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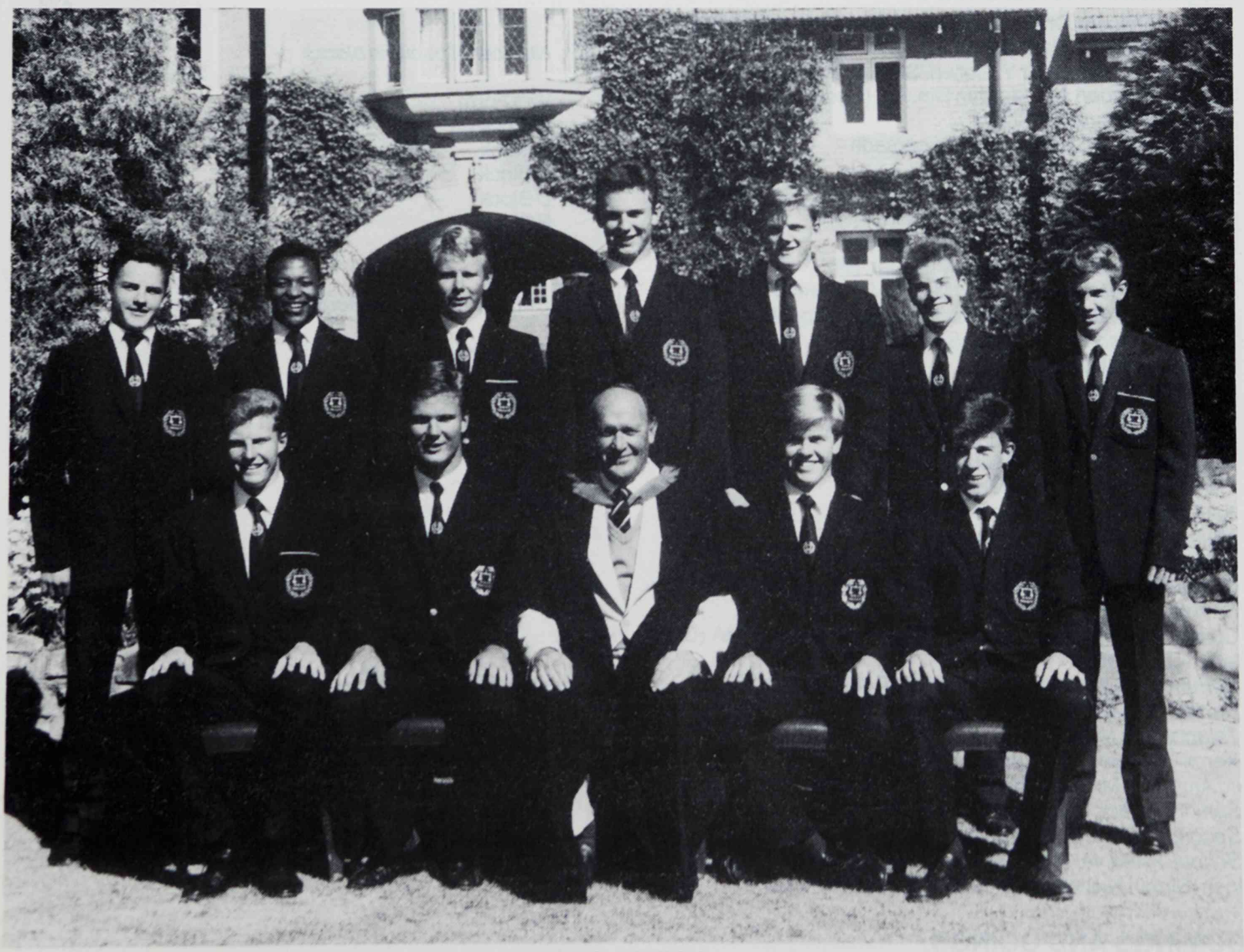
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(i) *Comparative Geographical breakdown of pupils*

| | *1990* |
|---|---|
| Natal | 253 |
| Transvaal | 162 |
| OFS | 5 |
| Cape | 8 |
| Zambia | 2 |
| Zimbabwe | 4 |
| Swaziland | 12 |
| Transkei | 8 |
| Malawi | 10 |
| Other | 10 |
| | 474 |

(ii) *Number of pupils in blocks*

| | *1990* |
|---|---|
| VIth Form | 24 |
| A Block | 109 |
| B Block | 101 |
| C Block | 104 |
| D Block | 97 |
| E Block | 39 |
| | 474 |

(iii) *Number of pupils in Houses:*

| | *1990* |
|---|---|
| Founders | 71 |
| East | 70 |
| West | 64 |
| Farfield | 70 |
| Tatham | 64 |
| Pascoe | 70 |
| Baines | 68 |
| | 474 |

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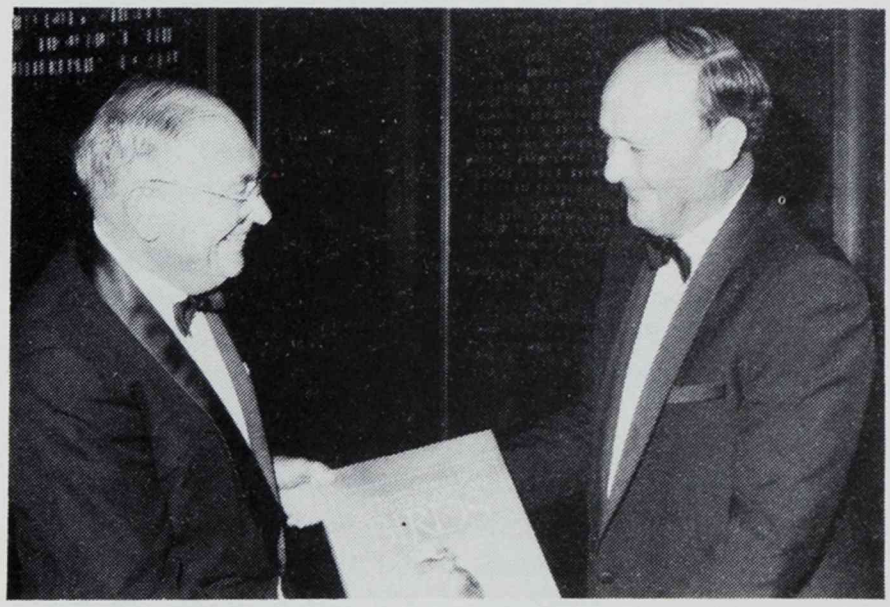
# *School News*

## FAREWELL DINNER — D.W. STRACHAN

We are gathered here tonight to say farewell and pay tribute to our retiring Board Chairman, Mr Walter Strachan. It has been my privilege to say a few words about our Chairman on previous occasions this year. Forgive me, Walter, for repeating myself to some degree on this occasion. You have heard some of what I am about to say but it is all said with the original sincerity and appreciation.

The Strachan family has had a long and close association with Michaelhouse. Before the "Great Trek" of 1901 when Michaelhouse moved from Loop Street, there had been a great deal of debate as to where to position the new Michaelhouse. Town Hill, Mountain Rise and a most promising site at Camperdown — promising until the water diviner was not optimistic that this vital commodity would be available. In January 1899 a scheme was worked out to purchase land from Walter Jaffray at Balgowan. Mr and Mrs Jaffray donated 20 acres and the school bought a further 50 acres of the farm "Annandale" for £100. And so was born the present Michaelhouse. Mr and Mrs Jaffray were Walter Strachan's grandparents.

Walter attended Michaelhouse from 1939 to 1942. He joined the Board in 1973, became Chairman of the Finance Committee and Chairman of the Board in 1984. He became one of only 11 people upon whom has been bestowed the honour of a Fellows Associate — an honour given to those who have given exceptional service to the school. I have often spoken of the incredible support given the school by its Old Boys. This is epitomised by the expertise, efforts and devotion given to Michaelhouse by Walter Strachan.



***Mr W. Strachan; Rector***

Most staff have some idea of the input of the members of the Board. I don't believe any fully understand just what is involved — I certainly didn't before being appointed Rector. The Chairmanship of this Board is almost a full time job. He is the custodian of the entire Michaelhouse community — past, present and indeed, future. Every member of the Board is a very busy person in their own right and Walter was no exception. I quote from the address given by Judge Mark Kumleben on the occasion of Walter's Fellows Associate Award Ceremony. He said this of Walter:

"Your eminence in your profession, and as an industrialist, needs no emphasis. It has been recognised by your colleagues. In 1968 and 1969 you were President of the Natal Society of Chartered Accountants. In 1971 you were elected Vice-President of the Public Accountants' and Auditors' Board. Industry, discerning your outstanding abilities, has made use of them. You are Vice-Chairman of the Tongaat-Hulett Group and a director of NAPAC and of a number of prominent companies and financial institutions." As they say — if you want a job well done, give it to a busy person.

It would be most remiss of me not to say something about Gertie — what a warm and open person. Without Gertie's support Walter's job would have been made doubly difficult. I don't know anybody who could so effectively defuse rather tense situations — like 20 minutes before this year's Speech Day proceedings were due to start and the Guest Speaker hadn't yet arrived. I won't tell you what Gertie said, but it saved the day! What a genuine and lovely lady and how supportive of her husband's work for Michaelhouse. Thank you, too, for all you have done.

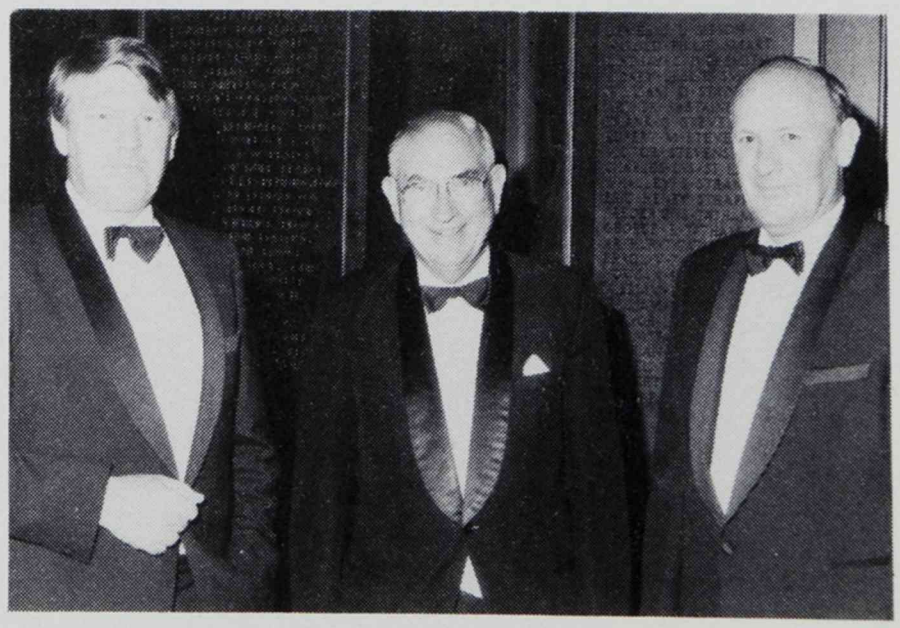
An effective and efficient Chairman is vital to the success of a school such as Michaelhouse. For the School to run effectively the Rector and the Chairman of the Board must work in close harmony — not always necessarily agreeing, but always feeling free to talk openly on opinions and with mutual respect. This is the relationship that I have enjoyed with Walter. I could have asked for no better support or wiser counsel and I consider myself exceedingly fortunate to have been blessed with a Chairman such as Walter. Behind that tough Scots, Presbyterian, and accountant exterior lies a heart full of empathy and love for his fellow-man. A man with strong Christian values and sense of duty — a leader who has led by example and with sensitivity.

The school has been privileged to have enjoyed the services of a man of this calibre. Walter, we salute you, we thank you for your invaluable service to this great School.

## REPLY BY WALTER STRACHAN

Thank you Tony and the Rector for your most gracious and generous comments about me and thank you all for your co-operation and assistance during my term of office. Thank you also for honouring me tonight in this way.

It has been a tremendous experience to have been asked to serve the School, firstly as a Governor and secondly as its Chairman for the past six years. I count my years of service to the School as one of the greatest privileges which could ever be accorded me and this experience has become even more rewarding and enriching by my association with my colleagues on the Board, all of whom are gentlemen of the highest calibre. Michaelhouse is greatly indebted to its Governors who give so much of their time to the interests of the School and I thank all of you for the tremendous support which I have enjoyed as your Chairman. I have served under three Chairmen during my 17 years as a Governor. First was Bishop Inman who retired shortly after I joined the Board, second was George Boyes who was forced to retire early as a result of ill



***Mr A. Ardington; Mr Walter Strachan; Rector***

health and who I greatly respected for his wisdom and knowledge of the affairs of Michaelhouse and, although he was Chairman for only 16 months he was Deputy Chairman and Governor for 13 and 29 years respectively, third, the Chairman who I came to know best was Anson Lloyd, when I was suddenly appointed as his deputy on the retirement of George Boyes. He and I became a team and I owe Anson a great debt of gratitude for all that he taught me and, as a team, I believe I was also able to assist him in many of the thorny issues that confronted him and the Board during his term of office. I believe with my departure Michaelhouse has, in Tony Ardington, a chairman of the highest order and he is a gentleman well equipped to lead Michaelhouse into its second century and more particularly, he is ideally suited with a very competent Board to tackle the many problems and uncertainties which face the School and other private schools at the present time. He will be ably assisted by Don Guthrie as his Deputy Chairman and Chairman of Finance and I leave behind me a formidable team and congratulate them and wish them every success for the years that lie ahead.

I would next like to pay a special tribute to the Rector and Babs Pluke. We at Michaelhouse are singularly fortunate to have a person like John as the School's Headmaster. I never doubted when he was appointed that he would make a good Rector but he has exceeded all my expectations and he has become with his calm and easy manner a really tremendous leader. Babs too in her supportive role has endeared herself to the community and the parents alike. Thank you Rector for your co-operation and support and thank you also for the very kind things you said about me. May you continue to lead Michaelhouse in the future with the courage and determination which you have so far displayed, so that when you retire you will be ranked as one of the greatest Rectors.

The most important part of any school is the calibre of the staff and I am proud to say that in the Memorial Hall this evening we have teachers and their wives who are better equipped and more dedicated to their work than most. I thanked you all during my address on Speech Day for your loyalty and dedication to duty and I can only say that if this School is to continue to strive for a product of excellence, it is you the staff who have to provide it. I am proud to retire with the knowledge that the staff are not wanting in these tasks and I thank you all for your contribution to Michaelhouse. My thanks are not merely directed to the academic staff but to all those who so loyally serve the School.

In taking leave of you all at Michaelhouse this evening I am reminded of the other occasion when I left, in 1942, to become an Old Boy of the school. Both then and now our country was faced with great uncertainties. In 1942 some of you will remember that Tobruk had fallen and we had lost a whole division of South African Servicemen who had been captured and taken as prisoners of war. The war in the East was going so badly that Australia was being threatened by the Japanese armies.

Indeed, as I left Michaelhouse to enlist as a soldier, there was no certainty that the Allies would ever see a victorious conclusion to hostilities. In looking back at those dark days I am reminded of the Christmas broadcast by King George VI, the then monarch of the Commonwealth, who endeavoured to inspire his subjects with confidence by adding to his Christmas message these words which over the years have lingered in my memory and which I believe are worth repeating this evening:

> "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than life and safer than a known way!' So I went forth and finding the hand of God trod gladly into the light. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the east".

It all seems a long time ago, 48 years ago precisely. But this School weathered the storm and prospered and now in 1990 we are on the threshold of a new South Africa. It is suggested in certain quarters that there is no role in this new South Africa for an élitist educational institution such as Michaelhouse. There is genuine concern that our parent body in the new society will not be able to afford the school fees which unavoidably continue to escalate even faster than inflation. I have to leave you with these problems but I leave knowing that I have a successor, Deputy Chairman, Rector and Board capable of dealing with them.

The Board will recall the episode where I declared my position as a Calvanistic Presbyterian and questioned the wisdom of educating the VIth-Formers on the Scottsville Racecourse. These same religious beliefs may have given Bishop Michael an uneasiness in accepting a non-conformist as Chairman of this great Anglican School and to his credit I have enjoyed a most frank and open association with the school visitor and I thank him for his support. For Presbyterians scripture plays an important part in our way of life and in the year 1990 as we enter a very uncertain future, I leave, with you as my farewell message a quotation from scripture, in fact Jeremiah 17:7:

> "But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes, its leaves are always green, it has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

May you heed this message and strive always for excellence, and I believe Michaelhouse will continue to prosper and remain the premier boys' school in South Africa. Thank you all for your tremendous support.

## FAREWELL FOR JOHN AND AMY LOWE

I must begin by saying how delighted I was to receive John Pluke's invitation to speak at this farewell dinner. Headmasters are of course notoriously adept at passing the buck — indeed it is an activity in which they often excel. On this particular occasion, however, I have nothing but praise for John in passing the buck to me. This is so for a number of reasons. Firstly because J.P.L. was my mentor and colleague for over 30 years in the science department here, secondly because it has given Anne and myself the opportunity to visit so many friends here and lastly, and immodestly, because it shows that your Rector has at last realised that I make better speeches than he does!

My personal recollections of John Lowe are so many and so varied that I am sure he will be greatly relieved to hear that I have very carefully edited what I am going to say and will not recount any of his or Amy's "most embarrassing moments".



***"Comrades in Arms" — J.P.L. Nathan Met***

Very early in our association I had marked some physics papers and gone over the paper with the whole A block, pointing out the common errors to be avoided. During this I had occasion to comment on one particular answer which involved the description of a standard experiment. This answer used an apparatus and method I had never heard of but was

perfectly sound in concept and excellent in showing real understanding. I had awarded it high marks. Afterwards I was attacked by the boys' teacher for encouraging answers which would be frowned on by conservative matric markers. The only support I got was from John Lowe who argued that understanding was much more important than marks in the matric exam. John's attitude typifies his approach to his job of producing thinking, understanding scientists.

John's curiosity is another outstanding characteristic. His questions about what is really happening in nature taught me far more science, by forcing me to think and read, than five years of university training. He taught me the humility of being able to say "I don't know the answer" and not to try and bluster my way through. A fundamental lesson for all teachers, and especially science teachers.

Apart from his success in the classroom John has shown an extraordinary breadth of talents. In each area he has tackled, his attention to detail and willingness to spend long hours at unglamorous and non eye-catching tasks have made him a very highly valued member of staff. To mention but some of these — the thankless task of choosing and ordering school films, the compilation of the calendars, and the organising of the School Council and of matric forecasts were all for a lengthy period a part of John's workload.

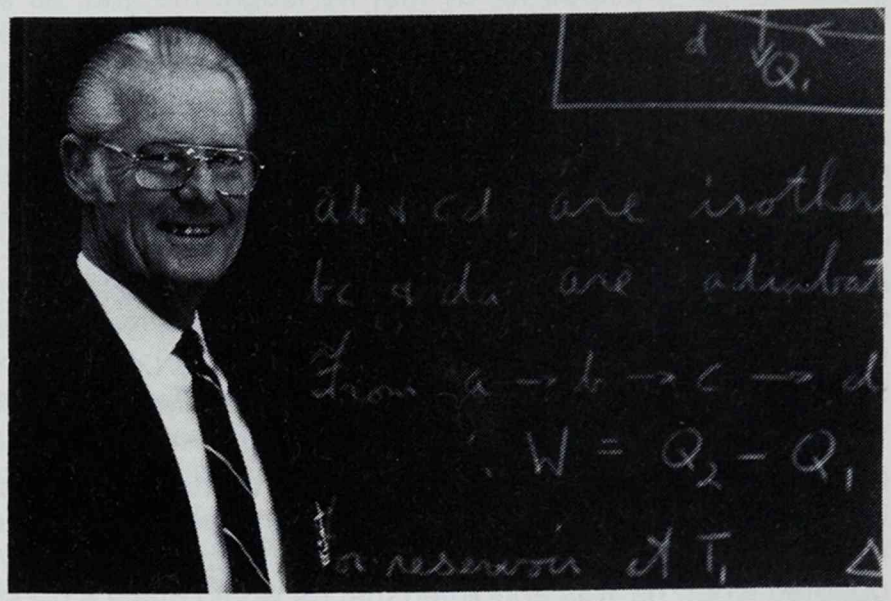
John has taught science to something approaching 4 000 boys in his time here. A totally meaningless statistic but the important part of his teaching has been the variety he has always tried to introduce to maintain interest. He is much braver than I am — a fact of which I was often reminded when explosions rocked the lab next door — or on one occasion when my head was "rained on" with amyl alcohol dripping from the roof after John had taught the previous period in the same room. He taught Physics and Chemistry with equal facility and indeed both subjects at post-matric level — not something many teachers could achieve.

John ran the Science Society for many years, the Photographic Society for 25 years and was school photographer too. *Chronicles* of that time bear eloquent witness to his ability as a photographer. I well remember a series of photographs of a dissolute Amy surrounded by bottles, glasses and cigarette stubs — "carefully posed I might say rather than real life" which encouraged boys to develop their art and go on to win prizes at the Royal Show.

John of course was also Housemaster of Pascoe for seven years and acted as head of science on numerous occasions. More recently, as you know better than I, he has picked up the pieces after the tragic death of Kevin King in the science department — and, with his colleagues, taught a much increased load without complaint on a number of recent occasions.

In the games area, too, John's contribution has been truly remarkable. Again not in the high profile areas of rugby and cricket but in a number of other areas. He ran the shooting for 25 years — indeed until the Government took away the rifles. He ran the squash and indeed played it at a high level himself. John was certainly the first, and probably the only, member of staff to canoe across Meadows after a cloudburst had flooded the valley. Indeed he initiated canoeing at Michaelhouse as a branch of the Venture Club before it became the popular activity it is today. I well remember being dragooned into accompanying him on canoe outings on the Mooi River and as a complete Tyro spending more time in the water than on it, while John glided happily along chuckling at my incompetence.

Another aspect about John which is memorable is of course the way he has preserved his youthful appearance. This of course has been bolstered by the sometimes psychedelic colour schemes he has sported. Indeed at one stage when he was hooked on green the science department were forced to come to work wearing dark glasses in case the dark green trousers and green shirt were accompanied by the canary yellow iridescent tie — or a wide multicoloured tie which defied analysis of colour or design. This youthful image has also of course been fostered by the sporty, macho M.G. which has been a prized possession for many years and in fact superseded an earlier model — which I am sure John would love to have kept. Indeed that earlier M.G. carried him safely home on many occasions after lengthy courting expeditions before he and Amy were married.



***Mr John Lowe — "At Home!"***

In those days the old main road to Durban was nothing like today's highway, and Johnny's ability to negotiate the long winding trail home and be safely present at first period was a source of admiration to the boys in the School. When asked by them how he managed the journey so often in the small hours he is reported to have said "because the M.G. has bright lights". A typically modest reply which earned him the name "Brightlights Lowe" for a generation of boys.

I cannot of course do justice to 42 years of devoted service to the School in an after dinner speech but the ideals for which this great School stands — the ideals of service, loyalty, academic excellence, integrity, hard work, cheerfulness in adversity and caring for others — have all been consistent threads in the fabric of John's contribution to Michaelhouse.

Through all his long years of service John has been supported by his helpmate Amy who herself — though she would no doubt deny it — has made an outstanding contribution to the School. Sadly, in recent years, Amy's health has not enabled her to participate much in school life but let me assure those of you who do not know her well that you are much the poorer for that. Amy's contribution as Housemaster's wife, as the original staff typist and dogsbody (an appellation to which I am sure she will have a sharp retort), as a participant in staff plays, as a deft opponent and even sharper partner on staff tennis days, her work in the swop shop and bookkeeping departments have all made up an enormous contribution. Her ability to produce quick witted appropriate comment on almost any occasion was legendary.

Amy has always been an enthusiastic gardener and the two houses near the new gates which they have occupied for the past 20 years have always been a welcoming blaze of colour to visitors. Amy's capacity for caring for others in spite of her own afflictions was perhaps best illustrated by her nursing of John's ailing mother when she lived with John and Amy shorty before her death.

She was also responsible for starting and, for many years, organising, the annual Christmas party at the Farm School.

These two unassuming but hard working and lovable people are the bricks and mortar of which the heart and traditions of a school are built. In their 42 years here they have made an almost unsung contribution to the well-being of the school. Ladies and gentlemen please rise with full glasses to drink a toast.

Amy and John, tonight is your night — we all here publicly acknowledge all that you have done for Michaelhouse. We wish you a happy, long and, especially to Amy, a healthier retirement.

## THE LETTER SENT TO MHS BY JOHN LOWE

Dear Rector,

Please pass on to the staff, Amy's and my sincerest thanks for the staggeringly generous cheque, and also for the heart-warming sendoff they gave us. I tried to put my feelings into words when I stood up and made a speech but the whole situation was so emotionally overwhelming that I am left with only the vaguest recollection of what I did say, and what I said just had to have been inadequate.

Mike, the true orator that he is, made a magnificent speech and, like a professional photographer, he carefully removed all the blemishes and highlighted every slight salient feature.

Amy and I face the future with very mixed emotions. The thought of accepting a new challenge in a new environment unscheduled by bells, is exciting and stimulating — the thought of leaving all our friends is traumatic. Please come and visit us. May God bless you and Michaelhouse, and may the exciting expansion programme turn out to be the success you hope for.

As John says, in his letter, he has only "the vaguest recollection of what I did say", and that we are left with the following fragments from his speech.

"I am sorry that Amy cannot be here, and I thank Mike for all the lies that he has told! I am not quite sure who I should thank for this party — but I do — and I thank Jaap and Sonny for the fine dinner.

"My thanks, over the years, to 'Robbie', who was a father to me when I was a 21-year-old beginner. He threw me in the deep end, but gave enough assistance to stop me from drowning. To Nathan, the one person to whom the science department has gone to for help. When things go wrong in a Prac. even the boys shout 'Nathan!'. To Bernard McGee, who taught me carpentry and was my very good friend and canoeing companion for many years. To Roy Gathorne, whose sound advice I was able to rely on on many occasions. To many others, not the least of whom were Mike and Anne, whose friendship Amy and I have sadly missed during these last years.

"I want to tell you about a symposium. The science department was in a little group attempting, I think, to relocate the many facets of the subject and Kevin King had written 'GOD' in the middle of the sheet on which we were recording the relationship — Neil Jardine came past and said 'GOD a Physicist? I thought he was a poet!' 'I said, 'GOD is a poet and physics is his most magnificent poem'.

"I have been so fortunate to have been able to teach the subject I love, at the place I love, with you, my friends, whom I love.

"I thank you all from the bottom of my heart."

## STAFF LEAVING

## RICHARD AITCHISON

At the end of 1990 Michaelhouse said farewell to one of its most talented, energetic and dynamic teachers when Richard Aitchison left to travel to Europe and North America after seven years of dedicated service at his old School. He came to Michaelhouse in 1970. While he was a pupil here he was a member of the First Swimming and Athletics teams, Second Squash and Water Polo sides and First Fifteen Rugby. As his nature drove him, he was at the same time an outstanding member of a wide range of culturally oriented Clubs and Societies — Dramatic and Debating, Chess and Bridge, Poetry Reading and Choir, leaving in 1973 to study at the University of Natal.

While studying for his BA (Hons) and HDE Richard played U20 rugby and became involved in local social work, but perhaps his outstanding achievements were on the stage, where his involvement in dramatics as actor and director were in University Dramatic Society productions whose highlight was the title role in *Macbeth* in 1980. He then taught at Weston Agricultural College and became Head of its English Department before travelling to Europe, teaching at Chase Cross Comprehensive School in Essex and, as the travel bug bit him, moving to the South of France and enjoying a six month spell crewing on a series of luxury yachts in the Mediterranean. He then came back to South Africa and for the remainder of 1982 taught at Alexandra High School, Pietermaritzburg, before his appointment to the academic staff of Michaelhouse in 1983.

Back at his old School, Richard threw himself into a wide range of activities and coached cricket, tennis and rugby before being made First Fifteen Rugby Coach and manaing the highly successful 1986 Overseas Tour to England and Europe. Not content with this, he became involved in VIth Form Tutoring and was appointed Director of VIth Form Studies. Here his initiative, enthusiasm and perseverance led the post-matric students to a series of enlarged courses and cultural involvement which included a greater number of Shell scholars, and anyone involved with Richard's educational tours to the Transvaal and the Cape knew that a well disciplined and challenging trip would await them. Going down gold mines, visiting factories and motor assembly plants or encouraging taste buds on wine farm tours, one was invariably impressed by Richard's outstanding and endearing qualities — an inexhaustible appetite for knowledge, an unfailing demand for courtesy, and a driving enthusiasm for life combined with an irrepressible sense of humour.

Life with Richard was not always easy — he drove everyone hard and not least himself, and it was as Director of the Schlesinger Theatre that he perhaps became best known as a man who would break arms and legs of anyone in breach of theatrical etiquette but whose productions became perhaps among the best this school has ever seen. His production of *Hamp*, which concerned the court martial and execution by firing squad of a hapless First Word War deserter, drew tears and a stunned silence as the curtain came down and was described by the late Canon Victor Shaw, a much respected and beloved military and then civilian padre, as one of the most moving plays he had ever seen. The outstanding production of *Midsummer Night's Dream* with Collegiate made a new benchmark for high school Shakespearean direction, with its beautiful costume, tight cohesion, dramatic intensity and ridiculous comedy. *Oliver*, which is reviewed elsewhere in this magazine, drew Michaelhouse and Wykeham-Collegiate together again with its chiaroscuro rendering of Dickens's underworld, while perhaps the best remembered involvement of the whole school became the series of *Stuff and Nonsense* productions, with its musical and dramatic numbers, its Beyond the Fringe and Monty Python attitude and first class sketches, and its unforgettable ballet pieces in which burly male staff swinging from ropes with hirsute chests and arms turned Bolshoi into Balgowan, an incident which almost threatened the future of Soviet detente.

In the English department Richard quickly established himself as a schoolmaster who accepted no compromise and whose high standards got wonderful results — his manner was sometimes unorthodox, his encouragement could verge on the abrasive, but he always produced the goods. His students learned to respect literature, even if some of them couldn't spell it, his poetry lessons were models of inspiration and discipline, and the writing his pupils produced was invariably nothing short of first class, no matter to whatever level of learning they aspired. He sensed how to get the best out of the recalcitrant, he was patient with the difficult, he drew the talented to a degree of intellectual enthusiasm they never suspected.

Richard will always be remembered by his colleagues, peers and pupils with affection and respect. We wish him all the very best for the future and look forward to seeing him back one day.

## MR B.R. NAIDU (A.V.)

B.R. came to Michaelhouse, in January 1981, having previously taught at schools under the aegis of the Department of Indian Affairs. He was also in charge of a Regional Resource Centre, for the same department where he helped sort out Instructional Design and Technology problems.

On his appointment as Director Audio-Visual Resources, at Michaelhouse, B.R. ran the Department as well as teaching History, Geography, Divinity and Resource Based Education up to Standard 8. In 1989 he started up our Speech and Drama department. B.R. also, in 1988, devised a cause aimed at teaching pupils: Thinking Skills through the Medium of Television.

B.R. was Chairman of the Media Resources Society of SA; he visited the UK on a British Council Visitorship to study Resource Centres; he addressed the Media Resources Society of SA Teachers; produced a paper for discussion at the Baxter Theatre, on "Talking about Moving Pictures"; taught communication skills to our post-matric class; and attended a conference in Swaziland entitled "Television in Perspective".

B.R. was active in the Theatre and produced an outstanding *The King and I* in 1987. The cast, a multi-racial one, comprised, with the crew, 250 people. The production ranks among the best ever seen at Michaelhouse. He also produced and directed *Absurb Person Singular*, as a staff play.

B.R. tutored in Farfield House, was M/I/C chess, coached cricket and squash, and took Venture Club trips. He took a Video Production Society tour to Johannesburg, played cricket for Caversham, and League Squash for the staff and set up the Cable TV system in the Houses.

## MRS ANGIE NAIDU (LIBRARY)

Angie, educated at Port Shepstone High, where she was a School Prefect and Captain of netball and athletics, attended Springfield College of Education, came to Michaelhouse from the Department of Indian Affairs, where she was a Teacher/Librarian.

Angie transformed the Library at Michaelhouse, by her enthusiasm and expertise; and brought in the most beneficial Resource Based Education; taught to Standards 6 and 8. Angie also taught English to Standards 6, 7, and 8 and ran the Calligraphy Club and Printing Press. Angie also assisted in the production of *The King and I*, and *Absurd Person Singular.*

Michaelhouse is losing two very gifted people and two well-respected and liked members of the community. To the Naidus and their family, we wish every success in their new fields of education.

A.J.R.

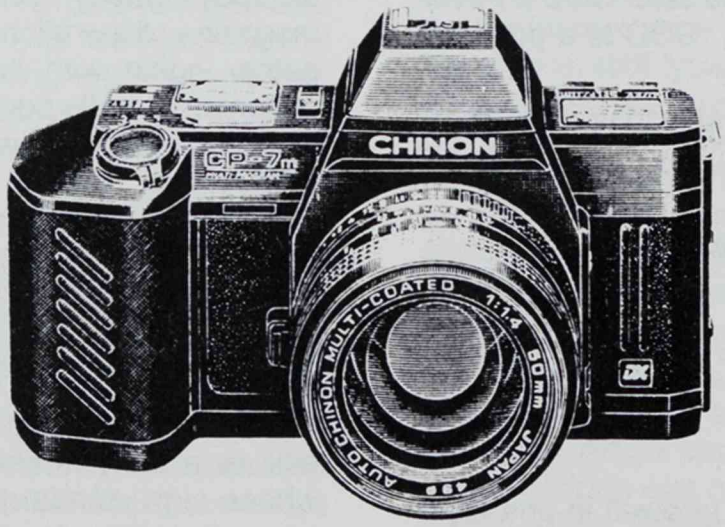
## ANDRÉ VENTER (AFRIKAANS)

André came to Michaelhouse, from King David's School in Johannesburg, in 1986. He was previously an Afrikaans teacher, but also taught Philosophy to the post-matriculation class. After the departure of Mr Van der Walt, André took over the post of School Counsellor.

André, an above-average sportsman, represented Free State schools in a number of sports, was best known for his ability at squash. He represented Natal Country Districts, competing in SA District Tournaments, managed schoolboy teams at Inter-Provincial Tournaments, and played League Squash for the school/staff sides — the staff side won the 2nd League in 1989; and the school side, the 1st League in 1988 and 1989. André also coached first game rugby, and accompanied the touring side to the UK in 1986. He was also a very competent chess player and ran the Chess Club which achieved significant success. André also coached atheletics, where his wife, Cecile, played a prominent role. Cecile was an excellent coach, caused many a rugby player to fake injury, so that she could attend to them in the role of First Aid Nurse, and attended André's lectures in Philosophy.

The Venters will be missed at Michaelhouse, and we wish them all of the best in their future careers.

A.J.R.


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# *School Notes*

Ladies and Gentlemen

We are gathered here tonight to pay tribute to Gopichand who has worked at Michaelhouse for the past 34 years. Gopi was born in Durban and came here to work on 1st April 1956. He has a wife, Shugu, three married daughters who live in Durban, and had three sons. Prakash, one of his sons, died tragically nine years ago.

Gopi came to Michaelhouse as a painter and has stayed on in that capacity. He has always been a charming and obliging man and all of us who have had anything to do with him, and that includes virtually the whole Estate, will bear testimony to this fact. He is a most precise man who likes neatness on the job. For example if he noticed a window that was not closing properly he would make sure it was fixed before painting it. He worked very well with his crew and there was always a mutual respect. An example of this is that one of his painters, Phineas, has been with Gopi for 32 of the 34 years. He is highly respected by the Indian community as a whole. His hobbies include gardening; he loves his garden and fishing. It is rumoured that he pulled out a 5lb bass from the school dam during this year, 1991!

Gopi's wife, Shugu, has always been a devoted wife who loves the garden; she does a lot of sewing. She, as Gopi, is also well respected by the Indian community and the community at large at Michaelhouse.

We are most grateful to Gopi for giving up almost all his working years in loyal service to the School. It is people such as Gopi who helped to make the Michaelhouse community just what it is. He is a fine example for all of us to follow with his loyal and devoted sense of duty. He is going to live in Durban to be near his children and we send him into his retirement with our most grateful thanks and appreciation. Our very best wishes to Gopi and Shugu for a long and happy retirement.

*J.H. Pluke*
*Rector*



***Mrs Gopichand; Mr Gopichand; Rector***

**The Rector, Bursar, Estate Manager, Ladies and Gentlemen — Good evening!!**

Today is a historical day in the lives of my parents and my Dad has therefore asked me to say just a few words on his behalf.

As my Dad sits here today he is filled with very mixed feelings as this marks the end of 35 years of service and devotion to his present job. He is happy that he has been blessed with the comforts of retirement. But he is also sad for the social and work relationships that he leaves behind.

To the Management of Michaelhouse, he would like to express his gratitude for their consideration, understanding and sincerity at all times. He wants to say thank you to his team of working colleagues for their ever-willingness and co-operation. A very special thank you goes to all those who arranged this function tonight.

Finally, ladies and gentlemen, I have a message from both my Mum and Dad: I quote "MAY GOD BLESS THE PEOPLE OF MICHAELHOUSE WITH LOVE AND PROSPERITY IN WHATEVER THEY DO AND WHEREVER THEY GO." Unquote.

THANK YOU.

## BETTY KHUMALO (LAUNDRY)

Betty, who died on the 10th June 1990, worked in the Michaelhouse Laundry for 16 years. Betty was born near Balgowan and went to school at Zengane Village. Her husband died in 1989, and she leaves two children, Veronica and Sidney. Betty had a magnificent command of English, a marvelous sense of humour and excellent control over the boys.



Everyone loved Betty, and held her in great respect, especially the Laundry Staff and no matter how hard the work, Betty always had a smile and a witty remark. She knew every boy in the school by name and laundry number, plus Old Boys over the past 16 years. Betty was a devout Christian, and her passing has left a large gap in many people's lives.

*E. Morgan*

## NEW STAFF

**Mr Graham Rudolph (Science)**
Graham, his wife, Chanel, and baby son, Jarryd (1) arrived in April of this year from Pinetown High. Graham was educated at Westville Boys' High and Natal University (PMB), where he took a BSc (Agric) and HED. At school, Graham captained the soccer XI and, at University, he played a record 147 matches for the 'Varsity side. He played SA Universities "B" and was awarded a Half-Blue. During the period of National Service, Graham achieved the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. Since arriving at Michaelhouse School, Graham has involved himself fully in the school life, coaching soccer, cricket and rugby and starting up the Hunting Society. We extend a very warm welcome to the Rudolph family and wish them a long stay with us.

**Dr Des Duthie (Science)**
Des and his wife, Sigi, joined the Staff in June — they were joined later in the year by baby son Marco born in November 1990. Des attended St Andrew's School, Bloemfontein, where he captained the Free State Nuffield side. He took a BSc at Stellenbosch and Honours in Physics at Free State University, later going on to a PHD at Natal. Des acted as a Physicist on the 16th Antartic Expedition and led the 22nd Expedition. He was a Physics Research Fellow at Natal University and later Chairman of the Natal Branch of the SA Association of Science Teachers. He is also Chairman of the Interface Computers for the Disabled. In 1988–89 he travelled the world and comes to us from Glenwood in Durban. We wish Des, Sigi and Marco a long stay with us.

**Mr Johan van Rooyen (Afrikaans)**
Michaelhouse welcomed the Van Rooyens, Johan, Dorathea and children Melinda (8) and Xillen (1) in the Third Quarter. Johan attended Pinetown High School and took a BA, HDE at the UOFS and a BA (Hons) at Natal (Durban). Johan has taught at Pinetown, Westville and acted as a Temporary Lecturer at the Teachers' Training College in Durban. He comes to us from Port Shepstone High School, where he was HOD. Johan is a Member of the Syllabus Committee for Afrikaans Second Language. We wish the Van Rooyens a long stay at Balgowan, and look forward to a continuance of the improvement in our Afrikaans standards, already evident after only a few months.

## MR PETER BATH
## Counsellor

Peter, educated at Kearsney College, U.C.T. and Rhodes, comes to Michaelhouse from private practice, as a Clinical Psychologist, in Pietermaritzburg. Prior to that, he was a Clinical Psychologist/Lecturer with Midlands Hospital, NPA at University of Natal (Medical School). Peter also acted as Principal of Epworth Children's Village, Germiston. While at Rhodes, Peter submitted theses: "Child Care in a planned environment" and "Burnout in Children's Home Houseparents". He is on various committees: SA Insitute of Clinical Psychology, and Vice-Chairman of the PMB Hospice Association.

To Peter, Lesley, his wife, who holds the post of Remedial Teacher at Nottingham Road and Mooi River Primary Schools, and their sons Gavin (8) and Richard (6), we offer our best wishes for a happy stay.

## MR ANDREW DANIEL
## English

Andrew, educated at Westville Boys' High and the University of Natal, comes to us from Alexandra High School in Pietermaritzburg. His first career plan was to become an airline pilot, with BA but this fell through during the recession. Andrew then did his National Service, followed by studies. His first teaching post was at Ladysmith High, then he took the post of HOD English at Alexandra, where he directed several dramatic productions. In 1989, Andrew travelled in Europe and the US, a working holiday as a courier for British Airways, he acted as barman in a London pub, a night manager at the Royal Berkshire Hotel, and in 1990 returned to Alexandra. A well-travelled man, who will, we hope, stay with us and direct top-class plays.

## MR ENRICO GERBER
## Organist

Pretoria born, Enrico was educated at Vaalrivier Hoër School and took a BA through UNISA. He has worked at a Buddhist Retreat Centre, as a chef and with the Provincial Administration. Enrico studied piano and violin at school, and has been a church organist for the past three years. We wish him a happy stay at Balgowan.

## SISTER ALICE McGHEE
## Sanatorium

Our new Sanatorium Sister was born in Port Elizabeth and educated at Collegiate in the same city. Alice trained at Groote Schuur, and Mowbray Maternity. She was in charge of Family Planning for East Griqualand and the South Coast, prior to taking up her present post at Michaelhouse. We wish Alice a rewarding stay at Balgowan.

A.J.R.

## FARM SCHOOL

The school admitted Std 9 pupils this year, on the way to admiting matric pupils next year, when it will become known as the Thuthuka School. From 1992 it will run from Pre-Primary to matric and enrol 750 pupils.

In 1989/90 three new classrooms, a science room, a staff room, new toilets, store-rooms, and Vice-Principal and Principal's studies were completed, and opened by Dr Ndaba, Regional Director of the DET. Also built was a new Headmaster's house and completed in the nick of time for the first day of the 1991 school year, were two new classrooms for Std 9, each with its own store-room and yet more toilets. To complete last year's building programme was a pre-primary school building, this being officially opened by Mrs Lesley Richardson, Regional Director of TREE and Vice-Chairlady of the Southern African Association for Early Childhood Educare.



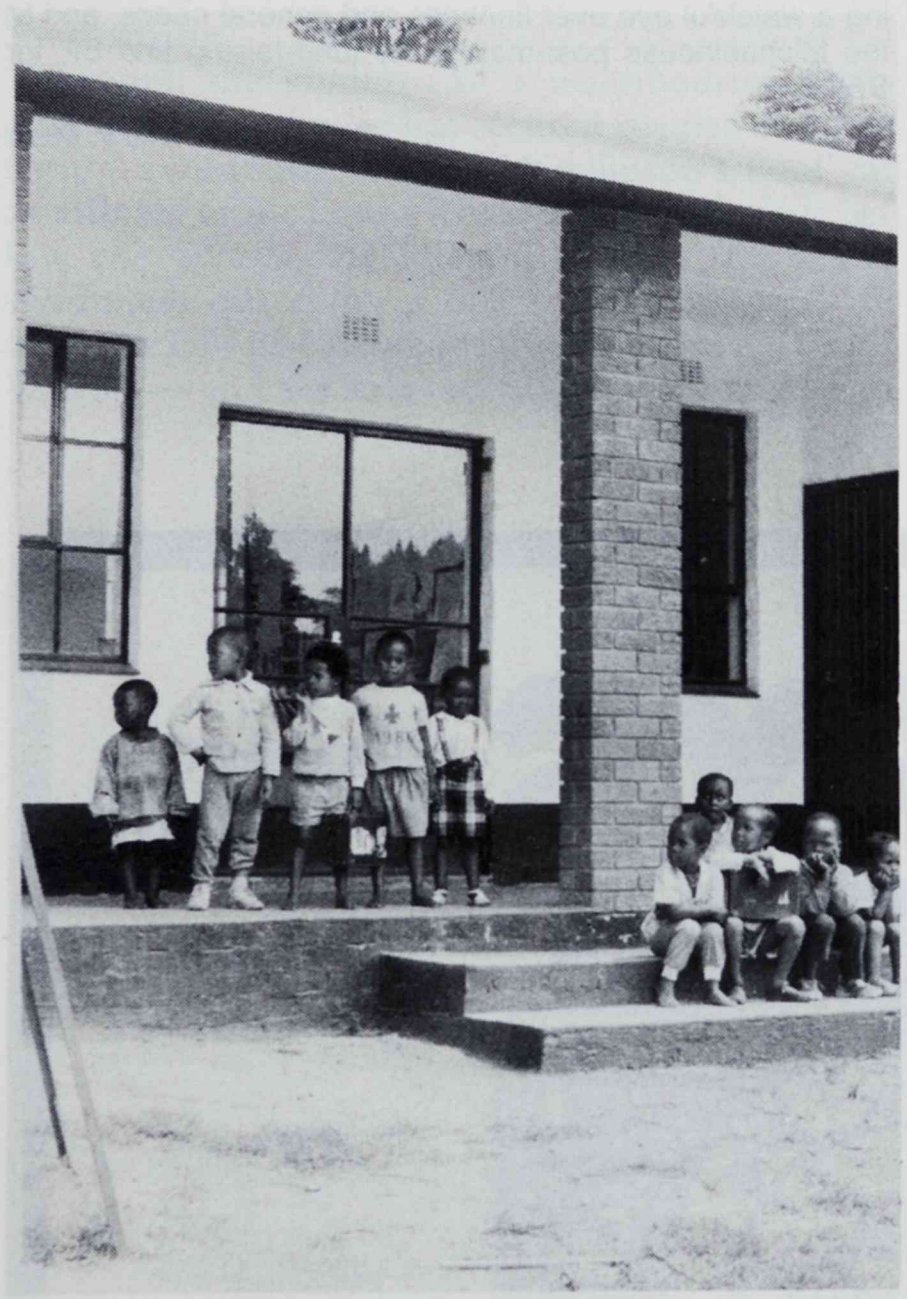
***The Choir***

This year, 1991, we have to build two more classrooms for Std 10, a new staff house, a library and a new sportsfield to carry another football pitch, netball courts and an athletics track. These are basic essentials for a viable school and will cost R200 000 *still to be raised.*

Financing these developments and the running of the school is our biggest headache. The government, through the De-

partment of Education and Training, finances teachers' salaries, provides basic textbooks and furniture and subsidises *approved* capital development to the tune of 75 per cent but only AFTER completion, so the expenditure has to be incurred well before any subsidy is received — and then the 75 per cent is a maximum subsidy and only for approved buildings. For example, vital though it is for any kind of schooling, the pre-primary does not qualify for subsidy, nor sets of books purchased when the DET supply has run out, nor sports equipment, nor any clerical assistance, nor maintenance or cleaining or ground staff. While shortage of government funds is a general problem, we do enjoy sound support and co-operation from the DET.

Thus our need for constant financial asistance is ongoing if the school is to fulfil its function in the future South Africa. It is no good going through some motions but not producing the goods. With this in mind the Board of Governors has established the Thuthuka School Endowment Trust, with Basil Hersov, Oscar Dhlomo, Tony Ardington, Anthony Evans, Peter Brown and Chick Henderson as trustees. The aim of the Trust is to collect, invest and make available funds for the school; hopefully it will be granted 18A status by the Receiver.



***The Pre-Primary School***

Past editions of the Chronicle have acknowledged generous assistance from individuals and companies, in particular the R50 000 from Johannesburg Consolidated Investments. More recent assistance has come from First National Bank, the Standard Bank, Unilever, the McCarthy Group, Peter Brown and a sponsored golf day at Boschhoek, per kind favour of Peter Gallo. Companies who sponsored the day were First National Bank, the Standard Bank, the Board of Executors, Tongaat/Hulett, C.G. Smith, Midland Bag, the SA Sugar Association, Russell, Marriott and Boyd and Renfreight. Catering was by Michaelhouse and the day was arranged by Dick Ridgway — such a success that it will hopefully become an annual event. Sincere thanks from the Headmaster and staff are extended to all who so generously support us. Over Christmas a cheque arrived from an ex member of staff, Chris van Straaten and of course, local farmers continue to offer their support in cash and kind.

Mention must be made here of a grant from the Trust for Educational Advancement in South Africa (TEASA) for R60 000 but explicitly for the purhcase of educational equipment. This most generous grant has enabled us to provide some of the basic essentials in equipment — microscopes, skeletons, models and wall-charts for the biology department, science kits and equipment for science, maps, charts, globes, prismatic compasses for the geopgraphers and TVs, monitors and VCRs, overhead projectors, tape-recorders, video and audio-cassettes for general use, as well as filing cabinets and two typewriters for the use of the staff.

However, the provision of equipment does not by itself ensure sound education. It must be used effectively. Because the system in Black education has not usually provided opportunity for teachers to use such equipment, Michaelhouse staff are increasingly involving themselves in giving assistance where required. The science and biology departments in particular have offered much assistance, and a direct result of this was prizes won at the Science Olympiad. It is hoped that in the future Michaelhouse and Thuthuka will interact more and more to their mutual benefit in more than merely academic fields. Already there have been joint fieldtrips, and a joint "fun run" to collect funds for the school. ESKOM, through the Michaelhouse Teacher Development Project have committed themselves to subsidising projects aimed at teacher assistance, using Michaelhouse as a base, and the "Farm" School will benefit from these. The English Language Educational Trust will also be running a course which will involve the school this year. Thus, efforts to promote excellence at the school are well seeded in fertile ground, especially as the staff and Headmaster are so dedicated to this end themselves, many having taught at the school for well over ten years. Furthermore, there has as yet been no dislocation of the school year, and demand for places is enormous.



***The new Std 9 classroom***

When Thulani Sokhela came to Michaelhouse from the Farm School, funded by Barlow Rand, there were those who believed it to be a foolish experiment. We are pleased to report that Thulani has now completed his course here after his post-matric year with three UNISA passes to his credit, and will be continuing his studies at the University of Natal, still funded by Barlow Rand.

School fees remain low to put them within the means of parents, though many employers foot the bill themselves. This year they have had to be raised to R70 for Std 9s through to R30 for those in Std 3 and below.

**The Staff**: All teachers are in the process of improving their qualifications. While the Headmaster and Miss Nondaba are completing their third year BA, Mrs Gaza is in her second year BA.

Mr Isaac Mzila (Headmaster) (SEC Vista), Mr Sipho Gaza (Vice-Principal and HOD) (SEC Vista), Mrs C.M. Gaza (SED Vista), Mrs B.J. Mzila (SEC Vista), Mrs N.J. Sikhakhane

(LPTC St Bruno's), Mr F.T. Zondi (PTC Ndaleni), Mrs N.P. Ngcobo (PTD Indomiso), Mrs D.T. Ramorobi (LPTC Ndaleni), Mrs B.M. Buthelezi (HPTC Appelsbosch), Mr R.B. Madlala (PTD Madadeni), Mrs A.J. Ndlovu (LPTC St Bruno's), Mr D.T. Mkize (STD Indumiso), Miss K.D. Siyothula (STD Indomiso), Miss B. Nondaba (PTC Ndaleni), Mr R. Ngubane (STD QwaQwa).



***The Headmaster's new house***

The school soccer team won its way through to the finals of the league but were beaten there; they also won their match against Michaelhouse. The netball team was not as successful, but have very poor facilities for practice. At athletics Sixtus Sithole, Benedict Mlotshwa and Innocentia Majozi won their events at provincial level. The Drum Majorettes won their local competition but not the area cup. The Choir won their local competition and came second in the area.

In the academic field Miss Siyothula and Mrs Ngcobo must be congratulated on the performance of their pupils in the Expo GEC Competition. Five pupils, Welcome Zondo, PraiseGod Ramorobi, Dennis Madondo, Fortunate Mzila, Beauty Hene and Precious Ramorobi won prizes. The science group also participated in Eskom's Tekprep project and visited the Drakensberg to investigate some aspects of electricity.

**The Pre-Primary School**

The pre-primary school building was completed this year, and officially opened by Mrs Leslie Richardson, who emphasised the vital nature of pre-primary education in the whole educational system. It was here that real foundations were laid in education borne out by observations of Mrs Sikhakhane, SSA teacher, who said that it was clearly obvious which of her new pupils had been through pre-primary. Mrs Rachel Seloane is the pre-primary teacher, who attended Mrs Jane Evans's course at Viljoenskroon, and attended the monthly courses in Maritzburg organised by TREE. We are indeed fortunate to have a teacher of her calibre. Thanks to Mrs Lewis for keeping a watchful eye over finances and general needs, and to the Michaelhouse post-matrics for fund-raising and BP for R500.

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## S. MICHAEL'S CHRONICLE

**May 1901**

**St Michael's Chronicle: 1898. Rector's Report**

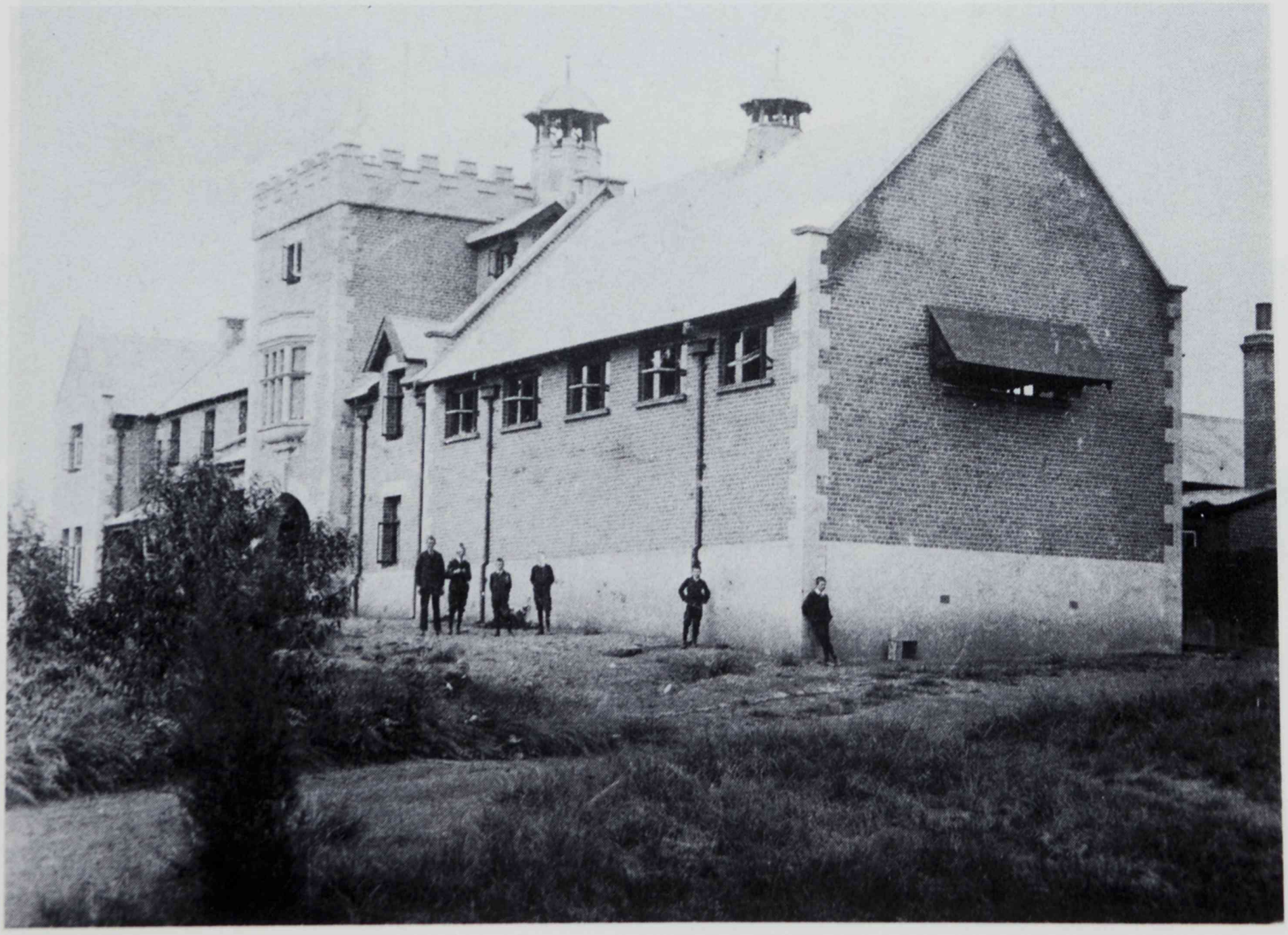
"Discipline in any school must be better when it was rather further removed from the parents of the boys. Mothers, generally faultless in other respects, had sometimes two faults when their boys were in question. One was that they thought they could manage the school as well as the Headmaster, and the other was that their own boys were not capable of doing anything that was wrong."

**Swimming**

"Through the kindness of a neighbouring landowner, Michaelhouse has secured the use of a fine natural swimming bath in 'Hutchinson's Pool' on an affluent of the Lion's River, about half a mile below the School. At intervals during the bathe, swimmers can enjoy a fine natural shower bath from the falls just above the pool. Disciples of Isaac Walton — and we seem to have several among us — have also the opportunity of adding the humble but succulent eel from the above mentioned stream to breakfast and tea. We believe that trout have been placed in the stream, but have all migrated lower down, possibly in a fright at the arrival of a crowd of ardent Michaelhouse sportsmen. The smaller fry — we don't mean of fish but of Michaelhusians — those who can swim 'a little', are allowed to disport themselves in a shallower pool below. We look forward to the time when we shall have a swimming bath of our own in the stream immediately below the school premises, from which, higher up, we get our water supply."

**November 1901**

"The new tennis court will, if we can persuade a neighbour's donkey to desist from using it as a sleeping and rolling ground, be ready for play in a week or so."



**December 1902 —**
*from the Chairman's address at the Prize Giving*
"The examination results were somewhat paradoxical. For the Cape University Intermediate examination all the candidates had passed, but in the Matriculation examination all the candidates failed. This can be attributed to the removal of the school from Maritzburg."

**December 1911**
"The thick darkness of the examinations is over all. It is useless to think of writing about anything else, for they saturate the minds of all.

In the first quarter of the school year they were only as the dream when one awaketh, and it seemed impossible that the radiant morn should ever be darkened by such clouds.

Alas! too soon they began to appear, at first the size of a man's hand, but growing incredibly fast, and now all this last quarter they have loomed over us, gigantic and sinister, poisoning all our days and nights.

Even with the consciousness of a steady year's work behind him, the candidate has a sinking feeling of dread, realising more and more how ill-equipped he is for the ordeal. Those who have not this consciousness are lamenting opportunities missed, hours wasted, advice neglected. Probably the happiest are those hardened criminals who have lived a year of continuous but discreet idleness, revelling in their low cunning and content if they succeed in passing off their idleness as incapacity, even though they incur the stigma of being congentally defective.

For those who have thus far accompanied them on their way — urging, encouraging, rebuking, chastising — nothing remains but 'to nerve their arm and cheer their heart, then stand aside' and sadly watch them descend into the valley alone — 'tis a journey each must take by himself — and march on to meet those dread, unknown judges — the examiners."

**December 1911**
"We must congratulate Mr Ferrar most heartily on his engagement, and we also congratulate ourselves on the prospect of the introduction of that civilising element into our midst, the advent of which we know the higher powers think desirable, even though they observe a dignified, if benevolent, neutrality towards it."

**October 1914**
"It would seem difficult — if, indeed, it were desirable — to avoid reference to the crisis which, in some measure, affects us all. Here amidst these



quiet spaces and far from tumult of war, it is hard to realise the agony through which the great Powers of Europe are passing."

**December 1939 — Editorial**

"The condition of the world is such that the blindest may see her sickness. Her groans and cries are in the ears of all men, and the most unimaginative can glimpse the possibility of sad consequences for civilization if the existing state of war flames up into full fury."





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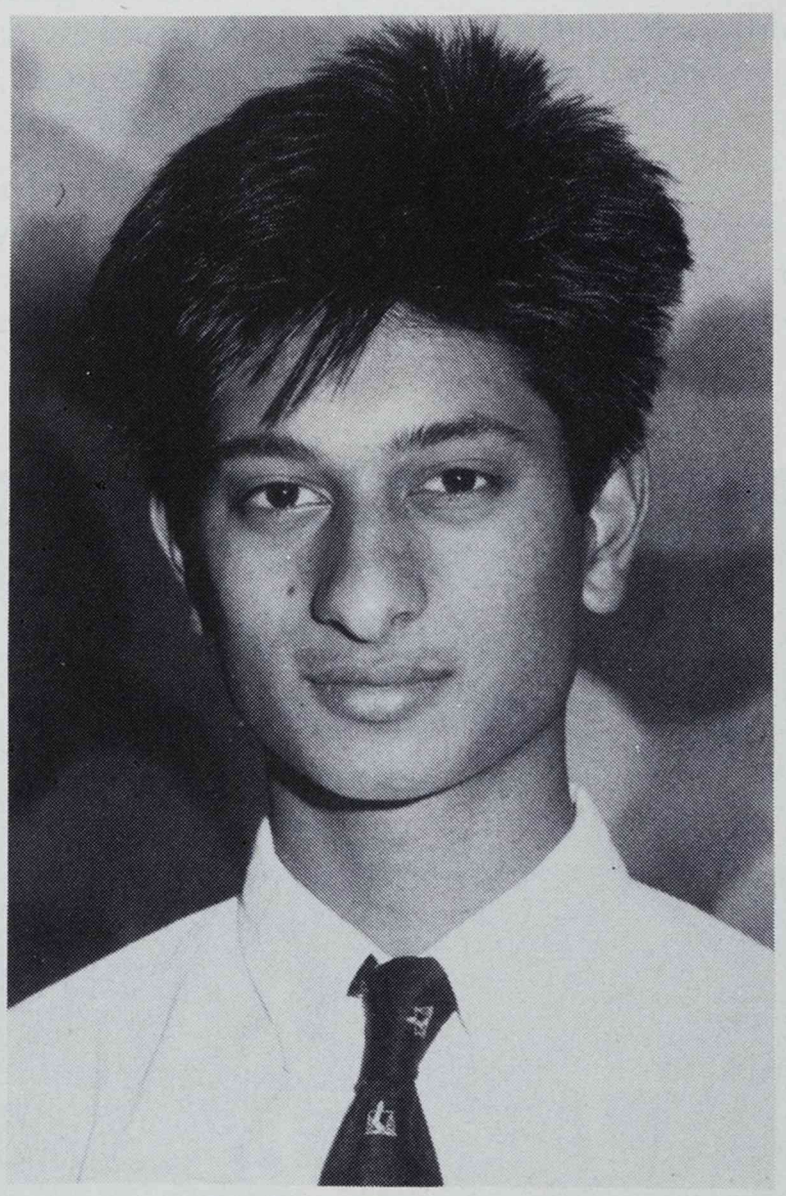
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| D. Akoojee | S (English) |
| P. Baker | SM |
| P. Bekker | SM |
| T. Bell | SM |
| P. Benson | SM |
| J. Bowring | SM |
| C. Carrara | SM |
| B. Cele | SM |
| S. Cele | S (Zulu) |
| L. Chabana | SM |
| G. Chadwick | S |
| T. Clark | SM |
| M. Clucas | SM (Maths, Biology, Science, Geography) |
| M. Compton-James | SM |
| C. Constantinou | S |
| A. Cotton | S |
| M. Cotton | SM |
| A. Cubey | SM |
| R. Currie | SM |
| D. Dales | S |
| W. Dales | S |
| B. Davidson | SM |
| L. De Villiers | SM |
| N. Denoon-Stevens | SM |
| S. Dilworth | SM (Biology*) |
| M. Dlamini | SM (Zulu) |
| D. Dollow | SM |
| R. Dunstan | S |
| A. Elworthy | SM |
| R. Emery | SM |
| A. Engels | SM |
| J. Erasmus | SM (English, Maths) |
| W. Evennett | S |
| D. Everett | SM |
| B. Fallet | SM |
| A. Felling | SM |
| C. Fellowes | SM |
| A. Fenwick | SM |
| M. Ferguson | SM |
| S. Gane | SM (English, Maths, Biology Science) |
| A. Garland | SM |
| A. Gettliffe | SM |
| J. Gillmer | SM |
| R. Gilson | S |
| M. Gowen | SM (English, Maths) |
| B. Gundry | SM (English, Maths, Science, Geography, History) |
| L. Hamilton | SM (English, Maths, Science, A/Maths) |
| A. Hewitt | SM (Biology*) |
| C. Hoepfl | SM |
| M. Jason | SM |
| R. Joffe | SM |
| G. Johnstone | SM |
| Z. Kubukeli | SM |
| W. Landman | SM (Maths) |
| C. Legge | SM (History) |
| J. Lewis | SM |
| B. Louw | S |
| D. Marshall-Smith | SM |
| D. McCall | SM |
| S. McGuigan | SM |
| S. Mears | SM |
| R. Micklewright | SM |
| R. Mitchell-Innes | SM |
| B. Mool | SM |
| C. Mullin | SM |
| B. Naby | S |
| J. Nash | SM |
| B. Newton | SM |
| G. Osborne | SM (English, Maths, Biology, Science, History) |
| J. Pearse | SM |
| C. Pilot | SM |
| S. Porrill | SM |
| M. Porter | SM (Geography) |
| B. Price | S |
| S. Ramdayal | SM (English, Maths, Biology, Geography, Science, A/Maths) |
| R. Read | SM |
| A. Rissik | SM |
| R. Roberts | SM |
| M. Salmon | SM (Maths, Science, A/Maths) |
| T. Samuels | S |
| B. Scott | SM |
| M. Slaughter | SM |
| C. Smart | SM |
| C. Smith | SM |
| G. Steiner | SM |
| J. Templeton | SM (Maths) |
| R. Thomas | SM |
| M. Thorsen | SM |



Sathish Ramdayal
placed in "Top 30" Matriculants

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|---|---|
| G. van Heerden | SM |
| S. von Kaufmann | SM |
| C. von Klemperer | SM (Science) |
| T. Vundla | SM |
| C. Wadman | SM (English) |
| C. Watson | SM |
| T. Weaver | SM |
| D. Whittingham-Jones | S |
| D. Wood | SM |
| C. Wynne | S |
| A. Yeowart | SM |
| S. Zama | SM |
| N. Zungu | SM (Zulu) |

* = SG

**MATRIC EXEMPTION CANDIDATES**

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|---|---|---|---|
| A | Aggregate | — | 13 |
| B | Aggregate | — | 14 |
| C | Aggregate | — | 27 |
| D | Aggregate | — | 27 |
| E1 | Aggregate | — | 4 |
| S | Standard Grade | | 4 |
| **Failures** | | — | 4 |

**SCHOOL LEAVING CANDIDATES**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL** | | 16 |
| **Pass** | — | 14 |
| **Failures** | — | 2 |

## UNISA RESULTS: 1990

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|---|---|
| R. Bates | AC 55, EC 51, EN 55 |
| B. Borkett | AC 71, EC 68, PS 64 |
| G. Braum | AC 72, EC 66, EN 58 |
| G. Buckley | AC 55, EC 50, EN 57 |
| Cartwright | EC 47S, PS 47, DN 40, TN 42 |
| G. Edmundson | AC 51, EC 52, EN 56 |
| J. Frost | AC 50, EC 50, GE 45S |
| B. George | AC 82, EC 75, EN 61 |
| R. Graham | AC 77, EC 67, PS 58 |
| A. Guelfucci | ENS 75, M101 90, M102 82, M103 92, M111 80, P1 84, P2 82, P3 88, P4 56 |
| S. Howa | ENS 66, PH 45S, M101 97, M102 73, M103 82, M111 96, C1 74, C2 51, C3 55, C4 74 |
| R. Lawson | B *, EC 45S, MM * |
| P. Lees | EC 59, EN 58, PS 46S |
| P. Lindop | AC 93, EC 84, EN 75, FR 78 |
| I. McLeod | EC 51, GE 45S, TN 42 |
| B. Ndlovu | AC 63, EC 31, ENS 28, PS 52 |
| M. Nkosi | AC 71, EC 50, M101 40, M103 46S, M111 45S |
| D. Prince | EC **, ENS 79, C1 58, C2 61, C3 50, C4 62, P1 72, P2 45, P3 59, P4 50 |
| T. Sokhela | AC 55, EC 50, PS 50 |
| M. Snowden | PS 63, M101 82, M102 51, M103 75, M111 88, P1 66, P2 75, P3 89, P4 50 |
| B. Thomas | AC 67, EC 78 |
| D. Vaudin | ENS 53, C1 45S, C2 30, P1 34, P2 51, P3 50, P4 24 |
| N. Vaudin | AC 63, EC 65 |
| A. Wilson | ENS 79, M101 71, M103 56, M111 71, C1 52, C2 50, P1 69, P2 39, P3 58, P4 34 |

## SUBJECT BY SUBJECT ANALYSIS:

**AC (Accounting 1)**
Pass rate: 14/14: 100 % 3 Distinctions
**EC (Economics 1)**
Pass rate: 16/18: 88,9 % 3 Distinctions, 2 Supplementaries
**EN (English 1)**
Pass rate: 7/7: 100 % 1 Distinction
**ENS (English for Science students)**
Pass rate: 5/6: 83,3 % 3 Distinctions
**FR (French 1)**
Pass rate: 1/1: 100 % 1 Distinction
**GE (Geography 1)**
Pass rate: 0/2: 0 % 2 Supplementaries
**PH (Philosophy 1)**
Pass rate: 0/1: 0 % 1 Supplementary
**PS (Psychology 1)**
Pass rate: 5/7: 71,4 % 1 Supplementary
**M101 (Mathematics 101)**
Pass rate: 4/5: 80 % 4 Distinctions
**M102 (Mathematics 102)**
Pass rate: 3/3: 100 % 1 Distinction
**M103 (Mathematics 103)**
Pass rate: 4/5: 80 % 3 Distinctions, 1 Supplementary
**M111 (Mathematics 111)**
Pass rate: 4/5: 80 % 3 Distinctions, 1 Supplementary
**C1 (Chemistry 101)**
Pass rate: 3/4: 75 % 1 Supplementary
**C2 (Chemistry 102)**
Pass rate: 3/4: 75 %
**C3 (Chemistry 103)**
Pass rate: 2/2: 100 %
**C4 (Chemistry 104)**
Pass rate: 2/2: 100 %
**P1 (Physics 101)**
Pass rate: 4/5: 80 % 1 Distinction
**P2 (Physics 102)**
Pass rate: 3/5: 60 % 2 Distinctions
**P3 (Physics 103)**
Pass rate: 5/5: 100 % 2 Distinctions
**P4 (Physics 104)**
Pass rate: 3/5: 60 %
**DN (Design — 3D)**
Pass rate: 0/1: 0 %
**TN (Design — 2D)**
Pass rate: 0/2: 0 %

* Examinations written but results not available as yet.
** Examinations still to be written.

## GENERAL ANALYSIS:

ALL SUBJECTS Pass rate: 88/109: 80,73 %: 27 Distinctions
Supplementary rate: 9/109: 8,26 %: 9 Supplementaries
Failure rate: 12/109: 11,01 %

N.B. The pass mark for all subjects is 50 %.
A Distinction is awarded to candidates who score 75 % or above in a discipline, or a module of that discipline.
A supplementary is awarded, by UNISA, to deserving cases who score 45–50 % for a discipline/module.

Michaelhouse is, justifiably, enormously proud of these results. They represent an improvement on last year's best-ever results, with a pass rate of in excess of 80 % (and the opportunity to raise this performance to above 85 % once "sups" have been written!). I should like to express my congratulations to all the candidates, and my very sincere thanks and appreciation to all the VIth Form tutors, who continue to do a superb job (sometimes in the face of enormous adversity!).

It remains for me to thank my VIth Form tutor, side-kick and general dogs-body, Andre Venter, for his support; the academic tutors for their commitment and the pride which they take in their work; the Rector and his mangement team for allowing me the privilege of working at this level; and the young men themselves, who over the years have impressed, but none so much as this intake. The results that you have achieved, together with the spirit you have engendered remain as a fitting tribute to you all.

Finally, I would like to wish my successor, Don Elkington, his new VIth Form tutor, Garth Giles, and the class of 1991 a bumber year. May you be enriched by the stimulation and challenge of your work.

## FORMER PROG MP's RELATIVE HONOURED

A former Michaelhouse prefect and top scholar, Mark Suzman, has been elected Rhodes Scholar-elect for Natal and Swaziland.

Mr Suzman (22), who is the grand-nephew of former opposition MP, Mrs Helen Suzman, intends studying for a masters degree in international relations at Oxford University from October next year.

The brilliant student, who scored five distinctions in his matric examinations, has just completed a Bachelor of Arts honours degree at Harvard University, where he specialised in South African history.

At Harvard, he served two terms on the Undergraduate Council — the equivalent of a Students' Representative Council, and also became the managing editor of the Harvard International Review, the prestigious international university magazine, produced by students.

He also organised a charity clothes drive for refugees in Mozambique and Angola, and taught in local schools about apartheid.

During his summer holidays, he did working internships with Time magazine and with South Africa's Sunday Times.

Before starting his studies at Oxford, he will look for a job in journalism.

He intends returning to South Africa when his studies are completed, and to pursue a career in political journalism.

Mr Suzman said he was "at first shocked, and then very excited" when he heard he had been given the prestigious award.

**Education Reporter**

*Daily News, 20 November 1990*

## COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Exciting things have been happening in this department during 1990: Firstly, the new Computer Room was finally finished. This room occupies the old Music School and has been remodelled to form a classroom, teachers' study, storeroom and projects room.

Secondly, we have been able to install 24 new 32 bit computers so that sharing of computers is no longer necessary. The machines are the new Acorn A3000s which are the new BBC computers and are the most powerful in their price range. (Yes, they will run MS DOS software if required to and they don't catch viruses!) They have proved to be exciting and versatile machines and, outside of formal computing, pupils have produced some creative and interesting work. The computers in the Computer and Projects Rooms have all been connected together in a network and the biology and maths departments have been linked up to the network as well. These departments have been given the old BBC Computers. The science and English departments will be connected to the network in the near future.

Finally some interesting hardware and software has been obtained. An optical scanner is used to scan pictures, take them into the computer and edit them in the desk-top publishing program to print out on our new Hewlett-Packard ink jet printer. We have also been able to digitise video images for editing and printing out.

At present we have over 50 educational software packages for use by the English, science, history, biology, geography and maths departments.

## ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Despite one of my pupils this year expressing a wish to travel back in time to Elizabethan days in order to murder Shakespeare for writing so many plays and poems, I feel that the year has been another successful one for the English Department. The fine matric results put us all in excellent spirits and each teacher approached his task with added enthusiasm. We entered every competition we could and we were delighted with our success rate.

The English Olympiad is the most significant national competition for an English scholar, and we can certainly boast about our results in 1990. Mark Hewat was placed 14th and Gary Sherriff, Simon Nicholson and Chris Wadman all came in the top 100. Mark Hewat enjoyed his week in Grahamstown at the expense of the 1820 Foundation.

While still on a national level, it is pleasing to report that for the third year running Michaelhouse was one of the winners of prizes for the schools submitting the most substantial contributions of good quality writing to *English Alive*. Poems by Dylan Craig, Gary Stroebel and Mxolisi Nkosi were published. All the poems appear elsewhere in this magazine.

Moving on to the provincial level, successes were recorded in numerous competitions. Greg Mrkusic did extremely well to be placed second in the Std 8 section of the Alan Paton Literary Competition. His talk on André Brink's "Rumours of Rain" showed much insight and research. In the Alan Paton Creative Writing Competition, Simon Nicholson came second in the Std 9 poetry section, and certificates of merit went to Gary Stroebel (Std 9 poetry) and Simon Gane (Std 10 poetry and short story).

Once again we dominated the St John's Poetry Competition, providing ten of the finalists, with Gary Stroebel's poem "Mother" being identified as worthy of publication. We won two awards for Group Discussion in the Shell Forum Competition and won the Floating Trophy Oil Painting in the Victoria League, with four of our Std 7 boys scoring over 80 per cent in the Essay section.

Finally, I hope some of our parents and Old Boys were listening to the SABC on Sunday, 18th November, when, during a programme on "Poetry and Childhood" poems by William Blake, William Wordsworth, Simon Nicholson and Gary Stroebel were read aloud for all South Africa to hear — fame indeed for our young poets!

We believe all is working well within the English Department, we believe in studying all the traditional aspects of English, but we are always open to change. This year we chose a book rarely examined in schools, Sol Plaatje's "Mhudi", and we were most fortunate to have Professor Voss travel from Durban to justify the study of this significant South African novel.

If you happen to be wandering through the School on a working morning, you may well be able to identify the English lessons by the amount of noise emanating from the various classrooms — but please don't let that bother you too much! It simply means that people are living there, that things are happening there!

To end on a sad note — after more than eight years at Michaelhouse, Richard Aitchison leaves us at the end of 1990. During his stay, Richard has taught English throughout the school, producing outstanding results with his matric classes and also finding time to run meticulous lessons for the weaker brethren in his Std 7 Extra-English classes. As a school, I know we will miss him in the Theatre and the VIth Form; as an English department, we will miss him in the classrooms — he always insisted on the highest standards and never settled for second best. I'm sure his voice will boom through the cloisters for years to come.

*P.E. Dennyson*

## GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

The fact that 38 out of 54, i.e. 70 per cent, of the 1989 Higher Grade matric candidates obtained a "C" symbol or better is most encouraging and all candidates passed the exam. There were three distinctions, i.e. 5,5 per cent which is well

above the Natal figure of 2,9 per cent distinctions. For 41 out of 66, i.e. 66 per cent of the candidates, geography was their highest symbol. This compares favourably with 1987 — 76 per cent and 1988 — 51 per cent.

Andy Vincent joined the geography department at the beginning of 1990 and his contribution to the team has been significant both in the classroom and as master-in-charge of the Geography Society.

Trevor Wills, a visiting lecturer from Pietermaritzburg University, gave his annual address to the A Block on the urban developments of Pietermaritzburg, a task he has kindly performed for at least 15 years, and we salute him for this. In the last week of the First Quarter the A Block again went on a full day fieldwork trip to Pietermaritzburg to study aspects of urban development at first hand. Fieldwork studies in and around the School and in the local environment now form an important part of the curriculum for all Blocks, incorporating study topics in geomorphology, climate, settlement and ecology. The world around us is the obvious classroom for this subject.

W.E.A. published a paper in the Natal Geography Association Journal motivating the need for fieldwork as a compulsory part of the matric syllabus and has spoken on this at a meeting of the NGA. He has subsequently been elected on to a sub-committee to pursue this idea with the JMB and NED. A geography fieldwork workshop was held at Michaelhouse during the October holidays, which was attended by 36 Natal teachers. Prof. John Earle, Prof. of geography at Wits University, was the invited guest speaker and three members of the Michaelhouse Geography department presented papers and conducted fieldwork exercises.

W.E.A. and D.E. attended a weekend seminar at Edgewood in May at which Michael Storm, Chairman of the UK Geographical Association, gave several interesting talks on trends in geography in the UK. D.E. and A.C.V. attended an in-service geography seminar at Edgewood, organised by the NED, and D.E. attended a mini-seminar held at Westville Girls' High, dealing with Resource Based Learning and Integration of Media into the classroom.

W.E.A. currently serves on the NED geography committee and has been co-opted on to the syllabus committee. He was also elected Chairman for Natal of the Independent Schools Council Geography Teachers. With new syllabuses in the pipeline, Michaelhouse is at the forefront of developments that are taking place.

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT AND WIND BAND REPORT

### Class music

The year began with all Block D and E pupils gaining "hands on" experience on musical instruments. Instruments chosen for this exercise were: trumpet, trombone and clarinet. (In some sets flute, mellophone and tuba were also offered.) After initial basic instruction was given, the boys were allowed a period of "self discovery". After the mid-term break, pupils were tested for their optimum instrumental choice and then were obliged to learn and play music for two weeks. After this period, those with little talent or interest were allowed to "drop out" of the instrumental class and attend a more general musical appreciation class. At this stage approximately 60 boys were attempting to play musical instruments. Lessons were given during class music periods to large groups. The more talented and interested pupils were involved in extra group lessons. This policy has continued to the present time. There are at present approximately 30 boys playing wind instruments in the school. I feel this method of introducing a wide selection of boys to instrumental music to be a positive contribution not only to the future development of the band, and enables those with hidden talent to develop it, and creates a general awareness of what is required in instrumental music in the general student body.

### Wind band

The wind band was left with few seniors at the beginning of the year and all pupils in A Block left within the First Quarter. This was probably due to the change in approach of the musical director as well as the pressures of work. The senior band was, however, developed into a well-balanced combination of three flutes, ten clarinets, two saxes, three trumpets, one horn, three trombones, one euphonium, one tuba and two percussion giving a total of 26. This augurs well for the future



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when one considers that the optimum size of a band of this type is between 25 and 40 players. Even more impressive than the growth in numbers has been the development in repertoire. The band has managed to learn in excess of 30 pieces to a performance level, as well as playing a further 12–15 which were discarded for some reason or another. If one considers that this gives a performance repertoire of approximately 90 minutes of continuous music, then I feel satisfied that the future looks rosy.

### Piano tuition

There are 15 pupils taking piano lessons. Most of these are beginners. Two boys took examinations this year. Alex Andersson attained a merit for Grade Eight and Mathew Hurt a distinction for Grade One.

### Guitar

The group and individual guitar lessons are continuing. Some of these boys play regularly in the Chapel. Boys have also taken part in music department concerts.

### Chapel music

The Choir has developed a good warm tone and numbers 70 boys. Use has been made of wind players in the Chapel on a number of occasions this year. It is hoped that this trend will continue as time goes by until instrumental participation becomes a regular feature of Chapel services. The new sound system has made an improvement to balance as experience is gained with its operation.

### Oliver!

A large number of choir members and instrumentalists took part in the musical *Oliver.* After initial problems experienced in getting very inexperienced junior players to take part in the accompaniment, the position rapidly improved, the orchestra gave a competent performance.

### Concert performances

There have been regular monthly concerts in the music department, giving all pupils the opportunity to play solos and ensembles in an intimate atmosphere. The music department was also involved in the annual Inter-House music competition and a number of band festivals. During the Second Quarter we hosted an all-day visit by girls from Westville Girls' High and the Wykeham-Collegiate with a total participation of



***Music in the Berg***

approxomately 65 pupils in a combined band performance in the Theatre in the afternoon. Six girls from Hudson Park High School spent the last week of the Second Quarter at Michaelhouse and performed and held clinics with our boys.

During the October holidays Michaelhouse again hosted a band festival. This time it was a six day "camp" called "Music in the Berg". Response nation-wide was better than anticipated and a group of 106 musicians ranging from a member of the SAAF band to primary school pupils attended. The response from the Transvaal with 50 delegates was very heartening. There were also musicians from Welkom, Kroonstad and Bloemfontein, as well as a group from Hudson Park in East London. The standard of playing was very high and the final programmes in the Theatre were on a par with similar national festivals held in SA.

The music department held their annual concert in the Theatre on Open Day and also presented a lunch hour concert in the Pietermaritzburg City Hall together with the Choir on 13th November as the highlight of the year's activities. Their performance received a standing ovation. The wind band has also played for *Stuff and Nonsence*, New Boys' day, the Howick Music Society and with Clifton Primary School in Durban.

All in all I can report that the music department has had a very active year.

*G. Burgess*

## MICHAELHOUSE–ESKOM CO-OPERATION 1990

The relationship between Michaelhouse and Eskom was initially established in April 1990 with the hosting of a conference concerning the collaboration of education and industry for the future of South Africa. Resulting from this well attended conference were numerous initiatives, including:

1. The establishment of the Teacher Development Project. This has developed into an active association of Midlands teachers, whose representatives indicate how Michaelhouse staff (as well as other instances) can support farm school teachers in their teaching. This project is run in conjunction with the Midlands Farm School Project and is headed by a steering committee, which decides upon the activities of the project.

To date most interaction has involved Michaelhouse and the farm school nearby. Support in the forms of assisting with the farm school bursary fund, run transporting teachers and pupils to Expo competitions and other venues, assisting with the purchasing of laboratory equipment and the loan of teaching apparatus has been undertaken by Michaelhouse staff.

In future at least ten surrounding farm schools may become involved in the project, and so benefit from this association. This benefit will take the form of both material goods and practical teaching support.

2. The development of the TEKPREP programme for farm school children. This programme is run by ESKOM and some Michaelhouse staff members act as facilitators for the events undertaken during the programme's activities. Tekprep aims to provide the learning experiences not normally provided at school. These include experiences of: The world of work, Problem solving, Extra skills in maths and science, Communication, Life skills.

3. The involvement of ESKOM staff in the teaching of aspects of some physical science courses (e.g. electricity).

ESKOM has funded these projects and has made a huge staff commitment to these activities. Michaelhouse staff have had the opportunity to develop relationships with teachers at neighbouring schools. They have been able to gain a better insight into the broad problems facing education in this country and to utilise ESKOM facilities to the benefit of their own teaching.

*Paul Fleischack, January 1991*

## VITH FORM 1990

1990 has been, without doubt, the busiest and most-productive of the VIth Form years that has come under my care. Much of what has been achieved is due to the quality of the young men that are now being admitted to this extra year, and to their enormous input, both as individuals and as a group. The Bible teaches us that we will reap what we have sown: this group has been a living witness to this testimony "and brought forth one hundred fold".

In the First Quarter all the young men were involved, in one way or another, in the VIth Form play, *The Fantastical History of a Useless Man*, which was chosen, directed and staged from first to last by the group. This venture was highly successful both from a dramatic point of view and as a cementing exercise for the richly-diverse group. In addition, all post-matriculants attended a ten-week-long course in basic computing, held here in our impressive new centre, in which fundamental literacy was taught.

In the Second Quarter a course of lectures was given on the history of Ireland to the present day, examining the social, economic and political problems with which this beautiful land has been (and is!) fraught. An extensive course of ballroom dancing lessons was given to the full complement, and this was concluded early in the Third Quarter with a genuine "ball" where the lads from Michaelhouse and the girls from St Anne's needed little encouragement to show off their newly-acquired skills.

In addition we are deliberately timetabled in such a way as to allow us to leave the estate every Wednesday and consequently have enjoyed a vast range of activities, both recreational and educational in their nature, over the year. I list some of them below:

Visits to: The Tatham Art Gallery
Capital Radio
Iscor (Newcastle Works)
Nestlé
Zenzane Village
The Natal Playhouse
Scottsville Race Course
Boschhoek Golf Course
The Durban Ice-Skating Rink
Hilton College

Visits to town for a meal and/or a movie are regularly undertaken. In addition there has been frequent social intercourse with members of staff here and indeed with other post-matric groups in the area.

Perhaps the most impressive aspect of this group's involve-

ment and commitment has been the willingness that they have shown to serve others both within this institution and beyond its gates. A number of fund-raising projects have been embarked upon in the course of the year which have realised healthy sums of money for the less fortunate, at the same time serving the immediate needs of our community. The Michaelhouse/Hilton rugby programme is but one example of such a service. It is hoped that this group will raise in excess of R5 000 for the needy before the end of the year.

This year we once again undertook two tours: in Michaelmas to Gazankulu and at the end of the year, in conjunction with the post-matric class from Hilton College, to Cape Town. Both trips were highly successful, and those who attended derived considerable benefit.

In the Second Quarter Keith Bunten, an American exchange scholar from Missouri, joined us for the seven weeks. He made a valuable contribution and a number of good friends in his short stay with us. We know that he enjoyed his time both here and at other schools in the area, and we wish him all the best for his continued studies back in the United States of America.

Academically the year was a glorious success. We were nervous from the outset of having to perform in the shadow of a best-ever set of results in 1989. It is a tribute to the calibre of the young men that I had in my charge, and the quality of the tutorage that takes place at this level, that we actually not only matched, but dramatically improved upon the 1989 success. A detailed analysis follows:


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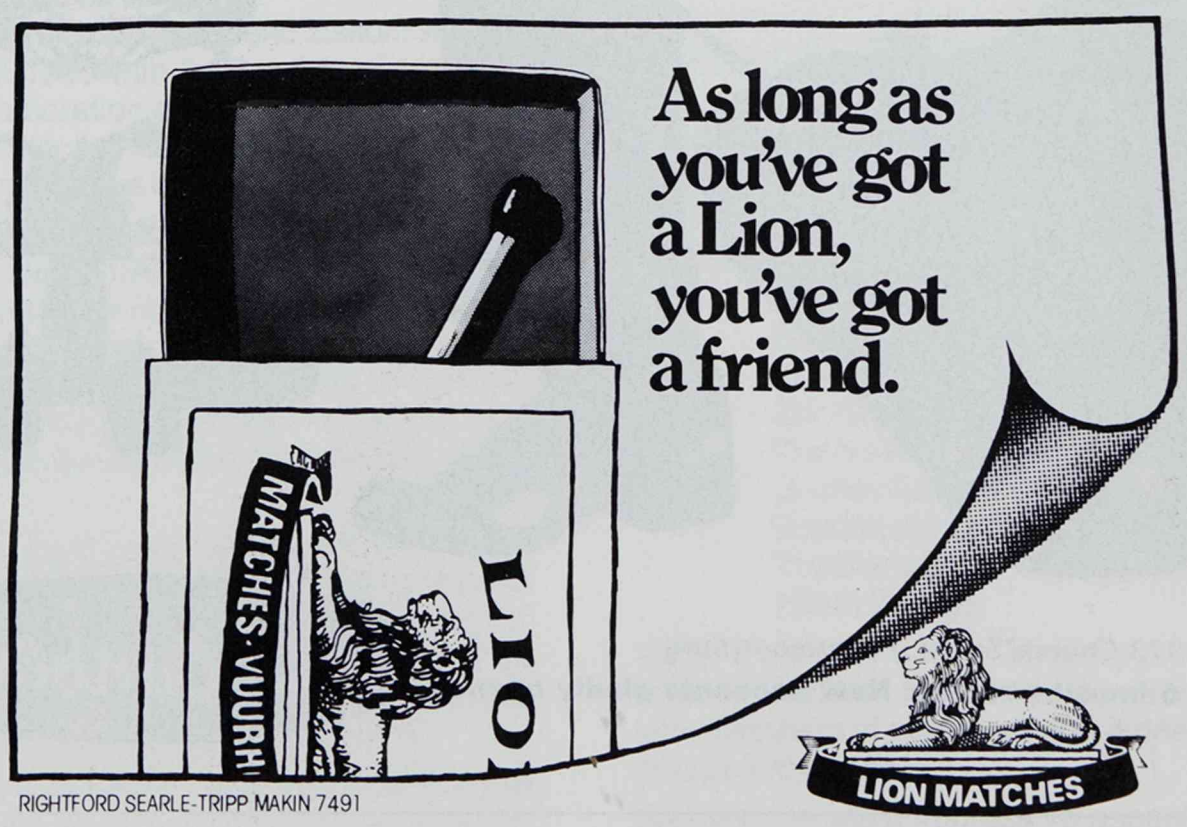
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## SPECIAL PRIZE LIST 1990

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|---|---|
| Bishop Baines Memorial Essay | P. Lindop |
| Tatham Memorial Essay | S. Ramdayal |
| Old Boys' Essay | G. Garrett |
| David Small Brand Prize (*the Post Matriculant who had the highest aggregate in Matric*) | P. Lindop |
| Herbert Fisher Prize (*best aggregate in Trial Matric*) | S. Ramdayal |
| W.R. Hindson History Essay | A. Erasmus |
| W.R. Hindson English Literature | P. Lindop |
| Peter Bell Memorial English Literature | B. Gundry |
| Rector's English Verse Prize | M. Nkosi |
| J.J.L. Sisson Prize (*proficiency in English Grammar C, D or E Block*) | J. Bothner |
| Michael Barry English Prize | S. Gane |
| P.D. Barnard Memorial Afrikaans (*Best progress*) | |
| Senior | M. Dlamini |
| Junior | K. Ramnath and J.A. Band |
| Norman Lyon Classics Prize | M. Gowen |
| Hutchinson Memorial Mathematics Prize | |
| Senior | S. Ramdayal |
| Junior | E. Frey |
| Godfrey Immelman Maths Prize | T. Gifford-Nash |
| Stubbings — Dyson Prize (*the most promising Mathematician in C Block*) | J. Bothner |
| Margaret Proctor Prize for VI Form Physics | M. Snowden |
| J.L. Robinson Award (*achievement in the theoretical and practical realms of Physical Science*) | S. Ramdayal |
| Kevin King Memorial Award (*outstanding Scientific Project Work*) | S. Bold |
| Nedbank Biology Prize | G. Garrett and M. Hewat |
| Hudson Bennett Natural History Prize | |
| Senior | L. Ferreira |
| Andrew Henderson Prize for Agriculture | |
| Senior | R. Bryden |
| John Allen Art Prize | K. Roques |
| Zulu Progress Prize | |
| Senior | A. McIntosh |
| Junior | M. Jonsson |
| Collins Prize for Music | D. Burgess |
| Peter Beard Memorial Music Prize | A. Andersson |
| Senior Music Prize | A. Andersson |
| Junior Music Prize | G. Fockens |
| Van Velden Trophy (*Greatest contribution to drama during his school career*) | R. Short |
| Vivienne Stranack Award (*creative or performing Arts*) | C. Wadman |
| Richard Hedden Memorial Award (*Community Service*) | B. Mooi and R. Dunstan |
| Tim Patrick Memorial Prize (*exceptional contribution to Society Work*) | S. Ramdayal |
| M.R. Butcher Outward Bound Award | C. von Klemperer |
| Human Kinetics Project Prize | S. Porrill and L. Hamilton |
| Chess Prize | S. Bekker |
| Photography Prize | G. Steiner |
| Printing Prize | C. Plant |



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## SUBJECT PRIZES

### VIth Form

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| *English* | P. Lindop | *Chemistry* | S. Howa |
| *Economics* | P. Lindop | *Philosophy* | S. Howa |
| *Psychology* | M. Snowden | *Maths* | A. Guelfucci |
| *Physics* | M. Snowden | *Accountancy* | N. Nkosi/ R. Graham |

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| *Afrikaans* | S. Ramdayal | *English* | G. Osborne |
| *Biology* | S. Ramdayal | *French* | E. Hening |
| *Geography* | S. Ramdayal | *Latin* | M. Gowen |
| *Maths* | S. Ramdayal | *Art* | B. Scott |
| *Science* | S. Ramdayal | *Zulu* | M. Dlamini/ N. Zungu |
| *Computer Science* | S. Ramdayal | *History* | B. Gundry |

### B Block

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| *English* | S. Nicholson | *Afrikaans* | L. Ferreira |
| *Biology* | S. Nicholson | *French* | A.P. Andersson |
| *Maths* | S. Nicholson | *Zulu* | S. Malevu |
| *Geography* | E. Cottrell | *Art* | K. Roques |
| *History* | E. Cottrell | *Science* | J. Pendlebury/ T. Gifford-Nash |

### C Block

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| *English* | J. Bothner | *Biology* | A. Barnabas |
| *Afrikaans* | J. Bothner | *French* | O. Chan |
| *Maths* | J. Bothner | *Geography* | P. Landry |
| *Latin* | G. Mrkusic | *Zulu* | K. Zulu |
| *Science* | G. Mrkusic/ M. Doyle | *History* | C. Barnabas |
| | | *Art* | Y. Rehman |
| *Divinity* | J. Hamper | *Human* | |
| *Computer* | I. Napier/ | *Kinetics* | S. Hamilton |
| *Studies* | J. Band | *Speech and* | |
| | | *Drama* | H. Pooke |

### D Block

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| *Geography* | M. Witherspoon | *History* | W. Smith |
| *Divinity* | M. Witherspoon | *Human* | |
| *French* | Q. Duncan | *Kinetics* | W. Smith |
| *Biology* | Q. Duncan | *Latin* | B. Tilley |
| *Science* | Q. Duncan | *Maths* | E. Frey |
| *Art* | M. Burnett | *Zulu* | P. Rathebe |
| *Afrikaans* | C. McIntosh | *English* | C. Wilson |

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| *English* | M. Hurt | *Biology* | C. Reinhardt |
| *Art* | M. Hurt | *Human* | |
| *History* | M. Hurt/ L. Turner | *Kinetics* | C. Reinhardt |
| | | *Science* | C. Reinhardt |
| *Latin* | R. Mayes | *French* | M. Mantis |
| *Afrikaans* | H. Swart | *Geograph* | J. Black |
| *Zulu* | H. Swart/ J. Pretorius | *Maths* | D. Lewis |
| | | *Divinity* | D. Macduff |

## GABRIELLE MASSEY PRIZES

*(Awarded for oral work in English)*

**A Block:** G. Osborne, D. Wood, A. Yeowart, C. Carrara, S. von Kaufmann, R. Emergy

**B Block:** E. Cottrell, J. Matthews, K. Roques, C. Campbell, D. Stainer, S. Spencer

**C Block:** J. Bothner, S. Collins, J. Moffatt, C. Howson, P. Bydawell

**D Block:** J. Roche, C. Wilson, N. Sacco, M. Schulze, J. Roques

**E Block:** M. Hurt, J.-L. du Plessis

## RECTOR'S ADDRESS

Mr Chairman, My Lord Bishop, Governors, Dr and Mrs Dhlomo, Ladies and Gentlemen, boys at Michaelhouse, I extend a warm welcome to you all. I would also like to mention today my colleagues, Headmasters and Headmistresses of the other Independent Schools with whom I spend so many fulfilling and friendly times. I know how busy you are and would like to say how pleased I am to see you here.

Another Speech Day is upon us — my fourth, and I am shaken by the gathering speed with which each year goes by. Oh for the days of youth when each Christmas seemed light years apart, when time all but stood still. There is so much more to do now in what seems so little time, but I suppose, this is all part of the maturing process that accompanies the passing years. Rewards lie in achieving the goals that have been set and I can look back with considerable satisfaction, but certainly not complacency, on the past 12 months. Our outstanding individual achievements over this period have been listed on the Speechday programme insert. I do not intend to expand on those, but I do want to talk about how and why we approach as we do some of the aspects of a Michaelhouse education.

Schooling must be education for life and therefore must have relevance. The major part of this relevance pertains to the needs of the current society in which we live. In the academic field of education, we live in a society which is very much orientated towards examinations — the results of which largely determine the opportunities that lie ahead. We must ensure therefore that we meet this requirement and that our charges emerge from a Michaelhouse education with the best possible paper qualification of which they are capable. We are very proud of our achievements in this field and one need only look at the extraordinarily high percentage of "A" aggregates achieved this year — 13 per cent of those who wrote at the Higher Grade — as an indication that we are achieving this goal — not only for our "high flyers" but also for those writing for a Standard Grade pass, in which examination we have not had a failure for at least the past ten years. As a further indication one should glance at the Post Matriculation results which last year saw the best UNISA results on record, with subject results such as five distinctions out of nine candidates for Accounts I, eight distinctions from 12 Economics I candidates.

We must however, and we do, go beyond providing an education that is totally examination orientated and so we involve our boys more and more in "life experience" education that encompasses topics such as environmental awareness, practical scientific and biological enterprises, computer literacy and very recently, to create awareness and introduce pupils to technology, an aspect of education that is sorely needed for the South Africa of today and even more so for the South Africa of the future. We must realise that our present educational system stems from one devised many years ago to prepare people and develop attitudes for the services, such as the military, political and religious fields, Governors, Ambassadors and missionaries and this type of pursuit. The traditional education was well suited to this end. Times have changed and are changing extremely rapidly at present and it is essential that we are educating to meet the needs of the changing society. In other words there is at present great debate between the champions of the historical, formal education and those who support the vocational or practical form of education. Let's face it, the basic requirement of education is to be of benefit to the individual and it can hardly be of general benefit if it leaves him unable to earn a living. However, as Michael O'Dowd, the Chairman of the Chairman's Fund of Anglo American and De Beers writes: "We must not ignore tradition. It does not mean that the experience of thousands of years of living as human beings in human societies has become irrelevant or can be discarded". In my opinion the education for the future will be one that melds the new with the old, the formal with the vocational. It will not be a case of chucking out the old and introducing brand new systems.

There is far too much good in the formal, traditional type of education for it to be discarded. Margaret Thatcher said recently: "There is a need for us to return to the Victorian values that include courtesy, manners and values". The trick is to get the balance right.

That balance most certainly does not lie in a totally academic type of education and it is in the pursuit of the balanced form of education that the key objective or mission statement of this school was devised for us to follow. I read a portion of this: "To provide a liberal education which develops every pupil's spiritual, social, moral, academic, cultural and physical abilities and which acknowledges and seeks to meet his individual needs." It would be quite wrong for us to reproduce carbon copy Michaelhouse types, but it would also be quite wrong if we did not provide a carbon copy *for all*, of the Christian way of life, so that all boys have the basic foundation of values for life. From this firm and fertile foundation can develop the individual growth. Apart from developing their skills it is our aim that young men leaving Michaelhouse are not bigoted, are tolerant and are sensitive to others, that they actively involve themselves in service and that they play a really meaningful role in our South African society.

Yevtushenko in "A Precocious Autobiography" writes: "Although I came across many bad people, I grew more and more convinced that the good were in the majority and I still believe this today. Unfortunately, I also noticed that the wicked usually hang together even when they hate each other, and this is their strength. Whereas the good tend to be more scattered and this is their weakness. I also arrived at a new standard by which to measure intellectuals. I realised that man's intelligence is not the sum of what he knows but the soundness of his judgement of people and his power to understand and to help them. From this standpoint, some of the most educated people I met were much less cultured than ignorant soldiers, peasants, workers and even criminals. For me the aristocracy of the spirit is not made of those who can spend hours quoting everything from Plato to Kafka to Joyce, but of those whose hearts are open to others, whilst even the most educated people, if their education only helps them to be better scoundrels, are for me the rabble."

To achieve the aims and results that I have outlined you must have as leaders men and women who have the necessary dedication, drive and expertise and here I endorse the Chairman's comments and pay tribute to our staff. They are not satisfied by what I call "normal expectations" of teachers that cover the classrooms and playing fields. I just cannot list all the things in which they are involved but their day will start at 6:00 in the morning and will seldom be over before 21:00 in the evening. Add to this the weekends and in many cases a good part of the holidays then you will understand what I am saying, but then they believe in the School and what it stands for and I know are proud of what they do for it. I am truly grateful to them all for their co-operation and dedication and the successes that we are now achieving can be ascribed to them. It would be quite wrong of me not to single out one man who epitomises this, a man who came to Michaelhouse in January of 1949, who served under Rectors Snell, Morgan, Norwood, Pennington, Jardine and finally with me. He has now retired after 42 years' service to Michaelhouse. We pay tribute now to John Lowe. We are eternally grateful to you and wish you and your wife Amy a long and happy retirement at your home in Howick.

I also thank Philip Lindop, the Senior Prefect, Grant Edmundson, the Second Prefect and their prefect body for carrying out their duties so efficiently and with good grace. The prefect role is an integral part of the mechanism of the on-going daily workings of the school. They have done their job very well.

As most of you know the Centenary Appeal and Centenary Building project is now well under way. Fund raising is never an easy thing and in these financial times it is particularly difficult. The School is extremely grateful to all its benefactors and workers for their generosity and input to this project. Once again we are witnessing the quite fantastic sacrifices that our Michaelhouse community are willing to make for the school. I would like to make special mention of the current parent body. Statistics from previous Fund Raising exercises throughout South Africa taken over a number of years show what percentage of funds can be expected from what sectors concerned with the school. In spite of the high cost of school fees our parent body has far surpassed the norm. I am both proud of this and most gratified.

You have all seen the signs of building going on with the debris chute out of the front of the school looking rather like an escape chute from an aircraft. The noise and dust that our offices are experiencing at the moment makes me look forward even more to my long leave in three weeks' time. I am sure that Peter Snyder will cope with it admirably! The Administration block and the Sanatorium are both part of this particular phase of building and should be completed by January. The eighth House, Mackenzie House, will be started early next year. We are concerned, however, that we will not have the necessary funds available to complete the entire project according to schedule. We have worked out the project master plan very carefully and are convinced that what we intend to build is essential if Michaelhouse is to stay in the forefront of South African schools. We will not, therefore, cut what we intended to do, but we would rather complete properly what we have funds for and wait for further monies before we continue and complete the project. I believe that this project will ensure that in the 21st Century we will still be able to refer to Michaelhouse as Lord Hume spoke of the facilities at his old school, Eton. He referred to these facilities as: "A city of excellence to be plundered by any boy who had the nous to take advantage of its treasures".

As has been outlined in my address to you today we strive as part of education offered, to ensure that the young men who leave our care are aware, amongst other things, of moral and social obligations and concern for the needs of others. In this vein I believe that Michaelhouse has the moral and social obligation to play a role in the educational future. We all here are aware of the tragic situation that South African education finds itself in — lack of schools, facilities, teachers without decent qualifications and political interference. We certainly cannot cure this on our own, but we can do something about it. What we do is but a drop of water in the larger bucket, but if we can encourage enough drops eventually the bucket can be filled. A little done well is much better than trying to do everything and doing nothing well.

In July of 1986 we embarked on a series of Teacher Upgrading Courses. Since that start we have held nine courses which have included approximately 1 800 teachers. These courses have been held in the holidays using our facilities. Whilst we are hardly able to use our facilities and teachers during the term time we are able in the way outlined to meet what we consider those essential moral and social responsibilities to help in the development of the new South Africa. Further to this we have held a number of symposia in an effort to be aware of the problems and to see what we could do about them. In April a Michaelhouse/Eskom conference was held in the Schlesinger Theatre. The conference was attended by approximately 250 delegates. It achieved its aim of initiating support for collaboration between Education and Industry around relevant curriculum design, changing the altogether academic bias in schools and in encouraging industry to support education.

Recently, at the beginning of this Quarter we held a Staff/Governors symposium, the theme of which was "The Role of Michaelhouse in the 21st Century". Virtually all present speakers referred to the inadequacies of the present national educational system and needs for the future of Education in South Africa. Group discussions were followed by a plenary session. It was an invaluable exercise where staff and Governors shared ideas on the vital issues of the

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School's role for the future. It is essential that we remain aware and well informed about these issues. We have, after all, a stake in, and share responsibility for this country that is for us all.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay special tribute to the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr Walter Strachan. Mr Strachan joined the Board in June of 1973 and became Chairman of the Finance Committee on 1st January 1978. He was elected Chairman of the Board in January of 1985. He retires at the end of this year. I have come to know Mr Strachan very well on a personal basis in the four years that I have been Rector. I have also of course come to know just how much time, effort and expertise goes into the job of being Chairman of the Board of this School. It is certainly no sinecure. Few can have any idea of how demanding and responsible the job is, especially as done by Mr Strachan. In recognition of his services to Michaelhouse, Mr Strachan was made a Fellows Associate in 1988, one of only another ten men who have received this accolade, and no one could have been more deserving of the honour. On a personal note, I will miss his wise counsel and unfailing support, a real gentleman and a true son of Michaelhouse. The gratitude of the whole Michaelhouse community, current and past, are extended to you. Walter, we thank you.

And so into the next 12 months. Who knows what is in store for us? What we do know is that there are major changes ahead and I am sure we will not like all the changes as they are likely to impinge on the way of life that we have become used to. The need for tolerance and understanding is greater now than at any time before in the history of South Africa.

And so I ask you to share with me words written by Eusebius in 300 AD as applicable now as they were some 1 700 years ago. Perhaps even more so:

"May we be no man's enemy and may we be the friend of that which is eternal and abides.
May we never quarrel with those nearest to us. If we do may we be reconciled quickly.
May we love, seek and attain only that which is good.
May we wish for all men's happiness and envy none.
May we never rejoice in the ill fortune of one who has wronged us.
When we have done or said what is wrong, may we never wait for the rebuke of others, but always rebuke ourselves until we make amends.
May we to the extent of our power, give all needful help to our friends and to all who are in want.
May we never fail a friend in danger.
May we accustom ourselves to be gentle and never be angry with people because of circumstances.
May we know good men and follow in their footsteps."

## TOWARDS NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND A COMMON NATIONHOOD

**Address to Michaelhouse Speech and Prize-giving Day.**
**By Oscar D. Dhlomo**

**Introduction**

My wife and I are greatly honoured to have been invited to this year's Speech and Prize-giving Day at Michaelhouse. I am equally honoured to have been asked to address teachers, students and parents of Michaelhouse.

We in Natal and in South Africa have come to know and appreciate Michaelhouse as one of our most respected institutions of learning. I personally have come to know Michaelhouse as an educational institution that has not simply basked in its success without taking cognisance of what is happening around it. During my term of office in the KwaZulu Government's Department of Education and Culture, my Department was pleased to co-operate with Michaelhouse in a variety of student and teacher upgrading programmes. I am pleased to note that these programmes still continue.

Furthermore, I am aware that Michaelhouse has a long history of reaching out to neighbouring schools and communities. Historical records pertaining to Adams College where I matriculated do indicate that there used to be a very close relationship between Michaelhouse and Adams College in years gone by. This relationship entailed *inter alia* a student exchange programme. It is very encouraging to note that even in these early years Michaelhouse was already fully conscious of the need to build bridges across the racial divide — a need to promote national reconciliation in preparation for a common nationhood that is now our next challenge.

**Reconciliation and a Common Nationhood**

Today we face another equally important challenge in our country. We have the potential of forging a common nationhood which might see us take our rightful place in the destiny of our sub-continent. We also have the potential of realising a common and a shared vision of the new South Africa we all desire.

The new South Africa must be grounded on realism. Let us not pretend we are all the same. Rather let us glorify and be enriched by our cultural diversity.

Let us be proud of being Christians or Hindus, Zulus or Xhosas, Indians or Afrikaners. But first let us be South Africans. And let us never forget that we are citizens of the world.

To create a really new South Africa we must first develop a new vision. It is no longer sufficient that we seek to unite against the setting sun of apartheid. Now we must turn our eyes towards the dawn of a new post-apartheid era.

A new era in which a genuine, truly democratic, multi-party democracy will replace the bitter pain of the past. A new dawn in which economic growth and justice will replace sanctions, stagnation and poverty.

A new dawn in which discrimination will be replaced by a caring society in which every South African is given the greatest possible opportunity to realise his or her fullest potential.

But we must understand that the road to the realisation of this potential passes through national reconciliation. Reconciliation means that we as South Africans should find our commonality, that we must reconcile past differences and divisions and that we must grow together as a nation that shares common national symbols and common national aspirations. Reconciliation does not mean mere resignation and capitulation to a future we otherwise would not prefer. Neither does it mean hanging on unreasonably to a grim political past no matter how hurtful that past was to other fellow South Africans. On the contrary, reconciliation means that we must be positive, accepting past mistakes. Forgiving and forgetting these mistakes and then entering into a new South African covenant to work for an equitable, peaceful and democratic future for all the inhabitants of our land.

Of course this will not be easy to do. We will have to accept setbacks and disappointments along the way. We will have to persuade in words and deeds, those of our fellow countrymen who are presently arming themselves to fight against the evolving democratic future to hold our hand and come with us. We shall have to persuade those of our fellow countrymen who plan to walk this new road to the future as power-hungry party politicians and not as statesmen, also to come with us. Finally we will have to persuade those of our countrymen who feel threatened and uncertain also to come with us.

A common nationhood that is not built on the foundation of national reconciliation can certainly not prosper, no matter how painstakingly we might labour to build it.

Similarly, building a common nationhood without involving our youth is both futile and fatal.

It is for this reason that I urge the students of Michaelhouse today to take up this challenge of building a common nationhood with zeal and determination. First of all, we need future historians, inspired with this new national vision to write a common history for our country South Africa. We need a history that unites rather than divides and a history that em-

phasizes our rich common heritage rather than our enforced segregation of the past. This is not a history that must still be invented. It is there in archives and historical sources throughout the nation. All it needs are objective and patriotic researchers to unearth it and make it a vehicle to carry us through to a common future.

Secondly, we need future educationists who will help us design a system of education for a common nationhood. This is a system that will regard schools as arenas where common national values will be inculcated and nurtured and that will also develop curricula that will promote rather than hinder the birth of this common nationhood.

Thirdly, we need future industrialists who will show those of our deprived communities the acceptable face of the free enterprise economic system. I mean here free enterprise that will have a social conscience and will be able to reconcile the need for profit with the need for a living wage. There are the industrialists who will take the free enterprise system to the deprived masses of our people so that they too can say with the rest of white South Africa, "this is *our* and not *their* system". These are industrialists who will not tackle the challenge of hunger ignorance and disease by simply proclaiming that the business of business is business.

Fourthly, we need future politicians who will put reconciliation before ethnicity and personal ambition, and politicians who will put merit before skin colour. Such politicians will also need a vision of a great South African nation of the future capable of taking its place amongst the greatest democracies of the world and capable of making our planet safe for democracy.

Finally, we need future citizens who will make it their responsibility to preach reconciliation and a common nationhood wherever they go and whatever they do. Building a new nation is a joint effort and it must of necessity manifest itself in a variety of activities in which we engage.

You may now be wondering where our country will get all these extraordinary people from. I am ready with an answer for you: You are such people and you have the illustrious tradition of Michaelhouse to inspire and propel you to meet this future challenge. And of course you have millions of South Africans of goodwill, including myself, who are eager to work with you in pursuance of these noble objectives.

**Conclusion**
I understand the inscription at the entrance to your Memorial Hall encourages you to "Quit Ye Like Men". I would also urge you to do so. Not as white men or black men or Englishmen — but as men committed to create a new South Africa of which we can all feel truly proud and in which we can all feel truly at home.

South Africa's first motto is "Ex Unitate Vires" — "Out of Unity Strength". And then the Government proceeded to divide us.

Perhaps our next motto should be "Out of Diversity Strength". And perhaps this time the people, all the people, should set the lead.

## HEAD BOY'S SPEECH

Dr and Mrs Dhlomo, Mr Chairman, Bishop Michael and Mrs Nuttall, distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

The decision to send a son to boarding school must be a difficult one for parents. It involves allowing the independence which is necessary in order to grow towards adulthood. Cecil Day Lewis in a poem "Walking Away", written to his son on this eigteenth birthday, captures the poignancy of this loving decision:

**WALKING AWAY**
It is eighteen years ago, almost to the day —
A sunny day with the leaves just turning,
The touch-lines new-ruled — since I watched you play
Your first game of football, then, like a satellite
Wrenched from its orbit, go drifting away.
Behind a scatter of boys. I can see
You walking away from me towards the school
With the pathos of a half-fledged thing set free
Into a wilderness, the gait of one
Who finds no path where the path should be.

That hesitant figure, eddying away
Like a winged seed loosened from its parent stem,
Has something I never quite grasp to convey
About nature's give-and-take — the small, the scorching
Ordeals which fire one's irresolute clay.

I have had worse partings, but none that so
Gnaws at my mind still. Perhaps it is roughly
Saying what God alone could perfectly show —
How selfhood begins with a walking away,
And love is proved in the letting go.

*C. Day Lewis*

I wish to relate some of "the small, the scorching ordeals" which have fired my irresolute clay. When I sauntered, starry-eyed, into my position at the beginning of the year, the first thing I noticed in my new room was my mutilated desk surface. The frustrated gouges were only a hint of what was to come. No year at Michaelhouse is without its crises, and although they are never pleasant at the time, like hanging, they concentrate the mind.

It is now, once again, time for us leavers to "Walk Away": most of us will bail out of the nest as fast as we jolly well can, but, though our shirt collars have become ridiculously tight, it is difficult not to think back on the kaleidoscopic nature of our education here, without nostalgia. For example, when I trod the boards in "A Midsummer Night's Dream", I was curtly reminded of my purpose at Michaelhouse. "Your father sent you here to get your matric" thundered a Mathematics teacher to his pupil, who had missed three lessons to play rehearsals. Every pupil at some stage in his career here, will clash with a teacher over the amount of work the boy feels like doing. I remember being struck, as the aforementioned pupil, by the rightness of not so much my cause, but rather by the tenacity of those of the two teachers, one an academic and the other equally devoted to the theatre. Such spontaneous loyalty to pupils is a rare attribute in any school. The extra time which is put aside at Michaelhouse for further academic pursuit is extraordinary.

However, this is more than matched by the concerts, plays, clubs, societies and sports which cater for any individual's tastes. What is more, at each hub of enthusiasm, there is a member of staff with devotion to match.

Any school is only as good as its staff and I would like to pay tribute to this staff's outstanding contribution to our education. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the people behind the scenes, who are, more often than not, forgotten. The people who run the Sanatorium, the matrons and their staff as well as the most unenviable task of the caterer and his cooks and waiters, who all have put in more devoted hours than any of our thanks could match.

But school ought to be more than just chalk and sport. Friends are so important, and the opportunities Michaelhouse provides to discover and share close acquaintances are invaluable. Bonds which often last lifetimes are evolved through sport, in the classroom, through fagging, within houses and between prefects. The cloister system, of houses and the proximity of the staff ensures that there is no excuse for being friendless. Even eccentrics thrive at Michaelhouse despite the pressure among growing-up boys to conform. There is also a niche for a creative mind. In spite of the halls of Michaelhousean tradition these free thinkers thrive, spurring on the dress code infringers. Long may this School foster the traditions of being able to criticise and object. If boys can enjoy a broadening education and find fault in the system, the system has succeeded.

The breeding of this instinct for tolerance coupled with critical insight is in great demand in South Africa. It is difficult to believe, living amidst these quiet, rolling hills that we are in one

of the most violent regions on the planet. We are enormously privileged to escape these horrific realities, but if private schools are not to be havens for the pampered and the privileged they must continue to address these uncomfortable truths. As Khaba Mkize, a Pietermaritzburg editor, puts it, the question is one of "Nowness." Our country is poised on the brink of total confusion, the sort of confusion which is not just written about in newspapers. In short, addressing these issues is no longer a matter of philanthropic concern: it has become a question of survival.

Perhaps then, the most pressing long-term crisis in South Africa is education, of all types. A workshop to shed light on this issue was recently organised by Eskom and Michaelhouse and revealed some chilling statistics. Often, in rural areas, there is only one high school for every 160 preparatory farm schools. The shortage of mature, qualified teachers and of textbooks further aggravates the problem. This explains the conservative estimate of a 50 per cent functional illiteracy rate in this country. The other education we need is one of tolerance. The "illiteracy" in this field has caused and is seeing the horrific deaths of thousands through racial clashes.

The obvious question is where Michaelhouse fits in, and how its young old boys are prepared to deal with this terrifying, yet challenging scenario. International educational movements working in Third World regions have no option but to supply the bare essentials. The problem as they see it, has become one of survival and they have turned to self-help rural development in lieu of formal education. Due to the outstanding work from elements within our community, the Michaelhouse Farm School has gone from strength to strength. Sadly, though, for most of us, it is merely a token, something which we never see and only occasionally hear about.

This represents the next tier of the attempt to resolve the educational crisis. Mass numeracy and literacy drives will have to try to salvage those rendered helpless by Bantu Education. Frills will be cut and practical and technical training will have to be introduced at the earliest possible stage. If one optimistically projects these scenarios, and assumes them successful, the drawback which seems glaringly obvious is the neglect of the individual. This could well be a field where, in the future, the boys could make a voluntary contribution. Grass roots interaction, whether it be playing soccer or bashing out a physics problem with a disadvantaged contemporary could well be a growing experience none of us would regret.

Since nothing can stand still, but must involve a kind of walking away, true education is learning how to learn, learning how to adapt to new circumstances, to a new way of life. Perhaps, then, most important of all for us scholars is to learn the old truths of love and honour and pity and pride and compassion and sacrifice, eternal verities which make for the true men. If Michaelhouse, at its best, can teach this selfhood, in the place of selfishness and always strive to impart the business of the heart and spirit, as well as of the mind, it will always be relevant. There will always be a need for men educated from the heart, so "Quit ye like men."

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"LEARNING ACQUIRED IN YOUTH ARRESTS THE EVIL OF OLD AGE; AND IF YOU UNDERSTAND THAT OLD AGE HAS WISDOM FOR ITS FOOD, YOU WILL SO CONDUCT YOURSELF IN YOUTH THAT YOUR OLD AGE WILL NOT LACK NOURISHMENT."

*Leonardo da Vinci*

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# *Chapel Notes*

1990 will surely be written down in history as a momentous year in South Africa. Our Chapel worship and activities have reflected the wide variety of life of the whole Michaelhouse community with times of joy and celebration, times of penitence and earnest prayer for justice, reconciliation and true peace for Natal, times of sorrow amidst the tragedies of life, times of hope for the future in the life of the boys and staff of this great School.

A glance at the registers gives an idea of the life of the Michaelhouse community:

*Baptisms*
Adam Matthew Darby 22nd September
Mark Schetters Johnson 22nd September
Malcolm George William Mabbett 22nd September
Iain Alexander Napier 22nd September
Justin Heinrick Emil Wilhelm von Weichardt 22nd September
Jason Garth Douglas Wilson 22nd September
Blake Gareth Richard Tilley 22nd September
Jarryd Rudolph 9th December
Marco Mbekezeli Duthie 16th December
Angus John Currie 23rd December
Robert McLaren Currie 23rd December
Matthew Duke Partridge 23rd December

*Weddings*
Louis Buys and Karyn Steiner 20th January
Erwald Röhrs and Alison Hart 21st April
James Byrne and Cary Early 19th May
Stephen Watson and Angela Dickson 7th July
Adrian Cullinane and Lize van der Linde 21st July
Johannes Sibisi and Thembisile Sikhakhane 1st October
Martin Smale and Lesley Mitchell 22nd December

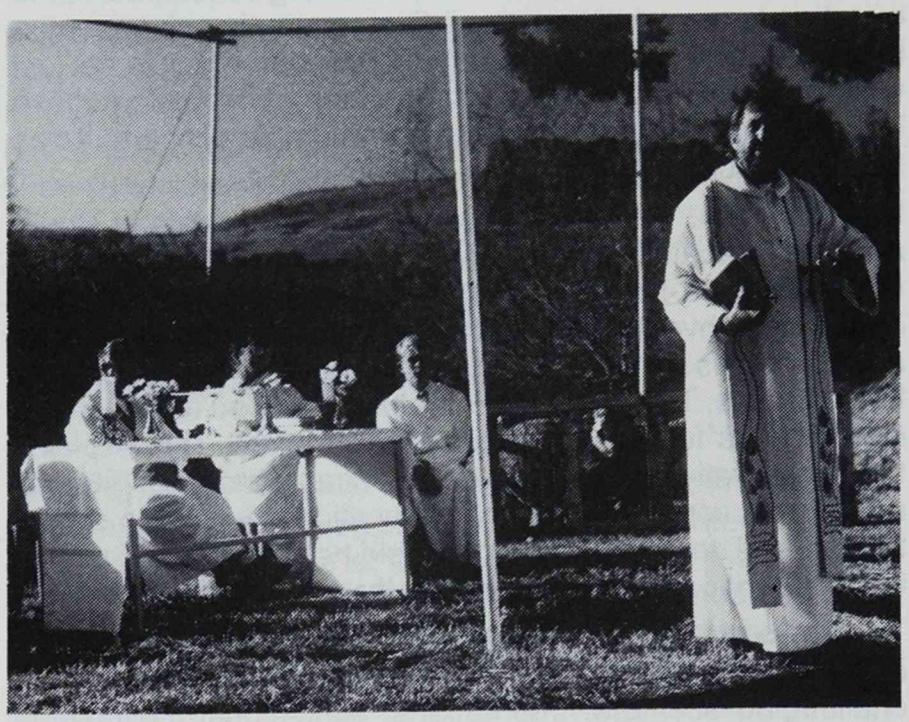
*Burials and Interments of Ashes*
David John Canning 3rd January
Lewis John Lawrence Rouillard 2nd March
Roelof van der berg 18th March
Jan van der Bank 2nd May
Betty Majosi 10th June
Reuben Zuma 6th September
Robert Thomas Stanley Norwood 23rd September
Leonard Mtetwa 23rd October

Each Sunday of the year our Chapel worship continues. Of course the term times are busiest and, in many ways, the most important for the school exists "to provide an education which develops every pupil's spiritual, social, moral, academic, cultural and physical abilities and which acknowledges and seeks to meet his individual needs so that with opportunity, encouragement and disciplined Christian guidance he may emerge a socially responsible person with a balanced outlook on life (school's key objective).

Thus, that which happens in the Chapel, reflects on Christian life together at Michaelhouse. From the Community service at the beginning of the school year through the "Admission of new boys service" and full school Eucharists at the beginning and end of term, worship in the Amphitheatre on the third Sunday after Easter, Ascension Day services with hundreds of Old Boys, Leavers' service, wonderful and glorious Christmas Carol services (500 parents, visitors and guests on one evening and then the whole school on another) and our "usual" Sunday and weekday services.

There is no doubt that this is indeed the centre of school life. Our Diocesan Bishop Michael Nuttall was here to attest to this and administer the sacrement of Confirmation for 68 boys and one member of staff (Nicholas Cahill) and one visitor from Wykeham Collegiate.

Bishop Michael also presided at a prayer and praise filled Holy Eucharist on the following morning.



***Open-air Communion — Fr Fred***

A particular joy and blessing was the ministry of the Revd Brian Williams from the Dominican Community at Cedara. He prepared eight Roman Catholic boys for Confirmation by Monsignor Nadal on 28th October in the Crypt.

Our sincere thanks are also due to all those who came to preach here.

*Visiting preachers*
The Revds J.M. Sargent, T. Vundla, H. Knowles, B. Williams, D. Bailey, T. Sparks, R. Phillip, A. Smedley, B. Mngomezulu, the Revd Canon H. Harker, the Revd Dr A. Maker, the Revd Dr J. Draper, Pastor W. Jackson, the Very Revd J. Forbes, Mr T. Middleton, Mr A. Pienaar, Miss K. Oliver, Mr J. Tooke, the Ven. V. Mkhize, the Ven. A. Kriel, Mr R Goldman, Monsignor P. Nadal, Rt Revd P. Russell, the Ven. A. Reynolds and Mr P. Kerchoff.

Particular mention must be made of the Choir. Under the direction of Mrs Anne Pitout they have enriched our worship and helped the whole School's singing to improve. How wonderful it is to worship in the School Chapel with the voices of so many young men raised in praise of Almighty God.

We have been ably served by our organists, Mrs Joan Lang (who left us in June), Mr Derek Spencer and Mr Enrico Gerber (who joined the staff at the beginning of the Pentecost Quarter).

Mention must also be made of our faithful band of Laymin isters: our Rector, John Pluke, Allen Duff, David Lewis, Andrew Cook, Blaize Reynolds and Tony Carter. These men have not only led worship on Sundays but have also provided sound spiritual teaching through the Wednesday morning services.

Simon Gane led an enthusiastic and loyal group of 20 servers. They helped with silver and brass cleaning on Saturday evenings and enabled our services to run smoothly on Sundays.

Thanks are also due to Mrs Wendy Rogers, who assisted with Confirmation classes, Mrs Yvonne Hart and Mrs Marion Ashmole who saw to Chapel linen and particularly to Mrs Estelle Joubert and the women who have kept the Chapel, the Crypt and the Vestry tidy and clean. Many of the staff wives have also beautified the chapel with their flower arrangements.

Our hope is that we may soon be able to tackle two major tasks — one is the necessity of re-organising and rationalising the Choir seating behind the alter, the other is the urgent need to attend to the parlous state of the innards of the organ!

May 1991 be a year of blessing and spiritual growth for us all.

*Father G.A. Pitout*

## CHAPEL CHOIR 1990

The Choir has been exceptionally active this year, having performed at the Pietermartizburg City Hall, three weddings in the chapel, the funeral of Lewis Rouillard, OM, Speech Day and then Confirmation.

The Carol Service at the end of the Fourth Quarter was the culmination of a very successful year for the Michaelhouse Chapel Choir. A traditional service of NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS with a combination of old and new carols, a candle-lit procession (preceded by a beautiful organ voluntary "Fantasia" composed by our new organist Enrico Gerber), banners, flowers and a full Chapel all contributed to a memorable evening of worship.

The hours of hard practice and dedication that went into making this and other occasions a success, were indicative of the growth of the Choir as a vibrant part of the leading of worship at Michaelhouse.

Several adult members, in particular Mrs Patti Lees, Mrs Nadine Reynolds and Mrs Fran Winckworth, are thanked for their dedicated contribution.

The Choir also bid a fond and sad farewell to our capable and fun-loving organist, Mrs Joan Lang, who left due to ill health. We salute and thank her for all she contributed to Michaelhouse music and worship.

Thanks are also extended to Mr Derek Spencer, who generously gave of his time to "fill in" on numerous occasions. A most capable "assistant organist"!

Our head Chorister, Themba Vundla, a quiet, dignified and efficient leader, was a great help and support throughout the year. Thank you Themba!

The quality of the Choral music this year has enhanced the worship and helped the school as a whole to participate more meaningfully in the worship.

Thanks be to God for His gift of inspiration and music.

## CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The Christian Fellowship group has continued to meet every Tuesday evening at 20:00. This is always an opportunity for more informal gathering. Our change of venue to the Crypt has begun to show dividends.

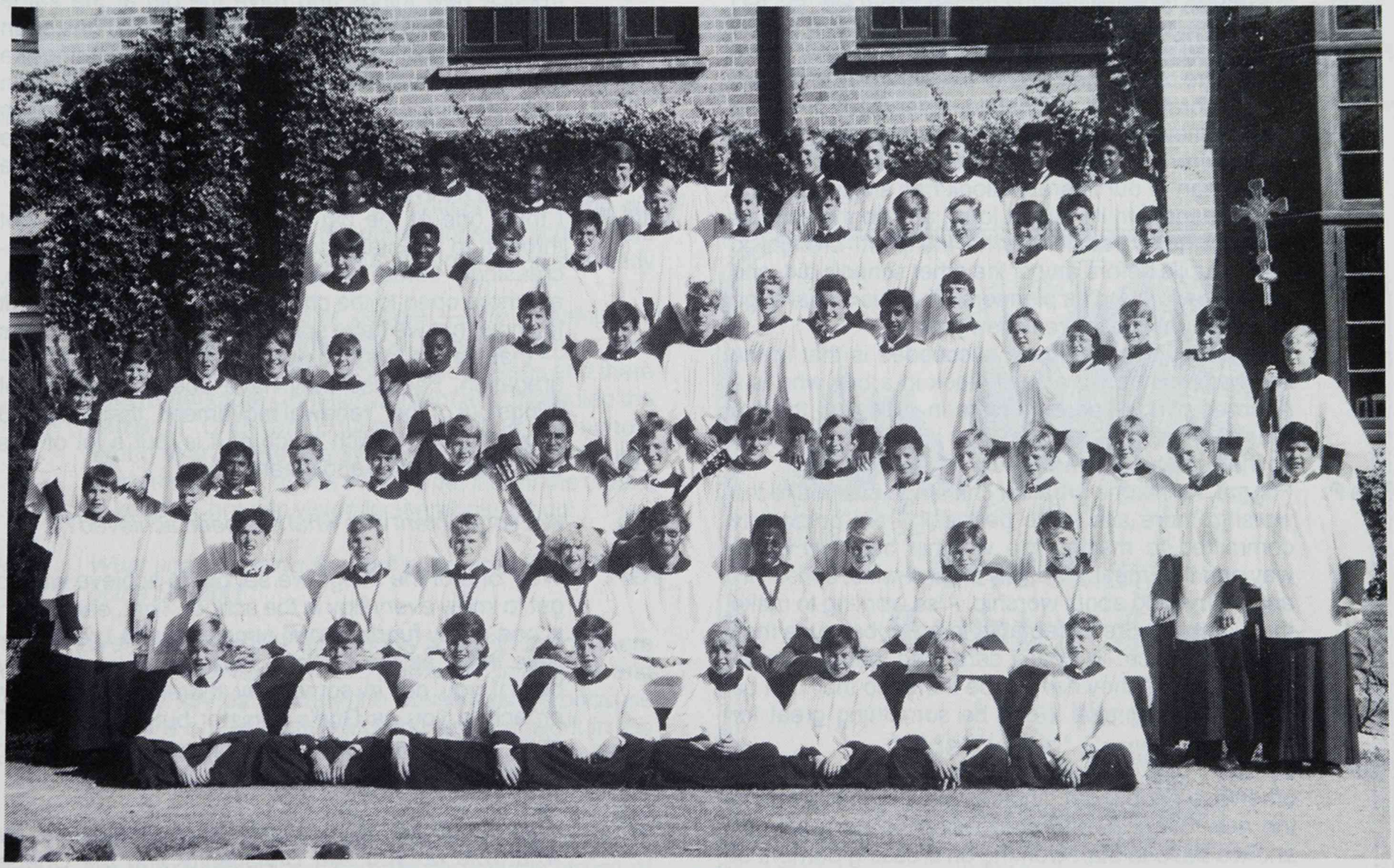
We have installed a small coffee bar and some benches into the back of the Crypt. This has created a place where much Christian dialogue takes place.

The small Committee met every Friday afternoon and planned our meetings. We were fortunate to have visiting speakers such as Tony Pienaar and Kate Oliver from SUIS. During the Pentecost quarter a number of staff also took part in panel discussions relating how their Christian faith was worked out in daily life.

There were also outings to other schools and to some meetings at Pietermaritzburg churches — of course the likelihood of meeting girls ensured that there was a strong demand for places on the bus!

Three of our leavers, Ryan Read, Roland Dunstan and Duncan Prince, will be particularly missed as they have put so much into the organisation of "C F". The challenge for those remaining is, in the words of the hymn, to "make more faithful than before".

*Father F.G.A. Pitout*



*CHOIR*

*Back row (L–R) L. Luthuli; W. Dladla; V. Mbutuma; E. Frey; W. Goldby; J. French; A. Kimble; F. Sherwell; A. Barnabas; S. Naidoo*
*5th row (L–R) J. Black; S. Koza; R. Griffiths; B. Hatfield; C. Folker; B. Whittle; L. Ferreira; A. Smart; St.J. Bungey; S. Hamilton; A. Croasdale; E. Ackron*
*4th row (L–R) R. Newton; N. Sacco; E. Erikson; N. Hurt; M. Eslick; M. Khubeka; C. Walker; R. McBride; J. Wilson; A. Prince; C. Dennyson; K. Ramnath; N. Witherspoon; J. v.d. Ruit; R. Mayor; J. Hughes; R. Mayes; G. Christie*
*3rd row (L–R) M. Pretorius; L. Palmer; P. Naidu; M. Cook; D. van Schalkwyk; A. Purchase; B. Mooi; M. Smithyman; D. Parkes; C. Pool; M. Erleman; B. Tilley; H. Swart; J. Valentine; S. Elliot; N. Bughwan*
*2nd row (L–R) S. Gane; A. Fenwick; M. Gowan (V. Head); Mrs Pitout; E. Gerber; T. Vundla (H. Chorister); A. Lees; A. Hepburn; J. Bowring*
*Front row (L–R) S.A. Darby; A. Crane; M. Schultze; S. Lumley; G. Wynn; R. van Schalkwyk; A. Staniforth*

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## "CHRISTIANITY AT MICHAELHOUSE"

**An interview with Father Fred and Mrs Anne Pitout.**

**INT:** *What do you see as the role of Christianity in the future of Michaelhouse?*

**FGP:** That the school should also consider carefully the need to provide some major piece of art work, some major thing which is done for the Centenary Project. Otherwise all the work which is done is going to be secular, something apart from just the building going on.

**Mrs P:** When you think of what's been done in the past, the Chapel itself is a war memorial to those who died in the Second World War.

**FGP:** Then we look at past rectors like Snell who had the vision to see the necessity to provide for a major art-work like the rose window which is world renowned and which will remain for centuries. People will continue to be moved by it whenever they visit the school.

**INT:** *What do you think can be done on a personal level to improve the spiritual life of Michaelhouse?*

**FGP:** I think the challenge in a school like this, is that it is a dynamic place, it's a living place where people grow and where people are involved in education, so it can never remain static; but the great danger of the school as it gets older and as its tradition grows is that it will stagnate somewhat and the challenge, therefore, remains that the school which started, as I see it, as running right ahead of society and on the cutting edge of history, might become a pillar of society. The challenge I see for this school is to remain at the forefront of education. Everybody's talking about a new SA all around us, we should be right at the forefront of what is happening in education, because part of our liberal outlook has always been to seek freedom in its purest form, and so the schools like this have traditionally, in the past, brought in Black pupils before any of the other schools did, and broke new ground as pioneers. There is a challenge for us to continue to break new ground.

One area where we have succeeded is that in the last two months we actually took in a boy who is a returnee, whose parents were in exile and they've returned, and that boy has just joined us now. And so that *is* a step forward for us.

**Mrs P:** For me, I think the greatest challenge is to make the worship more and more beautiful. I am personally committed to making the worship better in every way and that means visually, sound-wise, sensitivity and everything about worship. Also working to make the worship more acceptable to boys, because they have no choice. We can't dare feed them with rubbish, because they have to be there; so they can be new fodder, or else it can be something great for them.

**FGP:** So the "diet" has to be very carefully balanced otherwise people get "indigestion". With regards to the new SA, it has to start reflecting our attitudes and we have to start working on crossing barriers of every kind in the worship itself.

**INT:** *Do you see specific blocks in terms of breaking new ground?*

**FGP:** I think one of the big stumbling blocks is going to be, as I see it, how to remain in the forefront, while around us a lot of other standards are falling and, what are accepted First World standards, may be laid aside and we must not just slide into Third World mediocrity; but we must approach more realistically the South African situation. That's going to be difficult for us, because technologically it is going to get more difficult for us to keep up, for example, with computer systems where there is not the back up one would expect in a new First World situation.

**INT:** *Do you think the strong role played by the Old Boys of Michaelhouse helps us keep up these ideas and standards or retards them?*

**FGP:** Well, on balance, and I'm an Old Boy myself, I'm sure it's a greater strength to the school than a liability; but there is, of course, always the danger that those vociferous few who may be more conservative, will want to hold things back.

**INT:** *How much have you seen the Christian life of this School change since you arrived here?*

**FGP:** We've been committed always to bringing things, old and new — Jesus said: "any scribe takes out of his treasures things old and new". And so we've been committed to bringing some of the new things which we have experienced at the School, because both of us were very much part of the renewal movement, and that is where I came into the ordained ministry. I really thank God for that. Yet I appreciate more and more my background, the tradition from which I come, even during the time when I was at school, when it was somewhat "dryer" than now and only traditional stuff was used. But we've been committed since we arrived here to try and introduce new things and have the old at the same time — to have the best of both — and that has been difficult. One of the new challenges is something like the Taizé prayers which we have found has been very meaningful and helpful for people to be drawn into that atmosphere and closer to God, because people are seeking spiritual nourishment in the time in which we live.

**Mrs P:** I think one of the big challenges has been to get through to the staff and outside community who increasingly come to worship here. Boys, perhaps, are more open to the change but it has been difficult to show that we have some quality in the new things — that we are trying to put forward, to the adult congregation, because they have been suspicious of things out of the "renewal movement', that it is just 3 chord rubbish, which much of it is, but a lot of it is also very beautiful and meaningful.

**INT:** *Are you content with what has been achieved?*

**FGP:** Well, one of the things we set out to achieve was to get to know every boy in the school. That, each year, is one of my fundamental aims because I really believe that I as the Chaplin have got to know every boy. If you do, in some way there's a line of approach to you as God's minister but, more importantly, that he realises himself, his own worth, hoping that he realises that is his worth in God's eyes.

**INT:** *A lot is said about Christianity at Michaelhouse, but what role do you see Christianity and the Chapel playing in the life of a boy at the School?*

**FGP:** Well I think it must provide a family atmosphere that he can feel he is part of, particularly from the time he arrives as a young boy from prep-school, and then grows through the difficult period of adolescence where he has a huge emotional see-saw experience; and through all the difficult times, we've got to hang in with him and make him feel his worth so that we don't change our standard, and he knows we are there. We need an element of constancy and stabil-

ity through his life, so that he comes out the other end and realises that God's part in our lives is one of constancy and he is always there.

**INT:** *Do you find things go in cycles as boys come and go, or is it like starting over as the group changes?*

**FGP:** When you become cynical, then I believe it's time to move out. Each new set of boys coming into the School is completely different, but there are principles that you know about boys and young men which remain constant. However, we're going, all the time, through a different period of history which is changing very quickly. For myself, when I get to the stage when I think "Oh well here we go all over again" then it is time to move out and make way for someone else who will remain open to all the new people coming in.

**Mrs P:** I find the same sort of thing with the Choir, which is exciting because over the years they are completely different. A particular year's Choir was full of stars, but all in their own right, and I thought it was going to be the end when they left. Yet the following year I found that the Choir was better as a whole — something I never would have dreamt possible. So you never know, each year, what you are going to be faced with. Each year has something else to offer, something special and I know that God always gives us the gifts we need for that situation at that particular time. So one has to work with the gifts of the boys that are there at the time.

**INT:** *We know that the Anglican Church played a major role in the foundation of this School. What role do you see Christianity as having played in terms of the products of this School?*

**FGP:** Enormous, in a word! If you look back at the people who've been involved in the history, for example, Bishop Baines after whom Baines House is named was a remarkable Christian Educationalist who did so much for this and the other Diocesan school, and who laid much of the foundation work in the early years.
There are many other people — the Penningtons and all they did for the School. I also remember seeing part of one of Rector Snell's addresses and there was remarkable Christian content about keeping the flame of Christian Education burning throughout World War II. We are living in a very different age towards the end of this century but it remains crucial to keep a Christian vision for the whole school.

**INT:** *What sort of role do the staff play in the Christian life of the School?*

**FGP:** Well, the Rector is licenced by the Bishop and there are the other lay ministers who assist in Chapel, and I would say particularly the housemasters because they are on the frontline of the pastoral work in the School — the day-to-day looking after boys in the School and *that* is Christian concern and care. Although it may not always appear so but that is where the Christian ethos of the School works itself out. There are also those who are particularly strong at bringing out the Christian Gospel in their teaching, but it is not done in a pushy or non-academic way at all. It is done very sensibly.
All the staff agree by contract of employment to come to the compulsory Chapel services, yet one would hope that there is a freedom within that, even a freedom to differ and even a freedom for honest doubt.

**INT:** *Do you get frustrated not being able to see the fruits of your labours as the boys leave, and it's often only later in their lives that they realise the worth of Christian Education?*

**FGP:** I think that it is just part of ministry, it might be a little more so in a school but God says: One must water, one must weed but it is God who brings the growth — and so if we have helped someone to grow closer to God, that's what we are here for — God granted the growth, we just happened to be here.

**Mrs P:** I love working with young people, even if they are depressed one day, and overjoyed another and completely overboard. I enjoy all of that and think it is exciting to see life developing through young people as long as we remain constant. It's fascinating to see people do full circles through three or four years or maybe not even in their time here. There are some boys who we receive letters from, who only come into faith after they leave; but the seeds were planted here and that is what counts, it is enough to keep us going.

**FGP:** There are other frustrations about working in a school, but it's a special calling, and one has to keep things in perspective and retain one's vision.

**INT:** *Lastly, how do you see your role within the school-life, apart from your specific role as Chaplain, but more in your other activities around the School? And how does it affect and help your role as Chaplain?*

I see that my whole life should reflect what God is doing —whether I'm fixing up a motorbike or working on a "go-kart" or reffing a soccer match or teaching in confirmation classes, it is actually all part of life. I don't want to take one part and say "this is the holy part". It's all holy and part of life which God has given us.

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## BISHOP BAINES MEMORIAL ESSAY

**"Expensive Peace"**

South Africa is at the watershed of her history. Indeed, she is poised on the brink of a great reform. Whether the reform is towards a compromised co-existence or whether it takes the form of a slide into anarchistic turmoil, history alone will decide. However, most people appreciate neither will be achieved easily. The former will require unprecedented tolerance and sacrifice, while the latter will be caused by bitter "vasbyt" and fighting on all sides. Nevertheless since the topic of this essay addresses the more desirable option, I shall try to define why the peace will be expensive.

When one considers the havoc caused by Nationalist politics, one immediately (especially if one is white) thinks of economic turmoil in South Africa. Though our inflation rate does not compare with the exorbitant rates in countries in South America, it is high enough to deem South Africa a Third World country. In fact the economy is still reeling from a crippling depression of just a few years ago, and many would argue, is still experiencing the effects. Thus it is fairly obvious what a dominant role the economy plays in the running of a country. Industrial well-being is accepted as a thermometer of a country's political position, and this holds true for South Africa.

Our economy was almost entirely agrarian until the turn of the century, when the mining industry took off. This wasting asset has dominated world markets to an extent, and entirely ruled ours. Each government in turn, since the turn of the century, has made it policy to try and broaden the economy, especially the Pact of 1924. They appreciated that the majority of white support lay among the poor farmers and miners, while white, English capitalists dominated the mines. The emphasis was re-directed towards the lower and middle class and whites, who through fears of elimination rallied and entrenched their position through Malan's Nationalist Party's racist policies in 1948.

Therefore, though often confused in charged debates, white capital and white politics were separate entities. Often their interests coincided, as far as migratory labour is concerned for example, and this exploitation of unqualified, unskilled, uneducated labour has been one of the major causes of violence and hardship in South Africa. Nevertheless, as the Marxists see it, capitalism is a system of exploitation and whites were exploited as well. Hence the Rand Revolt of 1922, when the Chamber of Mines attempted to reduce the numbers of whites employed to save on skilled salaries.

That was the situation, and to a certain extent still is. However, the Mining Houses have appreciated the need to reform. Without businessmen taking political incentives, a country would be crippled. So, even though these companies are securing their feet in the doors economically, they actually precipitate political bridging, as did the group of businessmen who visited Lusaka a few years ago. This Gavin Relly made clear to the German Institute of International Affairs in 1988.

As I have already mentioned, the economy rules a country, and when Bishop Tutu called along with other leaders for sanctions, his intentions were correct. Absolute sanctions would cripple a country within weeks and, quite correctly, the blacks have suffered so much anyway, the possibility of total liberation is worth the final pinch. However, human nature is such that there will always be someone willing to trade with South Africa despite valient efforts from abroad to end apartheid. In a way, these sanctions have had adverse effects, for black and white alike. Whites have suffered, predictably, in the hands of disinvestment and the cutting of economic ties. However, the acute housing and unemployment crises have further been aggravated. In 1988, it was estimated that two million were homeless, and calculated that 400 000 homes per annum would have to be built to solve the problem.

Even though sanctions were called for with the condition economic reconstruction would follow, the damage to the ailing economy has been done. South Africa has a narrow economy and though the Nationalists have survived international rejection, grass roots level enterprise is not healthy. The natural explosion of the taxi industry and the hawkers, who together provide employment for more than the industrial giants like Gencor, proves the potential is there, but has been denied the space for advancement. This potential has been recognised (a four billion p.a. turnover cannot be ignored) and the Small Business Development Corporation of Anglo American Corporation and other similar (often illegal) organisations have attempted to alleviate the dire unemployment. This economic confusion is further complicated by the actions of trade unions making costly sacrifices for both black and white in the name of reform.

Economics naturally are not to be ignored, however, material expenses are worldly, short term and once relieved, soon forgotten. The "expensive" aspect to our future lies within the personal changes everyone has to make. This country's kaleidoscopic conglomeration of races, ideals and cultures must all be prepared to make substantial sacrifices before any port of coexistence is reached. Naturally a major part of our problem is a racial one. Blacks and whites have been at aggressive loggerheads ever since this country was invaded by the white man. Literature, past and present, is testament to the whites' domineering and totalitarian rule as contrasted by the welling rage of the blacks' rejection of their intrusion. This anger has been heightened in recent years, as I have shown, through political and economic influences in modern South African history.

These conflicts extend into racial terms as well. Part of Nationalist philosophy is to separate and enforce racial and tribal segregation. The result of this legally enshrined policy aggravated by the Bantu education act, mentally surpressing the black mind, has caused the hideous violence confronting Mandela and Buthelezi, and others today. Fifty people a day are reported to have been killed in the recent Natal faction fights, and this bitter hatred is spreading to the Vaal triangle and re-emerging in the Cape as well. No longer is this issue an ideological one: the conflict is declining into gang warfare, mob mentality and cruelly reminds us of the second alternative I mentioned in my opening paragraph. Expensive it is, as families are destroyed, and it is truly a case of brother and father turning on each other. Without doubt this conflict is a priority on the agenda for the future, and that bitterness is going to require infinite co-operation and a true desire for a healthy South African future.

A direct consequence of the supression in this country has been the emergence of extremist groups at both ends of the spectrum. The "swart gevaar" instilled in the minds of white South Africa by the propaganda machine was aggravated by the "communist threat". The aid afforded by the Eastern Block to the military wings of the ANC and the PAC has been played upon. The fears of a Communist takeover have been rekindled, as in the cold war, to sharpen Afrikaners' patriotism. So vigorous was this campaign that during the violent years of this last decade police vigilantes have carried the Communist Russian flag during marches to give the police an excuse to wade in, armed to the teeth. This unhealthy system

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of lies has created a white fanaticism which has created a far more violent conflict of white neo-fascist groups at violent ends with Marxist and other derivatives. Ghastly murders by shady groups like the BBB, the Wit Wolve and branches of the AWB, are shocking in themselves. However, evidence of members of the so-called upholders of law and order being members of these organisations, and the recent uncovering of the hit squads has revealed how sick our society really is. When one deals with people such as these, who carry guns openly and possess armories at their homes, one cannot hope to penetrate, and must encourage the majority to act, and leave these men in their own fantasy worlds.

Yet another conflict in the turbulence of our society is the world wide clash of the have and have-nots. In our Third World country there is an obscure sharing of power and wealth. However, in our case, those with wealth and power have white skins, and generally, those who do not, have black. The minority of power holders have more than 80 per cent of the land and all major industry. They furthermore control the education and parliamentary leadership of the majority. The white nationalism, rampant in the first half of this century was derived from an Afrikaner/Imperialist conflict. While the Afrikaners were rejecting British rule, the rest of Africa was throwing off the chains of colonialism. The formation of the Organisation for Africa Unity bore testimony to this movement, which paralleled the Afrikaner struggle in South Africa. The Afrikaner felt in order to survive this complication of all these conflicts it had to doggedly entrench its position. This fear of annihilation will be the greatest to overcome, that is before meaningful reform occurs, on a personal level.

The role of the church, and her history in South Africa further adds to the complexity of our situation. The first missionaries to arrive were responsible for a great deal of outstanding work. However, many were seen to squeeze the blacks into a mould of conformity, exploiting their illiteracy and awe of issue spiritual. They were seen as corrupt and part of the system, which has caused a blemish on their record. The other extreme has been seen in recent years. The likes of Tutu, Boesak, Naude and Chikane have appealed to the complacent whites to precipitate moral justice. However, conservative groups have attacked the church for being political and condoning Marxism. Liberation Theology similar to that in Central America has been alluded to, and certainly deserves further exploration here.

The revolutionary icon (the Sandinista) of the revolutionary Christ has been an exploitative diplomatic tool in Central America. As Cassidy puts it, it is a natural procession from an oppressed, poverty stricken society. He condones it as far as it encourages obedience of faith, removing the ivory tower notion of religion (very much prevalent here) and encourages action. Nevertheless, the half truths and the marriage of convenience between atheist Marxism and Christianity undermine its moral credibility. However, the vast support the church has, combined with the invaluable community services they provide more than justify its role as a changing force in this country. It also serves as a forum for expressing the ideas required to solve our problems, yet can encourage the complacency Cassidy writes about.

Admist the escalating violence at the moment there will be great adjustments required of blacks as well. Just as whites will have to calm their fears and be prepared to share their lot in the name of peace, blacks will have to, generally speaking that is, appreciate that not all whites are Verwoerdian stalwarts. In other words, in each of the conflicts I have discussed above, the individuals concerned will have to be responsible for solving their problems themselves. The solutions are to be found at a personal level, not any other way.

As we crawl from the holocausts of the Sofiatown and District Six Removals, as well as the horrors of Sharpeville, Soweto and Crossroads, we must act quickly. Despite the cultural boycott, South Africans have found unity through cultural activities. Transitional and experimental theatre, often highly intellectual and of little appeal has produced broadway hits like "Sarafina". The stage provides a medium where the racial chasms can be crossed through exposure and education. The music industry has again provided another means of unification: whites are slowly learning to appreciate the rhythms of the townships made evident by the success of the likes of Johnny Clegg and Mango Groove. These along with a burst of new literature and poetry are providing a culture and pride for a nation with an indemnity crisis. The melange of cultures and races in this country has only recently been allowed to mingle and produce something very special and unique.

In this sports mad nation, the cultural and sporting boycotts have created an insatiable hunger for international exposure. Nevertheless, frustrations such as these are instrumental in forcing whites to look at themselves and rethink their philosophies. One only hopes that there will be enough — that whites will not act when it is really too late. That famous day in 1955 in June when the "Congress of the People" assembled creating one of the most important documents in our history, the Freedom Charter, has given us the route of change. There have been incentives spearheaded by the Natal Indaba and tireless protests by the End Conscription Campaign, the Black Sash and NUSAS, and endless demonstrations organised by Trade Unions and political groups. The Defiance Campaign of 1952 and the creation of Umkhonto we Sizwe are milestones in our history. The incentive, the reasons are there; the readiness is all.

Faced by this blur of our nation's modern history, we must make a concerted effort to salvage the true beauty and potential of our nation, together. It would seem an unforgivable loss, considering the mere worldly sacrifices we would have to make.

*P.G.W. Lindop*

## OUR SIDE

Our side
With the morning of moment hopes
The day of evil omen
The evening of hopelessness
And the sleep of dreadful nightmares
Our side,
The other side of it.

Now, I reveal to you our side
With huts sadly in need of repairs
The walls collapsing around us
Muddy water covering around us
Muddy water covering the beds
Nawe Domoina!
Our side,
This one, the other side of it.

Our side,
The land so rough
The valley so wild
So harsh and cruel
So strange and bloodthirsty
Our side,
The other side of it.

This is our side
Where we live in agony of heartpains
Lips dry and cracked
Ears filled with filmy dust
And our necks,
Craned only to look forward
Our side,
The other side of it.

*Mxolisi Nkosi*
Michaelhouse VIth Form
Winner Rector's Verse



*A. Warren*

## MOTHER

I wish
You were beside me on this rock
Sharing the chill, mirrorwater with reeds
In the middle, like isolated thoughts, speaking.

Trivial, and yet not so trivial,
Mother son things.
Things Father with his broad shoulders
And rumbling toughness would not understand. I

Would tell you of Megan
And you would tell me that girls like
Flowers and sensitivity
And I, with my oldyoung wiseness

Would nod and agree. A weaver
in the reeds flutters and chases the wind.
I relive that morning, the look on Father's
Face, the look of a shattered man. I think

Of God and why. Surely
We should have been allowed to share
Music and High School and marriage,
Laughter and time and life.

A breeze rises and shuffles the reeds
The weaver darts away, pursuing a mate
I again think of you and then and before
And I again wonder why you and us. I wish

Mother

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## DOES SHE REMEMBER

Love lost
A surge of adrenalin
A thing of pain
That will last forever.

Something has been taken out of me
Something has been completed
The scene before me is stressful and grinding
That I can scream with silent anger.

Does she remember?
The bird that flew along our side
The ant that we stopped to watch
The river we stood by
To observe the clear water
Trickling over the shining rocks.

Does she remember?
When we stopped
As the grass and the trees
Shone in the glow of sunset
It was breathtaking
A meadow in the middle of nowhere
A dear moment
A happy day too.

Does she remember?
Those twinkling silver stars
The bright blue sky
That made our lives delightful
And the hope with which
We expected our 'morrows to be.

Does she remember?
The prayer we said together
As my hands slipped into hers
"Bless us, if it may be".

Now, I beg the living spirit
To give me strength and power
That I may be brave in peril
Constant in tribulation
Temperate in wrath
And . . . loyal to love.

*Mxolisi Nkosi*
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## ETHIOPIA

If you can go with me
To the land of darkness
Where the sun has never shone
Where the graves have the power to prove.

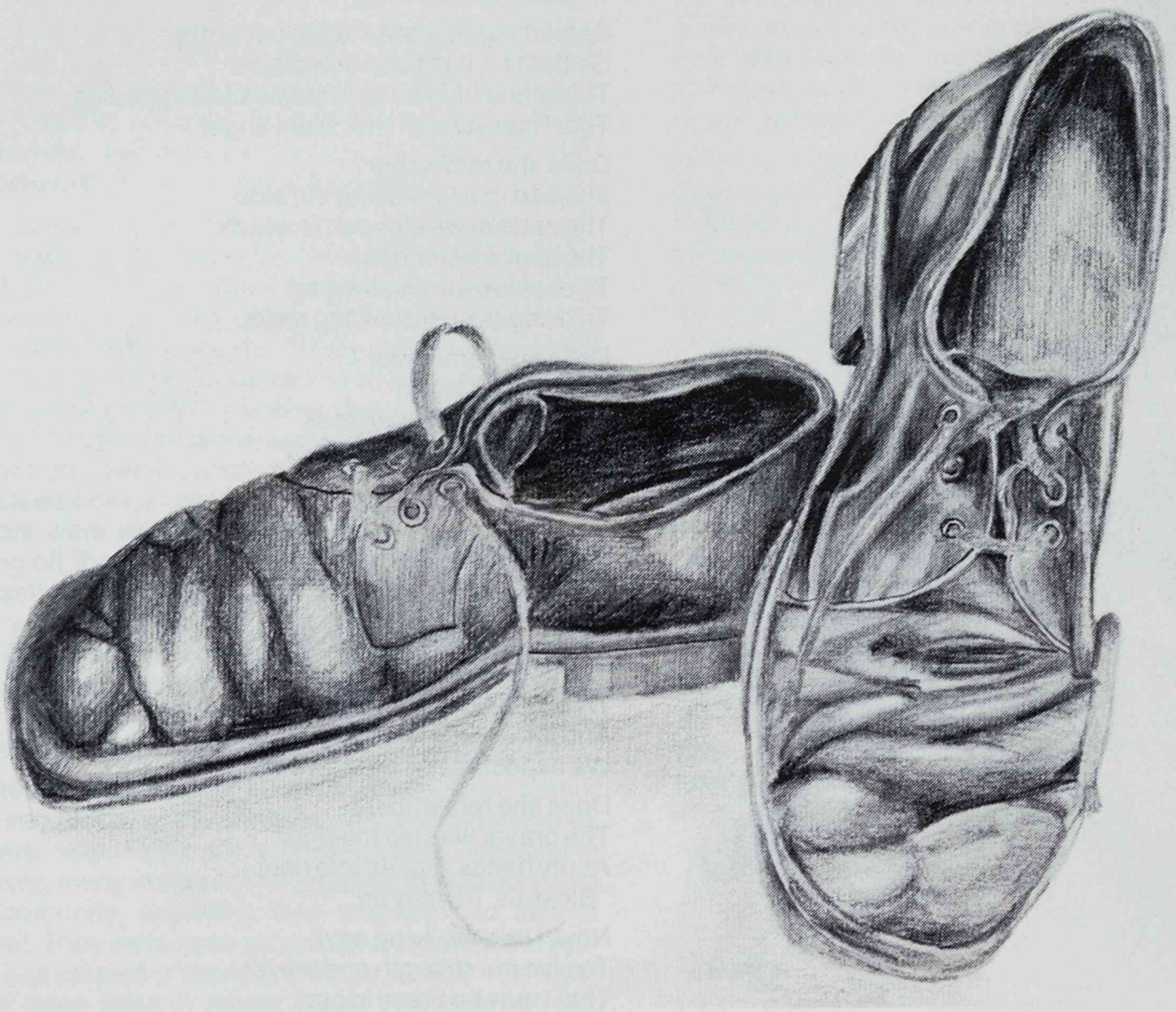
If you can go with me
To the land, full of bullet holes
Houses full of cracks
Where poverty is the living dress
And sorrow, their strength and weakness.

If you can go with me
To that broken-winged place
Empty for man's kindness to fill
Where women live trembling in malarias of doubt
Where children lie stiff in the cold.

If you can go with me
To hear strange mountains wailing
To fill your heart with lamenting voices
We starve! We thrist! We fear!

If you can go with me
Just to have a look
Then perhaps there is something,
Something we can do.

*Mxolisi Nkosi*
Michaelhouse VIth Form
Winner Rector's Verse
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A. Warren

## TOMORROW

Wait!
Wait till tomorrow
Wait till infinity.

Walking aimlessly down the streets
With my stomach filled with emptiness
Clusters of flies around my mouth.

Yesterday was commandant: pass and special
Today is foreman: work and sweat
Tomorrow bugger off! no money
The city fathers don't like me.

Wat!
Wait till tomorrow
Wait till infinity.

Tomorrow a bus can run me over
Illness can drive me through
Baas can give me the last blessing
Umlungu may lay me to rest.

Wait!
Wait till tomorrow
Wait till infinity.

When is the end of this litany?
Who gets fat on promises?
Wait,
Wait till tomorrow
Wait till infinity.

*Mxolisi Nkosi*
Michaelhouse VIth Form
Winner Rector's Verse
Published *English Alive*

## THE MORTAL IMMORTAL

(A tribute to my father, Tomothy Bungey)

Sunk deep in the seaman-like, weather-beaten skin,
Lay the wise, deep, sea-blue eyes.
The keel-shaped nose, angled in a brawl,
Dominating a small, taught mouth,
Mona-Lisa-like in a permanently enigmatic expression.
The stormy wisps of grey hair.
Poised tentative and powerful.

The Zeus-like arrogance and superiority,
Spurred on by a secret belief in his immortality.
The self-assurance to become an amateur
Expert of all trades.
And a love of perfection and beauty.

The endless clatter of type-writer keys,
The thought-cauldron, boiling and bubbling.
Like a wizard behind the door
He would disappear
And emerge with a masterpiece
ready for the air.

This all-encompassing personality
Dominant, loving, and absolute —
Gone!
A void in the regularity of life,
Everything dominated, now pristine
As under the scrutiny of a neon light.
Everything bolder, bigger —
Cold.

*St John Bungey*
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Finalist — St John's Poetry

## THE VOICE OF THE JEW

The man of passionate beliefs
Those cloudy weak eyes
Under powerfully horn-rimmed glasses
The clean-living old Jew.

Moving by
One hopeless moment
I caught him singing
Rocking from side to side.

He was a Jew
Singing the tune, so strange and outlandish
Foreign to any musical scale
The song of haunting loneliness.

That was a Jew
Who for a century
Had been made a homeless wanderer
Who had been forced to leave his own home
The one he had built with his own hands.

That was a Jew
In the middle of life
In the land a thousand miles away
From where his brothers had been buried.

That was a Jew
Who had suffered insults and indignities
Who had given so much
But has received spittle on his face.

That was a Jew
Who felt unjustness
That had disturbed his living
That had touched the roots of his life
And had stirred his feelings.

The song of haunting loneliness
It rose and fell slowly
With an uneven monotony
The voice of a homeless Jew.

*Mxolisi Nkosi*
Michaelhouse VIth Form
Winner Rector's Verse

## WALL

A never-ending
Cluster of rocks, grey, stretching
Into the distance.

Thick mist rolls slowly
Over the marshes and moors
Smothering all; but

Still the pile of stones
Ambles into the distance.
Always lying low,

It makes a sharp turn
To traverse over the hills,
Never weary or tired.

In some areas
The wall is not whole, now; but
It will always stand.

Scotland's courageous
Kings have rested by this wall
On long, hard journeys,

Marching ahead, their
Mighty armies flanking far
On roads to conquer.

This wall shall never
Give in to nature; it'll stand
For eternity.

*M. Burnett (Michael)*
Michaelhouse Std VII: Junior
Finalist — St John's Poetry

## SONG FOR A WEEKEND

Met her on a Friday
Was it lust, no more
Mere arms, legs, bodies thing
Hand to hand and more

Saw her on a Saturday
No talk no love, no knowing
Ate and joked with hidden hearts
With soft mind and confusion flowing

Swam her on a Sunday
Big lake, little love growing
More body entanglement
Little love lights small glowing

Rained her on a Monday
Over grey slick street and road
Warmth and holding
Disordered fever brain under her load

I missed you on Tuesday

*S. Gane*
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Certificate of Merit — Alan Paton

## A PIECE OF MIND

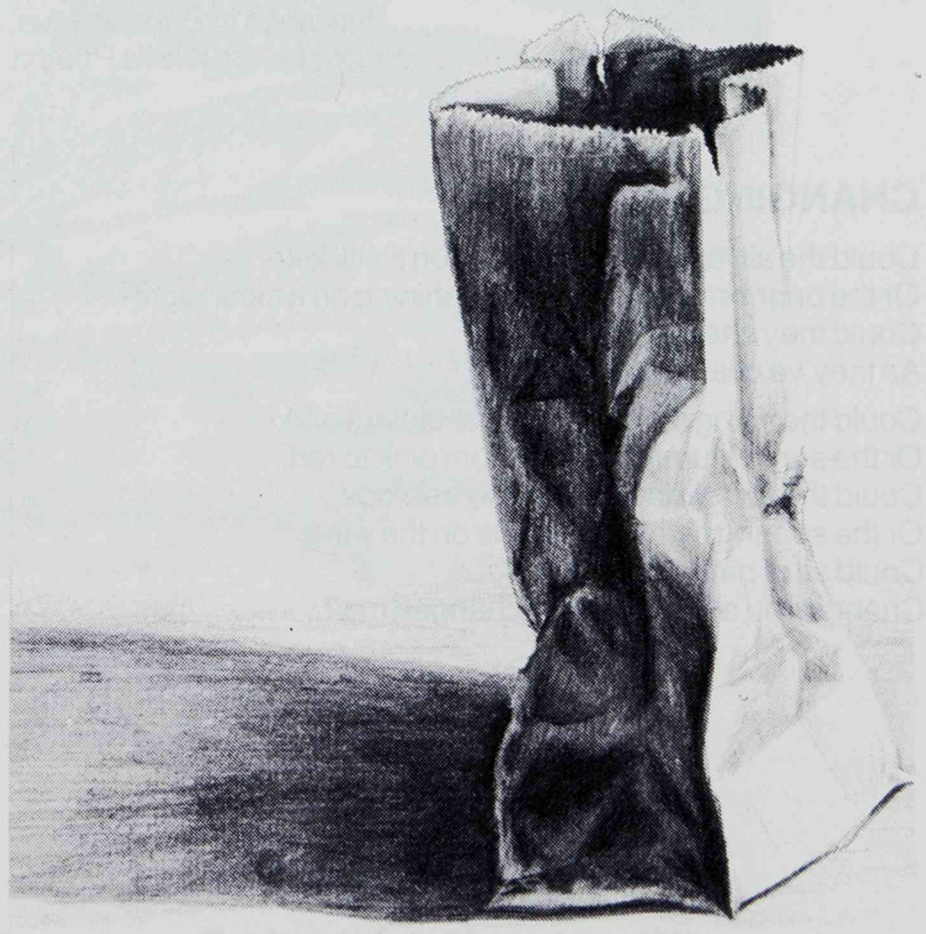
Alone at last, privacy is precious;
I never appreciated this before.
People all around you, movement, never peace —
You are trapped. Privacy is precious.

Once alone, your mind is free to think,
To run wild on trivial thought alone.
Speculation, thoughts, ideas, memories, all whirl together
In your own world your mind is all powerful.

Then the cancer of logic creeps in, killing,
Reminding that life is an endless struggle:
Hope and despair creep in, at once stifling —
Solitude must be left as we return.

As we pass through life we are all alone;
Only in our minds is life worth living.

*S. Naidoo (Shalon)*
Michaelhouse Std VII
Junior
Finalist — St John's Poetry



***K. Roques***

## THE BEETROOT

Beetroot
should be spelt with a capital
B.
Brilliant, bountiful, bloody, beautiful,
Bohemian beetroot.
Never boring beetroot.
A beetroot lives life to the full.

Why am I a cabbage?
Green, slimy, nauseatingly bland.
I wish to live like a beetroot.
Oh, the rhapsody of a beetroot life!

*S. Nicholson*
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## HOW CAN I ESCAPE YOU?

How can I escape you,
When the wind has feather-brushed my face with your fingers,
And the leaves that surround me
Have stolen your hair?

How can I be deaf to you,
When the ripples in the lake and the falling leaves and the bird's cries
Call to me in your voice,
and you laugh inside my mind?

When straight-backed slim poplars remind me of you,
and fields glimpsed through pine glades bring shocks to my neck and forearms
and bring memories of you
to my mind,
When nature brings you to me wherever I look,
and hear, and touch,
when your voice whispers into my ear, fluttered to me on the wind,
when I can sense you at all times and in all places,
although you are leagues away,

And with nature on your side,
how can I forget you, my love?

*D. Craig*
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## CHANGING

Could the silver moon, reflecting on a still lake,
Or the bright stars twinkling and shining on a clear night —
Could they change you
As they've changed me?

Could the rising sun coming over distant hills,
Or the sunset turning clouds from pink to red,
Could the sunbirds eating in the treetops,
Or the soaring flight of an eagle on the wing,
Could all of nature's beauty
Change you as much as it's changed me?

*D. Goulding (Douglas)*
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## BEGGAR

The undying gratitude shows in his smile
As the coin drops, a two cent piece, down.
It settles in a cup of hardened dry skin,
The giver walks on, doesn't look back.

The clump of rags sits on the littered pavement.
Is there someone in there? You do not know
Until you get closer; the grim prospect
Of a fly harassed face begins to emerge.

His face and his hands are all you can see,
Riddled with scabs, and crumpled like paper.
He never moves from his lonely place —
There he pleads, there he begs, there he takes.

What world or future is in his eyes?
Nothing but the thought of the next coin.

*J. Roche (Jason)*
Michaelhouse Std VII: Junior
Finalist — St John's Poetry

## INJASUTI

Colossal mountains towering over
antlike figures. Rocks with wrinkled faces
staring down on animals in the dense
bushes. Peace and quiet. Fishes swaying
in the smooth, glassy water. The freezing
cold breezes blowing icy winds down my
spine, and calm and gentle wildlife browsing
in the wavering grass near the fountains from
which sharp sunbeams reflect. The majesty
of Champagne Castle, the brute height of Red
Wall and the clear view of Monk's Cowl are so
pleasing to the eye. Battle Caves on the
hills with illustrations of the Bushman
heritage of art and their bravery.

*A. Smart (Andrew)*
Michaelhouse Std VII: Junior
Finalist — St John's Poetry

## THE THOUGHTS OF MAN

From the winds of heaven
Through the bloodier sound of life
Through the stale smoke from the black chimneys
To the thoughts of man.

Down it goes
Crawling at ease
Through the dead wind of the night
Yet no eyes can see it.

Like a smell of hot porridge
It blows and mixes with the air
Towards a calm bright place
And lights the dark vision of the past.

A red mist drifting before your eyes
A tiny feather touching your feelings
An inner voice whispering at your heart
It's all not yours
From the winds of heaven
By the white-winged angels
To the thoughts of man.

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## THE SHELL

Two eyes protude, glance fleetingly and carefully about, like a balloon straining at the end of its cord. Next follow four, or maybe even six tangled, spidery legs. In a scuttling movement, too fast for my eye and too delicate for my ear, they pull the unproportional rear forward. The shell of expensive, pearl textured, intricasies of colour, is held firm, as though attached, and dragged, seering strangely burdensome, leaving a thin wake of destruction in the sand.

Suddenly I became aware of the curling, booming waves, the scent and piquant taste of the air, and the roughness of the sand beneath me. I search again for the hermit-crab, but it is gone. I shiver, although it is not cold.

I think of the crab once more, with its very own treasure on its back. The crab is safe, cocooned securely within its shell walls. Vulnerable neither to the turbulent tide, nor to greedy predators, but only to itself.

Childhood is that shell. That nest of warmth, caring, and protection that flows from one's parents and family.

I search for the shell, but cannot find it.

Friendship is that shell. The bonds that are formed, the support, the sympathy, the companionship, the advice, and ultimately the enjoyment.

I search for the shell, but cannot find it.

Our country is that shell. Of unity, and understanding. From the desolateness of the prickly, parched Karoo, to the rejuvinating, life-giving springs of the Drakensberg.

I search for the shell, but cannot find it.

Our world is that shell. Of black and white, of beauty, and repulsion, of strong and weak, or rough and smooth, of loud and soft.

I search for the shell, but then give up. Finding that one fiery red yet cool pearl shell of perfection, confusing in its spirals and mazes, will be like searching for a needle in a haystack! I cannot find such a shell amongst the millions of insipid, broken pieces that lie on this endless stretch of beach.

But I must not give up! Maybe if I walk along the beach I will find such a shell. A shell secure in its entirety, strong in its unity and interesting in its variety of shapes and colours.

But the broken shells prevent me from searching, as they cut and tear at my soft, normally protected feet. They are not used to such hardships.

"I'll come tomorrow, with shoes," I say to no one but a lone seagull.

I returned only to find the beach swallowed by the in-coming tide.

All that was, is no more.

*J. Bothner*
Michaelhouse Std VIII

## OF BOTTLETOPS, TYPEWRITERS AND TEA-TROLLEYS

In every well-kept garden, just as in every social circle, there is bound to be just one flower in particular, that overshadows the rest. The red rose's seductive kiss, even the simple brilliance of the tulip, must surely bow down to the lustrous charisma of the orchid. So potent its spell that one fails to notice the timid brown mulch that lies, shy as a fawn, beneath the shadow of its everything.

The garden of my care-free childhood, was blessed by the presence of one such bloom, who came in the form of the somewhat voluptuous personage of one Mrs Jean MacCloud. From the tender age of five, I was handed over to her to be instructed in that art of all social arts, elocution. She resided not far from our home, and had, with the aid of her lean and aging maid Sophia, converted her garage into a small informal classroom. I sat unobtrusively, amidst ten or eleven untamed other toddlers, with wide, blinking, occasionally tearful eyes, for an eternal hour each Monday afternoon.

Mrs MacCloud herself, was as huge as Asia; in fact, if one were to select any adjective to describe her, the word "plentiful", would do admirably — for plentiful she was — in all respects. Her soft snow-white complexion emphasised her crimson lips that sparkled from the devout application of lipstick over the past forty years of her eventful existence. They pouted permanently with an air of toned superiority, parting only when she condescended to speak in a tone that ranged strangely with the bygone glamour of the British Empire. Her lessons demanded of the diminutive individual the recitation of a poem, often learnt in fearful desperation some twenty minutes before the lesson commenced.

From these tedious moments I gained a comprehension of those distant adult working terms; "pressure", "stress", "chaos" and even "cholesterol" entered my vocabulary. It was in no uncertain terms a relief, when the recitations were over and we embarked enthusiastically on other tongue-twisting, lip-contorting exercises, to which I owe the cure for my exasperating lisp that had made me the leading playground buffoon for years.

Undoubtedly, the high-point of Mrs MacCloud's year was the annual poetry recital, when pupils ranging from small, to smaller, squirmed, gulped and stumbled through verse after verse on the stage of the local Presbyterian Church-hall. This event was seasoned by a spicy ten-minute final act by none other than Mrs MacCloud herself — just to seal her competence and more...

> "God of our Fathers, known of old —
> Lord of our far-flung battle-line
> Beneath whose awful hand we hold
> Dominion over palm and pine —"

Later, she would flutter her eyelids and bask in the praise of beaming, tea-drinking parents and well-wishers, who swarmed about her like bees around an exotic flower.

It was on one such occasion that I discovered, quite by accident, the humble figure of Mr MacCloud, who had found his role in the bustling proceedings by opening coke bottles for the sprightly performers.

Completely overwhelmed by his wife's radiant personality, he was seldom noticed but greatly appreciated for his modesty. For a profession, the little, grey-haired man repaired and serviced Olivetti typewriters. It was through my mother's dubious machine that we gradually became better acquainted with him, and even on one occasion received an invitation to the MacClouds for tea.

Finally, the long awaited day arrived and after a traumatic hour of dressing, we made our way to the MacClouds where we were warmly greeted by the flamboyant Mrs MacCloud and shown into the Victorian sitting room. She sat down and began talking with enough gusto to power a Morris Minor. Half an hour later, when my sister and I had began to fidget incurably, the stooping figure of Mr MacCloud appeared with jangling tea-trolley and welcomed us in his soft, gentle tone. He poured the tea and then quietly occupied an uncomfortable-looking, hard-backed chair in the corner of the room. Mrs MacCloud proceeded to inform us of all her husband's activities and achievements, pausing every so often to question him rhetorically, "Isn't that so, Ian?" The small man jumped nervously when the phone suddenly burst into sound; at that instant, he closely resembled an ageing, small, grey-whiskered doormouse cowering in the permanent cage of a pet-shop window. He seemed thankful that the phone call was summoning him away to the office, and left quickly, after apologising meekly to us and his scowling wife. We too left shortly afterwards, as Mrs MacCloud dashed off to a speech class shrieking last minute instructions to her maid and a "Goodbye and thank-you for coming, dears; sorry about Ian" to us.

The following year, aged nine, I found myself far away from home at a boarding school and I must confess, almost forgot that garrulous woman and her soft-spoken husband. Later on




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in the year I was informed of the death of Mr MacCloud, whose bent form had already been racked by the ravages of two heart attacks. At the funeral, his wife, bashful in black, was devastated. The sympathetic congregation that gathered to pay their last respects to the humble man were all friends of his wife, excluding the two highly-strung messenger boys from the typeweriter office who sat inconspicuously at the back. My mother offered to help Mrs MacCloud to sort out her husband's affairs, but she bravely replied that she could manage.

Six months later, an apprehensive voice on the end of the phone line asked to be given a lift to an old age home nearby with a few of her belongings. We arrived at the MacCloud's home to find the garden wild and unkempt and the green paint peeling defiantly from the walls of her empty classroom. The front door opened to reveal the shrivelled shell of a tired, lonely woman, her depleted soul bare of all but ennui. Gone was the gloss from her lips, the powdery softness of her cheeks, the sparkling eyes and abundant figure without hope, without dreams. The old age home could do little to cheer her and within a year she passed away quietly, an isolated fragment of society.

We sent her daughter an orchid bloom, as a token of our appreciation for all Mrs MacCloud had done for us. But it did not last for long — it had withered up and died by the time we visited her two days later. Not even an orchid bloom, with all its grace and splendour, can survive without the mulch, that rests silently below.

*C. Wadman*
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## "AFTER THE FUNERAL"

I stood at the back of the Chapel, like an intruder. Packed around me were men in office suits, women, children fidgeting quietly. Some were crying openly, some unnecessarily. Rivulets of sweat ran down into my tight shirt collar, and streamed off the foreheads of those around me.

The girls in the choir who filed in had swollen eyes. Most of their seats had been taken by the elderly, so they split up; one setting a group off into a flood of quiet tears. During the tense anticipation, a smartly dressed women put her head up morbidly to be seen. People waited, watching the four draped coffins in the front.

The priest was rambling on, in the front, at the pulpit. His words were torn between inadequate sympathy and dutiful meaningfulness. At moments, his deficient condolences were replaced by a reversion to Biblical rhetoric. The predictability of all he had to say seemed to be the only constant in a swamp of new, undesirable confusion. The wafting monotone was comfortingly reassuring, protectively simple: reality for a moment blurred. Then a muted hymn or two, dominated by the organ, gave everyone something to do, and lessened the quaint shuddering of shoulders in the pews.

Then, almost as if on purpose, the ifs and maybes were shattered. Someone on a violin began a requiem. The sawing notes surged up to the ceiling, filling people's heads with the unending notes. Enduring the dark melodies was like trying to understand the loss, that of an entire family. My jaw was still clenched when the musician closed her case and slipped out in front of me. Again, people waited in the heat.

The mother was helped up. Her tranquillised, glassy eyes stared deeply into a nothingness. Someone guided her through a side door, into the hot, white sunlight. Her son followed. His face was red, he was slightly bent as he carried what he knew, on his adolescent shoulders. They were standing, lonely and frail, when I got out. People were in groups around them, talking softly and staring kindly. I could hardly mutter a few words, then strode down the path, with my fists deep in my pockets.

My body relaxed in stages as I climbed into the car. The morbid fatigue was overcome by a gorey ill. My weak attempt at sympathy was swamped by the guilt that the grief was incomprehensible. They had looked so understanding outside, almost apologetic that they had caused us an inconvenience. I had the pathetic urge to scream or beat my head violently, but all I could manage was a sort of loud laugh. Images of the service flashed in erratic sequence, from the macabre to a twisted wit. The melange of pretence and of indescribable loss, spinning faster and faster, cruelly relentless, had the uncanny characteristic of disappearing as I collapsed in the air conditioned Mercedes.

Someone inevitably asked what it was like. I managed to dismiss the urge to summarise eloquently the proceedings. "Terrible" or "Ghastly" or something like that was my reply. I also tried to refrain from looking forward to an errand, or from being late for a dentist's appointment, just to try and get back into the routine again. It seemed too easy, too unfair to witness the gore and then abandon the undiscovered emotion as being too elusive.

It all seems as a dream. The stain glass windows in the Chapel are blurred in the soft mists of a deep part of my soul. The agonising confusion then, is less each time the event is recalled.

*P.G. Lindop*
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## THE LESSONS OF WAR

The Star-Spangled coffin lay on the small trolley, the centre of attraction of the small jumble of black dresses and veils and uniforms and gleaming medals and buttons. Next to the laden trolley, between it and the collection of life and breathing flesh, squatted a six-foot deep shadow, black and foreboding, promising nothing but darkness and rot.

Three trumpeters stepped forward, looking both brave and full of remorse in their gleaming, polished Home Guard uniforms. The haunting opening bar of that death song, the "Last Post", broke the silence with barely a ripple in the crisp winter's morning air, each note hanging in the death calm for a few moments, just long enough to achieve its desired effect, just long enough to squeeze the last few drops of sadness and remorse from the hearts of those gathered.

The General, resplendent with his decorations and ribbons and stars and badges, solemnly went about the task of folding the sacred scrap of cloth covering the coffin, its very presence greatly honouring the oak box's red haired occupant. The General's performance was superb. The flag was quickly folded into a tight, neat triangle with practised ease, practised deftness.

The General handed the red, white and blue triangle over to 4 Paratroop Battalion Colonel, saluted and took one pace backward, and experience had polished his movements into flowing grace. His eyes remained steadfastly fixed forward, unseeing, uncaring.

Colonel White, M.C. and bar, handed the folded symbol of pride and honour to Mrs Thompson, whose son lay shattered and lifeless in the box being slowly lowered, irreversibly, into its socket, the grave. She accepted the flag, trying to look proud and dry-eyed for her dead son's sake, trying to look humbled by the presence of the flag, as if it were some sacred idol, while in truth she would have traded a hundred, a thousand such countries' flags in return for her shattered offspring.

The Colonel, more human than the General, more of a man, tried to look through her weeping mother's eyes. He had known her when she was still Miss Kayson. He had chosen to represent the Army at the funeral, and now he tried to pierce her barrier, to help her break down the barrier she had erected between the world and her grief, but she refused him entry. There was too much between them: too much love and hate and war. And death.

He took one pace backward and saluted smartly. He would respect her grief. The final notes of the "Last Post" died

slowly on the still air. The trumpeters had executed their task well, and Mrs Thompson's barriers suddenly crumbled. She turned toward her youngest son, large pools of tears already forming in her eyes, burying her head on this broad shoulder, and he felt how her sobs racked through her entire body.

The 4 battalion troops, all friends of Darryn Thompson, the red-haired youth whose life had been so abruptly ended, stepped forward. They cocked their M-16s, aimed skywards, and the first volley split the quiet morning open like a ripe watermelon hitting the ground at high speed.

Mrs Thompson stiffened against her youngest when the first volley crashed out. She wondered what twisted mind could possibly take those weapons, that cause only suffering and death, as a tribute and salute to a fallen youth. A dead son. The second volley crashed out, then the third.

Then, as the harsh sounds of the rifles being uncocked slowly echoed away, it was all over. The people started drifting away toward their parked cars, this little episode already almost forgotten. Only Mrs Thompson and their last living son by the grave, arms around each other, watching the diggers start to fill up the hole in the ground.

"Is that it?" Mrs Thompson thought. "Darryn died for a flag and a twelve gun salute."

"Mother," her son said gently after a while, hiding his own grief, "we had better go now."

She sighed and turned away, the hole already half-full. As she was about to climb into the car, a bird called out from above, his high-pitched, drawn-out chirrup full of the life and joy and promise that the fast approaching spring would soon bring again. She stared up at the twittering little bird in the high branches.

"Rest well, my son." She whispered to the small breeze that had sprung.

*G. Stroebel*
Michaelhouse Std IX

## THE LONG SILENCE

I like holidays, especially summer holidays. Contrary to the beliefs of most school time-tables I like getting up into a warm bright world when a toe out from under the duvet can't really tell the difference by temperature alone. A morning like this morning.

I like waking up in a room, with sunlight lying in puddles over my duvet cover and across the floor. I love the realisation that I have-nothing-to-do-today.

At least normally I do. Today, well I have nothing to do. Plans for the dam or tennis have been quietly dissolved overnight with my father's absence like some acid poured on them while I wasn't looking. Examining their half transparent tattered shreds, I fling them to the bottom of my mind and stumble downstairs to scrounge a breakfast.

Back upstairs, carpet prickly under bare feet I shower and pick clean clothes over soft damp skin. Like someone from an Oscar Wilde book I fling myself upon my unmade bed, lean over, yank the curtain back and lie in sunlight, warm on my skin.

Affected ennui soon sets in, bored even with boredom I roll off the wrinkled sheets scuffing a ragged tennis ball from the corner of my room. I go, flicking it up and down, down the stairs, out through the glass door and into a sun-saturated, late morning, green summer garden.

I stand, legs apart, feet crushing dry, sweet, warm grass.

Right arm back — left, point — throw (swish). The ball hits the wall (pock!) arm right — fingers open, close finger (puck!) a catch! Right arm back — left, point — throw (swish!), the ball hits the wall (pock!), arm right — fingers open, close fingers (puck!), a catch!

I relax in the rhythm of the throwing action (throw; bounce; catch; throw; bounce; catch). The rhythm is easy and melodic, it reminds me . . . what was that poem . . . Hope! That's it! Christopher Hope — "In a swimming pool in a garden in white South Africa", "Breathe, arm, kick, breathe, arm". Throw, bounce, catch, throw, bounce, catch.

The peculiar numble-squeak of the picture-window sliding door being opened — a man steps out dressed in a white suit that positively screams "Doctor!" At first glance he appears to be middling his fifties. His once black, thick hair has treasonously withdrawn from his crown. His hair is predominantly grey which makes him look older to me in this hot suburban afternoon.

Throw! bounce! catch! The tennis ball is old and bald in places — like my father's head! The thought is funny and as I look at him I smile without words.

Then, with a half-turn, I arc the ball through the air towards him; his clasped hands blossom into fingers — snapping shut as a Venus Fly-trap on a fly.

He looks a bit surprised, this man I call Dad, almost as if he didn't expect me to acknowledge him. Still wordless he shoots the ball back at me — no parabolic lazy loop this, no, just a straight line — flat, fast and hard. Right hand out — catch! I return the ball — flat and hard it is caught and thrown back — stinging my groping hands — I return it — it's thrown back — I return again, it is shot back to my left side — a boyhood accident has left me with almost no control over my fingers in my left hand. I drop the ball which bounces uselessly on the grass about my feet. I stoop to pick it up. As I straighten up I catch the disappointment hiding on his face. Suddenly I wish that this wordless communicationless game was over. I've disappointed him again. In all the things I've ever done nothing was quite good enough for him. To him I cling to an irrational God and even He can't improve me.

He must have felt my wanting to finish. Still silent he softly arches the ball to me and slowly turns away. He walks toward the open doorway.

I wanted to shout, to thank him, to call him back, forgive or (dare the undareable) tell him that I loved him. But my jaw swung down and my breath was gone — I couldn't think of anything to say. I turn back to the wall not having said a word.

(swish! pock! puck! swish! pock! puck!)

The rhythm of my shoulder muscles sings the long silence of a hot suburban afternoon.

*S. Gane*
Michaelhouse Std X
Certificate of Merit — Alan Paton

## WALKING AWAY

A quick glance at his watch told Neil Thomas that there were five minutes left in which to complete the final question of his science examination. The "exams" had been arduous and he was glad that they were nearly over. He thought of his father's last words to him as he boarded the bus in Johannesburg a few weeks before — "These are the most important exams of your life, Son. Give it your best shot." Barely had he ruled off than the bell rang — school was over!

Minutes later, upon leaving the examination hall, he stood outside, stretching and absorbing the comforting rays of the sun whilst listening amusedly to the whoops of joy being emitted by most of the other matriculants. He had decided to save his until he received his results! He had been looking forward to this moment for years — the day that he left school, but now that it had arrived there didn't seem to be anything wonderful about it at all. He never would have believed so before, but now he knew he would actually miss this place.

He made his way up to the dormitory at an easy pace and began slowly to pack all his belongings which would soon be transformed from almost worthless rags into valuable reminders of what life was like at school. He was in no rush as his mother had said that she would only be at the school by five-thirty if she was lucky, which meant that he had over two hours "to kill".

Whilst examining the contents of a shoe box which had been sitting in his locker for months without being opened, he was surprised to find, amongst other things, a small red and white figure made of strands of wool. He had given it up for lost ages ago. He had purchased it at the previous Hilton vs Michaelhouse rugby match. He smiled as he turned it over and over in his hands. He had always enjoyed the "clash of the titans" immensely. The spirit, the drama, the excitement at these games were unmatched by anything else he had ever experienced. Although having never played for a team higher than the seventh XV, he always filled with pride when outsiders gossiped and argued about the "big game". Neil wondered silently to himself whether people in the "real world" experienced the same feelings of comradeship as did the boys at a school such as this. If they didn't, he would miss it severely.

Neil was so engrossed in this thoughts that he didn't even notice David Findlay, his "cack", enter the dormitory until he tapped him lightly on the shoulder. "So you're leaving today are you?" asked David.

"Yep," was the reply.

"In case I don't see you again, I'd like to say goodbye to you now," said David, timidly holding his hands out to Neil.

"Cheers," Neil raised his hand and shook it firmly with David's. "Before you go, I've got something for you." He handed a T-shirt with a small Castle lager emblem printed on it over to David. "My 'cop' gave this to me when he left. Maybe you'll give it to your cack one day," he said as he smiled.

"Thanks!" David exclaimed delightedly. "I have to go settle a debt at the Tuckshop now. Maybe I'll see you at the next Hilton-Michaelhouse rugby match."

"I'll be there," said Neil as he raised his hand in a salutary manner. "Bye".

"Bye".

David disappeared around the corner. Neil knew that he would probably never see him again. Life would be tough without a "cack" to do all his odd-jobs for him. He remembered his "cack" year well. He had worked his "fingers to the bone" and had been beaten and lashed from pillar to post and yet, strangely, he looked back on the experience fondly and remembered it as probably the most enjoyable year of his school "career". He smiled — it was always easier to look back on the past and glorify it than to live through it. He had done the three-day hike that year. It had rained solidly from the first night that they had set up camp until they completed the expedition and arrived back at school nearly two days later. It had been a miserable two days. As he thought of it, he could still hear the squelching of water in his shoes and feel the cold, wet rugby jersey clinging to his skin. He had almost died of pneumonia on his return and yet afterward, pictured himself as having been like some sort of rugged mercenary on a secret mission.

He carefully placed the last few items into his trunk, closed the lid and locked it with the same padlock that it had been locked with at the end of every term over the past four years. It took a heroic effort to pick it up, but he managed with difficulty and began the strenuous walk to the entrance of the main quad, commonly known as "Screens".

A year ago he would've had no problems with this task. He had become an expert at carrying trunks after a great deal of practice, but was now a bit "rusty" as it hadn't been necessary to carry it over the past year. After taking a short "breather" at the fishpond, he carried his trunk the last few metres to Screens where he dumped it noisily onto the floor.

His mother wasn't yet there and a quick glance at his watch confirmed that she probably wouldn't be for another half an hour or so. He decided to climb the belltower and take a final look at the school whilst he was still a member of it. Often he had been up there when he had wanted to be alone or to think things out. As he viewed the picturesque landscape he was suddenly struck by how fortunate he had been to attend a school with such beautiful surroundings. He had known that he was fortunate before — everybody had made sure of that, but now he felt it — now that it was all over.

"Neil! Ne. . .il!" He shifted his glance to the parking area below him and sure enough there she was — early! "Hi, Mom!" he shouted back down and give her a toothy grin, though he was sure she couldn't see it from down there. "I'll be down in a minute!" He turned quickly and headed for the staircase. When he reached the gallery of the Chapel he suddenly stopped. Inexplicably he felt he needed to take a final look at the Chapel. He had never been particularly holy; in fact he had avoided the Chapel whenever possible, but now he felt a stange need to be there. After pausing for what wasn't more than a few seconds, he bowed toward the cross at the other end of the building, something he had never done before unless forced to and turned back toward the staircase and continued.

He was met by a wam embrace from his mother and together they dragged his trunk to the car where they deposited it in the boot. Neil's mother then proceeded to climb into the driving seat of the Toyota station-wagon. "Are you coming?" she inquired. Neil sighed as he glanced at the main quad for the last time and then turned and walked away. "Yes, Mom". As usual they were saluted at the school gate. It seemed almost as if it were just the beginning of another holiday, but this time it was different. This time he wasn't coming back. Neil Thomas was now a man.

*G. Garrett*
Michaelhouse Std IX
Winner — Old Boys' Essay


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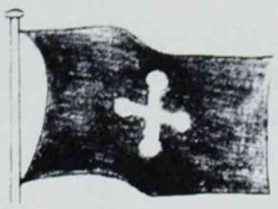
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# *House Notes*

## FOUNDERS



***Housemaster:*** **Mr A.J. Rogers**
***Tutors:*** **Mr C. Purchase, Mr J. Buckley, Mr N. Cahill, Mr D. Duthie**
***Head of House:*** **T. Clark**
***Prefects:*** **B. Scott, B. Davidson, G. Chadwick, G. Steiner, M. Clucas, S. Dilworth, B. Newton**

*Apologies — omitted from 1989 Prefects: C. Lesueur*

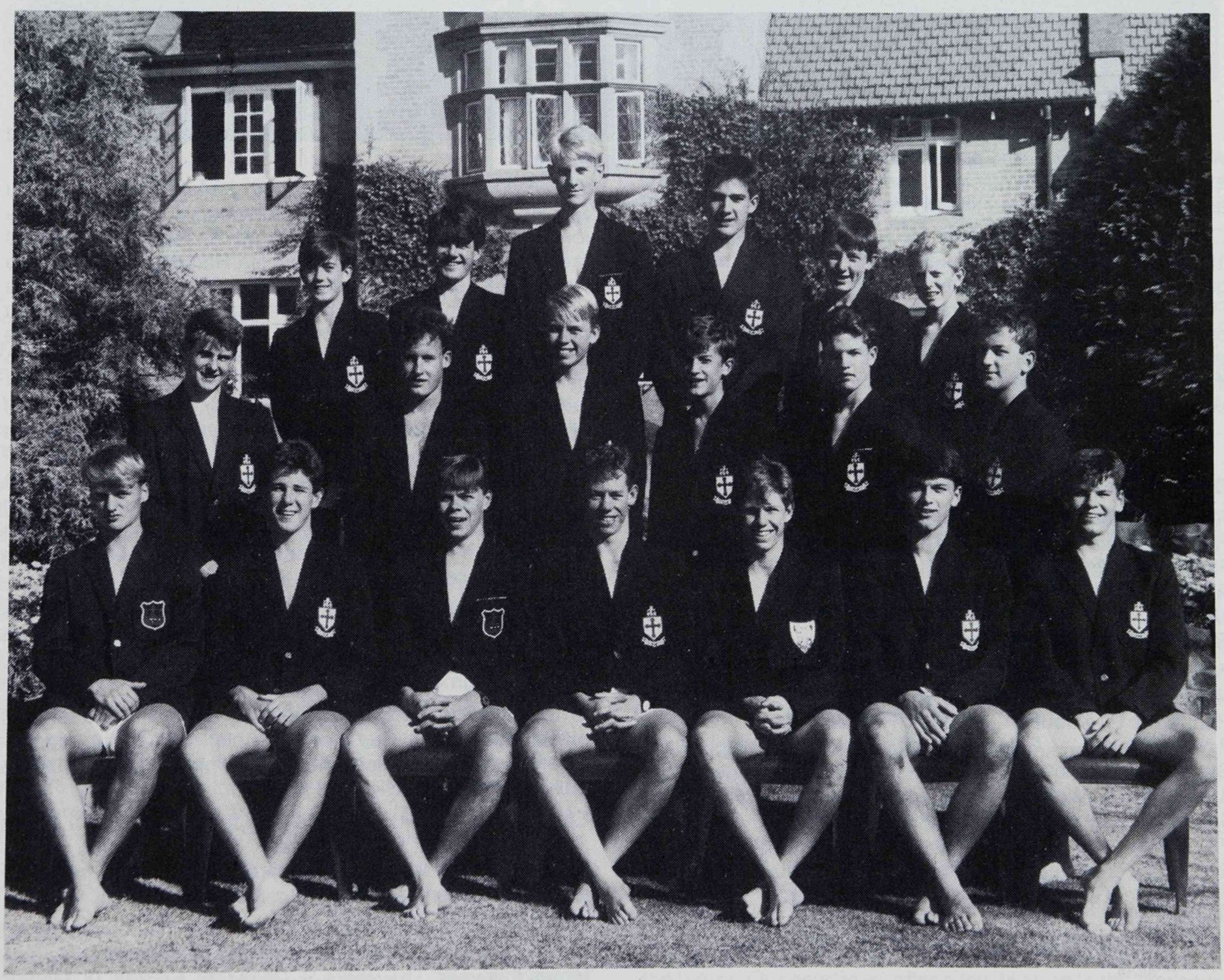
Founders has once again enjoyed an extremely satisfying year, with success not only on the sports field, but academically as well. In Inter-House sporting events, Founders proved to be a force to be reckoned with in every event, on many occasions being placed in the top three — 15 House Competions were won during the 1989/90 years. The winning of the Academic Trophy, shared with Pascoe, was the highlight of the year, as it gave the House success in a field other than games.

Prizes were received at Speech Day by the following: Art —B. Scott: Georgraphy, History — E. Cottrell: Human Kinetics — S. Hamilton: History, Human Kinetics — W. Smith: Geography — J. Black: Gabrielle Massey — D. Wood, E. Cottrell: Kevin King Memorial Award — S. Bold: Junior Music Prize — G. Fockens: Photography — G. Steiner: Printing — C. Plant.

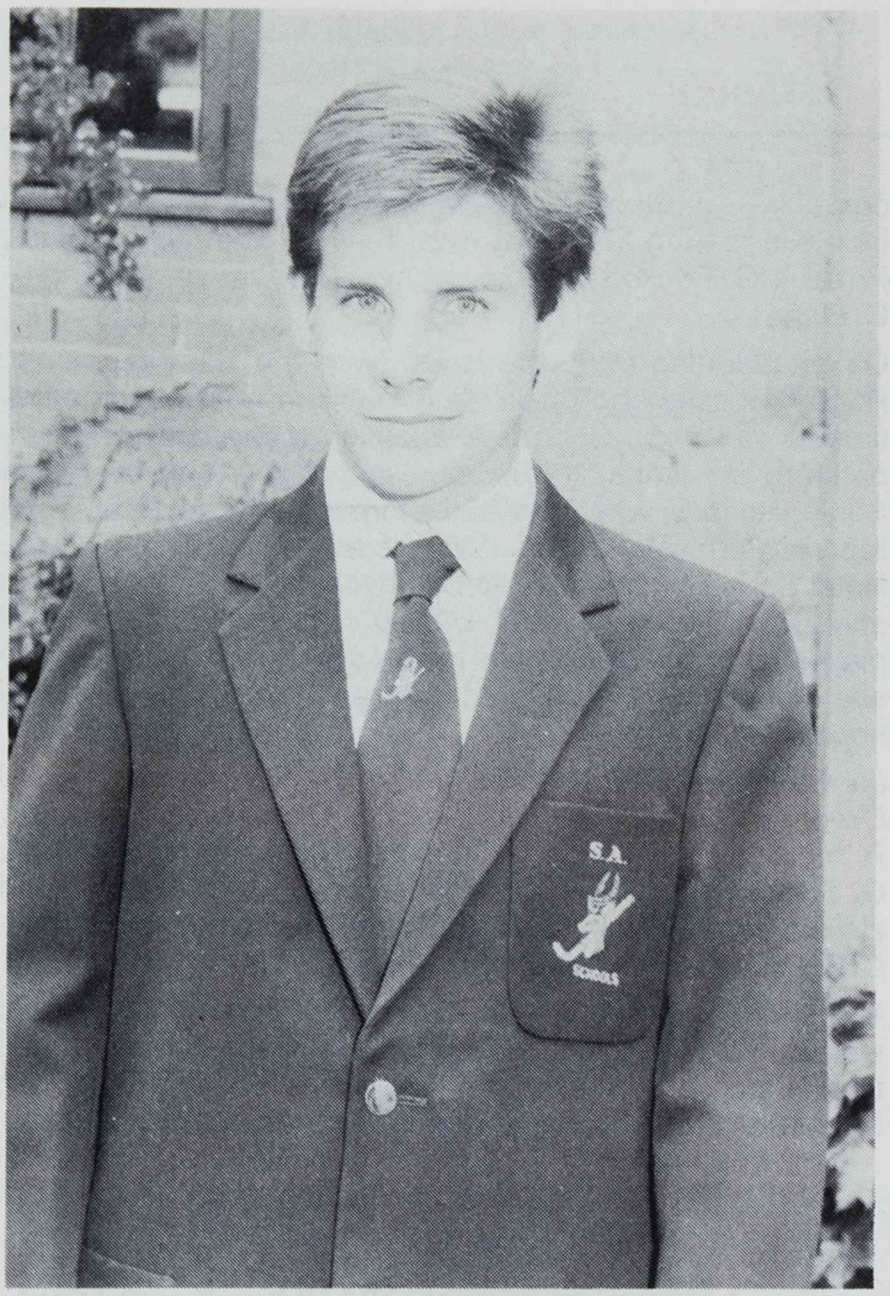
On the sporting front, the House won the following: Junior Rugby, Hockey and Basketball; Tennis; Swimming (the first time since 1945); Relays; Academic Trophy. We were runners-up, six times, the most disappointing one being the Senior Hockey, where we had a formidable side. Brian Scott represented Natal at S.A. Schools at hockey; Tomas Clark, Natal Schools hockey; Brett Davidson, Natal Schools rugby; and Barry Newton, Natal U19"B" squash. Cade Russell played for the Natal Schools feeder side in rugby. Brett, Barry and Tomas were School Captains of tennis, squash and hockey respectively.

John van der Ruit played the lead in the School production of Oliver — others in the cast were: G. Christie, M. Erlemann, R. Newton, R. Whelan, W. Goldby, C. Smith; N. Bughwan, G. Fockens, L.-J. Read played in the orchestra; A. Warren did the poster design and E. Cottrell, E. Hemus, D. Steiner, C. Sugden and D. White were in the stage crew.

An important quality that was developed throughout the year was the ability to live together peacefully and cheerfully, and thanks are passed on to the House as a whole for nurturing this often difficult quality. It was in this area, that the prefects,



***FOUNDERS SWIMMING***
***Back row (L–R) S. Hamilton; D. Hamilton; S. Bold; M. Bluett; J. Black; B. Garlick***
***Middle row (L–R) T. Garden; E. Cottrell; G. Fockens; C. Smith; R. Scott; W. Davidson***
***Front row (L–R) M. Tuck; J. Friend; M. Clucas; G. Chadwick; B. Davidson; D. Davidson; M. Pitts***



***B. Scott — SA Schools Hockey***

well led by Tomas Clark, played a prominent role. They were efficient without being officious, caring towards the new boys and amenable to constructive advice.

Our thanks are extended to Mr Rogers (Founders' Tutor 1966–1970 and ex-Housemaster Farfield), whose help and guidance are much appeciated; as well as to the Tutors, Mr. Purchase, Mr. Cahill, Mr Buckley and Mr Duthie. It was their contribution that aided the general, happy atmosphere that prevailed in Founders throughout the year. And special thanks to Mr Purchase, who ran the House, in Mr Rogers' absence, in a more than competent manner.

**Other noteworthy achievements**

*Academic Honours*: Michael Clucas
*Hockey Honours*: Brian Scott, Thomas Clark
*Rugby Honours*: Brett Davidson
*Academic Colours*: Edward Cottrell, Daniel Wood
*Hockey Colours*: Michael Clucas, Michael Tuck
*Rugby Colours*: Cade Russell

Winner Senior Tennis — Craig Sugden
Runner-up Senior Squash — Barry Newton
Runner-up U14 Squash — Richard Newton
P.M.B. Hockey — Graham Black (Captain), Michael Tuck, Gary Scott, Matthew Jack
Brains Bars — Warwick Smith, Andrew Prince, Peter Cottrell, Shalon Naidoo, Richard Newton, John Black
P.M.B. Squash — Edward Cottrell, Richard Newton
Service Ties — Dean Davidson, Cade Russell, Edward Cottrell, Bruce Goldby, Warwick Goldby, Graeme Chadwick, Michael Tuck
Art — Andrew Warren — Art chosen for permanent display in P.M.B.

***Savete:***
*Richard Newton, Bruce Knight, John Black, Peter Cottrell, Gregory Fockens, Nirad Bughwan, Damon Hamilton, Chris Smith, Davide Durante, Trevor Garden, Lincoln Palmer, Andrew Prince, Cameron Traill, Neil Bayett, Jason Wilson, Glenn Christie, Brian Garlick, Andrew Morris, Larry-John Read, S. Howa (VIth Form)*

***Valete:***
*S. Howa (VIth Form), Barry Newton, Ryan Joffe, Tomas Clark, Michael Clucas, Gavin Steiner, Graeme Chadwick, Stuart Dilworth, Daniel Wood, Alex Elworthy, Sibusiso Zama, Anthony Africander, Cameron Traill, Damon Hamilton*

## EAST



***Housemaster:*** **Mr G. W. Miller**
***House Tutors:*** **Mr T. Henderson, Mr B. Strauss, Mr M. Goulding**
***Head of House:*** **L. Hamilton**
***House Prefects:*** **S. Ramdayal, C. Wynne, M. Jason, P. Baker, A. Crutchley**

This has been an exciting and eventful year and seems to have passed with great haste. East has lived up to its tradition of being a highly-spirited and yet well disciplined House. This atmosphere was reinforced by a small but fine bunch of new boys and a solid bunch of old-timers. Leadership was of a generally high standard and the prefects showed themselves to be conscientious and concerned individuals. East enjoyed its fair share of success in all pheres of life at Michaelhouse.

Academically it gained a great deal of recognition. The following boys gained book tokens for oustanding work during the course of the year, M. Hunt, O. Coetzee, D. Armstrong, G. Mitchell-Innes, D. van Schalkwyk, A. Louw, G. Pretorius, G. Pendlebury, G. Faircliff, L. Turner, S. Porter, L. Hamilton, S. Ramdayal, G. Garrett, G. Saulez, H. Selepe, G. Croswell and W. Bam.

Speech Day prize winners included, J. Moffatt, M. Hurt, G. du Plessis, G. Pendlebury, M. Witherspoon, L. Turner, G. Pretorius, G. Garrett, L. Hamilton and S. Ramdayal. Special mention should be made of Sathish Ramdayal who won no less than 11 prizes on Speech Day, one of which was for the best Trial Matric Results. In the actual matric results Sathish gained five As and was placed in 12th position in Natal. In the Science Olympiad he was also placed in the top 100. Sathish gained his academic honours and he won the Old Mutual Bursary to study Acturial Science next year. L. Hamilton earned his academic colours. M. Hunt has won the Michaelhouse Major Scholarship. A number of boys also entered the Science Expo but G. Croswell was the only one to win a first prize. Andrew Crutchley won the President's Arts Exhibition Award. Michaelhouse runs an exchange programme with Port Natal and O. Armstrong and G. Ekstrand were fortunate enough to benefit from it.

Culturally East was well represented with no fewer than nine lads in the Chapel Choir, namely D. van Schalkwyk, G. van Schalkwyk, A. Darby, M. Witherspoon, G. Wynn, M. Eslick, M. Hurt, L. Turner, A. Kimble.

In the Inter-House Public Speaking competition East was placed second. M. Hurt won the junior section but, unfortunately, B. Naby of Pascoe managed to pip S. Ramdayal to the post in the senior section.

East's entry in the Inter-House play competition was a skit on Romeo & Juliet. It was directed by A. Crutchley and was almost enough to raise Shakespeare from the dead, nevertheless it was cleverly done and rather amusing.

The Chapel plays a great role in the life of the boys at School and it is pleasing to note the following boys opted to be confirmed this year. They were S. Cairns, G. Faircliff, G. Moffatt, D. Moffatt, W. Green, M. Green, G. Mitchell-Innes, M. Ngcobo, G. Dawson, A. Darby, S. Fraser, M. Witherspoon and G. Brooke-Leggatt.



***EAST SENIOR RUGBY***
***Back row (L–R) S. Butcher; G. Mitchell-Innes; B. Silver***
***Middle row (L–R) B. Louw; D. Benkenstein; J. Ekstrand; G. Palmer; R. Oscroft; W. Bam***
***Front row (L–R) M. Jason; A. Crutchley; L. Hamilton; C. Wynne; J. Gillmer; P. Baker***

On the sports field East is always well represented. J. Gilmer, S. Butcher and R. Oscroft competed in this year's Dusi Canoe Marathon. Roddy Oscroft earned his canoeing colours and has been elected Club Captain for 1991.

On the cricket field D. Benkenstein represented the 1st XI. He attended Offord Week and was selected for the Natal Schools XI. Dale will Captin the 1st XI in 1991.

Andrew Felling captained the House and School swimming teams this year. East gained third place in the Gala and Jason Ekstrand won the Bob Larsen, Senior Victor Ludorum Trophy. East totally dominated the senior section of Inter-House rugby, they also won the seven-a-side competition. D. Benkenstein and A. Crutchley, who captained the 2nd XV, earned their teams award. S. Butcher, G. Ekstrand, L. Hamilton, D. Wynne all represented the 1st XV and were awarded their colours. R. Mitchell-Innes, who also played for the 1st XV, was seleted for Natal Schools and earned his honours.

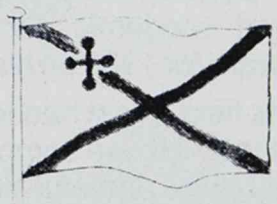
East also dominated the Inter-House gymnastics competiton by winning two of the three trophies. G. Pendelbury won the John Poynton Trophy for the best individual gymnast. A very fine combined effort from both the seniors and juniors assured East took home the Youngelson Shield.

We wish all leavers the very best in the future and thank the Tutors for all their help.

***Salvete***
*Adam Dorby, Stephen Epsen, Jurgen Kieslich, Johan van Schalkwyk, Murray Witherspoon, Jean du Plessis, William Green, Matthew Hurt, Jesse Pretorius, Alan Thorsen, Lloyd Turner, Dieter van Schalkwyk, Gregory Wynn, Bongani Ndlovu.*

***Valete***
*Gregory Buckley, Ian McLeod, Bongani Ndlovu, Dominique Vaudin, Nicolas Vaudin, Andrew Crutchley, Andrew Felling, Lawrence Hamilton, Mark Jason, Willem Landman, Brett Louw, Robert Mitchell-Innes, Sathish Ramdayal, Mark Thorsen, David Whittingham-Jones, Christopher Wynne.*

## WEST



***Housemaster:*** **Mr A.L. Carter**
***Tutors:*** **Mr R. Currie, Mr Robin Hall, Mr Terry Hart**
***Prefects:*** **B. Thomas (Head of House): N. Zungu, D. Dales, W. Dales, C. Smart, R. Roberts**

1990 started on a depressing note with the untimely death of our Senior House Tutor, Mr Dave Canning. His valuable, jovial input into West will always be remembered as will the impact he made on the boys during his short time as House Tutor. Our condolences are extended to his wife, Jane.

The leadership and example portrayed by those at the top of the House, both prefects and A Block provided a good base for the firm yet friendly aura which surrounded the House. Our best wishes go with them and all leavers for every success in the future. Our new boys, after a few hiccups in the beginning of the year, acquitted themselves well contributing greatly to the spirit in West. Probably the best illustration of this fantastic spirit was in the Pancake races on Shrove Tuesday, when



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***WEST TUG OF WAR***
***Back row (L–R) J. Lewis; A. Garland; C. Smart; L. Rushton***
***Front row (L–R) W. Dales; T. Bell; N. Zungu; D. Dales***

West won as a result of a concerted effort from a representative from each Block in the House and the great support offered them by the House as spectators.

Although we didn't get close to winning the academic trophy, we did feature strongly in other fields of academic life. Both Mark Hewat and Simon Nicholson were awarded their academic honours; Simon on his mid year B Block exam results, achieving 2 001 points and Mark for his remarkable achievement of 14th position in the English Olympiad. Russel Bassett also achieved academic honours and the Housemaster's academic award for 1989 on his matric results.

On the sports field, West had to settle for second position in a good deal of Inter-House competitions, winning only the Inter-House Tug-O-War. James Lewis captained the West senior cricket side to the finals of the competition as well as leading the House swimming team. His efforts in these fields were recognised by his being given the Christopher Nash Sports Award and he was appointed a prefect at the end of the First Quarter. Our junior squash team did well to reach the final only to be crushed by a very competent Baines side. Thanks go to Murray Evernett who captained the West athletics team taking us to fifth position on Sports Day. Individually Allan Ralfe did very well to win all five of his Sports Day events. He would surely have been Junior Victor Ludorum had he participated in a sixth event.

West was well represented by both Donovan and Warwick Dales and Ngcebo Zungu in the 1st XV. Donovan and Ngcebo were awarded their rugby colours for their efforts while Warwick was given his teams award. Andrew Garland and James Lewis were both given their teams award for the contribution to the 2nd XV. Craig Fellowes was awarded his colours for hockey and represented Michaelhouse in the first cricket eleven. Gareth John Keough did both his House and School proud representing Natal in the South African gymnastic championships and attaining first position for his age group in the floor sequence.

Culturally West achieved well coming a solid third in the Inter-House music with a stout effort by Wade Ridgway, Deon Burgess and Rhett Mayor. Simon Nicholson went over to Canada to Trinity College on the annual exchange programme. In his place West benefited from the presence of Al Burton, who added to the spirit of the House in this inimitable way. Service Ties were awarded to Themba Vundla who was also the head chorister and to Wade Ridgway.

Thanks are due to the whole House, to Mr and Mrs Carter and the House Tutors who made 1990 a successful and enjoyable year. Best wishes go to West for 1991 and may the success and happiness achieved in 1990 continue to grow.

***Salvete***

*Michael Snowden, Dean Burgess, David Alcock, James Boyd, Stephen Elliott, Roshan Harrypersadh, Andrew Hogg, Andrew Swart, Jeremy Boyd, Duncan Eriksen, Robert Mayes, Richard Milne, Bruce Pitman, Carl Reinhardt.*

***Valete***

*Michael Snowden, Toshak Bell, Donovan Dales, Warwick Dales, Murray Everett, Duncan Everett, Andrew Garland, Richard Gilson, James Lewis, Ryan Roberts, Chris Smart, Themba Vundla, Murray Crowe, Stephen Elliott, Bruce Pitman.*

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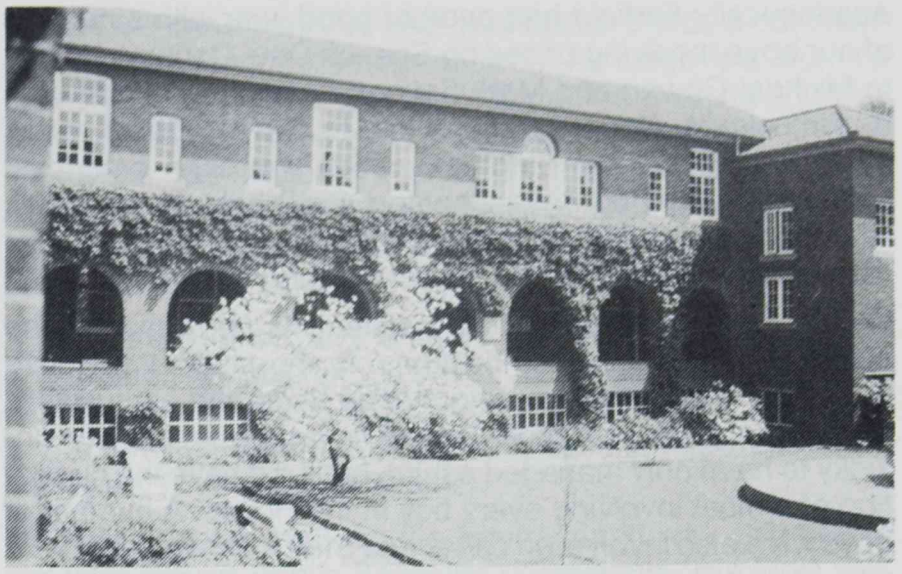
## FARFIELD

***Housemaster:*** **Mr B.C. Reynolds**
***House Tutors:*** **Mr G. Giles, Mr W.E. Ashmole, Mr G. Rudolph, Mr J. van Rooyen**
***Head of House:*** **Patrick Lees**
***Prefects:*** **Justin Pearse, Michael Gowen, James Templeton, Alan Yeowart, Mark Salmon, Christopher Hoepfl**

Farfield maintained its traditionally steady course during 1990 and completed another successful and productive passage. It was successful not only for the Inter-House events won and goals achieved, but also because of its sustained good spirit and sense of camaraderie at all levels.

The house bid welcome to three new tutors in Mr Ashmole, Mr Graham Rudolph and Mr Johan van Rooyen. We are pleased to have them and wish them a long and successful stay with us. At the same time we are sorry to say farewell to Mr "BR" Naidu who has given long and faithful service over a number of years. We thank him for his input and the concern he has shown during his tutorship.

The service programme has always played an important part in Farfield, and this year was no exception with no less than fourteen Service Ties being awarded. The following are



***"Farfield"***

congratulated: Chris Hoepfl, Gordon Johnstone, Stuart Collins, Nick Rogers, Mike Echalaz, Jason Raath, Roy Griffiths, Andrew Purchase, Justin Pearse, Chris Folker, and re-awards to: Alan Akker, Nick Denoon-Stevens, Andrew Fenwick, Mike Gowen and Chris von Klemperer.

Another area which gained considerable interest this year was First Aid, and here the following are commended on passing their Red Cross First Aid exam: Sithembiso and Zimele Cele, Charlton Campbell, Stuart Collins, David Doull, Charles Howson, Michael Schaefer and Rick de Villiers.



***FARFIELD HOUSE CRICKET***
***Back row (L–R) O. Marshall; A. Cunnington; R. Thompson; N. Rogers; R. Griffiths; A. Purchase; V. Skead***
***Front row (L–R) J. Roques; M. Cook; T. Edwards; C. Lorentz; S. Koza***

Academically Farfield had another good year with a number of our boys receiving prizes on Speech Day. Congratulations to Michael Gowen and Mark Salmon on achieving their academic colours. Congratulations too, to Gary Stroebel on his award winning poem "Mother" which was then broadcast over radio! Well done to Charlton Campbell, David Doull, Charles Howson and Charles Lorentz on winning prizes for their entries in the Science Expo Exhibition.

On the cultural side, Farfield claimed its fair share of the spoils in Inter-House competitions. In the plays, the House put on a very creditable performance under the enthusiastic direction of Mark Compton-James. It was perhaps a little unlucky to have only managed a third, but it did have the distinction of almost involving every boy in the House. A number of boys were also involved in *Oliver* and *Stuff 'n Nonsense.*

Perhaps one of our most exciting achievements this year was winning the Inter-House music competition. Thanks to the drive given by Patrick Lees, and the hard work put in by the House as a whole, we managed to squeak through narrowly, in the singing of "We all stand together" by Paul McCartney, as well as the instrumental number "Your Latest Trick" by Dire Straits. In all respects it was a commendable effort.

On the sporting fields we fared pretty well generally and showed ourselves to be always stern competitors. Farfield won the junior cricket fairly comfortably as well as the junior tug-of-war. We went on to secure the senior gymnastics, junior tennis, and a second in the canoeing (Sean McGuigan came second in the singles and Gordon Johnstone and Tim Weaver second in the doubles. All three also managed to compete in both the Duzi and Tugela canoe marathons). While we didn't excel in the athletics, we did manage a second in cross-country as a result of a sound team effort. Particular mention must be made of Nigel Williamson's winning the senior Victor Laudorum on Athletics Day, and Drummond Parkes who equalled the 200 m record and then broke it at the Triangular Athletics Meeting. Nigel Williamson also broke the shot put record and equalled the hurdles record. Well done to him too on achieving athletics honours and being chosen to represent Natal Schools. Nigel also received rugby colours. Patrick Lees is congratulated on winning an honours award in both rugby and cricket and colours for squash. Rory Bryden, Nigel Williamson and Philip Benson were all selected for the South African Schools Polo team. Richard Thompson made the South African Junior "B" shooting team and came fourth in the world cup. Ryan Graham was selected for Natal Schools hockey and Tom Southwood for Natal windsurfing for which they both received their honours.

Congratulations to Alan Yeowart who will be returning as head of house for 1991, and to his prefect team comprising Kim Roques, Nigel Williamson, Chris Folker and Rory Bryden. We confidently believe that they will maintain the high standard of leadership we have come to expect in Farfield.

***Salvete***

*Michael Cook, Andrew Cunnington, Sandilisizwe Kosa, Andrew Lees, Oliver Marshall, Robert McBride, Drummond Parkes, Charles Pool, Timothy Porter, Andrew Purchase, Joshin Raghubar, Joseph Roques, Vaughan Skead, Ryan Graham, Adley Wilson, Nicholas Staub.*

***Valete***

*Alan Akker, Philip Benson, Bayanda Cele, Sithembiso Cele, Mark Compton-James, Nicholas Denoon-Stevens, Richard Emery, Andrew Fenwick, Michael Gowen, Christopher Hoepfl, Sean McGuigan, Justin Pearse, Michael Porter, Ryan Read, Mark Salmon, James Templeton, Christopher Watson, Tim Weaver, Ryan Graham, Patrick Lees, Adley Wilson.*


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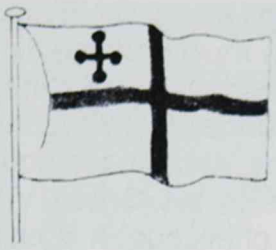
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## TATHAM



***Housemaster:*** **Mr J.D. Pickstone**
***Senior Tutors:*** **Mr C. van Rensburg, Mr P. Fleischack, Mr P. Lavender**
***Head of House:*** **S. Porrill**
***Prefects:*** **R. Currie, J. Nash, R. Micklewright**

Tatham fared relatively well this year in sports. A number of boys featured in first teams — C. Pilot, basketball, S. Porrill, rugby (honours), A. Engels, cricket, M. Farren and M. Lindhiem, canoeing. We won the Inter-House Athletics Standards Competition indicating the willingness of the House as a whole to commit themselves. On Sports Day the following won their events:

U15 shot putt, H. Pooke (record); U14 long jump, J. Band; U16 200 m, V. Mbutuma; open 200 m, S. Porrill; open 400 m, M. Farren; open 800 m, M. Farren

Our victory in senior basketball was unexpected, but again exemplified a tremendous team effort. We were runners up in the seven-a-side rugby competition, and lastly won the Inter-House chess due to the efforts of S. Bekker, N. Jackson and P. Landry.

Our Inter-House play this year was called *Shirts*, a commentary on conventionalism in society. Although we won no prizes it was the only "serious" play of the evening and was produced and directed by N. Jackson and H. Pooke. A large number of Tatham juniors took part in *Oliver* (M. Barnes, E. Ackron, S. Barnabas, H. Swart and M. Schulze). A. Croasdell was awarded the Best Actor of the Year Trophy for his portrayal of the Artful Dodger.

A large number of boys entered the GEC Expo: R. Smith, J. Macquet, S. Bekker, S. Boast, M. Lindhiem, D. Craig, I. Findlay, A. Andersson, B. Briedenhann, M. Farren, H. Pooke, S. Barstow, S. Farren, R. Warren, P. Landry, A. Barnabas, C. Barnabas, D. Akoojee, D. Stainer.

D. Craig spent a week on the Edutrain and was also one of our Inter-House Public Speaking contestants. His topic was "Haircuts". H. Pooke spoke on the "Art of Joke Telling".

Many Tatham boys are members of the Choir and wind band too.

On Speech Day academic prizes were won by 17 boys:
Gabrielle Massey Prizes were won by D. Stainer, C. Wilson and M. Schulze. Other prize winners were A. Guelfucci (maths), A. Barnabas (biology), C. Barnabas (history), Y. Rehman (art), H. Pooke (speech and drama), J. Band (computers), P. Rathebe (Zulu), C. Wilson (English), H. Swart (Afrikaans and Zulu), R. Dunstan (Richard Hedden), J.A. Band (Afrikaans progress), S. Porrill (HK), S. Bekker (chess).



***TATHAM HOUSE ATHLETICS***
***Back row (L–R) M. Farren; C. Coffey; H. Pooke; S. Bekker;***
***S. Barstow; B. Vossgatter; S. Farren; I. Findlay; R. Warren; N. Jackson; E. Hansen; S. Boast; D. Stainer; M. Lindhiem***
***4th row (L–R) D. von Schaeffer; D. Akoojee; Y. Rehman; C. Barnabas; J. Macquet; P. Landry; A. Andersson; B. Briedenhann; F. Guelfucci; J. Cousin; D. Craig***
***3rd row (L–R) S. Rowley; J. Hughes; O. Cantagrill; V. Mbutuma; S. Macquet; S. Barnabas; D. Shrosbree; C. Wilson; A. Croasdell; M. Schulze; A. Barnabas***
***2nd row (L–R) S. Naidoo; Q. Cantlay; P. Rathebe; S. Cousins; B. Ralph; J. Band; S. Wynne-Jones; E. Ackron; H. Swart; M. Barnes***
***Front row (L–R) P. Bekker; L. de Villiers; R. Currie; C. Pilot; S. Porrill; A. Engels; R. Dunstan; R. Mickelwright; A. Rissik; J. Nash***

Brains Bars were won this year by H. Swart, H. Pooke, C. Wilson, S. Macquet. A. Barnabas was placed fourth in South Africa in the Junior Science Olympiad.

Generally the House has been productive and the prospects for next year are good. This years A Block got on very well together and the work ethic is healthy. The prefect body had their work cut out as there were only four of them. My thanks to them, and also to Mrs Joubert, the Matron, Mrs Morgan in the laundry and the long suffering Mrs Dicks on the telephone.

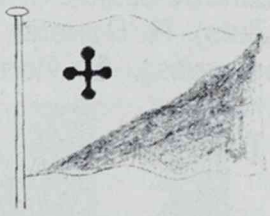
***Salvete***

*Ryan Smith, Boris Vossgätter, Julian Band, Matthew Barnes, Simon Cousins, Adam Croasdell, Vuyile Mbutuma, Stephen Macquet, Phiello Rathebe, Bruce Swartz, Shayne Wynne-Jones, Evert Ackron, Quentin Cantlay, James Hughes, Seelan Naidoo, Henk Swart.*

***Valete***

*Dawood Akoojee, Jason Bowring, Andrew Cartwright, Olivier Cantagrill, Yusuf Rehman, Costas Constantinou, Roland Dunstan, Lindsay de Villiers, Andrew Engels, Richard Currie, Ryan Micklewright, Justin Nash, Mxolisi Nkosi, Arnand Guelfucci, Stuart Porrill, Anthony Rissik, Pierre Bekker.*

## PASCOE



***Housemaster:*** **Mr A.W.H. Cook**
***Senior Tutors:*** **Mr J.C. Willis, Mr A.C. Vincent**
***Tutors:*** **Mr P.E. Dennyson, Mr G. Burgess**
***Head of House:*** **R.J.O. Bates**

1990 has been another fine year for Pascoe House. The depth of potential which was evident in 1989 was realised in the performance of the House this year. Gratifying though our successes are, what has been even more impressive is the overall spirit of competitive camaraderie which has been a hallmark of this vintage year.

Despite the early threats of division between the senior members of the House, under Richard Bates's solid leadership, cohesion was quickly established. The easy co-operation between all members of the House has indeed been a feature of Pascoe 1990 and this has enabled us to meet the challenges of Inter-House competitions with a formidable readiness. Once again, our seniors clinched the cricket, ably led by Anthony Hewitt, at one stage we boasted seven First XI players. Our Public Speakers followed up this success by winning their competition, Bilal Naby doing the damage in the senior section and Justin Bothner coming second in the juniors. Christopher Wadman, the Captain of the team, did us proud by reaching the semi-final of the Jan Hofmeyr Speech Contest later in the year. Drawing on his experience, Bilal reached the final of the Young Historians Competition. Gary Sherriff and Christopher Wadman were both placed in the top 100 of the English Olympiad, no mean achievement, and Justin Bothner and Gregory Mrkusic were placed seventh and eighth respectively in the Junior Science Olympiad. It came as no surprise that we won the Inter-House Academic Trophy, although we did not relish having to share the honour with Founders!

More successes were to follow as the Pascoeites turned their attentions to other fields. A highlight of the Pentecost term was the Inter-House play competition. Again, Christopher Wadman took the lead in directing and starring in a wonderfully funny piece called *Watch your Language.* It was a winner from the start but it did so much more: the rehearsals cemented friendships and brought out the best in the cast as people. Similarly, the music competition was a House effort, we always take it seriously and although we came second to a fine Farfield performance, we did manage to win two out of the three sections. Alex Andersson, who was to go on to achieve a merit pass in his Grade VIII music examination, spearheaded that challenge. It is also pleasing to see the number of Pascoe boys in the Choir (St John Bungey will be Head Chorister for 1991) and in the wind band.

Attentions turned in the Michaelmas Quarter to athletics. For the last six years we have won the cross-country and we were able to do so again this year, as well as the Standards competition. Neil Pattrick (who had won the silver medal in the Natal Junior Championship) won the senior event and our senior and junior teams won their events. We then went on to win the Sportsday with Craig Dennyson taking the junior Victor Ludorum and Richard Bates the hundred metres dash; his brother, Andrew, won the award for the most outstanding event. The senior squash competiton was the next event up for grabs and grab it we did. Even more impressive was the win in the senior hockey finals against Founders: they were the more fancied team but on the day proved no match for David McCall's men. Although our tennis team did not match this achievement, Matthew Smithyman did well to reach the final of the individual championship.

All these successes attest to the talents of the House but its health is evinced by less tangible factors. For example, its record in service is a yardstick which is important: in this regard it was splendid that Brenton Mooi was awarded the Richard Heddon award for Community Service, one of many of our lads who excelled in this field. Already mentioned has been our involvement in the Choir and the wind band, but mention must be made of the Pascoe representation in the overall organisation of societies which has been exceptional. The organisation of the Chapel services too has been imaginative and inspiring. Creative writing has been first rate with Martin Cassidy's winning of the Victoria League Essay Competition and Greg Mrkusic's being placed second in the Alan Paton Literary Competition coming to mind.

The standard of leadership from the prefects as well as from the senior boys has been outstanding. Disciplined performance coupled with caring considerateness has made this a happy House. There has been tolerance for those who have different and even eccentric views, which has been balanced by a recognition of the need at times to work together as part of a team. Once again Pascoe celebrates a Rhodes Scholar in Mark Suzman. We hope there will be more to come. Our congratulations, too, are extended to Dominick Marshall-Smith and David McCall who have been appointed Head of School and second prefect respectively.

These are just some of the notable achievements of the members of Pascoe House: space prevents mention of all. Once again we have had a new tutor, Mr Vincent, to whom we extend a warm welcome, and to his family as well. To the other leavers, Godspeed and well done.

***Salvete***

*Craig P. Dennyson, Neil P. Goss, Muzi S. Kubheka, Dunbar H. Lewis, Philen Naidu, Michael B. Burnett, Christopher S. Hewitt, Fezile M. Ludidi, Mark Macdonald, Gavin D.L. MacNaughton, Rowan Nairn, Christopher Pitts, Nicholas Sacco, Michael J. Smither, Shaughan R.S. Stephens, Justin T. Whitsitt, Conan McLynn.*

***Valete***

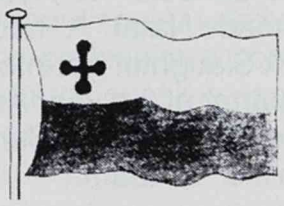
*Richard J.O. Bates, Graham K. Braum, Philip G.W. Lindop, Cristiano Carrara, Alistair J. Cotton, Mark F.A. Cotton, Adam G. Cubey, Bruce E.R. Fallet, D. Mark Ferguson, Emmanuel Hening, Ryan R. Locke, Brenton C. Mooi, Christopher B.G. Mullin, Guy E. Osborne, Rupert J.M. Thomas, Christopher D. Wadman.*

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***PASCOE HOUSE PLAY***
***Back row (L–R) N. Sacco; G. Osborne; D. Makan; L. Ferreira; R. Thomas; A. Cubey; N. Cooke; M. Ferguson***
***Front row (L–R) B. Naby; P. Lindop; C. Wadman; D. Marshall-Smith; B. Mooi; C. Mullin***

## BAINES



***Housemaster:*** **Mr S.N. Winckworth**
***Senior Tutors:*** **Messrs B.S. Tarr, A.L. Eyesele**
***Tutor:*** **Mr D. Elkington**
***Head of House:*** **Lephatsoana Chabana**
***Prefects:*** **Bradley George, Brian Gundry, Craig Legge (also School Prefect), Stewart Mears**

1990 was the year where Baines on paper may not seem to have done as well as usual, but the spirit in the House was impressive and we made significant contributions in non-sporting as well as sporting events. Indicative of this was the spirited running of the pancake races early in the year, on Shrove Tuesday, in the main quad. Baines was the clear winner — only to have victory snatched from our grasp by disqualification on a technicality!

In the Inter-House plays competition Jonathan Erasmus and Simon Gane between them put on the play called *School Play*. This was an excellent production with a well-disciplined cast and, in the opinion of the House, should have been more highly rated than it was.

Angus McIntosh (B Block) had the good fortune to spend the Second Quarter of the year in Canada at Trinity College School on an exchange. In his place we welcomed Ed Hall who, although somewhat quieter than Angus, made his mark fitting in well with the B Block, but doing most of his sport with the C Blockers. He had the memorable experience of scoring a try in his team's match against Hilton in the encounter at the end of the term.

On Speech Day a number of Baines boys were awarded prizes and it was good to see some new names amongst the regulars. Simon von Kaufmann, Paul Bydawell and Jason Roche were awarded Grabrielle Massey prizes for oral work in English. In the A Block there was Musa Dlamini (Zulu) and Brian Gundry (history), B Block, Siyabonga Malevu (Zulu), C Block, Mark Doyle (science), D Block, Blake Tilley (Latin) and Cameron-McIntosh (Afrikaans) and E Block, Michael Mantis (French) and Duncan Macduff (divinity). On the special prize list we had Alan Erasmus (W.R. Hindson, history), Brian Gundry (Peter Bell Memorial, English Literature), Simon Gane (Michael Barry, English), Musa Dlamini and Keeran Ramnath (P.D. Barnard, Afrikaans progress) and Angus McIntosh (Zulu progress). Blake Tilley got his Brains Bar and Jason Roche won an award for poetry while Simon Gane reached the semi-finals of the Alan Paton Literary competition as well as being placed in the top 100 of the Science Olympiad. Brian Gundry was awarded his academic honours for his outstanding trial matric results.

Finally, on the sports fields, Baines didn't do as well as usual, but there was an abundant display of gutsy stuff as the Baines underdogs fought their way to many second and third positions in numerous competitions. We beat West in the first round of the senior rugby House matches and came up against East in the finals. The game was hard-fought but the might of East proved too much for us. We went down by 20 points to 16, with most of the tries coming from Brad George and Jon Desilla. There was a typical display of prop-power, intelligence and co-ordination as Charlie Smith scored the try of the match. The seven-a-side game against Tatham was a bit disappointing as Baines could have taken the trophy but messed up in the first round. Brad George and Tarquin Samuels scored the two tries of that game.

The junior side, captained by Greg George, came up against a strong Founders side in the first round of their competition. The injuries stopped the flow of the game. After being down two tries in the first half they managed to come back to lead for a while in the second half, but Founders scored again — putting themselves ahead once more. The game was lost 10-16, an honourable defeat against a stronger and more experienced side.

The senior hockey team had a very good Inter-House competition despite the fact that they had only five participants who actually take hockey as their sport. Non-hockey players like Alasdair Kirk and Jon Erasmus were recruited for the side and added their version of play to the game. Brian Gundry left the goals and took up the centre forward position. Sparkling play was displayed by Mark Slaughter and Daniel Dollow as they showed they were equally as good on the defensive as on the offensive. The side won two of the round robin matches and lost four.

The junior hockey team wasn't talented either, but they came together well in their nail-biting semi-final against Pascoe which they won after a draw in extra time on penalty flicks. Founders beat us by a single goal in a close final. The side was captained by Terry Roberts and some plucky saves were seen by Cameron McIntosh in the goals.

Probably the most disappointing results were those of the senior basketball team. Baines had by far the best team on paper, boasting five first team players in their nine-man team, but things didn't go Baines's way on the day. Founders played an excellent, aggressive game and the boys from Baines couldn't adapt to the very physical game. The game was lost by two points (20-22) with the last basket being scored in the final seconds. Credit must go to Chubs Chabana and Daniel Dollow who between them scored most of Baines's baskets.

The junior basketball team took on Farfield in the first round. They dominated play and beat their opponents 20-14, with most of the points coming from Lwazi Mkize and Greg George. They played East in the semi-finals and lost to them narrowly in extra time.

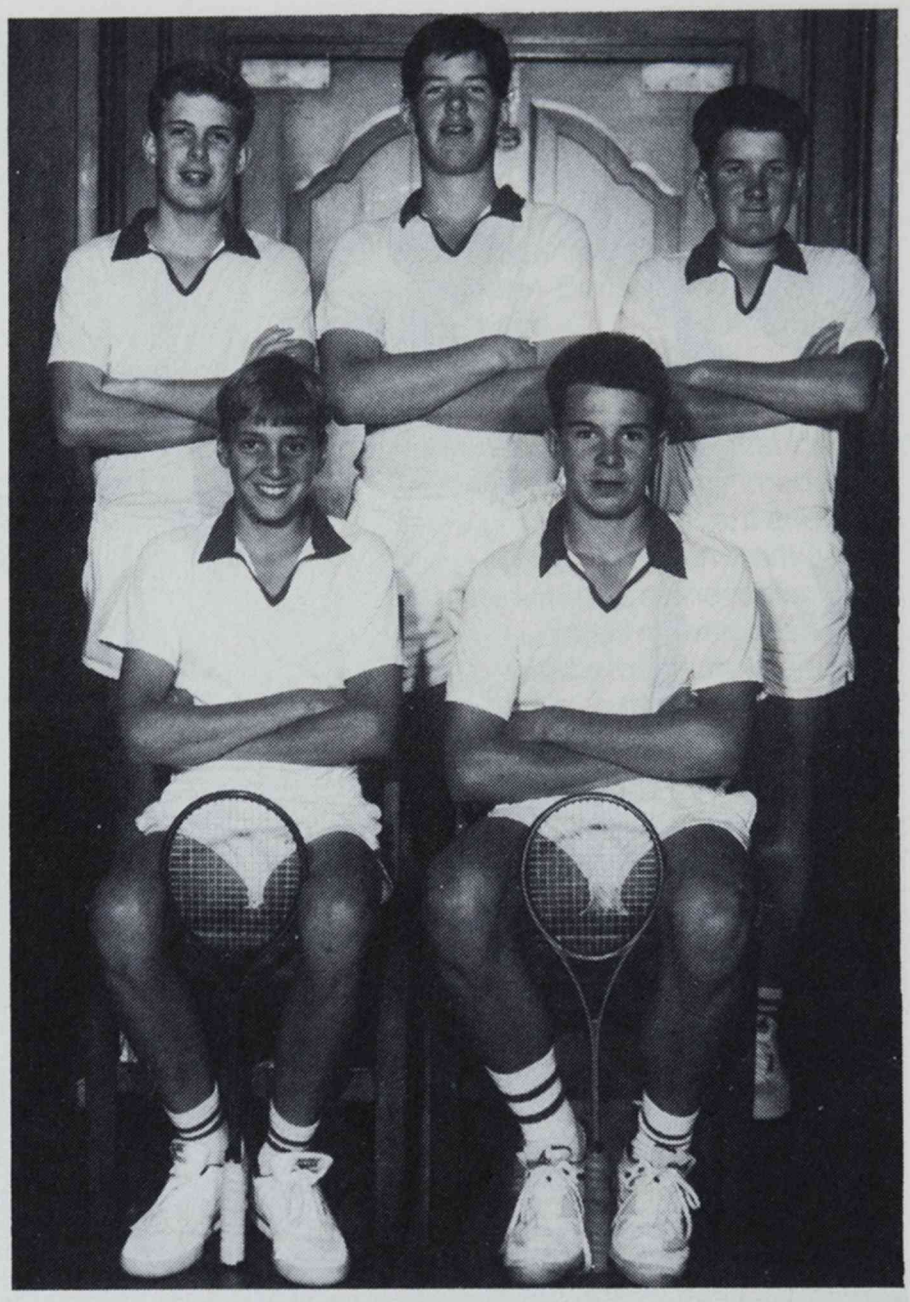
Four canoeists in Baines completed the Duzi marathon: Angus McIntosh, Simon von Kaufmann, Greg van Heerden and Jon Desilla. Angus and Jonathan did well and later won the Hilton/Michaelhouse canoeing competition. The Inter-House Canoeing event was won outright by Baines, with Greg van Heerden cruising the singles. Baines also won the canoe polo competition. The only other competition we won was the junior Inter-House squash where we cruised to a comfortable 5-0 win over West in the finals. Three of the team are still U15 again next year so there could be a repeat victory in 1991.

In the swimming pool Baines was narrowly beaten by Founders. Our star VIth-former was writing an exam that day and so couldn't compete, but Anthony Ireland and David van Onselen — in particular — did their best to make up for it with Anthony scoring more points than any other individual at the gala.

Baines came close to breaking the dominance of East in the Youngleson Shield when the juniors won their section of the competition. The seniors came third, despite missing our star gymnast Brad Price who was injured, with Craig Legge having a great day, giving us second place overall.

On Sports Day Baines did fairly well — we were leading at the lunch break — with a good spread of senior and junior athletes. Brad George, Brad Price, Sean Lumley and Troyeden Kuter showed up well in their events. We came third overall after holding onto second place for most of the day.

Baines had a fair share of individual sporting and academic achievements too. In the juniors we had Peter van Onselen selected for Natal U14 squash while his older brother David made the Pietermaritzburg U16 team. Guillaume Robert, a new boy in the C Block in the Fourth Quarter was selected for Natal in athletics in the 200 m and long jump and also swam



***HOUSE TENNIS: BAINES JUNIORS***
***(L–R) J. Roche; T. Kuter; B. Balsdon; P. van Onselen; D. van Onselen***

for Pietermaritzburg. In the seniors Anthony Ireland was selected for the Pietermaritzburg U16 squash team and in rugby Chubs Chabana made Natal schools and was selected for SA Nampak (SA Schools "B") yet again. Brian Gundry, who should have made Natal "A" hockey, was selected for the "B" side and Mark Slaughter got into the Natal Robins ("C" team). In the final quarter of the year Angus McIntosh (1991 Head of House) made the Natal "A" Junior canoeing team while Jon Desilla made the "B" team.

1990 was a fine year. However with more dedication we could have succeeded in winning more competitions. House spirit was never lacking and this is heartening for the future.

The sad part of the year was that it was Mr Winckworth's last as Housemaster of Baines after 11 years of dedicated service. His first associations with Baines were as House Tutor in 1972 and again in 1979 before taking over as Housemaster from Mr Leggat in 1980. Mrs Winckworth also played her part by providing meals and coffee and cakes for generations of Baines boys. In saying thank you to them both we welcome Mr and Mrs Tarr in their place and hope that they and their family of two daughters and a son will have a long and happy stay in Baines.

***Salvete***

*Bradley Borkett, John Frost, Ryan Lawson (VI), Guillaume Robert (C), Struan Harris, Murray Henderson, Troyeden Kuter, Gregory Porter, Keeran Ramnath, David Staniforth, Blake Tilley, David van Onselen, Clynton Walker (D), Gary Bryant, Anthony Crane, Sean Lumley, Michael Mantis, Richard Valentine, Peter van Onselen (E).*

***Valete***

*Bradley Borkett, John Frost, Bradley George, Ryan Lawson (VI), Lephatsoana Chabana, Musa Dlamini, Daniel Dollow, Jonathan Erasmus, Simon Gane, Brian Gundry, Alasdair Kirk, Craig Legge, Stewart Mears, Bradley Price, Tarquin Samuels, Mark Slaughter, Charles Smith, Gregory van Heerden, Simon van Kaufmann (A), Justin von Weichardt (C).*

# *The John Schlesinger Theatre: 1990*

The 1990 theatre year has been an extremeley busy one, perhaps the busiest in years. Apart from the routine assemblies, films, society meetings, examinations, etc that have been accommodated, there have been in excess of twenty productions, five musical evenings and four other events of note presented on the Schlesinger stage. A summarised and a detailed report of each activity follows hereinafter. What is most gratifying to know is that the facility is being used productively in offering a rich variety of quality entertainment expressly for the improvement, edification and pleasure of all the young men who attend this fine institution.

Perhaps what has been most impressive this year is the number and quality of our own "internal" productions and presentations — some fifteen in all — from Inter-House competitions to major school productions. What this means is that few, if any, Michaelhouse boys escape a calendar year without some direct, hands-on experience of live theatre (in its many varied shapes and guises) as something more than just a spectator sport. Some Inter-House activities involve the whole House; others a sizeable chunk thereof. This year's variety concert involved over 100 people and the school play in excess of 150!

In addition, this year saw the return of the staff play, thanks to the enthusiasm and energy of B.R. Naidu, his wife, Angie, and their dedicated cast. It is difficult with the current demands made on staff, for them to set aside time for such a pursuit but one hopes that the success of *Absurd Person Singular* will inspire others to make the staff play a regular feature in the theatre calendar. It is such a valuable exercise and is greatly enjoyed by fellow staff, pupils and parents alike.

Notwithstanding our considerable "internal" involvement we remain greatly indebted to "outside" performers who continue to bring challenging and stimulating theatre to our stage. The cost of such an undertaking continues to escalate — and has meant that we have once again had to increase seat prices — but the value is beyond dispute. I should like to record our sincere thanks to the professional companies and actors who have graced our boards over the past year. They have made a very significant contribution to the well-being of theatre at Michaelhouse. Long may this continue!

It has been part of theatre policy over the years to reap back part of what is sown. This past year saw money spent on mending, re-upholstering and re-labelling a large number of the theatre seats. Furthermore, the lighting board was serviced and additional monies set aside into a fund which, in time, will be used to repair and — where necessary — replace theatre curtains.

The traditional Dramatic Society Dinner was held in the Fourth Quarter and was a joyous affair with some 150 people in attendance, including the girls from Wykeham Collegiate. Awards were made in the course of the evening to the following:

To Lindy Crocker for her role as Mrs Sowerberry in *Oliver!*.

The W.A. van der Walt award for the best performance by a boy who has not acted before to John van der Ruit for portrayal of the title role in *Oliver!*.

The Bishop Memorial Award for the best performance of the year to Adam Croasdell for his role of The Artful Dodger in *Oliver!*.

Thanks are due in a report of this nature to all the worthy beings who continue to make invaluable contributions in front of and behind the scenes: to Moira Winslow, who for the third successive year has given so willingly and ably of her time and expertise to adjudicate the annual Inter-House drama competition; to Tracy Griffin who took time off work to assist with choreography and direction; to the caterers, ushers and tea-pourers for the sterling work that they have done and the services that they provide; to Janice Hicks and Judy Willis for their secretarial and administrative skills; to the ladies on our staff who give freely of their time to wardrobe, make-up and flower arranging; to Don Elkington and his back stage crew; to Angus McIntosh and his lighting crew for throwing light on all our endeavours, and, finally, to all the boys and staff who have given vent to their creative energies on the Schlesinger stage — I salute you all!

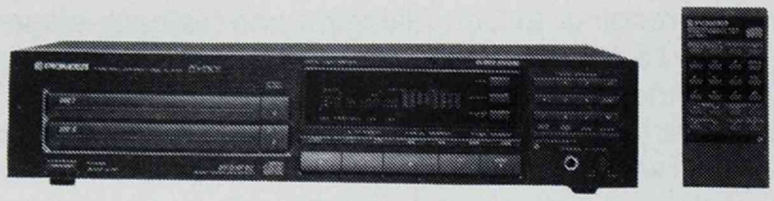
It remains for me to sign off, this time for the last time. I wish you all well in future years of theatrical endevour in this glorious facility at this great school. Though our colleagues across the valley may not wish to acknowledge it we have been bringing quality theatre to the Midlands for upwards of fifteen years, and will continue to do so. I leave in the certain knowledge that my successor, Andrew Daniels, is a learned, experienced and enthusiastic Thespian and will continue with, and improve upon, the work that has already been done.

**R.W. AITCHISON**
**Schlesinger Theatre Director**

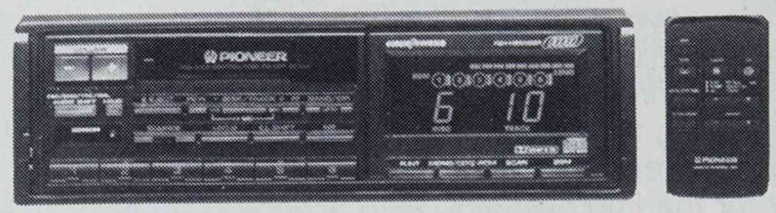
## PRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS IN THE SCHLESINGER THEATRE IN 1990

1. *Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd February at 20:15:*
   Michaelhouse VIth Form presented: *The Fantastical History of a Useless Man.*
2. *Thursday 1st March at 20:15:*
   NAPAC's Loft Theatre Company presented: Deon Opperman's *Stille Nag.*
3. *Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd March at 20:15:*
   Michaelhouse Staff presented: Alan Ayckbourne's comedy, *Absurd Person Singular.*
4. *Friday 20th April at 20:15:*
   Inter-House Public Speaking Competition.
5. *Thursday 26th April from 08:30 until 18:00:*
   Michaelhouse/Eskom Conference.
6. *Friday 27th and Saturday 28th April:*
   Thistle Productions presented *The Vera Lynn Story.*
7. *Wednesday 2nd May:*
   Nic Greene addressed the school on: "South Africa — The Next Decade".
8. *Friday 4th and Saturday 5th May at 20:15:*
   NAPAC's Loft Theatre Company presented: *The King Stag.*
9. *Friday 18th and Saturday 19th May at 20:15:*
   The Inter-House Plays Competition.
10. *Wednesday 23rd May at 20:15:*
    Michaelhouse Music Department Concert.
11. *Friday 22nd June at 14:00:*
    Theatre for Africa presented: *Horn of Sorrow.*
12. *Thursday 28th June at 20:15:*
    Inter-House Music Competition.
13. *Friday 27th and Saturday 28th July at 20:15:*
    NAPAC's Loft Theatre Company presented: *Wild Coast.*
14. *Thursday 23rd August at 20:15:*
    A music concert.
15. *Tuesday 28th August at 10:00:*
    Maddy Lane presented a musical performance entitled: *Singing For You* to the Midlands Forum.
16. *Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th and Friday 21st September at 20:15:*
    Michaelhouse and Wykeham Collegiate presented: *Oliver!.*

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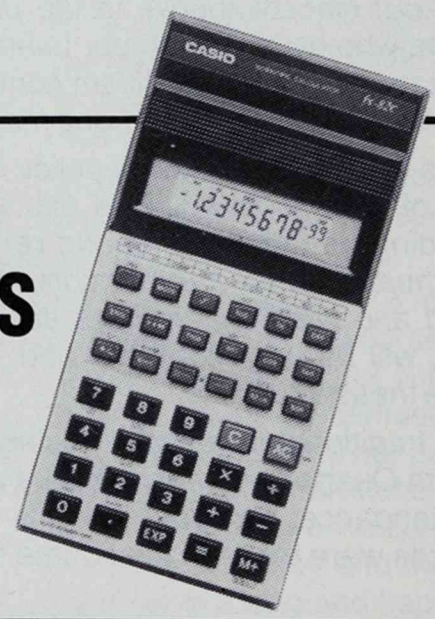

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17. *Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th September at 20:15:*
NAPAC Ballet Company presented a selection of dance.
18. *Tuesday 24th until Saturday 6th October:*
*Music in the 'Berg.*
19. *Friday 19th and Saturday 20th October at 20:15:*
Theatre for Africa presented: *Eagle.*
20. *Wednesday 24th October at 20:15:*
The Natal University Choir presented a varied programme of classical and modern pieces.
21. *Friday 9th November and Saturday 10th November at 20:15:*
Michaelhouse pupils and staff presented: *Stuff 'n Nonsense — The Finale.*

## *THE FANTASTICAL HISTORY OF A USELESS MAN*

This extremely interesting and topical Junction Theatre Workshop play was chosen by producer, Philip Lindop, as the VIth Form play of 1990. All post-matriculants were involved in the production, both on the stage and behind the scenes. Grant Edmundson played the title role, whilst Philip narrated and directed, under the guidance and with the assistance of Theatre Manager, Richard Aitchison.

The play is an amusing and bitter satire on the role of the white South African in this country, from the time of Jan van Riebeeck to the present day. The useless man, born into twentieth century White South Africa, must try to face and come to terms with the gross social and political injustices and contradictions (past and present) that exist in this beautiful land. As a result the young audience is left with a nagging sense of guilt and the challenge of facing the same dilemma, or of simply accepting things as they are and thereby themselves becoming useless men.

The play was well produced and acted, and was hailed by many as thought-provoking and stimulating. The Rector said of it that it was the finest VIth Form play which had graced the theatre boards in his time at Michaelhouse.

In the final quarter of the year the entire post-matric group was taken to the Natal Playhouse in Durban, to see NAPAC's production of the same play and to compare notes with Murray McGibbon, the director of the Loft rendition. This was a useful and enjoyable follow-up exercise.

## *STILLE NAG*

Deon Opperman's controversial play was performed on Thursday 1st March. This highly-acclaimed new drama played to standing ovations at last year's Standard Bank National Festival of the Arts in Grahamstown where it was voted best mainstream production. It came to the Schlesinger Theatre after a sell out three-week run in Durban.

This drama investigates the trauma which many Afrikaners are experiencing in present-day South Africa. It is Christmas eve. Gerhard van der Hoven returns to the home of his parents — Christiaan and Fransie van der Hoven — to spend a few days with the family whom he so seldom sees. His older brother, Adriaan, is a member of the AWB. He strongly disapproves of his parents preparedness to welcome home their "problem son" — especially as his "liberal activities" have caused them so much embarrassment. It is clear that Gerhard is the apple of his mother's eye. Christiaan feels torn between his emotional attachment to Gerhard and his opposition to his son's political ideas and views.

Between these two polarities is Daantjie, the youngest brother, who since a childhood accident is mentally retarded. He is totally unaware of the friction and tension within the family. Daantjie remains untouched by the anger, fear and hatred which runs through this drama. His innocence and



*VIth Form Play*

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trusting love contrasts sharply with the considerable changes which occur in the other characters.

As a result of the effect which Gerhard has on the events in the drama, Adriaan's young wife, Antoinette, realises that she is the submissive wife of a chauvinist. Her rebellion against his domination of her life and their relationship is the catalyst which propels the drama to a dramatic climax.

The acting was of a particularly high standard and included actress Kim de Beer (Antoinette) known to many TV-viewers as Doreen in the series **Agter Elke Man**.

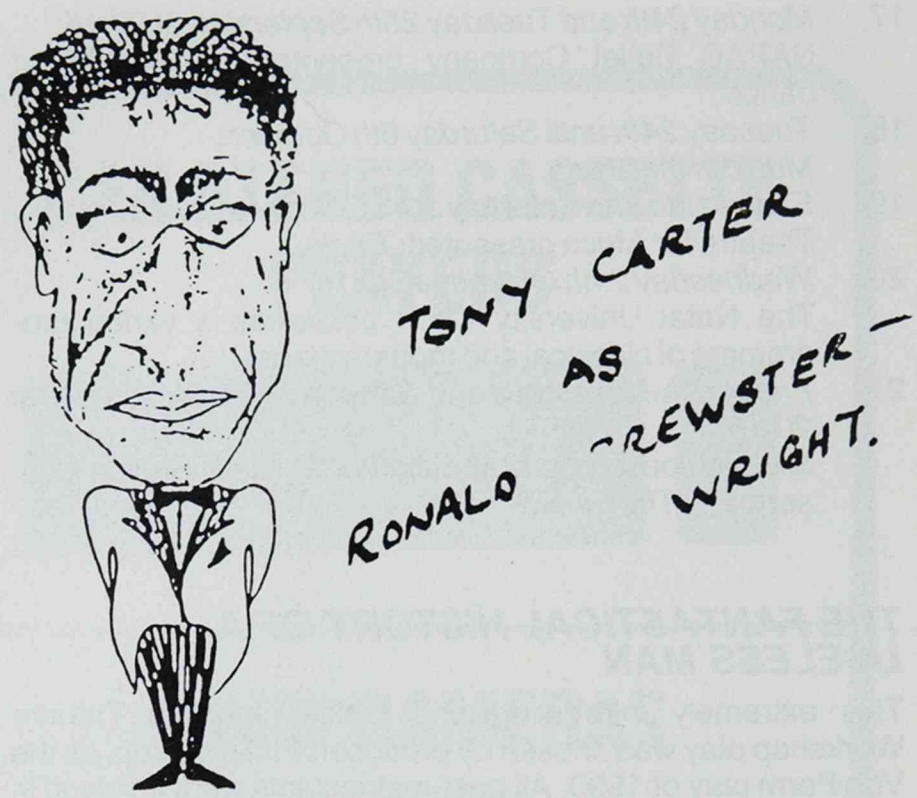
The Afrikaans Department incorporated this work into its orals programme for senior boys. (The script was not considered suitable for junior boys who did not attend.) It provided an ideal opportunity for boys to hear Afrikaans used as a powerful communicator and to experience first hand a much acclaimed contemporary Afrikaans drama. Besides its contribution to their understanding of the language, it also gave them a better insight into the Afrikaner's life-style and his views and ideals. There was no dissenting voice in the audience when both staff and pupil comment rated the play as one of the most riveting productions ever seen in the School's theatre.

## *ABSURD PERSON SINGULAR*

*Director's Message:*

"Producing a staff play is by no means an easy task. One cannot say things like: "No scripts from tomorrow"; "Do it like this and don't ask questions!"; "Why the hell are you not on cue?"; etc and expect silent acceptance. I was dealing with a group of mature and responsible adults, each of whom had a demanding schedule and somewhere within that schedule had to fit in time for learning lines and rehearsing.

I congratulate my fantastic cast. They worked extremely hard under very trying circumstances, to say nothing of the extra demands which the end of term puts on Michaelhouse staff. The cast was made up of a housemaster (Tony Carter), the Head of Science (Tony Eysele), the Director of VIth Form Studies (Richard Aitchison), a teacher/housewife/mother (Fran Winckworth), a teacher/housewife/mother (Nadine Reynolds) and a pregnant housewife/mother (Laura Fleishack). Without detracting from the performance, achievement and dedication of any of the other members of the cast, I must single out the efforts of Richard Aitchison for his part in the success of this production. The late Dave Canning was originally cast as Geoffrey and due to his untimely death in

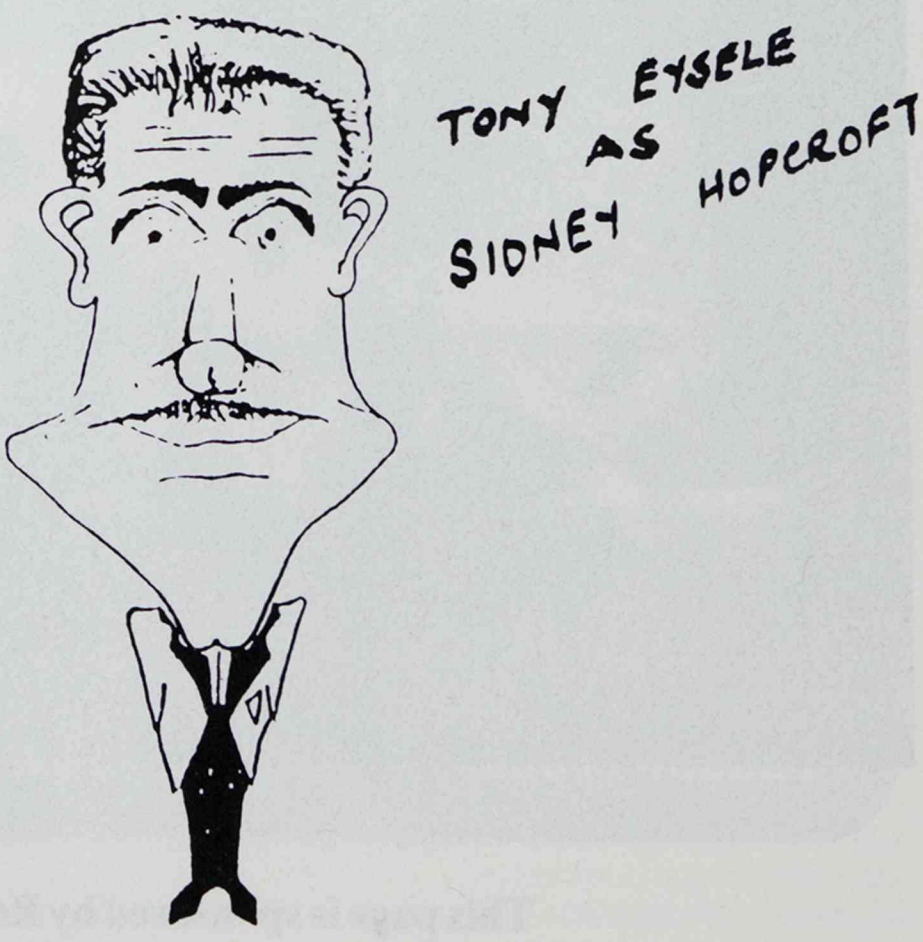


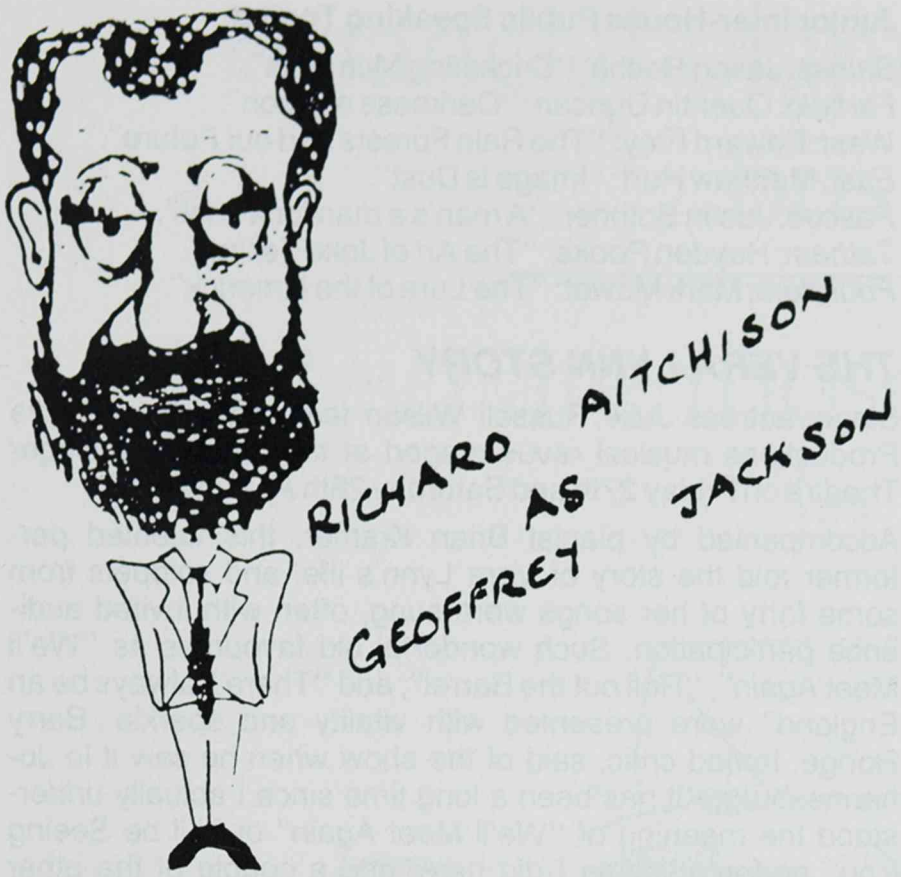

January of 1990, I had decided not to go on with this production. Richard was relentless in his efforts to get the play off the ground, and, in the end, when I could find no one else to do the part, offered to take the part himself and what a sterling performance he put on!

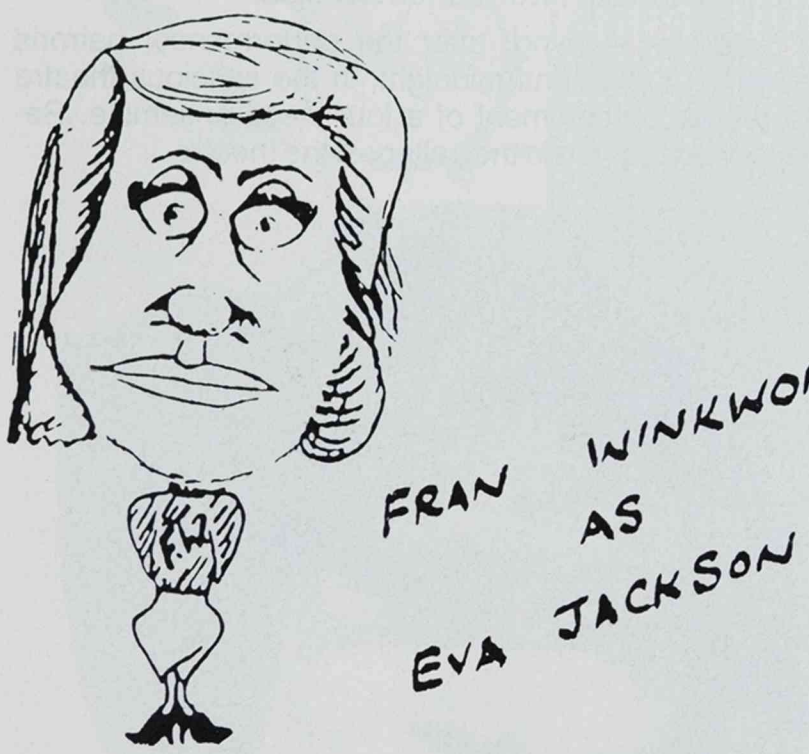
Notwithstanding some of the difficulties that were experienced, the play was a tremendous success, and was enjoyed by adults and boys alike. I extend my special thanks to a dedicated cast who stood by me all along the way. Their co-operation, patience and understanding proved that producing the staff play was the correct decision. I also thank the many people, too numerous to name, who assisted in whatever manner from words of encouragement to actually doing something for the production. May God bless you all! Finally, I extend my ever grateful thanks to my dear wife, Angie, who assisted me in producing and directing, who was the production secretary, general dogsbody and who saw to my maintaining my sanity throughout the work on the play! Thank you for your support, encouragement, criticism and patience. To those who saw the play, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I enjoyed producing and directing it.

*Director's comments on the play*

Alan Ayckbourne is not very easy to understand. He chooses rather simple themes dealing with human relationships and tries to point out their weaknesses. He sets this play in three different kitchens of three different couples on three Christ-






mas eves: Christmas past, Christmas present and Christmas future. Ayckbourne really wanted to illustrate what went on in people's minds when they entertained guests, so he set the play in kitchens and we had to imagine the actual parties in the different lounges. Ayckbourne dealt with different relationships in this play: the relationships between husbands and wives; the relationships between employer and employee; the relationships between friends; the relationships between people from different social groups. He tried to show that man would go to any extent to get what he wanted, even at the expense of his friends. He made no excuses for his treatment of his characters and I make no apology for choosing to direct this play in the way that I did. Although this play left you with points to ponder, it fulfilled its first obligation in that it provided you with an enjoyable and humurous evening's entertainment.

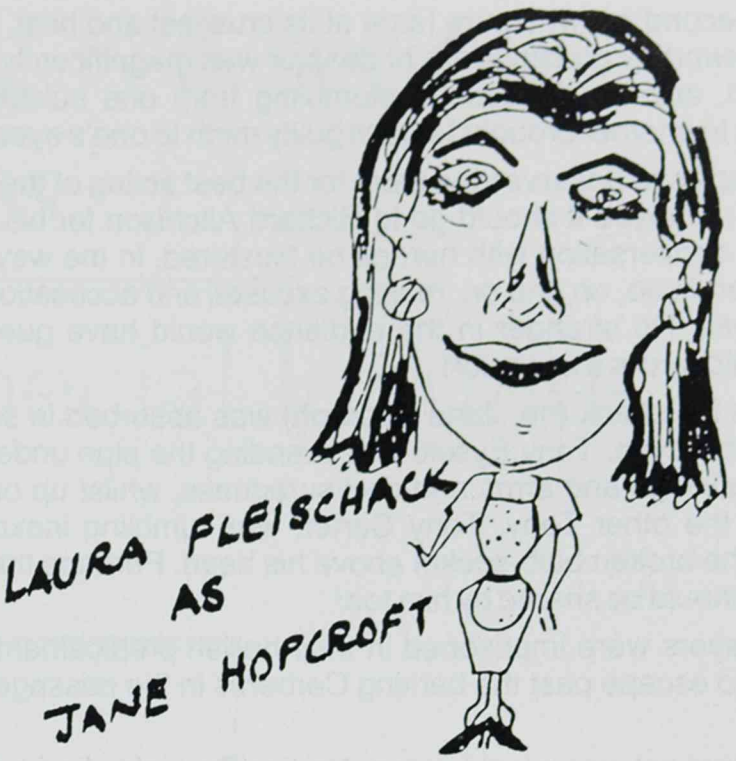
*B.R. NAIDU*

## *ABSURD PERSON SINGULAR*

Ronald Brookes writes:

Shakespeare in his comedy *The Tempest*, makes Miranda say, "How beauteous mankind is!". Alan Ayckbourne takes another view.

In this brilliant three-act farcical comedy he is saying, "How absurd mankind is!" He explores the ridiculous pretensions of three married couples on three social occasions, mercilessly




revealing their frustrations in their own marriages, their selfishness as individuals, their jealousies, their impatience. He makes us laugh, when probably we ought to cry, because we are really looking at ourselves.

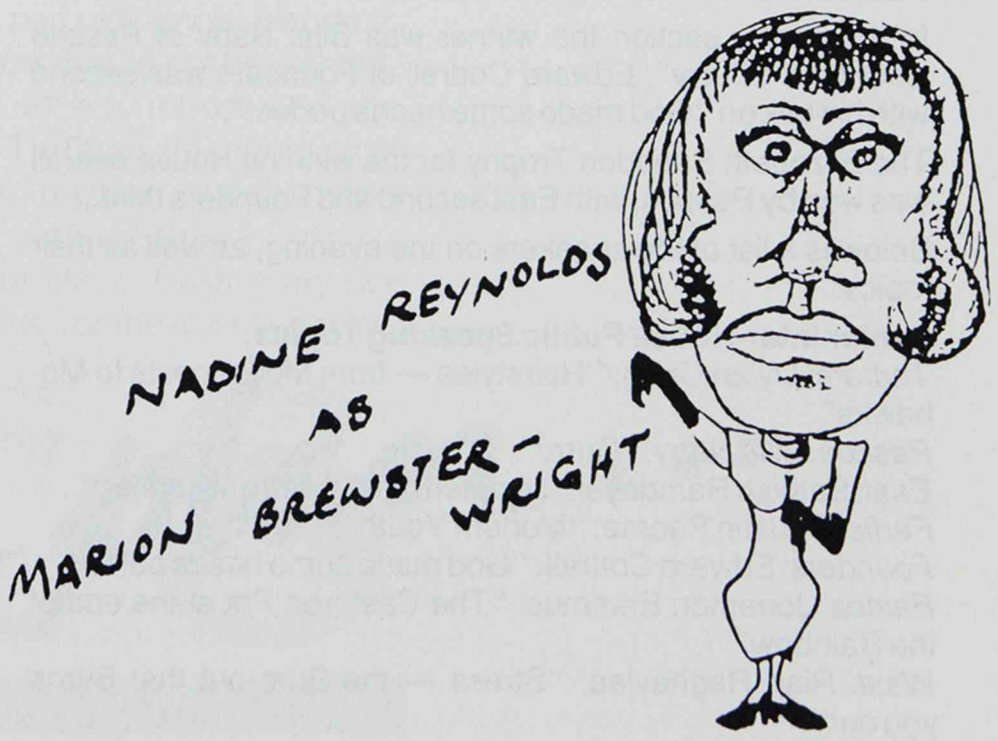
Three married couples — and the fact that they were portrayed by three wives, two husbands and a bachelor from our own Michaelhouse community added to the piquancy of the situation. Whether or not it was by design, no real-life couple took part!

The play opens in the Hopcrofts' kitchen. Laura Fleishack played the part of Jane Hopcroft with wide-eyed eagerness and created a credible character. Jane is house-proud and timid, much happier polishing and tidying than appearing before her guests, and the fact that she was locked out in the rain was perhaps as much an answer to her unspoken prayer as the fault of her irascible husband.

During the first few minutes the dialogue seemed a trifle slow and Jane's speaking rather quiet, audible in the third row of the stalls but probably not so in the gallery. However, as the play proceeded, the pace quickened, the actors warmed up and one was caught up in it, one's critical faculties suspended.

Jane's husband, Sidney, tense, determined, insensitive, was convincingly brought to life by Tony Eysele, as he encountered the guests, who, one way or another, found themselves in the kitchen.

Nadine Reynolds was suitably false as Marion Brewster-Wright, and Tony Carter as her husband, Ronald, with consummate timing and superb repose, elicited laughter, preoccupied as he was and immune to the gushing of his spouse. The uneasy relationship of Geoffrey (played by Richard Aitchison) and Eva (Fran Winckworth) was also revealed.



The second act was pure farce at its cruellest and best. Fran Winckworth's ghastly glare of despair was magnificently sustained, and her ineffectual stumbling from one suicide attempt to another brought tears of guilty mirth to one's eyes.

Perhaps she deserves the palm for the best acting of the evening, or maybe it should go to Richard Aitchison for his one-sided conversation with her, as be blustered, in the way that husbands do, on and on, making excuses and accusations to no avail. No stranger in the audience would have guessed that Richard is a bachelor!

Laura Fleishack (no, Jane Hopcroft) was absorbed in scrubbing the oven, Tony Eysele was mending the pipe under the sink, all legs and arms and cocksuredness, whilst up on the table the other Tony, Tony Carter, was fumbling inexpertly with the broken bulb-socket above his head. Perhaps the Oscars should be shared by him too!

All players were imprisoned in their hellish predicament, unable to escape past the barking Cerberus in the passage outside.

The final act was great fun too. Nadine Reynolds had her big opportunity, with maudlin loquaciousness and extravagant dancing, very well done, dancing to the tune of Tony Eysele, ascendant with false nose and mistimed bonhomie. The last scene was over too soon and this reviewer, unaware as yet that he was to be the reviewer, felt like shouting, "Encore!".

What an enjoyable staff play this was! The schoolboys in the audience seemed rather subdued, perhaps because it was the last night of term, or perhaps because they have not lived long enough to accept so cynical an interpretation of the human situation. It is an adult play and the adults certainly enjoyed themselves.

Congratulations to B.R. and Angie Naidu on their clever direction, to the six players, and to all who worked backstage so efficiently. They all deserve credit for a slick production and an undoubted success.

## *INTER-HOUSE PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION*

This annual competition was held in the Schlesinger Theatre on Friday, 20th April at 20:15. The adjudicators were well known to both boys and staff: Mrs Ruth Green from Escourt High School and Mr Graeme Anderson from Carter High School.

Adjudicators and audience agreed that the standard was very high this year. Junior speakers in particular showed sincerity and clear evidence of research. However, there is still a tendency to read the material rather than to address the audience directly; and, as in previous years, the impromptu speeches by the seniors proved decisive in the final verdict — too many of these speeches lacked direction and development.

In the junior section the winner was Matthew Hurt of East on the topic, "Image is Dust"; runner-up was Justin Bothner of Pascoe, with "A man's a man for a' that".

In the senior section the winner was Bilal Naby of Pascoe talking on "Curry"; Edward Cottrell of Founders was second with his talk on "God made some heads perfect".

The Elizabeth Sneddon Trophy for the winning House overall was won by Pascoe, with East second and Founders third.

Below is a list of the speakers on the evening, as well as their topics:

**Senior Inter-House Public Speaking Topics:**
*Tatham*: Dylan Craig: "Hairstyles — from Mousenests to Mohawks".
*Pascoe*: Bilal Naby: "Curry".
*East*: Sathish Ramdayal: "In defence of greed and money".
*Farfield*: Justin Pearse: "Modern Youth".
*Founders*: Edward Cottrell: "God made some heads perfect".
*Baines*: Jonathan Erasmus: "The Cast Iron Pot at the end of the Rainbow".
*West*: Rian Raghavjee: "Stress — the Burn-out that Burns you out".

**Junior Inter-House Public Speaking Topics**
*Baines*: Jason Roche: "Cricketing Moments".
*Farfield*: Quentin Duncan: "Darkness at Noon".
*West*: Edward Frey: "The Rain Forests and our Future".
*East*: Matthew Hurt: "Image is Dust".
*Pascoe*: Justin Bothner: "A man's a man for a' that".
*Tatham*: Hayden Pooke: "The Art of Joke Telling".
*Founders*: Mark Mowat: "The Lure of the Limerick".

## *THE VERA LYNN STORY*

Singer/actress Julie Russell Wilson featured in this Thistle Productions musical revue staged at the John Schlesinger Theatre on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th April at 20:15.

Accompanied by pianist Brian Kramer, this talented performer told the story of Vera Lynn's life, and snippets from some forty of her songs were sung, often with invited audience participation. Such wonderful old favourites as "We'll Meet Again"; "Roll out the Barrel"; and "There'll always be an England" were presented with vitality and sparkle. Barry Ronge, famed critic, said of the show when he saw it in Johannesburg, "It has been a long time since I actually understood the meaning of "We'll Meet Again" or "I'll be Seeing You" as forcefully as I did here, and a couple of the other songs took me to the brink of tearful nostalgia."

On the Saturday evening, after the performance, patrons were invited to dance unti midnight, in the spacious theatre foyer, to the accompaniment of a four-piece ensemble. Refreshments were served in the gallery of the theatre.



***Julie Wilson***

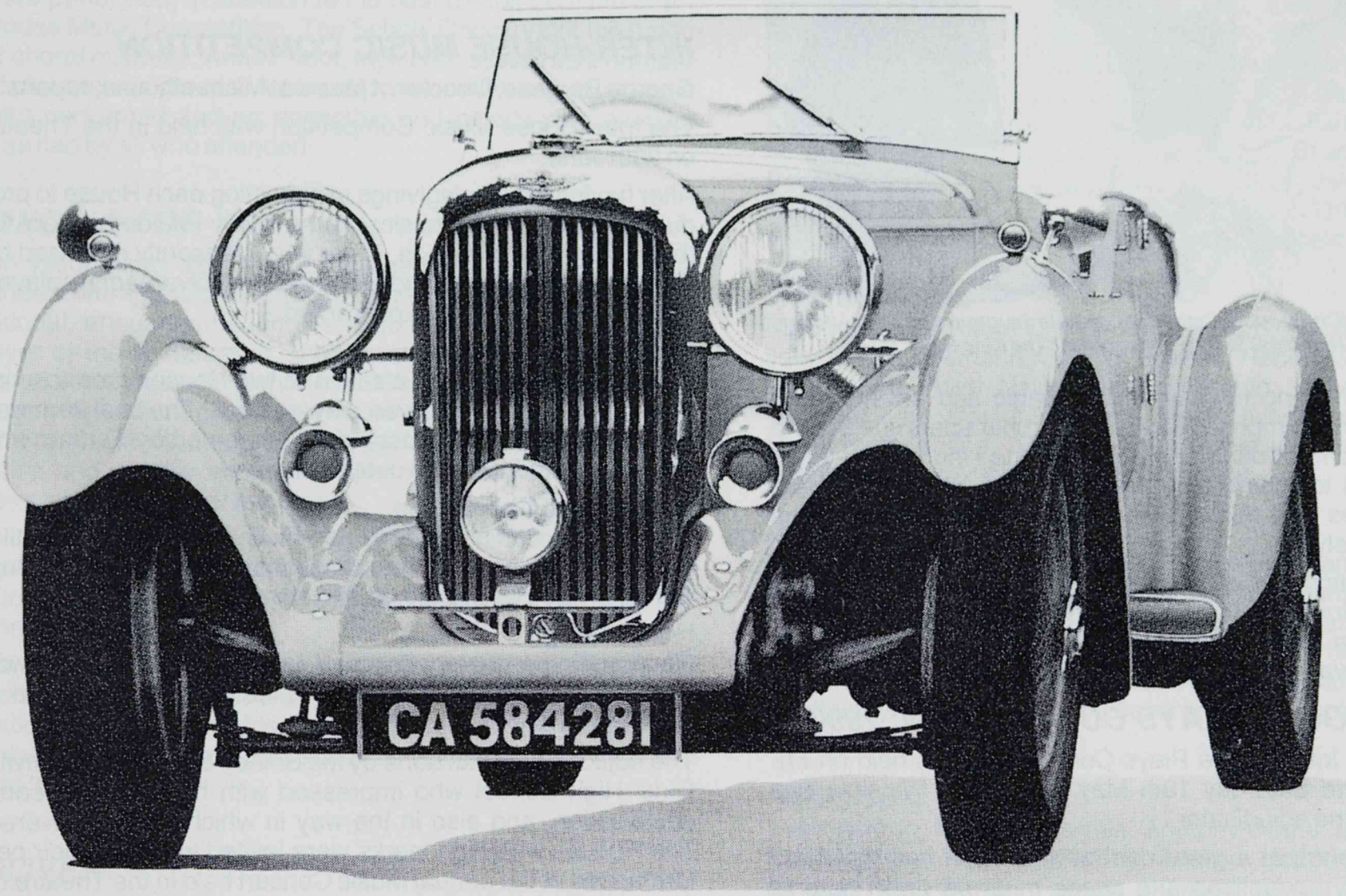
## *SOUTH AFRICA — THE NEXT DECADE*

David Lewis reports:

On Wednesday 2nd May, Mr Nic Greene from Markinor, co-author of the book *Third World Destiny*, spoke to the School, and presented slides on his scenario of South Africa in the next decade. He concentrated on the socio-economic, rather than the political, aspects. The talk was well received — its final message was an optimism for this country's future, provided that Whites showed initiative and foresight in contributing socially and economically to that future.

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## THE KING STAG

This original, traditional Italian Commedia dell'arte piece (written by Carlo Gozzi; directed by David Chrichton; designed by Deon von Dorp and choreographed by Eric Bouvron) was presented for two nights by NAPAC's Loft Theatre Company, prior to its departure for the Grahamstown Festival.



***Pantaloon (Christopher Catherine) with his daughter Angela (Colleen Nicholas) as they appeared in "The King Stag".***

In this enchanting fantasy tale of magic and adventure, in which Good triumphs over Evil, the characters included a wicked villain, a colourful parrot, and the king stag — all of which were identifiable by their elaborate, detailed masks, headdresses and richly ornate costumes, distinctive of the Commedia style.

The production was quite spell-bindingly beautiful, and full of humour, colour, excitement and energy. It was a rare experience indeed to see traditional theatre of this nature. "The King Stag" was enjoyed by young and old alike.

## INTER-HOUSE PLAYS COMPETITION: 1990

The annual Inter-House Plays Competition was held on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th May. Mrs Moira Winslow was once again the adjudicator.

It was evident that a great deal of hard work had gone into most of the productions and space must be given here to commend all who participated either on stage or behind the scenes. Several of the Houses had very large casts, involving up to half the boys in the House and this was most gratifying to see. The standard of acting and directing was in general as high as I have seen in this competition, though sadly the tone was lowered by an inappropriate choice of play and a lack of preparation on the part of West, whose production was an embarrassment and an insult to their House and the audience as a whole.

Founders, East and West performed on the Friday night, and Farfield, Tatham, Pascoe and Baines on the Saturday. I am pleased to report that an increasing number of parents make the effort to attend — their support is very much appreciated. Mrs Winslow, with her customary aplomb, commented, evaluated and assessed all the plays and individual performances after the final production and announced the winners and the runners-up.

The trophy was presented to the winning House, Pascoe, at assembly on the Monday morning. Founders were placed second and Farfield third.

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT CONCERT

On Wednesday 23rd May a music concert was presented in the Schlesinger Theatre. A variety of classical and modern music was presented. All numbers were performed by music students of the Michaelhouse Music Department, under the baton of George Burgess.

## HORN OF SORROW

This imaginative piece, designed both to entertain and to promote awareness in conservation, was presented by Nicholas Ellenbogen's Theatre for Africa group, in cold (and, later, rainy) conditions, in the School Amphitheatre on the afternoon of Friday 22nd June.

The production was lively, energetic and delightfully amusing. The actors portrayed vividly and with awesome realism the characteristics, habits and movements of a variety of species of animals and birds, in a moving tale about a family of rhino set against a backdrop of encroachment and poaching.

The play was watched by scholars from all standards, as well as by young people from neighbouring preparatory schools, and, in spite of the inclement conditions, was appreciated by all.

## INTER-HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

George Burgess, Director of Music at Michaelhouse, reports:

The Inter-House Music Competition was held in the Theatre on 28th June.

After having initial misgivings in expecting each House to produce a total of three musical items totally unaided except for the odd snippet of advice, I was very pleasantly surprised by the standard reached and the level of involvement displayed on the night. Each House presented: —

**Instrumental item**
Only one House offered a solo and two Houses produced instrumental groups of eleven players each! The best item was adjudged to be "Your latest trick" presented by Farfield who were also adjudged to be overall winners.

**Harmonised Choral item**
This section was particularly good with some really inventive arrangements making the competition very close. Eventual winners were Pascoe with "Lean on me".

**House Song**
Once again some very fine performences! This section was once again won by Pascoe with their rendition of "Land of Hope and Glory".

The adjudication was done by Ms Shirley Sethren of Westville Girls' High School who impressed with her knowledgeable adjudication, and also in the way in which it was delivered. The Houses with high marks were invited to repeat their performances at the annual Music Concert held in the Theatre on Open Day and I am pleased to report that four items from the Inter-House Competition were presented.

## WILD COAST

A tranquil camp site on the Transkei's Wild Coast turns into a bitter battleground as racial tension mounts between two holidaying couples.

This disturbing and thought-provoking play is a realistic, fast-moving four-hander, written and directed by Carol Kaplan, and was performed on the Schlesinger stage after a successful run at the Grahamstown Arts Festival and at NAPAC's Loft Theatre.

The talented, young Durban-born playwright (who is currently studying at Yale University) earned the Molly Kazan award for the best original work at Yale in 1988/89 for this tense drama. In her programme introduction she has this to say about the work: "I began writing *Wild Coast* four years ago when the situation in South Africa was very different from what it is now. It was not an easy play to write from the beginning as the action was subtle and depended on the audience's understanding of, and familiarity with, the circumstances, details and contradictions of South African life. The play went through many drafts as I attempted to make it more accessible to a foreign audience. However, as soon as I knew I would be working on *Wild Coast* back home, I was able to sit down once again and rediscover the original play.

*Wild Coast* deals with some difficult and complex aspects of the South African experience. It attempts to delve below the surface of social behaviour and interaction and sets the rather trivial events of a night on a camping trip against a foreboding backdrop that threatens to overwhelm the events and the characters at any moment. As playwright, I have attempted to scrutinise presumptions about our society and raise questions about what we must do to shake ourselves free of the bonds that ensnare us. As director, I have attempted to make our silence audible."

## *MUSIC CONCERT*

On Thursday 23rd August, just prior to Speech Day, on the Friday of the mid-term recess, a music concert was presented on the Schlesinger stage. A number of solo and group items were performed, in addition to the best pieces from the Inter-House Music Competition. The School Choir, under the baton of choral mistress, Anne Pitout, took part, as well as a number of class music groups. A very high standard was set by those who performed and an enjoyable and entertaining evening was had by all who attended.

## *SINGING FOR YOU*

On Wednesday 28th August the senior citizens of the Midlands Forum group assembled at Michaelhouse for their traditional, annual gathering. Refreshments were served in the foyer of the Schlesinger Theatre at 09:00. At 10:00 Maddy Lane, a professional singer from England, presented a thoroughly entertaining selection of old and new songs to a large and appreciative audience. Her performance was highly polished and heartily applauded. She was summoned back on several occasions for encores.

Michaelhouse and Midlands Forum would like to record their sincere thanks to Maddy Lane for coming in — so ably and at such short notice — to fill the gap created by an untimely change of date.

Furthermore, Michaelhouse would like to thank the Midlands Forum for its continued support and for the generous donation towards the Schlesinger running costs. We value this important association and sincerely hope that it will continue into the future.

## *OLIVER!*

On Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th and Friday 21st September, Micahelhouse and Wykeham Collegiate combined under the direction of Richard Aitchison to produce the famous Lionel Bart musical *Oliver!*.

Director's Note

*Oliver!*, the musical, is based on the famous Charles Dickens novel *Oliver Twist*. Lionel Bart — who wrote the music, the lyrics and the script for the show you will view this evening — unlocks for his audience this beautiful and moving story without tampering significantly with the source material, and in so doing makes accessible that which, sadly, is all too often relegated to the classroom or the library.

The musical is a lively and entertaining one, utilising song, dialogue and dance to give expression to a full range of emotions from the powerfully dramatic and the endearingly comical to the tensely and tenderly tragical.

As a schools production it is an obvious choice, because — apart from the entertainment value of the work — it provides a vehicle for so many people to become involved and to experience the power and thrill of the theatre. Over seventy characters will appear on stage in the course of two hours, and the entire production team comes close to twice that number!

It is indeed an honour to have worked with as willing and as able a group as I have had the pleasure of doing.

It remains for me to thank you for your patronage: I sincerely hope you enjoy the evening.

**CAST**

Oliver Twist ..... John van de Ruit
Nancy ..... Anne Pitout
Fagin ..... Fred Pitout
The Artful Dodger ..... Adam Croasdell
Mr Bumble ..... David Lewis
Mrs Corney ..... Patty Lees
Mrs Sowerberry ..... Lindy Crocker
Mr Sowerberry ..... Julian Willis
Charlotte ..... Janine Siedle
Noah Claypole ..... Brendon Whittle
Charley Bates ..... Matthew Hurt
Bet ..... Melanie Quayle
Mr Brownlow ..... Tony Carter
Bill Sykes ..... Garth Giles
Dr Grimwig ..... Patrick Lees
Mrs Bedwin ..... Linsey Hall-Jones
Rose Seller ..... Jenny Henderson
Strawberry Seller ..... Tracy Bowman-Edgar
Milkmaid ..... Claire te Riele
Knife Grinder ..... Grant Surtees
Long-Song Seller ..... St John Bungey
Bookseller's Boy ..... James Moffatt
Barman ..... Grant Surtees
Policemen ..... Dylan Craig, Matthew Simmonds

Workhouse Boys:
Michael Cook, Glenn Christie, Adam Darby, Richard de Villiers, Marco Erlemann, Duncan Eriksen, Robert Mayes, Robert McBride, Philen Naidu, Richard Newton, Jesse Pretorius, Marc Schulze, David Staniforth, Henk Swart, Lloyd Turner, Richard Valentine, Dieter van Schalkwyk, Johann van Schalkwyk, Roger Whelan, Gregory Wynn.

Londoners:
Sally Archer, Shaun Barnabas, Tracy Bowman-Edgar, St John Bungey, Dylan Craig, Sabrina Errico, Melanie Fly, Sally Fyvie, Caroline Gettliffe, Jenny Henderson, Lwazi Khumalo, Bronwyn Osborn, Stefan Schoeman, Hanyana Selepe, Janine Siedle, Matthew Simmonds, Andrew Smart, Matthew Smithyman, Grant Surtees, Claire te Riele, Khulekani Zulu, Unathi Zweni.

Fagin's Gang:
Evert Ackron, Matthew Barnes, Anthony Crane, Marc Eslick, Edward Frey, Warwick Goldby, Andrew Hepburn, Anthony Kimble, Rhett Mayor, Francis Sherwell, Christopher Smith, Murray Witherspoon.



***'Oliver' Rehearsal***



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## SCENES

ACT ONE

Scene 1: The Workhouse, early evening.
Scene 2: A London street, the next day.
Scene 3: The Undertaker's Parlour, the same day.
Scene 4: The Undertaker's Parlour, the following morning.
Scene 5: Paddington Green, a week later.
Scene 6: The Thieves' Kitchen, later the same day.
Scene 7: A London street, the following morning.

ACT TWO

Scene 1: The three Cripples, two days later.
Scene 2: Mr Brownlow's house, the next day.
Scene 3: The Thieves' Kitchen, that evening.
Scene 4: Mr Brownlow's house, a week later.
Scene 5: London Bridge, midnight.
Scene 6: London Bridge, early the next morning.

## MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT ONE

"Food, Glorious Food" ..... The Workhouse Boys
"Oliver!" ..... Mr Bumble, Widow Corney and Boys
"Boy for Sale" ..... Mr Bumble
"That's Your Funeral" ..... Mr and Mrs Sowerberry and Mr Bumble
"Where is Love?" ..... Oliver
"Consider Yourself" ..... The Artful Dodger, Oliver and The Londoners
"You've got to Pick a Pocket or Two" ..... Fagin, Oliver and Boys
"It's a Fine Life" ..... Nancy, Bet and Boys
"I'd do Anything" ..... The Artful Dodger, Nancy, Oliver, Bet, Fagin and Boys
"Be Back Soon" ..... Fagin, The Artful Dodger, Oliver and Boys

ACT TWO

"Oom-Pah-Pah" ..... Nancy and The Londoners
"As Long as he Needs Me" ..... Nancy
"Where is Love?" (Reprise) ..... Mrs Bedwin
"Who will Buy" ..... Oliver and the Londoners
"Reviewing the Situation" ..... Fagin
"As Long as he Needs Me" (Reprise) ..... Nancy
"Reviewing the Situation" (Reprise) ..... Fagin
"Consider Yourself" (Reprise): Finale ..... The Full Company

## CREDITS

*OLIVER!* ORCHESTRA

Chorus Master ..... Anne Pitout
Musical Director & Conductor ..... George Burgess
Piano ..... Enrico Gerber
Drums ..... Wade Ridgway
Saxophone ..... Barry Hatfield
Trombone ..... Deon Burgess
Flute ..... Barry Hatfield, Nirad Bughwan
Bass Clarinet ..... Andrew Purchase
Tuba ..... Michael Echalaz
Clarinet ..... Gregory Fockens, James Hamper, Larry-John Read





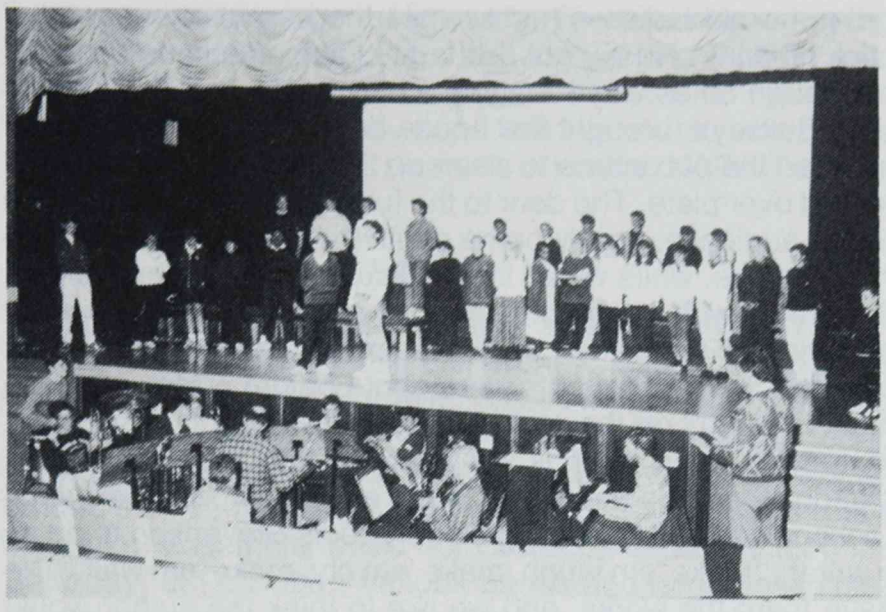
***Anne Pitout***

Production Secretary ..... Judy Willis
Stage Manager ..... Don Elkington
Choreography ..... Tracy Griffin
Grip ..... Paul Bydawell
Set Design ..... Richard Aitchison, Stuart Broadbent
Set Construction ..... Stuart Broadbent
Decor ..... Andrew Cartwright
Property Manager ..... Johan van Rooyen
Property Assistants ..... Ashley Barnabas, Greg Mrkusic
Lighting & Sound Operation ..... Angus McIntosh
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Publicity Manager ..... Liesje Carter
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Bookings ..... Janice Hicks
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Foyer Display ..... Julian Willis
Stage Crew ..... Justin Bothner, Zimele Cele, Stuart Collins, Edward Cottrell, Edward Hemus, Charlie Lorentz, Jon Matthews, Nick Rogers, Jason Steed, Dieter Steiner, Craig Sugden, Dermott White.
Produced & Directed by ..... Richard Aitchison

## *OLIVER!*

*by Julian Willis*

Charles Dickens wrote his first great novel, initially published as a serial in 1837, in a mood of burning indignation, and at first there seems little in it suitable for a musical. *Oliver Twist*,

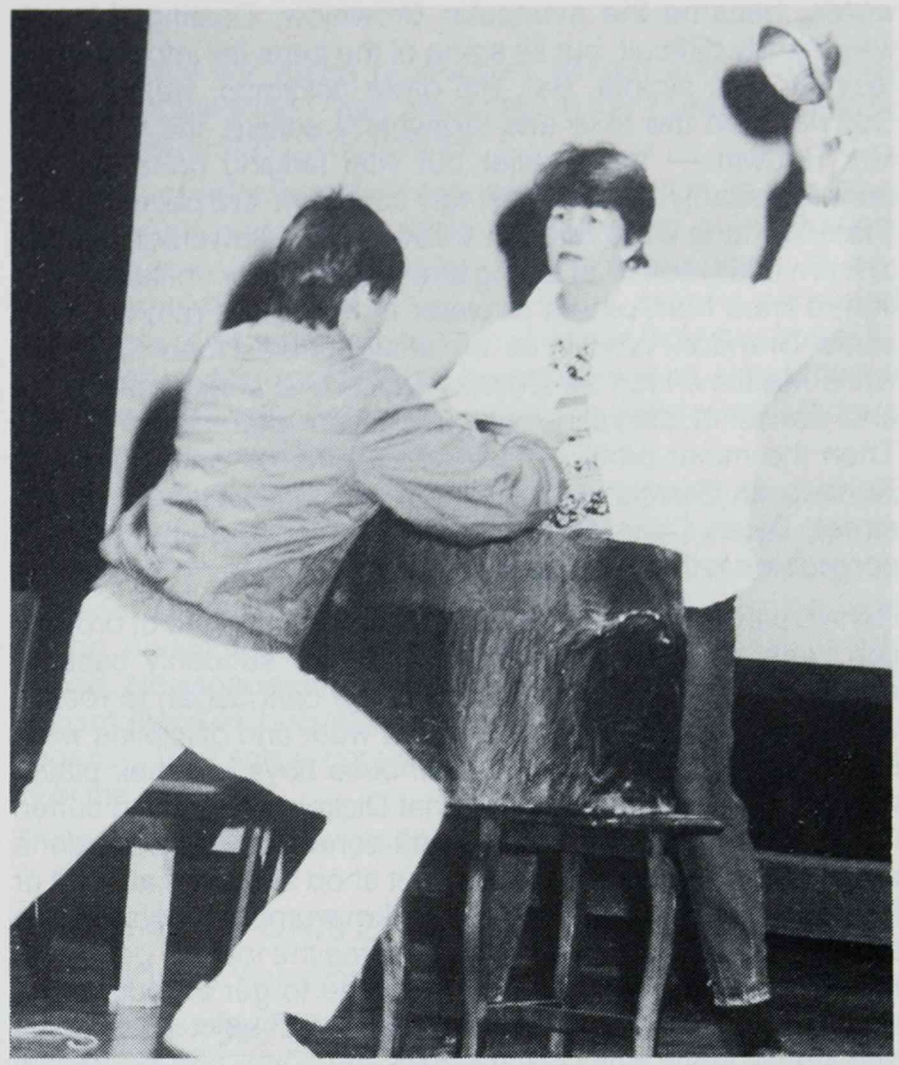


which savagely attacks the injustice of the workhouse and the misery of the orphan and pauper, contains the figures of myth and nightmare who stalk the streets of the big modern capital no less than Victorian London: the kidnapper, the hooker, the child beater, the thug, the thief — and over all looms the shadow of the gallows which threatens every human being within reach of its rope. How can any fun come of what the author in his Preface to the novel termed "The cold wet shelterless midnight streets of London; the foul and frowsty dens, where vice is closely packed and lacks the room to turn; the haunts of hunger and disease; the shabby rags that scarcely hold together — where are the attractions of these things?

The reason for the enduring success of the story of Oliver Twist, which has several times been filmed and thirty years ago became Lionel Bart's smash stage hit as the musical *Oliver!*, lies in its appeal to the romantic within us all, the child inside the adult the original novelist recognised who loves a fairy tale to come true, to laugh at the pompous and ridiculous, to be held on the edge of the seat tight with fear when injustice threatens to defeat the good, to be held in suspense till the very last moment when Oliver's fate is decided and right triumphs after all. The music works with a range which appeals to every emotion, from the hauntingly lonely "Where Is Love?" and "As Long As He Needs Me" to the rollicking lines of "Oom-Pah-Pah", with the refrains of the schoolboy "Food, Glorious Food" which strikes a chord in the stomach of every boarder. Fagin is in many ways the most fascinating figure of all, and on stage the crooked logic of "You've Got To Pick A Pocket Or Two" and "Reviewing The Situation" are as much of a hit in the nineties as when they were written a generation ago.

Putting on *Oliver!* is a formidable challenge, and Richard Aitchison's last production at Michaelhouse was a suitable finale to round off his tenure as Director of the Schlesinger Theatre. It drew together staff and students, it teamed up Michaelhouse and Wykeham Collegiate on- and off-stage, it involved altogether nearly a hundred and fifty people, it nearly exhausted Anne Pitout's choir, it nearly never came off the night the curtain jammed and wouldn't come up — and everyone acknowledged it was great.

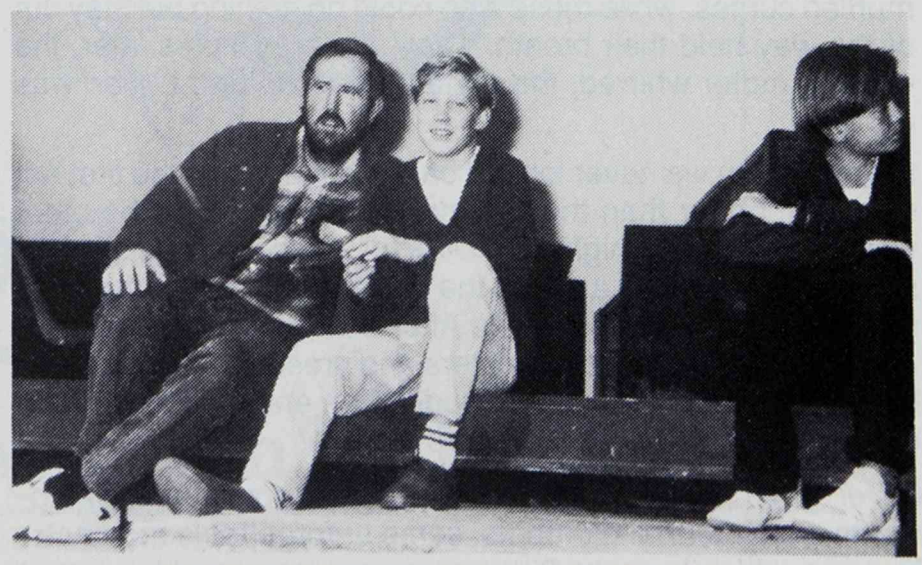
It is hard to single out who most deserves the credit for pulling it off, but among the dozens of names involved a few stand out: Chorus Mistress Anne Pitout, and as Musical Director and Conductor, George Burgess, as well as Pianist, Enrico Gerber, all of whose musical expertise and enthusiasm and endless patience made the most of amateur singers and musicians. Fred Pitout, who at the time was fully involved with Confirmation, was always there to give the comforting word to the weary. Anne herself, surprisingly windy of performing on stage, tutored, threatened, implored and exhorted novice voices which turned into an impressive chorus. Among the boys, John van de Ruit made an outstanding Oliver, on stage with others till all hours and almost croaking by the time the production opened, and Adam Croasdell, making his stage debut as The Artful Dodger, was a spectacular success. Don Elkington's stage crew, constantly under pressure to achieve the impossible and continually working with actors who re-



***Patty Lees at rehearsal***

fused to observe stage etiquette, were superb, while Jane Cahill, who took on a job which would have driven a Hollywood costumier crazy, rose needle and thread to the occasion. To Tracy Griffin goes all credit for guiding wandering footsteps into disciplined choreography, Leisje Carter did with aplomb the invisible but vital job of publicity and programme management, while every rehearsal night beyond the footlights Judy Willis scribbled tirelessly away as Production Secretary. Last but not least link in the organisation chain, and one who could not even take a curtain call, was Paul Bydawell, whose name must have been shouted and called at least a thousand times to make more cups of tea and coffee, bear messages and find people, and do a host of menial things for which he hardly ever got the thanks which were his due. *Oliver!* would not have been the same without him.

Casting was ironically simple, with touches which would have made Dickens grin: the Anglican chaplain of the Diocesan School concerned got the part of Fagin, the villainous Jewish thief, while his wife Anne, as well as being Chorus Mistress, became the dollymop Nancy. David Lewis, of goodly port and cheerful countenance, was the obvious Bumble. Julian Willis, who the Director had always preferred to put safely behind a camera lens where he could do as little damage to the script as possible, played the undertaker Sowerberry, while Garth Giles needed little costume — or even makeup, the wags suggested — to play a perfect Sikes. After years of dealing with prep school boys Patty Lees walked straight into the part of the widow Corney, while Tony Carter, ever careful with



***Fred Pitout (Fagan) and John van der Ruit (Oliver)***

words, became the avuncular Brownlow. Casting the girls was initially difficult, but as some of the parts fell into place the rest became simple. Bet, the other dollymop, was Melanie Quayle, then the rose and strawberry sellers, the milkmaid, Mrs Bedwin — the smaller but vital singing parts. At first rather hesitant, then increasingly confident and poised, Lindy Crocker made a steadfastly shrewish Mrs Sowerberry: quick to learn lines, sound at taking direction, equally unflappable at fluffed lines from others or water in the face. From the boys came Brendon Whittle as an unstoppable Noah Claypole, while Matthew Hurt as Charley Bates had a stage presence and sense of discipline which was an example to others. Then the minor parts — Patrick Lees as Dr Grimwig, Grant Surtees as Barman in the tavern and Knife Grinder on the street, Dylan Craig and Matthew Simmonds as the stalwart constables in their Noddy hats.

Rehearsals began, as they tend to do with this kind of production, with fun and laughter which rather suddenly became stilled as the younger members of the cast began to realise what a tremendous amount of hard work and discipline were needed to get things right. Workhouse boys lost their plates and places and were in traditional Dickensian fashion cuffed into shape. Scenes which weren't done properly were done again and again and when we shut shop at eleven at night or later House Masters began to make grumbling noises. The tint, cut and curl of Oliver's hair became the topic of gossip. In the meantime the girls, who had come to get an education, spread themselves around their various subject classrooms and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. One group, having learned the truths of art and life from Shakespeare's Sonnet XVIII and Keats's Grecian Urn, ended up debating aberrational behaviour in boarding schools. Ah well, in the spring a Jung man's fancy . . .

At last we were nearly ready for curtain up. The weather had turned bitterly cold and backstage actors and stage crew alike became shapeless bundles wrapped up in blankets and greatcoats, studying lines or catching up on essays and homework. Late rehearsals had made the girls so tired they no longer cared if they turned into pumpkins at the witching hour when they were meant to be home with their hosts. Then it was time for makeup and greasepaint to go on, applied by Heather Cook's tirelessly patient team of staff wives who night after night slaved away to get respectable young people looking like a bunch of tramps and some older members of the cast to appear younger than they were. Props got misplaced and with a little gentle persuasion returned. There was a fine Dress Rehearsal. Then on the opening night the curtain wouldn't come up.

If anyone came close to despair, it must have been Richard Aitchison. A drop curtain blown by a freak wind had got caught in the main curtain winding cable and when the motor was put in reverse the cable slid off the drum. With frantic work going on to fix it, five minutes went by, then ten. Would all that hard work go down the drain and the audience told the show was off? The orchestra stepped into the breach and went through the overture a couple of times. Would they then have to send for music sheets of Wagner and launch into the Cycle of the Ring before something was done? Prayers and muffled curses, while those who could do nothing but stay out of the way held their breath. Then, fifteen minutes later, the winding motor whirred, the curtain came up and *Oliver!* was on.

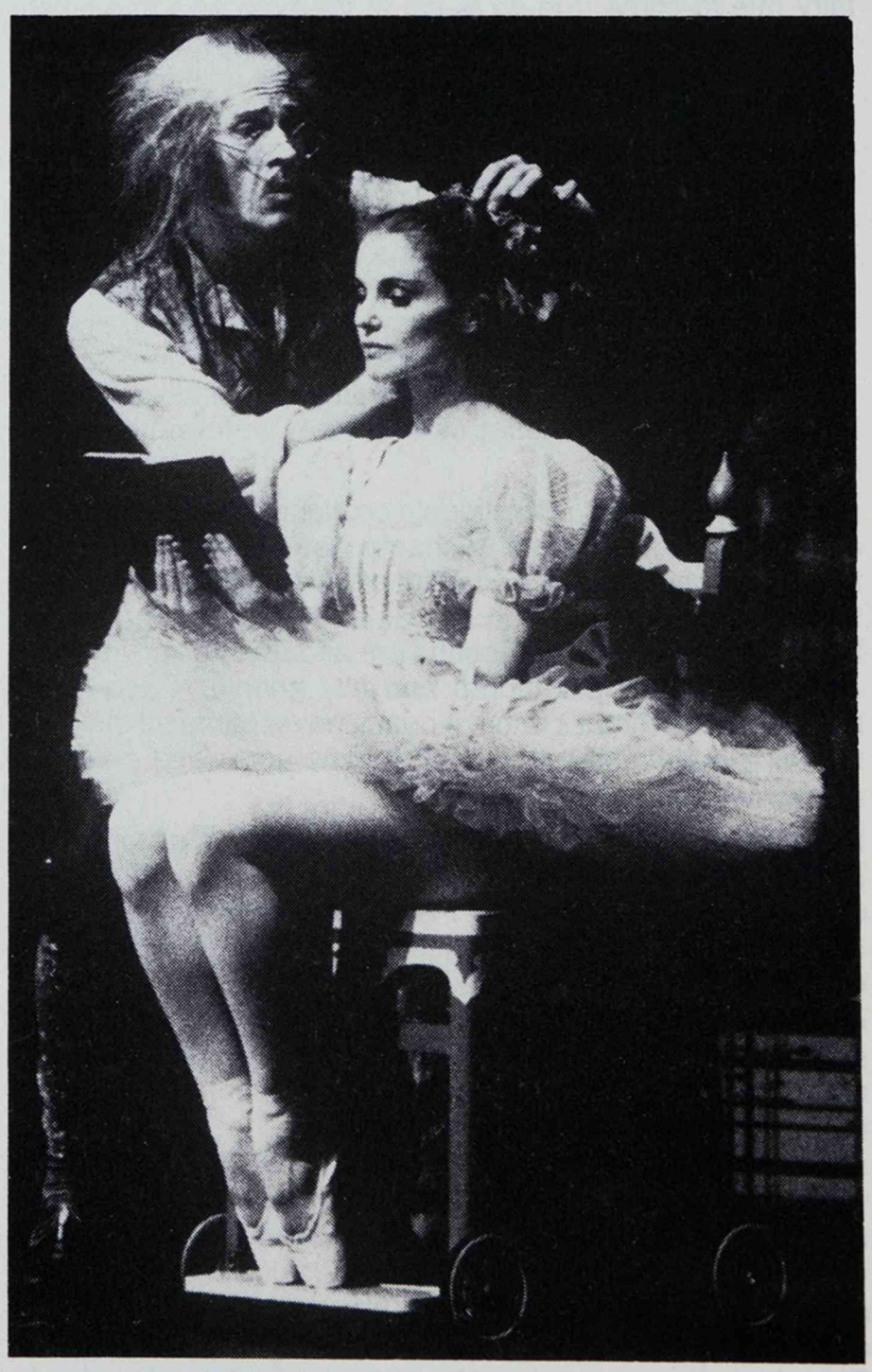
From then on we never looked back. Some nights the first Act was a bit better than the second, on others it was the other way round. Every night the Director gave us a quick after show debriefing and a pat on the back. We felt chuffed; we felt we'd earned it. Then came the After Cast party, the telegrams and flowers, the souvenir posters and presents, the hugs and kisses, and finally the empty auditorium and the lonely darkened stage. The production was over.

*Oliver!* gave us some wonderful moments, some anxious moments, some tearful moments, some unforgettable moments. The gun which brought Sikes down made a good bang and gave the old ladies a fright, while the bag of cabbages the stick hit when Nancy got the fatal blow sometimes sounded as though Sikes was savaging a bag of dead cabbages. The dog, Bullseye, brought the house down when he (alias she) stopped the pub scene to clean up the leftovers from Oliver's kicked over plate. The door to the funeral parlour, unbeknown to the audience, nearly came off its frame when Noah made his entrance, while we all know Charlotte would have thrown the water with the wrong hand if someone hadn't ritually scrawled "This Hand" on the palm of the right one. What people's private thoughts were about before curtain up each night is strictly off the record. Why some parents came back to see the show again is a mystery — they must have been gluttons for punishment. But in the end we know we did what Dickens advised the young Robert Louis Stevenson to do as a writer: "Make 'em laugh, make 'em cry, make 'em wait." We gave them the works, and we like to think the author would have had a good chuckle if he'd been there too.

## *NAPAC BALLET COMPANY*

The final production of the Third Quarter saw the return of the NAPAC Ballet Company to Michaelhouse after a considerable absence, to offer a rich selection and variety of modern dance and classical favourites. Among others the programme included the classical *pas de deux* from "Les Sylphides"; Act II from the popular ballet comedy "Coppelia"; and a new jazz work, to the music of popular South African group Mango Groove, compiled by Cape Town choreographer, Val Steyn, and entitled "Mango Suite".

It was a real treat for us rural folk to enjoy exposure to such fine examples of the traditional and modern forms of dance. Many were in awe of the athleticism and grace of the performers. The pieces were exquisitely executed in spite of the con-



***Dr Coppelius (NDC's Izak Coetzee) and Swanilda (NDC's Judy Holme) from the NAPAC Dance Company production COPPELIA, Act 11.***

fines of the Schlesinger stage area. The final number in the programme proved particularly popular with the younger generation, who clapped and cheered and rooted for more, enthusiastically. We sincerely hope that it is not too long before we have the privilege and pleasure of hosting NAPAC's Ballet Company again.

## *MUSIC IN THE 'BERG*

During the Michaelmas break, after an extremely busy quarter, the Michaelhouse Music Department, under the guidance of its director, George Burgess, hosted a music camp entitled "Music in the 'Berg". 110 musicians from the ages of ten to sixty, amateur and professional, from all over the country attended the five-day camp. On Friday 5th October there was a concert of ensemble music from baroque to jazz, and on the Saturday, 6th October, various bands and large ensembles played a varied selection of music to an appreciative audience in the Schlesinger Theatre.

The venture was highly successful and is to be repeated at some as-yet-unannounced date in the future.

## *STUFF 'N NONSENSE — THE FINALE*

The fourth, and final, in the series of *Stuff 'n Nonsense* variety concerts was held on the evenings of Friday 9th and Saturday 10th November. As usual, the boys and staff of Michaelhouse combined to present a real variety of song, dance and mirth.

The show was produced and directed by Richard Aitchison in his swansong from the Schlesinger stage. In his eight years at Michaelhouse Richard has directed twelve productions — he will be sorely missed.

Julian Willis compered the show with disarming aplomb and with his customary waggish humour.

As in the past, the proceeds of the second night's performance were donated to the John Wilson Balgowan Clinic. This show has over the past three years raised in excess of R5 0000 for this worthy cause, in addition to providing large numbers with the opportunity to make fools of themselves and/or others on the Michaelhouse stage. It has been a most successful vehicle of involvement and enjoyment, a regular in the school calendar — keenly awaited by staff, pupils and parents.

## *EAGLE*

This Theatre for Africa production, written and directed by Nicholas Ellenbogen, was presented in the Theatre on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th October.

The play, of approximately one hour in duration, is a moving and sensitive piece which deals with the plight of an old black eagle as she is driven from her natural environment by encroaching civilisation. Her sad, but noble, story is paralleled by the tale of a black woman who is driven from her home by the violence and intimidation in the valleys of Natal. Nandi Nyembe and Liz Szymczak played the leading roles. Madoda Ncayiyana devised the music.

*Eagle* played to capacity houses at the 1990 Grahamstown Festival and was one of ten plays chosen for the Market Theatre's "Pick of the Fringe" season in Johannesburg. In addition, Theatre for Africa were awarded the Scotsman First Fringe Award for outstanding new work on the Edinburgh Fringe. Newspaper critics hailed the production as: "Another brilliant piece of innovative environmental theatre from Ellenbogen . . . The actors convey a marvellous sense of the nobility of the eagle."

The production was very well received at Michaelhouse.

## *THE NATAL UNIVERSITY CHOIR*

Choir Mistress, Anne Pitout, reports:

"On Wednesday 24th October we were privileged to host the young and vibrant Natal University Choir from Durban, under conductor Dr Elizabeth Oehrle. Most of the members of the Choir were not music students — engineers, architects and artists being amongst the group.

They performed for us a very varied programme in which Dr Oehrle introduced and explained each number, and guided the audience to be more discerning listeners. Amongst the items were a Bach cantata, pieces by Mendelssohn and Handel, a modern setting of "God be in my Head" by John Rutter, some exceedingly beautiful music by Copland, a mass for peace composed by Dr Oehrle, a very interesting "Geographical Fugue" for speaking chorus, and a septet of girls singing Barbershop songs.

It was a delightful and informative evening."



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# *Sport*

## ATHLETICS

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr T. Henderson**
***Captain:*** **Nigel Williamson**

The more talented athletes were once again active during the First Quarter and took part in a number of Sport Tech meetings, the Natal School Championships and the Natal junior and senior championships. Nigel Williamson and Drummond Parkes were the only athletes really to prove themselves. Both these athletes won their events at the Natal Schools Championships. Nigel was also selected for the Natal Schools Team which travelled to Umtata to take part in an Inter-Provincial meeting.

The athletics season during the Michaelmas Quarter was once again a very busy and active one with the athletes having little time to prepare themselves and gain peak fitness.

The Standards competition, which is held over three days, was the first to be held. Every boy in the school should participate and the results are calculated as a percentage. Winners of the John Odams Trophy were Tatham 58,1 per cent followed by Founders 54,9 per cent, Baines 50,2 per cent, East 50 per cent, West 40 per cent, Farfield 39 per cent and Pascoe 38,2 per cent.

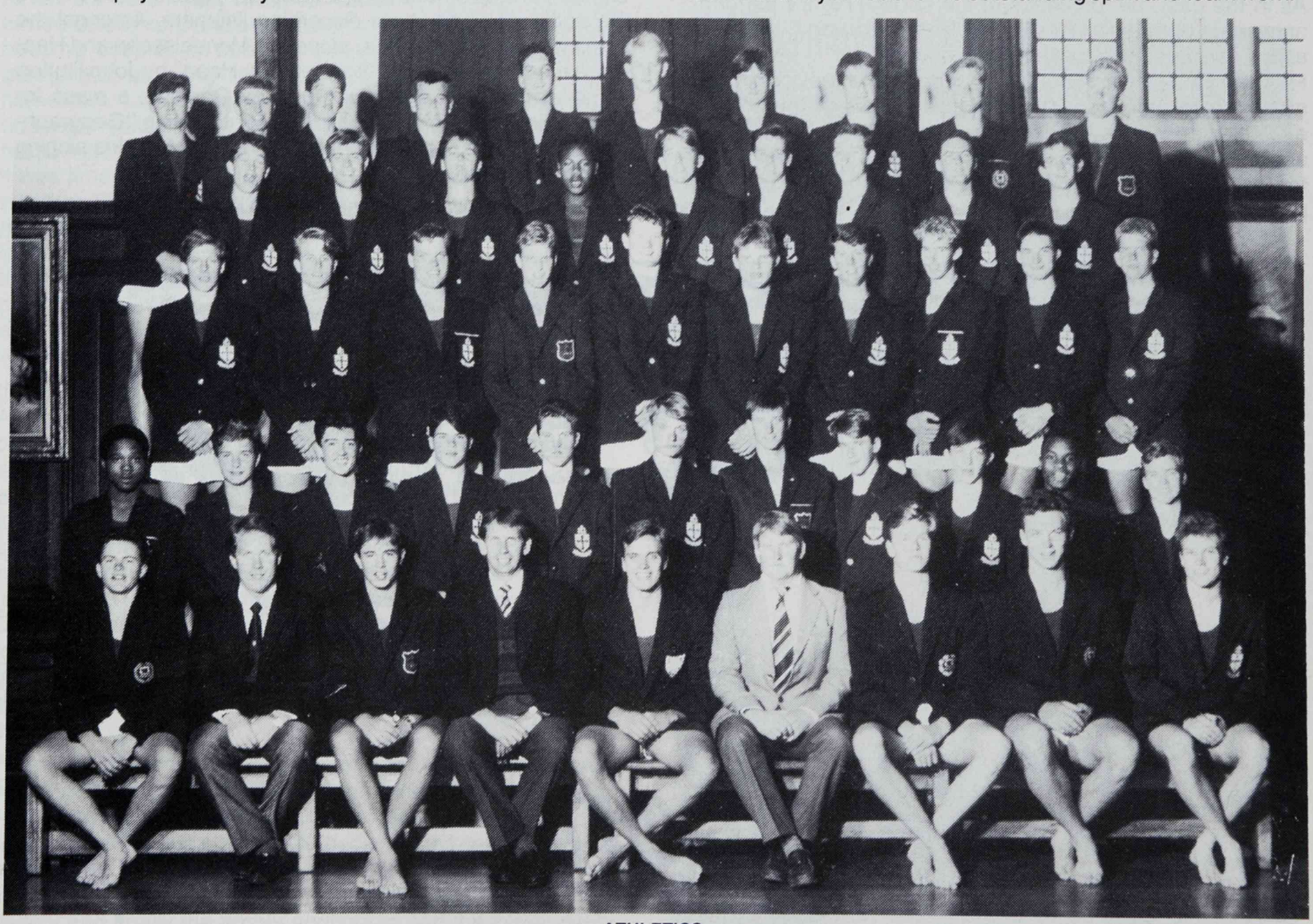
The Tug-O-War competition is always keenly contested and, as usual, provided a great deal of vocal support from the spectators. After a great deal of heaving and pulling the Willie Kaulback and Graham McIntosh Trophy was won by Farfield in the junior section. In the senior section the Dereck McIntosh Trophy was won by Baines.

Sports Day was held on Saturday 15th September and turned out to be a beautiful warm spring day. Willows was a most attractive scene with the young, pale, green leaves evident in the trees surrounding the track. Mr Jon Morgan and Mr Ram are complimented for having the track in immaculate condition. Two records were broken and two equalled during the day.

Nigel Williamson broke the shot putt record and equalled the 100 m hurdles. Hayden Pooke broke the U15 shot putt record. Drummond Pares equalled the 300 m record.

The Paul Nash Trophy, which is awarded to the Junior Victor Ludorum was won by Craig Dennyson. The John Odams Memorial Trophy for the Senior Victor Ludorum was won by Nigel Williamson. Richard Bates was awarded the D. Barford Trophy for the fastest 100 metre at the school. Andrew Bates was awarded the Stan Evans Trophy for the most outstanding performance of the day — his distance of 12,69 m in the triple jump placing him in the top ten in South Africa in his age group.

A squad of 51 athletes were selected for the Triangular Meeting held at Michaelhouse on 24th September. The weather conditions were excellent and the Michaelhouse athletes in top form. Hayden Pooke set a new record in the U15 shot putt, and the U15 relay team (J. Bothner, L. Mkize, J. Steed and A. Ralfe) equalled the 4×100 m relay record. Allan Ralfe is commended on his five outstanding first places during the meeting. Michaelhouse won the Triangular for the second consecutive year due to the outstanding spirit and team work.



***ATHLETICS***
***Back row (L–R) R. Warren; A.S. Kirk; T. Kuter; M. Farren; H. Pooke; S. Bold; C. Coffey; G. Mitchell-Innes; B. George; R. Thomas***
***4th row (L–R) M. Witherspoon; J. Bothner; A. Bates; L. Mkize; J. Steed; M. Thorsen; A. Warren; G. George; T. Weaver***
***3rd row (L–R) R. Nairn; R. Arthur; S. Collins; D. Benkenstein; C. Pitts; D. Parkes; M. Rushton; C. Roche; A. Ralfe; J. Wilson***
***2nd row (L–R) L. Luthuli; B. Knight; A. Croadsdale; S. Macquet; R. Scott; M. Tuck; L. Ferreira; E. Frey; J. Black; V. Mbtuma; N. Pattrick***
***Front row (L–R) S. Porrill; Mr Strauss; C. Pilot; Mr Henderson; N. Williamson; Mr Miller; G. Edmundson; R. Bates; B. Price***



*V. Mbutuma — Triangular Meeting*



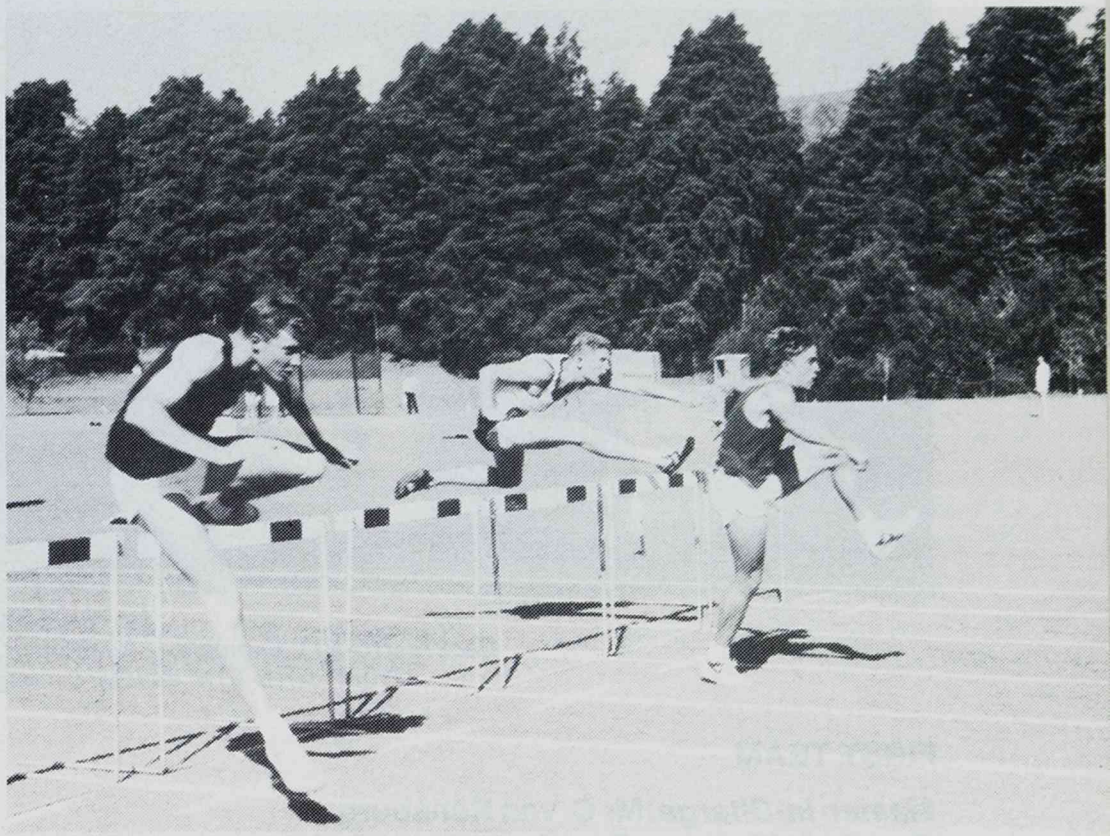
*A. Ralfe — Triangular Meeting*



*V. Mbutuma — Triangular Meeting*



*N. Williamson — Triangular Meeting*



*B. George; N. Williamson — Triangular Meeting*



*S. Porrill; B. Price; N. Williamson, 100 metres*

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## SENIOR BASKETBALL



*1st TEAM BASKETBALL*
*Back row (L–R) T. Samuels; L. Rushton; P. Lindop; B. Gundry; A. Elworthy; C. Pilot*
*Front row (L–R) N. Vaudin; C. Legge; C.V.R.; L. Chabana; D. Dollow*

### FIRST TEAM

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr C. van Rensburg**
***Coaches:*** **Mr C. van Rensburg, Mr A. Smith**
***Captain:*** **L. Chabana**

A disappointing First Quarter's results of two wins and four losses, due mainly to a side lacking experience, was converted in the Fourth Quarter to a highly successful season with one loss against a strong College team. Much of this success must be attributed to the acquisition of coach, Andrew Smith. He added the necessary discipline which enabled us to play a far more structured game, probably best borne out in the final game of the season which saw Michaelhouse defeat a well drilled, strong St Charles team.

C. Pilot must take credit as top scorer, assisted by fellow ball-handler L. Chabana, and the "tall trio" of B. Gundry, L. Rushton and A. Elworthy who added a fair quota of baskets between them. Not to be forgotten are P. Lindop, D. Vaudin, T. Samuels, C. Legge and D. Dollow who made their presence felt throughout the season and were more than able substitutes for the First Team.

Perhaps all Michaelhouse lacks now is the sheer numbers required to provide the depth necessary to make it a major force to be reckoned with in Natal's schools basketball.

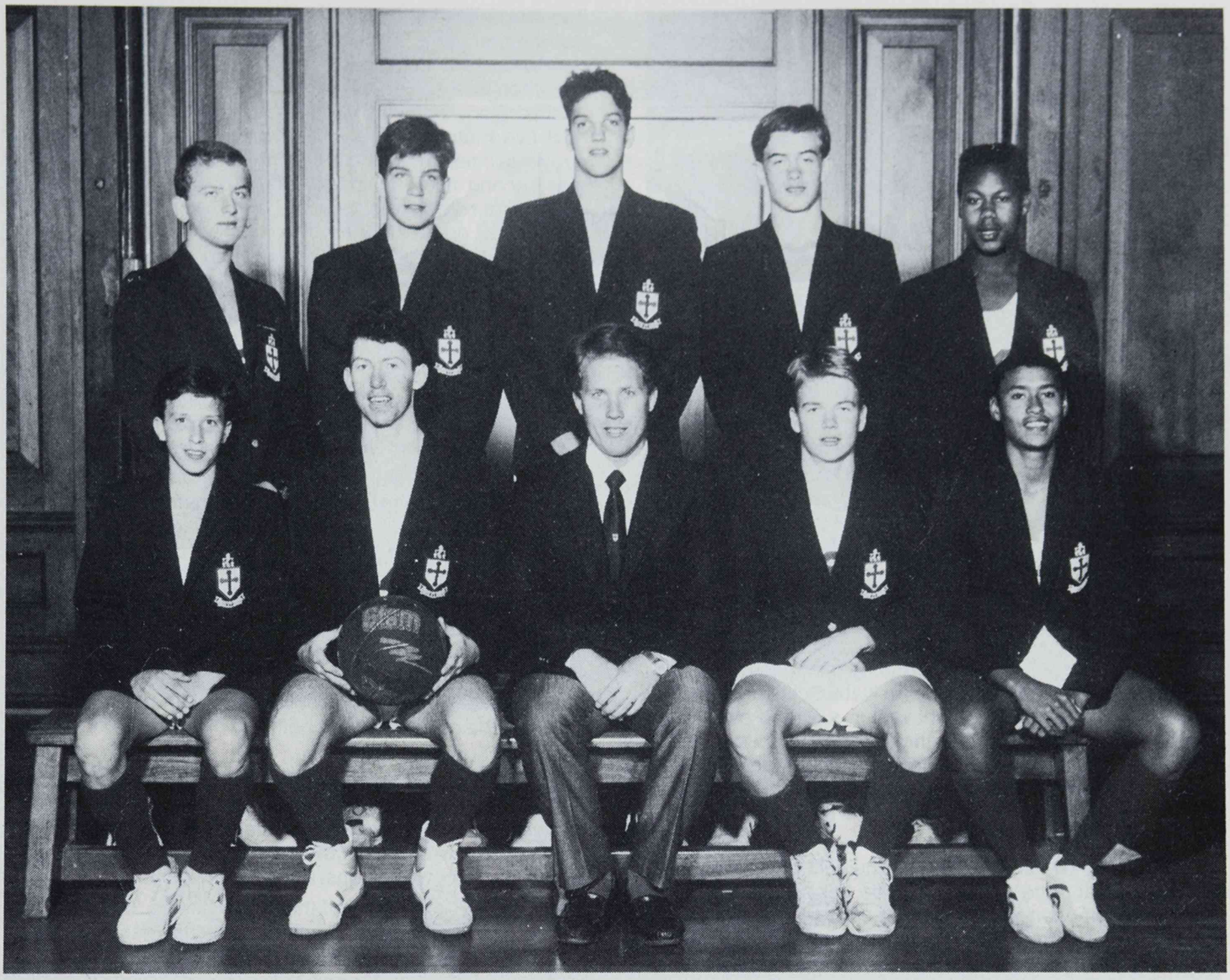
**Team:**

L. Chabana (Captain), B. Gundry, C. Pilot, C. Legge, L. Rushton, T. Samuels, A. Elworthy, D. Dollow, N. Vaudin, P. Lindop.


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*U/15A BASKETBALL*
*Back row (L–R) W. Davidson; N. Jackson; H. Pooke; B. Duff; L. Mkize*
*Front row (L–R) A. Louw; N. Rogers (Capt.); B.S.S.; M. O'Gorman; R. Baxter*

## JUNIOR BASKETBALL

***Masters-in-Charge:*** **Mr B. Strauss, Mr J. van Rooyen**
***Coach:*** **Mr A. Smith**
***Captain:*** **N. Rogers**

The "A" team had a highly successful season with an unbeaten run in the Fourth Quarter. The highlight of the Fourth Quarter being a sound 50-20 win over College. The team was fortunate to have an abundance of tall players with Hayden Pooke, in particular, using his height extremely well. Nic Jackson and Andy Louw proved to be the best ball handlers although the whole team was competent in this respect. Nic Rogers provided sound leadership to the team.

The "B" team, under the leadership of Musa Ngcobo, was composed of a number of new players. By the end of the season they had improved significantly and recorded a nailbiting 14-13 win over Hilton in their last game of the season.

**Regular "A" team players:**
N. Rogers, B. Duff, H. Pooke, S. Bold, N. Jackson, A. Louw, L. Mkize, C. Roche.

**Regular "B" team players:**
M. Ngcobo, M. O'Gorman, A. Morris, S. Fraser, E. Hansen, B. Swartz, I. Feek, S. Steyn, A. Macduff.

## CRICKET

**FIRST XI**

***Coach:*** **Mr A.W.H. Cook**
***Captain:*** **Patrick Lees**
***Vice-captain:*** **Anthony Hewitt**

**Honours Re-award:**
P. Lees, A. Hewitt

**Honours**
B. George, R. Thomas, D. Benkenstein

**Colours:**
L. Ferreira, C. Fellowes, D. Marshall-Smith

**Natal Schools "A":**
P. Lees, B. George, R. Thomas, D. Benkenstein

**Natal Schools "B":**
A. Hewitt

**Natal Mynahs:**
L. Ferreira

There is little doubt that this team emerged as the best side in Natal Schools cricket in 1990. It did lose two matches during the season, but both losses were well and truly avenged at a

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*"Howzat!" — A. Hewitt*

later stage. It recorded the first win against Maritzburg College in a decade or two and very nearly repeated the result in the Fourth Quarter. In September, a Natal Schools XI was selected to play against the Transvaal in a limited overs night match: Anthony Hewitt and Patrick Lees were chosen. At the end of the Offord Week four Michaelhousians were selected for the "A" team and Hewitt was chosen for the "B" which gives some indication of the confidence the selectors placed in the talents of this team.

It was the combination of being genuinely competitive with both the ball and the bat which made this 1990 side such a formidable opponent. If the likes of George (×2), Marshall-Smith, Fellowes, Benkenstein, Ferreira and Thomas weren't smashing through with pace and seam, then there was always Lees, Sugden and Edwards to call on for spin. If the openers failed to get us off to a solid start (which was rare), the middle order stood to, and if they failed then some of the best knocks were played by the likes of Hewitt and Sugden at the tail. The team could field too: there were marvellous catches, scintillating runouts and a consistent pressure applied to the batsman which could not have been at all pleasant.

If this report is beginning to sound like a eulogy it is meant to do so. Both on and off the field the 1990 XI knew how to behave. As coach I can hardly recall ever having to reproach them for either attitude or commitment. At the Michaelmas and Offord Weeks when many other teams tasted liberty and sometimes (as their performances suggest) confused this with licence, Michaelhouse won a remarkable seven out of nine games. Neutral umpires commented on their behaviour as being the best on show, and selectors selected them for teams.

A great deal of credit must go to the leadership of the team: Patrick Lees and Anthony Hewitt. Their personalities complemented each other: Patrick calm and steady, Anthony a live wire and motivator from behind the stumps. Patrick's guile grew throughout the season and he had the capacity and will of all good leaders, which is the ability to rally those under him to a common purpose, and the character which inspires confidence. Mention too, must be made of Bradley George who was co-opted onto the selection committee and whose personal performances did to much to inspire the team. Having themselves made the First XI at a tender age Hewitt and Lees did so well to ensure that the junior members of the team settled quickly and confidently so that they were able to give of their best. A hallmark of this First Team was its genuine regard for all its members, the absence of prima donnas, and its spirit even when things were not going according to plan.

The first half of the season began and ended with defeat. We lost the first game against DHS after having had to bat on a poor wicket and then, to add insult to injury, to bowl with a wet ball when face-saving rain proved fickle. Apart from the match against Glenwood which was abandoned because of rain, the next five matches were won. Bradley George was the destroyer in chief but on more than one occasion even he had to play second fiddle to the accuracy of Marshall-Smith. The highlight of course was the win against Maritzburg College by four wickets on Goldstones. The first day of the two day game against Hilton went well: Michaelhouse declared at 132 for eight and then all but dismissed Hilton by nightfall. The Sunday saw us complete the damage dismissing them for 90 and the win was certainly on. Devastation struck in the form of injury to George and Marshall-Smith but great credit must be given to MacKenzie of Hilton who bowled extremely well. Having gained a mere 104 run advantage, Hilton was able to knock off what was required for the loss of only two batsmen. Who said that cricket, like death, is a great leveller!

At the end of the Third Quarter we played the Old Boys and a touring Grey (Bloemfontein) XI. Both matches were drawn but were useful pipe-openers for the Michaelmas week. Michaelhouse played four games and won three outright and even the draw against KES was a moral victory.

Rain interfered with several of the Fourth Quarter matches but it did not prevent some thrilling games. The draws against College, Northwood and Hilton were highlights and they must consider themselves fortunate to have got off as lightly as these results suggest. It must be noted with regret that Marshall-Smith and Hewitt were both laid off for much of the season.

The season ended with the traditional Offord Week matches played in the first week of the December holidays. In these games, Michaelhouse was rampant: they defeated Glenwood, DHS (sweet revenge), Hilton (sweeter still), and Northwood. The draw was against a fiesty Highway XI.

This, then, is a summary of the year's games. It does not do justice to the hours of pleasure this team has given. The swashbuckling cuts and cover-splitting drives; the rattling stumps and the joyous appeals; the fielders being dispatched like missionaries to the boundaries to save runs and the close-in concentration when the heat is on; this is the stuff of our glorious summer game.

My sincere thanks to Messrs Buckley, Snyder, Giles, Reynolds and Purchase who have all helped with the umpiring duties, to Jon Morgan and his groundstaff, to Mr Van der Meulen and the kitchen staff. To the parents who have made coaching this team a co-operative effort and whose ready supply of refreshment and encouragement in times of need is most appreciated.

**Team:**
L. Ferreira, R. Thomas, T. Edwards, P. Lees, D. Benkenstein, D. McCall, B. George, G. George, D. Marshall-Smith, A. Hewitt, C. Sugden, C. Fellowes, A. Engels. Others who played were N. Cooke, M. Hewat and G. Braum.

**Notable performances:**

**Batting:**

| | *INNS* | *N.O.* | *H.S.* | *TOTAL* | *AV.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| L. Ferreira | 20 | 0 | 50 | 373 | 18,6 |
| R. Thomas | 22 | 2 | 104* | 682 | 34,1 |
| P. Lees | 22 | 4 | 63* | 474 | 24,9 |
| D. Benkenstein | 21 | 3 | 83* | 660 | 34,7 |

**Bowling:**

| | *O* | *M* | *R* | *W* | *AV.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| B. George | 276,4 | 83 | 708 | 54 | 18,6 |
| D. M-Smith | 57 | 12 | 122 | 10 | 12,2 |
| C. Fellowes | 111 | 31 | 286 | 15 | 19,06 |
| D. Benkenstein | 156,1 | 40 | 345 | 27 | 12,7 |
| L. Ferreira | 51,2 | 15 | 86 | 8 | 10,75 |
| P. Lees | 96,3 | 31 | 248 | 20 | 12,44 |
| G. George | 111 | 24 | 305 | 16 | 19,06 |

* Not Out



*1st CRICKET*
*Back row (L–R) G. George; T. Edwards; G. Braum*
*Middle row (L–R) D. Benkenstein; L. Ferreira; A. Engels; C. Fellowes; A. Gettliffe; D. McCall*
*Front row (L–R) B. George; D. Marshall-Smith; P. Lees; A.C.; A. Hewitt; R. Thomas*

**Results:**

**First Quarter**

*27th January vs DHS**
Michaelhouse 65 all out
DHS 69/4 (Benkenstein 3/12)
*Lost by 6 wickets*

*2nd February vs Wanderers Nomads*
Nomads 179 all out (Benkenstein 4/21, Lees 3/33)
Michaelhouse 182/5 (Thomas 81, Engels 30, Benkenstein 30)
*Michaelhouse won by 5 wickets*

*3rd February vs Northwood*
Northwood 78 all out (B. George 6/24)
Michaelhouse 79/8
*Michaelhouse won by 2 wickets*

*10th February vs Glenwood*
Michaelhouse 161/5 (Thomas 62, Lees 44)
Rain stopped play
*Match drawn*

*17th February vs Westville*
Westville 74 all out (B. George 7/21)
Michaelhouse 75/3
*Michaelhouse won by 7 wickets*

*3rd March vs Alexandra*
Alexandra 73 all out (Marshall-Smith 6/18)
Michaelhouse 74/6 (B. George 31)
*Michaelhouse won by 4 wickets*

*10th March vs College**
College 92 all out (B. George 5/44, Thomas 4/29)
Michaelhouse 95/6 (B. George 33)
*Michaelhouse won by 4 wickets*

*17th March vs Hilton**
First innings
Michaelhouse 132/8 (Benkenstein 78)
Hilton 90 all out (B. George 3/28)

Second innings
Michaelhouse 66 all out
Hilton 112/2
*Hilton won by 8 wickets*

* Away Games

**Fourth Quarter**

*27th September vs Old Boys*
Old Boys 281/5
Michaelhouse 193/8 (McCall 31, G. George 53)
*Match drawn*

*28th September vs Grey College*
Michaelhouse 229/5 (Thomas 36, Benkenstein 44, Lees 52, B. George 32 n.o.)
Grey College 122/4
*Match drawn*

**Michaelmas Week**

*6th October vs Potchefstroom High*
Potchefstroom 110 all out
MHS 116/3 (Benkenstein 50 n.o.)
*Michaelhouse won by 7 wickets*

*7th October vs Grey High (PE) Limited overs*
Michaelhouse 189 all out (Thomas 53, McCall 41)
Grey High 162 all out (G. George 3/41, Benkenstein 3/25)
*Michaelhouse won by 27 runs*

*8th October vs St Stithian's*
St Stithian's 186 all out (B. George 5/36, Benkenstein 3/53)
Michaelhouse 188/5 (Lees 63 n.o., Ferreira 50)
*Michaelhouse won by 5 wickets*

*9th October vs KES*
Michaelhouse 250/4 (Ferreira 45, Lees 47, Benkenstein 83 n.o., G. George 51 n.o.)
KES 104/4
*Match drawn*

*27th October vs College*
Michaelhouse 156/9 (Benkenstein 43)
College 121/5 (Benkenstein 3/16)
*Match drawn*

*10th November vs Northwood*
Northwood 185/6 declared
Michaelhouse 183/7 (Thomas 80)
*Match drawn*

*17th November vs Hilton*
Michaelhouse 230/5 (Thomas 52, Lees 81, Benkenstein 39)
Hilton 94/8 (Fellowes 5/47)
*Match drawn*

*1st December vs Kearsney**
Kearsney 94 all out (Lees 3/5)
Rain stopped play
*Match drawn*

**Offord Week**

*7th December vs Glenwood*
Michaelhouse 149/9 declared
Glenwood 69 all out (B. George 4/23)
*Michaelhouse won by 80 runs*

*9th December vs Highway XI*
Michaelhouse 168/6 (Ferreira 41, Thomas 53, Lees 41 n.o.)
Highway 156/7 (Lees 3/48)
*Match drawn*

*10th December vs DHS*
Michaelhouse 212/4 (Ferreira 35, Thomas 104 n.o., Benkenstein 44)
DHS 96 all out (G. George 3/36, Ferreira 4/4)
*Michaelhouse won by 116 runs*

*11th December vs Hilton*
Hilton 144 all out (B. George 3/50)
Michaelhouse 148/8 (Lees 39, Benkenstein 33, Thomas 32)
*Michaelhouse won by 2 wickets*

*12th December vs Northwood*
Michaelhouse 142 all out (B. George 38)
Northwood 86 all out
*Michaelhouse won by 52 runs*



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## SECOND XI

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr G. Giles**
***Captains:*** **G. Braum, J. Lewis**

We had a most enjoyable and exciting season in that we often had to fight tenaciously in "rear-guard" action to force an "honourable" draw, when our batting faltered and proved a trifle "brittle".

Encounters against College, Glenwood, Hilton, Northwood, DHS and Kearsney all provided tense finishes (climaxes) — particularly at College (where Andrew Gettliffe and Loren Naidu withstood more than 30 overs of the College onslaught) and Kearsney where we lost by one meagre run!

A feature of our game was the strength of our "spinning" department, as we boasted two excellent left-arm leg-break bowlers in Andrew Gettliffe and Loren Naidu, and two off-break bowlers in Graham Braum and Craig Sugden — and many a tempestuous batsman did they hold in check!

Our team attack of Nicholas Cooke and Richard Gilson also matured during the season and, in the final match against Kearsney, Richard Gilson took no fewer than 8 for 29 off 18 overs!

A particular word of thanks go to Graham Braum and James Lewis for their leadership, encouragement and motivation — fostering a tenacious spirit in the team.

**Results:**

**First Quarter**

*27th January vs DHS*
DHS 125 (Ferreira 6/23)
Michaelhouse 126/8 (Ferreira 32)
*Michaelhouse won by 2 wickets*

*3rd February vs Northwood*
Michaelhouse 168/9 declared (Nicholson 28, Constantinou 23)
Northwood 158/9 (Cooke 6/56)
*Match drawn*

*10th February vs Glenwood*
Glenwood 171/7 declared (Braum 3/9)
Michaelhouse 147/7 (Lewis 46, Braum 34, Constantinou 21)
*Match drawn*

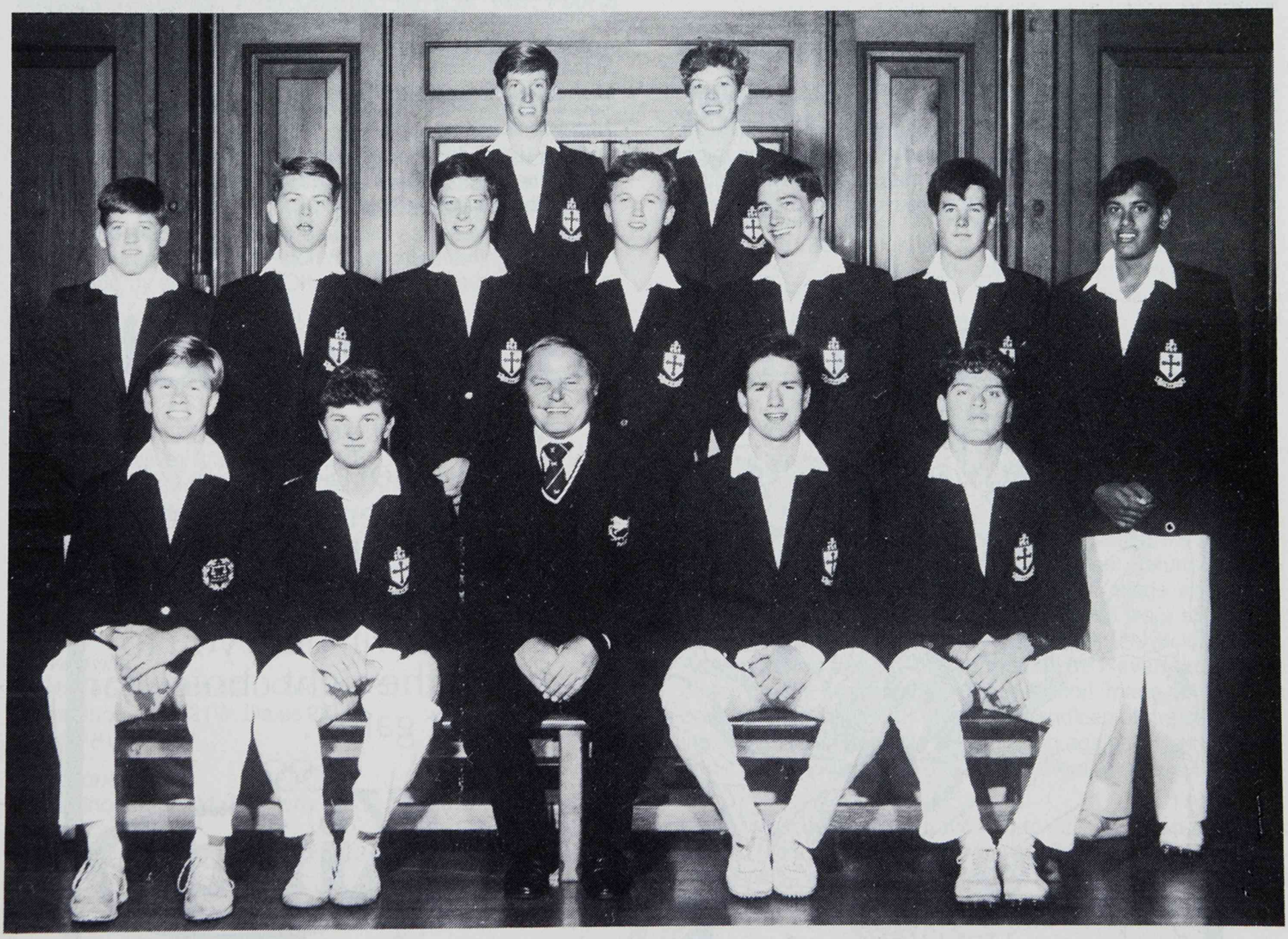
*17th February vs Westville*
Westville 97 (Naidu 4/19, Sugden 3/7)
Michaelhouse 104/1 (Constantinou 50, Braum 36 n.o.)
*Won by 9 wickets*

*3rd March vs Alexandra*
Alexandra 131 (Cooke 5/29)
Michaelhouse 134/5 (Nicholson 39, Lewis 35, Braum 26)
*Won by 5 wickets*

*10th March vs College*
College 211/6 declared (Naidu 5/73 off 25 overs)
Michaelhouse 30/2
Rain stopped play
*Match drawn*

*11th March vs Howick 1st XI*
Michaelhouse 84 (Braum 21)
Howick 84/8 (Naidu 3/25)
*Lost by 2 wickets*

*17th March vs Hilton*
Michaelhouse 42 (Lewis 15)
Hilton 43/7 (Cooke 5/21)
*Lost by 3 wickets*



***2nd XI CRICKET***
***Back row (L–R) R. Bryden; C. Sugden***
***Middle row (L–R) A. Ireland; S. Edmundson; M. Hewat; S. Nicholson; N. Cooke; R. Gilson; L. Naidu***
***Front row (L–R) G. Edmundson; G. Braum; G. Giles; J. Lewis; C. Constantinou***

**Fourth Quarter**

*27th September vs Old Boys*
Old Boys 228 (Lewis 4/29)
Michaelhouse 229/1 (Nicholson 105 n.o., Braum 77)
*Won by 9 wickets*

*27th October vs College*
College 175 (Gettliffe 6/20)
Michaelhuse 74/9 (Gettliffe 23 n.o.)
*Match drawn*

*10th November vs Northwood*
Northwood 169 (Gettliffe 4/54, Sugden 2/15)
Michaelhouse 108/8 (Ireland 24)
*Match drawn*

*17th November vs Hilton*
Hilton 158 (Gilson 4/44)
Michaelhouse 133/9
*Match drawn*

*30th November vs Kearsney*
Kearsney 81 (Gilson 8/29)
Michaelhouse 80 (Nicholson 28)
*Lost by 1 run*

**Results:**

Played 13 Won 4 Drawn 6 Lost 3

**Team:**

The following were regular members of the team: G. Braum, C. Constantinou, N. Cooke, S. Edmundson, G. Edmundson, A. Gettliffe, R. Gilson, M. Hewat, A. Ireland, J. Lewis, L. Naidu, S. Nicholson, C. Sugden.

**THIRD XI**

***Masters-in-Charge:*** **1st Term — Mr B.R. Naidu, 4th Term — Mr B.S. Tarr**
***Captains:*** **1st Term — S. Dilworth, 4th Term — A. Yeowart**

An enjoyable and successful year of cricket for the Third XI. This was a team packed with talented all rounders who might well have turned two of the drawn matches into wins with a more enterprising approach at the crease when chasing large totals. Nonetheless they always endeavoured to play positive, attacking cricket and they often succeeded.

Folker, Briedenhann, Yeowart and Bryden performed well with both bat and ball, Dorning kept wicket efficiently and was often amongst the runs, Denoon-Stevens struck the ball siwftly on his day and Dilworth and Pearce batted well in the First Quarter. Tuck and Ridgway should come into their own as all-rounders and Wilson will make runs as his confidence grows. Hooper bowled well without much luck and Clucas, unfortunately, did not have many opportunities to show his prowess with the bat. Bates, Pendlebury, Armstrong, Wardlaw and Garrett also represented the team in the Fourth Quarter.

**Results:**

**First Quarter**

*27th January vs DHS*
DHS 68 all out (G. Edmundson 7/43, Briedenhann 2/7)
Michaelhouse 71/4 (Dilworth 38)
*Michaelhouse won by 6 wickets*

*3rd February vs Northwood*
Michaelhouse 156/8 declared (Dilworth 49, Briedenhann 34, Dorning 24)
Northwood 25/1
Rain stopped play
*Match drawn*

*17th February vs Westville*
Westville 73 all out (Folker 5/30, Yeowart 5/34)
Michaelhouse 80/3 (Briedenhann 43 n.o.)
*Michaelhouse won by 7 wickets*

*3rd March vs Alexandra*
Michaelhouse 157/7 declared (Dorning 52, Gilson 32, Yeowart 32)
Alexandra 74 all out (Yeowart 3/17, Gilson 3/9)
*Michaelhouse won by 83 runs*

*10th March vs College*
College 122 all out (Folker 3/6)
Michaelhouse 119 all out (Tuck 29)
*Michaelhouse lost by 3 runs*




*17th March vs Hilton*
Hilton 191/6 declared (Briedenhann 3/68)
Michaelhouse 192/7 (Pearce 59, Dorning 40, Folker 39)
*Michaelhouse won by 3 wickets*

**Fourth Quarter**

*27th October vs College*
College 190 all out (Briedenhann 5/51, Bryden 3/35)
Michaelhouse 89/5 (Folker 44, Dorning 29)
*Match drawn*

*10th November vs Northwood*
Northwood 151/7 declared (Folker 3/36)
Michaelhouse 152/5 (Denoon-Stevens 48, Folker 39 r.h., Bryden 28 n.o.)
*Michaelhouse won by 5 wickets*

*17th November vs Hilton*
Hilton 194/7 declared (Briedenhann 3/47)
Michaelhouse 142/6 (Folker 43, Yeowart 29, Briedenhann 23)
*Match drawn*

*1st December vs Kearsney*
Kearsney 77 all out (Tuck 5/29, Ridgway 3/19)
Michaelhouse 10 for no wicket
Rain stopped play
*Match drawn*

*Played 10 Won 5 Drawn 4 Lost 1*

## FOURTH XI

***Masters-in-Charge:*** **First Quarter: Mr B.S. Tarr, Fourth Quarter: Mr M.T. Goulding**
***Captains:*** **First Quarter: M. Clucas, Fourth Quarter: Z. Kubukeli**

The old adage that cricket is a great leveller certainly held true for the Fighting Fourths this year. The First Quarter started off magnificently with three eight-wicket victories and one victory by 164 runs. To bring us down to earth Hilton then beat us by 121 runs. In the Fourth Quarter Northwood reversed the earlier result and beat us by three wickets and we were able to reverse the Hilton result by defeating a depleted Hilton side by six wickets. Other results are summarised below.

**Results:**

**First Quarter**

*vs DHS*
DHS 96 (Ridgway 3/21, McNeil 5/16)
Michaelhouse 99/2 (Dorning 47 n.o., Clucas 28 n.o.)
*Won by 8 wickets*

*vs Northwood*
Northwood 63 (Ridgway 4/15, D. Dales 3/9)
Michaelhouse 64/2 (Dorning 22 n.o.)
*Won by 8 wickets*

*vs Westville*
Westville 52 (Wilson 5/21, Clucas 4/15)
Michaelhouse 53/2 (W. Dales 21)
*Won by 8 wickets*

*vs Alexandra*
Michaelhouse 235/4 (Ridgway 101 n.o., D. Dales 28, Garrett 29)
Alexandra 71 (Wilson 3/3, Sokhela 3/12, Clucas 3/17)
*Won by 164 runs*

*vs College*
College 114 (Ridgway 3/19, Wilson 4/25)
Michaelhouse 104/6 (Ridgway 29, Wardlaw 35)
Rain stopped play
*Match drawn*

*vs Hilton*
Hilton 190 (Wilson 3/31, Armstrong 4/67)
Michaelhouse 69
*Lost by 121 runs*

**Fourth Quarter**

*vs College*
Michaelhouse 97 (Reynolds 28)
College 97 (Bates 6/32, Armstrong 2/13)
*Match drawn*

*vs Northwood*
Michaelhouse 133 (Pendlebury 64)
Northwood 134/7 (Bates 3/25, Armstrong 4/34)
*Lost by 3 wickets*

*vs Westville*
Westville 52 (Wilson 5/21, Clucas 4/15
Michaelhouse 53/4 (McNeil 20)
*Won by 6 wickets*

*vs Kearsney*
Michaelhouse 218/1 (Mowat 71 n.o., Kubukeli 78, McNeil 38 n.o.)
Kearsney 75/9 (Palmer 3/13, Whaley 3/7)
Rain stopped play
*Match drawn*

Others not mentioned above who played two or more times for the team were T. Imrie and A. Smart.

**Results:**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drawn* | *Lost* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | 5 | 3 | 2 |

## FIFTH AND U15"C" XI

***Coach:*** **Mr R.H.W. Hall**

**First Quarter**

We played four matches in the First Quarter. The first was against Howick 2nd XI when we hadn't quite woken up after Christmas. We were all out for 34. Howick declared their innings closed at 74 for 8 (Palmer taking six wickets) and we were 40 for 1 in the second innings when rain stopped play.

Two matches against College followed. The first we won by six wickets (88 against 89 for 4) and Dyer (5/23 and 37*), Palmer (3/12) and Imrie (30) helped us home. In the second we were struggling at 93 for 7 against 155 all out when the rain came down, but Whaley (67 and 3/31), Dyer 3/44 and Munroe 4/40 kept our heads above water.

The match against Hilton (lost by one run) was very exciting and this time it was Pienaar (21 and 4/36) and Reynolds 37 who did well for us. Hilton were 138 and we made 137.

*Not out

**Fourth Quarter**

We have had two matches at the time of writing with a possibility of a third against Kearsney on the last Saturday of the Quarter. We were soundly trounced by College who made 210 all out and then shot us out for 80. We were slightly redeemed by Grout and Griffiths who took three wickets each. Against Hilton we did better, making 191 even though the coach made five batsmen retire. Hilton made 148, Grout bowling superbly (5/20) under the handicap of the coach taking him off earlier on. We were playing against Hilton U15"C" and it didn't seem fair to overwhelm them with our Open players.

On many occasions we have had to call upon non-cricketers and U15 players and we are always grateful for their assistance. While we are not skilful there exists a tremendous spirit of enthusiasm for the game. Well done to all concerned.

**Results:**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drawn* | *Lost* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 |

## UNDER 15"A" XI

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr C. Purchase**
***Captains:*** **First Quarter: T. Edwards, Fourth Quarter: S. Hamilton**

This year's colts team has endeavoured to play attacking cricket whenever possible and the result has been attractive cricket. This was particularly so in the First Quarter when we were able to select from the whole group. Tim Edwards and Greg George dominated virtually every game as can be seen from statistics — Greg George 344 runs, 3 not outs, average of 86, 19 wickets, average of 8 runs per wicket, while Tim Edwards made 265 runs, average 44 and took 10 wickets at an average of 16 runs per wicket. They were well supported in the field by James Macquet, John v d Ruit, Scott Hamilton and Rob Smither in particular and it was only rain or delayed declarations which prevented more wins.

During the Fourth Quarter both Greg and Tim were selected for the 1st XI which left a large gap. Scott Hamilton took over the captaincy and accepted the challenge with the rest of the team. They put themselves into winning positions on a number of occasions but were unable to do so at the end. A draw against College was nearly achieved but they captured the last wicket in the final over while our batting fell apart against Hilton who used a leg-spinner to good effect.

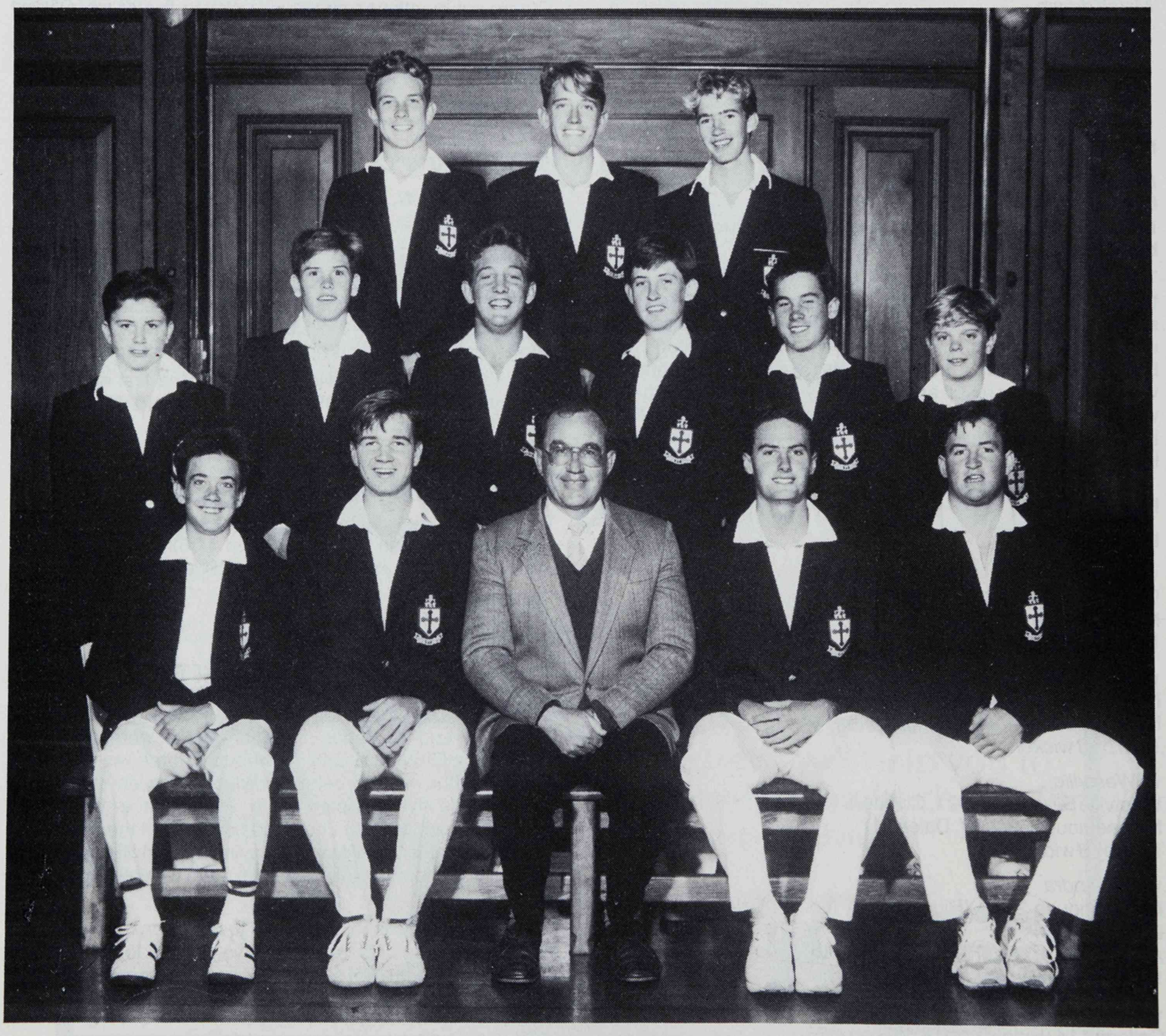
There are a number of talented cricketers in this group. Two have made it into the 1st XI and in the years to come a number of others will be doing well in the senior teams. Thanks to the parents who supported the boys so often. It was greatly appreciated and helped make it a most enjoyable season. Well done chaps.

### Results

*vs DHS*
DHS 61 (Edwards 4/18)
Michaelhuse 64/9 (Edwards 20)
*Won by 1 wicket*

*vs Northwood*
Michaelhouse 222/6 (Macquet 34, Edwards 53, George 88)
Northwood 134/8 (George 6/17)
*Match drawn*

*vs Glenwood*
Michaelhouse 215/6 (Scott 33, Edwards 55, George 71)
Glenwood 56/5 (George 5/38)
Rain stopped play
*Match drawn*



***U15/A CRICKET***
***Back row (L–R) J. Shedlock; J. Steed; C. Roche***
***Middle row (L–R) C. Hewitt; J. Macquet; M. Dales; M. Franks; G. Scott; J. Van de Ruit***
***Front row (L–R) S. Hamilton; T. Edwards; Mr Purchase; G. George; R. Smither***

*vs Westville*
Michaelhouse 202/7 (George 94, V.d. Ruit 36)
Westville 74/5
*Match drawn*

*vs Alexandra*
Alexandra 95 (George 4/25, Smither 4/28)
Michaelhouse 195 (Hamilton 47, Edwards 96 n.o.)
*Won by 8 wickets*

*vs College*
College 211
Michaelhouse 107/5
Bad light
*Match drawn*

*vs Hilton*
Hilton 139 (George 3/27, Smither 3/21)
Michaelhouse 143/7 (Hamilton 35, George 44 n.o.)
*Won by 3 wickets*

*vs College*
College 213/6
Michaelhouse 130 (Shedlock 35)
*Lost by 83 runs*

*vs Northwood*
Michaelhouse 175/8 (Hamilton 45, Thompson 53)
Northwood 176/7 (McGregor 100)
*Lost by 3 wickets*

*vs Hilton*
Michaelhouse 107 (Hamilton 31)
Hilton 110 (Smither 3/43)
*Lost by 5 wickets*

*vs Bishops (Cape)*
Bishops 233/8
Michaelhouse 45/5
Rain stopped play
*Match drawn*

*vs Kearsney*
Michaelhouse 120/3
Rain stopped play
*Match drawn*

*Played 12 Won 3 Lost 3 Drawn 6*

**Team:**
The following have represented the team.
S. Hamilton (Captain), G. Scott, R. Thompson, J. Shedlock, M. Franks, J. Macquet, C. Hewitt, J. v d Ruit, R. Smither, J. Steed, C. Roche, J. Bothner, T. Edwards (Captain), G. George, M. Dales, J. Faircliff.

## UNDER 15"B" XI

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr P.E. Dennyson**
***Captain:*** **R. Inglis**

The problem with running a "B" team is that as soon as someone performs particularly well, he is snatched away by the "A" team coach and replaced with someone going through a bad spell — or, worse still, not replaced at all, because the 1st team coach has done some snatching himself from the "A" side!

This would be my explanation for the up-and-down season for the 15"B"s. Dales with the bat and Faircliff with the ball dominated many of the matches at the start of the year — and were then both stolen! Bothner played regularly for both sides and always looked a useful batsman. Hewlett bowled erratically — sometimes his pace terrified the batsmen, sometimes his direction mortified the fielders!

Our top order, first Shedlock and Hewitt, then Thompson and Wilson in the post-snatching era, usually gave a good start but the middle order crumbled, too often retreating ignominiously to square leg. Fortunately, the tail usually belted us a few valuable runs.

Rob Inglis proved an excellent Captain; he knew how to set a field and when to change his bowlers. He was easily our best fielder, and also scored some useful runs at crucial times.

Everybody did his best to win each match but nobody got too worked up when we lost. I enjoyed the season with this jovial bunch. I hope they all gained enough pleasure from the year to carry on playing this great game.

**Results:**

**First Quarter**

*27th January vs DHS*
Michaelhouse 143 (Dales 46)
DHS 144/2
*Lost by 8 wickets*

*3rd February vs Beachwood*
Beachwood 106 (Hewlett 6/15, Faircliff 3/31)
Michaelhouse 107/5
*Won by 5 wickets*

*10th February vs Glenwood*
Glenwood 166
Michaelhouse 25/0
Rain stopped play
*Match drawn*

*17th February vs Westville*
Westville 69
Michaelhouse 70/3
*Won by 7 wickets*

*3rd March vs Alexandra*
Michaelhouse 130 (Bothner 42)
Alexandra 25 (Faircliff 5/6, Saulez 3/0)
*Won by 105 runs*

*10th March vs College*
College 235/5 declared (Faircliff 4/76)
Michaelhouse 48/1
Rain stopped play
*Match drawn*

*17th March vs Hilton*
Michaelhouse 96
Hilton 96 (Hewlett 5/34)
*Match drawn*

**Fourth Quarter**

*27th October vs College*
College 212/8 declared (McLynn 4/23)
Michaelhuse 188 (Thompson 51, Wilson 64)
*Lost by 24 runs*

*10th November vs Northwood*
Northwood 107 (Saulez 6/28, Coffey 4/27)
Michaelhouse 108/9
*Won by 1 wicket*

*17th November vs Hilton*
Hilton 167/8 declared (Faircliff 4/64)
Michaelhouse 87
*Lost by 80 runs*

*1st December vs Kearsney*
Kearsney 144 (Saulez 4/34)
Michaelhouse 126 (Faircliff 37)
*Lost by 18 runs*

**Team:**
R. Inglis, R.E. Thompson, C.S. Hewitt, J.G.D. Wilson, M. Hewlett, J.P. Bothner, M.G. Dales, J.N. Saulez, J.A. Hamper, O.H. Marshall, J.D. Faircliff, G.J. Harvey, R.J. Scott, J.C. Shedlock, C. McLynn, C.G. Lorentz, P.G. Beatty, C.A. Coffey.

**Results:**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drawn* | *Lost* |
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## UNDER 14"A"

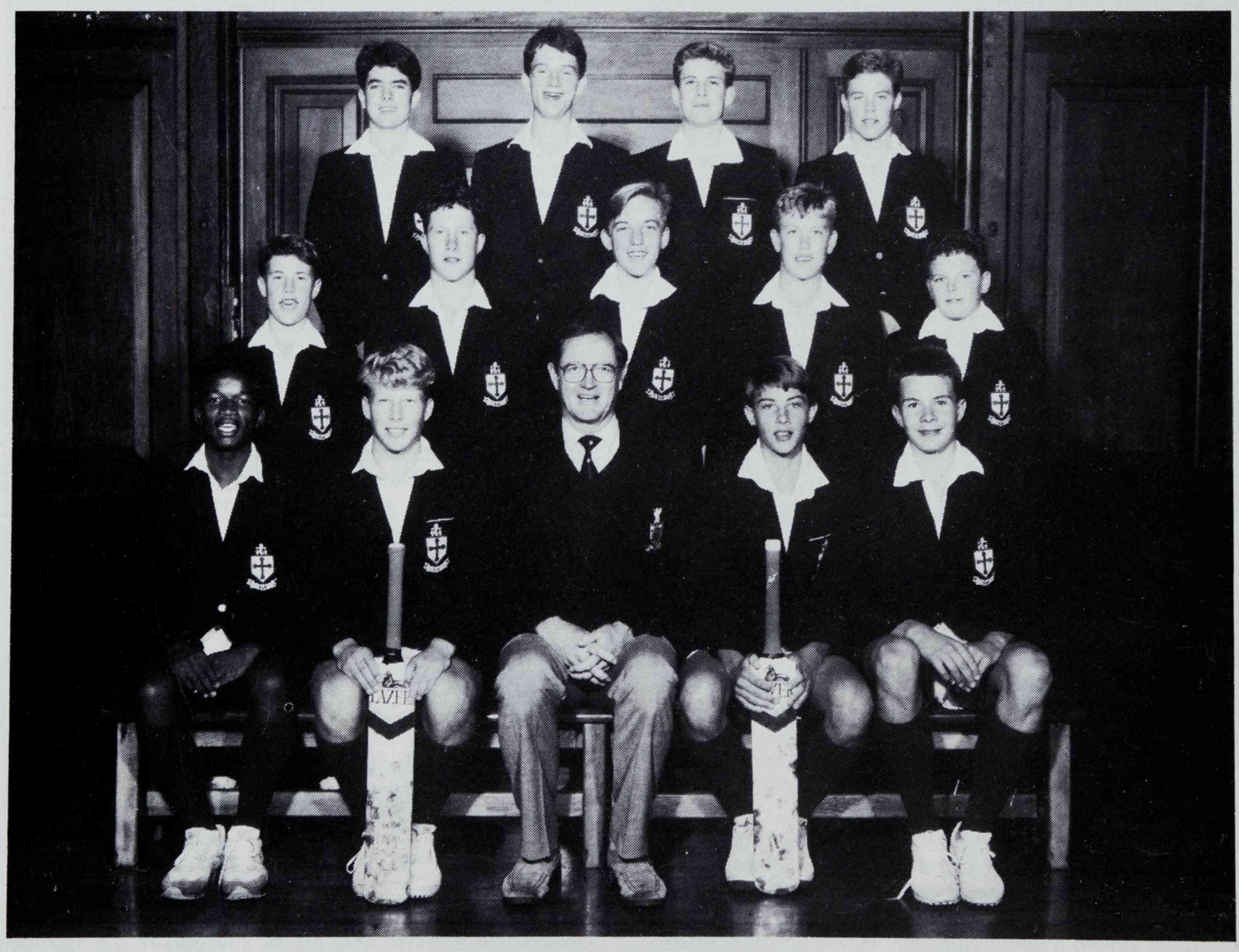
***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr B.C. Reynolds**
***Captain:*** **Warwick Smith**

It has been a season of mixed fortunes for the U14"A" side, but one from which they have gained immeasurable experience and maturity. That there is a good deal of talent in the team there is no doubt, and that ability was being increasingly realised as the season progressed. What was lacking in the First Quarter was that brand of commitment which was required on a number of occasions in the face of fierce opposition. After a couple of good wins, the side submitted far too meekly when a fight was needed! However what was more gratifying was to see the team coming together as a cohesive unit in the Fourth Quarter, a team that was coming to believe in itself and was keen to do battle. Their final matches against Northwood, Hilton and Kearsney reflected a grittiness that bodes much more positively for the future. There is, of course, still much more work to be done!

Warwick Smith is commended on his competent captaincy and his ability to produce a captain's innings when most needed. Sandile Kosa showed himself to be a gutsy batsman who had a number of good knocks during the season. He also has a lot of potential as a bowler if he can settle into a more consistent line and length. Stephen Smithyman matured noticeably during the season and was becoming a real force towards the end. Callum Wilson also displays a lot of talent but must stabilise his temperament and concentration for it to be fully realised and I'm confident it will! Gavin McNaughton and David van Onselen proved valuable all-rounders and our main wicket takers during the season. They were also able to put together many valuable runs, but there's no doubt that the best is still to come! Mention must also be made of two valuable stalwarts in Mark McDonald and Murray Witherspoon who on more than one occasion were responsible for giving the tail a vigorous wag. But in both cases, their bowling has come on well largely through their determination and their ability to graft consistently. Although not mentioned individually, we also appreciated the input made by other members of the side — Jason Roche, David Stainforth, Andrew Cunnington, Andrew Prince and Stuart Porter — and I hope they will persevere with the game and work at gaining the skills which will heighten their enjoyment of cricket.

It was a pity that we weren't able to play the Fathers vs Sons game on the last Sunday of term — a real let-off I might add. Anyway it turned into a thoroughly pleasant social gathering for which we are indebted to Mr Neil Smith who organised it and of course Kim Hughes who made a great hit with the boys and regaled them with cricket stories past and present. It was also very interesting to have him address the group on his cricket philosophy which centres very strongly on the concept of positive cricket and that success comes for the individual in believing in himself. We look forward to his proposed return visit early in the First Quarter of 1991.

It's been a fine season and I'm confident that the team will grow in strength and determination, and to all, best wishes for next year and in the future.



***14/A CRICKET***
***Back row (L–R) G. MacNaughton; M. Witherspoon; J. Roche; S. Porter***
***Middle row (L–R) D. Staniforth; M. MacDonald; S. Smithyman; A. Cunnington; V. Skead***
***Front row (L–R) S. Koza; W. Smith; B.C.R.; C. Wilson; D. van Onselen***

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**Results:**

**First Quarter**

*27th January vs DHS*
Michaelhouse 129 all out (W. Smith 41)
DHS 104 all out (G. McNaughton 4/21)
*Michaelhouse won by 25 runs*

*3rd February vs Northwood*
Northwood 184/8 declared (D. van Onselen 3/43)
Michaelhouse 83 all out
*Michaelhouse lost by 101 runs*

*10th February vs Glenwood*
Michaelhouse 164/7 declared (S. Kosa 38 n.o., S. Smithyman 35)
Glenwood 130/7 (S. Porter 3/12)
*Match drawn*

*17th February vs Westville*
Michaelhouse 107 all out
Westville 185/5 (S. Kosa 3/50)
*Michaelhouse lost by 5 wickets*

*3rd March vs Alexandra*
Alexandra 73 all out (D. van Onselen 4/18, M. Witherspoon 6/22)
Michaelhouse 75/3 (J. Roche 36 n.o.)
*Michaelhouse won by 7 wickets*

*10th March vs College*
College 212/4
Michaelhouse 42/5
*Match drawn*

*17th March vs Hilton (limited overs 45)*
Michaelhouse 171/9 (C. Wilson 44, S. Kosa 40)
Hilton 175/8 (D. van Onselen 4/24)
*Hilton won by 4 runs*

**Fourth Quarter**

*3rd November vs College*
College 223/9 (G. McNaughton 4/48)
Michaelhouse 66 all out
*College won by 157 runs*

*10th November vs Northwood*
Northwood 200 all out (S. Kosa 4/33, S. Smithyman 2/4)
Michaelhouse 132/7 (W. Smith 42)
*Match drawn*

*17th November vs Hilton (limited overs 45)*
Michaelhouse 156/9 (W. Smith 52)
Hilton 132 all out
*Michaelhouse won by 24 runs*

*1st December vs Kearsney*
Michaelhouse 171 all out (S. Smithyman 68)
Kearsney 11/1
Rain stopped play
*Match drawn*

**Team:**
W. Smith, S. Smithyman, S. Kosa, C. Wilson, J. Roche, M. Witherspoon, D. van Onselen, G. McNaughton, M. McDonald, S. Porter, D. Staniforth, A. Cunnington, A. Prince.

**Results:**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drawn* | *Lost* |
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| 11 | 3 | 4 | 4 |

**UNDER 14"B" XI**

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr A.C. Vincent**
***Captain:*** **B. Tilley**

The Bunnies "B" team started off the season well, as will be shown by the First Quarter results. What was most important though was their all prevailing spirit of enthusiasm. This spirit was not only evident in the match situation but also in the bi-weekly practices. In several cases good performances early in the year saw promotion of no fewer than four players up into the Bunnies "A" team.

Although the weather interfered with several fixtures during the year the results which were achieved show that there is reasonable depth in this age group. I fully expect several of the members of the present "B" side to develop into fine cricketers in the future which augurs well for the school's cricket as a whole.

Special mention is made of several players who have "grown in stature" since the beginning of the season. Glenn Christie and Blake Tilley both developed into fine upper-order batsmen, Martin Cassidy shows real promise as a wicket keeper although his batting needs a lot of work. Douglas Goulding too developed into a fine leg spinner and must be sure to continue in this most difficult facet of cricket.

In summation, I feel sure that all have enjoyed a very good season and look forward to next year.

**Results:**

**First Quarter**

*vs DHS*
DHS 155 all out (Roche 4/54)
Michaelhouse 96 all out (Dawson 20)
*Lost by 49 runs*

*vs Beachwood*
Michaelhouse 198/4 declared (Porter 128, Christie 22 n.o.)
Beachwood 98 (Roche 4/19, Lorentz 4/23)
*Won by 100 runs*

*vs St Charles*
Michaelhouse 169/8 declared (Prince 28, Tilley 29)
St Charles 50/6 (Witherspoon 3/15, Lorentz 3/22)
Rain stopped play
Match drawn

*vs Westville*
Westville 82 all out (Tilley 4/17)
Michaelhouse 86/6 (MacNaughton 43)
*Won by 4 wickets*


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*vs Alexandra*
Michaelhouse 202/8 declared (Prince 54, Staniforth 48, Frey 45 n.o.)
Alexandra 106 all out (Tilley 3/20)
*Won by 94 runs*

*vs College*
College 206 all out (Lorentz 4/46, Tilley 4/40)
Michaelhouse 110/7
*Match drawn*

*vs Hilton*
Michaelhouse 73 all out
Hilton 89 all out
*Lost by 13 runs*

**Fourth Quarter**

*vs College*
College 156/6 (Roques 3/47)
Michaelhouse 72 all out
*Lost by 84 runs*

*vs Northwood*
Michaelhouse 192/7 declared (Staniforth 62, Tilley 24, Ralph 20)
Northwood 174/8 (Goulding 3/77)
*Match drawn*

*vs Hilton (limited overs 45)*
Hilton 189/9 (Goulding 4/48)
Michaelhouse 161 all out (Christie 38, Skead 25, Tilley 28, Staniforth 20)
*Lost by 28 runs*

*vs Alexandra*
*Cancelled because of rain*

*vs Kearsney*
Kearsney 141/4
*Rain stopped play at lunch*

**Results:**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drawn* | *Lost* |
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| 12 | 3 | 5 | 4 |

**Team:**
G. Christie, A. Prince, B. Tilley (Captain), V. Skead, D. Staniforth, D. Goulding, E. Frey, B. Ralph, J.P. Hughes, M. Cassidy, K. Ramnath, J. Roques.

## UNDER 14"C" XI

**First Quarter**

The team members have always been well motivated under the fine leadership of Simon Cousins. All players have excelled not only in the batting and bowling figures but also whilst fielding. Their enthusiasm augurs well for future cricket.

**First Quarter**

*vs College*
College 134 all out (Cousins 4/27, Roux 3/55)
Michaelhouse 138/4 (Goulding 43, Porter 20)
*Won by 6 wickets*

*vs Howick*
Michaelhouse 163/8 (Frey 81, Morris 36)
Howick 96 all out (Cousins 6/17)
*Won by 2 wickets*

*vs College*
College 176/6 (Porter 5/23)
Michaelhouse 80/5
*Match drawn*

*vs Northwood*
Michaelhouse 70 all out (Reinhardt 30)
Northwood 88/6 (Morris 3/5)
*Lost by 4 wickets*

*vs Hilton*
Michaelhouse 123 all out
Hilton 132/6
*Lost by 4 wickets*

**Fourth Quarter**

*vs College*
College 222/4 declared
Michaelhouse 33 all out
*Lost*

*vs Hilton*
Michaelhouse 86 all out (Cousins 21, Porter 22)
Hilton 60 all out (Cantlay 3/9, Porter 3/18)
*Won by 26 runs*

**Results:**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drawn* | *Lost* |
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## UNDER 14"D" XI

***Coach:*** **Mr R.W. Aitchison**
***Captain:*** **M. Barnes**

The U14"D" team played six matches in the First Quarter of 1990, winning two, losing two and having two left unresolved owing to inclement weather. The side generally proved effective in its ability to dismiss the opposition but was deficient in the batting department, only once in the year managing to score more than 100 runs. Nonetheless an enjoyable season was had by all who played in the side. Highlights of the season are recorded below but special mention needs to be made of Joshen Raghubar's extraordinary bowling figures of 4-1-6-7 against Howick High School U14"B" on 3rd March.

In the Fourth Quarter the U14"D" combined with the U13"B". These results are reflected in the U13"B" report.

*27th January vs College U14"F"*
College 209/2 declared
Michaelhouse 36 all out
*College won by 173 runs*

*10th February vs St Charles*
Michaelhouse 145/7 declared (B. Swartz 53, N. Bughwan 23, S. Macquet 23)
St Charles 19/3 (S. Macquet 2/3)
Rain stopped play
*Match drawn*

*17th February vs College U14"E"*
College 189/9 declared (J. Roques 5/93, S. Macquet 3/44)
Michaelhouse 95 all out
*College won by 94 runs*

*3rd March vs Howick 14"B"*
Michaelhouse 68 all out
Howick 28 all out (J. Raghubar 7/6, Hamilton 2/7)
*Michaelhouse won by 40 runs*

*10th March vs College U14"F"*
College 182 all out (R. Harrypersadh 3/37, M. Barnes 2/6)
Michaelhouse 15/3
Rain stopped play
*Match drawn*

*17th March vs Hilton*
Hilton 34 all out (J. Raghubar 3/6, J. Band 3/5)
Michaelhouse 39/1 (T. Kuter 23 n.o.)
*Michaelhouse won by 9 wickets*

**Team:**
E. Ackron, D. Alcock, J. Band, N. Bughwan, P. Bydawell, D. Hamilton, R. Harrypersadh, T. Kuter, A. Lees, S. Macquet, R. Mayes, L. Palmer, J. Raghubar, J. Roques, N. Sacco, A. Smart, C. Smith, B. Swartz, A. Thorsen.

## CRICKET

## U13"A" XI

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr A.L. Eysele**
***Captain:*** **P. van Onselen**

For this age group, the First Quarter is always a difficult one. The players are trying to establish themselves, while at the same time learning about one another from a team point of view.

Within weeks, a number of competent players revealed their talents and maintained a good standard of cricket throughout both First and Fourth Quarters.

The side was ably led by Peter van Orselen. He quickly established himself as a fine all-rounder, while William Green demonstrated his usefulness as an opening batsman. Mike Cook was "converted" into a leg-spinner and proved very capable.

The team showed tremendous courage against some formidable opposition, but generally came up trumps. Well done!

**Results:**

**First Quarter**

*vs Cowan House*
Cowan House 129 all out (Cook 6/29)
Michaelhouse 28/3
Rain stopped play

*vs Glenwood*
Glenwood 140/6
Rain stopped play

*vs Westville*
Westville 102 all out (Dennyson 4/19)
Michaelhouse 71 all out
*Lost by 31 runs*

*vs Clifton (Durban)*
Michaelhouse 187/7 declared (Van Onselen 57)
Clifton 164/4
*Match drawn*

*vs Alexandra*
Alexandra 73 all out (Van Onselen 7/31)
Michaelhouse 134 (Mantis 30)
*Won by 61 runs*

*vs St Stithian's (limited overs)*
Michaelhouse 121/4 (Green 44, Mantis 38)
Saints 117/7 (Black 2/11)
*Won by 4 runs*

*vs College*
Michaelhouse 111 all out (Van Onselen 30)
College 61 all out (Black 3/6)
*Won by 50 runs*

*vs Hilton*
Michaelhouse 118/6 (Green 40)
Rain stopped play

**Fourth Quarter**

*vs Northwood*
Michaelhouse 132 all out (Van Onselen 63)
Northwood 133/6
*Lost by 4 wickets*

*vs College*
Michaelhouse 230/7 declared (Van Onselen 103 n.o.)
College 156 all out (MacDuff 2/14)
*Won by 74 runs*

*vs Hilton*
Michaelhouse 157/5 declared (Green 53, Mantis 40)
Hilton 143 all out (Van Onselen 3/19)
*Won by 14 runs*

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drawn* | *Lost* |
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| 11 | 5 | 4 | 2 |

**Team:**
W. Green, J. Black, M. Mantis, M. Cook, P. van Onselen, D. MacDuff, R. Newton, C. Dennyson, A. Darby, H. Swart, R. Valentine, P. Naidu, A. Purchase.

## UNDER 13"B"' XI

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr W.E. Ashmole**
***Captain:*** **B. Pittman, R. Mayes**

The policy was to give all members in the group a chance to play a match and so players were rotated and the strongest team was not always selected. Many of the players lacked some of the basic skills but these improved as the year progressed and the boys were encouraged to enjoy the game without too much regimented discipline in their playing skills.

**Results:**

**First Quarter**

*vs Cowan House*
Cowan House 99/9 (B. Pittman 4/17)
Michaelhouse 79 (S. Naidoo 36)
*Lost by 20 runs*

*vs College 13"D"*
College 94 (B. Pittman 5/35)
Michaelhouse 115 (B. Pittman 44, R. Mayes 27)
*Won by 3 wickets*

*vs College 13"C"*
College 166/7
Michaelhouse 91
*Lost by 75 runs*

*vs Clifton (Durban)*
Clifton 105 (H. Swart 3/17, R. Valentine 3/27)
Michaelhouse 74 (H. Swart 28)
*Lost by 31 runs*

*vs Alexandra*
Alexandra 58 (R. Valentine 4/10, H. Swart 4/10)
Michaelhouse 59/6
*Won by 4 wickets*

*vs College 13"C"*
College 161/8 (Q. Cantley 4/50, H. Swart 4/45)
Michaelhouse 39/7
*Match drawn*

*vs St Charles*
St Charles 134/7
Rain stopped play
*Match drawn*

**Fourth Quarter**

*vs College 13"C"*
Michaelhouse 27
College 29/0
*Lost by 10 wickets*

*vs College 13"C"*
Michaelhouse 46
College 254/6
*Lost by 208 runs*

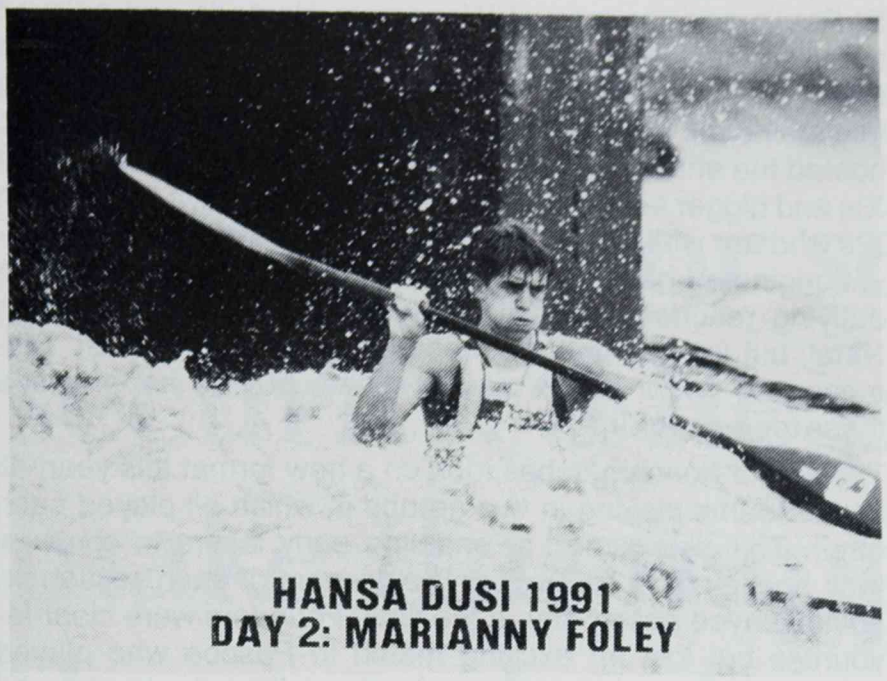
*vs Kearsney*
Kearsney 135/8 (S. Naidoo 4/15, P. Naidoo 3/22)
Michaelhouse 56/6
*Match drawn*

**Results:**

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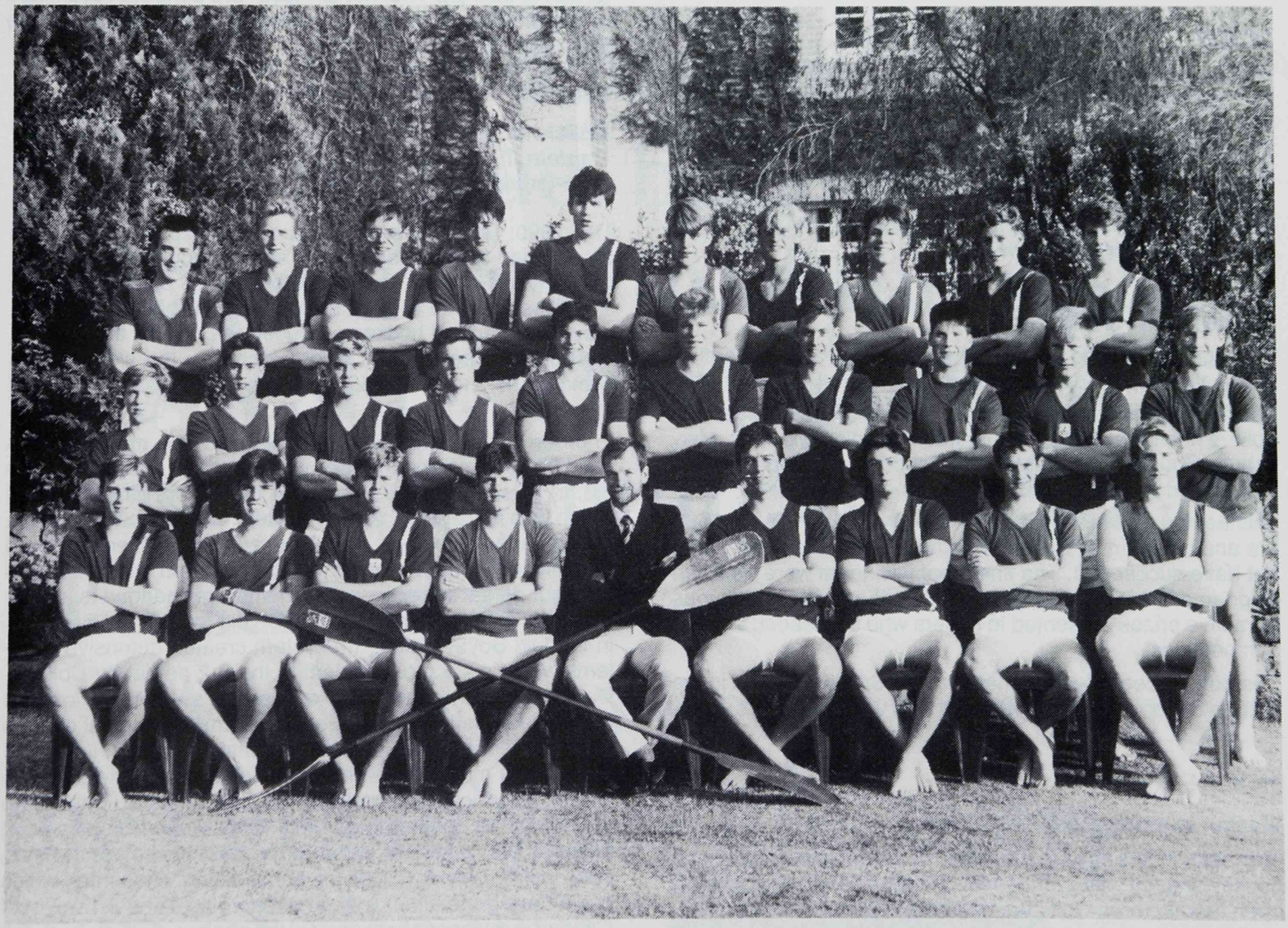
***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr P. Fleischack**
***Captain:*** **L. de Villiers**
***Secretary:*** **M. Ferguson**
***Committee Members:*** **B. Fallet, T. Weaver**

Michaelhouse canoeists once again enjoyed another successful canoeing season. The 1989/1990 season saw a lot of talent develop, as well as older members of the Club improve. Credit is given to the more positive attitude towards training as well as to Mr Fleischack for organising numerous training trips to Midmar in the beginning of the season to help improve long-distance paddling.

Altogether twelve boys entered the 1990 Duzi Marathon, with notable performances coming from Fallet and Oscroft, McIntosh and Desilla. In the annual Hilton/Michaelhouse clash in Underberg, Sean McGuigan won the singles event and the doubles event was drawn. Once again Michaelhouse canoeists partook in a Canoe Polo tournament held at Treverton, and won the Open "A" event and U16 event, as well as coming away with a floating trophy for the overall best Canoe Polo, beating the likes of College.

It is encouraging to see that a large number of paddlers have been up-graded to B grade and C grade for the 1990/91 season. With the new influx of young paddlers this year the Club looks forward to successful canoeing in the future.

Lastly, our thanks go to Mr Fleischack for taking us to races and for running the Club.



***CANOE CLUB***
***Back row (L–R) M. Farren; S. Butcher; D. Prince; G. van Heerden; G. Robinson; A. McIntosh; R. Lawson; J. Desilla; D. Thompson; M. Rushton***
***Middle row (L–R) B. Leisegang; J. Gillmer; C. McIntosh; M. Lindhiem; S. McGuigan; A. Crutchley; R. Siedle; M. Jason; R. Oscroft; D. Armstrong***
***Front row (L–R) S. von Kaufmann; G. Johnstone; B. Fallet; M. Ferguson. P.C.F.; L. de Villiers; P. Baker; T. Weaver; T. Bell***

## CROSS-COUNTRY

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr S.N. Winckworth**

This year saw the emergence of Neil Pattrick as a runner of real quality in an otherwise rather disappointing season. For a start we were not a host school this year, for the first time in many seasons. Also in the senior team we had only two quality runners who were available and willing to run on a regular basis, and thus — with a three man team — did not do nearly as well as we might have. In the juniors we were unable to field a team more than twice in the season. Despite this Neil Pattrick always gave of his best and was usually placed in the top three in his Pietermaritzburg league races, thus earning selection from the Pietermaritzburg and Districts team. Considering the fact that Neil is in C Block, he should do very well in the two years he has ahead of him.

The Inter-House competition was preceeded by two days of Inter-House Cross-Country Standards Competition. Runners were thus given a chance to improve on their initial performance. This was won by Pascoe with a score of 72,8 per cent over Farfield's 62,2 per cent with Baines trailing the field on 53,1 per cent. Consequently the Inter-House Competition result was no surprise with Pascoe again winning with 114 points compared with Founders second on 176 points. Individually the junior race was won by Rowan Nairn, 20 seconds ahead of Andrew Louw in a time of 20 min 24 sec. The senior race was, not unexpectedly, won by Neil Pattrick who finished 1 min 21 sec ahead of last year's winner, Grant Edmundson, in a time of 28 min 1 sec. Both the junior and senior times were well outside Tim Cradock's records.

***Awards:***
***Colours:*** Neil Pattrick
***Teams:*** Tim Weaver

## GOLF

We are indebted to Mr Peter Gallo for allowing us to play, at minimum rates on the lovely Boschhoek course on Mondays and to Mr Derek Paxton and Ollie Skead, the managers, for their assistance. As well as the Monday Club at Boschhoek, we also entered a team in the Midlands League, a rewarding experience; and our thanks go to the PMB Country Club for allowing us to use their facilities, and also to Howick Golf Club for accommodating us as well.

### Father/Son Golf Day

This again proved to be a very popular event and was enthusiastically supported by parents and sponsors.

The field was limited to 54 playing pairs in order to spread the golfers comfortably over the course and finish promptly. Maritzburg Country Club hosted the School and the tournament was played in ideal weather conditions.

Michaelhouse is indebted to Mr Ken Braum of RKB Computers and his team of sponsors, without whom the event could not have succeeded. The final trophy winners were Mr Brian Sugden and his son Craig. In addition there were numerous attractive prizes presented to golfers who succeeded in other competitions.

The nett proceeds were donated to the Scripture Union in the Private Schools to assist them with their valuable work.

## HOCKEY

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr D.M.R. Lewis**

This season has been in the mould of the usual Michaelhouse hockey season with great depth of interest and talent with six open teams, three Colts teams and six Bunnies teams. Players have been selected for representative teams in both the Open and Colts age groups, and one made the South African Schools side, to continue a long line of such honours down the years.

We hosted tours from Westerford in Cape Town, St Martin's, St Paul's and the annual Wanderers Nomads and enjoyed these contacts and played in the Easter Festival, this year at Hilton, but next year (1991) at Michaelhouse. (Hilton and Michaelhouse will host these festivals alternatively.) We also hosted the annual 2nd XI festival for minor hockey school 1st XIs and bigger school 2nd XIs, as well as our own 3rd and 4th XIs who are well able to hold their own at this level. This festival originated here as an effort to foster hockey in the more outlying reaches of Natal, such as Zululand and northern Natal, but few teams from these parts played this year. Distance and petrol prices played a part, but we hope to see these teams back in 1991.

The senior housematches took on a new format this year, all senior teams playing in two groups in which all played each other. This was aimed at enabling early losers to continue their hockey for a bit longer. The winners of each section on points played each other in the final. Founders were clear favourites but lost an exciting match to Pascoe who played imaginative and enterprising hockey. The Junior housematches were won by Founders.

The Alan Butcher hockey stick award continues, thanks to the generosity of the late Alan Butcher, through his estate. This award began in the 50s for the most improved newcomer to the first game in a season, and has motivated many young promising players and rewarded their efforts. This year's award went to Michael Clucas.

Much hard work goes into making the hockey season at Michaelhouse enjoyable and successful, much of it behind the scenes. Mr Morgan, Dramrod and the estate staff spend much time on the pitches, Ronnie tends to the goal-posts, Shy arranges the transport, and staff arrange matches, umpire and coach. All this is often taken for granted because "it's all part of their job": but not all "jobs" are done with such care and dedication as goes into making hockey at Michaelhouse both enjoyable and successful.

### FIRST XI

***Coach:*** **Mr B.S. Tarr**
***Captain:*** **T.J. Clark**
***Vice-captain:*** **B. Scott**

The 1990 1st XI was built around the experience of Tom Clark, Brian Scott, Brian Gundry and our acquisition from the OFS, Ryan Graham. Their contributions as players and personalities were, to a large extent, responsible for the open, attractive brand of hockey produced throughout the season, and for a cohesive team spirit which saw the side through some of the leaner patches, and produced a strong finish to the winter.

In order to blend the talent available into the most effective combination we experimented with a number of systems. The 3:3:3:1 system served us well in the Hilton Easter festival which was highlighted by an excellent game of hockey with a strong Jeppe side (1-1). As the season progressed we found that midfield control was not being converted into goals, and after our defeat in the first Hilton game, we changed to a more attacking 4:2:4 system. Although we did find the net five times in the Old Boys' match, the system created defensive problems which were most evident in the 0-2 defeat by College. During the game against Mike Madsen's veterans, lost 2-3 but a superb learning experience, we made our final change and adopted a 3:2:4:1 system. Defensively tighter, it allowed us to make more use of the potential of our centre-backs to create scoring opportunities for the strikers. The team seemed most comfortable in this format, and from this point onwards we produced some of the best hockey of the season, losing only to Hilton in a nail-biting encounter which could have gone either way, and recording a fine 2-1 win over College in our second meeting of the season.

We hosted two touring teams this year. Westerford from Cape Town against whom we displayed commendable composure to win a scrappy and often robust game 2-0. St Mar-

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*Front row (L–R) M. Slaughter; R. Graham; T. Clark; B.T.; B. Scott; B. Gundry*

tin's from Johannesburg played the last match of the season against our "stayers" XI and went down 0-5, a good omen for next year.

In terms of clinical analysis of results, 12 victories and eight defeats indicates a mediocre season. But the statistics do not reveal that in the defeats fine hockey was played. We enjoyed midfield control but just could not score the goals to pip our opponents who often just won with a short-corner goal. Our inability to score field goals was a continuous problem which was never really solved.

Overall this was a happy team that gave of its best in all matches. My thanks to Tom Clark, an efficient and quietly encouraging captain who always led by example, making 110 per cent effort, and to all who played in the team for their enthusiasm, commitment and most importantly, the spirit in which they played the game.

A special thank you to Neil Evans (1986 1st XI Captain) who volunteered his considerable expertise, regularly travelling up to Balgowan, to help coach the 1st XI; his contribution was highly valued. My thanks also to Mr Morgan and George for their assistance.

The following represented the 1st XI:

**Brian Gundry — Goalkeeper:** A tower of strength in defence, his control of the circle was most effective, and his short-corner stopping often outstanding, and he made many brilliant saves of field shots. But he must learn not to dwell on the ones that *did* get through. Brian was a fine team man and his was so often the voice of calm reason in tight spots, and in selection discussions. Brian is a high calibre keeper, unfortunate not to gain higher representative honours, but his competition was high calibre too.

**Mark Slaughter — Sweeper:** Mark showed his versatility by playing at half and centre-back, as well as ending up as a very effective sweeper. His ability to break down attacks was a great strength. His basics are sound, he is calm under pressure, and his distribution improved with every outing.

**Michael Clucas — Left-half:** As the season progressed he clearly justified his selection by becoming a key factor in our defensive pattern. An intelligent player, not without flair, but a clear idea of his job at left-half. In particular, he showed real commitment, and also a dry sense of humour. He well deserved the Alan Butcher hockey stick for the most improved newcomer to 1st game.

**Ryan Graham — Centre-back:** Coming into the team as an "outsider" at the beginning of the season, Ryan is highly commended on the way in which he blended into the side as a player and personality. A well disciplined player with sound basic skills, he unobtrusively got through an enormous amount of work in defence, and always posed a threat when he pushed up on attack. A very fine season.

**Brian Scott — Centre-back:** Brian's positive attitude, commitment and enthusiasm are a fine example to any young hockey player, and his selection for South African Schools, the highest schoolboy hockey honour, was richly deserved. His tight marking, solid tackling and ability to "clear up" the loose ball were invaluable at centre-back. As Vice-captain he was supportive and quietly encouraging. An excellent season.

**Dave McCall — Right-half:** Dave started the season at link but slotted in well at right-half once he had adapted to the tighter marking role and the need to provide width down the right when on attack. Discipline in defence and distribution improved with every outing though he still tended to hold on to the ball a mite too long on attack. As his confidence grew he began to strike short-corners with increased precision and authority.

**Tom Clark — Link:** A gifted player who made an outstanding contribution to the team both as link and as Captain. Although



***Hilton Easter festival 1990***
***Tom Clark to Grand Edmundson — Brian Scott and Ryan Graham follow the action***

often tightly marked, his high work-rate, anticipation and ball-skill invariably saw him dominate the midfield. He scored some exhilarating goals, eight in all. An excellent season in every respect.

**Craig Sugden — Link:** It was a great pity that Craig's injury side-lined him for the first half of the season. This meant he was only really getting into his stride when the season ended. His basic skills are good and, as he gained experience and confidence, his distribution improved, though there is still work to do at his marking and tackling. He is a bright prospect for next year.

**Craig Fellowes — Left Wing:** Craig is one of those forwards who has the happy knack of being in the right place at the right time, and he thus scored some crucial goals in pressure situations. He has natural ball skills and a lethal shot, though he needs to drive harder and faster with the ball when he has space. He has not yet fulfilled his potential which he promises to do next season.

**Anthony Hewitt — Striker:** Ant always gave of his very best; his commitment, enthusiasm and work rate were outstanding. He ran with purpose on the wing in the early part of the season but was most comfortable and effective as a centre-striker where his opportunism was rewarded with some fine goals. However, he needs to work at moving into space and getting in the quick shot under pressure. He was a bit unfortunate not to gain higher representative honours. Fourteen goals is no mean achievement.

**Michael Tuck — Right Wing:** Mike was one of the most talented players in the side but his performances were inconsistent except perhaps towards the end of the season when his thrustful running was put to good effect. He has the strength, pace and aggression but lacks finish. He must work at basics under pressure and getting in his shot at the first opportunity. This season's experience should enable him to fulfil his very considerable potential next season, but he will have to work hard as there is young talent coming up.

**Grant Edmundson — Wing:** Grant represented the team at both left and right wing where he ran with great determination. He was very fit and hard-running, and set up goal-scoring opportunities with some fine crosses, but too often failed to read the game accurately in terms of movement off the ball or choosing the right option for a pass when in possession. A good team man, he gave of his best in all matches.

**Bruce Fallet** played 11 matches for the 1st XI, **Brett Dorning** and **Chris Watson** five each, and **Alex Elworthy** and **Lloyd Ferreira** two each.

**Results:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Easter Festival** | | |
| Northcliffe | won | 2-1 |
| KES | lost | 0-1 |
| St Stithian's | won | 3-0 |
| Jeppe | drew | 1-1 |
| Development XI | won | 3-0 |
| **Hilton Mini-Festival** | | |
| DHS | drew | 0-0 |
| Springs | lost | 0-1 |
| Glenwood | lost | 0-1 |
| Kearsney | drew | 0-0 |
| **Local Inter-School Fixtures and Tours** | | |
| DHS | lost | 0-1 |
| Carter | won | 2-0 |
| Hilton | lost | 1-3 |
| Alexandra | won | 1-0 |
| College | lost | 0-2 |
| Carter | won | 2-1 |
| Old Boys | won | 5-1 |
| Mike Madsen's | lost | 2-3 |
| Alexandra | won | 2-0 |
| College | won | 2-1 |
| Estcourt | won | 4-0 |
| Hilton | drew | 1-1 |
| Westerford | won | 2-0 |
| Nomads | drew | 1-1 |
| Hilton | lost | 0-1 |
| St Martin's | won | 1-0 |

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drew* | *Lost* | *Goals for* | *Goals against* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25 | 12 | 5 | 8 | 39 | 20 |

**Selections:**

**SA Schools "A":**
B. Scott

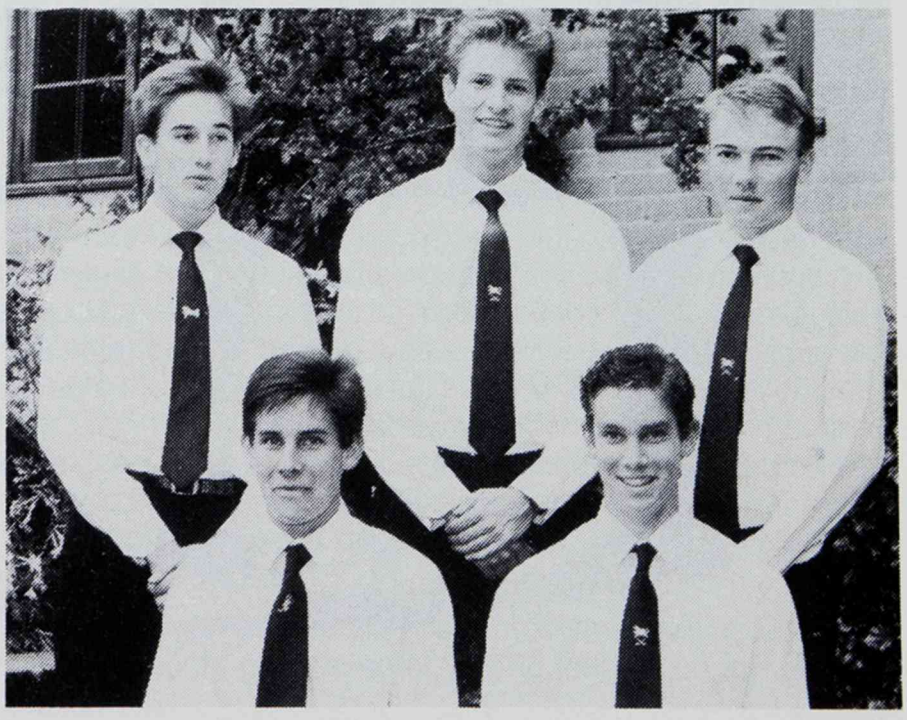
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**Natal Schools "B":**
B.N. Gundry

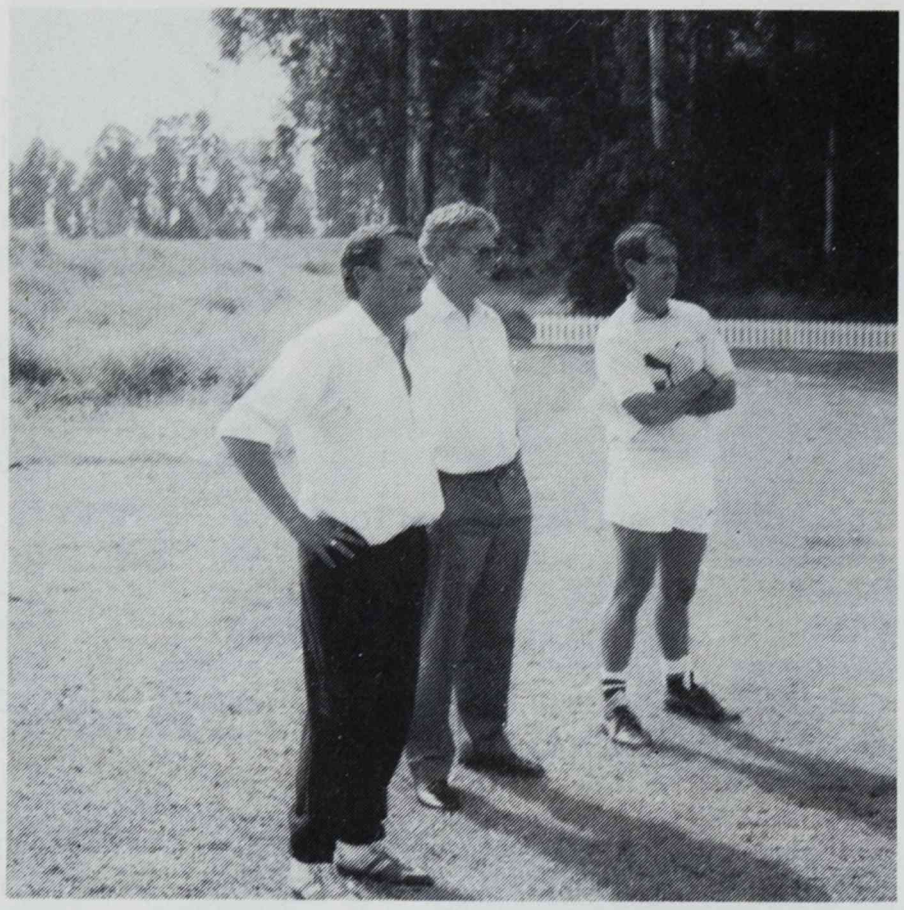
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M. Slaughter

**Pietermaritzburg Schools "A":**
T.S. Clark, R.P.L. Graham, B. Scott

**Pietermaritzburg Schools "B":**
B. Gundry, A.M. Hewitt, M.N. Slaughter, M.S. Tuck



***Provincial/National Representation***
***Back: Mark Slaughter (Natal Schools C); Brian Gundry (Natal Schools B); Ryan Graham (Natal Schools A)***
***Seated: Brian Scott (South African Schools A); Thomas Clark (Natal Schools A)***



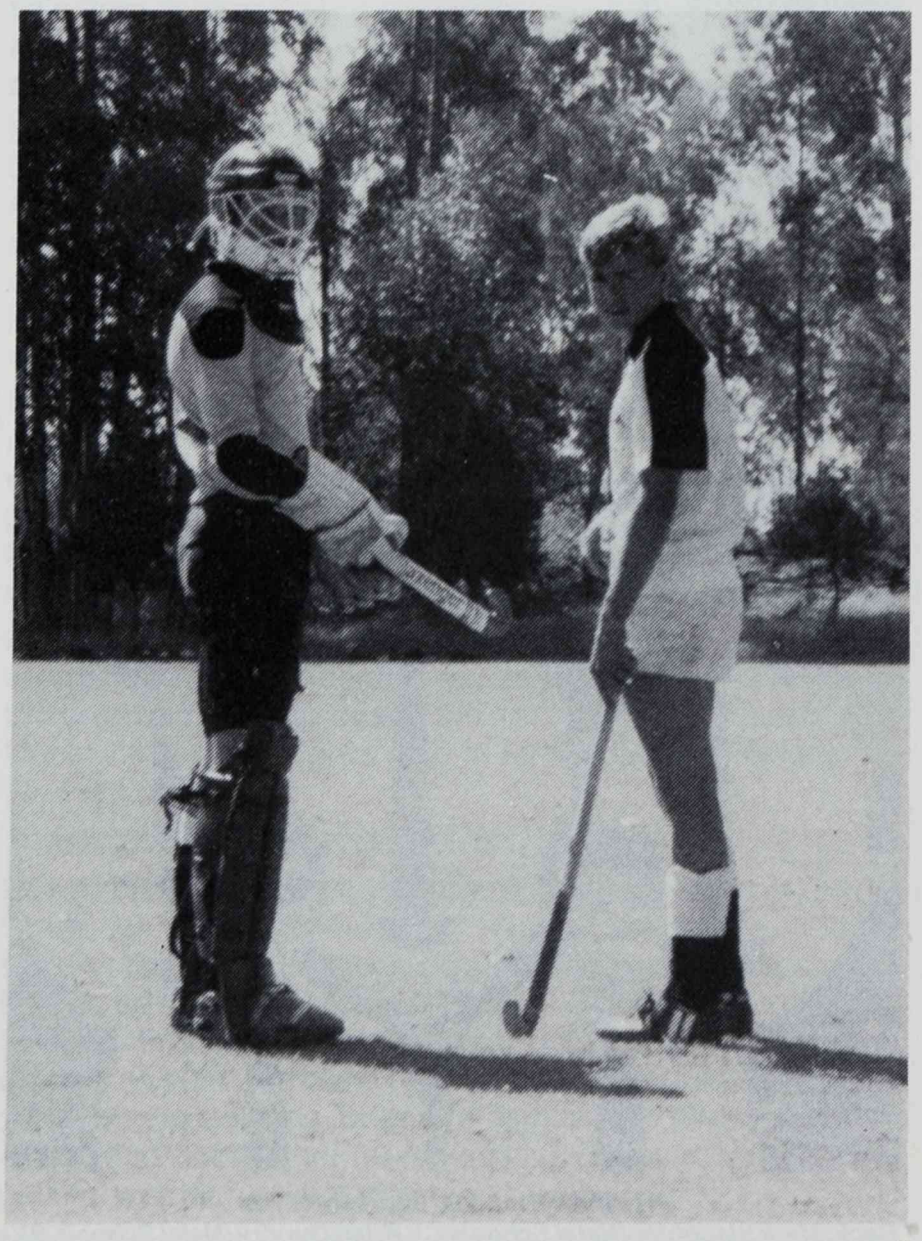
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**Awards:**

**Honours:**
T.S. Clark, B.N. Gundry, R.P.L. Graham, B. Scott

**Colours:**
M.J. Clucas, C.T. Fellowes, A.M. Hewitt, D.R. McCall, M.N. Slaughter, M.S. Tuck

**Alan Butcher Hockey Stick:**
M.J. Clucas



*Hilton Easter Festival 1990*
*"The defence rests"*
*B. Gundry, B. Fallet*

## SECOND XI

***Coach:*** **Mr B.C. Reynolds**
***Captain:*** **Philip Lindop**

The team has enjoyed a fine season characterised by hard running and skilful hockey. Another sound feature was the bursting of the "unbeaten" bubble which has prevailed over the last three years. Unquestionably it was a team consisting of a number of well-salted veterans and a lot of talent. However, on a number of occasions — usually crucial — the catalyst needed to put everything together was lacking, particularly in those tightly contested matches against Hilton.

Nonetheless, the team played sound hockey, gained valuable experience and displayed admirable determination. Steadily improved forward strike-power, and an ability to drive at the opposition, were noticeable in the latter part of the season, no better displayed than in our match against College. Our wings, Roberts and Dollow, ran strongly, pulling the defence wide and feeding good ball across the circle, and claimed their share of the goals. Ferreira showed greatly improved skills and became a real force in the circle.

Good skills, distribution and sense characterised play in the centre field. Watson, unfortunately hampered by a leg injury, was both tireless and ubiquitous in defence. Jub Dorning showed that his apparently cherubic disposition belies a bulldog tenacity and an impressive work rate. In defence "Dad" Lindop proved himself a stalwart and an exemplary captain in terms of commitment. Templeton and Smithyman were equally sound and, along with Fallet as sweeper, made a dependable and cohesive defensive bloc. Alex Elworthy worked hard in the goals and the team appreciated his steadiness and moments of real flair. Mark Mowat, Michael Blake, Mark Hewat, who spent the first part of the season on Canadian exchange, and Grant Edmundson also played for the 2nd XI.

The annual 2nd XI festival was, once again, a successful hockey occasion and meeting ground for those players from schools near and far who did not regularly play each other. We also enjoyed our encounter with the Nomads and, as usual, these veterans gave us a lesson in how to make the ball do the work though we did beat them in the end, having failed to capitalise on numerous short-corners and a penalty stroke.

All in all it was a pleasant and interesting season and best wishes to those who are moving on, for good hockey and good friendship through hockey, and an even richer 1991 season for those remaining.

**Regulars were:**
P. Lindop, B. Fallet, M. Smithyman, J. Templeton, J. Dorning, C. Watson, R. Roberts, D. Dollow, L. Ferreira, A. Elworthy.

**Results:**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drew* | *Lost* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | 4 | 4 | 2 |

## THIRD XI

***Coach:*** **Mr J.D. Pickstone**
***Captain:*** **Roger Spencer**

Most of the drawn games this season were the result of the shortened matches during the 2nd XI tournament. This tournament showed quite clearly that many members of the team would have held their own well in 2nd XI hockey, or played in higher teams at other schools, a tribute to the hockey depth and competence here at Michaelhouse.

Both Whaley and Surtees played in the goal at various times and did so very effectively, as the goals scored against us indicate. Naidu and Evennett proved to be reliable backs. Pendlebury, playing at half, improved impressively during the season. Folker spent most of the season at centre-half, getting through a great deal of work. Newton in the forward line, was always quick to take advantage of opportunities in the circle, and played intelligently. Southwood showed good con-

trol and sound skills. Mowat showed much potential and played as a real team man. Blake struck the ball cleanly and set up many scoring opportunities. Z. Cele on the wing, showed anticipation and played a good tactical game, and Roger Spencer was an indefatigable worker and fine sportsman and captain, though his hockey was sometimes a bit unimaginative. D. Steiner replaced absent players often and showed admirable enthusiasm and ability in most positions.

**Results:**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drew* | *Lost* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11 | 5 | 5 | 1 |

## FOURTH XI

***Coach:*** **Mr M.T. Goulding**
**Captain: Justin Pearse**

As a relative newcomer to the intricacies of coaching hockey I could not have wished for a better introduction than to have coached this group. Always enthusiastic, and very skilled for a team at this level, they had a very good season. Even in the Michaelhouse 2nd XI festival, playing against some school 1st and 2nd teams we acquitted ourselves well. Particularly noteworthy was the captaincy of Justin Pearse who not only displayed considerable skill but also drew the best out of his team.

**Regular players:**
P. Benson, A. Elworthy, A. Fenwick, G. Garrett, G. Johnstone, Z. Kubukeli, I. McLeod, B. Munroe, G. Osborne, M. Snowden, S. Spencer, G. Surtees, W. Whaley.

**Results:**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drew* | *Lost* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 13 | 6 | 3 | 4 |

## FIFTH XI

***Coach:*** **Mr P.E. Dennyson**
***Captain:*** **Duncan Everett**

The usual report for these mighty men of steel — we spent two or three days each week rushing up and down the Roy Gathorne Oval shouting advice and encouragement, and shedding blood and sweat, but no tears.

Our strength lay in defence — in fact, the only goals against us this season came in our two defeats, one against the Alexandra 3rd XI, and the other against a strongly motivated Hilton side in our last match of the season, by which time our vital and stalwart defender had been promoted to the 4th XI — well deserved success, but we missed him.

No goals were scored against us in the other five matches, and this is something to boast about. Duncan Everett set a fine example at all times, encouraging his players and chasing the ball all over the field. Von Klemperer, again, ran all day and every day, hitting the ball or being hit — there is no truth in the rumour that he owns shares in the San. He was always supported, and even doctored, by Dunstan and Akker.

Up front we made lots of noise and scored some fine goals. Our wingers, Vundla and Hemus, were famous for their cries of woe, but failed to centre the ball as frequently as Wood and Akojee would have liked. Most of our goals came from individual efforts, rather than carefully engineered moves, but all our forwards, Wood in particular, were ready to seize onto any opposition defensive errors. Akojee showed lots of speed and scored some splendid goals.

Practices tended to become rather monotonous and the lack of regular Saturday matches meant we did not improve much as the season advanced. Still we won more than our fair share of matches and never gave up trying — we were always seen and heard.

**Regular players:**
M. Steyn, J. French, P. Benson, B. Ralph, M. Snowden, D. Prince, D. Everett, C. von Klemperer, R. Dunstan, E. Hemus, D. Wood, A. Akker, D. Akojee, T. Vundla.

**Results:**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drew* | *Lost* | *Goals for* | *Goals against* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 8 |

## SIXTH XI

***Coach:*** **Mr P. Fleischack**
***Captain:*** **J. van Schalkwyk**

Not a great season in terms of results but we enjoyed our hockey and scored some goals. At the start we had quite a strong side but we gradually lost our better players to higher teams. Johan van Schalkwyk in the forwards was one of our key players and our team spirit was strong.

## COLTS "A"

***Coach:*** **Mr D.M. Lewis**
***Captain:*** **G. Black**

Once again, the Colts A was a strong side who began to play well together though, as is often the case, our inability to put the ball into the net made our results look not particularly impressive — actually we lost only two games and each of these by only one goal. To put things into perspective where results are not all that count, our hockey was enjoyed and became increasingly skilful and tactical, and there was sound team effort and spirit. Much of this was thanks to the captaincy of Graham Black who showed a sound knowledge of the game and a firm control of this team.

Matthew Jack in goals was solid and improved as his confidence grew, showing considerable potential by the end of the season. He still needs to command the circle more. Graham Black at sweeper was very competent, though his tendency to lift his hits and give away free hits near the circle must be ironed out. His stickwork and positional play were impressive. Russell Munroe at left-half developed through the season with improving stickwork and positional play, but must develop an easier and more accurate pass to the right. Gary Scott at centre-back has fine stickwork and very good hockey sense in defence, but must learn to lay on good ball for his forwards, especially, rather than dazzle opposition but lose the ball eventually. The best centre-half MAKES the goals, seldom scores them. Stephen Smithyman is a natural and laid on very good ball, but his marking at centre-back was sometimes suspect. Oliver Marshall was a bit erratic at right-half but could be very effective. On the right wing Chris Roche showed touches of brilliance (for example, his goal against College) but was too often a bit laid back in both attack and defence. Kim Roques at right-inner would have been better at half where his skill at laying on good ball could have been better utilised, but it was too late before this became obvious. He tackled back well but was not really effective in the circle. Neil Pattrick at centre-forward was a tireless worker but, alas, did not have the control to take full advantage of good ball. At left-inner Gavin McNaughton showed much promise and scored some good goals but lacked a little confidence and, therefore, initiative. He must learn to look for and use his right-inner. Charlie Lorentz was a good team man, and ran well at left wing, but was not quite "Goal hungry" enough.

Gavin McNaughton and Stephen Smithyman will be U15 next year and should provide some sound foundation for the new Colts team.

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***U/15A HOCKEY***

***Back row (L–R) G. Scott; C. Lorentz; M. Jack; R. Munroe; C. Roche; G. McNaughton; S. Smithyman***
***Front row (L–R) O. Marshall; K. Roques; D.M.R.L.; G. Black; N. Pattrick***

**Results:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Carter | won | 2-0 |
| Hilton | drew | 1-1 |
| College | lost | 0-1 |
| Carter | won | 5-0 |
| Alexandra | won | 2-0 |
| College | drew | 1-1 |
| St Alban's | drew | 0-0 |
| Hilton | lost | 1-2 |
| St Paul's | won | 3-0 |
| Hilton | won | 3-1 |

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drew* | *Lost* | *Goals for* | *Goals against* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 18 | 6 |

**Selections:**
Pietermaritzburg U15"A": Graham Black (Captain), Gary Scott, Oliver Marshall
Pietermaritzburg U15"B": Matthew Jack

**Trophy** for Attitude, Progress and Commitment: Russell Munroe.

## COLTS "B"

***Coach:*** **Mr C. Purchase**
***Captain:*** **James Hamper**

This team was made up of enthusistic and talented players many of whom could have acquitted themselves well in the "A" team. It was captained energetically by James Hamper who, by the end of the season, was knocking on the door of the "A" team, but it was in leadership of the "B" team that he excelled, both on and off the field.

The forwards lacked a bit of pace and that elusive "goal-hunger", though Coetzee and Goodyer on the wings were pretty effective down the line and getting the ball into the circle. The strength of the side lay mostly in the halves where Hamper, Hewitt and Green played well. Elliott in goal had some fine games. Brown at back had a good eye but was a bit casual, Jonsson came through as a very promising player, Whelan showed promising ball but missed chances in the circle, and Van der Ruit lacked pace. Staniforth showed promise as a goal-scorer from the "C"s but is not yet prepared to run hard enough to fetch the ball.

As a group they practised hard and improved as the season progressed and with this attitude could well find themselves in the 1st XI in their matric year. Well done.

## COLTS "C"

***Coach:*** **Mr P.E. Dennyson**
***Captain:*** **Mark Jonsson**

This was the first year that we decided to play an U15"C" team from 3rd game, rather than select these younger players for the open teams, and what a success this innovation proved to be. After a close shave in the opening match of the season against Hilton, the team grew more determined and more skilled with every game, indeed with every practice. "Matches" against the 5th XI forced these Colts to concentrate on short passing and basic skills. After that first match all subsequent matches were won by at least three clear goals — a significantly unbeaten team.

Ngcobo in goal was rarely troubled and was delighted to attack any ball or player that came near him. Defenders Jonsson and Simmonds were totally reliable and Jonsson earned de-

served promotion to the "B" side. At half McMartin and Sherwell controlled the midfield and fed good ball to the forwards who scored with amazing regularity. Staniforth and Leisegang were a lethal combination, harassing all defences and scoring many goals. Howson and Walker were fast on the wings, centring quickly and effectively, Walker also scoring some wonderful goals. Bydawell, Stephens and Ralph also played hard. One player deserves special mention. Loyal Luthuli played most of the season at half, then moved to the forward line when Staniforth earned promotion to the "B". Throughout the season he displayed a range of skills that impressed us all, and depressed opposing teams. But he did not link well with his team-mates. Once he learns when to pass, and when to dribble, he will make rapid progress to a higher team, and we look forward to that.

Congratulations to the whole team.

**Results:**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Goals for* | *Goals against* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 7 | 32 | 6 |

### BUNNIES

The same old inadequate system survives because there is no viable alternative — that Bunnies hockey must be played on only one day of the week, Monday. Trials, practices, matches on about ten Mondays of the season, is the sum of Bunnies hockey. Nevertheless it does introduce some boys to the game, and enable others to keep in touch and test their skills and make a fairer choice of winter sport at the start of their U15 year. After all, the many Michaelhouse, Natal and South African Schools' players all came through the system.

### BUNNIES "A" AND "B" XIs

***Coach:*** **Mr B.S. Tarr**

The talent and enthusiasm evident at this level is most encouraging and bodes well for Michaelhouse hockey, even though not all will choose hockey next season. Basic skills ranged from adequate to very good, thanks to the increasing interest in the game at primary and prep schools, and teamwork improved as the season progressed. Most importantly, the boys enjoyed their hockey. Matches were played against Hilton, College and Alexandra (twice each), and both teams participated in the annual U14 festival. John Black was probably the most promising player in this group though he sometimes rested on his laurels.

**Results:**

**Bunnies "A"**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drew* | *Lost* | *Goals for* | *Goals against* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 21 | 9 |

**Bunnies "B"**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drew* | *Lost* | *Goals for* | *Goals against* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 7 |

**Team A:** Goulding, Green, Tilley, Palmer, Black, Feek, McDonald, Roques, Koza, Christie, Burnett.

**Team B:** McIntosh, Ramnath, Wynne-Jones, Van Onselen, Staniforth, Bryant, Purchase, Cousins, Dennyson, Newton, Skead, Cottrell, Ludidi.

### BUNNIES "C" AND "D" XI's

In our limited time there was much promising and enjoyable hockey played. Inevitably the teams changed a bit, usually because of injuries at rugby the previous Saturday, but there was plenty of hockey and opportunity to show and spot talent and enthusiasm. Richard Newton was an example of one who made his way right from the "E" team to the "B", and much other talent showed itself too. The "C" team went through the season unbeaten.

**Team C**
Macquet, Kuter, Garlick, Sacco, Raghubar, Hughes, Morris, Cunnington, G. Porter, Lees, Naidu, Prince.

**Team D**
J.A. Boyd, Hamilton, Turner, Barnes, Darby, Witherspoon, Cassidy, Smith, Mantis, Macduff, Reinhardt.

### BUNNIES "E" AND "F" XIs

***Coach:*** **Mr C. Purchase**

These two teams, while never the same due to sending up replacements for the other teams, enjoyed their practices and their matches, and were more often than not successful. There was a mixture of talent on display, varying in ability and attitude, but there was always enthusiasm and some of the players will make their way to higher teams in due course as basics improve, hitting and stopping in particular. Sport is not only for those who are talented, it is for all who enjoy the exercise, competition, friendships made and lessons learnt, not only about hockey but about people and oneself.

### BUNNIES LEAGUE

***Coaches:*** **Mrs S. Miller and members of 1st Game**

Those U14s who did not play in the teams mentioned so far played on Mondays under the watchful eyes of Mrs Miller and 1st Gamers, who took it in turns to coach and talent scout. Thus all Bunnies had a chance to be promoted, and get some basic coaching, and 1st Gamers had the chance to put something back into hockey at Michaelhouse. Our thanks to them all.

## ROAD RUNNING

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr S.N. Winckworth**

Road running has been somewhat in the doldrums this year, with fewer licenced runners than for some time. Perhaps part of the reason for this is the fact that a significant number of races clashed with either half term or the Corporate Eucharist services. We have continued to support local races whenever possible. We participated in the following races:

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|---|---|---|
| 11th March | Mooi River Breakfast Fun Run | 12 km |
| 29th April | Half marathon | 21 km |
| 20th May | Imperial half marathon | 21 km |
| 3rd August | Datnis Nite Race | 21 km/7 km |
| 18th August | Capital Climb | 15 km |

What has been more encouraging of late is the improved turnout of the weekly 5 km time trial held at 16:30 on Mondays, starting from Willows. With the Duzi Canoe Marathon in the New Year a number of canoeists have been using this as a weekly speed session. The best time recorded this year has been 17 min 21 sec, by Neil Pattrick. We have been fortunate to have A.L.E. and P.C.F. participating regularly as they can extend the faster runners.

Three staff teams — two men and one women — participated in the Stannic Charity Relay Race held in Pietermaritzburg on 7th September with each runner in a team of five running a leg of 5 km. Perhaps things are on the up again.

## RUGBY

### FIRST XV

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr G. Giles**
***Coaches:*** **Mr G. Giles, Mr T. Eysele**
***Captain:*** **L. Chabana**

It was with a good deal of apprehension that we faced the 1990 rugby season. We had but one established colours cap and the rest of the "troops" were from the "unwashed masses" inexperienced and untried.

However, with committed purpose and expert nurturing and motivation from Captain "Chubby" Chabana and Vice-

captain Patrick Lees (ably assisted by Chris Wynne and Rob Mitchell-Innes) the season developed into a most exciting and exhilarating challenge — and a number of memorable milestones were achieved. Michaelhouse had its first Black Captain; for the first time ever we defeated Bishops; we scored a record 511 points in a domestic season, 17 boys were invited to Midlands Trials; Bradley George alone scored more points than all the opposition schools mustered together. His tally was 241 (including 15 tries) as against the other schools' total of 213. Nine players were selected for Midlands Schools, two for the Selectors' XV, three for the Natal Schools' Project XV, three for the Natal Schools' XV and one for the SA Nampak XV.

After an undefeated 17 match run our effervescence was spiked somewhat when we lost our last two matches against College and the return match against Hilton. College sneaked home against us in wet conditions with a penalty, but they played their typically disciplined and precise game to perfection and gave us not one opportunity at goal! In the return match against Hilton, Hentie Martens was in brilliant form and proved to be just too good for us on the day!

No set of three-quarters can run with confidence and aplomb unless the "engine-room boys" have procured clean possession and established the necessary solid platform from whence they can launch their lightning forays — and here full credit goes to the tireless front row of Chubby Chabana, the Dales twins (who alternated in the hooking berth) and tighthead marauder Ngcebo Zungu. In turn, no front row is complete without its lock contingent and Lawrence Hamilton and Cade Russell were towers of strength in the tough, uncompromising tight exchanges.

The loose forward trio complemented each other superbly, with Chris Wynne the tighter "torpedo man" cementing his association with the fleet, agile and aggressive Richard Bates and the roving destroyer No. 8, Stuart Butcher. Dominick Marshall-Smith ably substituted for an injured Richard Bates who was side-lined for a while with a broken arm — otherwise we were fortunately relatively injury free.

The loose forward trio were always a vital link in our general pattern of play — endeavouring to maintain the driving impetus at any point of breakdown but also comprehensively tight in cover defence. Three members of this pack, Ngcebo Zungu, Cade Russell and Stuart Butcher, will be returning next year and with all the experience they have garnered they will undoubtedly form an exciting nucleus for the future.

Under the astute eye of wily, tenacious scrum-half Stuart Porrill and the calm calculating assessment of Patrick Lees, the three-quarters used their prize possession to perfection. They relentlessly attacked the advantage line, accomplished their moves "in the lion's mouth", and blossomed in the old Izzak van Heerden's adage of "living adventurously, even dangerously, but above all living intelligently". Indeed they were possibly at their most dangerous in counter-attack and



***Mr W.J. McBride; L. Chabana***
***"Visit by Ex-Lions" Captain to Michaelhouse***

we will long remember the exhilarating tries scored against Parktown, DHS, Glenwood, Westville, Bishops, College and Hilton.

Brett Davidson, a previous third team centre, added his own natural flair and sense of adventure to the solid hard-running determination of his outside partners Jason Ekstrand and Nigel Williamson. All three of these players will be returning next year and I am sure they will continue to engender their imaginative flair, excitement and enjoyment into the game. Brett went on to score two fine tries against Northern Transvaal in the Craven Week final to clinch the tournament and was most certainly in close contention for a SA Schools' berth.

Brad George, Rupert Thomas and Rob Mitchell-Innes all boasted outstanding ball skills and sense of adventure. As their confidence grew so did their game mature and, on many an occasion, they had the crowd on its feet with their pulsating runs. We wish them all the best of fortune in the future. The team had great spirit both on and off the field and were a delight to coach — it was indeed a most satisfying and successful season.

I take this opportunity of thanking the rugby coaches for their enthusiasm, expertise and success in coaching the Michaelhouse teams during this past year. Thanks must also go to the San Sisters, Sr Collen, Sr Bancroft and Mrs Venter for their expertise and aid in keeping injuries to a minimum, to the Estate Manager, Mr Jon Morgan, and his grounds staff for the outstanding facilities and also to the Caterers, Mr Jaap van der Meulen, Sonny Marie and their staff. A particular word of thanks must go to Mr John Buckley for his considerable contribution to the organising of rugby during the season and to Mr Tony Eysele for his stalwart patience and support in coaching with me.

**Selections:**

**SA Nampak XV**
L. Chabana
**Natal Schools**
L. Chabana, B. Davidson, R. Mitchell-Innes
**Natal Feeder Schools**
N. Zungu, C. Russell, N. Williamson
**Midlands XV**
L. Chabana, N. Zungu, L. Hamilton, S. Butcher, P. Lees, B. Davidson, N. Williamson, B. George, R. Mitchell-Innes
**Selectors' XV**
R. Bates, C. Russell

**Team:**
L. Chabana (Captain), P. Lees (Vice-captain), R. Bates, S. Butcher, D. Dales, W. Dales, B. Davidson, J. Ekstrand, B. George, L. Hamilton, D. Marshall-Smith, R. Mitchell-Innes, S. Porrill, C. Russell, R. Thomas, N. Williamson, C. Wynne, N. Zungu.

**Versus Schools:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Eshowe | won | 37-3 |
| Port Shepstone | won | 33-3 |
| Northwood | drew | 6-6 |
| Parktown | won | 34-10 |
| Alexandra | won | 23-6 |
| Voortrekker | won | 16-8 |
| Estcourt | won | 55-3 |
| Westville | drew | 23-23 |
| Old Boys' | won | 36-28 |
| DHS | won | 20-9 |
| Kearsney | won | 29-13 |
| Glenwood | won | 35-10 |
| Hilton | won | 16-4 |
| Westerford | won | 42-4 |
| Bishops | won | 26-14 |
| Kingswood | lost | 9-16 |
| St John's | won | 30-15 |
| Linpark | won | 29-4 |
| College | lost | 6-9 |
| Hilton | lost | 6-25 |

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drawn* | *Lost* | *Points for* | *Points against* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | 15 | 2 | 3 | 511 | 213 |

**Honours:**
L. Chabana, P. Lees, B. George, B. Davidson, R. Mitchell-Innes, S. Porrill, R. Bates, L. Hamilton.

**Colours:**
N. Zungu, N. Williamson, C. Russell, D. Dales, S. Butcher, C. Wynne, J. Ekstrand.

**1st XV Teams:**
W. Dales, D. Marshall-Smith.

## SECOND XV

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr. A.L. Eysele**
***Coaches:*** **Mr A.L. Eysele, Mr G. Giles**
***Captain:*** **A. Crutchley**

The 1990 season started off on a high note with a good win over the Weston 1st XV. The team continued to display the determination so evident in the first game, but unfortunately made basic errors in a few of the games. This was particularly reflected in the loss against Westville and later against Hilton, where possession was lost through bad handling; and only a driving second phase attack in the last ten minutes assured the side of consolation tries.

The team was fortunate in that it remained largely unchanged during the season. This allowed for good team spirit and a willingness to play running rugby, albeit on occasions unorthodox. This was very evident in the match against a powerful, unbeaten Maritzburg College side. We were unlucky to lose 7-12.

It was pleasing to note how the various players matured as the season progressed. Dale Benkenstein was always able to read and dictate game tactics, Graham Braum was an exciting attacking full-back, James Lewis and Brad Price were elusive wingers; Mark Farren an outstanding flank; Stuart Dilworth an honest prop and generally all the forwards tireless workers — on many occasions they laid the foundation for good wins — well done!

The team members can be proud of the manner in which they conducted themselves on and off the field. All credit in this regard must go to Andrew Crutchley. He was a tower of strength in the front row; always up in support to set up the second phase ball. His motivation of the team always kept them going forward. Almost all the referees commented on the manner in which Andrew spoke to his players and the way in which he played the game — a good example to all.

Congratulations to all the players for always being prepared to have a go!

**Team:**
A. Crutchley (Captain), D. Benkenstein, G. Braum, J. Lewis, B. Price, S. Edmundson, B. Borkett, A. Ireland, S. Dilworth, R. Strachan, A. Garland, L. Rushton, M. Farren, D. Marshall-Smith, C. Mullin.

**Also played:**
M. Pitts, J. Gillmer, C. Constantinou, M. Ferguson.

**Results**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Lost* | *Drawn* | *Points for* | *Points against* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 261 | 127 |



*2nd XV RUGBY*
*Back row (L–R) S. Edmundson; N. Cooke; L. Rushton; A. Garland; D. Marshall-Smith; B. Borkett; B. Price*
*Middle row (L–R) R. Strachan; M. Ferguson; J. Lewis; M. Farren; A. Ireland; J. Gillmer*
*Front row (L–R) C. Mullin; D. Benkenstein; A.L.E.; A. Crutchley; G.Giles; S. Dilworth G. Braum*

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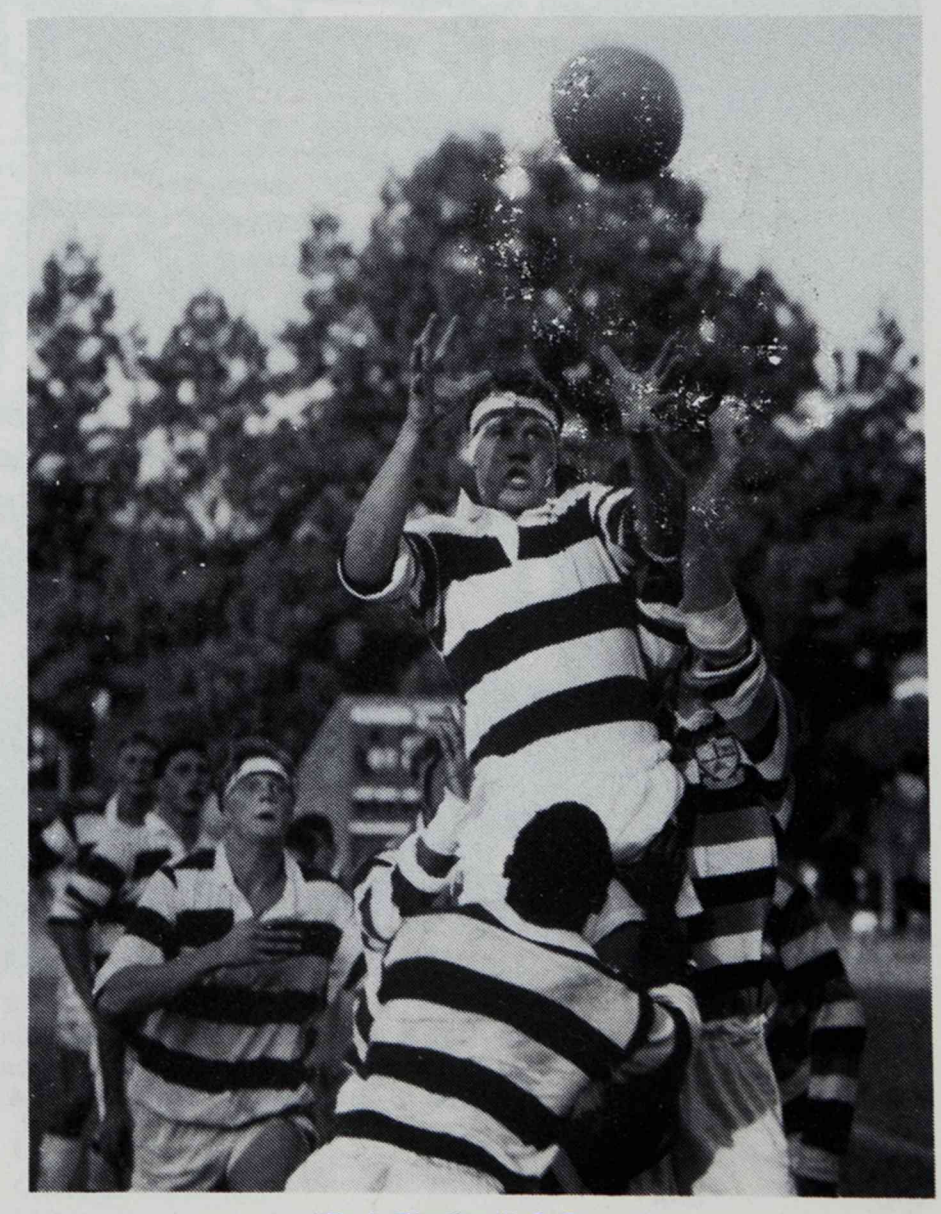
*"Celebrating" v Bishops*



*"Airborne Ballet" v Hilton*



*"Best Foot Forward", L. Chabana; P. Lees; Z. Zungu*



*"Early Binding!", C. Russell*



*"Happiness Is!" v Hilton*



*"Let's Go!" v Bishops*



*"Wait For It" v D.H.S.*



*"Well Away", S. Porrill v Westville*



*"Back Off", M. Farren*



*"Offside?", J. Gillmer v Linpark*



*P. Baker; C. Smart*

## THIRD XV

***Coaches:*** **Mr J. Miller, Mr W.E. Ashmole**
***Captain:*** **P. Baker**

The 1990 3rd XV can look back on the season with a great deal of satisfaction. It can probably be regarded as one of the most successful seasons this team has had for some years. Spirit and morale were high at all times, and the players are commended on the enthusiastic manner in which they responded to the challenges.

The 3rd XV was an extremely well-balanced side with a hard driving pack of forwards, which so often set a fine base from which our three-quarters could attack. The back-line players were equally competent, displaying fine handling skills and some very determined running.

Support rugby was an impressive feature of the 3rd XV, as it was our aim to play a style of open but hard-running rugby. The success of the team can be largely attributed to Patrick Baker, the Captain; not only did he lead the team by example but he was able to motivate and get the best out of his team mates.

**Regular membes of the team were:**
G. Mitchell-Innes, J. Gillmer, N. Cooke, G. van Heerden, C. Smart, C. Legge, R. Oscroft, M. Pitts, C. Constantinou, P. Baker, C. Pilot, R. Lawson, M. Ferguson, S. Edmundson, T. Samuels, J. Desilla and M. Jason.

**Results:**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Lost* | *Drawn* | *Points for* | *Points against* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 174 | 73 |

## FOURTH XV

***Coaches:*** **Mr W.E. Ashmole, Mr W.J. Miller**
***Captain:*** **G. Chadwick**

The 1990 4th XV enjoyed a highly successful season, not only in terms of results but also in terms of their approach and attitude to the game. Always enthusiastic and keen to learn, all members applied themselves with considerable dedication to the task of getting fit and to improving their skills. A relatively small but mobile pack of forwards set the foundation, with good possession, particularly from scrums and second phase rucks and mauls, although lack of height meant that possession from line-outs was more limited. The half-backs and loose forwards ensured good driving across the advantage line and the setting up from there of good second-phase possession. The three-quarters made good use of the possession obtained and scored some excellent tries. Of the 41 tries scored, 23 were scored by the three-quarters and 18 by the forwards. Sound defence kept the number of tries scored against to only 8. Much of the success can be ascribed to a tremendous team spirit and Graeme Chadwick is commended on his fine leadership both on and off the field.

**Regular team members:**
G. Chadwick (Captain), R. Bryden (Vice-captain), M. Hibbs, A. Bates, J. Dyer, A. Engels, T. Sokhele, M. Dlamini, M. Gowen, C. Smith, T. Smith, B. Louw, B. Briedenhann, L. de Villiers, P. Bekker, M. Hooper, T. Ball, R. Oscroft, D. McNeil.

**Schools played against**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Alexandra | won | 16-10 |
| Voortrekker | won | 17-10 |
| Westville | won | 7-6 |
| DHS | won | 26-9 |
| Kearsney | won | 16-9 |
| Glenwood | won | 16-0 |
| Hilton | won | 27-0 |
| Howick 2nd | won | 66-0 |
| Linpark 3rd | won | 18-0 |
| College | lost | 6-13 |
| Hilton | won | 14-4 |

**Results:**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Lost* | *Drawn* | *Points for* | *Points against* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 218 | 61 |

## FIFTH XV

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr A.W.H. Cook**
***Coaches:*** **Mr A.W.H. Cook, Mr R.H. Hall**
***Captain:*** **S. Mears**

Not only was this a highly successful team but their enthusiasm and commitment made them a pleasure to coach. Under the experienced leadership of that old campaigner, Stewart Mears, the team very quickly took advantage of a heavy scrum and pace in the backline to notch up some excellent wins. Fitness played a key role and many matches were won in the last ten minutes. Handling was also a feature of the side's success: many of the forwards had had three-quarter experience so continuity in the second phase was not a problem. On only two occasions did the team falter — in the first game against Hilton, and against College when they went down in a keenly contested game, 7-12. It was encouraging to watch them acquit themselves so well in the return match against Hilton, winning 23-0. Win or lose though, this was a team that always played the game in the right spirit. What more can one ask for?

**Team:**
W. Thorsen, M. Cotton, S. Boast, D. Davidson, G. Stroebel, J. Nash, J. Erasmus, G. Balsdon, R. Joffe, D. McNeil, A. Andersson, S. Mears, M. Salmon, C. Hoepfl, A. Bates, T. Bell, E. Cottrell, R. deBufanos, R. Emery, C. Wadman, C. Smith, M. Vaudin, D. Vaudin.

**Results:**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drawn* | *Lost* | *Points for* | *Points against* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 183 | 48 |

## SIXTH XV

***Coach:*** **Mr R.H. Hall**

The 6th XV had a very successful season in 1990 and all those who played for the side appeared to enjoy themselves. In any season those in lower sides replace those in higher sides because of injuries, but many of those from the 6th this season seemed to "stick" in the higher sides.

Of the nine matches played only one was lost, that against College in which we went down 4-10. Two matches were drawn, against DHS and the first Hilton encounter, and the remaining six were won mostly with our score in double figures and often in the 30s and 40s. The College match was the only one in which our opponents' score was in double figures. In all we scored 171 points while 39 were scored against us.

A total of 35 players turned out during the season, but the following played more regularly: G. Palmer, B. Silver, A. Andersson, P. Grout, N. Denoon-Stevens, J. Matthews, M. Compton-James, B. Thomas, W. Thorsen, D. Whittingham-Jones.

## SEVENTH XV

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr G. Rudloph**
***Coaches:*** **Mr G. Rudolph, Mr P. Snyder**
***Captain:*** **B. Mooi**

The season opened on a very low note, when we were beaten by Alexandra 5th, 28-4. Hard training and dedication by the players followed, which resulted in the team winning their next five matches. Good victories were achieved against Westville (44-0), DHS (22-12) and Maritzburg College 8th (48-0). Maritzburg College 7th gave us the second loss of the year.

The season was ended in style with an emphatic 40-6 victory over Hilton. The team's success is solely due to hard work and dedication in training, and leadership from B. Mooi (Captain).

**Regular players:**
B. Mooi, A. Yeowart, W. Ridgway, K. Zulu, C. Campbell, G. Garrett, J. Moller, R. Warren, St J. Bungey, N. Pienaar, A. Cotton, E. von Schaeffer, B. Simpson, W. Dladla, G. Sherriff, D. Wittingham-Jones, G. Stroebel, M. Thorsen, S. Malevu, A. Warren.

**Results**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drawn* | *Lost* | *Points for* | *Points against* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 200 | 82 |

## EIGHTH XV

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr G. Rudolph**
***Coaches:*** **Mr G. Rudolph, Mr P. Snyder**
***Captain:*** **J. Friend**

The season was not started on the highest note, by losing to Alexandra 6th 0-4. Hard work and dedication by all the players resulted in the next two games being won, with an excellent 22-10 win over Westville and a 16-0 win against DHS. An unexplainable loss of form saw the team lose to College 10th and 9th XV, but they had a good win against Glenwood 16-4. A fine achievement from a hard-working and inspired team.

**Regular players:**
J. Friend (Captain), A. Felling, A. Wilson, A. Porter, D. Burgess, B. Ndlovu, J. Cousin, S. Schwegmann, J. Gifford-Nash, J. Wardlaw, R. Siedle, S. von Kaufmann, G. Robinson, B. Goldby, O. Armstrong, M. Brown, A. Nkosi, F. Guelfucci, S. Gane, H. Selepe, A. Warren.

**Results**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drawn* | *Lost* | *Points for* | *Points against* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 68 | 42 |


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## UNDER 15 "A" XV

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr T. Henderson**
***Coaches:*** **Mr T. Henderson, Mr B. Strauss**
***Captain:*** **Stuart Collins**

The U15"A" had a most enjoyable and successful season and lost only one match. Highlights included victories against DHS, an unbeaten team for years, at DHS, Westville, Hilton and Glenwood. Our poorest effort of the season was against College. College rucked aggressively in the first half and we failed to respond. We still matched our visitors in terms of tries — two each — but deserved to lose (13-16).

The foundation for our success lay in the superb platform established by the "Mean Machine" boys, namely the tight forwards, and credit must go to Stuart Collins, Wayne Davidson, Mark Doyle, Hayden Pooke and Simon Bold. The loose forward trio of Merrick Bluett, Nic Rogers and Nic Jackson improved a lot towards the end of the season. Credit must go to Nic Rogers who was always hungry to go and hunt for the ball. The back-line produced some outstanding rugby and credit must go to all seven players, Murray Dales, Scott Hamilton, James Macquet, Tim Edwards, Vuyile Mbutuma, Mark Hewlett and Gregory George, who made good use of space and incisive running.

The team had great spirit both on and off the field throughout the season, which made it a joy to coach, and I thank all the players for making it such a special year. Also to Mr Strauss, whose input is much appreciated, a special thank you. I wish the team all the very best for the future and know they will serve team and school in the fine traditions of Michaelhouse.

Credit goes to the Captain, Stuart Collins, who led the team through the season. With such strong leadership it is easy to play good rugby.

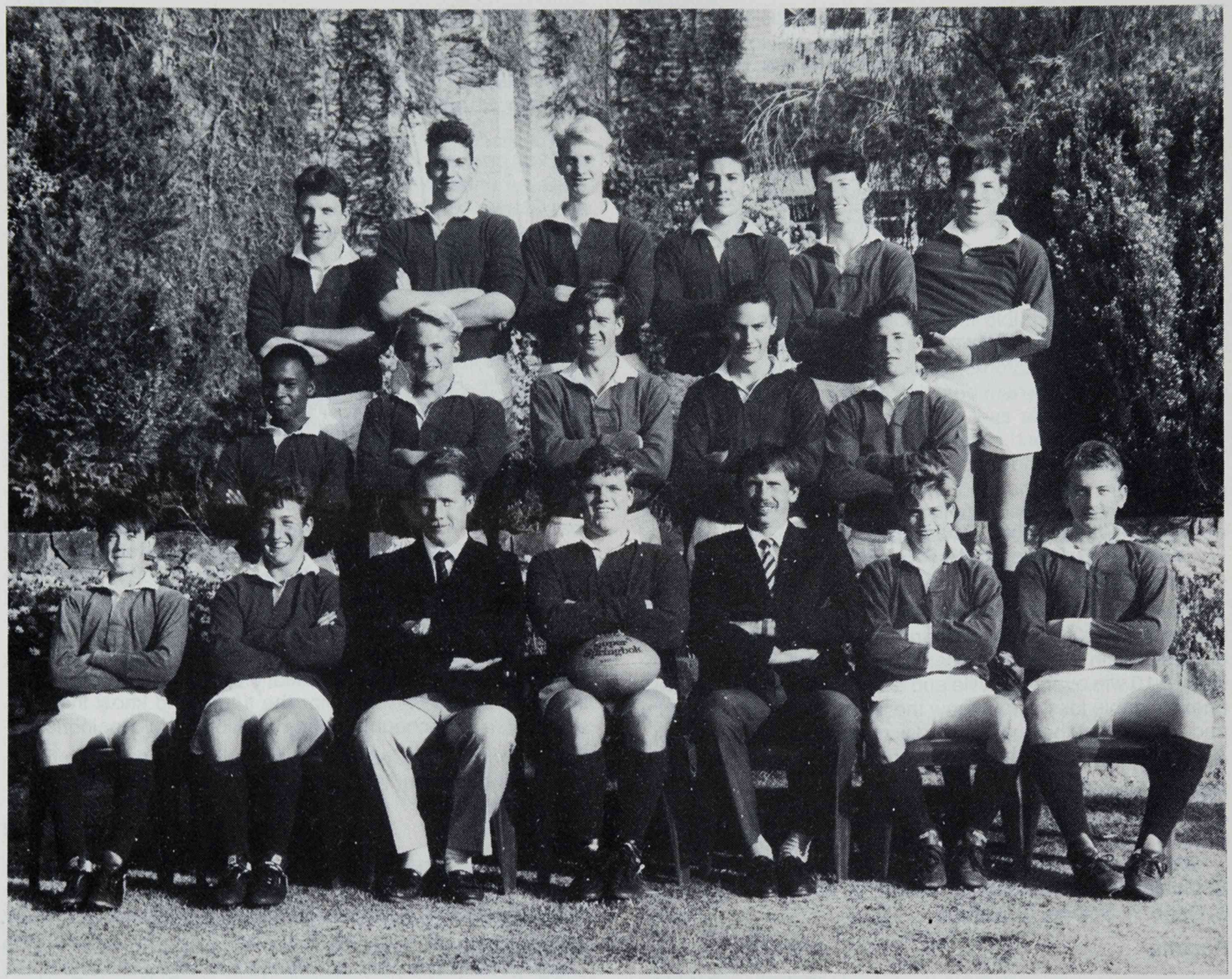
**Team:**
G. George, V. Mbutuma, M. Hewlett, T. Edwards, J. Macquet, S. Hamilton, M. Dales, S. Collins, W. Davidson, M. Doyle, S. Bold, H. Pooke, N. Rogers, N. Jackson, M. Bluett.

**Results:**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drawn* | *Lost* | *Points for* | *Points against* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 256 | 39 |



***U/15A***
***M. Dales "Feeds" N. Rogers v Hilton***



*U/15A RUGBY*
*Back row (L–R) M. Doyle; S. Bold; H. Pooke; M. Bluett; N. Rogers; N. Jackson*
*Middle row (L–R) V. Mbutuma; M. Hewlett; T. Edwards; G. George; R. Smither*
*Front row (L–R) S. Hamilton; M. Dales; B.S.; S. Collins; T.H.; J. Macquet; W. Davidson*

## UNDER 15"B" XV

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr B.S. Strauss**
***Coaches:*** **Mr B.S. Strauss, Mr T. Henderson**
***Captain:*** **M. Mabbett**

The team enjoyed a very successful season, winning eight of the ten games played. Malcolm Mabbett was elected Captain for the season and led by example. Due to injury, this position was also competently filled by Chris Pitts. A very solid "engine-room" to run in some excellent tries.

A number of positional changes were made during the season. A young player often feels that he can only play "his" position, however these changes proved to be both successful and enriching for several of the players.

This was a team of tremendous spirit, which was epitomised in the last game of the season against Hilton. Trailing 11-0, with five minutes of playing time left, prospects of a win looked bleak. Two goals, the second being converted from the side-line saw us win this game 12-11 on the final whistle. Well done to Russell Scott for this pressure conversion.

This was my second season with this team, who have always been keen to learn and have been fully committed to the game. To those who have not been mentioned, well done for your efforts during the season. Lastly, my thanks to Mr Terence Henderson for his coaching of the back-line and to the parents who so regularly supported their sons.

**Team:**
M. Mabbett, L. Mkize, D. Durante, R. Thompson, I. Napier, J. Faircliff, C. Pitts, B. Duff, S. Farren, M. Rushton, R. Baxter, E. Hansen, M. Franks, J. Bothner, R. Scott, J. Shedlock, A. Ralfe, J. Croswell, J. Steed, S. Thompson.

**Results:**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drawn* | *Lost* | *Points for* | *Points against* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 186 | 61 |

## UNDER 15"C" and 15"D" XVs

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr A.E.G. Duff**

Taken as a whole, this group had better skills than those of the last few years. Consequently their standard of play was more constructive and coherent.

Overall the "C" XV backs were stronger than the forwards. Nevertheless the latter, usually led by "Feathers" Featherby, consistently turned in stout performances and gave the backs plenty of ball.

The half-backs, Andy Louw and Robbie Inglis, fed the line well. They set up many attacking movements which enabled Jason Wilson, Richard Arthur, Sean Thompson and Jason Steed to run hard and elusively. This running was the "C" XVs' main attack and they revelled in it. It was particularly noticeable in the first match against Hilton when winger Ed Hall, one of the visiting scholars from Trinity College, Canada, scored a number of superb tries.

The "D" XV frequently took the field with injuries in higher teams having disrupted its composition. James Saulez, Andrew McDuff and Sean Cairns regularly turned in spirited performances.

**"C" XV**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drawn* | *Lost* | *Points for* | *Points against* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 144 | 69 |

**"D" XV**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drawn* | *Lost* | *Points for* | *Points against* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 80 | 150 |

**UNDER 14"A"**

***Master-in Charge:*** **Mr A.C. Vincent**
***Coaches:*** **Mr A.C. Vincent, Mr C. van Rensburg**
***Captain:*** **C. McIntosh**

At the beginning of the season there was a certain amount of apprehension about this age group, because of their general lack of physical size. Hoever, the dedication and tremendous spirit of the boys involved soon outweighed this initial disadvantage.

The "A" team had a good season, in fact the results are not a true reflection of the tremendous effort made by all the players. Particular mention is made of the forwards, especially the front row and loose forwards. On almost all occasions they came up against boys who were far larger than they and yet, in all exchanges, the Michaelhouse pack were clearly dominant. Special mention is made of the great contribution made by both Cameron McIntosh and Warwick Smith — Captain and Vice-captain respectively. Their constant leading by example motivated and encouraged the whole team, especially in those dying moments when the "chips are down", to lift their game and come out fighting.

In summation, it could be said that the initially shaky foundation of this team was up and consolidated by a feeling of tremendous pride and commitment. The result was a very tough and resilient team who were prepared to take on anybody. The spirit of the team was best described by the College coach who commented after the game "At no stage during the game did Michaelhouse stop pressurising — they just would not lie down and be beaten."

**Team:**
L. Khumalo, M. Witherspoon, M. Burnett, W. Smith (Vice-captain), S. Porter, S. Koza, C. Wilson, W. Golby, S. Naidoo, S. Macquet, B. Swartz, T. Kuter, C. McIntosh (Captain), E. Frey, R. Nairn, M. Schaefer.

**Results**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drawn* | *Lost* | *Points for* | *Points against* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 199 | 69 |



***U/14A RUGBY***
***Back row (L–R) C. Wilson; M. Witherspoon; T. Kuter; B. Swartz; C. Reinhardt; W. Goldby***
***Middle row (L–R) M. Burnett; L. Khumalo; R. Nairn; S. Porter; E. Frey; S. Koza; S. Naidoo***
***Front row (L–R) M. Schaefer; C. McIntosh (Capt.); A.C.V.; W. Smith; S. Macquet***



*M. Dales "Feeds" J. Macquet v Hilton*



*"Well Up", S. Bold v Hilton*



*"In the Clear" v Hilton*



*"Ready", S. Dilworth v Hilton*

## UNDER 14"B" XV

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr C. van Rensburg**
***Coaches:*** **Mr C. van Rensburg, Mr A. Vincent**
***Captain:*** **E. Ackron**

This team did not have an overly successful season, but played with determination throughout.

Although not all the matches were won, the team did produce some very creditable and gutsy performances.

Our forwards were hardly ever matched by another side but, unfortunately, our backline always struggled, but not through a lack of determination. F. Ludi developed into a good scrum-half, forming an effective combination with D. van Onselen.

E. Ackron was a fine Captain, improving as the season progressed. Thanks again for staying so motivated and cheerful during the season. The whole group can be well satisfied with an enterprising and enjoyable season.

**Team:**
E. Ackron, J. Band, S. Barnabas, A. Croasdell, A. Cunnington, I. Feek, B. Hatfield, J.P. Hughes, B. Knight, F. Ludi, G. MacDonald, R. Nairn, C. Reinhardt, B. Tilley, D. van Onselen.

**Results**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drawn* | *Lost* | *Points for* | *Points against* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 58 | 147 |

## UNDER 14"C" XV

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr R.A. Currie**
***Coaches:*** **Mr R.A. Currie, Mr P.G. Lavender**
***Captains:*** **G. Christie, M. Echalaz**

On the whole this team had a most successful season, although we were unable to beat the larger schools.

For once finding props was not too much of a problem and we were able to obtain a fair share of the ball. We attempted to swing the ball to the wings and played some good running rugby. It would be unfair to single out any particular players as all members of the team played their part.

**Team:**
D. Hamilton, M. Ngcobo, S. Fraser, J. Hughes, D. Moffat, J. Boyd, G. Christie, W. Smith, K. Ramnath, B. Tilley, A. Morris, N. Bughwan, A. Smart, L. Palmer, M. MacDonald, J. Whitsitt, P. Cottrell, F. Ludidi, I. Feek, T. Porter, S. Ensor, J. Roques, S. Cousins, S. Wynne-Jones.

**Results:**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drawn* | *Lost* | *Points for* | *Points against* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 124 | 126 |

## UNDER 14"D" XV

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr R. Currie**
***Coaches:*** **Mr R. Currie, Mr P.G. Lavender**

An interesting season with some unexpected wins, some unexpected losses and a few mis-matches. But all in all, an enjoyable season.

We suffered from a lack of numbers. Towards the end of the season, this began to tell, and we had to call on the services of some U13 players to come to the rescue and salvage a match or two.

Wins that are pleasing to record were against Westville and Glenwood. The result of the Second Quarter game against Hilton was a draw — it might have been a win, if our player who had tucked the ball under his arm, and run for almost the entire length of the field, had not momentarily, in his triumph, forgotten, that to register a try one has to dot the ball down, and not nonchalantly throw it down.

Players who represented the U14"D" Team during the season were: S. Cousins, J. Hughes, J. Roche, J. Dawson, D. Shrosbree, W. Smith, J. Raghubar, N. Sacco, D. Goulding, G. Porter, M. Schulze, M. Barnes, O. Cantagrill, B. Garlick, J. Raath, J. Whitsitt, J. du Plessis, D. Alcock, A. Lees and R. de Villiers.

**Results:**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drawn* | *Lost* | *Points for* | *Points against* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 30 | 158 |

## UNDER 13"A" XV

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr A.J. Rogers**
***Coaches:*** **Mr A.J. Rogers, Mr D. Elkington**
***Captains:*** **R. Newton, H. Swart**

The ability of the side lay in their handling skills, the back-line all played "A" cricket and mobility in the pack. There was good team-spirit, well engendered by the tireless Richard Newton at scrum-half, and an ability to learn the basics of rugby quickly — a number of the side had never played rugby before. The side played some very attractive rugby, reserving the best display for the game against a highly rated Howick side. Craig Dennyson ran in a number of fleet-footed tries on the wing, Peter van Onselen, Michael Cook, Mark Eslick were excellent ball-handlers at centre, and John Black a quick-breaking fly-half. Richard Newton was a quicksilver scrum-half and Andrew Purchase, moved from lock to full-back at the season's end, showed promise in the new position. Henk Swart was the most experienced of the forwards, and played a hard, thinking game, ably backed by William Green, Robert Mayes and Michael Marten. The rest of the side all played their part.

**Team:** M. Mantis, A. Purchase, C. Dennyson, W. Green, P. van Onselen, J. Black, R. Valentine, M. Hurt, A. Thorsen, M. Cook, Q. Cantlay, R. Mayes, J. Boyd, D. Eriksen, N. Goss, R. Newton, H. Swart, M. Eslick, Touch-Judge, P. Naidu.

**Results**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drawn* | *Lost* | *Points for* | *Points against* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 209 | 39 |

## U13"B" XV

This side was mainly made up of boys who had never played rugby before but they came on well, despite some heavy defeats, and a number of the boys will make their mark further up the school.

**Team:** J. Boyd, M. Kubheka, D. McDuff, G. Bryant, A. Crane, D. Lewis, M. Crowe, J. Pretorius, R. Milne, S. Naidoo, C. Poole, L. Turner

**Results**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drawn* | *Lost* | *Points for* | *Points against* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 14 | 138 |

# SAILING

**(1989–1990 Season)**

***Masters-in-Charge:*** **Mr T.G. Hart, Mr R.A. Currie**
***Commodore:*** **Stuart Mears**
***Vice-commodore:*** **Andrew Rissik**

Inter-School racing took place regularly throughout the season with six windsurfers and nine dinghies from Michaelhouse competing in a fleet of approximately 50 craft. Although our sailors sailed competently, they were unable to carry off any of the Henley–Midmar Yacht Club trophies. The school single-handed trophy went to Tom Southwood who was also awarded the trophy for the best performance overall. Barry Hatfield was awarded the trophy for the most improved dinghy skipper.



*SAILING*
*Back row (L–R) C. Von Klemper; A. Fenwick; C. Smith; S. McGuigan; D. Stainer; M. Blake; C. Plant*
*Middle row (L–R) S. Spencer; G. Stroebel; M. Brown; St. J. Bungey; Q. Duncan; J. Whitsitt; A. Hepburn*
*Front row (L–R) R.A.C.; T. Southwood; A. Rissik; S. Mears; B. Hatfield; T.G.H.*

The season ended with the annual Natal Inter-School's team regatta at Midmar Dam in which over 30 schools participated. Our best team performances were fourth in the windsurfer class and fifth in the laser class. Tom Southwood came fourth out of 40 on his windsurfer and was awarded his School and Natal School colours.

The most encouraging aspect of the season was the noticeable improvement of most of our newer sailors who should be much more competitive in future competitions, provided they continue to race regularly and perfect their technique and tactics.

## SQUASH RACKETS

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr S.N. Winckworth**
***Coaches:*** **Mr W.E. Ashmole, Mr D.M.R. Lewis, Mr J.P. Lowe**
***Captain:*** **B. Newton**
***Vice-captain:*** **E. Hening**

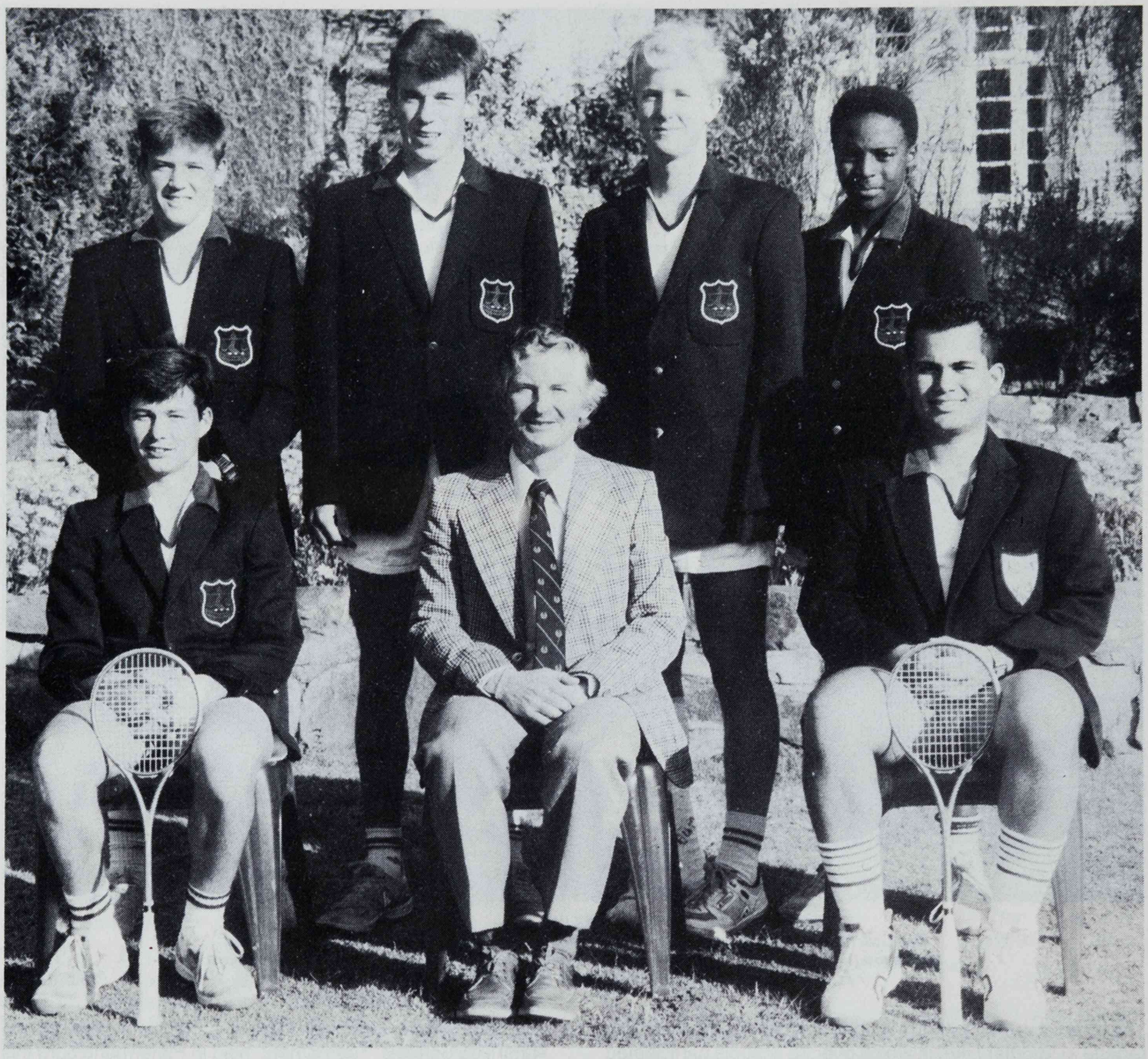
The 1990 season as a whole has been a sound one, rather than exceptional. Certainly the number of Natal Schools' representatives was down on what it has been in recent years, but was still at a reasonable level. The year started with a good intake of juniors from Clifton, Nottingham Road, mainly which helped boost the previous year's U14 group which had been particularly weak. Despite this we were still beaten at that level by College and Westville who between them boast a large number of Natal Schools' players. Nonetheless, it was gratifying to see results improve as the year progressed.

The tournament which all players particularly enjoy is the Natal Top Schools' Tournament, held in Pietermaritzburg this year at the beginning of the Second Quarter. Here we entered two teams and ended up third to Hilton and College. During the tournament we were accommodated at Epworth which made social interaction very easy. Thereafter we moved into the Pietermaritzburg and District Championships, followed by Natal trials in all age groups. We ended up with 13 players selected for Pietermaritzburg to play Durban in the Intertown out of a possible 36.

Again, as in the past, we entered three schoolboy teams in the Pietermaritzburg men's league. The 1st team with S.N.W. came second in the 2× league, the 2nd team with T.H. came eighth in the fourth league and the 3rd team under B.R.N. and G.H.R. ended ninth in the fifth league. Three staff teams also played league, with the top side winning the fourth league.

1991 will see a few changes as we lose staff members André and Cecile Venter who have contributed significantly to school and staff squash in their time here. André Venter played 1st league squash with a schoolboy team when we had enough strength to enter the league in 1988 and 1989. This year he played for Hilton Village but continued to play with our top players and so extend them.

**Awards**
**Honours:**
E. Hening
**Colours:**
P. Lees, Z. Kubukeli, C. Fellows, A. Ireland.



*1st TEAM SQUASH*
*Back row (L–R) A. Ireland; P. Lees; C. Fellowes; Z. Kubukeli*
*Front row (L–R) B. Newton; S.N.W.; E. Hening*

**Individual Championships:**

Thse were started in the Third Quarter and finished in the Fourth Quarter with the top seeds winning in each age group.
U19 Emmanuel Hening beat Patrick Lees 3-0 (9/4, 9/0, 9/3)
U16 Anthony Ireland beat Jonathan Matthews 3-1 (3/9, 9/3, 9/1, 9/5)
U14 Peter van Onselen beat Richard Newton 3-1 (9/2, 9/6, 9/10, 9/4)

**Inter-House Squash:**

This competition took place during the Third Quarter and ended up as one-sided matches in both finals. In the Senior Competition Pascoe beat Founders 5-0, conceding only one game and in the Juniors Baines went one better, beating West 5-0 without dropping a game.

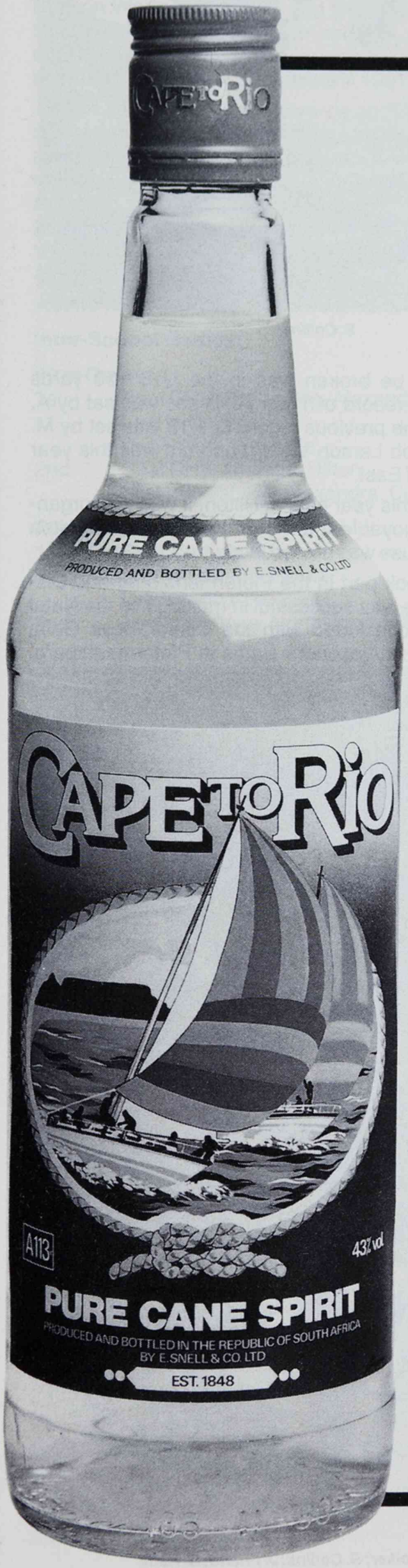
**Non-team squash:**

Those who choose squash as their main sport are frequently not good enough to play in official teams. Nonetheless matches are organised for them against weaker schools like Estcourt and Weston and some keen tussles take place. These boys were coached and organised by Bill Ashmole, Dave Lewis and John Lowe, who retired halfway through the year. His contribution to squash over the years has been monumental. Despite having back problems he continued to play until the end and, although not that mobile, managed to frustrate his opponents with his wicked drop shots.

Finally thanks must go to Mr Jaap van der Meulen and to Sonny Maree who as Caterer and Assistant Caterer have provided teams with refreshments and meals. Thanks, too, to Mr Ronald Brooks for the regular use of the Community Centre for entertaining league teams. This helps make Michaelhouse a popular venue for league matches.

**Results:**
(Results in parentheses indicate matches played in the Christmas Quarter using 1991 age groups)

| | |
|---|---|
| 1st | vs Hilton lost 0-5, lost 1-4, won 3-2 (won 4-1) |
| | vs Westville won 5-0, won 3-2 |
| | vs College won 4-1, lost 2-3, won 4-1, (lost 0-5) |
| | vs Kearsney won 3-2, lost 1-4 |
| | vs DHS won 4-1 |
| | vs Glenwood won 5-0 |
| | vs St Stithian's lost 2-4 |
| | vs Jesters (PMB) lost 0-5 |
| | vs Escourts (JHB) lost 0-5 |
| 2nd | vs Hilton lost 2-3, won 4-1, won 3-2, (won 4-1) |
| | vs Jesters (PMB) won 3-2 |




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vs Westville won 3-2, lost 1-4
vs College won 3-2, lost 2-3, won 3-2, (lost 0-5)
vs Kearsney won 5-0
vs St Stithian's lost 1-5
U16"B" vs Hilton won 4-1, won 5-0, won 5-0, (won 4-1)
U14"A" vs Hilton lost 2-3, won 3-2, won 6-0
vs Westville lost 0-5, lost 0-5
vs College lost 2-4, lost 1-4, lost 1-4
vs Clifton (NR) lost 0-3
vs Kearsney won 5-0
vs St Stithian's lost 2-4
U14"B" vs Hilton lost 0-5, won 5-0
vs Clifton lost 2-4, lost 2-4
vs College won 4-1, lost 2-3

**Natal Schools' Representatives:**

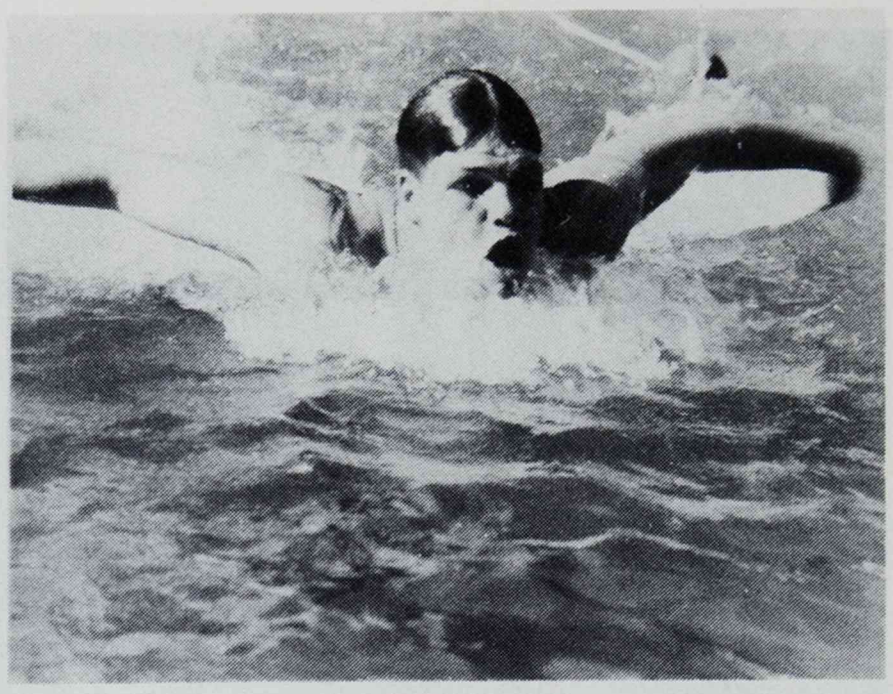
U19"A": E. Hening
"B": B. Newton
Under 14"B": P. van Onselen

## SWIMMING

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr J.W. Miller**
***Captain:*** **A. Felling**

The swimming squad was a very small one this year and only consisted of about 25 boys, hence there was not a great deal of depth. The team took part in numerous Inter-School relay galas, but did not experience a great deal of success.

The House Captains did a fine job in organising and preparing their teams for the Inter-House Gala. At the end of the afternoon Founders took the honours with 120 points followed by Baines 103, East 101, Farfield 94, West 83, Pascoe 69 and Tatham 28.

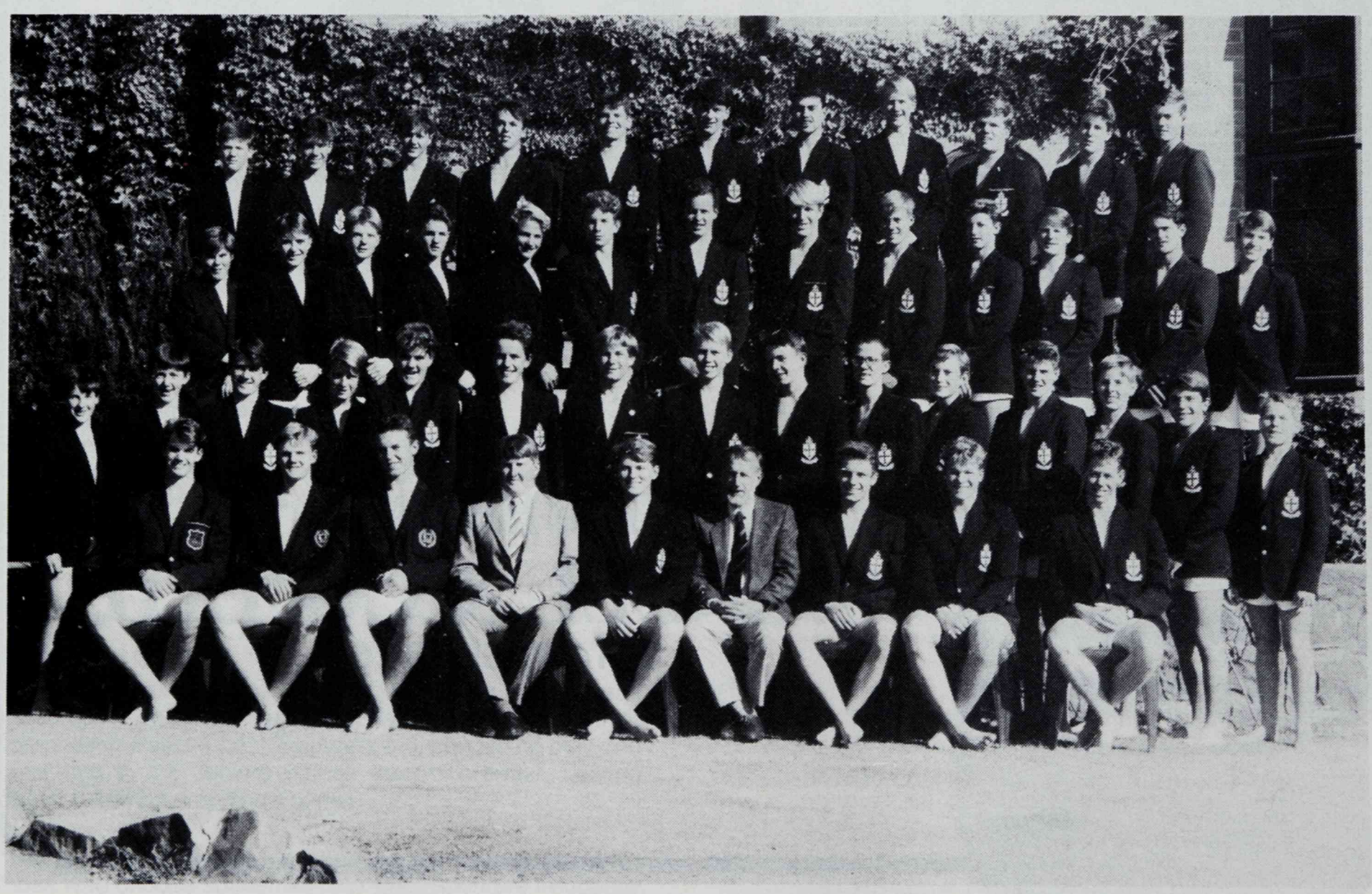


***S. Collins***

The only record to be broken was in the U16 100 yards breaststroke. A new record of 1 min 10,41 sec was set by A. Ireland of Baines. The previous record of 1:13 was set by M. Hall in 1971. The Bob Larson Victor Ludorum was this year won by J. Ekstrand of East.

The Triangular was this year held at Hilton. It was well organised and a most enjoyable afternoon. Kearsney and Hilton drew and Michaelhouse was placed third.

A handful of boys took part in the Pietermaritzburg and District Trials but no one was successful in making it to the Natal trials. The season concluded with the Senior Boys Gala, which was held at the Alexandra Baths in Pietermaritzburg. Our swimmers put in some fine performances and, at the end of the day, were placed third overall.



***SCHOOL SWIMMING***
***Back row (L–R) A. Ireland; R. Emery; C. Hoepfl; A. Bates; M. Pitts; D. Davidson; B. Silver; C. Folker; S. Collins; J. Friend; D. Ralfe***
***Middle row (L–R) A. Hepburn; M. Green; C. Henderson; R. Scott; M. Hewlett; J. Shedlock; G. Harvey; M. Mabbett; J. French; S. Barstow; F. Sherwell; N. Staub; J. Moffatt***
***Standing (L–R) R. Mayes; J. Black; D. Hamilton; J. Raath; M. Henderson; C. Dennyson; M. Schaefer; G. Fockens; D. van Onselen; J.L. du Plessis; C. Pool; T. Garden; I. Feek; R. Milne; M. Mantis***
***Front row (L–R) J. Ekstrand; L. Hamilton; R. Bates; J.W.M.; A. Felling; J.D.P.; B. Price; A. Crutchley; G. Chadwick***

## TENNIS

The year has been a busy one, with a large number of matches being played. Included in the year's programme were Inter-School matches, three league sets of fixtures, the Beacon Week tournament and a tour to Reunion and Mauritius. We have also had the services of Nigel Kennard, a coach from Howick, who has assisted on a weekly basis — this squad coaching will continue in 1991.

Two of our players, Tim Edwards and James Macquet, were selected for the Pietermaritzburg and Districts U16 team and played key roles in the victory over Durban, both winning their matches. A happy feature is that most of the players will be returning next year and a number of juniors are showing promise — we look forward to 1991. The Summer Captain was B.A Davidson and the Winter Captain E. Hening and they are thanked for their help.

A summary of the results is as follows:

**Inter-School Games:**

**First Quarter**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1st | Beat DHS, St Charles, Alexandra, Weston, Hilton |
| | Lost to College |
| | Drawn with Westville |
| 2nd | Beat DHS, College, Hilton |
| | Lost to Westville, Alexandra, College |

**Fourth Quarter**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1st | Beat Northwood |
| | Lost to College, Hilton |
| | Drawn with Kearsney |
| 2nd | Lost to College, Northwood, Hilton, Kearsney |

## OPEN LEAGUE

**Second Quarter — Deness Trophy**

| *Played* | *Won* | *Drawn* | *Lost* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 |

## UNDER 15 LEAGUE

**Beacon Week**

The competition here was very strong and intense. This is really the only exposure that Michaelhouse boys have to continual tennis pressure. The team did extremely well, improving with each match. The results were five victories (Howick, Highway, South Natal, Zululand and Pinetown), two losses (Durban Schools and Glenwood) and one draw (Kearsney).

**Third Quarter**

| | *Played* | *Won* | *Lost* | *Drawn* |
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| "A" | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| "B" | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 |

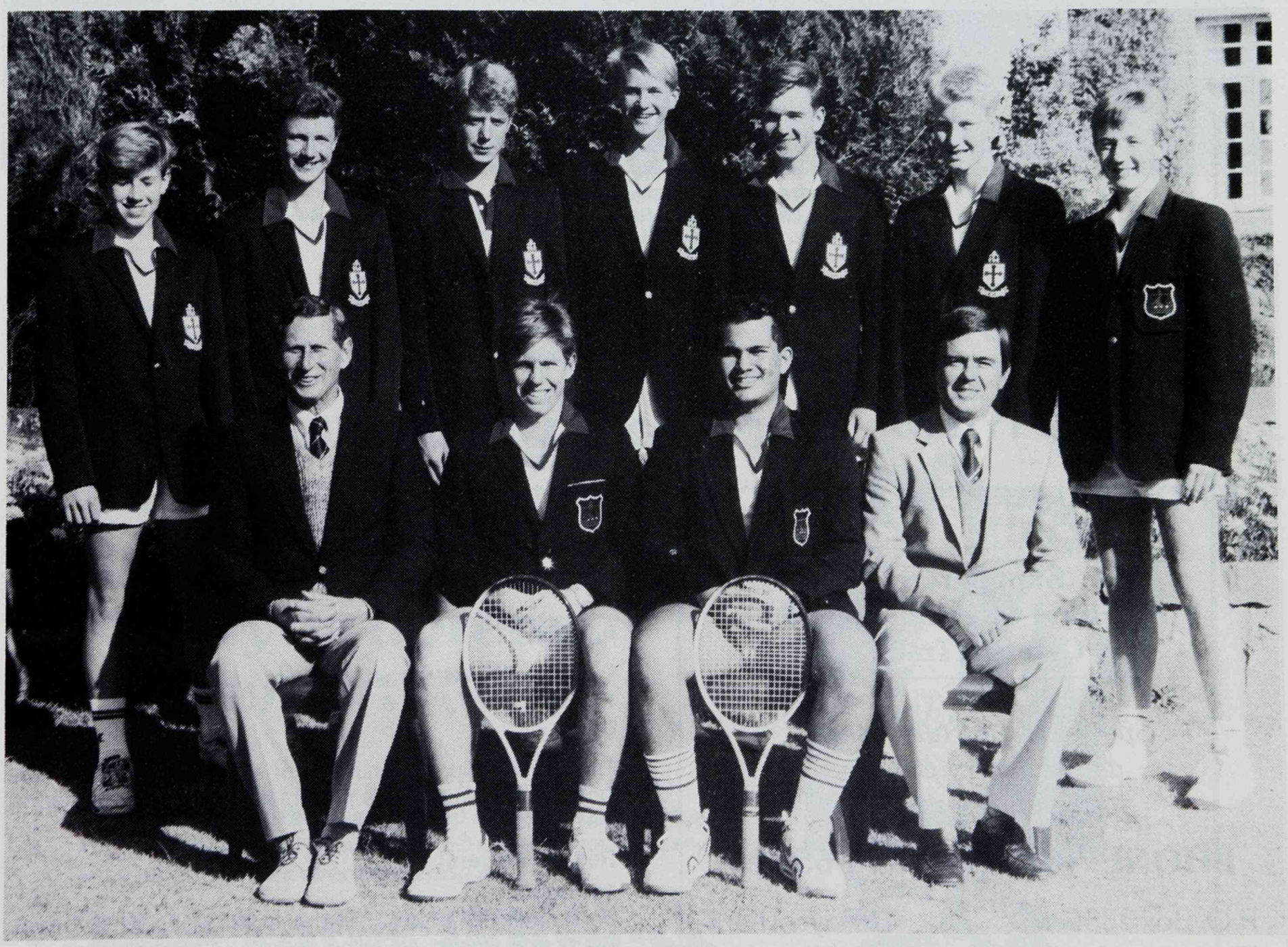
**Tour to Reunion and Mauritius**

| *Won* | *Lost* |
|---|---|
| 1 | 3 |

**Bonnefin Trophy:**

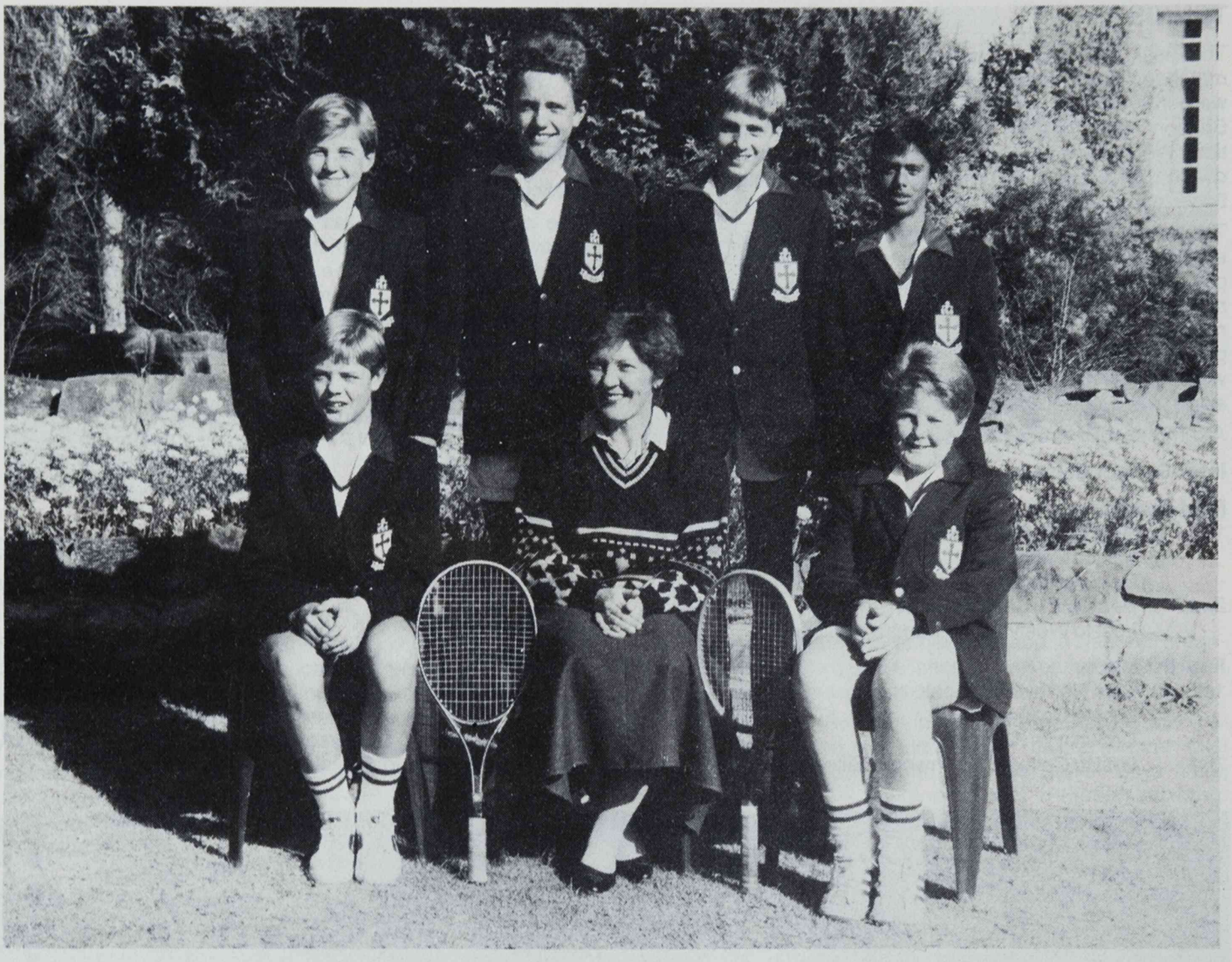
| *Played* | *Won* | *Lost* | *Drawn* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 |

Players were: C. Dennyson, P. van Onselen, H. Swart, R. Valentine, J. Boyd, P. Naidu.



*1st TENNIS*
*Back row (L–R) C. Sugden; D. White; J. Matthews; C. Folker; T. Edwards; D. Wood; M. Smithyman*
*Front row (L–R) P. Snyder; B. Davidson; E. Hening; N. Cahill*

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*BONNEFIN TENNIS*
*Back row (L–R) R. Valentine; C. Dennyson; P. van Onselen; P. Naidu*
*Front row (L–R) H. Swart; I.J.S.; J. Boyd*


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## UNDER 13 LEAGUE

The Senior School Champion is C. Sugden who beat M. Smithyman in the final and the Junior Champion is T. Edwards who beat J. Macquet in the final.

## WATER POLO

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr J.D. Pickstone, Mr J.W. Miller**
***Captain 1st:*** **M. Borkett**
***Captain U15:*** **S. Barstow**

The swimming pool was fibreglassed during the early part of the season, so training initially took place in the Dam. Low pool temperatures and a short term limited our fixtures this year.

**Results:**

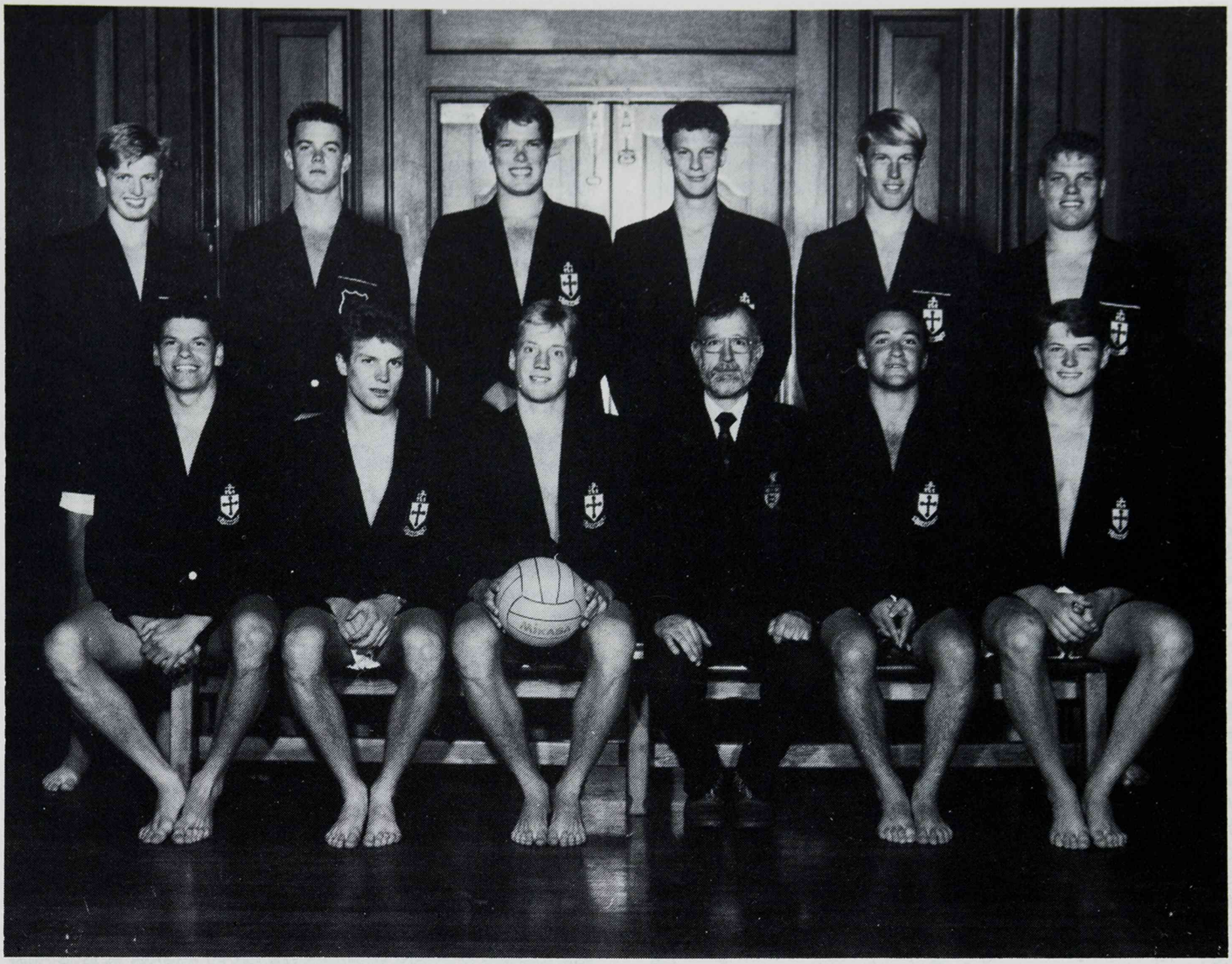
| | *Played* | *Lost* | *Won* | *Drawn* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1st | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| U15 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 |

The teams included a number of strong swimmers but the lack of experience of the players is amply demonstrated by the results.

**Regular Players:**

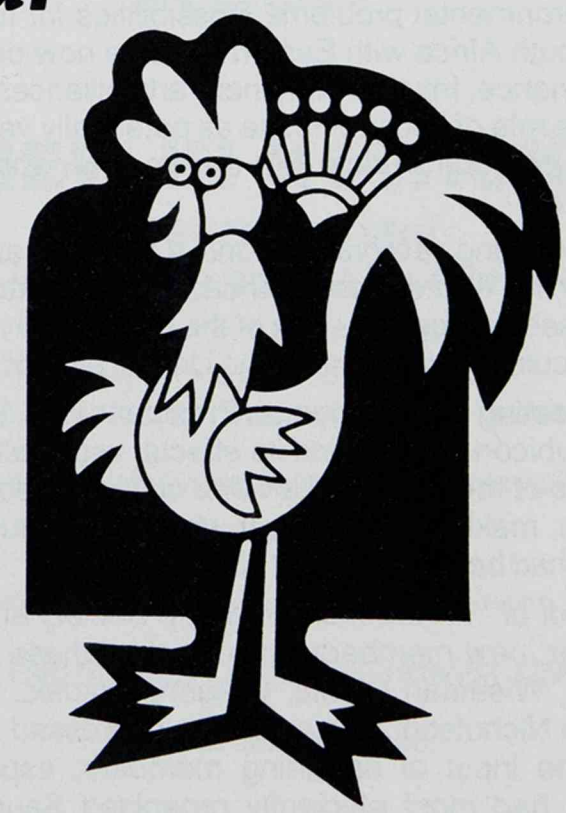
**1st Team:**
M. Borkett, M. Pitts, J. Ekstrand, M. Mabbett, S. Collins, B. Price, G. Robert, A. Felling, R. Joffe, G. Mitchell-Innes.

**U15 Players:**
S. Barstow, B. Vossgätter, S. Macquet, S. Rowley, F. Sherwell, R. Nairn, C. Pitts, B. Balsdon, M. Schaefer, A. Hogg, M. Henderson.



*1st WATERPOLO*
*Back row (L–R) R. Micklewright; J. Ekstrand; G. Mitchell-Innes; G. Robert; M. Mabbett; S. Collins*
*Front row (L–R) M. Pitts; B. Price; B. Borkett; J.D.P.; R. Joffe; A. Felling*


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# *Societies*

## AFRICAN AFFAIRS SOCIETY

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr D.M.R. Lewis**
***Secretary/Chairman:*** **Bilal Naby**

The first meeting of the year was held at Mr Lewis's home. Some administrative matters were attended to, and then we viewed the ABC Television interview between President F.W. de Klerk and Ted Coppell in which the President was challenged on the sincerity and motivation of his dramatic change in approach to the South African solution. Discussion followed, especially on possible constitutional structures for a new South Africa.

At the next meeting Dom Marshall-Smith and Satish Ramdayal spoke on their Edutrain experience, a departure into what South Africa should be like, with both sexes from all races involved in a carefully planned train trip through parts of South Africa, challenged by speakers and debates and provoked into discussions lasting far into the night as the train steamed on. The result was some firm friendships made, views exchanged and understanding created across the "colour" line.

Mr Nic Greene addressed the whole school in the Schlesinger Theatre on an overview of the socio-economic situation in South Africa, and he very effectively used slides and music to illustrate his talk. He emphasised the potential the white population had for improving relationships in South Africa by involving themselves in the socio-economic life of the country, and he made it clear that there was tremendous goodwill amongst all South Africans, especially in the townships, of which most whites were ignorant. The basic materials for peaceful change were still present in South Africa, but all had to make use of them, especially the whites. It was pleasing to hear a message of hope, and our thanks go to Mr Greene for his address.

Mr Peter Brown, Old Boy, former Chairman of the Liberal Party, and member of the Five Freedoms Forum, was to have addressed the school in the Theatre on one of the Lusaka meetings he had attended, but a total power failure in the area made this impossible. However, he did later attend a society meeting, with Mrs Brown, to answer questions about the South African situation and possible developments in the future. With cautious optimism he dealt with questions on a wide range of topics — ANC policies and realism, nationalisation, environmental problems, possibilities for future investment in South Africa with Eastern Europe now opening up to Western finance, Inkatha/National Party alliances, education. He saw the role of Michaelhouse as potentially very meaningful in a future South Africa. Our thanks to Mr and Mrs Brown for joining us.

A further meeting revolved around a video of an ANC/PAC debate on the future South Africa. Political extremism was also discussed, especially that of the Conservative Party, this being particularly relevant after the Umlazi by-election.

Another meeting saw a video on President P.W. Botha's devastating Rubicon speech and its effects, especially on the exchange rate of the rand; and a video on the Broederbond was also shown, making it quite clear what a powerful political instrument it had been since the 1930s.

With the exit of "A" Blockers from the Society after the Second Quarter, new members were elected, these being: Rian Raghavjee, Wiseman Dladla, Gregory Mrkusic, Divesh Makan, Simon Nicholson. Mr Lewis also expressed his appreciation for the input of departing members, especially Bilal Naby, who had most efficiently organised Saubona Youth Trust outings, and SAYS business — a very dedicated member of the Society.

In the new Society Ed Cottrell will be Secretary/Chairman, Rian Raghavjee Treasurer, St John Bungey in charge of Saubona Youth Trust and Lloyd Ferreira in charge of SAYS activities.

Efforts were made to get an ANC speaker to address the School but it seems their time is very much taken up with other matters at present. We hope to be luckier with a Conservative Party spokesman early next year.

## AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr J.B. Morgan**
***Chairman:*** **R. Bryden**
***Secretary:*** **J. Moller**
***Treasurer:*** **S. Spencer**

Again this year proved to be a most successful one, with keen interest and lots of enthusiasm shown. A variety of practicals were arranged at the beginning of the year, which went off well.

Outings were arranged to the NCD cheese factory at Mooi River, the Scott Bros Horse Stud and the Royal Agricultural Show.

The Andrew Henderson Memorial Prize this year was won by Rory Bryden.

## ARCHIVES

***Archivist:*** **Mrs E. Dodson**

Mr R. Hall, who replaced Mr A. Rogers as Master-in-Charge of the Archives Society, was unable to devote enough time to the Society and Mrs P. Purchase kindly offered to take over from him at the beginning of the Michaelmas Quarter. She recruited a helpful group of boys who were able to have a Museum Display ready for Open Day and Speech Day. Using their various skills in photography, calligraphy, printing with a computer and researching source material available in the Archives, they worked competently to produce an historical display of Michaelhouse Rectors. I look forward to the growth of this useful Society.

## ART SOCIETY

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr P.G. Lavender**
***Chairman:*** **B. Price**
***Secretary:*** **R.G. Joffe**
***Treasurer:*** **D.K. Everett**

The Society continued its efforts to nurture the two aspects of art — making one's own works, and developing an aesthetic knowledge and vocabulary.

During the course of the year, four meetings were devoted to the former, and three to the latter. Three meetings were given to practical demonstrations of the three most important painting techniques — oil, watercolour and acrylic. The history of each medium was briefly touched on, its equipment explained and demonstrated, and its range, characteristics and its possibilities for creative expression shown. One meeting was devoted to practical, and members were able to work at their own projects.

On the aesthetic and appreciation side, videos were shown at three meetings: One featured the life and work of the British artist, John Sell Cotman, a painter of the Norwich School. His landscapes of rivers, boats, mills and buildings impressed members. At another meeting, a video on London's Albert Memorial was shown, concentrating on the design and the

construction. Finally, a film on the weird evocations of Francis Bacon was seen.

**Royal Show Results (Art)**

*First Prizes*: A. Warren, B. Scott, K. Roques, M. Burnett, R. Griffiths, D. Goulding.

*Second Prizes*: D. Stainer (2), P. Grout, R. Joffe, A. Felling, K. Roques, Y. Rehman, R. Milne, M. Hurt.

*Third Prizes*: T. Southwood, C. Constantinou, S. Schwegman, Y. Rehman, S. Barstow, K. Roques, M. Cassidy, M. Ngcobo, J. Roche, Q. Duncan, R. Mayes, D. Eriksen

*Highly Commended*: T. Southwood, K. Roques, G.M. Christie, Q. Duncan, R. Mayes, M. Hurt

Michaelhouse again won the cup for the boys' school winning the most awards.

**Art competition and exhibition organised under the auspices of the Natal Director of Education**

Works by: Andrew Crutchley, Kim Roques, Andrew Warren, Sibusiso Zama were chosen for permanent display in government offices.

A watercolour by Craig Higginson was awarded the fourth prize in a competition that was open to all schools in Natal.

## BASS SOCIETY

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr G. Rudolph**
***Chairman:*** **P. Landry**
***Vice-chairman:*** **G.L. Keough**
***Secretary:*** **H. Pooke**
***Treasurer:*** **B. Duff**
***Committee Member:*** **S. Farren**

This year has been a reasonably quiet time for the Bass Society. G.H.R. assumed control of the Society in August only. Winter, being an unsuccessful time of the year for bass fishing, did not allow any outing. The first outing of spring was held at Craigie-Burn Estate in the Karkloof. Blustery and windy conditions limited our fishing, although a fine 2,7 kg was taken by G.J. Keough.

The Bass Society will be more active in the coming months and will go from strength to strength.

## BRIDGE CLUB

***Master-in-Charge:*** **P.J. Snyder**

The Bridge Club has again been introduced this year to enable beginners to learn some basic structures of the game. Fourteen boys took advantage of the opportunity and by the end of the year all were proficient to call, respond and achieve a degree of satisfaction.

## CA/ICL SCHOOLS MANAGEMENT CONTEST

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr S.N. Winckworth**
***Chairman:*** **Bilal Naby**
***Committee:*** **R.P. Micklewright, E.C. Hemus, A. Fenwick, D.K. Everett, A. McIntosh, M. Salmon**

"We demanded that big business give the people a square deal, in return we must insist that when anyone in big business endeavours to do right he shall himself be given a square deal."

*Anonymous*

This quotation encompasses the fundamental lesson learned by all the participants of this highly competitive simulated game. Despite the lack of knowledge of how the game actually operated, all participants due to their previously acquired knowledge of the business world, adapted relatively quickly to the economic environment imposed upon them. With an experienced chairman at the helm and the guiding hand of Mr Winckworth the Michaelhouse team had fairly high aspirations. Our opposition consisted of Hilton, St Anne's and Howick High School. They did prove to be more difficult to handle than we had anticipated. That was what made this game so interesting. Since all the teams aimed to provide the public, or consumer, with the best possible product, which in this game was a pocket knife, the only influential factor on the nett profit of a company would be: how "square" a deal it offered the public and the prevalent economic situation.

We, being so generous, deposited a great deal of our capital into Research and Development and Advertising respectively. We also covered all other bases adequately (e.g. transport). This thrifty attitude which we maintained throughout round one saw us emerge victorious.

However, the quarter finals saw us become adventurous and sometimes almost rash in our decisions. Our over-confidence took us into deep waters and there was more of a demand than actual supply. Here our now revised opposition consisting of Howick High School, Hilton and Kloof were able to monopolise the market as we failed to meet the demand for the product. The public were providing us with a "square" deal but our half was "over-squared".

Despite our downfall in this round we never came to desperation or allowed ourselves to liquidate hopelessly. We continued to provide resistance and competition to our opposition to allow the consumer to purchase from whomsoever he wished. With our dwindling capital we failed to reach the semi-finals, but the experience gained by all who participated in this contest is indispensable.

In conclusion we thank Mr Winckworth for the sacrifices involved in the management of our team.





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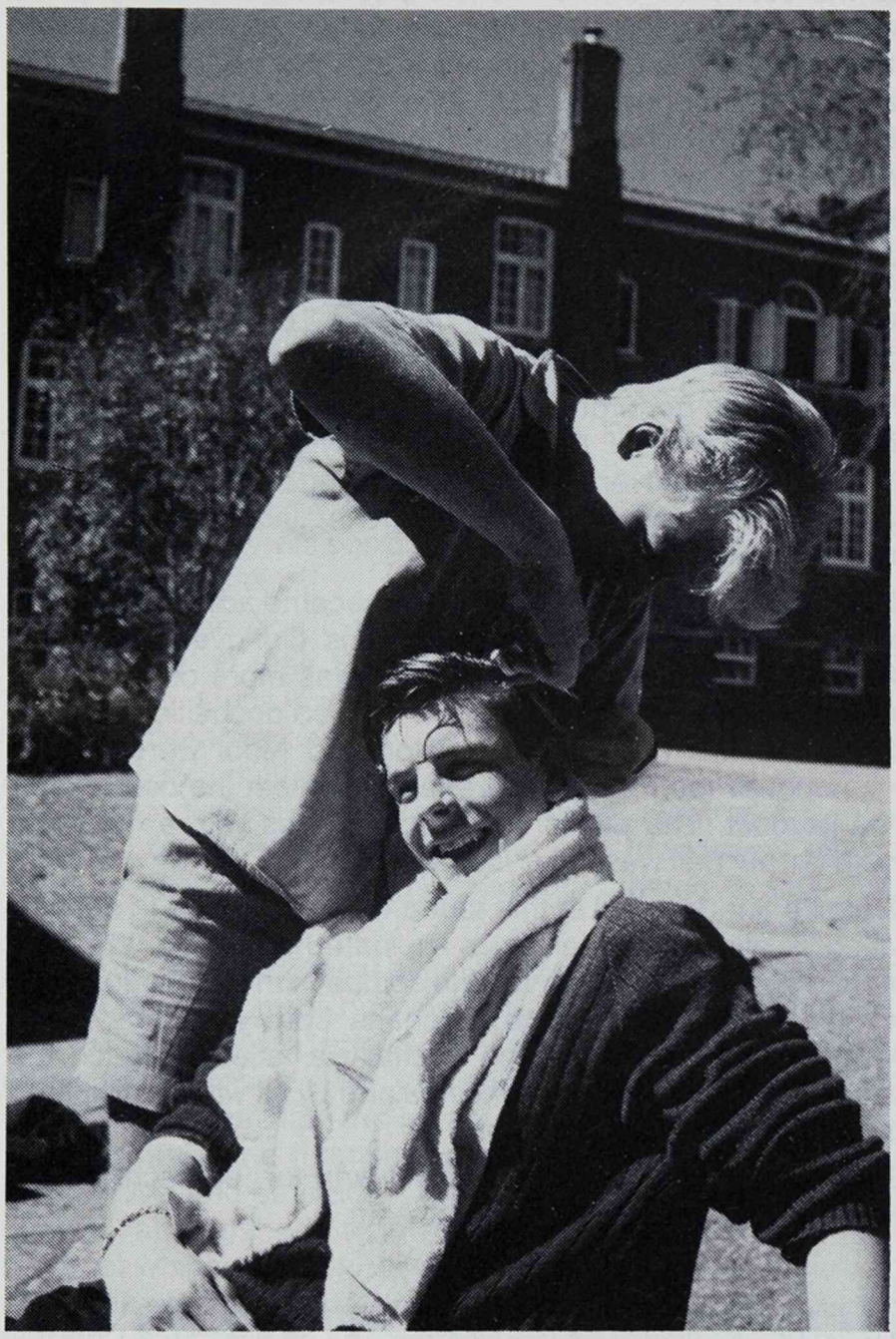
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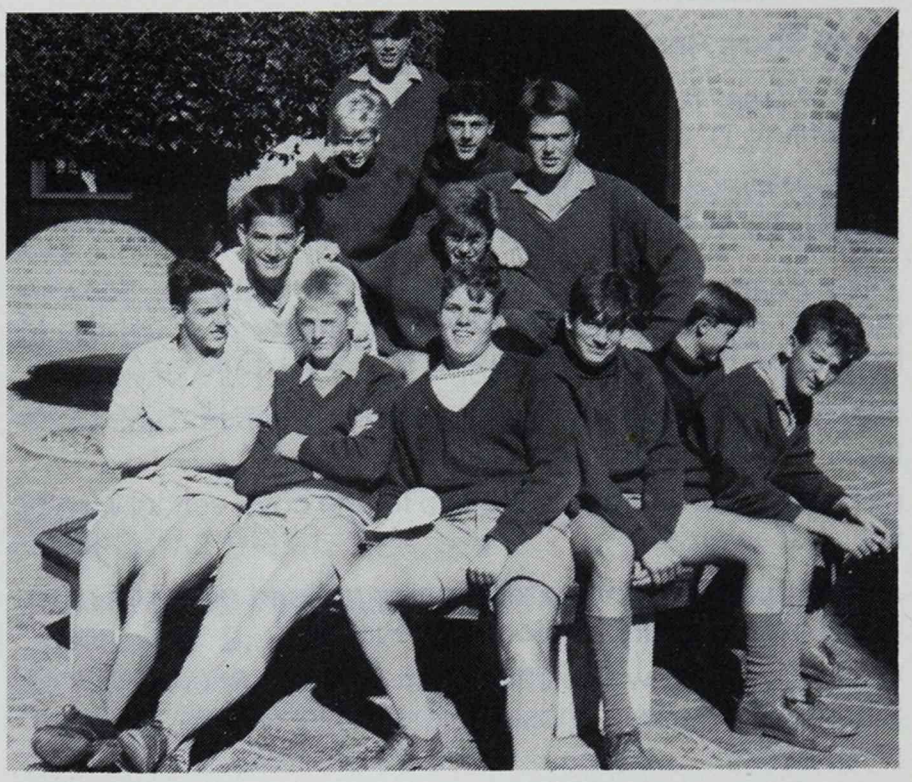
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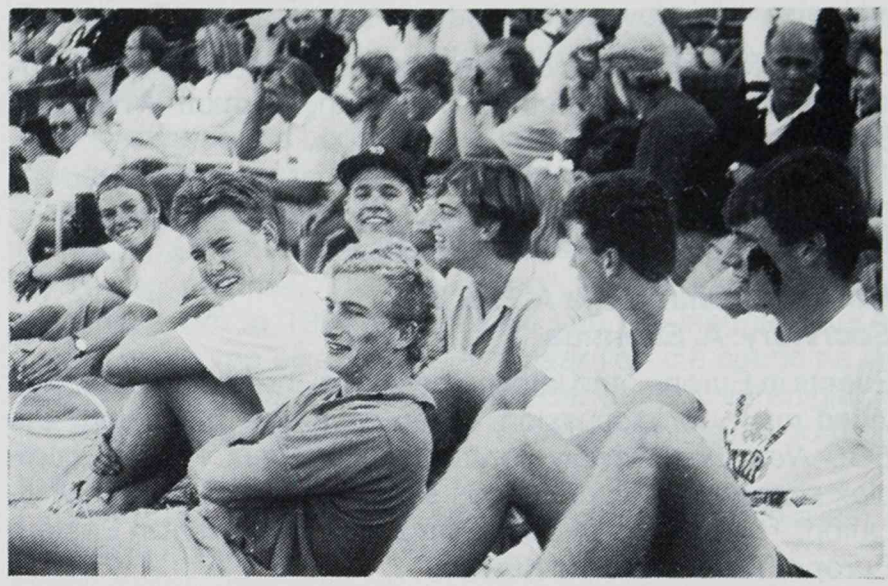
*A. Ralfe, pan cake race*



*"Duck-diving"*




*N. Majozi, Dennis Maharaz at Michaelhouse Exhibit — Conservation Expo*



*"Old Boy Support" v D.H.S.*



*N. Zungu, pan cake race*

## CLASSICS SOCIETY

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr T.G. Hart**
***Chairman:*** **Ryan Read**
***Secretary:*** **Dermott White**

Although membership was confined to a select band for most of the year, it was pleasing to record an increase to 36 members by the end of the year, the majority of new members being non-Latin students. It is hoped that all will endeavour to make an active contribution to the Society.

Meetings this year included viewing of the videos "Clash of the Titans", "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" and "Asterix the Gaul" and a visit to the Schools' Classics competition in Pietermaritzburg where various schools acted out their own humorous interpretations of various myths. It is hoped that, with our increased numbers, we shall be able to compete and win the competition next year! Although some of our junior members did compete in the poster/mosaic/pottery section of the competition and produced work of a high standard, we did not manage to take any of the prizes.

Our thanks go to our outgoing officers, and our congratulations to our newly-elected Chairman, Dermott White and Secretary, Dylan Craig.

## CURRENT AFFAIRS SOCIETY

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr A.E.G. Duff**
***Secretary:*** **A. Erasmus**

Events in Europe, and later in the year in the Middle East, provided much for discussion. Video coverage, particularly the *BBC Newsbrief*, vividly confronted members with the complex circumstances of various situations, e.g. German Unification, The Demise of Socialism and Communism in Eastern Europe, The Invasion of Kuwait.

Certainly members have been conscious of living in momentous times. Copies of *Time* and *Newsweek* are circularised and members are encouraged to regularly read newspapers and to listen to news broadcasts. Undoubtedly the Society makes a good contribution to pupils' awareness and understanding of important events and their consequences.

At the School Council Meeting in the Fourth Quarter, a proposal was submitted that an Inter-House Current Affairs Quiz again be introduced. This will occur in 1991.

## FORUM SOCIETY

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr A.W.H. Cook**
***Chairman:*** **S. Ramdayal**
***Secretary:*** **C. Wadman**

The Forum Society has continued to meet regularly and has enjoyed the loyal support of its members. It is pleasing to note that many of the matric members have opted to continue attending meetings during the Third and Fourth Quarters.

Discussion is kept informal and we have enjoyed debating issues such as the abolition of the death penalty, abortion, and the plight of education in South Africa. We have viewed Mr Clem Sunter's video "The World and South Africa in the 1990s" and discussed the issues it raised. At a more parochial level we have argued as to whether funds raised for the Centenary projects would not be better spent on bursaries than on buildings; peer pressure at Michaelhouse and prefectship. My particular thanks go to the Chairman of the Society, Sathish Ramdayal, and to his tireless and efficient Secretary, Christopher Wadman. Mrs Cook's excellent cooking complemented the intellectual nourishment we received.

The office bearers for 1990/91 have been elected and we wish Simon Nicholson and Jonathan Matthews well in their duties as Chairman and Secretary respectively. We have already enjoyed a fruitful discussion of the ethics of advertising and the new members look as if they have much to contribute.

## GEOGRAPHY SOCIETY

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr A. Vincent**
***Chairman:*** **L. Ferreira**
***Secretary:*** **C. Folker**

The Society was not particularly active this year. A trip which was to have taken place during the July holiday was cancelled because of exhorbitant school transport costs and lack of support from members of the Society.

However, in the First Quarter, "Spud" Ladbrooke of the Natal Parks Board came and gave a very interesting talk on Hunting, conservation and environmental management. This was followed up in the Second and Third Quarters by a series of videos called "The End of Eden". This presentation in particular had a tremendous impact on the boys as it showed the desertification and destruction of the animals and environment within southern Africa itself.

It is hoped that in the holiday following the First Quarter next year a trip to Zimbabwe will be organised, and hopefully vehicles will be sponsored by Toyota for this excursion.

## GUN CLUB

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr R.A. Currie**
***Chairman:*** **L.K. Reynolds**
***Secretary:*** **A.M.R. Elworthy**
***Treasurer:*** **S.R. Butcher**

The Gun Club must have had one of its most active years. Clays were held twice a week and members were able to go on a number of shoots.

We first shot on the Wood's farm on the banks of the Tugela River at Colenso. Only pigeons were shot, but over 70 were bagged.

Mr Rod Reynolds hosted a shoot on his farm in the Vaal area of the Transvaal, over the long weekend of the Second Quarter. This was a most successful outing, although the members as a whole did not shoot that well. In the Third Quarter Mr John Earle of Highflats hosted an enjoyable shoot.

Our final shoot was in the Ladysmith area and was organised by Mr Michael Elworthy, Mr Charles Porrill, and Mr George Mitchell-Innes. This was a very good weekend. Our sincere thanks go to all the hosts for their wonderful hospitality. Michaelhouse boys are most privileged to be offered such good shooting.

## HISTORY SOCIETY

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr B.S. Tarr**
***Chairman:*** **A. Erasmus**

Allan Erasmus addressed the first meeting of the year on the "Secret War" — the only clean war. He gave a very clear outline of the sequence of events and tactics employed and we then watched an excellent "World At War" video on the topic which provided an excellent view of what the war was really like.

Our next meeting saw us still on the African continent, but in more recent times, when we watched a Jan Venter video on the recent Angolan conflict followed by a lively discussion of the events and their implications. Our series of meetings on modern wars was concluded in Vietnam when Oliver Stone's film "Platoon" was shown in June. The film gave fascinating insight into the psychological and emotional implications of this conflict for a group of men — the "Platoon".

Our intention was to move back into ancient history for the rest of the year and we bridged the gap by staying in the East and screening the film "Tai-pan" at our July meeting. The film was entertaining but disappointing from an historical point of view, and those who had read Clavell's novel felt cheated.

In mid-September Major Darryl Hall delivered his annual slide-tape lecture to the Society and a large number of "B" Block historians. This was an enthralling evening as Major

Hall took us through the research he conducted in an effort to clarify the events and circumstances surrounding the death of his uncle in the trenches during World War I. Fascinating for all concerned in terms of World War I and trench warfare but also many who learnt about how to conduct research effectively. An evening thoroughly enjoyed by all — our thanks to Major Hall.

We finally got back in time at our last meeting in the Fourth Term when we screened the first part of the "Anno Domini" series — a fascinating period in world history which we shall continue to explore next year.

Thanks to Allan Erasmus for his efficient running of the Society and tremendous input to all meetings.

## HUNTING SOCIETY

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr G. Rudolph**
***Chairman:*** **L. Rushton**
***Vice-Chairman:*** **C. Russell**
***Treasurer:*** **J. Wardlaw**
***Committee Member:*** **R. de Bufanos**

With much trepidation it was decided to start a Hunting Society at Michaelhouse. There was tremendous interest from the boys and society membership was limited to only 20 members. Our first trip was in July this year to the Eastern Karoo, where, under the guidance of professional hunter Bruce Truter, we spent four days — very cold ones at that! The boys were spoken to about ethical hunting, conduct in the field and the large role that hunting plays in conservation. Weapon Safety was stressed as well. R. de Bufanos, J. Wardlaw, L. Reynolds and G.H.R. discovered the Karoo cold. Four Mountain Reedbuck were shot. L. Reynolds shot a magnificent trophy Fallow Stag. Our thanks go to Mr Rodney Reynolds for his support and help on this trip.

Our second outing was to Elandslaagte, in the Ladysmith area, hunting on the Game farm of Mr George Mitchell-Innes, who kindly supplied free hunting and accommodation to the five committee members and G.H.R. Hard walking and hunting eventually rewarded all the hunters, with two Mountain Reedbuck, two Duiker, two Impala and a large Blesbok being shot. Again the boys had the importance of hunting in conservation stressed to them as well as hunting ethics.

The third outing was to the beautiful nKonko Game Ranch of Mike and Lynn de Bufanos. James Cousin, a novice hunter, was on his first hunting trip, with Richard de Bufanos as guide. Again time was spent on teaching the boys about conservation and weapon safety. Three Impala rams were shot, with J. Cousin taking a fine young Impala ram. G.H.R. shot a Rowland Ward Class Impala ram. Our thanks to Mike and Lynn de Bufanos for their hospitality and for sharing their little bit of heaven with us.

Our final outing of the year was to mKol, a farm owned by Graham and Santie McIntosh, in the Weenen area. Impala were to be hunted. Another novice hunter, Garth Robinson, was on the outing. Two days of extremely hard walking and hunting followed, which were unrewarded animal wise, but extremely rewarding to the boys, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It is seen that this Society will go from strength to strength as long as the boys are kept aware of how important conservation is in hunting and vice versa, as well as a love of all fauna and flora.

## JUNIOR DEBATING

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr P. Fleischack**
***Chairman:*** **John Croswell**
***Secretary:*** **Nic Jackson**
***Treasurer:*** **Cameron McIntosh**

The Junior Debating Society was a relatively popular society this year, with boys joining all year round. Popularity came from debates against St Anne's and St John's, Hilton and Treverton, in which many boys participated. The debates were done on a purely fun level and topics which we debated were not serious ones at all. Topics debated include: "Real Men Don't Cry" and "A Nuclear Disaster is Better than a Population Explosion". With two meetings a term we rarely had time for meetings inside the society, but when these occasions came we, the committee, arranged an evening with charades and short speeches in which everyone was involved. Obviously, not all the boys could have a chance to debate against other schools but the ones that did, generally spoke well considering that, for most of them, it was their first time speaking to a large audience. The Junior Debating society places more emphasis on the fun aspect of debating and this prepares the boys well for Senior Debating.

## LAER TAAL

***Onderwyser-in-beheer:*** **mnr T. Henderson**
***Voorsitter:*** **C. McIntosh**
***Sekretaris:*** **S. Thompson**

Die Laer Taal vereniging was baie suksesvol hierdie afgelope jaar. Die ledetal het baie mooi gegroei en ek glo dit sal so voortgaan.

Elke byeenkoms is begin met 'n debat wat baie goeie reaksie van die seuns gelok het. Een van die opwindendste debatte was oor die moontlikheid van meisies in die toekoms by Michaelhouse. Ons het ook die gewilde spioenasie reeks oor die TV gevolg, naamlik, "Die Binnekring". Ons Afrikaanse vereniging hoop om in 1991 met sekere van die langnaweke en eerste week van elke vakansie 'n paar van die seuns na die strand of na 'n plaas te neem. Die doel van ons vereniging is om ons lede veroud met die taal te maak en hulle die oormoedigheid gee om die taal te praat.

Ons wil graag almal bedank wat gehelp het om van die jaar 'n sukses te maak.

## LITERARY SOCIETY

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr J.C. D'A. Willis**
***Chairman:*** **T. Clarke**

The Society's meetings were again, in the year under review, interrupted by the University of Natal's calendar arrangements, which precluded our proposed visits to the Hexagon Theatre to see productions we had especially hoped to watch such as *The Caucasian Chalk Circle* and a couple of township dramas whose spontaneity and vigour make them new examples of classic cultural drama. Our members were all involved in Richard Aitchison's production of *Oliver* and his final *Stuff and Nonsense*, but we managed to screen the much debated UK film "Hawks", starring a very un-Bondish Timothy Dalton as a terminal cancer patient; a visit to St Anne's to see their production of *The Importance of being Earnest* and two visits to the new Tatham art gallery to attend slide lectures on Russian and Islamic architecture. These were particularly interesting and it is obvious that under its new roof the Tatham will be able to host a number of valuable film and lecture productions whose range and scope will interest all our members. We are grateful to record our thanks to all our members who helped produce another first class edition of *The Voice* and look forward to an exciting and productive 1991.

## MOTOR CLUB

Our membership has varied between 12 and 16 members. James Cousins' project of a go-cart, with large Villiers motor, has occupied much of the time. This has enabled some elementary engineering and welding skills to be learned.

Garth Robinson, helped by others, has instigated the repairs of some three motorcycles. After a few months work, with occasional amazing modifications, each machine has been restored.

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Meeting virtually every Friday afternoon this Club has also serviced a number of staff cars. Oil, filter and spark plug changes and minor tune-ups are carried out. A warm camaraderie has also been built up.

## MUSIC SOCIETY

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr G. Burgess**
***Chairman:*** **Bilal Naby**
***Secretary:*** **Alex Andersson**

"If music be the food of love, play on . . . "

*William Shakespeare*

With this in mind the Music Society for 1990 had sufficient inspiration to enable them to aspire to greater heights of understanding of "music", both modern and classical. By exposing the members of this society to a variety of music it is hoped that they will inevitably appreciate all forms of music they come into contact with. This quality will set them apart from their less cultured (in the musical sense) counter-parts of this establishment.

The arrival of Mr Burgess as the "novice" Master-in-charge of this Society was more of a frightening experience for him than it was for members of the Society. The rather large society of 27 boys (90 per cent of whom are not music students) were extremely keen to participate in the Society's activities. Mr Burgess offered many innovative ideas toward the successful running of the Society.

The members of the Society worked hard to implement these new ideas for the benefit of one another. The venue of the Society's meetings was the Marshall Campbell Music School, which provided an appropriate atmosphere for our activities. Here various music videos were viewed and speeches delivered by members of the Society concerning popular modern artists and the origins of their music. Also closely examined was the music of various "Cult" and "Satanic Worshipping" groups. In contrast to this the music of Cliff Richard and Simon and Garfunkel was examined.

We were also privileged to listen to various recorded overtures played by the wind bands of competitive, musically orientated schools from around the country. We were even more privileged to listen to the music of our own Michaelhouse wind band in the music school during the year.

Members of the Music Society attended performances of the NAPAC Orchestra and Pietermaritzburg Philharmonic orchestra in Pietermaritzburg, and Art and Music Society.

However, the highlight of the Society's activities must have been the viewing of the show called *Midnight Blues*, at the NAPAC Theatre in Durban. This show consisted of songs from the 1960 pop or rock-music boom, more appropriately named "rock 'n roll". Members of the Society also attended the *Kaljanjee-Anandjee Show*, held at the Westridge Stadium in Durban. This show was an Indian song and dance evening performed by overseas artists.

All in all it has been a very enjoyable year. Many thanks go to Mr Burgess for promoting an understanding of all music to us and for arranging the activities of the Society. This is certainly a Society which in future will have much talent appearing from it.

Play on, play on . . .

## NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr B.C. Reynolds**
***Chairman:*** **A. Engels**
***Secretary:*** **C. Wadman**
***Treasurer:*** **R. Currie**

It is with sincere regret that we record the death of David Canning whose enthusiasm and able assistance within the Society will be genuinely missed. We welcome Nick Cahill who has taken his place and hope that his association with the Society will be a long and happy one.



***Proficiency test***

While the Natural History and Neophytes remain essentially autonomous, there has been a pleasing level of integration and co-operation this year in many of our activities and meetings. Outings have unfortunately been a little sparse this year, in part due to the increasingly heavy personal and sporting commitments of its members, and also the lethargy within the society itself. Sadly too, we had to cancel the sponsored bike ride this year because of concern expressed about the safety of the traditional route to Royal National and the recent escalation in the security problem. However, we hope it will be resumed next year.

Two scuba diving courses took place this year, one with Garth Giles, and the other with Blaise Reynolds and Andy Vincent. The latter was run entirely at Sodwana Bay with lectures and pool sessions being conducted at the new and impressive facilities of the Sodwana Lodge. All boys (and staff!) passed their written and dive tests and thoroughly enjoyed the course, despite bouts of sea-sickness and periodically dropping equipment down to the Reef prematurely. Another interesting marine outing was taken to Treasure Beach, just outside Durban.

We were delighted to have Dr Des Duthie join our staff at the beginning of the year, and we wasted no time in dragooning



***A. Hepburn, W. Goldby, R. de Villiers, D. Steiner, B. Goldby, B. McGuigan on the boat, about to go out to the reef***

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him into addressing the Society on his two years of research in the Antarctic. His slides and talk were both interesting and entertaining and comprised an impressive blending of the scientific with the mundane (ablutions in an Antarctic blizzard with temperatures around −45 °C). Further talks were presented by Dr Belinda Dodson on her experiences and extensive study of Bangladesh, and David Pickstone on the ecology of the Drakensberg. Later in the year we enjoyed the return of Chris McBride. It was a pleasure to have a contingent of Wykeham Collegiate girls join us, and once again Chris regaled us with his stories of, and experiences with, lions. Much of his material is incorporated into his recently published book entitled *Liontide*. Kit Cottrell, a lepidopterist at the Pretoria Museum, and ex-Michaelhouse (he also compiled the original edition of *Birds of Balgowan* back in the 40s) spoke to the Society recently on "Cells and Embryo Growth". The address was highly challenging and Mr Cottrell urged the audience to consider the possibility of simulating embryological development in a computer program.

In the Fourth Quarter we shall devote one of our scheduled meetings to internal presentations, and the other to Dale Hammill who will speak to the Society on snake identification and handling.

This year for the first time, the Neophyte and Natural History Societies combined to exhibit at the Wildlife Expo in Durban. It was a very worthwhile exercise, and one we hope will expand to incorporate Hilton and Clifton, Nottingham Road, in a combined effort next year.

Congratulations to Lloyd Ferreira and Mark Hewat on the award of their Natural History Ties. Well done also to the winner of our annual quiz, Murray Hibbs.

Our new committee for 1991 is as follows:
Chairman: Murray Hibbs
Treasurer: Simon Nicholson
Secretary: Lloyd Ferreira
Co-opted: Mark Hewat, Mark Farren

It looks like an exciting, new committee and I hope it will display the initiative, and instigate the initiative necessary to ensure a full and productive year in 1991.

## NEOPHYTES

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr J.D. Pickstone**
***Chairman:*** **S. Farren**
***Secretary:*** **D. McNeil**
***Treasurer:*** **N. Rogers**

Dr Belinda Dodson was our first external speaker this year. She gave us some insight into life in Bangladesh, illustrated with superb slides. Life there centres on the 5 m floods of the Ganges; consequently the homes, people, livestock and crops have to take this into account as the area is a low lying delta.

An outing to Giants Castle took place during the Easter holidays. This four day trip was undertaken in unsettled weather which robbed us of views as well as body heat. We spent nights at Giants Hut and Bannerman's, and the more intrepid climbed Langalibelele pass to view the Carbineer Graves and Lesotho herdsmen. Descending to Injasuti our last night was spent in a very welcome Fergie's Cave and time was spent taking in Bushman paintings on the walk back.

Mr D. Pickstone gave a slide show on the Ecology of the Drakensberg, explaining how plants are zoned according to altitude, aspect and fire régimes and therefore how animals, too, tend to follow this pattern as they are fed and housed in the vegetation.

The bird enthusiasts were treated to a day at Safari World, accompanied by members of the Pietermaritzburg Ornithological Society. Walking through indigenous forest gave ample opportunity for the identification of trees and shrubs too. The walk was followed by a braai, courtesy of Mr Roger Farren.

Our annual bugweed exercise onto local farms was upgraded this year when Mr and Mrs Chris Dodson invited us out to Lidgetton. After demolishing an acre of solid bugweed, similar enthusiasm was displayed for the meal provided.

In an effort to advertise the School as one with many outdoor pursuits, we manned a stand at this year's Wildlife Conservation Expo in Durban. Judging from the comments, discussions and general interest shown, it was a worthwhile exercise.

In the Third Quarter Dr Des Duthie addressed us on his two years in the Antarctic. He covered the hardships experienced when stranded in a tent in a week-long blizzard; the escapades of one of the sled dogs "Dagga"; and the mishaps of expeditions that ignore the stringent common-sense rules governing field trips through this crevasse-riddled glacier country.

Dr Cottrell of the South African Museum, challenged the Society with his film/talk on "Embryology and Computers".

The year was rounded off with a quiz and AGM. The Office Bearers for 1991 are Chairman, M. Schaefer; Secretary, D. Goulding; Treasurer, P. Cottrell.

Internal speakers are planned for the Fourth Quarter, as well as an address by Mr Dale Hammill on snake rearing. Six, very substantial, snake cages have been donated to the School for this purpose by Mr Hammill.

## NEWTONIAN SOCIETY

***Masters-in-Charge:*** **Mr A.L. Eysele, Mr G.H. Rudolph**
***Chairman:*** **S. Ramdayal**
***Secretary:*** **B. Gundry**

The Newtonian Society was dealt a serious blow at the beginning of the year with the tragic death of Mr Dave Canning. He had taken over the role as "overseer" of the Society and, with the committee, had planned several events. The Society consequently ran on a "part-time" basis for the rest of the year.

An exciting "Chemical Magic" evening was held in the Second Quarter. About 40 members carried out their own chemical experiment — an evening of explosions and flames!

A very worthwhile trip to Huletts Aluminium was carried out in the Third Quarter. Members were guided through the largest under-one-roof factory in the Southern Hemisphere!

Two activities were planned for the Fourth Quarter. A visit to Natal University in Pietermaritzburg and an evening with Pietermaritzburg Girls' High Science Society. The 1991 Committee has several exciting ventures planned.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr A.L. Carter**
***Secretary/Chairman:*** **Gavin Steiner**

Conditions in the darkrooms had seriously deteriorated as a result of water penetration into the cupboards and it was obvious that extensive repair work was required and, after some delay, this was accomplished during July. Our thanks are extended to Mr Biffin and his maintenance staff for a job well done. No excuse now exists for poor facilities preventing the production of prints for our quarterly competitions. Regarding the latter, Gavin Steiner has once again been a consistent winner, showing an eye for a good shot and being capable of producing a fine print with good tonal values. Gavin has done a good job as chairman of our Society and must be congratulated on running the Society through a difficult period.

A new approach to society activities was instituted this year. On the first Sunday of each Quarter all members are obliged to take part in a photographic shoot at a different venue. During the Second Quarter, for instance, we visited the docks in Durban. Photographs produced on the shoot are then used as prints for competition purposes during the Quarter. We intend continuing with this activity during 1991.

Our thanks to the school authorities handling finance matters, for the continued financial support to assist in maintaining facilities in the darkroom area.

## SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr J.C. d'A. Willis**
***Chairman:*** **M. Compton-James**
***Secretary:*** **N. Denoon-Stevens**
***Treasurers:*** **R. Locke, J. Pearse**

Senior Debating had another full and successful year with its participation in the Midlands Debating League and a soundly balanced programme of internal debates. This year Michaelhouse won the Midlands League due to the energy and enthusiasm of its speakers, who have prepared more soundly and whose natural confident manner was evident in their delivery. It cannot be overstressed that decent preparation naturally leads to convincing debate — Sir Winston Churchill used to say that if he had to make a one hour speech he could spend a couple of hours getting his material together and preparing his delivery, but that if he is to speak for five minutes he needed two days to make sure he hit exactly the right note when he got to his feet to speak.

During the year topics included "The State is more important than the Individual", "Christianity is a Convenient Religion" (Internal), then "The Humanities are Redundant Study Subjects for the Economy of the Nineties" against Estcourt, won by 140 points to 133. Our External Debate against St Anne's on the topic "The Liberation of Women", which has led to the subsequent "Liberation of Men", was won, which surprised some whose views on female liberation is characterised by more heat than light; this was a topic which seems to bring out the worst of both sexes and one can only hope that other social interaction with that school will make the battle less painful, but our correspondent assures us that recent relationships appear to have smoothed out the differences.

After an Internal Debate on the topic to warm up our speakers the week before, we debated "Coal Power is more dangerous than Nuclear Power", against Treverton in a rather sharp atmosphere and narrowly won; next year we hope to see a fuller Midlands calender and possibly entry to the Finals of the Pietermaritzburg area. We have a talented and articulate membership and look forward to a happy 1990–1991.

## THEATRE SOCIETY

***Master-in-charge:*** **Mr R.W. Aitchison**
***Chairman:*** **St John Bungey**
***Secretary/Treasurer:*** **Dermott White**

The Theatre Society continues to thrive at Michaelhouse. Membership grew in the course of 1990 to a creditable 54, all of whom were engaged in society activities which extend the individual outside and beyond the standard curriculum.

Internal meetings were held throughout the year. A varied programme was offered to members and included the viewing of certain films of theatrical and artistic merit; a number of in-house competitions in fields of theatrical endeavour; auditions for school productions and the annual variety concert; and drama workshops.

In addition, boys were privileged to attend productions beyond our gates, notably at St Anne's and Hilton College. One of the highlights of the year was the visit in early May to the Opera Theatre at the Natal Playhouse to view NAPAC's stunning production of the musical "Camelot".

Society members involved themselves in no small way in the major school production, *Oliver!*, and nearly all made some contribution towards the final *Stuff 'n Nonsense*.

I register my thanks to this year's chairman, St John Bungey, and the society secretary and treasurer, Dermott White, for their enthusiastic endeavours. I wish them, their fellow members, and Andrew Daniels, who takes over as master-in-charge for 1991, all the very best for the future.

## TOASTMASTERS

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr W.E. Ashmole, Mr D. Elkington**
***Secretary:*** **S. Ramdayal**
***Treasurer:*** **M. Gowen**
***Sergeant-at-Arms:*** **C. Wadman**

The 1989/90 year of Toastmasters has proved, yet again, to be a very successful one. The role of the Toastmasters' Club has always been to develop the public speaking skills of its members — a select few who care chosen to be members after much consideration on the part of the masters. This purpose has been successfully fulfilled.

The first meeting (in the Fourth Quarter of 1989) saw the new members deliver their "icebreaker" speeches. As the year progressed, it was evident that both the impromptu and prepared speech skills of the members improved. This progress may be attributed to the guidance of Mr Ashmole and the fine examples set by the various guest speakers.

Perhaps one of the more beneficial lessons that the members had, was the workshop/dinner with three members from the Pietermaritzburg Toastmasters' Club. Our thanks go to them.

Many thanks must go to Mr Van der Meulen, who has unfailingly provided us with excellent three-course meals. The dinner for the Final Toastmasters'/Fathers' Dinner was superb and I am sure that this high standard will continue.

During the Third Quarter, the Toastmasters' Club met with the St John's Gavel Club at St Johns. We hope that similar meetings will occur in the future.

The climax of the Society's year was undoubtedly the Final Dinner. The John Pluke Trophy for the most improved speaker went to Edward Cottrell, while the Jack Crutchley Trophy for the Toastmaster of the year went to both S. Ramdayal and C. Wadman.

The committee hopes that next year's committee will have every success in attaining their goals.

## VENTURE CLUB

***Master-in-Charge:*** **Mr A.L. Carter**

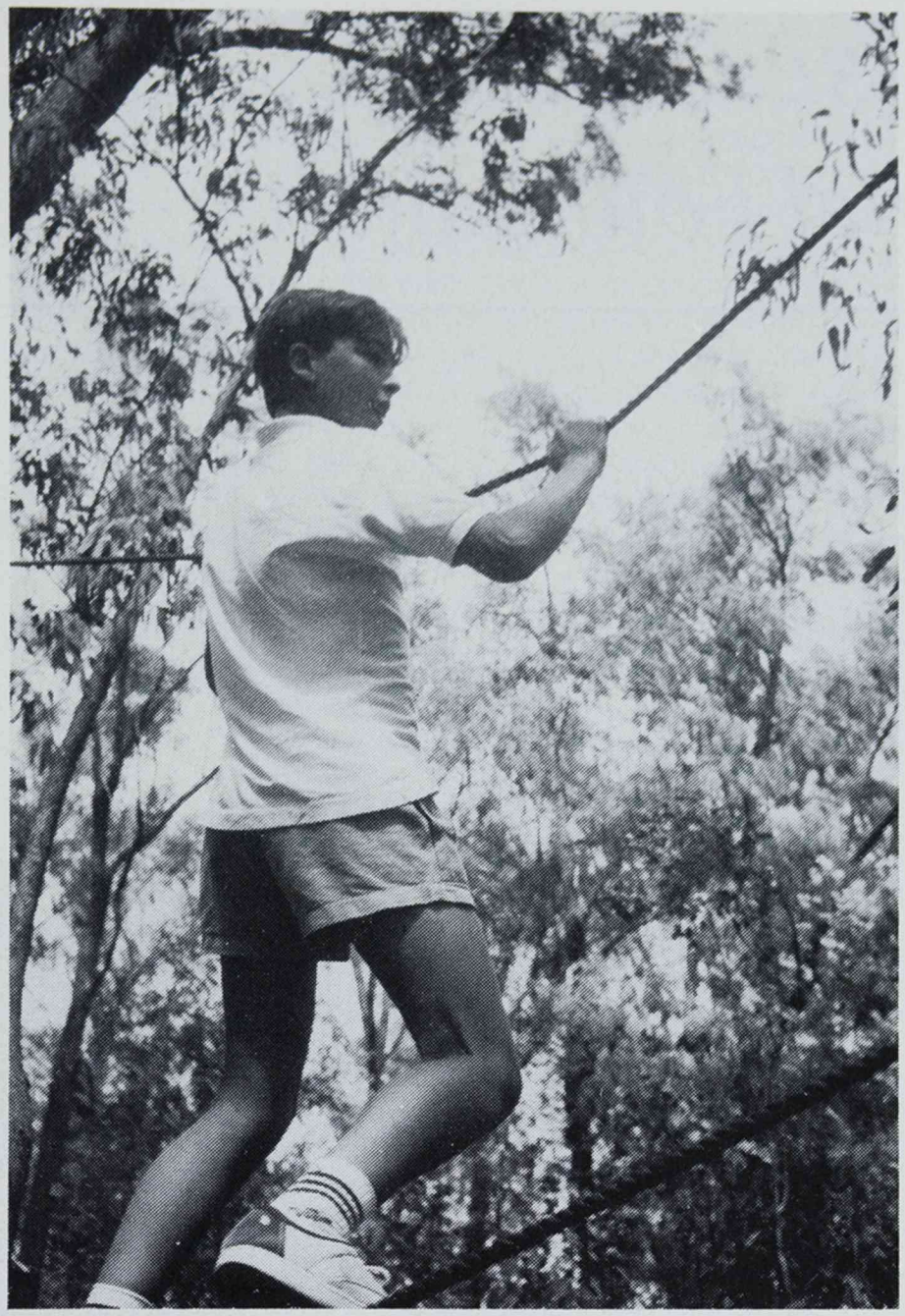
I can recall the time when a trip to the 'berg gave rise to a list which sometimes ran to 24 names — we now battle to make a full complement of ten names. Any list of less than six names means we cancel the outing due to the costs involved in transport having to be shared between such a small number of boys.

A number of successful trips were arranged during the year and my thanks to all members of staff who have given of their time to supervise this worthwhile activity. I particularly look forward to the input which will be made by Dr Duthie who has much to contribute as a result of his experience of expeditions gained while serving in the Antarctic at the Sanae base.

I am particularly grateful to Chris von Klemperer for the effort made to keep things running smoothly in the Venture Club room. His task would be made much easier if people who borrow equipment for non-Venture Club activities were as prompt about returning the equipment as they are about collecting it. We will have to review the policy of lending out during 1991 because of the inconvenience caused and the loss of equipment which has taken place.

Chris von Klemperer was awarded the Mick Butcher Outward Bound Trophy for his contributions to Venture Club activities during his time at Michaelhouse.

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***OUTDOOR EDUCATION***
***All photographs are taken at "Greystones", the scene of "D" block outdoor education field trip***





# *The Michaelhouse*
## *Centenary Educational Foundation*

*OBJECTIVE — R10 000 000*
*PLEDGES TO DATE — R7 572 840*
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***The old workshops.***



***The roof goes on.***

The new sanatorium is almost complete and so are the administration offices. Soon the old sanatorium will be demolished and work will begin on the eighth boarding house, Mackenzie House.

Mr Brian Law anticipates raising R300 000 from the Western Cape area. Michaelhouse is grateful to him for the effort he has put into promoting the campaign. Messrs Anthony Hart and Roland Hudson Bennett have organised functions for Old Boys and have arranged canvassing groups. Mr Steve Fitzgerald will hold a function at "The Bay", Cape Town, on 28th January 1992 for all donors in the area.

Mr Brian Law has also reported a highly successful campaign in Britain.

Mr Lawrie Stewart is renewing the campaign in the Durban area.

Mr Chick Henderson will be approaching donors in the Eastern Cape in the near future.

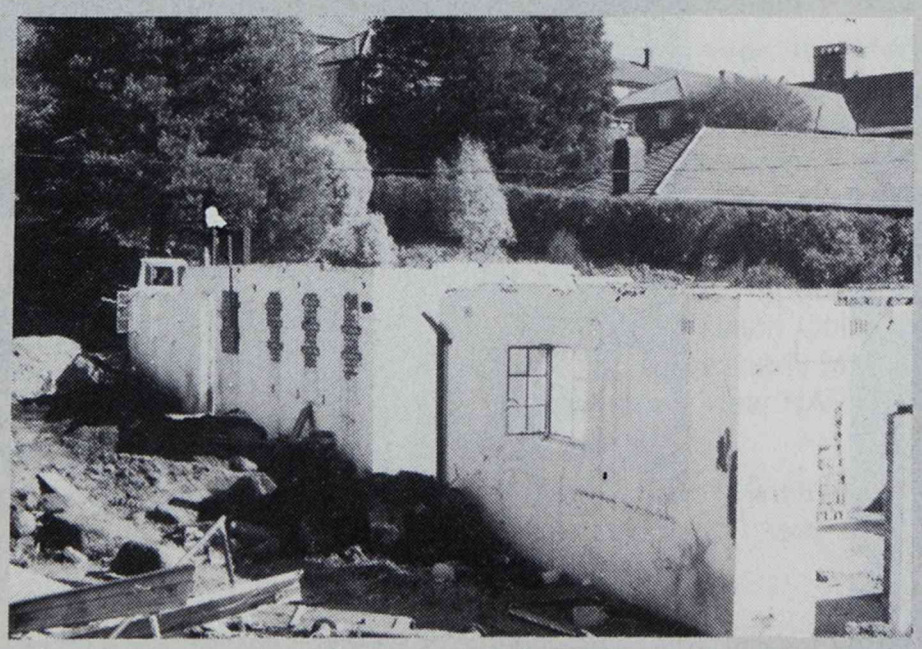
The Pietermaritzburg campaign has recommenced under the able organisation of Mr Richard Lister and Mr Bill Lambert. The winnings of the race horse "Sea Mint" total R22 000 to date, and there is hope of more to come.

Mr Rob Folker reported that the Midlands Committee will keep on with their efforts and will look for donors in Northern Natal.

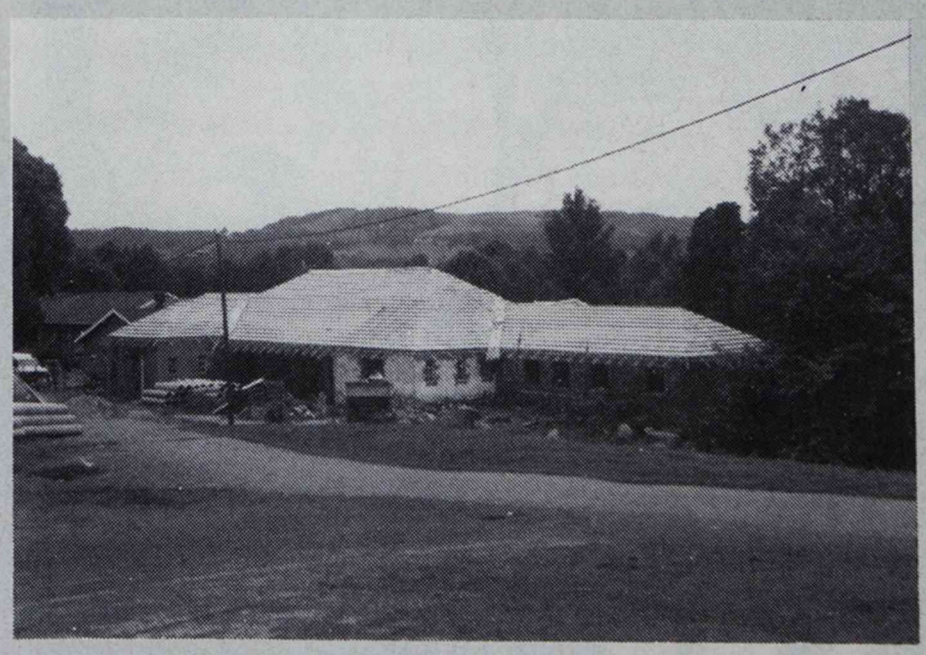
Mr John Feek reported that the Johannesburg Committee were resuming regular meetings.

A full-time Development Officer is to be appointed and situated in Johannesburg.

We are grateful to all who are committed in this exciting campaign.



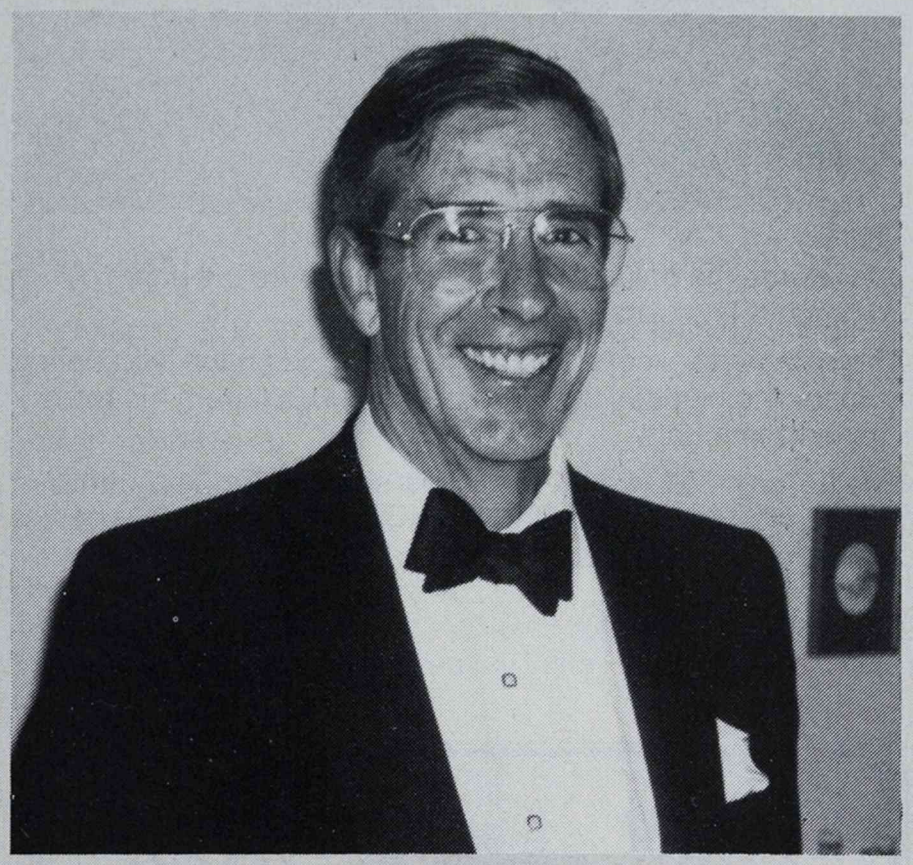
***Some demolition work.***



***The new sanatorium almost complete.***

## NEWS FROM JOHANNESBURG

Several well attended meetings have already been held in the Johannesburg area this year and the 1991 year's campaign is starting to get under way. There are a few areas of focus where our community has not been canvassed. These are, *Past Parents and Friends* and during March Mr Brian Law will be assisting in setting up the infrastructure to conduct the canvassing. Within our *Old Boys* community the more recent vintages of school leavers, 65/70 and on, have not given the support warranted and there seems to be a reluctance on the part of our more youthful members to step forward and become involved. We will keep looking for assistance in this area and anyone who wishes to provide help can contact me, John Feek at Johannesburg 787-0873 (Home).



The *Eastern Transvaal* community I understand will be starting its campaign effort this year and the new batch of *Parents* in the Johannesburg area will also fall under the spotlight for follow up. Finally the *Corporate* community approaches should start to receive some attention this year.

As can be seen whatever work has already been done has not in any way exhausted the many areas of opportunity which still exist for people and organisations to associate themselves with the foundation appeal.

John Feek

## The Michaelhouse UK Trust

In support of the Michaelhouse Centenary Educational Foundation, the Michaelhouse UK Trust was set up early last year. The specific purpose of the Trust is to raise a capital sum for investment and to use the income thus generated to provide bursaries at the school for the financially disadvantaged. This is, of course, one of the objectives of the Centenary Foundation and it is the one on which OMs in the United Kingdom are concentrating.

By virtue of this focus on bursaries it has been possible to establish the Michaelhouse UK Trust as a registered charity and therefore achieve considerable tax benefits. Subject to conditions which can usually be satisfied, there is relief from income tax on amounts donated. Most or all of this, depending on the donor, can be reclaimed directly from the Trust. Also, the Trust's investment income is free of tax.

The Trustees are all OMs resident in the UK. Sir **Ian Lloyd (35–38)** is Chairman, **Seamus Smyth (60–64)** is Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and the other trustees are **John Craven (54–58)**, **Alan Draper (66–70)** and **Brian Law (Staff 55–74)**.

The Trust was launched on 4th May 1990 at a drinks party for UK OMs kindly given by John Craven and his wife, Jane, at their London home. There then followed a period of great activity, co-ordinated by Brian Law, in which, as far as possible, every OM in Britain was contacted either by letter or telephone, or both. This was quite an achievement in itself considering that there were almost three hundred and was accomplished by early November! In each case, the purpose of the contact was to invite the particular OM to a function at which the objects of the Trust would be explained, or, alternatively, to propose a personal meeting at which this could be done.

A number of OMs who actively supported the Trust were very helpful in hosting local functions all over England. Brian Law, as co-ordinator, was especially active in attending these and in meeting OMs individually, which he literally travelled the length and breadth of the country in order to do. His tally of OMs met in the six-month period was well over a hundred, while **Brian Draper** (64–67) who assisted him organisationally, has telephoned almost two hundred!

As a minimum, the Michaelhouse UK Trust has aimed to raise enough money to provide one bursary award each year in perpetuity. By the time of writing, early in 1991, the half-way mark had already been reached with just over £100 000 promised. So far, 70 OMs have committed themselves and there is a similar number who have indicated that they intended to do so. There is therefore cause for optimism in hoping that the Trust will involve the majority of OMs in the UK before long, and that the original target will be exceeded, so that more than one bursary, on average, could be awarded each year.

If the Fundraising continues to be successful, it should be possible to award the first bursary for next year, and then one for each succeeding year until the centenary year, 1996, when there will be five UK bursars in the School. The scheme will then have matured, so that on a rolling basis, there will always be at least five.

## UK OMs' LIST

In the course of every OM in Britain being contacted, as far as possible, about the Michaelhouse UK Trust, it was discovered that the list of OMs in the UK was in need of drastic revision and correction. This has now been taken in hand and it is intended that, in future, the list will be maintained in the UK in as up to date and correct a form as possible. Regular contact will be maintained with the Michaelhouse Community Officer in Balgowan in relation to this, for obvious reasons.

Already more than twenty "lost" Old Boys have been found and there may well be others. Also, some are known to have moved and no current address has been obtainable. If any OM in Britain has not been contacted about the Trust, and more especially, did not receive a general letter sent in March 1991, this is in all likelihood because the list is deficient. In such a case it would be very helpful if the OM concerned could contact the UK Representative, Brian Law, or one of the two people maintaning the list, Brian Draper (071-2230063) and John Duxbury (phone 0634-575619).

Should any OM visiting the UK wish to have information about OMs in this part of the world he would be welcome to contact one of the people above. The full list is available to OMs in the UK as well as to visiting ones. In addition to surnames, initials and addresses, the list contains other useful information.

## SUMMER 1991 OLD BOYS' GATHERING

Given the impetus generated by the activities of the Michaelhouse UK Trust, it has been thought a good idea to arrange the next Old Boys' gathering in the UK for the daytime. This will provide an opportunity for a report back by the Trustees

as well as allowing time for a more general consideration of the School and of Old Boys' activities in the UK. It will also help OMs who have to travel a long way and for whom evening functions are a virtual impossibility. Should the event prove successful, it may well come to be looked upon as an inaugural UK Old Boys' Day.

The gathering will take place on Sunday, 16th June 1991, at the Monkey Island Hotel, which is a very attractive venue. It is situated on an island in the River Thames at Bray, some thirty miles west of London and very convenient for both road (M4) and rail. Wives will be welcome and the basic idea will be to have the Trust report back in the late morning, followed by a buffet lunch giving plenty of opportunity for socialising, and the general meeting in the afternoon. It is hoped that the Rector will be present to report on developments at the School.

Detailed information about the gathering is being sent to OMs in the UK, but any others would be most welcome. They should contact Brian Draper (1, Warfield Street, London SW11 4RB) who will then supply the necessary information. It is important to note that attendance must be arranged in advance.

## JOHANNESBURG BRANCH

**ROB HEWITT'S (57–61)** CURRENT PARENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

The fund raising campaign got off to a good start shortly after the launch of the appeal in July 1989 with the appointment of a group of about a dozen volunteers, chosen from current parents in the Johannesburg area, to canvass and raise funds from a list of about 120 current parents. This group had already been approached and had made their pledges to the Foundation.

We found that meeting once a month to monitor progress and assign new names, was a convenient way of keeping the momentum going, and about 90 per cent of the identified potential donors had been approached by June 1990.

In general we found a most enthusiastic response from current parents, they know the school and understand the needs of the campaign. Even though they are shouldering the burden of current school fees and even though their children are not necessarily going to reap the rewards of the appeal — they gave generously.

Current parents are by definition believers in the private school system and they see the benefits that a school like Michaelhouse can render to the South African community. Their pledges are not motivated by self-interest but rather contributions to a worthy cause.

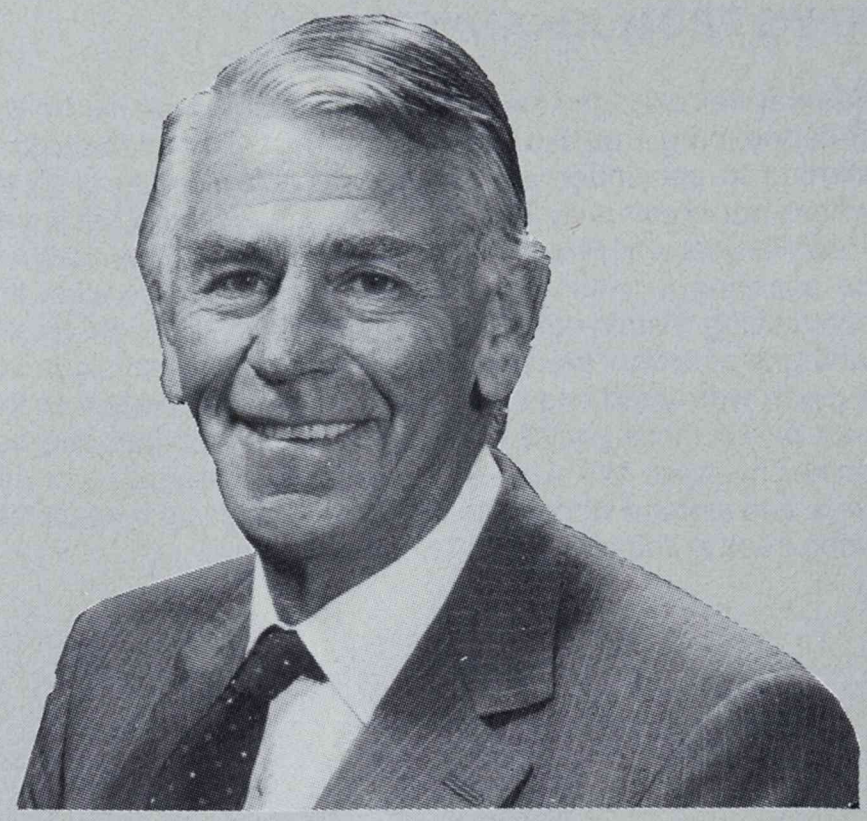
The appeal will now continue with approaches to the parents of new boys to Michaelhouse from whom I am sure the response will be as encouraging as the support we have received to date.

Finally, I would like to thank those persons who have helped with the fund raising, their time and effort is most sincerely appreciated.

**ROB HEWITT**

## DURBAN AND COAST REPORT

Pledges since the last report covering the Durban and Coastal area total R93 200 bringing the total to R3 980 980. There remains still some 400 donors to be canvassed and despite earnest efforts to obtain people to approach the possible donors our efforts have met with little success. Consequently we are employing professional canvassers under the guidance of the local fund raising Committee in a final effort to reach those possible donors. It is unfortunate that the canvassing could not be completed without this action but it is



considered the only way remaining to ensure the entire donor community is covered.

The campaign is certainly not yet over and I have high hopes of obtaining pledges of the order of R200 000 from the uncanvassed community.

Should any OM wish to offer his services to help canvass please contact me on my office phone 031-290091 and I would be delighted to hear from you.

**LAWRIE STEWART**


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**The President of the Old Boys M.R. Butcher (East 1943–48)**

Mick comes from a Durban family with a long association with Michaelhouse. His grandfather, Harry J. Butcher, and uncle, Ronald R. Butcher, were both Governors and Fellows Associate of Michaelhouse.

His own three sons, Duncan, Ross and Stuart (last named still at Michaelhouse) are the fourth generation of Butchers with Michaelhouse links.

After school, Mick spent three years at Jesus College, Cambridge, where he obtained an MA in Economics and Law, also, he says, a good exposure to rowing and tennis.

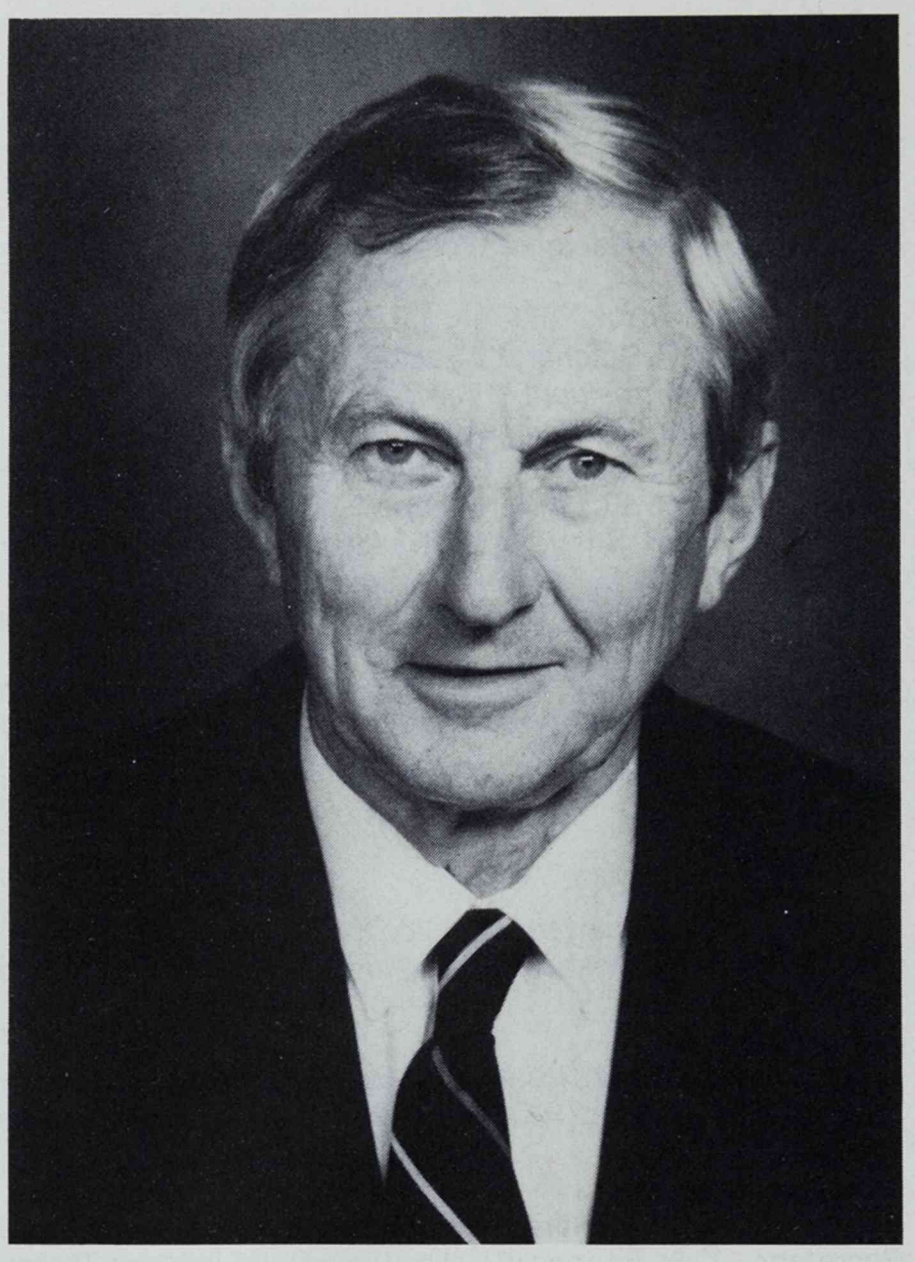
Back in Durban he spent ten years in the family trading business, S. Butcher & Sons Ltd., and thereafter ten years in Huletts Sugar Ltd. In 1970 he started his own business, farm consultancy/sales, specialising in sugar farms, and this interest continues. He is Chairman of a successful farming company in Nkwalini, Zululand, producing export citrus, cane, bananas and subtropical fruit and fruit trees.

His main sport has always been tennis (Captain of Michaelhouse and Jesus College, Cambridge) and still plays regularly.

Over the years, he has actively pursued various outside interests ranging from yachting (in 1969 he crewed on the South African yacht Voortrekker at Cowes Week, Isle of Wight), to back-packing in the high Berg (has covered the whole of the top of the Berg with his wife Judy).

He has had a long interest in flying, and is an instrument rated pilot, flying his own plane, which he uses on business and for the odd family bush holidays in Botswana and Namibia. Apart from wild life, his other life-long interest has been fishing, both trout and more recently ski-boat fishing.

He writes "of special importance to me has been my second close association with Michaelhouse since 1987, through the



Old Boys' Club. I was Chairman of the very active Durban Branch in 1988/89, and greatly value the link this has given me not only to so many Old Boys, but to the school itself".

He is married to Judy (née Simpson) and they live in Durban.


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# *Old Boys' Day 1990*

## Ascension Day

A white frost greeted those who rose for the 07:00 Eucharist, but by mid-morning the sunshine made it comfortable to be out of doors.

While the Committee was deliberating in the Community Centre, Old Boys were arriving at the school, handing over their ten rands for the day and inspecting the regalia on display.



***Neville James and Bob Harvey***

About one hundred OMs attended the AGM at 10:30, over which the retiring president, Robin Folker, presided. Gerald Pennington was the Khehla again, and special welcomes were extended to Anson Lloyd, Rex Pennington, David Turner and Roy Gathorne. It was noted that three generations of the Phillips family were present (N.M. Phillips (31–35), R.N. Phillips (58–62), T.D. Phillips (85–89) and David Turner pointed out that three generations of his family were at Michaelhouse that day (D.W. Turner (26–30), R.E. Turner (59–62) and L.W. Turner (90–).



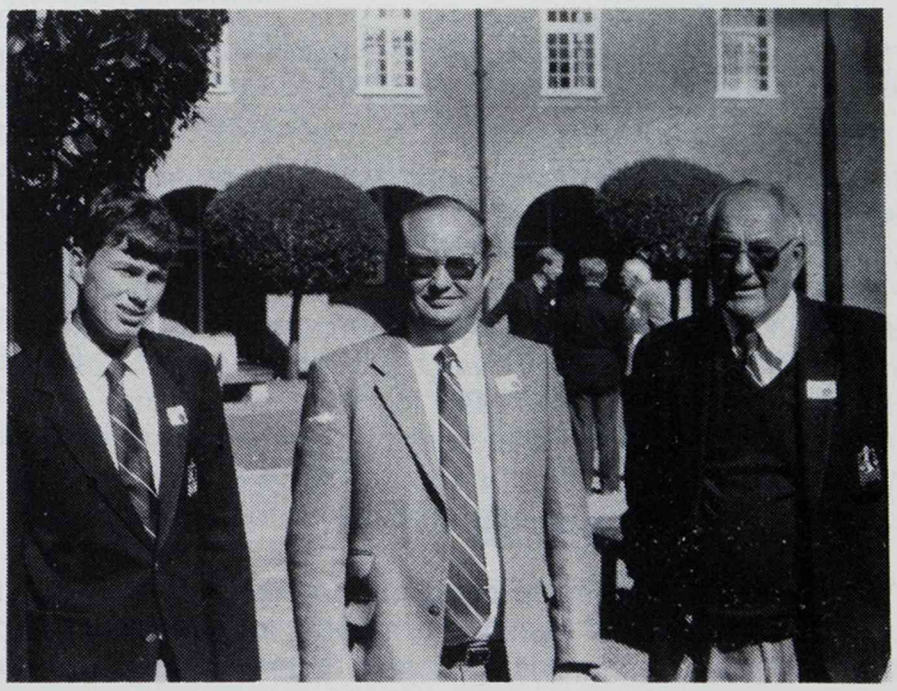
***(L–R) Robin Folker, Mick Butcher, Ralph Poynton, Rector John Pluke, Peter Francis***



***In the Pennington Quadrangle — Roy Gathorne, Rex Pennington, Gerald Pennington, Denys Pennington***

The President paid tribute to John Lowe, about to retire after a record 41 years on the staff. He was called on to the stage and presented with a gift from the Club, while all rose to their feet and applauded warmly. He thanked the old boys in a few gracious words.

Warning had been given that this was likely to be the last time Old Boys' Day would be on Ascension Day. Nevertheless, after the Rector had explained his thinking on the subject, several members spoke, asking for this momentous step to be reconsidered. The divorce of Ascension Day and Old Boys' Day was obviously a bitter pill for many to swallow. Mutterings continued after the meeting was over.



***Three generations — T.D. Phillips (85–89), R.N. Phillips (58–62), N.M. Phillips (31–35)***

While husbands and sons were busy with these and other weighty matters, some 30 ladies were being transported on a slow coach to and from a sumptuous tea party at Old Halliwell, a country house hotel shortly to be opened at Curry's Post by Old Boy Nick Barstow. They arrived back just after the Chapel Service had begun. Chapel over, the main quadrangle was crowded with 500 guests for drinks and a well-organised lunch.



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Games followed and the School's first XV made an excellent impression, beating the Old Boys 36:28. The School's second XV was also victorious and the School won the hockey.

A marquee had been erected beside the Community Centre and there were braziers outside, and a fire blazed indoors (thanks to the skilful ministrations of Dr Duncan Black (63–66) and a happy evening was spent drinking beer (mostly) and eating curry and rice and chatting.

The best news leaked out later, that the Rector had relented and Ascension Day will remain the Old Boys' Festival Day.

## AGM

A period of silence was observed in memory of those old boys who had died. They were as follows:

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| Frank Denis Acutt | 29–32 |
| Elaine Barnard (widow of Piet Barnard) | |
| John Maule Black | 31–33 |
| Alan Ross Butcher (Honorary member) | |
| Murray Colin Campbell | 29–32 |
| Ranald James (Rhino) Cathcart | 21–26 |
| Ronald Ramsay Collins | 63–68 |
| Very Revd Aidan Harrison Cross | 31–35 |
| Errol St George Davey | 28–29 |
| Oscar Walton Dyer | 36–39 |
| Halford John Fellowes | 26–29 |
| Clifford Ellis Forrester | 34–35 |
| Cecil Charles Glew | 21–25 |
| Alan Gowans | 30–33 |
| Douglas Charles Garrick Grant | 21–23 |
| Cyril Hugh Makelyn Gray | 28–31 |
| Edward Neville (Ted) Griffin | 21–23 |
| Francis Michael Hallowes | 24–28 |
| Peter William Heywood Harris | 35–38 |
| Peter Devereux Hickman | 31–34 |
| Nigel Lindsay Howell Hughes | 75–80 |
| Malcolm Roy Johnston | 35–36 |
| Lancaster Chadborn (Lance) Knight | 29–33 |
| Keith Christopher Language | 72–76 |
| Clint Robert Larson | 86–87 |
| Hugh Oscroft (Bill) Lee | 20–24 |
| Dennis Buchanan Lyle | 29–32 |
| Robert Guy McKenzie | 23–27 |
| Hugh Mackie Nelson | 42–45 |
| Walter Frewer Nelson | 42–44 |
| Richard Nelson Nevin | 38–41 |
| Frederick Basil Oscroft | 26–29 |
| George Francis Pedlar | 39–41 |
| Leslie Douglas (Bill) Pryde | 22–24 |
| Charles Lyon Carlyon (Frisky) Reynolds | 34–37 |
| Lewis John Lawrence Rouillard | 41–44 |
| Geoffrey Desmond Selley | 36–37 |
| Canon Victor Charles Campbell Shaw | 21–26 |
| Ian R. van den Berg (Staff) | 51–55 |
| Cedric Roper (Bunny) Wickins | 30–34 |
| John Douglas Wilson | 29–32 |

## RECTOR'S ADDRESS

I have always wanted to open my address to Old Boys at Michaelhouse in the fashion I am about to. Looking around me I am not sure that it is applicable to this meeting but after last year's meeting I am now entitled to say at the opening of the Old Boys' AGM: "Ladies and Gentlemen!"

It is my very great privilege to once again welcome you to your old school. This day is to me one of the most important days in the school calendar, the time when the Old Boys gather to see the school, to hear news of the school and share ideas and thoughts about the school, and to involve themselves, some in the more physical activities of hockey and rugby. It is always pleasing for the incumbent Rector to see numbers of Old Boys returning to the school because it assures him that the interest is still there and that the old place is running pretty smoothly. It is also with pleasure and not complacency that I can report to you today the old place is going well and as I say that I again emphasise that I do not say that with complacency; but in looking back over the past 12 months there have indeed been very positive events and signs for the future that are going to ensure that Michaelhouse stays as one of the foremost schools in this country.

Events are moving at a tremendous pace in our country and not least amongst these is the direction which education is taking and is about to take. Education in South Africa as we privileged and relatively few have known and enjoyed over the past decades, is undergoing earnest review with subsequent changes, inevitable and, indeed, desirable. We have to realise that if we are to be part of the new South Africa equal education and opportunity for all people are just around the corner. I have just returned from a meeting in Johannesburg of the Independent Schools Council National Executive where we discussed at length the models that Minister Clase had put forward some weeks ago. The fact is that these models are already historical rather than current and practical. We discussed at length where education is going and the roles that schools such as ours would play. Without any question we have to address ourselves immediately and with urgency to this very matter and it is largely for this reason that we decided to launch the Centenary Appeal which is of such significant and vital importance to the future of our school. We must have Michaelhouse ready and able to continue to play its significant role in South African education.

And so it is then that among the number of events which have taken place in the last 12 months I have singled out the Centenary Appeal for initial comment. The Board and I have considered very carefully the needs of the school that are to take us into the 21st Century. The Board sent me on two occasions to visit schools in North America and England in order to see the trends and the progress that is being made in these countries and then to implement those changes which we see fitting for our own country's and school's needs. It was through very careful consideration and discussion that we decided on the steps to be taken, namely the building of Mackenzie House, improving of study facilities and living quarters, the new classroom block, the new Admin centre and also the much needed new swimming pool. I assure you that what we are doing in this Centenary Project and Appeal is not simply on peripheral things that are not really essential to the needs of our school. Without question what we are embarking upon is absolutely essential for our move into the 21st Century.

The Appeal started well with a great amount of enthusiasm and we were very pleased indeed with the progress that was being made. I am sorry to have to report that latterly the Appeal has not ground to a halt but it has been progressing in an alarmingly slow fashion. The main reason being that we just do not have the men on the ground. There are some people who have worked hard right from the beginning and still continue to do so, but from every corner of the country there have been cries of despair from the organisers that they need more people to go out and canvass; people on the ground, people to take cards to prospective donors and to follow this up. To give you some idea of the situation in which we find ourselves. In the Durban area we have 400 cards still to be followed up and in Johannesburg 644 and 240 in Pietermaritzburg. In other areas of OFS, Natal, Cape Province a further 693 cards are outstanding. This represents a tremendous amount of capital potential. I would appeal to you that if you are able to help in any way at all, even if you can go and see just one person and can help with just one card, it would be gratefully appreciated and will be certainly significant to the overall success of our Fund Raising. If we don't act now it will be too late and we will have to take the regrettable step of cutting down on projects envisaged.

To matters of the school directly pertaining to the boys, I start with the all important academic results. I am pleased to be able to tell you that there were some outstanding results from

the matric of 1989. We had 100 boys writing the examination; eleven of these achieved A aggregates. Amongst the outstanding individual results were Peter Hayward-Butt and Philip Lindop who gained five As, Richard Andersson and P.Y. Mbuyazi both four As. I have not heard of another school in Natal that gained a higher percentage of A aggregates or indeed subject As than did Michaelhouse. We gained 50 subject As and in passing I thought it would be interesting to mention that we obtained more subject As than our colleagues across the Umgeni! This includes more subject As in Mathematics which will be of interest and indeed a surprise to some. Our disappointment was with some of the Afrikaans results where seven boys failed at Higher Grade. I should state that the subject has become significantly more difficult over the past few years and conversions from Higher Grade to Standard Grade that were made on a regular basis are now seldom made and this has led to more outright failures. For example DHS's headmaster was talking to me and he stated that they had 16 Afrikaans failures this year whereas with he same staff the year before they had none. However, I am not satisfied with the situation and obviously something has to be done about it. The following steps have been taken. First of all we have introduced extra Afrikaans lessons starting with boys in E Block going right through to matriculants. This exercise was undertaken with English several years ago and has had a marked effect on our achieving such incredibly good English results. I have also appointed a new Head of Afrikaans Department with effect from the beginning of the Third Quarter. He is a Mr Johann van Rooyen who comes to us from Port Shepstone. Apart from being Head of Department at Port Shepstone High School he has been on the marking panel in Natal for both Higher Grade and Standard Grade. He has a very fine track record and we look forward to his expertise in the Afrikaans Department.

The Unisa results from boys who wrote in our post matric section were quite the best we have had since records have been kept. A mention should be made of some specific subjects; Accounts where five distinctions were obtained; Economics eight distinctions; Mathematics six distinctions and in Afrikaans, English, Psychology, Chemistry and Physics there was a 100 per cent pass rate. Truly remarkable achievements. The post matric as a whole is going very well under the guidance of Mr Richard Aitchison. The demand for post matric is growing and understandably so. It is primarily an academic year which provides also a broad introduction and bridging for university. It is interesting to note that of all the boys who have passed at Unisa with us here at Michaelhouse, not one has failed when he has gone to university. I believe that the post matric is an invaluable year to so many boys and a proof of its value has been seen in this increased demand for places.

I am well satisfied with the work ethic and ethos that is very evident at Michaelhouse and I am delighted with the staff that we have now gathered together — a truly talented, dedicated and loyal group of professionals.

The school was delighted to hear that Jerome Wilson, who was Head boy in 1986, has been chosen as the Natal Rhodes Scholar and will take up this scholarship to Oxford in October. This was Michaelhouse's first Rhodes Scholar since Paul Kumleben in 1979. On the strength of this award, and as tradition has it, the boys in the school were awarded a half holiday.

Our Exchange programmes continue to run very effectively and at the moment we have three Canadian boys with us from Trinity College on the shores of Lake Ontario. Two of our boys, Angus McIntosh and Mark Hewat are at present at that school. Simon Pitout came back last year from Monmouth and at the beginning of 1991 we will be having a Monmouth scholar with us in our post matric. These exchange programmes are of great value to all concerned, both to the boys for the experiences that they have and also to the schools which they attend who gain from these scholars.

Sport continues to flourish at Michaelhouse and the past year has seen no fewer than 18 boys being selected for Natal Schools in various sports. Perhaps the sporting highlight of the year occurred in the squash where Michaelhouse emerged as the top school in Natal. They also shared the 1st league championships in Pietermaritzburg. A very fine effort indeed. They had three Natal Schools players and in Gary Plumstead, an outstanding player, who in one of his matches played Richard Driscoll, the South African No. 1 Under 19 and Gary managed to beat Richard Driscoll. Our cricketers had a successful First Quarter and we have seen some fine and attractive rugby played by the 1st XV, who are at the moment unbeaten, and our hopes are high for our contests against our colleagues and rivals, Hilton.

As I have said I am very happy with the staffing situation at the school. Sadly though we see the retirement of one of the Michaelhouse greats at the end of this quarter and that is when Johnny Lowe leaves us. Johnny Lowe arrived at the school in 1949 when Rector Snell was in charge. Since that time he has been with Rectors Morgan, Norwood, Pennington, Jardine and now myself. He is not surprisingly the longest serving member of academic staff that Michaelhouse has had and it is the dedication and loyalty of people such as Johnny that has kept Michaelhouse the school it is. I know that many of you here have been taught by John and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him on behalf of all Old Boys of the school for the outstanding job that he has done in giving his whole working career to Michaelhouse and to wish him and his wife Amy godspeed in his retirement.

I would like to pay tribute to the outgoing President of the Old Boys' Association, Mr Rob Folker. I knew Rob well before he took over the Presidency and in his time as President I have got to know him even better which has been a pleasurable experience. I thank you Rob for everything you have done. You have done a fine job.

Finally to the Old Boys as a whole, I thank you for your continued support. The school is indebted to you for your interest and involvement. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and are greatly appreciated. We are entering interesting time of change. We are going to be challenged and the chances are that there are going to be some events and changes that we might not like. We must be adaptable, we must maintain the true values of life and, above all, we must stand united as sons of this school.

I close with a passage from the Rector's Preface which appeared in the first St Michael's Chronicle in 1897. The words pertain to this day:

"It is not, perhaps, sufficiently understood in South Africa that a boy's connection with his school is not severed when he leaves, but lasts throughout life. I mean that his whole tone, moral and spiritual, as well as intellectual, is largely determined for life by his school; and that to his dying day he will be different from what he would have been if he had been at any other school. Every school has its own 'character', or engraved stamp, which it impresses on each of its members, however they may differ from one another. Hence the 'Old Boys' of a school necessarily form a Brotherhood wherever they may be".

*J.H. Pluke*
*Rector* *22nd May 1990*

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Rector Pluke, Tony Ardington — Ladies and Gentlemen — I have just made history — never before has any President addressed this gathering as "Ladies and Gentlemen" and I hope that you are all as proud as I am to welcome Doris Campbell, Ruth Pennington and Anne Robinson to this AGM today. What a pleasure — what a wonderful step in the history of our Club — and what deserving recipients.

We now find ourselves firmly entrenched in the new decade — one which has very exciting connotations for us all. Our Centenary in six years' time now seems so much closer that we are in the nineties and particularly for those of us who are involved in canvassing for the Centenary Appeal. This Appeal has obviously been the priority for most of us this past year — and therefore I would like to share a few thoughts with you all, right away, in beginnng this report. Last year I was fortunate enough to attend the Maritzburg College Old Boys' Dinner — where as you know, we have one of our great ambassadors in old boy and headmaster Dudley Forde. During his address, he mentioned *inter alia* that while at Michaelhouse, his attention had often been focused on the motto above the senior dining hall door: "QUIT YOU LIKE MEN" This motto had fascinated him because it was the only motto he knew of, which could be read backwards and mean exactly the opposite as when read forwards. This meant that a very real option was open to all who walked through that door: "QUIT YOU LIKE MEN" or "MEN LIKE YOU QUIT". I have no doubt that this challenge has in the past and is now being met by the Michaelhouse community. It happened in the past with the Trust Appeal, the Permanent Secretary's Fund, the Jabula Fete and is now being challenged again by the greatest of them all — the Michaelhouse Centenary Educational Appeal Foundation. Many of you will have already committed yourselves to this Appeal for which I can only thank you most sincerely. For those of you who have not done so or perhaps not yet been canvassed, may I urge you to give the matter earnest consideration. I believe it is a misconception in many circles that this is a school and Board undertaking, and has nothing to do with the Old Boys' Club per se.

Ladies and Gentlemen, our Rector has just told us how important this project is to the future of Michaelhouse — and, in fact, the whole operation is totally dependent on Old Boys — and in particular, Old Boys who are prepared to do their fair share of canvassing. The effort made so far in raising close on R7 million could not have been matched by many similar institutions in the country — it's a great start and a tremendous effort by canvassers and donors alike but you know as well as I do that these Appeals must not be allowed to lose their impetus until completed. It is vitally important to Michaelhouse in general and our forthcoming Centenary in particular, that we not only reach our target, but in fact exceed it,the way inflation is going at present.

The Strategic Planning Committee have, for the last four years been identifying the needs of the school leading up to and beyond the turn of the century. The resultant plans are not in any way extravagant — but rather essential. I believe it is true to say that the Durban and Zululand branches have really excelled themselves in their efforts so far while we have high expectations that Johannesburg will follow this example after a late start.

To get this operation into perspective, let's look at a comparison. Again last year I was fortunate to be asked to address the Gaudy dinner for those who left school between '51 and '56. Among other things I said: "On going through the relevant Chronicles of your era, I have no doubt that yours must rate as one of the most constructive and interesting periods of all time in the history of Michaelhouse. Ideas and plans conceived before and during the war, came into being. The new Chapel was built, as was Pascoe and the VIth Form block. The Rectory was established and numerous other facilities came into being — the Staff Common Room, the Tuck Shop, the Junior Dining Hall". There can be little doubt whatsoever, that we are on the eve of another such monumentally historical development here at Michaelhouse. The amount of time and effort put into this undertaking by those in the organising structure has been quite unbelievable and to be highly recommended, yet it is no easy or enjoyable task and my appeal to you all today is twofold.

Firstly, for those of you who have not already been canvassed, please come forward by finding a member of the organising committee in your area, who will have your card, and fill it in, committing yourself to whatever you feel you can afford, without waiting for him to find time to find you. And secondly, having filled in your card, it would be greatly appreciated, if you would volunteer to canvass two or three others. By doing this, you will be taking enormous pressure off the area committees and can also have the satisfaction of sitting back afterwards and saying in all honesty that you have done your share to keep the motto above the dining room door reading forwards. I thank you in anticipation in the full knowledge that you, like the rest of us presently involved and all those already committed, will walk round this school on Centenary Day in six years' time, with a chest swollen with pride, knowing it was worth it.

To all intents and purposes, your Committee this year has again demonstrated their earnest intent as judged by their attendances at and contributions to all meetings this past year, and I thank them all most sincerely for this. As mentioned in the Michaelhouse news, it has been a somewhat quiet year due in no small measure to the priority given to the Centenary Appeal. Two matters of particular interest to us all, however, were thoroughly debated and need mention here.

The first concerned the *Chronicle* — the cost of which has more than doubled in the last four years, and the size of which seemed also to be creeping up to more and more pages. This is obviously of concern to us, because we have to pay for our portion of the magazine, and we therefore have to be certain of being able to fulfil our obligations. Basically our thoughts on the matter crystallised as follows:

(1) Inflation was a fact of life and we would have to continue to make provision for it. This is largely catered for by new OMs' life subscriptions.
(2) The excellence of this publication must never be forfeited.
(3) The boys loved reading about themselves, and the more names mentioned the better.
(4) More recreations and sports were being offered than ever before and therefore more space was required.
(5) Certain functions such as "Ad Portas" occurred every now and then, as did overseas sports tours, which would push up the number of pages in those particular years.
(6) The in-coming Committee would look more carefully into the advertising aspect because although this helped bring in money to pay our way, (a) it was in fact also increasing the size and therefore the overall cost of the magazine, and (b) acquiring this advertising as a very real hassle to all Branch Committees because of the limited and widespread circulation, i.e. even national companies could get better mileage elsewhere and it boiled down only really appealing to the likes of Rawdons, Granny Mouse etc. for obvious reasons.
(7) The Board felt that as they were paying for the separate cost of type-setting and we were only paying the cost of the printing the number of copies we require, that it was a bit unfair of us to take all the income from the advertising. In all fairness other factors have to be taken into consideration, namely that the school news takes up three quarters of the magazine while the Old Boys take three quarters of the total printed. I have met the Chairman of the Board to discuss the options, and your Committee will report back in due course on decisions taken. Let it be said at the outset, however, that we are by no means at loggerheads with the Board over this matter, and they are not adamant that anything should change. We, for our part, welcome the opportunity to look more closely at the figures to make sure that we are in fact paying our full share.

I believe that these have been useful discussions and ones which need to be monitored continuously as they comprise such a large percentage of our annual costs. Most of you will have read this year's *Chronicle* by now, and as promised, it is smaller than last year's but every bit as good. I trust that you all join me in congratulating Adrian Rogers and Ronald

Brooks on this latest edition and thanking them most sincerely for the considerable time and effort they have put into this latest *Chronicle*.

The second subject which took much of our time was with regard to the date of Old Boys' Day. This appears separately on our agenda today, because obviously if there is to be any change, it requires the approval of this meeting and therefore to allow for open debate. I will leave it till then.

One other matter which I wish to bring to your attention yet again this year concerns the behaviour at the Michaelhouse/Hilton match. David Lewis spoke about this in his report to you last year, since which we have played one match and many of you will be aware of the adverse press comments which followed. I cannot make it any plainer to you, than to say that the continuation of this bi-annual fixture is now in very real jeopardy. Neither school is prepared to go on receiving this flack. The situation last year at Hilton was quite intolerable and while the matches played here have not been plagued with quite the vandalism which has been Hilton's lot, nevertheless steps will have to be taken to ensure that the venture is not changed to Woodburn in Pietermaritzburg. There can be no doubt that every one of us attending these matches now has an added responsibility, not only to abide by the requests of the two schools regarding the consumption of alcoholic beverages, but more importantly to take the name and school of all those who blatantly disregard these requests or who make nuisances of themselves. Only by positive identification, can we as a Committee be empowered to take steps against such transgressors.

That completes my report on the debates of the past year. Dylan Thomas said "Go not out gently upon that good night" and for those of you who know what he was referring to, I make no apology for taking him out of context. Yet this being my swansong as your President, I am not too far off track. And so, having dealt with the past, I pose very briefly the question; what of the future?

Far be it for me to prescribe to the Rector or the Board as to how Michaelhouse, should advance towards the next century. The highly fluid situation in SA at present and in particular the Dept. of Education make any predictions impossible. What is certain, however, is that the values entrenched in the past century as Michaelhouse are of paramount importance and need constant and continual reinforcement. Adapting to present circumstances will always be necessary, but the need to uphold standards of excellence in so far as the general discipline is concerned, the academic and sporting prowess, and the traditions of the school, cannot be too strongly emphasised.

We in the cattle industry have a saying which goes like this: "Identify the superior performing functionally efficient cattle, and then learn to like the way they look". I think this just about says it all — if you find a successful formula, you stick to it. Michaelhouse has always been on track in terms of its successes during and after school. We are proud of our Old School Tie and long may it last. May I say to you, Rector Pluke, while few of us, if any, would choose to be in your shoes, you have our continued support and loyalty. We exhort you to continue in your efforts to keep our flag at the top of the mast in the difficult years ahead, and I leave with you and all members of the Michaelhouse community, these wonderful words from Rabindranath Tagore: "If you will keep a green bough of hope in your heart, God will always send a singing bird".

It remains, then, for me to thank you Ronald Brookes and Gill Rouillard most sincerely for yet another wonderful year, looking after our Club's interests, and to thank Rector Pluke for having us all here today. Thank you and may you all enjoy your day together.

Before going any further, I would like to add to what the Rector has said about J.P.L.

Johnny is retiring at the end of this quarter after 41 years on the staff. A quick calculation tells me that some 4 100 boys have passed through Michaelhouse during that time. This has got to be another record he has notched up and my guess is that very few of those boys, if asked which masters they still remember from their school days, would ever exclude Johnny. He is such a household name here, that I am sure most of us simply take him for granted, while in fact his contribution over the years has been truly enormous. Nobody that I know of has aged less than Johnny Lowe — he is exactly the same today as he was when I was here 30 years ago. My guess is that it must be some concoction or other, that he and Mr Nathan discovered between the two of them, because Nathan also hasn't done too badly in this regard. Apart from those few of us in the class one day who saw Ginsberg empty the contents of his blue fountain pen into the pocket of a brand new sports jacket Johnny was proudly wearing for the first time, I am sure that most of us will remember J.P.L. for one or other incident in a scientific laboratory experiment, or his MG sports car or even perhaps his Springbok skin tie. Johnny, whatever the memory, we cherish it and thank you for your many long years of devotion to Michaelhouse. On behalf of the Old Boys' Club, I would ask you to receive a small token of our appreciation, and may you and Amy both be thoroughly fulfilled in your retirement.

## Election of New Members

The OMs whose names appear in the Notice of the Meeting were duly elected.

## Election of Office Bearers (1990–1991)

Office Bearers were elected as follows:

President: M.R. Butcher (already elected)
President Elect: R.K. Ridgway (proposed by R.E.A. Folker, seconded by R.E. Turner)

## Committee Members

A.J. Clucas
D.M.R. Lewis
S.B. Sharratt
R.E. Turner

Proposed by G.B.D. McIntosh
Seconded by P.C.A. Francis

## Trustees

D.A. Guthrie
P.C.A. Francis

Proposed by A.J. Clucas
Seconded by D.M.R. Lewis

The President informed the Meeting that the additional members of the Committee were —

Board Members — J.H. Henderson (and R.K. Ridgway), and all Branch Chairmen.

## Branch Reports

Reports were given by representatives of Durban and Coast (S.B. Sharratt), Pietermaritzburg (G.F.R. Whitsitt), Transvaal (C.A.R. Dresser), Midlands (G.B.D. McIntosh).

## Congratulatory Letters

The following congratulatory letters were approved:

**Michael Cassidy** (50–54) for his contribution to peace and Christian values in South Africa exemplified in his book "The Passing Summer".

**Charles P. Currey** (42–45) on his appointment as Vice-Principal of Bishops.

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**Dr Stuart Downes** (52–56) on being appointed Chairman of the SPCA National Council of Southern Africa.

**Geoff Engel** (70–73) elected MP in the last General Election.

**Pete G. Kaulback** (81–82) represented Zimbabwe in the Rugby World Cup in New Zealand (1987).

**John Lowe** on his forty-one years as a member of staff.

**Ken Mackenzie** (37–39) Benefaction to Michaelhouse.

**Dr R.P.M. Proctor** (54–59) on his appointment as Vice-Principal University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.

**Mike Rosholt** (35–37) Chairman of the Urban Foundation.

**Professor Leonard Thompson** (29–32) Professor Emeritus of History, Yale University. DLitt Natal 1990. Author "A History of SA" 1990.

**Anthony van Velden** (67–71) on his appointment as Headmaster, St. Nicholas School.

**Dr Christopher (Kit) Vaughan** (67–71) on his appointment as Research Associate Professor of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation at the University of Virginia.

**Jerome Wilson** (82–86) on being awarded the Rhodes Scholarship for Natal.

**Dr Nolly Zaloumis** (46–49) on his work as National President of the Wild Life Society of Southern Africa for eight consecutive years.

## THE TREASURER'S REPORT — 1990

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 1990 have been tabled in the foyer.

The Income and Expenditure Statement shows a surplus of R918.

Overall income increased by R7 846 and expenditure increased by R7 616 compared with the previous year.

There were 120 Life Membership subscriptions at R150, a total of R18 000 (38 per cent of the overall income).

Profits on sales of clothing, prints, crockery etc. increased by R4 985, compared with the previous year, to R16 785 (35 per cent of the overall income).

Income received from the Permanent Secretary Fund was R11 624 (24 per cent of the overall income).

The major items of increased expenditure were as folllows —

(i) Computer Bureau charges — an increase of R945

(ii) Chronicle — an increase of R3 533. Higher postages are mainly responsible.

(iii) Community Office expenses — an increase of R2 680, attributable to salary increments.

The Permanent Secretary's Fund now stands at R68 133.


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# *Branch Reports*

## DURBAN AND COAST SECTION

Chairman's Report 1990

Another eventful year with many of the activities and functions being repeated from previous years. The prime aim, as always, was to foster the good fellowship of Michaelhouse and the community.

We started off the year with the New Old Boys' function at the Berea Rovers Club on the last Friday in January. Members of the Committee hosted about 30 young men and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

The New Parents' Party was held once again at the home of Judy and Mick Butcher. The numbers attending were slightly less than previously but this did not detract from the success of the evening.

Old Boys' Day saw Mick Butcher assume the role of President of the Old Boys Club and we extend our congratulations to him.

On the sporting front we participated in three golf tournaments, the D. Chapman, Hudson Bennet and Norman Lewis, but did not carry off any trophies.

The rugby seven-a-side tournament at Kearsney saw us lose to Westville in the quarter finals.

The Annual Triangular Sports Tournament played between Kearsney, Hilton and ourselves was not held this year. Hilton dropped out and Kearsney tried to arrange for a Cape Schools contingent as opposition but in the end the tournament was cancelled.

Ross Armstrong spoke once again to matric boys at Michaelhouse on the role of the Old Boys' Club and the committee is grateful to him.

The Centenary Appeal fund continued and at this stage approximately R7 000 000 has been collected. The Natal Region as a whole have collected a major portion of the total and work continues to ensure that the majority of Old Boys are canvassed for donations.

Five years ago the 100 Club was started and an enjoyable dinner to celebrate this event took place during the year. We are currently assisting five boys financially through school. A drive was held to determine if there were any candidates for assistance in senior primary schools but no awards were made.

Walter Strachan resigns as Chairman of the Board after 17 years of service of which six were as Vice-Chairman and the last six as Chairman. His devotion and loyalty to the school resulted in the award of Fellow Associate of Michaelhouse being conferred on him in 1988. We wish him well in the future.

Anson Lloyd was one of the members who tendered his apologies to the meeting as he is still recuperating from an illness. He thinks that is the first AGM he has missed in 60 years! We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to his contribution at the next AGM.

My thanks to the Committee as a whole for their support and wise counsel, and especially to Charles Phillips, who runs the 100 Club single-handedly and doubles as the Treasurer, and to Tony Cooke, the Secretary, who has always been most generous with his time.

*Stan Sharrat,* Chairman

## NATAL MIDLANDS BRANCH

The Midlands enjoys the benefit of having Michaelhouse in the middle of its area of responsibility, which means that few people attend our annual social function. To ensure a good attendance this year, committee member Roger Turner organised a combined party with Maritzburg College and Hilton Old Boys and, as a result, a warm and friendly spirit prevailed at the College v. Michaelhouse rugby match the next day.

Our Committee meetings which are laid back affairs and are normally held in a semi-private nook at Rawdon's result in interesting interpolations from friends and Old Boys who may be passing by.

In a move which was organised by the Committee of the Midlands Old Boys' Club who have, as one of their members, the Estate Manager, in the form of John Morgan, a finesse which dazzled even the hard-nosed capitalist and probably bridge-playing members of the Michaelhouse Board of Governors, resulted in a small beef herd, which had been quietly and thriftily accumulated on the school estate, coming under the control of the Midlands Old Boys' Committee. The off-spring are, after weaning, grown out by Old Boy and Parent farmers and later sold to benefit a bursary fund to assist the sons of farmers to the extent of up to half of the school fees. At this stage 32 head have been sold and have raised an amount of just on R30 000 and 75 head are grazing on various farms in Natal, but particularly in East Griqualand at present, where they will be sold to supplement the fund and, hopefully, take it to close to R100 000 by the end of 1991. There are at present 60 calves at foot, which will be sent to co-operating farmers for growing out in 1991. This means that our Club can be assured of raising some R40 000 a year, and possibly in 1992, but probably in 1993 the first bursary can be awarded. Old Boys also help with advice; Roger Turner is the honorary veterinarian; and donations of lick and even some cattle have been received.

*Graham McIntosh*

## WESTERN CAPE BRANCH

On 9th August a buffet dinner was held which elicited poor response although we were pleased to see Dick Hennessy amongst those present. Only 16 people appeared so that we changed the venue from a large restaurant and made private arrangements. The event ran at a loss of some R60.

On 6th September a cocktail party was held at the house of Roland Hudson-Bennett and this was extremely well patronised and resulted in a small technical profit. On the basis of this experience we shall probably stick to cocktail parties in future years and possibly hold two a year, one aimed at university students and younger members and the other for those of maturer years. That is not to say that either group would be excluded from the other function!

*Anthony Hart*

## ZULULAND BRANCH

We have had a particularly quiet year in 1990. Our planned AGM had to be postponed to February 1991 as we were unable to find a date and time which suited sufficient members.

We did however rally a good field for the Quadrangular sports

day, hosted this year by College at the Empangeni Country Club on 21 October. Some good tennis and golf was played and we all enjoyed the annual get together.

*Rob Sully*

## PIETERMARITZBURG BRANCH

The first function of the year was a cocktail party for the current school leavers and leavers from the previous two years. This function was attended by 23 New Old Boys. My sincere thanks go to Dave and Normaine Short who opened their home to the new Old Boys for this function.

The annual Hudson Bennett Golf Tournament was held at the Maritzburg Country Club on the 10th June 1990. This was well supported by 86 golfers and, whilst we would like to see more golfers, a great day was had by all.

The results were:
Hudson Bennett Trophy: Teams of four with best three individual Stableford Scores to count.

1st Midlands "A" — Gavin Hall
Keir Hall
Austen Johnstone
Jeremy Cooke 106 points

2nd Maritzburg "B" — Charles Bennet
Sandy Davidson
Jon Price
Mark Lynn 101 points

Rhys Evans Trophy Individual Medal — Gross

1st Gavin Hall — 75 gross
2nd Mark Lynn — 80 gross

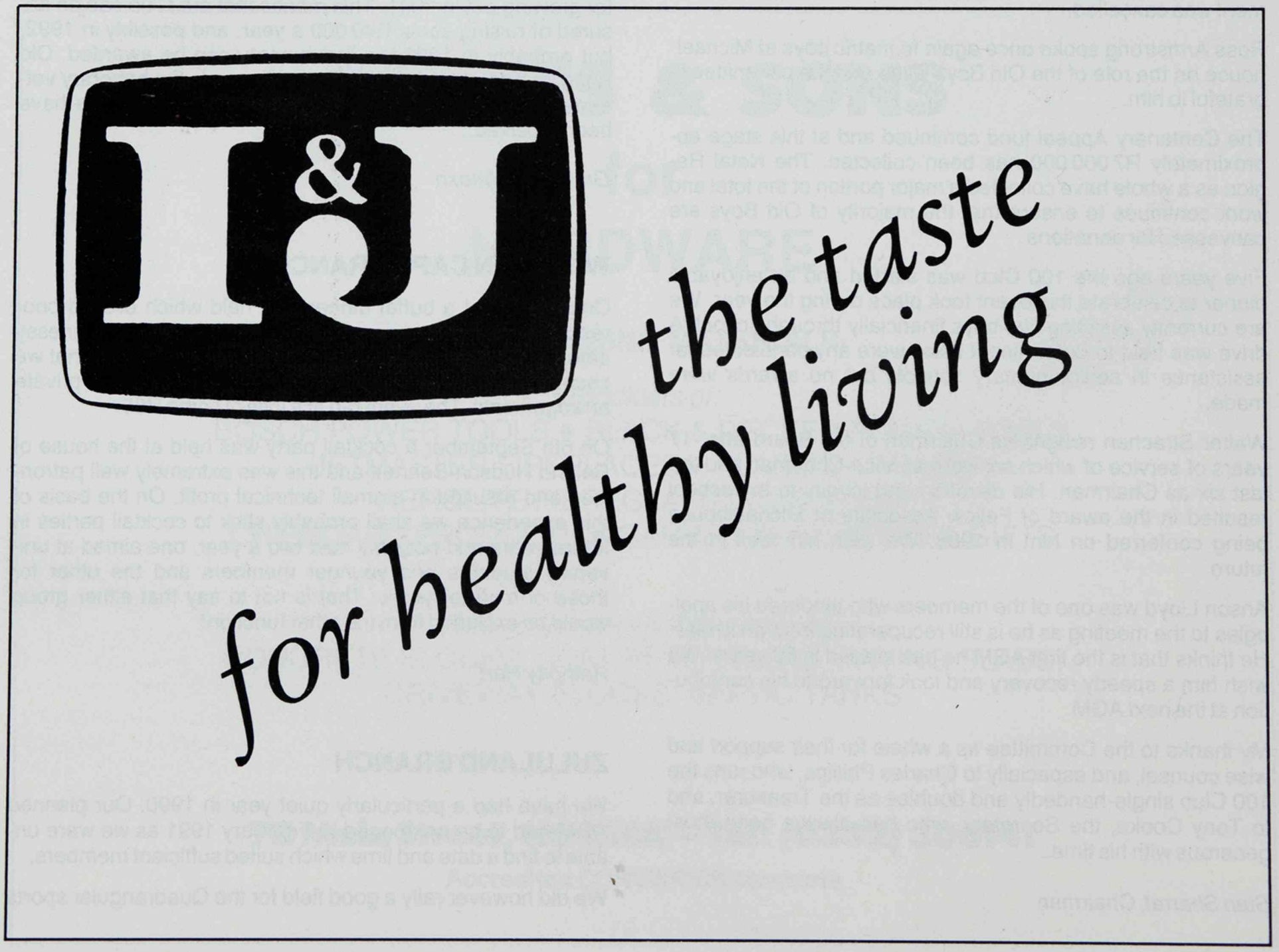
Ken Drysdale Trophy — Individual Medal — Nett
1st Mark Abrahams — 68 nett
Craig Lyle — 69 nett

Khehla Trophy — Individual Bogey Stableford over 55 years
1st Gordon Cheshire — 34 points on count out
2nd Dave Parkin — 34 points

On the Friday, 22nd June, the night before the first Hilton/Michaelhouse rugby clash, it was our turn to host the Annual Dinner. Our guest of honour on this occasion was Chick Henderson who not only gave a highly amusing but also a very informative speech, which was enjoyed by the 118 people who attended (Michaelhouse contributed 90 of these). A resounding Victory!

The only other function was held on 31st August 1990 in the form of a cocktail party to welcome the new parents to the Michaelhouse Community. This function is also attended by the parents of existing scholars at the School. John Pluke, our Rector, spoke and gave all present an excellent insight into what is happening at the School. This evening is intended to give parents an opportunity to meet the housemasters and other senior staff in an informal atmosphere and this was definitely achieved.

*George Whitsitt*



# MALES OF THE CHAPLIN FAMILY AND MICHAELHOUSE



- Charles
  - CHARLIE CHAPLIN
- Walter
  - Cyril 03–09
    - Buddy 39–43
      - Gavin 66–70
      - Terry 72–75
      - Angus 75–79
- Albert
  - Spencer 19–22
  - Harry 19–24
  - Geoffrey 22–25
    - Sydney 53–56
      - Jonathan 86–89
    - Paul 57–60
  - Wally 23–26
    - (Grandson) Crispian Olver 73–76
  - Eric 34–35
    - Mark 60–63
    - Jeremy 71–75
    - Anthony 72–76
  - Charles 38–39
    - Spencer 71–73

Wally Chaplin (23–26) wonders whether any family has a more impressive attendance record than the Chaplins. The family tree above does not tell the whole story, for there have been a number of Chaplin descendants in the female line (e.g. Dornings and Strachans), who have attended Michaelhouse.

## REUNION DINNER — CLASS OF 1965

On Tuesday, 20th November, I travelled up to Johannesburg with Jon and Lynne Price and Richard Poynton (Proprietor of Granny Mouse's Country House). They deposited me safely at Bishop's House, Parktown. It was a joy to see Bishop Duncan Buchanan and his wife, Di, again.

After a shower and change into "glad rags" I was met by Alistair McLuckie (chief accountant, Standard Merchant Bank) and we drove to the Country Club. Peter MacIldowie (running an executive placement company, Woodburn Mann Associates) and Rob Greig (journalist — *still* writing exams; he wrote Politics III earlier that day) had organised things superbly. There were 29 of us — nearly a third of our class — having come mainly from Johannesburg but also as far afield as the Currie Cup province and Windhoek ("Monty" Lamont-Smith, involved in training accountants).

The dinner started with, appropriately, a first course of mealie meal porridge. Things improved dramatically and we finished off with huge Havana cigars and an excellent 1948 Port. A feature of the meal was the deliberate changing of places between courses.

This was all a wonderful time of renewing old friendships; inevitable nostalgia about some idiosyncratic staff; and humbling and humorous reminders of our own times at school. It is surely evidence of the grace of God that our year had made good men out of the amazing variety of characters we knew at school! How else could there be a Professor of Haematology (Barry Mendelow at Wits); Financial Manager for AECI (Neil Axelson); Director of 15 companies (Simon Nash); SAAF pilot (Ray Houghton); Computer Systems for catering in hotel groups around SA (David Mudd); Stockbroker (David Fell) etc., even a school chaplain!

Thus a good time of renewal and strengthening of Michaelhouse bonds. At least five more boys will come back as sons of Old Boys. The school video was also a success (seven more copies sold after its showing).

I returned late, as quietly as I could!, to Bishops House and, after a good night's rest, was taken to Jan Smuts, whence I flew back to Pietermaritzburg, with the unexpected bonus of having Neil Jardine in the adjacent seat. San transport awaited to bring me back to Balgowan and home, "Ephratha" — amazing to think that those boys in the mini bus with me will similarly benefit from their Michaelhouse education. A blessing indeed!

*Father Fred Pitout*
*Chaplain*

### Erratum

The Editor of "Michaelhouse News" No. 21 apologises to MR NEVILLE HARDEN (42–46) for having erroneously included his name in the list of old boys who had died. The false information had been given in good faith.

We rejoice that Mr Harden is alive and well, we are grateful to him for his kindly and good-humoured reaction to the macabre situation, and we very much regret the distress caused to him, his family and his friends.

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# *Obituaries*

**Michael George Arkwright** (38–41)

Mike Arkwright was born in Scotland on 12th June 1924 and came to Southern Rhodesia with his parents in 1927, his father having recently retired as a Regular Officer in the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers. The family went farming in South Marandellas in partnership with two other ex-British Army Colleagues and in the early 1930s Mike went to Ruzawi where he soon made a name for himself as a good all-rounder both in the classroom and on the sports field. Among his many achievements was his winning of the Senior Victor Ludorum in Athletics for which he was given a silver cup and which was among his most treasured possessions. He became a very good games player, who was always a delight to play games with, and he held other responsibilities such as Head of House, Chapel Monitor and so on. Ruzawi was a very small school in those days with an enrolment of no more than about 40 boys, but it was a very happy place to which Mike contributed his full share with his pleasant, modest disposition and ready smile.

In 1938 Mike went to Michaelhouse and was placed in Farfield under Colin Melville. Here he continued to excel both on the playing field and off it and it therefore came as no surprise when Melville made him a prefect in his Upper V year. In addition to his achievements in cricket and rugby he won his First XI colours for hockey, was prominent in the Cadet Corps, and was in his younger days in the Chapel Choir. He retained as always his happy unselfish disposition, never failing to be of assistance to those younger than himself or to more senior boys who were new to the School.

In 1942, after leaving Michaelhouse, he joined the Royal Navy as an Able Seaman but he soon made his mark and gained his Commission. Thereafter he saw service in the Mediterranean and at the end of the war returned to Rhodesia to take up farming in the Marandellas area. In 1950 he married Ann (a niece of one of his father's original farming partners) in England. He returned soon afterwards with his bride and they set up home on a virgin farm outside Marandellas. They grew tobacco for some years until Mike was offered a job with the Rhodesia Tobacco Marketing Board, an important statutory body. He remained with the Board until his retirement in June 1988, having finished up as General Manager and having also become in the course of his years of service, a recognised authority on the tobacco industry.

Sadly, however, ill-health had begun to creep up on him during his last years with the Board which forced him to retire a year or two earlier than he might otherwise have done. It was found that he had developed not only Parkinson's Disease but also an insidious form of cancer. This was a misfortune such as few have had to face, but face it he did, always with Ann's unfailing devotion and support. For a long time it seemed that the cancer had been arrested but eventually he took a turn for the worse and he died peacefully at his home in Harare on Tuesday, 4th December 1990.

Thus there passed from us a person of great integrity who had never failed to serve his fellow men quietly and unobtrusively. During the war years in Rhodesia, Mike had been a very active member of the Police Reserve, and in more recent times, despite his illness, had offered his services to the local Neighbourhood Watch. He was also a practising Christian and had for some years been a Sidesman at his local Parish Church. He will be remembered with respect, admiration and affection by all who knew him, his most striking characteristic perhaps being his essential niceness. A number of his Michaelhouse contemporaries were present at his funeral and Michaelhouse itself may well be proud of one of its greatest sons.

May he rest in peace.

**Mr Justice John Nicholas Syer Bristowe** (54–57)

We print below the report which appeared in *The Natal Mercury* on the 7th February, 1991.

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MEMBERS of the legal profession in Natal expressed shock at the sudden death in Pietermaritzburg yesterday of Mr Justice Nicholas Bristowe.

A judge in the Natal Provincial Division based in Durban, he collapsed and died in his Supreme Court chambers here yesterday morning. He was 50.

Mr Malcolm Wallis, SC, chairman of the Natal Society of Advocates, who knew Mr Justice Bristowe as a friend and colleague as well as a judge, said members of the society were shocked at his sudden and tragic death.

"He was a judge who was universally popular, a pleasure to appear before and one whose loss the Bench and the legal profession can ill afford," he said.

"We will all mourn his death, and extend our condolences to his wife, Janet, and his family."

Professor James Lund, dean of the faculty of law in Pietermaritzburg, said Judge Bristowe had been an extremely valuable member of the faculty board.

"He had a commitment to legal education and education as a whole and we certainly valued very greatly his openness and his accessibility. He was friendly, enthusiastic and had a wonderful sense of humour.

"We will miss him greatly."

Judges, attorneys, advocates and members of the Attorney-General's staff will gather in the Supreme Court, Durban, at 9 a m tomorrow for a ceremony to pay tribute to Judge Bristowe.

He was educated at Michaelhouse, the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, and Oxford University.

Admitted as an advocate in Natal in August 1968, Mr Bristowe took silk in July 1981. He was an acting judge during February 1987 and appointed as a judge at the end of that year.

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Nicholas was barely thirteen years old when he arrived at Michaelhouse and was placed in the top sets of the C Block, a precocious child, very alert, very intelligent. He may be remembered by some as one of the two princes murdered in the Tower in the 1954 open-air "Richard III". Tony Clucas was the other prince. Nicholas became Senior Chorister and he obtained a first-class matric. He was in the gym team, but he was too young, while at school, to shine as a rugby player, as later he did. He was vice-captain of Natal University's under 19 B side, he played for the 1st XV of St John's College, Oxford, and as full-back for the Oxford Greyhounds and occasionally for Oxford University.

At Natal University he passed LLB cum laude, at Oxford he graduated 2nd Class PPE.

He married Anthea Paton in 1969, and there are two daughters of that marriage. In 1982 he married Janet McCarthy, and thus became stepfather of her three children.

To Janet and the family we extend our sympathy.

**Kelvin John Brown** (55–58)

It is with great sorrow that we record the sudden death of Kelvin John Brown on the 19th September 1990 at the age of 48. He was a successful mining official with the Gencor and Genmin Group and had distinguished himself as a "Shaft Sinker" during his mining career.

Kelvin came up to Michaelhouse from Cordwalles in 1955 and followed his father into Founders. He spent four very happy years at Michaelhouse and left in 1958. Kelvin was a prefect in his last year.

He spent two years at Wits studying mining and then joined JCI at Freddies in the OFS.

Kelvin married Evelyn Ronaasen in 1965 and is survived by his wife and two children, Graham and Nicolette.

He was a very dependable and kind man, a loving husband and father. Kelvin had many friends among the mining community, both White and Black, and will be missed and remembered for many years to come by his family and many friends.

**Richard Cary Coles** (30–33)

Richard Cary Coles was born in 1917 in Pietermaritzburg and grew up in Mid-Illovo and Harding, his father having been Vicar of those parishes.

On leaving school he joined the staff of Barclays Bank DCO in Pietermaritzburg and served in Nelspruit and Johannesburg. During the war he was commissioned in the Witwatersrand Rifles and later seconded to the British Military Administration in the Dodecanese Islands.

Returning to civilian life he joined the Trustee Department of Barclays Bank, moving to Johannesburg in 1965 on his appointment as Deputy Chief Manager of the Department, which position he held until his retirement in 1977. Then followed a tranquil period in which he was able to indulge his hobbies of reading, book collecting, travelling and his special interest, gardening. In September 1988 he suffered a massive coronary thrombosis which left him considerably impaired, both mentally and physically.

He died peacefully at his Johannesburg home on the 27th October 1989 and is survived by his widow, Margaret, whom he married in 1946, three daughters, a granddaughter and three grandsons.

**Vic Cowles** (34–37)

The SAAF Association has suffered a big loss with the recent death of Victor Pomeroy Cowles. He was dedicated to the Association and was instrumental in raising thousands and thousands of rands for Johannesburg Branch welfare activities. Right to the end, he was worrying about getting sponsors for the golf and race days ahead. Vic had been chairman of the Branch, and was a country vice-president of the National Executive. He rarely missed a meeting or a Congress, where he could always be counted on to donate a case of whisky. He helped promote bowls tournaments and was a past-chairman of the Sportman's Club.

Educated at Michaelhouse, where he was a fine sportsman — particularly on the rugby field and in the boxing ring — and at McGill University, Canada; the war interrupted his studies, and he qualified as a fighter pilot, seeing action in the Desert with No. 2 Squadron "Flying Cheetahs". After the war, he joined the SAAN newspaper group firstly in a journalistic capacity, then on the sales side.

Later, he entered the liquor trade where he made a host of friends. He was a tremendous mixer with an amazing memory for names and faces and events, particularly sporting ones. Punctual and always meticulously dressed, Vic, one feels, never realised his full potential.

The Association extends deepest sympathy to Alma, his sons Lee and Phillip and daugther Annie.

*(From the SAAF Assn. Newsletter, August 1990)*

**Peter Dancaster** (Tatham 49–53)

Died in St Luke's Hospital Cape Town on 8th October 1990. During his school years he excelled at swimming and later he represented his province.

After leaving school he did accountancy at Wits before moving to Canada as Internal Audit Manager of Dunhill. Then he became General Manager of Dunhill and subsequently Executive Assistant to the President of Canadian Breweries. He returned to the Cape where he lived at Hout Bay and there he led an active life till shortly before his death.

Road cycling around the beautiful peninsula was his great joy. On a Sunday morning shortly before he died we were looking out over Hout Bay from half way up Chapman's Peak when a group of early morning cyclists passed, and I could see how much he yearned to join them.

To his wife Jennifer and daughters Claire and Robyn we offer our sincere sympathy.

**Walton D. Dyer** (East 36–39)

After a lengthy illness, Walton passed away on the 4th March this year. He leaves his wife Evelyn, 3 daughters Diana, Gillian and Brenda, and six grandchildren.

Walton retired as a partner of Chapman, Dyer & Partners (Attorneys) some three or four years ago, but continued as a Consultant to the firm until shortly before his death. The partnership with his close Michaelhouse friend Gordon Chapman (36–40) had been formed in 1962, by the amalgamation of Dyer, Stewart & Dyer and William Palmer & Son.

Walton earned his Michaelhouse colours for cricket and rugby and represented Natal Schools at cricket. A knee injury shortly after leaving school put an end to a promising sporting future. He was a keen tennis player up until his illness.

During World War II he joined the South African Navy and was immediately seconded to the Royal Navy where he rose through the ranks to become flag lieutenant to Admiral Scott.

He will be best remembered by family and friends for his wonderful sense of humour. He had a warmth and a zest for life which brought joy and laughter to the lives of all who knew him.

Even during the desperation of his terminal illness, he lived to the inscription above the entrance to the Senior Dining Hall — "Quit ye like men — be strong".

May he rest peacefully.

**Norton Franklin** (29–32)

If classics men are right in calling Economics "the dismal science", then Norton Franklin was a misfit. He was one of the most distinguished economists Michaelhouse has produced. Yet he was always humorous and humane.

He was contradictory in other ways too. He was by no means a committed Christian. He had no use for Christian dogma. Yet he was fascinated by Christian literature. One of the things he enjoyed most at Michaelhouse was Ronald Currey's Divinity lessons. Fifty years later he was recalling with relish how Currey led the class through the Book of Job. He was unmistakeably a swot, and he looked like one with that solemn expression and those large glasses. But he hated be-

ing thought a swot and, though no good at ball games, built up a considerable athletic reputation as a long-distance runner.

Norton was born in Bloemfontein in 1915 and reared in Basutoland where his father was a book-keeper at Mohales Hoek and Quthing and his mother a kindergarten teacher. He began his formidable education at his mother's kindergarten, and admitted later that he actually enjoyed sums and the "mathematical" aspects of reading and writing, such as parsing and analysis. He won two Basutoland Government bursaries which enabled him to go to Pridwin Prep School, then still on the Natal coast.

From there, it was Michaelhouse, a first-class matric, and two years in the Sixth Form. Then Rhodes University College where he read Economics under Prof. Hobart Houghton; graduated; and won an Elsie Ballot Scholarship to Cambridge in the mid-1930s, when that university was in a politically controversial phase and was, in fact, producing some very successful Moles. From Cambridge, and subsequently from the also controversial London School of Economics, Norton emerged with Leftish sympathies, yes, but with his humanity deepened with his judgment still balanced.

Back at Rhodes, he lectured in Economics with Hobart Houghton and with him wrote a book, *Economics in South Africa* which was a minor classic and a standard work. He married one of his students, Ethel Leonard, and they had a son and a daughter.

From Grahamstown he joined Smuts's Social and Economic Planning Council in Pretoria, and thence the International Labour Organisation in Geneva where he rose to the top eschelon. Here is a random example of his service there: when reporting on the employment created by the World Food Programme he characteristically swung the emphasis of the WFP from food aid as emergency relief to food aid as a means of creating jobs and improving income.

He retired from the ILO in 1975, but soon after had a stroke which paralysed his right side permanently and forced him to write and type with his left hand. Interestingly, his handwriting barely changed. In retirement in Cambridge he became a bridge fiend and a teacher of contract bridge with an international reputation.

But there were other problems besides his stroke: angina and, finally, cancer. Though in and out of hospital, he fought valiantly to avoid going into an institution and to retain his independence, and died at his flat on 8 December 1990.

**John Forbes (Jack) Gaylard** (Staff 1940)

The Michaelhouse community in Zimbabwe mourn the death of a highly respected and liked colleague and friend.

**Alan Gowans** (30–33)

We print below the report which appeared in the *Natal Mercury* on 7th February 1990.

MR ALAN Gowans, a former Durban chartered accountant, died at his home in Gillitts on Monday night.

Educated at Highbury and Michaelhouse, he qualified as an accountant before joining the Natal Mounted Rifles where he served for four years during World War II.

He was a keen golfer and a long-standing member of the Durban Country Club. He retired six years ago as senior partner of a well-known firm of Durban chartered accountants.

He leaves his wife, Cherry, daughter, Mrs Diana Kriegler, and son, Peter, as well as several grandchildren.

**Richard Gerald Harry (Dick) Green** (Staff 39–)

R.G.H. (Dick) Green was born at Butterwind in Ireland in 1911. He was educated at St Edward's School and at Wadham College, Oxford. He then taught at the Blue Coat School before coming to Michaelhouse on a year's exchange. He travelled out on the boat with the new Rector, F.R. Snell.

When war came he was a navigation instructor based at Littleton Air School and then 42 Air School in East London. In 1941 he married Pauline Southey. After the war he returned to Michaelhouse for a year before going farming on his wife's family farm in East Griqualand.

He became very involved in Organised Agriculture and gave unstintingly of his time and energy in the interests of others. He was Chairman of the Upper Umzimvubu Farmers Association, Chairman of the EG Milk Producers Union, Chairman of EG Farmers Congress until EG joined Natal when he became Chairman of the EG Regional Development Association.

In 1978 he retired to Kokstad where he played a large part in laying foundations for the Frail Aged Home. He was a Town Councillor and Chairman of the Mount Currie Old Age Cottages Trust.

Dick was a great sportsman excelling at Cricket, Golf, Tennis and Bowls. He was a great character with a ready wit and was always fun to be with, one never knew what would happen next. Men of his ability are rare and rarer still are those like Dick who are prepared to use their talents for the common good.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline, two sons, Andrew, a lawyer and William who carried on the farm and a daughter, Sarah, in New Zealand.

**Canon Hugh Alfred Harker** (29–33)

Hugh died at Kenton-on-Sea, Eastern Province on Sunday, 23rd December 1990. Second son of the Dean of Pietermaritzburg, he was born in a home in Loop Street on 23rd February 1916. He had three brothers, John, Michael and Peter, all educated at Cordwalles and Michaelhouse, and one sister, Mary (now Stewart). He is survived by all of them and by his wife Ruth whom he married in 1970 and who, with her two children, John and Margot, and their families brought to Hugh much joy and loving support during the last 20 years of his ministry as an Anglican priest.

Hugh was in East under the housemastership of "Stricky" Strickland. He became a house prefect and he played rugby for the 1st XV. He matriculated in 1932. He was awarded a scholarship to the College of the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield in Yorkshire, England, to be trained for ordination and, whilst at the College, graduated with a History Honours degree from Leeds University. He was ordained priest on 6th October 1940 in St Paul's Cathedral, whilst serving as a curate in the parish of Greenford, Middlesex, during the London blitz.

In 1944 he joined the Royal Navy as a chaplain and served with a flotilla of landing craft under Lord Louis Mountbatten in Burma, ending the war as Dockyard Chaplain, Singapore.

It was here that Hugh received an invitation from Ronald Currey, his old rector at Michaelhouse — by then headmaster of St Andrew's College, Grahamstown — to join the College staff as Chaplain. He started his ministry at St Andrews in February 1947 and for $15\frac{1}{2}$ years served that community faithfully and outstandingly. He must have come to know over 2 000 boys in the course of that ministry and the evidence is that he was greatly loved and appreciated by the vast majority of them. He was reputed to have visited the home of every boy in the school at least once in every two years and to have built up such a connection that he was able to continue his ministry to Old Andreans of successive generations, wherever he met them. Indeed some of us may be excused for regarding him as an OA rather than an OM but this is not so. He never lost his great affection for Michaelhouse and all that it gave to him. It was there he received his call to the ministry. Whenever possible he preached in the Chapel and he knew and was much loved by many Michaelhouse boys and their families. Finally, the last of his sermons to celebrate his Golden Jubilee as an Anglican priest was delivered in the

School Chapel on Sunday, 18th November, just five weeks before he died.

Neither was his ministry confined to the private schools and his total acceptance at many Government schools throughout the country — including honorary chaplaincies at Graeme College and Victoria Girls' High School — stands alone as a tribute to his work. Of this, Ruth writes, "His impact made on hundreds, no thousands, of young lives, was summed up in a Christmas card this Christmas. It consisted of four pages standing nearly three feet high and was made by the boys of Graeme College and personally signed by every boy in the senior school.

> We don't need a lot of love! Just a constant supply.
> Thanks for that love — Ephesians Chap. 3:20.
>
> Dear Father Harker, we would just like to thank you for all you mean to everybody at Graeme — the special friendships, which you have cultivated, the sincere interest in each individual, the care, the commitment and most of all for being such an example of God's love to us all. Thank you for allowing this love to shine through you in such a complete way.
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> No words can really express how much you have meant to us all. (We tried in the size of this card but it seems vastly inadequate). All we can say is that you are in both our thoughts and prayers. Thank you for being you. God bless you always.
>
> The Graeme Senior Boys.

Hugh held a number of other appointments in the Church for varying periods of time. Usuthu Mission in Swaziland, St Andrew's School, Bloemfontein, the parish of Tugela Rivers in Bergville and the surrounding area, St Paul's, Port Alfred and St John's, Bathurst. In all of these he made his mark and brought succour and comfort to those to whom he ministered but perhaps his most significant contribution was at the Church of St John the Evangelist, Parkmore, Johannesburg, an ecumenical church embracing Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregationalist and of which he was co-founder, first Anglican rector and spiritual leader for nearly ten years. The concept was largely his own and he guided its growth from an old double length garage, in which Sunday School classes had previously been held, to a modern bricks and mortar complex consisting of a Church to seat 500 people, a chapel, two halls and facilities to accommodate all normal church functions plus a Centre of Concern for some 500 domestic employees in the neighbouring suburbs, with a medical and dental clinic.

In 1986, Hugh was forced to retire from active ministry by Church of the Province of South Africa's terms of employment. A bit of a joke, he thought, because he was fit and energetic and able to carry on. He was given the spiritual charge of the churches and congregations at Sidbury, Alicedale, Highlands, Carlisle Bridge, Riebeek East and he and Ruth worked from their home at 1 Scott's Avenue, Grahamstown travelling together vast distances to minister to the farming communities in these areas as far afield as Bedford, over 100 kilometers away. This he continued to do amost to the day of his death.

On 3rd October 1990 Hugh was inducted in the Cathedral of St Michael and St George, Grahamstown as Honorary Canon by the Bishop and on 6th October he celebrated his Golden Jubilee as a priest of the Anglican Communion.

Hugh came into our lives as he did for so many others as the result of a tragedy. He brought with him the love of God, and the compassion of Christ. But, as others know, it didn't end there. Each member of our family, grandchildren included, came to know him and receive a generous share of his ministry. How did he manage to spread himself so widely? Well he had two bulging notebooks with the names of every person he ever knew with dates of birth, marriage and so on and, as we later saw for ourselves when travelling with Ruth and him, those notebooks were produced at the appropriate page when he said his evening office and we were all prayed for individually. But behind it all he was a true servant of the Lord and an inspired evangelist of the very best order. He didn't shout it from the housetops, he didn't thump his pulpit but he did talk to people, sow the seed and help it quietly grow and flourish. What would he have said of it all himself? Well he has said it — in his circular letter of August 1990 — "What remains true, when I ask you to give thanks for whatever God has achieved through my ministry is summed up in the Parable of a Servant's Duty (St Luke, Ch. 17 v 9 and 10). The servant does not deserve thanks for obeying orders, does he? It is the same with you. When you have done all you have been told to do, say "we are ordinary servants, we have only done our duty."

*Paul Henwood*

**Robert Homes à Court** (51–55)

During the eighties as we kept reading press reports of the almost incredible rise to fame and fortune of Robert Holmes à Court, those of us who knew him as a boy at Michaelhouse searched in our memories for early indications of exceptional potentiality in him.

There was one particular instance of that bravado, which in later years caused boardrooms around the world to fear him; it was when he came by road from Salisbury and arrived at school for the start of his Sixth Form year driving an MG sports car, with another boy as passenger. He pointed out to the Rector that he had broken no rules; he had a driving licence; it was school holiday time; he would not drive the car during the term, but he asked permission to leave it at Michaelhouse until the next holidays began.

The Rector was flabbergasted and non-plussed. Robert's sportscar remained at the school during each term that year, cleaned and polished regularly by his fag.

One remembers Robert as a tall fellow, reserved, polite, good-natured, one who had quiet confidence in himself and a natural dignity, but who did not seek the limelight. He was competent in the classroom, he boxed, he belonged to the Photographic Society, the Debating Society, the Riding Club. He was a student officer in the Cadet Corps, he played rugby. His coach (Hugh Carey) wrote of his contribution to the second rugby XV, "Of the forwards Homes à Court was the best all-round player in tight and loose."

He ended up as a Tatham house officer, and those junior to him remember him as the most understanding and lenient of "cops". They respected him greatly.

Michaelhouse next met Robert thirty years later, in 1984, when he came as Speech Day Guest of Honour, accompanied by his wife, Janet, and their children. He gave a forthright, challenging speech calling on Michaelhousians to work for change in South Africa, accepting their individual responsibilities. He concluded by saying, "For my part, I am proud to have been educated at Michaelhouse, and to be part of its world community."

Michaelhouse is proud of Robert Holmes à Court, not just because he acquired much greater wealth than any other old boy ever has — in 1987 he was dubbed Australia's first billionaire.

We are proud of him too as one who, in the words of the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke, "made substantial contributions to the arts and many good causes", and who, in the words of a distinguished Australian friend, was "a charming and intelligent man, much loved by those who knew him well. He was a strategic thinker, without fear."

A former business associate says, "He was never motivated by greed, but by the ideas of bringing the best out of people."

Robert has been described as an intellectual giant, one of the great businessmen of the world, a top-of-the shelf boss and a caring family man.

A few hours after his death Mrs Janet Holmes à Court composed a touching farewell to her "best friend", recalling her late husband's charm, wit, style, compassion and integrity. They were, said Mrs Holmes à Court, characteristics familiar not only to those who knew him personally but a sentiment shared by many who followed his studied and temperate career.

"Thank you for 24 fantastic years and four wonderful children," she added.

At Robert's funeral the leaders of Western Australia from politics, the law and old-money business joined a crowd of about 800 who came to pay their last respects. The University Flying Club, founded by him in 1964, performed a flypast at noon. But the event belonged to the hundreds of Holmes à Court employees, past and present, who had come to say good-bye to The Boss.

To Janet, Peter, Cathy, Simon and Paul we extend our deep sympathy.

**Nigel Lindsay Howell Hughes** (75–80)

Died tragically at Rochester, Kent in England on 21st September 1989.

He was born on 27th August 1962 at Thomson's Falls, Kenya and was adopted at birth by John and Margaret Hughes of Tal-y-llyn Farm, North Kinangop, Kenya.

On his first birthday on 27 August 1963, the family emigrated to South Africa, their farm having been purchased for African Resettlement. Nigel was a boarder at Merchiston Preparatory School, Pietermaritzburg, where he won an open Scholarship to Michaelhouse.

He was a member of Pascoe and was at Michaelhouse from E Block to Sixth Form in the years 1975 to 1980. Not a gifted sportsman, he played rugby for the 2nd XV, but academically gifted he was in the first 30 matric students for Natal in 1979 having written all but one of the papers with a broken nose sustained during a rough house in the dormitory. He also took part in the school plays every year and sang in the choir in his early years.

On leaving Michaelhouse Nigel read for a degree in Veterinary Science at Onderstepoort Faculty of Veterinary Science of Pretoria University and graduated BVSc, in June 1986.

He then served two years National Service in the South African Medical Services as a Lieutenant (Dr) and was for 20 months the State Vet at Nongoma, in Zululand, whilst serving in the Army.

On leaving the Army, Nigel registered with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons as a Member and flew to England where he worked until his death as a locum with various Veterinary practices in order to widen his field of experience and to travel. It had been his intention to return to South Africa in 1991 to study for an MBA at Cape Town University.

**Viril Hector Kincaid-Smith** (22–23)

Viril's widow writes: "We were together for 57 years and had retired to Umtentweni for 21 years before the end. Before that he managed the family asbestos mine and cattle ranch in the far northern Transvaal. He was very versatile, having patented an asbestos-cement interlocking building block, and also the same product in roofing tiles. He also built a drilling machine by hand, in order to do a lot of boring for water. In addition he constructed a saw mill in order to supply the fruit farmers with boxes for their products, and he did much to build up a new farm from grass roots. This entailed erecting a new home with everything it needed. Being an engineer was a considerable help.

He loved the bushveld, especially conservation. I am enclosing something which is more revealing of his fine character and feel sure his old school would have been happy to have had such a fine character in its midst."

She encloses a prayer composed by their daughter in which she says, "He had so many wonderful characteristics — compassion, sensitivity, consideration of the unfortunate, a humble way of life and attitude, an even nature, hard-working."

Viril and Winifred had one son, Hector, who is farming and who has two children. Their daughter, Georgia Rose, is married with one son, who is at Wits University. Our sympathy goes out to them all.

**Geoffrey le Sueur**

Mrs Michael Garland has informed us of the death in September of her father, Geoffrey le Sueur. She writes, "Dad was the father, father-in-law, uncle and grandfather of ten old boys! He was an old Bishops boy — father of Michael le Sueur, uncle of Peter Siddons, father-in-law of Mike Garland and grandfather of Pierre, Robert and Christopher le Sueur and Duncan, Stephen, Bruce and Andrew Garland. Quite an amazing record!"

We extend our sympathy to all his family.

**Robert Thomas Stanley (Tommy) Norwood**
**Rector of Michaelhouse** (60–68)

Tommy will be remembered as a man who had a profound influence on the lives of many South Africans, a large number of whom today occupy positions of prominence in our country.

He was one of those teachers and later Headmasters whose strong but warm personality created an indelible mark on those with whom he interacted, either as schoolboys or as fellow teachers. His eternal pursuit of excellence did not sit comfortably on those who settled for mediocrity. His intensely competitive spirit extended to the playing fields of Michaelhouse. As rugby coach, the side-step that had gained him a Scottish cap, still dazzled and bewildered many an aspiring first team player. He was also an outstanding squash player, belonging to the exclusive Jester's Club for many years.

Tommy was born in 1913, in Inverness, Scotland, the son of an Anglican minister. He attended Fettes College, Edinburgh, and was head boy for two years before reading classics at Caius College, Cambridge. He greatly assisted the meagre resources of his clergyman father by obtaining scholarships for his entire academic career.

After his Masters degree, he joined the staff of Haileybury school, where he met and married Sybil Nicholls.

At the outbreak of war he joined the Hampshire infantry regiment, soon rising to the rank of Major. He was captured in North Africa and spent two and a half years as a POW in Germany. A number of South Africans who were incarcerated with him, aroused his interest in the country. Shortly after the war, he and Sybil arrived in Grahamstown to take up a teaching post at Kingswood college.

In 1949 he moved to Michaelhouse in Natal to take up the post of Housemaster of East. In the early 1950s he became senior master and then Rector in 1960. He retired in 1968 to Southbroom where he lived until 1987. Tommy was then in failing health. He and Sybil moved up to Johannesburg to be near some of their large family.

Tommy was known to the boys as "Boz". Popular belief is that the nickname came from the idea that he was like the ringmaster in Boswell's circus — always cracking the whip! In fact his scrawled initials, R.T.S.N., on a blackboard apparently looked like Boz — quite an achievement in itself!!

Boz started the school's Venture Club, twice taking groups of boys to Kenya to climb mount Kilamanjaro. He created the Canoe Club, initiated hikes in the Drakensberg, was a devout and active Christian, contributing greatly to the Christian ethic of the school and was, as one could imagine, a strong but always fair, disciplinarian.

His pursuit of excellence was always tempered by a dry sense of humour with an underlying warmth and humanity. Those of us who were at school with Boz are much the better for it.

His passing is a great loss for both his family and the entire Michaelhouse Community. On a personal note, I can directly attribute the pursuit of my particular career to Boz's motivation and guidance. Hamba Khahle!!

**Gethyn Wynn Owen** (36–39)

"Taffy" as he was known to many was born in 1921 in Greytown, Natal. He received his early education at St David's House in Greytown, a preparatory school of which his father was Headmaster.

He entered West in 1936 where he soon made an impact on hockey and athletics, winning both the school mile and half-mile in his senior year. He was also a member of the team which won the 4 × 880 yards house relay in record time. Taffy captained West at hockey and was also a member of the school first team.

After a season with the Sugar Industry, he joined the Armed Forces. Based for a while in Cape Town, he was later posted to Italy.

Taffy married his wife Margaret in 1950 and had one son, David, who also attended Michaelhouse.

In 1955 he joined Baldwins Steel in Durban where he worked until 1969 when he was transferred to Pietermaritzburg to open a new branch for the company. He remained with the Pietermaritzburg branch until his retirement in April 1984.

Taffy had a wide circle of friends and the large gathering at his memorial service bore testimony to his popularity.

**Charles Lyon Carlyon ("Frisky") Reynolds** (34–37)

*The following is an extract from an address given by Revd Nigel Juckes at the funeral committal service held at the All Souls Anglican Church, Umhlali, on 21st September.*

Charles Lyon Carlyon "Frisky" Reynolds of the farm Wagon Drift in Umhlali district died on Monday, 18th September, after a lengthy illness. He was 69.

He was born in Durban on 9th May 1920 and spent most of his young days at Kloof and at Cato Ridge. He attended preparatory school at Highbury and there he met the late Jack Heenan for the first time, and at this meeting Jack Heenan said "You really are frisky" and from that moment the nickname of "Frisky" stuck.

He was known by everybody as Frisky Reynolds and I doubt whether half his friends and acquaintances knew his Christian name.

From Highbury he moved to Michaelhouse, and left that school in 1936, and for a short time worked with Victor Kent & Company, but he always had a preference for farming, and shortly before the war he began managing the farm at Chaka's Kraal owned by the McGonegals where he worked until the outbreak of war. Throughout the war he was on active service with the First Royal Natal Carbineers in the East African and Abyssinian Campaign, the Western Desert Campaign and the Italian Campaign.

He was one of the comparative few soldiers who was a member of his Regiment before the war, saw service in it continuously during the war and was discharged from it after the war. Following his discharge from the army he once again took up the reins of management of the McGonegal farm until he was approached by Mr R.S.L. Hulett to manage the farm known as Wagon Drift which he had recently purchased.

Owing to his generous nature, Mr Hulett made it possible for a number of his managers to purchase from him farms that they managed, and in due course this offer was made to Frisky. Consequently to the day of his death he lived on and owned the farm Wagon Drift which he had added to by the purchase of adjacent lands.

Frisky was a lover of sport and over the years played rugby for the Durban Collegians first division team, cricket for Umhlali and towards the end of his life bowls, and was a member of the Mynahs Cricket Club and Kings Park Rugby Club and he seldom missed watching Currie Cup cricket or rugby matches.

He was an easy mixer and so enjoyed the company of other men, and at the same time was an excellent host at the numerous dinner parties he gave at his home which at all times had a tremendous friendly and warm atmosphere.

He was a devout Christian and was for many years a Sideman in this Church. He was a kind and generous father and an example to his four children to whom he showed the utmost generosity and kindness which frequently called for self-sacrifice, but I am sure at no time did this ever enter his mind.

He and his wife Jilly had a wonderful understanding of each other, and their popularity as a couple was well known and widespread and we will savour many happy memories of the occasions spent in their company. He did his duty as a soldier, father, friend and above all, as a man.

He is survived by his wife, Jilly, and children Janet, Adrian, Andrew and Leigh by a previous marriage.

**Lewis Rouillard**

Lews was killed in a car crash on his way to Johannesburg, taking with him some of the handmade furniture he made so beautifully. He had found this talent in the Plab Shop as a schoolboy, coming to it again and perfecting it in later life.

He spent most of his life in Balgowan "in this neck of the woods" as he would say. A part of the country he dearly loved.

The Rouillard family pioneered here, Lewis's grandfather, a doctor, was quite a legend in his time, driving around the district in a horsetrap.

Lewis was one of the first to be christened at the Michaelhouse Chapel font. He went to school at Treverton and Michaelhouse and did a spell in the Merchant Navy during the last war.

Lewis and Gyll were married in 1960. He was a great family man full of understanding, encouraging and often amused. He had the attribute to stay the same in "Triumph and disaster" and was much loved and respected for these qualities. The many who visited the lovely home that he and Gyll had made were always welcomed.

To be with Lewis was like a tonic. You felt totally relaxed in his company, fun and laughter were the order of the day. His knowledge of nature and feel for mother earth, and his appreciation of the arts played a big part in his life. His talent in making beautiful furniture all contribute to the memories we shall have of him.

To Gyll, Lewis will remain a very precious husband. To Mandy and Adam a father in a million.

A special friend to all of us here whatever colour, creed or status, old or young. Lewis had a very rare gift which I'm sure

has touched each one of us. His unconditional love. He was what he was, totally unpretentious.

**Gerald Fitzroy Walker** (Governor of Michaelhouse 75–89, Honorary Member Old Boys' Club)

When Gerald Walker retired from the Board at the end of 1989, the Chairman thanked him warmly for his great contribution as a governor, especially as Chairman of the Fee Reductions Committee and said that he had been "a pillar of strength".

Education and the Church were the causes to which Gerald devoted his life, and he was an indefatigable worker. No one who was involved with him in any way could help but admire him for this selfless attention to his duty, his patience, his good humour and his unfailing courtesy.

At the funeral service, conducted by the Bishop of Natal, in the spacious Cathedral of the Holy Nativity, every pew was filled — an affirmation of the tremendous respect and affection felt for this unassuming accountant and an eloquent testimony to his philanthropy.

Gerald grew up in Britain. He attended Wellington College and he served in the Grenadier Guards towards the end of the war. After the war the Walker family settled in Natal and Gerald served articles with Dix, Boyes and Co. in Pietermaritzburg, during which time he used to spend some days each year at Michaelhouse auditing the school accounts. He qualified as a chartered accountant and in course of time became a partner in the firm.

In 1952 he and Jane were married. There are now three grown-up daugthers and three grandchildren. Gerald was devoted to Jane and their daughters and they to him. He loved his home and garden. He enjoyed everything that was good and beautiful, good furniture, books, the countryside. However, the time he could spare at home or on holiday with the family was limited, as he was heavily committed to so many good causes.

For many years he worked for "Care of the Aged" and PADMRO (the feeding scheme for the poor in the Maritzburg area). In 1961 he was National President of Round Table. He was Chairman of the Natal University Development Fund and a Trustee of Girls' Collegiate School. He served on the council and acted as treasurer of All Saints' Church, strongly supporting its ecumenical role.

He was a governor of Cordwalles for 30 years and for most of that time was Chairman of the Finance Committee.

On any committee his contribution was valuable; he had his facts at his fingertips, he was calm and reasonable, and he presented a case with clarity and logic, often too with wit.

When he retired from Dix Boyes and Co., Gerald's principal work was for the Diocese as assistant Diocesan Secretary. He had much to do with the founding of St Nicholas School and he was appointed by the Bishop as the first Chairman of the Board before the school opened in January 1990.

A meeting of that Board, a few days before his death, was the last of the many committee meetings to which he had contributed so much.

Of Gerald Walker the epitaph is surely due —

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

**David Goring Wood** (37–40)

David was born at Westminister (OFS) on a farm called "Newlands". After attending the local farm school he moved on to Cordwalles and then to Michaelhouse. He became a house prefect in Founders and passed matric. Then he joined up.

As he was keen to fly, the SAAF was the obvious choice. He flew Baltimores, bombers, in 21 Squadron. His aircraft was badly shot up over Italy. Although severely wounded he brought his damaged aircraft back to base. He was awarded the DSO for this remarkable bravery.

On being demobbed, David attended the University of Natal and obtained his BSc.

In 1951 he became a farmer and bought the farm "Broxton" in Westminster. He was a good farmer, farming being his love and his all-consuming hobby. For 20 years he was secretary of the Westminster Farmers' Association.

In 1953 David married Ismay Clarke from Ireland. They had a daughter Jean and son Robert. Ismay died of cancer in 1970.

David's second wife, Veronica, survives him and writes as follows, "David was a good father and grandfather, a home lover, a peace lover, generous and forgiving, a wonderful husband. He was a true gentleman, a very reserved person, loved by all who knew him. He was a terrible tease, having a marvellous sense of humour. He was fun to be with, he was sensitive, he loved music. He was practical and earthy."

At the age of 55 David was invited to join the Senior Golfing Society and he enjoyed the warmth of a wonderful band of golfing men.

Striken with a debilitating form of cancer, David suffered terribly in his last months and his great courage was in evidence again. Four months before he died he played nine holes of golf. He scored 47. His wife watched and wept. At this stage the Junior Rapportryers of Ladybrand made a special presentation to David for his contribution to sport in Ladybrand.

David was buried at Newlands in the garden under the ash tree beside his wife and parents, sister and brother-in-law.

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Since the AGM we have also received advice of the death of the following OMs but obituaries were not available at the time of going to press:

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| **Samuel Julien Barker** | **31–34** |
| **Michael McNaghten Barrett** | **42–45** |
| **Colin James Campbell** | **27–31** |
| **Leslie John Downing** | **29–32** |
| **Thomas Lambert Downing** | **44–47** |
| **John Angus Dunn** | **21–23** |
| **Donald Ross Macdonald Durose** | **29** |
| **Dr David Alexander Edington** | **31–36** |
| **Richard Martin Harvey** | **28–31** |
| **Paul Grant Henwood** | **33–37** |
| **Oliver Ironside Higgins** | **26–30** |
| **James Fraser Pool** | **42–45** |
| **Arthur Roy Roberts** | **33–36** |
| **Frederick Raymond Schiever** | **37–39** |
| **Professor Carel Hugh van Hasselt** | **37–40** |



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# From the PRESS

**THE NATAL WITNESS, MARCH 1990**

John Coburn, director of Pam Golding Properties (Natal) congratulates **William Jonsson (72–75)** on his appointment to the Natal Midlands, Northern Natal and North Coast areas for the sale of farms and smallholdings. William was educated in Natal and grew up in the Mooi River area where his family still farms. He has farmed in the Midlands and Zululand.

**SUNDAY TIMES, 25th MARCH 1990**

**Gary Ralfe (58–62)** appointed director of De Beers Consolidated Mines.

From a Trade Journal — Gary Ralfe is an executive director of the Central Selling Organisation and assistant to the chairman for the CSO. He is also an alternate director of Anglo American Organisation as well as a director of other Group companies.

Ralfe was born in 1944 and attended St John's College, Cambridge, where he read history. He also studied law through the University of South Africa.

He joined Anglo American Corporation in 1966 and has served the Group in South Africa, Australia and France. In 1978 he was appointed managing director of European Gem Services in Antwerp. In 1983 he became secretary to Anglo American Corporation's Executive Committee.

In 1986 he became secretary to the London Executive Committee and personal assistant to Nicky Oppenheimer, deputy Chairman of De Beers. In 1988 Ralfe was appointed a member of the London Executive Committee and is responsible for all financial affairs.

**SUNDAY TIMES, 29TH APRIL 1990**

(New generation prepares to run Anglovaal. The House the Hersovs and Menells built).

A third generation of Hersovs and Menells is moving into the control picture of SA's fifth-biggest mining house, Anglovaal. Anglovaal chairman **Basil Hersov (40–44)** said this week that he and fellow-controller Clive Menell both had children who could move into the company fairly soon.

Mr Hersov said that his children and those of Mr Menell were "intelligent, involved and could get active in the company". He says there is no certainty about management positions for them — they will have to prove themselves . . .

Mr Hersov's eldest son **Robert (74–78)**, 29, acquired a BSc (business science) degree from UCT before he became a lieutenant in the infantry during his national service. He worked in corporate finance for Goldman Sachs in New York before doing an MBA at Harvard. He is in New York on the personal staff of the Australian publishing magnate, Rupert Murdoch.

**James Hersov (78–81)**, 25, did a degree in anthropology at Cambridge, his father's alma mater, before his two-year stint in the South African Air Force. He won a Fulbright scholarship and a place at Harvard Business School, but did not take up either. Instead, he decided to found and operate his own business in SA for trading with African countries.

Mr Hersov hopes both sons, who were educated at Michaelhouse, and possibly Alexandra will play a role in the company.

**SUNDAY TIMES, 10TH JUNE 1990**

**Peter Gallo (59–63)** has joined the board of Telemarketing Services.

**VANCOUVER SUN, 29TH AUGUST 1990**

Consulex Ltd is pleased to announce the following appointment, **Mr Andrew F. Butt (63–66)** is appointed Senior Vice-President, Marketing.

**NATAL MERCURY, JULY 1990**

Intrepid canoeists head for Zaire River —

Crocodile-infested rivers and the highest waterfall in Africa will not stop two Natal men from taking to the Zaire river in Kayaks next month.

**David Briggs (79–83)**, a final-year microbiology student at Natal University in Pietermaritzburg and well-known Dusi Canoe Marathon contestant, Tim Biggs, plan to navigate three main tributaries to the river in the south-eastern highlands of Zaire.

**SUNDAY TIMES, 26TH AUGUST 1990**

A South African is leading the Royal Air Force jet fighter squadron sent to Saudi Arabia. Group Captain **Rick Peacock-Edwards (58–61)**, who holds an Air Force Cross, is station commander at RAF Leeming, the North Yorkshire base of the 1st Tornado Squadron, which has been despatched to the Gulf. His proud mother, Gillian Peacock-Edwards, who lives in Johannesburg, hasn't heard from her son since he left for Saudi Arabia.

"I am very worried about him, but of course I am very proud — he is a brave man," she said.

**THE TIMES, LONDON, 14TH SEPTEMBER 1990**
**TORNADO FORMATION SALUTES THE FEW**

In memory of the pilots who died in the Battle of Britain 50 years ago, four British Tornado jets performed a flypast in battle formation yesterday at their Dhahran base, with permission from the Saudi authorities.

As Group Captain **Rick Peacock-Edwards (58–61)** is the son of a decorated Battle of Britain pilot (**S.R. Peacock-Edwards (31–33)**), a flypast for such an important anniversary seemed appropriate.

**THE NATAL WITNESS, 3RD OCTOBER 1990**

Mr **Christopher Black (61–65),** a former headmaster of Cowan House and more recently an assistant director of the Natal Parks Board, has been appointed headmaster of Clifton Preparatory School in Nottingham Road from the beginning of 1991.

**SUNDAY TIMES, 7TH OCTOBER 1990**

Two famous Baa Baas, **Chick Henderson (44–47)** and Nic Labuschagne, both former rugby internationals, attended last weekend's Barbarian centenary celebrations in London. They were invited to the posh Guild Hall banquet — Royal Navy band and all — last Friday and the match between England and a Barbarian XV at Twickenham on the Saturday afternoon.

**NATAL MERCURY, 30TH OCTOBER 1990**

Success is not achieved by accident — it is the result of a deliberate drive towards fulfilment of one's potential.

So said Mr **Jack Crutchley (49–53)**, chairman of the Romatex Group, at the graduation of 450 Executive Education College of Management students in Durban last night . . . "Never make excuses or blame others, develop your own creativity, become solution orientated, not problem orientated and commit yourself to achieving excellence in all you do," he told students.

**DAILY NEWS, 29TH NOVEMBER 1990**

Mr **Peter Mansfield (55–58)** was victorious in the Glenwood by-election to the Durban City Council. He polled 800 votes against the 598 of his opponent.

**"TIDINGS", NEWSLETTER OF THE ISC, SPRING 1990**

The Chairman of the Board of Governors of Highbury, Mr **Peter Evennett (49–52)** has retired after being a governor for 13 years ... As Chairman Peter Evennett set himself two goals — establish a sound system of sub-committees to handle the increasing amount of work, and to launch a major appeal for funds. This has been strongly supported and the Highbury Foundation has reached the magical target of R1 000 000 in donations and pledges.

**AGRICULTURAL NEWS, 22ND OCTOBER 1990**

Dr **Brian Barnes (58–61)** senior entomologist at the FFTRI, is visiting America and Germany where he will be investigating alternative methods of pest control in deciduous fruit orchards. Advances have been made in the use of alternative methods of pest control such as fungi and nematode parasites, insect mating disruption techniques and biotoxins. His itinerary includes a visit to the biotechnology company engaged in research and the development of biopesticides for control of insects and weeds.

**SUNDAY TIMES, 9TH DECEMBER 1990**

DARK BLUE SOUTH AFRICANS — Oxford University is pinning its hopes for rugby glory on four brainy South Africans. Dr **Charles Bonham Carter (78–82)** and Dr **Andrew Everett (77–81)** are both old boys of Michaelhouse in the first year of a three-year radiology research course, specialising in diagnostic imaging. Dr Everett said, "There was a lot of upheaval in Oxford rugby after last year's big match and we definitely have something to prove at Twickenham.

"Even after all my years at UCT, I was surprised at how seriously such a great university takes its rugby."

(Result of match — Underdogs Oxford University pulled off a surprise 21-12 win against Cambridge at Twickenham. The South Africans — flyhalf Jan Durand, hooker Errol Norwitz, prop Andy Everett and lock Bonham-Carter helped Oxford produced a fine display of running rugby).

January, 1991 — Andrew Everett has been elected the new Captain of Oxford University.

**FINANCIAL MAIL, 21st DECEMBER 1990**

The Wealthiest Families in SA —

Hamilton R160m. Family business: Daly's Present chairman and M.D., **Robin Hamilton (51–55)**, a graduate of Rhodes University with a BSc in physics and chemistry, had an interest in continuing studies in nuclear physics but, after joining his father at Suncrush, began studying part-time at the University of Natal and completed a BCom. He represented Rhodes University at rowing and Natal University at athletics. Now he plays tennis and golf. He lives at Shongweni with his wife and three children. Horse racing and breeding is a family tradition.

Menell/Hersov R122,6m. **Basil Hersov (40–44)** lives at "Springwaters" in Benmore. A wartime pilot, he flies the Anglovaal jet himself on business.

Sacco R87,4m. Family business — Associated Ore and Metals Corp. (Assore). Current head of family Guido Sacco (90). Heir apparent, Guido's son, **Desmond (54–56)**. Desmond Sacco is married and has two teenage sons. He joined the business in 1967 after graduating from Wits with a BSc in 1965. A talented sportsman, he obtained his "double blues" in hockey and cricket as well as being in provincial sides for both.

**"SUN", JANUARY 1991**

A rather grand invitation for cocktails was issued to a hundred or so relevant guests by the chairman of the South African Antique Dealers' Association, **Simon Leighton-Morris (68–71)** and his wife Di .... The Leighton-Morrises have a charmingly restored home where their valuable collection of blue and white porcelain and silver is set off to perfection by the yellow walls of their living rooms.

**SUNDAY TRIBUNE, 27TH JANUARY 1991**

A trained investment analyst and "entrepreneur by nature", 44-year-old **Athol Campbell's** business position represents an interesting mixture of the modern and the traditional.

This is symbolised by his acquisition of full control of Robinson Holdings within five years of inheriting his family's five per cent traditiional "foothold" stake in the newspaper and printing group.

Durban-based Mr Campbell comes from a family with a history closely intertwined with that of Natal. Of Byrne-settler stock, the family has included a number of individualists who have made a mark on local history.

Mr Campbell is married to Elizabeth and they have two children, Andrew and Sarah. He is deputy chairman of Highbury and a governor of Michaelhouse and St Anne's.

He enjoys farming, trout fishing and walking, all of which he pursues at the family's Nottingham Road farm.

**CURRICULUM VITAE: ATHOL CAMPBELL (60–64)**

1946: Born in San Francisco.
1964: Matriculated (Schooled at Cordwalles and Michaelhouse).
1965: Army service.
1966/8: Bachelorate of Business Administration, International Business School, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
1969: Investment analyst at JCI.
1970: Investment analyst at Union Corporation.
1972: Married Elizabeth Henderson.
1977: Bought Natal Investments Trust, later Rand Natal Trust, in Durban.
1982: Sold 49 per cent interest in Rand Natal Trust to Northern Trust.
1984: Inherited about five per cent of Robinson and Co.
1986: Sold remaining Rand Natal Trust interests to Sage Group.
1986: Joined Natal Newspapers (NN) Board.
1989: Resigned from NN after Robinson and Co. sold interest.
1990: Bought remaining family interests in Robinson Holdings.

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# *Old Boys' Notes*

## NATAL

**V.R.G. (Gordon) Beattie (48–50)** has retired and lives in Greytown.

**Craig Bisset (81–84)** having completed his national service in the SAAF, and a BSoc Science Degree (majoring in Economic History and Psychology) at the University of Natal in 1989, is at present in Britain intending to see as much of the world as possible.

**John Bisset (79–82)** completed his articles with a Durban firm of accountants at the end of January 1991 and intended taking a short holiday in the UK.

**Ant Chaplin (72–76)** is a partner in the legal firm of Beall, Chaplin and Hathorn in Durban. His brother **J.F. Chaplin (71–74)** is also a partner. The other two are Hiltonians.

**Basil Clayton (42–46)** has asked to be removed from the mailing list as he will be "essentially of no fixed abode for the next two years". This sounds intriguing. We hope to have news of him.

**Lindsay Clive-Smith (59–62)** joined Toyota at the beginning of the year as housing consultant for the group.

**Mark Colvin (72–75)** married Karen Broodryk in December 1989. He is Research Officer Industrial Health Unit, University of Natal and currently on Sabbatical and doing a doctorate in medicine. He will go back to doing Health and Safety work with COSATU unions in April.

**Claude Cottrell (17–19)** was congratulated on his 87th birthday on the 4th April. He wrote and reminded us that he had played in the 1st XV and 1st XI, but he asked his father to take him away from Michaelhouse because he was wasting his money, being useless at school work. He adds that he served in the Chapel, rigged up the shooting butts, ran the electric light plant and did repairs to the masters' cars. (Obviously plenty of talent there!)

After leaving Michaelhouse he studied at the Durban Tech and passed his engineering exams, which took a year off his apprenticeship. He worked in SAR Shop 17, where he did repairs to Wharf Cranes, Harbour tugs and dredgers. He is now a pensioner of SAR.

**Richard Crockett (68–73)** is editor and publisher of "Sailing" Magazine. He has been elected Chairman of the Cruising Association of S. Africa (CASA), the controlling body of offshore sailing in SA.

**Mike Dodds (77–79)** was married in August 1987 to Jacqui Chalmers (Cape). They have a healthy son, Cameron, born 22.12.88 and another was expected in November 1990. Mike is a financial adviser. They live in Durban.

**Norris Davey (23–27)** wrote from Umkomaas to thank the Club for 80th birthday greetings. "This message of friendship from my old school gave me great pleasure, and set me thinking back to the day of my arrival at Michaelhouse 67 years ago, when Eldred Pascoe was in charge, and revived memories of the austere conditions prevailing at that stage. What tremendous development has taken place since then. Looking at the school as it is now, and having watched its steady progress to greatness, I am very proud to have been associated with Michaelhouse."

**Rodney Dorning (74–78)** has been farming in Swartberg since returning from UK. He breeds Hampshire Down sheep and, with his own bred ewe, he won the supreme champion sheep at the 1990 Royal Show in Maritzburg.

**J.M. ("Dupe") du Plessis (Staff 54–70)** is still quite fit, golf not quite up to standard, but enjoying taking a general interest in everything around us.

**Carl (Eddy) Eksteen (78–82)** graduated BA LLB in '89. He has since completed military service, stationed at Pretoria and Durban. He competed in most of the major Keelboat regattas while in uniform. Now he is contemplating the relative merits of articles and a period of travel overseas.

Dr **Guy R. Eriksen (76–79)** was overseas, mainly in UK, from August 1989, and did a locum in Canada (BC) in December and January. He intended to return to SA in February.

**Neil Forsyth (35–38)** is owner and sole director in Ireland Van Aardt and Forsyth, auctioneers, and D.F. Forsyth — Estate Agents. He was married in 1946 to Shirley (Thompson) (St Anne's 32–38). They have four children and eleven grandchildren.

**James Gilmour (86–89)** has completed his first year of marketing and sales management at the Natal Technikon.

**Alistair Gilson (55–58)** and his wife, Pearl, and family, Jane, Bruce and Lucy, have lived in Hilton for 25 years. They enjoy their home and their visits to the school. Alistair is chief executive of Newman and Gilson, Brokers (Commercial Property Consultants) of Maritzburg and he is Chairman of the Board of Epworth School.

**Ken Gordon (50–53)** drove from Creighton and visited the school in November together with Mary, his wife, his son, **Roland (78–81)**, with his new wife, Glynis, and Ken's aunt, May.

Mrs May Gordon, now aged 86 — and she seems much younger — is the widow of **Dick Gordon (1896–98)**, who was referred to as Gordon mi. **J.K. Gordon (1896–99)** was Gordon ma. Ken's father was Gordon min, who went to Michaelhouse the year after his two brothers, in 1897 (Gilbert Gordon).

Ken and his aunt May have many stories to tell about the early days of Michaelhouse. It seems that Gilbert Gordon was the first boy to be thrashed by our founder, James Cameron Todd, for referring to the school butter as "axle grease". Ken therefore considered that he must be the first new boy of his year to be beaten in 1950, and poor Roland made sure that he was the first victim in 1978.

**Phil Graham (53–55)** is export manager of GVD Filters in Durban. His son, **Simon (84–88)**, has completed his military training and has embarked on a three-year course in Video Technology at the Technical College.

**Richard Brian Grantham (81–85)** was admitted on 13th December 1989 to the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering in Mechanical Engineering with First Class Honours at UCT. **David Grantham (48–51)** is the proud father.

**Mike Harker (40–44)** has retired and lives in Durban.

**Graham Harkess (Junior) (1987)** son of **Graham Harkess (61–64)** wrote in May 1990. He was a Prefect at Port Shepstone High, Captain of the 1st XV and member of their Cricket XI.

**Dr Christopher Harle (79–82)** has finished a year at the Grey's/Northdale Hospital complex and has moved to the Durban Hospitals to study anaesthetics.

**Dr Joe Harle (36–40)** is Medical Inspector of Schools for the Department of Health Studies.

**Teb Hill (24–29)** although "semi-retired" as a farmer is still working at Seven Oaks.

**A.V. ("Boetie") Johnson (34–38)** lives in Howick. He retired from BTR Sarmcol in 1984 and is now proprietor of Rata-Sled Mowers.

**Andrew Kidd (81–84)** is studying civil engineering at Natal Technikon in Durban six months of the year and working for Shire Construction for the other six months. He finished his first Comrades this year.

**Michael Kidd (79–83)** is a lecturer in the School of Law, University of Natal, Maritzburg and he enjoys his work. He married Belinda (Lambert) in May and has bought a house in Pietermaritzburg. He serves on the committee of the University.

**A.E.C. (Tony) Kidd (53–57)** practises as a consulting civil engineer in Durban.

**Rob Knuppe (64–66)** lives in Westville, married to Sarah, with two children, aged 6 and 2. He is MD of Premier Contract Caterers (Pty) Ltd.

**Bill Lambert (51–54)** was recently elected a steward of Pietermaritzburg Turf Club.

**Lou Levine (83–88)** in his 3rd year Bachelor of Theology, University of Natal (Maritzburg), involved as class representative on committee of student YMCA/SCA.

He is in residence with **John Readman (84–87)**
**Barry Hawke (84–87)**
**Brett Berry (84–87)**
**Greg Meyer (84–87)**
**Charles Leishman (83–87)**
**Oliver Bradley (82–87)**

**Richard Lister (56–61)** is senior partner of a law firm in Pietermaritzburg. He still plays league squash, but now relies on cunning and guile rather than speed. He is also a member of the Board of Governors.

Our heartfelt sympathy and best wishes go to **Anson Lloyd (28–29)** who has suffered ill health caused by a stroke in July 1990, which resulted in partial loss of eyesight. He much regrets having had to miss several important Michaelhouse functions such as Speech Day, and social gatherings of the Michaelhouse Community. We have missed him too and we hope to see him back in the fold again before long.

**Dr Anton Mans (66–69)** is a superintendent at Addington Hospital, Durban and lives in Westville.

After five years in private practice in a small Karroo town, he was appointed Superintendent of Christ the King Hospital in Ixopo, a post he held for about a year. Since February 1990 he has been at Addington. He has recently studied for and attained a qualification in Datametrics, an area in Computer Science which will be used in connection with hospital information systems. He is married and has two sons aged five and two.

**Noel Matthews (44–48)** was divorced in 1979. He has three sons, and three grandchildren. He is used parts manager of KSA Equipment (Komatsu Earthmoving), Pinetown.

**Don McDavid (54–57)** lives in Pietermaritzburg, married with two children. He is commercial manager of STANNIC.

**P.K.H. McGregor (59–60)** has been found for us by **H.D.V. Wheelwright (42–45)**. Peter lives in Musgrave Road, Durban.

**K.C. McIntosh (77–81)** is presently with the Dept. of Justice, Durban.

**Rob Melville (57–61)** now lives in Ken Pennington's old farm "Yellow woods", and is busy restoring a much neglected homestead and gardens. He retired in July 1988 having been Boeing 747 captain SAA.

From 1st January 1991 **Mr Peter Moberly (45–48)**, head of the Extension Department of the SA Sugar Association Experiment Station at Mount Edgecombe for the past five years, takes up the post of Assistant Director of the Station.

**Jack Moore (44–46)** (Pascoe) is News Editor, the Daily News, Durban. Our condolences go to him on the death last November of his wife. He has three married children and five grandchildren, and another is expected mid-1991. He is anxious for news of members of the A & B Blocks of 1946. One, of whom we have lost trace, is Ferdi Coetzee.

**Peter Moxley (34–39)** has remarried and is living in Durban, practising as a private architect at home.

**Das Naidoo (79–82)** has opened a new business, Arads Eastern Snack Foods. He married Melanie in November 1989.

**Kevin James O'Brien (76–81)** was studying in Durban for an honours degree in Personnel Management. In 1991 he expected to be doing his National Service in Pretoria.

**Jaques Pretorius (79–82)** is community co-ordinator, together with his wife Margie of the Evangelical Theological House of Studies, Pietermaritzburg. They were expecting their first child in August.

**Brian M. Randles (33–36)** moved in January from Grahamstown to Howick.

**David ("Fox") Renton (74–76)** married Ingrid (Meyer) in November 1989. He is a leisure-time instructor at Estcourt Aero Club. During weekends he may be spotted close to the rocks in his glider between Giants Castle and Cathedral Peak.

**Simon Roberts (40–43)** is Chairman Town Planning Appeal Board, Natal; Additional member Industrial Court of South Africa; Trustee, Natal Society, Pietermaritzburg, which runs the Natal Society Library (the copyright library for Natal). **Michael Daly (45–48)** is President and Trustee of the Natal Society.

There has been a change in the membership of the Council of the Natal Law Society, but the new member is an OM. They are all OMs still — **W.O.N. James (56–60), T.H. Tatham (65–69), J. von Klemperer (60–62), A.B. Burnett (61–65).**

**Jack Robertson (19–24)** received a letter of greetings from the club on his 83rd birthday. He says it is nice to know he is still remembered. His wife is not well, having been struck down with a stroke. At the recent Rugby Union 100 years celebration Jack was one of the leaders in the parade of the oldies — the 1930 group, which led the parade.

**Peter Schofield (78–82)** is resident engineer on St Wendelin's Township contract — roads and services for 700 lot township. His qualifications are BSC(Civ)Eng and he is presently gaining the necessary experience for his PrEng. He finished with the army, School of Engineers, as a lieutenant.

**Denby Simmons (60)** farms maize at Dry Mountain, Howick, and his dryland maize crop of the 1989/90 season qualified him for the Natal Ten Ton Club, one of sixteen Natal farmers to qualify.

**John D.M. Sinclair (29–33)** is retired and lives in Caister Lodge, Musgrave Road.

**Frank Stacey (61–64)** owns Celtiskloof Nursery near Howick and runs another nursery at Hilton. For the past two years he has been Chairman of the Natal Association of Nurserymen. He is also on the Committee of the SA Nurserymen's Association. For some time he had been giving valuable advice to Michaelhouse about the layout and planting of the school grounds. Frank is married with two daughters.

**David Taylor (39–42)** lives at Umtentweni.

**Jono van Rooyen (84–86)**, who left Michaelhouse after "C" Block for Australia, has returned to Natal and is now a student at Natal Technikon. While in Australia he captained Scotch College (Melbourne) 1st XV, played for Victorian Schools, and represented Australian Schools B versus New Zealand Schools.

**John Vincent (51–55)** left Natal Parks Board after 24 years service to become Director of Provincial Museum Services, and he is thus concerned with the preservation of another aspect of the country's heritage.

**Mike Whitehead (76–80)** who has qualified BA LLB, is working for Deneys Reitz. He is engaged to be married to Dominique Cugnat (Kenya).

**Mike Williams (56–58)** has moved from Pennington to Umdloti and is a member of the municipal police there. He has seen something of his old school friend **Robin Firth (56–61)**.

**D.N. (Doug Wade) (61–65)** is still in practice as an attorney in Durban. He is now a lieutenant in the SA Reserve Police based at Point, "a posting which is a sure way of developing a determined sense of humour".

## CAPE

## EASTERN CAPE

**Peter Begg (53–57)** is chief security manager at a retail store in East London. He was in the CID of the British South Africa Police from 1958 to 1978 in Rhodesia and thereafter with the Rhodesian Government until 1980. He settled in South Africa in 1984.

**Philip Bellew (34–37)** lives in retirement in Gonubie. Very naturally he was a bit hurt to read the claims made in *Michaelhouse News* for the 1990 rugby side, as he had been a member of the great 1936 team — **Charles Smythe**, Captain, and containing such well-knowns as **Ossie Dawson, D.S. Turner, J.M. Morphew, Tim Henderson, Des Henwood**.

Yes, the 1936 team were unbeaten in school matches. They played eleven, won ten and drew one. Points for — 244, Points against — 123.

**Graham Brown (85–89)** completed his first year BEd Prim at Rhodes University.

**Garth Furmidge (87–88)** is a 3rd year BCom student at UPE. He is cricket Captain of the University's Pollocks XI and plays 1st team tennis during the winter. **Brynn Furmidge (84–85)** has completed his BCom at UCT and is now articled to a firm of accountants in Johannesburg. He played hockey for UCT 1st XI and represented Western Province in the PENS hockey side.

On the 3rd October 1990 at Evenson in St Michael's and St George's Cathedral, Grahamstown, **Rev Hugh Harker (29–33)** was installed an honorary canon of Grahamstown Cathedral for his 50th year of ministry by Bishop David Russell. The following Old Boys attended the service to congratulate Canon Hugh Harker — **Bishop Bill Burnett (31–35), Mike Harker (31–35), Arthur Cotton (49–52), Dr Ken Gough (40–44), Dr Tim Radloff (59–63), Brian Randles (33–36), John Broom (37–40), John Eller (44–48), Guise Beaumont (22–25)**.

**Rob Hyde (81–85)** was (1989) in his final year of a Building Management degree at UPE. His father, **P.J. Hyde (52–55)**, is farming at Knysna.

**Philip Mostert (81–83)** held an exhibition of his photographs at the 1820 Settlers' Monument Gallery, Grahamstown on the 30th May 1990. Neil Jardine wrote, "This exhibition is outstanding — composed of landscapes, still-lifes, 'adverts', and surrealist collages. Philip was Chairman of the Art and Photo Societies at Michaelhouse. Please let Paul Lavender know he's done so well."

**Barry Mudd (25–28)** wrote from Plettenberg Bay, pleased to have the Club's congratulations on his 80th birthday. He retired from his position as Technical Director and Consulting Engineer to Charter Consolidate, Managing Director of Anglo American International (UK) Ltd, and Consulting Engineer to Anglo American Corporation in 1972. On returning to Johannesburg he started up J.B. Mudd and Partners, Consulting Mining Engineers and retired from this firm in 1978, and moved with his wife, Elizabeth, to Plettenberg Bay. There he became Chairman of the Ratepayers' Executive Committee before retiring. He was also at different times Chairman Treasurer and President of the Plettenberg Bay Country Club. He conceived and developed Formosa Garden Village, an old age retirement village. Now he is reluctantly handing over his various responsibilities to younger people.

**Julian Orford (34–37)**, whose name appeared on our list of lost Old Boys, has been found. He lives at Sedgefield and he has presented to the History Society a number of his published writings on historical topics. Military history is his particular field of study.

## NORTHERN CAPE

The Rev **M.B. Lloyd (32–34)** who retired as Editor of the Diamond Fields Advertiser in 1977, was ordained priest in 1978 and became Rector of St Alban's Church, Kimberley. In 1989, at the age of 70, he retired and was posted as an assistant priest to St Cyprian's Cathedral. He has never been so busy, deputising for Bishop and Dean, he has had four funerals in three weeks, also a marriage and a baptism.

## WESTERN CAPE

**R.A. Baber (83–85)** moved from Rhodes to Stellenbosch to do HED.

**Roger Chennells (64–67)** is a partner in the Law Firm, Chennells Albertyn in Stellenbosch, a firm which specialises in public interest and labour law. Married to Lesley he has five children.

**James Clucas (82–85)** completed his BCom at UCT and is doing his officers' course at Youngsfield.

**Barry Crookes (59–63)** is now a General Manager of Old Mutual.

After a visit to Michaelhouse with his wife in June, **Charles Currey (42–45)**, now Vice-Principal of Bishops, wrote "There have been great changes since I last saw the school, but all that was best seems to be there still and everything that is new seems to be a logical extension of what I knew in the past."

**Paul Darby-Wade (80–84)** is in his final year at Stellenbosch studying for his MD Ch Dentistry. He plays for the Tygerberg Medical Team. He is class representative, Dental School, and he is on the Tygerberg students' council.

**Dane Gerneke (62–66)** has been in the Electron Microscopy Unit at the University of Cape Town for the past ten years, married and no kids and resides in Pinelands. Flying is a great interest and he has for several years been a regular competitor in precision flying rallies. He has obtained Western Province Colours on three occasions. Prior to this he took part in Hot Air Ballooning and skydiving.

**Kier Hennessy (77–81)** after two years in the army/airforce and a year travelling, is following in the family tradition and is teaching at Selborne College, East London. He reports that his father (**R.W. Hennessy, alias Spreeu (?)**) and his mother are well settled in Cape Town and mellowing quietly.

**Anthony Hart (45–48)** is Managing Director of the Mercantile and General Reinsurance Co. of SA Ltd. He was recently appointed a member of the Board of Governors of the Insurance Institute of SA. Anthony's father, who was a member of staff 1928/9, celebrated his 89th birthday on 23.1.91, having retired to England in 1962. He is now living in Bournemouth, having just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

**Chris Keeping (75–77)** was recently married. His best man was **Chris Goble (74–78)**. The ceremony was performed by **Garth Ellis-Brown (74–77)** and amongst the guests were **Mark Hickman (73–77), David Kramer (74–78)** and **Murray Dougall (77–80)**.

**David Kramer (74–78)** married Heidi Mackay in Zimbabwe last year. Working for Tongaat Mushrooms he transferred to Cape Town in 1989. He has been in continuous contact with **Chris Keeping (75–77), Mark Hickman (73–77), Rob Strachan (73–76)** and **Murray Dougall (77–80)**.

**Brian Khumalo (81)**, a Shell Post-Matric Scholar, has graduated MBA at the UCT School of Business and he is with Shell Oil (Pty) Ltd.

Dr **Noel Mann (31–34)**, elder brother of the late "Tufty" Mann, and Mrs Mary Mann, who live in Chester, England, visited Cape Town in March, 1990.

**Paul Moxley (76–79)** lives in Kenilworth. He is with Murray and Roberts, working on the pipe line at Hout Bay.

**Gordon Paterson (Staff 75–79, 82–88)** is a lecturer in the department of Human Movement Studies, Stellenbosch University. He has played cricket for Somerset West and is coaching Stellenbosch under 19 rugby.

Dr **Dave Perkins (70–73)** is Regional Medical Officer in charge of Stellenbosch and Paarl health sections and is a member of the Western Cape Regional Services Council. He lives in Somerset West.

**Len Pickles (37–39)** retired as Manager of the *Daily News* and the *Sunday Tribune* in Durban and subsequently of the *Argus*, Cape Town and he lives in Newlands.

**Reiner Schneider-Waterberg (84–87)** was reported to be heavily committed to extra subjects (Greek and Latin) and running a music group at Stellenbosch.

**Clive Sperryn (75–79)**, after completing national service as a diving medical officer at Salisbury Island, spent six months in Neurosurgery at Wentworth before taking up his new post as Registrar in Radiology at Groote Schuur. He lives in Newlands.

Others specialising in the Cape include **Steve Shacksnovis (73–77)**, — anaesthetics, **Mike Mesham (76–79)**, opthalmology and **Greg Webb (76–79)**, surgery.

**Leith Stewart (66–71)** is Registrar in the department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Groote Schuur, Cape Town. He still plays hockey. He is married to Lauren Jayne Tarboton and they have two children, James and Jessica.

**Martin Versfeld (84–87)** completed his third year at UCT and then proceeded with his LLB. He is also serving on the Arts Council and the Mountain and Ski Club Committee.

**David Williams-Ashman (83–86)** is still playing good rugby for senior club sides in the Cape.

## OFS

**Neil Jardine (Rector 78–86)** visited St Andrew's, Welkom as guest speaker on Speech Day and met **B. Coveney-Winter (53–57)** who lives in Welkom.

**Andrew Harle (75–79)** has had a year studying at Siemens HQ in Bavaria and is now stationed at Bloemfontein.

## TRANSVAAL

**Graham Arnison (79–81)** is a marketing and sales representative living in Brakpan. He has completed diplomas in business management, marketing and sales management.

1st November 1990, Dr **Brian Barnes (58–61)** was awarded the Langkloof Floating Trophy by Dr Piet van Rooyen of the Research Institute of Fruit and Food Technology, which is an annual RIFF award for the Researcher of the Year.

**Basil Beeming (43–46)** is MD of Soda Ash Botswana (Pty) Ltd. Having retired in 1986 from BP Southern Africa, he continued working on the R920 million soda ash project and will retire properly when it is commissioned in 1991.

**Edward John Begg (52–56)** is a consultant geologist living in Pretoria and operating his own mining project.

**John Bellew (77–80)** is with the legal firm of Webber, Wentzel in Johannesburg on secondment to their branch office, Maitland and Co., in Luxembourg until end of 1991.

**Andrew Blackwood-Murray (79–82)** is a pilot in the SAAF, now based at 42 Squadron, having flown Harvards and Impalas.

**Charles Boyes (78–82)** is farming citrus in the Letsitele Valley in the northern Transvaal.

**David Chambers (40–45)** lost his wife over two years ago and re-married in November 1989. He retired and bought a house in Brakpan to be near his wife's family and near his sister.

**Alastair Clark (68–72)** is a medical practitioner in private practice in Johannesburg. His wife is Linda and they have two sons, Matthew and Christopher. His brother, **Jeremy (73–77)** has recently been admitted to the Bar as an advocate.

**Bill Clucas (76–79)** has completed ten years in SAAF having flown Allouettes, Pumas and Super Frelons. He has been awarded the Chief of SADF's Medal for outstanding service. He has completed his first year MBA at Wits after doing his BCom at Unisa. He is married.

**Craig Clucas (74–78)** is now a director of Interbank Discount House Ltd.

**Peter Clucas (48–51)** is Director in charge of private clients at Stockbrokers Fergusson Bros Hall Stewart and Co Inc. Other OMs working there as directors are **John Cradock (49–52), Mike Ferguson (58–61), Peter Jardine (67–70)**. On the marketing side are **Miles Nel (76–80), Mike Shakerley (82–85), James Powell** and **Paul Stuart-Reckling (78–82).**

**Alan Clulow (42–46)** writes from Benoni that he is semi-retired and involved with patents and the development of patentable ideas. One son, **Mark Andrew (71–74)** is a businessman, running several businesses of his own, and the other son, **Ian Michael (72–75)**, is food and beverages manager for an indecipherable concern.

**Robin Cox (Staff 84–89)** has been appointed Headmaster of Phuthing, the non-racial, co-ed New Era Schools Trust (NEST) School, near Fourways, from December, 1990.

**Robert Davies (85–89)** is a science student at Wits. He lives with his "folks", who have recently bought a poultry farm.

**Steven Eriksen (59–64)** has found two lost OMs for us. They are **M.P. (Peter) Hishin (60–63)** who is a director of Wilbur Ellis, P.O. Box 233, Crown Mines, being responsible for their yachting section, and **Reg Lascaris (61–64)**, who is managing director of the advertising agency, Hunt Lascaris TBWA, who, he says, are doing very well indeed. It was good to see Reg Lascaris being interviewed on SATV on 13th August 1990 about his ideas on advertising.

More news of Roy Lascaris — he recently published his sec-

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ond book *Communicating with the Third World*. He was elected "Adman 1990". He has four children, Billy 18, Richard 16, Liza 12 and Nicola 10.

Dr **James B.R. Findlay (55–59)** has been appointed Managing Director of Monsanto South Africa (Pty) Ltd and Monsanto Agricultural Company Area Manager.

**Ian Fraser (52–55)** has been lost and found again, still in Johannesburg. He is producing limited editions of bronze cast African animals (not including school prefects!) which are selling well in a couple of Johannesburg galleries.

**David Giddy (40–43)**, assistant director, Metropolitan Planning Dept., Johannesburg City Council, will retire in 1991. Monuments to his career are the M1 Motorway and the "Uncle Charlie's" interchange. He has planned and designed roads in Johannesburg for 31 years. His son **Jonathan (80–83)** is a computer programmer with Liberty Life. He also helps organise the Old Boys' Get-Together at the Zoo Lake Sports Club. Colleagues of David on the council are **Jack Roxburgh (42–44)**, also on the point of retiring and **Wally Mayne (69–72)**, who is an assistant city engineer.

**Dave Hall (82–86)** qualified BCom at Maritzburg in 1989. He is now Personnel Training Officer at Waste-Tech (Pty) Ltd. He lives in Rivonia.

**Leonard Hall (53–56)** is group financial director TTI (Pty) Ltd. This company owns Tanker Services (Pty) Ltd and Waste-Tech (Pty) Ltd.

**David Harriss (69–72)** is project manager (Anglo American Property Services (Pty) Ltd). He married Susan Angela Barraud on 17th December 1988.

**Nick Hay (57–61)** is Chief Executive Officer of Universal Homes, a housing utility company, catering for the housing needs of middle-income Indians and Coloureds in the PWV and Natal areas.

**Rob Hemphill (27–31)** lives with his daughter in Muldersdrift. He moved to the Transvaal from Durban in 1989. He is still passionately interested in sport, but, having emphysema is unable even to play bowls.

When **Don Henwood (29–33)** wrote early in 1990, he had just returned to Germiston from six months away from home, five months of it in England. He reported that **Paul Henwood (33–37)** was recovering from a heart operation.

**Craig Higginson (86–89)** is studying Fine Arts at Wits and doing very well. **Peter Hanbury (88–89)** is also at Wits studying Dramatic Art. They were hoping to get together with **Charles Shields (86–89)** and continue the singing they started at school.

**Steve Holt (85–88)** is studying medicine at Wits. In 1989 he played rugby for Wits U20"A".

**Erik Howland (65–68)** is one of the few OMs living in Pretoria. He is married to Susan, has four children, is a Rotarian and plays squash and tennis. He is a director, sales and marketing, for File Management Services (Pty) Ltd.

**John Hurst (43–45)** qualified as an architect at Natal University in 1952 and practised architecture in Durban area from 1953 to 1984. He became interested in watercolour painting and was chairman of the Highway Art Group for eight years. When he resigned as chairman he was made Honorary Life President of the group.

He retired from architecture in 1984 and started making watercolour paper for artists as a hobby. This has grown into an industry and John teamed up with Rolfes Ltd at Elandsfontein. "John Hurst Papers" is now a subsidiary of Rolfes.

John has also started a picture framing concern, "John Hurst Framing" in Benoni.

He is now a member of the National Executive of the Watercolour Society of SA.

Apart from painting his main extra mural interest has been child welfare. He has adopted a ten-year-old boy from a battered background, who "is doing brilliantly".

The Secretary was hailed cheerily in Durban in November by **Grant Jacobs (82–85)**. Grant obtained his BComm in Maritzburg and is now employed by ISM in Johannesburg. He is living in Yeoville.

**Charles A. Johnston (71–75)** is a shipbroker with Afromar (Pty) Ltd in Johannesburg.

**Rory Kirk (69–73)** lives in Blairgowrie, married to Joanne (Viljoen), with two young daughters. He is assistant general manager, Money Market, Prima Bank Ltd.

**V.J. Kirton (33–36)** has been out of touch for many years but spotted his name on the "Retrospect" page in the last Chronicle, together with that of his old friend of more than sixty years, **Denis Moore (33–36).**

**H.D.R. Krause (Derek or Bertie) (30–33)** is still living on Blue Hills Farm, Bryanston with his wife, Rosemary, sister of **Roderick Struben (31–35)**. Rosemary breeds race horses. Derek's son **Peter (71–75)**, with his wife, Sue, and year-old daughter, is also living on Blue Hills Farm, in the 100-years-old original farmhouse.

**John Kruger (58–62)** has two daughters (19, 17), one still at Roedean, where his wife, Rosemary, teaches. He is a marketing and sales director at Davy Morris Cranes, but is also still involved in the army (rank Colonel) as senior staff officer at 7 Division. He does much travelling in Africa, Mauritius and Chile promoting the group's exports. He met up with **John Anderson (58–61)** at the last trade exhibition in Chile, but missed **Nick Norman**, who lives in Santiago — being a geologist he was apparently away "digging" somewhere.

**David Lawrence (64–68)**, married to a German wife, Carin, is father of two daughters, Nicola (11) and Olivia (6). He is MD of Firstcorp (First National Corporate and Investment Bank).

**Edwin Lillie (80–83)** is an engineer with WLPU. He lives in Northcliff.

**Grahame Lindop (57–61)** is the newly elected chairman of the Market Theatre Foundation.

**Shaun Maitre (77–81)** is a game ranger at Mala Mala's Kirkman's Camp.

**John McDermott (49–52)** has re-married for the fourth time and now has a baby daughter of eight months. From his first marriage he has two daughters, a son, and now two grandchildren. John is Managing Director, Hamworthy Engineering Africa (Pty) Ltd, Randburg.

**Andrew Moxley (67–71)** is with First National Bank in Johannesburg.

**Grant Murray (54–57)** has joined the Board of TTI (Pty) Ltd.

**R.F.C. ("Pudding") North (80–84)** is an articled clerk with Aiken and Peat. He is enjoying earning some money, instead of being at varsity. He sings with the Sandton Singers.

**Ian Patchitt (74–78)** has a daughter, Frances Mary, born 28th April 1990. **Mike Patchitt (76–80)** married Debbie Brokensha 2nd December 1989.

**Warwick Pearce (79–82)** is a civil engineer with Department of Water Affairs. He says that he left the army in October 1990 and began working back a commitment to the Dept. of Water Affairs. He expects to be married in May.

The provisional programme for the Environmental Planning and Management Conference on "Water" to be held in May in Randburg includes a keynote address by Dr **J. Raimondo (56–60)** and a talk by Dr **F.M. Chutter (47–51).**

**Chris Reay (56–59)** is managing director of TUV-Rheinland Group of SA. He is President of the South African Institution of Mechanical Engineers and President of Quality Management Consultants Association of SA.

Dr **Mike Rosholt (35–37)** has retired from Barlow Rand after 30 years' service, the last 11 as chairman.

**G.A.C. (Andrew) Shakerley (78–82)** was married on 22nd December 1990 to Claudia Mary (Cole) at St George's Church, White River.

Three of the most fascinating TV Commercials are surely the ISM one with the elephants, the Dunlop dog, and the Mercedez Benz falling from Chapman's Peak. One might have guessed that an OM had something to do with them. Sure enough **Guy Spiller (72–75)** was the film editor. He also edited the Michaelhouse film. His Debut film has been screened at many international film festivals. Guy is married with three children and lives in Johannesburg.

**Stephen Watson (76–81)** married Angela Dickson (sister of **John Dickson (83–86)**) in Michaelhouse Chapel on 7th July 1990.

**Charles Blair White (56–59)** writes from Naboomspruit and sounds far from happy. He says that he is in the "mug's game" of farming with beef cattle "in the sticks" of the N. Transvaal. He kindly sent the addresses of two lost OMs — **N.J. Stubbs** and **J.M.M. Stubbs** (Louis Trichardt).

**Richard Williams (77–81)** is producer and director for an audio-visual company called Multivisio, producing multi media launches and business to business and corporate communications. He has been married for three years and his wife, Marjolein, was expecting their first-born in November.

**Ken Witthaus (39–42)** retired as senior partner of Watermeyer Legge Piesold and Uhlmann, consulting engineers, in October 1990. He is now retained as a consultant to the firm. He plays tennis every weekend with **David Giddy (40–43)**, who is due to retire from the Johannesburg City Engineer's Department this year.

## AFRICAN COUNTRIES

### BOPHUTHATSWANA

**Mark Jardine (78)** is now a history teacher (VIth Form) at the International School of Bophuthatswana, Mafikeng. He taught for five years at Peterhouse, Zimbabwe, where he was fortunate enough to accompany a 1st XI cricket tour to Australia. After that he spent two years at Queen's College.

### BOTSWANA

A supplement to *Sunday Star* dated 4th June 1989 has just come to hand. It features **Johnny Matterson (60–64)**, "intrepid safari guide" and tells of an encounter with lions. We read, "Johnny Matterson takes his Bushdrifters safaris to the truly remote regions of southern Africa. And his safari clients, more often than not, travel in the most unusual way. He either flies them in his Cessna 210, or, if not in an aircraft or a makoto, they could be floating over the Vic Falls in a hot air balloon or perhaps they'll be trekking through the delta on horseback."

### ZAMBIA

**Norman Shiel (83–86)** has for the past three years been working on his father's farm, involved in dairy, beef, pigs, poultry and citrus fruit. Recently he moved to England to Norfolk Agricultural College. Brother **Gary (86–89)** has taken over from Norman on the farm.

### ZIMBABWE

A happy and successful Michaelhouse/Hilton Old Boys' Sundowner was held at New Club, Harare on Saturday, 3rd November 1990.

### KENYA

**Tom Button (40–44)**

"Kenya still progresses though more slowly of late, with the demand to feed our rapidly growing population tending to reduce our exports, militating against the value of our currency.

Since last I wrote I have experienced interesting developments. From my position of Production Manager in a vegetable oil producing company here in Nakuru last year, I was suddenly moved to General Manager of a similar production unit in Mombasa, another Company within our Group. This was temporary, as I insisted on being brought back home as soon as was possible. This happened in February when I came to be now Branch Manager of a wheat flour mill, Unga Limited, another Company in the Group. So I now have a totally new technology to try and understand, and find there is a lot more to flour production for the different things our wives can bake than I ever thought. It al makes life very interesting. As the only European operative left within the Group it leaves a greater challenge.

We all view the political changes in South Africa with great interest. They can be very traumatic for some, but have to be made. The age old traditions in the white population make the changes very difficult to achieve. One just has to make a total about turn in one's thinking, and work on character instead of colour. Our responsibility to society to encourage integrity and initiative do not alter one iota. I am so grateful for all that Michaelhouse taught me in this respect.

Our eldest son is progressing well in his electrical apprenticeship in England. Our younger son moves there in August this year to complete school education and on to sports therapy in some form or other.

One day I hope to visit the school again, and many relatives around Natal and Transvaal. Meanwhile best wishes for the future."

## AUSTRALASIA

**Richard Benyon (80–83)** has been in Sydney since February 1990 having travelled there via USA and Hawaii. He is director of his own software consultancy. Richard spent two years in England working in the city of London for 18 months and then on a contract with the Cotswold County Council based in Cirencester. He qualified as en electronic engineer at Natal University.

**Gareth Boltman (64–67)** having successfully passed his three-year hotel management course in Switzerland is now in Australia. When he wrote in September he was working at the Inter-Continental Hotel, Sydney as the assistant manager of the Cocktail Lounge.

**Michael J. Dent (73–76)** and his wife, Alexandra (Esnouf) live in Brisbane with their small son.

**Henry Hyde (49–51)** has been very busy corresponding with OMs in Australia and New Zealand, bringing the address list up to date, organising reunions etc. He has provided news of OMs as follows:

**Geoff Jeudwine (47–50)** lives in Sydney and fishes from his beach cottage as often as possible. He and his wife have two grown-up daughters.

**Steve Golledge (47–51)** has been in New Zeland with his company for 15 years and is very occupied growing flowers and enjoying the peaceful life.

Of **Sandy Harris (30–33)** he says, "We lived next door to each other in Estcourt for a number of years. Sandy was much older than I, so imagine my surprise when I arrived at Balgowan to find him as my maths master!! I see that Sandy has been teaching Maths to University students after his run with the likes of yours truly at Balgowan."

**Neil Buchanan (56–59)** wrote from Sydney, where he is the Prof of Pediatrics at the University of Sydney.

**Paul Large (34–37)** wrote from Melbourne to say that he was semi retired.

**Paul Barnett (47–50)** phoned. "He lives up the road from our son Charles".

**Nick Barnitt (71–74)** is out on his own as a financial consultant. He lives in Sydney with his wife and three children.

**David Barwise (81)** is articled to an Andreian in Brisbane.

**John Fraundorfer (36–39)** is grateful for a happy life-style — his office until about 13:00, then gardening at home after lunch — in Hamilton.

**Henry Hyde** and **Richard Gellie (59–62)** met and discussed setting up the Australian branch of the Old Boys' Club and agreed to hold a luncheon at the Windsor Hotel in Melbourne on the 24th May (Ascension Day).

The Melbourne lunch was attended by **Bill Garland (Richard) (64–67)** (General Manager of Brown and Dureau Industrial Products), **Paul Jennings (66–70)** (Investment Manager, National Mutual), **Richard Gellie (59–62)** with Kuhn and Nagel, shipping agents), **Robert Macfadyen (57–60)** (Manager of investments with ANZ Trustees), **Miles Harvey (60–63), Mike Guinness (43–46)** (now retired from wool buying), **Tim Sharp (37–40)** (a professional engineer who came over many years ago to the Snowy Mountain Scheme. He has a little farm at Bannockburn).

In Sydney also there was a get-together of **Binks Montgomery (50–55), Bill Gordon-Thomson (50–54), Dermot Hatfield (55–58), Brian Newton (54–57), Michael Michaelis (54–57), Glyn Morgan (52–55)** and **Barry Edmundson (53–55)**. Binks Montgomery is in Property Development in Adelaide. He flew up especially for the reunion.

Bill Gordon-Thomson is in book publishing in Sydney.

Michael Michaelis is running a Railway Locomotive Parts Company in Canberra.

Another gathering in New South Wales was attended by **Digby OKell (68–72)** (from Brisbane), **Richard Case (69–73)** (Sydney), **Michael Jackson (69–73)** (Sydney), **Patrick McCullagh (71–74)** (Sydney), **David Feetham (72–77)** (Sydney), **David Williams (?)** (Sydney), **Dermot Hatfield (55–58)** (Sydney), **Donald Denoon (53–57)** (Canberra).

More news from Henry Hyde: —

Dr **Stuart Phillips (66–70)** is looking after the sick in Featherstone, New Zealand. He and Helena and daughter are happy there and enjoying the Kiwi wines.

**Robin Gladwin (71–74)** is with Charles Parsons, textile wholesalers and converters in St Ives, New South Wales.

**Charles Brookes (42–45)** (Perth) plans a visit to Michaelhouse in 1991.

**Johnnie Hill (48–51)** completed his PhD on Pastures in Rhodesia and then did pioneering work on mine dumps before coming to Toowoomba. He is with the Dekalb Shand Seed Co.

Another OM encountered by Henry Hyde was **Andrew Prentice (53–58).**

**Mike Jackson (69–73)** is marketing coated papers and boards "down under" and is enjoying the experience. His employers are ACI Laminates and Coatings. He lives at Kariong, New South Wales.

**Michael Lawrence (57–60)** visited the school in October, being in Natal for his parents' Golden Wedding celebrations. Still Headmaster of St Paul's Collegiate School in Hamilton, and moreover current President of the Association of Heads of Independent Schools of New Zealand, he was ordained deacon in 1990 and he intends leaving St Paul's at the end of 1991 and he has been accepted for training for full-time ministry. He reckons that his ten guineas life subscription in 1960 was the best investment ever!

Following their family, **Henry and Jo Curry-Hyde (49–51)** have settled in Australia. He is working for the mighty News Corporation as Sales Manager of one of the fastest growing newspaper printing plants. They extend a standing invitation to any Old Boys visiting that part of the world (Belmont, Victoria). They always have cold beer and they cook potjiekos regularly.

Their eldest son, **Edward (VIth Form 1979)**, after completing his degree in Chem Eng at Natal University came to Sydney to do some advanced work on catalysis at the University of New South Wales. He completed his PhD there and married a Sydney PhD graduate, Barbara, in 1987. Since then they have been working at the ETH in Zürich doing post doc research. Now back in Sydney they are starting careers at their respective universities in teaching and research.

**Charles (82–85)** completed his first three years in Architecture in Durban and in 1989, his "prac" year, he worked in Zürich. He is now employed by the well-known firm Daryl Jackson & Associates and will complete his degree at Melbourne University.

**David Feetham (72–77)** and his wife, Caroline, recently spent almost two years in London, where David was working in the Corporate Finance Division of Hill Samuel. While he was there David ran into several Farfield old boys including **Jeremy Kemsley Pein (72–76)**.

On his return to Australia David rejoined Macquarie Bank in Sydney, where he holds the position of Associate Director, working principally in the corporate advisory and capital raising area.

David and Caroline joined the ranks of parents in June 1989 with the birth of their daughter, Alexandra Jane.

**Chris Goodyer (65–69)** has found for us a lost OM, **Mike Oulds (66–68)**, who is also in Christchurch, Sales Manager at Comaint Systems Ltd (Computer Eng. and Hardware), married to Suzanne, with two daughters, Anita (10) and Karla (8).

**Heinz-Gunter Kuper (87–89)** is a scholar in year 12 (matric) at Hale School, Perth.

**Peter Mears (47–51)** emerging from obscurity, visited Michaelhouse in September from Grafton, New South Wales, where he lives with his wife and four daughters. His third daughter, Gillian, is a successful writer, who won a literary prize which enabled her to travel to research South Africa and her ancestral background. Father accompanied her to introduce her to Cordwalles, Michaelhouse and the Drakensberg.

**John Nelson (40–43)**, after returning from 3½ months in Europe, began arranging an OM dinner at **Brian Downing's (54–58)** new home around the corner from him for 17th November. While overseas he visited **Jolyon Rymer (40–43)** who seemed to be thriving, in London.

**John Nelson (40–43)** reported on the OM Function held at **Brian Downing's (54–58)** home on 17th November. It was attended by **Guy Kirk (60–63), Charles Brookes (42–45), Scott Balson (68–71), Rhidian Dalrymple (60–64), Rob Jenkins (49–52), Jeremy Talbot (53–57), Ken Whiting (63–66), Jim Woods (32–33), Jerry Guinness (45–48)**, and the Turner family. **Douglas Turner (34–36)** and Anne were spending a 90 day holiday in Western Australia, and **Mark (67–70)** and **Richard (65–69)** were there. So were all the wives, who arranged a buffet style dinner and were "as usual, brilliant".

**James Shaw (70–74)** now lives in Perth as Associate Director of a team of architects. Married to Lesley (Whittaker) with a daughter, Nicole Carrie.

**Barry Tod (46–49)** has sold the farm at Te Awamutu and now resides at Motueka. He writes, "We had no idea of how traumatic the upheaval would be. It was hard to be parted from all we had worked for, our herd of stud Limousin cattle, our flock of 1 000 sheep. Unfortunately in New Zealand with virtually no help at all, the time comes when a farmer either has to give up or see his farm slowly deteriorate. We have bought 14 acres of virtually bare land at the foot of the Southern Alps at the north-west tip of South Island. We are building a house."

**Nigel Yorke (59–62)** lives in Brisbane. He asks that any OMs passing through contact him (07-299-8316 (Bus)). He is a partner in a reprographics firm, married to Fran, a teacher by profession. They have two boys, Steve (13) and David (10).

## BRITAIN

**Greg Anderson (72–75)** is in north-west England and would welcome contact with OMs either passing through or living in Britain (Tel. (051) 342-6052 (H)). He is Country Contact Manager (Latin America) for Unilever PLC (Detergents Coordination). With his wife, Colleen, he is on a three year secondment to UK. He enjoys the opportunities available, being less isolated. He also enjoys racing on the UK and European Triathlon circuit, when time permits.

**Chris Baines (61–64)** runs a semi-precious stone business in Redhill.

**Charles Bonham-Carter (78–82)**, having qualified as a doctor at UCT, is now at Oxford University specialising in Radiology and playing rugby for the University Club. Recently he was a member of a team from the university which toured Hong Kong, Taiwan and Japan. **Andrew Everett (77–81)** also is playing rugby for the University, and **Adrian Enthoven (83–87)** plays for the Greyhounds.

**Mark Bowes (71–75)** is a dentist in London with several practices. Married to Helen, two sons.

**Andrew Broadley (72–76)** is Strategic Planning Manager, HFC Bank in Winkfield, Berks.

**Arthur Brookes (39–42)** is coming up to retirement after over 40 years of teaching and lecturing in English language and Literature and Linguistics. He is at present lecturing in Applied Linguistics in the University of Durham and has enjoyed being part of a scheme in the last five years to bring ten Black teacher trainers and teachers of English each year to Durham to provide advanced training and so help to improve the standard of English teaching in Black schools in South Africa. He is looking forward to spending more time in his allotment garden and to visiting his two sons and daughter elsewhere in Britain. He is looking forward to a visit soon after his retirement from his brother from Australia, **Charles Brookes (1942–45)**, who is a chaplain at the hospice in Perth after many years as an educational social worker. Charles is married with four adult children.

**Robin Chapman (Staff 35–38)** wrote last May that his hip replacement was worn after 12 years and loose, and the Nuffield Orthopaedic promised an "op" in July. In other ways he and Honor were both well. **Colin Chapman (57–58)** was finding the strain on a GP in Bath much more than in Australia, when he had the exchange there, and he would like to return.

**Bruce Collins (61–64)** is married to a Welsh girl, Sian, and they have three children. He has been posted to the parish of Harrow as vicar. Bruce's brother **Barrie (72–76)** is also living in London. He is married to a South African, Jill Geber, and works as an optometrist at Moorfields Hospital.

**Richard Cussons (71–75)** lives in Knutsford, Cheshire. Their first daughter died tragically in 1985 at the age of $2\frac{1}{2}$, but now they have three daughters aged 5, 3 and 1.

Richard was delighted to host an appeal dinner for OMs in the North of England. Present were **Jeff Morrison (66–69)** a policeman at Wallesey, **Robin Proctor**, Vice Principal of University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, and **Noel Mann (31–34),** retired and living in Stockport. The presentation was made by Brian Law, who stayed overnight.

**Peter Dix (64–68)** enjoys life at King's School, Canterbury, where he is a housemaster and Classics teacher. He visited Michaelhouse last Easter, when no-one was about.

**Brian G. Draper (64–67)** has lived in London since 1978, having originally gone there to be a research student in statistics at Imperial College. He had previously spent three years at Yale University in the USA. He married Judith Crux, whom he had met in his first week in London, at the end of 1979. He started working in the City in 1981 as a gilts analyst in stockbroking and subsequently (at "Big Bang" in 1986) became an arbitrage trader. However, severe overcapacity and diminishing business in the gilts market has resulted in his having been made redundant twice in the last four years, so he is now looking for something else in investment or financial markets. Apart from Brian's Old Boys activities, he also spends much of his time on church involvements, especially as a member of Southwark Diocesan Synod and several diocesan boards and committees.

**Errol Drew (62–65)** called at the school accompanied by his twelve-year-old son in December. He had been out of touch for many years and this was a nostalgic visit. The secretary much enjoyed an hour of reminiscing. Errol is a businessman living in north-west London.

**Richard Dyson (85–89)** is studying for his "A" Level Exams at Sherborne School, Dorset.

**Charles Fiddian-Green (47–52)** is chairman of Rosebank Management Services, London.

**Alan Hammill (64–68)0** is partner-in-charge developing services at Coopers and Lybrand, de Loitte, London. Recently he returned from running a cosmetics and fashion group in New York. His wife is Anne and his children Sean and Leanne.

**Stephen Hornby (74–76)** lives in London.

**Ross McFie (79–83)** has been living and working in London since February 1990. He has now, together with **David Burger (80–83)**, started his own company as a commodity trader. He says that **John Mosse (78–81)** and **Paul Arnott (76–80)** are living and working in London.

**Patrick McC. Johnston (77–81)** lives in Walthamstow, London. He has been in England for five years. He has had several jobs and now works for a computer company building accountancy software, which is used worldwide.

**Michael Law (70–73)**, now a Director of Schroders, has been transferred from Tokyo to London with his wife and two children.

**John Ludwig (51–55)**, married to Julia (Matthews), has three children. He is a merchant banker.

**C.P.M. Main (74–78)** (East) is now resident in London and is helping with the fund-raising campaign. He is Finance Director of a group of companies.

**Ernest Polack (Staff 56–63)** is in Bath, in good form as ever. Having had a successful hip replacement in July 1989, he is wondering if he should attempt Kilimanjaro again!

**A.M. O'Connor (79–83)** visited Michaelhouse in January on a visit from London, where he has just qualified as a solicitor. He will be working for a city firm of solicitors.

**Derek Pennington (75–79)** is a Geotechnical Engineer working for the London office of OVE Arup and partners, currently involved in the design of the completion phase of the new British Library.

**Iain Purchase (52–54)** and Sheila visited Michaelhouse in March 1990. He is director of Central Toxicology Lab ICI plc, Alderley Park.

**Gary Ralfe (58–62)** — Executive Director, Financial Affairs, of De Beers Central Selling Organisation, Head Office, London, and has been appointed director of De Beers Consolidated Mines, and an alternate director of Anglo American Corporation. He lives in Surrey and commutes to London by train. He has completely recovered from the brain haemorrhage he had some months ago.

**Philip E. Read (61–65)** is living and working in Newbury, having moved in 1986 to join the international firm of consulting actuaries, Towers Perrin. He has recently been elected a Principal (Equity Partner) in the firm. He plays bowls, in which game he has represented Buckinghamshire and Berkshire. His wife, Cathie, and three children have settled in well, and the children thrive in the local co-ed schools.

All who were at Michaelhouse between 1952 and 1960 will

remember **R.A. (Bob) Roseveare** as a superb organiser (timetable, games programmes etc). Nowadays he organises the Roseveare Clan worldwide. In 1990 there was the second Roseveare "Family Homecoming" in Cornwall — 600 or so over the weekend, and about 135 from overseas, including three from Johannesburg, who came for a week. Three coaches fetched them from Heathrow and three days were spent visiting their ancestral roots and places of interest and a flight over the Scilly's to see Roseveare Rock etc., a gathering on the Saturday and a marvellous service in Truro Cathedral on the Sunday — all organised by R.A.R.!

**Andrew Robertson (73–78)** is group director of J. Walter Thompson Co. Ltd, London.

**John Rowles (44–47)** is head of a large farming and bloodstock breeding organisation in UK, Ireland and South Africa. He is currently president of the Lincolnshire Agricultural Society and a Deputy Lieutenant to the Lord Lieutenant of the County.

**Nicholas Snaith (78–81)** After leaving Michaelhouse he went to Shuttleworth Agricultural College in Bedfordshire, England. There he completed a Higher National Diploma in Agriculture. While at college he joined the Territorial Army and served as a private for two years and a Second Lieutenant also for two years.

In 1986 he competed in a NATO Military Competition in Greece representing Great Britain. In 1987 he joined the British Regular Army and joined the 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales). During the past four years he has served in Germany, England, Northern Ireland and Cyprus. He has been recently promoted to Captain.

**A. Vallet (80–84)** was doing a training course in a company in London until the end of 1990. He got his diploma in marketing and sales management in Cape Town.

**Mark van Velden (74–77)** and Niki moved to England in September, and have made their home in Chiswick. He is a lawyer with the Steamship Mutual in London.

**Nick Welsh (61–65)**, married to Sally, with two children, teaches at Eton.

**Jonathan Wilson (57–61)** is a solicitor in Newbury, married with two children.

## NORTH AMERICA

**Jeremy Briggs (74–78)** is in Hollywood as cinematographer, Director of Photography, motion pictures, commercials, music video. He would like to hear from OMs in the Arts and Entertainment industry, especially film production, phone (213) 467 7811 Los Angeles.

**Michael Brooke (52–56)**, our representative in North America, writes, "Our next Reunion will be held in New York City, 7–9th June 1991. I have asked **John Craven (54–58)** to attend (he has already expressed some interest) and to be our after-dinner speaker.

"One other bit of information. We will be leaving Bermuda in April to return to Canada. This time it will be to Victoria, British Columbia, where I have a new position at the University of Victoria as Director of Program Development in the Department of Extension and Community Relations. I will of course continue my OM work and have already informed Paul Burrows that I hope he and I can co-ordinate a 1992 North American Reunion in Vancouver, British Columbia."

Concerning the New York Reunion in June, Paul Burrows should be contacted —

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**Simon Chetwynd-Palmer (63–67)** emigrated to British Columbia in April 1988 and was at Law School, University of Victoria from Sept. 1988 to April 1989. He was Vice-President Spinnaker Brewing Corporation (Jan 1990) and intended returning to Law during 1990. His wife, Janice, is working for the Attorney General. Their children, Diana (10) and Jonathan (8), attend the local private school, St Michael's University School, which is attended by students from 30 different countries.

**Revd Trevor Fisher (64–67)** went to Canada some nine years ago, is very happily married and has one daughter. He has two parishes and lives in Powell River, 80 miles north of Vancouver, but takes almost five hours to do the trip as it necessitates two ferries and a long car trip.

**Dallas Grobler (52–56)** has settled in La Junta, Colorado and, in spite of snow and a tornado, he has managed to establish a hectare of tunnels for growing cucumbers. His son **Clinton (84–87)** has passed his exams at La Junta College in economics and business "cum laude" and has been accepted for Colorado University.

**Malcolm Hopkins (62–66)** is financial manager of Kerkoff Industries Ltd, a Canadian Company listed on the stock exchange. He lives in Abbotsford, British Columbia and is married with five children.

**K. Nigel Fox (59–61)** offers financial services (investment banking) in New Orleans. He went to the States in 1975 and had not visited Michaelhouse for many years until October 1990 when he breezed in and was somewhat taken aback to find that the OM secretary was his one-time headmaster at Cordwalles.

**Fergus Gould (77–80)** is in Toronto, an associate of McKinsey & Co.

# NEWS OF OLD BOYS

The Secretary thanks all those who have sent him press cuttings with information about Old Boys, in particular Mrs Doris Campbell and Dr Jim Findlay, who often post interesting items to him.

All news concerning notable achievements of Old Boys is welcome.

**Rob Hersov (74–78)** is engaged to Kimberley Cary of San Francisco, California. He is an Executive, Business Development USA and International at News Corporation.

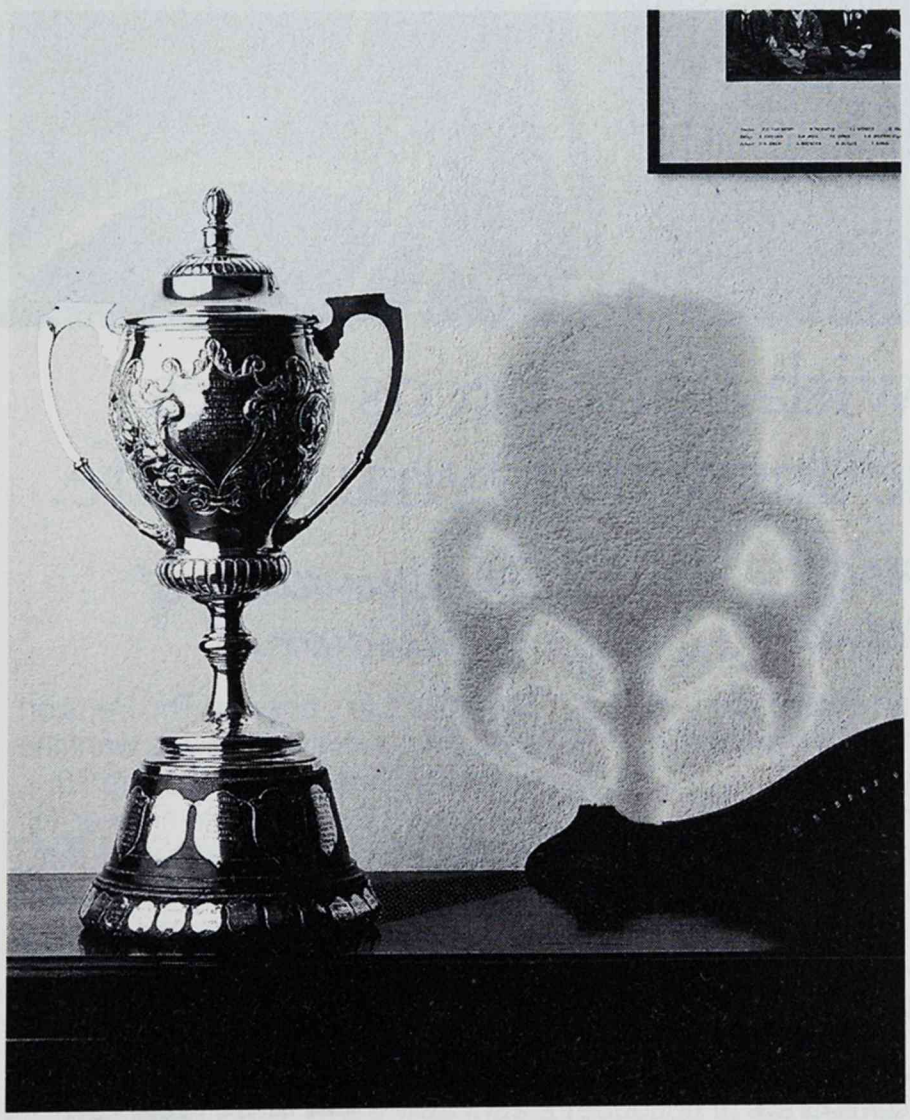
The father of **Mark Suzman (83–86)** wrote as follows to Andrew Cook, the housemaster —

"We went over to Havard for Mark's graduation: a massive and enjoyable affair, with some 7 000 graduating in one go before an audience of well over 20 000. Done with great pizzazzz and at the same time total decorum. Mark did terribly well, eventually graduating "summa cum laude" which only some five per cent of the graduating class does, so it's rather better than an Oxbridge First, where the figure is closer to ten per cent. He got the De Tocqueville prize for his thesis and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, a rather weird American form of academic distinction ... This is, I think, not a bad achievement straight from a Michaelhouse matric, and a tribute to that phase of his education.

He is working in New York at Time Magazine this summer, but you'll in all likelihood see him later in the year or next year."

**Professor Leonard M. Thompson (29–32)**, who is Professor of History Emeritus at Yale University and is Director of the Southern African Research Programme there, was awarded Hon DLitt by Natal University in 1990. His *History of South Africa* was published by Yale University Press in 1990.

**Jeremy Wex (64–69)** is Chaplain to London Psychiatric Hospital, Ontario, and is in private practice as a marriage and family therapist, having just completed a two years' internship in that form of therapy. He is married to Sheila and has three children, Anna (12), Simon (9) and Sarah (6).

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## REST OF THE WORLD

### EIRE

**N.A. Dalton-Brown (76–79)** is at Trinity College, Dublin.

### SAUDI ARABIA

**Dr Roy Cooke (53–57)** wrote in August from Riyadh, a city of 300 square kilometres and 1,5 million habitants situated in the centre of the vast Arabian Peninsula and 800 km from Kuwait. He was working in a private hospital there. Storm clouds of war were over the Saudi-Iraqi border and Kuwait, and refugees were flooding into Riyadh.

Dr Cooke qualified MB ChB (UCT) 1964, and did post graduate training in paediatrics in Denmark, Sweden and Cape Town. He practised as a paediatrician in Cape Town from 1973–1989. He has a family of three children in Winchester, England.

### ITALY

**Francis Keeping (74–75)**, while at Michaelhouse received colours for Athletics and performed in *White Horse Inn* and *Macbeth*. He sang in the choir, performed in *St Luke's Passion* in the chapel, played the organ one Speech Day and received the Senior Art Prize. He then did two years military service and was awarded his unit National Serviceman of the Year Trophy for 1977. He commenced his musical studies at UCT and then moved to London in 1981. In 1983 he moved to Italy where he made his operatic debut in Bologna. He has since established himself in Modena and Venice, having an active operatic and concert career (as a Baritone) in Europe and America, with great "crits" and reviews from the US and European press. Latest engagements include concerts and galas in Paris, Madrid, Stockholm and New York. He recently had a CD released of a World Premier recording of Boccherini and there are plans for Sony CBS Video and CD contracts.

Francis was invited to perform at a gala evening at the British Embassy in Paris last November.

### SWITZERLAND

**Gareth Boltman (83–86)** wrote early in 1990, while working at the Hotel Le Plaza, Basel. He was wanting the addresses of some old school friends.

### BRAZIL

**Tony Lewis (65–67)** has now been in Brazil over 12 years, and it is his 17th year in the tobacco industry. He has a son, Christopher (5) and a daughter, Helen (8).

### MAURITIUS

**J. Francois Vallet (78–80)** is flying for Air Mauritius on ATR-42 and twin-otters, and is enjoying it. He hopes to meet some of his matric and Pascoe friends in Mauritius.

### GREECE

**A.G. Mackay (55–58)** left Zambia some years ago and now lives as a businessman involved in the tourist trade in Corfu (Kotardu No. 26). He would be pleased to meet any OM there. He called at Michaelhouse with his wife in January.


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## LOST OLD BOYS — PLEASE HELP US TO FIND THEM

| | |
|---|---|
| G.K. Ballenden | 62–65 |
| G.C.L. Barr | 72–77 |
| N. Broadhead | 57–58 |
| K. Campbell | 71–72 |
| J.A. Coghlan | 78–81 |
| G.J. Cundill | 80–84 |
| R.A.S. Currie | 67–71 |
| G.M. Currin | 61–64 |
| E.G. Driver | 48–51 |
| D.M. Featherstone | 36–39 |
| T.J. Harrison | 44–47 |
| C.P. Heath | 83–86 |
| D.M.L. Kelbe | 70–73 |
| N.G. Pharazyn | 68–71 |
| A.G. Rennie | 73–76 |
| N.H.B. van der Riet | 28–31 |
| R. Weideman | 66–69 |
| A.B. Wessels | 88 |

### THREE OF THE FEW 1940

A research has been carried out to identify South Africans who took part in the Battle of Britain. Three of them — and happily two survive — are OMs.

F/Lt **G.F. Chater**, DFC. Retired as G/Capt 1949, now living in Durban North.

P/O **E.J. Morris**. CB CBE DSO, retired as Air/Cdre 1968, now living in Himeville.

P/O **R.S. Peacock-Edwards** AFC, retired as W/Cdr 1958, now deceased.

### THE PENNINGTONS

**Hugh G. Thomson (30–34)** has written from Australia in praise of the Penningtons, recalling their great work as teachers at Cordwalles and Michaelhouse from the early 1920s onwards.

"Sadly most have gone now" he writes, "but their past must be remembered as a remarkable brotherhood, which did not seek great emoluments, which set standards of education that led their ex-pupils into university capability and excellence."

He may be assured that fond memories of the Penningtons are alive in the hearts of many OMs, and, when he visits the school, he will find that memorials of the Penningtons are not lacking.

## THE MICHAELHOUSE TRUST FUND
### Report of the Trustees

The slowdown in the economy of the country coupled with political uncertainty and the situation in the Middle East was responsible for a general fall in the levels of prices of equities quoted on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange during the latter half of the year. There was thus a reduction in the market value of the Trust's investment to R10 840 875 (1989: R12 453 399). However, the trustees realised certain investments during the year and deposits and cash on hand increased to R4 025 108 (1989: R2 108 541). Principally due to higher interest rates that were available net Trust income accruing to the School increased to R825 678 (1989: R736 120) and the income earned on behalf of the managed bursary and other funds was R109 141 (1989: R65 780).

The Trustees have resolved that the Trust will guarantee up to R2 million as a grant to the School to be made available at a time agreed between the Trustees and the Board. These funds will be utilised by the School in its present capital expenditure programme and will be repayable to the Trust under certain conditions and at times mutually acceptable to both parties. This amount will be made available from funds presently held by the Trust.

During the year the Trust's auditors Deloitte Haskin and Sells amalgamated their practice with Pim Goldby. Due to the connections that Pim Goldby have had with the Trust since its inception Deloittes tendered their resignation. This has bee accepted with regret and the Trustees record their thanks and appreciation to them for their help and advice during the many years that they have been in office. Messrs Ernst and Young have been appointed in their stead.

In terms of the Trust Deed the school utilised Trust income as follows during the year:

| | R |
|---|---|
| Fee reductions and scholarships | 189 512 |
| Supplementary staff pensions | 46 776 |
| Capital works | 555 705 |
| Trust expenses | 23 917 |
| | 815 910 |

Unexpended funds of R11 974 were held by the School at the year end.

The trustees continue to receive excellent help and advice from their honorary and professional advisors and are pleased to record their thanks and appreciation to them all.

On behalf of the Trustees

**A.M. Rosholt** .....(Trustee)

**H.P. de Villiers** .....(Trustee)

# THE MICHAELHOUSE TRUST FUND

**BALANCE SHEET** At 31 December 1990

| | 1990 | 1989 |
|---|---|---|
| | R | R |
| ACCUMULATED FUNDS | 4 205 177 | 3 675 761 |
| Contributions received | 391 489 | 391 489 |
| Surplus on realisation of investments | 3 813 688 | 3 284 272 |
| MANAGED BURSARY AND OTHER FUNDS | 666 868 | 410 585 |
| Capital contributions | 596 888 | 373 386 |
| Share of surplus on realisation of investments | 69 980 | 37 199 |
| | 4 872 045 | 4 086 346 |
| Represented by: | | |
| INVESTMENTS | 4 549 242 | 3 952 252 |
| Listed | 1 128 339 | 1 951 751 |
| At cost less amounts written off | | |
| (Market value R10 840 875 — 1989: R12 453 400) | | |
| Unlisted | 9 300 | 14 300 |
| At cost (Trustees' valuation: R9 300 — 1989: R14 300) | | |
| Deposits | 3 411 603 | 1 986 201 |
| At short notice | | |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | 322 803 | 134 094 |
| Current assets | 682 793 | 202 715 |
| Accrued dividends | 69 288 | 80 375 |
| Bank and other cash balances | 613 505 | 122 340 |
| Current liabilities | 359 990 | 68 621 |
| Michaelhouse income fund — | | |
| Unpaid balance of income | 299 499 | 35 736 |
| Managed bursary and other funds — | | |
| Unpaid balance of income | 52 020 | 24 349 |
| Creditors | 8 471 | 8 536 |
| | 4 872 045 | 4 086 346 |

**INCOME ACCOUNT**

For the year ended 31 December 1990

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| INCOME | 938 871 | 805 949 |
| Dividends and interest received | 957 634 | 822 793 |
| Less: Investment advisory fee | 18 763 | 16 844 |
| EXPENDITURE | 4 052 | 4 049 |
| Accountancy fees | 4 000 | 4 000 |
| Bank charges | 52 | 49 |
| NET INCOME BEFORE ALLOCATIONS | 934 819 | 801 900 |
| MANAGED BURSARY AND OTHER FUNDS | | |
| Allocation of net income | 109 141 | 65 780 |
| NET INCOME FOR YEAR | 825 678 | 736 120 |



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