds lacking in school productions. Jeremy Clark as Thomas More was superb. He won the Bishop Memorial Award for the best actor of the year for his subtle and sensitive interpretation of a complex character. David Metelerkamp managed to fill the role of Alice More more than adequately and in Jeremy Burns we saw the nastiness and shrewdness of a Cromwell unfold. He was awarded the W.A. van der Walt prize for the best actor who had not been in any productions before. A pity we had to wait until his last year before he was prepared to reveal his obvious talent and feeling for the theatre. David Feetham was a crafty ambassador, Chapuys, of Spain and Robert Hersov as King Henry VIII, played with much understanding flinging his lines to audience and actors: a well sustained and cameo performance. Steven Shacksnovis was an oily house trained Richard Rich and Stephen Reid a more than adequate Duke of Norfolk. Nigel Hughes played More's daughter Alice with much feeling. Alan Young Pugh played Roper, More's son-in-law. Once again the stage set as designed and built by the stage crew under Brian Miles's watchful eye scored a hit: it was a simple but clever set and it was good to see how adequately "flying scenery" was used.

To all those who worked on this production our congratulations.

Cast in order of appearance

Common Man	<i>Andrew Redding</i>
Thomas More	<i>Jeremy Clark</i>
Richard Rich	<i>Steven Shacksnovis</i>
Norfolk	<i>Stephen Reid</i>
Alice More	<i>David Metelerkamp</i>
Margaret	<i>Nigel Hughes</i>
Wolsey	<i>Michael Bowditch</i>
Cromwell	<i>Jeremy Burns</i>
Chapuys, (Spanish ambassador)	<i>David Feetham</i>
Attendant	<i>Wayne Meiring</i>
William Roper	<i>Allan Young Pugh</i>
Henry VIII	<i>Robert Hersov</i>
A Woman	<i>Simon Weaver</i>
Cranmer	<i>Graham Barr</i>

Credits

Stage Manager	<i>Brian Miles</i>
Costumes	<i>June Hennessy</i>
Make Up	<i>Frikkie Human</i>

Stage Crew

	<i>Stella Lewin</i>
	<i>Barbara Earnshaw</i>
	<i>Anne Hilditch</i>
	<i>Ilmarie Pennington</i>
	<i>Margaret Inglis</i>
	<i>Jonathan Lawrie</i>
	<i>Stephen Cooke</i>
	<i>Geoff Woollatt</i>
	<i>Simon Taylor</i>
	<i>Shaun Renton</i>
	<i>Simon Mason-Gordon</i>
	<i>Rory Standish-White</i>
Lighting	<i>Geoff Shute</i>
Sound	<i>David Kilian</i>
Properties	<i>Biddy Hall</i>
Posters	<i>Simon Struben</i>
Publicity	<i>John Wilson</i>
Business	<i>Susan Farran</i>
Prompter	<i>Simon Struben</i>
Production Secretary	<i>Graham Braatvedt</i>
Front of House	<i>Roger Jardine</i> <i>and Stephen Cooke</i>

**Produced and directed by
Willem van der Walt**

VENTURE CLUB

Overall the year has been rather disappointing, with the total number of berg outings standing at seventeen. These outings include those well known trips such as Cathedral Peak, Giant's Castle, Bannerman's Pass, Ndedema Gorge, and Champagne Castle plus a number of relatively new outings to Lower Mjasuti, Ndumeni Dome, Loteni, Redi, and Sterkhorn.

In June/July of 1977 nine boys accompanied Mr Leggatt on the Venture Club trip to Botswana and South West Africa. The boys were J. S. Burns, I. A. Cox, A. C. Harle, P. C. March, B. S. Marx, T. S. Patrick, S. R. Shacksnovis, S. J. Taylor and D. J. Wilson. The trip was a great success, the approximate route being Balgowan—Welkom—Vryburg—Bray—Kakhia—"No Mans Land"—Tsane—Hukurtse—Njona—Buitepos—Gobabis—Windhoek—Gamsberg Pass—Kuseb Canyon—Sossasvlei—Sesnein Canyon—Namib Desert—Maltahone—Keetmanshoop—Fish River Canyon—Aughrabies Falls—Kimberley—Balgowan. The total distance covered was some 5 000 kilometres, the overall cost being about R770, which makes the trip very worthwhile as the cost per individual is well under R100 for two and a half weeks. For Steve Shacksnovis it was his third Venture Club holiday trip to Botswana or S.W.A. The trips are a unique experience and one should use every opportunity to get onto one, particularly as it seems unlikely that we will have access to Botswana for very much longer.

Mr Andy Taylor is taking a group of boys up to Botswana and S.W.A. in December and this promises to be another good trip although they will be lacking Mr Leggatt's expertise at getting the Landrover into the most precarious positions (which only adds a bit more excitement to the trip). Anyway I'm sure the American will organise his own form of (imported) entertainment.

This year we have had more than our usual share of Landrover trouble. We bought a Landrover from the Roads' Department after the old one had given a lot of trouble. But the "new" one skidded to a halt on the way up the Berg and it was the old one which towed it back down to school!

I must say thank you to Mr Leggatt for his continued interest in running the club and for keeping the Caterer happy. Also thank you to a few masters who have given up a number of their weekends to go up the Berg: they are Mr Skinner in particular, Mr Leggatt and more recently Mr Taylor.

This year a number of us have got down (or should I say up) to some serious rock climbing and have completed two "E" standard routes in the Berg. These are Pyramid and Giant's Castle Frontal.



Stephen Cooke.

It is only left for me to wish next year's committee well and to ask the rest of the school to continue and increase their present interest in this unique club.

Ross Bailie

ROCK CLIMBING

Some small crags were discovered near Sarsden and in a short space of time many challenging routes, graded between E_1 and F_3 , were opened up. Unfortunately the crags are only between ten and fifteen metres high, and it was not long before bigger climbs in the Drakensberg were undertaken. Clive Sperry and Steve Cooke made an attempt on Mitre (E grade) but got "off route" on the western arête and ended up on a severe F_2 traverse, and unfavourable weather prevented a second attempt. Steve Cooke, Ross Bailie, and Steve Reid climbed an interesting, but wet E grade route on Giant's Frontal over the weekend 5th–6th November and the following weekend the same team climbed the standard route, also E grade, on Pyramid, which offered a much higher quality rock.

During the VIth form 'berg trip Steve Cooke and John de Wet climbed a mild E grade route on Sterkhorn South.

We have also completed a few pitches at Monteseel, outside Durban.

The Committee would like to thank Mr Andy Taylor for giving up many afternoons to take us climbing and I hope that next year will provide many opportunities to complete and "chalk off" new climbs for the club.

S. W. Cooke

FILM SOCIETY

As wide a variety of films as possible was shown this year and this gave the boys the opportunity to compare various techniques.

The following films were shown:

Science Fiction — The Andromeda Strain

Period Comedy — Tom Jones

Drama — Psycho

Spectacle — War and Peace

Western — Gunfire at the O.K. Corral.

A.J.R.

ART SOCIETY

Drawing, painting, sculpture, pottery, fabric printing and lino-cutting were among activities practised by boys at the voluntary practical sessions held three afternoons a week in the Art School.

At official society meetings we saw a selection of films: Rodin, Chartres Cathedral, The Impressionists, Colour in Art, Van Gogh, Rembrandt, What is Sculpture?, Greek Sculpture and The Printmakers. Most of these films covered aspects of the matriculation history of art syllabus.



The school's best potters had their work exhibited in the library at the end of the quarter — an exhibition which aroused considerable interest.

Next year the society's keenest draughtsmen hope to be involving themselves for the first time at Michaelhouse in the ancient graphic arts of etching and dry-point. The Art School's new etching and lithographic press was imported from the United Kingdom.

P.G.L.

SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

The Senior Debating Society has had six meetings since the last report in the "Chronicle". The formal dress and tone, despite the varied format, has created a pleasing atmosphere in which Members conform to Parliamentary manners and etiquette.

In the main the speaking has been of a high standard, although most of it has come from the senior section of the Society.

In the time under review, formal debate was not only concerned with serious motions but also with humorous and, to some extent, frivolous titles such

as "Rose Growing Encourages Evil Tendencies and Therefore Should Be Banned". A Staff-versus-Boys debate was introduced this year, the topic being the rather worn one of "My Country: Right or Wrong". The Staff Team of Messrs. Lewis and Skinner inspanned Bruce Bishop and opposed the motion, presenting their case with such fluent oratory that it was defeated. One of the last meetings of the year took the form of the topical General Election. In the three-cornered contest "Balgowan Central" went to the PFP (C. van Heerden) from the NRP (A. Redding) and the Nationalists (D. Wilson).

One of the highlights of the Debating Society calendar was a meeting held at Collegiate. The main debate concerned itself with the issue of whether "Gambling Should Be Legalised in South Africa". The Michaelhouse Team (Barrett, Odams, Redding), despite their eloquence, found the floor morally atrophied and unwilling to defeat the obviously appealing motion, not a single vote being cast for them, the opposers. A fascinating "Parachute" debate followed where Mike Whitaker especially distinguished himself with a graphic and arousing plea on behalf of Raquel Welch!

A.I.S.R.

JUNIOR DEBATING

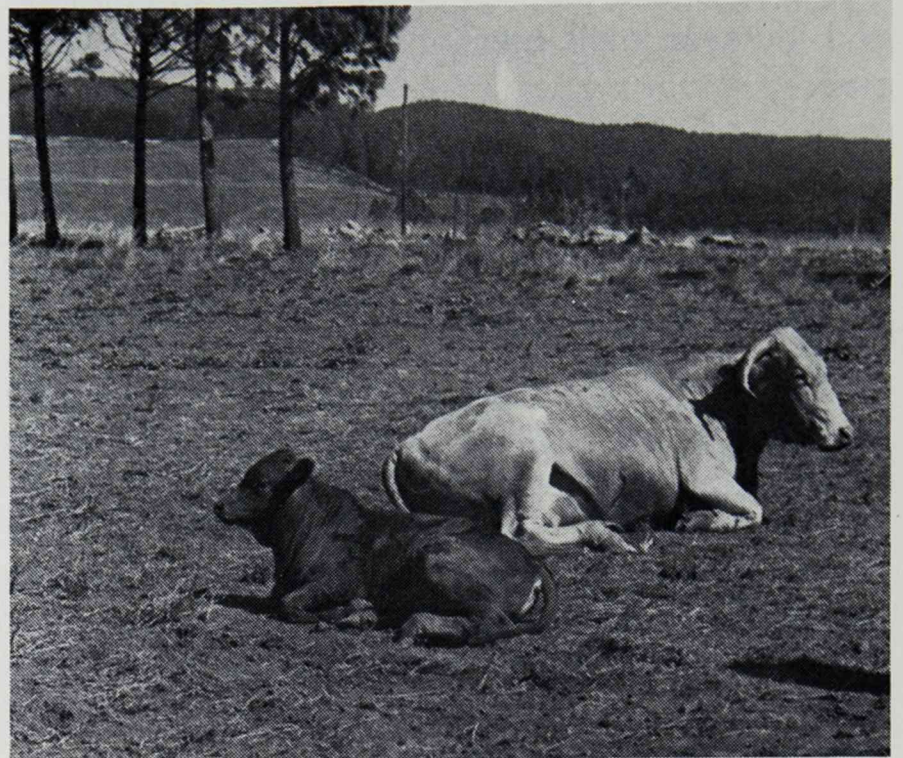
The Society was very active during the last 6 months of 1977. Several outings were organised, and other Schools visited us. There were several internal debates and discussions. Subjects such as: "Racially mixed schools should be compulsory", "Prejudice" and "Aggression" were discussed. We visited Epworth, and the debate took the form of "campaigning" for a mini-election. Debates against Howick, Epworth and Estcourt were held at Michaelhouse.

Some interesting and entertaining discussions were held internally, one of which was an amusing parody of a B.B.C. television programme. As a final occasion for the year, we had an informal debate against Epworth. Food and drinks were supplied, and we all had an extremely enjoyable and satisfying evening!

Thanks to M.E.C. for showing such interest and enthusiasm, and for organising the Society so well.

K. R. Fleischer

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY



"Henderson" with her calf.

Since our last report the Agricultural Society has been active.

A visit to Mr Peter Brewitt's beef farm yielded valuable information about beef breeding. Mr Mennie of Stockowners experimental farm at Tweedie, showed us around his beef and sheep experiments. He also informed us how the cattle and sheep had done with different concentrates. On a cadet-free afternoon we travelled to see the magnificent bulls of the Baynesfield Bull station. We were fortunate to hear Dr M. Galliers and the directors of the Natal Animal Breeding Co-op comment on the finer points of the bulls which have such an important impact on Natal herds. The society is grateful for the generous hospitality of Mr Jeremy Jonsson who not only showed us around his prize-winning Jersey herd, but also entertained us splendidly for one whole Sunday. We are beginning to be more ambitious about our outings and on the second last day of the year we travelled to Greytown to visit the Pioneer Seed Company.

As from 1st August, 1977, the Society has leased from the school the rear portion of the estate for the fee of R1 000 per annum. It is true that the terms of our lease will make it difficult to contribute much profit to the Andrew Henderson bursary fund, as we have to accommodate voracious herds of blesbuck and zebra free of charge, but we are pleased to be able to operate as an independent farming enterprise. This will give our members the experience of building up a "real-life" farm from scratch. We entered a young ox in the Nottingham Road Farmers' Association annual fat-stock show but were unfortunately beaten into second place in the novice class by C. S. Barlow & Sons.

In a nation-wide conservation project sponsored by the Bata Shoe Company we were awarded a prize of R50 for a report on our efforts to conserve the natural flora and fauna on the school estate. Our thanks go to the Natural History Society, and especially to Mr Goulding, for their co-operation and assistance in this project. The prize money was donated to the Andrew Henderson bursary fund.

R. J. V. Dorning



Joe Adams preparing for the show.

TROUT CLUB

We had another enjoyable year which included 8 outings to dams in the district and the Mooi, one outing where we assisted the N.F.F.C. in clearing the banks of a section on the Mooi; another most enjoyable Camp at Mr Cathcart's farm "High-down"; and a Speech Day exhibition which involved the whole Club.

The Casting Competition Cup was won by P. L. Chisholm and the Cup for the heaviest river fish by R. S. Bailie.

Ron F. P.

HISTORY SOCIETY

Since April, 1977 the Society has been as active as ever. In May a highly interesting evening was provided by Major Darrell Hall and Colonel Dick Peddle. They concerned themselves with the briefing of a unit of the 6th Airborne Division before its landing in Normandy on 6th June, 1944. The briefing was carried out, much as it would have happened on that momentous occasion, but with the aid of slides. We were then told just what did occur, the whole exercise showing the uncertainty of war operations as well as the remarkable success achieved by well-trained and well-led troops. It was a most successful evening and stimulated animated discussion. We look forward next year to another visit from Major Hall and, we hope, Colonel Peddle.

Four other meetings were held. At the first Andrew Redding traced perceptively U.S. foreign policy from 1945, a gargantuan task which he performed with aplomb. This was followed by two papers of more local interest; they dove-tailed admirably. David Feetham very effectively explained the rum-bustious activities of Tielman Roos and, at the next meeting Jonathan Pittaway spoke knowledgeably about the German Navy and Air Force during Hitler's time. Not only did he cover much interesting ground but also he was able to show us numerous medals, daggers etc. out of his very handsome collection of Nazi trophies.

CHAPEL CHOIR 1977

Largely due to a serious shortage of trebles, the Choir has not been up to its usual high standard this year. It did, however, put on a fairly good Speech Day programme and its union with the University Choir at Evensong earlier in the 4th quarter was a great success. The new Director of Music Mr Bruce Johnson has introduced the sung parts for the Eucharist which has been well received, and he has also provided us with some very good organ-playing. We look forward to a good year in 1978.

A. van Velden

THE 1977 VENTURE CLUB OUTING TO BOTSWANA AND S.W.A.

Nine boys and Mr Leggatt spent the first two and a half weeks of the July Holiday 1977 touring Botswana and S.W.A.

Leaving School on the last day of term, we spent two days getting to Bray, which is a village on the Northern Cape/Botswana border. There we were met by the Natural History Society party, as it was thought wise to travel together through the Kalahari Desert. The desert, which occurs in the South Western section of Botswana, is very flat, is covered with vegetation such as thorn bushes and acacia trees, and has no surface water except that which fills the salt pans in Summer. Although the road was lost several times, the Landrovers got through the desert in 6 days, after travelling in a rough line through Tsane and Hukuntsi. We saw a variety of dry-country buck and a bit of Bushman life, although the latter are suffering the encroachment of Western life.

Near the S.W.A. border the two parties separated, the Natural Historians going north to the Okavango Delta, and the Venture Club continuing on into S.W.A., through the Buitepos border post. Despite a minor delay at Gobabis, caused by a broken half-shaft in the Landrover, we soon got to Windhoek, to spend a day and a night and to buy supplies. We left Windhoek, and, after driving through the Gamsberg Pass, we spent a day climbing and swimming in the Kuiseb Canyon, an interesting erosive feature in the Namib Desert Park.

Thereafter we went to a well-known place in the Namib called Sossusvlei, so named because of the vlei created by a river which cuts a path some distance into the desert, before disappearing into the sand. This path gives access to an area of enormous dunes. We spent a day at Sossusvlei leaving with a sandstorm at our backs, and then drove South to the Fish River Canyon.

Here we spent a day climbing and walking, slept a night next to the river at the bottom, and climbed out again the next day.

Our next and last stop was at the Aughrabies Falls, which is an impressive feature on the Orange River. The water was low but the falls were nevertheless an interesting sight.

We left Aughrabies and travelled back to Natal, through Upington and Kimberley, arriving at Balgowan on the 8th July.

The entire outing was a great success and has been described as possibly the best Venture Club holiday

outing so far. The reasons for this are that we had excellent weather and very little trouble with the Landrover and, more importantly, went to a variety of new and interesting places that we had never seen before and are unlikely ever to see again. It was an unforgettable experience and something we will all remember with pleasure.

Jeremy Burns

VIth FORM DRAKENSBERG TRIP

The Team: S. W. Cooke; R. S. Bailie; J. M. de Wet; S. J. Y. Reid; N. J. Rockey; S. D. Tatz; M. A. Patrick; Mr A. Taylor.

We left school at 10.30 a.m. on Monday Nov. 14th in constant drizzle and drove up in the old Venture Club Landrover to Champagne Castle. It was still raining when we reached the forestry area and rather than face a 5 hour walk in the rain up to a shelterless night at the site of the old Keith Bush hut, we spent the night at Jonathan de Wet's cottage above the Forester's house.

Tuesday morning proved to be as dismal as Monday and we hung around the hut until 11 a.m. when it showed signs of clearing up. With mist hanging over the "Little Berg" we set off for a day's climbing and reached the contour path with the cloud still hanging in a threatening manner over Sterkhorn. It was then that Mr. Taylor made the "brilliant" suggestion that we should "bushwack down Wonder Valley!".

The valley seemed unending, both in length and in a supply of beautiful pools and waterfalls. We swam in the pools and wandered down the valley. Only at 6.30 p.m. did the morale of the group reach its lowest, when without any food since breakfast, we realized there were still eight kilometres back to the cottage. We got back at 8.00 p.m, some of us very weary!

Wednesday turned out magnificently and six of us (Dave Tatz and Mark Patrick still suffering from the rigorous day before!) set off to climb Sterkhorn. We reached the summit of the lower of its two peaks (known as Mt. Memory) at 1.30 p.m. and all except Jonathan de Wet and myself wanted to go down immediately. Jonathan and I set off and scaled the South Summit via an exhilarating and exposed E grade rock. We abseiled off and ran back down to the cottage, which we reached at 6.00 p.m.

We are all grateful to Mr. Taylor for enabling us to get away onto the Berg for such an enjoyable "four days".

Steve Cooke

ASTRONOMY SOCIETY

The society seems to have functioned normally even though illness and other varied adversities allowed only one meeting to be held. Due to the typically erratic weather at Balgowan, no practical "star-gazing" sessions were able to come about. The Speech Day exhibition was average, but the diagrams were a sight for sore eyes!

On the one meeting held, Wilson gave a talk on the various types of telescopes, their construction and their various uses. In the way of telescopes, the mirror that the society is busy grinding, has come along very well and is nearing the desired focal length. The grinding has unfortunately ground to a halt as we ran out of carborundum and could not obtain any more.

Taken as a whole, the period was fruitful in the way of mirror-grinding, but we hope to have less external adversities in future and so be able to hold more practical and talk-giving meetings. Thanks also go to Mr Leggatt for chairing the society over the past year.

D. J. M. Wilson

A NATURAL HISTORY HOLIDAY IN BOTSWANA

During the July holidays Mr Goulding took nine of us to Botswana for a thoroughly enjoyable three weeks.

We travelled past Vryburg and went through the border at Bray, in the South of Botswana.

The track we tried to follow through the Kalahari bushveld disappeared twice and left us to drive from bearings on the sun.

On the way to Nojane we passed white-salt pans and at the Mogatse pan we camped the night. There were about four hundred Hartebeeste and Springbok on this pan forming an unforgettable scene with a jackal howling in the background.

Further along the road, we saw a 'semi-bushman' carving up a freshly killed Springbok. His skill at this was very interesting and every piece of the buck was kept for later use, such as a piece of intestine for a tobacco pouch!

After experiencing a variety of other adventures, including being charged by a bull elephant and being stopped by a gun-toting member of the Botswana Defence Force we eventually arrived home safely. Thanks to M.T.G. for organizing the trip.

A. Hall

EARL NIGHTINGALE SOCIETY

This society was formed in mid-year and Mark Hickman acted as convenor. The Society is fortunate in having access to dozens of Earl Nightingale's tape-recordings, manuals, video-tapes and films. Some of the important messages played have been "The Magic Word — Attitude". One thing you can't hide — Your diction and vocabulary", "The Strongest Secret — You become what you think about".

The highlight of the Society's activities was the personal visit during August to Michaelhouse by Earl Nightingale. He has a daily radio audience of over 40 million people in over 100 countries on 1 000 radio stations. His fee for public appearances is R4 000 per hour, yet he willingly and freely addressed the Michaelhouse Community in the Schlesinger Theatre.

The theme of his speech was based on three principles; The importance of finding your place in the world, the human mind, and the importance of education. There follows a brief extract from his address:

"Now the goal of education is often lost sight of, even in schools. Let me give you the best definition of education I have ever come across. It reads: 'The goal of education is to help us to become autonomous, creative, enquiring persons, fully aware of our options and opportunities, and with the will and intelligence to determine our own destinies.' That's the goal of education. It's a beautiful description.

That's what I want for my children. And that's what your parents want for you, I think that's what you will want for your children. To become autonomous — that's a marvellous word — to be in charge of your own life. Creative — coming up with all kinds of new and exciting and wonderful ideas. Enquiring — always curious, all your life. Always looking for the reasons why things are happening. And with a complete understanding of the spectrum of opportunities that are open to you, and with a will and intelligence to determine your own destiny, as you will determine it."

Copies of his full address are available to anyone interested.

W. B. Kramer

CRICKET

Considering the quality of the XI and the fact that eight of its members gained places in the three sides chosen at the end of the Offord Week, the record of matches won is very disappointing. True, at least three of the school matches were very nearly wins and there were some stirring contests, but for a side so well endowed with bowling and batting the results were not as convincing as they ought to have been. Regrettably it must be said that to some extent lack of dedication played its part; the key to the long list of drawn games lay in erratic bowling and, particularly in Offord Week, in poor catching.

We were once again privileged to play in the D.H.S./Maritzburg College Michaelmas Week, which was, as always, thoroughly enjoyable. Except in this Week, when our batting was ordinary, (perhaps because of lack of practice) and in the first match of the Offord Week (against Northlands), when we collapsed dismally, the batting was sound and at times most impressive. But although Townsend played a couple of very good innings (his 103 against College was a gem, his second 50 which included three sixes, coming in 40 minutes and 82 runs being added in that time) he was not nearly as consistent as in the past. This may have been partly because of his attempts to force the pace, which often led to indiscreet shots. At the same time Ferguson scored few runs as Townsend's opening partner, only redeeming himself somewhat against Maritzburg College and D.H.S. His back-foot play outside the off stump is weak. Barr had a wretched time with the bat and eventually gravitated to No 7, but Mansell played some excellent innings, showing soundness in defence and keenness to get on with the game. He played well against Hilton, D.H.S. and Glenwood and is especially to be congratulated on his century in the Offord Week. Hickman, who captained the side very competently, and was an excellent judge of a declaration, was too unreliable in batting. When he did get going he was well worth watching, being particularly strong on the back foot. He played memorable innings against Potchefstroom, College, Glenwood and especially against Midlands in the Offord Week with an invaluable 91*. Both Dyer and Fitzgerald were more than useful middle order batsmen, the former playing his best innings against Grey College and

Hilton, and the latter doing well on several occasions, notably against Potchefstroom Boys' High. The remaining batsmen had little opportunity, but Perrott struck the ball well and showed promise. He must, however, learn to avoid the careless stroke if he is to achieve the good scores of which he is capable.

The bowlers suffered more than they ought to have done by dropped catches, but, though all produced good spells, so often they failed to apply consistent pressure to the batsmen by bowling one or two loose deliveries each over. They lacked consistent direction and length. Kramer, who should have been running through sides regularly, only once took 5 wickets in an innings (against St John's) though he got 4 on five separate occasions — against Pretoria, Glenwood, D.H.S., Midlands and North Durban. His best piece of bowling was probably that against D.H.S. towards the end of the quarter, when he got 4 for 10 in 12 overs and broke the back of the D.H.S. batting. He was having some trouble with his delivery and follow-through in the later stages. Clearly he was our main attacking weapon and he did well, but one was disappointed that he did not do better. Barr had a good Michaelmas Week, bowling well against Pretoria and Grey College, but he then had a very lean period until the Offord Week when he bowled successfully. In the Midlands match he got 4 for 1 in 7.2 overs in spite of having suffered a severe blow on the mouth fielding at short leg. Ellis-Brown bowled some useful spells, notably against Potchefstroom, Kearsney and Maritzburg College, but, partly because Eagle's leg-spinning improved so much in the later stages, he did not do a great deal towards the end of the quarter when he had relatively short spells. Eagle, if he retains his end-of-year form, ought to be very useful next year. Perrott bowled several very good spells, notably against Grey College, D.H.S. and Northlands and in both College games. During the Offord Week his figures against College were 19-4-49-6. He is maturing into a good off-spinner.

Potentially a really good fielding side, well served behind the wickets by Fitzgerald, who was invariably neat and workmanlike, the XI at times looked very impressive. Unfortunately there were far too many blemishes.

In conclusion, lest readers should feel the side has been over-severely criticised, let us remember some of the excellent contests, for example those against College, Glenwood and D.H.S. and congratulate Fitzgerald and Kramer on their Honours awards in the late stages of the Offord Week. With

an impressive batting order for 1978 (Nos 1, 2 and 3 are all back and there is a good deal of experienced batting to follow) and another well-balanced attack, including Kramer, Perrott and Eagle, we hope for much pulsating cricket in the New Year.



1st. XI:

Back: S. L. Dyer, P. J. Perrott, A. S. Eagle, G. W. Ellis-Brown, B. A. Ferguson, R. S. McLellan.

Front: G. C. L. Barr, M. J. Hickman, D. R. Townsend, D. B. Kramer, P. N. Fitzgerald.

Awards (October to December, 1977)

Honours:

P. N. Fitzgerald, D. B. Kramer.

Colours:

A. S. Eagle, B. A. C. Ferguson, P. J. Perrott.

1st XXII Caps:

D. M. Thompson, S. F. S. Jackson, M. Rennie, C. G. van Heerden.

1st XI — All Matches

P	W	L	D
17	3	2	12

School Matches

P	W	L	D
14	3	2	9

Batting Averages (15 and over)

	I	n.o.	H.S.	Total	Ave.
H. R. Mansell	12	4	112*	338	42,3
M. J. Hickman.....	16	4	91*	354	29,5
D. R. Townsend.....	17	0	103	488	28,7
P. N. Fitzgerald	15	3	44	232	19,3
S. L. Dyer.....	14	0	64	255	18,2
G. C. L. Barr	16	4	30	189	15,8
B. A. C. Ferguson...	16	0	49	244	15,3

Bowling Averages

	O	M	R	W	Ave.
D. B. Kamer.....	208	51	482	39	12,4
P. J. Perrott	205,3	46	600	36	16,7
G. C. L. Barr	215,2	55	527	27	19,5
G. W. Ellis-Brown...	146	36	419	18	23,3
A. S. Eagle.....	71	13	228	9	25,3

Catches taken (5 or more)

Fitzgerald 13c., 3 st.: Ferguson, Barr 8: Hickman 7: Dyer 6: Kramer, Perrott, Townsend 5.

Our congratulations go to D. R. Townsend, P. N. Fitzgerald and D. B. Kramer on being chosen for the Natal Schools' Nuffield XI and to Townsend on being chosen as captain of that XI.

We also congratulate M. J. Hickman, G. C. L. Barr and H. R. Mansell on being chosen for the Natal Schools' Nuffield "B" XI — and Hickman on being chosen as captain of that XI.

Congratulations too to B. A. C. Ferguson and P. J. Perrott on being chosen for the Mynahs' touring side which went to East Griqualand and the South Coast area.

RESULTS

Third Quarter 1977

Aurora 89 (Kramer 2 for 10, Perrott 4 for 34, Ellis-Brown 3 for 19) Michaelhouse 33 for 2.

Drawn. Rain

Old Boys 210 for 7 declared (Fotheringham 44, R. Collins 72, C. Nicholson 30) (Kramer 2 for 34, Ellis-Brown 2 for 41, Perrott 2 for 49).

Michaelhouse 187 for 7 (Townsend 89, Barr 29, Dyer 24) (Greene 2 for 49).

Old Boys XI: C. Burger, A. Payn, W. Green, H. Fotheringham, R. Collins, W. Smith, C. Nicholson, R. Compton, C. Greene, R. Hall, H. Veenstra.

Michaelmas Week

Michaelhouse 141 (Ferguson 34, Dyer 64) (Feather 6 for 43)

Grey College Bloemfontein 117 for 9 (Barr 4 for 41, Perrott 5 for 40)

Drawn.

Michaelhouse 140 (Hickman, 36, Fitzgerald 44) Potchefstroom Boys High 143 for 5 (Kramer 1 for 25, Ellis-Brown 3 for 62)

Lost by 5 wickets.

Pretoria Boys' High School 162 (Kramer 4 for 54, Ellis-Brown 1 for 25, Barr 2 for 30)

Michaelhouse 115 for 9 (Mansell 44)

Drawn.

St John's 108 (Kramer 5 for 43, Barr 3 for 10, Perrott 2 for 30)

Michaelhouse 111 for 5 (Townsend 37, Mansell 24)

Won by 5 wickets.

Fourth Quarter 1977

Kearsney 197 for 7 (Pearse 104) (Kramer 2 for 59, Ellis-Brown 4 for 36)

Michaelhouse 141 for 4 (Townsend 36, Hickman 44*)

Drawn.

Crockett's XI 116 for 5 declared (M. Mellor 29, Katz 28, Hipkin 35*) (Kramer 1 for 10, Ellis-Brown 1 for 21, Perrott 3 for 37)

Michaelhouse 38 for 2 (Cooper 1 for 8, Crookes 1 for 12)

Drawn. Rain.

Crockett's XI: V. van der Bijl (Captain), D. Morgan, M. Mellor, G. Katz, A. Hipkin, T. Madsen, B. Hardie, J. Mackrory, R. Hall, N. Crookes, K. Cooper.

Michaelhouse 171 for 6 declared (Townsend 28, Dyer 58, Fitzgerald 29, Mansell 33*) (Taylor 3 for 49)

Hilton 160 for 2 (Millar 78, Rayner 76*) (Barr 1 for 39, Ellis-Brown 1 for 21)

Drawn.



2nd. XI:

Back: S. F. Jackson, C. L. Clucas, C. G. Van Heerden, M. Rennie, S. Van Eeden.

Front: R. L. W. Packham, D. M. Thompson, I. C. Patchitt, D. Tatz (Capt.), A. F. Hewat, G. C. L. Woolatt.

SECOND ELEVEN

4th Quarter 1977

Team: S. D. Tatz (Capt.), C. L. Clucas, J. A. Hewat, S. F. Jackson, R. L. Packham, I. C. Patchitt, M. Rennie, D. M. Thompson, S. P. van Eeden, C. G. van Heerden, G. J. Woollatt.

Results

Michaelhouse 166 for 6 declared

Kearsney 124 for 8.

Drawn.

Michaelhouse vs. Northlands Cancelled — rain.

Hilton 151 for 9 declared.

Michaelhouse 103 for 8.

Drawn.

College 154 all out.

Michaelhouse 140 for 9.

Drawn.

Michaelhouse vs. D.H.S. Cancelled — rain.

Glenwood 126 all out.

Michaelhouse 127 for 3.

Won by 7 wkts.

Ron F. P.

Maritzburg College 193 for 8 declared (Ford G. 56)
(Kramer 3 for 40, Ellis-Brown 2 for 30, Perrott 2 for 60)

Michaelhouse 186 for 5 (Townsend 103, Ferguson 38, Hickman 32*)
Drawn.

Michaelhouse 163 (Ferguson 49, Mansell 32, Drew 6 for 48)
D.H.S. 70 (Kramer 4 for 10, Barr 1 for 13, Perrott 3 for 28, Eagle 1 for 17)
Won by 93 runs.

Glenwood 161 (Harvey 50, Kramer 4 for 34, Perrott 1 for 30, Eagle 5 for 36)
Michaelhouse 161 for 8 (Mansell 30, Hickman 62, Barr 24)
Drawn.

Offord Week

Northlands 120 (Kramer 2 for 25, Barr 2 for 31, Perrott 4 for 32, Eagle 2 for 10)
Michaelhouse 89 (Dyer 24) (Procter 4 for 15)
Lost by 31 runs.

Michaelhouse 198 for 5 declared (Mansell 112*, Fitzgerald 37)
North Durban 95 for 8 (Kramer 4 for 24, Barr 2 for 20, Perrott 1 for 20, Eagle 1 for 14)
Drawn.

D.H.S. 223 for 4 declared (Boden 78, Roberts 58) (Kramer 1 for 46, Barr 2 for 47, Perrott 1 for 69)
Michaelhouse 171 for 4 (Townsend 70, Mansell 33, Dyer 24*)
Drawn.

Michaelhouse 151 for 8 declared (Hickman 91*, Fitzgerald 22) (Rohrs 4 for 24)
Midlands 40 (Kramer 4 for 8, Barr 4 for 1, Ellis-Brown 1 for 18, Perrott 1 for 10)
Won by 111 runs.

Michaelhouse 174 for 5 declared (Townsend 34, Mansell 25, Hickman 43, Fitzgerald 32*)
Maritzburg College 145 for 6 (Perrott 6 for 49)
Drawn.

UNDER FIFTEEN "A"
4th Quarter 1977

Results
Kearsney 88 (Arnott 7-37, Patchitt 3-32)
Michaelhouse 126 for 8 (Smithyman 32)
Won by 5 wickets.

Hilton 121 for 8 declared. (Patchitt 6-31)
Michaelhouse 93 (Fisher 30)
Lost by 28 runs.

Michaelhouse 164 for 6 declared (Smithyman 46, McClung, M. 35)
Maritzburg College 46 (Patchitt 5-21, Clucas 2-2)
Won by 118 runs.

Michaelhouse 206 for 7 declared (Patchitt 101 n.o., Tingle 36)
Glenwood 124 for 5.
Drawn.

Team: M. J. Patchitt (captain), M. C. McClung, P. J. J. S. Ingham, J. H. Smithyman, M. J. Tingle, I. U. P. Fisher, P. J. K. Arnott, K. J. O'Brien, C. McClung, D. Teversham, W. A. Clucas.

N.C.F.B.

BUNNIES CRICKET 1977

This was a relatively weak side but application, especially in the field, produced a very satisfactory record. Fewer catches were dropped than by any other Bunnies side I can recall. Hanbury shows much promise as an opening bowler and Murray on occasion bowled an excellent line. The spinners were erratic however. The batting was always suspect as so many players use the right hand to excess. Whitehouse and Clark showed a welcome willingness to hit the loose ball and some sensible running between the wickets enabled reasonable totals to be reached on most occasions.

The side deserves congratulations for the way they fielded and persevered against often stronger opposition.

	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>D</i>
1st Quarter	7	3	2	2
4th Quarter	4	2	2	—

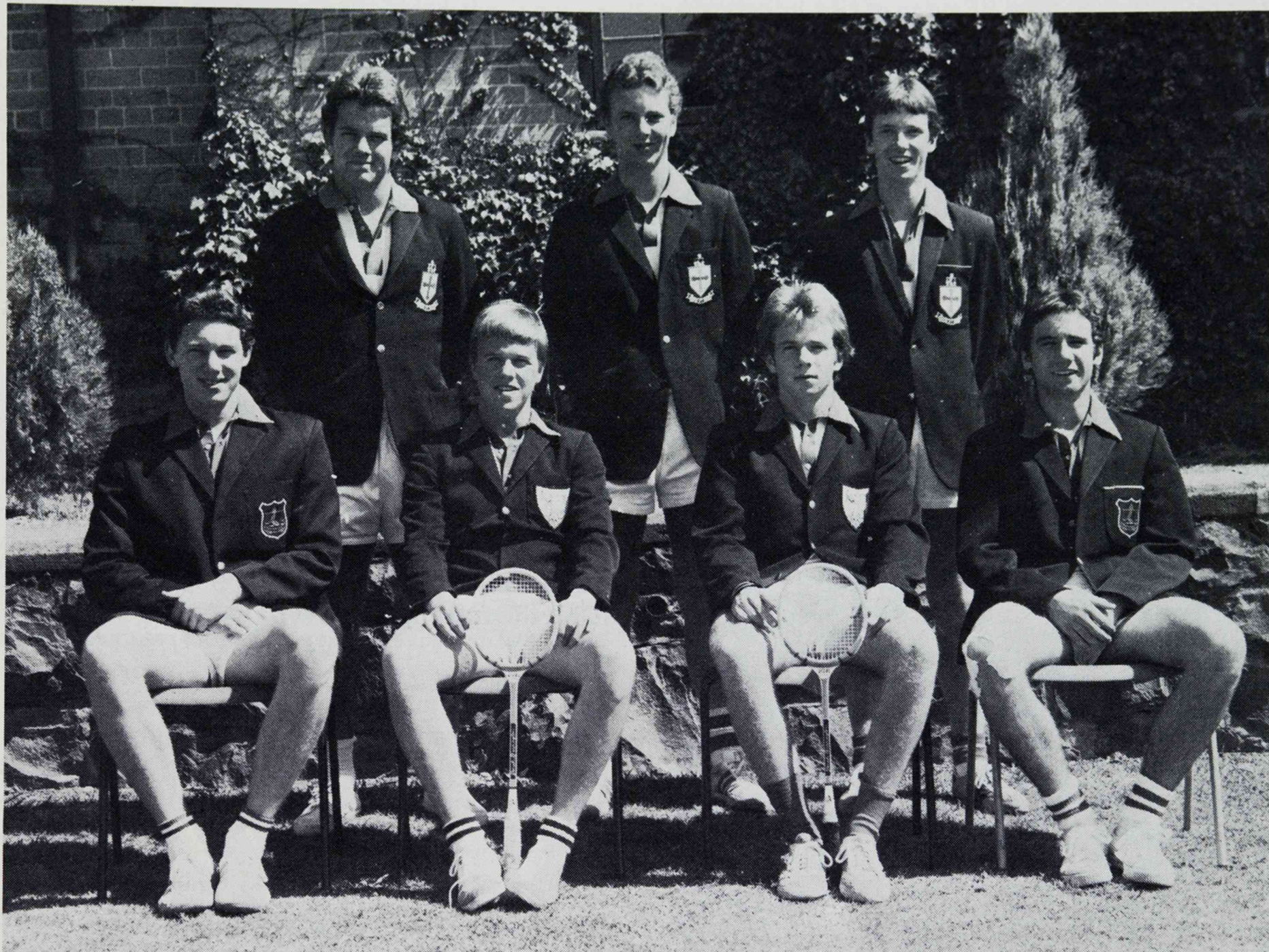
M.E.T.

SQUASH

It is both important and fitting that my first Squash report for the Chronicle should start with mention of Barry Lewis. Barry left Michaelhouse at the end of the second quarter, 1977, but his impact on Squash at the School will be felt for years to come. His keenness and dedication will long stand as an example to both coaches and players. We congratulate him on his successes and thank him sincerely for all he has done to make a "minor" sport a "major" talking point.

The 1st team was somewhat outgunned in the Pietermaritzburg 1st League during the winter months. Nevertheless, three matches were won, and a final position of sixth out of seven is not without credit. All involved enjoyed the "escape" to the capital and the players can only benefit from such outings, from a squash and a social point of view.

D. C. Melvill, who captained the 1st team, and S. L. Dyer were awarded Honours; both were chosen to represent the Natal 'A' team in the Inter-Provincial in Pretoria. Colours were awarded to M. R. de Carle



Squash Team:

*Back: D. R. Townsend, R. P. S. van der Bos, D. H. Bester.
Front: M. R. de Carle, D. C. Melvill, S. L. Dyer, P. N. Fitzgerald.*

The story of the season is one of repeated success: only one defeat in inter-school matches, when the Under 14½'s lost narrowly to Hilton, and for the rest, a long string of successes. Only Hilton, as usual, provided stiff opposition, but our quality in depth always pulled us through. The strength of the Under 15½'s gives us reason to hope that the seasons ahead will not be without success.

and P. N. Fitzgerald who were both selected for the Natal 'B' team. Fitzgerald would have captained this team, but illness ruled him out at the last moment.

The House Matches were dominated by the No. 1 seeds, with Pascoe beating Baines in the Senior Final, and Farfield disposing of Founders in the Junior, the score in each case being 5-0.

In the Individual Championships, Fitzgerald, the No. 4 seed, caused an upset by beating de Carle, the No. 3 seed, 3-1 in the Open Final; in the Under 15½ competition, Goodwin beat Patchitt, and Fleischer took the Under 14½ competition by beating Whitehouse in the final.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Norburg for looking after the stomach of the squash army and putting up with all our late arrivals and change of plans.

P.E.D.

Results

1st Team

vs. Kearsney	won	4-1
vs. Kingsway	won	7-1
vs. Hilton	won	3-2
vs. Maritzburg College	won	6-1
vs. Howick Club	won	5-1
vs. Maritzburg College	won	7-0
vs. Hilton	won	3-2
vs. E. Transvaal Schools	won	6-0

2nd Team

vs. Hilton	won	3-2
vs. Weston College	won	6-0
vs. Weston College	won	5-0

3rd Team

vs. Weston College	won	6-0
vs. Weston College	won	4-1

Under 15½ Team

vs. Kearsney	won	5-0
vs. Hilton	won	4-1
vs. Hilton	won	5-0
vs. Maritzburg College (Michaelhouse 'B' team)	won	6-0

Under 14½ Team

vs. Kearsney	won	3-2
vs. Hilton	lost	2-3

CANOEING

Once again the Canoe Club made history. It is the first school club to be officially affiliated to the Natal Canoe Union. This means that boys will be able to represent the school officially in school colours.

At the end of last season our senior paddlers did extremely well in the South African championships. Rowan Sampson came second overall in the Slalom championships and "Goffel" Young was placed eighth. Sampson and Bompas both did extremely well in the S.A. White Water events.

This season got under way with the Jock Claasens race from Albert Falls to Baynes Drift. We had no good overall positions but dominated the under 16 age group, coming 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 14th.

Our special thanks go to Mr D. W. Strachan for allowing us to train on his dam, and to Mr Bompas for his time and organisation. We are grateful to the school for building us a shed to house our canoes.

We are hoping for some good results in the coming season, and also for some full "humping" rivers!

J. Clarke

Jock Claasens Race (149 Entries) (Albert Falls Dam to Bayne's Drift)

	Overall	U18	U16
Bompas.....	17	5	—
Miller	32	—	2
Clarke	36	—	3

5 Fingers Slalom (32 entries) (Umgeni)

	Overall	U18	U16
Sampson.....	2	1	—
Bompas.....	3	2	—
MacKenzie.....	10	—	1
Clarke	13	—	2

Schoolboys and Beginners (99 entries) (Greytown Bridge to Bayne's Drift)

	Overall	U18	U16
Sampson.....	3	3	—
Miller	9	—	1
Clarke	—	—	2
MacKenzie.....	—	—	3
Zaloumis	—	—	5
Inglis.....	—	—	6
Griffin	—	—	7

Bushman's River Race (69 entries) (Bushman's River)

	Overall	U18	U16
Inglis.....	12	—	1

Sierra Ranch Slalom (42 entries) (Mooi River)

	Overall	U16
Clarke	1	1
Moxley.....	17	4
Wilson	18	5
Pennington.....	19	6
Miller	21	7
Inglis.....	25	8
Griffin	26	9

SHOW JUMPING

At the beginning of the July holidays the Inter-Schools Show Jumping Championships were held at "Summerwood", Hilton. For the first time ever Michaelhouse managed to raise a team to compete against 8 other schools. The team was: D. Rissik (The Governor), D. Hanbury (Dark Stranger), C. M. Shepherd (Bramley Grange), J. Arathoon (Gaiety) (Capt.)

The best three scores from each team counted towards the final positions, but this could only be determined after each rider had ridden the jumping course twice. After the first round Michaelhouse had accumulated 8 faults which put them into fourth equal position with St. Annes "B" team. First place was filled by St. Annes "A" team with a very convincing lead. They had no faults at all. Second place was shared by both Howick High and Hilton "A".

After the second round the scene changed dramatically and St. Annes "A" dropped out of the running completely. By some coincidence first place was filled by Hilton College, Howick and Michaelhouse, all with a total of 20 faults. The judges then decided that the best rider in each team should ride over a shortened course and in case of a further tie it was to be ridden against the clock. Hilton rode first and set a very fast time without gaining any penalties. Howick rode next and they also went clear, setting an even faster time. The burden of obtaining victory now lay very heavily on Michaelhouse's shoulders and the person to carry it was David Rissik. He did all that was required of him and clocked up a time far faster than that set by Howick. But unfortunately he knocked the last jump thus putting us into an undisgraceful third position.

Therefore the final positions of the Inter-schools Show Jumping Championships were:

- (1) Howick High School
- (2) Hilton College
- (3) Michaelhouse

The Inter-schools Three Phase Championships were held on the same day. The Michaelhouse team was the same as for the Show Jumping, but with the exception of C. M. Shepherd. Considering the team only had three riders as opposed to all the other teams' four, Michaelhouse did just as well, if not better, than in the Show Jumping.

Three Phase consists of Dressage (the obedience, suppleness and movements of the horse), Show

Jumping (the scores for this were taken from the Show Jumping Competition) and Cross Country, all combined.

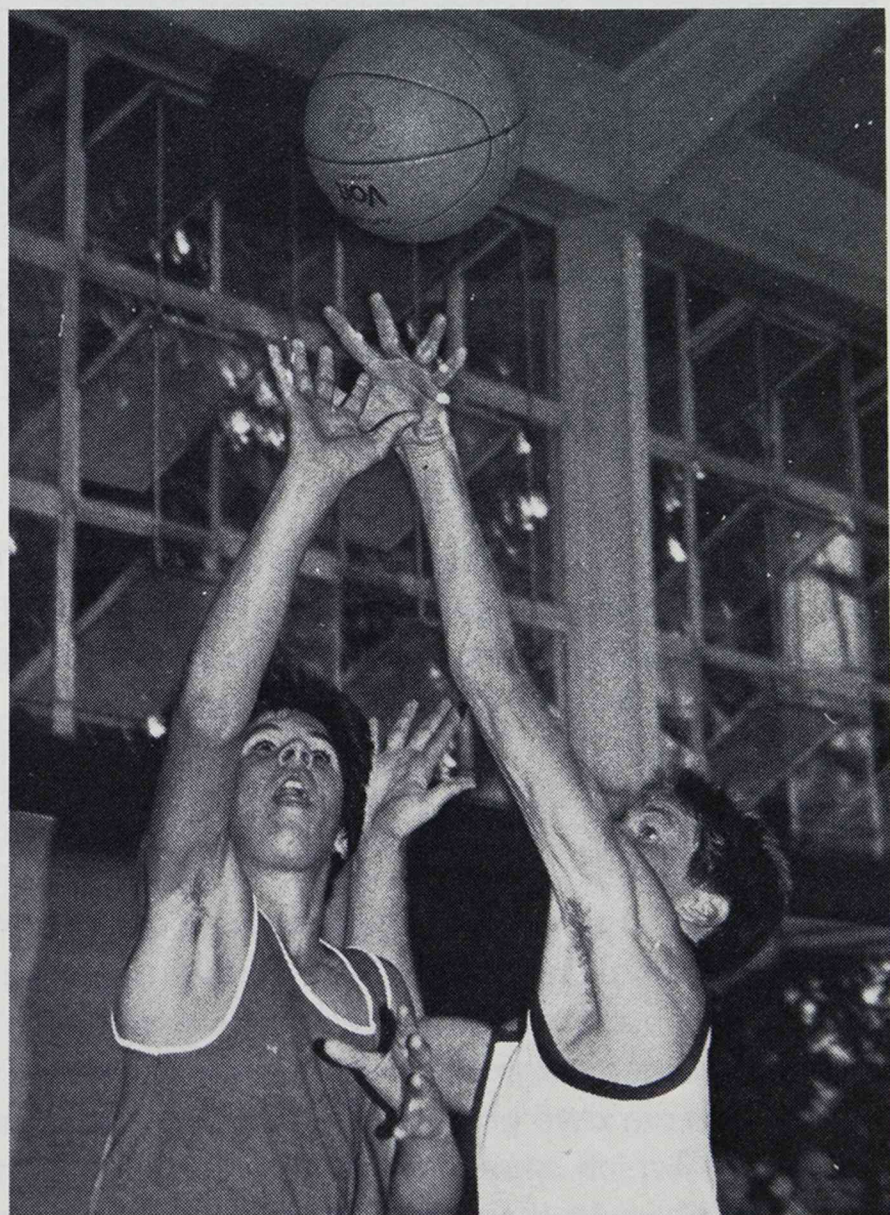
All three members of the team rode fair Dressage tests, but credit must go to David Hanbury who rode a very exacting, quiet and obedient test for which he received high marks. This helped the team tremendously.

After the Show Jumping Championships, in which Michaelhouse received only a total of 20 penalties, the Cross-Country section of the Three Phase Championships took place. In this section each competitor had to jump 18 solid obstacles over an undulating terrain in the fastest possible time. It is for this reason that the Cross Country Phase is the most important. All three riders could hardly have ridden better and only a few penalties were gathered for exceeding the time limit.

The final results were given as:

- (1) Hilton College "A"
- (2) Michaelhouse
- (3) St. Annes "b"

J. Arathoon



J. M. de Wet in a basketball tussle against Hilton.

HOCKEY



1st. XI:

Back: P. J. Hoption, D. J. Evans, D. M. Bean, P. J. Perrott, C. L. Clucas, S. Van Eeden.

Front: R. K. Jardine, R. L. W. Packham, M. E. Patrick (Capt.), R. S. Baillie, S. D. Cox.

The 1977 season was certainly an enjoyable one in that a full programme of matches was played from 1st XI to 5th XI and Bunnies. The 1st XI results, however, were inconsistent. There were some good victories over strong sides and some losses to sides that we ought to have had the measure of.

As is so often the case, the team lacked a reliable goalscorer who could get the ball into the net, when we penetrated the opposition circle, which was often: and though there were some outstanding saves in our own goal, some goals were scored against us which should have been saved. Too often we enjoyed territorial advantage throughout a game, and greater possession, but were unable to

capitalise on it. But the spirit in which the game was played was exemplary, and contributing greatly to this was the way in which Pooch Patrick captained the side.

The season began with a weekend tour to Durban, organised by Mike Bonnet, an OM and member of Durban Wanderers. Three matches were played against Durban Collegians, Durban Wanderers and Durban OM's. Only against Collegians were we heavily outclassed, and the experience gained was invaluable. Our sincere thanks to Mike for organising the tour, and entertaining us to a braai at his home: and also to Mr Crampton for accompanying the side.

We also played some pre-season matches against PMB Collegians and PMB University who sent up some strong sides. Though we were well beaten by them, we played some very good hockey and learnt a lot: many thanks to them for coming up to play us.

During the course of the season we also played against JHB Wanderers' Nomads and PMB Olympics, whom we beat, and Peterhouse from Rhodesia, whom we also beat. The Hilton mini-tournament was most enjoyable, as usual: we won two matches, drew two and lost one.

The senior Housematches were convincingly won by Pascoe, while Farfield won the junior.

Gone are the days when Hilton and Michaelhouse provided most of the players in the Natal Schools' Hockey side. Hockey is now a thriving sport in most boys' schools, and the Natal Schools Hockey Association is an active body promoting the game at all levels. For the first year in many we did not have a representative in the Natal Schools 'A' side, though we got two into the 'B' side against Rhodesia, one of whom was the Captain. Our standard of hockey is not dropping: it is the general standard of school hockey that improves every year in Natal: and talents are more widely spread — to the advantage of the game itself.

It is too easy to go through a season of hockey without really being aware of the many efforts which go towards making it easy and enjoyable. Mr Radford and his team of groundsmen, led by Ram, ensure that our fields are marked and mown: Mr Norberg and his kitchen staff provide us with teas, oranges and meals: and our coaches give of their time and energy to make the season interesting and enjoyable: our particular thanks to Mrs Hilditch for coaching the Bunnies.

D.M.R.L.

Captain: M. E. Patrick

The Team: D. M. Bean (goal): R. K. Jardine, R. L. Packham (backs): R. S. Bailie, M. E. Patrick, D. J. Evans (halves): S. D. Cox, P. J. Perrott, S. P. van Eeden, R. J. Hoption, C. L. Clucas (forwards).

Awards:

Honours: M. E. Patrick, R. S. Bailie

Colours: S. D. Cox, D. J. Evans, R. J. Hoption, R. L. Packham, S. P. van Eeden, D. M. Bean, C. L. Clucas, P. J. Perrott.

Teams: C. A. Harris, R. B. Hersov, D. C. Melvill, S. Pendray, M. Rennie, J. Smithyman, A. Teversham, C. L. Tunnicliffe, J. S. Walker, G. D. White, D. Woodhouse, S. L. Dyer, S. F. Jackson.

Alan Butcher Hockey Stick: P. J. Perrott

Natal Schools 'B': M. E. Patrick (Capt), R. S. Bailie.

PMB Schools 'A': S. D. Cox, M. E. Patrick

PMB Schools 'B': R. S. Baillie, R. K. Jardine.

First XI Results

vs. Alexandra	won	2-0
vs. DHS	lost	0-1
vs. Glenwood	lost	1-2
vs. Northlands	won	2-1
vs. College	won	1-0
vs. Hilton	won	2-0
vs. Hilton	lost	0-2
vs. College	lost	0-2
vs. Kearsney	lost	0-4
vs. Peterhouse	won	3-0
vs. OM's	drew	2-2
vs. JHB Wanderers' Nomads	won	3-2
vs. Hilton	lost	3-6
vs. Olympics	won	2-1

Second XI

S. L. Dyer captained the side with great enthusiasm and energy. The team played some good hockey and won most of its matches convincingly — Alexandra 8-0, DHS 6-0, Northlands 8-1, Glenwood 6-0, Hilton 5-0 (though the next two matches were drawn), College 5-0 and 2-0; the three matches lost were against St Charles 1st XI 1-2, Westville 1st XI 1-2, and the OM's: and we beat Estcourt 1st XI 1-0.

These results are indicative of a sound depth of hockey here: and a number of the team will be in line for 1st XI places next year — Hersov, Teversham, Smithyman, White, Randolph, Melvill, Harris and Rennie.

Ron. F.P.

Third and Fourth XI's Results

3rd XI — Played 9, Won 6, Drew 2, Lost 1

4th XI — Played 6, Won 3, Drew 2, Lost 1

Both teams again had successful and enjoyable seasons, and some excellent hockey was played in both quarters. The 3rd XI was captained by S. Pendray and, on his deserved promotion to the 2nd XI, G. A. Buchholz took over. There were some lively and promising forwards notably C. A. Harris, C. P. Main and S. Bridgford, who should do well at higher level next year. Woodhouse made some fine saves in goal, and there was little to choose between the four competent backs. R. K. Rood was a consistently good centre-half in the 4th XI.

N.C.F.B.

Third Game

The game was never at full strength but members of it (at times joined by keen players from other games) played their hockey with enthusiasm. Two contests were played by the 5th XI against the 4th, the first being a creditable draw. By the time of the second encounter, the 4th had obviously made more progress in goal-scoring! Both 5th XI matches against outside teams, Estcourt and College, ended in draws and were greatly enjoyed — goals were not scored on any grand scale.

R.G.

Colts

Few matches can ever be arranged for the Colts because of rugby commitments on Saturdays but they did win their midweek match against Estcourt handsomely. There are some very competent players in the group.

Bunnies

The Bunnies teams played some enjoyable matches against Clifton and Cordwalles, and enjoyed a good season's hockey though, like the Colts, they can play few matches because of rugby on Saturdays. We hope Mrs Hilditch will be able to coach the Bunnies again next year.

D.M.R.L.

RUGBY

Captain: A. J. K. Pein

Vice-Captain: D. R. Townsend

Last year the play of the 1st XV was most encouraging. They had an above average season with a good share of successes. The team contained many relatively inexperienced players and a considerable amount of experiment was necessary until a satisfactory blend resulted.

The front row in particular did not look strong. Shacksnovis, the hooker, was coupled to at least five different props in the first few games! This prevented the team from settling down to play consistently well, yet some intelligent football was seen. We were unfortunate in our lack of big, strong forwards to choose from and undoubtedly the pack suffered in most games. In the lineout, though we had no exceptionally tall forwards, we secured a fair supply of the ball largely because of the good work of Struben and Ellis-Brown, ably supported by de Carle and Townsend. In the early part of the season the forwards were rather slow to the loose ball, and all were excessively timid about using their weight in the loose scrums and raking the ball out.

However, this inferiority in the fight was usually matched by our superiority in the threequarters. A fast evasive line, were given a limited supply of the ball but gave a good account of themselves. Centres Hickman and Ferguson showed a high standard of attacking play and in defence their tackling was excellent. Pein proved an enthusiastic captain and his speed and cover defence on the wing was invaluable. Lambie, one of the strongest kickers we have had for many years, played well at full back, but unfortunately he could not maintain the accuracy of previous years — or perhaps the opponents just kept moving the posts!

Since several of the matches have already been reported in the News, some of the highlights of the season deserve comment. The difference in terms between ourselves and the Department schools always puts us at a great disadvantage at the beginning of the season. Our first few matches are usually against schools who have played at least four or five games, nevertheless, the team gave a good account of itself. The first nail-biting thriller came in our match against Port Natal. The defence of the threequarters was outstanding. Time and time again we just held out and it was a great relief to hear the final whistle. It is not often we beat the Old Boys and this was to be one of those years. Admittedly it was not one of their strongest sides as few of the younger set seemed to be around — perhaps a sign of the times, with leave from the army more difficult to obtain. However, the match was enjoyed by all. The exhilarating display against Glenwood was the best match of the quarter, but the following week we lost to College in a bruising encounter.

The third quarter started with D.H.S., by far the most accomplished side we played. They heavily exposed our weakness up front and we really had no answer to their excellent play. Perhaps the only disappointing match of the season was against Kearsney — a depressing game spoiled by indifferent refereeing resulting in too many penalties by either side.

In retrospect, an enjoyable side to coach, for they learnt quickly and by the season's end were far more knowledgeable players. Finally, my thanks to Mr A. J. Lewin, on exchange from Oundle, for his helpful and stimulating advice on all occasions, and to Mr Earnshaw for his cheerful and enthusiastic help with the first game. Thanks are also due to Mr R. Hall and Mr A. Duff for their hard work with fixtures and travel arrangements and to all staff and boys who assisted with the coaching of rugby throughout the school.

E.G.H.

Awards

The following awards were made:

Honours: I. S. W. Lambie

Colours: S. R. Blanke, G. G. Bompas, R. E. Burnett, M. R. de Carle, J. M. De Wet, G. W. Ellis-Brown, B. A. C. Ferguson, I. C. Patchitt, A. J. K. Pein, S. R. Shacksnovis, S. R. D. Struben, D. R. Townsend, M. A. Tingle.

Teams: M. R. B. Bainbridge, W. M. Blore, J. S. Burns, P. L. Chisholm, J. C. Edington, B. A. C. Ferguson, P. N. Fitzgerald, D. G. Harris, M. C. Jonker, H. R. Mansell, P. A. Maitre, R. G. Miller, M. O. Nel, N. J. F. Rockey, C. Strang.

Summary of Results

vs. Voortrekker	lost	6-11
vs. Alexandra	won	17-11
vs. Port Natal	won	9- 7
vs. Old Boys	won	28-11
vs. Weston	won	16- 3
vs. Estcourt	won	26- 6
vs. St Johns	won	30- 9
vs. Glenwood	won	7- 3
vs. College	lost	0-27
vs. Hilton	won	14- 8
vs. D.H.S.	lost	0-23
vs. Kearsney	lost	3-10
vs. Hilton	won	14-12

SECOND FIFTEEN

The 2nd XV came together as a team very quickly and settled down to playing some very good rugby. Their enjoyment and determination were obvious. Much of the team spirit was generated by David Tatz who, as captain, led and encouraged the side. Typical of the players giving 100 per cent effort was Paul Maitre, who we were very sorry to lose through injury, I know the team hope things go well for him.

The results of only two losses in fourteen games indicate a very good season but they also did very well in helping out the 1st XV who were badly hit by injury and illness on many occasions. Of the 32 people who played for 2nd XV no less than 17 of them played for the 1st XV and many others could have done.

It is hoped that they continue to play and enjoy their rugby as much as they did during this season.

S.B.E.

COLTS' RUGBY

The introduction of an U14½ age group meant that thirty-one boys only came through to Colts' Games. The "B" side was depleted on a number of occasions, but tried hard and gained some success for their efforts. The "A" side was very sound in defence, conceding nine tries in thirteen games, and had excellent team spirit. Their ability to fight back was amply demonstrated in the games against D.H.S. and Hilton. Webb led the forwards well and produced some sound performances, his play against Hilton being very good indeed. The forwards lacked weight and speed in the open, but stuck to their task and gave the backs a fair supply of the ball. The backs lacked real pace, but tackled well and took their opportunities. Patchitt was often bloody but unbowed and was a tower of strength in the middle. Tingle had genuine pace and scored some good tries, the final one against Hilton being the highlight of the season. The well drilled and powerful Glenwood side was the only one to subdue the side, all the other games being very close. This was a very pleasant group of boys to coach.

A. J. R. and A. E. D.

Results

W 8	L 3	D 2
vs. Voortrekker	won	9- 4
vs. Alexandra	lost	0- 9
vs. Port Natal	won	7- 6
vs. Weston	won	11- 4
vs. Estcourt	won	40- 0
vs. Treverton	won	46- 0
vs. Glenwood	lost	3-14
vs. Maritzburg College	lost	4- 6
vs. Hilton	won	7- 0
vs. Howick	won	30- 0
vs. D.H.S.	drew	7- 7
vs. Kearsney	won	21- 0
vs. Hilton	drew	12-12

BUNNIES

With the introduction of the U14½ age group we had a very large group in 1977, comfortably fielding five teams. The group as a whole experienced a very successful season as the statistics indicate.

A common feature in all the teams throughout the season was the fine spirit displayed during games. Good discipline when under pressure often resulted in the tables being turned on the opposition.

The B team must be regarded as the team of the season. Coached by Mr M. Goulding, the pattern of play was to run the ball wherever possible with the emphasis being placed on the rucked and mauled ball. The team had a spirited leader in R. Young Pugh who contributed greatly to the exceptionally fine team spirit.

The A side played more games than any other side in the school largely due to its short tour of the south coast. (See separate report). Early in the season we kept the ball close to the forwards where the strength and speed of Arnott at no. 8 brought us sixteen tries. Dougall, who made sound progress at scrum-half was useful on the break. The backline was not neglected during this stage as was particularly well demonstrated in the Port Natal game, where the wings ran in 16 tries.

We made better use of our backs as the season progressed. Renzi on the right wing scored 18 tries

in all and in the Kearsney match four of the five tries were scored by backs.

During the season only two penalties were scored and only 25 out of a possible 62 conversions.

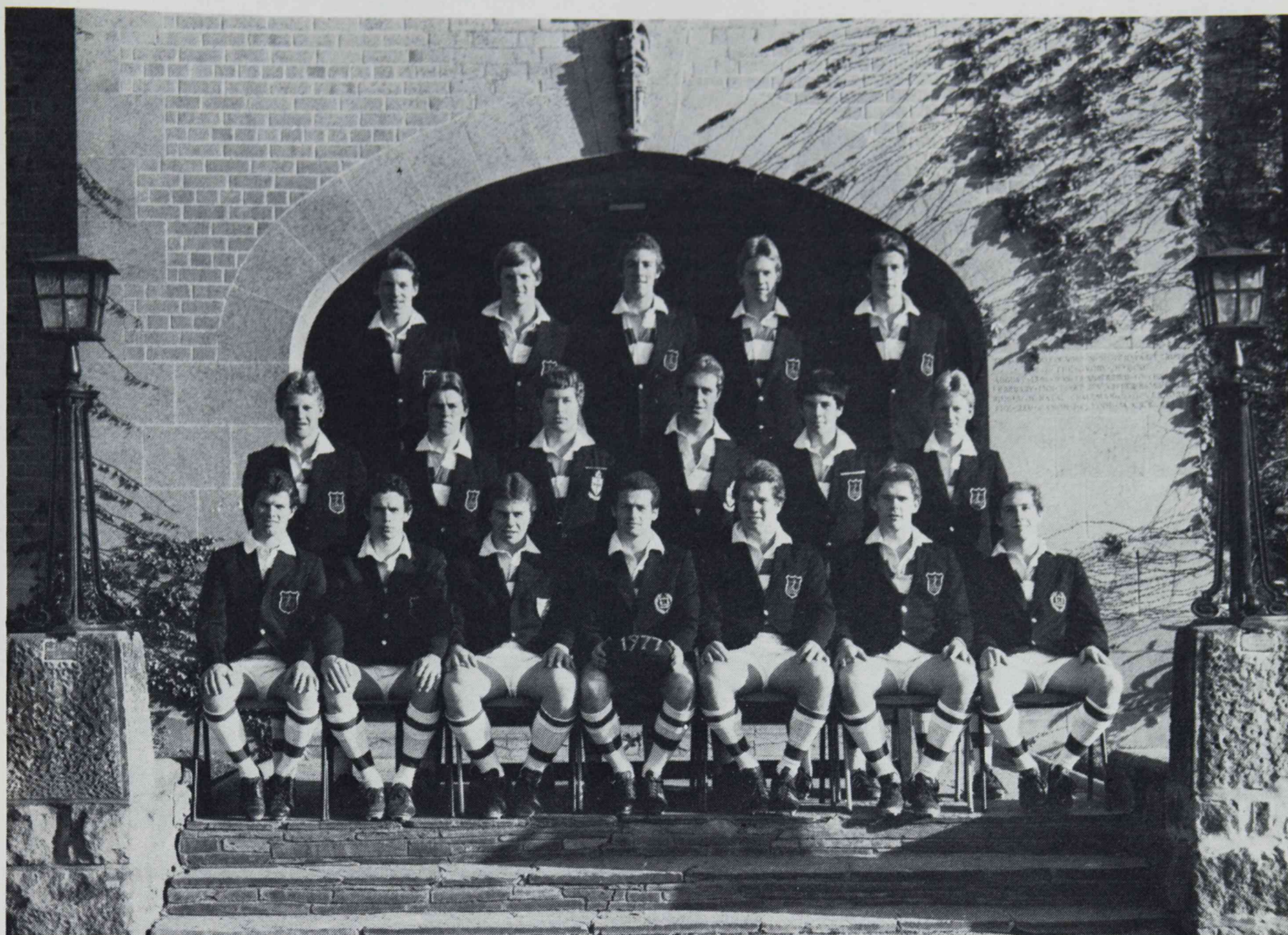
On the whole, the team practiced hard and played hard. The meaning of fitness, physically, was discovered, and appreciated during the course of the matches. Fine spirit prevailed and the team was a real joy to coach.

	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN	PTS FOR	PTS AG'NST
BA	16	12	3	1	304	78
BB	14	14	0	0	321	20
BC	13	10	3	0	332	71
BD	11	7	4	0	228	67
BE	5	3	1	1	98	31
TOTALS	<u>59</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1283</u>	<u>267</u>

G.D.P.



D. C. Metlerkamp going forward.



1st. XV:

*Back: M. R. de Carle, S. R. D. Struben, G. W. Ellis-Brown, I. C. Patchitt, G. G. Bompas.
Middle: B. A. C. Ferguson, S. R. Blanke, M. R. B. Bainbridge, J. C. Edington, J. M. de Wet, R. E. Burnett.
Front: M. A. Tingle, G. C. L. Barr, I. S. W. Lambie, A. J. K. Pein (Capt.), D. R. Townsend, M. J. Hickman,
S. R. Shacksnovis.*

BUNNIES' TOUR OF THE SOUTH COAST

At the start of the July holidays an optimistic under 14½ team set out for Ixopo where we were to play the first match of our South Coast tour. We ran on to the field at 3 p.m., full of sweets and over confidence. It was not long before our opponents' big wing had scored the first try which was converted. Soon afterwards they goaled a penalty to make the score 9-0 at half time. Although Arnott scored a try which was converted by O'Brein in the second half we were unable to close the gap and in addition to losing the match we had to contend with the loss of a key player, Waterman, who suffered a badly broken collar-bone in the final moments of the game. It was a sadly dispirited and depleted group who pitched camp in the Scottburgh caravan camp that night.

The following day, after a relaxing morning on the beach, we travelled to Port Shepstone, determined to erase the memory of our defeat by Ixopo. We won the match against Port Shepstone by 40-0 and returned more cheerfully to a braai that evening.

Friday 24th June was a "free" day, apart from the "light" run along the beach and the "light" afternoon practice during which we sustained two further unfortunate injuries, losing prop Whitehead and wing Renzi. Despite these mishaps we were able to win the match against Amanzimtoti comfortably, by 20-7.

Everyone enjoyed the tour which was an exciting and interesting experience. Our special thanks go to Mr Patterson who went to the trouble of organising the tour, and to Mr Bompas who came along as driver/suporter.

K. J. O'Brein, G. S. Davies, G. Sperry



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The scene on Old Boys Day (19th May 1977) when Ruth Pennington unveiled the K.M. Pennington Memorial. At the same ceremony Mr. Walter Strachan named the new quadrangle the "Pennington Quad". Canon Victor Shaw, an old friend of "KMP," conducted the dedication service.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Passing on the good name of Michaelhouse is one of the most tangible things Old Boys can do for the School. And it bears fruit. For proof, take this year's very large intake of new boys.

We all know that in recent years there has been a doldrums period caused mainly by the economic depression. But there are always parents who are determined to send their sons to private schools, no matter what the sacrifice. Which school? That is the question.

The question was answered by Old Boys in certain branches, notably Durban. Among their social contacts were parents of boys at preparatory and primary schools, so they actively canvassed and persuaded them which was the right school, pointing out the many advantages of a Michaelhouse education. The result was that the School took in 113 new boys in January 1978.

Strangely, the going is a bit tougher with Old Boy fathers. They know the fees their parents paid for them and a comparison, though unfair, is irresistible. They believe they cannot afford to send their sons to present-day Michaelhouse and reluctantly — and regretfully — close the door.

What a waste, and how short-sighted! Their sons are the very people the School wants more than anyone else; and there are so many ways of surmounting that financial obstacle. There are scholarships, and many bursaries which are confidentially available to those who need some assistance (more than one-third of the boys at Michaelhouse are already helped in this way). And there is the Barclays Bank scheme of deferred payment whereby school fees are paid on presentation by the bank and the parent repays the bank over a period double as long as their son is at school.

Are you a wavering Old Boy? Have you a son of junior school or pre-junior school age? If so, act now. Write to the Club Secretary, John Wilson, for details of how you can send your boy to Michaelhouse and not cripple yourself financially.

Whether you have a son or not, or whether he is at the School now or has passed through it, don't forget to promote the good name of Michaelhouse to the parents of young boys. The School needs your support. Indeed, Michaelhouse deserves it.

*Charles Barry
President, Old Boys' Club*

PENNINGTON'S BUTTERFLIES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

The production of this fine, definitive book is running to the revised schedule. Printing is at present under way and it is planned that the first copies will be available in May. At the time of going to press, all but eight of the de luxe Collector's Edition had been subscribed. Just over 40 Subscriber's Editions are still available.

These two special editions are certain to become worthwhile Africana, and you are asked to get in touch immediately with the Secretary of the Trust, Mr C. Maltby, P.O. Box 61587, Marshalltown 2107, if you wish to own a copy and have your name inscribed among the list of subscribers.

The standard edition of the book will be published by A. D. Donker, a leading South African publisher.

THREE NEW GOVERNORS

Three more Old Boys have been appointed to the Michelhouse Board of Governors.



D. L. Stewart, 46, was at Michaelhouse from 1946 to 1948. He captained the 1st XV and Natal Schools in 1948 and was awarded his school colours for hockey and athletics as well. At 18, a year after leaving school, he played for Transvaal and Northern Universities against the All Blacks. He graduated B.Com at Wits and while there represented the University at rugby, cricket, hockey and squash. His active team sports ceased in 1951, however, owing to a serious injury at rugby. He is Managing Director of Romatex Ltd. He is married and has had one son at Michaelhouse who was head of Tatham in 1974 and has another who started at Michaelhouse this year.

W. F. Lambert was at Michaelhouse from 1951 to 1954. He is a former president of the Pietermaritzburg Chamber of Commerce and in 1975 was a vice-president of Assocom. In 1976 he was Pietermaritzburg Businessman of the Year. He is also a Director of Windsors Menswear Specialists, a Natal Director of Nedbank Ltd., and Pietermaritzburg Director of the Natal Building Society and a Director of Nedsual Insurance Brokers (Natal) (Pty) Ltd. His twin sons are registered to come to Michaelhouse in 1980 and his third son in 1983.

Don Guthrie, believe it or not, was born in Cyprus in 1937. He was at Michaelhouse from 1951 to 1954, where he was a School Prefect and was in the 1st XV and 1st XI hockey. He studied accountancy in South Africa and England and in 1965 became a partner in a Durban firm of chartered accountants, who sent him to their New York office for a time in 1973. He is a local board Director of the Southern Building Society. In his spare time he is a soldier and is now Commandant and the Officer Commanding the Natal Field Artillery. He holds the John Chard Decoration and the Chief of the SADF Commendation for services of a high order. His hobbies are trout fishing and tennis. He is married with three children.

SPONSORED BURSARIES

During 1977 several Old Boys came to light with remarkably generous offers to sponsor boys at Michaelhouse. These sponsorships vary between R800 and R1 200 per year and they enabled the School to accept entries from certain boys who showed marked ability and character at their primary schools, but whose parents would not otherwise have been able to afford to send them to Michaelhouse.

The sponsors are anonymous but the School will keep them informed regularly as to the boys' progress throughout their school career.

It is to be hoped, of course, that these bursaries prove rewarding to the sponsors through the boys' achievements at the School, and afterwards. As far as the School is concerned, the gesture is most valuable. The School gets boys of promise whom it would not otherwise get and the leavening of boys from "not-so-wealthy homes" is all to the good in eradicating the "snob" image which has unjustifiably been attached to Michaelhouse.

Such bursaries are most praiseworthy, and other Old Boys might like to follow suit.

THE PERMANENT SECRETARY FUND

Some branches which ask for branch subs are including in their statements an item reminding OM's of the Permanent Secretary Fund. It is probably worth recalling to members what this is all about. In 1967 the Club launched an appeal for a Permanent Secretary Fund. This arose from the feeling that the Club needed to be in a position to offer a reasonable salary to a Permanent Secretary. K. M. Pennington and Lance Knight served the Club faithfully for very little tangible reward but they could

obviously only devote their "spare" time to the secretaryship. The Club felt that the appointment of a "Permanent" Secretary was desirable and the Fund has now crept to approximately R28 000. The present secretary is also the "Community Officer" and the costs of running his office are shared with the School and the Michaelhouse Trust. The income from the Permanent Secretary Fund is not sufficient to pay the Old Boys' Club share of these costs, and the need can only grow.

Therefore, when your branch asks you to add something to your sub for the Permanent Secretary Fund even a small donation such as R50 (!) or possibly R2 will help to nudge the Fund nearer the necessary amount.

We have a central but ancient list of annual subscribers who faithfully send us donations year by year. They have done so for many years and the Club is most grateful to them. However, the assistance of new subscribers either directly or through branches would help greatly.

OLD BOYS' CLUB insignia can be bought from the Secretary of the Club, Box 9, Balgowan 3275:

Ties:	R5,15
Badges, cotton:	R1,75
wire:	R8,35
Buttons:	,65
Cravats:	R4,50
Postage and registration,	25c.

A.G.M. 19th MAY 1977

The Club Committee has decided that in order to save space in the Chronicle, the minutes of the A.G.M.'s will not in future be quoted in full. A limited number of copies of the full minutes of the last A.G.M. will be available in the foyer of the Schlesinger Theatre before the next A.G.M. which will be on 4th May. However, a brief summary of proceedings of the meeting follows.

For the first time the meeting was held in the Schlesinger Theatre. The attendance register was signed by 162 members, though it is probable that many others were present at the time or later in the day.

The Rector delivered his customary address, which was his ninth and last address to the Club. He said that the planned development and expansion of the School's facilities, of renovation of old parts of the School and reorganisation of others was all but concluded and that the stage had been set for the curtains to go up on a new scene.

He referred to the new challenges facing the School, and said "But I remain totally confident that the essential elements which make it a great School, above all its Christian foundation, the strength and loyalty of its community, its staff and the unique relationship with the boys, its Old Boys, and its position here in the country and its facilities will bring it to full strength again once the economic tide turns."

He drew attention to the success of the Development Foundation Appeal for which the School had in large measure to thank the Old Boys. He believed that the facilities now offered to develop the whole boy are second to none in South Africa.

The President reported that the amount collected for a memorial to K.M. Pennington totalled R10 735. The amount had been used to construct the beautiful "Bushbuck" fountain, which is the centrepiece of the new quad, and to help finance the publication of the forthcoming book to be called "Pennington's Butterflies of Southern Africa".

He also mentioned the Diamond Jubilee Bursary Fund inaugurated by the Old Boys, which had raised approximately R24 600. Since 1959 26 sons of Old Boys have benefited from this Fund.

"This great School would not be able to survive without a strong Old Boys' Club," he said in conclusion, "and I would ask you all, when called on, whether it be to serve on an Old Boys Committee or to give of your time in the service of the School in any way, to follow the example of those who have done so much for the School in the past."

The constitution was altered to raise the Life Subscription from R21 to R30.

The meeting resolved to send the following congratulatory letters:

<i>A. M. Rosholt</i>	Prime Minister's Advisory Council
<i>J. Okell</i>	President — S.A. Association of Consulting Engineers
<i>B. E. Hersov</i>	President — South Africa Foundation
<i>Hal Miller</i>	President — Newspaper Press Union
<i>Michael Cassidy</i>	Organiser and driving force behind Pan African Christian Leaders Association Conference — Nairobi 1976
<i>R. Fiddian-Green</i>	Professor of Gastro-Intestinal Surgery at University of Michigan.

DURBAN

The Annual Dinner, at which Murray Grindrod was guest speaker, attracted 100 Old Boys. Another function was a casual supper at a private home to welcome parents whose boys were going to Michaelhouse for the first time.

The usual sporting fixtures, mainly against Old Hiltonians, were reported on.

JOHANNESBURG

The Annual Dinner attracted 130 Old Boys to hear Dr van Zyl Slabbert, M.P. for Rondebosch. In April a Charity Ball had been held at Inanda Club. It was attended by about 350 people and it raised nearly R3 000 for Cripple Care, a notable effort of service to the wider community.

The usual party for new boys and their parents had been held at the home of Ken and Geraldine Witthaus and VIth Form and A Block tours had been arranged.

Hockey, Golf and Cricket matches had been played.

PIETERMARITZBURG

A joint Dinner with Old Hiltonians had been held in June — guest speaker Charles Fiddian-Green. Another Dinner, to which wives were invited, had been held in November, at which Chris Perry was the guest speaker.

A VIth Form visit to Pietermaritzburg had been arranged which included a lunch with 20 non-European students from the Federal Theological Seminary.

A cocktail party was held to welcome parents of new boys entering the School in 1978 and 1979.

The Branch also, as usual, organised the Hudson-Bennet Golf Trophy afternoon. A tennis competition was included for the first time.

ZULULAND

A well-attended buffet supper for OM's was held in the home of Jinks Chennells on 16th October 1976 at which the Rector and the President of the Club, David Atkinson, were present. The following day there was a triangular sports contest between Hilton, Maritzburg College and Michaelhouse. Hilton won.

RHODESIA

The Rector and Mrs Pennington had visited Salisbury in April 1977. The Rhodesian Old Boys had arranged a function to meet them — the first for some time.

UNITED KINGDOM

D. A. T. (Tim) ATKINS (29–33) and ROBIN CHAPMAN (Hon. 1941) have at last managed to retire from the joint secretaryship in the U.K. of the Old Boys' Club. They have been the linkmen between all the Old Boys there and the Club for many years and we are most grateful to them for their work on our behalf. We particularly hope that this will not be the last that we hear of them. The new secretary is JOHN CRAVEN (54–58) whose address appears on the front page of the Old Boys' Section.

In Memoriam

L. B. BALLENDEN (36–40). He was a House Prefect in Pascoe and obtained a 1st Class Matric and prizes for Mathematics and Science. During World War II he left University of Cape Town to join the Special Signals Service in which he served in North Africa and Italy. He returned to UCT after the war where he obtained a BSc in Engineering. He became a Consulting Electrical Engineer in Johannesburg but unfortunately we have no further details of his career.



NIGEL ROSS BUTCHER, whose home was in Durban, was at Michaelhouse from 1927 – 1930.

The House system was instituted at Michaelhouse during the years that Nigel was there, and he was one of the foundation members of Rectors House (now Founders).

Nigel who was popular at school, will be remembered as a quiet and reserved character.

From Michaelhouse Nigel proceeded to Edinburgh to study medicine, where, after qualifying, he married Nancy Cowan of Edinburgh.

He decided to specialise in Surgery and had only begun his studies for the F.R.C.S. examination, a prerequisite to becoming a Surgeon, when war broke out in 1939.

These early plans for his career had therefore to be shelved. He joined the army at the outset and served throughout the war with the 15th Scottish Division, of which he became the Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services. During the advance of the allies from France into Germany, he commanded a Field Dressing Station.

Nigel was awarded the M.B.E., Military Division, for his services in the army.

After the war he returned to Edinburgh to study once more for the F.R.C.S. examination, which he completed successfully in 1949. Thus, with the initial plans for his career realised, he returned to Durban to commence practice as a Specialist Surgeon.

He became one of Durban's leading Surgeons. Many Michaelhouse Old Boys, and other Michaelhouse associates passed through his hands as patients.

A humanist, a man of impeccable character, Nigel was devoted to his work, to his patients, and to his family, while at the same time he commanded great respect from the community.

After some 30 years in Surgical practice, Nigel's life came to an untimely end when, at the age of 64, he died on the 12th September, 1977. His death resulted from an unexpected heart attack.

He leaves his wife Nancy, four daughters, and six grandchildren.

Guy Were

SPENCER TUNSTALL CHAPLIN was born on the farm Edendale a few miles outside Matatiele in 1905 and was at Michaelhouse from 1919 to 1922. He was the eldest of the 6 sons of Albert Chaplin, all of whom attended the School. The others were Harry, Geoffrey, Wally, Eric and Charles.

On leaving school he worked in the Standard Bank in Durban for a few years before joining his father at Edendale where he farmed for the rest of his life.

In 1936 he married the twin sister of Jock Anderson (29–32), Barbara Anne Anderson.

A few years ago he sold the farm but retained occupation of the house and a few acres on which he carried on intensive market gardening.

He died on 9th February 1978 after a short illness. He is survived by his wife and two married daughters.

H. R. COOPER (1915–1919) died on February 7th, 1978. He was born at Hilton in 1902 and was educated at Cordwalles and Michaelhouse. In 1940 he joined the Second N.M.R. and saw service in the Union and North Africa. He thereafter joined the Provincial Roads Department where he worked for 12 years. The Natal Witness of 22nd February 1978 continues his story.

"In 1957 he bought a property at Hilton to which he retired in 1962. He was introduced to the game of bowls in 1958 and became a very keen bowler and a great stalwart of the Hilton Hotel Bowling Club. He served on the committee for ten years, the last six as secretary. At his

death he had been a member of the club longer than any other member except one.

"Harry was also a very keen member of the Victoria League of which he was the treasurer.

"He was quiet and retiring and preferred to work in the background but his personality and friendly and kindly approach to everyone made him very popular. He will be greatly missed."

The Natal Mercury of 14th February 1978 reported the death of **DENNIS DAWSON** (30-32). He died of a heart attack while mowing his lawn.

At Michaelhouse, he got his 1st XI Colours, played in the 2nd XV and was a prominent athlete. For his subsequent career we quote the "Mercury":

"Mr Dawson (60) was chairman and managing director of the agricultural firm, G. North and Son. He had held the latter position for 12 years and was recently appointed chairman.

"An all-round sportsman, Mr Dawson was the brother of the former Springbok cricketer, Ossie Dawson and captained the Kenyan international cricket team for many years.

"This was while he was manager of the Nairobi branch of G. North and Son — from 1946 to 1964.

"Mr Dawson was educated at Clifton School, Durban, and at Michaelhouse. In World War II he was a captain and adjutant of the Royal Durban Light Infantry Regiment, was captured at Tobruk in 1942 and spent the rest of the war in a prisoner-of-war camp.

"Mr Dawson had just returned from holiday in the Cape when he died. He leaves his wife and two married daughters."

E. A. GOODWIN (09-12). He left Michaelhouse at the end of his VIth Form year. He served in World War I in the 3rd S.A. Infantry and eventually in the 4th S.A. Infantry in France as a lieutenant. In World War II he again joined up and was a captain in the 6th S.A. Coastal Defence Corps. After World War I, he went to Selwyn College, Cambridge, where he obtained a diploma in Forestry and an MA. He also got his college colours for rowing, rugby and athletics. He made his career in forestry and he was Conservator of Forests or Principal Forestry Officer at Cedara, Knysna and the Transkei. He was interested in social work and was Chairman of the Durban Boys' Club and a churchwarden in Umtata. In 1956 he retired to East London where he lived until his death.

DOUGLAS ("Moppy") NORTH (26-29) died in Cape Town of a heart attack on 23rd November

1977. He was at Highbury and was a founder member of East at Michaelhouse where he represented the School at rugby, shooting, athletics and cricket. After leaving Michaelhouse he was articled to D. MacKeurtan & Son, Durban, and joined the family business, G. North & Son Ltd., on 1st October 1935. He was appointed Manager of the Cape Division in 1939. During World War II he was commissioned and served in the Coast Garrison Artillery. He managed the Cape Town branch after the war and became Chairman of the company in February 1976. The company, which was established in 1869, is still a family business and Douglas North was part of the third generation to run the company. His son, Anthony, who is Manager of the Johannesburg branch of the company, represents the fourth generation.

CHARLES PLOWES entered Michaelhouse in 1908 at the tender age of 11 years 1 month and left in 1915 when he was a prefect and a member of the 1st XV. He enrolled immediately for active service and served with the 1st S.A. Horse in what was then known as German East Africa. Here he contracted malaria and was invalided out of the army. Returning to civilian life, he joined the Inverugie Tea Company, near Umzinto, as an assistant to the manager. After Major Miller's famous flights around South Africa to recruit volunteers for the Royal Flying Corps in 1917, Charles enlisted again, went to England and was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the R.A.F. Four months later the war came to an end, and, having resigned his position with the Inverugie Tea Company, he joined the Civil Service, rising to the rank of magistrate in which capacity he was appointed to posts from time to time in all four provinces. After 35 years' service he retired to his own home in Umtentweni.

During World War II, he endeavoured to enlist once more but the Department considered that as he was a senior magistrate, he was in a key position, consequently his application for release was refused.

He and his wife Ida (née Mullens) celebrated their Golden Wedding in 1974 shortly after leaving Umtentweni to live in Scottburgh, where his last few years were spent in failing health. He is survived by his wife, three sons, a daughter, grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Charles and Ida enjoyed a long and truly happy marriage, beloved of their family and respected by all who had the privilege of knowing them.

R. B. Archibald.

The death of the great **HERBIE TAYLOR** (03-07) appears to have rated only a small paragraph in the papers which passed unnoticed by most people. However, Ian Balfour made handsome amends in the Natal Witness of December 22nd, 1977. It is not possible here to give many details of his illustrious career as one of South Africa's cricketing "greats".

At Michaelhouse he was a prefect, vice-captain of cricket, vice-captain of rugby, sergeant of the cadet corps and in the shooting team. In his last season he was described as "a sound and pretty bat, scoring rapidly all round the wicket. A clever bowler." He played for Natal in 1910-11 and for South Africa in the triangular tournament between South Africa, England and Australia. In the 1913-14 season the series between MCC and South Africa became a personal contest between Herbie and the great Sid Barnes and became known as the "Taylor vs Barnes Series". The climax came in the match between Natal and the MCC and here we quote

Ian Balfour: "Natal was set to get 216 to win and the time was against them. The crowd buzzed with excitement when Barnes was brought on to bowl to Taylor. The Natal Captain rose to the occasion and hit 32 runs off the first three overs he received from Barnes and literally hit him out of the match. Barnes refused to bowl another ball and stormed off the field. Taylor went on to make a century and Natal won the only match that the MCC lost during the tour. He captained South Africa on the disastrous tour of England in 1924 but was one of Wisden's Cricketers of the Year of 1925. He hit seven centuries in tests, played in 42, had 76 innings, scored 2 936 runs with an average of 40.77."

Ian Balfour concludes "He was a grand fielder in any position, a fine sportsman and never queried an umpire's decision and he held our cricket together at a time when, without him, South Africa might well have been omitted from the Big Three, England, Australia and South Africa."

What happened to old . . . ?

There was a huge return of the reply slips sent out with the June 1977 Chronicle and "Michaelhouse News" of October 1977. As a result, there is news of about 300 Old Boys in this issue. Quite a number of Old Boys have remarked that they like to read what other Old Boys are up to, so this Chronicle should keep them busy. There must be more than 4 000 Old Boys altogether, so we look forward to hearing from another 3 700 or so.

NATAL & EAST GRIQUALAND

George Albu (59-62) is farming near Richmond. He now has two daughters.

A. H. Anderson (45-49) farms at New Amalfi and is a member of East Griqualand Divisional Council.

G. D. R. Armstrong (53-56) is a sugar farmer and director of Tongaat Sugar. He is also vice-chairman of Durban Turf Club, ex-president of the South African Polo Association and a governor of Cordwalles.

Christopher Black (61-65) has been appointed Senior Master at Cowan House Preparatory School. After leaving Michaelhouse he pursued his education at Natal University and Christ's College, Cambridge. He taught at Clifton College Preparatory School, Bristol, and Heatherdown Preparatory School in Ascot where he taught the Queen's two youngest children, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward.

Douglas Brazier (71-75) is at Natal University and has completed his second year Electrical Engineering.

Peter Briscoe (60-64) has been farming sugar, beef and timber in the Eston area since leaving school. He recently married Chrissie Luck from Kenya. He plays polo for the Stoney Hill Club and cricket for Eston Cricket Club.

Tim Briscoe (62-65) farms in the Underberg area and has a daughter and a son.

Andrew B. Burnett (61-65) is an attorney and a partner in a Pietermaritzburg law firm. He taught for 15 months at St. Andrews School, Bloemfontein.



Guy Brazier (73–76) commenced military training in 1977 and had the honour of being named "Candidate Officer of the Year" at the Defence Force Infantry School at Oudtshoorn. He commanded the passing out parade in December and this year is attached to the staff in Oudtshoorn. In addition to the Sword of Honour, he was presented with a cup for the best overall student.

A. M. A. Campbell (60–64) is a Director of A. M. A. Campbell & Co. Ltd. In 1972 he married Elizabeth Henderson, sister of R. J. W. and P. G. W. Henderson.

R. S. Carter (43–46) is District Manager/Representative of the Mine Labour Organisation at Eshowe. He is an associate of the Institute of Personnel Managers and holds a diploma in industrial administration. He is still willing to learn as he has recently started studying for a BA degree with UNISA.

Mike Cartwright (68–72) After service in the operational area he joined John T. Rennie in August 1974 and in May 1976 was placed in charge of container operations for Farrell Lines for which Rennie are general agents in South Africa and Mozambique. In July 1977 he went to the Head Office of Farrell Lines in New York to study containerisation and returned in November 1977. He is a very keen golfer with a handicap of 1 and played for Natal Juniors in 1971, 1972 and Robins 1976.

Tom Catchpole (28–31) is farming near Howick. He is Chairman of HADCA.

Jonathan Chennells (63–67) passed his CA in 1977.

G. S. Clark (69–73) is a third year Civil Engineering student at the University of Natal on an Anglo American Scholarship.

Michael Clark (66–69) graduated from Natal University in 1977 with a B Comm. C.T.A. He is now finishing his articles with a Durban firm of accountants. His brother **Damon** (67–71) obtained a BSc in Civil Engineering at Natal University and is teaching mathematics and doing an MSc Engineering part time. Both are keen participants in the Dusi Canoe Marathon and Damon has now completed the Comrades Marathon on three occasions.

Ashley Clive-Smith (33–37) has now fully retired from business but remains Chairman of the Clive-Smith Estates Group of Companies. He lives at Umhlanga Rocks.

M. B. Cloete (68–73) has obtained his BSc Agricultural Economics at University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg.

N. I. Collier (46–48) is Manager of the Hermitage Off Course Tote in Durban. He has completed four Comrades Marathons in a row.

George Cominos (1974) completed his BCom degree in 1977, passing with one distinction in the final year.

J. S. Dench (52–57) is Project Manager at the Lion Match Co. Ltd.

F. W. Dorning (37–40) assures us that he was *not* at Michaelhouse from 1937 to 1950 as stated in Michaelhouse News. We were able to stop this item getting into the Guinness Book of Records.

Professor J. W. Downing (52–55) was appointed Professor and Head of the Department of Anaesthesia at the University of Natal in April 1974. He and his department have been responsible for nearly fifty publications relating to anaesthesia in the medical journals. Lately he has been devoting much time to research and the study of anaesthesia with regard to obstetrics. He will shortly be attending a congress in Brussels where he is to read papers on this subject. Thereafter he will go to London and California to attend meetings of the International Research Society on Anaesthesiology. He lives at Kloof and is married and has a son and a daughter.

J. G. Draper (38–42) is Vice-president of the South African Cricket Umpires Association, President of Natal Cricket Umpires Association and Executive Member of Natal Cricket Association. In his spare time he is a partner in the firm of Campbell, Bernstein & Irving, Consulting Engineers (Civil). He recently visited his son **B. G. Draper** (68–72) who is in his third year of a doc-

torate in statistics at Yale University, U.S.A. on a fellowship.

R. R. Drummond (28–29) has a legal practice at Mooi River.

B. Drysdale (33–36) is now at Umhlanga Rocks having retired as underground manager of St. Helena Gold Mine after 27 years service with Union Corporation.

P. T. Fellowes (25–26) is still a farmer at Swartberg. He is a J.P. and Chairman of the Stock-owners Co-op. He has one son, two daughters and seven grandchildren.

V. I. C. Fincken (47–51) is now General Manager and Chief Executive of the Eskort Bacon Co-op. Ltd with effect from 1st January 1978. He has a son who is entered for Michaelhouse in 1980 and a daughter. His hobby is collecting antiques and objets d'art.

John Francis (65–69) is a Departmental Manager with Rennies Shipping in Durban.

Colonel Peter Francis (30–32) is Chairman of the Pietermaritzburg local board of the Allied Building Society.

E. M. French (30–32) is the Assistant Borough Engineer of Greytown. He now has a fine string of qualifications namely Pr.Eng; C.Eng; BSc.Eng; M.S.A.I.E.E.; M.I.E.E.

Dave Gillitt (62–65) farms in the Eston area and is married with a son.

J. C. Greene (56–59) is a farmer at Hilton, after spending ten years in Durban in business. He is married and has three children.

A. L. Hall (59–62) is Area Manager for Howard Harvestore for the provinces of Natal, O.F.S. and Transvaal and is based in Howick. He has recently returned from an extensive business tour of U.S.A., Britain and Europe.

Nick Hay (57–61) is Technical Sales Representative with Gundle Plastics (Pty) Ltd. in Durban.

The Natal Witness of 21st November carried a picture and an article about the return of a "secret" South African polo team which had just returned from South America. It included **Murray Heaton Nichols** (66–69) and **Mike Harvey** (44–48). Murray was described as the "find" of the tour. They came up against very strong opposition and lost three of their four matches played in Uruguay and Chile.

Simon A. Jacks (69–73) is a Civil Engineering stu-

dent at the University of Natal, Durban, on a Public Service Bursary.

Myles A. Jackson (40–42) is a partner in a firm of architects in Durban. He was President of the Natal Provincial Institute of Architects for 1976/7 and a member of the National Board of the Institute of South African Architects and the South African Council for Architects from 1974 to 1977.

A. V. (Boetie) Johnson (34–38) is Chief Engineer at Sarmcol (Pty) Ltd., Howick. His wife Sheila has been a Councillor of Howick since 1971 and Deputy Mayor for the past three years.

Benjamin Jonsson (43–46) is Chairman and Managing Director of the B. Jonsson Group of Companies. He is also Honorary Treasurer and Federal Council Member of the New Republic Party, Chairman of the Natal Owners and Trainers Association and Chairman of Treetops Nursery School.

A. G. Kee (64–68) is a Director of Rennies Shipping Richards Bay. He married Betsy Goulden in 1976.

Nicholas Kerr (65–68) is another O.M. teaching at Cowan House. He married Barbara Fabricius in June 1976.

Jeffrey Kidd (61–64) has been appointed Senior Lecturer in the Department of Business Administration at the University of Natal in Durban with effect from 1st April 1978.

D. B. Koe (15–18), one of our senior Old Boys, has retired from farming and enjoys living in retirement at Estcourt.

Barry Kramer (48–51) is Managing Director of Zululand Cattle Company (Pty) Ltd. and is farming at Nottingham Road. He is on the Board of Governors of St. Anne's and Clifton, Nottingham Road. His second son will be at Michaelhouse in 1979.

John Kramer (75–76) is studying at Weston Agricultural College.

P. W. O'K. Leary (66–70) has a BCom degree and is doing 2nd year articles with Deloitte in Durban.

H. O. Lee (19–24) is a cane farmer at Eshowe. He has two boys at Michaelhouse.

R. H. Lee (33–36) is a dairy farmer at Bergville. He has two married daughters and four grandchildren. His son **Hylton** (67–71) qualified at the

end of 1976 with a degree in Veterinary Science. He represented S.A. veterinary students at two international Veterinary Conferences overseas. He is now serving in the army.

Michael Le Sueur (50–53) farms sheep and cattle at Nottingham Road. He has embarked on a new enterprise namely fish farming and a trout hatchery. He is Chairman of the Lions River Polo Club and a member of the Executive Committee of the Nottingham Road Farmers Association. He has three sons.

John Line (37–41), President of the Royal Agricultural Society of Natal returned in October from a 3 week trip during which he and his wife visited the Royal Agricultural Shows in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. In an interview published in the Natal Witness he drew interesting comparisons between the Australian Shows and the "Royal".

Anson Lloyd (28–29) is probably best known to O.M.'s as Chairman of the Board of Governors of Michaelhouse. However, he fits in some less important activities such as Chairman of the South African Sugar Association, Director of Huletts Corporation Ltd., Deputy President of the South Africa Foundation and President of the Natal University Development Foundation.

S. B. Logsdon (45–49) is Branch Manager of the S.A. Permanent Building Society in Newcastle. He is married and has one son and two daughters.

Donald Loxton (34–38) is a Civil Engineering Technician with Kokstad municipality. He thinks he is getting a bit long in the tooth!

John D. Macleod (44–48) is cane farming near Ifafa Beach. His elder son is due to enter Michaelhouse in 1979.

Walter March (62–65) is an Accountant at the Standard Bank, Umzinto. His brother, **Peter March** (66–70) is farming beef in Muden with his parents.

R. G. O. Martens (33–34) is on the staff of Thompson Datsun, Pietermaritzburg.

Richard Martin (48–51) was at the big S.A. Renewal Conference in Johannesburg in August 1977 where **Michael Cassidy** (50–54) spoke very inspiringly on "Hope for Africa".

Hugh Massy (41–42) who runs an estate agency in Howick received 2nd prize for his company's efforts in the Natal Trophy contest held annually

by the United Building Society. The awards are made to branches or agencies for the greatest inflow of funds during the previous 12 months. The previous year Hugh won first prize.

Brian McCarthy (38–42) was one of nine top businessmen to be presented with awards by the Institute of Marketing Management at a banquet held in Johannesburg. He is Chairman and Managing Director of McCarthy Rodway Ltd. and his group has a turnover of R250 million and employs more than 4 000 people of all races. The group is the largest retailer of motor vehicles in the southern hemisphere with sales running at some 54 000 units in 1977.

Another of our senior Old Boys, **W. N. Methley** (13–19), is living in retirement in the Dargle.

E. F. Mitchell-Innes (26–30) no longer appears in the Press photographed with prize cattle as he has retired to Umhlali.

Norman D. Mitchell-Innes (56–60) is farming in the Dargle.

Brian Mollard (44–47) is President of the Rotary Club of Howick. He is relinquishing his post as Manager of the Howick Branch of Barclays National Bank and will transfer to Pietermaritzburg but will continue to live in Howick. He has also served on the committees of Howick Ratepayers Association, Howick Junior Primary School Advisory Board and Howick Senior Primary School Advisory Board and the Howick Tennis Club.

David Morpew (66–70) is Branch Manager of Farm Maintenance Services at Mtubatuba. He was married to Frances Shaw of Karkloof in 1976.

Jeffrey Morpew (31–36). After having nearly 20 years on the North Coast now lives in the Dargle.

Peter Morpew (68–72) is farming on his father's farm near Howick.

Denis Oxley Oxland (57–60) is an engineer in the merchant navy.

G. S. O. Oxland (25–28) is a retired Mining Engineer who was unable to keep very far away from Michaelhouse. He lives at Lidgetton and had two sons at Michaelhouse.

C. M. B. (Kit) Palmer (53–57) is an Administrative Assistant in the Legal Section of the Natal Parks Board, Queen Elizabeth Park. He says that he is doing semi-legal clerical work at the moment but there is a good prospect for advancement.

Norman C. Pooke (32-36) is a partner in the firm of Pooke and Bell, architects, of Durban.

The Natal Witness of 7th August 1977 reported that **Dugald Roberts** (56-59) has received the coveted Prudential Assurance Man of the Month award for his outstanding performance during June 1977. This was the third time he had won the award since joining the Prudential in February 1975.

Saville F. C. Robinson (34-37) has sold his retail and wholesale pharmaceutical interests on the South Coast and retired to a five acre property in Howick, which now occupies most of his time.

Roy Shacksnovis (42-47) is a General Practitioner in Pietermaritzburg and says "since most O. M. boys are acquainted with PMB, they will be happy to know that it is still sleeping peacefully in the same old way." He'd better duck when Bill Lambert reads this.

K. W. Simpson (27-30) is a land surveyor and lecturer at the University of Natal. He is National Representative and Vice-Chairman of the Commission dealing with Professional Practice of the International Federation of Surveyors.

W. E. S. Slatter (69-72) is married and has a son Sean. He recently returned from California and is farming the family farm near Greytown.

Dering Stainbank (37-39) is, as far as we can ascertain, the only O.M. who emerged unscathed from the recent elections. He was re-elected as MPC for Mooi River, representing the New Republic Party. He has a long record of public service and is a member of the EXCO of Natal.

Malcolm Stainbank (64-68) farms with his father in the Eston area.

David Swan (65-69) served as a Medical Officer in the Defence Force for a year. He graduated from Wits at the end of 1975 and returns to Grey's Hospital in Pietermaritzburg in 1978.

M. A. Thiselton (48-51) is Head of the Science Department at Kearsney College. He had had 23 seasons in 1st division league squash, playing for Westville Country Club. He won the Natal Veterans Championship in 1974-5-6 but in 1977 he was beaten in the final.

A. O. C. Tonkinson (59-62) is Group Secretary, Lion Match S.A. He married Andrea Woodhead in 1966 and has a son, Charles Henry, aged 8.

J. C. H. Tyrrell (60-64) has recently returned to South Africa after spending 14 months as a doc-

tor to an Australian expedition in the Antarctic. We have written to him and hope to be able to publish something of his experiences.

S. R. H. Tyrrell (63-66) is married and has three daughters.

T. G. H. Tyrrell (68-72) is in his final year B.Comm at Natal University, Durban.

Coenraad Vermaak (58-61) is cattle and game ranching at Dundee. He is also Director of a safari company which he promotes in the U.S.A. and Europe every year. He married Lesley Forsyth in 1968 and they have a daughter of eight and a son of five.

John Vincent (51-55) is Assistant Director Interpretation and Public Relations with the Natal Parks Board. He obtained an MSc. (Wildlife Management) at the University of Pretoria. He is married and has three children aged 12, 10 and 9 years. He tells us of four O.M.'s in the Parks Board — **R. G. Poynton** (33-37), **J. Campbell** (33-35), **E. A. Zaloumis** (46-49) and **N. J. Hancock** (51-55). The MEC in charge is **Dering Stainbank** (37-39).

D. L. Visick (24-27) is joint owner with his son of a saw milling business at Greytown, Visick Timbers (Pty) Ltd. He was forced to retire from his practice as a land surveyor in October 1971, due to ill health, but is still active as a consultant and his health, he says, is now very good.

The Natal Witness of 27 September 1977 reported that **Geoffrey von Klemperer** (58-61) and "The Governor" won the Natal Horse Trials Championship event for the second year in succession.

Iain Walsh (71-75) has completed 18 months army training and is awaiting commencement of a Technical Diploma Course.

H. D. V. (David) Wheelwright (42-45) is with the Knowles group. Together with **Hewlett Trotter** (46-50) he started a social cricket side called the Centurions in 1976. It consists of retired Pinetown cricketers and they have issued a challenge to the Michaelhouse staff.

Michael Wheelwright (43-46) sits on the Pine-town Town Council and looks after the interests of local sportsmen at Lahee Park.

J. St. H. Willsher (70-74) is opening up a revolutionary form of discotheque called EXODUS which he claims will soon become a popular night spot for young people of Durban. He is also an agent for Wits Ski Club in Durban.

TRANSVAAL

N. J. Armstrong (48–51) lives in Randburg. He is a chartered accountant and company secretary and alternate director of a large public company in the construction industry. He suffered a heart attack in 1973 but is now fully recovered.

G. K. Ballenden (62–65) is qualified as a doctor and works in Johannesburg. He married Elizabeth Power and they have two daughters.

M. J. Bampfield Duggan (65–69) is Assistant Manager (front office) Carlton Hotel, Johannesburg.

David Beer (68–71) is Manager of Beer Haas (Pty) Ltd., natural casings manufacturers, importers and exporters in Johannesburg.

Brian Berry (35–38) now lives at Lydenburg, having retired from his post as Technical Director, Haggie Steel Ropes Ltd. His wife Maureen is making a good recovery from a very serious accident in March, 1976.

Dr G. F. Berry (28–31) is Medical Officer, Mines Bureau for Occupational Diseases.

J. M. Black (31–33) retired in 1971 as chief executive of Standard Bank Ltd. in Zambia. He now lives in Rivonia, Johannesburg, and is a part-time company director and enthusiastic golfer.

Peter J. Brink (63–67) is an accountant with Alex Aiken and Carter, Johannesburg.

Alan H. Burns (60–62) lives in Sandton and is national marketing manager of S.A. General Electric. He has a son and a daughter and is being sent by his company to the Cologne Fair and to General Electric in the U.S.A. and other companies.

Derek L. Chapman (48–52) is a Director of Harvey & Russell (Pty) Ltd., engineers of Johannesburg. He had two years overseas on a training programme with a large valve manufacturing company. He frequently returns to Europe and U.K.

Alastair Clark (68–72) is a third year medical student at Wits Medical School. He plays hockey for Wits University and has represented Southern Transvaal Under 21 and Southern Transvaal Country Districts. He was, at the time of writing, about to leave for Europe to play hockey at the "Three Kings Tournament" in Barcelona. The team is also due to play in West Germany, Holland and Britain. He is a committee member of the Parktown/Westcliff Branch of the P.F.P.

Richard Cary Coles (30–33) has retired as Trustee Manager of Barclays Bank after 42 years service and lives in Johannesburg.

A. J. Clucas (53–56) is back in Johannesburg and managing the Isando Branch of Barclays Bank after some years abroad, including the Bahamas and New York.

P. L. B. Clucas (48–51) is a Director of Fergusson Bros., Hall, Stewart and Co., Stockbrokers in Johannesburg. He has two sons at Michaelhouse at present.

V. P. Cowles (34–37) is P.R.O. for Bells Scotch Whisky and E. W. Sedgwick & Co. in Johannesburg. His son is now at Michaelhouse.

J. B. Cradock (49–52), **M. F. Fergusson** (58–61) are also Directors of Fergusson Bros., Hall, Stewart & Co. **R. A. MacFadyen** (59–60) is Senior Investment Advisor. In the heyday of the stock exchange in 1969 there were 11 O.M.'s in the firm.

Andrew Currie (67–72) is a third year medical student at Wits and follows in the footsteps of the great K.M.P. in his interest in lepidoptery.

John (70–73) and **Rob Devonport** (71–74) were in the Proteas Squash Tour of U.K. and Europe 1977 and 78. John is South Africa's under 23 squash champion for 1977, having beaten Rob in the finals. He is a final year student at Wits. Rob captained Natal Schools and S.A. Schools in 1974. He captained the South African Under 19 squash side against a touring British Under 19 side. He is also at Wits University.

J. B. Edmundson (53–55) is Managing Director of Dewar, Edmundson & Co., Insurance Brokers. In his spare time he is an executive of the S.P.C.A. in Johannesburg. He has a wife, daughter and son.

C. A. Embleton (52–56) is a Director of Baldwins Ltd., a member of the Stewarts & Lloyds Group. He lives in Pretoria and commutes daily to the East Rand. He has a son and two daughters.

Steven Eriksen (59–64) is Manager of the branch of Eriksen Ford at Vanderbijlpark and is on the board of Eriksen Consolidated Holdings Ltd. He was married in Scotland in 1970 and has a daughter and son, the latter of whom is entered for Michaelhouse in about 12 years time.

Roger Faircliff (59–62) is regional manager for the Prestige Group in the Transvaal and lives in Johannesburg.

M. Felling (53–57) is Manager (Townships), Anglo American Properties. He had 8 years in Cape Town as manager of the Anglo office. He has a son and a daughter.

James Fitzgerald (64–67) is Managing Director of A.B.S., a computer bureau in Johannesburg. He married Helen Gilbert in February, 1977.

A. C. Fleischer (42–45) ("Hans Hofmeyer") has brought out another novel 'The Short Story of Disa'.

Nigel Folker (63–67) has given up teaching and is now Technical Officer for the vinyl products division of AE&CI Ltd. covering Transvaal and Natal. He has become engaged to Miss Diane Rissik.

J. S. Freer (42–45) is Assistant Consulting Metallurgist with General Mining and Finance. He is married and has two daughters and a son.

A. Fuller (71–74) has completed a year at the Hotel School in Johannesburg and is doing a hotel management course.

David Giddy (40–43) is a Civil Engineer with the Major Roads Department, Johannesburg City Council.

Major D. D. Hall (41–45) was in the British army for many years and has now returned to South Africa and lives in Johannesburg. He is Sales Director of Dickon Hall Products (Pty) Ltd.

Leonard Hall (53–56) is Financial Director of D & H Transport (Pty) Ltd. in Johannesburg. He was previously with Bristol-Myers Ltd. and was Financial Director of Abbott Laboratories.

Brian Hayse-Gregson (69–72) is a fourth year articled clerk with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., auditors in Johannesburg. At the time of writing he was engaged to Wendy Howcroft and by the time this appears he should be safely married.

J. D. Henderson (68–71) obtained his BSc in Civil Engineering at Cape Town University and now works as a civil engineer at Iscor Works in Vanderbijlpark. He played hockey for Vaal Triangle.

M. J. Herring (55–57) is a plant breeder responsible for the development of new varieties of oil seed crops. Since getting a degree at Natal University in 1964 he has worked as an agronomist and plant breeder in Rhodesia until 1969. He had three years in England and returned to Rhodesia in 1972. In 1977 he joined Saffola Seeds (Pvt) Ltd. at Kempton Park, Johannesburg. He played provincial squash for Natal and Rhodesia. He is married with two daughters and a son.

Gordon Hugh Kerr (67–71) graduated MB BCh at Wits Medical School in 1977 and is doing his housemanship at Baragwanath Hospital.

Leslie Kolling (68–71) is in his final year at Wits Medical School doing an MB BCh.

John Krüger (58–62) is a Project Manager with Pentec Services in Johannesburg. He is married and has two daughters. His programme is that after completing an MSc degree in 1977 he will study for an MBA at Wits in 1978.

Digby Laughton (57–60) is Administrative Manager with Coca-Cola Export Corporation at its bottling plant in Pretoria, one of the most modern factories of its type in the world. He is married and commutes to Pretoria from Sandton.

Matthew Lawson (54–59) is now Managing Director of Lawturn & Company (Pty) Ltd. and Associated Companies. He married Carol Lurie of Cape Town on 18 November 1976.

Graham Lindop (57–61) is Manager (Office Leasing) of Anglo American Property Services (Pty) Ltd. He now has a daughter born in December 1976.

Jonathan Low (60–64) is Company Secretary of AE & CI Ltd.

G. C. Luis (46–49) is Accounts Manager with J. Kimber (Pty) Ltd. in Pretoria.

G. G. MacKeurtan (60–64) is a stockbroker in Johannesburg.

Ian Marx (44–48) is a geologist in Sabie in the Eastern Transvaal.

Christopher Melville (49–53) is Managing Director of Anglo American Property Services and is on the board of Computer Sciences (Pty) Ltd.

A. L. Morphet (71–75) is commencing a BA at Wits this year after completing his military service.

R. A. Mudd (28–33) is a partner in J.B. Mudd and Partners (Anglo American Corp), consulting mining engineers. He retired from his post as Consulting Engineer at Anglo American Corporation at the end of 1975.

C. B. Perry (49–53) is Managing Director of Hunt Leuchars and Hepburn Group. He has two daughters and a son.

J. F. Pool (42–45) is a professional engineer in his own private consulting practice. He has three sons and three daughters.

V. N. N. Pougnet (39–41), who is Group Marketing Director, Howden Group, is also Chairman of the Society to Help Civilian Blind which he describes as "a challenging, interesting and rewarding activity."

J. D. Pratt (47–50) is a timber farmer at Tzaneen.

Jonathan J. Price (61–64) is Operations Manager with ICL with whom he has been working for ten years. He married the girl he was courting at Michaelhouse and has two boys.

John D. Rae (59–62) is timber farming and saw milling in the Lydenburg district. He is married and has a daughter and a son.

Frank Raimondo (54–58) is joint Managing Director, together with his brother **John Raimondo** (56–60) of Paper and Packaging Industries, South Africa's only integrated paper mill and corrugated container plant, in Rosslyn near Pretoria. Reed International, the world's fourth biggest paper group, has a minority interest in their company.

Tim Randon (63–67) is with Bell, Dewar and Hall, attorneys, of Johannesburg. He obtained his L.LB at Stellenbosch University.

Rodney Reynolds (61–64) is managing the Standerton branch of G. C. Tillage after obtaining a BSc in Agricultural Engineering in U.S.A.

Richard Robinson (52–56) is Head of Operations at the Uranium Enrichment Corporation Pilot Plant. He is married to Bridget, the sister of **Bob Udal** (48–52) and they have a boy and a girl.

Michael Rosholt (35–37) was the subject of Optima's "Profile" last year. He is deputy chairman of Barlow Rand, a member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, a governor of Michaelhouse, and chairman of the Michaelhouse Development Foundation.

About his connections with Michaelhouse Optima says: "School for Rosholt, only son of a shipping agency businessman then based in Beira, began with a tramp steamer journey to Lourenco Marques and train to Johannesburg at age seven, alone, with tickets on a string round his neck.

"He completed his education at Michaelhouse with fees paid by an endowment policy taken out by his mother. Years later her foresight and the circumstances of his schooling were perhaps as much responsible (for) his philosophy, for Rosholt willingly accepted a fund-raising task for the Michaelhouse Trust which now subsidises fees for many boys, and then chairmanship of

the school's Foundation which raised more than R1-million for buildings.

"He believes South Africa needs young people of a viewpoint broad, unblinkered and thinking as never before, that private schools are well qualified to produce such people otherwise they have no reason to exist, and that children of merit should not be penalised . . . by the exclusivity of wealth.

"He knows what the last point can mean: there were no funds for university in Rosholt's life . . ."

Jack Roxburgh (42–45) is a Civil Engineer with the Major Roads Department, Johannesburg City Council.

D. W. Standish-White (39–41) is a Consulting Civil Engineer with Anglo American Corporation.

We have just received news that **Hugh Stevenson** (28–30) has been elected Suffragan Bishop of Pretoria. The consecration ceremony will take place in Pretoria on May 19th. He has served as Rector of St. Michael's and All Angels Church in Nelspruit for about ten years.

Andrew Swan (61–65) is a Senior House Surgeon in the Department of Surgery, Wits University and Johannesburg General Hospital. He is lecturing in anatomy with a view to surgical specialisation. He hopes later to further his studies in Edinburgh. In April 1977 he was married to Ann Drysdale.

J. C. Thiselton (51–55) is an actuary with the Legal and General Insurance Company in Johannesburg.

J. R. G. Thompson (42–45) is a Technical Representative for Maintenance Products, Kew, Transvaal which deals in industrial chemicals.

T. D. Thomson (54–57) is a Chartered Accountant in Johannesburg and recently visited the School to register his second son.

Francis Tucker (36–40) is Chairman of the South African Motor Racing Club and won an important race in finding an additional sponsor to save the South African Grand Prix in the nick of time.

Patrick F. K. Tucker (66–68) obtained his L.LB at Wits University in 1977. He is an intervarsity pedal car racing ace and his team is the only one from an English speaking university to withstand the mighty onslaught from TUKS in the last five years.

Andrew van Hasselt (65–69) graduated MB.BCh in November 1976. He is serving his internship year at Johannesburg General Hospital.

CAPE PROVINCE

Dermot Balson (66–70) is an actuary working for Southern Life in Newlands, Cape Town.

K. M. Y. Browne (45–48) is a partner in Silberbauers, attorneys of Cape Town.

Peter Cartwright (66–70) is an annually contracted actor to the Cape Performing Arts Board. He obtained a BA degree and Post Graduate Performing Arts Diploma at the University of Cape Town. He has acted in major productions in theatre at the Cape.

M. J. Cave (65–68) obtained an MSc in Chemical Engineering at Imperial College, London University. He is now a chemical engineer at South African Nylon Spinners and lives in Cape Town. Two years ago he married Celeste Maldwyn.

J. D. Coles (34–37) is Company Secretary to Plessey South Africa Ltd. and lives in Cape Town. He has one son, one daughter and four grandchildren.

P. M. F. T. Dauncey (49–53) is Headmaster of Western Province Preparatory School, Claremont. He has three daughters.

J. G. R. G. Greathead (47–50) is a research engineer with the Cape Provincial Roads Dept. and lives at Camps Bay. He has a daughter and a son.

Anthony Hart (45–48) is General Manager and Actuary, the Mercantile and General Reinsurance Co. of S.A. Ltd. in Cape Town. At the end of April 1977 he was elected to the post of Vice-President of the Insurance Institute of South Africa.

D. S. Hartley (55–58) is farming fruit and sheep in Caledon. He finds time to be interested in photography, and wildlife in Botswana (where he has the Sitatunga Houseboat on the Okavango Swamps). He is an officer in the Air Force and flies his own twin Baron.

F. Keeping (74–75) served in the SADF as an instructor till recently. He will be studying music at the College of Music, U.C.T., from this year.

J. McGhie (47–50) who is a civil engineer, worked for John Laing & Co. in Rhodesia and was transferred to Scotland for four years. In 1966 he came back to South Africa and was with R. H. Morris for four years. After that he started his own construction company which is Kramer & McGhie based on Cape Town. He has two sons and a daughter.

Derek Morphey (66–70) left Rhodes at the end of 1972 having achieved distinctions in Biblical Studies and Systematic Theology. He is a minister in the Assemblies of God and has served at Somerset West, Fishhoek, Durbanville and Kirstenhof. He and his wife Karin have a year-old daughter named Shean.

J. W. B. "Jack" Mudd (68–72) is married and living in Hout Bay, Cape, where he works for the Blue Continent Fishing Co., part of the Oceana Group.

B. D. Nelson (43–47) works for the SATV in East London and lives in Gonubie.

K. W. Nelson (49–52) is Manager, Agricultural and Commercial Sales for Caltex Oil for S.W.A. and Western and Eastern Cape.

W. F. Nelson (42–44) now lives and works at Stutterheim in the Eastern Cape. He has established a factory there known as Steelwood Services (Pty) Ltd. and is manufacturing various articles of pine. In 1978 he will be expanding into the furniture market using other forms of timber as material. He has two girls and a boy.

Stuart Phillips (66–70) has completed a BSc (Hons) at U.C.T. where his research into brains transmissions was highly praised. His original research programme received interested attention from medical people overseas and he has had three of his papers published by highly respected medical journals overseas. He is one of the U.C.T. Medical School's brightest student doctors and will be fully qualified within the next two years. He married Helena Kratke in April 1975.

Myles Price Moor (40–44) settled in Knysna two years ago and is busy developing the historical old farm of Portland.

L. D. (Wally) Pryde (21–24) is Managing Director of G. M. Hunter (Pty) Ltd. and Chairman of Southey Street Motors (V.W. agents, Northern Cape), in Kimberley.

Anthony Richmond (57–60) is the editor of the Cape Herald and lives at Hout Bay. He is a sub-deacon and is on the committee of the Anglican newspaper "Seek". He is married and has a son and a daughter. His brother **Bruce Richmond** (62–65) served as second officer on the last few sailings of the mailship S.A. Vaal. He is now studying for his master's ticket at Warsash College. By the time this appears he should be married to Sheila Kent of Rhodesia.

Professor E.S.W. Simpson (37–41) has added to his impressive list of achievements by being elected an Alex. L. du Toit Memorial Lecturer for 1977. (Subject: Evolution of the South Atlantic) by the Geological Society of South Africa.

C. P. Slater (69–73) is in his third year MBChB and is in the same class as **John Hedden** (70–74), **Stu Phillips** (70–73), **Rob Grant** (70–74) and **Robin Rund** (70–75).

Clive van Hasselt (65–69) has completed his second year at the Elsenberg Agricultural College. He is captain of the Stellenbosch Water Polo team and plays in the Elsenberg 1st XV.

Wilfred Vowles (38–41) is a partner in a legal firm in Knysna and has been one for 25 years. One of his partners is **A. D. Callaghan** (49–52).

O.F.S.

It was good to hear from **R. L. Harris** (16–22) who lives in Harrismith. He was Head Prefect in 1921 and half of 1922.

K. D. (Don) Henwood (29–33) has retired and lives in Welkom.

E. J. W. (Ted) Quin (47–50) is farming at Bishop's Glen, O.F.S., and is one of the big names in cattle breeding. He is President of the Red Poll Cattle Breeders Society, serves on the council of the Friesland Cattle Breeders Society and the Exco Committee S.A. Stud Book. He is Chairman of the Milk Board in O.F.S. and serves on Exco of the Milk Board. He is also Chairman of O.F.S. Milk Producers. At the 1977 Rand Show he won the Gold Cup for the supreme dual purpose animal and represented S.A. at the World Red Poll Conference at Nottingham, England. He also finds time to be Vice-President of the Bloemfontein Golf Club.

Richard West (62–65) also set up home in Welkom after a skiing honeymoon in the Alps.

RHODESIA

P. R. Asbury (31–33) is in Salisbury where he is a managing director of Bitumat Ltd.

A. C. de B. Bond (66–69) has joined the Veterinary Department of Rhodesia as a TseTse Field Officer and spends most of his time in the bush which, to say the least of it, must be hazardous.

A. P. Bowmaker (48–52) of Salisbury, Rhodesia, is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Rhodesia, President of the Rhodesia Scientific Association,

Director of the Nuffield Lake Kariba Research Station, member of the Parks and Wild Life Board of Rhodesia and Managing Director of Lazy River Fisheries (Pvt) Ltd. He has a daughter and two sons.

J. L. R. Brown (31–32) is a partner in Deloitte & Co. Rhodesia and Malawi. He is in the Salisbury office and retires on 31st March, 1978. **J. E. F. Broom** (37–40) is also a partner in the Salisbury office.

M. F. Chance (44–48) owns three farms in Rhodesia. He is Chairman of the Rhodesian Polo Association and a local councillor. His son Gordon is at Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, and has completed 18 months of national service with the police. On the next door farm is **A. E. Howland** (43–47).

C. N. J. Crawford (48–52) farms in the Mazoe Valley in Rhodesia. He is Chairman of Mazoe Valley and Districts Show Society.

Tom Downing (44–47) farmed at Hartley, Rhodesia, for 21 years but has sold his farm and moved to Salisbury and is now with E. W. Tarry & Co. When he left his farm he took a pilot's licence and now does his touring by air which must be a reasonably safe way of doing this. He says that **Alan Soffe** (44–48) is now in California and **Jimmy Newstead** (44–48) is lecturing at Saskatoon University, Canada. We are trying to get more details about them.

Timothy Field (42–46) has a farm within the Hippo Valley Complex in Rhodesia. He is in a dicey security area.

Bruce Fieldsend (42–46) is Rector of Peterhouse.

I. D. Forbes (54–57) had 12 years working in U.K. and qualified as a C.A. in 1969. He thereafter returned to Rhodesia and married in 1971 and is working for Deloitte & Co., Salisbury.

John Greenacre (49–53) is on the staff of Peterhouse.

P. W. H. Harris (35–38) is Company Accountant of the Lion Match Co. (Rhodesia) Ltd.

F. L. Hart (47–51) is farming at Banket, Rhodesia. He is Chairman of the Rhodesia Tobacco Seed Association and Vice-Chairman of the Rhodesian Charolais Breeders Club of which he was Chairman for eight years. He has a family of four. His daughter is deputy Head Girl of Arundel. He has two boys at Peterhouse and another at Ruzawi.

John Leslie Hart (47–52) is doing well in engineering and is building dams all over Rhodesia and is farming at Glendale.

R. F. (Bob) Hayward (55–58) is an Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in Rhodesia. In June/July 1977 he visited U.K. Seeing that he works for the government, he was lucky not to be arrested as a rebel.

G. C. Hensman (48–52) is Senior Tobacco Buyer with a leading tobacco company in Salisbury. He is also Chairman of the Rhodesian Squash Rackets Association and holds the Rhodesian Seniors (over 40 years) Championship. He was awarded a South African Honours Award for services to squash. He is married with two children.

The Natal Witness of December 27th 1977 carried an article about **John Hooper** (34–36). For thirteen years he was Chief Information Officer attached to the Rhodesian Mission in Washington D.C. and was "trapped" in the U.S. as to leave would have meant the denial of a visa to return. He was officially cold shouldered but made many rewarding, informal contacts. He has been recalled to Salisbury to take up the position as puty Director of Information, with the Department of Information.

George Martin (48–51) is a Housemaster at Peterhouse and Head of the Divinity Department. He is a supplementary priest ordained in 1977. He is involved in the renewal of the Holy Spirit in Marandellas and is doing work in the neighbourhood. Also involved in the renewal is **Jim Wolton** (49–52) who runs a transport business in Marandellas.

Glynn Morgan (52–55) has written a most interesting article on life as a schoolmaster in beleaguered Rhodesia. He is Deputy Head of Ellis Robins School in Salisbury, a school of 550 boys. He spent two years at the same school as Neil Jardine, the new Rector of Michaelhouse.



He says that the shortage of funds causes many frustrations in keeping equipment up to standard and the supply of teachers is increasingly difficult to meet. Some of the city boys' high schools have between one third and half their staff places filled by women teachers, which creates problems when it comes to sport coaching. Family life is unsettled by fathers and elder brothers being away for considerable parts of the year in the

security forces. The male teachers are subject to call-up mainly but not only during the school holidays and sometimes all the school holidays are spent in uniform. Civil Defence drill is a regular precaution in all schools but there are no cadet corps. However, all older boys are active in a variety of civil defence jobs and are on standby for taking over essential services in an emergency. Nevertheless, since UDI, five government high schools have been built in Rhodesia and although the position has got tougher it has not engendered any feeling of despair or despondency. This has enabled the schools to continue in a very purposeful and determined way turning out young men and women with a real commitment to their country, whatever its name may be in future years.

E. R. C. Preston (47–50) is the Manager of the Agricultural Division of Old Mutual Fire and General Insurance Company of Rhodesia (Pvt) Ltd. in Salisbury.

Roland M. Steere (36–38) is a land surveyor in Salisbury and is Managing Director of the Air Survey Company of Rhodesia.

P. E. Taylor (28–31) is trying to retire for his two sons to run the farm but is unable to do so owing to security work.

AUSTRALIA

A. J. Banwell (56–59) now lives in Sydney, Australia. He is a chartered accountant with an international firm, having been in the London, Durban, Melbourne and Sydney offices. He found a fourth generation Australian girl in South Africa and married her and now has three boys. He has been in Australia for five years and is thoroughly enjoying life.

C. N. Hamish Drummond (50–53) has been transferred to Australia where he is Managing Director of Roche Products (Pty) Ltd. He says that he would be happy to see any O.M.'s who might visit Australia. His address is 17c Billyard Avenue, Wanroonga, Sydney 2076, N.S.W.

R. C. C. Feetham (40–45) has moved to Australia and is now Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Sydney. His son, **D. R. Feetham** (72–77) is a student of Economics at Sydney University.

Many O.M.'s will remember the incredible open boat survival story of **A. V. Large** (36–39) in World War II. (He was one of four survivors out of 51). After the war, in which he served in the Navy, he was in medical practice in Durban with

Meyrick Hudson Bennett (31–36). He went to Australia and lived there from 1950–59 when he went to Tasmania where he is practising as a G.P. He is Chairman of the Tasmanian Branch of the Australian Medical Association, and of the Southern Region of the National Trust of Tasmania.

Paul Large (34–37) is a surgeon in Melbourne. During the Vietnam War he twice led surgical teams in Vietnam. His teams quite impartially looked after Vietcong, civilians, Yanks and Aussies in primitive and appalling conditions. Our informant believes he got a mention in despatches.

H. G. Thomson ("Gandhi") (30–34) called at Michaelhouse on 19th December. He has been in Melbourne, Australia, for 17 years. He served with the 3rd Field Company of the S.A. Engineers during World War II, but was a POW from 1942–45. He then qualified at Guy's Hospital as a dentist in 1950. He practised in Durban for 10 years but went to Australia in 1960. He is employed there by "Legacy", an ex-servicemen's organisation. It appears that ex-servicemen's organisations in Australia are much more powerful than similar organisations in South Africa and have substantial funds available to run services such as dentistry for the benefit of ex-servicemen. He now has four children and twelve grandchildren.

Nicholas M. Thomson (67–70) has completed with merit one year of a 3-year teachers training course at the Alexander Mackie College of Education in Sydney. In January 1976 he married Dr. Jennifer Jones in Canberra.

BOTSWANA

Contemporaries of **S. Homes-A-Court** (54–57) will be distressed to have read the papers about his mysterious disappearance early last year. He was a wild life sculptor in the Okavango Swamps and had not been heard of since he crossed the border into South Africa on May 5th. His truck, with some of his possessions, was found in the forest near Storms River in the Eastern Cape on June 9th. As far as we know the mystery has not been cleared up.

BRAZIL

Denys Kisch (56–59) is Export Director of Maximo in Rio de Janeiro.

CANADA

M. M. Barrett (73–77) has been awarded a Rotary Scholarship which will take him to Canada for a year.

Jonathan Chutter (50–53) is Branch Manager for the Commercial Union Assurance Group for British Columbia and the Yukon territory. He would welcome contact with any other Old Boys in Canada. His present address is 3554 Glenview Crescent, North Vancouver V7R 3E8, B. C. Canada.

Bill Galloway (61–65) is a part-time Professor in the School of Commerce, Queens University, Ontario, Canada, teaching business computer programming. He hopes to attain a PhD this year in Psychology.

Huletts News of December 1977 reports the marriage of **Rene Weideman** (66–69) to Jenny Penberthy at Newlands in the Cape. They are at present in Vancouver where Rene is reading for his Master's degree in Psychology at the University of British Columbia.

Roy Wood (44–47) lives at Naramata, British Columbia. He is on the programme staff (teaching) at Naramata Centre for Continuing Education. He is going into his 7th year of teaching in adult education. He has been very happy in his work. He says that it is an exciting and stimulating programme serving a wide public within the church and community in British Columbia and Alberta. He has also done a lot of travelling (as far as Newfoundland) in programmes and very much enjoyed a recent trip to San Francisco and Berkeley on a big conference.

FRANCE

Christopher Mitchell-Heggs (56–59) is a senior partner in the firm of Bodington & Yturbe, international lawyers in Paris. He is involved in EEC politics as well as matters concerning the relationships of the Third World towards Europe. In this context he is working on the development of Southern African States association with France and the EEC within the Lome Convention. He says that he would be only too glad to be of assistance to anyone from Michaelhouse who may be in his part of the world. In case any O.M. wants to contact him, his firm's address is 4 rue d'Anjou, 75008 Paris.

HONG KONG

Michael Kenny (64–69) qualified as a chartered accountant in September 1976 and is now Financial Controller with Eric Beare Associates Ltd. in Hong Kong.

Nigel Matthews (59–64) is still in Hong Kong as Executive Assistant to the Chairman of Jardine Matheson & Co. He expects to return to South Africa permanently in September this year.

IRAN

Derek Bostock (57-60) has gone to Teheran for two years, working as legal adviser to an American Oil Drilling company.

IRAQ

Michael Snell (49-54) worked for Lahmeyer International, Consulting Engineers, Frankfurt, but left them six months ago to join Sir Malcolm MacDonald & Partners which is based in Cambridge. With Lahmeyers he had done a succession of very interesting feasibility studies in various parts of the world. He went twice to Nigeria, once to Thailand and twice to South America, and three times to Nepal. His new firm has sent him to Baghdad on a two-year job where he will get practical experience as an irrigation engineer. He has a wife and two daughters aged nine and seven who are with him in Baghdad.

KENYA

Jack Barrah (42-46) called at the School recently, from Kenya. He joined the Kenya Game Department in 1955. About six years ago he was taken over by the British Government under its technical aid scheme to Kenya. He is adviser to the Chief Game Warden. His field of work covers development of game reserves, land use and hunting and he is involved in the use of a 35 million dollar loan granted to Kenya two years ago to aid development of wild life and of parks and game reserves, tourism and antipoaching measures, wild life and fisheries, training college, construction of game protection fences and scientific studies. He is married and has two children who are at school in England. Amongst his interesting assignments are those of conducting VIP's on safari. His guests have included Prince Charles, Field Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia and Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands.

T.B. Button (40-44) is a lecturer in the Mechanical Engineering Department at Kenya Polytechnic, Nairobi. He recently took his wife and sons aged 7 and 4 to England where he completed a Master's Degree at City University, London, in the mechanics of materials. The whole family lived in a London flat which, he says, was a considerable contrast to the wide open spaces to which they were accustomed. The Kenya Polytechnic continues to flourish, though difficulties are expected in a couple of years time when England withdraws aid to expatriate teachers. The primary education of his children is expensive but very good. His wife is from Holland and was able to see something of her family while they were in London.

MAURITIUS

T.A.M. Gardner (42-46) worked for the Forest Department in Kenya for 20 years and retired in 1972. Since then he has been working for the Mauritius Forestry Service under the British Government Overseas Aid scheme. He is married and has five children. He lives at Curepipe.

NEW ZEALAND

Colin Dancaster (43-45) is now at Whakatane Hospital, New Zealand.

Stephen D. Gollege (48-52) is Manager of Maintenance & Engineering with W.D. & H.O. Wills (N.Z) Ltd. He has travelled extensively in Africa and India for British American Tobacco before arriving in New Zealand.

SEYCHELLES

P.G. Lorentz (54-58) Extract from a letter from Timothy Murgatroyd: "Pip Lorentz has been here (Seychelles) for four years as the very popular and successful captain of "Dabulamanzii", the luxury ocean-racing yacht owned by Gordon Rennie from South Africa, which came third in the Cape to Rio race in 1972. Pip lives on one of the outer islands, La Digue, with his wife, Caroline, and two children.

SWITZERLAND

Philip Bovet (63-67) is a consultant at Gordon International Research Association in Geneva. He travels a lot for his firm and has recently spent some time in the Middle East, Britain, Ireland and Denmark.

TAIWAN

Hal Rosholt (62-66) is an executive with the Shipping Division of Jardine Matheson & Co. in Taipei. He has been sent to Taipei on a 3-year secondment by Rennies to the parent company, initially in Taiwan. He would be delighted to see any O.M.'s passing through Taipei. His address is c/o Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd., Box 81, Taipei, Taiwan R.O.C.

WEST INDIES

Michael Bond (67-70) is working as an accountant in the West Indies and crewing on the yacht "Cariad" in his spare time. He became engaged to Sarah Barker in July 1977.

ZAMBIA

M.J.H. Beckett (49-52) is farming at Choma, Zambia. His eldest son has just left Michael-house.

UNITED KINGDOM

D. J. Adams (69–73) completed his course at Sandhurst in April 1977 and is now a 2nd Lt. in the Army Air Corps. He is on a helicopter flying course at Middle Wallop, Hampshire.

Christopher H. D. Bambus (63–68) is a student in his second year of a four year course at the Anglo European College of Chiropractic in Bournemouth, England. He is engaged to Joy Smith previously of Durban.

Stephen Burnett (68–71) obtained his B.A. (Journ) at Rhodes University. He is now studying Economics at Edinburgh University.

J. A. Craven (53–58) is Deputy Chairman of Credit Suisse White Weld Ltd., London. He has gallantly undertaken to be secretary of the U.K. Old Boys which work has been done jointly for many years by **Robin Chapman** (Hon. 41) and **Dennis Atkins** (29–33).

Michael Cross (59–64) is Senior Anglican Chaplain to Birmingham University.

Peter Delmont (54–58) lives in London and is Export Manager of Decca Ltd.

Charles Ellis-Brown (72–74) is now at the Royal Agricultural College at Cirencester in England.

A. R. M. (Sandy) Forbes (54–57) tried his hand at farming in U.K. and Canada and joined the British Army in 1964. He served in Germany, Malaya, Borneo, Persian Gulf and U.K. and is presently serving in Northern Ireland. He is a captain of the Royal Corps of Transport and is married with two children.

Francis J. A. Howard (49–52) is a Director of Charter Consolidated Ltd., London. He was sent to London in 1973 by de Beers and has transferred to Charter.

Andrew Fairley (40–44) is Consultant Physician in geriatric medicine at St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester. He lives at Bognor Regis.

John Finlayson (42–45) works for the Surrey County Council at Kingston-upon-Thames.

Quite a lot of O.M.'s will be interested to know that **P. J. Goldie-Scot** has now returned to the United Kingdom (Wales) and says visitors will be welcome. His address is 'Hideaway', Llanbedr, Crickhowell, Powys, Wales, U.K., telephone Crickhowell 811003.

R. J. W. Henderson (64–67) is employed by J. Henry Schroeder Wagg & Co. Ltd. — an international Merchant Bank in London.

R. S. P. Howell (66–70) spent a year in the Navy, obtained his B.A. LL.B. (cum laude) at the University of the Witwatersrand and is now a post-graduate student in law at St. John's College, Cambridge.

M. C. G. Johnstone (47–51) (brother of Johnnie Johnstone) was ordained in the Church of England but after a few years became a Roman Catholic. Teaching was his interest and he became headmaster of a preparatory school at Farleigh Wallop (not as one might expect Nether Wallop) in England. About two years ago he married and acquired an instant family of three teenagers. It may have been because of this that he left his prep school and is now teaching at a government school in London.

W. F. Love (66–71) is leaving Zambia and is moving to U.K. to take up a post with Rolaprint (UK) Ltd., makers of electronic motor control gear for printing presses.

John D. S. MacLeod (64–67) obtained his B. Arch in 1973 at the University of Natal, Durban. In 1976 he went to the Royal College of Art in London to study for a Master's degree in Environmental Design.

Robin Matthews (54–58) has joined the Bankers Trust Group in London in its international investment division. It is a merchant bank which is the off-shoot of a very large United States bank. He will be one of the five executive directors in London and his work will take him all over West Europe and occasionally to New York. On 17th December, he was married to Lynne, daughter of **Jinks Chennells** (36–39).

Barry Methley (46–50) is lecturing in Topographical Science at Glasgow University.

James Meyer (70–74) was awarded a Barlow-Rand scholarship in 1975 and went to Pembroke College, Cambridge, in October 76 where he is reading Law. He passed his first year's exams extremely well and has his hockey and water polo colours for his college, which he also represents in squash and tennis. He would welcome seeing any O.M. at Cambridge.

Nicholas Panitza (72–75) is at present in London. He has written the Cambridge Entrance Exams after obtaining "A" levels at Rugby.

Dr. Andrew Proctor (56–61) has specialised in anaesthetics and lives in Northampton. He has one boy.

Dr. Robin Proctor (54–59) lectures in Metallurgy at Manchester University. He has two girls and a boy.

D. S. O. Rooney (69–72) is at present studying Computer Science at Brunel University, Middlesex, England, and hopes to go on to Cambridge for his doctorate.

Stuart M. Thomson (70–74) is starting a 3-year B.Sc. course in Petroleum Engineering at Imperial College of Science and Technology in London.

Rob Turrell (67–70) is in London where he has embarked on the final stages of a Ph.D in History at London University.

Andrew Wadman (65–69) graduated in 1972 from Rhodes University with a B. Journalism degree. He then emigrated to England where he worked on the staff of The Times as a features writer, specialising in travel and youth tourism. In 1974 he spent six months in California studying Criminology at Berkely University before returning to U.K. to study English Law. He has completed the Law Society's examinations and after having spent two years articles with a well known firm of solicitors in Lincoln's Inn he should, by the time this appears, be admitted as a solicitor in London. He then intends to return to legal journalism. He married an Anglo Swiss girl in 1974. He says he would welcome seeing any of his old Michaelhouse friends when they are in England. His address is 31 Warwick Road, New Barnet, Hertfordshire.

J. R. Sinton (61–65) lives in Eire. He is married with two children and is involved with the Transcendental Meditation Movement and real estate.

Dr. J. C. Wagner (37–40) is Director of the Pneumoconiosis Research Unit in Wales.

USA

Douglas M. Brown (68–72) graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1976, 81st in a class of 834. He is now a lieutenant in the U.S. Army Field Artillery stationed in the Panama Canal zone.

Steve Crookes (71–75) is studying for a B.Sc. at L.S.U. Baton Rouge, U.S.A.

Adrian D. Golledge (52–54) is a Production Superintendent with 3M Co. Decorative Products

Division in Nevada, Missouri. He studied Chemical Engineering at the University of Wales and has been in Minnesota, Ohio and Texas as well as Missouri. He has a teenage girl and boy.

John H. Martens (55–58) is Vice-President and General Manager of Neiman-Marcus, St. Louis, Mo., a position to which he was appointed in July, 1977. He joined Neiman-Marcus in July, 1974 and has lived in Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas.

John Stranack (45–48) called at the School at the beginning of December. He spent nine years running the Classical Music Festival at Newport, Rhode Island, U.S.A. He retired from this job and lives in Florida and is writing a book.

J.C.G. (Jim) Walker (52–55) now lives at Arecibo, Puerto Rico. He is doing work on the upper atmosphere with the help of the world's largest radio telescope at the Arecibo Observatory. By the time this appears, his book on the evolution of the atmosphere will probably have been published. He has been commissioned by the periodical 'The Scientific American' to write a book on the history of the earth. He has been attending scientific meetings in Belfast and Mainz and has paid informal visits to laboratories in Britain, France, Germany and Bulgaria. He took his wife Ann and their two children on this extensive tour.

The following are on military service or are serving part-time but we cannot, under the Defence Act, publish further information.

N. Armstrong 62–65
J. Barry 65–69
J. Chennells 63–67
G. Cominos 1974
D. Croad 61–65
B. A. Crow 73–76
H. Drummond 64–67
J. Findlay 58–59
S. Francis 62–66
P. G. L. Henderson 66–70
C. Keeping 75–77
J. Krüger 58–62
A. J. Maxwell 71–73
A. Mitchell 72–75
S. K. G. Pennington 64–68
A. Pollard 72–76
A. van Velden 71–75
C. P. Whittaker 62–66
P. C. Williams 71–75

MISSING MEMBERS

We no longer have the correct addresses of the following members:

R. Bayldon 52-56
D. W. Birch 36-39
R. J. Bowmaker 45-49
J. D. D. Brown 55-58
A. Butt 63-66
G. Clothier 63-66
D. Croad 61-65
W. G. Crockett
G. M. Crookes
A. E. Deacon
H. F. D. Elliot 50-54
D. Giddy 40-43
T. Halstead
A. E. Hammill 64-68
E. W. Howells 21-22
C. P. Hunt 72-76

A. Jager 51-55
N. J. B. Jennings 53-55
D. Kenny 67-70
R. Kirkwood 54-57
B. L. C. Lyle
D. M. McConnell 54-57
J. S. McConnell 53-55
G. W. MacDonald 43-46
D. Mattinson 47-49
D. J. Morpew 65-69
H. Morrison 61-64
D. Moultrie
A. J. Nielson 64-67
B. A. Noel 64-67
R. A. Oliver 51-55
K. V. Oulton 43-45

C. Ramsay
R. L. Raw 73-76
Revd. A. W. Reynolds 49-53
J. S. Robertson 19-24
A. K. Rund 72-75
D. Starling
G. H. Stephan-Smith 69-72
J. Sturgeon 66-69
D. W. Taylor 39-42
N. A. Tyrrell
R. C. Vollet 60-63
R. Waspe 63-66
G. B. Waterman 29-31
Dr K. R. Whiting 63-66
J. P. Willsher
G. W. Wright 43-46

If you know where they are, please let the Secretary know.

THE HUDSON BENNETT TOURNAMENT

Golf Section

The Hudson Bennett Tournament was held at Maritzburg Country Club on the 5th June 1977 and 64 golfers representing teams from Pietermaritzburg, Durban, Midlands, Staff, Zululand and Johannesburg participated for the trophies.

The Hudson Bennett Trophy was won comfortably by the Johannesburg Team (J. Munro, C. Leal, P. Gallo, A. Worthington) with 130 points from Durban "A" (G. Cheshire, J. Harker, J. Johnstone, C. Webb) with 126 points.

Winners of the individual trophies were:-

Rhys Evans Trophy

P. Gallo (35 Stableford points — 72 gross)

Ken Drysdale Memorial Trophy

P. Gallo (39 Stableford points — 68 nett)

Kehla Trophy (Stableford — open only to those over 55 years of age)

R. Gathorne (37 points)

The Rector presented the prizes and immediately thereafter left to attend the usual Chapel Service at Michaelhouse and so missed a most enjoyable party afterwards.

We extend our thanks to the Secretary and Staff of the Maritzburg Country Club for their very efficient assistance and courtesy. Our thanks also go to the Golf Committee of the Maritzburg Country Club for extending to us the courtesy of the course.

The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all and as a result of comments made, an application has been made to the Golf Committee of the Maritzburg Country Club to hold the next Tournament during the month of June. Will all potential participants please record this in their diaries.

Tennis Section

Ten couples competed on the same day for the Durban Branch trophy which has not yet been officially named. The A section was won by I. Forrester and K. Elgie of Durban and the B Section by R. P. Jenkins and W. F. Lambert of Pietermaritzburg. In the play-off the Durban pair won comfortably.

E. J. TONKYN (60–63) who is now a lecturer in English and English Literature at Norfolk College of Arts and Technology recently travelled over 9 000 kilometres in Russia and Eastern Europe. As few O.M.'s if any, have had such a prolonged peep around the "Iron Curtain", we publish his interesting "Russian A to Z" hereunder.

A Russian "A to Z"

AEROPLANES — I put this in because I saw bi-planes, yes bi-planes, at Novgorod airport. (If you think the picture on the airmail envelopes is out-dated, you should see the old crates they've got on the internal services.) Flying is still adventurous in the U.S.S.R. This must be why it is extremely cheap. Accidents, though frequent, are seldom reported.

ALCOHOLISM — Widespread, despite the enormous prices for vodka. It is not as serious as in Britain, but it is viewed more seriously. We did not see many drunks, and certainly had no problems with them. They always struck me as being quite friendly.

BERIOSHKA — This is a store selling items for foreign currency only. The items are usually better and cheaper than they would be in an ordinary shop.

BOOKS — Cheap, especially posters, etc. However, the selection of authors depends on what the publishing houses are printing. You'd stand more chance of getting Tolstoy, in Russian, at Collet's Russian Bookshop in London than you would in Moscow. The Russians are crazy about books.

CAMPING — At R2,79 per person per night this was an expensive item. Russians and members of Eastern bloc countries pay half this price. The campsites varied in quality and facilities, the best being in Moscow. One had to be at the campsite according to a pre-planned itinerary, and have one's visa stamped on arrival and departure. One also had to give up one's passport for the duration of stay. The same procedure applied to Russians, who carry internal passports.

CARS — I saw a large number of Fiat 124s on the roads. These will set their owners back about R4 650 and the whole family chips in to get one. There are other makes, of course. Russian drivers are much like children with a new toy. Experience counts here and, judging by the much larger number of heavy vehicles relative to cars, few car drivers have much experience. We saw many motorbikes with side-cars, carrying Mum,

Dad, and a child, all in helmets. This would have been sweet if the bikes weren't abominably slow and hadn't given off vast clouds of exhaust smoke.

CHEWING-GUM — Soviet children, grannies and others are mad keen on it. Park your car anywhere and you are the Pied Piper of Hamlyn for as long as you have chewing-gum and "Amerikanski" cigarettes.

COMMUNIST PARTY — There are only 13 to 14 million C.P. members in a country of 250 million people. There are perks attached to membership, but the hard study involved deters many people from joining. Up to 18, most Soviet youngsters are members of the Pioneers or the Komsomols which are organisations a little like the Scouts.

COST OF LIVING — High in some areas of the family budget; low in others. We spent R1,39 on three rotten tomatoes; eggs were titchy and cost us 93c for eight. Suits at 103 roubles (R139,50) are nearly a month's salary for some people. In contrast, housing (at 4 % of monthly income) and transport (see **TRANSPORT**) are cheap.

CUSTOMS — Strict. On arrival at the entry point, we had to unload everything from our car and display it on tables. They were particularly interested in books, pornography, and fresh fruit, vegetables, etc. One Intourist man asked my fiancée what she thought of porn and she replied that she quite liked it. His smile became glued to his face. One German tourist we met said he'd spent three hours at the border hard-boiling eggs. He'd brought 60 fresh eggs with him.

DIVORCE — Figures are increasing, I understand, despite the revamping of the marriage ceremony and tougher rules governing the divorce procedure.

DRINK — The beer is foul. The vodka is good, but nothing unusual. Wine is, thank God, imported, but the mead is excellent and cheap too. Russians love horrible sweet fruit juices. Tea is pleasant with no milk and lemon.

ENTERTAINMENT — We had high hopes of seeing the Bolshoi ballet and took smart clothes along for the purpose. We needn't have bothered. Intourist only had some rubbish for tourists on offer. Eating, drinking, and sight-seeing are the best forms of entertainment. Anything good is usually booked out.

FOOD — If you moan at what you get in the school dining hall, try snapping your teeth around some of the leathery meat on offer at a Soviet canteen, but see **RESTAURANTS** for a fairer assessment.

